



Change Is In The Air

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Our logo on the cover is the Chinese character for change. It's complete definition is to change, alter, improve or remodel. After selecting our theme for the yearbook, we found the logo itself to be a change from any we have had in the past and to represent the changes in our school.



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The biggest change in Homecoming was the addition of a parade and bonfire in downtown Vinton. Students gathered around the fire at the War Memorial to show their spirit and support of the football team.



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"Being the first male editor of the BLACK SWAN in over 13 years has been fun. I like helping the new staff members learn how to do a book. Working on the sports section for two years has been interesting and fun too!"

Aaron Aylor

Hold On Tight!

As the school year started students began to notice changes were not only in the air, but already occurring.

The dress code now allowed tank tops. The price of school lunch increased. For the first time in over eight year there was a homecoming parade followed by a bonfire at the Vinton War Memorial.

The biggest change was the principal's announcement that he would retire at the end of the year. Mr. Patterson was the school's principal for 34 years/

YES...Change was in the Air and we, the students were just along for the journey toward the millennium.

Aaron Aylor and Tasha Neel

In the front parking lot on Halloween, seniors Jamie Mutter, Hillary Ellis, and Kristin Shimp play football as senior Ben Jones watches. "I made a touchdown after running the whole length of the front school parking lot," said Hillary "Gap Fairy" Ellis. "Kristin thought it was incredible that I actually caught the ball." In the past, male seniors usually threw frisbees outside at lunch time, but there were female seniors who decided to change the tradition and play football instead.



Consulting with the new school nurse, Mrs. Susie Martin, Shannon Harrison discusses her illness. In order to check out of school, the new policy stated that students must first talk with the nurse. "Whenever you are feeling bad you talk to the nurse and get her to call home and gain permission for you to leave," said Harrison. With a flu epidemic raging in February and March the nurse stayed busy.





In a foreign language class Nathan Ives and Jamie Mutter work on a class project on a new Dell computer. Each classroom received one of the state of the art PC clones. Commenting on the project the two seniors said, "Working on the computer really helps us get our work done more quickly." For the first time, students and teachers alike had access to the Internet via the classroom computers.

Quickly freshman Curtis Shell leaps into the air in order to score points in a game of basketball with his friends. The guys played the game at Tom McCarty's house in August. "Playing ball with my friends is fun and it reminds me of when I played rec ball. It had just rained and we were getting muddy," said Shell.



Doing his imitation of a cheerleader, senior mascot Jon Glass entertains the onlookers at the Powder Puff game in September. Glass said, "I enjoy being the mascot. It gives me an excuse to act stupid in front of a crowd." The mascot could be a critical item to the sports teams because it could raise the morale of the athletes and the spectators.



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改 A Change of Scenery!

Summer ended and school began and thus a *Change of Scenery* took place for students and faculty alike.

There were small changes and momentous ones as well. The reforms did not go unnoticed by students. New bottled drink machines were popular with students, as was the new more liberal dress code which allowed students to wear tank tops.

Unlike the 80's as this Spirit Week day portrays, the drinks from the recently added bottled drink machines in the "new wing" are plastic instead of glass. "Spirit Week is a lot of fun because all your creativity goes into each day. Being able to dress silly and make other people laugh really shows that our school has spirit," said Alison St. Clair. The event was September 21 - 25.

In winter months, temperatures ranged from below zero to over 70 degrees. Those quick changes in weather kept the scenery constantly changing and caused hundreds of students to be absent due to illnesses. For the first time, a school nurse helped those who reported to her in the guidance area.

Changes of scenery literally took place on stage when student actors performed in the play, *The Wizard of Oz*, in May.

However, the place or scenery for other springtime activities such as the Dogwood Parade, the Prom and Graduation all remained the same!

Ian Terrell

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What happens

On Vacation Days

By: Heather Roy (11)

"My favorite things to do over the summer are going to the lake, sleeping, and staying out late every night of the week," said junior Rebecca Shaver. Summer was spent as a time for relaxing and having fun. Shaver also said that her idea of a perfect summer was having no curfew.

Students entertained themselves over the summer by going to theme parks, the beach, and working at local restaurants, malls and pools. Freshman Adam Holdren said, "My summer was awesome because I had two great vacations and a

memorable birthday." The highlight of Holdren's summer was turning 14. According to Virginia state law, Holdren was now legal to drive the family's Sea-Doo.

There were a number of students from Vinton Baptist Church who took a trip to build a house for the less fortunate. Junior Emily English said, "I went on a mission trip to Tennessee. We worked on a house all week with people we didn't know. It was good doing something nice for someone else!"

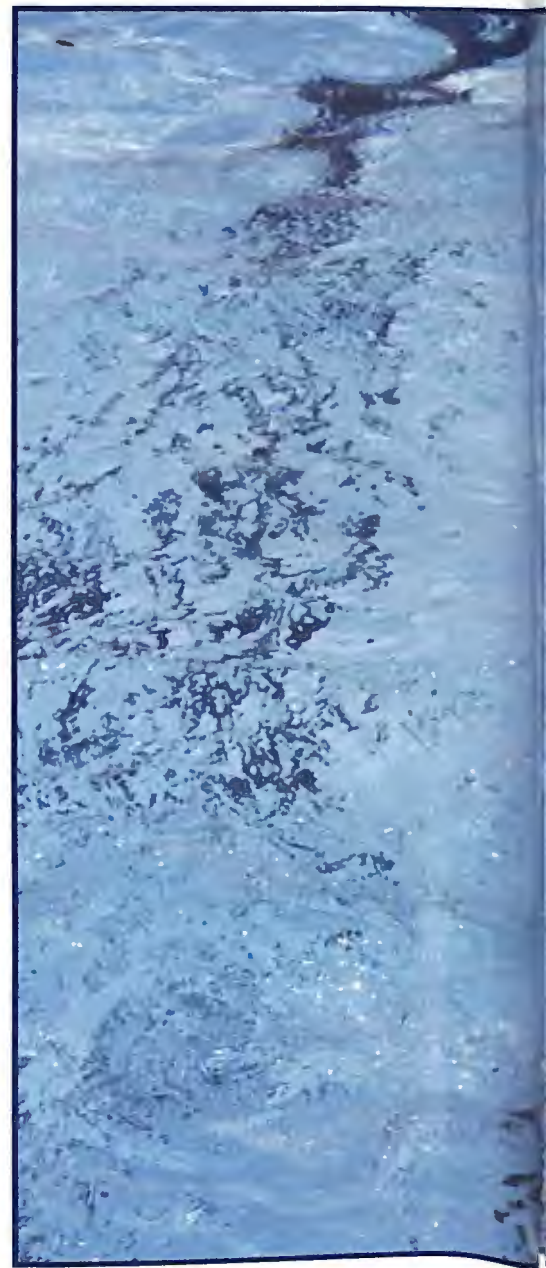
Other students took trips to various states and

countries. Shelby Dillard travelled along the Gulf of Mexico and floated down the Itchituchnee River in an inflatable inner tube. "The water was so clear you could see over twenty feet to the bottom," the senior said.

As summer drew to a close, students prepared to come back to school for the new year. In August, students picked up their schedules and '98 year-books, shopped for new clothes and school supplies, and tried to get ready for the return to school day routines.

It was time to hit the books and close the pools!

in June, July & August



"We thought there just might be a pot of gold at the end of the railroad tracks like the one at the end of the rainbow!"

Tara Lilly (9)



At a Summer get-together, members of the Cross Country Team, Ian Terrell, Matt Offenbacher and Mike Cronise try to see who can get the "pinkest" belly. The three performed their belly-flops at Chad Morris's pool. "Kids don't try this at home," said Cronise with a laugh.



Water sprays from the pool as Allan Banton shows off his backstroke skills. Banton spent the day at Lake Drive swimming pool. Swimming became a favorite pastime for the sophomore. "A little mid summer exercise never hurts anyone and I probably needed it. The exercise is a great way to get in shape and stay cool at the same time," said Banton.



Graciously, senior Jettica Ferris agrees to take over co-worker Lacey Mixon's shift at a local pool. Ferris took the information she needed over the phone from Mixon about the upcoming shift she was to cover. Completing the phone call, Ferris resumed her duties of lifeguarding at the Lake Drive Swim Club located in Vinton. Students flocked to the pool on summer days. Ferris said, "I had to work longer hours that day in order to cover her shift as well as my own."



Hanging out at Highland Park in Roanoke in mid-August, Stephanie Bryant and Katie Ellis take turns playing on the swings. "We always go to parks in the summer," said Bryant. "Parks allow 'big' kids to have fun and I appreciate that," continued the junior. The two took turns 'spinning' one another on the tire swing. "We were about to leave the park when Katie spotted the swing and we ran to it and started playing," concluded Bryant.

Freshman Chesley Mitchell works on David Chewing's dad's '67 Chevy C-10 truck in his spare time in the summer. "I like fixing cars and trucks. I enjoy working on both types of vehicles. I'm definitely interested in pursuing a career in fixing cars," said Mitchell. Working on various types of cars and trucks was a hobby of Mitchell's which he pursued in the summer months. Hobbies allowed students to explore career options.

Students take

Time to Travel

By: Grace Williams (12)

to other places

Stepping off the plane after seventeen hours of traveling, Susan Lawrence had her first breath of European air. With EF Education tours, Mrs. Janet McKay, and four other students, she toured Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

The tour lasted almost three weeks out of the summer (July 7th-24th). Lawrence said, "Ireland was the place I enjoyed the most. On the day we arrived, we took a horse and buggy ride through

a park in the town of Killarney. It was beautiful! Yet - I'd have to say that the tour of the Ring of Kerrey was absolutely breath taking!"

Rather than traveling with foreign language classes or tour groups, other students took family vacations. Sophomore Audre Parke traveled to Germany, Austria, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, and Poland with her family over the summer. Parke spent almost nine weeks in Europe and said,

"My most memorable experiences were in Italy. I enjoyed white water rafting the most. It was quite a thrill! The only thing I didn't find amusing was the way the Italians drove! They turned a three lane highway into a five lane highway. It was total chaos!"

Other travel destinations located closer to home, were Virginia and Myrtle Beaches, and Florida. Summer allowed students to travel abroad and see the world.



Carefully, Kellen Williams sits on a wall which runs along the Northern Rim of the Grand Canyon which offers a panoramic view of the deep gorges and the Colorado River. Williams and his family took a tour of the Grand Canyon and went to other ridges of the canyon to explore the views each side had to offer. "Touring the Grand Canyon was awesome," Williams said. "I've never seen anything so beautiful," concluded the junior. The Grand Canyon, located in Northern Arizona, is one of the most visited National Parks in the United States.

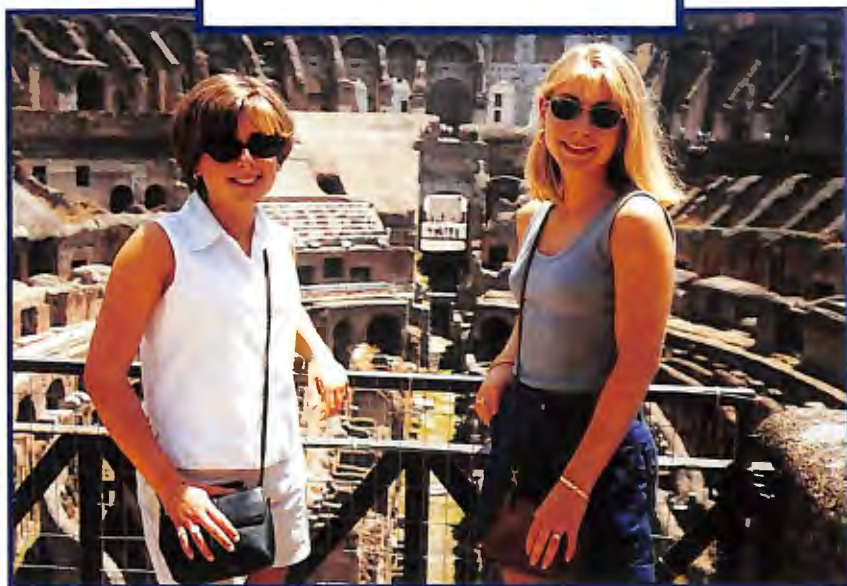
Atop Mt. Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi River, senior Shelby Dillard takes time to observe the view. Dillard took a vacation with her family and traveled to various parts of the United States the last two weeks of July. "Mt. Mitchell was just a pit-stop on our way to the Smokey Mountains," said the senior. "I couldn't believe how cold it was up there. It was late July and I was freezing, even with a sweatshirt!" continued Dillard. Dillard and her family had just used the observation deck in the background of the picture to look at the view.





"Even though there was more to tour in Rome, Florence was my favorite place by far."

✧ Allison Perry



After calling his home in the United States, Ben Chapman steps out of a phone booth in London, England. Among other countries, a group of students toured England in July of '98 with EF tours. Ben Chapman and Adriene Brown spent the afternoon shopping and riding the subway. Chapman said, "I really liked London but my favorite place was Ireland. It was a very spiritual experience for me." The tour included England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. "The whole trip was something I will never forget and I plan to return next year with Adriene," said the junior.

Preparing for her cousin's wedding in Bombay, India, Krisha Jay joins her female relatives and has her hands painted. Before having her hands painted, the senior met her relatives and went out to eat. Once the women's hands had been painted and the wedding ceremony performed, everyone danced in celebration and the women showed off their hand paintings. Mehndi, or hand painting, stays on your hands for a week after painting. Jay said, "The wedding was a week of fun and excitement! It was a unique and enriching experience that I will never forget!"

After decorating the stadium and field for the annual Homecoming game, Kari Horsley, Kevin Harber, Stephanie Leven, Ashleigh Kingery and Jamie Heinmarsh leave the track around the football field. Harber reflected on the group's work and said, "We were very proud of the work we put into decorating the field for the Homecoming game." Students from all grade levels chose to leave study hall and help decorate for the big game.

Smiling under her new tiara, Homecoming Queen Krisha Jay holds both the trophy and Homecoming King Richie Taylor. "I have never felt so loved!" said Jay. "I could not have felt more honored. Knowing that my friends and family supported me was the greatest gift I could ever receive!" continued Jay. Everyone cheered as seniors Taylor and Jay were crowned Homecoming King and Queen as part of the traditional halftime ceremonies.



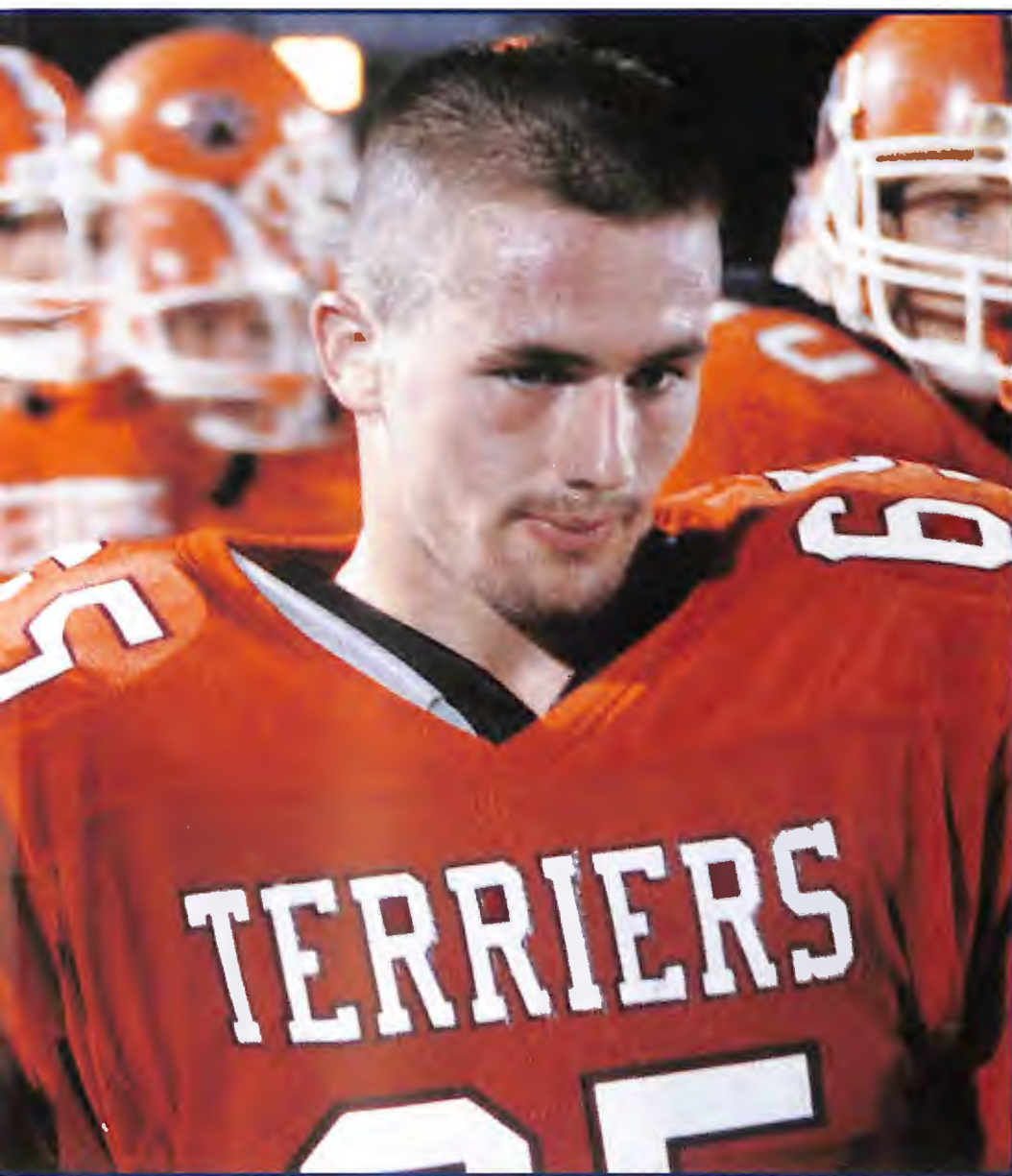
"I really enjoyed Spirit Week and with DJ's crazy hair the whole day turned out to be hilarious!"

* Jennifer Kasey (11)



Minutes before the "Terrifiers" score a touchdown at the homecoming game, freshmen Brandon Bernard, Dusty Reynolds, and Brad Moock sit in the stands and support the team. Bernard said, "The homecoming game was important, and even though we lost, it was fun to be in the stands and watching the game."

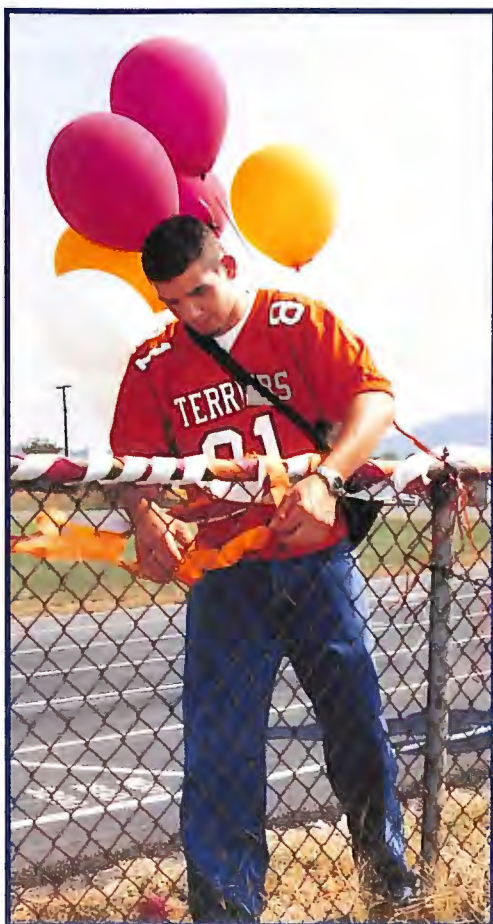
Despite bad weather predictions, students spent Homecoming Friday decorating the stadium. Ben Jones participated in decorating and said, "I was trying to help decorate the fence to show our school spirit." Jones and his classmates put up orange and maroon streamers which remained intact through the rain.



Sophomore Jeremy Nunley sits in his Spanish II class wearing his Homecoming costume. "Everyone was talking about how funny we looked," said Nunley and continued, "I thought Hippie Day was fun, but I guess it was only because I had a costume on."



Cautiously Blaire Wells dodges under the limbo bar during the daily lunch contest. With her friends laughing and cheering her on, Wells attempted to earn points for the senior class. "Homecoming week was awesome, and for the second straight year the class of '99 won!" SCA sponsored various activities throughout the week. Students had the opportunity to compete and earn points for their classes through all three lunch periods.



It was close, but the

Seniors Win It

By: Ian Terrell '01

A fun-filled week of games, contests, and activities, Spirit Week is designed to raise support for the football team in the Homecoming game.

Each day students from all classes participated by dressing up for the theme of the day. "Eighties Punk Rock Day" and "Hippie Day" were the most popular and were followed by the traditional "School Col-

ors Day" which found students wearing maroon and orange.

At lunchtime classes participated in games such as limbo, musical chairs, and the newly added "Dance Off." Second lunch winner of the "Dance Off" Kellen Williams said, "It was awesome, but it was hard to change your dances according to the music they were playing."

For the first time in several years, the booster clubs also sponsored a parade in downtown Vinton. There was a bonfire for students immediately following the parade.

Points were awarded to for participation on dress-up days, lunch contest standings, and spirit link sales. At the end of the week, the seniors had the most points.

hands down

Trying to stop the seniors from making a touchdown, juniors Mariah Green and Jennifer Kasey run after the receiver. "Powder Puff was so awesome! We got to learn more about a sport we never get to play as girls," said Green. "Even though the seniors won, we gave it our best and that is really what counts," the junior concluded.



In anticipation of an exciting game, seniors Richie Meador and Matt McGuire watch the teams play and also coach the seniors on how to go about defeating the juniors. With the coaches' help, the team was able to finish the game with a 12-6 victory. "I had a blast being one of the coaches for Powder Puff this year. The girls did a great job. They came to practice, worked hard, listened and played very well. Our defense was just tenacious," said senior McGuire.



Pumping up the crowd, juniors Jared Howell, Nathan Williamson, Jon McCubbin, Brad McConnell, Jonathan Lau, Darryl McCallum, Kellen Williams and David Doss practice their version of the 'ultimate cheer', as seen on Saturday Night Live. "Being a Powder Puff cheerleader was fun because I got to make people laugh and that is one of my goals in life," said Darryl McCallum. The male cheerleaders tried to replicate cheers and stunts used by the Terrier cheerleaders.

Anxiously waiting for the upcoming Powder Puff game, Jessica Benson and Emily English use their practice time at Vineyard Park to plan their attack on the seniors. "I was trying to tell Emily about a pass play, but we looked at each other and started laughing because of the sweat rolling down our faces," said Benson. "Powder Puff was so much fun. It was not only a time to play a little football, also to get a little closer to your friends," concluded the junior.





The sun shines as

Girls' Flag Game

By: Heather Roy (11)

Determined and unhesitant, both senior and junior girls stepped out onto the football field for the annual Powder Puff football game. September 23rd had come and despite the other events of Spirit Week, all attention turned toward the Powder Puff game for the afternoon. Players chatted and exchanged competitive remarks with their opponents.

Having the male and female roles reversed lead to a variety of opinions. The

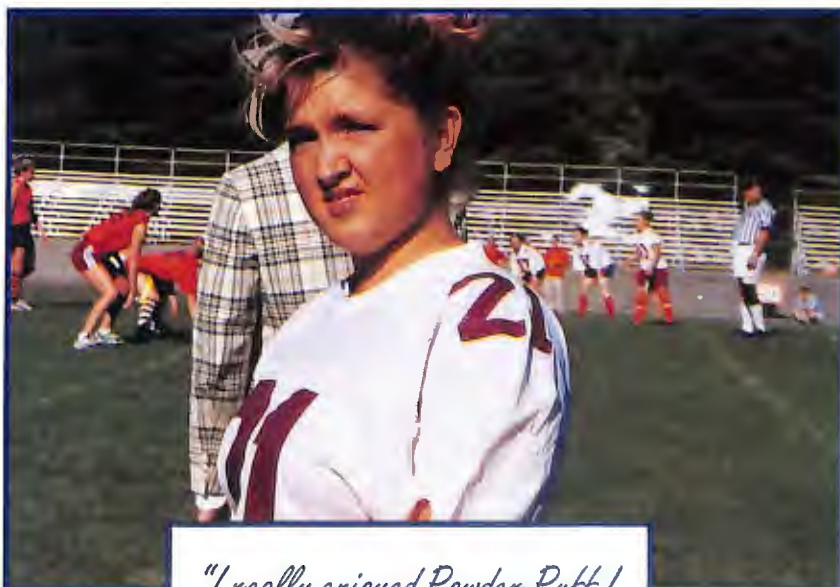
girls finally got a chance to become football players as the guys put on skirts and wigs and cheered for them. Junior player Michelle Markham said "I thought it was funny seeing the guys as female cheerleaders. It made me laugh... but they could never handle the responsibility of being a girl." Junior male cheerleader Darryl McCallum, also had mixed feelings on the subject. McCallum said, "It was definitely

weird, and was not exactly my style. But I would do anything to get a good laugh, even if it means prancing around in a skirt!"

After the first touchdown by senior Brandi Hayslett, the juniors fought back by gaining their own touchdown. Both teams held on to the 6-6 tie until senior Erica Thomas made an unexpected touchdown.

The game ended with the seniors defeating the juniors by the score of 12-6.

takes center stage



*"I really enjoyed Powder Puff!
The competition was tough, but
the mighty seniors won 12-6!"*

— Erica Thomas (Senior)

Breaking through the junior defense, Michelle Markham carries the ball up the field. "Running 50 to 60 yards really tires you out! I got dehydrated because it was such a long run and I could not play anymore that quarter; but I did score a touchdown, which tied the game 6-6," said Markham.

"I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing"

Students Dance

By: Ian Terrell (11)

As a grand finale to the festivities of Spirit Week, the Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, September 26. As in previous years, the dance was held in the cafeteria of the middle school. Although the air conditioning was barely felt, and most students complained about the heat, the dance was agreed upon to be one of the best ones in recent years, and surveyed students said that they enjoyed the experience.

The theme of the dance, "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing," was taken from Aerosmith's popular song from the past summer. The Homecoming Court danced to the

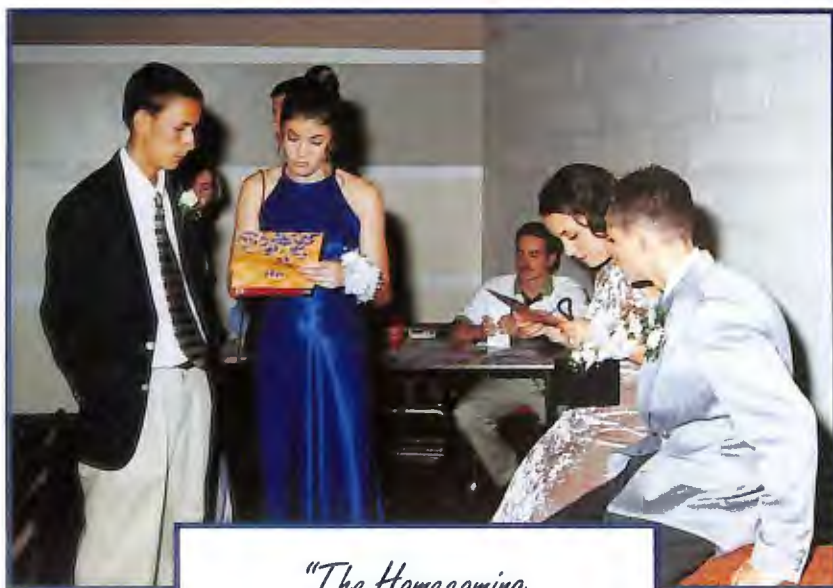
song right after the traditional lineup and presentation of the court. Students also danced to the same song at the end of the evening.

For the first time, because of past problems, resource officers were present at the dance. Students were not allowed to leave the dance and reenter unless accompanied by an officer. Students who needed to go to their cars were required to be escorted by one of the teachers who were serving as chaperones for the event. Students had mixed feelings about law supervision at a school sponsored event. Sophomore Elliott Thaxton said he thought secu-

rity precautions were necessary because "nobody wants things to get out of hand." Other students felt that the supervision detracted from the festivities.

The presentation of the Homecoming Queen Krisha Jay and other members of the court was a highlight of the dance. Junior Jennifer Kasey said her most vivid memory "was when Krisha Jay was dancing to an old Michael Jackson song and lots of people crowded around her to watch!" After the last song was played and chaperones prepared to lock the doors, students went home with memories of the evening.

the night away



"The Homecoming Dance was very well put together this year."

John Larrock (10)



Before their first Homecoming dance, freshmen Curtis Holloman and Katherine Inge have a pre-dance dinner at AppleBee's restaurant at Tanglewood Mall. Holloman said, "Homecoming was much more fun than I thought it would be; I had a great time at the dance!"



Packed with students and adorned with gold and blue stars and balloons put up by the SCA, the middle school cafeteria serves as the home for the Homecoming Dance. Unlike Prom, the dance was open to students from all four classes; freshmen through seniors were invited to attend the annual event held on September 24.



As her "Prince Charming" J. W. Craddock carries her, Homecoming Queen Krisha Jay is escorted to the dance floor. She remembered from the night, "I asked J. W., 'Are you sure I'm not too heavy?' and told him not to drop me!" After the announcement of the court, Craddock placed Jay on her feet and the couple slow danced along with the rest of the students present at the dance to the theme song of the dance, which was Aerosmith's "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing."



Smiling, Jessica Miller and Jeremy Elkins dance together at the Homecoming dance. Before coming to the dance, the couple ate at Steak & Ale. "The dance was really fun and exciting," said Miller. The sophomore continued, "I had a great time dancing and being there with my friends." Students danced to popular music which was supplied by a local DJ and spent time visiting with their friends who had come to the dance.

Blaire Wells, Gwen Austin, Jared Howell, Jonathan Moralde, and Jeremy Williams gather in the middle school cafeteria to watch as the Homecoming court is presented. Williams said, "Homecoming was a very enjoyable event, in spite of the hot, crowded atmosphere." Williams continued, "The Homecoming dance was one of the key events of my '98-99 school year and I am looking forward to going again next year."

After winning a face off in the defensive zone, sophomore Joey Mullen takes the puck up the ice. Helping his team win the Tri-State Championship, he went on to score a goal against the Charleston Stingrays in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament. Mullen said, "We had a great season, and I was very happy with winning the Tri-State Championship." His local team, the Roanoke Junior Express, finished the season with 28 wins, four ties and two losses.



Poised to dive into the Tracy Caulkings Competition Pool in Tennessee, junior Jamie Spradlin competes in the Y-Nationals. Spradlin waits until she sees her teammate touch the wall before she dives in. After the relay and other events in the August competition, Spradlin took her first place standing on the pedestal and received her ribbons and metals. "The Y-Nationals are always a lot of fun," said Spradlin. "Swimming is hard, but it's worth it," said the junior.



Intently staring down the batter, Lindsey Adkins gets ready to field the ball at the beginning of a Charlottesville game. The ball was hit and Adkins' team managed to make a play. The crowd cheered as it realized the play was going to be successful. "Summer ball was fun. I learned a great deal and made a lot of new friends." Traveling softball teams were a way for many athletes to stay active during the summer months.

Receiving a pep talk, Paul Self, Darryl McCallum, Seth Parsons, Daniel Adkins, and Neal Martin prepare for the game against their Cave Spring rivals. "Lacrosse is an awesome, fast-paced game. Our team is great because we all get along and are good friends. That makes the practices and games even more fun," said McCallum. With the help of his team McCallum scored six of the 20 goals to beat their adversary by nine points.





*What the
Terriers do*

In the Off

By: Ian Terrell (11)

Whether supplementing and honing the skills learned and utilized on varsity or junior varsity teams, or participating in recreational sports not offered at school, or playing on select or travel teams, many students choose to spend their out of school time in physical activities.

Students participated in a wide spectrum of sports not available at school as personal hobbies or on organized teams. Individual sports popular to all classes included mountain biking, hiking and camping, rock climbing, gymnastics, swimming, and skiing. Team sports played out

of school were reported to be ice and roller hockey, soccer, baseball and softball, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, and rugby.

Students expressed a desire to maintain a certain level of physical fitness as a reason to play an out of school sport. Elliot Agnor said, "I weight lift because it helps me keep in shape and get buff!" Sharing his opinion was Brad Brown, who said, "I play basketball, baseball, and football. I play at all different places because it is fun and I like to stay in shape." Other students simply said that they wanted to stay in shape

for a school sport. Mike Bass said, "I play softball over by Victory Stadium to stay in shape for Terrier football."

Even though sports such as basketball, football, and baseball are popular, they are by no means the only out of school sports students participated in. Terry Patsel said, "I play ice hockey at the Ice Station for the Jr. Express Bantam Team because it is good practice." Even slightly wilder sports were played by students, such as J.R. Jones. "I rope calves at the rodeo because it gets money, it's fun, and I like working with the animal," said Jones.

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This was just a fun time," said Shannon Jones about her Lancerlot swim meet. Jones sat with her teammates before the Monday Night meet. Jones and her teammates had just finished warming up and were taking a break before their meet. "We were having fun just sitting around

and talking; this was our way of releasing frustration in a fair way," continued Jones. Students said that making friends and spending time with friends they already had was one of the reasons they participated in out of school activities. Many students made and kept friends from other schools



"I liked soccer practice because it gave Jessica Barberie and I more time to hang out!"

* Brandy Moran (10)

Over 100
cast members

Join Together

By: Adrienne Brown (12)

The cast started practicing in February for the play that would not be performed until May. After months of practice the time and effort paid off. When asked about the play Celia McCawley, who played the Scarecrow, said, "The Wizard of Oz was a really fun production! It was hard work and we had to practice for about three months, but I made a lot of friends and I'm kind of sad that I don't get to see everyone now."

The cast and crew ranged in age from 5 to 23, including students and teachers. Not only was there a great age difference among the group, but there were

over 100 people involved in the production. "It was hard to bring together so many cast members into one production. Some of the actors had their scripts for only a week before the show went on," said senior Ben Caldwell, who played the role of Hunk, a Kansas farm hand.

The lead role of Dorothy was shared by 8th graders Sarah Gess and her understudy, Aliesje Chapman. All the understudies also had other roles in the play. When they were not playing their main roles they played the part of extras or worked with the technical crew. Amber Faw, the Wicked Witch's understudy, said, "It was

really fun being Nia's understudy and I had a blast doing the children's shows. When I wasn't playing the Wicked Witch I was an Ozian in the Oz scenes."

The play had a few major dilemmas but as they say 'the show must go on'. During one of the performances the curtains broke and during practice Uncle Henry (Jacob Baldwin) broke his arm. "Play practice was pretty easy until I fell off a moving car and broke my arm. Uncle Henry was a little banged up come show time, but it was no big deal," said Baldwin. The play was performed for three consecutive evenings in mid May.

To See The Wizard of Oz



"I really enjoyed participating in the play. It was a good experience and I met a lot of people. My role was a farm hand named Hickory."

* Jesse Liebl (12)



Waiting for Dorothy (Sarah Gess) to say good-bye, the Wizard of Oz (Ben Chopski) prepares to take off in his hot air balloon to return Dorothy to her home in Kansas. "The lights [on stage] are so hot we almost passed out a couple of times," said Chopski.



Lions and tigers and bears couldn't stop these four. To convince the Cowardly Lion (Michael Gresham) to join them on their journey to see the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy (Alieje Chapman), The Tin Man (Trey Mitchel) and the Scarecrow (Celia McCawley) tell him the Wizard could give him some courage. Gresham said "The play was a great deal of hard work, but a lot of fun. The lion is probably the most fun role I have ever played."



The Gate Keeper of Oz (Chris Hodges) first refuses to let anyone in to see the great Wizard. After hearing Dorothy's tragic story he has a change of heart and decides to let them in. "I had a great time! 'The Wizard of Oz' needed some new light; it was just too old fashioned," said Hodges.



The trees, played by seniors Stuart Taylor and Kris McCoy, watch as the Tinman (Trey Mitchel) sings the song "If I Only Had a Heart". The talking trees wore costumes constructed of foam and dark clothing and provided comic relief to the play. In Taylor's lines he said "If I lived there I'd be petrified," referring to the dark and scary Haunted Forest. Taylor later said "Being a tree is so twiggid out."

Portraying the Wicked Witch, Nia Indelicato, loses her temper when she finds Dorothy (Sarah Gess) trying to escape and begins screaming threats at her and her friends. But her threats couldn't stop this determined little girl and the witch is defeated when Dorothy throws a pale of water at her. Indelicato said "I really enjoyed dying on stage. It is one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done."

Freshman Jason Waelti and sophomore Alan Banton play their trumpets for the Jazz Band at the Creative Affair. "The Creative Affair was great because the jazz band got a chance to show off what we could do and it was a blast," said Waelti. The audience was able to hear not only the students, but also the director. Mr. David Vail participated not only by directing the band, but also by filling in for a missing trumpet player. During intermission several couples danced in the aisles of the auditorium as the band played a few extra numbers.



While Kris McCoy watches, Hannah Smith, Michael Moses and Stacey Black draw in the library. Various art mediums were set up outside and inside the library to give art students the chance to be active part of the affair. Demonstrations included hand painting, rock painting, weaving and sketching. Guests also had the opportunity to purchase art work produced by the students. Refreshments were provided by the catering classes.



Singing "Chatanooga Choo Choo" the Treble Choir entertains the audience at Creative Affair on April 19th. "Creative Affair was really fun! We love performing and the audience seemed to enjoy our performance. It is so great when the audience gets into what you are doing!" said junior Rebecca Carr. A number of the performed pieces had choreography worked into the music. Songs from decades past were performed.

To perform a portion of the prose piece, Michael Gresham screams out in fright. Gresham and other team members performed a skit that they wrote to help show the audience what the Forensics Team is all about. The Forensics Team is an extra curricular activity which is a little more difficult to display. "Creative Affair was a lot of fun. People probably were not aware of the fact that Forensics is so wild," said Gresham.





Students had a chance to display talent at a

Creative

By: Amber Faw (9)

Affair for the Fine Arts

In April, there was a new evening event meant to recognize the arts. Students had the chance to show their artistic efforts to teachers, parents, and other students. The Forensics club started things off with a skit that the members wrote themselves. "It was really cool that we got to perform our own skit; we wrote it in like fifteen minutes on the day before the Creative Affair. We were a little bit worried, but we pulled it together and it turned

out to be really great! It just shows you what teamwork can do," said junior Nia Indelicato.

After the Forensics skit the Jazz band had a chance to show their stuff. The band played the song "Jumpin" at the Woodside", and several other songs as well. "The Creative Affair was bigger than I expected. A lot of teachers and students were surprised at how good we played. It was fun to play for such a good cause and to know a lot of the community supports the arts," said

Stephanie Bryant.

Following intermission the cast of *The Wizard of Oz* participated by previewing scenes from the play. The scenes were meant to be "works in progress" and actors used their scripts.

The last group to perform was the Treble Choir. "I really liked the 'Creative Affair. It was a nice evening," said freshman Amy Broderick.

Art students were also given a portion of the spotlight as they gave art demonstrations in the library.



Behind the checkout counter in the library, Ashley Stultz and Jessica Barrata give Katie Ellis her copy of *Sketches*. Each student that came to the event had a chance to receive their *Sketches* magazine early. "We worked hard on *Sketches*. I hope everyone enjoys them," said Stultz.



"I think Creative Affair was a great idea and I think it was about time that the arts had recognition."

* Nia Indelicato (11)

*Acting Just
Like the Stars,
students*

Sing

By: Amber Faw (9)

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This year's Airfest tore up the stage with hit songs from The Beatles, Tim McGraw, N-Sync, and many more. In Act I senior Krisha Jay started things off with Michael Jackson's "Beat It." "I thought Krisha's act was really great! She looked so much like Michael with her costume on!" said freshman Amy Broderick, who attended the event with some friends. As Jay moonwalked across the

stage the audience filled with cheers which set an energetic mood for the rest of the evening. Another hot act was the song "Bohemian Rhapsody," performed by Ben Obaugh, Mikey Mann, J. W. Craddock and Blake Davis. Mann and Craddock were dressed as Wayne and Garth from the movie "Wayne's World." "'Bohemian Rhapsody' was awesome! Ben Obaugh and J. W. Craddock made me

laugh so hard I had tears in my eyes!" said sophomore Kevin Harbor. Seniors Emily O'Brian, Katie Laughlin, Krisha

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Holding hands, Matt McGuire and Krystle Costigan pretended to sing the duet "It's Your Love," by Faith Hill and Tim McGraw. McGuire commented, "I had a lot of fun being up there with Krystle. Knowing that more eyes would be on her than on me made me relax more, and made it better as well." Both McGuire and Costigan agreed there was meaning to the act.



After momentary lighting problems, Kristen Osborn, Jenny Short, Jessica Ivy, and Erica Thomas steal the stage with their rendition of "It's Raining Men." Donning umbrellas and rain jackets, the girls protected themselves from the rain, simulated by flashing lights. Only the second piece of the night the quartet helped get Airfest rolling.

Stand by Me," the song that Wayne Hawley lip-synced along with Erin Caldwell. Entertaining and teasing the audience, Caldwell ignored him while he sang, until she decided to "stand by him." Caldwell said, "I enjoyed Aifrest, it was awesome being involved. This is the best one I've seen. I liked our act because we had good chemistry together and we enjoyed entertaining the audience."





"I really had a blast at Airfest this year in this number acting like one of the Dixie Chicks."

* April Hodge (12)



I think that Airfest this year was one of the best ever. It was especially fun during 'Rocky Top' because everyone liked it!" said Matt McGuire after playing heartfully alongside Ben Obaugh.

Galloping across the stage during the senior finale of Airfest, Ben Obaugh carries J. W. Craddock on his back for a horseback ride. "Airfest this year was a blast! Everyone was really excited for this one, especially since it was the seniors last one. It feels good to get a little crazy now and then," said Craddock. Afterwards, the audience was filled with a mixture of laughter and applause as the seniors finished off the songs.

Even intermission of Airfest was bustling with activities. Richie Taylor and Joe Overfelt interviewed students from various acts, especially Ben Obaugh of "Rocky Top" and two members of The Beatles, Jessica Baratta and Emily O'Brian. Taylor commented, "Airfest was fun and I had a blast doing it. I thought that it was going to be hard but it was pretty easy." Pressed for time, the senior interviewers yielded the stage to the next act.

You'll always be home sweet home to me," sang Ben Obaugh, Matt McGuire, J. W. Craddock, Robbie Craft, and Neil Zimmerman, as they pretended to play their country music instruments to the song "Rocky Top." The crowd gave them a standing ovation, and requested an encore. From the inside looking out the boys thoroughly enjoyed it. Zimmerman commented, "We thought last years Airfest was awesome, but we had a blast this year!"



"I was really excited to be one of the Beatles in Airfest! The four of us had a blast!"

* Katie Laughlin (12)



Andy Goodman, Craig Janney, Brad McConnell and Jonathan Lau steal the girls' hearts away as they pretend to sing a hit song by N-Sync. Janney reflected, "Airfest was a blast! I had so much fun with everyone, especially Andy, Jonathan, and Brad. It was awesome!"

Precisely picking the strings, Robbie Craft and Matt McGuire play guitar to the song "Keep Your Hands to Yourself." McGuire said, "I had fun singing to this song cause it's one of Rock 'n' Roll's all time greatest hits!" Finishing up, the duo rushed off stage to prepare for their next acts.



My brother plays the drums and I was copy-catting him," explains senior Jill Linkenhoker, banging the drums alongside April Hodge on back up guitar. The two, along with a few friends, played an alternative song by Hole.



Performing "Bohemian Rhapsody" from the movie "Wayne's World," J. W. Craddock, Ben Obaugh, Blake Davis, and Mikey Mann sing to the audience. The crowd went wild as the boys acted out the song. "I enjoyed performing this song with my friends and I wish that I could do it again," said Davis. After the song the four guys rushed to get dressed for their next acts.



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Jay, and Jill Linkenhoker went all out for their act. The four girls performed "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles. They came out on stage sporting short black wigs and suits. "They were cute dressed up with their drum that said 'The Beatles' on it," said sophomore Ashleigh Kingery.

One of the most popular songs of the night was "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" by The Offspring. The song was performed by J. W. Craddock, Robbie Craft, and Wayne Hawley. "We had a great time doing this song," said senior Hawley.

N-Sync's song "God Must Have Spent" was done by Brad McConnell,

Craig Janney, Jonathan Lau, and Andy Goodman. The quartet had dozens of girls in the auditorium sighing and singing along.

The classic song "Stand By Me" was performed by seniors Erin Caldwell and Wayne Hawley. When Hawley carried Caldwell off stage in his arms the audience was filled with "aww."

Act II was started off by Aretha Franklin's song "Respect," which was performed by Becky Wood and Christal Mack. "Christal and Becky were so cute! They even had matching dresses! I loved their act!" also said Kingery.

Matt McGuire and Krystal Costigan did the

song "It's Your Love," a duet by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

The hottest act of the night was the song "Rocky Top." Ben Obaugh, Matt McGuire, Neal Zimmerman, J. W. Craddock and Robbie Craft dressed up and pretended to play their instruments. The act was so popular it was requested again, and an encore was performed prior to the Senior Finale.

The Senior Finale ended the show with "Fight for Your Right," "Another Brick in the Wall," and "1999." Seniors jumped, danced, played air guitar, and more to express their excitement for the closing night.



Walking into the Prom on May 22, Jerry Jones escorts his date Cindy Shelton. Laughing as they entered the Roanoke Civic Center, the couple joked with other students. In anticipation, Shelton said, "We were hoping that prom would be a lot of fun!" Expressing a common complaint about men's dress shoes and clothing, Jones said, "I hope I do not fall down these stairs because I am not used to wearing these slick shoes!"

Recently crowned Prom Queen Anna Castro and King Matt McGuire lead the slow dance to the theme, "Everything I Do." McGuire said, "I was totally surprised that I got Prom King because there are so many other people that I thought were going to get it. I wish that they would have played the Prom theme again so we could have dance with our dates to it!" Soon after the "royal" couple returned to their respective dates.



*"I had a great time at the Prom!
I still think that I had the best
date there!"*

* Kenis Maciel (12)



Instead of tickets, students entering Prom were encouraged to bring a teddy bear to be donated to terminally ill children. Class officers Emily English and Craig Janney collect a bear from Ashleigh Forrester. English said, "I think it was wonderful how many people stopped to think about others on their Prom night."

After eating the traditional pre-Prom dinner at Brugh Tavern on the Blue Ridge Parkway, senior Brandi Kingery and her date stopped to get pictures taken. Kingery said, "Prom was really fun. It was my senior year and it was the best night I had in high school. We had a really great time!"



Justin McLaughlin and his date Meaghan Humphries enter Prom. Soon after the couple participated in "lots of dancing," McLaughlin said, "That was the best night of my life! It was worth all of the money I spent!"



All in all I think Prom was a huge success. It was a great way to end my senior year here at WBHS. Everyone seemed to be having a great time!" said senior Jessica West as she remembered getting out of the limo in which her date, Josh Wheeler, picked her up. West and Wheeler were not the only couple to arrive in a limo. A number of couples shared limos and well as the expense.



*No one can
stop when
you're*

Dancing

By: Ian Terrell (11)

On May 22, the Roanoke Civic Center was transformed into a dancefloor complete with decorations. As tradition called for, the juniors hosted the Prom and the seniors were official guests.

Different from years past, there were no tickets, and all juniors and seniors and their dates were welcome. In lieu of tickets, students were

encouraged to bring a new teddy bear, to be donated to terminally ill children.

Shortly after the senior walk, when the seniors and their escorts were presented, a somber tone was added to the night. Junior class officer Craig Janney regretfully announced the passing away earlier that morning of fellow classmate Paul Smith.

Later that night, Prom King and Queen were announced Matt McGuire and Anna Castro danced to the theme, "Everything I Do." McGuire said, "Congratulations to Anna; she deserved it!"

As a tribute to the retiring principal, the Prom was dedicated to Mr. Bob Patterson. Patterson and his wife danced to their favorite song, "Days of Wine and Roses."

The Night Away

Junior Jennifer Sheaff and senior Megan McPeak race each other in a miniature car course. McPeak said, "This year was my last Prom. I will remember the joy of this last 'get together' for the rest of my life. My friends and I had fun and it gave us the opportunity to act crazy!" A while later Michael Carraway crashed his car into McPeak's, flipping it over and ending the race.

Desperately pulling herself off of the velcro wall, Kristin Shimp joins her friends in laughter. Students enjoyed watching fellow classmates get stuck on the velcro wall almost as much as they liked jumping onto the wall themselves. Shimp said, "After Prom was a lot of fun! Even though I liked the velcro wall, my favorite thing was the jumping castle!"



Sydney Bryant, Crystal Costagin, Carrie Sulivin, Mary Ann Robertson and Jessica Benson join each other in song by doing karaoke to the alternative song, "I'm Just a Girl," by No Doubt. Bryant said, "It was so much fun being with all my friends! I can't wait until next year!"

After Prom was a lot of fun! Everyone was making fun of me because I was trying to measure how far away the basket was. I tried so hard to get them in but I still missed!" said Nicole Bailey, remembering trying to get the rubber chicken into the basket at After Prom.



*Out of formal
clothing, students*

Partied

Like It Was 1999

By: Ian Terrell (11)

Bouncing around in rooms made of air-filled walls, shaving balloons covered in shaving cream, and sumo wrestling were but a few of the many events at After Prom, a post-dance party designed to be an alternative to drinking and drugs on Prom night.

One of the most popular events was the velcro wall. In this event, the participant dressed in a special velcro suit, and jumped onto an air cushioned velcro wall, hoping to stick, usually upside down or backwards. Senior Kara Norcross participated and said, "My rear was stuck to the wall and I couldn't get down because I didn't have enough strength to tear the velcro apart!"

Another popular event was the karaoke machine, which displayed the lyrics to the song as it played, so that the participants could sing along.

Also a big hit, a miniature race car course was set up, so all potential Nascar drivers could have a chance to prove

themselves on the track.

At the end of the night, or more accurately, the morning, students left the PTSA sponsored event with a t-shirt stating the theme, "Party Like It's 1999!" Students also received coupons for a free Big Mac at McDonalds and a Terrier cup.



"We had a lot of fun! I won the first time and Kelleg won the second time!"

* Amanda Craighead
(10)

Juniors Elizabeth Callahan and Kim Andrews play blackjack as friends look on at After Prom. Participants received an allotment of chips at the start of each game, although when they ran out the dealers often gave in and redistributed the chips. Although there was no money at stake, students still enjoyed playing. Andrews said, "I had a lot of fun learning how to gamble, especially since I didn't have to lose any money!"

*The long road
of life comes to a
fork as grads*

Choose

By: Tasha Neel (12) and Ian Terrell (11)

THEIR PATH



After waiting thirteen years to get to this point in life seniors were ready to sit back and let the crowd cheer them on. It was a time for "Congratulations" and "Good Luck" to be chanted by parents, teachers, and friends.

Students arrived between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony. Although hats were not to be thrown, first and last names were required to be written on the inside of the hat. This was diligently checked by Mr.

George George and Mr. Richard Thrasher.

Seniors lined up outside the colosseum as family and friends waited inside. Led by the Junior Class Marshals, seniors walked in and took their seats in reverse order. Together with the audience, everyone sat impatiently and waited to hear Mr. Patterson announce, "I now present to you the class of 1999" and for the traditional transition of the tassel from the right to the left.

Speeches were presented by valedictorians

Jessica Baratta, Kristin Shimp, Krisha Jay, Glenn Rife, Hillary Ellis and Kelly McCarty; each speech was unique to its presenter. Shimp's speech was tearfully dedicated to the retiring band director, Mr. David Vail. Rife's speech, however, was focused on a fundamental life lesson, not making the same mistake twice. Second in her class, Ellis presented her speech on the joy and beauty of life, enhanced by the metaphor of painting with photons. To add

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"It was really special to be the last class graduating with Mr. Patterson"

* Crystal Mack (12)



After receiving her diploma from Mr. Patterson, Amy Fulton smiles with glee. While preparing to go across the stage, Fulton said, "I feel like a star." Forest Gabrielson assisted by wheeling her across the stage as she was cheered on by the crowd.



We had the dollar bills to give to Mr. Patterson for a happy retirement present!" explained Amanda Walton of her encounter with April Hodge and Jackie Orsinger. Walton exclaimed, "It was one of the best experiences of my life! It was the greatest feeling being able to switch my tassel from the right side to the left; I had finally graduated!"



First in the senior class, Valedictorian Kelly McCarty recites her speech to commemorate the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. The somber tone was uplifted by the famous quote by Anne Frank, "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart." McCarty reflected, "I was nervous at first, but I tried to pretend I was reading my speech for my english class instead of for a crowd of two thousand people."

To tell his parents the best way to navigate through the heavy traffic, Robert Mauck uses his cell phone outside of the Roanoke Civic Center Colosseum. After graduation, Mauck said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony. It was great knowing that I had successfully completed four years of hard work in high school, and I'm looking forward to college." Mauck was joined by his closest friends and family for a night of celebration.

Raising a needle to pop the balloon, valedictorian Glenn Rife, accentuates a point in his speech on making mistakes. Rife commented, "I thought it would be an interesting visual effect to see the lights shimmering off the glitter as it fell." From the philosophy of his speech, Rife also advised, "The point is not to worry about mistakes; we never quit making them; they're part of the learning curve built into life."



*Seniors
celebrate as
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Turn

Their Tassels

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a somber tone to the afternoon, McCarty dedicated her speech to the victims of the Littleton, Colorado disaster.

The time finally came for the diplomas to be handed out. In the past graduating seniors would give Mr. Patterson a small trinket in a feeble attempt to break his concentration. The Class of '99, being the last class Mr. Paterson will declare graduated, decided to give him a dollar instead. Although the entire senior class did not participate, he received an estimated \$150 as a last gift from the senior class.

Joe Overfelt touched the crowd as he sang, "You'll Never Walk Alone." Joe was given a standing ovation by his fellow graduates as well as the audience. The ceremony concluded as the new graduates proudly walked off stage.



As the final act of the graduation ceremony, students turn their tassels from the right side of their cap to the left side. The enthusiastic crowd clapped and cheered. The white chrysanthemums placed on the stage for graduation were provided by Obenchain's Flowers. "Everyone was really excited to graduate but it was sad to be leaving so many people," said graduate Josh Beamer.

Touchingly singing the selection "You'll Never Walk Alone", Joe Overfelt performs for the graduates and their relatives on graduation night. After Overfelt sang, the students received their diplomas from Mr. Patterson. Many students choose to hand him a dollar as a gift from the class of '99. "With only five days to prepare, I still pulled it off," said Overfelt.

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World News



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➤ French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates \$40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

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➤ A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



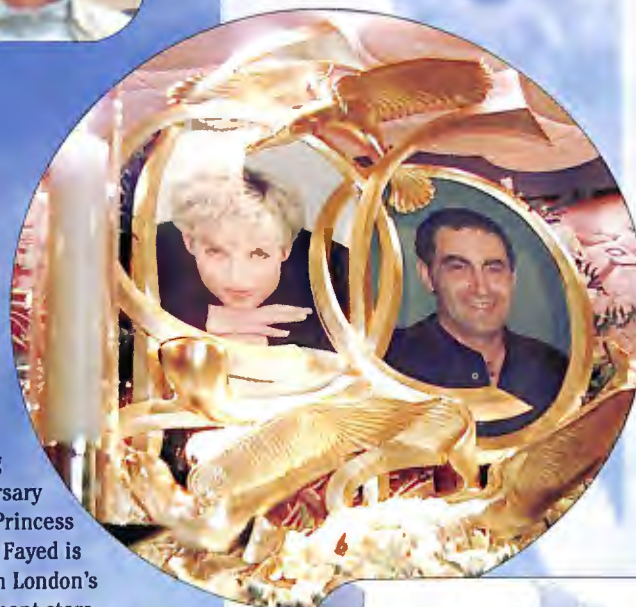
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➤ A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.



Courtesy Partnership for a Drug Free America

➤ After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated \$1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



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➤ In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.

➤ A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.



Baldoni

➤ On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.



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➤ In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

World News

- On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.



AP Photo/John McConnico

- NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station *Alpha*. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



NASA



- The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

- President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



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- The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.



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- Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

- After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a \$1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.



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Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

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- On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

National News



➤ Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.



➤ President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

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➤ The U.S. Treasury unveils a new \$20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.

AP Photo/Vide, Dan Loh

➤ President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.



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➤ Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.



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➤ A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.



AP Photo/Charles Bennett

➤ After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.



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➤ In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.

National News

☛ Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.



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☛ A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.



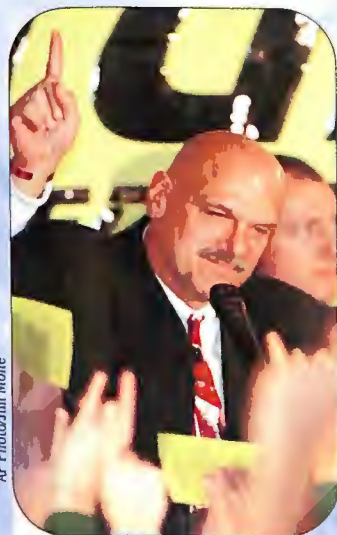
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☛ Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of \$338 million.



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☛ Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.



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☛ In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over \$131 million in aid.



AP Photo/Ruth Fremson

☛ In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.



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☛ In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 132 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

Flash

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.



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☛ Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.



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Science News



➤ NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.



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➤ An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.



➤ Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

➤ John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.

➤ The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



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➤ A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.

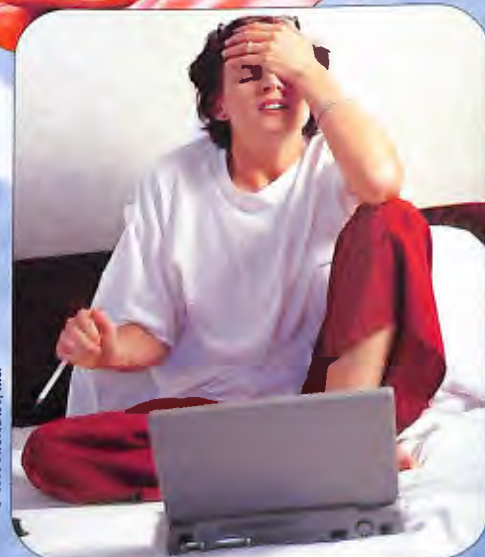


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➤ Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



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➤ A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

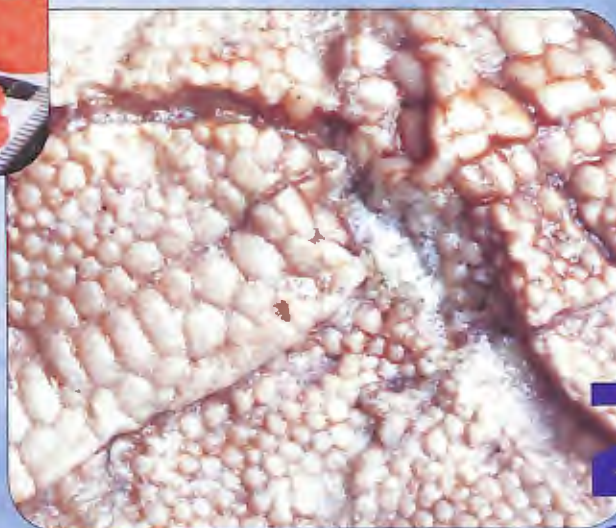
Science News

➔ The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.



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➔ Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



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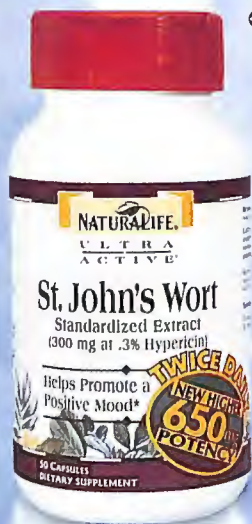


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➔ Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

Photo courtesy of the authors (C. Yoder, O. Retterer, M. Thomsen and K. Hess)



➔ The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Duffin McGee/Reuters



Purdue University

➔ Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



AP Photo/NASA

➔ Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.

Flash

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCorty discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.



➔ On August 12, the \$1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.



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➔ Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

Lifestyle News

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➤ A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.



AP Photo/Koji Sasahara

➤ Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.



➤ PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



AP Photo/Ed Bailey

➤ Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.



Kurt Duncan

➤ WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.



AP Photo/Chris Pappas

➤ Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



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➤ In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

Lifestyl News

➤ As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.



➤ A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.



AP Photo/THS

➤ Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.



➤ Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.



AP Photo/Susan Ragan

➤ For \$20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Payroll Corporation

➤ Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check – even for someone without a bank account. The machine “memorizes” facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user’s identity.

Flash

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load

➤ Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



➤ Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool \$600.

Entertainment News



AP Photo/NBC, Jeff Katz

➤ Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

➤ NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.



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➤ In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.



Ralston Games

➤ Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.



AP Photo/Touchstone Pictures, HO

➤ Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record \$39.1 million in its November opening weekend.

➤ Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.



AP Photo/David James, HO

➤ Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.



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AP Photo/Joan C. Fahrenthold

➤ Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

Entertainment News

➤ Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.



AP Photo/Walt Disney, HO

➤ In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.



AP Photo/Courtesy Viewpoint Datalabs



➤ In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.

➤ Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

➤ The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



AP Photo/WB, James Sorenson

➤ The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

Flash

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include:

- Citizen Kane*, 1941
- Casablanca*, 1942
- The Godfather*, 1972
- Gone With the Wind*, 1939
- Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962
- The Wizard of Oz*, 1939
- The Graduate*, 1967
- On the Waterfront*, 1954
- Schindler's List*, 1993
- Singin' in the Rain*, 1952

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

➤ Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.



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➤ Actor Rick Schroder replaces Jimmy Smits on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The fate of Smits' character in his last episode — he dies when a heart transplant fails — became a source of nationwide speculation.

Music News



☛ Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.



☛ Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.



☛ Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

☛ In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.



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☛ The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.



☛ Nineteen-year-old Usher is named *Billboard* Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.



AP Photo/Joey Terrill



☛ Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.



☛ Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

AP Photo/Moutillon/Shooting Star

Music News

➤ Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.



AP Photo/File

➤ Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor*, makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.



➤ Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.



➤ The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.



Reuters/Steve Marcus/Archive Photos

➤ Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."



AP Photo/The Hamilton Spectator, Scott Gardner

➤ Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

➤ Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



ROBA PRESS/Shooting Star

➤ In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.



AP Photo/GB Management, Jenny Yates

Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include *Titanic* and *Return to Titanic*, *City of Angels*, *Armageddon*, *Hope Floats*, *Dr. Doolittle* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

Sports News

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➔ Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

➔ Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.



➔ In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.

➔ On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.



➔ Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.



AP Photo/Susan A. Walsh



AP Photo/Ric Feld

➔ Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



Ida Mae Astute/ABC

➔ ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.



AP Photo/Steve Ralberg

➔ Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

AP Photo/Dave Martin

Sports News

➤ In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

➤ In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Élysées and injures 60 people.



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer



➤ Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

AP Photo/John Gaps III



Mike Powell/Allsport

➤ Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.



➤ St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

Scott Olson/Reuters



➤ On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.



AP Photo/Eric Draper

➤ The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

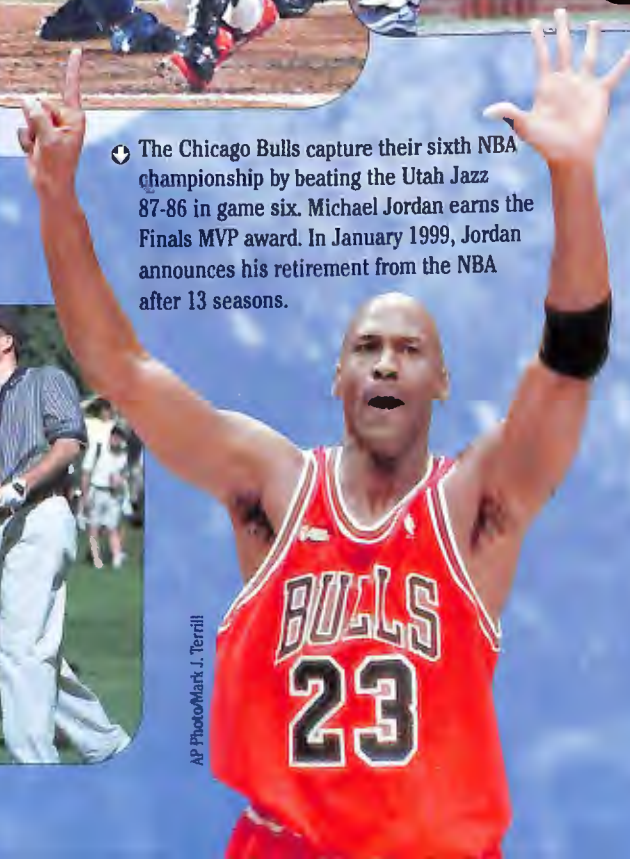
➤ Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



AP Photo/Eric Risberg

➤ The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill



Flash

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.

Faces News



Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.



Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.



Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.



After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 young siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.



NBC's "NewsRadio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Hirofumi "The Tokyo Terror" Nakajima (right), reigning world hot dog eating champion, eats 19 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to win the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.



Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.



Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.



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Krishna Jay smiles and waves to the crowd after being announced Dogwood Queen. The senior said, "I had a wonderful time and felt honored to represent Vinton. It was awesome to be on the court with my friends."

Sun shines in Vinton for

The Annual

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Vinton Dogwood Festival



As the Dogwood festival kicked off the 46th Anniversary, students and adults gathered for food, music, and sun on the last weekend in April. The Festival included a parade in which the 10 dogwood princesses, nominated by the faculty, took center stage. The ladies rode on convertibles dressed in their pageant wear.

At the crowning of the Dogwood Queen, Krishna Jay was announced as the '99 Queen. In response to the crowning Krishna said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to be on the court and was honored to be the queen." Principal Robert Patterson was the official grand marshal of the crowning ceremonies and the rest of the festival.

Students participated in a variety of activities including face painting, selling baked goods, and being involved in the parade. Freshman Lindsay Houser said, "I had so much fun with my friends at the Dogwood Festival. We got to work at Vinton Baptist Church selling popcorn, chicken nuggets, pizza, and soft drinks. The money from the booth went toward summer camp for the youth of Vinton Baptist."

The band played "Hush" in the parade while the color guard performed a routine that went along with the song. Both the color guard and the band wore blue and silver ribbons in remembrance of the students killed in the Columbine shooting earlier in the week. Students put in many hours planning for the Dogwood Festival.

Near the carnival attractions the Jazz band, directed by Mr. David Vail, played swing music while the audience participated by singing and dancing.



Waiting for the induction of the Dogwood Queen, the court, Krishna Jay, Katie Laughlin, Jessica Barrata, Ana Castro, Erin Caldwell, Kristen Shimp, Shannon Harrison, Jessica Ivey, Jill Linkenhoker, and April Hodge smile for the audience on April 24th.



Playing a trumpet solo in the Dogwood parade, junior Denise Aspell works to stay in step and play correctly. "It was a fun day, we worked very hard and it all came together really well on the day of the parade," said the junior.

After watching the Dogwood Parade, juniors Nick Jones, Ryan Conner and Ryan Lucas fix their lunch before moving on to the carnival attractions. "We had a lot of fun working at the food stand. We got to see a lot of people we knew," said Lucas.

On a trip to DECA competition at the New River Valley Mall, Mary Anne Spencer and David Doss receive certificates of completion on a written test and interactive competition. "Competition was really fun. I ran into people I knew from other schools and also met new people," said Doss.

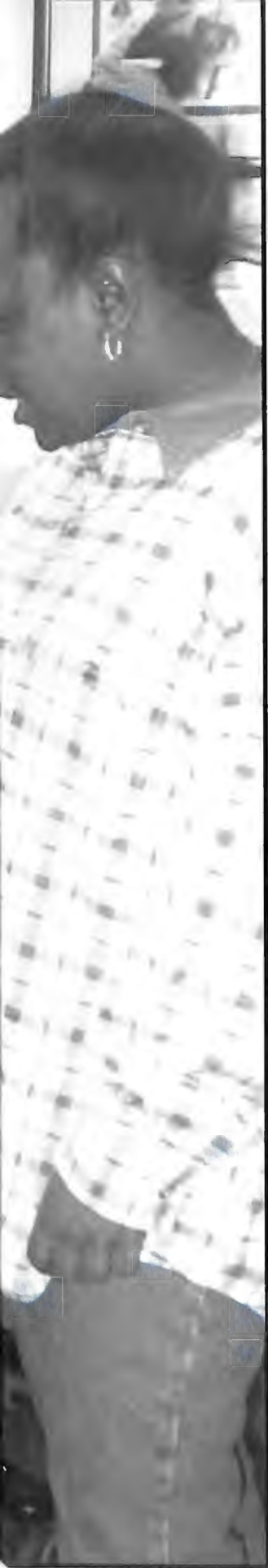


Between productions, Stephanie Levin helps clean up the prop room during theatre arts class. "I like theatre arts class and being involved with the Drama club because I learn a lot. Mrs. Webster is a great teacher," said Levin. The Drama club worked many hours during second semester to prepare for *The Wizard of Oz*.



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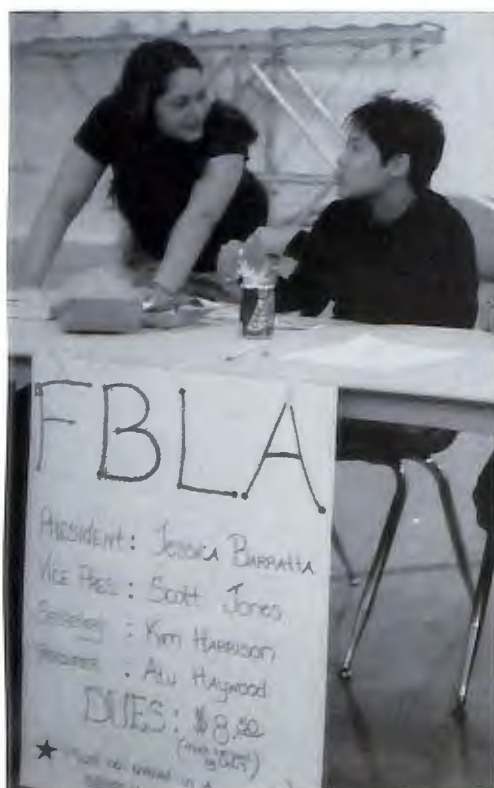
Open To
Change

Going along with the rest of the school, many changes took place in the clubs. DF-Y-IR was added to the list of organizations in which students could participate. DF-Y-IR stands for Drug Free Youth In Roanoke and is the pilot program for the state of Virginia. Another new club was added for students interested in pursuing teaching as a career. Ms. Leigh McKay was the sponsor for FTA which provided students with opportunities to share their interest in the field. The Outing Club was brought back as an official club. Mr. John Richardson sponsored the club which, true to its name, gave students a chance to get out and get active. Despite all these changes, some things remained the same. The Reindeer Club stuck to tradition and greeted cars coming in on the December morning before break. The club also sold candy canes during all lunches to raise money. Several clubs showed support of the teachers and helped organize breakfasts in the library on the first Friday of each month.

After finishing her drug test, Shameika Chan waits for Officer Wyatt to fill out her DF-Y-IR membership card. Students wanting to join the organization were required to submit to a drug test administered by Carilion Health Care in order to prove they were drug-free. "There was a big turn out for the test. Everybody wanted to be in the club," said Chan.

Grace Williams

Browsing through the tables at Club Day, Brandy Kingery and Andrea Veloso look over the names of people who signed up for FBLA. On Club Day students found out information on clubs offered at school. Each club set up a table and explained about the club they were representing. "We were signing people up for FBLA. It was so much fun getting to talk to different people," said Kim Harrison.



Looking Good and Helping Out!

Club sponsors a jewelry sale for "Mitch" victims

Mary K. Tatum

In late November of 1998, hurricane Mitch tore through central America hitting Guatemala and Nicaragua. The most devastated area was Honduras where thousands of people were killed or injured. Most of the people who were lucky enough to survive lost their homes and most of their

belongings. Many families moved by foot to try and find a better place to start over.

People sent food, money and clothes to families in Honduras. Clubs at school were no different.

Spanish Club members held a jewelry sale in order to raise money for the families who lost

their homes as a result of the devastation of Hurricane Mitch.

Heather Roy explains, "Selling jewelry with the Spanish club was a blast. I am really happy that the Spanish Club could contribute to this cause."

The sale brought in \$300.00.





Holly Holland laughs as she dances with a Spanish waiter during dinner at the El Toreo Restaurant. Students joined in the fun by laughing and dancing to a Spanish band at the restaurant. The Spanish Club meets at El Toreo for

meetings twice a year. Other meetings are held in room 116 once or twice a week. "I had a good time with some of my friends. I can't wait until the next Spanish club get together," said Holland.

Did you know?



Outdoor activities are available to each student through the Outdoor Club. Although the club is sponsored by Mr. John Richardson, the club is student oriented and led! Members of the Outdoor Club have planned a variety of outdoor trips including hiking and skiing in March.



Allison Perry, Rob Brown, Jaime Beville, David Dearing, Stephanie Wood, Craig Janey, Zach Openchain, and Laura Rogers hold hands and pray around William Byrd High School's flagpole for "See You At The Pole." Students gathered at the pole beginning at 7:30 am. Every year a day is set aside when students gather around their flagpoles all over the country and around the world, to pray for their schools, country, and those holding a political office. "It was an amazing experience holding hands and praying with other students around the flagpole", said Afton McGhee.



LeeAnn Reich and Mary Anne Spencer arm wrestle for M&M's during a Peer Mediation demonstration. Also at the meeting were Katie Ellis, Kelley Reich, Audrey Parke and Ashley Barber. The students met at The Family Reunion Restaurant for an all

day inservice. The M&M game was an ice breaker for the students to get to know one another. LeeAnn states, "Mary Anne and I know the smart way to play the M&M game. We just went back and forth so we got an equal number of M&M's each."

Erica Thomas and Jessica Ivey pick out the jewelry they like as Kelly McCarty shows the two girls the wide selection. The Spanish Club held a spanish jewelry sale just before Christmas in order to send money to the families in Honduras, who had lost their homes because of hurricane Mitch. Erica Thomas explains, "The Spanish sale was pretty cool. I liked the little tiny earrings, and the unique jewelry. That was a good idea for a fund raiser." The Spanish Club collected a total of \$300.00 from the sale.

Helping Roanokers Have a Happy Holiday

*Students
help
make it
a happy
holiday
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for local
needy
families*

From late November through early December students brought in used coats for the Leo Club's Christmas coat drive. All proceeds of the drive went to The Christmas Store, which then sold the coats to needy families for twenty-five and fifty cents a piece.

The coat drive was not just work for the students who participated, but was fun for them as well. Each student who brought in a coat for one of the days, had their name placed in a drawing for a door prize.

Prizes included gift

certificates to places such as Baskin Robins and Blockbuster Video.

Homeroom classes also competed against one another. The top prize went to Mrs. Joyce Dittrich's class, which received a free breakfast.

Mary Tatum

Five students, Daniel Bass, Greg Stevenson, Sarah Cunningham, Nicole Bailey, and Laura Rogers struggle with heavy trash bags of coats. Bailey said, "I thought the coat drive was a lot of fun. My homeroom came in second place. Mr. Culicerto made it a mission. We had a lot of fun!"

Before the competition begins, drama teacher, Mrs. Carol Webster helps members Ben Chopski and Karla Brown with their parts in the club's performance of "A Rose For Emily." "Competitions are so much fun because you get to meet a wide variety of people. Drama competitions aren't all about winning. I like them because of the people. I think the best part of the competition though was at Burger King during lunch. Ben Chopski grabbed the microphone from the cashier when we were in line waiting to order our food and he wouldn't give it back," said Brown.



Brent Lusk, Megan Bratton, Andrea, Philip Tingler, and Daniel Holdren help sort hundreds of coats collected from students in November. Leo Club members and leaders organized the coat drive. Students worked during study halls and "Channel One."

"Sorting out coats was not the greatest thing in the world, but it got me out of study hall," said Phillip Tingler. The coats were kept in the second floor storage room. It became cramped when the club members tried to get all 2000 coats into the small storage area.





In English class, Robert Mauck gives Mrs. Pam Arra a coat to add to the collection of coats raised during the coat drive. Mauck said, "The coat drive was an easy way to help the less fortunate. It was also fun and a challenge to see how many coats we could collect." Competition was fierce among each homeroom, but Mrs. Joyce Dittrich's homeroom came in first place. Mrs. Dittrich received one free night's lodging for two at the Howard Johnson Inn. The students in the homeroom received a free breakfast in class one day after the drive was over.



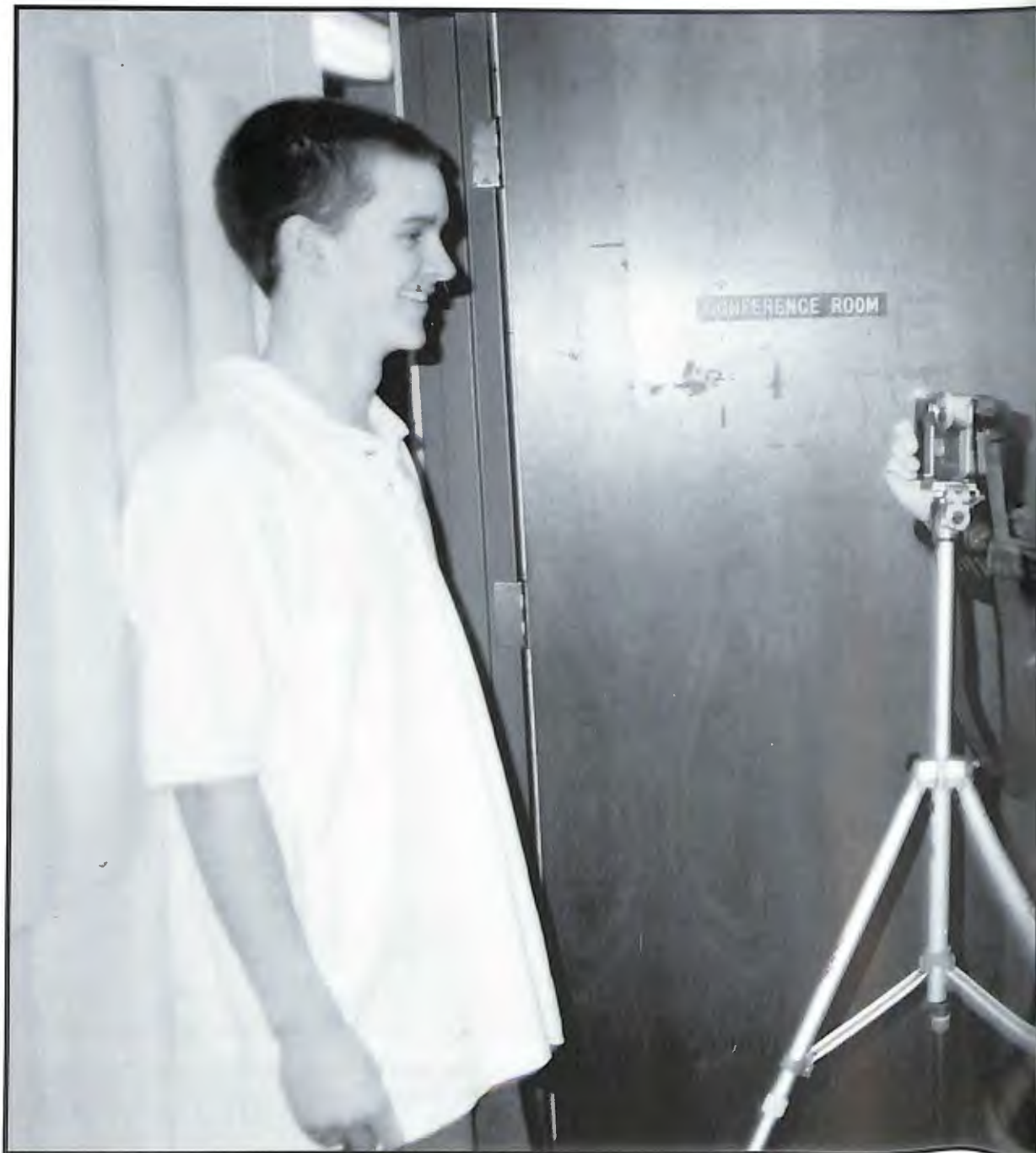
Did you know?



A new club at Byrd this year is FTA, or the Future Teachers of America Club. This club is sponsored by Ms. McKay. Although the club has six members presently, it hopes to increase its membership next year. FTA members visited colleges, provided tutoring for students, and held club meetings once a month.

In officer Wyatt's office, Kellen Williams smiles while he gets his picture taken to receive a D-FY-IR Club identification card. Students were required to take a drug test and fill out an application before they were accepted into the club. Williams said, "Being in D-FY-IR was a very positive experience and I hope more people will join the rest of us in this great program."

After a DECA awards ceremony at the New River Valley Mall, junior Mary Anne Spencer talks with her friends. "It was a fun day. We got to hang out with friends from other schools. I was really shocked when I found out that I won first place," said Spencer. Students were recognized for their hard work in DECA.



Students gather in room 215 for an annual marketing Club meeting and to hear the speaker of the day, Loren Johnson. Mr. Johnson spoke to students to try and motivate them, as well as educate them about the real world of jobs. O.J. Thomason said, "I was very motivated and inspired by his message." Johnson spoke about his life in college, his goal to become a teacher, and how students can reach their own goals. "He was a very interesting speaker and he influenced me by everything he said. He was a very inspiring person," said sophomore Jessica Miller.





Drug Free Youth In Roanoke

Even though the D-FY-IR Club had just been introduced to students in the Fall, 147 students signed up for the club, took the drug test, and were accepted. D-FY-IR stands for Drug Free Youth In Roanoke.

There were various advantages for students who enrolled in D-FY-IR all over the Roanoke valley and Vinton. McDonalds allowed students to show their D-FY-IR identification card and receive discounts. Other support-

ers of D-FY-IR were the Roanoke County Police Department, Carilion Hospital, and the Roanoke County School Board. The D-FY-IR Club also sponsored and held a dance for its members.

Coaches at school were often found to be big supporters of the D-FY-IR program. Although it was not required for athletes to be in D-FY-IR, most coaches strongly encourage all members join.

There were three

steps students had to take in order to join the D-FY-IR Club. Perspective members had to fill out an application, have guardians sign the application, and pass a free drug test given at school. Some students were shy about taking the drug test at first. Amber Faw said "It was embarrassing at first having to take the test but it was worth it!"

In spite of the requirements to join, D-FY-IR was one of the largest clubs in the school.

Did you know?



The German Club stayed extremely busy throughout the year. Members collected toys for the Salvation Army, made valentines for the veterans, listened to a Holocaust survivor, and collected items to send to Kosovo. Members also made time for caroling at a nursing home.



Adam Lyon works at a Sketches workshop to improve his poetry writing skills. Lyon said "Workshops like those help me learn more about writing and

how to become a better writer." The Sketches magazine came out in late May of 1999. Sketches magazines were free to all students.

Portraying Mr. Patterson at a teachers Holiday breakfast, junior Ben Chopski gives commands through a giant megaphone. Chopski remarked, "Playing Mr. Patterson was really fun but the megaphone is LOUD!! I'm surprised he isn't deaf already." The breakfast was held at the Vinton War memorial. The few students that attended were surprised that they were allowed to get their breakfast before the teachers. Both students and teachers laughed at the humorous portrayal of Mr. Patterson. The breakfast is attended by teachers, principals and retired teachers every year in December.

"When I saw the Reindeer Club selling candy canes, I had to help support them and buy some. So I bummed some change off my friends and bought three," said Stephen Sboray as he chose which candy canes he wanted along with April Hodge, Tasha Neel and Sarah Trout.



Did you know?



What originated as a joke in 1968 has now been one of the longest running clubs at school. The Reindeer Club had its beginnings over 30 years ago and has been cheering on passing cars in attempt to get cars to honk in support of the holiday season ever since!

The Reindeer show their spirit

Even though the Reindeer Club is only for seniors, they make sure the whole school is involved in showing their spirit!

By: Mary Tatum

The Reindeer or Reindoe Club, is one of the most popular clubs of the senior class. The purpose of the Reindeer Club is to lead students and teachers in school spirit. One of the highlights of being in the Reindeer Club is standing out in the freezing cold, and showing your spirit by getting cars to honk their horns for Santa. The Reindeer Club also sells candy canes just before winter break.



This is to raise money for two scholarships given to one guy member and one girl

member of the Reindeer club at the end of every year. There are about twenty-five students enrolled in the club this year.

"I think I only bought one candy cane, but other people must have bought a lot because it was a big success," said April Hodge during the Reindeer Club's candy cane sale. Students donated 75 boxes of candy.





Members of the reindeer Club show their holiday spirit by getting cars to honk their horns and waving signs that say "Honk for Santa." Brandy Hayslett explains, "Being in the Reindeer Club was a great

thing for me. It really promotes school spirit and we had a great time." The Reindeer Club gathers by the road every year on the last day of school before Christmas break.



Kim Houghton, Blaire Wells, Caroline Hancock, and April Hodge try to get cars and buses to honk for Santa. "We were freezing, but we had a great time getting us, and the school into the Christmas spirit," said Blaire Wells. Most of the students were also singing Christmas carols to further the excitement of the holiday coming up, and the break from school for two weeks.

"I have waited since I was in middle school to be apart of the Reindeer Club. I always thought it was neat to stand out in the cold and get people to honk their horns," said Megan McPeak. As she and fellow senior Kristin Cawley were cheering on a bus came a little too close for comfort, but they continued with their holiday cheer in spite of the bus and freezing temperatures.

Ashley Vulgan takes advantage of the opportunity to pet the drug dog, Axle, at the D-FY-IR picnic in April. Vulgan said, "I enjoyed learning about how the dogs worked. I now understand that the dogs are an essential part of the police department's investigations. They are there as a means of protection for the officers as well as all the citizens of the community. We learned a great deal about the procedures with the dogs."



Clubs Stayed Busy in the Spring

Many clubs and organizations stayed busy in the spring while enjoying numerous activities.

By: Jennifer Hasis

As winter turned to spring, many clubs and organizations engaged in various activities.

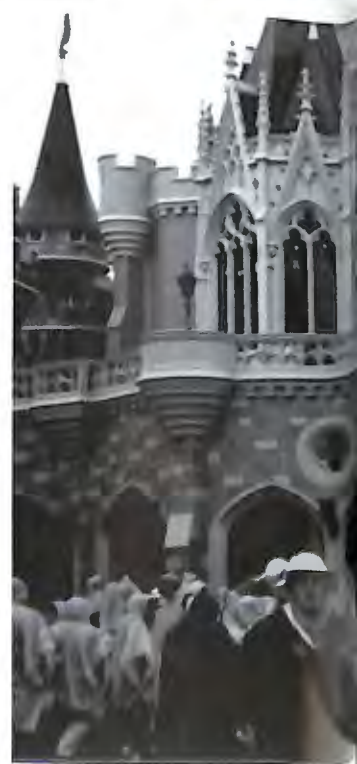
The Terrier marching band took their annual band trip in April. The band members played their instruments in the Manatee Band Festival in Holmes Beach, Florida. Senior drum major Kristin Shimp said, "This

year's band trip was awesome! It was the best ever!"

On May 24, new members of the Beta Club were inducted. Old members told why they enjoyed being in the Beta Club and called out new members names. New club members were presented with certificates and graduating club members

received gold cords and letters.

Several clubs and organizations treated the faculty and staff to breakfast on "First Friday's." On the first Friday of each month, a different club served teachers breakfast. Science club members served donuts and fresh fruit along with coffee, juice and milk.





Because of Adam Phlegar's broken leg, Joby Martin, youth minister at Vinton Baptist Church, pushed Adam in a wheelchair to "Hush," the marching band's selection for the Dogwood Parade. Phlegar

said, "I broke my leg in a soccer game against Salem. I spent the morning looking for somebody to push me!" Megan Smith said, "It was cool that Adam still got to participate even though he broke his leg!"

Did you know?



The Drama Club, the Forensics Team, the Choir and the Band were all invited to perform at the first annual Creative Affair for the Arts held in the Spring. Art students also gave demonstrations which included weaving, painting, drawing and body painting. The literary magazine Sketches was also distributed.



"Life is good!" said band director Mr. David Vail upon returning from the annual band trip. Mr. Vail laid out on Holmes Beach after an exhausting swim in the Atlantic ocean. The band director spent time relaxing on the beach with students. This was the last year that Mr. Vail taught band because he retired at the end of the year. "He was a great band director because he really cared about each one of us. We are all going to miss him a whole lot next year," said Jennifer Hasis. Ashleigh Kingery also said that, "He was an awesome teacher. My first year at Byrd would have been a lot harder with out his help." Mr. Vail taught at the school for thirteen years.



On April 17th, members of the band spent their day at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. In front of Cinderella's Castle, Robert Mauk, Joel Patrick, Fawn Oakes, and Kelly Reich posed to get their pictures taken. After enjoying their tour of Cinderella's Castle, the group attempted to find a place

to eat, but there were so many choices they could not decide where to go. Okes said, "This year's band trip to Florida was awesome. We all had such an incredible time. Everybody had a lot of fun!" The band students also went to Busch Gardens and performed their music on Holmes Beach.

On the Friday before Mother's Day, Anna Castro brings a special guest onto the live morning announcements. She brought her mother to help celebrate Mother's Day which was on the following Sunday. Anna's mother had the assigned duty of informing students what the lunch menu would be for the day. Anna Castro and Ritchie Taylor were the two anchors for live announcements that air every Friday morning. "Announcements were always fun to do live. I will miss doing them next year," said Castro.

While preparing for the *Wizard of Oz* play, Ray Harper tests out an old bike during his study hall, one of the props used in the play. Students as well as teachers have spent numerous hours since February rehearsing and preparing for this play. The *Wizard of Oz* was performed on May 13, May 14, and twice on May 15. Harper said, "I'm just cruisin'." Heather Roy comments, "I really enjoyed the performance. It was obvious that all involved in producing the play put a lot of work in it."



Did you know?



There are twelve people enrolled in the Art Club. Even though they're not the largest club at Byrd, they manage to get a lot done. They made ceramic angels, repainted billboards and murals and made clothes from fashion designs. This is also Ms. Angelo's last year teaching at Byrd.

Pulling it all Together

From sponsoring a coat drive to promoting school spirit, clubs get involved in many activities to help improve their school and community

Jennifer Hasis

William Byrd High School has a variety of different clubs, ranging from foreign language clubs to clubs that promote a drug-free society. When the school year began, students gathered in the axillary gym to sign-up for the clubs that interested them.

In early December, the Leo club headed-up an effort to collect coats for the needy families in the Roanoke area.

As a tradition, the

Reindeer/Reindoe club gathered at the entrance to the school and showed their holiday spirit. Club

member Tasha Neel said, "It was a thrill to see the students reactions as they drove by!"

As the spring began, the D-FY-IR club learned all about the duties of the K-9 unit. After the demonstration, club members were given the opportunity to pet one of the drug dogs and eat food from McDonalds.





David Doss helps fellow Science club members in preparation for First Friday's. On the first Friday of each month, a different club was responsible for providing faculty members breakfast. On May 7, the Science club got their

chance to treat the teachers and other faculty to a delicious breakfast. Club members brought in doughnuts, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and milk for this First Friday's. Doss said, "All I wanted to do was eat! The food looked good."



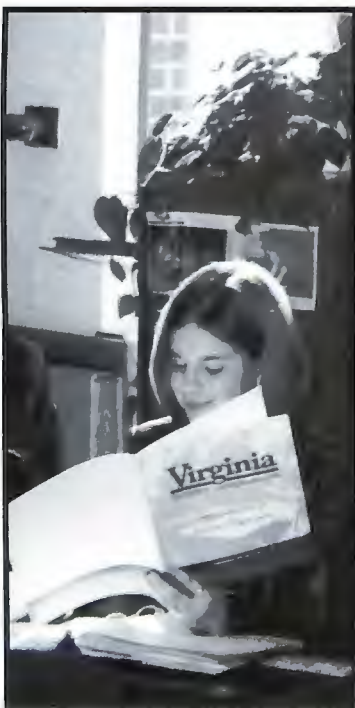
While outside in the breezeway, Kevin Harber helps add sparkles to a column for the Wizard of Oz play. As he worked on job, friend Tawanda James accidentally got paint on his shorts. Other friends who were also painting, enjoyed the spilt paint scene. "We did a terrible job, but Tawanda and I had fun, even though we got paint on each other," quoted Harber.

Kellen Williams, Craig Janney, Jonathsn Lau, and Robbie Craft, (back) dance at a DF-Y-IR dance held on May 1, 1999. The dance was held in the Wliiam Byrd Middle School cafeteria and was hosted the DJ Roy Boy. Students were shouting "Go Kellen," during the song. Craig Janney comments that "We are drug free and we know how to party!"

Calmly, Emily O'Brien re tells the story of "Little Red Riding Hood" in front of a video camera for an oral in Spanish Five. This year was the first time that Spanish Five was a separate class from Spanish Four. "I loved this assignment because it gave us a chance to use creativity in class," said O'Brien.

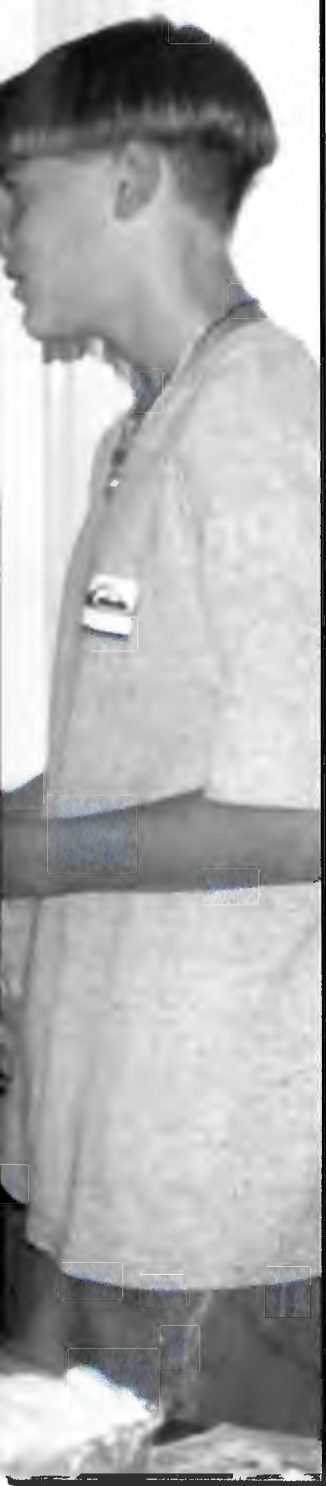


Preparing for the US History SOL test, Allison Denney reads over sample questions. Although students are not yet required to pass the tests to graduate, they are required to take them. Students received scores from last year's tests at the beginning of the year. "The SOLs are stressful. I am glad Miss Mason worked with us," said Denney.



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改 Changing Minds

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During Spanish Cafe Day, Adam Zider asks Miss McAden how much food he can take to his table. Miss McAden was a new teacher to the school. Spanish One students were asked to order food in Spanish as for an oral assignment. The food day took place in the library in October. Ms. Harrison's Spanish classes were also involved.

hen it comes to school, change is not only good, it is inevitable. The new school year brought new experiences for several first year teachers. New teachers included: Mr. McCutcheon, Miss Simpkins, and Ms. Tudor in the science department, and Ms. Getz, Ms. Resnick, and Mr. Dronzy in the special education department. Other new staff members were Mr. Carroll, Miss McAden, Ms. Clevenger, and Ms. Booth who taught history, Spanish, choir, and Math, respectively. Mr. Harless and Mr. Jones were also new to the school. The 1998-1999 school year brought new experiences for students as well. Although students were not required to pass the SOLs, they did take the tests in April. Students took SOLs in the core subjects: math, history, English, and science. Teachers tried to include the Standards of Learning in their lesson plans because students will be required to pass the tests by the year 2007. Students learned to cope with a change as just one more stress of academic life.

Kelly McCarty (12)

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Serving Our Community

by
Kelly McCarty

Community Service has become an important part of the high school curriculum. It was a requirement for students in all grades to volunteer for at least four hours and many students completed even more than four hours. Students received a grade in their history, geography, or government class for doing their community service. People volunteered at a diversity of organizations including: libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, and the SPCA.



Patently, Kara Norcross waits to receive instructions from a volunteer coordinator at David Bowers' headquarters in downtown Roanoke. Government students were required to volunteer for a political campaign. "Not much was going on so we all just sat there and ate. The phone rang twice in two hours and we could not find the phone that was ringing because there were so many of them," said Norcross. Other students passed out campaign literature at polling places.

"I volunteered at the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. People sponsored us to walk or jog miles and all the money went to the foundation," said Josh Williams. Lori Price, a sophomore, said, "Lighthouse Full Gospel is where I volunteered. I helped clean the church." J.R. Jones helped an elderly man by mowing his lawn and raking leaves for him.

The majority of students discovered that helping others could be enjoyable and fun.

"I went to Honey Tree Day Care Center and worked with three and four year old kids. It was fun because I love kids," said Kristen Prillaman. "I went to the RAM house and served lunch. It turned out to be a really good experience," said sophomore Afton McGhee. "I worked at Ronald McDonald House one or two Sundays a month because I enjoyed working with the people," said Allison Perry.

Although it was often difficult to find the time to do their community service projects, students realized that the experience of volunteering was ultimately rewarding.



"I volunteered at bikes or bust. They collect bikes for little kids. People would bring the bikes in and we would organize them .

Dwayne James (12)



At the Ronald McDonald House, Jackie Orsinger helps to clean the kitchen. She also cleaned the patio. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing to families with children in the hospital at a free or reduced cost. "I have done a lot of volunteering this year but this has been the most rewarding," said Orsinger.

Taking a phone message, Amber Faw volunteers at her Mother's business, John Faw Sales. Faw also filed and typed items on the computer. She completed the community service in March for World Geograpy class. "It was sort of boring working with my mom but I got to have the experience of a real job," said Faw.



To help clean the Ronald McDonald House, April Hodge uses the vacuum cleaner. She then cleaned the kitchen area and took a break. "I enjoyed volunteering there and the two hours went by really fast," said Hodge.

A little boy at Mount Pleasant elementary school shows Robert Mauck that he can zip his jacket. Juniors and seniors helped out through the Byrd Buddies program. "I like this program because I like kids," said Mauck.

To learn more about the Civil War era, Matt Woodford, Adam Beck, Alisha Hodges, and Crystal Milton talk to the owner of Warwickton, a authentic 19th century plantation. The students took a tour of the house

and learned what Christmas would have been like for soldiers in the Civil War. "This trip was one of the most educational that I have ever taken. The people at the house were nice and informative," said Beck.

"Being a Guest DJ on Q99 was a little different from doing the morning announcements here at WBHS," said Ana Castro of her experience at Q99 radio station. On February 2, seniors left school to visit jobs that they wanted to learn about as a part of Job Shadowing Day. Castro got to do the "Breakfast Club Morning Show" with Dick Daniels and the weather with Patrick Evans. She also introduced songs and gave her Groundhog's Day predictions.



Field Trips

Throughout the year, students went on field trips designed to enhance their understanding of the subject, complement what they learned in class, and perhaps most importantly, provide a break from school.

by
Kelly McCarty

Anatomy and Physiology students visited a Rehabilitation Center called Easy Street at Lewis Gale Hospital. The center provided banks, grocery stores, and even different textures of floors for

people who are recovering from strokes or accidents. "I learned that you take for granted simple things like opening cabinets," said Amanda King.

Job Shadowing Day on February 2 gave seniors the opportunity to explore careers.



At a yearbook workshop, Adrienne Brown looks through sample yearbooks. "We learned what it takes to make a good yearbook," said Brown.



"Student Government Day was very interesting. I got to be on the news and I learned a lot about the career I want to go into."

Robert Mauck (12)



Questioning Chris Poulter, Chris West plays the part of the prosecuting attorney at the Mock Judiciary Competition. The competition took place at Roanoke City Court House in Courtroom 2. Poulter was playing the part of Officer Walker, who was a witness. After other witnesses were interviewed, the prosecution rested and the Defense presented their case

Glancing up at the ceiling, Kris McCoy observes the intricate designs of the old City Hall in Richmond. Government students visited Richmond on February 18. The old City Hall is now used as an office building but tour groups

can enter. It has pillars of painted cast iron and floors made of glass. Students also took a bus tour and saw the Virginia General Assembly. "My friends were like what are you looking at," said McCoy.

Moving Science Forward

by
Todd Houff

As the world enters the information age and globalization is becoming a reality, teachers, students and administrators are compensating with colorful screen savers. Teachers have tossed out the stone knives and bear skins and opened up to a vast variety of technological learning tools that will prepare students for entrance into the electronic village of the 21st century.



Carfully, Jackie Orsinger uses a pipette to take up the DNA from a test tube that Jessica Ivey is holding. They were completing a lab on gel electrophoresis. After they loaded the DNA into the gel, they hooked the gel up to an electric current so that the DNA fragments would move along the gel according to their size. "I love the labs on DNA and genetics because they are so interesting," said Ivey. Orsinger added, "We do things in the lab I never thought I could do."

The most notable of many new technologies was the highly advanced computer network. With brand new Dell computers in every classroom, students and teachers were able to cruise the information super highway in the equivalents of shiny new hot rods with cd-rom drives. "I like having computers in all my classes," said junior Kim Whitlow. "If I ever need to look up something on the Internet for a project I am able to do it in class."

Advancements in the school Science Department allowed students to explore more complex labs such as those involving DNA and hazardous chemicals. However, students also did more traditional labs. Sophomore biology classes dissected fetal pigs and anatomy classes dissected cats. "I am for the dissection of animals because of the hands on experience of seeing the actual internal organs is better than seeing an artificial image," said sophomore Carrie Schlotthober.

Where students once did algebra on slide rulers, they now used graphing calculators. Students sought information on the Internet as opposed to the bulky dictionaries once used. Technology and science continue to grow make quite a difference in the schools.



" When I use the Internet, I look up information for my car and basketball statistics . My favorite thing to do is to talk to people."

Atu Haywood (12)



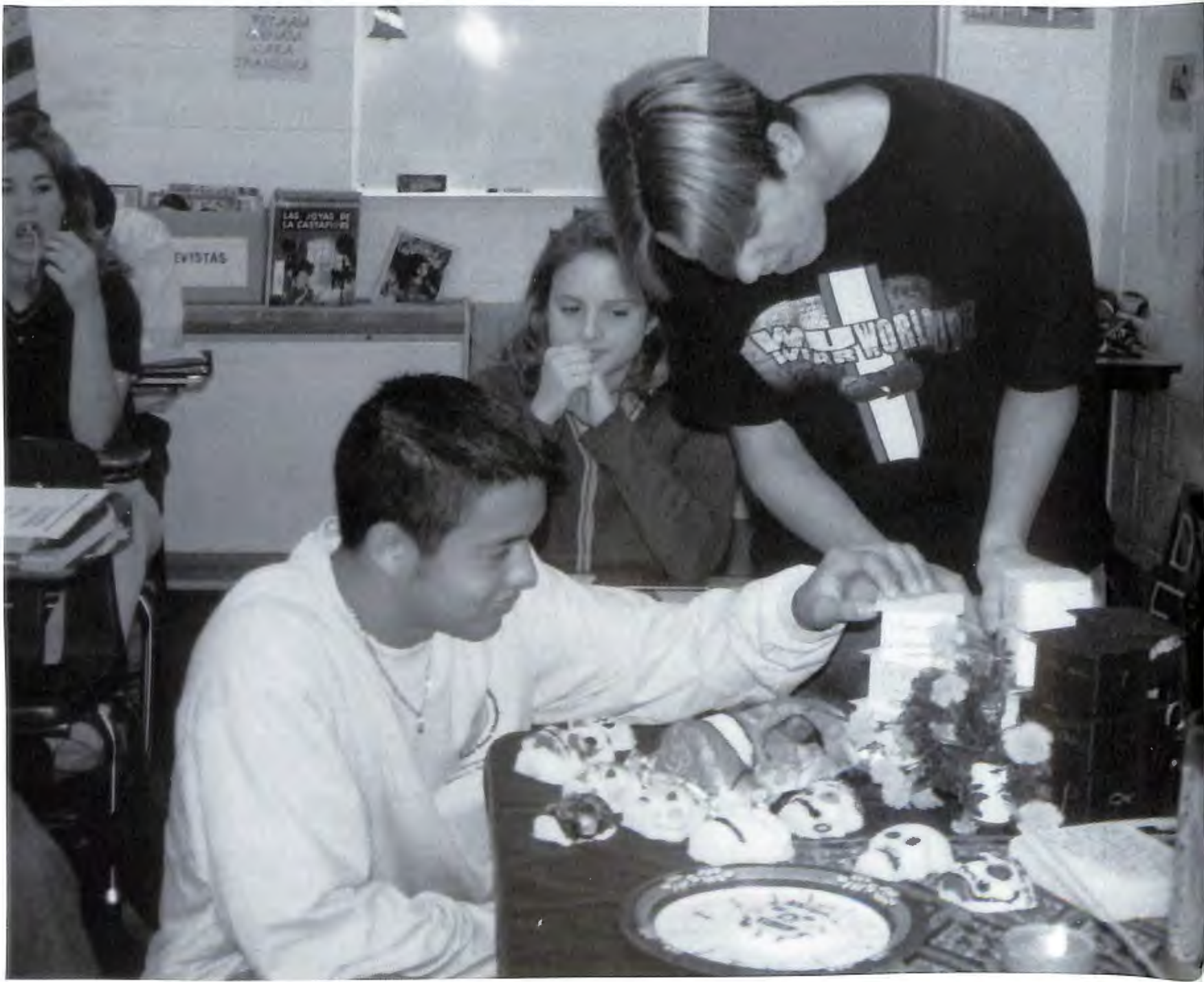
To light a Bunsen burner
Neil Martin uses a striker to create a spark. Students learned to light the Bunsen burners as part of a chemistry experiment in October. Bunsen burners were used in chemistry experiments throughout the year. "I like doing hands on experiments because you get a lot more out of it and it is more fun. I learned a lot from the labs in chemistry class," said Martin.

A look of surprise crosses
Jessica Dann's face because of the high pitched pop emitted by her chemistry experiment. She and Evan Schoonover repeated the experiment to see if it would "bark" again. "I think that it was one of the best labs we have done. Mr. Sboray made me do it over because he said he did not hear it bark," said Dann. Aprons and goggles were required for safety.



Using the drill press machine, Isaac Baldwin works on his project. "I really like wood technology. The teacher and all the kids are great. It is a wonderful course in the school and I love it," said Baldwin.

In the library, Timothy Thomas uses the computer to look up information during study hall. "It is fun to look up stuff on the Internet. It is an easy way to find everything that you are looking for," said Thomas.



Family crests adorn the shields that Jessica Dunn and Crystal Flowers made for a Latin project. They presented their projects during class on May 7, along with the other members of their class. "It took me two days to make my shield. I had paint all over me and Tasha had paint and hot glue all over her. I had fun making it but the finished project was so messed up and looked funny," said Flowers.



Hoping to learn more about other cultures, Deana Barnitz looks and other student's posters and samples the food. The International Food Night took place on May 20, with both world geography and foreign language

students participating. Some students made posters for their countries. Students prepared foods from countries around the world. "Not all of the food was good but the teachers required us to try all of the foods," said Barnitz.





On Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, Jonathan Lau looks at student projects and decorations in Ms. Dittrich's Spanish class. Dia de los Muertos is a day of remembrance for those who have recently died in some Hispanic

cultures. Students celebrated the holiday on November 2 by making skulls out of sugar and also a type of bread made in the shape of a skull. "Everyone was looking at all of the projects before class began," said Lau.



Efficiently studying in the hall, Ashley Conner, Emma Murray, and Samantha Spradlin prepare for the Dionsyia competition at Salem. The Dionsyia competition allowed foreign language students from different schools to compete against each other. They were in Ms. Arthur's class and competed at the German One level. The girls studied German cards on April 27 to prepare. "We had a great time studying German in the hall and we studied hard.

Celebrating Other Cultures

by
Todd Houff

Throughout the year, the social studies and language classes at Byrd allowed students to jump out of their somewhat repetitive everyday routines to sample bits and pieces of foreign culture.

The most commonly cited reason for taking a foreign language, is the fact that most colleges required students to have a few years of one under their belts. Often,

however, students would choose a foreign language because of a personal interest in a particular culture or because of a family influence. Take, for example, junior Ben Chopski, who said "My grandparents spoke Germn, and I wanted to know how too."

In May, freshmen were able to sample international cuisine

at a world geography dinner. The food accompanied the displayed projects from all around the world.



Wearing Miss McAden's old clothing, Wendi Foutz helps other students learn clothing names in Spanish. "We had a lot of fun doing this," said Foutz.

"I was in a jewelry store at the mall and another customer only spoke Spanish so I translated prices for him."

Kim St. Clair (11)

Practicing Hands On

by
Todd Houff

Book work and work sheets could get a teacher's point across. Of course, there were instances when experience was the best teacher. For those scenarios, teachers had students put the textbooks away and students utilized their creativity and curiosity in hands on activities. "I think people learn more from doing experiments," said junior Daniel Holdren. "It's easier to learn and remember it when it's right in front of you," Holdren continued.

In the catering and family living classrooms the students mixed, baked and cooled down pleasing delicacies. Students exchanged their desks, pencils, and paper for ovens, spatulas, and cookie sheets to create culinary delights for the whole year.

Meanwhile, in the science wing, many young Einsteins-in-the-making put the scientific method into practice and performed laboratory experiments. Using aprons, gloves, and safety goggles, they observed chemical reactions, viewed microorganisms with microscopes, and even dissected pigs. Needless to say, the students put the newly renovated science wing to good use.

Hands-on activities were not limited to those two classes. Students in psychology classes made mobiles. Art students created

masterpieces. Even the wood tech students put their hands to good use as they built projects in the class. "Hands on activities help teach the lesson much more effectively," said sophomore Cheyna Hartman. "They allow us to get much more involved," continued Hartman.

Opposed to most written assignments, hands on activities could captivate young minds. Those assignments likewise harnessed youthful curiosity and could turn utter confusion into knowledge.

As a part of National Geography Week, Patrick Arbo and Deanna Barnitz participate in a World Geography scavenger hunt. Students had to find the answers to questions on maps scattered around the school. Freshmen received geography quizzes to give to their parents. "This assignment was a break from the other type work we do," said Arbo.



"My favorite thing about art is learning about famous artists and how to improve our art work by using knowledge of art techniques"

Pete Falco (9)



To begin his technical drawing Ben Sweeney lines up his paper. Students learned to draw shapes such as circles and squares in the technical drawing course. "We learn to draw things in a technical way and we draw shapes so that you can get better if you decide to go into architecture. I am taking the class for fun," said Sweeney.

The day before Halloween, Chemistry students Neal Martin, Andy Goodman, Kim Andrews and Jon McCubbin watch blue foam rise out of a cup as part of an experiment. The students then took the foam and tossed it around. "Chemistry class is never boring. It is an array of new facts and challenging new experiments," said Martin.



Eating and laughing, Jennifer Roncaglione enjoys her catering class assignment. The class learned to prepare ham biscuits in September. "Catering is the one class that I look forward to because it is fun," said Roncaglione.



Intently staring at a specimen in a jar, Tony Bailey completes a classification lab for biology class. "I like doing labs in Mr. McCutcheon's class because it is a fun way to learn Biology," said Bailey.

A seventies style shirt is Jennifer Kasey's attire as she reads her historical fiction presentation about the events of 1968 in English class. She immediately changed out of her hippy clothes when she finished. "This was one of my favorite assignments because we could cover whatever we wanted," said Kasey.

In an attempt to create a funny oral presentation, Matt Eddleman and Brian Britt perform a skit about Dante's *Inferno*. "We were supposed to just stand up there and read off a paper but we decided to make it funnier," said Eddleman.



Speaking in Spanish, Nikki Flippo and Stacey Black retell *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* for a Spanish oral. "This project was fun and challenging," said Black.

Amusingly, Erica Thomas performs to "The Stranger" by the Cure. Her book was *The Stranger*. "We took a comic approach to the assignment," said Thomas.



Presenting Our Work

by
Kelly
McCarty

A flock of butterflies gathers in your stomach as your heart begins to pound. All eyes turn to you. The reason? The dreaded oral presentation, nemesis of

students everywhere.

"Presentations are scary sometimes because I am not used to getting up in front of people. I get nervous and I shake and fidget," said sophomore Crystal Morgan. Some students enjoy presentations. "I like presentations because it is more fun to learn from other students," said sophomore Thomas Boyd.

Presentations are an integral part of any foreign language or English class and are used less frequently in history and science. "I did an English presentation for Ms. Prewitt on assisted suicide. I was nervous but then I felt more confident and it got easier," said senior Kim Houghton. Students taking foreign languages completed projects ranging from ordering food in another language to retelling fairy tales and creating skits in their class. Students in Mrs. Laughlin's history classes dressed up to impersonate people from different decades and members of a religious revival.

Once students got over their initial fear of presentations, they found them to be enriching and rewarding experiences.



Knocking the "sin" out of Jason Asbury, Darryl McCallum portrays a preacher during the Second Great Awakening in the 1800s. The presentation took place in Mrs. Laughlin's Dual Credit United States history class. Asbury was portraying a member of McCallum's congregation. McCallum also gave a sermon and everyone laughed, even Mrs. Laughlin. "I was supposed to be a preacher in the 1800s but I looked like

a seventies disco king," said McCallum. Students taking D.C. United States history in the eleventh grade earned college credit from Virginia Western Community College. Students paid a fee of 75 dollars in order to take the class and to receive the credit. Students also had to maintain a "C: average throughout the course so that the credit would transfer to the college they plan to attend. U.S. History was the only junior Dual Credit course.

"Presenting in Spanish class is harder than in English class because it is hard to speak fluently in an unfamiliar language.

Andrea Veloso (12)



"I like Art classes because I cannot write very well and it is a way for me to express my feelings without using words," said Kieran Gonzales of the opportunities that art has provided him. He used the art supplies available to complete his project and then turned in his project. Art students worked in diverse mediums such as colored pencil, ink, and paint to best showcase their talents.



Carefully, Stephanie Parnell and Jamie Spicciati use scalpels and razor blades to remove the skin from their cat as Megan McPeak observes. The dissection of the cat was a required lab for Ms. McKay's Anatomy and

Physiology classes. Students performed the lab in March. They labeled the cat's internal organs and muscles on a worksheet and later took tests on them. "Dissecting the cat was a strange experience," said Parnell.





Leaning over in her chair, Whitney Morris assists Karen Moyer with her homework problems in Mr. Witt's Algebra I class. Students take Algebra I in their freshman or sophomore years before going on to Geometry.

The students worked on the homework until they understood it. Mr. Witt then went over the problems. "Math in Mr. Witt's class is always fun and we understand because he is an awesome teacher," said Morris.



To become more physically fit, physical education students Ashley Hedrick, Tera Coles, and Brian Britt do sit-ups during gym class. The students also ran and stretched to complete their warm-up exercises. Sophomores took gym first semester and freshmen took gym second semester. The physical education classes include one semester of health. "I like this class with the exception of running. I like to play basketball and softball," said Hedrick.

Overcoming Challenges

by
Kelly McCarty

For students, being successful meant overcoming challenges ranging from a fear of public speaking to the smell of the dead cat or fetal pig that they were required to dissect.

Many students reported feeling stressed by all of their duties at school. "It is hard to get all of your work done when you have seven classes and they all give you homework on the same night," said junior Mike Bass.. However, other students disagreed with him. "This has been my easiest year yet. I get along with all of my teachers and I am doing really well," said Katie Vance.

Art and English classes challenged students to use their creativity while math and science courses allowed them to use their critical thinking and technology.

"Geography is my most difficult class because we have to memorize all the countries and capitals," said Hannah Terrell.

Through it all including projects, dissections, and even the dreaded senioritus, students managed to survive.



In the Life Skills Kitchen, O.J. Thomas takes a break from the heat of the oven to drink Sprite after cooking ham rolls in October. After baking, O.J. helped to garnish trays with parsley as part of his nine weeks' grade.

"Algebra is my hardest class because you have to memorize all the different formulas but now I have a pretty good grade."
Nathan Wade (9)



Preparing for the future

As if high school itself is not stressful enough, students also needed to plan for their futures after graduation. Many students choose to take Advanced Placement or Dual Credit classes, which allowed them to earn college credit while still in high school. "Even if you do not perform well in an AP class you receive a reasonable impression of the college experience from taking those advanced courses," said senior Glenn Rife. Ana Castro, a senior, said that Dual Credit English has taught her time management. Atu Haywood decided to attend Raftord University. Other students chose to attend Arnold R. Burton Technology School to prepare themselves for a career in areas such as auto mechanics or hair styling. "Burton is helping me because it will open up more doors to technical schools. I could get a job or an apprenticeship," said junior Justin Brown. Other ways to prepare for the future included using the Career Center and taking the SATs in October and May.

"I plan to go to college so that I can get a good job."

Sabrina Billings
(10)



As a part of AP English, Hillary Ellis, Jackie Orsinger, and Jamie Spicciati interpret "The Prioress's Tale" from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. The other students laughed as they watched the puppet show. "Dressing up was the best part of presenting things in AP English. They could not believe that I dressed up like a nun," said Ellis. Several AP English students took the test on May 10.

Carefully reading a pamphlet, LeeAnn Reich gathers more information on colleges. The annual College Night took place at the Salem Civic Center as a way of helping juniors and seniors narrow down their college search. Reich spoke to different representatives about perspective colleges. "I enjoyed talking to the different representatives because they were well informed," said Reich.

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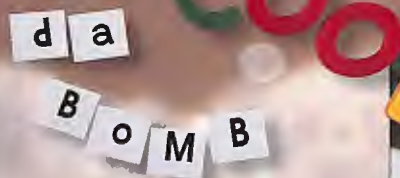
➔ In 1853, chef George Crum creates potato chips in New York after a customer keeps requesting thinner french-fried potatoes. The U.S., with over 700 varieties on the market, consumes the most potato chips worldwide.



➔ Slang of the 1800s includes coot, crazy as a loon, critter, bub and sis, bully for you, and bummer. Popular phrases today are da bomb, cool and phat.

1466

➔ Germans first bake birthday cakes to celebrate children's birthdays in 1200. The candles burn throughout the day to symbolize life. The tradition of birthday cakes continues with popular characters as part of the cake decoration.



1508



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➔ Before sweat glands are clearly understood in the 19th century, perfume is used to mask the odor of sweat. Introduced in 1888, Mum® is the first product to ward off underarm moisture and odor. In 1997, Americans spend \$1.48 billion on deodorant.

1683



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➔ The average American's favorite meal in 1954 is a fruit cup, vegetable soup, steak and potatoes, peas, rolls and butter, and pie à la mode. Teens today rank pizza, french fries, pasta, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and chicken nuggets as their top five favorite foods.

1841



➔ In 1892, the Manfield Shoe Company in England first produces quality shoes in standard sizes and large quantities. Sneakers are introduced in the 19th century and cost a few dollars. Name-brand shoes today can cost hundreds of dollars.

1909



FPG International

➔ Swing dancing, popular in the 1930s, makes a comeback in 1998.

➔ Nine percent of households own a TV in 1950. That number rises to 98 percent by 1995. On average, 98 percent of today's teens watch TV for 11.4 hours a week.

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Lifestyle



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➤ In 1120, the first restaurant or "cook shop" opens in Kaifeng, the capital of the Northern Song dynasty. Today, McDonald's has more than 23,500 restaurants in 113 countries. Americans spend 46 percent of their food dollars away from home in 1996 compared to 25 percent in 1955.



➤ In 1850, Levi Strauss invents blue jeans in San Francisco. Originally made with canvas, denim replaces the material in the early 1860s. The average American now owns 7.03 pairs of jeans.



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➤ In 1570, Queen Elizabeth I receives a gift of gold toothpicks, which are used to clean teeth. Toothbrushes do the job today with hundreds of options of sizes, colors, shapes and bristles.

➤ Conquistadors return to Spain in 1527 after finding the natives of New Spain eating algae, agave worms, winged ants, tadpoles, water flies, white worms, and insect larvae. Today, kids enjoy candy in the shape of critters.



➤ Guglielmo Marconi invents the radio in 1895 using a crude transmitter. Music makes history on TV when the Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1964. Music continues to make history on TV when MTV kicks off in 1981. Today, 68 percent of teens watch MTV 5.4 hours a week.



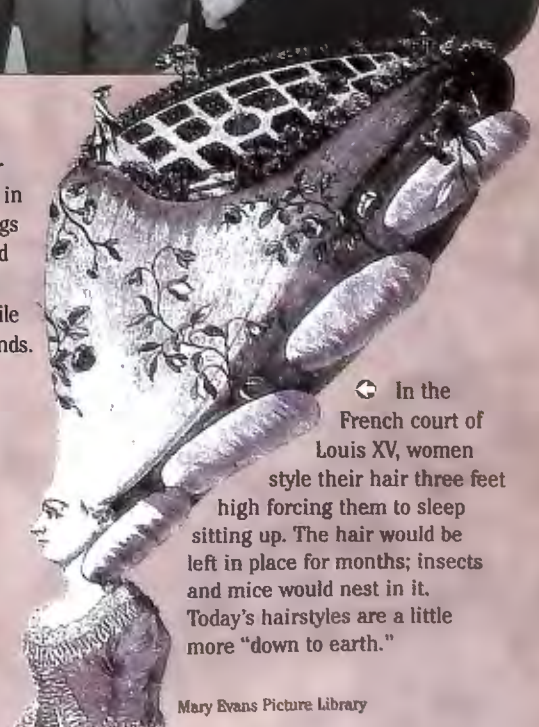
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➤ The commode becomes a popular addition to homes in 1700. Recent findings reveal women spend 80 seconds using a public restroom while men spend 45 seconds.



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➤ According to legend, on May 8, 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Perberson produced the syrup for Coca-Cola in a three-legged brass pot in his backyard. Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1899 and is today's best-selling soft drink. Americans drink 127 million 8-ounce servings every day.



➤ In the French court of Louis XV, women style their hair three feet high forcing them to sleep sitting up. The hair would be left in place for months; insects and mice would nest in it. Today's hairstyles are a little more "down to earth."

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Society

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◀ In the 1000s, engagements are arranged at age seven and marriage follows at age 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Today, the average age at marriage for women is 24.5 and 26.9 for men.

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▶ In 1374, the entire population of a European city goes into a pathological frenzy, dancing in the streets until too exhausted or injured to continue. Slam dancing and mosh pits are common manias at today's concerts.

1460



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▶ Average life expectancy in the 1000s is 30. In 1997, it rises to 79 for females and 73 for males.

1567



1685

◀ In 1910, fewer than 50 percent of people complete grade school. In 1996, 81.7 percent of people complete high school.



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1923

2000

▶ In the 1700s, both sexes wear powdered wigs, rouge and red lipstick. They also etch their whitened faces in blue to bring out the veins. Worldwide annual sales of cosmetics today exceed \$80 billion.



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◀ The world population in 1600 totals 545 million compared to over 5.9 billion in 1998. The U.S. population in 1790 totals 3.9 million compared to over 270 million in 1998.



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▶ Parrots, canaries, monkeys and fluffy dogs are the preferred pets of the 1500s. Exotic pets of today include iguanas and tarantulas.

◀ In the 1800s, chaperones accompany girls on their dates. In later years, ice cream parlors become popular date hangouts. Today's hot spots are shopping malls.



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James Naismith invents basketball in 1891 using a soccer ball and two peach baskets. Basketball is now America's most popular sport.

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In 1920, the New York Yankees pay George "Babe" Ruth \$125,000. In 1997, 21-year-old Kevin Garnett signs a seven-year contract worth \$126 million with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Atari introduces Pong®, the first commercial video game, in 1972. Today's home video game systems include Sony PlayStation®, Sega Saturn® and Nintendo 64®. About 63 percent of teens play video games an average of 3.9 hours a week.



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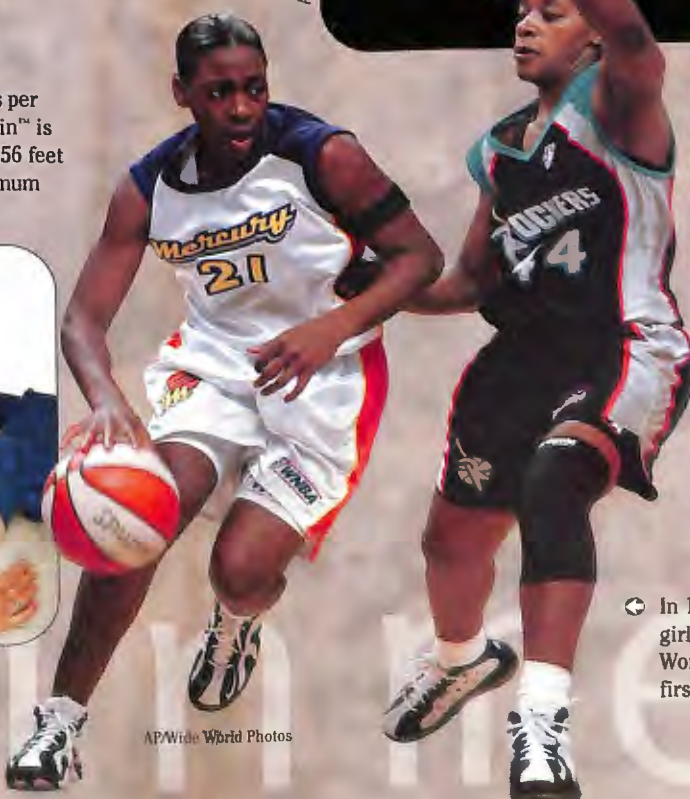
In 1903, *The Passion Play* at 30 minutes is the longest movie produced at this time, with average films running three or four minutes. The 1997 movie *Titanic* runs about three-and-a-half hours.

Joseph Merlin develops the first practical pair of roller skates in 1759. Scott Olson invents the modern version of in-line skates in 1979. Today, 41 percent of teens own in-line skates.



The first roller coaster, built in 1892 at Cedar Point® in Sandusky, Ohio, stands 25 feet high and travels 10 miles per hour. The Riddler's Revenge™ at Six Flags Magic Mountain™ is the tallest and fastest stand-up roller coaster, standing 156 feet and hitting a top speed of 65 miles per hour with a maximum of 4.2 gravity forces.

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In 1978, a federal judge rules that high school girls may participate on teams with boys. Women take further strides in sports with the first WNBA game on June 21, 1997.



Court jesters first appear in 1202. Modern jesters come in the form of comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld whose TV show, *Seinfeld*, ends its nine-year run in 1998.

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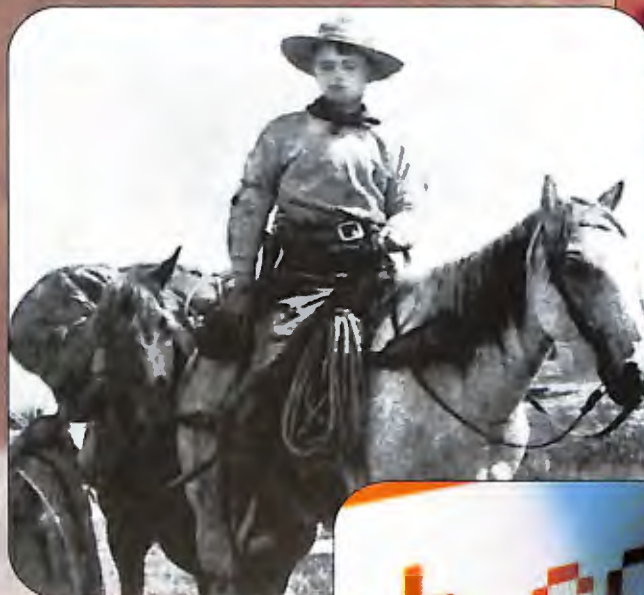
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↩ Recycling is a priority today, but around 1200 to 1400, people would hurl garbage and slop out their windows into alleys that swarmed with rats, flies and pigs.



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↘ When a royal Japanese family stains their teeth black in 1233, it quickly becomes a sign of beauty. White teeth are a sign of beauty today, with Americans spending \$100 million a year on over-the-counter tooth-whitening products.



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↘ The Pony Express travels between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. The 2000-mile distance takes 10 days. Today, e-mail is almost instantaneous.

1418

↘ Oriental spices are used to disguise the bad taste of spoiled meat in 1499. Meat sold in the U.S. today must pass USDA standards.



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↘ Spectacles are invented in 1286 in Italy. The first practical contact lenses are developed in 1877 followed by plastic lenses in 1954. Laser surgery can now correct certain eyesight problems.



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1573

↘ The Black Death sweeps Western Europe from 1347-51 and kills over 25 million people (one in four). Today, 22.6 million people live with AIDS, which is identified in 1981.

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1832

↘ Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick Macmillan creates the first bicycle, then called a velocipede, in 1839. Bicycling is a competitive sport around the world today with some bikes costing several thousand dollars.



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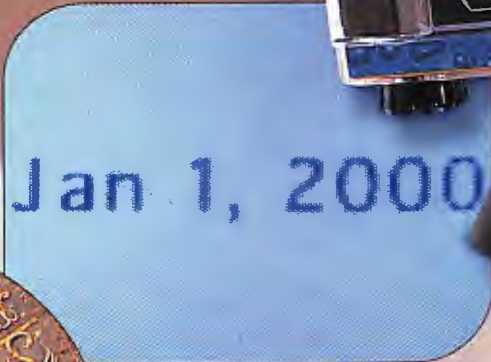
↘ In 1783, it takes Thomas Jefferson five days to travel 90 miles using public transportation. Today, the Concorde airplane travels at 1,336 miles per hour and crosses the Atlantic Ocean in under three hours.

2000



Not until the year 1000 did Indian mathematician Sridhara recognize the importance of zero. Since we began counting the years with one, rather than zero, the new millennium officially starts in 2001, not 2000. Excitement is building for New Year's Eve 1999, but so is the fear that computers may recognize the year 2000 as 1900.

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German Karl Benz invents the automobile in 1885, and Henry Ford begins mass production of the Model T in 1908 with over 15 million sold in the U.S. by 1930. Over 8 million cars are sold in the U.S. in 1996.



George Eastman invents the hand-held camera in 1888. Kodak introduces the Brownie box camera in 1900 and disposable all-weather and panoramic cameras in 1989. In 1998, Kodak and Intel introduce an all-in-one, auto-loading CD-ROM that stores, enhances, shares and prints photos on a personal computer.



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Christopher Columbus lands in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. Neil Armstrong walks on the moon on July 20, 1969. In 1998, NASA begins construction of the International Space Station, the most complex technological project in human history.

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Doctors in the 1000s use an astrological chart to determine a patient's treatment. Medicine is ingested only when the moon is in a favorable position. Many people today carry on the astrological tradition through horoscopes.

Yellowstone National Park, the first park in the National Park System, is established on March 1, 1872, and covers 2.2 million acres. The National Park System now covers 83 million acres.



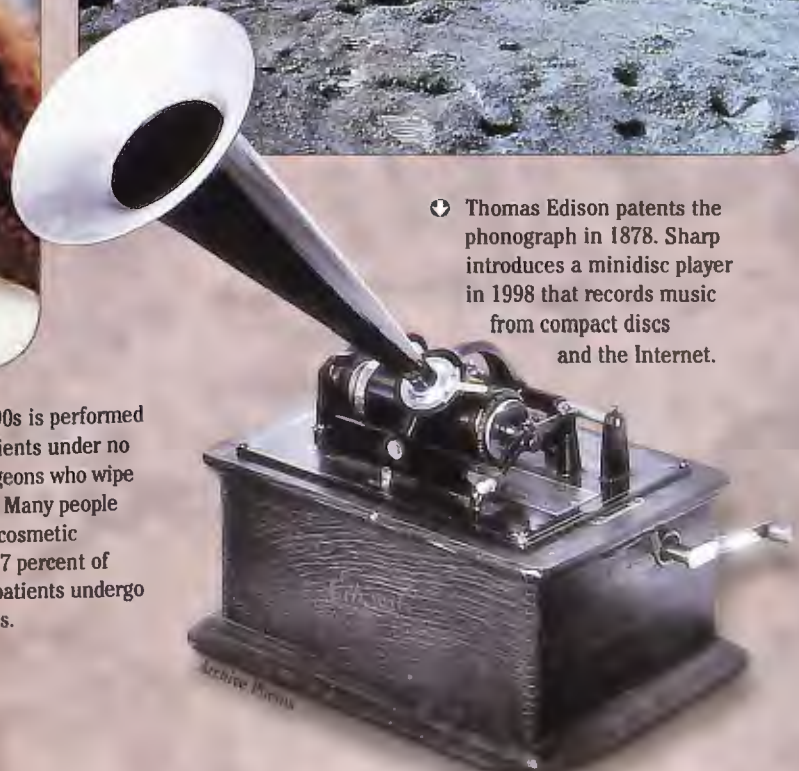
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Surgery in the 1800s is performed on blindfolded patients under no anesthesia by surgeons who wipe instruments clean. Many people now elect to have cosmetic surgery. In 1997, 37 percent of cosmetic surgery patients undergo multiple procedures.



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Thomas Edison patents the phonograph in 1878. Sharp introduces a minidisc player in 1998 that records music from compact discs and the Internet.



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Issued in 1950, The Diner's Club is the first general purpose credit card. By 1996, there are over 119 million credit card holders and about 1,390,000 ATM terminals in the U.S.

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The Factory Act of 1833 states children under age nine may not work in the textile industry, ages 9-13 may work nine hours per day, and ages 13-18 may work 12 hours per day. Today's 10th to 12th grader works an average of 19 hours a week.

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The earliest African slave arrives in the U.S. in 1501 followed by 10-15 million Africans in the largest forced migration in history. People from around the world now come willingly, with almost one million immigrants entering the U.S. in 1996 alone.

1500

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Julius Caesar creates a calendar with April 1 as the first day of the year. In 1582, a new calendar is devised with January 1 as New Year's Day. Those who continue to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1 are considered fools, hence April Fool's Day.

Colour Australia



1697

In 1675, Massachusetts law prohibits men from wearing long hair. Russia taxes men with beards in 1698. Hairstyle is a personal choice today.

1753

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Women first gain the right to vote in New Zealand in 1893, with American women gaining the right in 1920. The voting-age population of the U.S. today is over 193 million.

1899

2000



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A 1721 Connecticut law states people may not leave home on Sunday except for church or an emergency. Many stores are now open 24 hours, 7 days a week.



In the 1400s, books are symbols of prestige and are considered treasures due to small print runs. People trade vineyards and herds of cattle for one book. Today, the average teenager spends four hours a week reading for fun.

With an expression of embarrassment on her face, Jennifer Saunders is scolded by Mrs. Calhoun for speaking without standing up. "I do not think that I have ever been so humiliated in my life but I did get extra credit for it," said Saunders.

Learning from the Past

On May 19, students learned about technology by having to survive without it. School officials simulated the 1900s by turning off the school's lights, water fountains, and snack machines. Many teachers did special projects in class related to Integration Day. Students in Mr. Thrasher's government classes brought in examples of outdated technology and discussed laws related to technology. Mrs. Simpkin's earth science class used weather proverbs to predict the weather. Some teachers even used old-fashioned punishments such as standing in the corner. Members of the SCA ringing cow bells replaced the school's usual bells. The majority of students enjoyed Integration Day. "I thought it was interesting to feel how it was back then," said freshman Josh Williams. Students had to write with pencils and they were not allowed to use calculators or computers. "During geometry class, Mrs. Layman passed around a turn of the century Geometry textbook and the whole thing was theories. I am glad we have pictures in our book," said sophomore Karla Brown. "It was an eye opener to see how dependant we are on technology now," said Adam Phlegar. Integration Day showed students what life would be like without technology.



Flannel shirts and denim overalls are the attire of Paul Self and Scott Wise for Integration Day. Many teachers gave students extra credit for wearing old-fashioned clothing like overalls and long dresses. Self and Wise were looking at a washboard from the 1800s. "I liked wearing overalls. They were different but comfortable. It would have been better if it had not been a hot day," said Wise.

"It was interesting learning how schools were in the 1900s but I could not hear the bells."

Lisa Fowler (12)



To learn about life without technology, Justin McLaughlin and Jonathan Lau help Mrs. Dittrich make tortillas over a fire. The class made the tortillas in the parking lot behind the cafeteria and then ate them. They laughed and had an enjoyable time during Spanish class. "Cooking outside over an open flame was very different from our conventional ways," said McLaughlin.

At the Region III Tournament, sophomore Matt Ashby hits his three-iron off the tee. Ashby and fellow teammate senior Robbie Craft were tied after 18 holes, both shooting a two under par 69. Ashby won the region title in a sudden death playoff on the second hole with a par score of three.



Guarding the ball, junior Curt Hethrington looks for the shot or the open player. The team was more successful than practically anyone thought. The team finished second at the Blue Ridge District tournament and almost advanced to the state tournament. They finished third at the Region III tournament, one game from advancing.



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Change of Pace

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ith two third place finishes in state competition, the girls' basketball and golf teams got the sports year off to a fast start. The football team barely missed the playoffs and the cheerleaders advanced to state competition.

At the home game against Lord Botetourt, senior Matt McGuire gives his mom a hug. The game was paused while the team, fans, and McGuire's parents celebrated their son's 100th career hit. He is the first William Byrd baseball player ever to have 100 hits in a career. The team won the Blue Ridge District title for the eighth straight year.

The winter season was also successful as the wrestling and volleyball teams both took third place finishes at state tournaments as well. The boys' basketball team nearly made it to the state playoffs, coming up short in their regional semifinal.

Spring sports also accomplished many goals as boys' soccer, girls' soccer, softball, and baseball all participated in their individual regional championships. The baseball and girls' soccer teams won district titles and the boys' soccer team was one win away from state competition.

The athletic department won the *Roanoke Valley Sports Journal's* Pepsi Sports Cup Challenge, given to the best athletic department in the Roanoke Valley.

Aaron Aylor

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Breaking away from the Northside defenders, junior O.J. Thomason runs behind the blocking of junior Craig Janney. "Football is a game of a team's mental and physical strengths," said Thomason, a halfback. "There is no 'I' in 'team'," said Thomason. The "Terriers" ran the same play later in the game and Thomason scored a touchdown. The team won the October home game against the "Vikings" by a score of 21 to 14.

Overall 7-3

Staunton River	42-0
Glenvar	35-7
Bassett	56-20
Lord Botetourt	21-28
Northside	21-14
Salem	0-26
Alleghany	35-14
Christiansburg	39-42
Rockbridge	46-21
Blacksburg	42-20

F O O T B A L L





Defeating Staunton River 42-0 in the home opener, proved to be a fast start for the "Terriers." The next week the team defeated Glenvar at an away match with a score of 35-7. The following victory came over Basset 56-20. Junior tailback O.J. Thomason rushed for 285 yards on 26 carries and scored four touchdowns.

The "Terrier" men lost the Homecoming game to Lord Botetourt with a score of 21-28. The team defeated Northside at home

the next week with a score of 21-14. The team now had an overall score of 4-1. "Beating Northside always makes me feel good because they are such big rivals," said senior Daniel Bass.

The following game was a home loss to rival Salem 0-26, but the team rebounded to defeat Alleghany 35-14 at Alleghany. The next week was a 39-42 loss to Christiansburg at home. After winning their last two games, the team barely missed the playoffs.

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Aaron Aylor

Rush on full speed ahead



To cause a loss of yardage, seniors Steve Smith and Ben Sweeney sack the Glenvar quarterback. "I saw the guy with the ball and I went after him," said Sweeney. "I thought we came together as a team to win the game." The "Terriers" were victorious at the away game against the Glenvar "Highlanders" with a score of 35 to 7.



Front Row: Marcus English, Zak Obenchain, David Fuqua, Craig Janney, Brett Hamlett, Nick Graham, Mike Benson. **Second Row:** Nathan Rivers, Brad Lafon, O.J. Thomason, Chris Trent, Kenis Maciel, Richie Taylor, Ryan Connor, T.J. Rigsby. **Third Row:** Bo Royal, Ben Jones, Steve Smith, Daniel Bass, Matt Barnes, Ben Sweeney, Scott Bailey. **Back Row:** Cory Bush, Stephon Henderson, Greg Stephenson, Dwayne James, Mike Patton, Matt Arbo, Pat Arbo, Michael Bass.

**"The team played with intensity every single game. There was no game where we thought we could not win."
Ryan Conner**

At a home game in September, Chris Trent cutts by the Staunton River defender. "I caught the ball and I took off running

down the sideline and scored," said the junior. "It was a great pass by Bo Royal and a nice block by the lineman." The "Terri-

ers" defeated Staunton River in the season opener with a score of 42-0.

Team goes to state semi-s

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Aaron Aylor

**"I was happy with
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good, but we
proved them
wrong."**

Kara Norcross

The defending state champions began their season in the same way they ended the last one. The players defeated Turner Ashby 49-46 to win the annual Tip-Off Tournament. The "Lady Terriers" were a force to be reckoned with as they improved to 9-0 overall and 2-0 in the district with a win over Lord Botetourt in Botetourt. "Our early success really gave us confidence," said junior J.J. McKinney.

The always big

matchup against Salem was just a speedbump as the "Terriers" defeated the "Spartans" 36-32 at home. Senior Stephanie Parnell scored 20 points as the team became the #1 ranked team in the state.

Unfortunately the team's first loss came from an away game against Salem, but it did not stop them as the team went on to claim the district and regional titles. In the state tournament the "Lady Terriers" lost to Turner Ashby in the semifinals.

Front Row: J.J. McKinney, Courtney Ross, Dawn Chewning, Andrea Gay, Whitney Yates, Sara Cunningham. **Back Row:** Ashley Short, Erin Caldwell, Stephanie Parnell, Nicole Bailey, Kara Norcross.





After stealing the ball, junior Andrea Gay drives for a lay-up. "No one thought that we were going to be any good," said Gay. "But with hard work we showed everyone that we were not a one man

team," said Gay. The "Lady Terriers" defeated the opponents from Louisa County at the August home game with a score of 56-49. The team won the annual home Tip-Off Tournament.

		Louisa County	56-49	Salem	52-54
		Martinsville	59-50	Blacksburg	56-51
		Turner Ashby	49-46	District	
B A S K E T B A L L		Staunton River	61-33	1st	
		Staunton River	61-25	Christiansburg	75-25
		Jefferson Forest	61-25	Alleghany	60-35
		Jefferson Forest	53-43	Northside	39-29
		Christiansburg	72-28	Region	
		Lord Botetourt	59-43	1st	
		Alleghany	47-39	Appomatax County	70-33
		Northside	38-34	Northside	48-29
		Rockbridge	62-29	State	
		Salem	36-32	3rd	
		Blacksburg	56-47	Grundy	54-48
		Christiansburg	62-23	Turner Ashby	34-58
		Lord Botetourt	47-19		
		Alleghany	52-40		
		Northside	47-42		
		Rockbridge	62-23		



Running their "high-low" offense, senior Erin Caldwell looks to dump the ball into the post. "We had fun playing this game," said Caldwell. "The team was just beginning our journey to state and we were coming together," continued Caldwell. Although Caldwell injured her knee during the season, she came back to take All-District Honorable Mention. The "Lady Terriers" defeated Staunton River at the September home game by a score of 61-25.



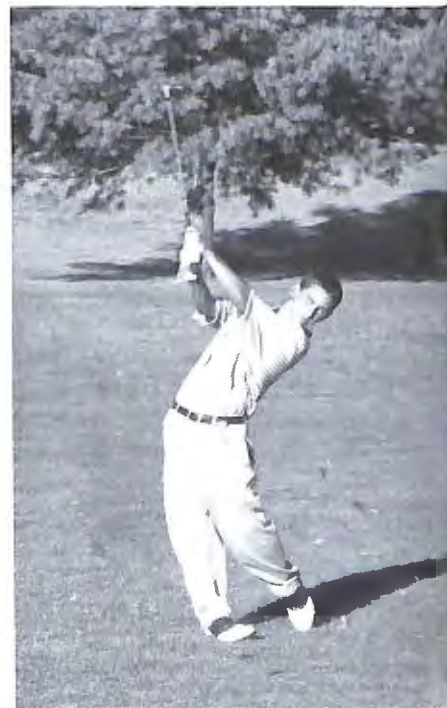
With a break-away bucket, Dawn Chewning adds two points to the team's 59-43 away victory over rival Lord Botetourt in September. "Being defending state champs is a big role to obtain," said Chewning, the junior point guard. "Everyone is cheering for you," continued Chewning.



Hitting a pitch shot at the State Tournament in Martinsville, senior Robbie Craft watches as the ball sticks close to the hole. "State was memorable because it was my last high school tournament," said Craft. "I love golf and I will miss playing for Coach Chocklette because he is a great coach," continued the senior. The team finished third out of eight teams with a two day total of 642 points.

Roanoke Valley Tournament	313 (2)	DISTRICT
Blacksburg	201 (1)	
Heritage Invitational	314 (5)	296 (1)
Metro Tournament	618 (4)	REGION
Lord Botetourt	312 (2)	
Christiansburg	311 (1)	284 (1)
Alleghany	299 (1)	STATE
Brookville	292 (1)	
Northside	245 (1)	
Salem	236 (1)	642 (3)

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The "Terriers" opened the season with the Roanoke Valley Tournament. The "Terriers" finished in second place with scores from senior Robbie Craft, juniors Scott Wise and Chris Koon, and sophomore Matt Ashby. The team then beat the Blacksburg "Indians" and finished in fourth at the Metro Tournament with a team score of 618 strokes.

The "Terriers" fell to Lord Botetourt at an away match at Botetourt Country Club, but finished

the rest of the regular season strong. To advance to district play, the team defeated the last five opponents.

The team placed first in both the District and the Region Tournament at Blue Hills. "Those were big wins for the team because they proved we could all play well," said junior Chris Koon.

At the State Tournament, which took place at the Forest Oaks Country Club in Martinsville, the "Terriers" finished third with a two-day total of 642 strokes.

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Aaron Aylor

Clutch Play Sends Team to State



Coming off a birdie on the par four 16th hole, Brandon Welch takes aim at the 17th hole's pin. "I was very pleased with my play this year on the school team," said the junior team member. Welch continued, "I played very well towards the middle and the end of the year. I was striking the ball with confidence." The team finished in first place at the October Region III Tournament held at the Blue Hills Golf Club with a par score of 284 strokes.



Front Row: Mike Cox, John McCubbin, Matt Ashby. **Second Row:** Scott Wise, Daniel Buckley, Jason Childress, Tommy Austin, Brandon Welch. **Back Row:** Chris Koon, Jory Stanley, Aaron Aylor, Adam Beck, Robbie Craft, Josh Mullen.

"It was disappointing that we did not win State this year but we had a very successful season and we accomplished a lot."

MATT ASHBY

The sun shines on as junior Scott Wise hits an approach shot to the green. "I think we had a pretty good year overall," said Wise. "Everyone had

their ups and downs," continued the junior. With a birdie on the hole, Wise contributed to the 236-point win over the "Spartans" at Blue Hills.



Sarah Trout tries to edge out other runners and sprints towards the finish. "This was probably the hardest year yet," said the senior. "We all worked hard together throughout the whole season, and we even had those fun days. I have all these great memories and will never forget this family," continued Trout. Trout was the only "Lady Terrier" representative at the Warrenton Invitational and went on to place 40th at the state meet.

**District:
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**Region III
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Radford	B(10) G(8)
Invitational	
William	B(6) G(3)
Campbell	
Invitational	
Staunton	B(7) G(3)
River	
Invitational	
Warrenton	B(10) G(NS)
Invitational	
Christiansburg	B(8) G(4)
Invitational	
Rockbridge	B(2) G(2)
Salem	B(1) G(1)

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The season began with the cancellation of the Blue Ridge Invitational. The larger Radford Invitational was scheduled for the same day. Participating in the Radford Meet, the "Terrier" boys finished tenth and the girls finished eighth. "We had a good showing for an early season race," said senior Krisha Jay. In the next two races, the "Lady Terriers" had third place finishes. The boys finished sixth and seventh. After the Warrenton Invitational and the

Christiansburg Invitational, it was time for the dual meets. Both teams lost to Rockbridge County, but came back to defeat the rival Salem "Spartans."

The girls placed third at the district tournament and advanced to regionals, while the boys barely missed regionals in fourth. "We came so close," said junior Matt Offenbaker. The girls finished sixth at the Region III Meet.

Overall, the two teams met goals set when they started practice in August.

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Aaron Aylor

Hard Work Pays Big Dividends



Front Row: Kim Whitlow, Shelby Dillard, Amanda Walton, Sarah Trout, Krisha Jay, Emily Obrien, Jessica Barrata, Mariah Green. **Second Row:** Shannon Jones, Melisa Trout, LeeAnn Reich, Shannon McWhorter, Allison Perry, Hannah Terrell. **Third Row:** Kellen Williams, John Leacock, Derek Lawrence, John McPherson, Matt Offenbaker, Mike Cronise, Ian Terrell, Matt Eddleman, Elliot Thaxton. **Back Row:** Jeremy Bradley Clinton Proctor,

Glenn Rife, Jamie Spicciati, Chad Morris, Joe Leonard, Ben Dillard, Matt Jones, Stephen Sboray.



Pacing himself in the 3.1 mile race, senior Glenn Rife completes the first mile. "Cross Country can take a lot out of a person," commented Rife. "But in

the long run, the actual gain is tremendous," continued Rife. The "Terrier" men finished sixth at the William Campbell Invitational in October.

Making his way down the hill, senior Jaime Spicciati passes another competitor. "This year has been really fun," said Spicciati. "We had so many fun events that I think it pulled the team together which enabled us to do fairly well in most all of our meets," continued Spicciati. The fans enthusiastically cheered Spicciati on as he finished 16th out of 100 participants at an invitational meet in September at Warrenton. The men finished 10th at the meet.

**"I was impressed at what our team achieved this year. All of us worked really hard and accomplished the goals we set for ourselves."
Mariah Green**

Following a missed shot, junior Curt Hethrington controls the rebound. "We had a very experienced team this year and everyone wanted to win," said Hethrington. "That is why we made it further

than anyone expected." After gathering the board, Hethrington threw the ball to a guard and sprinted down the floor in Salem. The team won the February game against Alleghany 69-53.

B A S K E T B A L L	Glenvar	61-49	Northside	63-52
	Cave Spring	48-59	Rockbridge	70-64
	Blacksburg	59-56	Salem	58-70
	Christiansburg	65-57		
	Staunton River	60-26	District	
	Franklin County	64-70	2nd	
	Patrick Henry	46-59	Northside	69-59
	Alleghany	74-79	Alleghany	69-53
	Glenvar	53-51	Salem	59-67
	Rockbridge	69-65		
	Northside	60-71	Region	
	Salem	62-69	3rd	
	Blacksburg	68-57	Heritage	55-45
	Lord Botetourt	74-66	Gretna	46-50
	Christiansburg	57-38		
	Lord Botetourt	68-56	Overall	
	Alleghany	52-54	15-11	
	Cave Spring	43-63		



Front Row: Ryan Hurd, Richie Meador, Matt McGuire, Aaron Murray, Wayne Hawley, Josh Wheeler. **Second Row:** C.J. Carter, Andy Goodman, Chad Meyers, Kellen Williams, Chris Saunders. **Back Row:** Michael Kendrick, Brent Luster, Curt Hethrington.

Jumping towards the Alleghany player, Ryan Hurd attempts to block the shot. "This game was an important game because Alleghany was one of the better teams in the district," said the senior. The "Terriers" lost the February home game to the "Mountaineers" in double overtime by a score of 52-54.





"We had a good team with strong senior leadership. We helped our teammates both on and off the court whenever we could."

Richie Meador

After a season opening win against Glenvar and a loss to Cave Spring, the team defeated sound Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Staunton River teams. Three close losses followed and the team was in the middle of the pack in the Blue Ridge District. "The double overtime loss to Alleghany was heartbreaking," said junior Andy Goodman. "We decided to give it all we had."

The team defeated a strong Lord

Botetourt team at Botetourt and went to 10-6. The "Terriers" finished the regular season with an away loss to Salem.

The district tournament began with a win over Northside 69-59. The next victim would be Alleghany as senior Ryan Hurd poured in 34 points. Salem would get the best of the team in the finals but the "Terriers" advanced to regionals. The men defeated Heritage, but lost to Gretna one step from state.

Hoopsters climb the playoff ladder but have their hearts broken one rung from state tournament

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Aaron Aylor

Defying gravity and critics



To the basket Chad Meyers runs and puts up the running one hander. "We had a great year," said the junior. "We made it to the regional semifinals and was five points from going to the state for the first time in 70 years." The March game took place at the Salem Civic Center and the "Terriers" lost the game to Gretna by a score of 46-50.

Front Row: Holly Holland, Kim Andrews, Ashley Hartman, Cameron Adams, Samantha Spradlin. Second Row: Darcy Belcher, Erin Caldwell, Andrea Gay. Back Row: Lindsey Adkins, Mandy Pietrzyk, Elizabeth Callahan, Sarah Cunningham, Whitney Yates.



"This team stuck together through the whole season and we had a great time too. We worked extremely hard and it showed at the end."

Erin Caldwell



Bump, set, spike, victory

Great play in the middle of the season sets the stage for a strong conclusion . . .

Aaron Aylor

A fast start paced the "Lady Terriers" as they were victorious seven of their first nine matches. Two losses out of the next three allowed for the team to take a serious look at their play and prepare for the tough competition ahead.

A streak of eight consecutive victories came next with seven of them coming against district foes. "We were on a hot streak at the end and playing well,"

said Ashley Hartman. The regular season ended with a 16-4 record.

The district tournament was a successful one for the team as they won the final against Northside, 15-12 and 15-8.

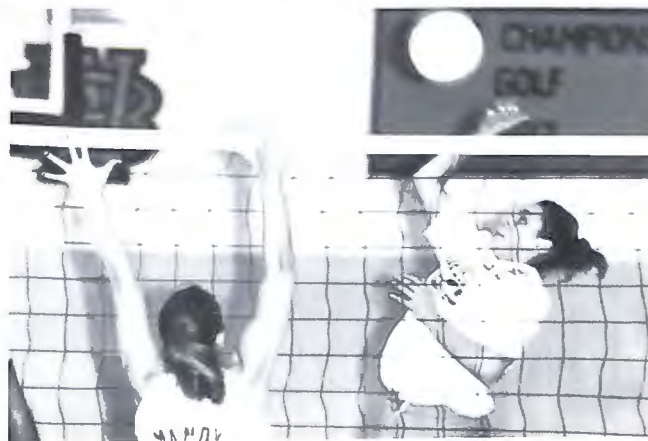
The team again took home first place honors at regionals defeating Brookville in the championship match. At the state tournament they lost their second game to Bassett and finished in third.



Diving after the volleyball, junior Holly Holland digs up the attempted kill. "We had a great season and our team played to our potential," said Holland. The team won the state quarter final home game against Tunstall 15-9 and 15-12.



In a tough match in February, Darcy Belcher sets the ball to Andrea Gay for the spike. "We played a very good game," said the junior. "Salem was one of our greatest competitors and they put up a good fight." Belcher received the pass from Erin Caldwell and achieved the attempted spike. The "Lady Terriers" lost the away game in February in a three set thriller 15-10, 13-15, 9-15.



As she prepares for the kill, junior Andrea Gay jumps off the floor and eyes the volleyball. "The hard work and Saturday practices paid off in the end, as we had a very good season," said Gay. The fans responded to the spike against Tunstall by jumping up and down and cheering. The team won the home game by a score of 15-9 and 15-12.

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Christiansburg	15-17,15-2,15-1	Salem	15-10,13-15,9-15
Lord Botetourt	15-5,15-8		
Blacksburg	15-12,12-15,4-15	District	
Northside	13-15,15-0,15-8	1st	
Rockbridge	15-9,15-3		15-8,15-5
Salem	15-11,3-15,15-10	Rockbridge	15-7,12-15,15-6
Liberty	7-15,15-8,15-13	Blacksburg	15-12,15-5
Glenvar	15-10,10-15,15-17	Northside	
Eastern Menonite	5-15,6-15		
Glenvar	15-4,15-8	Region	
Jefferson Forest	15-7,11-15,1-15	1st	
Alleghany	15-10,15-9		15-9,15-2
Rustburg	15-12,15-5	Altavista	16-18,15-13,15-3
Blacksburg	15-6,15-8	Brookville	
Lord Botetourt	15-2,15-5		
Alleghany	15-3,15-4	State	
Christiansburg	12-15,15-2,15-5	3rd	
Northside	15-11,15-10		15-9,15-12
Rockbridge	15-9,15-4	Tunstall	15-8,12-15,8-15
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Dreams can come true

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Aaron Aylor

Before the season began their season there was much anticipation over the team's eventual outcome.

The matmen's season was off to a strong start as the team won their first eight out of nine dual matches and a very competitive tournament in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. "Our quick start helped keep our confidence up," said Ben Obaugh.

Some close losses slowed the grapplers momentum, but a second place finish in the annual Big Orange helped pick them up.

As the season came to a close, several grapplers started to push hard towards districts. At the district tournament the team took home second place honors.

The regional tournament ended in another second place finish and several wrestlers advanced to state.

At the state tournament at the Salem Civic Center, the "Terriers" managed to stay strong. The team finished third and had two individual state champions, senior Chris Madonia and senior Kenis Maciel.

After wrestling with the opponent on his feet, senior Ben Sweeny pauses briefly to plan his next move. "The guy just shot in on me and the crowd was just sitting there, watching to see what I would do next," said Sweeny. Sweeny was successful in his next move. "I wrestled smart and I got the takedown," continued Sweeny. The team finished second at the Capital Classic and Sweeney went on to finish fifth in the state in the 225 pound weight class.



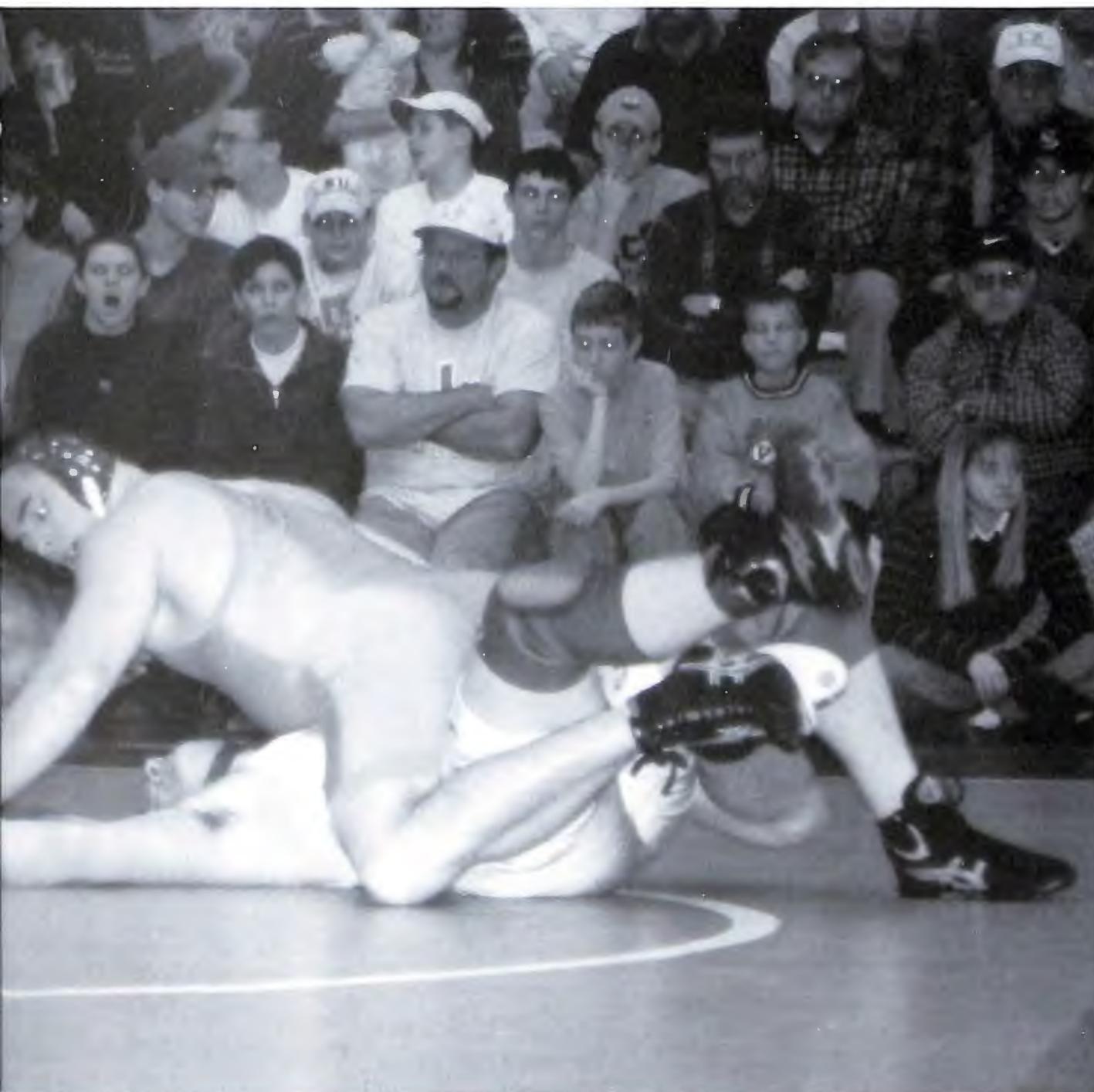
**"This was a special season for me because it was my senior year. I set my goal to be a state champion and I achieved it."
Kenis Maciel**



At the Brookville Capital Classic in January, senior Kenis Maciel works for a "Knee Tap." Maciel eventually went on to pin his opponent and the team took home second place honors.



Front Row: Michael Mann, Shawn Visor, Tommy Aldrich, Josh Williams, Brad Sweeny. **Second Row:** Chris Madonia, Bryce Obaugh, Scott Bailey, Brad Argabright, Chucky Moore, Mark Jones, Clinton Proctor, J.W. Craddock. **Third Row:** David Fuqua, Jeremy Elkins, Brad Mook, Adam Phleager, Jason Waeltie, Michael Cranwell. **Fourth Row:** Ben Obaugh, Neil Zimmerman, Mike Benson, Michael Geiser, Chris Mitchell, Stephen Smith, Jason Wilhide. **Back Row:** Nathan Rivers, Matt Fizer, Ben Jones, Kenis Maciel, Richie Taylor, Ben Sweeny, Jason Asbery, Josh Wood.



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Christiansburg	25-49
Northside	50-9
Alleghany	54-4
Salem	56-13
Lord Botetourt	43-26
Blacksburg	63-12
Rockbridge	66-9
Dutch Fork	36-33
Irmo	28-34
Rock Hill	24-52
Grundy	28-38
Turner Ashby	32-41
Hickory	18-54
WT Woodson	56-17

Penn Manor	1st
Chapel Hill	8th
Brookville	2nd
Big Orange	2nd

District
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Breaking down his opponent, senior Chris Madonia grabs for the ankles. "The feeling of winning state was not as l

imagined," said the state champion. "I guess it was because I knew I was going to win. To be the man, you have to beat the man!"

The team finished second at the Brookville Capital Classic in January.

Wrestling in the third place match, Richie Taylor strains to pin the "Spartan." "I was glad to be back even though I got third," said the senior. Taylor pinned his opponent in the second period. Taylor said of the comotion, "My teammates were happy for me because I had just gotten back from an injury." He suffered an elbow injury at the beginning of the season which put him out for a few weeks. The "Terrifiers" finished second at the annual Big Orange Tournament.



Jumping over the first hurdle, senior Gil Banton concentrates on 55 meter finals. "We had a great season and I was really proud to be moving on to regions," said Banton. "I could not have done it without the help of my teammates and coaches in practice," continued the senior. Before running in the district meet finals in February at Virginia Tech, Banton finished second in his heat. The boys' team finished in sixth place and the girls' team finished in fourth place.

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After a one year absence, indoor track practices began in November once again. The beginning months' workouts were mostly conditioning. Team members ran three to five or more miles a day. "The first few weeks were tough," said senior Kristen Shimp. "But they really paid off when the meets began."

The meets began in January and most were held at Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, and Heritage. The distances in indoor

were very different than in outdoor. There were the 55 meter dash and hurdles, the 300 meter run, the 500 meter run, the 1000 meter run, as well as the mile and two mile races. The tracks were between 150 and 200 meters instead of 400 meters.

The few preliminary meets before districts gave the team a chance to prepare. That dedication was rewarded as t Mariah Green, Jamie Spiccatti, and Matt Offenbacher advanced to state competition.

Mild winter weather allows practice outside for a majority of the four month season

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Aaron Aylor

Running from the elements



Front Row: Glenn Rife, Mariah Green, Jamie Spiccatti. **Second Row:** Sarah Creasy, Devon Wilson, Kim Whitlow, Nicole Holdren, Ashley Lugar, Charity Levesy, Kelly Reich. **Third Row:** Elliott Thaxton, Hannah Terrell, Jessica Clem, John McPherson, Erin Parks, Audry Parks, Megan Bratton, Megan Bradley, LeAnn Reich, Shelby Dillard. **Fourth Row:** Debbie Cooper, Greg Stephenson, Andrea Dooley, Amanda

Lucas, Darren Duffy, Matt Eddleman, Wesley Bell, Scott Breeding, Tommy Lusk. **Fifth Row:** Mike Cronise, Curtis Hollaman, Kristen Shimp, Ian Terrell, Scott Wise, Paul Self, Jeremy, Derek Lawrence, Nicole Roberts, Ben Caldwell. **Back Row:** Matt Jones, Aaron Aylor, Matt Lyden, Gil Banton, William Banton, Stuart Taylor, Brian Britt, Ben Dillard, Jon Leacock, Daniel Bishop, Matt Offenbacher.



As he perseveres through the 3200 meter race, Ian Terrell advances to the finish line at Virginia Tech in February. "Although the district meet is very

competitive, running is primarily a solitary sport," said Terrell. "I always try to focus on the run and get my personal best," concluded the jun-

ior. Before the 3200 meter race, Terrell stretched and competed in the 1600 meter race. The men finished sixth and the "Lady Terriers" finished fourth.

In the 500 meter run, junior Mariah Green concentrates on finishing in first place at the district meet. "Meeting new people, being captain, and getting fifth in the state for the 500 were only some of the few rewards in running indoor track this year," said Green. "It was an awesome experience," continued the junior. After the initial 500 at Virginia Tech in February, Green had to run in the 300 meter race. The girls finished fourth and the men sixth.

"Our team really had a good time during the long season. The water fight on the bus from Virginia Tech was great too."
Stuart Taylor

Celebrating at an October girls' basketball game, Chris Tribble dances with the mascot, senior John Glass. "It was lots of fun dancing with the dog," said the senior. "I like being a cheerleader because I get to mess around all the time and not get in trouble for it." The cheerleaders were pumping up the crowd for the start of the game and these antics drew laughter and applause for the squad.



"Our practices were really hard and intense. All the work made us better competitors and better friends at the same time."
Ashley Evans

Chance to show off to the world

Squad makes good use of the opportunity to prove they are an elite team . . .

Aaron Aylor



For the first time in history, the Virginia High School League organized a state championship for cheerleading. The "Terrier" cheerleaders now had an opportunity to show the rest of the state just how good they really were. First, however, there would be practice.

The practices began in July with team camps that helped the squad to bond together. "Camps are so much

fun," said junior Sydney Bryant. "We all get a chance to talk and work together. That experience really helps to build friendships." After the camps and practices were over it was time for the games.

The team cheered at girls' basketball games and at football games during the fall season. They excited the crowd and cheered for the individual teams.

During the win-

ter season the team concentrated on boys' basketball and prepared for the competition later in the season.

The squad practiced for weeks before the district competition. This commitment showed as the team took first place and moved on to regionals. At the region competition the squad finished fourth and moved to state where they were the losers in the first round.



As senior Kristen Kidd watches, junior Charity Turner tapes the injured ankle of junior Krystle Costigan at the Glenvar football game. "Since we are all in the same stunt group we all help tape each other," commented Kidd. "Stunting can be really hard on you and you can get hurt if you are not careful, but we all love it." The three then went to warm up.

Warming up for the September football game at Glenvar, juniors Jessica Clem, Sydney Bryant, Jennifer Kasey, and Emily English try to pump up the crowd. "Football games are definitely my favorite games to cheer at," replied English. "I love cheering outside to the fans and getting them excited about the game." The squad performed stunts to excite the fans.



Front Row: Kristen Kidd, CaroliHancock, Jessica Ivey, Emily English, Jessica West, Ashley Evans, Jessica Clem, Blaire Wells, Megan McPeak. **Second Row:** Kristen Mauck, Allison Peery, Kristyle Costigan, Charity Turner, Sydney Bryant, Jennifer Kasey, Ashley Simpson, Lindsay Hastings, Allison St.Clair. **Back Row:** Caleb Myles, Robert Mauck, John Glass (mascot), Cory Carrol, Chris Tribble.

Just finishing a cheer, freshman Ashley Simpson, senior Blaire Wells, and freshman Alison St. Clair show their school spirit at the first home football game of the season. "The spirit the fans gave at the games helped our team have a very successfull season!" said Simpson. The season opener took place on September 4 and was played against Staunton River.

In the April road game, junior Craig Janney battles an Allegheny player for the ball. "Our team played hard all season," said Janney. "We were outmatched physically in some games, but our determination was our greatest asset." The team won the away game by a score of 7 to 0.



"Playing soccer has taught me many different things. Most of all, giving 100 percent and being a team player."

Matt Lyden



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Aaron Aylor

When practices began in late February the soccer team looked forward to a successful season. The loss of some seniors hurt the team but underclassmen filled in the vacancies well.

The season opener was a tough task as the team played the eventual two time state champs. The "Terriers" lost a close game 2-0. The next four games were district victories, but

that streak ended against Salem. The overtime 4-3 loss placed the team at 4-2 in the district. "Our game against Salem was a hard fought game," said senior goalie Dwayne James. "We are two evenly matched teams."

The team won six of their last eight games before the district tournament. There they finished in third and advanced to regionals. Losing in the semis



Sprinting down the field, junior Greg Stephenson keeps the ball away from the Blacksburg defender. "Playing against Blacksburg is always tough, but all you need is guts and you can accomplish anything," said the first team All District player. The district championship game took place at the neutral Botetourt field. The "Terriers" lost to the "Indians" at the May game 4 to 0.

Front Row: Greg Stephenson, Aaron Murray, Zak Obenchain, Dwayne James, Chris Madonia, Brad McConnel. **Second Row:** Brandon Janney, Derek Lawrence, Brett Hamlette, Chad Morris, Brian Mitchell, Cory Carroll, Matt Lyden. **Back Row:** John Leacock, Clinton Proctor, Craig Janney, Jeremy Yetter, Michael Modica, Mike Anderson, Chris Vaden.



Intercepting an errant pass, Brian Mitchell controls the ball. "I ran back for the loose ball," said the senior. "I am attempting to turn the ball up field." After Mitchell

gained possession, he passed the soccer ball down the field to an open player and began their offensive attack. The team defeated Christiansburg at the March home game.

S O C C E R	Blacksburg	0-2	District	
	Christiansburg	2-1	3rd	
	Alleghany	1-0	Northside	4-0
	Northside	5-2	Salem	0-1
	Rockbridge	6-0	Lord Botetourt	4-0
	Salem	3-4	Region	
	Blacksburg	1-6	3rd	
	Christiansburg	4-0		
	Lorb Botetourt	4-1	Rustburg	5-1
	Alleghany	7-0	Blacksburg	0-4
	Northside	6-1	Overall	
	Rockbridge	6-0	13-6	
	Salem	0-5		
	Lord Botetourt	1-0		

Eyes on the road ahead

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Aaron Aylor

"Having a girls' soccer state tournament for the first time shows the respect that we are getting. We are getting a lot of exposure, which helps other girls to get interested and excited about the sport."

Connie Agee

The soccer season began with high hopes as the team looked forward to the first ever state competition. The defending Region III champs did not take long to start. They won five of their first six games defeating district foes Christiansburg, Lord Botetourt, Alleghany, and Northside.

Their second loss came against a strong Salem team 2-0, but they bounced back to defeat Christiansburg 1-0 and tie Lord

Botetourt 2-2. That placed their district record at 5-2-1.

The team won three of its last six games and prepared for the district tournament. "We had played Salem, Cave Spring, and Blacksburg very tough so we knew we had a good chance," said senior Jenny Short.

The "Lady Terrers" beat their three district opponents to take home the district championship. At the region tournament the team lost to Jefferson Forest 3-2.

Front Row: Brandi Hayslett, Kim Houghton, April Hodge, Erica Thomas, Jessica Ivey, Holly Holland, Connie Agee.
Second Row: Jessica Miller, Jennifer Sahm, Erin Byers, Mandy Pietrzyk, Cameron Adams, Shannon McWhorter, Sarah Snow.
Back Row: Jenny Short, Andrea Gay, Ashley Short, Catherine Inge, Whitney Morris, Jennifer Hasis, Krisha Jay.





Dribbling around the Alleghany opponent, Holly Holland looks for an open shot. "Soccer was a lot of fun, thanks to the coaches, even though they made us run a lot," said the junior. The first year head coach was the school's Resource Officer Tim Wyatt. The "Lady Terriers" won the away game in March by a score of 8 to 0.

S O C C E R	Blacksburg	1-2	Blacksburg	3-4
	Christiansburg	8-0	District 1st	
	Martinsville	3-2		
	Lord Botetourt	2-1		
	Alleghany	8-0	Christiansburg	5-0
	Northside	2-1	Salem	2-0
	Salem	0-2	Northside	3-1
	Christiansburg	1-0	Region 3rd	
	Lord Botetourt	1-1		
	Alleghany	11-0	Jefferson Forest	2-3
	Cave Spring	2-3	Overall	
	Northside	3-1		
	Cave Spring	3-0		
	Salem	2-2		12-5-2



Crossing the ball to a teammate on the opposite post, Erica Thomas avoids two defenders. "Our team really hustled this season," said the senior. "It was unfortunate that we did not make it to state, but we definitely gave 100 percent." The team won the March home game against Lord Botetourt 2 to 1.

Racing to get the ball, junior Erin Buviers and senior Krisha Jay gain possession of the errant pass. "The players on the team really got along with each other and made the season a blast for all of us," said Jay. The team defeated Alleghany at the April home game 11 to 0.

Taking a lead off of first base, senior Richie Meador looks to advance to second after a single. "The guys on the team know how to play and expect a lot out of themselves, which leads to high production on the field," said Meador. His single was one of many as the team thrashed Alleghany at the April home game 20 to 3.

Franklin County	18-5	Salem	7-3	B A S E B A L L
Blacksburg	7-3	Rockbridge	18-2	
Christiansburg	10-0			
Lord Botetourt	15-6			
Alleghany	10-0	District		
Northside	14-3	1st		
Cave Spring	8-12	Rockbridge	15-5	
Salem	10-3	Alleghany	20-3	
Blacksburg	12-0	Salem	14-4	
Christiansburg	11-1			
Lord Botetourt	16-2	Region		5th
Franklin County	9-3	Brookville	8-10	
Alleghany	10-6			
Northside	1-3			
Cave Spring	9-3	Overall		19-3
Rockbridge	10-9			



Front Row: Ryan Wood, J.W. Craddock, Neil Zimmerman, Blake Davis, Derek Rivers, Brad Gusler, Matt McGuire, Richie Meador. **Second Row:** Ryan Lucas, Scott Fitzgerald, Bo Royal, Nick Jones, Johnathan Lau, Andy Goodman, George Richards, Scott Wise. **Back Row:** Brent Adkins, Ryan Conner.

Rounding third base, junior Scott Wise heads fur home to score another run for the team. "The ball was hit to shallow right field, so I was hurrying to get in before the ball got there," said Wise. The visiting "Terriers" defeated the "Cavileers" at the April game 15 to 6.





"Our team was a very talented squad and we played like it. We kept getting better as the season progressed, which was do to our commitment to be the best we could be. "

Ryan Wood

As the season began the team had high hopes to go deep into the postseason. "We knew from the beginning that we were very good," said junior outfielder Andy Goodman. "We had most of our players back and we were willing to work hard."

The skill of the team showed through as they won their first six games, five of which were district opponents. A loss to Cave Spring 8 to 12 ended

the hopes for a perfect season but the "Terriers" came back and won their next six games and remained a perfect 10-0 in the district.

At the home game against Lord Botetourt, senior Matt McGuire recorded his 100th career hit, becoming the only William Byrd player ever to accomplish that feat.

A loss to Northside 1-3 gave the team their only district blemish as they won their following seven games but lost in the regions.

Highly skilled ball club wins another district title on their tear through the Blue Ridge

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Aaron Aylor

Going, Going, Gone, Again



Throwing from a wind-up, Neil Zimmerman pitches a curveball to the waiting batter. "We played a very solid game at Alleghany," said the First Team All District pitcher. "We hit, pitched, and fielded the ball well. It was an all around good performance." The "Terriers" defeated the "Mountaineers" by a score of 10 to 6 at the April away game.



Swinging for the fences, senior Emily O'Brien settles for a deep base hit. "Although Alleghany has a good team, we came through to beat them each time we played them," said O'Brien. The team defeated Alleghany four to three at the April home game.

Blacksburg	5-0	District	
Cave Spring	9-2	1st	
Christiansburg	13-0	Christiansburg	11-0
Botetourt	0-0	Alleghany	4-1
Rustburg	0-4	Northside	0-1
Northside	0-2	Region	
Salem	13-2	Rustburg	0-15
Alleghany	0-0	Overall	
Blacksburg	9-1	13-7-2	
Christiansburg	15-0		
Botetourt	13-3		
Alleghany	4-3		
Northside	0-1		
Rustburg	9-3		
Rockbridge	22-2		
Cave Spring	2-0		

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Taking a lead of third base, Kristen Shimp prepares to score the tying run. "Beating Alleghany was a big win for us," said

the senior outfielder. "This game put us in position to take second place in the district." The team won the April game 4-3.





After last year's "Terrior" softball team making it to the Regional III Tournament, many expected the pressure to be on the team once again this year for another winning season. But with only two returning starters to the team this season, the softball team did not have the same expectations as the previous year. The girls' softball team was able to go into this year's season with no pressure, which allowed the team to play more relaxed. Commenting on the season, softball coach Marcee Hufton said "Because

the girls didn't have any pressure on them they played more relaxed and did surprisingly well!" This young team proved to be strong in the district season losing close games only to Northside and Salem. The softball team finished their district season winning twelve and losing only six games. The "Terriors" concluded their overall season winning thirteen and losing only seven. After building this year comes the pressure of next season when seven starters will be returning with high expectations of going all the way.

*Year of
building
leads to
success
and pres-
sure for
the up-
coming
year*

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Maddy Spencer

Young team proves to be strong



Front Row: Lindsey Adkins, Kim Andrews, Kristen Shimp, Emily O'Brien, Heather Stulz, Erin Smith. **Back Row:** Brandy Sink, Courtney Ross, Samantha Spradlin, Cassey Foutz, Heather Gee, Michale Markham.



Pitching to an Alleghany opponent, Erin Smith fires in the pitch. "I like pitching because they are one of the most important players on the team," said the junior ace. The at

bat ended as Smith sent the batter to her seat with a strike out. The team won the April home game against the "Mountaineers" by a score of four to three.

"Our success was based on the fact that we all get along and enjoy playing games together."

Kim Andrews

Having fun on the court

*Team
tries to
enjoy
them-
selves and
in the
process
they pick
up some
victories*

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Aaron Aylor

**"This season was
extremely fun. We had
a good time at prac-
tices, but when it
came the game time,
we focused on the task
at hand and played the
best we could."**

Stuart Taylor

The tennis team began their season in high fassion as they defeated district rivals Lord Botetourt 7-2 and Alleghany 9-0. "We were playing great," said junior Corey Payne. "Everybody was giving 110 percent and luck was on our side."

The team lost its next four matches to tough district competition. They lost to Northside, Rockbridge, Salem, and Blacksburg. After the setbacks the team won three of its next four matches.

The one loss that

hurt, however, was the loss to Lord Botetourt 5-4. That loss probably kicked the team out of the district tournament. "The loss t Botetourt really hurt," said Joel Patrick. "Although it kept us from the tournament we did not lett it stop us from trying our best. We never gave up."

Senior Andrea Veloso was named to the All District First Team, and fellow teammate and senior Cory Jones received honorable mention awards at the end of the season.

Smashing a backhand to the Alleghany opponent, first seed Andrea Valoso plays a winner down the line and wins the point. "It was fun and memorable as a senior on the team," said Valoso. She eventually won her match and the team went on to defeat Alleghany at the April home match.





Hitting a crosscourt shot, Darin Pearson wins the point and finishes the match as the team scores a 9-0 victory over Botetourt on May 6. "This was an incredible way to end my high school career. As a team we really pulled together to make it happen," said Pearson after the home match held at Stonebridge Courts.

T E N N I S	Lord Botetourt	7-2	Alleghany	8-1
	Alleghany	9-0	Northside	6-3
	Northside	3-6	Rockbridge	2-7
	Rockbridge	1-8	Salem	0-9
	Salem	3-6		
	Blacksburg	0-9	Overall	
	Christiansburg	1-8	5-7	
	Lord Botetourt	4-5		



Front Row: Amy Madera, Andrea Veloso, Cory Jones, Joe Leonard, Robert Gum. **Second Row:** Jessica Barrata, Daniel Buckley, Stuart Taylor, Corey Payne, Emily Stephenson. **Back Row:** Joel Patrick, Debbie Cooper, Shameika Chan, Jared Howell, Jeremy Williams.

Returning the serve, senior Cory Jones continues the point. "This season was a very good one for me," said Jones. "I had a great time and I learned a lot." Jones won his second seed singles match but the team unfortunately lost the April home match against Lord Botetourt by a score of five to four.

Giving all they can give

*Team
practices
and
competes
hard to
advance
two
juniors to
placing
in the
state
meet*

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Aaron Aylor

As practice began in February, the indoor track season was not even over. Many of the track participants were having to do double duty as they still had regions and state meets left. Jamie Spiccatti said, "Those early practices were hard because we were so near the end. I had to run totally different distances."

The season progressed and the teams got better. The two hour exhausting practices prepared the team for the biggest meet of the year. At the Cosmopolitan Track Meet, junior

Mariah Green ran the 800 meter race in a meet record 2:26.05. The girls' team finished an impressive ninth while the boys' team finished in fifteenth place.

Two female athletes advanced to the state meet at James Madison University. At the meet Green ran the 800 meter race in a personal best 2:25.09 to finish in eighth place. "I was happy with my race," said Green. "I ran as best as I could and gave all I had." Junior Jessica Clem jumped 5'6" to finish in third and claim a school record.

Gliding through the air, team member Kelly McClung stretches out for every inch. "This jump I got my personal record of 11 feet, six inches," said the freshman. "I have had a great year in track and have met a lot of new people." The girls' team did well at the tri-meet and the boys' team finished in third at the meet. Practices during the season included a three lap warm-up, stretching, running drills, a strenuous individual workout, and cool-down laps.



**"Every team member was really supportive of each other at practice and at meets. That support helped to push us farther."
Jennifer Casey**



Launching the discus, senior Daniel Bass competes against Christiansburg and Alleghany at a meet in May. "I was real happy afterwards because I ended up throwing it 105 feet," said Bass.



Front Row: April Lineberry, Mariah Green, Jessica Clem, Matt Jones, Sarah Creasy, Kim Whitlow, Lauren Wright, Ashley Conner. **Second Row:** Jessica Dann, Elizabeth Callahan, Sydney Bryant, Carrie Sullivan, Devon Wilson, Erin Parks, J.J. McKinney, Kelly McClung, Jennifer Casey. **Third Row:** Kellen Williams, Matt Eddleman, B.A. Banks, Glenn Rife, Robert Rowell, Matt Offenbaker, Mike Cronise. **Fourth Row:** Stephen Henderson, Daniel Bass, Michael Bass, Jerome Mann, Ben Dillard, D.J. Bailey, Jamie Spiccatti. **Back Row:** Ben Sweeney, Gil Banton, Stephen Sboray, Bryan Britt, Allen Banton.



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Rockbridge/Salem B(3) G(3)

Lord Botetourt/Blacksburg B(3) G(3)

Cosmopolitan B(15) G(9)

Christiansburg/Alleghany B(3) G(3)

District

B(8) G(7)

During the exchange, senior Glenn Rife receives the baton from freshman Jerome Mann. "I like competing in the long and

triple jumps, but I am pretty good at relays," said Mann. The boys' finished third while the girls finished third as well.

Jumping the bar at a height of 4'8", Jessica Clem easily clears the opening height jump. "Track is a sport that requires a lot of hard work and self determination," said the junior. "You have to be willing to work hard in practice and if you do then it will definately pay-off in the end." The pay-off for Clem was a third place finish in the high jump at the state meet. Her jump of 5'6" was a school record. The Boys finished third and the girls finished third at the tri-meet.

Bringing the basketball down the court, freshman Nikki Bagwell sets up an offensive play. "Basketball is a lot of hard work but it is worth it in the end," said Bagwell. The offensive trip ended with a shot and a score by freshman Kim Neas.

Front Row: Brandon Bernard, Josh Brumfield, Brad Sweeny, Pete Falco, Robert Stutler, Chris Fletcher, Joe Smith. **Second Row:** Mike Ralph, Matt Stores, Matt Sheaff, Gary Surface, Daniel Bishop, Andy Dodson, Justin McCue. **Back Row:** Michael Ralph, Dusty Reynolds, Brad Mook, Justin Mook, Evan Traylor, Jerome Mann, James Martin, Jason Greer.



"Junior Varsity baseball is much more challenging then recreational leagues. The players are faster, hit better, and are stronger then rec. There is really no comparison."

Matt Ashby



Front Row : Leslie Short, Kim Neas, Lacle Board, Stephanie Ott, Erin Welch, Nikki Bagwell. **Back Row:** Whitney Morris, Julie Goodman, Jennifer Shank, Rachael Benninger, Kelly Asbery, Amanda Kite, Allison Walthall.



Front Row: Samantha Tribble, Emily Gordon, Erin Welch. **Second Row:** Megann Reynolds, Brandi Sink, Amanda Clifton. **Back Row:** Jessica Ferguson, Allison Walthall, Amanda Stump, Amanda Dore, Kelly Asbery, Katherine Inge.



Front Row: Marcus English, Jeremy Nunley, Brandon Bernard, Banks. **Second Row:** Matt Tingler, Brett Hamlette, Sean Sturgill, Jerome Mann, Byron St.Clair. **Back Row:** Stephen Henderson, Matt Ashby, Dustin Crawford, Chris O'Dell, Bryce Chalkley, Matt Sheaf, Cory Busby.



Front Row: Stephanie Ward, Kendall Parrot, Erin Journal, Mary McGuire, Jackie Conner, Mackenzie Murray, Ashley Conner. **Back Row:** Deanna Barnett, Ashley Zimmerman, Amanda Stovall, Lindsey K. Kelly McC lung, Beth Obaugh.



Entering the world of high school athletics is a difficult situation. Junior varsity sports help freshmen and sophomores learn good habits that will help them later on in their high school careers. "Playing jv football has been a big help," said Andy Dodson. "The coaches are tough on us but they teach us a lot about football and life in general."

The nine sports that field junior varsity teams, football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, volleyball, cheerlead-

ing, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, baseball, and softball, compete against other junior varsity teams in the Blue Ridge District. This competition at a younger age prepares the athletes for the intensity of varsity district contests in the future. "Playing against teams such as Salem and Northside is a blast," said freshman basketball and soccer player Chris O'dell. "I get to compete against some of my friends and I have the opportunity to make new ones."

Ninth and tenth grade athletes gain valuable experience as they work towards the varsity level

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Aaron Aylor

Getting ready for the big time



Striding towards the throw, Emily Hayden catches the ball for an out. "This year was a lot of fun," said the sophomore. "We worked really hard and improved a great deal since the beginning of the season." Fellow teammate and freshman Lindsay Houser fielded the ball hit to third base and completed the play with a throw to first for the out. The team was composed mainly of freshmen and eight grade players.

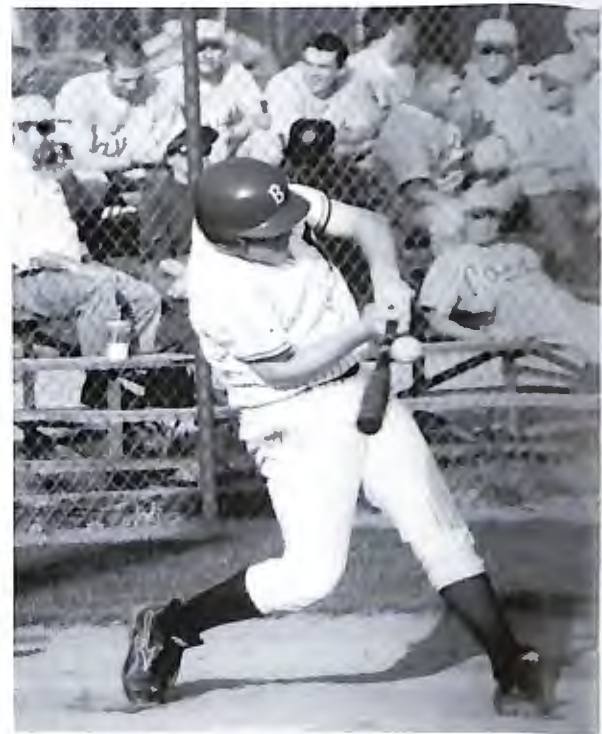
Getting the crowd into the game, freshman Beth Obaugh, Ashley Zimmerman, Ashley Conner, and sophomores Lindsey King, and Amanda Stoval perform at the boys' basketball game. "We all worked really hard on making this a really awesome pom-pom routine," said Conner. "It took everyone's cooperation and hard work." That effort showed as they took first at the Jefferson Forest Dance Competition.



At a home game in April, freshman Curtis Holloman takes the goal kick as fellow freshman Wayne Clark watches. "Junior Varsity has been very challenging," said Clark, the starting goalie. "Our practices and games were very tough, but that experience made us better players and a closer team."



Going after a loose ball, freshman Sean Sturgill and freshman Stephen Henderson fight for possession. "One of my teammates tipped the ball away and I was going after it," said Sturgill. "I retrieved the loose ball and started the fast break." The home game in October was against Allegheny.



Looking for an open receiver, Jerome Mann ready to throw the football. "This was one of the best games this season," said the sophomore. "We did not even give them a chance to score." The team's final game of the year took place in November at Staunton River.

Hitting the baseball to opposite field, freshman Brandon Trotter gets a base hit. "I have really enjoyed playing JV baseball," said Trotter. "This is my second year playing and I have met a lot of new people." Before his at bat the freshman took practice swings.



“Playing Junior Varsity basketball and volleyball was really a great time. I was able to participate at a high level of competition and had a good time doing it.”

Erin Welch



Front Row: Adam Phlegar, Rusty McGough, Brad Collins, Wayne Clark, Josh Brumfield, Alex Purdue, Tommy Lusk. **Second Row:** Cody McKay, Blake McCord, Brian Dibble, Scott Breeding, Will Ross, Danny Smith, Wesley Bell, David Shaw, Brandon Hornby, Andrew Bullock. **Back Row:** David Chewning, Jimmy Brock, Brad Heights, Chris O'Dell, Curtis Holloman, Brian Thornhill, Jason Welti, Brad Hypes.



Front Row: Becky Armstrong, Allison Peery, Ashley Lugar, Julia McConnell, Amy Quesenberry, Lauren Slater. **Second Row:** Bailey Ratliff, Crystle Gilbert, Tia Humphries, Brandy Walters, Kristin Posey, Leslie Short, Hannah Terrell. **Back Row:** Megan Bratton, Allison Walthall, Meaghan Humphries, Jessica Pritchard, Ashley Martin, Ashley Adldoost, Jamie Hindmarsh.



Front Row: Megan Peters, Kim Neas, Lindsay Houser, Emily Hayden, Ashley Zimmerman, Deanna Barnett, Nicole Martin. **Back Row:** Leah Carlton, Andrea Dooley, Ashley Webster, Lindsey Foster, Jesse Richardson, Chrissy Sensabog.



Front Row: Nick Baker, Brad Mook, Brandon Trotter, Matt Ashby, Matt Tingle, Cory Bush. **Second Row:** Chris Lucas, Zack Jones, Sean Sturgill, Chase Davidson, Byron St.Clair, Patrick Arbo. **Back Row:** Mike Terrell, Andrew Oaks, Aaron Yost, Chris Dupnick, C.J. Carter, Corey Jones.

While in the lobby Hillary Ellis and Adrienne Brown talk about the costumes they have seen around school. "I loved seeing everybody dressed up for 80's day. I loved the 80's or at least what I remember about it," Ellis said. There was a spirit competition for participation.



Isaac Baldwin shows his Celtic roots through his costume on Halloween. "I was dressed in full plaid to announce my heritage. Celtic heritage is not given much acknowledgment," said Baldwin. Several other students dressed up for the holiday as well. Costumes ranged from Keko the killer whale to "a pup named Scooby Doo."



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Facing Change!

Seniors shared their unusual habits as a part of the senior surveys. Seniors said that they danced in front of their mirrors, collected weird coins and were extremely superstitious. Members of the senior class volunteered for two hours each nine weeks or five hours each semester.

Having just walked off the football field after the half time show, juniors Sydney Brant and Ashley Wood looked up in the stands for their friends. After the court was presented, the two juniors watched the second half of the game. "Being on the Homecoming court was such a great experience! I had so much fun and met new friends. I will definitely never forget it," said Wood.

Juniors officially became "upperclassmen" when they received their class rings at a ceremony in late October. Deciding what to put on the ring was considered to be the hardest part of the process. Along with the seniors, juniors gave up their free time to serve their community.

Sophomores said that their top five favorite celebrities were: Shania Twain, Sandra Bullock, Meg Ryan, Tom Cruise, and Chris Tucker. Sophomores volunteered because they wanted to help others.

Freshman experienced numerous challenges when they arrived at the high school for the first time. Freshman thought that volunteering was a good way to choose a career.

Lindsay Houser and Jennifer Hasis

Airing Out the Laundry

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*Exposing their
deepest,
darkest secrets
to the
world
comes easy*

Seniors, as most people do, have habits. Some are normal, such as a morning routine, but there are others that people consider strange. "I can make my stomach make noises," said Kimberly Harrison. Some of these habits are strange because of their novelty and others were shared by multiple seniors.

A few of these novel habits included Krisha Jay dancing in front of her mirror and Kris McCoy talking to a wall in his room. Jo Beth Tunner enjoyed putting ketchup on almost everything she ate. Betsie Johnson collected Kokepellies (ancient Native American figurines) and Amanda King participated in kickboxing. Jacob Baldwin was involved in Civil War re-enactments and Erica Thomas spent her time snowboarding.

One of the unusual habits prevalent among the class was a superstitious driving activity. There were seniors who lifted up their feet as their cars passed over railroad tracks. Others kissed their hands and smacked them against the ceiling as they went under yellow lights or passed a "pop-eye," a vehicle with only one functioning headlight. These activities were done in the name of luck.

By: Aaron Aylor

At the end of the summer, right before school starts, Tamara Harper mows her friend Kim Kastner's lawn while talking on the phone. Her boyfriend had paged her so she called him as soon as possible. "It's a hard job but someone has to do it. The phone is part of my wardrobe and it goes everywhere with me," said Harper. This explains how Harper had the phone at her disposal when her boyfriend called, but how she could hear on the phone with the lawnmower running?



APRIL ALLIE, FBLA
GWYNNE AUSTIN, FCA,
Reindeer Club, Spanish Club, Leo Club,
Cross Country, Girls' Soccer

AARON AYLOR, Science Club, FTO, Latin
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Indoor Track, Classroom Quiz, Peer Mediator

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Club, Football, Track, Wrestling

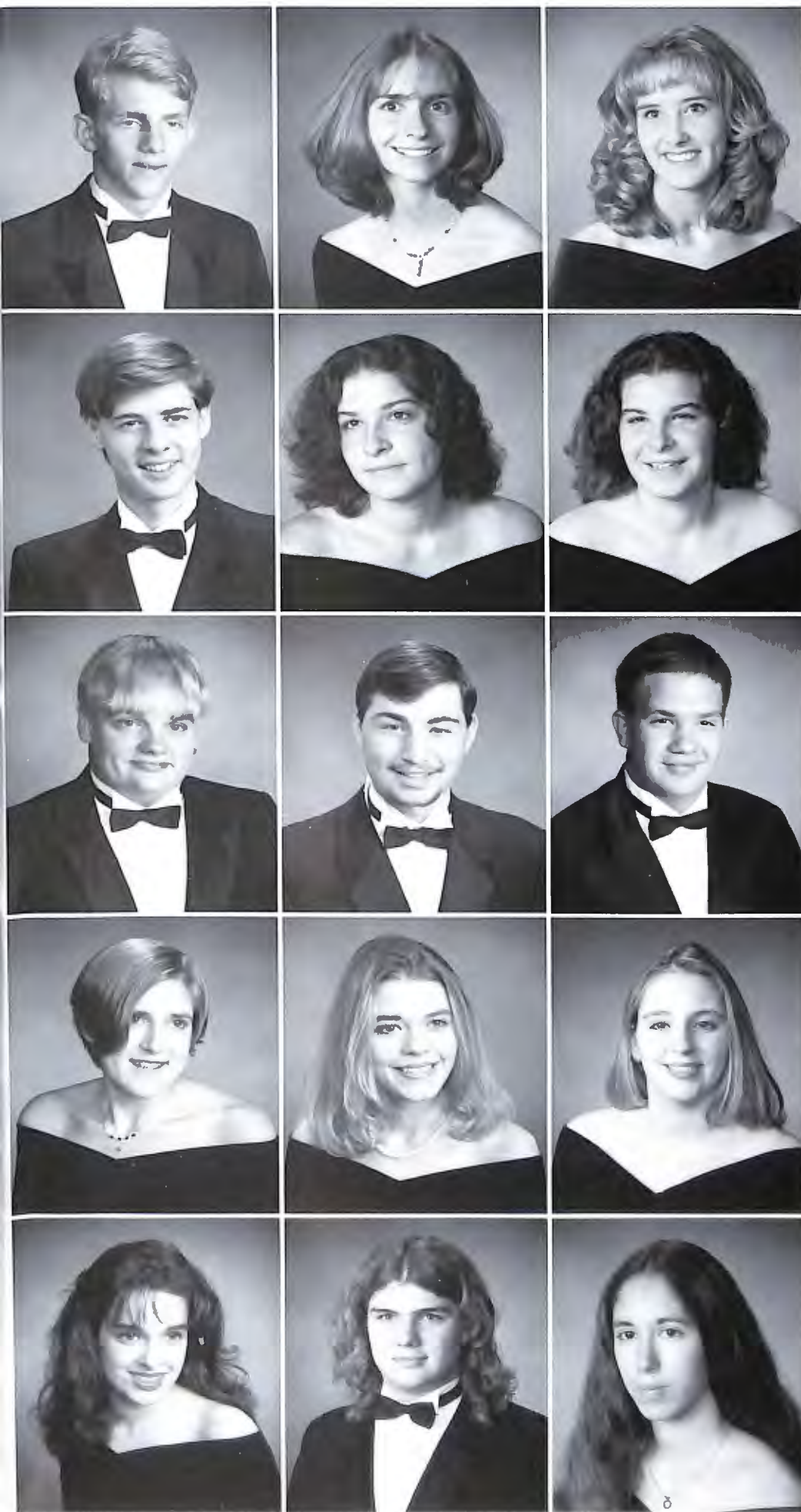
JACOB BALDWIN, Band

JASON BALL, FCA, Leo Club, Boys' Soccer



“I always draw on myself. Sometimes it’s contagious.”

Hillary Ellis



GILBERT BANTON III, Latin Club, Science Club, Boys' Soccer, Track, Indoor Track, Chess Club

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JOSH BEAMER, Football, Track, V.I.C.A Club

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ADAM BRADLEY, D-FY-IR, BETA Club, German Club

DEANNA BRIMMER, Art Club, BETA Club, Sketches, Terrier Express, Yearbook

“I’m a Big Brother because I like to bring happiness to people.”

Tom Hauck

ADRIENNE BROWN, DECA, Sketches,
Yearbook, Byrd Buddy

STEVE BROWN JR., Art Club, Sketches;
Editor-in-chief, Spanish Club

JOSH BRYANT



SANDRA BUTTERWORTH, Band, Drama
Club

ERIC BYRD, Natural Helpers, V.I.C.A.

BEN CALDWELL, Drama, FBLA, Boys'
Basketball, Track, V.I.C.A.; President



ERIN CALDWELL, BETA Club, FCA; Cap-
tain, Leo Club, Natural Helpers, Spanish Club,
Girls Basketball; Captain, Softball, Volleyball,
Senior Class Treasurer, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

LEEANN CAMPBELL, DECA, FBLA,

MICHAEL CARRAWAY, BETA Club,
FBLA, Spanish Club, WBHS Advisory Committee



CORY CARROLL, FBLA, FCA, Science Club,
Spanish Club, Cheerleader, Boys' Soccer,
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FCA, FTO, Reindeer Club, SADD, SCA,
Science Club, Spanish Club; President

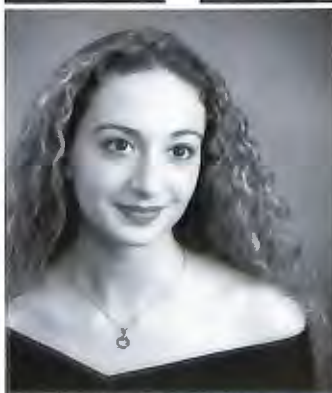
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Club, Tennis, Peer Mediator



HELIN CENGIZ, German Club, Tennis

KELLI CHOCKLETT, DECA, FBLA, Latin
Club, Reindeer Club, Science Club

AMY CLARK, DECA



Spending Time for Others

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*Giving a little
time to help
others in
their time
of need*

As a requirement for U.S. Government class, seniors performed community service. These services ranged from serving food at the Rescue Mission to cleaning out animal cages at the Mill Mountain Zoological Park. No matter what the tasks were, the students were a big help to the local area.

Depending upon the teacher, students had to either serve two hours each nine weeks or five hours each semester. "I volunteered at the rescue mission because I needed the credit for government class but I enjoyed doing it. I helped children out by playing games," said Neil Cox. A majority of the class said that the time spent helping others made them feel better about themselves. Some also said that they wanted to keep volunteering.

Others volunteered just for reasons beyond class credit. Kristin Cawley took five hours out of her time every week to help sick children at the Ronald McDonald House. Lark Davidson spent at least 60 hours volunteering at an abuse center. "I like to see the children play together and to know that there is something I can do to help," said Davidson. Spending time at the Catawba State Mental Hospital and giving the patients a friend and an extra helping heart took 120 hours of Amanda Grose's time. Each time students helped out, someone's life changed, either the student or the person receiving the help.

By: Aaron Aylor



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Taking a break from handing out flyers for Dave Bowers' Congressional campaign, Ben Obaugh and Shannon Harrison get to know the other volunteers while getting a snack. The students volunteered for an hour and a half and received credit for government. "Volunteering was more fun than I thought it would be. I also enjoyed the free food," said Obaugh.

BRIDGETT CLARK

BROOKE CLAYMAN, DECA, FBLA, French Club

CLAYTON COOK, DECA

NEIL COX, Spanish Club

J.W. CRADDOCK

ROBBIE CRAFT, FCA, Spanish Club, Golf; Co-Captain, D-FY-IR



LARK DAVIDSON, DECA; Officer, Drama,
French Club, Latin Club, Reindeer Club, Volley-
ball; J.V. Captian, Peer Mediator,
D-FY-IR

LESLIE DEMPSEY
SHELBY DILLARD, D-FY-IR

LAURA DONALD, BETA Club, Cheerleader;
JV Captain

KATRINA DUNBAR, DECA
STEPHEN EAST



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Seniors gather to listen as Delegate Dick Cranwell talks about the General Assembly and see where bills are proposed and amended. The speech was a part of the senior trip to Richmond. "Dick Cranwell's speech was interesting and informative since he represents our area in the Virginia General Assembly. We were grateful that he could talk to us," said Lisa Fowler.

Looking Through Time

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*U.S. Government
students spend
a day learning
about the state's
government and
its past*

The Government classes left the school property at 6:00 am on February 18 and were on their way on the annual trip to Richmond.

They were led into the House of Delegates chamber and listened to advice from Del. Dick Cranwell and Del. Vic Thomas. "Actually sitting down and talking to the lawmakers was a great experience," said Stuart Taylor. After Cranwell's speech, students went down the street to eat lunch in a food court and discuss the day's activities. After lunch, students walked back to the Capitol.

A tour of the city began as the Capitol building's famous statues were pointed out. The seniors then loaded on buses and drove through the city. The tour guide pointed out famous landmarks and dated them all by the fact that they were before or after the Evacuation Fire at the end of the Civil War. Some of the famous sites included Edgar Allen Poe's birthplace, the church where Patrick Henry made his famous "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech, and Monument Avenue, the location of several Civil War monuments.

Returning to the Capitol, the participants were treated to a history lesson. The students were shown the famous life-size statue of George Washington and were able to sit in a committee meeting with senior member Del. Vic Thomas. From there, the seniors loaded back on the buses and prepared for the three-hour journey back to Vinton.

By: Aaron Ayers

“We learned about the history of our great state.”

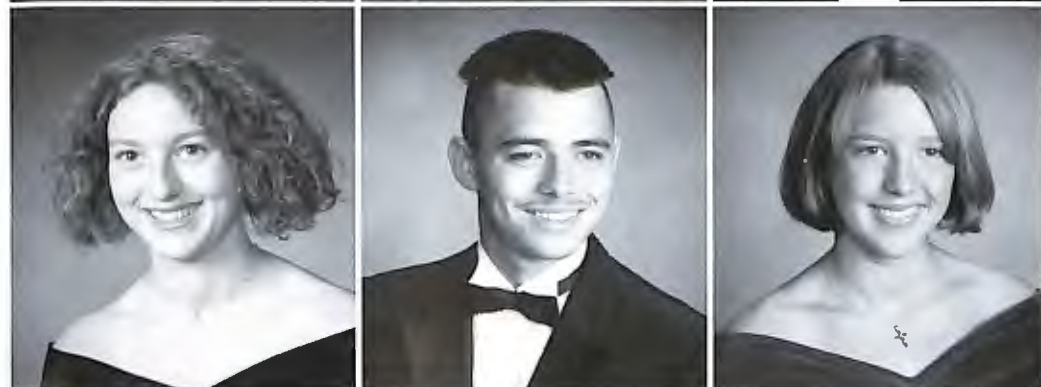
Stephen Sboray



HEATHER EDWARDS, BETA Club, DECA, Latin Club

ANGELA EGGERS, Band, DECA, Reindeer Club

TRAVIS ELLIOTT



HILLARY ELLIS, Art Club, BETA Club, Drama, Sketches; Editor, Governor's School Ambassador

ADAM EVANS, DECA, Drama

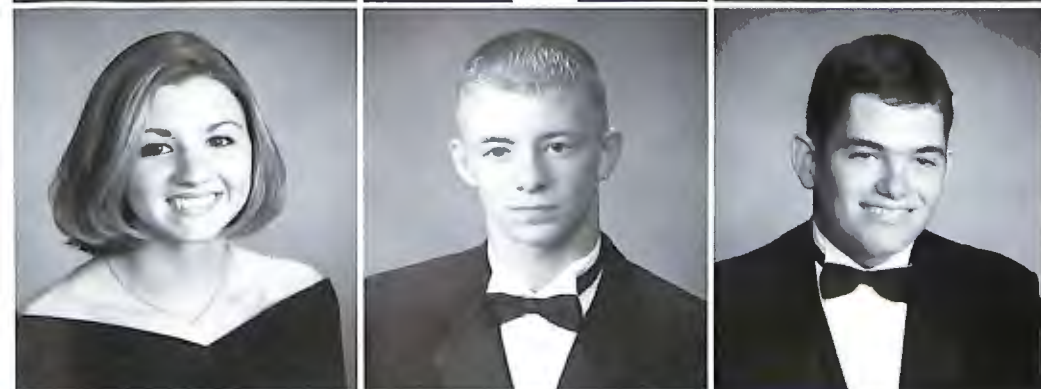
ASHLEY EVANS, Cheerleading; Captain, Girls' Soccer



JETTICA FERRIS, Choir, DECA

JUSTIN FERRIS, FBLA, FCA, Spanish Club

NIKKI FLIPPO, BETA Club, SADD, Spanish Club, Volleyball; Manager, Peer Mediator



ASHLEIGH FORRESTER, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Chess Club

JARED FOUTZ, FBLA, Boys' Basketball, Track

JOHN FOUTZ



LISA FOWLER, Flags, BETA Club, Drama, Latin Club, Reindeer Club, D-FY-IR

AMY FULTON, Drama

DAVID FUQUA, Chess Club, DECA, Science Club, Football, Boy's Soccer, Wrestling

“I visited VA Tech with Ben Sweeney, we had a good time.”

Richie Taylor

JEREMY GOYER

AMANDA GROSE, Band, FBLA, Leo Club, Reindeer Club, Byrd Buddy

BRADLEY GUSLER, BETA Club, DECA, FBLA, Natural Helpers, Spanish Club, Baseball, Boys' Basketball, Football, Class Treasurer



CAROLINE HANCOCK, FCA, Latin Club, Reindeer Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Cheerleader; Captain, Girls' Soccer

TAMARA HARPER, DECA

KIMBERLY HARRISON, DECA, FBLA; Secretary, Latin Club, Reindeer Club



SHANNON HARRISON, FBLA, Girls' & Boys' Basketball; Manager, D-FY-IR

TOM HAUCK, FHA, German Club, Chess Club; President (Founder), Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

WAYNE HAWLEY, FCA, German Club, Boys' Basketball, D-FY-IR



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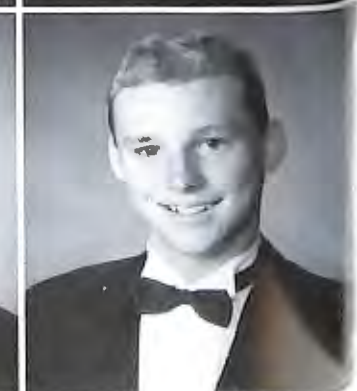
AMY HELMS, BETA Club, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Girls' Soccer



AMANDA HENDERSON, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Reindeer Club, Science Club, Spanish Club

WILLIAM HENSLEY, DECA, Baseball

DAVID HESS, Choir, DECA,



Peeking at College

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*Visiting colleges
can be
both
entertaining
and
informative*

An important part of every student's senior year is deciding what to do after graduation. For many seniors, that means visiting college campuses. Students attended college classes, spoke with students, tasted college food, and started to become acquainted with college life.

Seniors also attended information sessions and went on tours of the college campuses. When asked if his college visits affected his decision, Glenn Rife said, "Absolutely not, though I did learn that the Admissions Deans are more evil than lawyers." David Fuqua went to Emory & Henry, Ferum, and Virginia Tech. While he was there, he watched football games and looked around. "I visited the University of Virginia, Cedarville, Mary Washington, and James Madison University. I visited classes and ate their food," said Jessica Baratta. Stuart Taylor visited Carnegie-Mellon, Buchnell, the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, the University of Virginia, and Westminster. "I visited Sweet Briar, Mary Baldwin, Emory & Henry, Hollins, and Roanoke but Sweet Briar was my favorite," said Kristin Cawley. The majority of the class said that they planned to further their education by going to college and they felt that visiting schools was helpful.

By: Kelly McCarty



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Mesmerized by the beauty around them, Amanda King and Kara Norcross take a breath in as they rest from their tour of Emory & Henry College. "The duck pond is such a peaceful and calm place to be. I like it here, it's kind of antique. The food is good too, but I am still contemplating on where I want to go to school," said Norcross. Students judged colleges on a number of factors.



APRIL HODGE, BETA Club, Drama, FBLA, FCA, French Club; Vice President, Leo Club, Reindeer Club, SCA, Girls' Soccer; JV Captain
CHRIS HODGES
MAXX HOGAN, BETA Club, Spanish Club

TONYA HORSLEY, Band, Choir
KIMBERLY HOUGHTON, French Club, Latin Club, Reindeer Club, Girls' Soccer
KIMBERLY HUFFMAN, Girls' Soccer

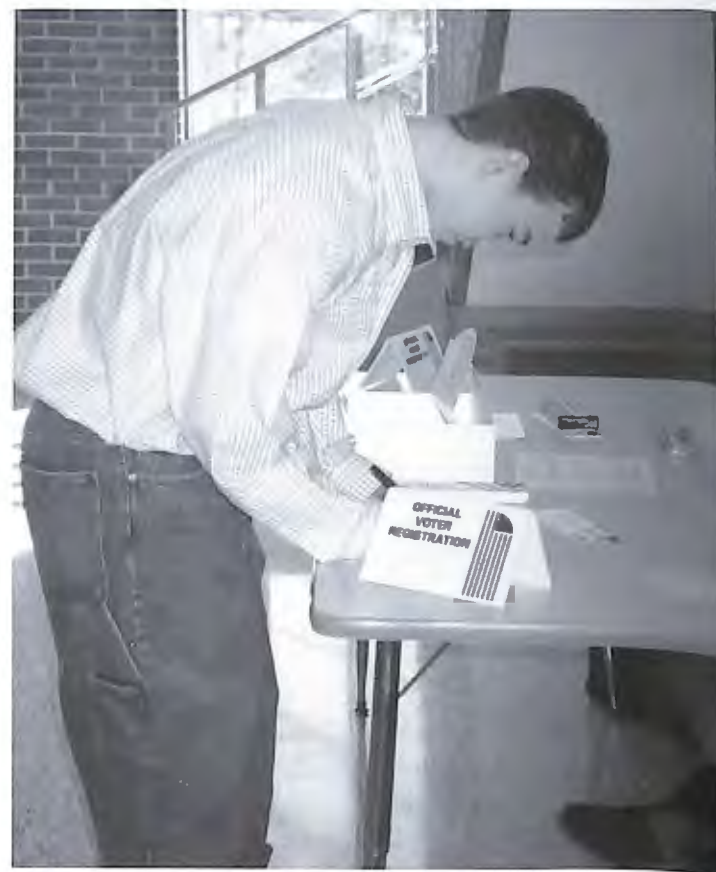
Laying the Political Keystone

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*Seniors of
voting age
prepare
for their
democratic
activity*

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Taking time out during his lunch, Jerry Jones registers to vote. "The lady explained what to expect on voting day and the procedure. They thought it was complicated. I thought might as well register to vote to save time later," said Jones. The registration process took only a few minutes and a majority of the student registered.



Upon becoming an adult in our society, one is privileged with being able to choose those who govern him or her. In March, officials came to government classes and the lobby to aid students in the voter registration process. Officials demonstrated how to fill out the registration paperwork and explained how important it is to participate in the election of our country and state leaders. The registrar brought miniature voting machines to help students learn how the voting process works.

A majority of the students felt that it is an important duty to register so that they could vote in any upcoming election. "I registered to vote because it was an opportunity to voice my opinion," said Richie Taylor. Others felt it was a stepping stone to show they were adults. Adrienne Brown said, "Voting is a big responsibility that comes with turning eighteen." Some students felt that one vote would not have any change or affect. "Many times your vote does not win so it makes me feel like there's no point in doing it," said Amy Fulton. Those who registered recieved their cards in the mail within a week.

By: Tasha Neel

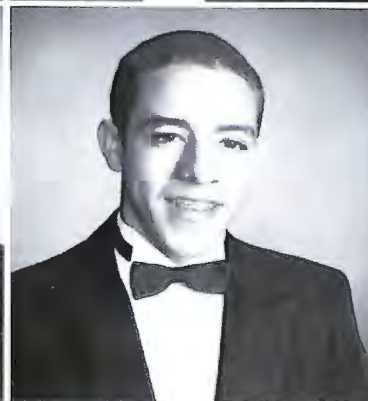
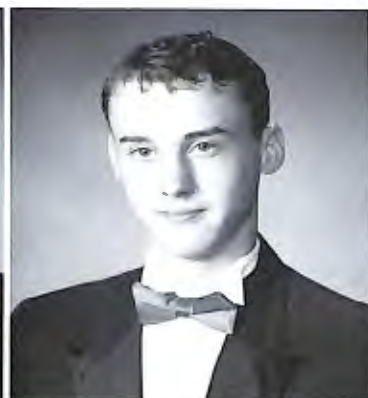
RYAN HURD, German Club, Boys' Basketball
NATHAN IVES, Choir, DECA, Drama, Spanish

Club, Boys' Basketball, Peer Mediator

JESSICA IVEY, BETA Club, FCA, Natural
Helpers, Science Club, Spanish Club, Cheer-
leader, Girls' Soccer, Outing Club, Class Vice
President; 9,10,11

DWAYNE JAMES

TERRY JAMISON, DECA, Spanish Club
BEN JANNEY, FBLA, Science Club, Spanish
Club, Leo Club



“I am not old enough to register, but I will when I turn 18.”

Matt Lyden



BRIAN JANNEY, DECA

KRISHA JAY, BETA Club; Vice President, FBLA, FCA, Natural Helpers, Reindeer Club; Vice President, SCA; Treasurer, Sketches, Spanish Club, Leo Club; Vice President, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer, Class President; 12, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

TONYA JENNINGS

BETSI JOHNSON, DECA, FCA, Football; Manager, Girls' Soccer

ALISON JONES, BETA Club, Reindeer Club, Spanish Club

BEN JONES, FCA, Football, Wrestling; Captain

CORY JONES

CORY JONES, DECA, Tennis

JERRY JONES, Band, SADD, Science Club, Spanish Club

SCOTT JONES, FBLA; Vice President

WHITNEY JONES, FCA; Treasurer, Spanish Club, Leo Club, Girls' Soccer, Softball, Volleyball

MATT KESSLER, DECA

CINDY KEYES, Flags; Captain, Drama, Sketches

KRISTIN KIDD, Cheerleader

AMANDA KING, Drama, FBLA, Natural Helpers, Reindeer Club, Spanish Club, Girls' Soccer

“Being on the soccer team was fun and the coach was great!”

Dwayne James

BRANDY KINGERY
CAROLINE KINGERY

AMY KITTS, DECA, Drama, FHA, Latin Club,
T.A.T.U



AHSLEY KIZER, DECA, FBLA, Spanish Club

SHAUN KOTHS

KATIE LAUGHLIN, Drama, FBLA, FCA,
Forensics, Leo Club, Reindeer Club; President,
SCA; Committee Chairman, Sketches,
Spanish Club, Outing Club, Girls' Basketball,
Cross Country, Class Treasurer; 11, Byrd
Buddy, D-FY-IR



JOE LEONARD

JESSE LIEBL, Reindeer Club, Outing Club,
FBLA, Indoor Track

AMANDA LILY, Band, Flags, Choir, Drama,
FTO, German Club, Reindeer Club, Volleyball;
Manager, Peer Mediators



JILL LINKENHOKER, BETA Club, FBLA,
FCA, Reindeer Club, Girls' Soccer; JV
Co-Captain, Class Secretary; 11,
Vinton Junior Miss

MATT LYDEN, BETA Club, German Club, Latin
Club, Boys' Soccer, Indoor Track

ASPEN LYNCH, Choir, Drama, FBLA,
German Club



LAURA LYNCH

KENIS MACIEL, BETA Club, FBLA, FCA,
Spanish Club, Football, Wrestling,
Chess Club, Byrd Buddy

CHRISTAL MACK, Drama, FCA, Spanish Club;
Treasurer, Girls' Soccer, Leo Club, Byrd Buddy





MICHAEL MANNING

TRAVIS MARKHAM

ROBERT MAUCK, Band; President, BETA Club, FCA, Latin Club; President, Science Club, Cheerleader, Leo Club; President, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

KELLY MCCARTY, BETA Club, Sketches, Spanish Club; Secretary, Terrier Express, Yearbook, Classroom Kwiz, Peer Mediator

KRIS MCCOY, Art Club, FCA, Forensics, DECA, German Club, Tennis, D-FY-IR

MATT MCGUIRE, BETA Club, FCA, SCA; Vice President, Spanish Club, Baseball; Captain, Boys' Basketball; Captain, Football, Senior Class Vice President, Leo Club, Byrd Buddy

Recalling the Good Times

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*Reminiscing
and strolling
down memory
lane*

Looking down the halls and catching a glimpse of old classes...or maybe even trying to remember earlier locker combinations may become a big part of high school memories.

Four years may have seemed like a long time to seniors, but most were easily able to recall shared memories. Jacob Baldwin remembered back to ninth grade when he played "Hotel California" in his English class. "Mrs. Arra sang and people said I played better than the Eagles themselves," said Baldwin. Remembering the bomb threat was also high on the seniors' list. "The bomb threat in ninth grade was fun and intense. Everyone kept saying the bomb was under the stadium and that we were gonna blow up," said Terry Jamison.

Destruction to the school when the bus crashed into the side also stuck in seniors' minds. "I was supposed to be in the room where the bus hit but the room wasn't quite finished. We were lucky and even our teacher was laughing hard," said Rebecca Blanchard.

For others it was the senior year itself that made the most impact. Powder Puff, Junior Miss and Spirit Week were among the favorites. "The Powder Puff game was probably the roughest they've ever had. We had a lot of fun and seniors won!" said Kelly Sarver. But what was on most seniors' minds could easily be expressed by David Hess's words "My favorite high school memory will be when I receive my diploma as I walk the stage at graduation."

By: Tasha Neel & Adrienne Brown



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Surrounded by her family, friends, fans and coaches Stephanie Parnell signs a letter of intent to attend Stetson University on a basketball scholarship. "This scholarship means alot to me. It is something I have always dreamed of," said Parnell. The scholarship was signed in the gymnasium while members of the local media attended.

MEGAN MCPEAK, German Club,
Cheerleading, FTA, D-FY-IR

JENI MEADE, Band, Latin Club

RICHARD MEADOR, Spanish Club, Baseball, Boys' Basketball, Cross Country, Class Officer, Byrd Buddy

AMANDA MERCER, DECA, Drama, French Club, Latin Club

BRYAN MITCHELL, Art Club, BETA Club, FCA, Spanish Club, Football, Boys' Soccer, Leo Club

JUSTIN MITCHELL, BETA Club, French Club, German Club, Girls' & Boys' Basketball; Manager, Softball; Manager, D-FY-IR



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At a Fall Spanish club activity, Emily Obrien and Katie Laughlin wait for their meals to arrive as they snack on chips and salsa. The two friends laughed and ate as the Mariachi band played behind them. Members of the club arranged to meet at El Toreo, a Mexican restaurant. Students spoke only Spanish at the meal. Various clubs and organizations made it possible for many busy seniors to find time to be together.

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*Friendship
like flowers
need tending
to grow;
keeping things
alive*

Sticking it Out Together

Friends come and go and as seniors got ready to exit their last year there were old friends leaving and new friends entering their lives. Loyalty and honesty ranked high on seniors' lists when asked about what qualities were essential to be a good friend.

"Robert Rowell and I have been friends since Middle School. I have enjoyed goofing off and making each day exciting and unique. Like one day we fooled the whole cafeteria into believing I was choking. It was great," said Jesse Liebl. Some senior's friendships went back even further. Matt McGuire and J.W. Craddock have been friends since elementary school, "Friends are important in high school. If you don't have friends to hang around with it's not any fun," said McGuire. Stacey Black said, "Best friends are important to have during high school because they share those special times. My best friend Lisa and I have shared many good memories. One day we went to Blockbuster and toilet papered and whip creamed a guy's car for an end of the year bash. It was awesome!"

Whether seniors keep in touch with their high school friends or only see them at reunions, the memories they have made will always last.

By: Aaron Aylward

“It always takes sacrifice to be a good friend.”

Joe Overfelt



LACEE MIXON, Choir, Drama, Reindeer Club;
Secretary

KRISTEN MORRISON, BETA Club, Latin
Club, Girls' Soccer, Track

AARON MURRAY, FCA, Natural Helpers,
Spanish Club, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Soccer;
Captian, Chess Club

JAMIE MUTTER, Choir, Reindeer Club,
Science Club, Spanish Club, Byrd Buddy

CALEB MYLES

TASHA NEEL, FCA, French Club, German Club,
Latin Club, Reindeer Club, Science Club, Terrier
Express, Yearbook, Track, Indoor Track, Volleyball;
Manager, T.A.T.U., D-FY-IR

ANTHONY NICHOLS

AMANDA NOLEN, DECA

BRAD NOLEN

KARA NORCROSS, Band, BETA Club, Drama
Club, FCA, FHA, Reindeer Club, Science Club,
Spanish Club, Girls' Basketball, Track, Indoor
Track, Senior Class Secretary, D-FY-IR

BEN OBAUGH, Wrestling; Captain

EMILY O'BRIEN, Drama, FBLA, FCA, Reindeer
Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Girls' Basket-
ball, Cross Country, Softball, Leo Club, Outing
Club; Co-Founder, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

JACKIE ORSINGER, BETA Club, French
Club; President, Chess Club

KRISTIN OSBORNE, FBLA, FCA, Reindeer
Club, SCA; Reporter, Science Club, Sketches,
Spanish Club, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer,
Chess Club, Leo Club

JOE OVERFELT, Choir; President, Drama;
President, FTO; Vice President, Reindeer Club,
Byrd Buddy

“We enjoy going to Macados, the mall and just riding around.”

Amanda Henderson

JESSICA PALMER, Spanish Club, Girls' Basketball, Track

STEPHANIE PARNELL, Spanish Club; Vice President, Girls' Basketball; Captain, Volleyball, Byrd Buddy

ROBERT PINEAU

DEDRA PIPPIN, Choir, DECA, Natural Helpers

JOSEPH PRITCHARD, DECA

TRACY RALPH, Flags, Choir, DECA, Leo Club, Byrd Buddy

TARA REYNOLDS, DECA, FBLA, FHA, Reindeer Club, Softball

GLEN RIFE, German Club; Treasurer, Cross Country, Indoor Track; Co-Captain, Track, Classroom Kwiz, D-FY-IR

AARON RIVERS, DECA, Drama, FBLA, FCA, Boys' Basketball

DEREK RIVERS, FCA, Spanish Club, Baseball, Boys' Basketball

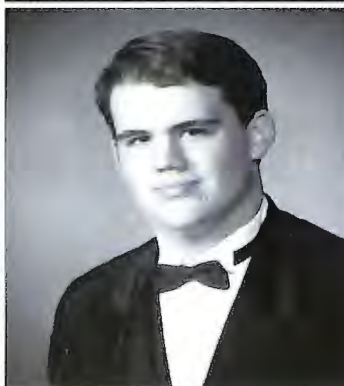
ANGIE ROBERTS

KARLA ROGERS, Marching Band, FBLA, FTO, Reindeer Club, Spanish Club, Leo Club

ROBERT ROWELL, Cheerleader

SETH RUBLE, FBLA, Spanish Club, Football, Wrestling, Chess Club

ASHLEY RUCKER, BETA Club, DECA; Vice President, FBLA, Reindeer Club, Spanish Club, Volleyball; Manager, Byrd Buddy



Living for the Weekend

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*Seniors work
hard all
week long to
receive some free
time with
friends*

Weekends called for good times and as long as seniors were with friends, that was not hard to find. So the question was, where did all the seniors go to hang out?

" [We go to] all different places- movies, downtown, or to eat or friends' houses," said Katie Laughlin. " We like to go camping with our crew. We have a blast everytime," said Jill Linkenhoker. Some other things that promised a good time were sports events, laser tag, go-cart racing, paint ball, bowling and ice skating. " I go bowling sometimes, but I am a very bad bowler so I only go with friends," said Kelly McCarty.

Seniors were asked for suggestions on what would make Roanoke a more enjoyable place to hangout. A common request was for " A place we could go to hang out and dance to all types of music," said Aspen Lynch. Robert Rowell said, " It would be great if they would have more activites during late hours at night. People seem to get into more trouble when there is nothing to do.

More than anything students just wanted to go somewhere and have fun. With limited places to go they made the best out of it.

By: Adrienne Brown



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Kara Norcross and Tasha Neel explain to Glenn Rife the rules of football as they watch the Terrier men take on the Glenvar "Highlanders". "Football is an interesting game- I never played as a kid. I was more interested in basketball, so it took four years of coming to games before I could even begin to understand what was going on on the field. I think I've got it now, but Kara and Tasha..." said Rife. Students relied on sports events for a place to hang out.



DANIEL SAMPSON, DECA
KELLY SARVER, DECA, FBLA, Reindeer Club,
 Spanish Club, Tennis, Byrd Buddy
INDIA SAUNDERS

JUDY SAUNDERS, Choir
LORI ANNE SAUNDERS, BETA Club,
 Choir; President, FCA, Leo Club
STEPHEN SBORAY, BETA Club; President,
 Drama, FCA, Forensics, German Club; Secretary,
 Science Club, Cross Country, Track, Indoor Track,
 Peer Mediators, Leo Club, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

KRISTIN SHIMP, Band; Drum Major, BETA Club, FBLA, Reindeer Club, Science Club; President, Spanish Club; Treasurer, Softball, Indoor Track, Klassroom Kwiz; Captain, Leo Club

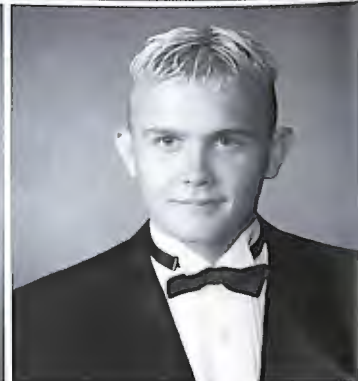
MATT SEALE

JENNIFER SHORT, FBLA, FCA, Reindeer Club, Science Club, Sketches, Spanish Club, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, Indoor Track, Leo Club

TIA SHREWSBURY, FBLA

LESLIE SIDWELL, Band, BETA Club, Choir, FBLA, FCA, FTO, Reindeer Club, SADD, Science Club, Cross Country, Tennis, Peer Mediators, Leo Club

MARK SINK



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At MJ Designs, near Crossroads Mall, Laura Donald straightens up while putting paints into their individual places. Donald received her job at MJ Designs over the summer and continued to stay through the year. "I enjoyed working at MJ Designs this summer because all my friends worked there. Friends help the time pass by faster," said Donald.

Answering the Call of Duty

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*Seventy five
percent of
seniors are
employed*

Whether students worked because they had to or just because they enjoyed the extra money, the majority of the seniors interviewed were employed. Some of the most popular places to work were restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, other stores at the mall, and Orvis.

Most seniors felt that their jobs offered many benefits. "My job has helped me to open up to strangers and interact politely with customers," said April Alley. When asked about her job Cristal Mack said, "It's helpful in learning to work with people and to be punctual."

Jobs also gave seniors a little extra spending money. "I spend most of my paychecks on my car and clothes," said Erica Barney. "I put some in the bank and I spend the rest on CD's and food," said Stephen Brown.

Some seniors felt their jobs were great but others were not so excited. When asked about the worst job she ever had, Laura Brabham said "I was a janitor at the Lancerlot. It was the worst [job] I'd say." Among the other less desirable jobs included baby-sitting and washing dishes. "I worked at Putt-Putt Golf and it was always boring," said Betsie Johnson. No matter whether the job was fun and exciting or boring and dull, students still stayed with it.

By: Adrienne Brown

120 Seniors: M. Seale-M. Sink ★ ★ JOBS ★ ★

“The RAC is a great place to work and is a good experience.”

Caroline Hancock



BRIAN SMITH, DECA, German Club
NICOLE SMITH
STEPHEN SMITH, FCA, Football, Boys' Soccer, Track, Wrestling



KYLE SMOOT, DECA, FBLA, Latin Club, SADD
JAIME SPICCIATI, Science Club, Cross Country; Captain, Track; Captain, Indoor Track; Co-Captain
BRAD ST. CLAIR, FCA, Boys' Soccer



PEGGY ST. CLAIR
SABRINA STONE, FBLA, French Club, Softball, Volleyball, Outing Club
BEN SWEENEY, Football, Wrestling, Chess Club



RICHIE TAYLOR, BETA Club, Drama, FCA, German Club, SCA; President, Football, Boys' Soccer, Track, Wrestling, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR
STUART TAYLOR, Art Club, Latin Club, SCA, Science Club, Outing Club, Tennis, Track, Indoor Track
ERICA THOMAS, BETA Club, FBLA, FCA, Latin Club, Reindeer Club, Sketches, Spanish Club, Outing Club, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer; Captain, Softball, Indoor Track



ANGEL TRENT, DECA, Yearbook
SARAH TROUT, FBLA, German Club; Historian, Reindeer Club, Leo Club, Cross Country; Captain, Track, D-FY-IR
SARAH UNDERWOOD, Byrd Buddy, BETA Club, DECA, Drama, FBLA, Latin Club, Reindeer, Indoor Track

“We enjoyed going to Jr. Miss to support Alesha Wilbanks.”

Kelli Chocklett & Ashleigh Forrester

STEPHANIE VADEN, FCA, German Club;
Vice President, Girls' Soccer; Captain, Chess
Club; Vice President, Byrd Buddy, D-FY-IR

PAMELA VAUGHT, Latin Club

ANDREA VELOSO, BETA Club, DECA,
Reindeer Club, Spanish Club, Tennis



HOLLY VEST, BETA Club, FBLA, FCA,
French Club, Reindeer Club, Byrd Buddy

DALLAS VIARS, FBLA, Chess Club

STEPHEN WALDRON, Football



TAZE WALKER

NIKKI WALLICK, BETA Club, FBLA,
Spanish Club, Volleyball

AMANDA WALTON, BETA Club, Leo Club;
Treasurer, FCA, Cross Country, Byrd Buddy,
D-FY-IR



JOSH WEBSTER, DECA, Drama

PERRY WEEKS

BLAIRE WELLS, BETA Club, DECA,
French Club, Reindeer Club, Science
Club, Leo Club, Cheerleader; Captain,
Girls' Soccer, Byrd Buddy



LARRY WELLS

CHRIS WEST

JESSICA WEST, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Reindeer
Club, Spanish Club, Cheerleader; Captain,
D-FY-IR



Vying for the Prize

★ ★ ★ ★
*Individuality
and talent made
the contest
difficult to
judge and
select a winner*

The annual Junior Miss competition was held in early November but the preparations started much earlier. Eight senior girls were selected to compete for the college scholarship and other prizes. The competition was sponsored by the Marine Corps. At the door people could donate unopened toys to Toys for Tots.

Participants included Lark Davidson, Amy Helmes, Brandy Kingery, Katie Laughlin, Jill Linkenhoker, Andrea Veloso, Alesha Wilbanks, and Amanda Walton. Each competed in a variety of categories including fitness, composure, interview and talent. The event was hosted by a local radio personality, Slam Dunkin'. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and described it as something they will always remember. At final judging time Jill Linkenhoker was pronounced the winner of the scholarships and Alesha Willbanks was runner up.

Winner Jill Linkenhoker went on to the regional competition where she placed seventh. "Junior Miss was fun because I got to be on stage with my friends and have a good time," said Andrea Veloso.

By: Adrienne Brown



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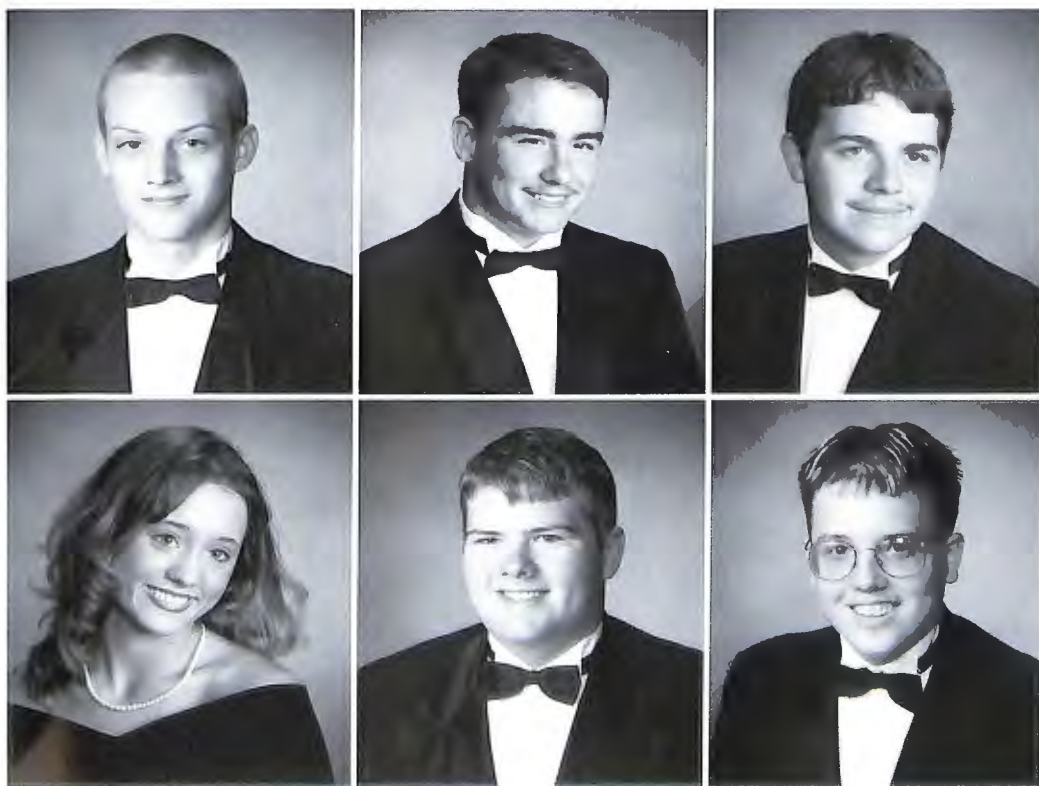
Vinton Junior Miss winner, Jill Linkenhoker plays the piano for her talent. Before taking her seat at the piano she gave a speech in spanish which was translated for the audience. She dedicated the song and performance to her father who had recently passed away. " Junior Miss was so much fun for me. I was glad to represent my school," said Linkenhoker.

RICHARD WEST, DECA
JOSH WHEELER, Boys' Basketball
RAY WICKERSTY, FBLA, Sketches,

ALESHA WILBANKS, Byrd Buddy, DECA, FBLA, FCA, French Club, Natural Helpers, Reindeer Club, SADD, Science Club, Sketches, Softball, Volleyball, Leo Club

ADAM WILKES, BETA Club, FBLA, Latin Club, Science Club, Football

BRIAN WILLIAMS, FCA, Science Club



Sharing Our Opinion

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*Reaching
eighteen brings
new rights and
a sense of
importance in
democracy*

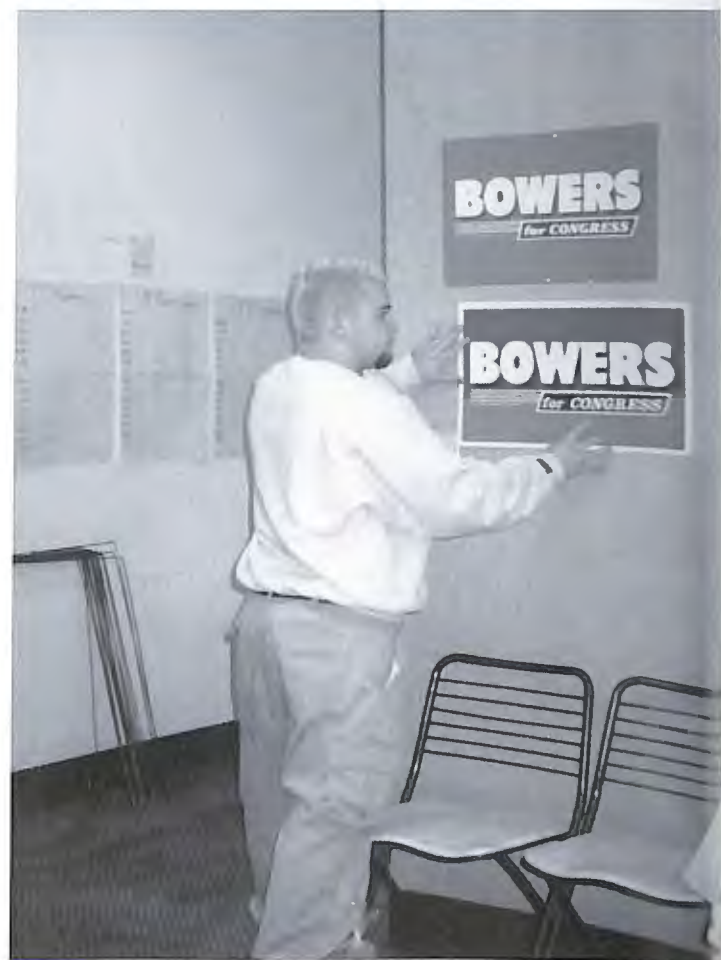
Seniors discovered that the issue of politics is not just confined to government class when they faced the choice of whether or not to vote. The majority of the senior class is concerned about political issues and said that they planned to vote when they turned 18. "Why not represent what you stand for?," said Jacob Baldwin. On the other hand, Nathan Ives said, "One person can not make a difference with one vote." Many students expressed the sentiment that if you do not vote, then you should not complain.

Political issues that concern seniors range from Social Security to affirmative action. When asked what political issues concern him, Ben Janney said, "Tax breaks because my parents will have two children in college next year." Robert Rowell said that starvation and violence in the world today concern him as well as drugs: whereas, violence problems in school concern Amanda Walton. The class of 1999 had opposing opinions on the Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky scandal. Scott Bailey said, "The most powerful man in the country should have some honesty and integrity." However, Sabrina Stone said, "I do not think that it is anyone else's business what he does behind closed doors."

With different issues to be concerned about the seniors showed that politics are important and that they do have views and ideas that they like to express.

By: Kelly McCarty

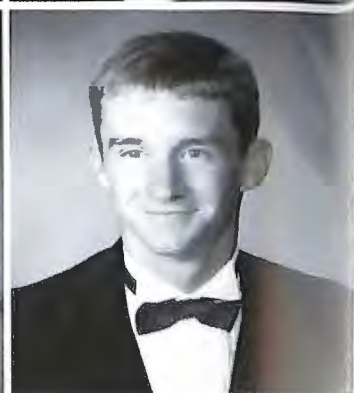
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Hanging posters for Congressional candidate David Bowers, Blake Davis takes his stand on politics. "I think making our opinions known is important," said Davis. There were seniors that felt getting involved in politics is important because it involves their futures and their children's futures. Others felt that one vote or voice will not make any difference in the long run, so getting involved was not worth the time



SHANNON WILLIAMS, DECA; Officer, FBLA, FCA, Science Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club
BRANDI WIMER, Softball, Track
BECKY WOOD, DECA, FCA, German Club, Latin Club, SADD, Leo Club, Volleyball



RYAN WOOD, FBLA, FCA, French Club, Science Club, Baseball, Boys' Basketball
MELINDA YATES, FBLA; Treasurer, FHA, Reindeer Club
NEIL ZIMMERMAN, BETA Club, Natural Helpers, Basketball; Captain, Football, Wrestling, Byrd Buddy



“All year I’ve been anxious, looking forward to college.”

Aaron Aylor



“Senior year was fun, but I’m ready to get out of here.”

Stephanie Vaden

*"Though PSATs weren't
the highlight of my day, I
appreciated preparing
for the SATs."*

★ Heather Roy ★

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To prepare for the SAT's, junior Jared Howell works out some Algebra problems in the SAT Prep Class. The class was designed to teach students the skills they need for the SAT's as well as improve their scores. Many students have had better scores after taking the class.



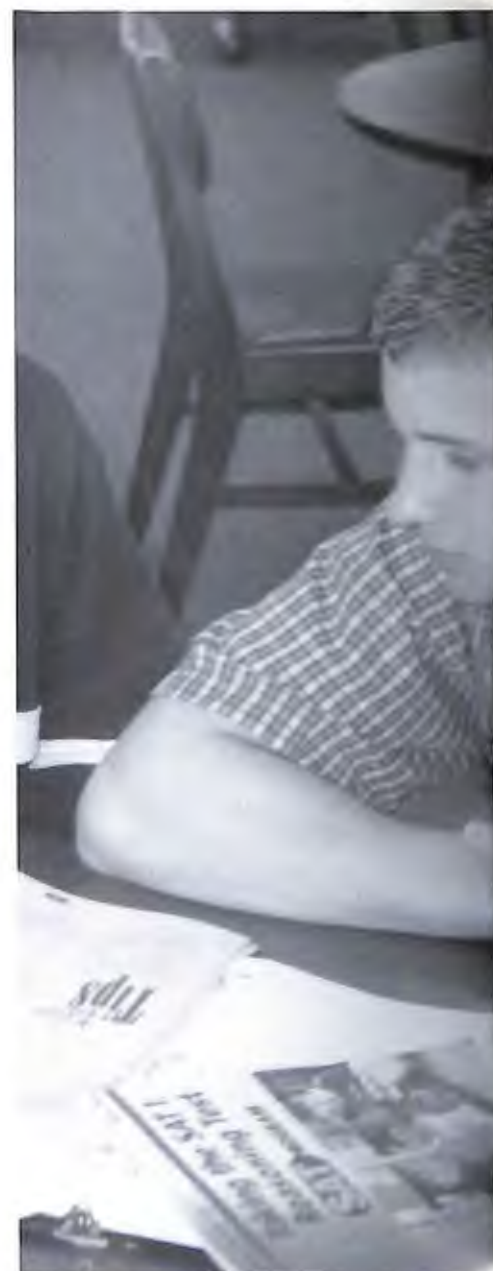
★ Testing ★ Our ★ Knowledge

The PSAT/NMSQT is a nationwide test administered to juniors and sophomores in preparation for the SAT. Also, one year before graduation, for most students junior year, the PSAT/NMSQT is used as a basis for special recognition and scholarships. The SAT, taken mostly by seniors and juniors, is a standardized aptitude test used widely as a prerequisite for acceptance into many colleges in the United States.

Is the SAT a fair way to judge students' abilities for college? The majority of the Class of 2000 did not think that it was entirely fair, and some students brought up points to back their opinions. Nia Indelicato said that she thought the tests were fair "when they are combined with other things like GPA and involvement in school...but alone, no." Jennifer Kasey argued for the unfair side by stating, "I feel you can't measure one's total ability through standardized tests because there are so many things to be accounted for." Differences which accounted for student's test taking abilities included personal learning abilities, test taking abilities, and the mood of the student at the time of the test.

On a more focused scale, students were asked to reflect on the hardest part of the PSAT/NMSQT. Answers varied, but they centered around the vocabulary of the verbal section. Justin Helm agreed with this and justified it by saying, "We don't have a class like Geometry or Algebra for vocabulary." Emily English said, "I think the hardest part of the PSAT was the vocabulary section. I had not even heard the words, much less knew the definition!"

Ian Terrell



Cameron Adams
Matt Adams
Brent Adkins
Daniel Adkins
Connie Agee
Jacqueline Akers
Kim Andrews



Matt Arbo
Jason Asbury
Matt Ashwell
Denise Aspell
Johnathan Ayers
Courtney Babb
Ashley Barber



Ryan Barger
Adam Beck
Darcy Belcher
Jennifer Bennett
Jessica Benson
Laura Bibb
Eric Bondurant





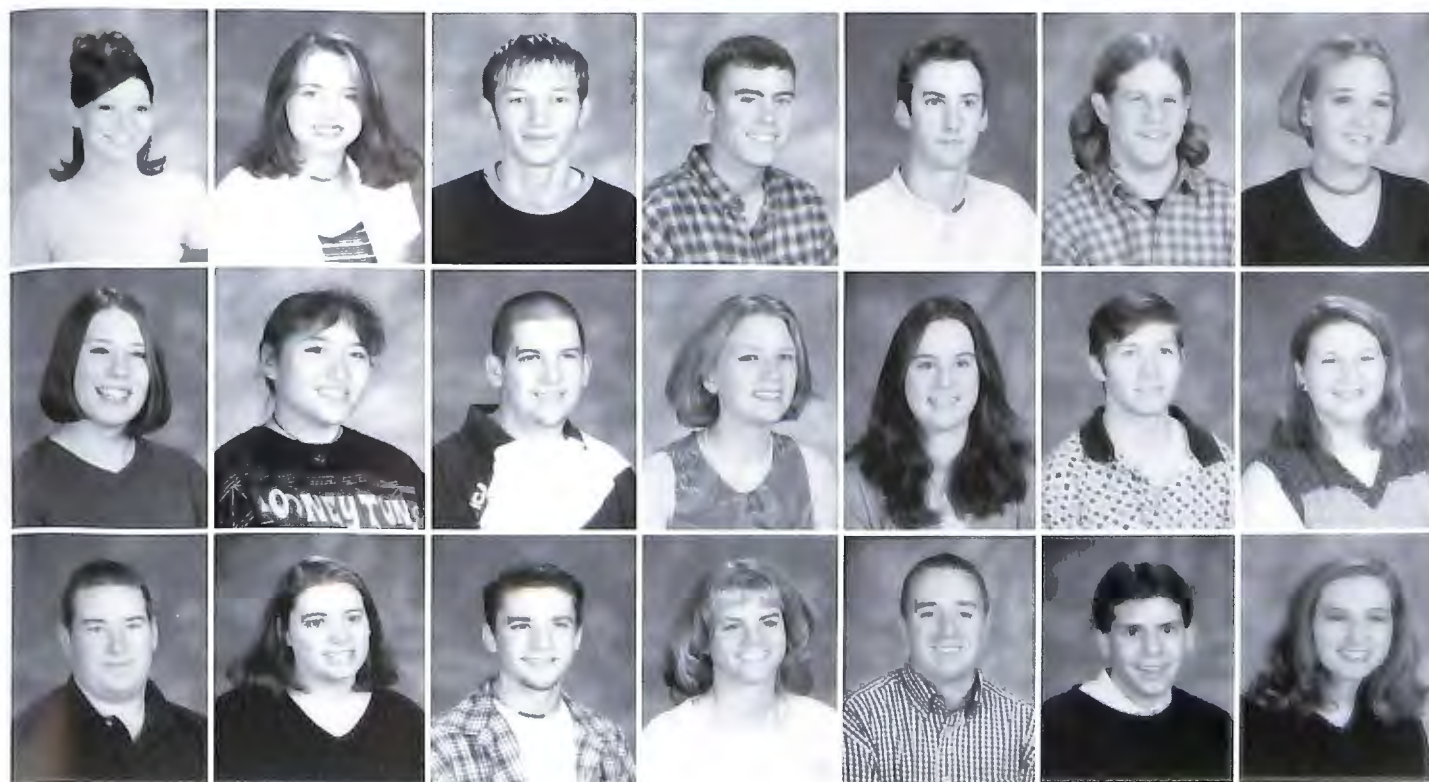
After receiving his scores for the PSATs, George Richards looks over his results. Richards had his original workbook as well as a sheet showing which problems he got wrong. The PSATs gave students an accurate measure of how well he or she would do on the SATs.



Sharon Waelti prepares herself for the PSATs in the Band room the week of the big test. The PSATs were held on a Saturday morning, which students spent four hours working out math and English questions. The juniors and sophomores received their scores in late December. Waelti said, "I'm not looking forward to the SATs but I have got to take them. Tests aren't my favorite things to do."



"Being a junior has proved that this is the hardest year in high school. I have to study all the time," said Dana Cassell. The two juniors, Cassell and LeeAnn Reich, study for the PSAT's in October. The testing was held in late October. The juniors and sophomores took these preliminary tests for practice for SATs they need to take for college entrance.



Alysia Bradshaw
Lisa Bragg
Michael Brogan
Timothy Bromfield
Justin Brown
Justin Bruner
Stephanie Bryant

Sydney Bryant
Cynthia Butterworth
Chris Caldwell
Jaime Caldwell
Elizabeth Callahan
Erik Canner
Rebecca Carr

Bryan Carriker
Dana Cassell
Ben Chapman
Dawn Chewning
Jason Childress
Benjamin Chopski
Jessica Clem

"My best experience

volunteering was in the

Red Cross Clown Corps. I

traveled to different places

to teach kids about drugs

and alcohol."

★ Kellen Williams ★

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With an accomplished look on her face, LeeAnn Reich glances at Kevin who was doing his homework in the cafeteria at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. Reich answered questions which varied student to student on homework and reading assignments, "I love helping the kids because they have a hard time with their work and I can help them with it," the junior said.



★ Students ★ give ★ of their ★ time

The Class of 2000 really loves to help out! Juniors volunteered all over the valley in a variety of jobs and places and it seemed as though they all had really great experiences! Juniors volunteered everywhere from the SPCA and Community Hospital to TRUST and RAM House.

During the summer, MaryAnne Spencer helped out at the Muscular Dystrophy camp where she worked with children who had MD. Spencer said, "It was an awesome experience. It really made me realize how well off I am physically."

Angie Gayle said, "I think every time someone volunteers it is a great experience because you get to meet new people and help someone out. It helps you feel better about yourself."

Jenny McPhail volunteered at "Reading is Fundamental" and helped teach children how to read. McPhail said, "I love the kids. Sometimes they teach me a thing or two." Many junior volunteers seemed to think they had learned something from the people they helped.

Emily English, who volunteered at the Salem Baptist Children's Home, said "The kids and the adults were so thankful for my work. That could be why it makes us feel good!" Jessica Clem seemed to summarize it all when she said, "All the work was well worth it because in the end we were helping out people."

Ben Shepherd

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Volunteering his time in February, Nathan Williamson makes valentines for the veterans at the VA hospital. "It was good to do something nice for other people," said Williamson of the task. Many juniors helped out in the project for the VA hospital.



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Chris Coppersmith
Krystle Costigan
Micheal Cronise
Brandy Cupp
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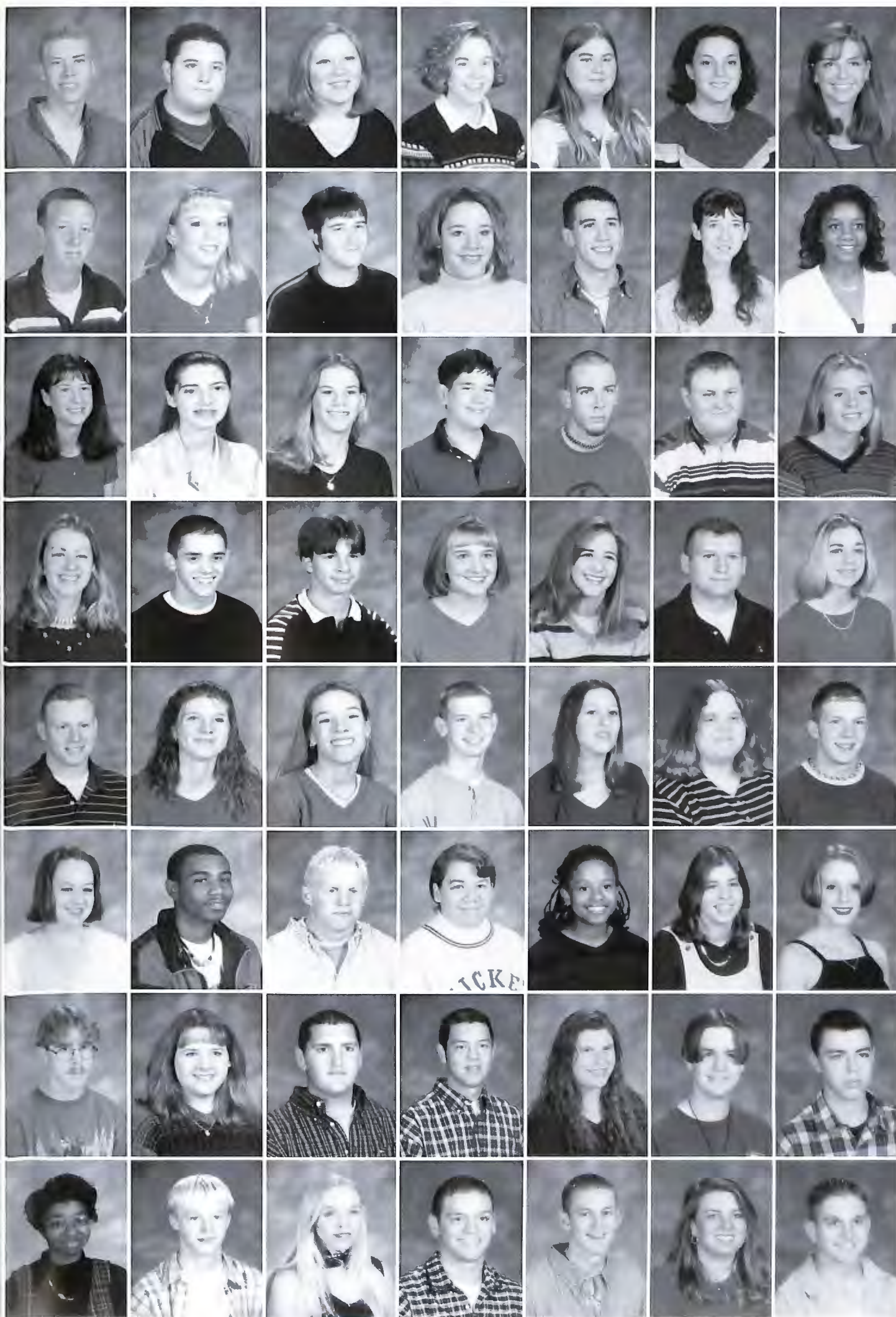


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Robert Deane
Allison Denney
Amy Dibble
Lee Dillon
Hollan Dogan
David Doss



Heather Earley
Katie Ellis
Emily English
Vanessa Ferguson
Cameron Ferris
Brandi Feury
Sean Fleharty





Roger Flinchum
 Thomas Flowers
 Abby Foster
 Cassy Foutz
 Angela Froeschl
 Andrea Gay
 Angie Gayle

Corey Gee
 Heather Gee
 Kevin George
 Tammy Gillespie
 Andy Goodman
 Nicole Gordon
 Nicole Gray

Mariah Green
 Katherine Gross
 Sabrina Grubb
 John Hajian Jr.
 Jeremy Harper
 Earnest Harris
 Christine Harrison

Ashley Hartman
 Justin Helm
 Dustin Henry
 Melissa Herald
 Marcy Hernandez
 C.L. Hetherington
 Alisha Hodges

Daniel Holdren
 Kara Holdren
 Holly Holland
 Jared Howell
 Katie Hylton
 Nia Indelicato
 Craig Janney

Amanda Jennings
 Marcus Johnson
 Nick Jones
 Shannon Jones
 Jennifer Kasey
 Sara Kendrick
 Jackie Killen

Kris King
 Kristen Kirk
 Chris Koon
 Jonathan Lau
 Susan Lawrence
 Aaron Layman
 Jason Lazenby

Charity Levesy
 Jeremy Link
 Amanda Lucas
 Ryan Lucas
 Brent Luster
 Amy Madderra
 Mikey Mann

Michelle Markham
Sara Marks
Neal Martin
Jason Massey
Amanda Mayer
Darryl McCallum
Brad McConnell



Jon McCubbin
J.J. McKinney
Justin McLaughlin
Jenny McPhail
Crystal Milton
Mark Mitchell
Christie Moore



Chad Morris
Michael Moses
Josh Mullen
Randolf Murphey
Kenny Murray
Jennifer Newman
Fawn Oakes



Zach Obenchain
Matt Offenbacher
Debra Parcell
Nickie Parker
Seth Parsons
Joel Patrick
Laurie Paxton



Corey Paine
Jonathan Perdue
Lisa Phillips
Holly Pottmeyer
Kelley Reich
LeeAnn Reich
Harmony Richards



George Richards
Matt Rigney
James Roark
Mary Robertson
Angie Robinette
Eric Roemer
Darren Rogers



Jonathan Rohrer
Corey Roseberry
Courtney Ross
Heather Roy
Bo Royal
Ashley Sailor
Chris Saunders



Evan Schoonover
Paul Self
Rebecca Shaver
Jessica Shaw
Jennifer Sheaff
Ben Shepherd
Audra Simmons





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Mrs. Jeanette Jones explains to Heather Roy how to become an exchange student. Jones told the junior that in order to be eligible for the program, students must fill out many forms and have good grades. "After finding out the information about the exchange student program, I started thinking just how neat it would be to exchange places with another student. Not only would I be experiencing life through another point of view, I'd learn about various cultures and what another lifestyle has to offer," said Roy.

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"I really enjoyed visiting different countries and I learned a lot from the cultural differences. It was a really good experience and I feel that everyone can learn from traveling abroad," said Susan Lawrence of her overseas trip to Ireland. She and Ben Chapmen got to learn about another country through a first-hand experience.



Students Exchanging Positions

As students begin another school year, they take on the same regular schedule day after day. What if you had the opportunity to be an exchange student in another country? You would have an entirely different schedule and new plans for the weekend. Having thought about the question, Sharon Waelti said, "I would like to be an exchange student in Australia. I think that there would be a lot to learn from basically surviving in nature." Exchange students have the opportunity to learn a new culture as well as master their language skills. "I would like to be an exchange student in Germany to find out just how much I've actually learned in class," Ben Chopski said.

Brandi Cupp said she would like to be an exchange student in England. "Ever since I was little I have wanted to go there to drive on the opposite side of the road, listen to the accents, and to see what English schools are like," she said. After coming home from such an incredible journey, exchange students have gained more in a short time than they would have learned during a regular year of school.

Pondering on the experience of being an exchange student, Rebecca Carr said, "I think it is important to experience other cultures. Americans are too wrapped up in themselves. There are beautiful people all around the world and we need to look beyond our front yard."

Jennifer Sheaff

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"I would like to be an exchange student because you could learn so much from other people."

★ Ben Shepherd ★

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During Spirit Week in September, Junior Roger Flinchum takes a gulp out of the water fountain after being interviewed by a Black Swan staff member. Flinchum said, "I would like to be in the exchange program because I would meet a lot of new people and get to learn about another culture." Being an exchange student could be fun for anyone, but the junior added, "It would be great, although I would get homesick."



Junior Jason Asbury accepts his class ring from Andy Goodman as Cameron Adams congratulates him. Juniors received their class rings in mid-November at a special ceremony for them. Asbury was finally glad to receive his ring because he had ordered it as a sophomore. The junior said, "This was a great event and an honor to be treated the way we were just because we are the class of 2000!"



Nathan Simmons, Audra Simmons, Cerra Fisher, and Kathy Gross examine each others' class rings after receiving them at a ceremony in October. Each ring was specially crafted for each student, including their name written on the inside of the ring. "I think our class rings are an important symbol of ourselves. They are reminders of all the times, good and bad. In the future it will help us all remember who we were and what we were like," said Audra Simmons of her ring.

"It is important to buy a class ring because you will look at it and memories of your friends and classmates will come back to you."

★ Jessica Clem ★

Students Receive Class Rings



Obtaining a class ring was officially part of achieving the upperclassmen status. Students purchased class rings because they wanted something to symbolize their high school years. Different styles and selections provided various aspects in choosing a class ring. Students chose to put designs on their rings dealing with the sports they played, clubs and organizations they were involved in, or symbols that described them. Junior Ashley Sailor said, "The only thing I could get on my ring was the year because the ring style was more along the lines of a dinner ring. Besides, I think that the fact that we graduate in 2000 is the most important point."

The decision of whether to buy a class ring or not differed among many students. Junior Chris Wheeler said, "I think it is important to buy a class ring because it is a memory of our high school years!" Whereas another junior, LeeAnn Reich said, "I didn't even get a class ring. I don't trust myself with expensive things!"

"High school years are supposed to be the best years of our lives. By purchasing a class ring, you can help preserve some of those special moments and be able to look back on them when we are older," said Kim Andrews.

Heather Roy



At the class ring ceremony for Juniors, Kim Whitlow receives her ring from Andy Goodman. After the ceremony, Whitlow said "It was exciting getting my class ring because it represents the school and what year I graduated. I also liked looking at everyone else's class rings and seeing all the different ways everyone got their rings done." Students were eager to receive their rings that they had waited for since their sophomore year.



Nathan Simmons
William Smelser
Brant Somma
Brenn Sowers
Mary Spencer
Courtney Spradlin
Jamie Spradlin



Samantha Spradlin
Jory Stanely
Kim St.Clair
Heather Stultz
Carrie Sullivan
Jennifer Taylor
Ian Terrell



Jennifer Thomas
Robert Thomas
Timothy Thomas
O.J. Thomason
Phillip Tingler
Courtney Tolley
Barbara Townsend



Chris Trent
Deanna Tuell
Charity Turner
Kristen Tyree
Dustin Vaden
John Varona
Ashlea Vineyard



Sharon Waelti
Beth Wagner
Jessica Walker
Michael Warfe
Robert Weeks
Brandon Welch
Chris Wheeler



Ryan White
Kim Whitlow
Sam Wilke
Jason Willhide
Kellen Williams
Larry Williams
Nathan Williamson



Scott Wise
Dale Wolfenbarger
Ashley Wood
Anna Woodie
Josh Woolfolk
Erik Wright
Whitney Yates

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Jason Yetter
Jeremy Yetter
Kasey Young

Lindsey Adkins
Stephen Agner
Elliot Agnor
Martin Aguilera
Christina Akers
Christopher Allie
Michael Anderson



Jeremy Applestein
Becky Armstrong
Jessica Arthur
Matt Ashby
Robert Aspell
Tony Bailey
Dustin Bailey



Nichole Bailey
Isaac Balwin
B.A. Banks
Allan Banton
Travis Barber
Jessica Barberie
Amanda Barger



Matt Barnes
T.J. Barton
Michael Bass
Jake Bautista
Casey Beckner
Will Benninger
Jamie Beville



Kevin Beville
Sabrina Billings
Daniel Bishop
Elizabeth Bolton
Jennifer Bolton
Devin Boothe
Thomas Boyd Jr.



Amanda Bralley
Scott Breeding
Karla Brown
Rob Brown
Daniel Buckley
Beth Bush
Erin Byers



Catina Caldwell
Marcus Campbell
Todd Carlisle
CJ Carter
Bryce Chalkley
Shameika Chan
Jennifer Churkery



Latasha Clark
Amanda Clifton
Jackie Conner
Crystal Cook
Emilie Cox
Tammy Cox
Amanda Craighead





Dustin Crawford
Hannah Creel
Sarah Cunningham
Katie Daniels
David Dearing
Christine Dillion
Kirk Dooley

Amanda Dore
Darin Duffy
Jeremy Elkins
Heather English
Lindsey Ernest
Kelly Faucette
Belinda Feazell

Andrea Fisher
Cerra Fisher
Matt Fizer
Jessica Flippo
Crystal Flowers
Wendi Fout
Hope Franklin

Valuable ★ Lessons ★ Learned ★

Members of the sophomore class volunteered their time to help out others in the community. Students volunteered their services in a variety of places including: the local library, the RAM House, the S.P.C.A., hospitals, various support groups, or the local Rescue Squad. Jeremy Applestein, volunteered at his church by cleaning and mowing. Several other students, including Travis Patsell, volunteered at the Mill Mountain Zoo helping to feed and clean up after the animals. Nathan Tyree, and several other sophomores, helped out on emergency rescue calls at the Vinton Volunteer Rescue Squad. Allison Perry volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House once or twice a month. Allison answered phones, cleaned up, and helped people living there.

Students volunteered for a number of reasons. Cerra Fisher said, "I like to help people less fortunate than me and let them know that there are people who care." Kim Lewis said, "I feel that volunteering is an important step in learning about yourself and others." Jamie Beville said that she volunteered because she, "Likes serving others." Other students in the sophomore class volunteered because it was rewarding or because it was required for a social studies class.

Jennifer Hasis

"Volunteer work is a good experience for people of all ages. It helps people in need and makes you feel better about yourself."

★ Jennifer Sahm ★



On a Wednesday evening, Lindsey Ernest teaches a small group of preschoolers how to sing at First Baptist Church. "I think that it is fun to volunteer, especially when you get to help other children," Ernest said. After working for an hour with the children, Ernest left for her home until the next week, when she will return to First Baptist to lend a hand with the children again.

★ Shop ★ 'til ★ you ★ Drop ★

*"The best time to shop is
during sales, especially at
American Eagle and
Express."*

★ Jamie Hindmarsh ★

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After work, Carrie Schlotthober travels to the mall in order to find a new outfit for her evening excursion. Schlotthober said, "I went shopping to get a new outfit to wear at the Melting Pot that evening. The Melting Pot is a place where people can go and listen to live bands."



Students in the sophomore class enjoyed spending their money in a variety of places. Sports enthusiasts, like Nathan Tyree, went to CMT Sporting Goods to shop. When shopping for music, sophomores enjoyed going to Camelot Music or the Concert Connection. Sophomores especially enjoyed spending their money on clothing. According to the sophomore class survey, students liked to buy their snazzy new threads at Valley View Mall. American Eagle, GAP, Limited, County Seat, JCPenny's, and Belk were the most popular places to shop for clothing and accessories. Devon Wilson said, "My favorite place to shop is County Seat because they have sales every Saturday." Anwar Rabb, who enjoyed shopping at Belk, said, "I like Belk because they have a good selection of clothes. I like Tommy, Nautica, and Jnco." Some 10th graders, such as Kelly Faucette, preferred to shop out of town because of the bigger selections. Students spared no expense when it came to clothes. Heather English said, "I'll pay whatever it costs." Sophomores, on average, spent approximately \$42 for a sweater, \$46 on a pair of jeans, and \$87 for a pair of shoes. Most sophomores enjoyed shopping and were willing to spend large amounts of money for clothing, sporting goods, and music.

Kim Kastner



Brian Gardner
Amanda Gearheart
Crystal Gilbert
Mary Glass
Emily Gordon
Jesse Graham
Michael Gresham



Meghan Guilliams
Robert Gum
Rob Ham
Brett Hamlett
Kevin Harber
Kara Harper
Ray Harper



Cheyne Hartman
Jon Hartman
Jennifer Hasis
Lindsay Hastings
Emily Haden
Josh Hazelwood
Matt Helmintoller





*"JCPenny's is my favorite
place to shop because they
carry the styles of clothing
that I like to wear.*

*JCPenny's prices are also
reasonable."*

★ *Jeremy Williams* ★

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While spending a summer day at Valley View Mall, Meghan Guilliams and her friends, Hillary Ellis and Katie Ellis, spotted a sale at County Seat. Guilliams immediately found a cute pair of plaid shorts she wanted to buy for 70% off. "We had a really good time shopping that day," said Guilliams, "even though we didn't stay for very long."



**Jamie Hindmarsh
Melisa Hitt
Nicole Holdren
Kari Horsely
Todd Houff
Cris Howard
Jeffery Huddleston**

**Nathaniel Hughes
Rebecca Hughes
Tia Humphreys
Mickey Humphries
Brandon Janney
Cory Jones
Mark Jones**

**Greg Justis
Kim Kastner
Michael Kendrick
Kathryn Kidd
Lindsey King
Ashleigh Kingery
Brandon Kirkwood**

"It depends on actor's actions, what they say, and what they do. That is what makes them role models in our eyes."

★ Sabrina Billings ★

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During 'Skate with the Players Night' at the Roanoke Civic Center, fans were able to skate around and get to know the Roanoke Express Hockey team. In January, Heather English and Kara Harper talked with the assistant coach for the Express. After skating with the players Harper said, "I like 'Skate with the Players Night,' because you get to go hangout with the hockey players and get to know them better. I didn't feel like skating that night, but once I got out on the ice, I didn't want to leave!"



★ Looking ★ up to ★ the ★ Stars

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While visiting the Newschannel Ten news station downtown, Jennifer Hasis meets news anchor John Carlin. Mr. Carlin showed Hasis around the set, including where the anchors sit while they are broadcasting the news. "John Carlin was a really great person. He was very kind to my friends and me. It's not often that you get to meet a local celebrity," explained Hasis.



In a sophomore class survey, students told who their favorite celebrities were and if they served as role models to them. The responses varied among the underclassmen. While some teens thought their favorite celebrities made good role models, others strongly disagreed. Morgan Wakefield said, "Yes, celebrities are role models because they have achieved their goals and are doing what they want to do." Jeremy Applestein said, "Yes, they are role models because they effect how some of us think." Nicole Bailey said, "I like Garth Brooks because he is hot and talented."

Some people thought that some of the causes celebrities sponsored made them good role models because it showed they cared. Others said they liked celebrities because they have everything teenagers want. Various students think some celebrities encourage teenagers to stay in school and help others who are less fortunate. The celebrities that were most popular in the sophomore survey were Shania Twain, Sandra Bullock, Meg Ryan, Tom Cruise, Chris Tucker, and Julia Roberts.

There were a few sophomores who were surveyed that believed celebrities should not be role models. Kevin Harber said, "Celebrities aren't role models because they don't do anything to help out society."

Ashleigh Kingrey and Rob Ham

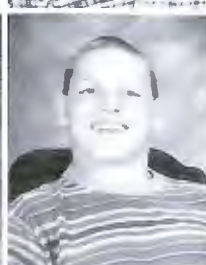
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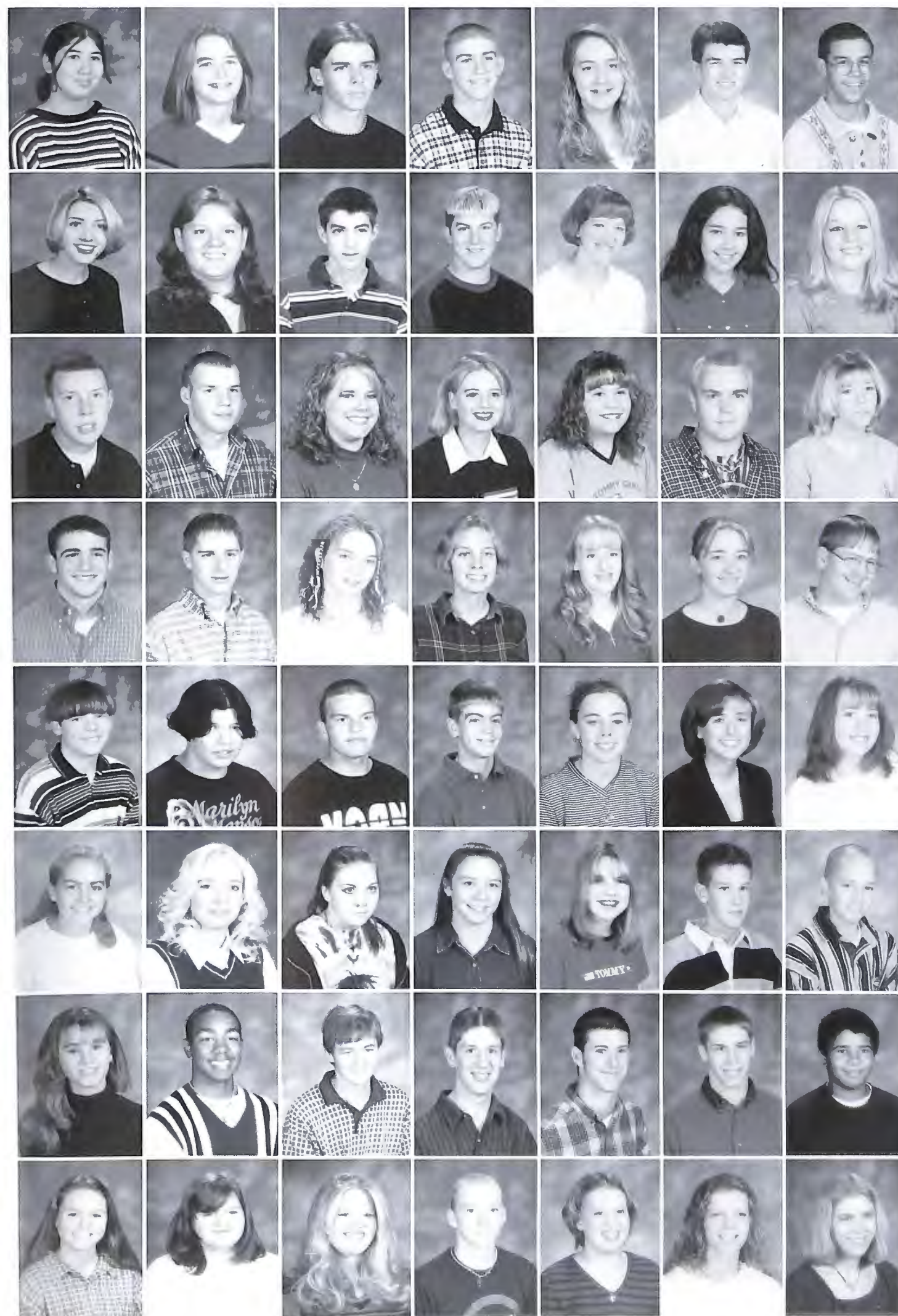


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Kim Lewis
David Linkenhoker
Thomas Lusk
Tim Mack
Krystal Marsh
Crystal Martin



Kristen Mauck
Natacha Mayo
Afton McGhee
Dustin McGhee
Mary Beth McGuire
John McPherson
Shannon McWhorter





Rosie Melki
 Jessica Miller
 Chris Mitchell
 Justin Moock
 Rebecca Moore
 Roy Moore
 Jonathan Moralde

Brandy Moran
 Crystal Morgan
 David Moses
 Joey Mullens
 Leslie Mullins
 Emma Murray
 Mackenzie Murray

Chad Myers
 Jamie Myers
 Tabitha Neal
 MaryJo Niday
 April Nimmo
 Jeremy Nunley
 Kimberly Nunley

Bryce Obaugh
 Andrew Okes
 Christina Owens
 Joyce Page
 Audrey Parke
 Erin Parks
 Donnie Parrish

Terry Patsel
 Travis Patsell
 Michael Patton
 Cory Pendleton
 Erin Perkins
 Allison Perry
 Kristen Peters

Lauren Phlegar
 Casey Power
 Angel Price
 Lori Price
 Kristen Prillaman
 Clinton Proctor
 Johnathan Queener

Amy Quesenberry
 Anwar Rabb
 Joseph Rabe
 Patrick Rhodes
 Terry Rigsby
 Nathan Rivers
 John Roberts

Nichole Roberts
 Ashley Rock
 Lara Rogers
 Ronnie Roseberry
 Amy Rucker
 Jennifer Sahn
 Jennifer Saunders

Carrie Schlotthober
Matt Scott
Lori Sellers
Gary Serfass
Alisha Shelton
Chelsey Shifflet
Ashley Short



Mika Short
Kevin Simmons
Claudia Sloan
Erin Smith
Joe Smith
Paul Smith
Brandy Sowers



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Nichole Sparks
Greg Stephenson
Amanda Stovall
Jennifer Strom
Amanda Stump
Mary Tatum
Elliott Thaxton



Indi Thomas
Jason Thomas
Samuel Thompson
Geron Tidman
David Tolbert
Evan Traylor
Stephen Trout



Nathan Tyree
Chris Vaden
Jeff Vaughan
Jessica Vaughan
Morgan Wakefield
Michael Wallace
Holly Walton



Matt Ward
Erin Welch
Mathew West
Stuart West
Keisha White
Amy Whitmire
Angela Williams



Jeremy Williams
Justin Williams
Tawanda Williams
Cary Wilson
Devon Wilson
Shana Wilkinson
Jacob Wood



James Wood
Jessi Wood
Stephanie Wood
Jeremy Woodie
Sarah Worley
Brandy Wright





While visting Smith Mountain Lake over the summer, Afton McGhee runs into a group of ducks. When she attempted to feed them, one of the ducks bit her. McGhee said "Even though the duck bit my finger, I had a lot of fun on the trip!" Afterwards McGhee went swimming in the lake.

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"I like vacations because I get to go places I've never been and do things I ordinarily wouldn't do."

★ Mary Glass ★

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Disasters Happen!

As summer rolls around and the school bell stops ringing for a while, many families take their yearly summer trips to leave the proverbial rat race behind and get away from it all. The annual expedition is usually planned months before it takes place, but no matter how well planned the trip is, things do go wrong.

More often than not, Mother Nature is the enforcer of Murphy's Law (whatever can go wrong, will go wrong). She can be quite the trickster as Bryce Chalkley pointed out when describing one of his family's annual treks. "We went to Nag's Head Beach one year, only to find out that a class four hurricane was headed straight for us," said Chalkley. They were forced to evacuate, but in an ironic twist of fate, the hurricane missed Nag's Head entirely.

Disease can also ruin a trip. Ranging from minor cases of car sickness or a chicken pox epidemic, these little bugs can make you totally miserable. Emma Murray recalls a trip to Spain with these fond memories. "I was ill, and kept falling and hurting myself. I went home bruised and scarred," said Murray.

Then there is the human error. Many people have spoiled their own vacations by doing something that seemed incredibly plausible at the time, yet extremely foolish in retrospect. Perhaps swimming in water filled with jellyfish, like Rebecca Moore's clan, forgetting luggage, or getting a really bad sunburn.

However vacations are ruined, they still must end, and all of the students return to school for nine months of learning until the cycle begins again.

Todd Houff



At the beginning of September, Kevin Harber takes a vacation with his family in Florida. While visiting with his uncle in a retirement home, Harber went to a nearby lake to fish. While fishing, Harber caught a fish called a gar. Harber said, "My dad broke the fish's jaw because it almost took off my finger, and he didn't want that to happen." After Harber's father broke the gar's jaw, Kevin threw the fish back into the water.

In the nick of time, Matt Sheaff walks into his room to stop his cat Raven from attacking his gold fish. After he returned home from a JV Basketball game, Sheaff noticed the cat had snuck into his room. "Having a cat and fish have been fun. the fish aren't afraid of the cat but it might kill them one day," said sheaff.



★ Looking ★ at a ★ Variety of ★ Animals

The class of 2002 has a variety of interesting and different pets. They own all kinds of pets and animals ranging from a dog to hamsters and a bird to a fish.

While most of the freshmen had average household pets, some students had unique and different pets as well. Like a dog named Shoppy and two leopard tortoises named Samantha and Darren. Both Tommy Aldrich and Timmy Bibasodeh own lizards, and Jessica Mitchell, Brad Hypes, Shawn Arthur, and Jeremy Bradley own ferrets. Heather Link has a horse, and Michael Modica has a chameleon.

Some of the students have pets that do strange things as well. Tori Underwood's cat, Claudia, jumps in the air and flips for no reason. Katie Vance's cat drools and Stephanie Shimp's rabbit thinks it is a dog. Once she left it in the room while she went to go get something she needed for homework, and when she came back it had gone to the bathroom on her schoolbook!

Though some of their pets seem to be a little different, many of the 9th graders have big hearts and a love for animals.



Ashely Adldoost
Adam Albertson
Elizabeth Albright
Tommy Aldrich
Jennifer Allen
Lany Altice
Ashley Altizer



Dustin Anderson
Patrick Arbo
Jamilee Arthur
Shawn Arthur
Claire Austin
Nikki Bagwell
D.J. Bailey



Jeremy Baldwin
Deanna Barnitz
Steffie Bartley
Hannah Bautista
April Beatty
Wesley Bell
Michael Benson





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Playing tug-a-war with her dog, Amber Faw pulls on a rope that her dog Blue loves to chew. "I had been begging my mom for a dog for about six months and she finally gave in. I picked Blue because I've always wanted a dalmation and his one blue and one brown eye were so cute. He is such a sweet dog, I love him to pieces," said Faw. After Blue had finished playing, the tired puppy took a nap.

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Just after chatting on AOL with his friends, Anthony Neel attempts to calm down his dog Bear. "Bear was a Christmas present from my mom five years ago," said Neel. "Because of him I have had to buy new shirts. He's always tearing them," continued Neel.



"My dog JJ is weird

because he thinks he's a

cat and my cat Bandit

thinks it's a dog.

★ Amy Broderick ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"Treat, Dusty treat!" says Stephanie Shimp as she calls her rabbit. Shimp fed her pet an apple. "My rabbit was running around the family room." Dusty has been Shimp's rabbit for three years. The rabbit, who runs around like a dog, loves fruit and lettuce for snacks.



Brandon Bernard
Scott Blankenship
Dustin Bobbitt
Tony Borden
Ashley Bostic
Madeline Bradford
Jeremy Bradley

Megan Bradley
Anthony Brant
Megan Bratton
Jesse Bray
Brian Britt
Jimmy Brock
Amy Broderick

Timmy Broderick
Joshua Bromfield
Andrew Bullock
Chris Burgess
Cory Bush
Katie Bush
Beth Caldwell

"It was hard finding my way around because there were so many people in the halls, but now I could find my way in my sleep."

★ Sarah Snow ★

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After third lunch on the first day of school, Andrew Goolsby has a little bit of trouble finding his classes. "It was the first day of school and I didn't know what I was doing because of my schedule. I was looking for my geometry classroom, when I realized that it was right behind me. I felt stupid because it was right under my nose," said Goolsby. Afterwards he walked to class with his friends.



★ Finding ★ Our ★ Way ★ Around

As the rising eighth graders became freshmen, many had a difficult time finding classes and their way around the newly renovated high school. It took many students a few days to find their way around the huge building. Lauren Wright said, "It would have been hard finding my class if I had not had the floor plan of the school." Tori Underwood said "I didn't know how the school was laid out." The new freshmen agreed that being in high school gave them more responsibilities. "In the high school we are allowed to have our bookbags. Since being in the high school, we have more time to do our own work and more freedom from the teachers," Matt Sheaff said.

Amber Faw had a hard time finding her classes because her schedule was mixed up. The freshmen ended up in all of the wrong classes on the first day of school. Some freshmen found it very difficult to find their classes, "Finding my classes [was hard] because all of the room numbers were goofed up and I started out in Advanced PE," said Patrick Arbo.

After a long first week, freshmen adjusted to their schedules and began to enjoy the beginning of their high school career.

Lindsay Houser

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Blake McCord takes a quick stop at his locker before fifth period. McCord, along with other fellow classmates felt he did not have enough time to go to his locker, and be on time to their classes especially since he didn't know his way around the building. "The first couple of days I had a hard time finding my way around. But now high school is a lot easier," said McCord. In order to avoid tardies students had to carry their books around as opposed to getting them from their lockers after class.



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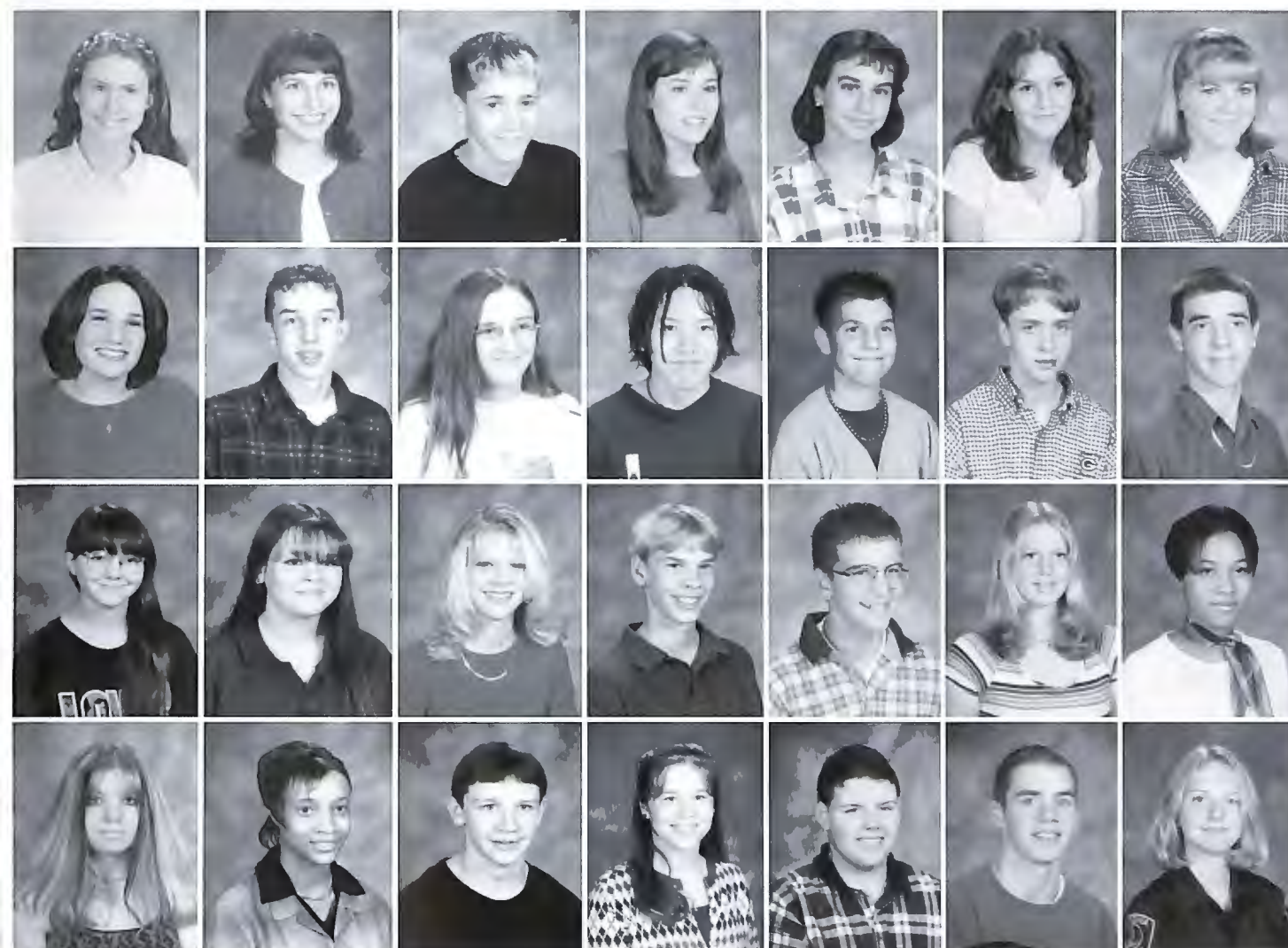


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Casey Carle helps decorate the football field for homecoming by putting tissue paper into styrofoam cups. Several students helped out by hanging up streamers or paper chains during their lunches or study halls for spirit week. "Homecoming was a lot of fun and it meant even more to me because I got to help decorate the field," said Carle. Before the game, a short rain caused the tissue paper and streamers to stick together and even fall down. However, the school colors surrounded the field when students and parents arrived for the game that evening.

Moving Up the Ladder!



Freshmen found they had to face all kinds of new challenges and experiences moving up from the middle school. Some students thought high school gave them more responsibility and freedom. Sarah Creasy said, "I have to do more things on my own in high school without being told." Though some ninth graders had worries, others were excited about the change they had experienced. Ashley Adldoost's favorite thing about high school was able to chew gum in class. D.J. Bailey enjoyed the fact that the school day seemed to go by faster than it did in middle school. Steffie Bartley said her favorite thing was "having older and more mature people to look up to."

Other students liked high school for extracurricular activities, such as Chase Davidson, whose favorite thing in high school is baseball. Even though the freshmen had more responsibility, they had more freedom which made up for the extra studying. The new challenges that they faced seem to be preparing them for the years ahead of them and the challenges they will face in the future.

Amber Faw

"I enjoyed moving up to High School because you can meet new people."

★ *Melanie Moses* ★



Escorted by her father, Ashley Simpson represents the freshman class at the September 25th homecoming football game. "All the activities of the week made Homecoming even more exciting. It was a lot of fun and a great way to start off my freshman year. I will always remember it," said Simpson

"I did my community service by calling people and telling them to vote for Jim Gilmore. I chose it because I thought it would help his chances of being elected. It lasted a long time but I got to work with really nice people, and it helped my grade in geography."

★ *Jennifer Schanz* ★

★ Helping ★ Out in ★ Our ★ Area

As an initiative school, social studies students were given the assignment of community service and it has become a huge part of freshmen grades. Every world geography student had to participate in community service work for four hours. Many students chose to go to nursing homes, local hospitals, and the SPCA. In these places, students talked with the elderly, visited sick hospital patients, and cleaned animal cages. Emily Stephenson said, "Volunteering helped elementary kids become more independent." "I help at my mom's extension office so the 4-H group could become more organized," said Sean Sturgill. Mandy Bradford Volunteered at Planned Parenthood. Mandy said, "I helped other teens with serious problems."

Freshmen agreed that volunteering was a good way to choose a career of their interest and the ninth graders were eager to help out in their community.

Lindsay Houser

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Helping out at the Vinton Baptist Church Nursery, Beth Obaugh enjoyed watching children under four years old. Obaugh was responsible for entertaining the children. "I chose to help at my church's nursery because I enjoy being with children, and I thought it was a good thing to help out my community." Vinton Baptist offered many opportunities for teens to help out in the church and community.



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Mr. David McCutcheon
Ms. Claudia Resnick
Ms. Sarah Simpkins
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Introducing the New Additions

First year teachers had various new experiences which ranged from meeting new students to making new friends. Ms. Brenda Tutor said, "I have had a fantastic year. It was everything I expected and more."

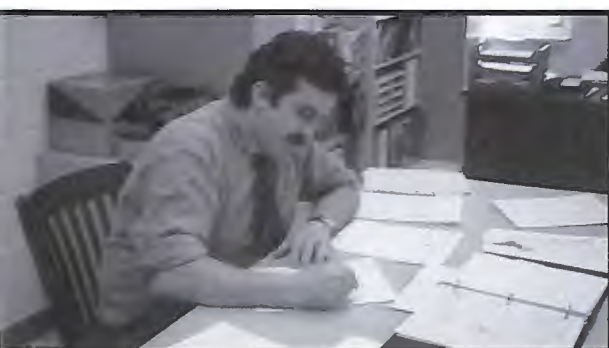
Not all new teachers to the school were new to the profession. There were new teachers who taught at other schools before their year here. Ms. Claudia Resnick had previous experience in elementary school. Resnick said, "Last year my students were trying to locate misplaced crayons. This year they were looking for locker numbers and car keys."

Teachers new to the profession learned many things about their chosen career. Ms. Lindsay McAden said, "Being a teacher is not only a profession, it's a lifestyle." She also said that if she could change something about her Spanish class, it would be "taking a Spanish siesta everyday, meaning a long lunch and a napbreak."

New teachers appreciated the support of their supervisors and other colleagues as they learned about the school.

by: Lindsay Houser

Special Education teacher Mr. Bob Droney, spends some time getting to know his students and fellow staff members. "The positive learning atmosphere here has been very refreshing," said Droney. Droney had previous experience in a private school.



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Earth Science teacher Ms. Brenda Tudor works on planning as she supervises her study hall. Tudor enjoyed her first year teaching and said, "It was everything I expected and more. I have learned that I must stay organized everyday and always have a little too much planned." Before Tudor came she taught students at a more difficult school; here she feels that the students are more disciplined and respectful.



"Everyone has welcomed me with open arms," said Ms. Sarah Simpkins about her first year of teaching. Simpkins said she knew immediately that she wanted to teach here. "It was such a friendly and caring atmosphere." Ms. Simpkins added that her first year was successful in part to her mentor, Mrs. Betty Semones, who helped her learn the ropes.



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Looking into past technology inventions



When I first started teaching we didn't have air conditioning in the classes, we had a fan but it just blew out hot air.
Mr. George



Stephen Sboray III

Linda Catron

Technology has changed in a number of ways since the days when the faculty of William Byrd were attending school. Students now have the luxury of having a computer in every classroom as well as access to a computer lab, calculators. Teachers daily used audiovisual equipment including overhead projectors. A majority of teachers interviewed remembered different types of new technology being introduced into their schools.

One teacher remembered getting new sewing machines for her Home Economics class. Other teachers recalled the addition of equipment used in math classes. Mrs. Debbie Arthur said, "When I was in high school we weren't allowed to use calculators in class because not everyone could afford to have one." Mr. Stephen Sboray remembered using slide rulers in his math classes. Sboray said, "The first time I bought a calculator was in my first year of teaching in 1974. It cost 30 dollars!"

It is hard to imagine not having the technology that students now have available for use. Imagine waking up for school each day without an alarm clock or computers to use for typing reports and gathering information for schoolwork.

by: Amber Faw



Joyce Dittrich



Cristy Mason



Kathy Laughlin

SOLs and Report Cards

Making changes in the state and in the school

Many changes swept through the school this year and the principals came along for the ride. The administration which included principal, Mr. Robert Patterson, assistant principal Dr. Richard Turner, and assistant principal Mr. Anthony Brads, all saw and responded to the changes surrounding them.

The emphasis on high state Standards of Learning scores and the school report card were among these many changes. A major emphasis was placed throughout Virginia on the SOL tests and how schools should be responding to the results. The tests were not only important for students, but also for the faculty and the administration. Mr. Patterson said, "SOLs are a big thing right now, and we are trying to get information out to teachers. We are using blueprints and trying to help teachers learn how to develop test questions which will prepare students for taking the tests."

School report cards were required to be presented to parents and the public. Along with SOL scores in the areas of English, Math, Science and History, the report card included attendance, safety information, graduation information, and advanced academic programs offered.

The administration decided to add a letter to parents with the report card. Administrators had hopes that parents would emphasize the importance of the SOLs to their children.



Head principal, Mr. Robert Patterson, holds his granddaughter, Lucy. "I plan on spending time with my grandchildren after I retire," said Patterson. "They are scattered about and it's hard to see them often."

Behind his desk, Mr. Tony Brads works on scheduling his appointments. The assistant principal looked at teacher's schedules so that he could find a time to do conferences for evaluations. Brads worked to find a time that was good for the teachers and said, "It is important to schedule appointments around known events. Teachers, parents, and students need to have their 'time' respected."





Stepping in sync, principal Mr. Robert Patterson and assistant principal Mr. Tony Brads join together to supervise student drivers in the parking lot. The parking lot was supervised throughout the day to make sure students were where they were supposed to be. Various teachers were assigned to check the parking lot for "skippers" and for students leaving for lunch off campus.



Getting out of the office, Mr. Robert Patterson stands in the sunny parking lot while he supervises students getting on the buses. All three principals could be found in the parking lot on the majority of the school days. The buses waited while both the high school and the middle school students rushed to make sure they were on them before the buses pulled out for the afternoon.



Jokingly, Dr. Richard Turner accepts Syracuse and UVA helmets from Garland Life who was dressed as Santa. The helmets were in honor of Turner's go-cart hobby and were presented at the annual faculty Holiday breakfast. Turner said, "It was an outstanding breakfast. Garland Life made a great Santa!"

Congregating in the hall before second lunch, junior Heather Roy attempts to convince Ashley Sailor to wear a Roanoke Express jersey. As a new student here I would say that Spirit week was very exciting. Participating builds anticipation for the Homecoming game," said Roy.



While helping at Herman L. Horn elementary school holiday store Ashley Trent busily rings up 'young' customers who were buying gifts for their families and friends. "I had fun selling holiday items to the kids and we also got to eat lunch with them. I thought it was nice that they bought things for their parents," said Trent.



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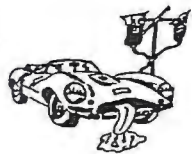
Making Change

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s the community change with the times, there were several new additions to the area. In the Valley View area Target department store was added, as well as Petsmart and Wet Seal. Junior Nia Inelicato said, "I'm glad that Target has come into the area to give Wal-Mart some competition. While their prices before were reasonable they may go even lower now." Valley View mall also underwent renovations with re-tiling the floor and opening of a new exit for easier access to the complex. New restaurants made their way into the community including the opening of Famous Anthony's on 460, the Wishing Star Cafe in downtown Vinton, and Logan's Roadhouse located on the new off-ramp to the mall. Downtown Roanoke proved to be an exciting place for many students to go. Most spent their time at the coffee shops and Macado's. Senior Aaron Aylor remarked, "I love Texas Tavern because it is the only place you can eat downtown at one in the morning."

Accepting the National Merit Award Scholarship from Mayor Charlie Hill of the town of Vinton, senior Glenn Rife shakes the Vinton mayor's hand before the town council. "It was very ambicable of the town council and the mayor to recognize me," said Rife.

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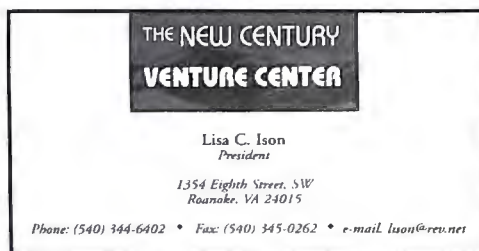
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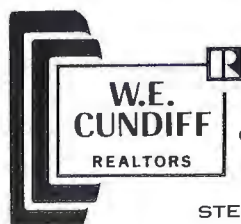
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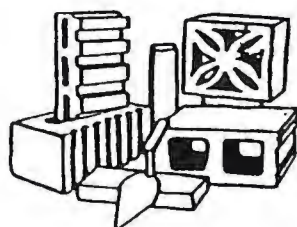
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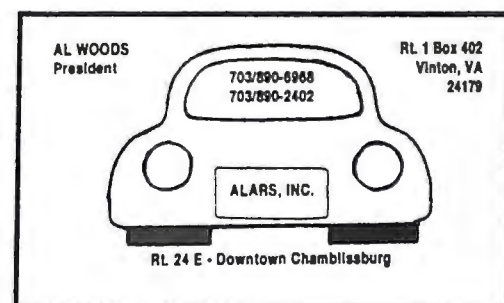
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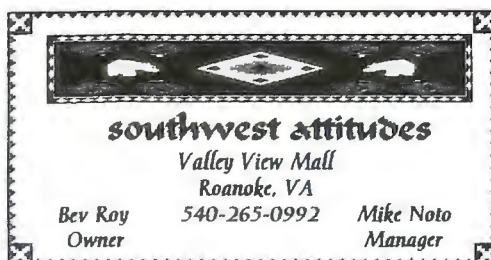
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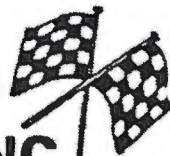
When asked why members joined the marching band, Sophomore Jennifer Bolton replied, "We get in all the football games free and go to cool places no one else does." Also, Sophomore Meghan Williams said, "The best parts of marching band are the feeling of importance when you've done well and spending time with good friends."

The members of band played at the football games both home and away. In addition to playing at the football games, the band went to various competitions in September and October. The band played an exhibition at their festival, at Lord Botetourt, the Lynchburg Classic at Lynchburg's City Stadium, and the State Marching Festival in Pulaski County. The band also marched in the Homecoming Parade, the Vinton Christmas Parade, and the Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade. The theme of this year's show was "Love Songs." The songs were: "It had to be you," "L.O.V.E.," "Musetta's Waltz," "Great Balls of Fire," "Besame Mucho," and "If ever I would leave you," all arranged by band director Mr. Vail. The band was under direction of drum majors Kristin Shimp and Sharon Waelti.

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On a lighter note, *Danny Devito* got in touch with his feminine side as a hairdresser before getting in touch with his acting side. *Sinead O'Conner* was a French singing kiss-o-gram before her music days. Speaking of making it big with the hotties, *Brad Pitt* kept his pockets full by working as an El Pollo chicken mascot. *Gregory Hines* stayed in shape by teaching karate before hitting his target heart rate with his tap shoes and acting. We all watched weird guy *Pee-Wee Herman* in his playhouse days, but before making it big in the entertainment world, he was keeping his hair in great condition as a Fuller Brush salesman. These highly rewarding occupations may sound really strange to us now because we know these celebs as they are today. However, the all-time weird job goes to *Rocky's* tough guy *Sylvester Stallone* who kept his bills paid by being a dorm bouncer at an all girls' Swiss school.

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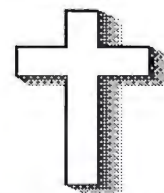
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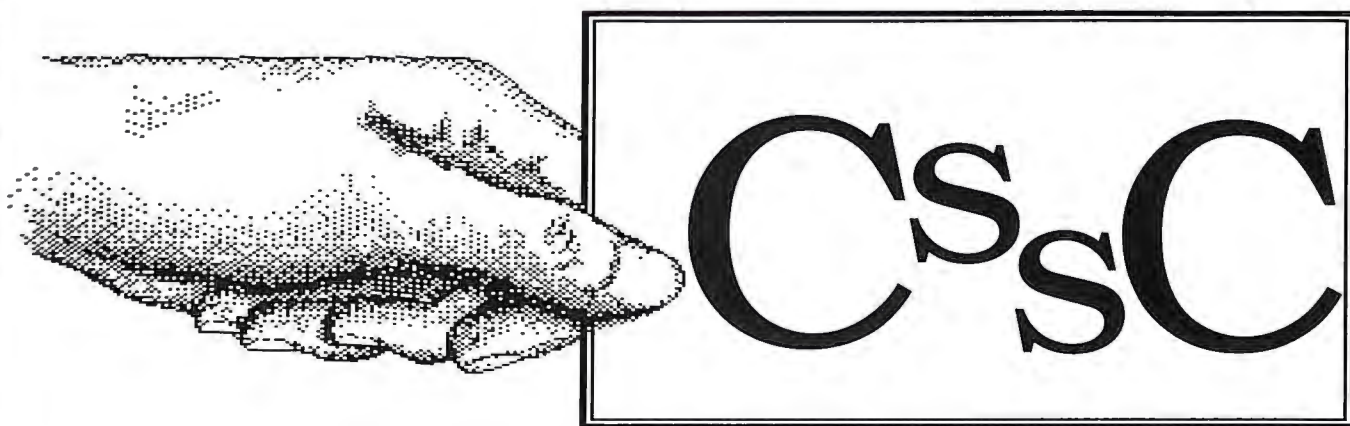
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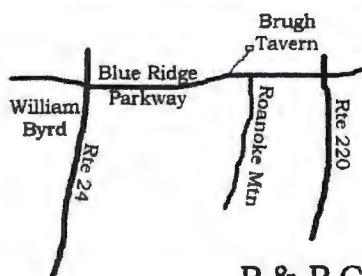


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and we look forward to
your many successes in
the future.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Stephen Waldron

Stephen,

Your Dad and I are so proud
of you. The years have gone
so quickly and you have grown
into such a fine young man.

May God's blessings,
protection, and guidance be
with you always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Caroline

We are very proud of you and the beautiful,
sweet young lady you have become. We want
only the best for you in life. You can achieve
your dreams. We love you very much.

*Love,
Dad, Mom, John,
Tiffany and Rusty*



Caroline Hancock

"Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't jump or shout about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.

I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me."

--Maya Angelou
from "Phenomenal Woman"

What an inspiration you are to both of us! You are
our "phenomenal woman" and we love you dearly!
Ms. Harrison and Miss Mason



Tasha Neel



Ashley Evans



OUR DEAREST DAUGHTER,

You have now completed a mile-
stone in your life and are ready
to move forward to greater
challenges. There is no doubt
that the future will be an
exciting and very fulfilling one.
We could not be any more proud
of you. You have
always shown us what a special
daughter you are. You have
made our lives a happy and
fulfilled experience.

WE LOVE YOU,
Mom and Dad
Good Luck!!



Ryan Hurd

**We can't believe our
"Baby Boy" is gradu-
ating! These eighteen
years have flown by so
fast....it seems like
only yesterday we
were walking you to
the bus stop and going
to your t-ball games!
You have added so
much to our lives!
We wish you much
success and
happiness. We will
love you forever and
ever and ever!**

Love,
Mom, Dad and Courtney

Congratulations Kelly:



Kelly Lyle Sarver

**Our baby girl is a beautiful
young lady now and we
are very proud of you.**

**Remember we are
always here for you.**

Love,
Mom, Dad & Katy

**P.S. Have fun at the
beach!**



Jessica Baratta

Cabbie had a little lamb
 Twas her friend
 'til she was grown
 But now it sits
 upon the shelf
 While Jessica is on the
 phone!
 We love you sweetheart!
 Mom & Dad

Shannon

*Our beautiful baby has grown
 into a beautiful young lady-
 inside and out. Wherever your
 path leads we will be there
 whenever you need us.*

*We love you,
 Mom & Dad*



Shannon Harrison



Richie Meador

RICHIE

*Congratulations on a great high
 school career at WBHS!
 May you keep climbing higher
 to a bright future.*

*Love ,
 Mom & Dad*

"What a pleasure"

*Watching you grow into the
 young man you are. You have
 brought so much pride, joy
 and happiness with your
 smiles, gentleness and care-
 free spirit. Thank you for all
 the memories. Good luck and
 we encourage and support
 your future accomplishments.*

Love always,
 Mom & Dad



David Fuqua

Leslie

**Our little princess, William Byrd
 High School has been just one
 Luau after another! We can
 never tell you enough how proud
 we are of you. We do know you
 will do well at college.**

*All our love,
 Mom, Dad, and John*



Leslie Sidwell



Shelby Dillard

Shelby Lynne,

*You've grown too quickly from "Tebby"
 (with "blossom" hair) into a beautiful
 young lady. We are very proud of you. We
 thank God for blessing our home with
 your life and we pray that He will con-
 tinue to guide your steps.*

LOVE,
 Mom, Dad & Ben



Matt,

From the curious, creative, energetic child you were to the strong, responsible young man you have become, you have immensely enriched our lives and brought us great joy. We are proud of all your hard work and accomplishments over the years. We know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. We wish you success and happiness in the future. Remember, we'll always love you.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
MOM & DAD**



Matt Lyden



Jennifer Barrett Short ("Jenny")

God blessed us with a bright, compassionate young lady. We are very proud of all your accomplishments and know you will go far in whatever you do. Just remember we love you and will always be there for you.

Love
Dad, Mom & Les



Christopher West

CHRISTOPHER

We have enjoyed watching you grow into the great person you are today. We are so proud of you!

**WE LOVE YOU!
MOM & ROB**



Wayne Hawley

Holly

We are so proud of you and love you very much. May all your dreams and goals for the future come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Holly Vest

WAYNE

We cherish the time and memories we have shared with you. Most of all, we thank God for the young man you have become. May all of your hopes and dreams come true.

Love ,
Mom, Dad and Julie



Mandy Grose

Mandy

We waited so long for you, now you are all grown up and graduating. We are so thankful for the years we have had to enjoy you as a baby, a teenager, and now a young lady. We are very proud of you and love you a lot!

Dede and Papa

WELL DONE, CALEB CONGRATULATIONS!

We love you and we are so proud of you. Be bold, follow His voice where He calls, and meet us on the other side.

**Love ,
Mom, Dad, Paige,
Grandmother, Grandaddy & Toebee
Psalm 37:4**



Caleb Myles



Sarah Underwood

SARAH ALLISON

It doesn't seem possible that it's time for you to graduate. It seems like only yesterday you were starting school. We are so proud of you. Your laughter is contagious.

**WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS,
MOM AND DAD,
JESSICA & STEPHEN**

Congratulations to "our baby girl!!"



Jessica Palmer

JESS

You have brought us a lot of joy and made a lot of great memories. We love you more with each passing day. May God Bless You Always.

**LOVE,
Mom and Dad**

CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEIGH!

You are a very special part of our lives and we are so proud of you. Always remember--we are here for you, in good times and in bad! You are a wonderful daughter, friend, and sister!

*We love you,
Dad, Sharon and Zack*



Ashleigh Forrester



Amanda Henderson

AMANDA

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful daughter and big sister. We are proud of what you have accomplished and may your future bring happiness and success. Keep your faith strong. Always know we are here for you.

**We love you very
much,
Mom, Dad, & Ally**

JACOB CONGRATULATIONS!

We're so very proud of
you! You have reached
great heights.

We love you very much!

Mom, Sarah & Isaac



Jacob Baldwin

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YOUR COMPASSION AND CONCERN
FOR OTHERS AND YOUR TESTIMONY
IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL HAVE BEEN
A CONSTANT SOURCE OF PRIDE
FOR US.

Psalms 96:1 O Sing unto the
Lord a new song: sing unto the
Lord all the earth.

KEEP ON SINGING!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Julia



Joseph "JD" Overfelt

DEAREST KRISHA

You have filled our lives with such sweet "joy"
and "laughter." You have filled our hearts with
endless "love." We are so proud of you and all
your achievements. Your sense of
compassion, your strong values and your
kindness to all will last forever.

WE LOVE YOU,

Dad, Mom & Renu



Krisha Jay

John

You have within you all you'll
ever need to achieve your
dreams: courage, determination
and hard work. The new chal-
lenges you're about to face only
require more of the same.
Remember the basic principles
you were taught at home: Al-
ways treat others the way you
would like them to treat you.

We love you,
Dad and Elizabeth



John Gray



Jettica Ferris

Jettica

No longer are you our little girl
but yet you'll always be our little
girl. Any decisions you make in
life we will always love and
support you.

Always strive for your goals.

WE LOVE YOU!

Mom & Dad and Joshua

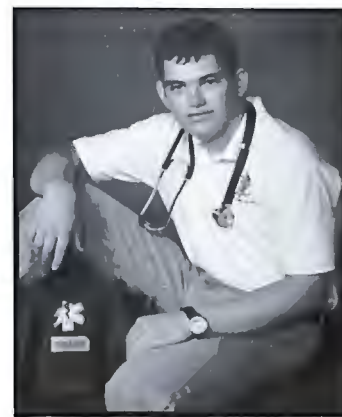


Kristin Blevins

Kristin

*Congratulations & Best Wishes!
We hope that those long dancing legs
will take you far in life.*

*Good luck and
we love you very much.*
Mom, Dad & Kendra



John E. Foutz

*Congratulations
Son:*

**We are very proud of
you and love you for all
your accomplishments
every day of your life.**

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

LAURA

Having you as our daughter has been a blessing. Seeing the world through your eyes has been a gift to everyone around you. You have brought us so much happiness and pride. Never lose that gift. May all your hopes and dreams come true. We'll always be there for you.

MOM, DAD & LISA



Laura Donald

BRAD

We proudly congratulate you! We have always told you that God blessed us with a "special" son. You have filled our lives with so much joy and happiness. We are proud of your accomplishments and of the young man you have become. Strive to achieve all your dreams. May God's blessings always be with you. You're the love and joy in our hearts.

**With love,
Mom and Dad**



Brad Gusler



LISA

*Congratulations to the most
precious and most wonderful
daughter in the world. We are
so proud of you and your ac-
complishments that you have
made your whole life. We love
you, and will miss you while
you are away at college. You are
our gift from God.*

*We love you,
Mom, Dad and Scott*



Lisa Ann Fowler



BROOKE

Look at you, our social butterfly, all grown up! God has blessed us richly with you, our first born. When you learn from the struggles, you resolve. Ignore the put downs, you grow.

Choose success, you soar.

Believe in yourself, you gain confidence. Accept Christ, you gain strength. Toil unceasingly, you achieve. Press on, you are enriched. Fall and start over, you win. When you do all this, you shall gain life's prize.

Love,
Mom



Brooke Clayman



Tara Reynolds

TARA--

MY SUNSHINE

Since you were born, you have been the sunshine of our lives and your beautiful smiles have brightened our days. We love you and wish you happiness, success and a wonderful life.

*We love you sunshine,
Mom, Dad & Adam*



Amanda (Leigh King)

Amanda

Words cannot express how much we love you and how proud of you we are. As you begin the next chapter of your life and start into the new millennium, hold true to your values, beliefs, and most important, to yourself. We are always here for you.

**Much love,
Mom and Jeff**



Ben Jones

Ben

Best wishes to the best grandson in the world. You have made us so proud of what you have accomplished in 12 years. Best of luck in college. "Pa Perry" and Grandma

Kelly,

*"Tis in my memory locked....and
you yourself
shall keep the key of it."
--Shakespeare*

**Love you,
Mom, Dad, Tom & Sparky**



Kelly McCarty

STEPHEN



Stephen Sboray

We were so proud of you the day you were born and we are proud of you again as you graduate from high school. You have always had high ambitions and we know you will continue to work hard to fulfill your dreams.

Viel Gluck!

*With love,
Mom & Dad*

Sandy, Congratulations!

We're very proud of you, and relieved that you actually made it through High School!

Stay sweet.

WE LOVE YOU, ALWAYS.

Mom, Dad & Sisters



Sandra Ann Butterworth

AMY

*The years have gone by so fast!
As you follow your dreams into the future, remember if you shoot for the moon and miss, you'll still land among the stars!
You are a special person and we will always Love you.*

Mom, Dad & Jeremy



Amy Kitts



Nikki Flipppo

NIKKI,

You have brought so much joy, so many smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories I will always treasure and be able to hold in my heart. You are and always will be a very special person. I'm so proud and love you so very much!

MOM

Congratulations Robert!

You have been the light of our lives and we know God has wonderful plans for you (Matt. 5:16). We thank Him for these eighteen precious years and are so proud of what you've become. Our love is forever with you as you reach for your dreams!

Mom, Dad, Kristin, MomMom & Granddaddy



Robert Mauck



Christal Mack

Our best wishes to you Christal. We are so proud of you, now and always!

Love

Grandma & (Grandpa)

To Our Daughter:

Forever in our hearts as our little girl; we're so very proud of you. May the route you take lead you to success, happiness and love.

*Always,
Mom & Dad*



Jill Linkenhoker



Jill

“Whenever I see your smiling face, I have to smile myself--’cause I love you!”

My precious daughter, what a joy you’ve been from the very start! God has blessed you with so many gifts and talents! My prayer is that you will be reminded of His presence in your life and trust Him with your future decision making. Thank you for your contagious smile and laughter that will continue to light up my world just by the thought of you. Your Dad would be so proud of you. He loved so much and so do I!

Mom



Brandi Nicole Wimer

Brandi

Congratulations!

May God bless you with success and happiness and may your dreams come true. You have always been a beautiful, sensitive, caring person....don’t ever change. We are so proud of the young wman you have become. I love you “piddle-diddle.”

*With love,
Mommy and Ralphy*



Erica Rae Thomas



Erica

We are so proud of you. You have brought so much joy and love to our life. We know you will accomplish whatever you set out to do. Way to go E.T.

Love you forever,
Dad, Mom, Brad, and
Pepper



Neil Zimmerman

Neil

Life has much to offer providing you know what to look for. Be confident and unafraid to take control of it, because if you don't someone else will.

Be a leader! God has blessed you with your accomplishments! Be proud.

With love,

MOM, DAD AND ASHLEY



Alison Rene Jones

TO: ALISON

Pretty to look at,

You were special from the start.

Ready to find your purpose

With God in your heart!

We love you!

Follow your dreams!

Dad, Mom, Erin, Do, and Nana

Congratulatings Kristin

You have blessed our lives with so much happiness and joy.

We know your future holds many great things to come.

We are so proud of you!

We love you!

Mom, Dad and Stephanie



Kristin Shimp



Mitch Barrett

Mitch

May your future be as bright for you as your childhood was for us.

Continue to care about the world, you will go far in life. We are so proud of your accomplishments and love you deeply.

Congratulations:

Mom & Jeff



Brandy Leigh Kingery

Brandy

You are a strong, determined young woman. Never lose sight of your hopes, dreams, and aspirations for a fulfilling future. We will always be there for you to offer support, encouragement, and most of all our love to help you reach your goals.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, & Amber

Dedra

You were a bundle of joy and you still are. With your winning smile and your warm and caring personality, we know you'll go a long way in life.

We are so proud of you.

We'll always love you,
Mom, Dad and Tamika



Dedra Pippin

Kristin

I AM GRATEFUL FOR EACH
DAY GOD HAS BLESSED MY
LIFE WITH YOU.

YOUR PROUD AND LOVING
MOTHER



Kristin Osborne



Mandy Faye Gross



MANDY FAYE

God blessed us with a special
angel the day you were born.

You have grown from a pre-
cious baby girl into a beautiful
young woman and we are so
proud of you. You are the best
daughter parents could ever ask
for. "We know not what the
future holds...but we know who
holds the future." May your
future be truly blessed and full
of happiness.

Love Forever,
Dad & Mom
Psalm 91:11-12



Derek,

We are so proud of you for
all of your accomplishments
throughout your four years
in school. May God bless
you as you go on to college
and the rest of your life.

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Nathan
Maw Maw and Paw Paw
Hogan*



Derek and Aaron Rivers

**GOD'S
BLESSINGS TO
YOU BOTH!**

MAW MAW
RIVERS



Aaron,

*God blessed us richly when you
were born. Your wonderful
attitude and carefree spirit
have brightened our lives and
given us precious memories. We
are always here for you and
wish you success and happi-
ness. Walk with God as you
face life's challenges.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Congratulations



to Kenis!

We are so proud of you
and thank the Lord
everyday for such a
blessing you are to us.
Remember Matthew
6:33 and you will go far
in life. The best of luck
and God's blessing in
your life.

We love you son.
God be with you.

Dad, Mom,
April & Victor



Kenis Larry Maciel

Katie

"For 18 years we
taxied you about.
From dance to softball, to
swimming and Scouts.
You're on your own
as of Graduation day,
To enjoy life
and to find your own way!"

You have made us very
proud. Good luck and
may God be with you as
you venture through life.
Remember--we will
always love you and be
there for you!

Dad and Mom



Katie Laughlin

EMILY

"Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off & away!"
We love you, Em!

Love,
Mom & Dad

From diapers to
caps & gowns--
we've been
through it all together!
Congratulations, Emily!

LOVE,
BLAINE



Emily O'brien





KIMBERLY

*Long hours of training,
hard work, sometimes fun
Summer days were spent
guarding out in the sun.*

*In water, on land,
and on the dance floor
You won medals, earned ribbons,
and goals you did score.
From "Never Surrender"
to Shania Twain*

*You've often wondered if
it's worth all the pain.
Now comes your bright future,
can't wait to get there by car,
Use all that you're made of,
We know you'll go far*

Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Trisha



Kimberly Houghton



Glenn Rife

LOOK OUT WORLD

Here is one that was "Born Ready"

Tiny Baby Man Little Boy Man*

Young Man* and now

"College Man."

Son, you are "THE MAN"
and we are very proud of you.

Love ,
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS SHAUN SHAUN



Shaun Koths

Once we had a little boy
His laughter and smiles
were full of joy!

Now we have a
special young man
His hopes are the future--
he has a plan.

Life is yours to seek
and achieve,
Be all you are,
and all you believe!

**We love you son,
more than we can say.
God bless you always,
especially today!
Mom & Dad**



Amanda Walton

Amanda

You will always be our "little girl"
and God's greatest gift.

We are so very proud of you. You
have made our life an adventure with
your winning smile and spirit.
Good luck in the future.

WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU
Mom, Dad and Holly

Jessica

*Wishing you happiness
and success in all your
future endeavors. You
are special in every way!*

*We love you—
Mom, Dad, Becca & Sara*



Jessica Ivey



William ("W") Hensley

William

*We love you!! Our wish for you is
a bright and happy future.
God bless you always!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad
"(and Pepper too)"*

Aaron

*Watch out world, here he comes!
Aaron, you have made us so
proud. You have been the perfect
son. We know that with God's
help you will accomplish all your
dreams. We'll love you forever.*

Dad, Mom & Patrick



Aaron Aylor

PAM

*Congratulations Pam.
We've watched you grow
from a cute little girl to a
beautiful young lady.*

*We always knew you were
special from the day you
were born. You have
continued to make us proud
to have you for
a daughter.*

*As you move on to your next
important challenge, we wish
you all the joy and success
life has to offer.*

MOM, DAD, & MELISSA



Pam Vaught

JOSHUA



Joshua Wood

*We are so proud of you.
May you continue to seek
the best in all you pursue.
Be strong & of good
courage. Josh 1:9*

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Jenni & Jessi

Son,

You have truly become a fine person and someone to be proud of. May the future hold the key to your continued success. "Cinchy," wasn't that the word you used?

With all my love,
Mom (class of 1973)



Jason Wayne Blake

JENI

*You've been a JOY!
We're proud of you
and love you!*

Mom, Dad and Chris

Jeni Meade



JUSTIN

...THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH: THEY SHALL MOUNT
UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; RUN AND NOT BE
WEARY; WALK AND NOT FAINT...

JUSTIN, YOU WERE THE FIRST IN A LONG LINE
OF MIRACLES THAT GOD HAS SENT OUR
WAY...WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

WITH LOVE,
Dad, Mom and Josh

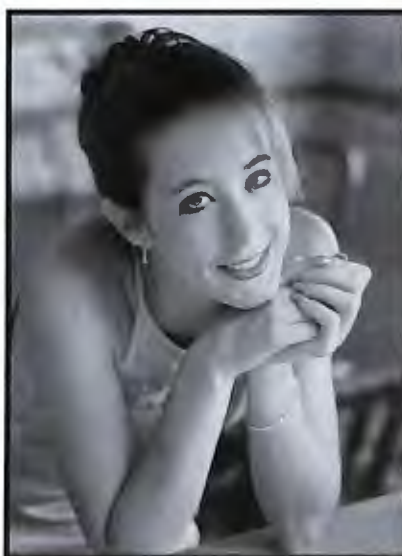


Justin Mitchell

Amanda

Best wishes to the
best daughter any-
one could have!
Congratulations on
your graduation.
We love you with all
our heart.

Mom & Dad



Amanda Nicole Mercer



Ryan Wood

Thank you for being our
wonderful son and for all the
joy you bring to us. We are
forever proud of you, as a
child you were, the teenager
you are & the man you are
becoming. Best of luck and
happiness

*We love you!!
Mom, Dad, Susan & family*



Matt Kessler

**Congratulations
Matt!**
**We love you,
Mom, Frank and
Martin**

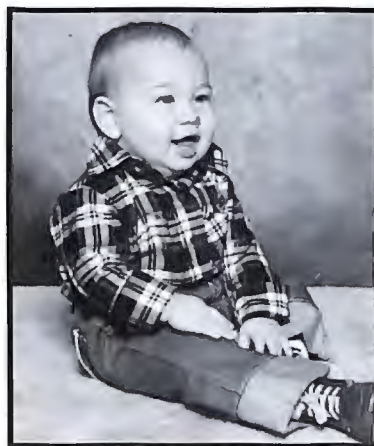
Congratulations!! Kimberly
Best wishes to a sweet daughter
and sister. You have always
been a ray of sunshine and
happiness to us. We wish you
the best of luck in everything
you do. And always
remember....

WE LOVE YOU!

Mom, Dad & Keith



Kimberly Harrison



Josh Beamer

JOSH,

To the son God blessed us with 18 years ago.
With your Dad looking down from heaven and
your Mom here on earth, we couldn't be
more proud of the wonderful young man
you've become. Always believe in yourself and
have faith and the dreams you so deserve
will come true.

Love you forever,

Mom

You are our pride and joy and
we are very proud of you. It
seems a very short time ago
we were frolicking at the
beach and now you are
graduating. Congratulations
and the best of everything in
the future.

Grandma & Granddaddy



Amanda King

Stephanie



Stephanie Parnell

Congratulations Daughter:
We are so very proud of you and
all your accomplishments. In
your journey through life, set
your goals high, strive for the
best, be successful and most
important, be happy.

**We love you,
Mama, Daddy and Nikki**

JERRY

Congratulations to the best son and
brother in the whole world! We are very
proud of you and your many accom-
plishments. You have always been a
blessing in our lives. Thank you for the
joy and dreams you have shared with us.
Best wishes for a great future.

We love you,

Mom, Dad and Christina



Jerry Jones

"KRIS".

We are so proud of you and love you with all of our hearts. You are the best son, brother, brother-in-law and uncle in the world. Always keep God number one in your life and you can accomplish anything.

Love,
MOM, DAD, Rodney,
Shenan, Lauren,
Michelle & Keenan



Kristopher McCoy



Kristin Cawley



KRISTIN

Don't ever give up your dreams...we know you are going to make it...It may take time and hard work...you'll feel like giving up...Sometimes you may even wonder if it's really worth it...But we have confidence in you, and we know you'll make it if you try. Congratulations for achieving this major step in your life's path.

LOVE,
Mom, Dad, Robbie,
Granny & Papa Short,
and Grandma Vivian



Joe Leonard

Joe

*MAY YOUR JOURNEY IN
LIFE BE DIRECTED BY GOD*

*PSALM 121:1-2
I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES
UNTO THE HILLS, FROM
WHENCE COMETH MY
HELP? MY HELP COMETH
FROM THE LORD WHO
MADE HEAVEN AND
EARTH.*

*KNOW THAT WE LOVE
YOU VERY MUCH AND
ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.*

Love,
Mom & Dad



Kelli



Kelli Chocklett

**Congratulations on
twelve long years! We are
all so proud of you and
wish you a lifetime of
happiness and successes.
Follow your dreams!**

We love you,
Dad, Mom, John, Ryan & Kara



Tasha Neel

Tasha

*Congratulations & Best Wishes
to
A VERY SPECIAL
YOUNG WOMAN.*

*Four years ago when you joined the
yearbook staff I had no idea how
valuable you would become as my
helper. But more importantly, I soon
learned that you were one of the
nicest, sweetest and most caring
individuals I have ever met.*

*You are an inspiration, not only to
me, but to all who know you!*

KEEP IN TOUCH!

LOVE,

PZ



Tasha Neel

Bets, Booboo, Punkin, BK, BoBo, BK Doubles, Baby...



Betsie Kay Johnson

**The world is yours girl...go out and get it!
You're a winner and we know you'll succeed.**

We are so proud of you!

Hugs and Puckers, Mom & Greg



Alesha,

**I'm so proud of ou and every-
thing you've become. Even
though I'm far away from you, I
still think about you everyday,
and yo're still my baby girl. we
love you so much!**

Love,

Mom , Tim, Roger, and Patty



Alesha,

**Here you are as our little one and now
we're so proud of the wonderful girl
you've become over the years. Keep
the gifts God's granted you as well as
Him close to you and know that we
love you very much.**

With Love

Grammy and Gramps



Alesha Wilbanks

Alesha,

**Well, it's been you and me for
7 years now. I've watched you
grow up into the beautiful
young lady you are today. We
are so proud of you and we
love you more than anything.**

Love always,

Dad and Della

ROBBIE

Good Luck with your future.
Missy and I will support you in
all of your endeavors.

Strive to be the best.

LOVE,
DALE

Robbie Craft

Robbie,

*Your presence and laughter
have given me joy beyond
compare. Thank you for our
times together. May all your
dreams come true.*

*Love,
Granny*

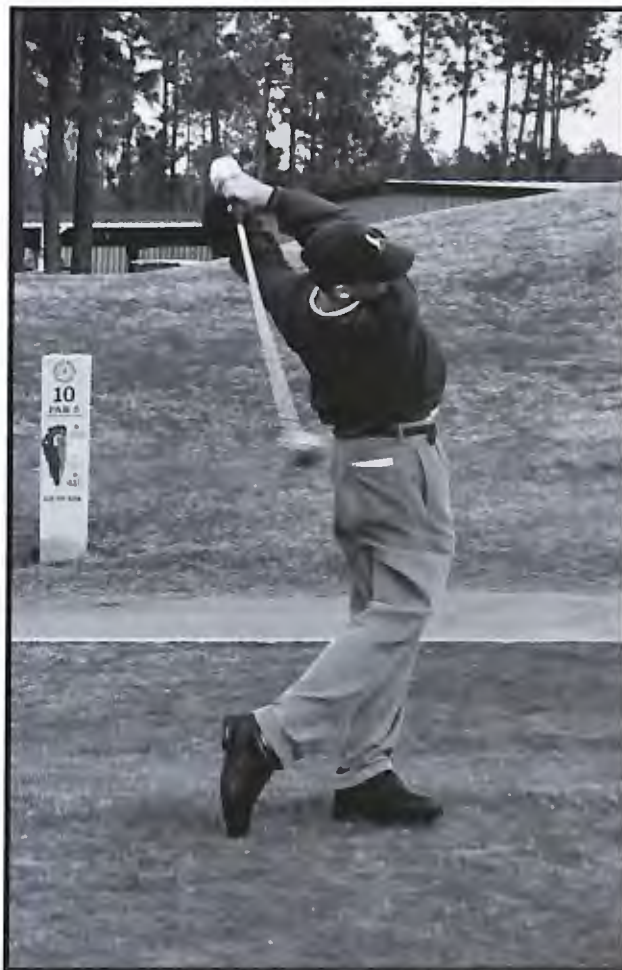


Robbie Craft

Robbie,

I remember when you
were born. You were so
small, and I was so ex-
cited to have a little
brother to look after and
protect. Now you are
graduating from high
school and stand 6'7"
tall. Well, you may be
big and strong, but you
will always be my little
brother, and I will always
love and protect you.

*Love,
Missy*



Robbie Craft

Robbie

Eighteen years ago
God blessed us with
a wonderful son. It
is our prayer that
you will always
keep God in your
life and keep making
the good choices
you have always
made. We love you
and we are very
proud of you.

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Joe

*Congratulations!
You made it! I'm so proud.
Remember as you travel life's
road to keep pedaling and
"Keep On, Keepin' On."*

*Love,
Mom*

Joe Pritchard

ROBBIE,

*We're so proud of you
and what you are,
Now hitch your
wagon to a star.*

*Love,
Bebe and Conley*



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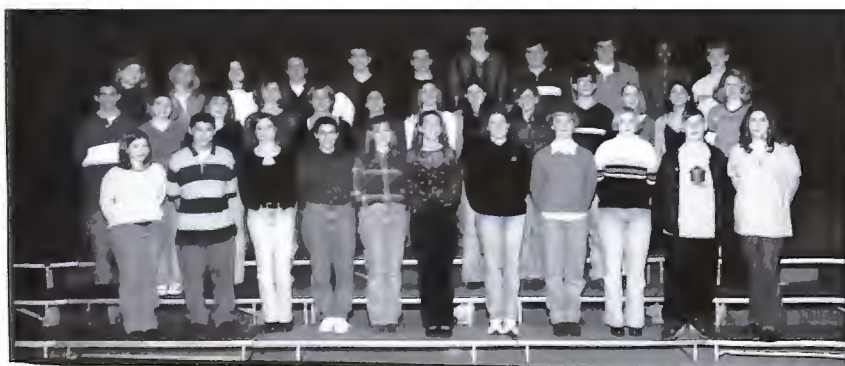
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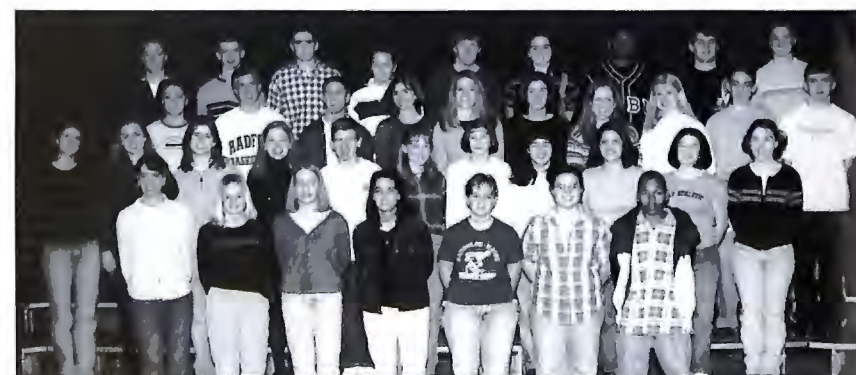
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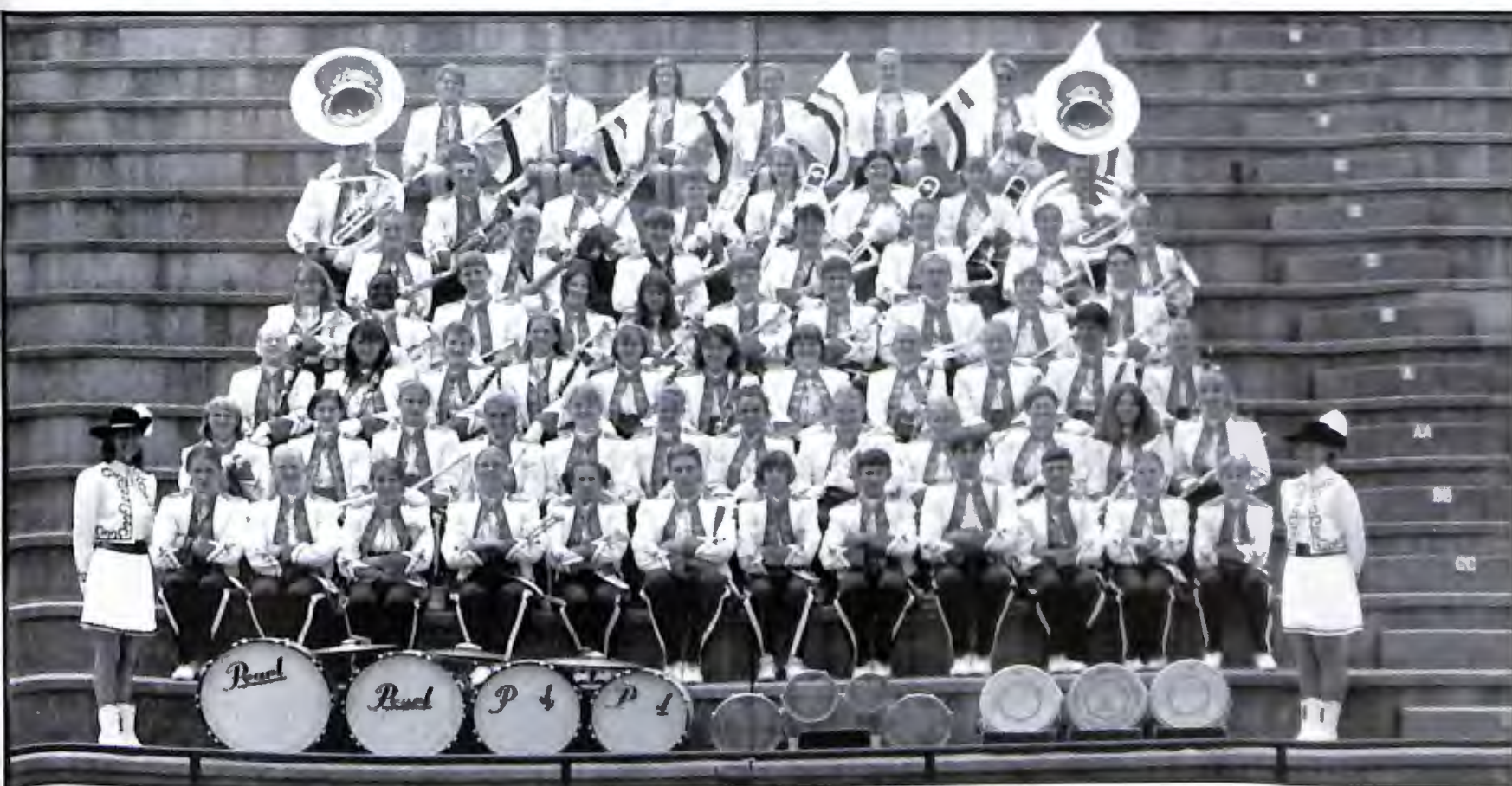


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*Happy Retirement
Mr. Patterson!*



"Please Come and See Us!"
*from the
Faculty and Staff
of William Byrd*

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From Cristy and Suzanne
(You know, those two crazy advisors!)

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"This year has been really hectic but it will be worth it when the book finally comes out and I see my accomplishments. Being a co-editor has brought a lot of responsibility my way but so far I have been able to handle it. I'm gonna miss it."

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"In yearbook we are like a family. For Christmas we all chipped in and got Ms. Harrison and Miss Mason presents"

Amber Faw



*In loving
memory
of
Mr. Jeff
Cannon*

Mr. Cannon was the Black Swan's Jostens representative. He died on December 1, 1998. He has, and will continue to be, sadly missed by the Black Swan staff.



"After being on the staff the past four years I have learned so much. To my advisors I am grateful for the experience. "

Tasha Neel



"The great thing about yearbook is that we have a finished product at the end of the year. The final result is worth the work we have to do."

Todd Houff

CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

Taking on the challenge of two new yearbook sponsors, having only five current staff members return, and dealing with the computers did not prevent the staff from keeping up with the hectic deadlines and producing the book.

With the upcoming millennium the staff felt many changes were coming about and therefore *Change is in the Air* became the theme. Signifying the changes were the retirement of our long time principal, Mr. Bob Patterson, new teachers, and various differences throughout the school itself. The Chinese symbol of change became a favorite among the staff and was readily adopted as the logo for the book.

The staff itself had to quickly adapt to changes. Mrs. Zorn, the advisor for previous years, retired leaving the responsibility to two young teachers, Ms. Harrison and Miss Mason. The class was brought together into one class in an attempt to help the advisors and the new staff members learn the ropes. The overall outcome of a stressful year brought many friendships and the production of a Black Swan yearbook.



"Being on the yearbook staff has been my favorite activity in high school and I am really going to miss it. Working on the cover at the workshop was so much fun."

Kelly McCarty

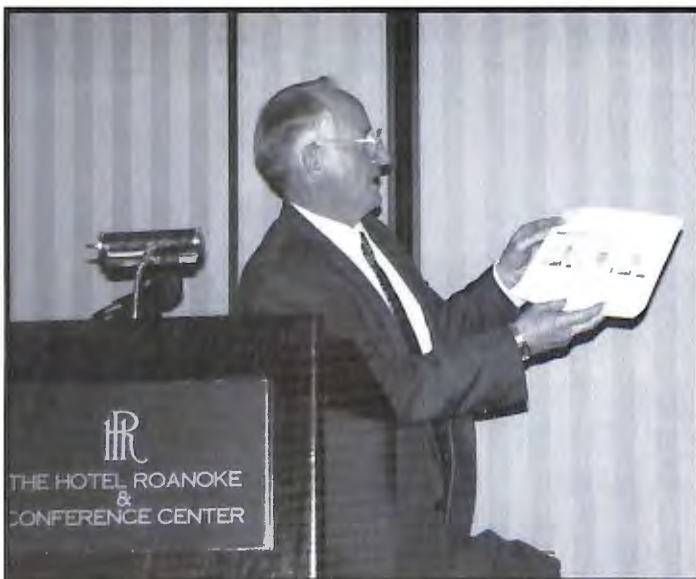


"I had a lot of fun at the Christmas party. It was a good excuse to wear my Santa hat. We are always doing fun things like that in yearbook."

Kim Kastner

As he rides on the float at the Vinton Dogwood Festival, Mr. Patterson scans the crowd for familiar faces. To honor Patterson's years of service in the Vinton community, the principal was selected to be the Grand Marshal of the Springtime festivities at the annual celebration.

Laughing with his grandson Sam, Patterson catches his breath after a round of "chase." The principal spent much of the retirement dinner playing with his grandchildren. It was quite well known that Patterson planned on spending a great deal of time with his family following his retirement.



Behind a podium at the Hotel Roanoke, Patterson spends part of his retirement dinner speech making jokes. The principal shared some of his favorite comic strips and jokes given to him by teachers and staff.



Making a Difference



After thirty-four years of service at "the high school on the hill", Mr. Bob Patterson retired from his position as head principal on July 1.

To honor Patterson and the services he provided, students, teachers and staff showed their appreciation for him by dedicating an entire school day to the principal. May 28 was set aside as the official "Patterson Day." The day was filled with practical jokes involving bananas, Mr. Patterson's infamous "Please see me" note imprinted on faculty t-shirts, and student impersonations.

The principal was also honored at the annual WBHS retirement dinner held on May 15 at the Hotel Roanoke. The banquet was attended by faculty, staff, retirees, and community members. Patterson also had family from various parts of the country in attendance. Much of his evening was spent playing with his grandchildren.

The community also had a hand in Patterson's retirement celebration. A reception was held for Patterson and his family on June 6. After the reception community members had the opportunity to view special Patterson bulletin boards around the school and to leave cards and letters in a giant mailbox in the main office.



To honor Mr. Patterson, Athletic Director Jane Layman presents a picture of the WBHS football field. The field had just been renamed from the "Terrier" field to the "Robert A. Patterson" field. June 6 was a day set aside for members of the school and the community to honor Mr. Patterson. Students and county officials honored Patterson with poems, speeches, dedications, and gifts. "When I heard about Patterson's retirement, I knew I had to give 'Boss' something really big," said Layman. "I finally came up with the idea, and the football stadium is about as big as it gets," concluded Layman. After the presentations the audience was invited into the school for a reception which included songs by the WBHS choir and refreshments. Cards and letters could be left in a special mailbox in the main office.

Pausing during the dance dedicated to Patterson, the principal and his wife Jeanette enjoy a moment in the spotlight after the junior class dedicated the Prom theme "Everything I Do" to Mr. Patterson.

Some Things Never Change!

As the school year ended students realized that big changes had taken place, but there were inevitably those things that had not changed at all.

Seniors were busy preparing and delivering their senior speeches while juniors completed decades projects in U.S. History classes while sophomores donned their gym suits for the last time. Freshmen eagerly awaited not being the youngest in the school.

Mr. Patterson retired knowing that the school would continue to know grow and find success. Although *Change was in the Air.....* there are always some things that never seem to change!

In Miss Mason's U.S. History Jaime Caldwell, Mike Cronise, Joel Patrick, Alisha Hodges, and Adam Beck act out a scene from the 1980's and 1990's decades. The decades project kept many juniors in U.S. History classes busy researching information from the 1940's through the 1990's. Each group gave a two day presentation. The first day included students give information concerning foreign and domestic policies of the decade while the second day concerned pop culture.



Standing with Mr. Patterson just outside of the Roanoke Civic Center auditorium, the top ten seniors pose for a picture before going on stage. Each member of the top ten carried on tradition by participating in the exercises before diplomas were given out by delivering a welcome speech, leading the invocation, leading the pledge of allegiance or by giving the valedictorian speeches.





Twalking in the hall after classes are over, juniors Emily English, Craig Janney, and Kellen Williams spend time with senior Holly Vest. Juniors knew that there would be a mix of emotions. Junior Craig Janney said, "The last few days of my junior year were great! It was exciting to know that I only have one year left! I will miss the leaving seniors, but I am comforted by my close rising senior friends."

Some Things Never Change!



As the very last student to receive his diploma from Mr. Patterson, Neil Zimmerman carries on tradition by receiving a handshake from the head principal. Mr. Patterson commented on his experience at William Byrd by saying, "I see the success of this school as a collaborate effort between students,

teachers, parents, and staff members. I sincerely believe that it takes working together to have success. We have been more like a family at William Byrd High. You have to have good people working with you." As the family grows it also changes. Faces and names will change as principals hand over diplomas to eager seniors.

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