

Tiger



Nineteen Eighty Four



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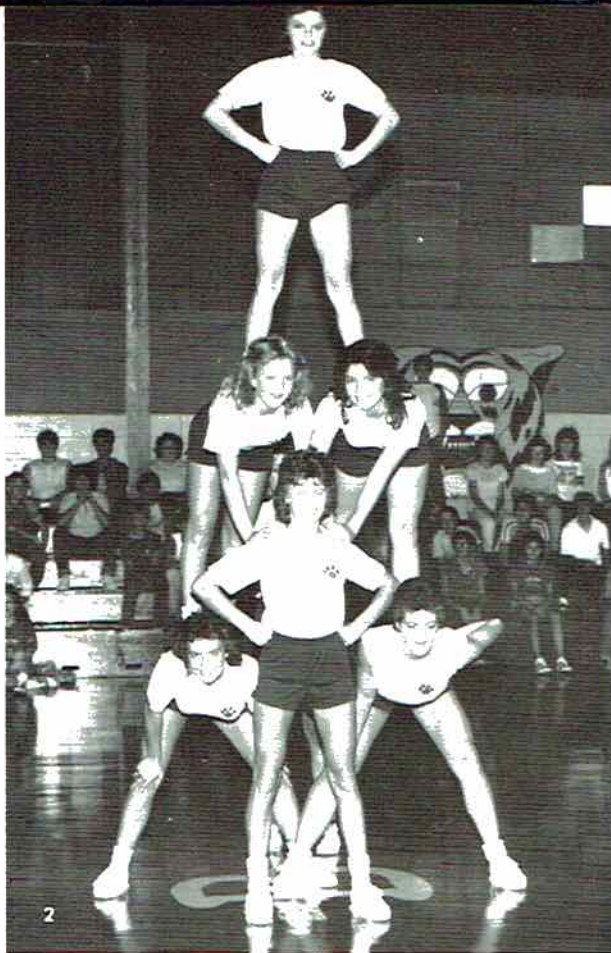
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A "Gym" of a Place To Be





Our gym. It wasn't just a place to have P.E. It was where we sneaked off to when skipping class, where we had a Coke at break, where we went to see if there were any cute guys or girls around, where most of the fights took place, and, in general, where most of the action was.

From late August to early November, the gym was shaken by the spirited yells of zealous Tiger fans during pep rallies on Fridays. It was where the seniors sang the "Alma Mater" and learned what it really meant. Friendship and young love flowered in our gym. Our varsity basketball team came heartbreakingly close to a state championship by their consecutive wins — in our gym.

Our dances, banquets, and prom were held in our gym. It probably holds as many or more memories for us than any other place in our school. If those walls could talk . . .

1. Edna Hollis and Terry Finley enjoy having p.e. together.
2. "That's right, mess with me now," says Lisa Thomas, on top.
3. Spirited seventh graders do their stuff!
4. "I hate photographers!" snarls William Bynum. Glenn Wilson agrees.

5. Goofing off is a major pastime for these BHS students.
6. "Bridgeport High School, listen, mother . . ."
7. "Did you know we get paid to do this?" exclaims Tim Ridley and Mike Gamble.
8. "Gee, this is great," eighth grader Tammy Raulston seems to think.



Homecoming Extraordinaire

The entire week preceding our 1983 Homecoming was truly memorable. Classes became closely linked as they prepared and protected their precious floats. Filling the halls of BHS were whispers of float themes and building sites for our prize-winning contraptions. The juniors won the competition after the judges conferred. One accident marred part of the excitement of this week when a carload of juniors toppled over, while trying to spy on the seniors. However, all turned out well for them. They seemed to have that "Magic Touch."

Homecoming '83 involved all the pomp and splendor that our queen, Marlena Hazard, could stand. From the egg-throwing to the float building, from the crowning of Marlena to the last dance after we had won the ball game, it was an event that will long be remembered by the students of BHS.

1. The pride of BHS, Homecoming Court 1983, poses for a regal, royal picture.
2. Homecoming Queen, Marlena Hazard, crowned by Mr. Freeman, and presented with roses by her sister Mylinda, is escorted by her father, Mr. Jerry Hazard.
3. Fired up to pulverize the Pirates, the homecoming pep rally crowd cheers for the Tigers.
4. Now, that's a winning face!! The back side of the junior float is a masterpiece.
5. Junior Tiger, Charlotte Raulston, purrs proudly over their first place float.



Keep the Fire Burning . . .

Let It Turn You On

There were times when, if one had come to our school, he would have thought we had all gone berserk. And he would probably have been right. As a small school, everyone from seniors to seventh graders knew each other and goofed off together. Even the faculty members got in the act! We made this year one to be remembered by all.



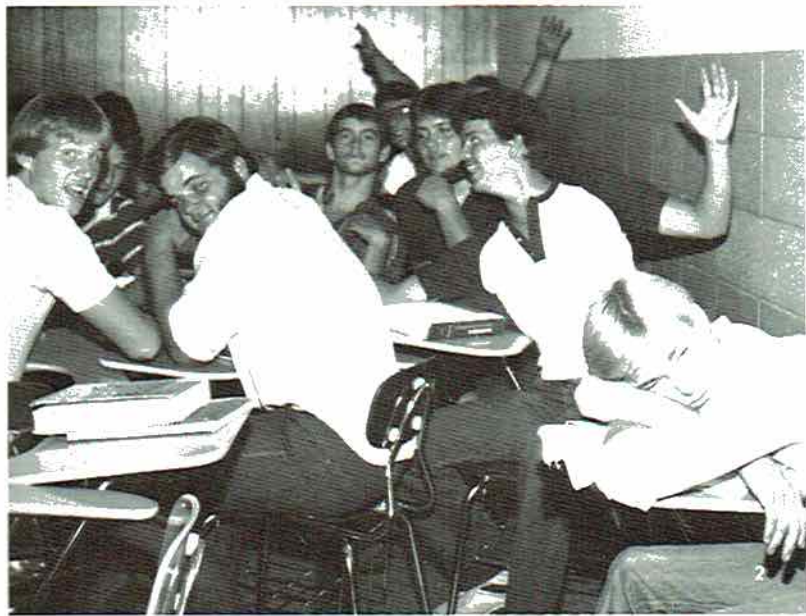
1. Seniors and seventh graders pose for a "one big happy family" shot.
2. Mrs. Mountain goes "batty" at the Halloween dance. She joins the annual staff and wears a costume.
3. "Would you like me to take a bow?" asks freshman George Williamson.
4. Seventh graders at one of their quieter moments, a pep rally.

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1. Missy Merritt says, "Really;"
2. Marlena Hazard tells Coach Storey to stick it in his ear!
3. Learning should be relaxing. "You know!"
4. Some Annual Staff members just playing around.





1. "Hey, we know we're bad!"
 2. "Aren't I cute?" says Ben Hill.
 3. Teddy Kowdis getting ready for another class.
 4. Some seventh graders posing for a punky picture.

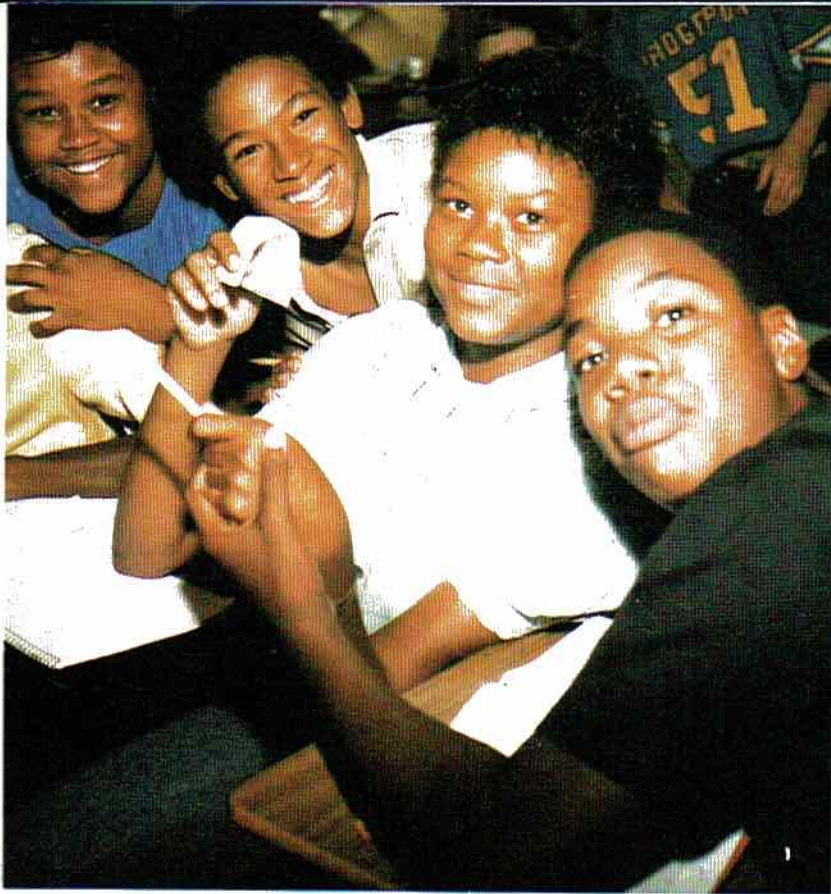
1. The Wolfman and the Mummy, alias Don Kirk and Linda Colvin, at the Halloween Dance.
2. Seventh and eighth graders are just a few of the many people who use the front steps for a meeting place at breaks.
3. Hello, Dolly!! Witchy-poo gets into Halloween!



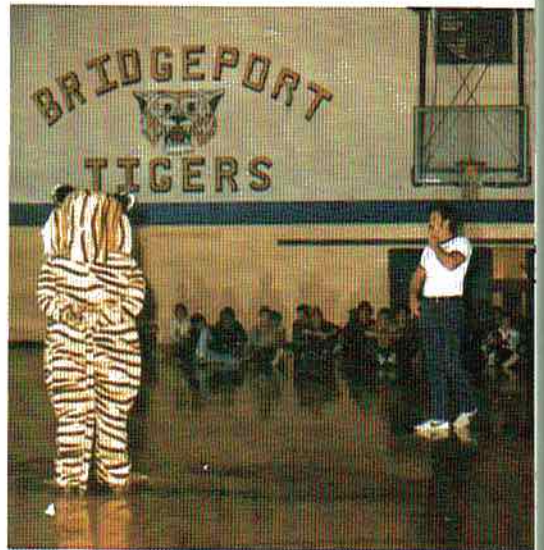
This Is Where We Belong

Together . . . that was where we belonged. Out on the front steps, at dances, in class, at pep rallies, wherever, we were always together. At BHS, strong friendships were formed as we worked together in classes or in activities. From football season until the end of the year, we stayed together. Sure, we had rivalry, but isn't that part of being a family?





1. Having fun in Mrs. Abby's class is just part of an ordinary day for these students.
2. Pep rallies brought the whole school together to pull for the Tigers.
3. These seventh graders are real "punks"!!
4. Coach Rhodes, backed by the Tigers, is flanked by Uno III.
5. The school looks on as Ben Hill pins flowers on the cheerleaders and homecoming court.



So Much Work To Do

However, after we worked, we always found time to laugh, play, pose for a picture, or even take a little nap.



1. Terry Winters wakes up in time to have his picture taken.
2. Christy Allison and Leah Payne hanging out in the gym.
3. Say "cheese," Melissa Cooper!
4. Goofing off in the hall.
5. Cindy Roper and Charlotte Raulston relaxing on the steps.

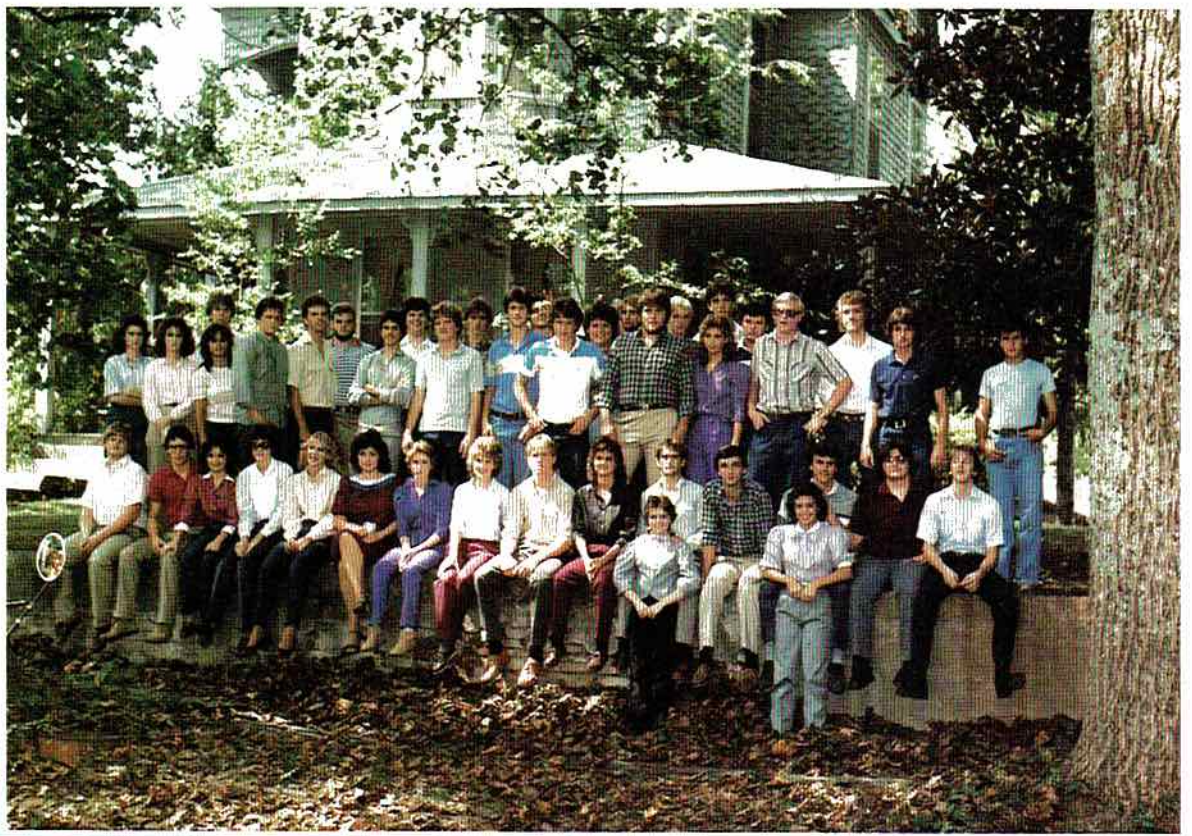
SENIORS



Keep the fire burnin' . . . pep rallies, getting together after school, nights out at the Plaza (and occasionally Chattanooga), homework, Rod's room, English Lit., term papers, class trips, the prom, and graduation. This is just a small example of the many bonding agents in the class of '84. In a way we thought it was sad to grow so close to each other, only to be torn apart to lead our own lives after graduation. However, we made a lot of good (and bad) memories. We wouldn't have missed it for the world!

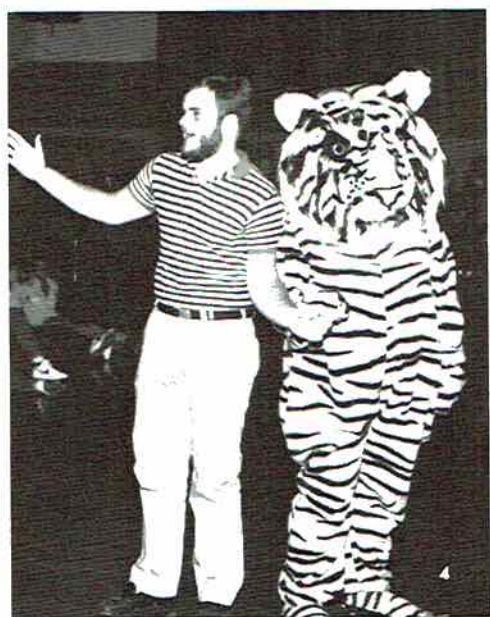
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Getting Together

1. Seniors stick together at pep rallies.
2. Sixth period English class poses for a snapshot.
3. Linda Colvin and Marlena Hazard are examples of the close friendships formed at BHS.
4. Ben Hill expounds upon the Tigers' abilities, with the support of Uno III.
5. Mary Lou Steele helps Jerry Faulkner with his English in Mrs. "Bunny's" class.



It Gets Rough but There's Nowhere to Run . . .



. . . Nowhere except to class, ball games, around town, and anywhere we could get away with sneaking off to. We made this year what it was, fun! We worked hard enough, but we enjoyed ourselves and our friends.

Although we were finally getting loose from this "prison," we had grown so close that we thought it was sad to be leaving.

With graduation nearing, we wondered, "Where do we go now?" Maybe there really was "no place to run."

1. Trent Lewis just adores cleaning out his locker.
2. Cheerleaders Tammy Ridlet and Missy Merritt talk to friends at the NSM basketball game.
3. Goofing off in Bunny's room again! Gail Willis and Charley Smith are in deep conversation.
4. Take your coat off and stay awhile, Missy Merritt.
5. Why is it that when I come in here, everybody leaves?" wonders Gwen Allison.

Senior Activities

Part of the fun of being a senior consisted of going to pep rallies, decorating the Christmas tree, getting senior portraits made, and dressing up for "Punk Rock Day."

1. Spirit-filled seniors support the Tigers.
2. Mascot Jamie Holder in her Tiger attire.
3. Senior girls string popcorn in the lobby.
4. "Rip" readies Rhonda Ferguson for her senior portrait.
5. Punk rockers, Gail Willis and Lisa Thomas.



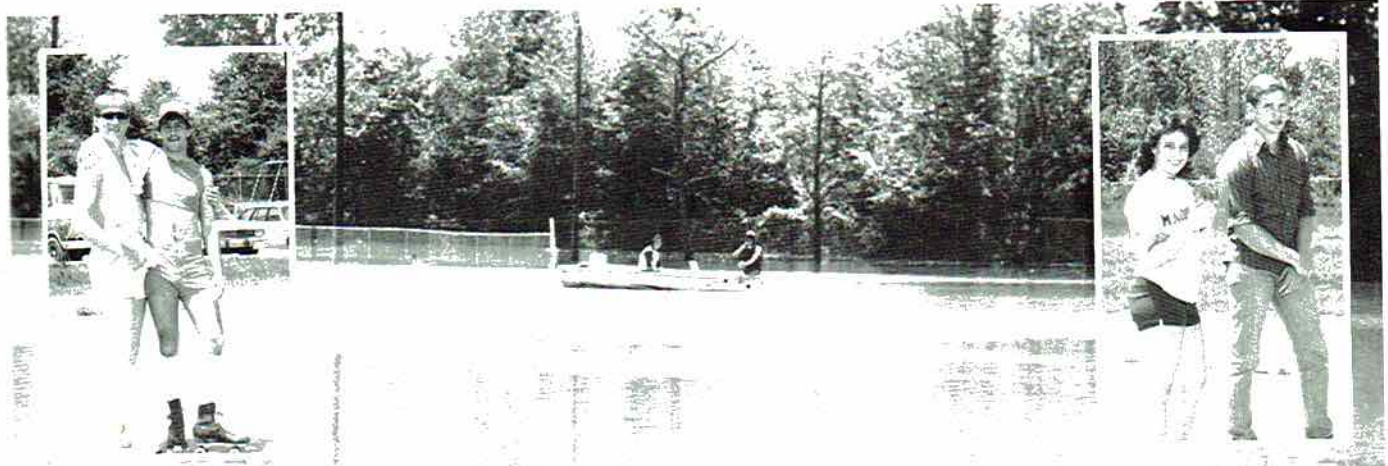


Senior Picnic 1984

Flood Water Fun!



1. Richard Barham and Kevin Foshee are examples of the strong friendships we bonded at BHS.
2. "Coke is it!" agree Lebron Click and Joey Foster as they soak up rays.
3. Will these hamburgers **ever** get done?
4. Packing away the picnic!



This year's senior picnic was truly unique. No other class before us can boast of boating and swimming at Bridgeport's park at *their* picnic! That's exactly what the class of '84 did, though. Flood waters from the previous three days had turned the park's baseball field into a lake. The less aquatic of us sought recreation by participating in the tennis tournaments, basketball games, roller skating, or just talking and waiting on the burgers.

After days of flash floods threatening to postpone our fun day, the sun befriended us and even burned some. Our picnic was one of our last, happy, carefree days when we were all together. At the time we tried not to think about it, enjoy the moment. And that we did . . . to the hilt!

Seniors of Distinction



Class Officers

Pres. Richard Barham, Vice-Pres. Stephen Ridley, Sec. Marlena Hazard, Treas. Lisa Thomas



Best All Around

Tammy Ridley and Stephen Ridley

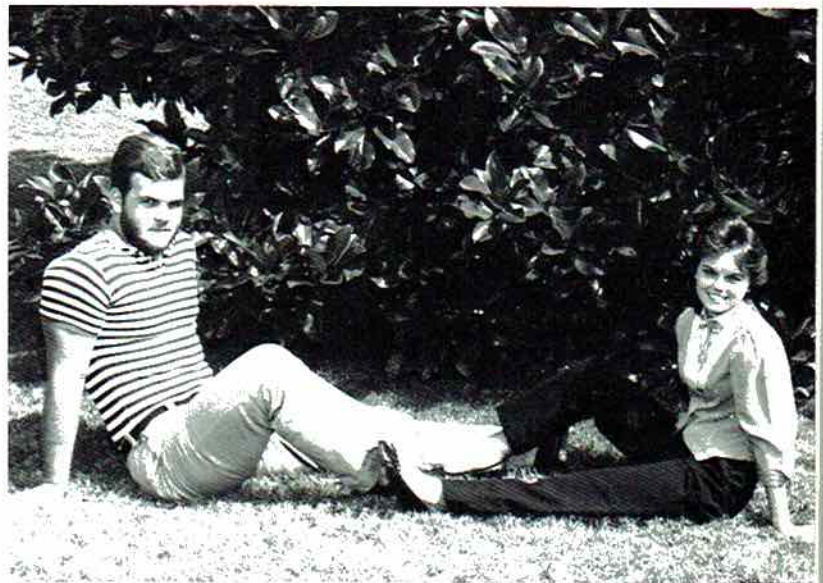


Most Mischievous

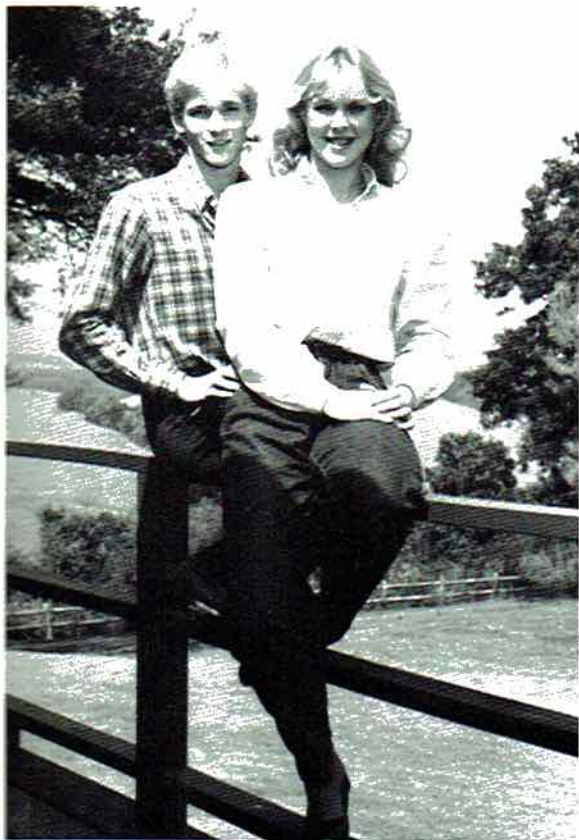
Debbie Talkington and Joe Stewart



Most Likely to Succeed
Gwen Allison and Richard Barham



Most Popular
Lisa Thomas and Ben Hill



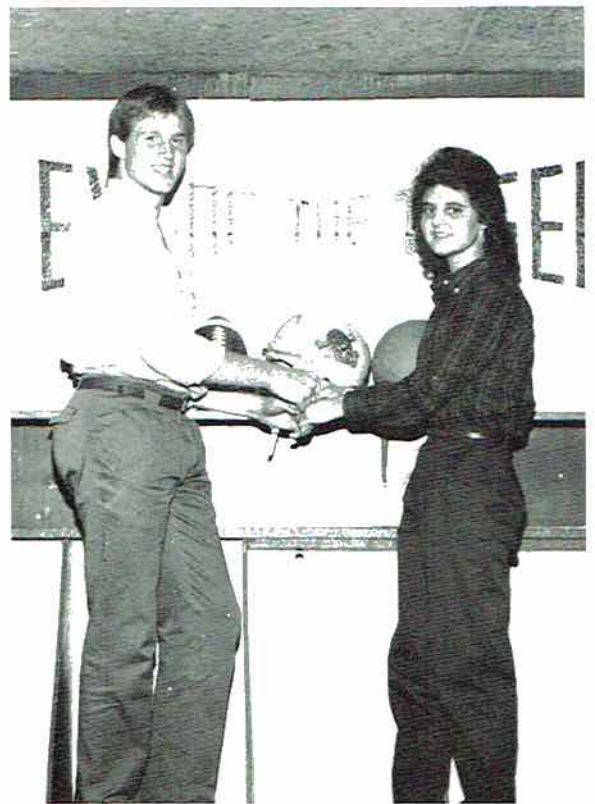
Best Dressed
Missy Merritt and Bobby Horne

This year it was very hard to pick our superlatives. In a class with only fifteen girls, eleven were to be chosen. These twenty-two people represent the senior class as outstanding students in leadership, scholarship, personality, appearance, or wit.

Super
Senior
Stand Outs



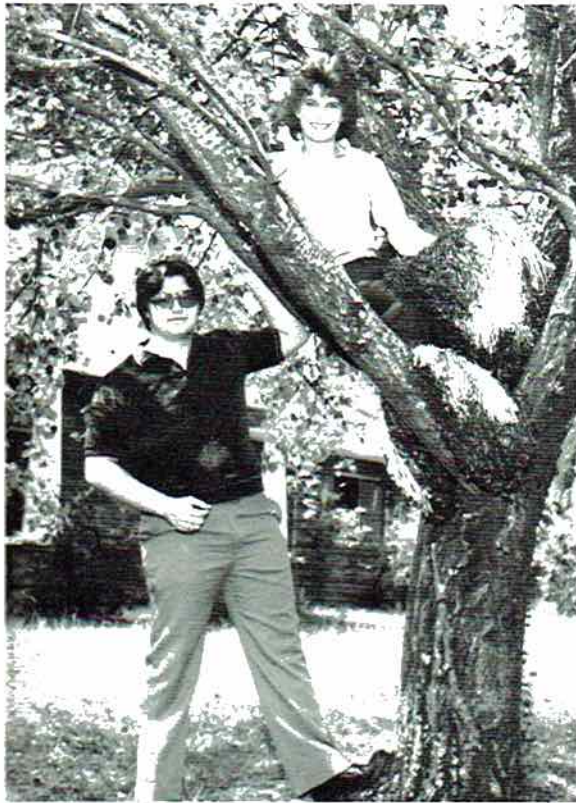
Most Talented
Marlena Hazard and Paul Smith



Most Athletic
Linda Colvin and Trent Lewis



Prettiest and Most Handsome
Donna Kirk and Rusty Boldin



Most School Spirit
Gail Willis and Don Kirk



Most Dependable
Susan Short and Darren Smith

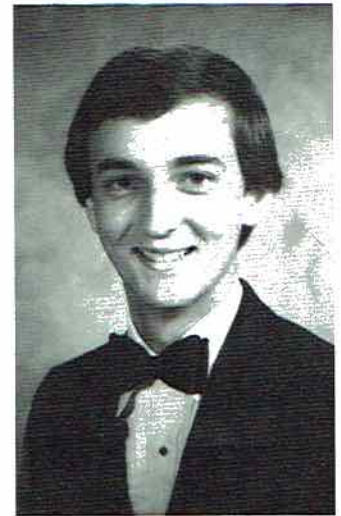


Wittiest
Jamie Holder and John Gunter

Living,
Loving,
Laughing,
Caring



Gwen Allison



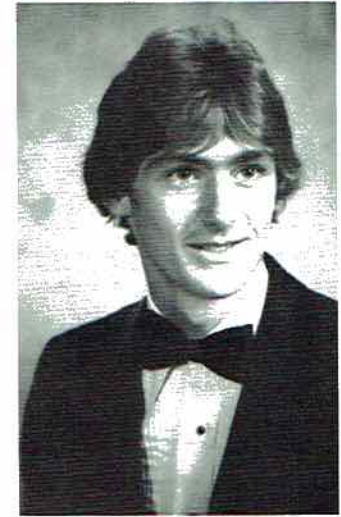
Richard Barham



Greg Blaylock



Rusty Boldin



Doyle Britton



Greg Burnett



Lebron Click



James Coffman



Roma Collins



Linda Colvin



Rob Dalton

Learning,
Helping,
Trusting,
Sharing . . .



Janssen Davis



Jerry Faulkner



Rhonda Ferguson



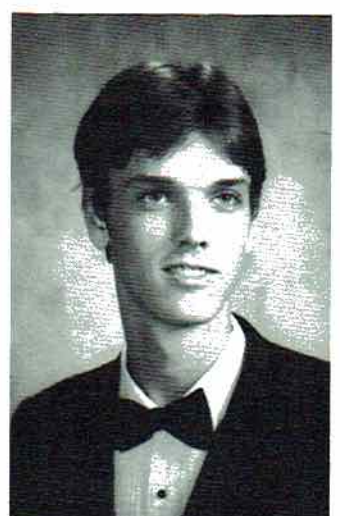
Wanda Ferguson



Kevin Foshee



Joey Foster

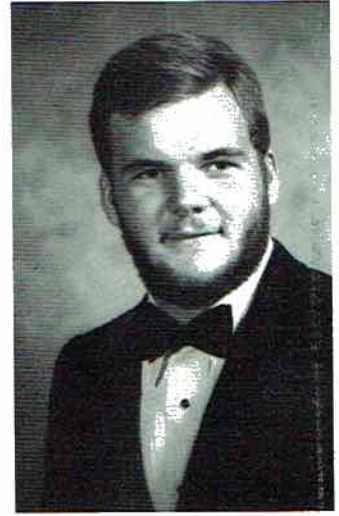


Tim Hall

Ties We
Bound,
Ties We
Severed.



Marlena Hazard



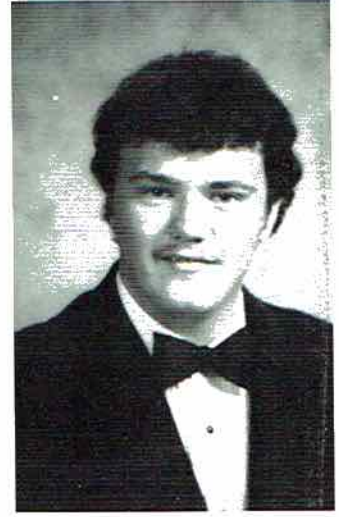
Ben Hill



Jamie Holder



Bobby Horne



Paul Jones



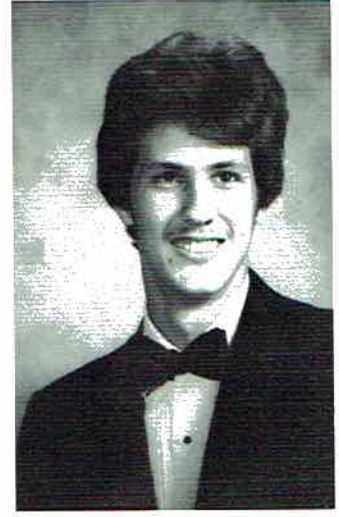
Don Kirk



Donna Kirk



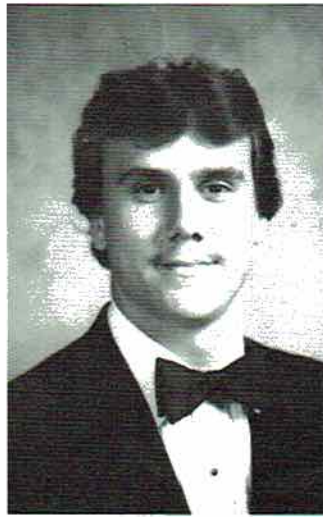
Trent Lewis



Tim Maynor



Melissa Merritt



Stephen Ridley

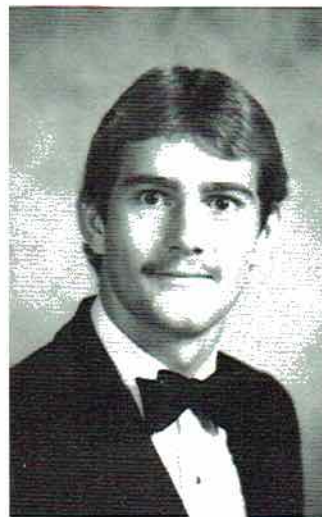
We Pulled
Through
It All
Together



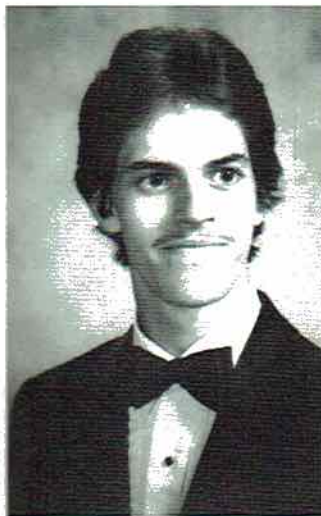
Tammy Ridley



Susan Short



Charley Smith



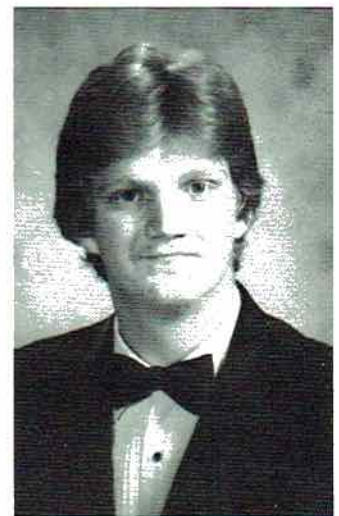
Darren Smith



Paul Smith



Mary Lou Steele

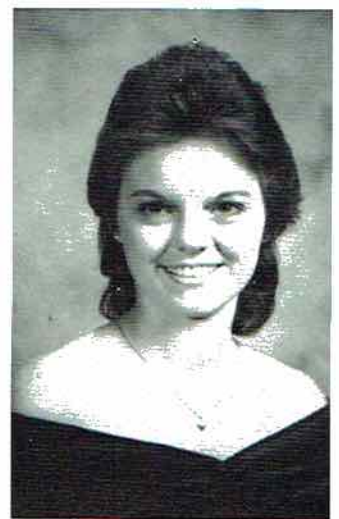


Joe Stewart

... The Class
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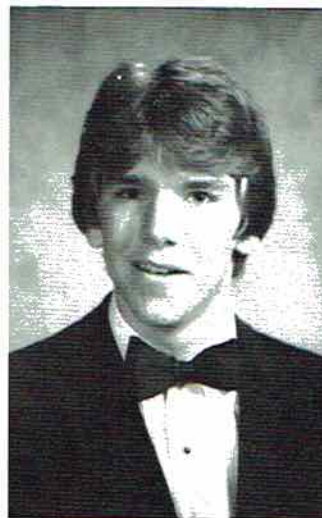
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Lisa Thomas



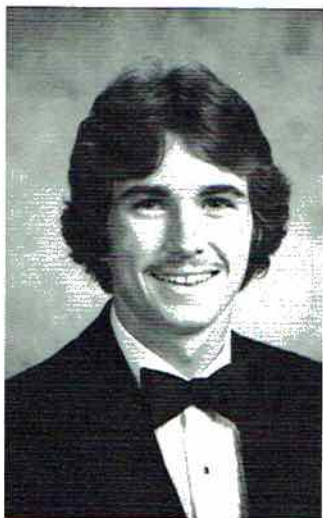
James Tipton



David Troutman



Gail Willis



Barry Winters



Mr. Paul Parker,
Principal



Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain,
Sponsor



Ms. Louise Brown,
Sponsor



Class of 1984

From Goals Achieved . . .

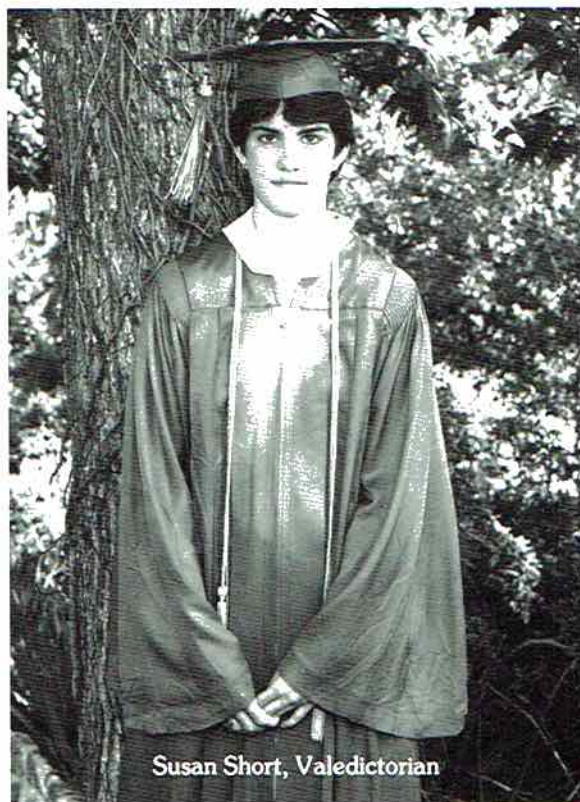
To Laud Received

Cap and gown clad seniors solemnly stepped closer to the end of high school days as they trod down the aisle on Honors Day, May 18, 1984.

For many it was a day to be praised for the past year's or four years' accomplishments. Although our class had only one honor scholar, one third of our graduating class received scholarships. Honors awarded were as diverse as the students who won them. Academic achievement, leadership, dependability, character, and patriotism were the qualities recognized in the winners of these prestigious special awards.

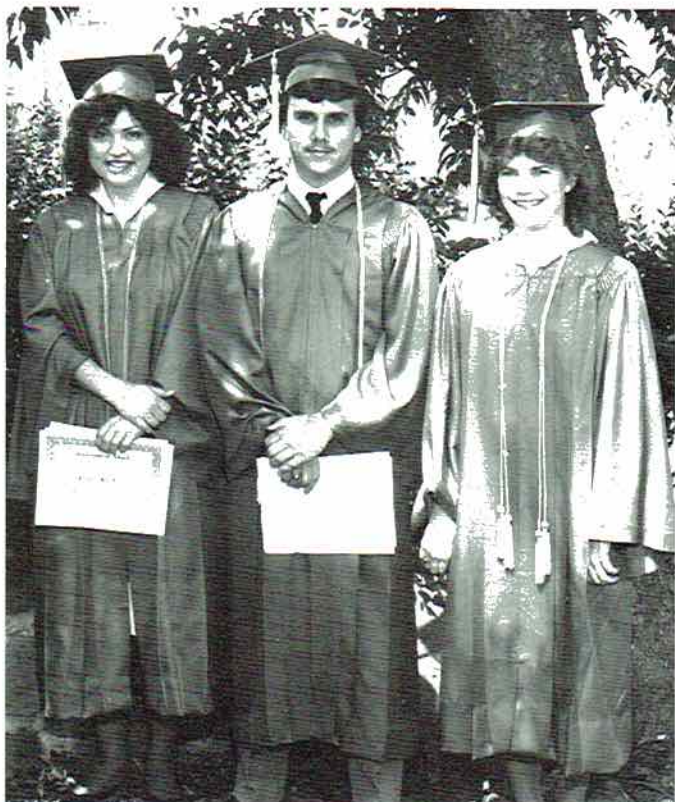
Finishing the ceremony, the class of '84 realized not only how far it had come, but how far it had to go. For the tradition of accomplishment was one that must be carried on.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Front Row: Susan Short — Achievement Scholarship to NSJC (Northeast State Jr. College); Rhonda Ferguson — Scottish Rite Scholarship; Marlana Hazard — Performance Arts Scholarship to NSJC; Linda Colvin — Bridgeport Jaycees' Scholarship; Gail Willis — Achievement Scholarship to NSJC; Lisa Thomas — Bridgeport Jaycees' Scholarship; Donna Kirk — Bridgeport Lions' Club Scholarship. Back Row: Stephen Ridley — First National Bank Scholarship; Rusty Boldin — Tommy R. Howard Memorial Scholarship; Richard Barham — Elizabeth Mountain Scholarship, Samford Univ. Ministerial Scholarship; Samuel E. Jones Scholarship; Don Kirk — Jackson Co. Education Association Scholarship; Jacksonville State Counselor's Scholarship; Gwen Allison — Mead Paperboard/Rotary Scholarship; Tammy Ridley — North Jackson Bank Scholarship.



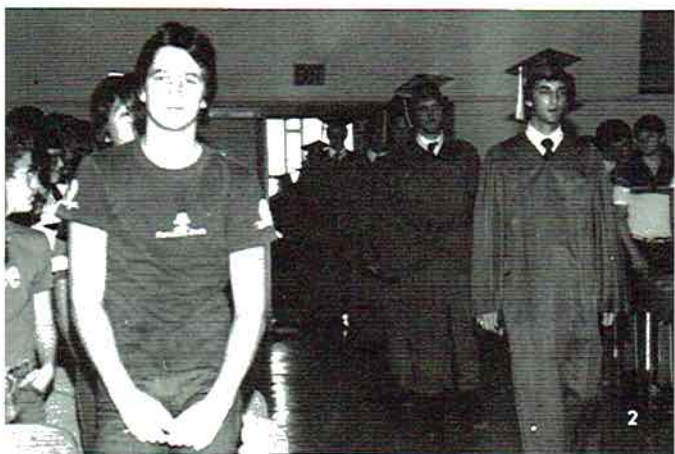
Susan Short, Valedictorian





Special Award Winners

Gwen Allison — Bridgeport Literary Club Award, DAR Good Citizen Award, L. G. Balfour Award; **Stephen Ridley** — DAR Award for Excellence in American History; **Gail Willis** — Miss Jackson Co. Tech. School (Academic Div.)



1. Don Kirk proudly accepts his scholarships.
2. The class of '84's grand Honor's Day entrance.
3. Coach McCraw presents Stephen Ridley with his history award.
4. Unveiling Larry Dodson's "Evening Fragrance" is Literary Club president, Patsy Rorex.

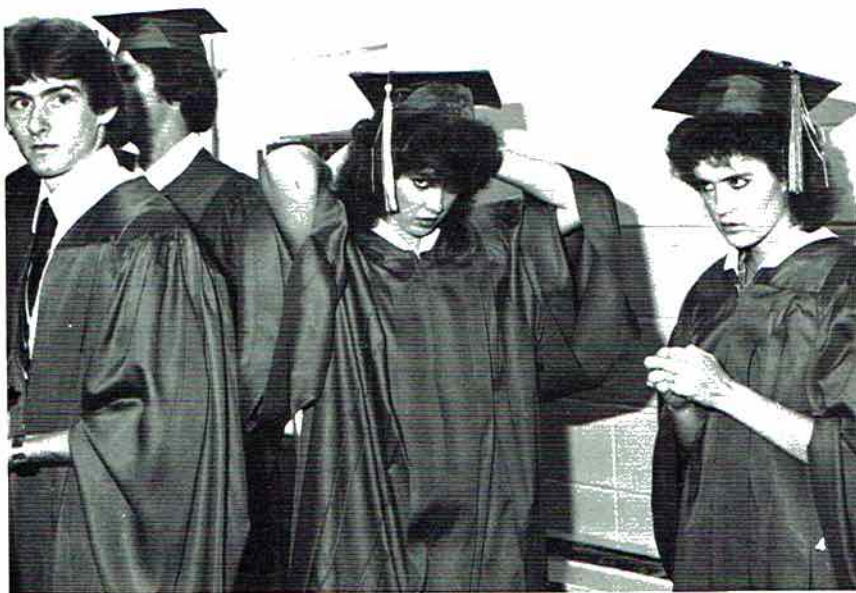
Let's Make This Night the Best . . .

For the Good Times

In our hearts and minds tonight, there raced a myriad of emotions. It was the night we had dreamed of . . . worked twelve hard years for. We were ready and willing to face the challenges of adulthood. Then it hit us. There would be no more light banter of opinions in English, no more going to the office or lunchroom. No longer would we read graffiti on the restroom walls. However, the hardest thing to realize was that, when we came back to BHS, we would be visitors. But how?

BHS *belonged* to us. We had thrown spitballs, gotten paddlings, ripped seams, fought, cheered the Tigers on to victory, played, loved, and grown up here. It was our home!

We knew that it was the birth of adulthood, but it was also the death of childhood . . . and that hurt. Some of us weren't as sad as others, but we all felt at least a slight tug on our heartstrings as we, in one night, severed ties that had been intricately woven for twelve years.



Our Night to Shine

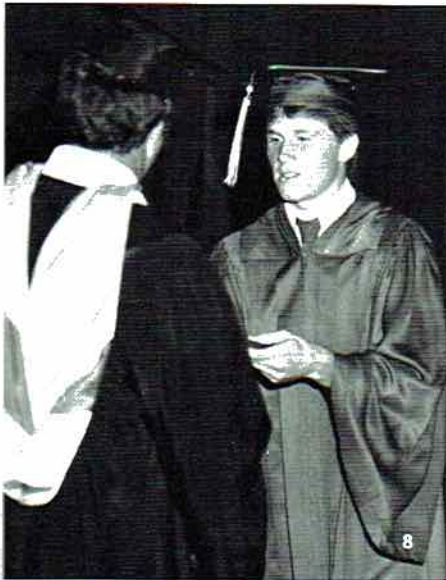


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1. Diploma bound, Jamie Holder and Missy Merritt are all smiles.
2. Stephen Ridley, Tammy Ridley, and Rusty Boldin remember the "good old days" while preparing for the ceremony.
3. Good times + Good friends = Great memories!!
4. Last minute bobby pins!
5. "How dare they think Richard would steal an honor cord, and him a man of the cloth, too!" jokes Kevin Foshee.
6. Donna Kirk happily accepts her scholarship from Mr. Bain.
7. Almost tearfully, Gwen Allison recites her poem, "Now It's Time For Us!"
8. "Diploma"-tic relations between Mr. Parker and Trent Lewis.
9. Full tuition and books! That's something to smile about, Gail!
10. "For Pete's sake, would you stand still?" chides Mrs. Mountain.
11. Solemn seniors.
12. "You don't know how much I've wanted to do this, Mr. Parker."



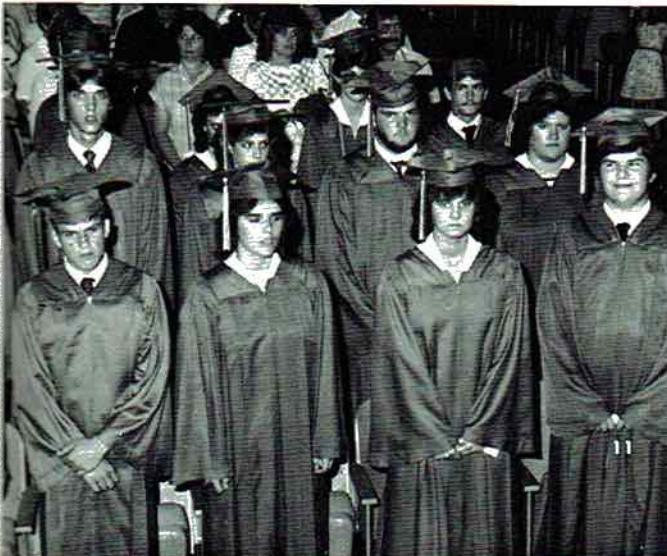
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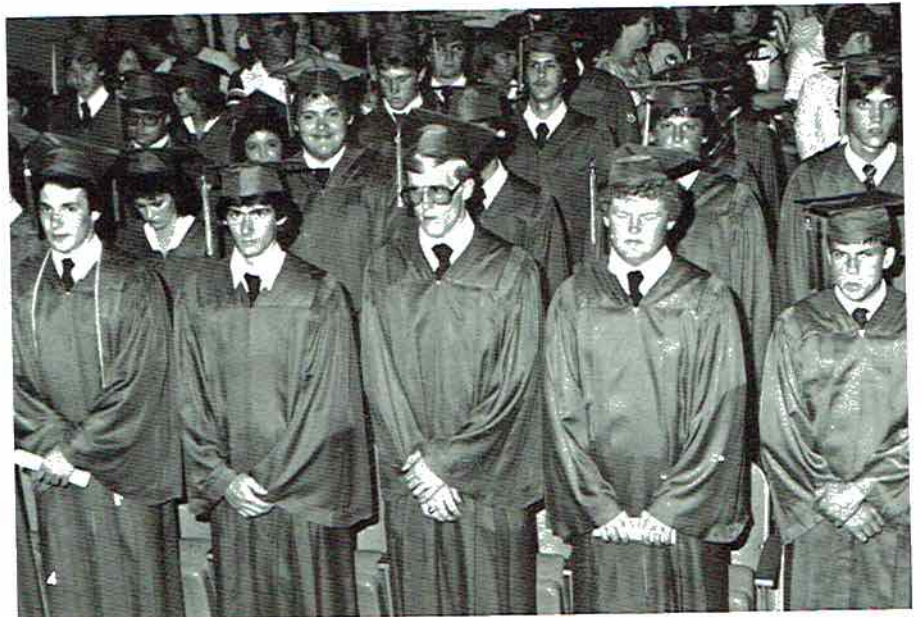
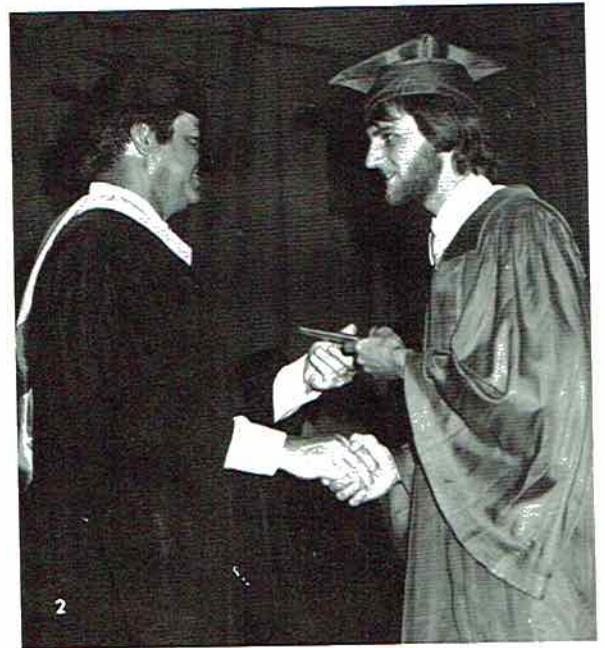
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"We've worked hard to come this far.
We've chased and captured every star.

And now our time here's almost done
We've had our sad times and our fun

When we're gone, there is a part
That will be missing in our hearts.

So one last time before we're through,
We'll say — BHS, WE LOVE YOU!"

by
Gwen Allison
1984





As we marched in, the auditorium became hushed except for the snap of flashes. Was this really happening to us?

Richard Barham, class president, welcomed the audience followed by Gwen Allison, who recited her poem, "Now It's Time For Us!" Valetictorian Susan Short then presented her valedictory address, "Emotions of Graduation." After various special guests and faculty members had presented scholarships and special awards, Mr. Parker awarded diplomas. Reverend David Smith gave both the invocation and benediction. Music was provided by Miss Candy Merritt.



1. Roma Collins and Mary Lou Steele, best friends, help each other with bobby pins, collars etc.
2. Jerry Faulkner seems anxious to get his diploma!
3. Valetictorian, Susan Short, entitled her presentation, "Emotions of Graduation."
4. Where do we go from here?
5. O, I forgot to take semester exams!!
6. Service with a smile for Lisa Thomas, Jaycees' Scholarship recipient.
7. We will miss the dear friends we'll leave behind.
8. Graduation is a time to share with the ones you love.
9. Greg Blaylock receiving his "freedom papers."

SENIOR

ALLISON, GWENDOLYN JAMESE 4-H — 1, Song leader — 1; Pep Club — 1; FHA — 1; SDAHSS* — 1; Library Club — 2; Student Council — 2, 2nd Vice-President — 2; Drivers' Safety Club — 2, 3, Project Director — 3; Beta Club — 2, 3, 4, Vice-President — 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4; Homecoming Float Committee — 3, 4, Chairperson — 3; Prom Committee — 3; Newspaper Staff — 3, 4, Editor — 4; Annual Staff — 3, 4, Editor — 4; Jackson County Jr. Miss Pageant, 2nd Runner-Up — 4; Most Likely to Succeed — 4; Miss BHS — 4; Calendar Girl, Cover Girl — 4; English Award — 1, 2, 3, 4; DAR Good Citizen Award — 4; Literary Award — 4; Balfour Award — 4; Mead Paperboard Scholarship — 4.

BARHAM, JAMES RICHARD FFA — 1, 2, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Student Council — 1, 2, 3, 4, 1st Vice-President — 3, President — 4; Sr. Class President — 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4; Most Likely to Succeed — 4; Varsity Basketball Scorekeeper — 4; Mr. BHS — 4; Drama Award — 4; Demo./Eco. Award — 4; Samford Ministerial Scholarship — 4; Samuel E. Jones Scholarship — 4; School Service Scholarship — 4.

BLAYLOCK, GREGORY FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2.

BOLDIN, HENRY RUSSELL FFA — 1, 2, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Jr. High Football — 1; Jr. Mr. BHS — 1; Varsity Football — 2, 3, 4; All-Jackson Co., All-Sequatchie Valley Conference, All-Tri-State — 3, 4; Beta Club — 2, 3, 4; SDAHSS* — 1; B-Club — 2, 3, 4; Most Handsome — 4; Tommy R. Howard Memorial Scholarship — 4.

BRITTON, RANDALL DOYLE 4-H — 1, 2; FFA — 1, 2, 4; FHA — 3; Band — 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain — 2; School Bus Driver — 3, 4.

BURNETT, GREGORY DON FFA — 1, 2; Jr. High Football — 1; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Tech. School — 3, 4; VICA — 3, 4; Jr. Play Prompter — 3; Sr. Play Cast and Prompter — 4; Sr. Class Favorite — 4.

CLICK, KEVIN LEBRON 4-H — 1; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2.

COFFMAN, JAMES THOMAS

COLLINS, ROMA DIANA FHA — 2; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; DECA — 3, Tech. School — 3; Intramural Basketball — 2, 3.

COLVIN, LINDA ANN FHA — 1, 4; Library — 1; SDAHSS* — 2; Varsity Basketball — 2, 4, All-County — 4; Student Council Sec. — 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 4, Treas. — 4; B-Club — 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Annual Staff — 3, 4, Sports Ed. — 4; Typing Award — 2; Homecoming Attendant — 3; Most Athletic — 4; Class Favorite — 4; Valentine Queen — 4; Bridgeport Jaycees Scholarship — 4.

DALTON, ROBERT WALKER JR. 4-H — 1; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2.

DAVIS, OLEN JANSSEN 4-H — 1, 2; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football — 4; Baseball — 4; Track — 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2 Beginner Band — 1; Lifeguard — 3, 4.

FAULKNER, JERRY LEE 4-H — 1; FFA — 1; Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; The John Philip Sousa Award — 4; VICA — 2, 3, 4; School Bus Driver — 3, 4.

FERGUSON, RHONDA KAY 4-H — 1; Library Club — 2, 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; FHA — 2, 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Scottish Rite Scholarship — 4.

FERGUSON, WANDA GAY Library Club 1, 2, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; FHA — 4.

FOSHEE, CARL KEVIN JR. High Football — 1; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2; Junior Class Secretary — 3; Varsity Football — 3, 4.

FOSTER, JOHN JOSEPH 4-H — 3; FFA — 1, 4; Basketball — 1, 2; Football — 2; Baseball — 4; B-Club — 1, 2, 3, 4, President — 4.

GUNTER, JOHN RICHARD JR. 4-H — 1; FFA — 1; Intramural Basketball Coach — 3; Baseball — 1, 4; Wittiest — 4; Football — 4; VICA — 4; Track — 4.

HALL, TIMOTHY LEE FFA — 1; Tech. School — 2, 3, 4; VICA — 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 1.

HAZARD, MARLENA JERRI Drum Major — 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; All Sequatchie Co. Band — 1, 2, 3; All Jackson Co. Band — 2; Homecoming Attendant — 1; Homecoming Queen — 4; Class Favorite — 1; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA — 3, 4; B-Club — 3, 4; Most Talented — 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2 Class Treasurer — 3; Class Secretary — 4; Performing Arts Scholarship — 4; Library Club, Secretary — 4; Basketball — 2; SDAHSS* — 2, 3, 4; Jackson Co. Jr. Miss Pageant, 3rd Runner-Up, Creative and Performing Arts Award — 4.

HILL, BENJAMIN LAWSON IV 4-H — 1; Class Favorite — 2; Varsity Football — 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club — 1, 2; Library Club, President — 4; Most Popular — 4.

HOLDER, JAMIE LEE 4-H — 1, 2, 3; Sec. — 2, President — 3; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. High Homecoming Attendant — 1; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. — 2, Vice-President — 4; Jr. Play — 3; Tiger Mascot — 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; B-Club — 3, 4; Band — 1; Wittiest — 4.

HORNE, BOBBY WAYNE FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H — 1, 2; Basketball — 1; Beginner Band — 1; Varsity Band — 1; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; FHA — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2; Sr. Play Cast — 4; Best Dressed — 4.

JONES, JAMES PAUL FFA — 1; Jr. High Football — 1; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Rep. of VICA — 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play Prompter — 3; Electricity Award of Achievement — 4; Electricity Merit Award — 4.

KIRK, DONALD ALLEN FFA — 1, 2; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; B-Club — 3, 4; Student Council — 3, 4; Annual Staff — 3, 4, Circulation Manager — 4; Typing Award — 3; Most School Spirit — 4; Jacksonville State Univ. Counselor's Scholarship — 4; Jackson Co. Ed. Association Scholarship — 4; Varsity Basketball — 3, 4; Newspaper Staff — 3, 4, Feature Editor — 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4.

KIRK, DONNA ALENE Drivers Safety Club — 1; FHA — 1; Jr. High Cheerleader, Captain — 1; 4-H — 1; Jr. High Homecoming Queen — 1; Girls' Softball — 1, 2; Varsity Cheerleader — 2, 3, 4, Captain — 4; Homecoming Attendant — 2; Who's Who — 3, 4; Prettiest — 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4; B-Club — 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Class President — 3; Library Club — 4; Lion's Club Scholarship — 4.

LEWIS, ALLAN TRENT Jr. High Football, All County — 1; Jr. High Basketball, All-County — 1; Varsity Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4, All-County — 3, All-District All-County Tournament Team — 4; Varsity Basketball — 2, 4, All-County — 2; Varsity Football — 2, 3, 4, OFF. MVP Jackson Co. — 3; All-County, SVC, All-Tri-State — 4; FFA — 4; B-Club — 4; Most Athletic — 4; Library Club, Vice-President — 4.

MAYNOR, TIMOTHY WILLIAM

MERRITT, MELISSA CAROL 4-H — 1, 2, 3, Reporter — 3; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2; Senior Play — 4; Jr. High Cheerleader — 1; Varsity Cheerleader — 4; FHA — 1, 3, 4, Reporter — 4; Library Club — 4; Pep Club — 1, 3, 4; Best Dressed — 4.

RIDLEY, STEPHEN ARNETTE JR. FFA — 1, 2, 3; Drivers' Safety Club — 2 SDAHSS* — 2; Class Vice-President — 1, 4; Class Secretary — 2; VICA — 4; Science Club — 4; Beta Club — 2, 3, 4, President — 4; Vr. Football — 4; Chemistry Award — 4; DAR American History Award — 4; Intramural Basketball — 4; American History Award — 3; Physiology Award — 3; Computer Club — 4; First National Bank Scholarship — 4; Best All Around — 4.

RIDLEY, TAMMY LEE Marching Band — 1, 2; Concert Band — 1, 2, 3; Student Council — 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette — 2; Class Favorite — 2; Varsity Cheerleader — 3, 4; Library Club — 3; Annual Staff — 3, 4, Ad Manager — 4; B-Club — 4; Computer Science Club — 4, Advanced Science Club — 4, Reporter; Homecoming Attendant — 4; 4-H — 1, 2, Vice-Pres. — 1; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4; North Jackson Bank Scholarship — 4; Best All Around — 4.

SHORT, SUSAN DARLENE FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2; Beta Club — 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff — 3, 4, Gossip Editor — 4; Student Council — 2; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Prompter — 4; Awards: General Science — 1; Home Ec. — 2, 3, 4; Gen. Bus. — 2; American Hist. — 3; SDAHSS* — 1; Intramural Basketball — 3; Northeast Jr. College Academic Scholarship — 4; Most Dependable — 4; Honor Scholar — 4; Valedictorian — 4.

SMITH, CHARLES GLENN 4-H — 1; Jr. Football, All-County — 1; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football — 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary — 2; VICA — 3, 4; Tech. School — 3, 4.

SMITH, DARREN RONALD 4-H — 1; FFA — 1; Baseball — 1, 2, 4; Varsity Football — 4; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2; Quarterback Club — 4; Most Dependable — 4.

SMITH, PAUL BRYANT FFA — 1, 2, 3; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; VICA — 4; Computer Club — 4; Science Club — 4; Chemistry Award — 4; Intramural Basketball — 2, 3; Most Talented — 4.

STEEL, MARY LOU Flag Corps — 1, 2, 3, Co-Capt. — 2, Captain — 3; DECA — 2, 3, Secretary — 3.

THOMAS, LISA MICHELLE Marching and Concert Band — 1, 2; Majorette, Co-Head — 2; Beta Club — 3, 4, Sec. — 4; Varsity Cheerleader — 3, 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Library Club — 3; Newspaper Staff — 3, 4, Sports Editor — 4; Pep Club — 3; Yearbook Staff — 3, 4, Bus. Mgr. — 4; Science Club, Sec. — 4; Computer Club — 4; VICA — 4; SDAHSS* — 1; Class President — 3; Class Treas. — 4; Class Favorite — 3; Homecoming Attendant — 4; Bridgeport Jaycees' Scholarship — 4; Most Popular — 4.

TIPTON, JAMES EDWARD VICA — Secretary — 4.

TROUTMAN, DAVID WAYNE FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H — 1; Drivers Safety Club — 1, 2; Intramural Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Favorite — 3.

WILLIS, CYRENA GAIL Beta Club — 2, 3, 4, Treas. — 4; Computer Club — 4; Math Club — 4, Sec. — 4; Varsity

DIRECTORY

Cheerleader — 4; Annual Staff — 3, 4, Photographer; Drivers' Safety Club — 2; Newspaper Staff — 1, 3, 4, Editor — 4; Jr. Play Cast — 3; Sr. Play Cast — 4; Most School Spirit — 4; Miss Jackson Co. Technical School (Academic Division) — 4; Northeast Jr. College Academic Scholarship — 4.

WINTERS, BARRY JAY FFA — 1, 2, 3; Drivers' Safety Club — 1, 2; Intramural Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football — 4.

*SDAHSS — Society of Distinguished American High School Students



Class
of
1984

Now It's Time for Us!

Years ago, graduation time
Brought the loss of older friends.
Hard to believe it's time for us,
We're finally hearing the end.

Our senior year, back in the fall,
Brought this thought anew:
Since last year's senior class is gone,
Whom do *we* look up to?

Slowly, as the year moved on,
We began to realize
The rest of the school was watching us,
Expecting us to be wise.

We were now the shining stars;
They watched our every move.
If we were to be examples,
Our glory must stand proved.

The new responsibilities
At times seemed quite too much,
But Mom or Dad was always there
To give our hands a touch.

A teacher with a kindly word
Or well-meant reprimand,
A special friend to lend an ear
Or quietly hold our hand.

We pulled through the hard times
And good times all the same.
We stood together to revere
Our Alma Mater's name.

I can't say that we've been saints
But I'd be willing to bet
The Class of '84 leaves some memories
BHS won't soon forget!

Pep rallies, homecomings, ballgames,
Memories we'll hold ever fast.
Yet, can my thoughts ponder solely
On segments of the past?

We've kept the faith, fought a good fight,
We've held the boat in tow.

Hard to believe it's time for us,
We're standing here, ready to go.

Inside our minds we ask ourselves,
"Do I laugh, or should I cry?"
For it's the first time one leaves the nest
That proves if he can fly.

Even though thoughts of leaving
Make our hearts fearfully pound,
Bright futures on the horizon
For all of us surely abound.

Though we'll reminisce a while
We'll laugh tonight, we'll cry
After goodbyes are said and done,
Our limit is the sky!

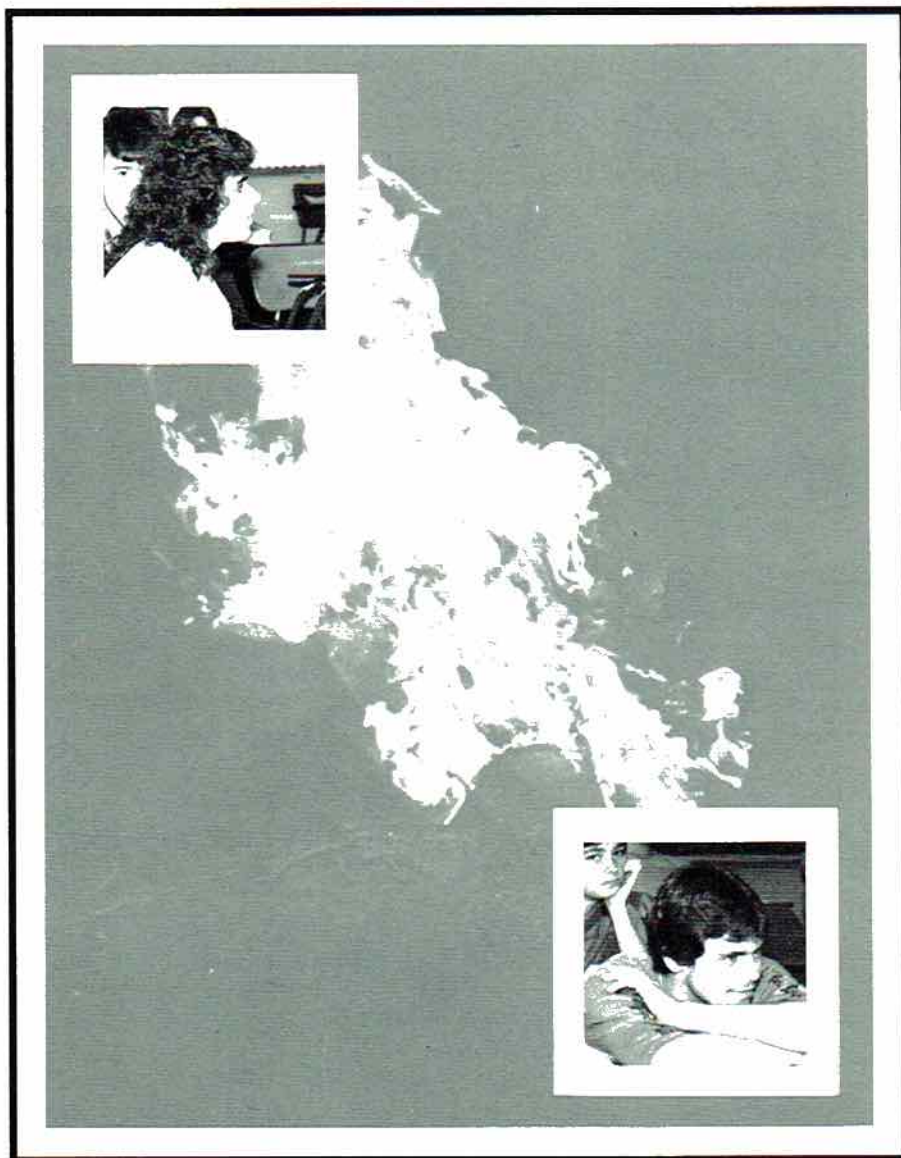
Dear BHS, as we leave
We hope we've served you well.
We'll always hold you dear to us,
Your praises ever tell.

You've taught us well these past six years
To be honest, fair, and just.
We'll keep this near, our heads held high . . .
For "Now It's Time For Us!"

Written by: *Gwen Allison*



CLASSES



Keep the fire burnin' . . . goofing off, cramming for tests, sleeping in class, learning occasionally. Life at BHS was made up of these things. What makes the major part of a school is classes. Each class thought it was the best. That was the way it was supposed to be. Class rivalry was high, but when it came time to stick together, we did that also.



Sonia Allison



Connie Baker



Maria Buchanan



Angie Burrows



LeShone Bynum



Sheila Carver



Charlie Cooper



Richard Denton



Mark Dover



Tracy Ferguson



Michael Gamble



Elaine Gregory



Randy Hambrick



Neal Hardrick



Teresa Hardrick



Andrea Harris



Mylinda Hazard



Vernon Henegar



Vanessa Lambert



Kenny Maynor



Will Moore



Michael Parrish



Alan Payne



Ronnie Peacock



David Pittman

Juniors



Charlotte Raulston



Steve Raulston



Tim Ridley



Vicky Rowe



Michelle Smith



Kendal Storey



Kevin Thompson



Brenda Walker



David H. Walker



Kisha Walker



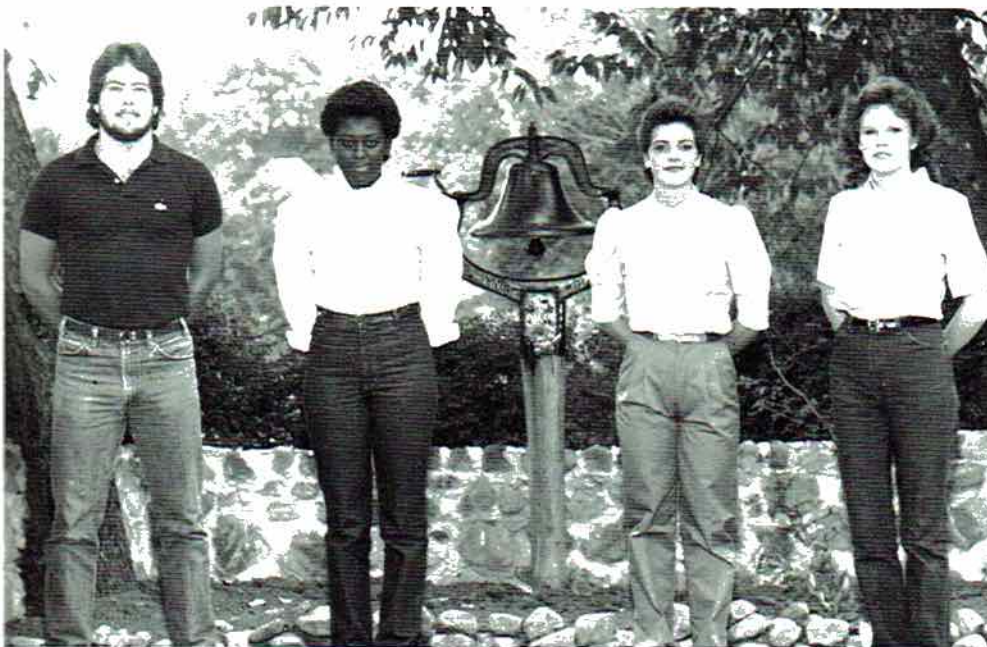
John Warren



Barbara Wilson



Earl Young



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Mark Dover, President; Angie Kelly, Vice President; Mylinda Hazard, Secretary; and Sheila Carver, Treasurer.



David Abbott



Ricky Abbott



Jean Allison



David Bice



David Brophy



Lindsey Condra



Darren Cooper



Melissa Cooper



Holli Davis



Cheryl Dawson



Susie Eldridge



Kelli Faircloth



Randy Gilley



Margaret Gossett



Sherry Guthrie



James Hetrick



Betty Horton



Randy Holder



Billy King



Robbie Kotz



Teddy Kowdis



Stephanie Lambert



Greg McCullough



Stephanie Matthews



Kenny Moore

Sophomores



Jackie Nelson



Kenny Olinger



Mark Parker



Brenda Potts



Teri Purdy



Cecil Rich



Rolanda Robinson



Sherry Rogers



George Shavers



Jim Shelton



Keith Shutters



Lynette Smith



Steve Stewart



Greg Talley



Kevin Thomas



Sharon Thomas



"Corsby sang bass, Holli sang tenor. Alicia and Stephanie joined right in there!"



Eleanor Walker



Scott Wardell



Jerry Winters



Brenda Young



Alicia Witcher



"Can we talk here?"



Kim Wells



Tina Willis



Danny Wongmanee



Tiger team "chills out" before the game.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Greg Talley, President; Alicia Witcher, Vice President; David Bice, Secretary; and Holli Davis, Treasurer.

Sophomores



David Allison



Shannon Anthony



James Bain



Sharon Barham



David Blizzard



Cindy Boldin



Shelly Brophy



Loretta Burnett



Chris Bynum



Coretta Bynum



William Bynum



Lisa Case



Kim Childress



Patrick Childs



Vicky Click



Marty Cobb



Angela Collins



Ronald Cooper



Vinson Crawford



Stephanie Crawford



Corey Dave



Paul Dunn



Darren Findley



Karen Foshee



Lori Gamble

Freshmen



Aracelli Gonzalez



Ramona Haley



Sherry Hall



Donnie Henson



James Hogwood



Claudia Holder



Kristy Holder



Roger Hubbard



Jerald Hutchins



Michelle Knight



John Kowdis



Mary Beth Lambert



Vicky Mashburn



Tina Mason



Michelle McCarter



Madonna McCloud



Doug McCutchen



Dwayne Moore



Charlie Morris



Robbie Olinger



Kim Paris



Paul Payne



Kim Porter



Larry Pylant



Michael Rich



Scott Ridley



Cindy Roper



Cynthia Rorex



Sandy Rowe



Sonia Sebring



Harold Smith



Heath Smith



Greg Sparkman



Travis Thomas



David Troxell



Chip Troy



Scotty Walker



Mark Warren



James Westbrook



Greg Whitcher



Peggy Williams



George Williamson



Todd Willis



Glenn Wilson



Tom Wongmanee



"Working hard or hardly working?"



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS — Robbie Olinger, President; Greg Whitcher, Vice President; Cory Dave, Secretary; and Karen Foshee, Treasurer.

Freshmen



Dwayne Abbott



Teresa Adkins



Lisa Akin



Stacy Allen



Henry Allison



Stacy Allison



James Barnard



Eddie Bellamy



Jimmy Bice



Greg Blevins



Kevin Britton



Alan Brown



Angie Brown



Debbie Brown



Gayla Burrows



Dannette Bynum



Shonta Bynum



Maggie Cates



John Childs



Clifford Condra



Lechelle Dawson



Wyhonia Durham



Michael Ferguson



Teresa Ferguson



Kandi Gilley



Kandi Gilley



Kim Graham



Terry Guess



Veronica Hill



Bobby Howard

Eighth Grade



Tammy Jackson



Betty Johnson



Cindy Jones



Missy Kotz



Steven Lambert



Tammy Lawson



Teresa Lawson



Chris Mathis



Susie McAllister



Kim McCarter



Barry McCloud



Carla McDowell



Candi Miles



Robert Ottinger



Lori Payne



Randall Potterfield



Kathy Prestwood



Tina Quinn



Tammy Raulston



John Ridley



Bobby Robinson



Kevin Rogers



Robin Shavers



Kevin Short



Carol Smith



Cindy Smith



Peggy Smith



Sharon Steele



Charlie Summers



Shelly Taylor



Houston Thomas



Donnie Thompson



Gerald Thompson



Bo Turner



Eric Warren



Patricia Wells



Bill Williams



Gena Williams



Missy Willis



Valerie Wilmon



Michael Winters



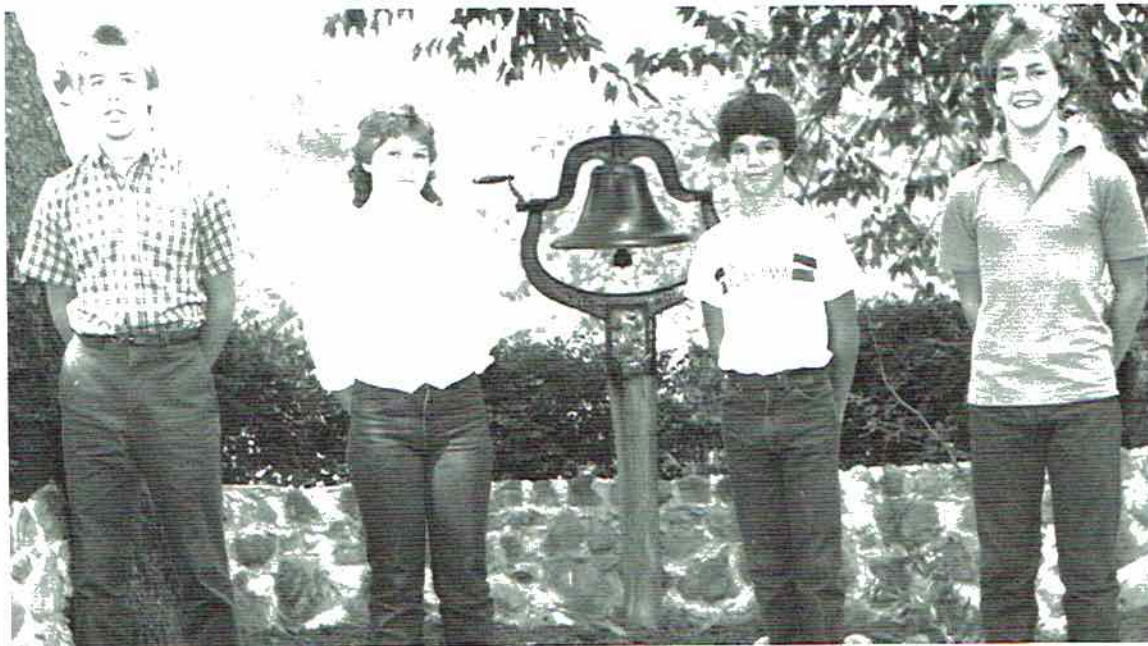
Ernie York



SMILES EVERYONE!!



Eric Young



EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS — Dwayne Abbott, President; Susie McAllister, Vice President; Eddie Bellamy, Secretary; and John Childs, Treasurer.

Eighth Grade



Kiley Abbott



Kim Allen



Tim Allison



Christy Allison



Alex Atkins



Eugene Bice



Damon Bradford



Johnny Carroll



Richard Carver



Chris Chapman



Kim Clark



Barney Coffman



Robbie Coffman



Scott Colvin



Jessica Cooper



Rhonda Cooper



Robin Cooper



Valerie Cox



Laura Dawson



Sandy Eldridge



Pat Finley



Terry Finley



Mary Jane Galovich



Lonnie Grider



Levon Henry



Crystal Holder



Terry Holder



Edna Hollis



Robert Hughes



Adrian Hutchins

Seventh Grade



Dion Johnson



Sharon Kennedy



Stacey Kirk



Allison Long



Denise Lynn



Missy Mason



John McCarver



Tracey Miles



Cammy Moody



Steven Moore



Stacey Morris



Bobby Payne



Leah Payne



David Poe



Chris Pope



Pam Ragan



Troy Rorex



Shawn Rudder



Audrey Sampley



Kristie Smith



Michael Smith



Robert Smith



Tracey Smith



Lisa Sparkman



Kim Steele



Thomas Terry



Kyle Thomas



Tracy Thomas



Shane Troy



Michael Walker

Seventh Grade



Veronica Walker



Gwen Wardell



Cindy White



Michael Whited



Scott Whited



Maurice Williams



Michelle Williams



Amy Willis



Shelby Wilson



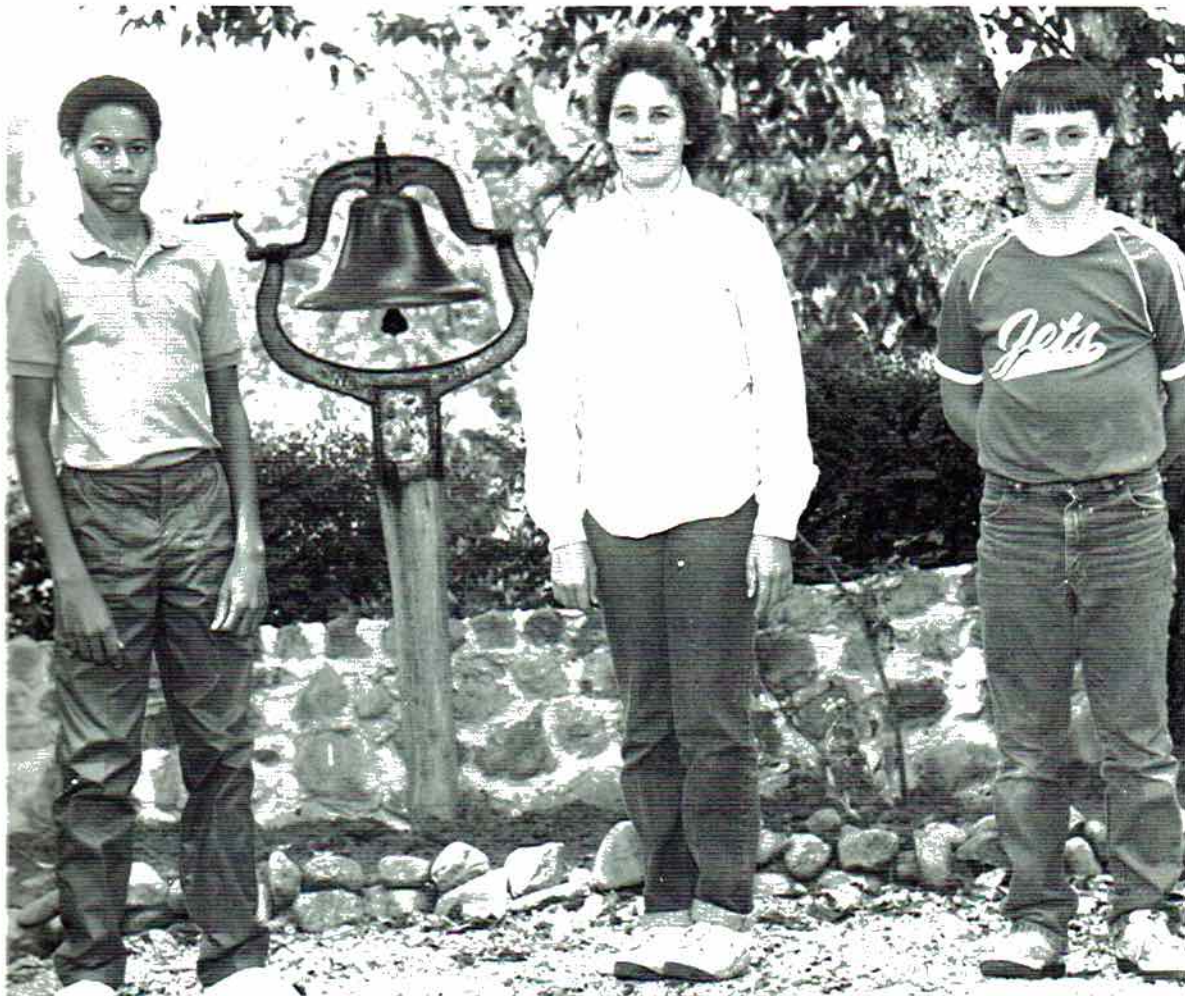
Terry Winters



Linda Woody



John York



CLASS OFFICERS — Maurice Williams, President; Kristie Smith, Vice-President; and Robbie Hughes, Secretary-Treasurer.



Waiting on the bell.



P.E. is such hard work!



Are we cool, or what?



Okay, I'll smile . . . but only once!!

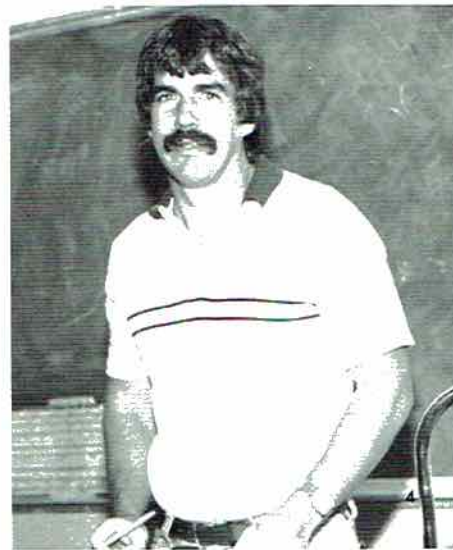


American History Pros!

FACULTY



Keep the fire burnin' ... breaking up fights, working the gates at football games, gossiping in the teachers' lounge, acting as chaperones at dances and the prom. These were just a few of the things the teachers at BHS did besides instructing their students. They were a vital part of life at Bridgeport High. They also added a lot of fun and excitement to our days.

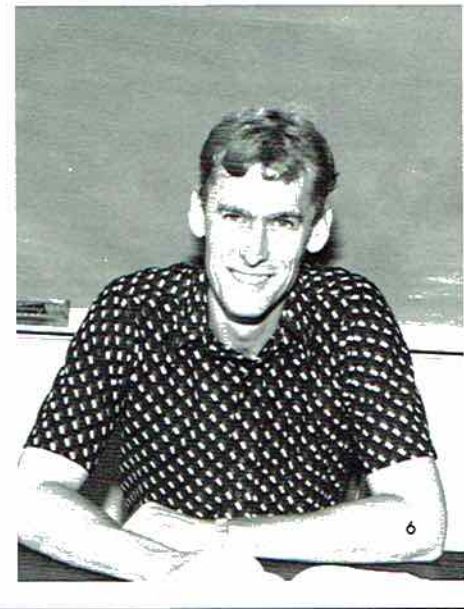


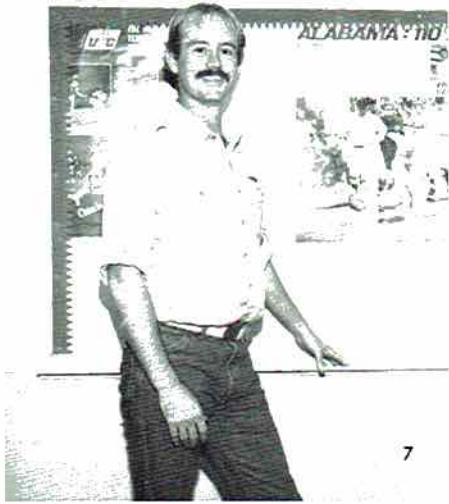
Dedicated Mentors

Our faculty at BHS is family. For nine months of the year, we not only obtain book knowledge from them, but we have a living experience with them. They become our friends (or foes). We learn to rely on them, to give to them, and to take from them. They play a vital role in our lives as we become young adults.

Living in a small town like Bridgeport, it's hard not to have a lot of outside contact with our faculty. It's not strange to see Coach Rhodes at Ray's Steak and Shake shooting basketball with the guys. After school we always see Mr. Freeman at his used car lot downtown. It is this close contact we have every day that forms a bond between teacher and student. Thus, in Bridgeport, teachers are not terrible creatures to be

awed, but our neighbors . . . our friends. Besides teaching us English, math, science and history, they join our parents in teaching us honor, respect, dependability, honesty, and integrity.





1. Mr. Paul Parker, Principal, German
2. Mr. William Freeman, Agri-Business, FFA Sponsor
3. Ms. Betty Harrison, Librarian, Accounting, Vr. Cheerleader Sponsor, Library Club Sponsor
4. Mr. Bob Corsby, Gen. Science, Biology, Physiology, Chemistry
5. Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain, English, Annual Staff Advisor, Beta Club Sponsor, *Blue and Gold* Sponsor
6. Mr. Mike Moore, Math, Algebra I, Algebra II
7. Coach Jere McCraw, Social Studies, Assistant Vr. Football Coach
8. Mrs. Mary Williams, Learning Resources
9. Mr. Steve Buckner, Migrant Teacher
10. Miss Louise Brown, Home Ec., FHA Sponsor, Sr. Play Director/Sponsor
11. Coach Jimmy Thomas, Learning Resources, Head Vr. Football Coach
12. Mrs. Paula Tally, Guidance Counselor, Student Council Sponsor



Faculty Facts

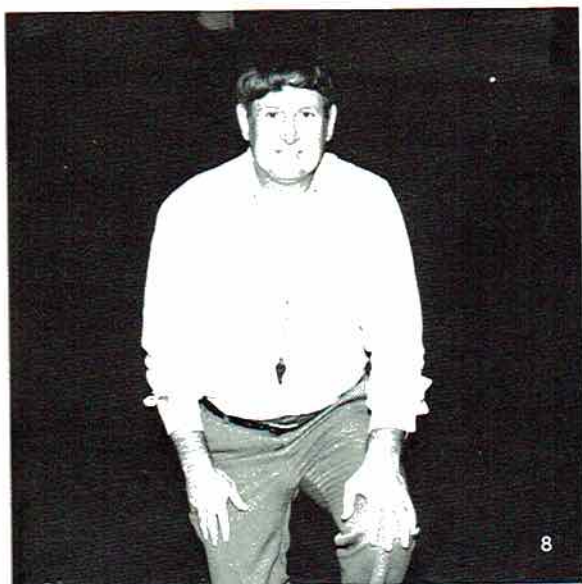
Our faculty members were involved with their students. They also knew how to have fun. Mrs. Abernathy was forever playfully arguing with her students. It was a daily ritual for her to jump on Kevin Foshee (and he usually jumped back). The teachers worked the gates at football games and basketball games, chaperoned school or class trips, and served the student body in many other ways. Mr. Blevins took on a new task this year as junior class sponsor, directing the junior play. Mr. Bowen carried on the tradition of having the annual Calendar Girl Pageant.

They took the road less traveled by. They were really personally interested in shaping our lives. "And that has made all the difference."





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1. Mr. James Blevins, English, Typing I, Junior Play sponsor.
2. Mrs. Mary Abernathy, general math, Algebra I, applied business math, Pep Club sponsor, prom sponsor.
3. Mr. Andy Bowen, Reading, band director.
4. Coach Tony Rhodes, Alabama history, American history, B Club sponsor, assistant football coach.
5. Coach A. W. Hamilton, health, English, p.e., B team basketball coach.
6. Mr. Stan McCoy, Indian education.
7. Raise your hand, if you're sure!!
8. Coach Kenneth Storey, English, economics/democracy, p.e.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Marland Mountain and daughter Marla take up money at a basketball game.
10. Teaching can be awfully frustrating. Just ask Coach Rhodes.

BHS Staff

One of the things that makes going to a small school special is everybody knowing everybody else. For instance, everyone shared the happiness when Mrs. Colvin became a grandmother for the first time this year. The halls just wouldn't be the same if Clarence's whistled tunes didn't echo through them. The lunchroom workers are always hunting something new to serve "on a bun." To add to the cafeteria's assets this year, we had installed a new ice cream machine. The bus drivers always seem to stay on the brink of insanity from breaking up paper wad fights and spit-ball shootouts. All in all, our staff keeps things running smoothly around BHS.



Mrs. Jo-Ann Colvin, Secretary



Mr. Clarence Wilbanks, Custodian

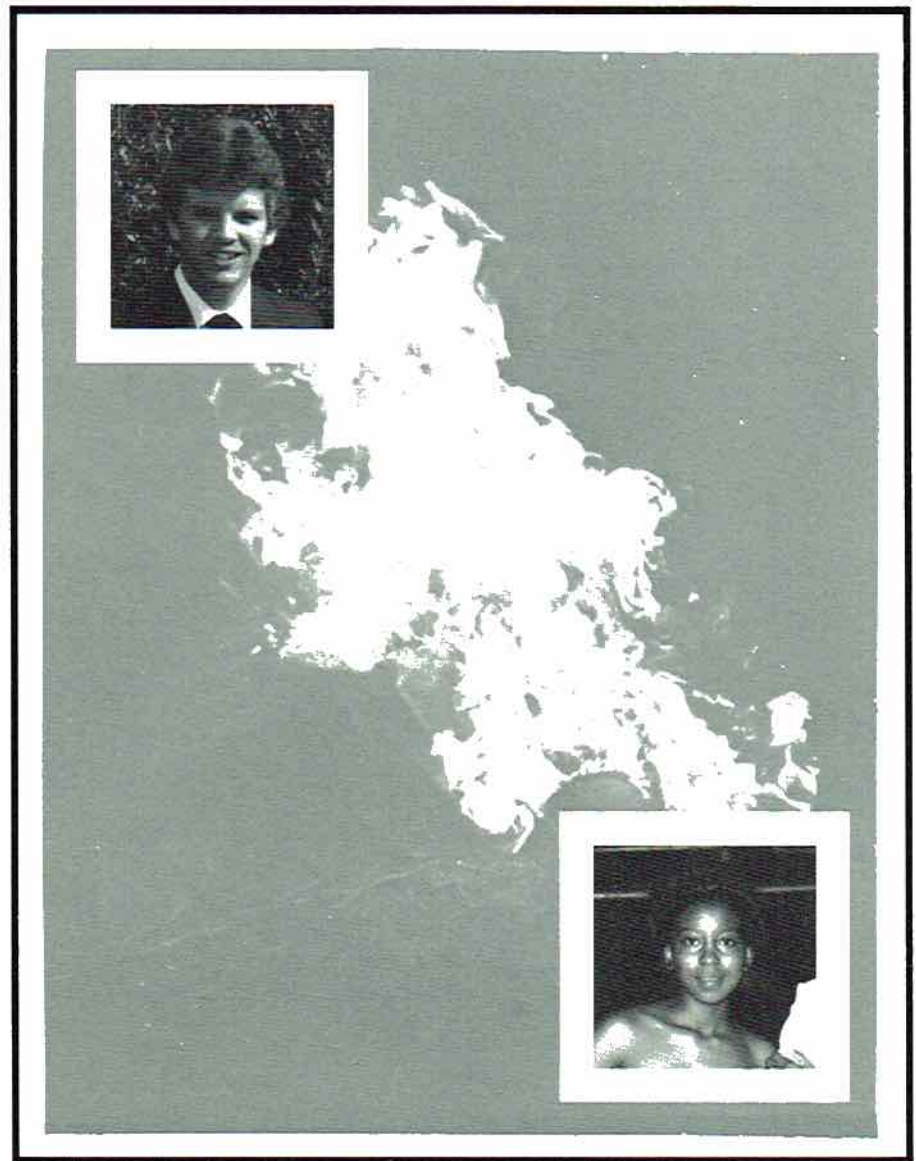


Mrs. Ruth Ragan, Mrs. Faye Arnold, Mrs. Charlotte Rorex, Lunchroom Staff.



Mayor Russell Lee, Mrs. Nell Guess, Mrs. Letha Houser, Mr. Jim Toney, Mr. Dick Henson, Mr. Anthony Walker, Bus Drivers.

EVENTS



Keep the fire burnin' ... homecoming night, the dance afterwards, various banquets, the coronation of Jr. Mr. and Miss B. H. S. and Mr. and Miss B. H. S., the presentation of class favorites. We had many traditions that made Bridgeport what it was. The pride of B. H. S. was shown when our homecoming queen and Mr. and Miss B. H. S. were announced. Our events were special to us. They will always be remembered.



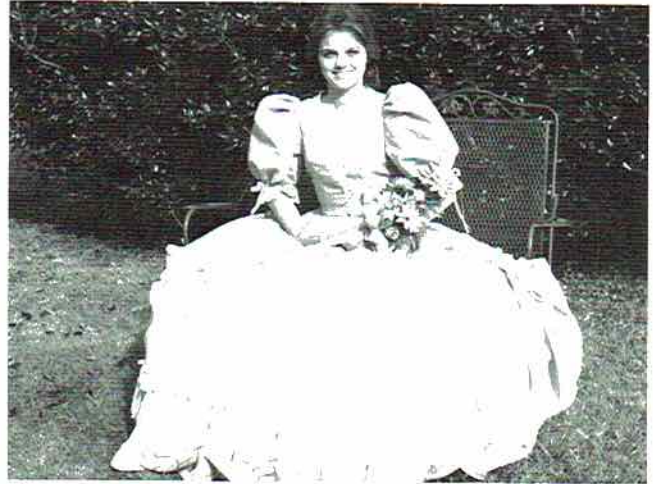
1983-84

Homecoming Queen
Miss Marlena Hazard

HOMECOMING COURT



Miss Tammy Ridley
Senior Attendant



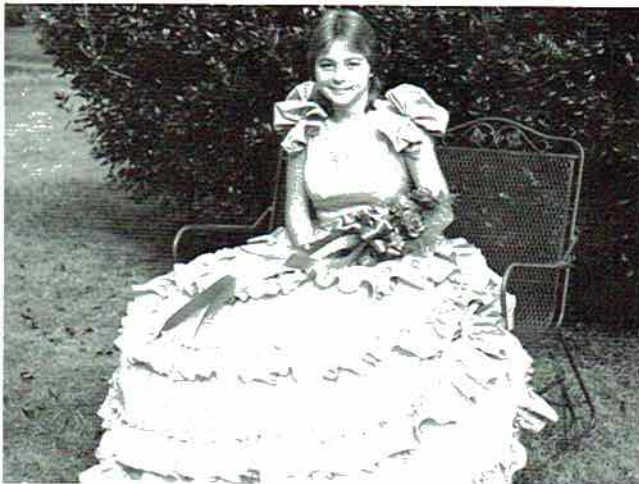
Miss Lisa Thomas
Senior Attendant



Miss Kendal Storey
Junior Attendant



Miss Kisha Walker
Junior Attendant



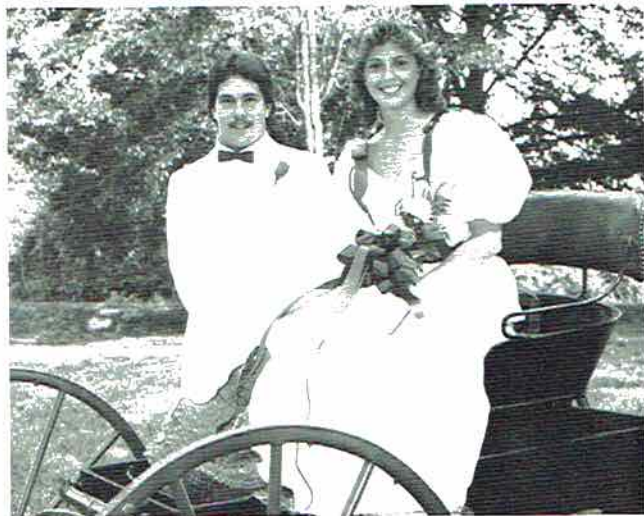
Miss Susie Eldridge
Sophomore Attendant



Miss Sonia Sebring
Freshman Attendant

Homecoming Court

On October 7, the homecoming court broke tradition during the halftime of the Bridgeport vs. South Pittsburg game. They were escorted by their fathers. Marlena Hazard, who had been elected Queen by the student body, was crowned by Mr. Willie Freeman. Marlena's sister, Mylinda Hazard, presented her with a spray of roses. Her crownbearer and flower girl were Jason and Jill Bailey. The Fighting Tigers broke their four game losing streak and won the ball game 10-3. It was, in all respects, an exciting night!



Marlena Hazard, Queen
Mark Dover



Tammy Ridley, Senior
Barry Winters



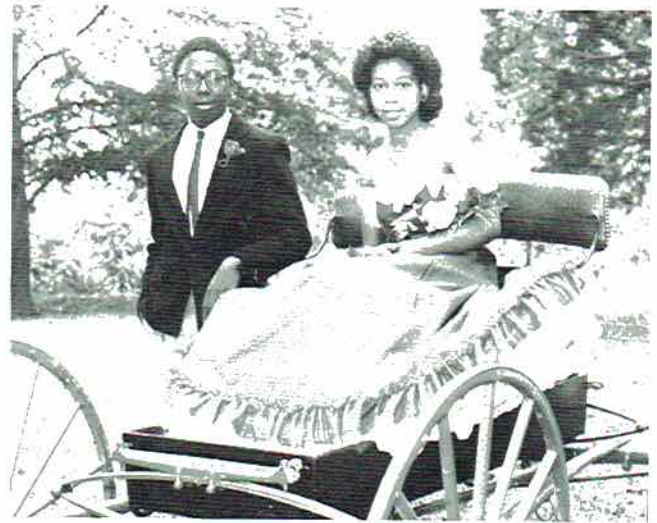
Jill Bailey, Flowergirl
Jason Bailey, Crownbearer



Lisa Thomas, Senior
Stephen Ridley



Kendal Storey, Junior
Trent Lewis



Kisha Walker, Junior
LeShone Bynum



Susie Eldridge, Sophomore
Greg Talley



Sonia Sebring, Freshman
Joey Foster





Paula Cannon and Greg Whitcher
Queen



Sharon Barham and Roger Hubbard
Ninth Grade



Junior High Homecoming

Paula Cannon was elected by the junior high students to be the sixth annual junior high homecoming queen. She was crowned by classmate Karen Foshee during the half-time of the Bridgeport vs. Section game on October 25. The seventh, eighth, and ninth graders elected two young ladies from each of their classes to represent them on that special night. Congratulations, Paula and court.



Peggy Williams and Patrick Childs
Ninth Grade



Cindy Jones and Dwayne Abbott
Eighth Grade



Cindy Smith and Gerald Thompson
Eighth Grade



Stacey Blevins and Steven Moore
Seventh Grade



Amy Willis and Shawn Rudder
Seventh Grade

MR. and MISS B.H.S.



RICHARD BARHAM and GWEN ALLISON



The Class of 1984 proudly present Mr. and Miss BHS — Richard Barham and Gwen Allison.

The faculty of Bridgeport High School had the honor of selecting Mr. and Miss BHS. Mr. and Miss BHS candidates represent the true spirit of BHS. This spirit of dedication and loyalty was reflected in the students' academic and school organization accomplishments.



Richard commented about being chosen Mr. B.H.S., "When the announcement came over the intercom that I had been chosen as Mr. BHS, I was shocked. The honor of being Mr. BHS had never crossed my mind. As the weeks passed before the coronation, I realized that being Mr. BHS was a mark of success. I attribute my success to faith in God and possibility thinking. I am thankful that I've had the opportunity of attending Bridgeport High School and growing up with such fine people."

Gwen also felt honored to have been chosen Miss B.H.S. "The honor of being Miss BHS didn't really hit me until Richard and I were backstage on Coronation Day. As I walked out on stage, my eyes watered up as I thought of how near the end my high school days really were. I looked up at Richard and thought of how happy I was to be part of BHS."

JR. MR. and MISS B.H.S.



GREG WHITCHER and LORI GAMBLE



Junior Mr. and Miss BHS were selected by the faculty of Bridgeport High School. The students selected were representative of the many outstanding students in both academics and school activities. They are the promise of the future at Bridgeport High.

This year Greg Whitcher and Lori Gamble were selected Junior Mr. and Miss BHS.



Greg shared his feelings, "When I found out I was Jr. Mr. BHS, I was stunned. It was a great feeling. To be appointed Jr. Mr. BHS is a great honor because the teachers themselves choose you. The ones that make or break your early life think that you are worthy of being set apart from the rest!"

Lori was equally pleased to be chosen. "I had no idea I was going to receive Jr. Miss BHS and it was a great honor. I was very honored and I appreciate the teachers choosing me. On the day of the coronation, I was very nervous and excited but very happy. Just being a part of BHS is wonderful!"

CLASS FAVORITES



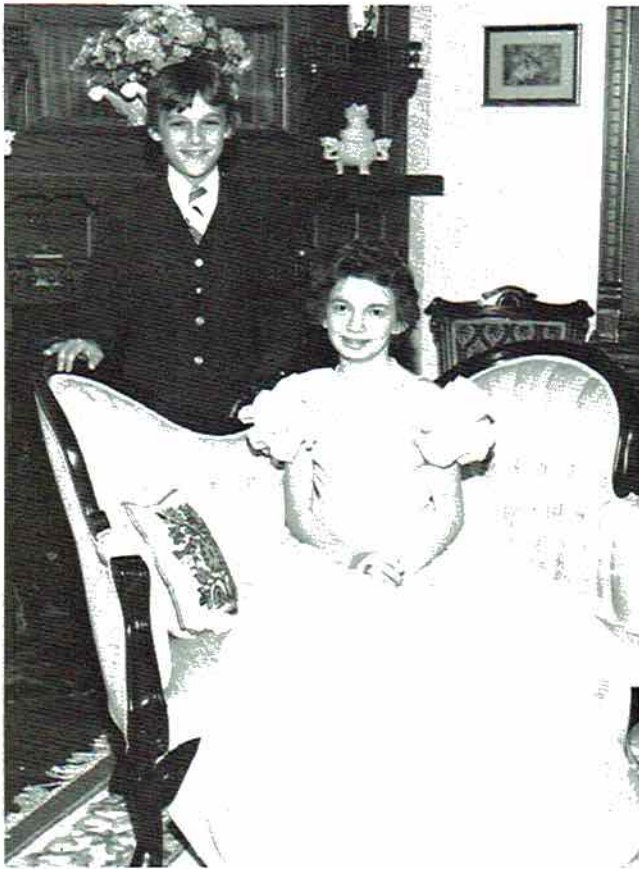
Greg Burnett and Linda Colvin
SENIORS



Mark Dover and Mylinda Hazard
JUNIORS



Greg Talley and Melissa Cooper
SOPHOMORES



Gerald Thompson and Lori Payne
EIGHTH



Shawn Rudder and Christy Allison
SEVENTH



Patrick Childs and Paula Cannon
FRESHMEN

To be selected as a Class Favorite was indeed an honor. These students were elected by their classmates to represent the total class. They represent the best of everything the class has to offer — the icing on the cake.



Mr. Parker crowns our new Jr. Miss B.H.S.



Let's shake and be friends!



Student Council Representative Elaine Gregory announces the Junior Class favorites.



Mr. and Miss B.H.S. are presented to the crowd.



Can we come out now?



Why me?



The envelope please.



1983-1984 Royalty

Annual Staff Banquet

This year, as a reward for their hard work and dedication, the yearbook staff, along with Mr. and Mrs. Mountain, were treated to a meal at the Charles Siskin's Brass Register at Four Squares. The food and excellent service provided a relaxed and fun-filled atmosphere.



Let's make a toast



The Mountains enjoying their meal



Leave us alone; we're eating!!



Tammy and Gail always enjoy their food.



Can I have a drink?

Beta Club Banquet



Ahh, yes, dining at the Choo-Choo.

The seven elite Beta Club members and their dates met on a beautiful spring evening at the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo for a night on the town. Before the meal began, the couples were given the opportunity to browse through the unique gift shops and walk in the beautiful gardens surrounding the restaurant. The delicious meal was served in the spectacular Grand Dome Room while a player piano created a wonderful atmosphere for the occasion.



Don Juan and Sue waiting to be served.



Gwen looking delectish!



Lisa Thomas certainly looks happy to be here.



Posing in front of the gazebo.

 Band Banquet





On Saturday evening, April 21, the Bridgeport High School Band of Blue hosted its annual banquet. They chose the theme "Puttin' On The Ritz" and skillfully decorated the gym in rainbow colors. It was a cheerful occasion to recognize each member and award him for his efforts. The senior members were given special recognition. After the banquet, a dance, also in their honor, was held. It was a memorable occasion for all who attended.

Varsity All-Sports Banquet

On April 6 the annual all-sports banquet was held in honor of our athletes. The theme of this year's banquet was "Tigers have the Electric Touch!" The cheerleaders decorated and carried out their theme in blue and gold. Each athlete was recognized and received awards for his efforts.



"I'd like to thank . . ." whispers Corey Dave.



The All-Sports award goes to Trent Lewis.



Rusty Boldin was voted the Tiger Award.



Most dedicated cheerleader — Gail Willis.



Let's hear it for Linda Lou!



Coach Storey presents senior Charley Smith with his baseball trophy.



The Bachelor Table.



"Appreciate it, Woody," smiles Greg McCullough.



We'll take your picture, Kevin Thompson.



"Aw! You shouldn't have," Donna Kirk giggles.



Special Awards: Rusty Boldin — Tiger Award; Mark Dover — Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; Ben Hill — Most Valuable Offensive Lineman; Trent Lewis — Most Valuable Offensive Player; Vincent Robinson — Most Valuable Defensive Back; John Warren — Most Valuable Defensive Player; and Kevin Thompson — Most Valuable Offensive Back.



"Is it really mine?" asks Angie Kelly.

Junior High Sports Banquet



Cheerleader Tammy Jackson receiving a trophy from Kim Abbott.



Let's hear it for the boy!



"For me? Gee, thanks!" exclaims Scottie Walker.



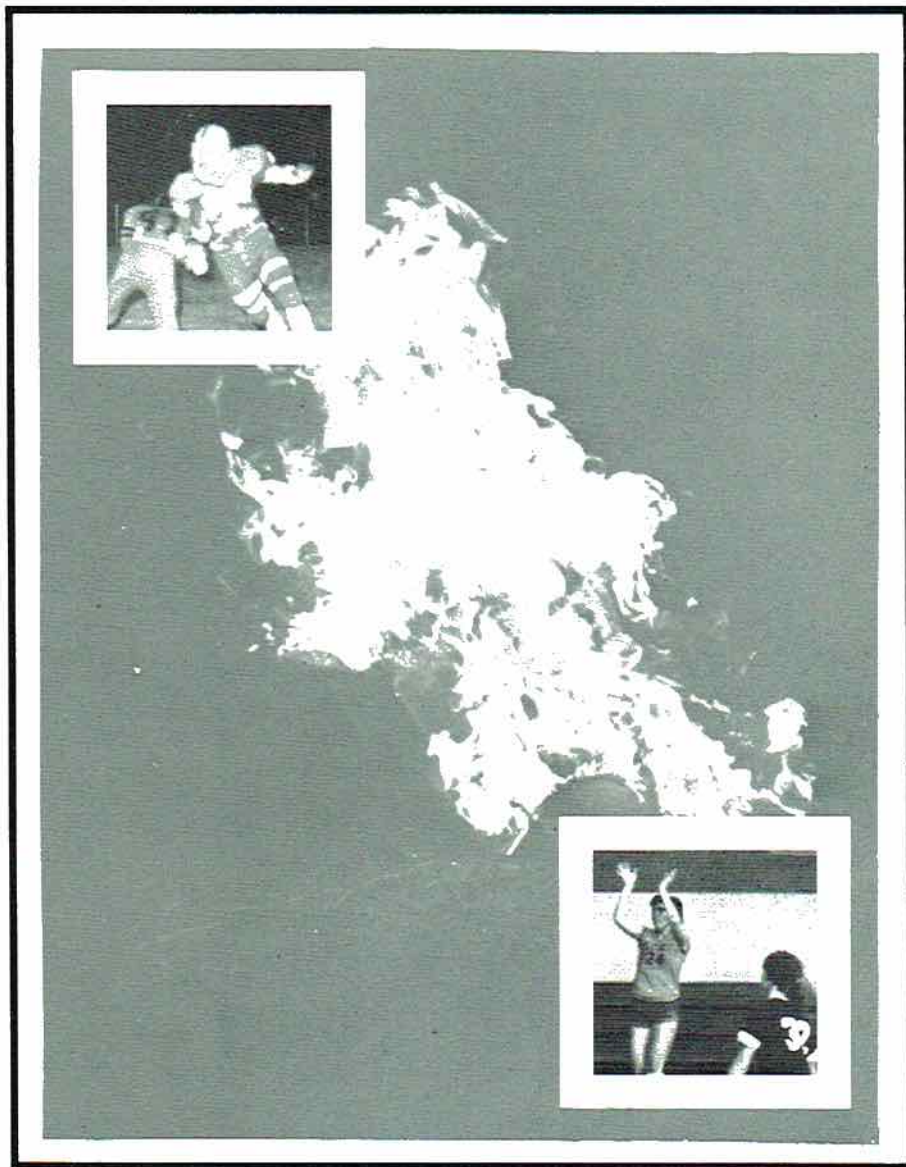
"Where's the beef?"

The Junior High athletes were rewarded for their hard work and dedication on March 23 with a banquet and dance. The cheerleaders decorated the cafeteria in spring-time colors which provided a relaxed atmosphere for the event. Presenting the trophies and plaques were Coaches Storey and Hamilton and Cheerleader Sponsor Kim Abbott. Each athlete was recognized and given praise for his or her successful season.



"What a pretty trophy! Rod has outdone himself!" reflects Sharon Barham, head cheerleader.

ATHLETICS

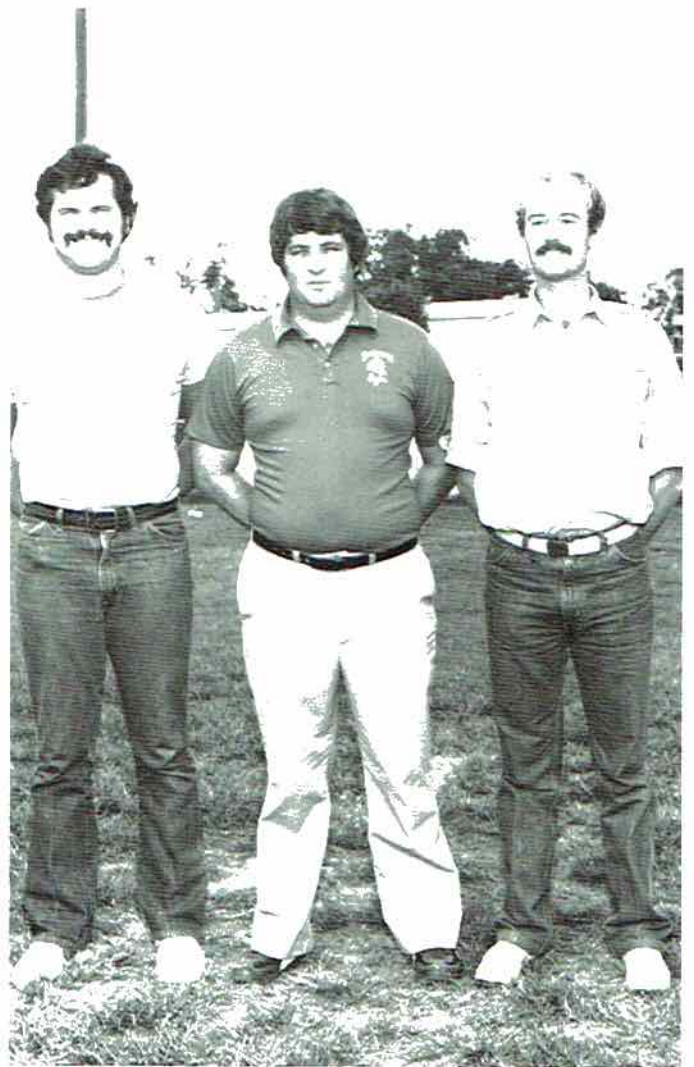


Keep the fire burnin' . . . screaming as fans, fighting it out as a player, sailing a football across a field, dribbling the basketball down the court. Football season had always been "the time" of year until this year. Since we were many years overdue in not having a winning season, a 5-5 season was fairly depressing. However, our sports scene was not doomed for the year. Our basketball "A team" led us from a Jackson County Conference championship all the way to playing in the district tournament. Sports were a part of our lives that pulled us together as a school who stood behind our athletes.

"We are
STRONG

We can never give up!"

The Bridgeport football team began the season with great strength and determination. The mighty Tigers traveled to North Sand Mountain for the first game of the season and came home with a 8-7 victory. After defeating Madison County, the Tigers had four straight losses, but they did not lose their desire to win. The Tigers finished with a record of 5-5, which is "a respectable season."



Assistant Coach Tony Rhodes, Head Coach Jimmy Thomas, Assistant Coach Jere McCraw.



Managers Eddie Bellamy and Gerald Thompson.

1983 Football Scoreboard

Bridgeport	8	NS Mtn.	7
Bridgeport	7	Madison Co.	0
Bridgeport	0	Pisgah	23
Bridgeport	0	Marion Co.	26
Bridgeport	3	NW Georgia	6
Bridgeport	14	Section	21
Bridgeport	10	South Pittsburg	3
Bridgeport	13	Buckhorn	21
Bridgeport	35	Whitwell	0
Bridgeport	17	Stevenson	0



SENIOR SQUAD — First Row: Barry Winters, Charley Smith, Janssen Davis, Darren Smith, Stephen Ridley. Second Row: John Gunter, Ben Hill, Kevin Foshee, Trent Lewis, and Rusty Boldin.



First Row: Managers Gerald Thompson and Eddie Bellomy; Greg Talley, Darren Smith, Larry Pylant, David Pittman, Kevin Thompson, Danny Wongmanee, Jerry Winters, Kevin Thomas. Second Row: Janssen Davis, David Walker, Stephen Ridley, Charley Smith, John Gunter, David Abbott, George Williamson, David Bice, Greg Witcher, Barry Winters. Third Row: Coach McCraw, Coach Rhodes, Ben Hill, John Warren, Mark Dover, Kevin Foshee, Vince Robinson, Trent Lewis, Kenny Maynor, Rusty Boldin and Coach Thomas.



Rusty Boldin
Senior Linebacker



Kevin Foshee
Senior Tackle



John Gunter
Senior Tackle



Ben Hill
Senior Tackle



Trent Lewis
Senior Quarterback



Stephen Ridley
Senior Tight End



Charlie Smith
Senior Running Back



Darren Smith
Senior Split End



Barry Winters
Senior Split End



Mark Dover
Junior Tackle



Kenny Maynor
Junior Safety



David Pittman
Junior Guard



Steve Raulston
Junior Kicker



Vincent Robinson
Junior Split End



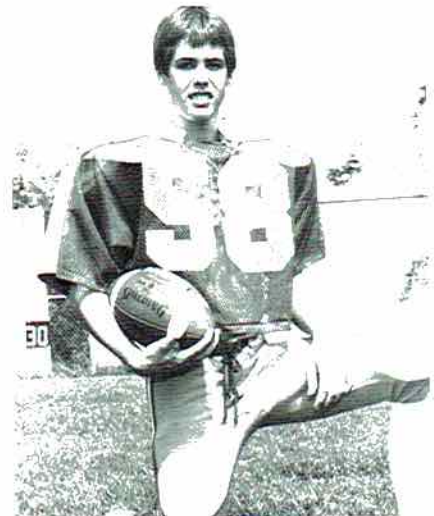
Kevin Thompson
Junior Split End



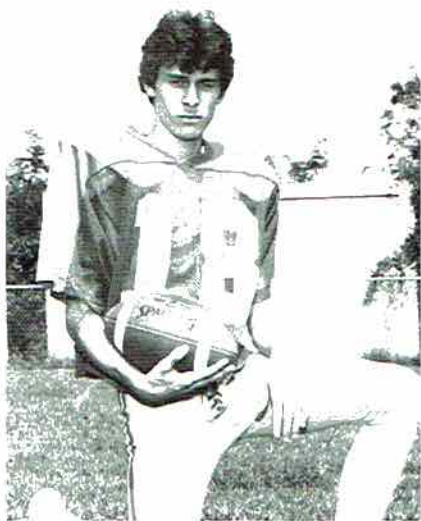
David Walker
Junior Guard



John Warren
Junior Defensive End



David Abbott
Sophomore Defensive End



David Bice
Sophomore Split End



Larry Pylant
Sophomore Nose Guard



Greg Talley
Sophomore Running Back



Kevin Thomas
Sophomore Safety



Jerry Winters
Sophomore Guard



Danny Wongmanee
Sophomore Nose Guard



Greg Whitcher
Freshman Tight End



George Williamson
Freshman Running Back





Go get him, Rusty!!!



Tigers mumble, "Kill 'em!"



Trent Lewis says, "Hold him, Thompson, here I come."



John Warren attacks the Warriors.



The Ice Man (Kevin Foshee) cometh!!!



Ben Hill takes no slack!



Foshee on the run!



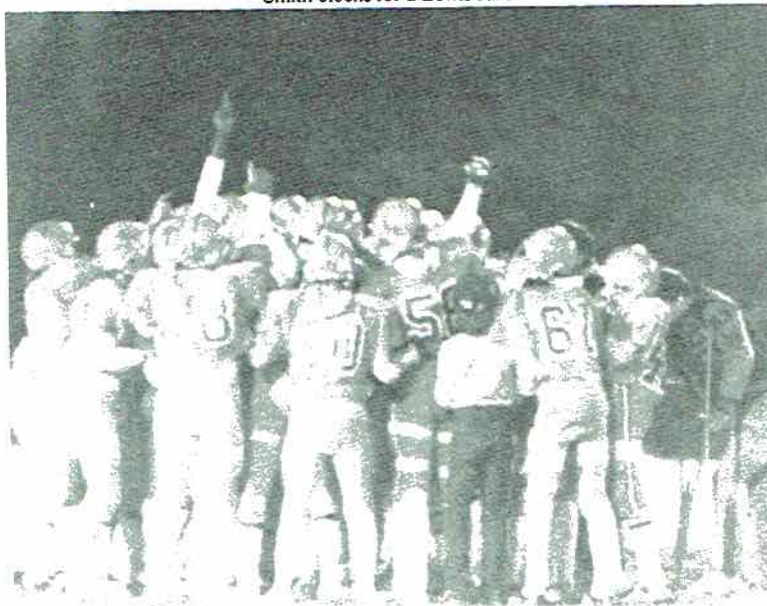
Dover on his way for a tackle.



Smith blocks for a Lewis run!



Raulston in action.



Tigers get a pep talk.



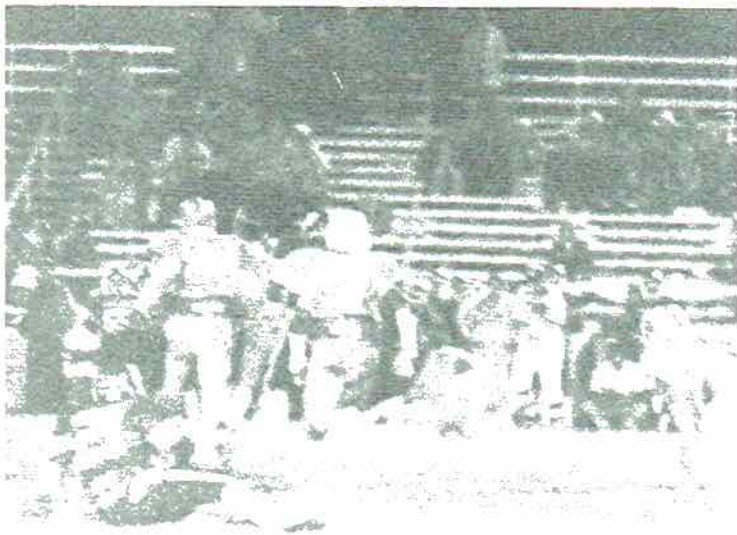
Coach Thomas ponders!



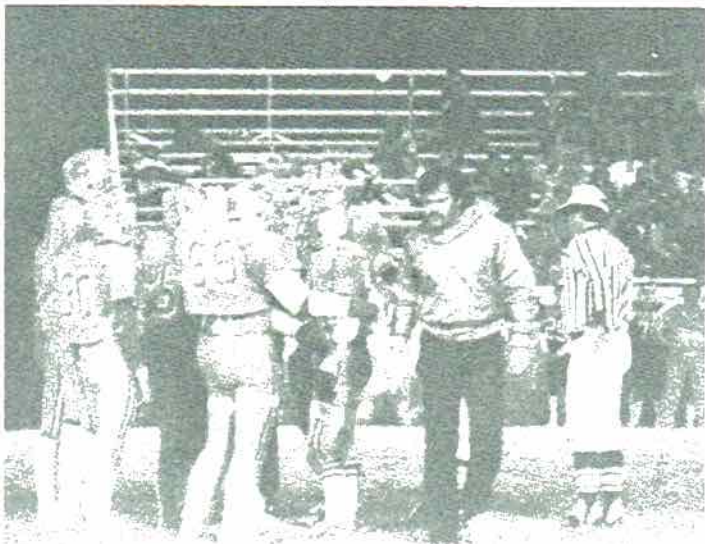
The Tigers will tumble for you.



Boldin and Thompson converse on the play.



Boldin says, "Wait for me!"



"Now here's the way to do it, boys," shouts Rhodes.



Warren says, "I pity the fool!"

Varsity Cheerleaders Kept the Fire Burning

From the time the cheerleaders were chosen in April, 1983, until basketball season was completed at the end of February, 1984, working hard for the Bridgeport High School Tigers was their goal.

They began by attending cheerleader camp at Middle Tennessee State University, where they won numerous awards for their expertise and spirit. After returning from camp, the cheerleaders were particularly busy repainting the advertisers' signs on the football field and painting the press box.

Then it was *practice, practice, practice*, preparing for the first football game. The cheerleaders kept the spirit up by making signs for the school halls, cheering at breaks, and having bonfires on Thursday night before each football game. Together they worked with dedication, cheering the Tigers on to victory.



Jamie Holder, Senior
Tiger Mascot



First Row: Mascot Jamie Holder. Second Row: Mylinda Hazard, Tammy Ridley. Third Row: Missy Merritt, Donna Kirk, Lisa Thomas, Holli Davis, and Gail Willis.



Donna Kirk, Senior
3rd year



Senior Captain, Donna Kirk, taking a break
during a pep rally.



Tammy Ridley, Senior
2nd year



Lisa Thomas, Senior
2nd year



Gail Willis, Senior
1st year



Missy Merritt, Senior
1st year



Mylinda Hazard, Junior
2nd year



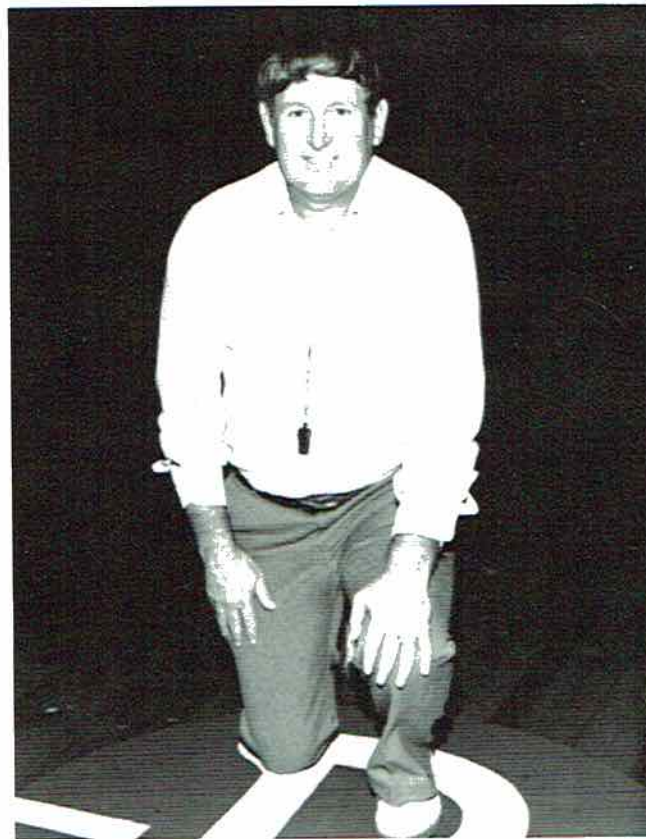
Senior Cheerleaders have spirit down to the tips
of their toes!



Holli Davis, Sophomore
1st year

YOU CAN DO IT
BIG TEAM

... was just one of the cheers often heard as the junior high cheerleaders screamed on the sidelines of all junior high athletic contests. The junior Tigers truly had that Tiger spirit! The football boys got out on the field and fought like real Tigers during each game. To be a dedicated Tiger, one must start young and continue his dedication throughout high school ... SO DO IT!



Coach Kenneth Storey



Front Row: Donnie Henson, Eric Warren, Dion Johnson, Houston Thomas, Eddie Bellomy, Ernie York, Travis Thomas, Robbie Olinger, Tracey Smith, and Maurice Williams. Second Row: Donnie Thompson, John Childs, Corey Dave, Bo Turner, Stacy Allen, Alan Brown, John Ridley, Levon Dave, Billy Williams, Scott Walker, John York, Gary Graham. Third Row: David Troxell, Dwayne Abbott, Glenn Wilson, James Barnard, Jimmy Barnett, Randall Potterfield, Kyle Thomas, Tim Allison, Jimmy Bice, John McCarver, Bobby Robinson, and Coach Kenneth Storey.



Front Row: Tammy Raulston. Second Row: Paula Cannon, Shonta Bynum, Tammy Jackson, Sharon Barham, Captain. Third Row: Peggy Williams and Audrey Sampley.



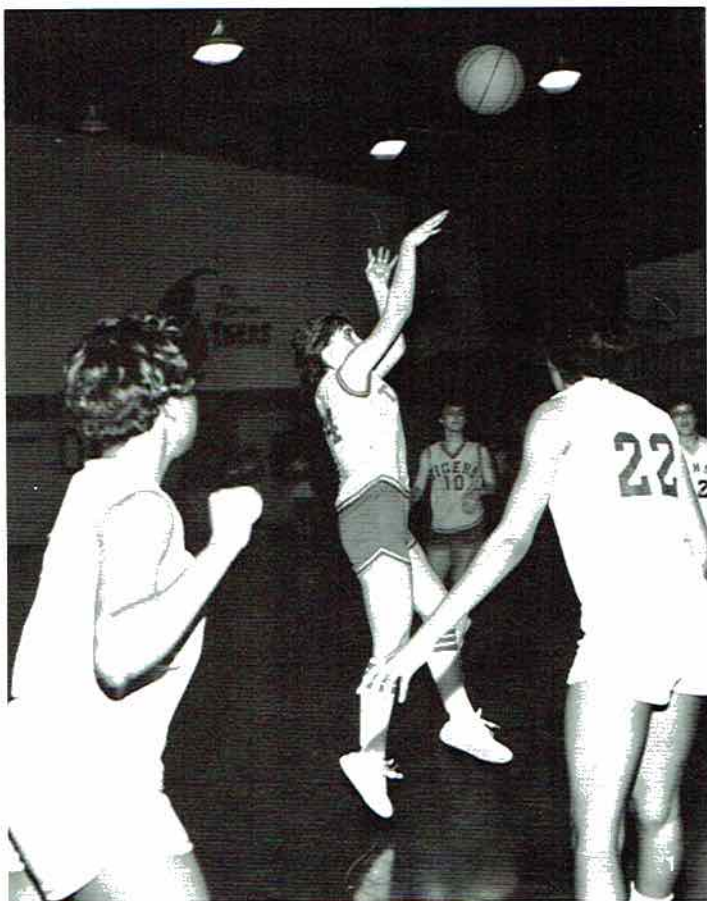
Junior High Football Scores

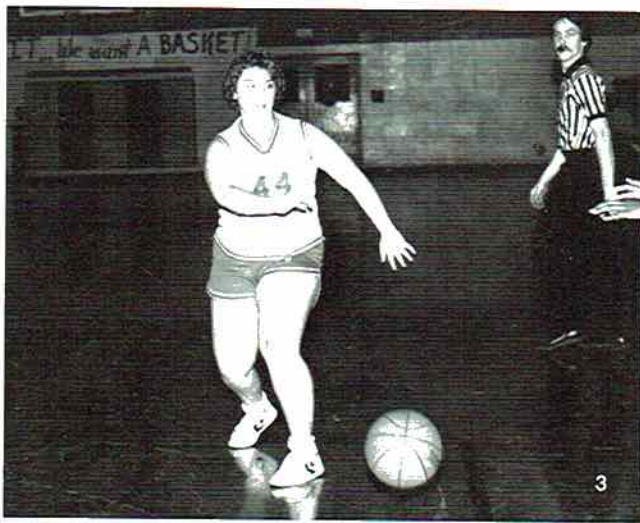
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Bridgeport	14	Jasper	6
Bridgeport	7	Pisgah	28
Bridgeport	14	Section	0
Bridgeport	28	North Sand Mtn.	14
Bridgeport	14	Grundy	13
Bridgeport	24	South Pittsburg	18
Bridgeport	14	Pisgah	28
Bridgeport	12	Stevenson	21
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Bridgeport	14	Jasper	12
Bridgeport	14	Section	28

We've Got the Power

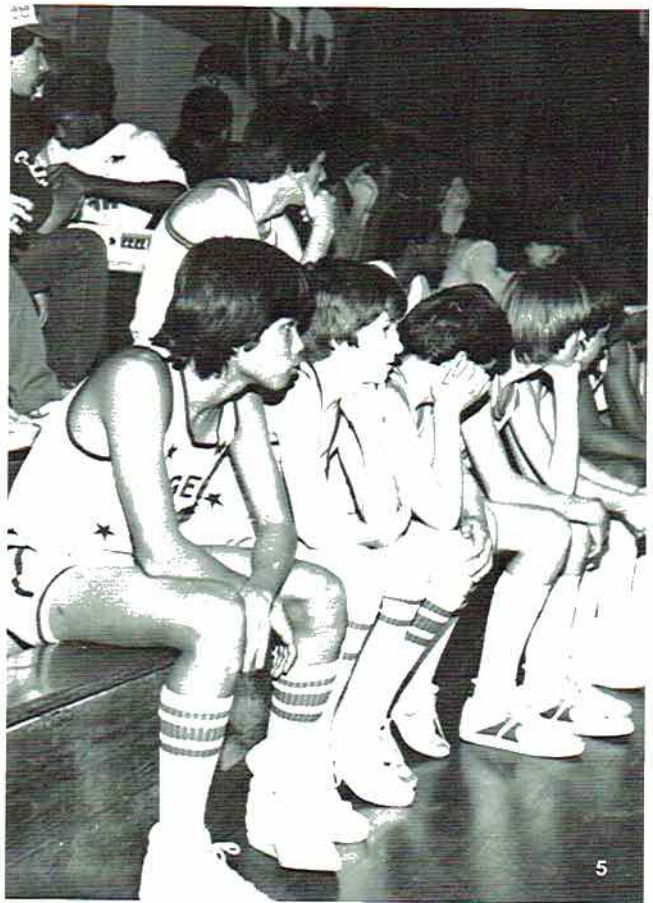
Basketball?? Yes, basketball! Basketball takes determination and strength just like every other sport. Besides being able to shoot the ball through the basket, a player must have speed, quickness, timing, and stamina.

Our teams proved to have basketball ability. Although all players practiced long and hard hours to be the "best," they still had fun and enjoyed the season.





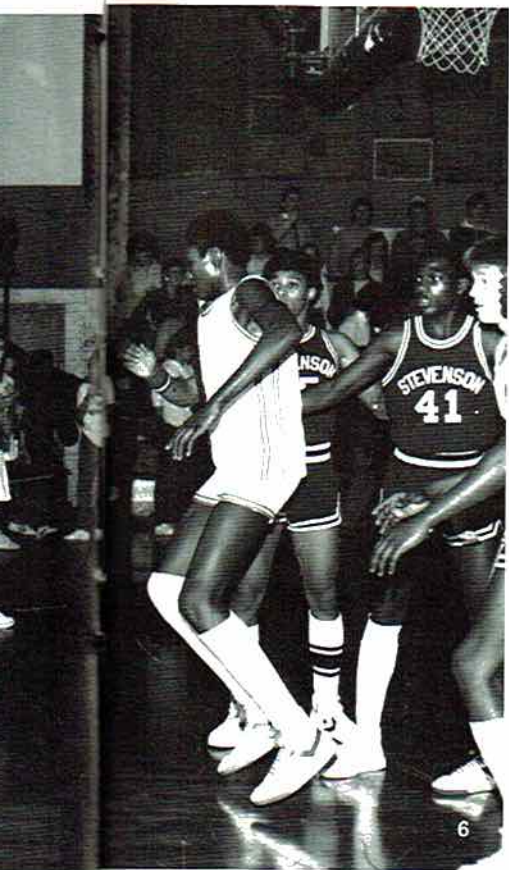
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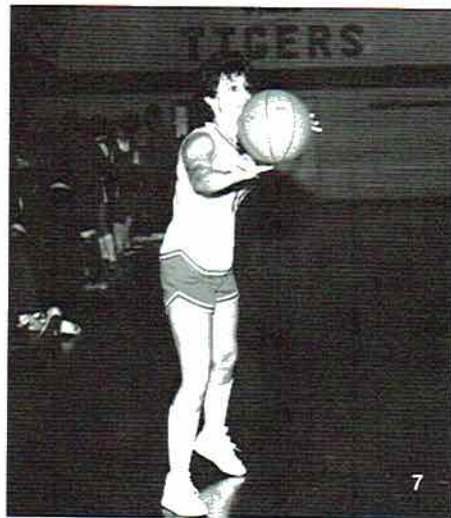
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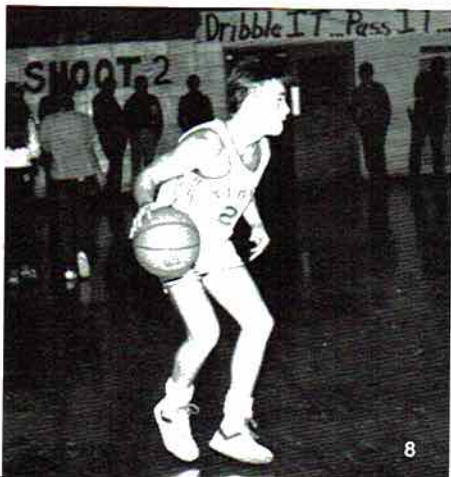
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1. Jackie Nelson thinks, "Here's two for Rod."
2. "You've got to get on your man," shouts Coach Storey.
3. Michelle Smith says, "Angie, catch it!"
4. The Tiger team is ready and waiting.
5. Tom Wongmanee and Marty Cobb keeping the bench warm.
6. "Break, Vincent!" shouts Vernon Henegar.
7. Linda Colvin passing off the ball.
8. Kevin Thompson waits for the team to set up!
9. LeShone Bynum jumps high for two!



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To
ENERGIZE
You!

1983-84 Varsity Basketball



Varsity Boys. Kevin Thompson, Leshone Bynum, Vernon Henager, Trent Lewis, Vincent Robinson, Mike Gamble, Steve Raulston, Don Kirk, and Neal Hardrick, with Coach Storey kneeling in front.

The overall basketball season was pleasing to the teams, coaches, and fans. On the teams there were some players who deserved much praise for leading the teams in the way that they did.

Due to the great effort put forth by certain players, they were awarded with distinguished honors. Among the players receiving awards were: Trent Lewis, All County Honorable Mention; Linda Colvin, SVC Honorable Mention and All Tri-State Honorable Mention and All County; Vincent Robinson, All State, All Tri-State, All SVC, All County, MVP Thanksgiving Classic Tournament, All District, All SVC, and All County Tournament; and Jackie Nelson, SVC Honorable Mention and All Tri-State Honorable Mention.

The A-Team had an exceptional season. The team should be commended for such a performance. The very first game of the A-Team season was against Sardis, which was a proven victory. The final score was Bridgeport 95 and Sardis 54, a blow away! This got the season off to a very good start, but then Bridgeport was defeated by Plainview 77-87.

Besides playing the regularly scheduled season games, the A-Team played in several tournaments. The final record was (20-8). "This is the best that any team at Bridgeport has done since 1973," emphasized Coach Storey.

The girls' basketball season, although not as spectacular as the A-Team season, did have high points. "The team was a young team," stated Coach Storey. The team mainly consisted of first time players. These girls put forth a stupendous effort. The girls played in the SVC Tournament, the County Tournament, and the District Tournament.



Coach Woody Hamilton and Coach Kenneth Storey

The final record of the B-Team was (7-10). The team was made up not only of high school players but also a few junior high students. They played in several tournaments also and showed great effort and interest. These thirty-two students came together and supported one another during times of victory and times of defeat. "THEY KEPT THE FIRE BURNING!"



VARSITY GIRLS — Front Row: Sheila Carver, Tina Willis, Linda Colvin, Kendal Storey, Jackie Nelson. Back Row: Charlotte Raulston, Coretta Bynum, Lori Gamble, Jamie Holder, Angie Kelly, Eleanor Walker, Kristy Holder, Brenda Walker, Michelle Smith.



B TEAM — Front Row: Ricky Abbott, Robbie Kotz, Greg McCullough, Jerry Winters, Coach Woody Hamilton. Back Row: David Abbott, Ronnie Peacock, David Brophy, Mark Parker, Jamie Headrick.



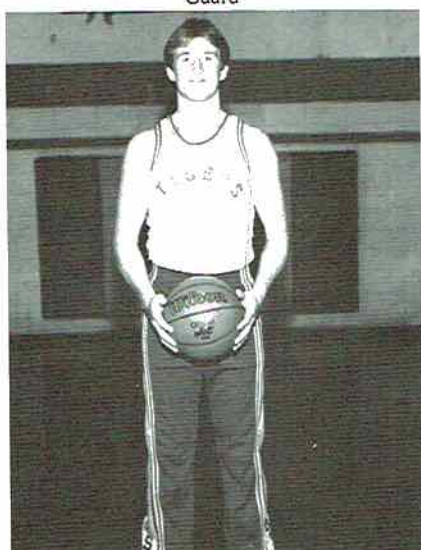
Linda Colvin, Senior Guard



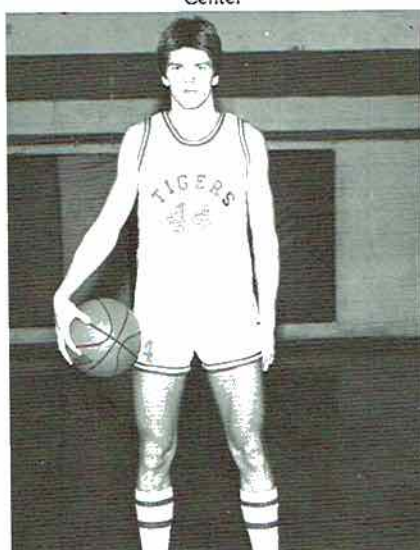
Jamie Holder, Senior Center



Don Kirk, Senior Forward



Trent Lewis, Senior Center



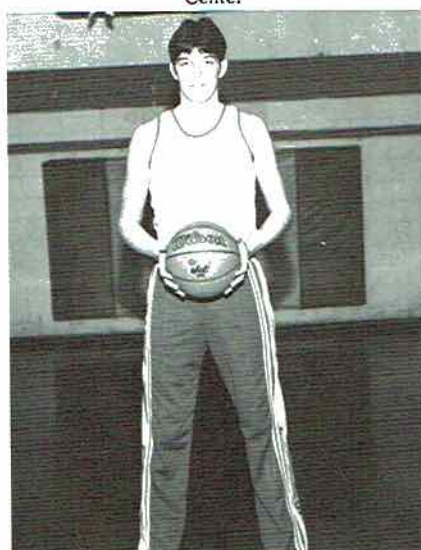
David Brophy, Junior Center



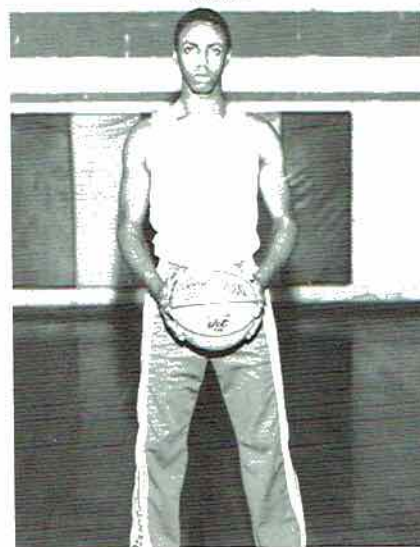
Leshone Bynum, Junior Guard



Sheila Carver, Junior Forward



Micheal Gamble, Junior Forward



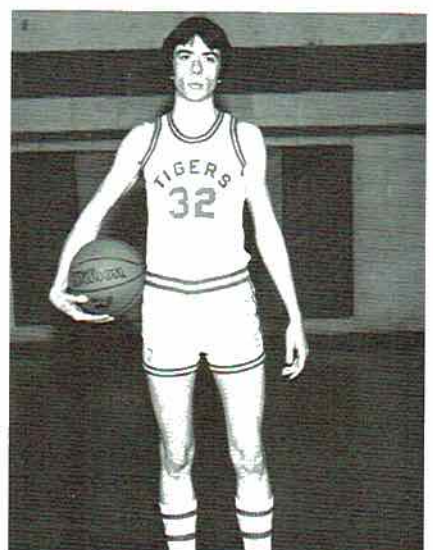
Neal Hardrick, Junior Guard



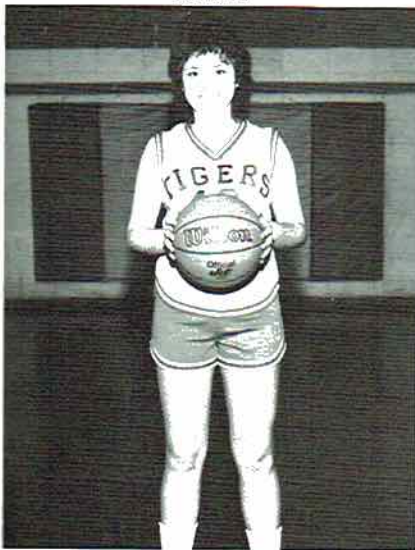
Vernon Henager, Junior
Forward



Angie Kelly, Junior
Center



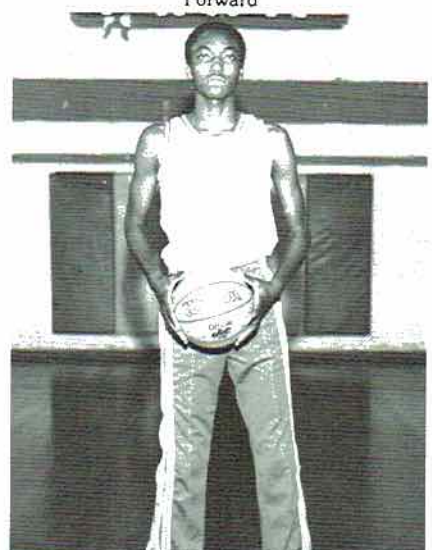
Ronnie Peacock, Junior
Forward



Charlotte Raulston, Junior
Forward



Steve Raulston, Junior
Guard



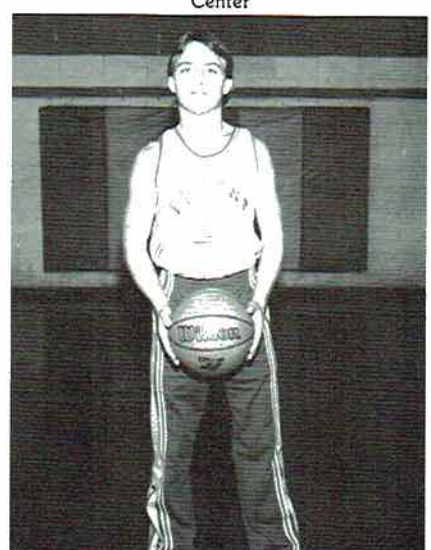
Vincent Robinson, Junior
Center



Michelle Smith, Junior
Guard



Kendal Storey, Junior
Guard



Kevin Thompson, Junior
Guard



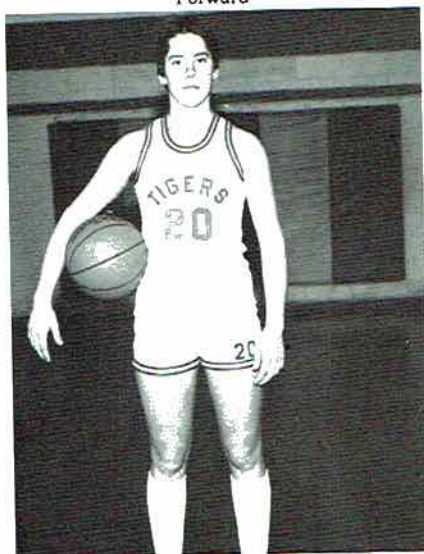
Brenda Walker, Junior
Forward



Tina Willis, Sophomore
Guard



David Abbott, Sophomore
Guard



Ricky Abbott, Sophomore
Guard



James Headrick, Sophomore
Center



Robbie Kotz, Sophomore
Guard



Greg McCullough, Sophomore
Guard



Jackie Nelson, Sophomore
Forward



Mark Parker, Sophomore
Forward



Eleanor Walker, Sophomore Forward



Jerry Winters, Sophomore Guard



Coretta Bynum, Freshman Center



Lori Gamble, Freshman Guard



Kristy Holder, Freshman Forward



Leshone Bynum up for two!



Dribble on down the court, David Abbott.



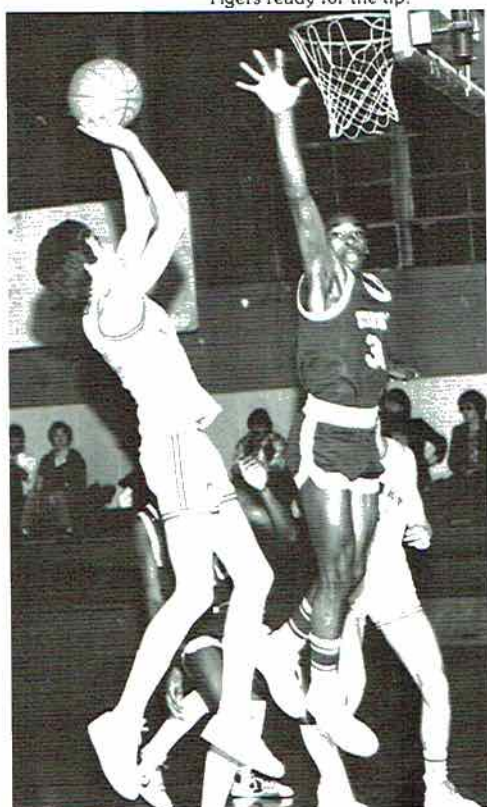
Angie Kelly concentrating on a shot.



Tigers ready for the tip!



Tip it, Tiger, tip it!



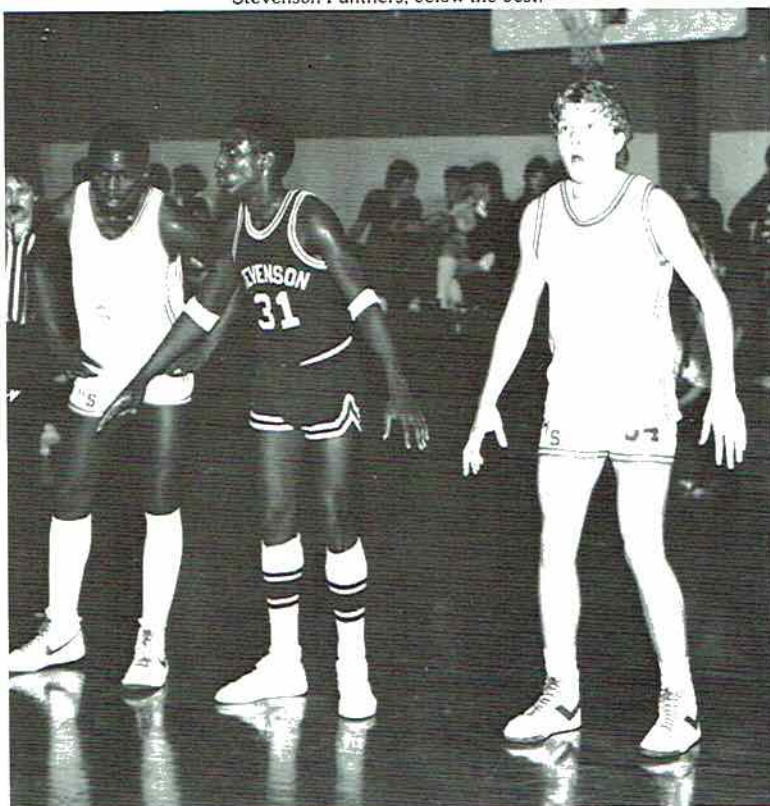
Whoosh!



Stevenson Panthers, below the best!



Jackie Nelson, driving in for two.



Vernon Henager, ready for the rebound.



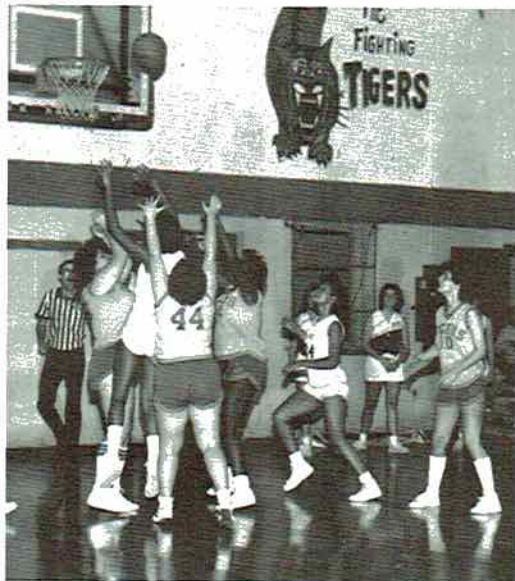
Get tough, defense!



Through the hoop — two!!



Pass it, David.



You've got to fight to win.



Superman!



Shoot that ball and raise that score.



Eleanor Walker doesn't take any slack!

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

First Row: Coach Woody Hamilton. Second Row: Marty Cobb, Tom Wongmanee, James Bain, Gerald Hutchens, George Williamson, Corey Dave.



Ninth Grade Boys

First Row: Coach Ken Storey, Gerald Thompson, Shawn Rudder, Alex Atkins, Coach Woody Hamilton. Second Row: Clifford Condra, Eddie Bellomy, Bobby Robinson, Chester Allison, Terry Guess, Randall Potterfield, James Bernard, Maurice Williams, Troy Rorex.



Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys

First Row: Coach Woody Hamilton. Second Row: Penny Cooper, Missy Willis, Kristie Smith, Gayla Burrows, Danetta Bynum, Missy Kotz, Robyn Shavers, Lechele Dawson, Kim Graham.

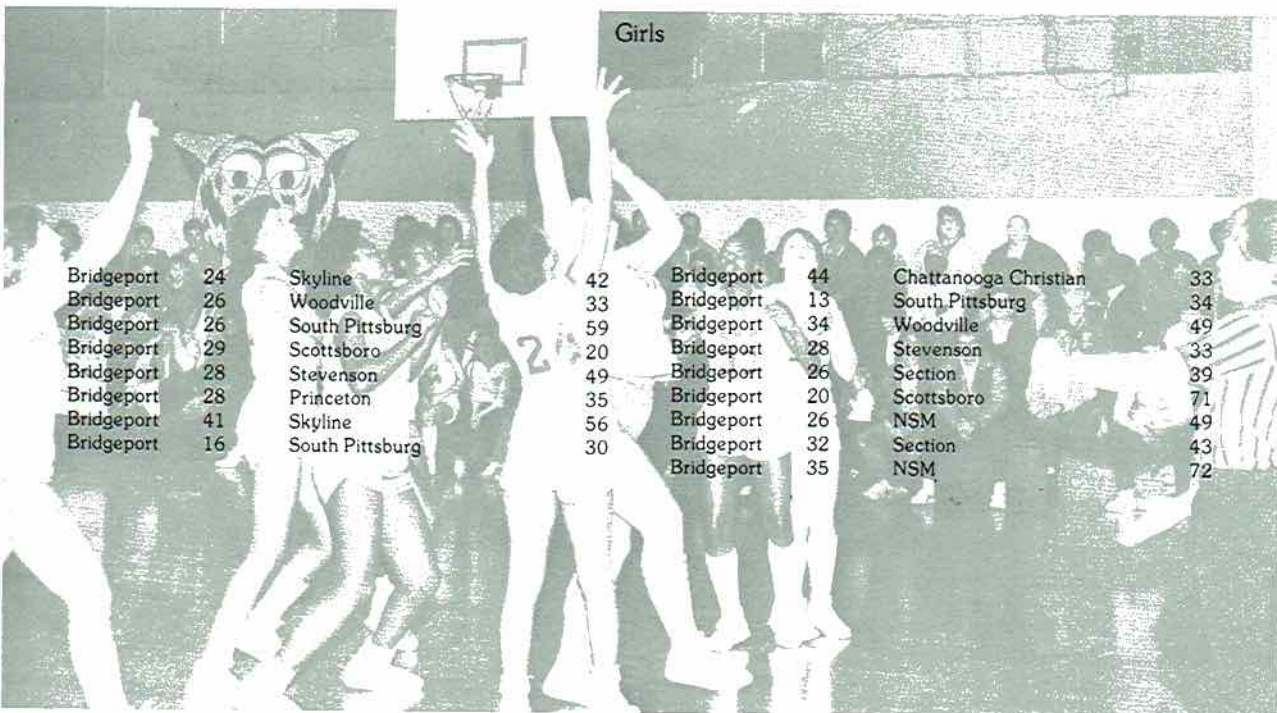


Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls

Basketball Scoreboard



Bridgeport	95	Sardis	54	Bridgeport	43	Chattanooga Christian	52
Bridgeport	67	Fyffe	58	Bridgeport	56	Woodville	51
Bridgeport	69	Woodville	47	Bridgeport	44	Skyline	47
Bridgeport	77	Plainview	87	Bridgeport	69	Section	51
Bridgeport	66	South Pittsburg	61	Bridgeport	50	Scottsboro	59
Bridgeport	66	Fort Payne	59	Bridgeport	61	NSM	50
Bridgeport	57	Scottsboro	63	Bridgeport	63	Woodville	44
Bridgeport	83	Stevenson	63	Bridgeport	57	Section	45
Bridgeport	87	Princeton	49	Bridgeport	83	Princeton	54
Bridgeport	60	Sequatchie County	42	Bridgeport	73	Gurley	67
Bridgeport	62	NSM	68	Bridgeport	78	Sequatchie County	60
Bridgeport	44	Chattanooga Christian	33	Bridgeport	80	Gurley	78
Bridgeport	61	Jasper	60	Bridgeport	42	DAR	53
Bridgeport	45	Sequatchie County	56				



Girls

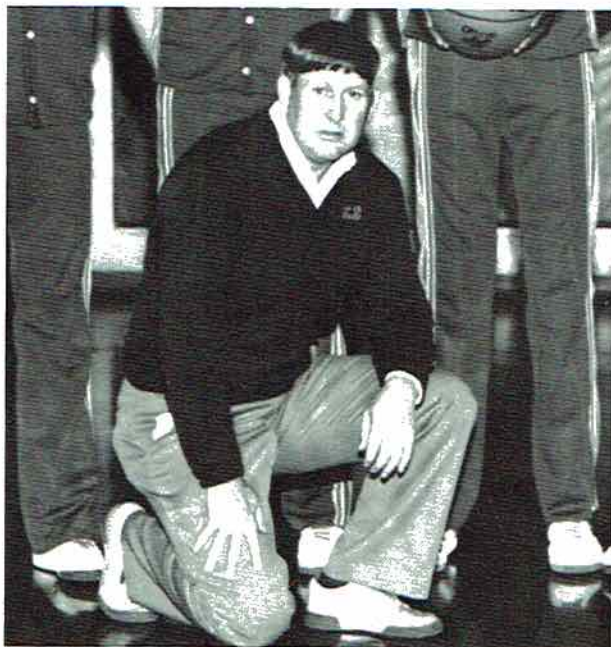
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Bridgeport	29	Scottsboro	20	Bridgeport	28	Stevenson	33
Bridgeport	28	Stevenson	49	Bridgeport	26	Section	39
Bridgeport	28	Princeton	35	Bridgeport	20	Scottsboro	71
Bridgeport	41	Skyline	56	Bridgeport	26	NSM	49
Bridgeport	16	South Pittsburg	30	Bridgeport	32	Section	43
				Bridgeport	35	NSM	72

Varsity Baseball

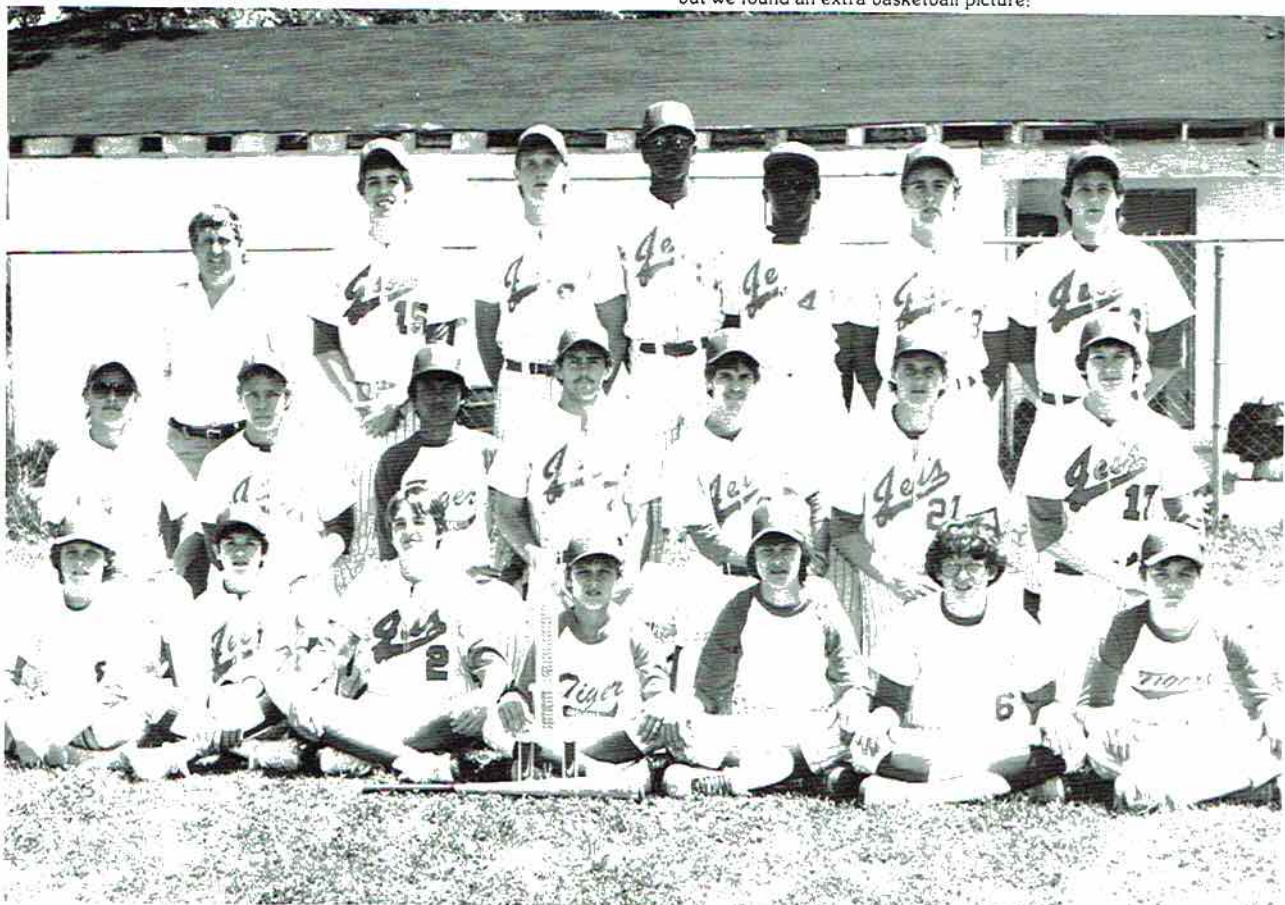
Even though the baseball team won only three games, these games were the ones that took them to the top. The team consisted of 21 of Bridgeport's most dedicated and aggressive athletes. These boys fought with gusto.

Although the overall record was not one of outstanding merit, they proved that the games lost were not as important as the games that were won. For it was these games that led them to the county playoffs.

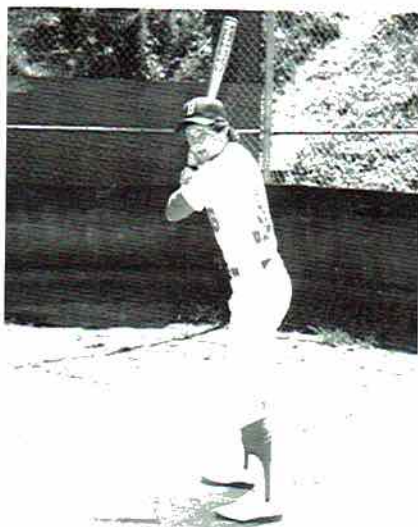
As the team entered the playoffs, much doubt went with them. The Tigers proved everyone wrong with overwhelming determination and power as they declared victory over NSM twice and pounded down on Princeton to become the County Champs.



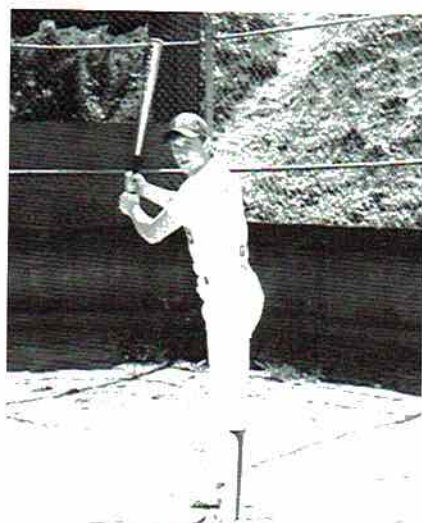
Kenneth Storey, coach, couldn't take time out for a baseball picture, but we found an extra basketball picture!



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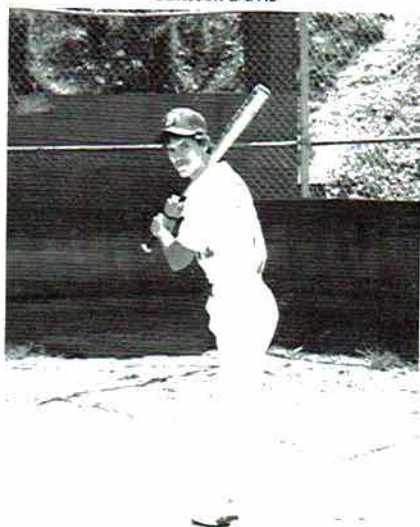
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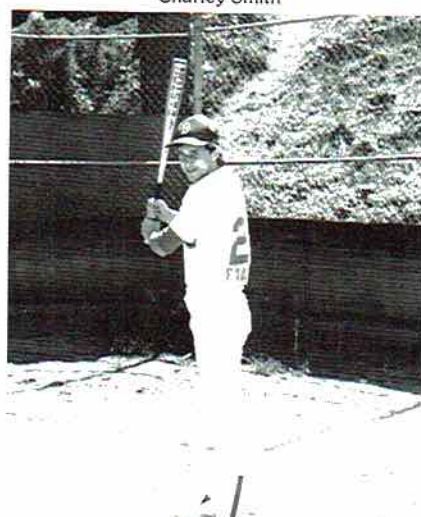
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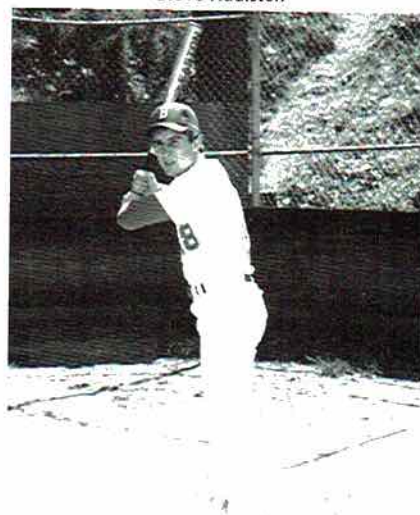
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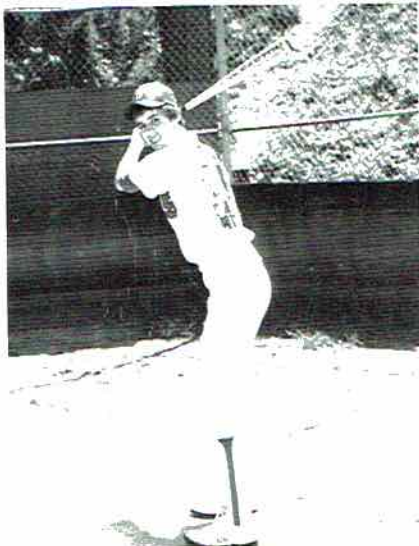
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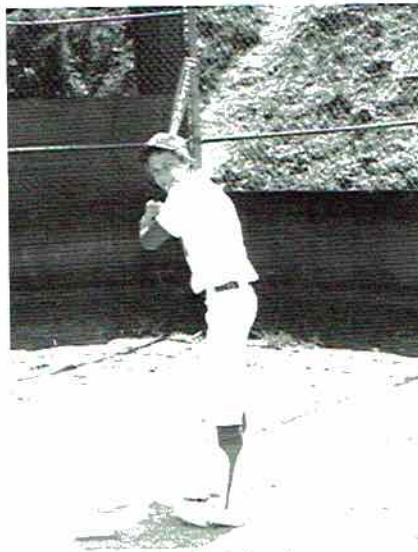
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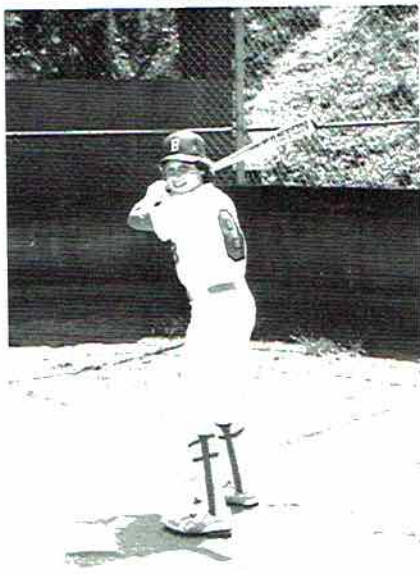
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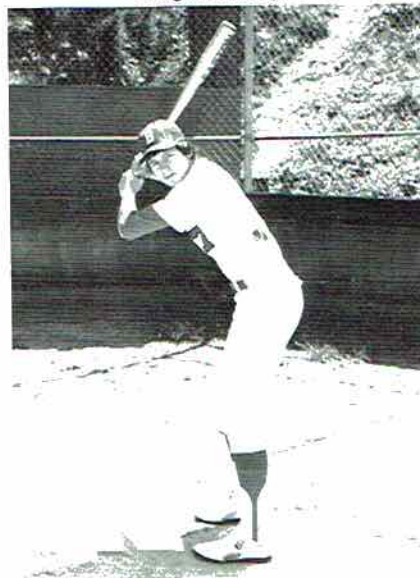
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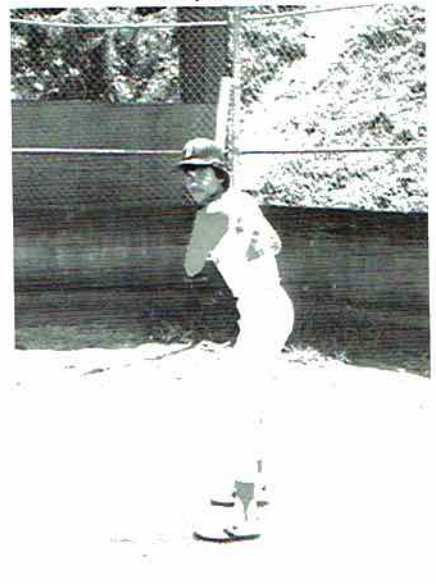
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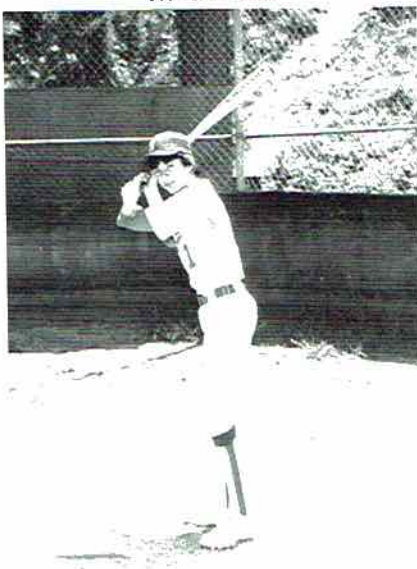
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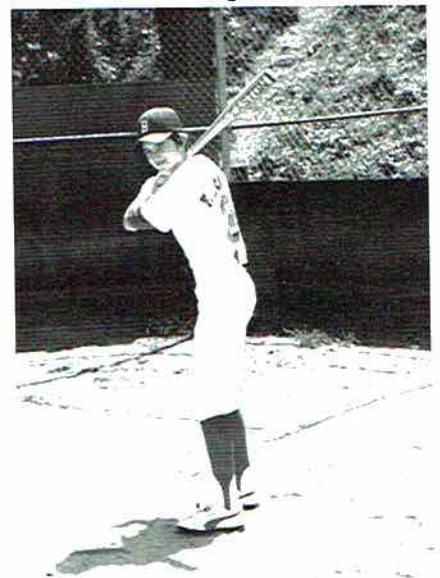
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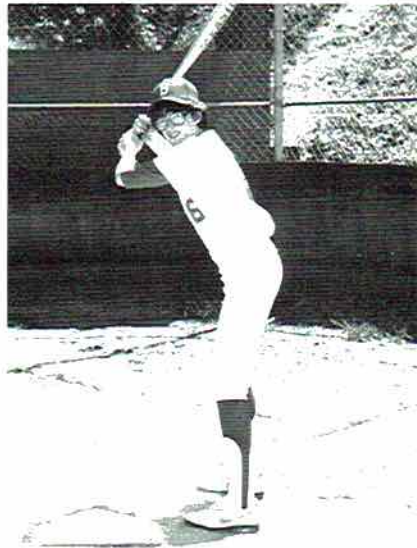
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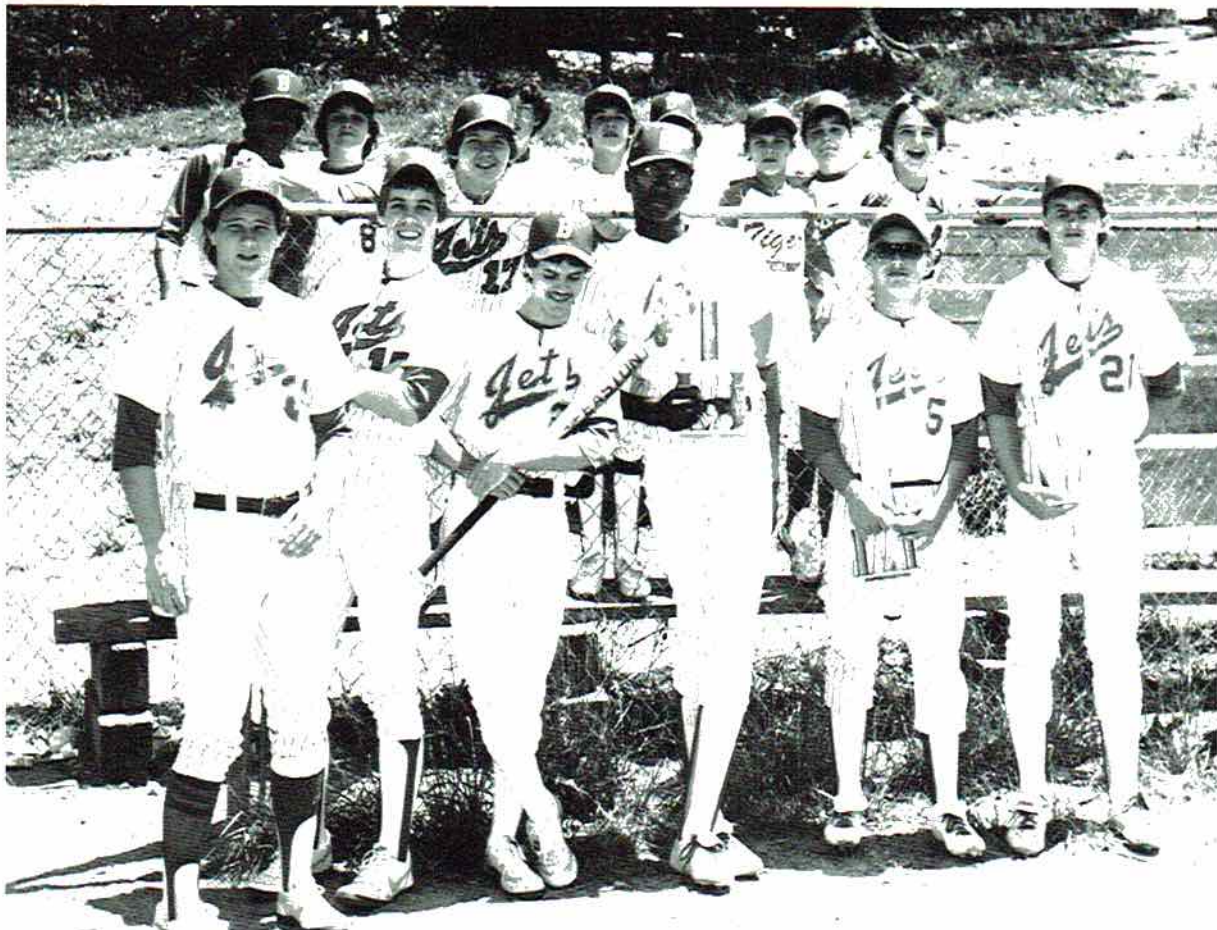
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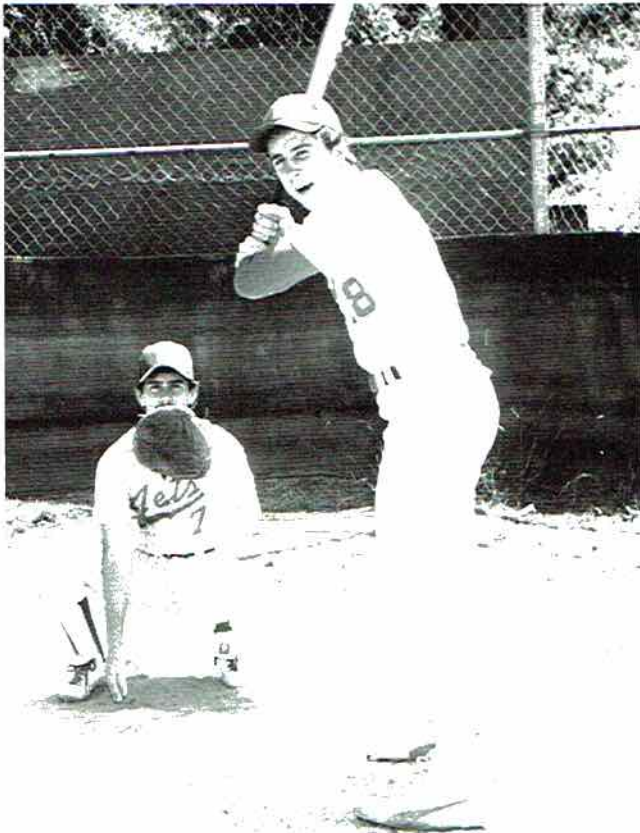
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The QG Jets!



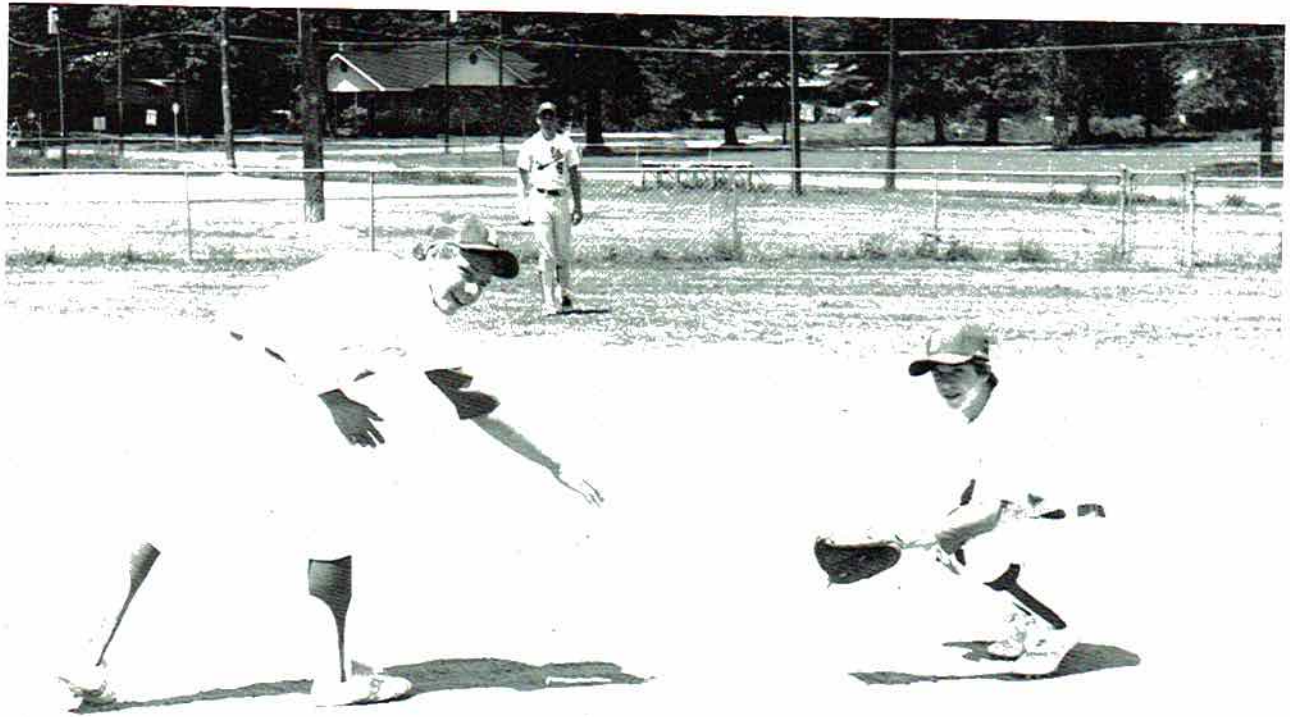
John Warren, ready for a grand slam.



Steve Raulston is a knockout pitcher.



Hop to it, David "Rabbit" Abbott.



Greg McCullough exclaims, "I'm safe."



Janssen Davis is tops in the outfield.



Charlie Smith screams, "I've got it."



Trent Lewis fielding the ball.



Love those cool rays, Kevin.

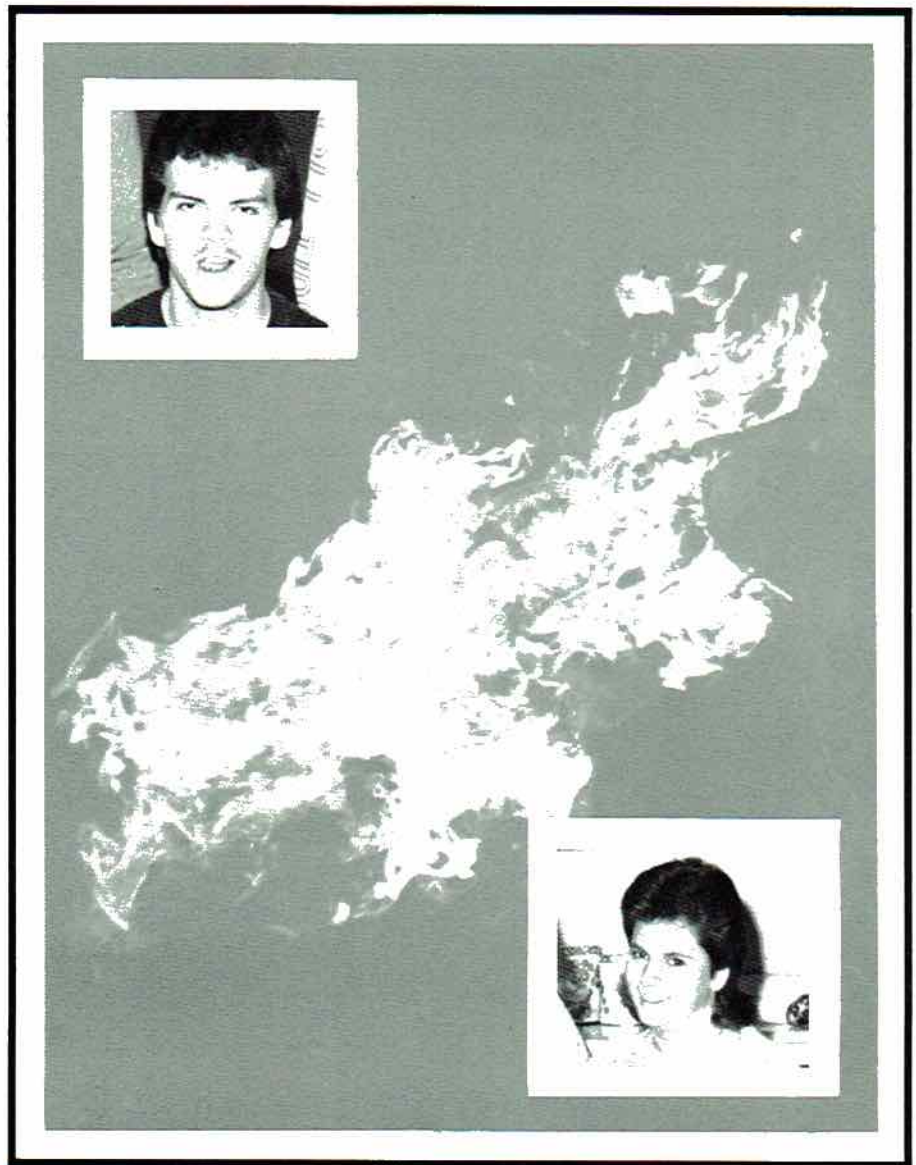


Vincent Robinson is ready to catch the ball.



Leshone Bynum stretching for a catch.

ORGANIZATIONS



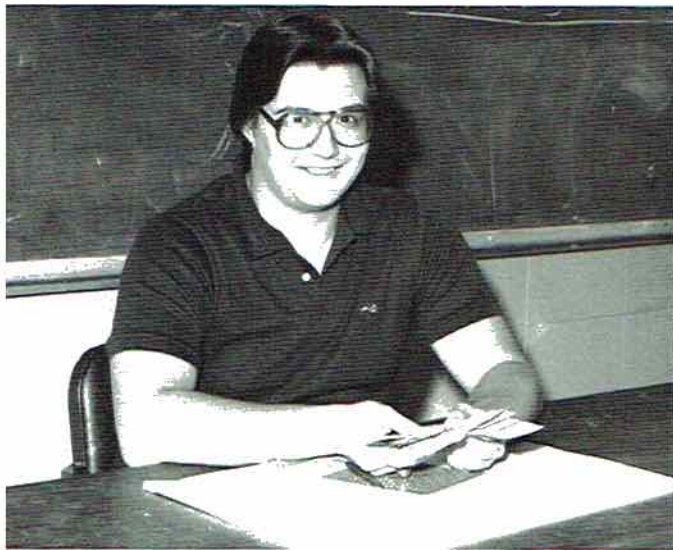
Keep the fire burnin' . . . by burning the midnight oil. School hours ending at 2:45 was no sign that school work was over. For active students at BHS, practicing for band competitions, working on annual staff pages, participating in Student Council work and other club work was just an ordinary task. Since we cared about the reputation of our school, we tried to be very active and give BHS our all.

Tiger Staff

The Annual Staff was a group of hard-working people who deserve a lot of appreciation. So that B.H.S. could have an annual, these people held dances, sold candy sticks and more candy sticks, and sold numerous ads to raise money for the cause. Making an annual is not an easy task! On the brighter side, the Annual Staff was not all work; we found time between drawing up pages to put notes on our door, write notes on the blackboard, and turn the lights out on the people in the bathroom. Now, don't get us wrong; we truly were mature people, but we believed in having fun, too!



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Editor



Don Kirk
Circulation Manager



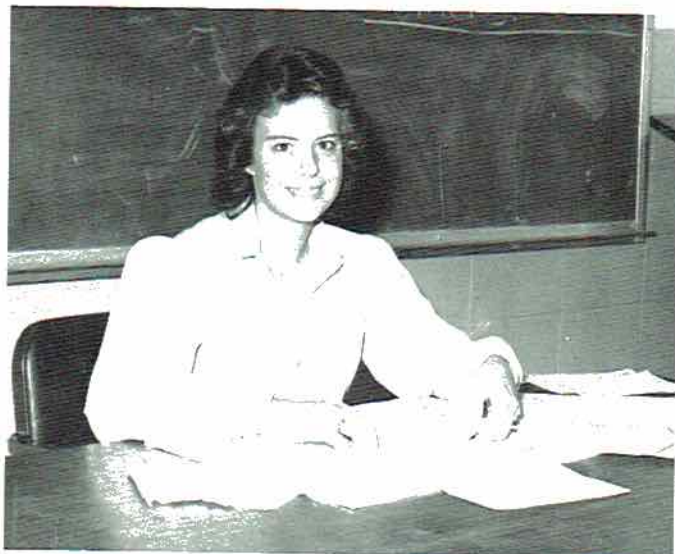
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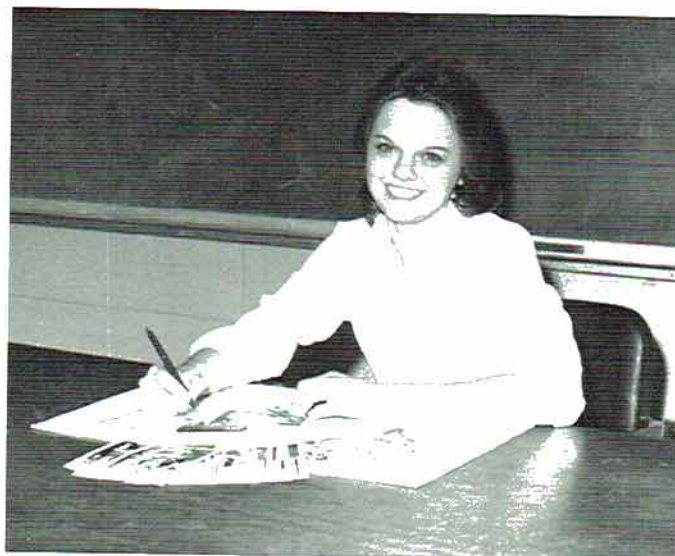
HELP . . . we're captives!



Nuclear Fallout . . . THE DAY AFTER!



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Advertising Manager



Lisa Thomas
Business Manager



Gail Willis
Photographer



Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain
Sponsor/Advisor



SOPHOMORE STAFF — Stephanie Matthews, Alicia Whitcher, and Holli Davis.



Seven HEADS are better than one!

The Blue and Gold

The *Blue and Gold* staff, ably led by editors Gwen Allison and Gail Willis, kept the students informed of school events. Don Kirk, feature editor, not only wrote succinct articles but also introduced "sniglets," words not found in the dictionary, for his avid readers. When "Extra, Extra, Read All About It" was heard in the halls of B.H.S., eager students flocked around staff members, ready to devour all the latest gossip and sports news, main attractions of each edition. Thanks, *Blue and Gold* staff, for keeping us all up to date!



OFFICERS — Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain, Sponsor; Lisa Thomas, Sports Editor; Susan Short, Circulation Manager; Gwen Allison, Editor; Don Kirk, Feature Editor; and Gail Willis, Co-Editor.



Front Row: Don Kirk, Lisa Thomas, Gwen Allison, Gail Willis, Amy Willis, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain, Sponsor. Back Row: Susan Short, Alan Payne, Kim Wells, Kendal Storey, Todd Willis, Christi Allison, Scott Bynum, Stephanie Matthews, Kelli Faircloth, Alicia Whitcher, and Kim Paris.

Check It Out



OFFICERS — Marlena Hazard, Sec.-Treasurer; Ben Hill, President; Ms. Betty Harrison, Sponsor; and Trent Lewis, Vice-President.

The Library Club consisted of students who worked in the library for the school's benefit. They checked out books for other students, arranged books on the shelves, and processed new books for the library. Along with Ms. Harrison, the sponsor, the Library Club participated in money-making projects with the profits going for library improvements.



Front Row: Teri Purdy, Ms. Betty Harrison, Maria Buchanan, and Missy Merritt. Back Row: Sherry Rogers, Stephanie Lambert, Audrey Sampley, Ben Hill, Trent Lewis, Marlena Hazard, Donna Kirk, Mr. Steve Buckner, Rhonda Ferguson, and Wanda Ferguson.

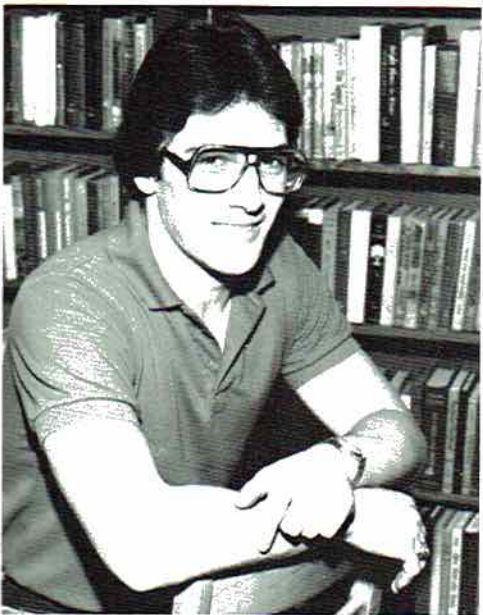
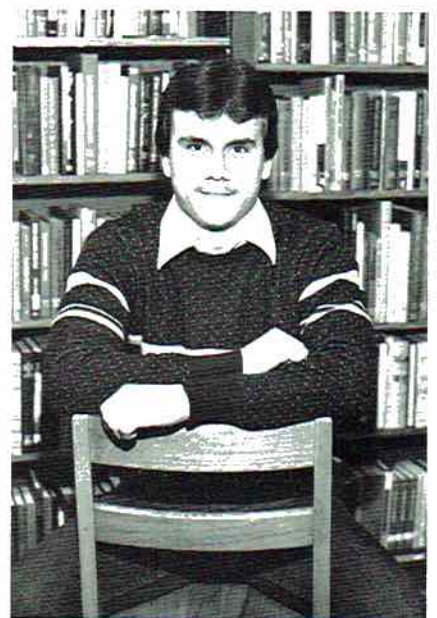
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THE BETA CLUB!



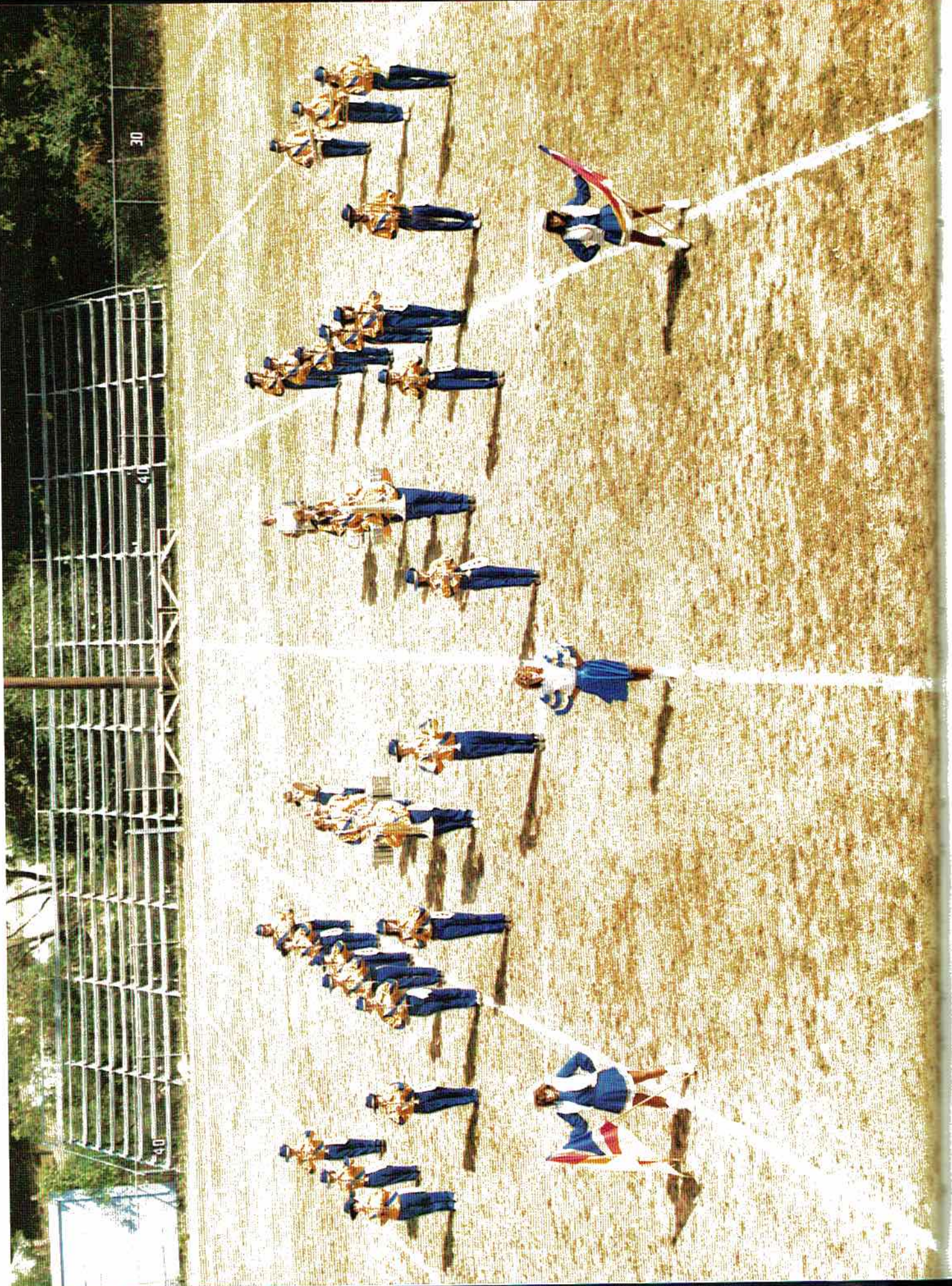
Front Row: Stephen Ridley, President; Gwen Allison, Vice-President. Second Row: Lisa Thomas, Secretary; Gail Willis, Treasurer. Third Row: Rusty Boldin, and Don Kirk. Back Row: Mrs. Elizabeth Mountain, Sponsor; and Susan Short.

The Beta Club is an honorary organization that recognizes the outstanding academic students at Bridgeport High School. Prospective members are invited into the club during the second semester of their sophomore year. They are initiated into the club during a candlelight ceremony performed before the whole school and later, the Beta Club has a banquet for the Beta Club members that have been initiated into the club. To maintain their membership in the Beta Club, students must study hard to uphold a 3.5 grade point average. Besides representing B.H.S. academically, the Beta Club sponsors the school newspaper, *The Blue and Gold*.

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Drum Major, Marlena Hazard



Band Director, Mr. Andy Bowen

Bridgeport Band of Blue



Band Officers, Charlie Morris and Sherrie Guthrie



Flag Corps, Ramona Haley and Tina Mason



It's the Three Musketeers ready and willing for action.

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Front Row: Sponsor, Mrs. Abernathy; Paula Cannon, Kim Paris, Connie Baker, Eleanor Walker, Angie Kelly, Kisha Walker, Kendal Storey, Stephanie Matthews, Michelle Smith, Sonia Sebring, and Peggy Williams. Second Row: Sharon Barham, Penny Cooper, Kelli Faircloth, Margaret Gossett, Sharon Thomas, Shelly Taylor, Mary Galovich, Cammy Moody, Valerie Cox. Third Row: Kim Porter, Sandy Rowe, Teresa Hardrick, Brenda Potts, Tammy Jackson, Cindy Jones, Alicia Whitecher, Gayla Burrows, Melissa Cooper, Susie Eldridge, and Kristie Smith. Fourth Row: Missy Mason, Karen Foshee, Crystal Holder, Sandy Eldrige, Lisa Atkins, Susie McAllister, Cindy Roper, Kim Childress, Audrey Sampley and Thomas Terry. Back Row: Cindy Boldin, Missy Willis, Dwayne Abbott, Greg Blevins, Angie Burrows, Jamie Holder, Holli Davis, Linda Colvin, Marlena Hazard, Aracelli Gonzales, Stacey Blevins, Cindy White, Allison Long, and Chris Chapman.



PEP CLUB OFFICERS — Sponsor, Mrs. Abernathy; President, Michelle Smith; Vice President, Kendal Storey; Secretary, Susie Eldridge; Treasurer, Linda Colvin; and Student Advisor, Teresa Hardrick.

"We're from B.H.S. We're trouble with a capital T. We're T-R-O-U-B-L-E so you better not mess with me!" This chant could be heard from many Pep Club members this football season. Rain nor sleet nor the dark, cold of night kept these dedicated members from attending the football games, usually sitting together and cheering for the TIGERS faithfully. The Pep Club, sponsored by Mrs. Abernathy, has just one thing to say: "We've got spirit. Yes, we do! We've got spirit! How 'bout you?"



Could it be the "Train Gang" cheering together at a football game?

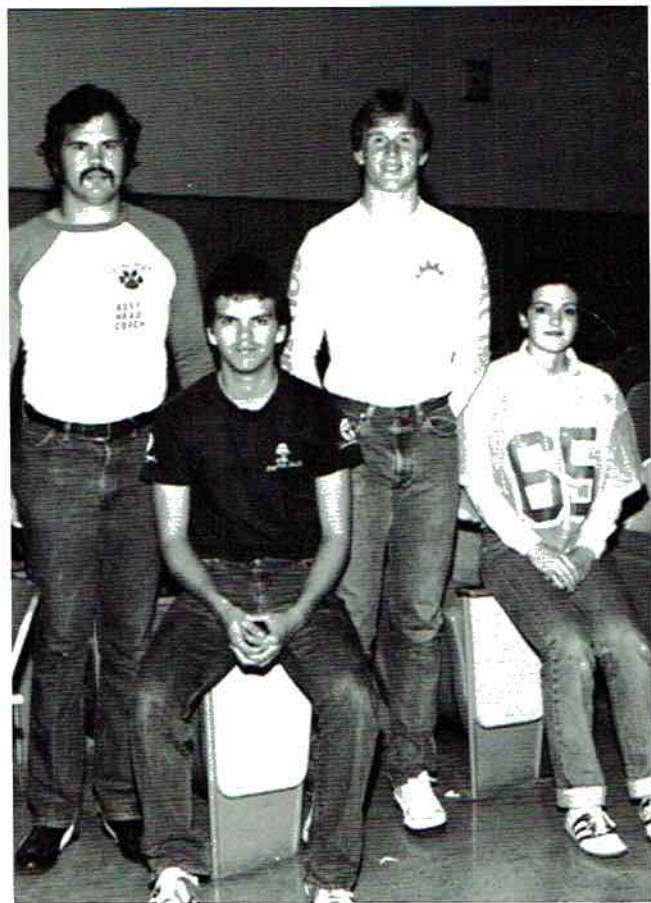
PEP CLUB

B Club

From a "rat" to a "cat" — this evolution takes place over a 3-day period at B.H.S. It is a fun three days for "cats," but a miserable time for the rats." A day for a "rat" begins with a wakeup call from his "cat" usually around 5:00 A.M., telling the "rat" he would be there in five minutes. The "rat" had BEST be ready for a full day of eating raw eggs, sardines, dog biscuits, spoonfuls of mayonnaise, and washing all this down with vinegar.

All "rats" are (or should be) equipped with elbow pads, knee pads, syrup and oats in his or her hair and a desire to become a "cat."

To join this honorary club, a student must first earn his or her membership by participating in a varsity sport, managing a varsity sport, or cheerleading. This club helps to promote school spirit and pride in individual accomplishments.



"B" CLUB OFFICERS — Sponsor, Tony Rhodes; President, Joey Foster; Vice President, Trent Lewis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mylinda Hazard.



Front Row: Marlana Hazard, Mark Dover, Michelle Smith, Mylinda Hazard, Jamie Holder, Joey Foster, Linda Colvin. Second Row: Vincent Robinson, John Warren, LeShone Bynum, Lisa Thomas, Tammy Ridley, David H. Walker, and Don Kirk. Third Row: Steve Raulston, James Headrick, Corey Dave, Angie Kelly, Susie Eldridge, Kendal Storey, and Trent Lewis. Back Row: Coach Tony Rhodes, Donna Kirk, Rusty Boldin, Will Moore, and Kevin Thomas.



Student Council

The Student Council was made up of representatives from each of the six grades at Bridgeport High School. The representative must have at least a "B" average, and they should be interested in doing whatever they can to improve our school. Among these things accomplished were Smarty Parties, which hoped to improve the school's academic standing, and the Mr. and Miss BHS Coronation, which brought many of the leaders of the town into our school. At the Smarty Parties this year, the Student Council gave gifts to several lucky people who, by the luck of the draw, were chosen out of a black silk hat. The Student Council also had many fund raising events to support their projects, such as sending representatives to a government seminar at the University of Huntsville.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL — Kneeling: Richard Barham, President. Standing: Melissa Cooper, senior high representative; Holli Davis, Treasurer; Greg Whitcher, Vice-President; Gayla Burrows, junior high representative; and Alicia Whitcher, Secretary.



Front Row: Kelli Faircloth, Kim Paris, and Shane Troy. Second Row: Don Kirk, Todd Willis, Richard Barham, Greg Whitcher, Kendal Storey, Corey Dave, Shelly Taylor, Tracey Smith, and Valerie Cox. Back Row: Gloria Gregory, Tammy Ridley, Alicia Whitcher, Melissa Cooper, Holli Davis, Cindy Jones, Gayla Burrows, and Paula Tally, Sponsor.

Future Homemakers of America



The FHA, Future Homemakers of America, has recently changed its name to Future Homemakers of America — Home Economics Related Occupations. The local organization sold calendars, suckers, and had a Christmas play to raise money. The FHA is made up of the many people who take some kind of home economics course in school. Among these home economics courses are classes in which the student, both

boys and girls, will learn how to cook, sew, survive in marriage, and raise children.

The sponsor of Future Homemakers of America — Home Economics Related Occupations is Miss Louise Brown. Miss Brown is also one of the sponsors of the senior play; she willingly helps out when anybody needs her skills and enthusiasm.



Front Row: Lynette Smith, Cheryl Dawson, Lisa Case, Michelle Smith, Stephanie Matthews, Peggy Williams, Holli Davis, Sandy Rowe, Kim Porter, Mary Beth Lambert, Rhonda Ferguson. Second Row: Sherry Rogers, Teri Purdy, Stephanie Lambert, Sherry Hall, Loretta Burnett, Jean Allison, Kelli Faircloth, Alicia Witcher, Kim Paris, Kim Wells, Kristi Holder, Lori Gamble, Michelle McCarter, Wanda Ferguson. Third Row: Sharon Thomas, Shannon Anthony, Cynthia Rorex, Kim Childers. Back Row: Miss Louise Brown, sponsor; Jamie Holder, Vice-President; Susan Short, Secretary; Melissa Cooper, Treasurer; Linda Colvin; Missy Merritt, Song Leader; and Cindy Roper, Reporter. Not Pictured: Susie Eldridge, President.

Future Farmers of America



The Future Farmers of America, better known as the F.F.A., was a very active group of students. The members were taught to weld and make household repairs. They also did carpentry and electrical work. One of the F.F.A.'s finest members, Kevin Foshee, helped to repair the steps for the Mr.

and Miss B.H.S. Coronation this year. This group also helped repair desk tops for several of the teachers. The members of the club participated in the agri-business classes. The F.F.A. was sponsored by Mr. William Freeman, who also taught the agri-business courses.



Front Row: Tracey Ferguson, Robbie Olinger, Corey Dave, Marty Cobb, Heath Smith, David Blizzard, Travis Thomas, Joey Foster, Douglas McCutchen, Tom Wongamane, Vinson Crawford, and Michael Rich. Second Row: William Young, Jimmy Westbrook, David H. Walker, Eleanor Walker, Teddy Kowdis, Harold Smith, Jerry Winters, Scotty Walker, Donnie Henson, Greg Talley, Lindsay Condra, and Roger Hubbard. Third Row: Brenda Walker, Chip Troy, Paul Dunn, Glen Wilson, David Bice, Greg McCullough, Paul Payne, Richard Denton, Robbie Kotz, Chucky Murray, David Troxell, Patrick Childs, Scott Ridley, Ivan Finley, Charlie Cooper, and Ronald Cooper. Fourth Row: William Bynum, Tim Hall, Neal Hardrick, David Allison, David Abbott, Chris Bynum, Ricky Abbott, Tim Ridley, John Kowdis, Mike Kirk, Jimmy Bain, Michael Bain, Kenny Moore, Kenny O'Linger, Larry Pylant, Darrel Bell, Ronnie Peacock, and David Brophy. Fifth Row: Gerald Hutchins, George Williams, Leshone Bynum, Vernon Henegar, George Shavers, Vincent Robinson, Joe Stewart, Mark Warren, David Troutman, Kevin Thomas, Dewayne Moore, Dyle Britton, Michael Gamble, Jamie Headrick, Randy Hambrick, and Keith Shutters. Back Row: Janssen Davis, Ben Hill, Mr. William Freeman, Greg Blaylock, Rusty Boldin, Kevin Foshee, and Richard Barham.

Get the Safety Habit . . .

. . . is the motto for the Driver's Safety Club at Bridgeport High School. The club members held a variety of activities to raise money to promote the club, which in turn promotes the idea of safety while driving among students at both the high school and the elementary school. The club sponsored a booth at the county fair, showed safety films to the elementary school students, sponsored a poster contest, and designed a mock disaster. This was a hard working bunch of kids who deserve commendation.



Front Row: Alicia Whitcher, Michelle Smith, Kendal Storey, Holli Davis, and Margaret Gossett. Second Row: Stephanie Matthews, Melissa Cooper, Greg Talley, Stephanie Lambert, Susie Eldridge, and Mr. Hughes, Sponsor. Back Row: Sharon Thomas, Jamie Headrick, Kenny Olinger, David Abbott, and Robbie Kotz.



OFFICERS — Susie Eldridge, President; Kendal Storey, Vice-President; Greg Talley, Secretary; Mr. Harold Hughes, Sponsor; Michelle Smith, Treasurer; Alicia Whitcher, Delegate to Montgomery; and Stephanie Matthews, Project Director.

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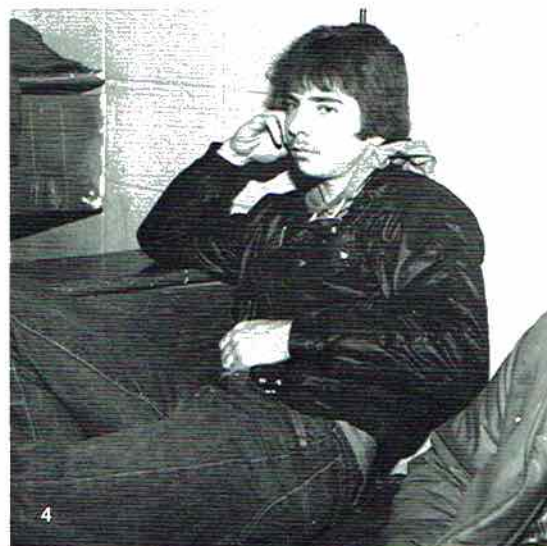


Keep the fire burnin' ... cruising the plaza, dancing 'til we dropped, going to concerts, practicing for the junior and senior plays. Of course, school was for education! The things we learned were invaluable. However, all of our knowledge was not gained from books. We learned from having fun, getting together, breaking up, and sharing one another's lives. We laughed, loved, cried, and hated ... and we did it our way — together.

Lazy Days

Among the various busy days we have at BHS, there fall many days of hum-drum, sleep-in-class days. These may not be the most exciting days of our lives, but they surely help us slow down after the fast-paced days we have.

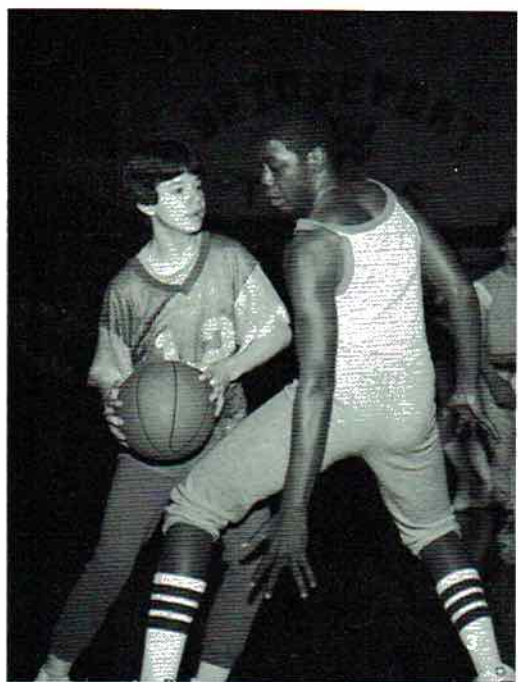
1. Ms. Brown's class looks faintly bored.
2. Cindy Roper is in a "class by herself."
3. Jimmy Westbrook seems to be having sweet dreams.
4. "Wow, school is so exciting," according to Teddy Kowdis, that is.



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we have.



1. Alicia Whitcher, are you working on the chain gang?
2. Cheerleader tryouts are so nerve racking!
3. "What's that on the back of my leg?!" wonders David Allison.
4. Let's hear it for the boy!



CRAZY DAYS!

As the end of the school year grew nearer, more and more of our school days were "crazy days." Cheerleader tryouts, intramural ballgames, painting sets for the junior and senior plays, spring fever, and "senioritis" filled our days.

It was typical to find half empty classrooms where guys had skipped to go fishing. With spring sunshine so scarce, girls usually checked out to catch those precious rays on sunny days.

Those who stuck around to go to class managed to get into plenty mischievousness themselves.

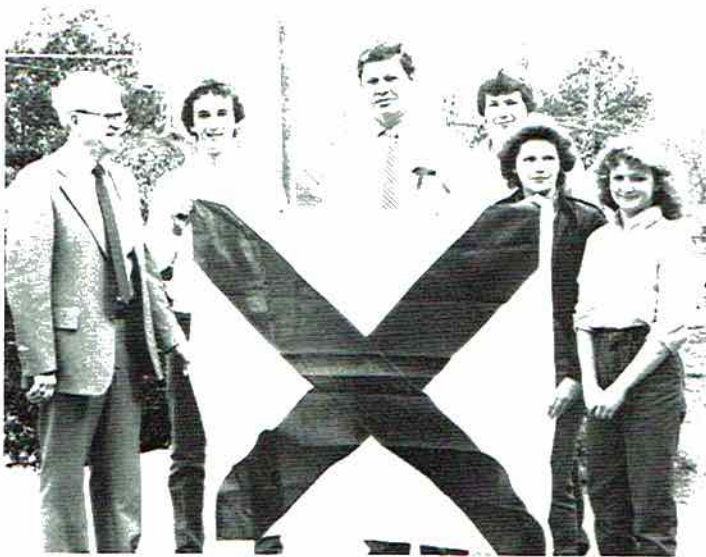
We had something in our blood that wouldn't let us sit still, which made summer vacation all the more appreciated by the faculty!

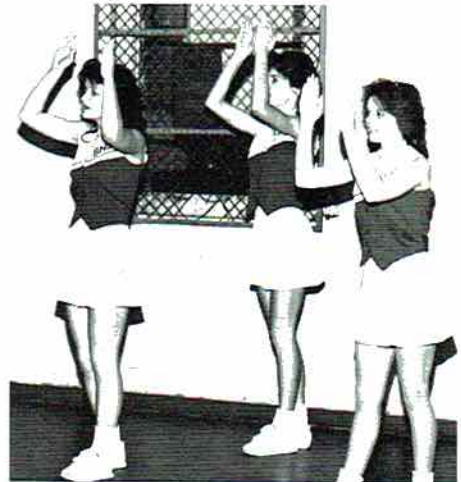
Days of Our Lives

The days at BHS were filled with various degrees of excitement. Some days the highlight of the day was how terrible the lunchroom food was. Pep rallies were the focal points of fall Fridays.

Then there were some occasions where we received recognition for our efforts. For example, Rep. Ben Richardson presented the Student Council officers, who had served as pages in the state legislature, with a state flag for the school.

The annual Valentine's dance had a new twist this year, also. Along with the dance, the yearbook staff sponsored a "Valentine Queen Contest." Each homeroom nominated one of its members, and voting took place at the dance. Linda Colvin became the first annual "Valentine Queen."





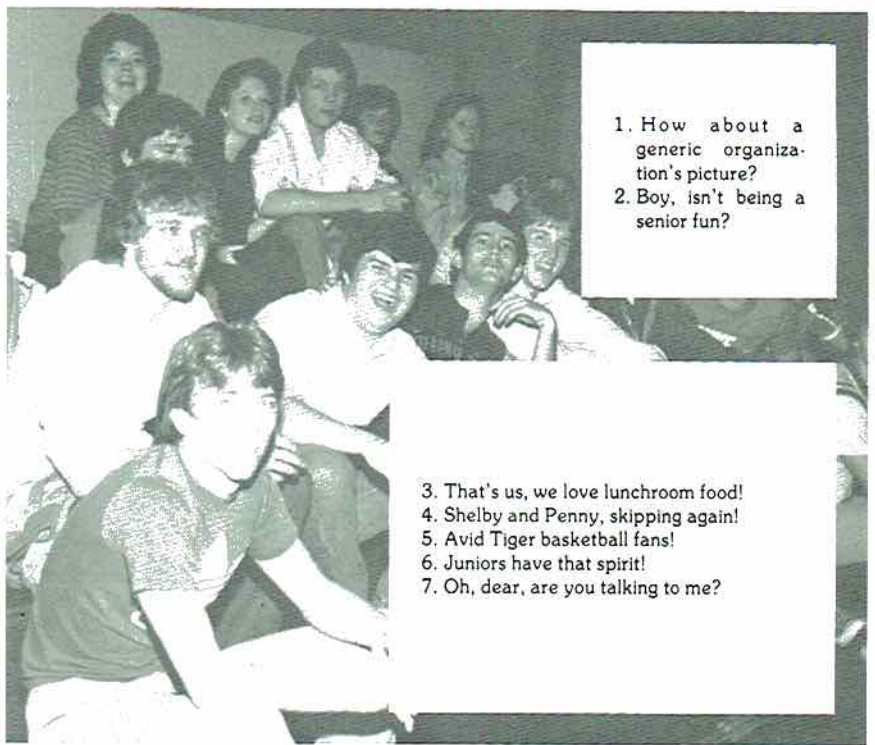
How Can I
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When I'm Not Through
With Yesterday?

Along with laughing at ourselves, we held back tears as we reflected on the year. How could the year be gone? Was there something more we could have said or done? There just wasn't enough time to do the things we wanted to. The year had flown by and what did we have to show for it? These questions swam in our heads from time to time.

So much of our time we had spent together. From food fights to club meetings, student life was filled with togetherness, whether it was a large crowd or a one-on-one chat between best friends.

In such a small school, nearly everyone knew everyone else. However, it would be a lie to say that we all got along. BHS had her share of fights and arguments, usually on hum-drum days to create excitement.





1. How about a generic organization's picture?
 2. Boy, isn't being a senior fun?

3. That's us, we love lunchroom food!
 4. Shelby and Penny, skipping again!
 5. Avid Tiger basketball fans!
 6. Juniors have that spirit!
 7. Oh, dear, are you talking to me?



Our year was one filled with both victory and defeat, happiness and gloom, love and heartaches, friendship and anger. It was part of growing up. And we were happy to have shared the experience.

Suddenly our question was answered. In the cobwebs of our minds, we would never be through with yesterday. We knew our treasured memories would be on 24-hour call, that at the slightest provocation (the shade of an old prom dress, sight of a former classmate, sound of a favorite song), they would all come rushing back.

After we realized this, we were a little older, wiser, and more free — to dream about tomorrow.

1984 Jr.-Sr. Prom

1. Dancing the night away — Sheila Carver and Vernon Henegar.
2. DJ Mike Foster plays our favorites as Rob Crabtree looks on.
3. "And just what are you looking at?" demands Mylinda Hazard.
4. Mmm mmm. Finger lickin' good!!!
5. Table talk.
6. Boy, are we having fun!
7. Donna's telling jokes again!
8. Charlie Smith and Michelle Haskew — they've got the beat!
9. Sonia Sebring — daydream dancing.
10. Do you think they're talking about us?
11. "What's that?" Gail Willis asks David Abbott.
12. Gwen, are you really a witch?





"If a Body Meet a Body"

The junior play, "If a Body Meet a Body," was one of the best ever. Usually, the juniors seem inexperienced. However, this year the juniors had it together. They needed hardly any prompting and displayed a lot of talent.

Add to all of this the fact that their directors were new at their jobs and that they did a mystery combined with a comical play. Pretty spectacular overall! This light-hearted who-dun-it proved very amusing to both the regular audience on Friday night and the student body on Monday.

Mr. Blevins and Ms. Harrison did a fine job directing these newcomers in the field of BHS entertainment.



Mrs. Reilly introduces Henry to Priscilla.



Cam moves in.



Owen investigates the murder of his victim, Mr. Hatcher.

Pride
Junior



Lt. Deville questions the suspects.

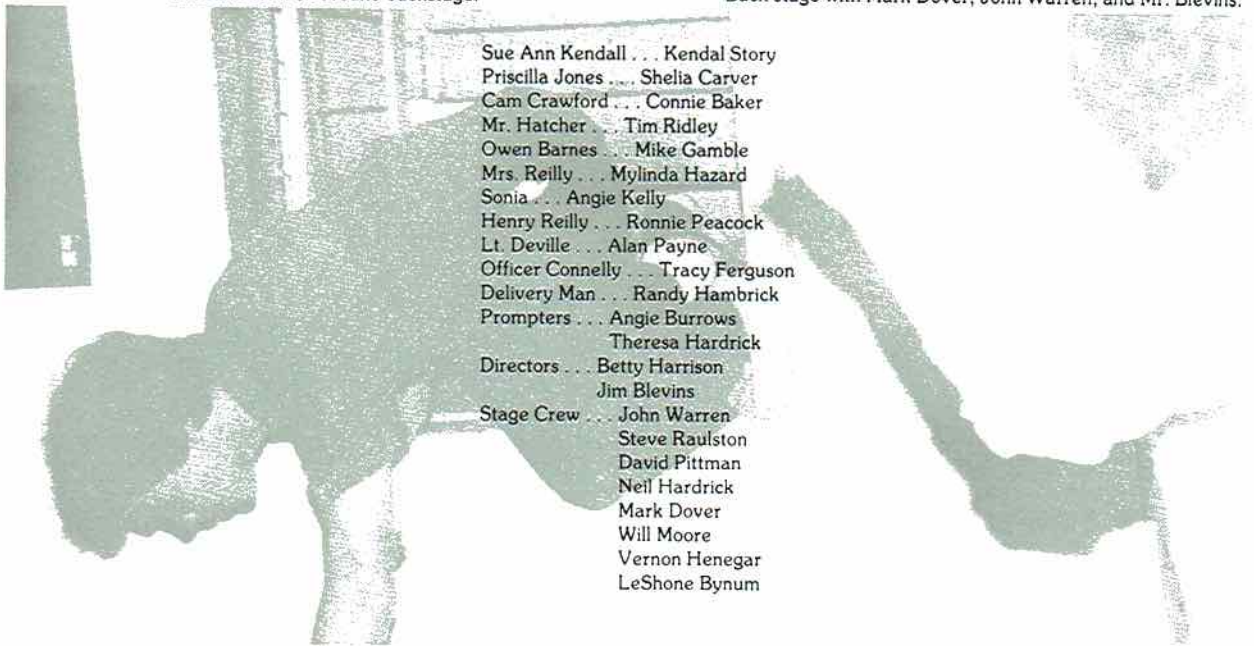
Class
of '85



Cast and crew sit around backstage.



Back stage with Mark Dover, John Warren, and Mr. Blevins.



- Sue Ann Kendall . . . Kendal Story
- Priscilla Jones . . . Shelia Carver
- Cam Crawford . . . Connie Baker
- Mr. Hatcher . . . Tim Ridley
- Owen Barnes . . . Mike Gamble
- Mrs. Reilly . . . Mylinda Hazard
- Sonia . . . Angie Kelly
- Henry Reilly . . . Ronnie Peacock
- Lt. Deville . . . Alan Payne
- Officer Connelly . . . Tracy Ferguson
- Delivery Man . . . Randy Hambrick
- Prompters . . . Angie Burrows
Theresa Hardrick
- Directors . . . Betty Harrison
Jim Blevins
- Stage Crew . . . John Warren
Steve Raulston
David Pittman
Neil Hardrick
Mark Dover
Will Moore
Vernon Henegar
LeShone Bynum



Priscilla shows Cam the dumb waiter.



Owen stalks!

**Junior
Play**



"My mama always said . . ." draws Sue Ann.

"A Ready-Made Family"

An extraordinary mixture of talent made the 1984 senior play, "A Ready Made Family," a huge success. Under the direction of Ms. Brown, the cast did a marvelous job.

This comedy was pleasing to each age bracket for which it was performed. Most of all, though, the seniors had a great time doing it. The cast, stage crew, prompters and director worked together to bring BHS one of its finest, funniest senior plays in years.



"You mean he really has fits?" Henry stammers.



"You've really outdone yourself this time, Sammie," chides Doris.



"Lazy, no account rascal . . ." mutters Tina about James.

Cast

Senior's



Miss Brown, we CAN'T do this without smiling!

1984's

Class



"But no, nobody ever thinks of me," fusses Lydia.



"You do say the sweetest things."



Front Row: Gail Willis, Susan Short, Gwen Allison, Donna Kirk, Missy Merritt, Tammy Ridley, Linda Colvin. Back Row: Greg Burnett, Rusty Boldin, Richard Barham, Bobby Horne, Don Kirk. Mid-Front: Starring Mr. Parker as Horatio Martyn.



"Henry's children, of course!" exclaims Agatha.



Kleptomania!

Senior Play

1984



It's a real fit!

“And the Survey Says . . .”

In the spring of '84, we took a survey to see what the favorites of BHS students were. Here's a look at the top three winners in each category.



MOVIE

Footloose
Friday 13th Part 3
Raiders of the Lost Ark

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TV SHOW

Dynasty
Riptide
Knot's Landing

GROUP/ARTIST

Michael Jackson
Lionel Richie
Duran Duran

CELEBRITY

Tom Selleck
Michael Jackson
Heather Locklear

VIDEO

Beat It
Billy Jean
Thriller





Time for your afternoon egg, Jackie!

"B" Club initiation is always a lot of fun. That is, fun for everyone except the ones going through it. They are called rats and they're treated terribly. They must eat and drink horrible concoctions made by their cats (initiated members of the "B" Club). It is a vicious circle; the next year the rats turn into cats and do the same "fun" things again.

This club is open to athletes, cheerleaders, and band members. Although the initiation is degrading and hard on the stomach, most admit that they enjoyed going through it!



Greg Whitcher, where are your clothes?



We've made lovely young ladies!



The name of my hairdresser? Sure!



We know we're beautiful!!

"B" Club Spirit — Initiation 1984!

Spring Fling

Spring Fever Strikes!

The third annual Spring Fling was once again a complete success. This Student Council sponsored "fling" is always a big event at BHS.

The juniors took first place again this year with the sophomores close behind. The junior high got some recognition with the eighth grade taking home the third place seat.



Get a little closer!



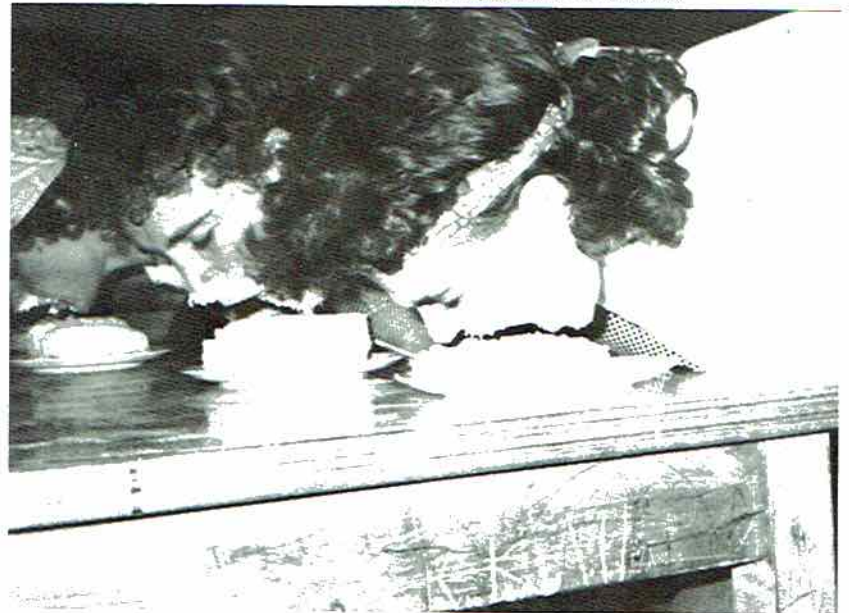
Teamwork pays off for these 7th graders.



Whatever possessed me to do this?



Who's the joker who came up with the bright idea about the hats, anyway?



Aren't you HUNGRY!!! Linda and John are!

Air Guitar

April seventeenth was a music filled day, since the junior class sponsored the 1984 Air Guitar show. Several groups participated, even an elementary group. The Air Guitar show had a few neat surprises such as two visits from Michael Jackson, a fireworks display, and a video.

Coming in first place was Silent Rage. Rowdy Rich, Randall Potterfield, Charlie Blevins, James Hogwood, Houston Thomas, Bobby Howard, and George Shavers made up this first place group.

The Gapp Band was chosen for second place. This group was made up of Charley Smith, Trent Lewis, Steve Raulston, Kevin Thompson, LeShone Bynum, Vincent Robinson and John Warren.

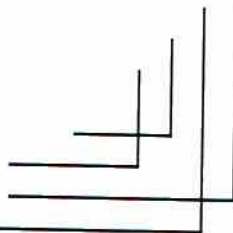
The third place group was the Cool Breakers. The Breakers were David Allison, Daryl Bynum, Gerald Hutchinson, Stacey Bynum, and Chris Bynum.

The fourth place was taken by the Go-Go's. Susie Eldridge, Alicia Whitcher, Stephanie Matthews, Holli Davis and Melissa Cooper were the group members.



1. Angie Kelly and Michelle Smith, emcees, say, "Let's get this show on the road!"
2. Star studded group awaits showtime.
3. Could it be "Sir Charles" behind those Foster Grants?
4. Get on board the party train!!!

Honor's Day May 18, 1984



In addition to honoring these fine academic achievers, Award's Day brought the presentation of two valuable reference books to the library. Mrs. Lena Cagle presented them in memory of former librarian Helen Sebring on behalf of the 1976 Annual Staff. Also, a print, "Evening Fragrance," was donated to BHS by the Bridgeport Literary Club. Artist Larry Dodson was there for the presentation.





1. Stephen Ridley — Chemistry; Richard Barham — Eco./Demo., Drama; Susan Short — Home Ec. IV; Gwen Allison — English/Literature.
2. Terry Allen — Home Ec. III; John Warren — Am. Hist.; Connie Baker — English, Drama.
3. Kelli Faircloth — Advanced Home Ec.; Alicia Whitcher — English; Stephanie Matthews — Physiology; David Abbott — Drivers' Safety; Steve Stewart — Typing, Health; Stephanie Lambert — Applied Bus. Math; Margaret Gossett — Library Science.
4. Mr. Parker, Larry Dodson, and Patsy Rorex.
5. Loretta Burnett — Gen. Science; Greg Whitcher — Alg. II, German; Kim Paris — English, Biology, Home Ec. I; Heath Smith — Band.
6. Mary Jane receiving the reading award.
7. Chr Mathis — English, Alg. I; Social Studies, Science; Carla McDowell — Social Studies; Danetta Bynum — Alg. I; Betty Johnson — Reading.
8. Shawn Rudder — Social Studies; David Poe — Math; Valerie Cox — English; Mary Jane Galovich — Science, Reading.





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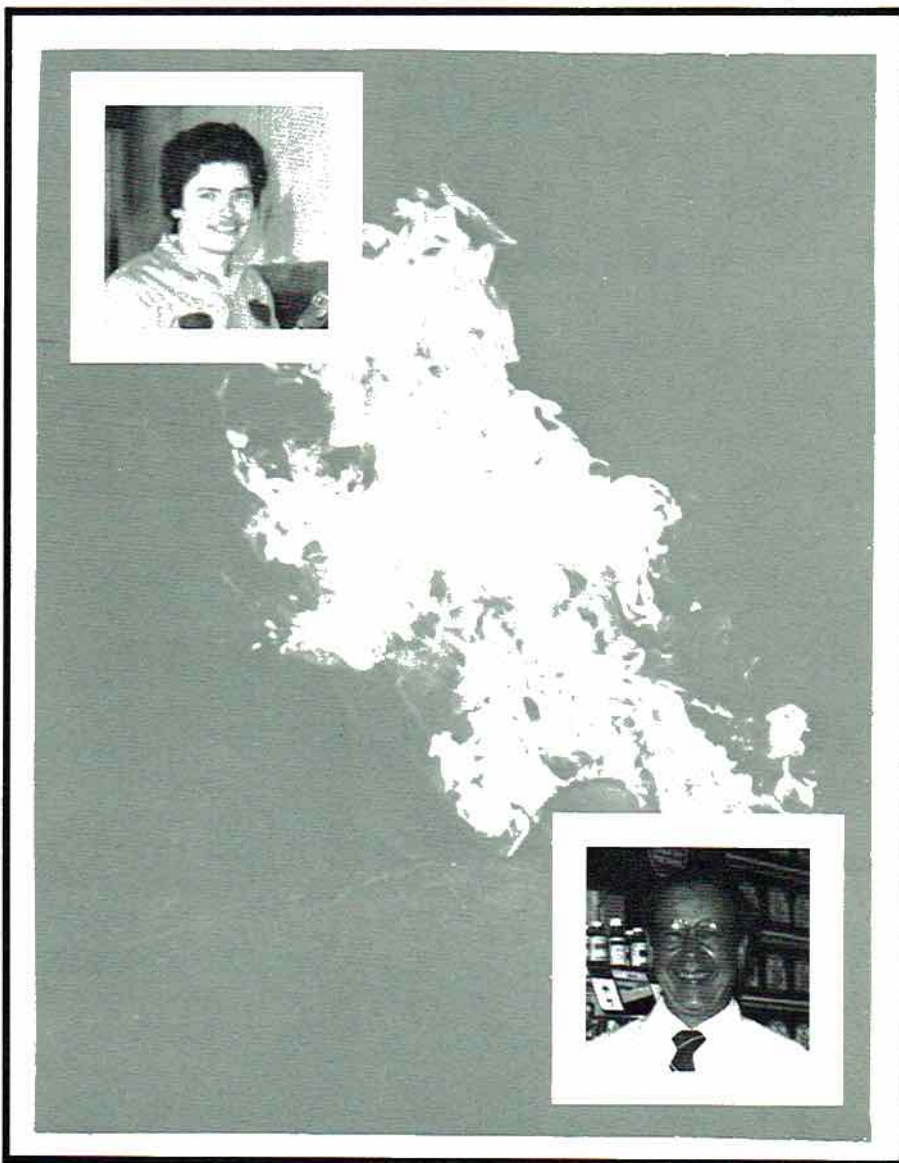
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Faithful friends we'll prove.

High school days are swiftly fleeing
Soon we'll leave these halls
Ne'er to join another meeting
'Neath these hallowed walls.

So, farewell, dear Alma Mater,
May thy name we pray
Be revered and ever stainless
As it is today.

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Heart bound to heart we'll be
Year by year the ages through
'Til in heaven we'll meet.

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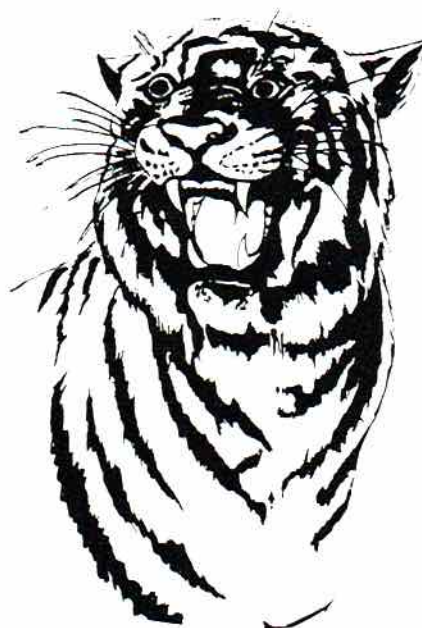
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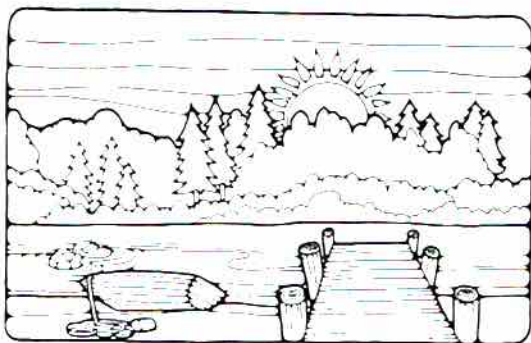
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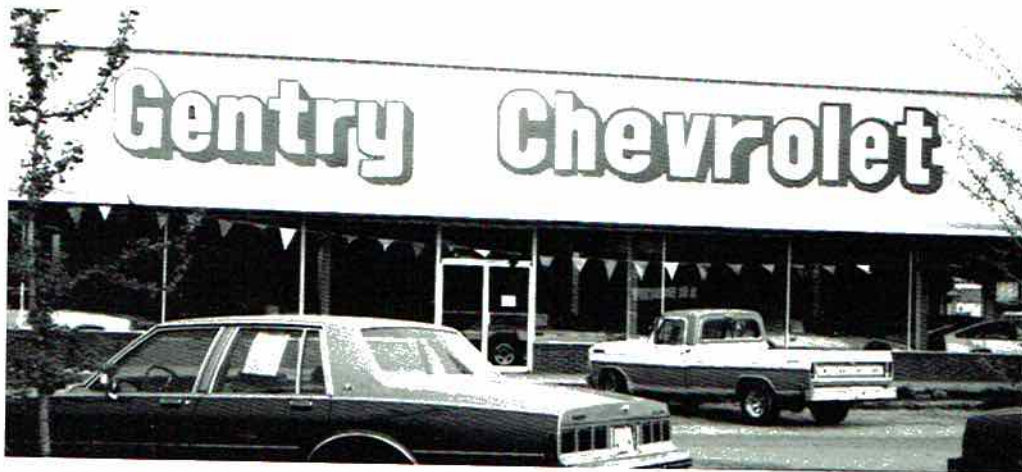
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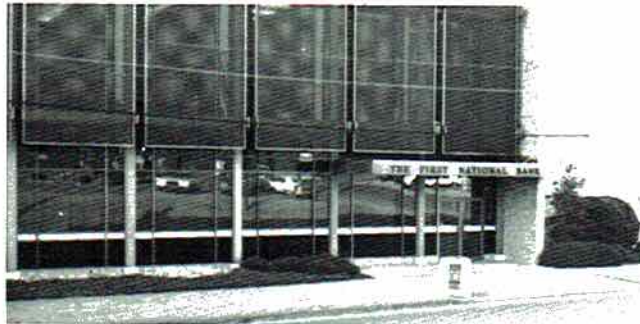
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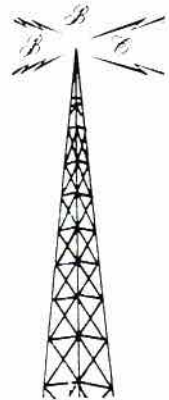
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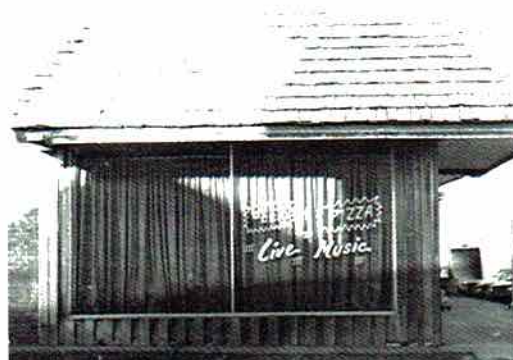
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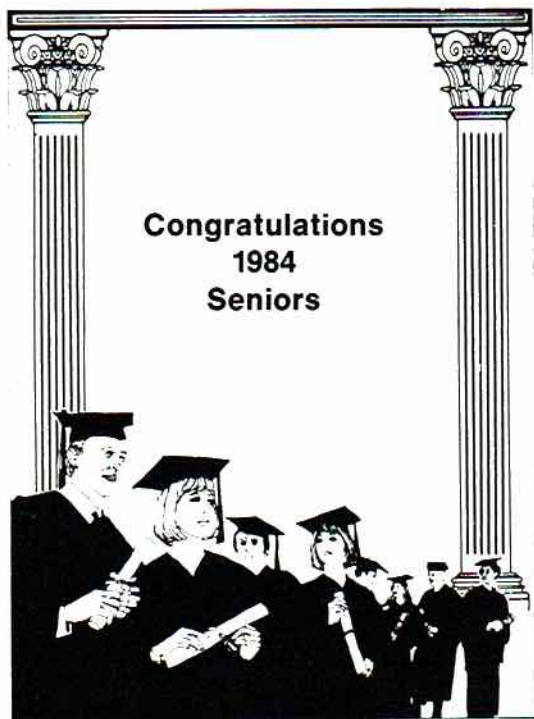
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