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## The Willow Tree

The willow's strong trunk towers into the sky, like a giant over a tiny tot, while its long weeping leaves and branches reach down protectively mothing her children.

As spring dawns, the motherly tree begins to awake. Warm breezes tease tiny green buds out of whiplike branches. Young life begins. The months grow warmer and summer bakes the earth. The leaves, now long, skinny, and beautiful reach down to provide comforting shade for the land's heat-weary inhabitants. Cool weather finally arrives and yellow creeps into the green, like gray hairs on an aging man.

Heavy, gray clouds obliterate the sky; the air is cold and cutting. It is Martinmas time, when Death stalks. The once green leaves lie brown and crumpled in pitiful piles. How short a span between green and brown, birth and death. Life, like a brief candle, so quickly snuffed out.

But life is good. The towering strength of the willow promises cyclical recurrence of spring, of breaking out, of the long winter's end.

Flowers return. The willow's green again. Minds return to summer, home, graduation. The willow. May you always be there!

# Experiencing Today And Learning For Tomorrow

It is a muggy August evening in the Carolina mountains. Down on Fletcher Academy's athletic field there forms a swelling crowd of registration-shocked students. Friends from previous years gather in small huddles to recount their summer adventures while the shy new students stand bewildered, hoping to blend in with the crowd. A few patient faculty direct the forming of the lines and handshake begins.

A new school year is ushered in. In the back of his mind, each student harbors doubts and fears, hopes and dreams for the new year.

Before long we are immersed in science quizzes, Shakespeare, postulates and theorems, football games and the TGIF syndrome, experiencing new things and always learning. Not only do we acquire academic knowledge, but also how to make friends and get along with people, how to hold down a job, and how to meet problems and work through them.

All of these are certainly important, yet there is one more that is most outstanding. That is a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through the efforts of a patient Fletcher staff, excellent week-of-prayer speakers, and the many study programs, what was once considered to be illusive or even impossible can be a dream come true.

Fletcher is structured to give students the full enjoyment of a Christian life and at the same time prepare them for a new and brighter tomorrow.



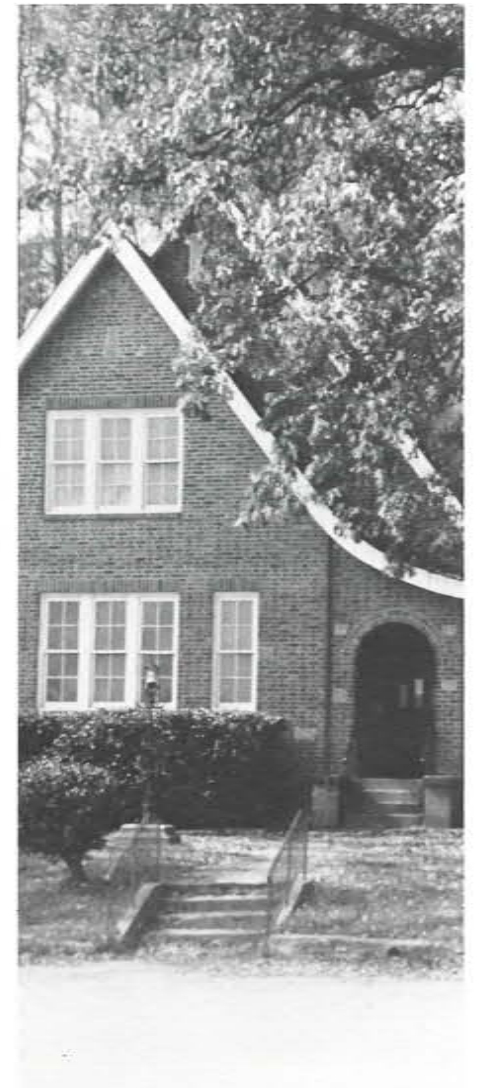
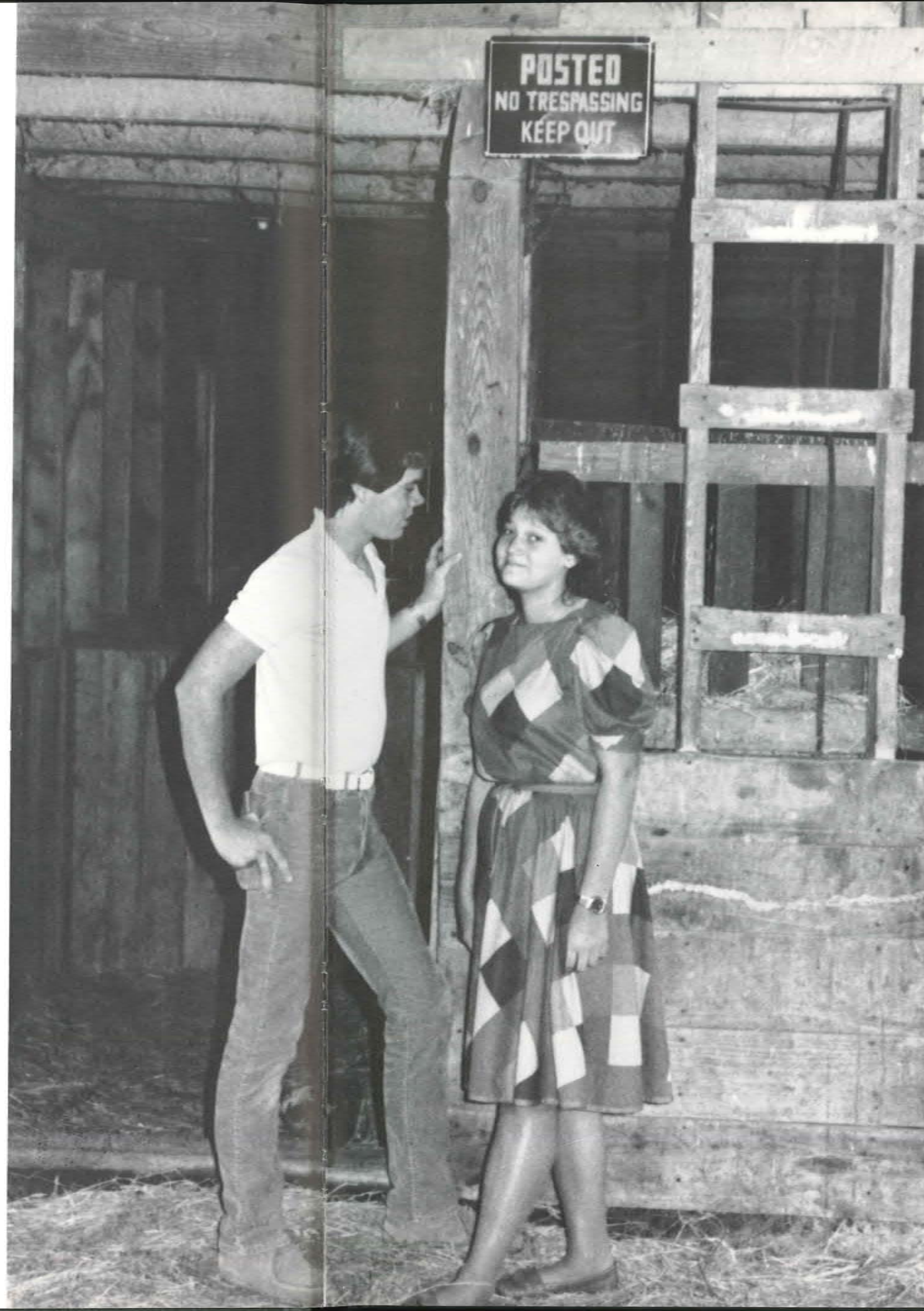
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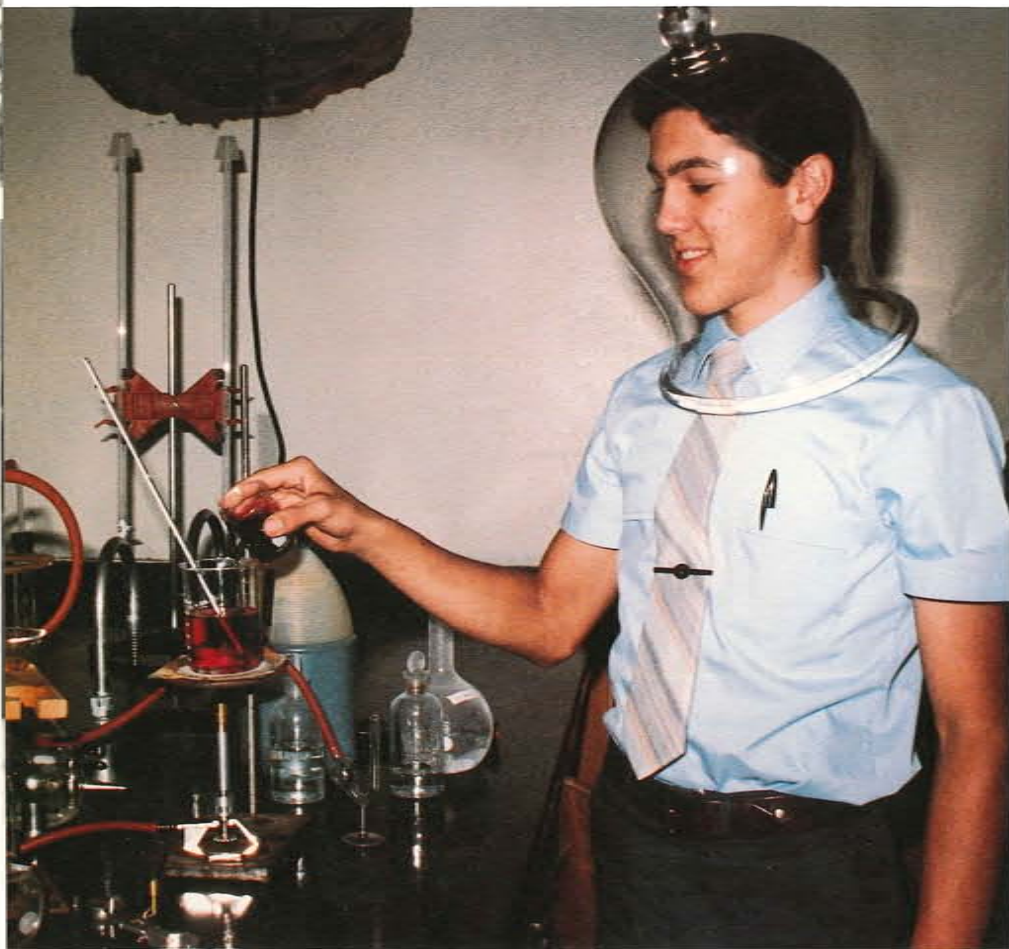


Each silent square, a time machine  
Transporting to the past.

What joy to live that day once more  
First moment to the last.

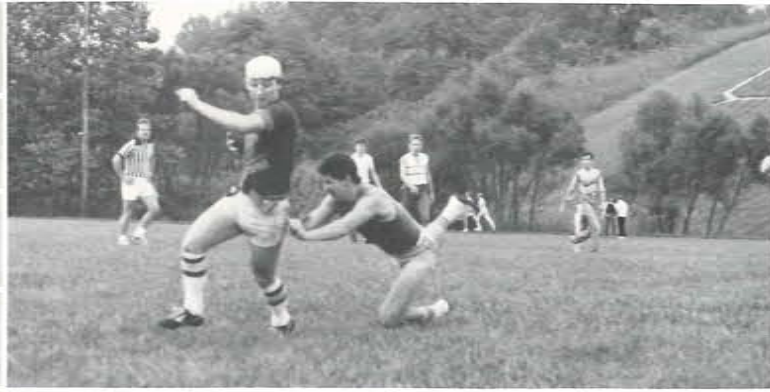


Nostalgically we turn each leaf;  
It's true we never age



As long as we remain between  
The first and final page.





# ACTIVITIES



## Get Acquainted Week

S.A. started the year off with a week of unique opportunities for getting acquainted. Handshake began the trend with an evening of games and introductions. This was followed Tuesday evening by a watermelon feed, and

students tackled obstacle courses on Wednesday.

We made many new friends and improved our teamwork. The year was off to a great start.



Davey Rowe assists Heather Naiman over the "Electric Fence" during the first week of S.A. events.

Robbie Kyle "grins and bears it" while Wade Sutherland and Robby Gettys help him through the tire.



See Huck truck!

Rochelle Battistone takes Mr. Brown's offer seriously — working on one while eyeing 17 more.

Karla Olson and Ricky Jongema participate in team effort.



# Girls' Open House/ Boys' Reception

A Happy-Go-Lucky Evening

"Where is he?" A quick glance at the watch.

Fingers drum nervously on the table. The rec room looks as though a rainbow has exploded with beautiful dresses of every color.

"I bet my hair is a mess!" A fast trip to the bathroom to peek in the mirror. At last the door opens and in he strolls, looking incredibly handsome and not the least bit nervous.



"Wow! You look really nice." He does a slight double-take as he spots you.

"You look pretty nice yourself," you try to sound glib. Now it is time for the corsage and suddenly the tables are turned as he fumbles nervously with the little pin. But with a little help it's on in a jiffy and you're off for your tour of the dorm. Each room is uniquely and festively decorated and the halls shower snowflakes, icicles, stars, and tinsel down from the ceiling. Next you enter the cozy lobby for pictures romantically posed by the Christmas tree.

By this time your stomach has stopped doing summersaults and as you are seated at the banquet table, you find that you are quite happy and relaxed.

Boys' Club President Steve Willis takes the stage and calls up Girls' Club Co-

Presidents Roxanna Benson and Selly Keller to thank them for a dynamic open house and present them with some flowers.

"Now I present the Nestel Hall Symphonic Orchestra!"

Your date whips out what looks like a tiny plastic speedboat from his inside coat pocket and heads for the stage. All the musicians raise their cazooos to their lips and there issues the funniest renditions of "Jingle Bells," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and "Deck the Halls" that you have ever heard.

The evening comes to a finale with a delicious meal and two Christmas flicks.



Relying on semi-professional, local talent, the Boy's Club provides the Nestell Hall Symphonic Orchestra.

Local celebrity, Rhonda Sumner, assisted by Anissa Johnson and Mrs. Watson, signs in at the reception.



With absolutely nothing on their minds except their dates, residents of Nestell Hall ignore the Raider's-Dolphin's game on T.V.

Gene Krishingner rehearses to plant the "big smacker" on oblivious Becky Robinson. Along side, David Ringer and Jenny Meyers maintain "Fletcher distance."

Steve Willis, accompanied by Mrs. Yingling, serenades the dining couples with his dreams of a white Christmas.







## S.A. Harvest Party

On the deep, dark night of October 27th all of Fletcher's ghouls and goblins turned out for the S.A. Harvest Party.

The evening's agenda included spine-chilling stories, an old fashioned hayride, steaming hot chocolate, and to top it all off, a Walt Disney film, "The World's Greatest Athlete." It was a harvest of good times and memories.

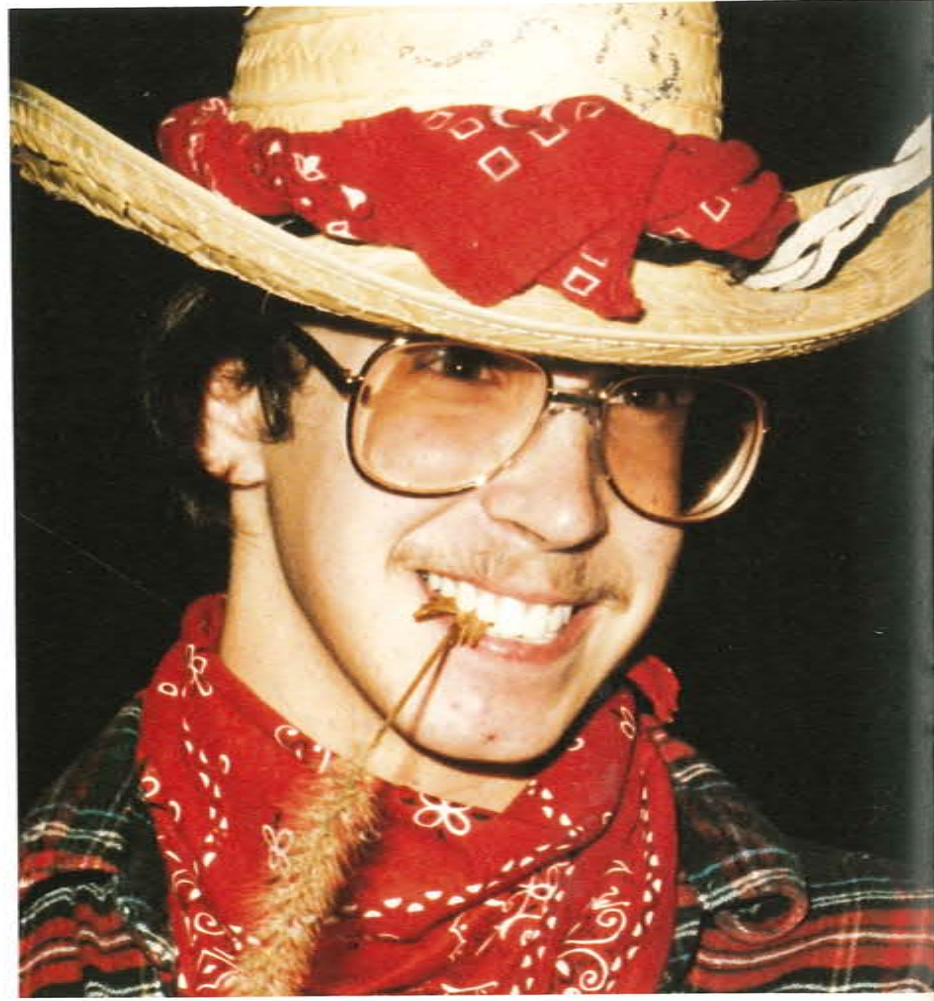


Displaying childish "Innocence," B.J. Smith and JoAnn Mendosa are best of buddies.

Karen Keaton and Becky Kyle play "Mommy" for the evening.

Sharon Fish and Ricky Jongema flash a country smile.

Tommy Warren — "From Beast to Beauty"



Arla Heinlein plays "Invaders from Outer Space" as she attends the SA's Harvest Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw crank back the time machine and re-live their academy days.



# Nestel Hall

## A home away from home

"Hey man, where's your shaving cream? We're going to fix that smart aleck little freshman in 27!"

Four guys with shaving cream cans head for room 27 while down at the other end of the hall another unfortunate is being forced to take a cold shower.

Then suddenly somebody yells, "Dean's coming!"

All plans are immediately abandoned as everyone heads double time for his room. But it isn't easy to fool Dean, and in a few minutes there are half a dozen guys out doing pushups, two pushing pennies down the hall with their noses, and one even doing a dead roach! Order is once again restored with Dean capably in control.



## Life in a "Roughgarden"

Life in the girls' dorm is full of mysteries and surprises. The day begins with a few smashed alarm clocks and a hot, come-alive shower. Occasionally one's privacy is not completely her own. Frantic women scurry from one closet to the next searching for something to match this skirt or those shoes.

Spine-tickling aromas fill the air close to Miss Bev's apartment. She is always supplying the girls with whatever she cooks. Mouths water whenever she opens her prized goodies.

But a-day-in-a-dorm includes much more. From a slice of toast out of Miss Bev's kitchen to an all-out pillow fight down the hall. From warm Pizza Hut boxes to aerobics in the rec room. And from congested telephones to pillows propped among stuffed animals and letter writing to that handsome beau. This is all a part of life in a "Roughgarden."

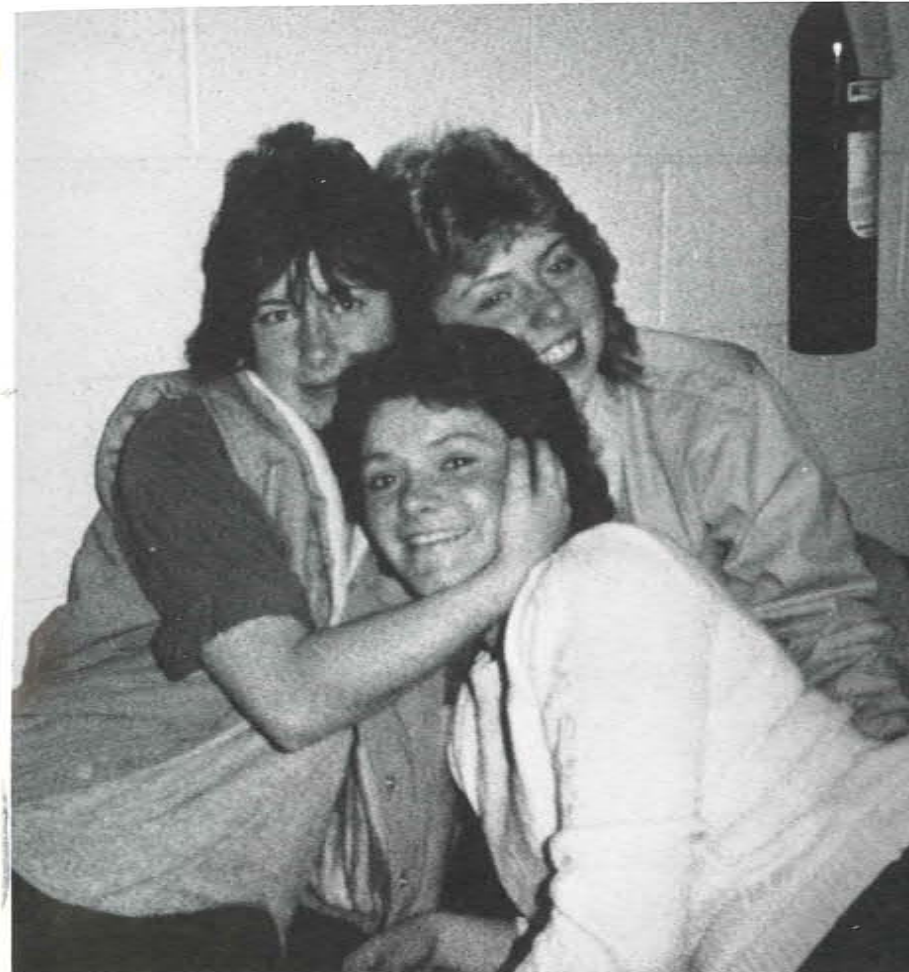


Life in Nestel Hall isn't always this exciting. There are the times when homesickness creeps in, you find it impossible to get along with your roommate, or you wish that you could come and go as you please. But to balance these out are the opportunities to make friends with guys from every corner of the country, get limitless help with homework, play pranks on a friend, plan a surprise party for Dean, or just feel good about taking care of yourself.

Chris Both, Tim Olsen and Rudy Wester desperately try to avoid studying in "strict study hall."

Scot Montgomery nonchalantly wastes the last drop of water, while a parched Regi Bell drags himself in vain to the fountain.

"Collect from Tony Collier please ... Hello, Mom? I need some money ...?"



Beverly Dickerhoff and Becky Ingersoll proclaim their titles and "Dean #1 and Dean #2."

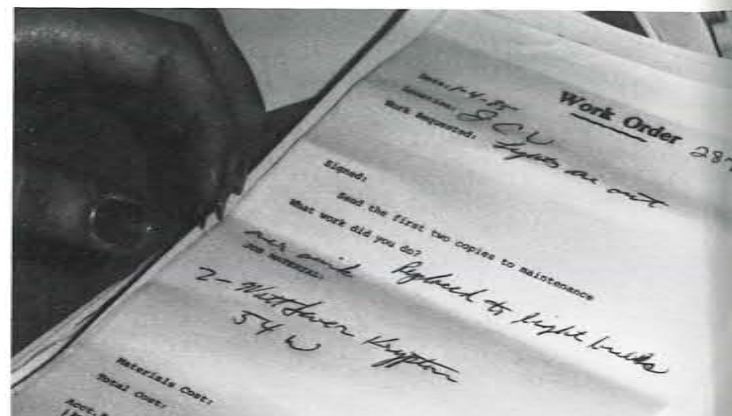
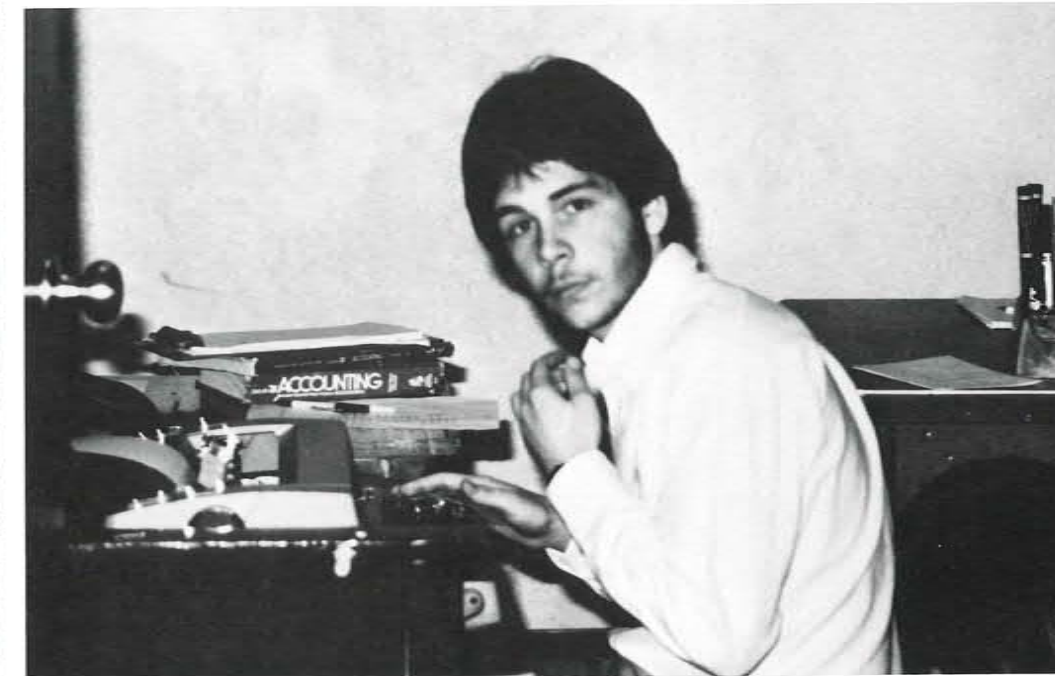
Angie Earnhardt, Heidi Walker, and Sylvia Smith display the friendship dorm life brings.

Sam's best friend.

Kathy Lothian ties up the phones again!

# Working For Experience

One of Fletcher Academy's major assets is its work-study program. In this way students can gain valuable job experience while helping to pay their school bill. Jobs include grounds crewmen, teachers' readers, dorm monitors, nurses' aides and switchboard operators, to name only a few. The goal of the work-study program is to teach responsibility and to equip students with skills that will enable them to perform in today's job market.



Even when purchasing is the busiest, Julie Whitesides stays calm.

Bill Holt caught typing another Bible test.

Greg Garver has a "Cool" job putting boxes in store freezer.

Always working their hardest, Tim Shumate and Reggie Bell pauses for the picture.

Hon Su Chon making some of that Famous Bakery Bread.

Keith Jones looks very professional in his posh office job.

# Just A Slice Of Life

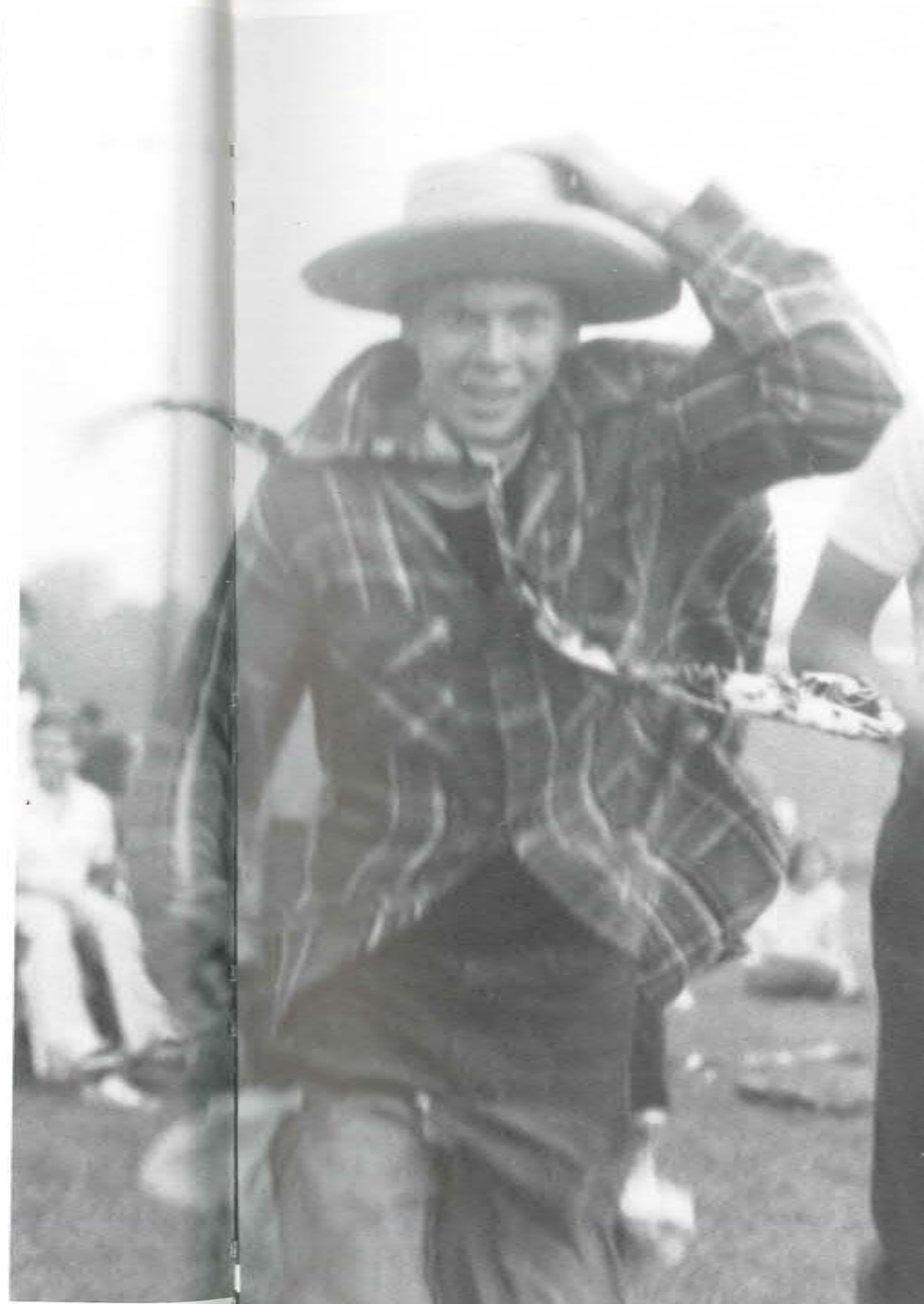


The forever present studying under the willow.

Priscilla Morrison gets caught by the camera.

At S.A. Fall Picnic the sophomores 'pull' together.

The traditional lighting of the Christmas tree.



Cathy Edwards concentrates on the "unmistakably Nielsen" biology quiz.

Running from the great Depression of the 1930's, Scott Larson appears at Handshake.



# RELIGION



# Getting To Know God In The Heart Of The Mountains

The morning is overcast and chilly. A heavy mist shrouds Balsum Mountain like a cloak and Fletcher students snuggle a little deeper into their jackets. Mr. Ingersoll strums his guitar and asks if anyone has a favorite. Students call out their choices and soon our voices unite and echo over the age-old Smokey Mountains. After song service, Elder Watson leads a thought provoking discussion of the Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Litchfield gives the final message of an inspiring

Week-of-Prayer. Later, when dinner is finished we divide up, with the more energetic people taking the long hike and the rest going on the shorter one. After struggling back up the steep paths, we plop down in the cool grass to recover and eat some supper before heading home.

Sabbath in the Smokies is over until next year but we carry away with us a feeling of closeness to God that will live on for a long time to come.



Elder Al Watson makes the lesson study interesting and enjoyable.



Mr. Jim Ingersoll, along with George Sermerheim and Mark Petitt, lead out in song service with a few of our favorites.

Tonia Barnwell lets her mind wander to "other things" during the Sabbath sermon.



Finding it much easier to travel on wheels, Connie Thompson and Heather Naiman hitch a ride on Tim Kroll's hot-rod.

Becky Robinson, Leland Krum, and Miss Beverly Dickerhoff make the hills ring with "the sound of music."

Kim Fuqua and Romana Petrovich finish up their dinner with a brownie from the Fletcher Academy Cafeteria.



Mr. Dunn challenges students with parable of bus trip off to the "all too pleasant" scene.

After an eventful registration day, handshake is closed with vespers down on the field.

Mr. Brown rouses up the song service with his zesty spirit.

Working hard as usual, the choir practices for their church service performance.



Vespers offers a "view from above."

Roger Krum and Juanita Hayes witness to others during our Annual Ingathering Day.



## The Greatest Love Of All

Fletcher Academy is a Christian school designed to create an atmosphere in which students gain ample opportunities to develop a relationship with Christ. While academics are important, most anybody will tell you that developing this relationship is the most important thing that you'll ever do.

The spiritual atmosphere at Fletcher has improved dramatically over the past few years. With the initiation of such programs as Thursday Night for

Christ and the Last Day Events study group, there are more students aware of their spiritual welfare than ever before. Clubs like AYBL, Circuit Riding Preachers, and Clown Ministries are providing a way for students to share their new-found friend with others.

While not everyone is getting involved, we hope to continue to provide the opportunities to learn about, and to share, the greatest love of all.



Louis Kanosa presents a special vespers to the students.

Sue Yingling "tickles the ivories" while playing for another song service in the chapel.

Blondel Senior stresses the effect of repetition in his Sabbath morning seminar.

The Southern College Symphonic Orchestra enlightens a Friday evening vespers to Fletcher.

Litch makes our Week of Prayer entertaining as a well as spiritually motivating with his contented outlook on life.

As our hearts are stirred by his message, Litch gives us ideas for a better relationship with Christ.



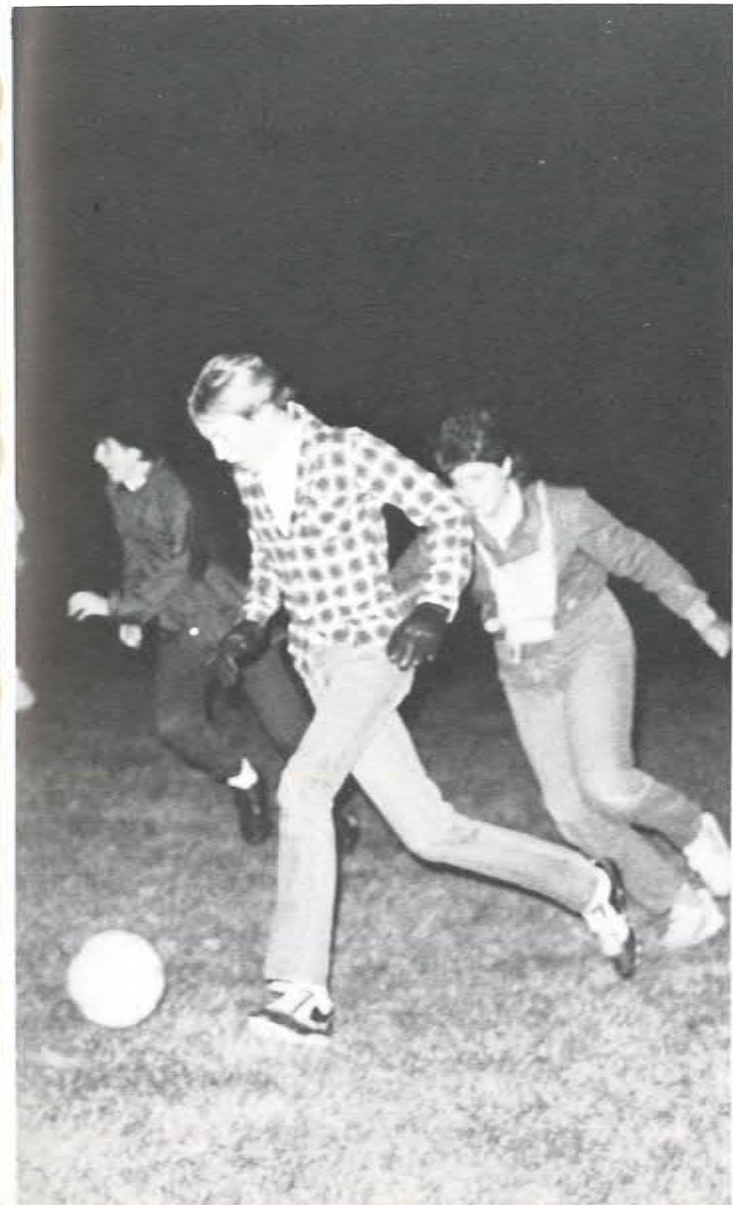
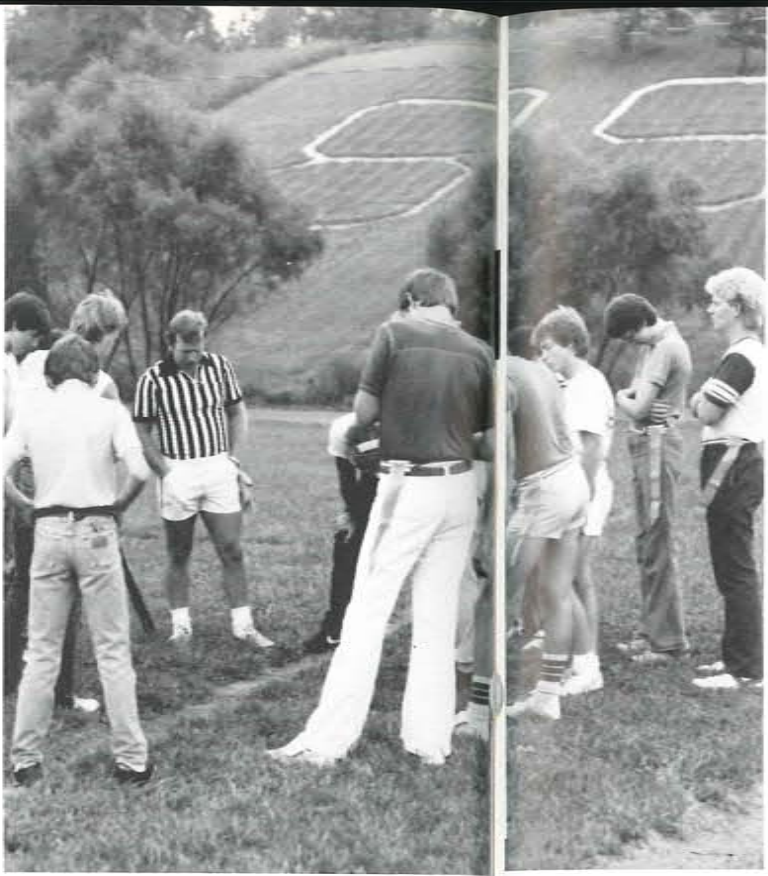


# SPORTS

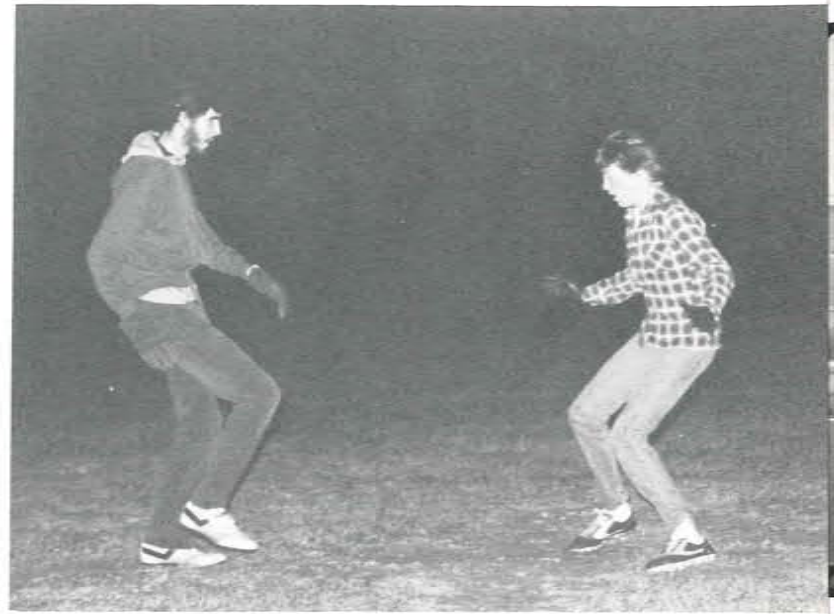




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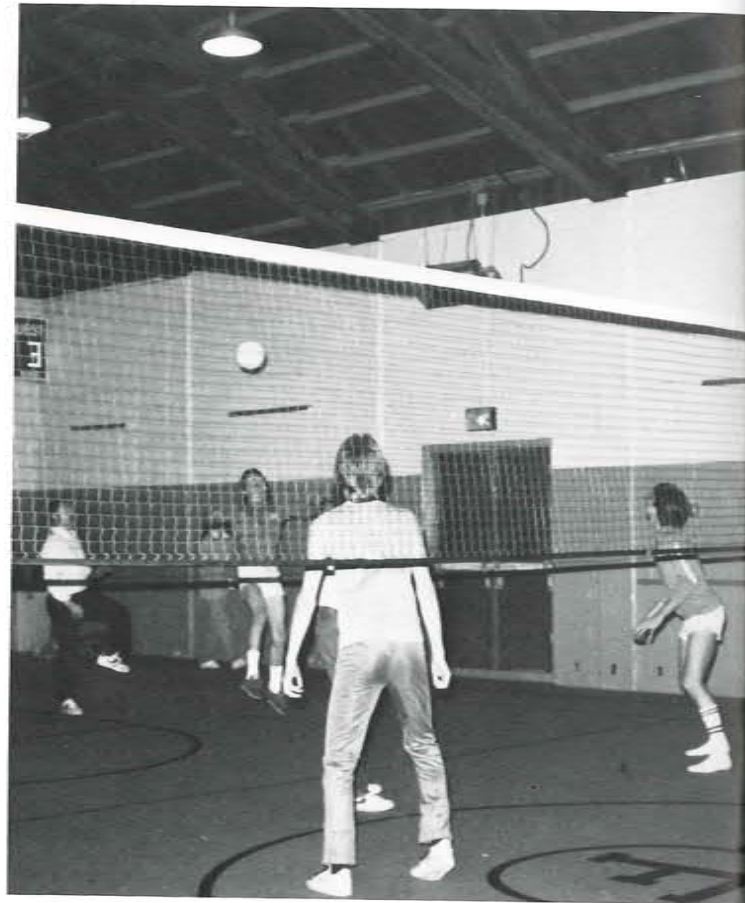


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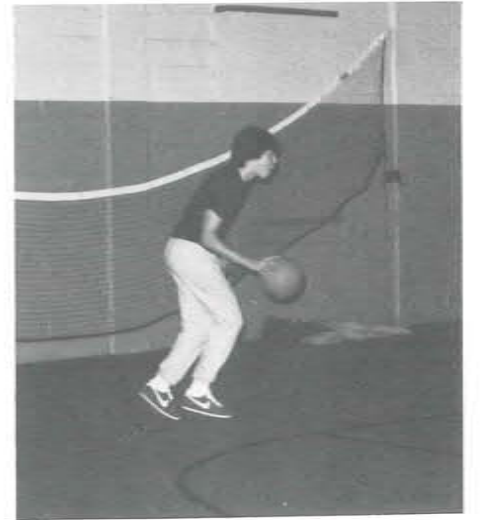




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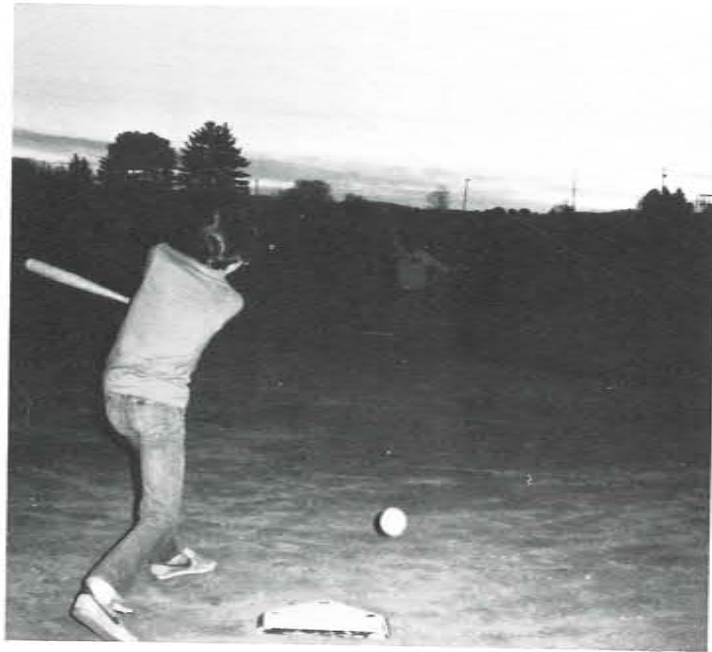
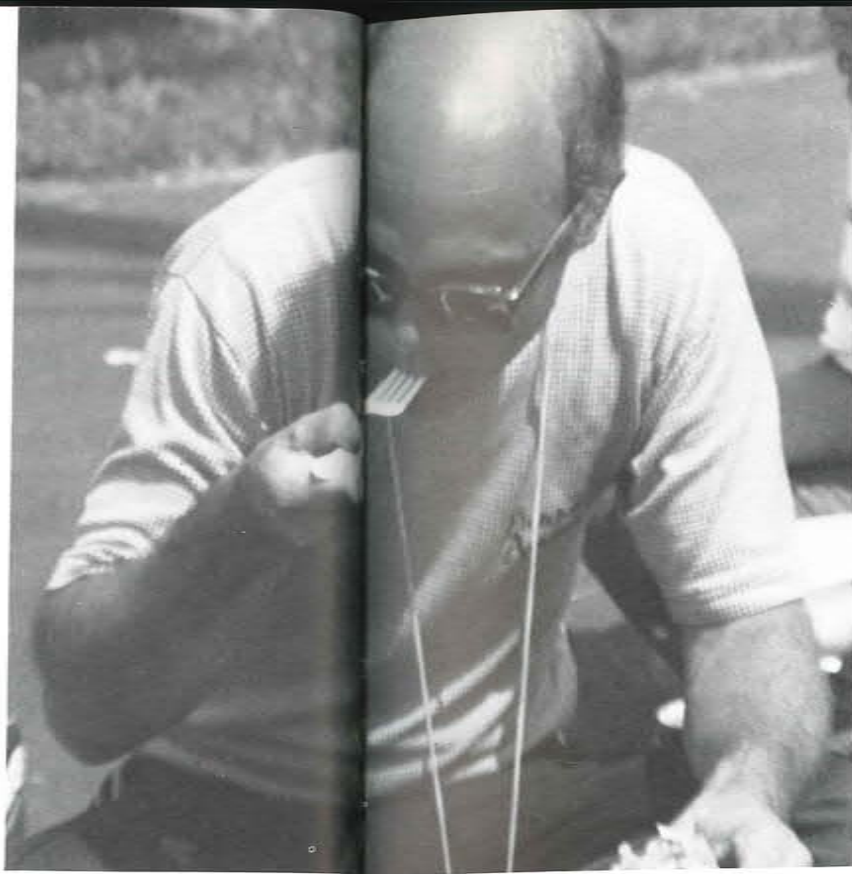


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# ORGANIZATIONS



# New Ideas For A Better Year

Student Association President Teddy Huskins and his energetic band of fellow officers started off the year with high hopes and lots of new ideas. S.A. organized a great fall picnic complete with awards ceremony and a rollicking Harvest Party. At Christmas time they sponsored a party for the Salvation Army children and once again gave the students a chance to experience the real joy of giving.

S.A. also introduced a new look this year with their original school shirts and christened us with a new name, the Fletcher Academy Arrows.



Student Association Officers:  
Becky Rowe, Parliamentarian; Bill Holt, Pastor; Janet Novak, Sponsor; Rochelle Battistone, Secretary; Ted Huskins, President; Tom McNeilus, Sponsor; Wade Sutherland, Rec Coordinator; Scott Mahrle, Vice President; J.P. Mathis, Sponsor; Sally Keller, Treasurer; Sarah Wolbert, P.R. Secretary.



## Girls' and Boys' Clubs Get into Action

The Girls' and Boys' Clubs have both enjoyed an activity-packed year. The girls spent a Sunday shopping and exploring the wonders of Gatlinburg and also raised money to re-decorate the lobby. The boys sponsored three-wheeler rides at the S.A. Fair, watched video shows, and pigged out at pizza feeds.

The two clubs combined efforts to produce a memorable Girls' Open House/Boys' Reception in December. Both organizations demonstrated great talent for bringing on original activities.



Girls' Club Officers:  
Tita Rivera, Pastorette; Becky Ingersoll, Sponsor; B.J. Smith, Rec Coordinator; Beverly Dickhoff, Sponsor; Heidi Walker, Chorister; Angie Earnhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Sally Keller and Roxanna Benson, Co-President; Romana Petrovich, Vice President.

Boys' Club Officers:  
Kevin DeSilva, Rec Coordinator; Wade Sutherland, Secretary/Treasurer; Tommy Warren, Vice President; Scott Mahrle, Pastor; Reggie Diggs, Parliamentarian; Steve Willis, President.

# Vive La Cercle Francais!

This year's French Club has enjoyed its most exciting year in recent memory. As a reward for two years of hard studying, during which time many secretly wondered whether the language wasn't really Martian in disguise, the club was able to spend a fun filled week in Montreal, Canada. The week's itinerary included Sabbath at a French speaking church, the magnificent Saint

Joseph's oratory and Notre Dame Cathedral, a tour of old Quebec city, a shopping spree in an underground mall, and a trip to the olympic stadium by a brave threesome who were unceremoniously booted out! The trip was an experience that will not soon be forgotten by the budding young French speakers.

French Club Officers:  
Brent Yingling, Sponsor; Mark Brunner, Vice President; Leland Krum, President.



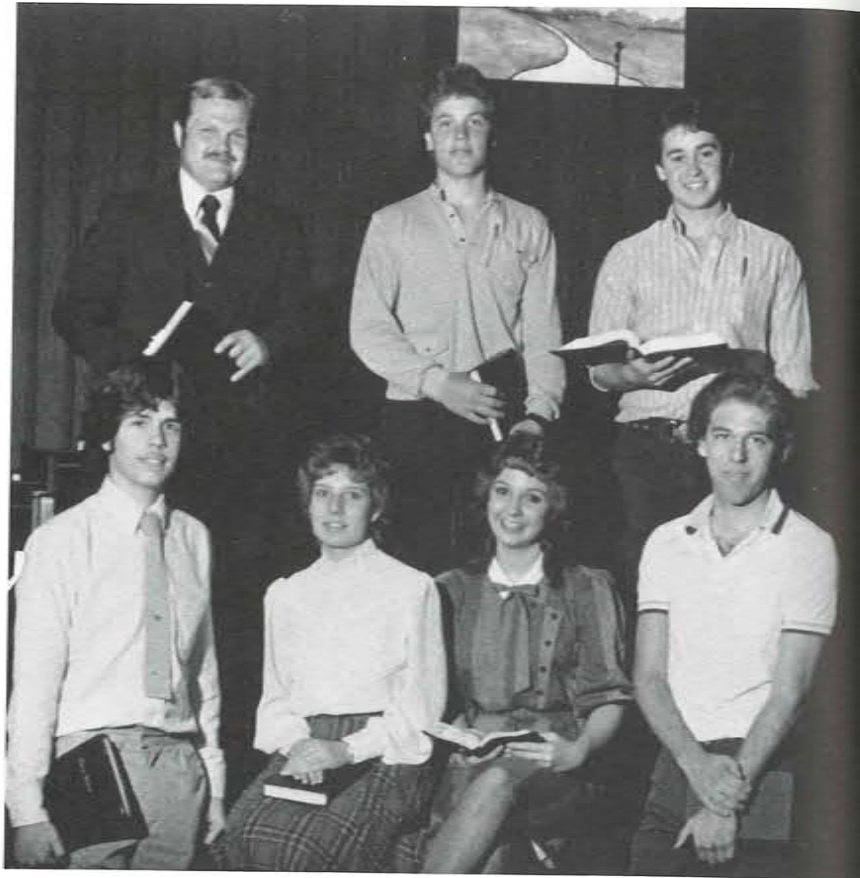
## The Memory Makers

Every day at 12:15 the English room transforms into a top secret laboratory for production of a unique, one-of-a-kind yearbook. The staff, working behind locked doors, spends many hours drawing layouts, selecting and cropping pictures, pounding the pavement for ads, and "sitting on it" in order to get everything just perfect for another top quality *Whispering Hills*.

Yearbook Staff:  
Kenny Zill, Photographer; Stacey Yurth, Business Manager; Sarah Wolbert, Editor; Connie Thompson, Typist; Rochelle Battistone, Assistant Editor; Bryce Wilkie, Photographer; Sally Keller, Ads Manager; Samuel James, Advisor; Kim Fuqua, Copy Editor; Mark Brunner, Business Manager (not pictured).

## Reviving An Old Tradition

Back when Grandma was little, circuit riding preachers used to travel around the country on horseback stopping at churches along the way to preach the "good news." Today's Circuit Riding Preachers are also spreading the word. The seven member group has traveled around to several small churches such as Banner Elk, Brevard and Dayton, teaching the Sabbath School lesson, rendering special music and delivering the sermon. When asked why he became a C.R. Preacher, one member said, "We feel we have many good topics that are needed in today's churches, and it is our duty to present them."



Circuit Riding Preachers:  
Al Watson, Scott Krushingner, Ted Huskins, Bill Holt, Sally Keller, Rochelle Battistone, Scott Mahrle.

## Reaching Out

Fletcher's AYBL team is involved in the special work of reaching out to help others. This year's temperance team has been traveling around to area elementary schools to show the harmful effects of drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol. These programs consist of films, talks about the harmful effects of these substances, and discussions with some students individually. The team has been very encouraged by many reports and letters of students who have changed their habits after attending one of these programs.



AYBL Team:  
Jim Ingersoll, Michelle Williams, Ted Huskins, Scott Mahrle, Bill Holt, Rochelle Battistone, Al Watson.

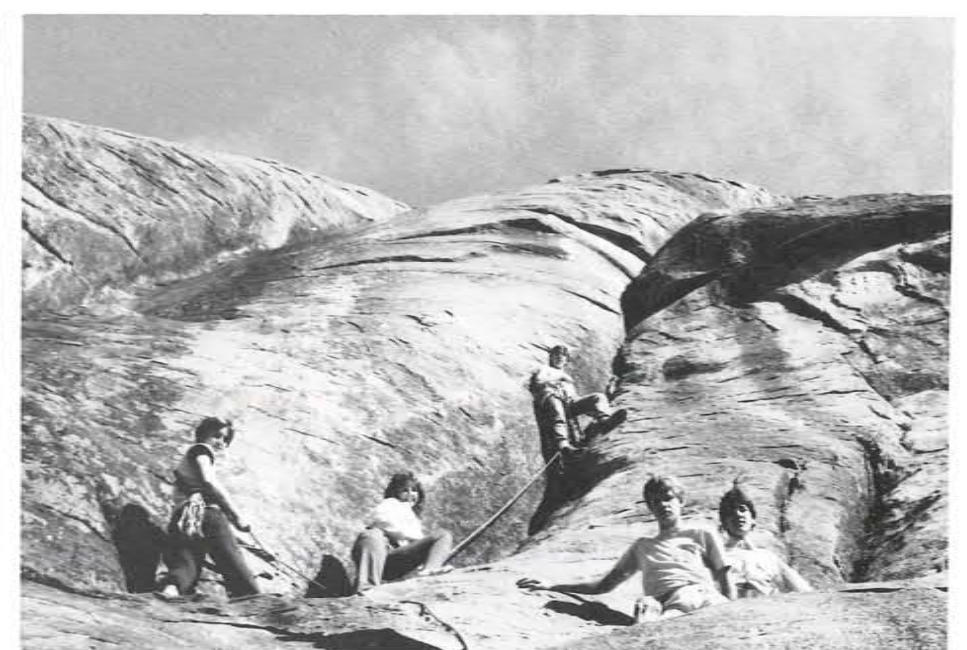


## Having A Blast Outdoors

Marching up towering mountains without a single huff ... braving the sub-zero winter winds ... setting stoves on fire ... "Who is this extraordinary group?" you ask. Why, the Outdoor Club, of course! This year's club has had a blast camping out in such places as Turkey Pen Gap, Camp II, and John's Rock. Campouts are famous for waterfights, late night games of sardines and kick-the-can, gorging on M & M's, watching Connie's attempts to become Chef Tell, and then trying to eat the delicacies before Mr. James's dog, Sandy gobbles them up. Exploring the great outdoors was never so much fun.

A new club has added itself to our ranks this year. The Rock Climbing Club has decided to experience this daredevil sport first hand. They have attacked such rocks as Looking Glass, Devil's Courthouse, and Gilbert Rock.

Outdoor Club Officers:  
Howard Hall, Sponsor; Kenny Zill, Vice President; Becky Robinson, Secretary/Pastorette; Bryce Wilkie, President; Samuel James, Sponsor.





# Yingling Inspires Choir To Its Potential

The 1984-85 Choir sings under the qualified direction of Mrs. Sue Yingling. Their singing experiences have included tours as well as frequent home performances and concerts.

The Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church especially appreciates the choir for their regular participation in the church service there. The responses and special musics that they have prepared nearly every Sabbath are polished and articulate.

What many see of the choir is the performances only. Behind the scenes there is a strong unity and a cooperation — necessary ingredients for the refined performances that Mrs. Yingling demands.

Says Shannon VanHooser of the soprano section, "It's like being a member of a great big ball team. We all pull together. We know we've got to win!"

On the evening of December 14 the

choir performed its Annual Christmas Concert. Touching readings by Dr. Bernard Seaton were interwoven among anthems by the choir, trumpets, violins, piano, organ, and even actors from Captain Gilmer Elementary School.

The choir is very active. It is the memory of these trips and performances that we students will treasure for the rest of our lives.

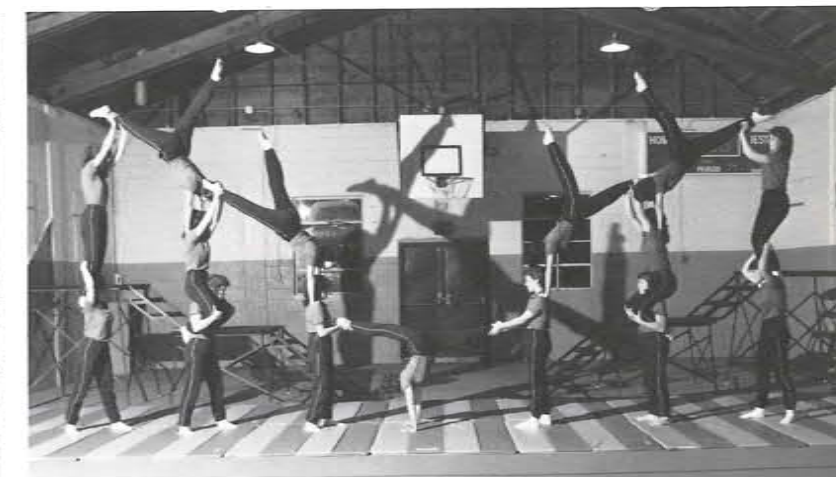
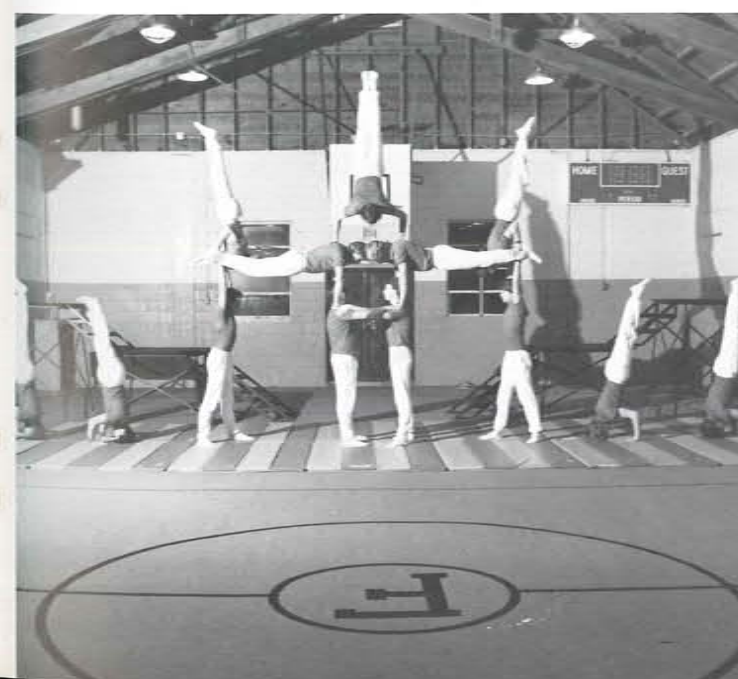


# Gymnasts Put on Polished Performances

This year's gymnastics team has had a great year of exciting trips and rousing performances under the direction of June and Don Mathis. Early in the fall they traveled to Southern College for a

workshop, taught by none other than Steve Elliot, the first American to win the world championship in gymnastics. They have performed in Marietta, GA; Charlotte and Raleigh, NC; and at sev-

eral local elementary schools. The spirited group finished out the year with a stunning show for the home team fans.



## Banding Talent Together for a Unique Sound

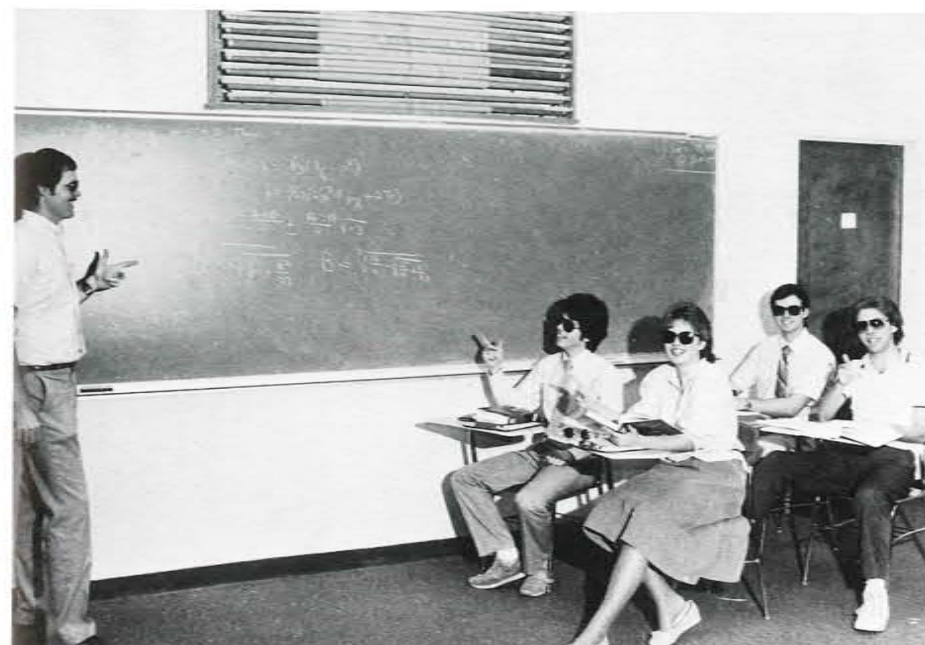
Mr. Cox has once again combined and arranged the school's musical talent to produce a band with a sound all it's own. This year's band has done quite a bit of performing, traveling to Highland Academy, Knoxville, and Washington D.C. They even joined Mt. Pisgah Academy's band in a four-hour play-a-thon on January 13.



## Clowning Around

Clown Ministries is a group of funny-looking people with a unique sense of humor. The club members paint on their faces with special make-up used by professional clowns, dress up in outrageous costumes, and descend upon the local hospitals, nursing homes, and daycare centers, spreading love and good cheer. The clowns tell stories, put on skits they have written themselves and sing songs for their audiences. The group's aim is to spread God's love by showing that religion can be fun.

Clown Ministers:  
 Ted Huskins, Treasurer; Karen Keaton, Vice President; Reudy Webster, President; Judi Vogt, Treasurer; Al Watson, Sponsor.



## Mathematical Thrills

The Math Club is a group of would-be scholars who hold before the school quality mathematics and demonstrate quantifiers, negations, progressions, relations, and interpolations at their best. To those of this club nothing holds more excitement than the perfections and expressions surrounding the world of the mathematician. Representing their school at area math contests, going on field trips, and participating in math activities give these students just the extra little thrills they need.

Math Club Officers:  
 Tom McNeilus, Sponsor; Bill Holt, Pastor; Sonya Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer; Gary Bradley, Parliamentarian; Scott Mahrle, President; Myrlene Marsa, Vice President (not pictured).



# ACADEMICS



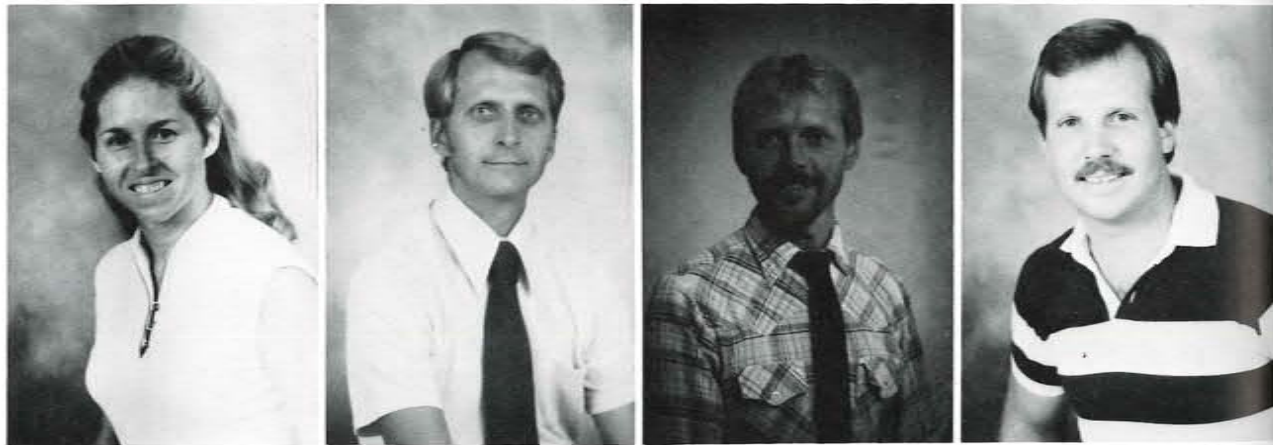
Gordon Brown  
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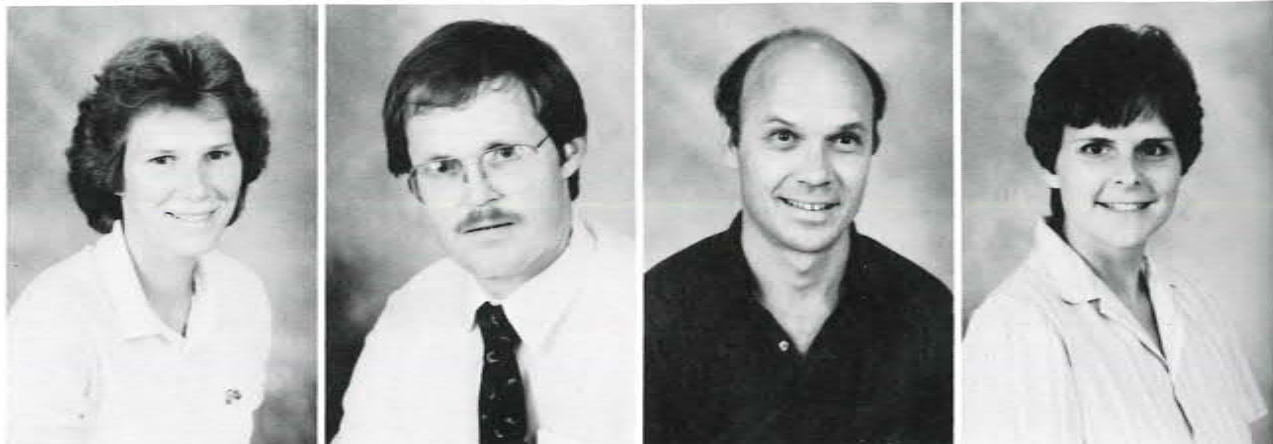
Diane Dunn  
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Gene Haas  
Howard Hall



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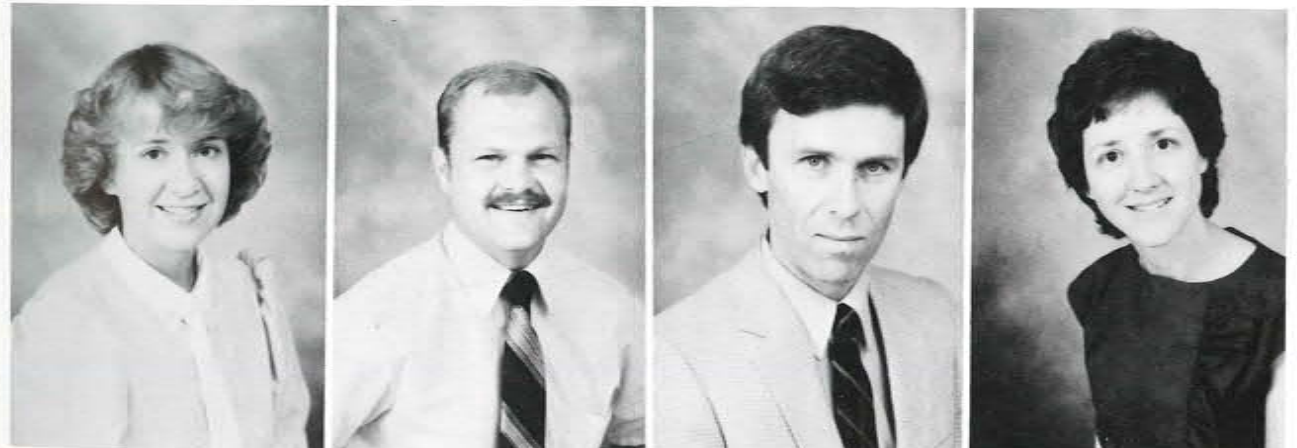


June Mathis  
Tom McNeilus  
Richard Neilsen  
Janet Novak



## Fletcher Academy Faculty

Richard Neilsen, Sam James, Brent Yingling, Sue Yingling, Beverly Dickerhoff, Diane Dunn, Roy Dunn, Don Mathis, June Mathis, Al Watson, Jim Ingersoll, Gordon Brown, Gene Haas, Charlotte Taylor, Tom McNeilus, Janet Novak, Howard Hall, Waunita Dennis, Becky Ingersoll, Debbie Shaw, Randy Cox.



Debbie Shaw  
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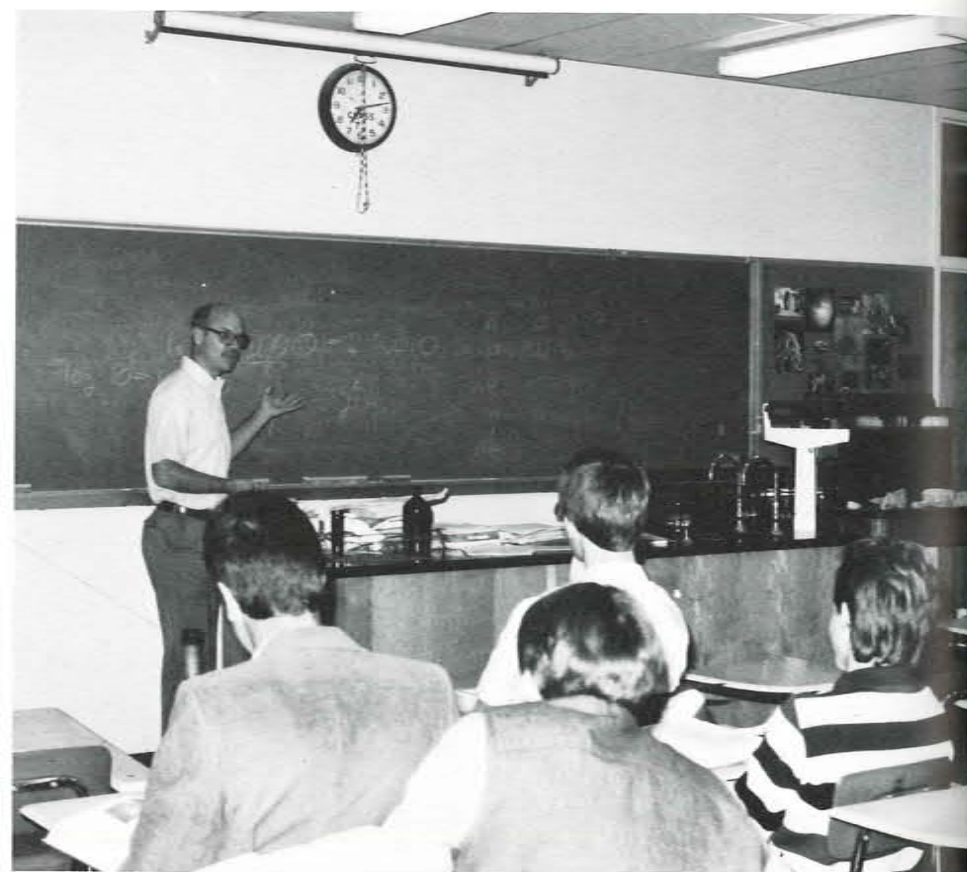
# Gaining Importance in a New Age

With the computer age and advanced technology now the powerful forces of our time, math and science have taken on a new importance. Of course nothing could please Mr. McNeilus and Mr. Neilsen more. These two connoisseurs of the math and science world are never happier than when covering a whole chalkboard with an algebra problem or explaining the mysteries of the human body.

Mr. McNeilus has been here for three years and has inspired an interest in math, the like of which has never been seen at Fletcher in recent memory.

Mr. Neilsen, who has occupied the science department for eight years, is famous for his pop quizzes, tough tests, and baffling labs.

When you come out of one of these classes, it's with the knowledge that you have really learned something.



# Seeing Things in a Different Light

The Art and Industrial Arts Departments this year are headed up by four creative innovators.

Mr. Howard Hall is the industrial arts teacher, helping students learn useful skills in woodworking, drafting, general shop and Auto I.

In the fine arts area, Mr. James and Mrs. Dunn inspire students to express themselves through drawing, painting, printmaking and ceramics. Dean Mathis teaches the delicate art of capturing life on film.



# Strains of Beauty Music and Bouncing Balls

"O.K. on three." The baton taps three times and an uproar explodes.

"Wait! Hold it! Cut!"

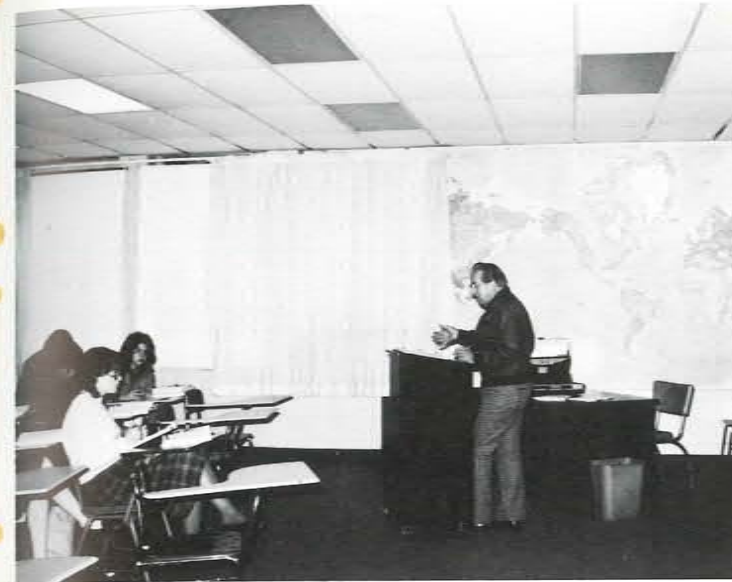
For three years Mr. Cox has patiently attempted to make beautiful music out of chaos, and he's done a remarkable job. His winning personality also makes him a favorite among the stu-

dents.

Our new choir director, Mrs. Sue Yingling has brought in her own unique ideas on how a choir should be run. Mrs. Yingling demands a lot from her singers, but it has paid off in their fine performances.

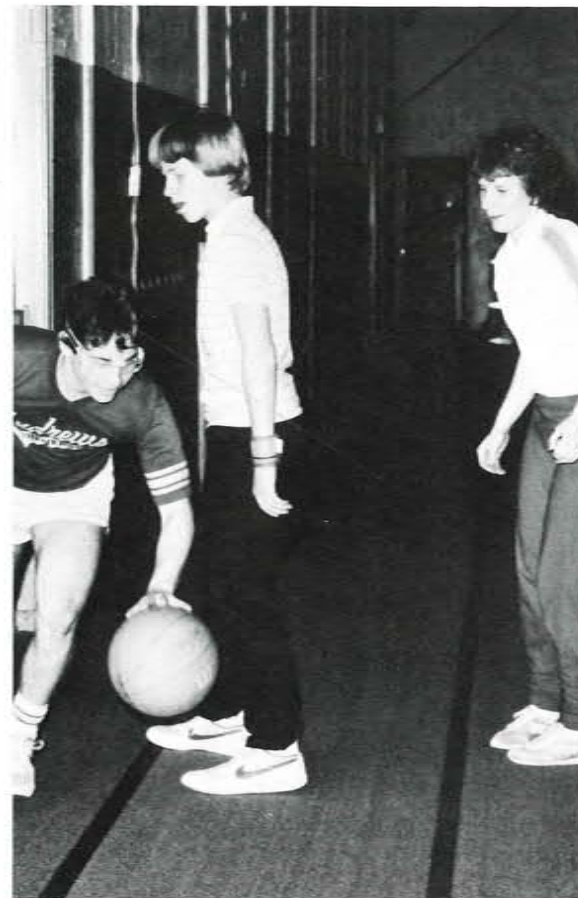
Basketball, volleyball, tennis and flag-

ball are all part of J.P.'s game. June Mathis has been our physical education teacher for five years during which she has become known not only as a great teacher, but as a great friend. Together J.P. and Dean Mathis do an outstanding job as coaches of the gymnastics team, encouraging each student to be the best that he can be.



# Bringing the Past and the Future to Life

This year has proved to be a real history-maker at Fletcher with one of the most important events being the return of our beloved Elder Haas and Mr. Brown. These two history buffs have united their special talents to bring the events of the past to life in today's classroom. Mr. Brown reveals the mysteries of the world while Elder Haas fuels our national pride with the story of our American heritage. History was never so interesting.



Religion classes have been a mixture of different subjects and viewpoints depending on which of the four teachers you had. Elder Watson, who is also our campus chaplain, taught the sophomores how to learn from other's mistakes. Mr. Ingersoll heads the freshmen and junior classes in their efforts to show others Christian love. Mr. Dunn helped to prepare the seniors for their future lives but handed over the reins to our newest staff addition, Mr. Burks. While each teacher is unique, they are all bound together by one desire — to help their students gain a better knowledge of Christ.

# Learning to Communicate

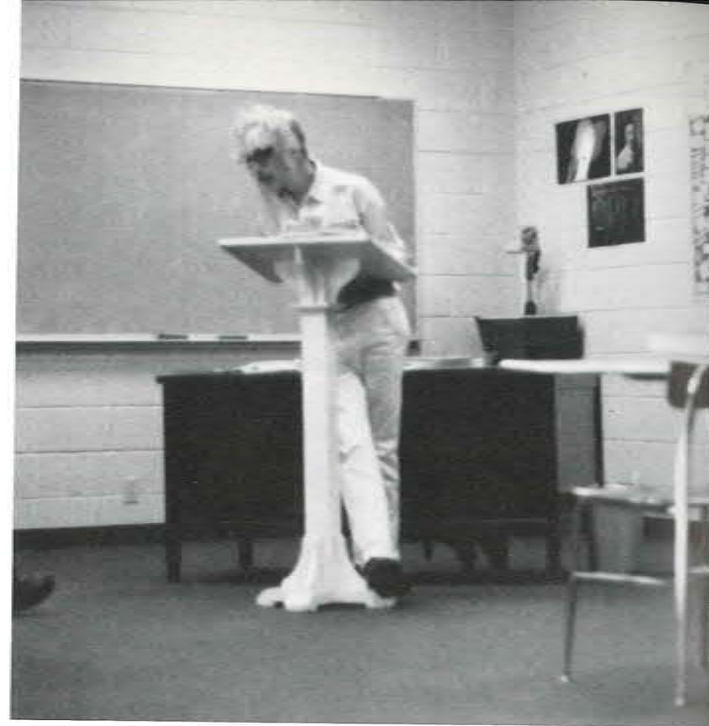
From MacBeth to subordinate clauses to Premier Livre, language is an important part of life. Here at Fletcher we are blessed with two masters of the art, Mr. Sam James and Mr. Brent Yingling.

Mr. James expounds the intrigues of grammar, composition, and creative writing in English II while helping the seniors in English IV to prepare for the ACT, grasp the complexities of English literature, or just write, write, write.

Downstairs Mr. Yingling helps the freshmen struggle through their first year of high school English, leads the juniors through the avenues of essay writing and also suffers through the mispronunciations of Frenches I and II.

Together they attempt to make sure every student is not lacking in language skills.

Mrs. Dennis controls our library where students can come to research topics for term papers, catch up on the latest periodical articles, or relax with an exciting book.



# Skills for the Future

The Business Education Department experienced a little upheaval this year when our ten year veteran Mrs. Sharon Lewis, left unexpectedly to serve as medical staff secretary at the hospital. However, Mrs. Novak, who is also the registrar, along with Mrs. Charlotte

Taylor, soon had the students busy again with typing, accounting, and word processing. Business education teaches valuable skills not only for jobs but also the average person.

students with basic sewing and cooking skills and in home ec elective, she teaches them tips for etiquette and the art of cake decorating. These skills are invaluable to anyone planning to have a home of her own.

In Home Ec I, Mrs. Shaw endows her





# CLASSES





# FRESHMEN

## Freshmen

### A fresh new look

Freshmen always seem to stand out from all the other classes. Perhaps it's their wide wondering eyes; their obvious difficulties at finding lockers, classes, and books; or the far-out stunts for which freshmen are notorious. At the same time, however, they also bring a fresh outlook on life, one that is full of hope, energy and carefree laughter. Without this important contribution, Fletcher would not be the same. After all, if there were no freshmen who would become sophomores, juniors, or seniors?



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Melissa Baggett  
Tonya Barnwell  
Reginald Bell



Jean Bradley

Robbie Gettys looks on wistfully as the soccer game unfolds.



Kenneth Brown



Bruce Brunner  
Rachael Burger  
Shawn Collins

# FRESHMEN

Daniel Coon  
Tonia Cotter  
Timothy Crabtree



Carol Hall  
John Harrington  
June Hawkes

Deborah Crowe  
Carla Elkins  
Laura Freeman



Julie Hayward  
Richard Hodges  
Andra Huggins

Lisa Gettys

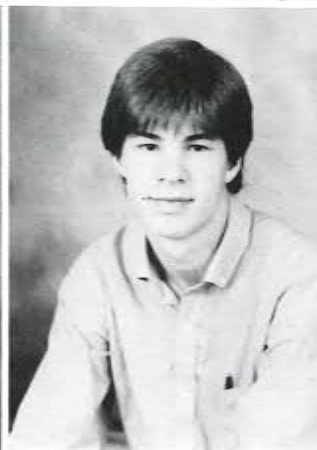


Relaxing in between classes, Kim Johnson and Tonya Barnwell snoop through a special sales catalog.



William Huggins  
David Huneycutt

Robert Gettys



Kimberly Johnson  
Keith Jones



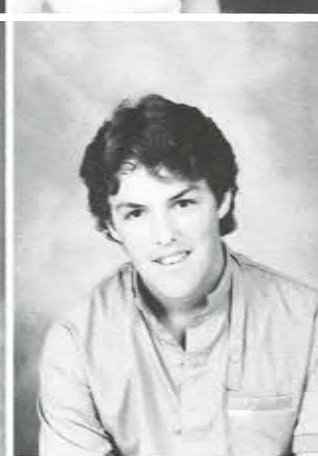
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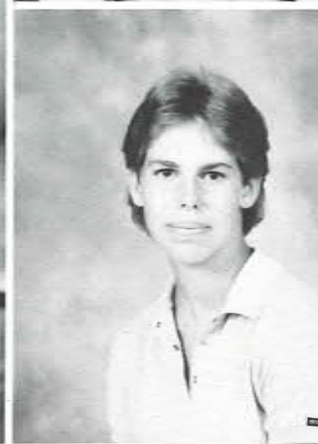
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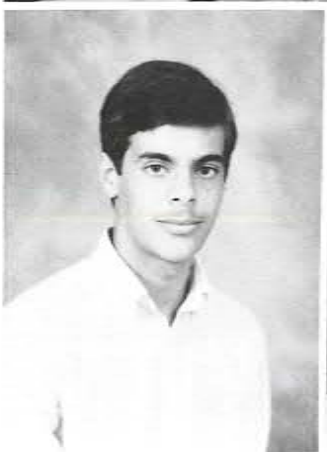
Regi Bell gets a little bug-eyed in  
Mr. Nielsen's science class.



David Rowe  
William Shepherd



Amanda Stanley  
Rhonda Sumner



Samuel Leonor  
Tammy Lucieer  
Dawn Polivka



William Vogel  
Anna Marie Weems  
Stephanie Zalabak

# FRESHMEN

# SOPHOMORES

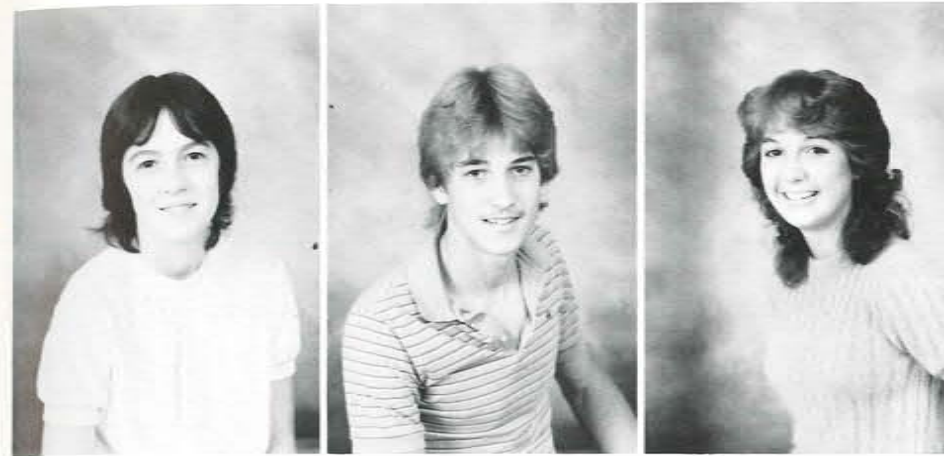
## Sophomores On the move

Now that they have some experience under their belt, the Sophomores are more confident in themselves and their goals. Having shed the freshman image for a new maturity they face the tough academic year ahead with courage and determination. Meanwhile they eagerly anticipate becoming upperclassmen, the next step up on the ladder.



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Greg Barnes  
Rochelle Battistone



Rodrick Bell  
Chris Both  
Amber Bradford



Michelle Brown  
Janesta Bryant  
Ralph Childers



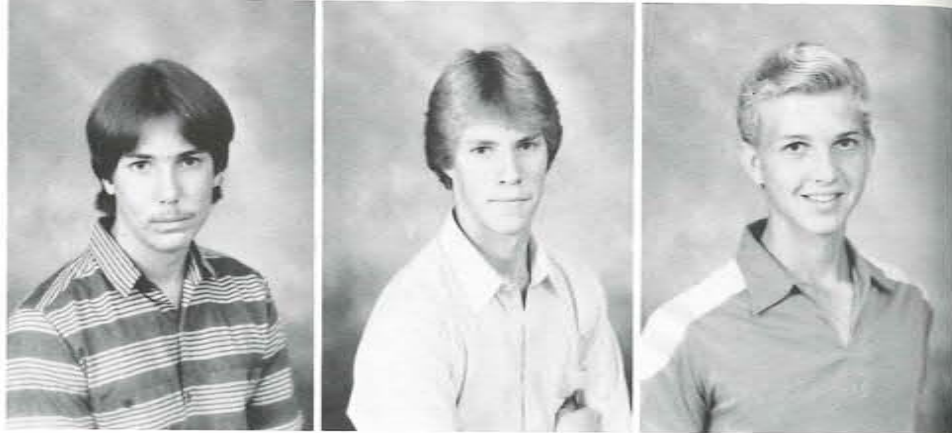
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Maya Donohoe  
Carolyn Ealy

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Angie Earnhardt  
Cathy Edwards  
Michelle Foster



Paul Gentile  
James Gettys  
Carl Hall Jr.



Vikki Hayward  
Angie Heath  
Troy Hollenbeck



Quinten Huggins  
Todd Jenks  
Anissa Johnson



Kerry Jongema  
Tim Kroll  
Laura Kuist



Kelly Leazer  
Craig Mahrle  
Joann Mendosa



Scot Montgomery



Tim Kroll takes life on the roll.



Jenny Myers



# SOPHOMORES

Heather Naiman



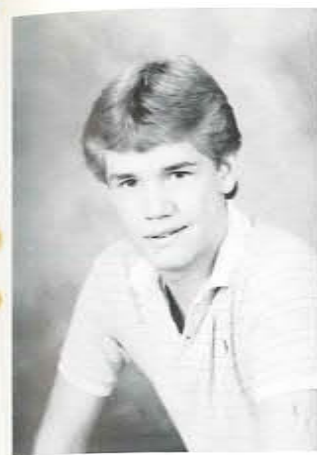
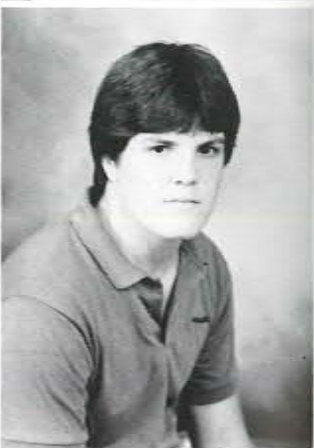
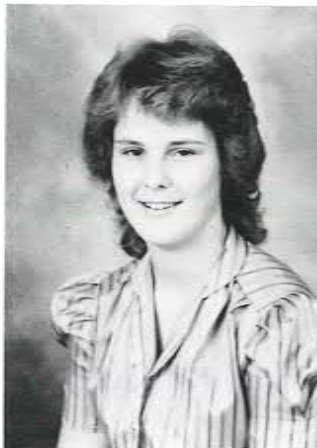
Jon Nash

During his free period before biology class, Quinten Huggins contemplates the deep mysteries of worm dissection.

Kellie Norton  
David Ringer  
Phillip Roberts



Becky Robinson  
Billy Rowell  
Brooke Schlatter



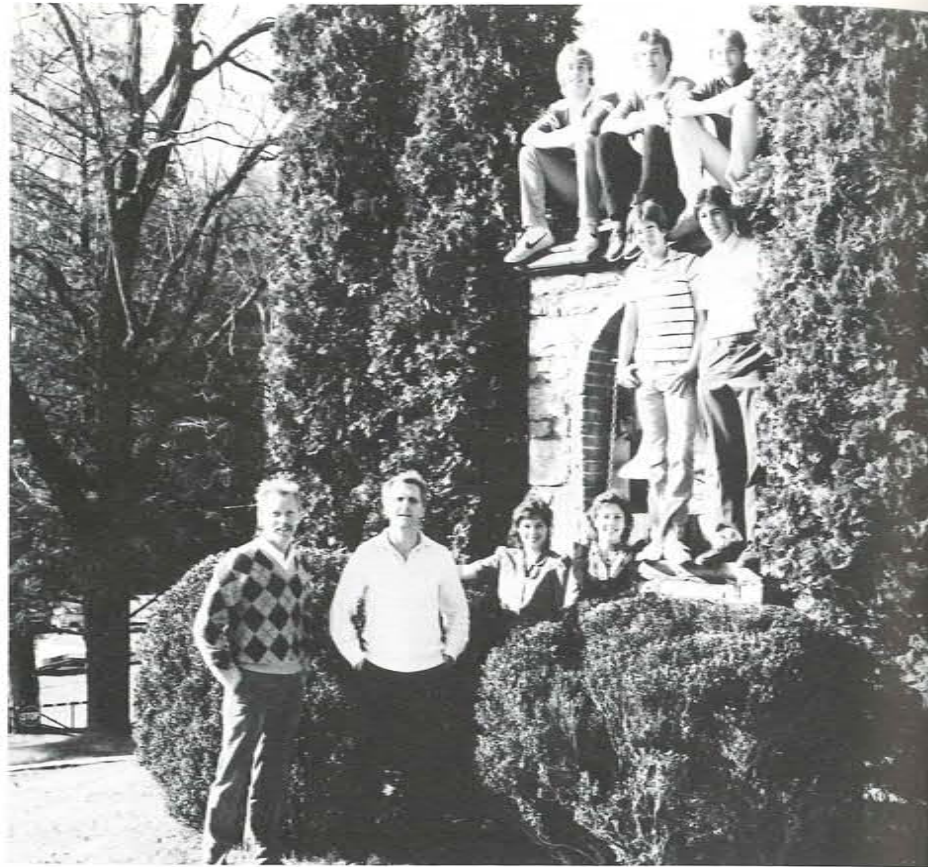
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Connie Thompson  
Craig Trace  
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Shannon VanHooser  
Judi Vogt  
Heidi Walker

Michelle Williams  
Christy Wynn  
Kenneth Zill

# JUNIORS



## Juniors

### Upperclassmen at last

The juniors are basking in the glory of their newly acquired title. The end is in sight and they are attacking academy life with renewed vigor. They have undertaken several fund raising projects including cleaning Smiley's Flea Market and selling school hats. But even as their excitement bubbles, they are being infected with a new sense of ma-

turity. The realization dawns that it is time for some serious future planning.

After flexing their muscle a little by winning the fall picnic and putting on a dynamic Junior-Senior Banquet, the juniors showed everyone that they are ready to face and challenge and succeed.

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After speaking with Mr. McNeilus, Rober Krum attacks the algebraic equations with ease.



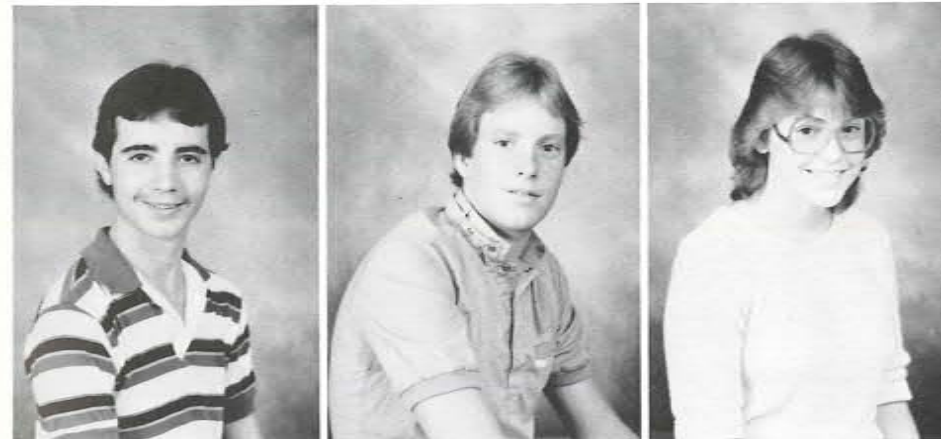
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Sonya Anderson  
Judy Arnold



Adam Blackburn  
Kerry Brockway  
Mark Brunner



John Byrne  
Cynthia Clark  
Tony Collier



Steve Coon  
Keith Courtney  
Stella Duncan

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Jennifer Elkins  
Edith Farmer  
Keith Freeman

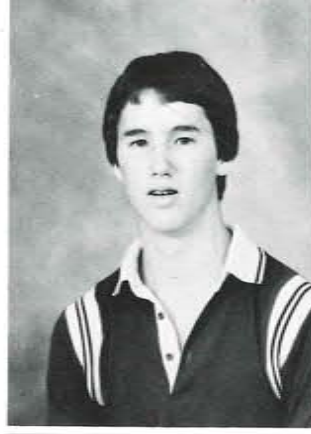


Edna Gentry



Gene Krishingner enthusiastically helps out with the dishes at Nosoca Pines.

Randy Goodwin



Vince Griesman  
Colleen Harrington  
Chris Hodges



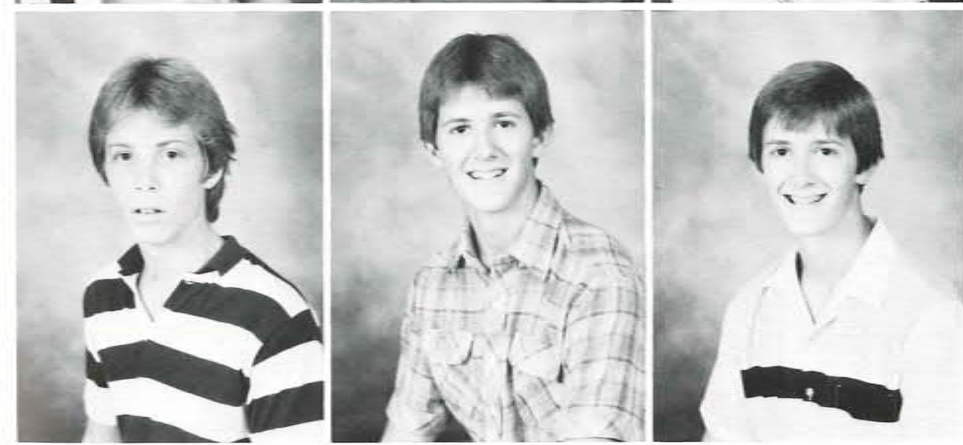
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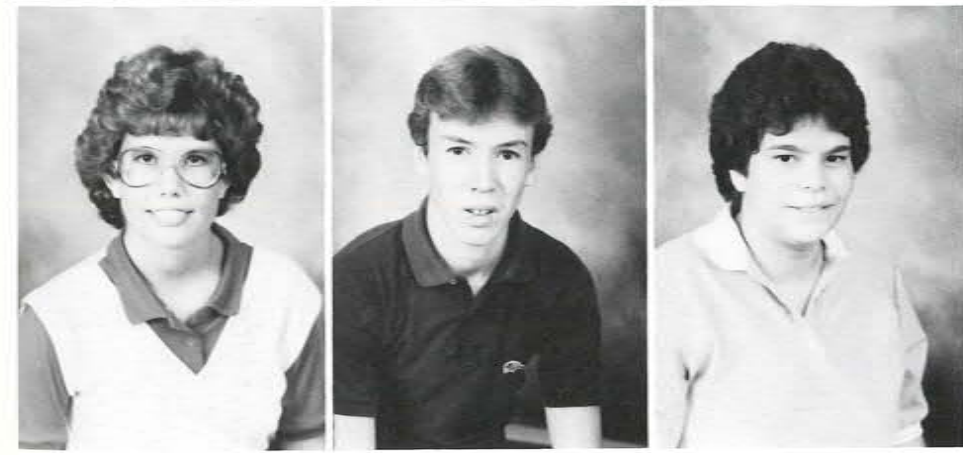
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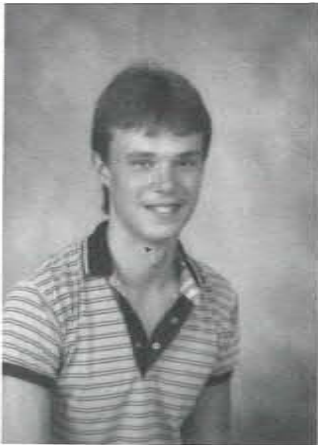
Sherie Kwinter  
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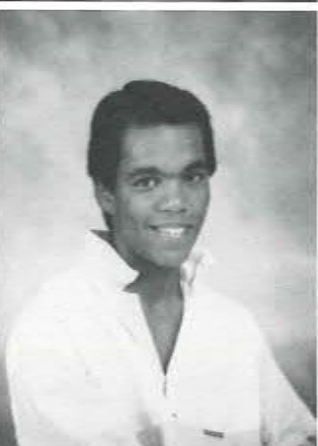
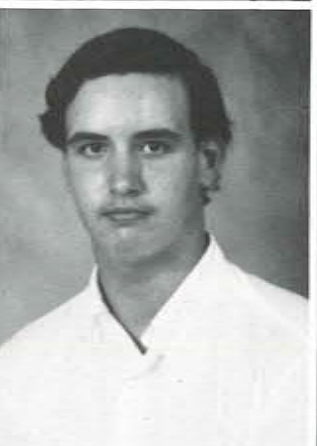
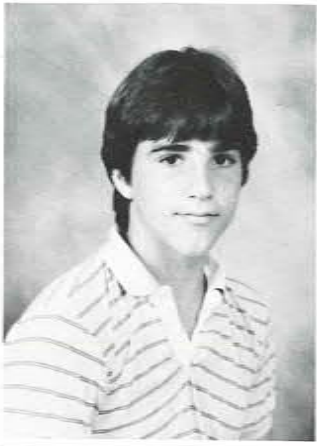
Lori Myers



Roxy Sumner  
Eli Toro

"Principal Wilkie" helps out with another crisis.

Timothy Olsen



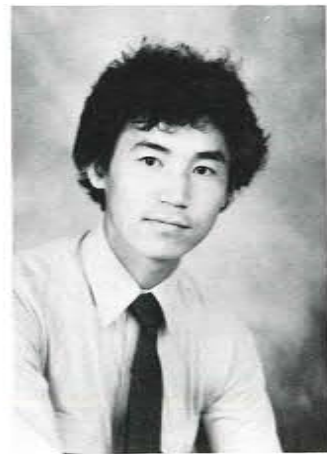
David Vaughn  
Ruddy Webster

Esther Pae  
Esther Parkins  
Mark Pettit



Julie Whitesides  
Bryce Wilkie  
Stacey Yurth

# CLASS OF 1985



Hon Su Chon  
Special student

## Prez Conference Interviewing The President

On January 16, Kim Fuqua, Whispering Hills' Copy Editor, interviewed Gary Bradley, President of the Class of '85.

Whispering Hills: What do you think the class of '85's greatest influence has been on '86, '87, '88?

President Bradley: I guess it's been one of respect and appreciation for all the freshmen, sophomore, and junior members. Without their support and help, our senior year would not be complete.

W.H.: What do you think the class of '85 will be like in ten years? Or even fifty years?

P.B.: In ten years you're going to see who has gotten married and possibly their younger family members. You're going to see what careers they have chosen and how they're doing in life. I think the Class of '85 will be almost like the other classes before us; people working hard making a success of their lives.

In fifty years most of us will be sixty-five to seventy. Some of us won't make it back to an Alumni Weekend; some of us won't be able to and some may be dead. But in those that do make it back, you'll be able to see by the lines in their faces how their life has been spent. I think that showing in the faces of those who do come back, will be a special appreciation for life and pride in a life spent in service for others.

W.H.: How do you think the class of '85 will be best remembered?

P.B.: I believe ours is a very caring class. We care about other school members, faculty, and our own classmates. Although it is not always on the surface, this caring attitude is an undercurrent which runs through

the class. I think that when we graduate and come back as alumni, '85 will be remembered as the class that cares.

W.H.: What are your class goals for this year? And what are your long-term goals?

P.B.: For this year the main goal is to graduate and to try to come out with some respectable grades. The next goal is to have a good class trip. I think the final goal for the class this



year is to enjoy their senior year at academy.

# The Long And Tiresome Road

First they were wide-eyed, bungling freshmen. Picked on by every one, it seemed they would never reach the respectability of seniors. The next two years brought a growing maturity and increasing favorable recognition from their peers.

Finally in the twilight of their junior

year it began to dawn on them that the long struggle was nearly over. They were about to bear that most cherished title of "SENIORS."

Scarcely had the last graduate of '84 departed the church, when the new seniors were enroute to Strawberry Hill. Their first act as seniors was to

erase the old '84 and initiate with much pride the sparkling new '85.

Lest anyone be in doubt, they have only to listen to the spirited chants, see the excited faces, or glance at the hill to know that the Seniors of '85 have at long last arrived.



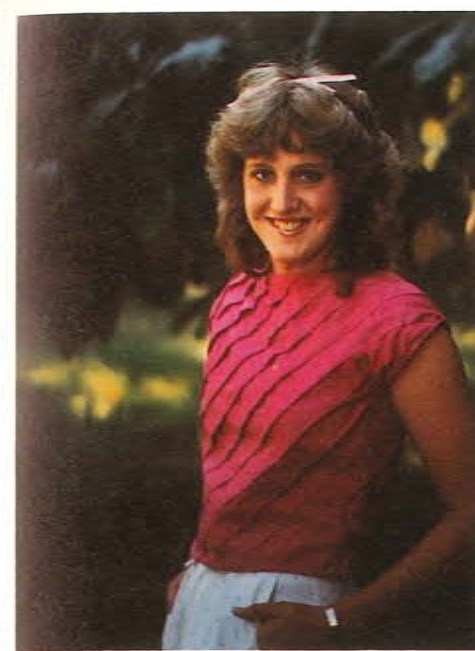
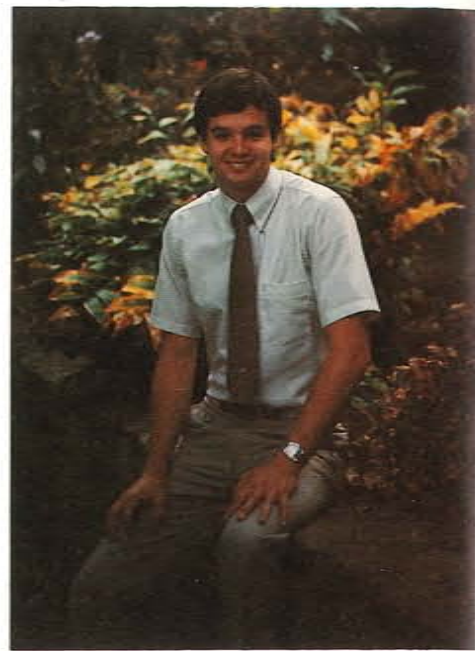
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Medical Secretary



Gary Furman Bradley, Jr.  
Electronic Engineer



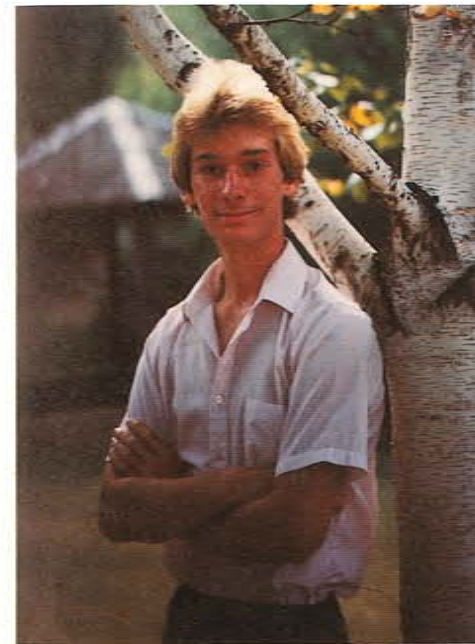
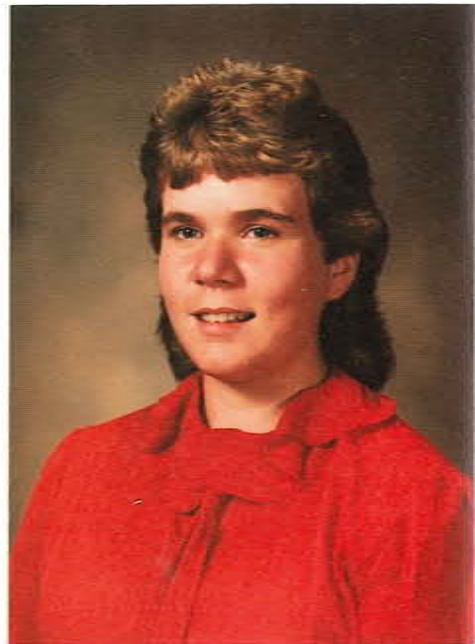
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Michelle Renae Butcher  
Cosmetologist



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State Patrolman

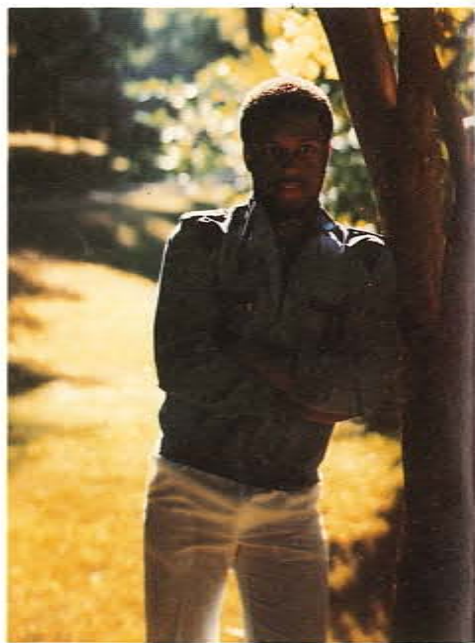
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Legal Secretary



Kevin Dale DeSilva  
Cartoonist



Samuel Reginald Diggs  
Accountant



Juanita Kathleen Hayes  
Registered Nurse

Arlinda Mae Heinlein  
Registered Nurse



# Four Year Seniors

## Patience and perseverance pay off

For four years, first as timid freshmen and now as seasoned seniors, they've graced the halls of Fletcher. They've stuck together through good

and bad, and each year they've returned for the challenge of another year. There exists among these four year students a special bond resem-

bling that of a family. As they look back on their four years, they are glad they went to Fletcher Academy and express regrets at leaving.

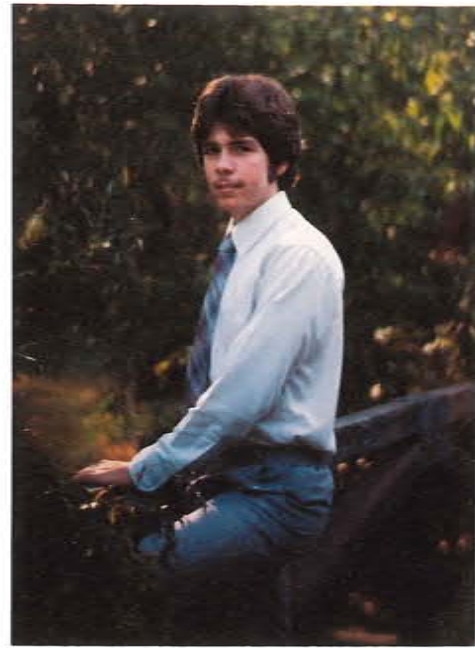


“ I'm glad I went all four years here. It feels like a family. ”  
Paula McCray

Left to right: Steve Willis, Becky Rowe, Sarah Wolbert, Bill Holt, Dawn Lippert, Reggie Diggs, Ted Huskins, B.J. Smith, Diane Ringer, Juanita Hays, Sally Keller, Sheri Hunt, Roxanna Benson, Debbie Reynolds, Paula McCray, Scott Marle, Kim Fuqua, David Edwards, Wesley Garven. Not Pictured: Gary Bradley, Amy Burger, Monica Sandborn, Jeff Wilkie.

AUTOGRAPHS  
'85

William Thomas Holt  
Minister



Ronald Dale Hoover  
Undecided



Sally Fay Keller  
Registered Nurse

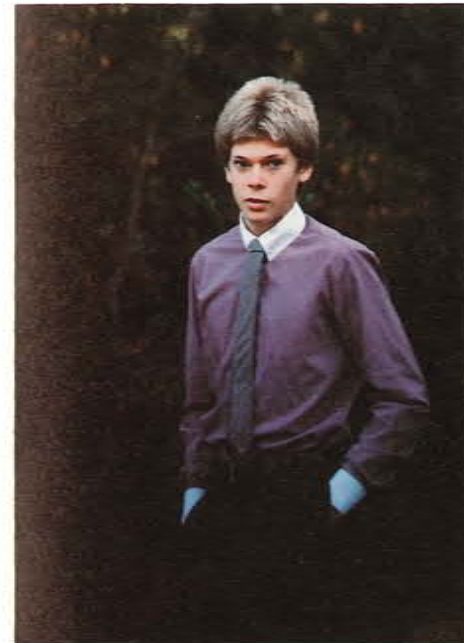
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Veterinarian



Shelly Lynn Hughes  
Singer



Sherylyn Kay Hunt  
Child Psychologist

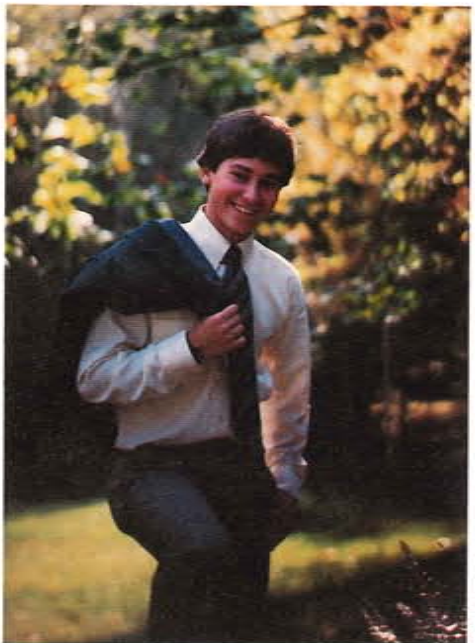


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Architect

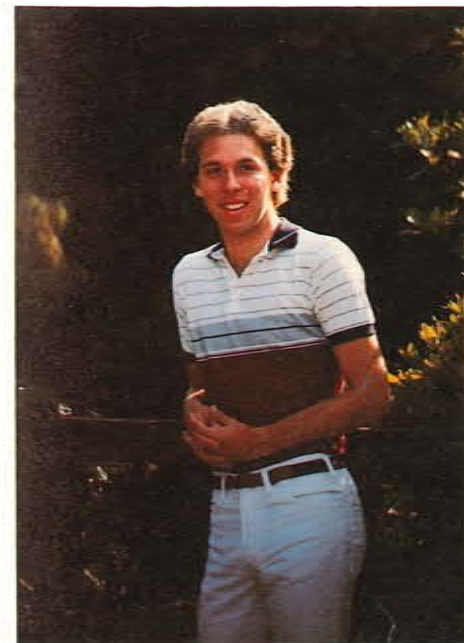
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Accountant



Theodore Allen Huskins  
Minister



Karen Elizabeth Keaton  
Legal Secretary



Scott Ronald Marhle  
Aerospace Engineer

Myrlene Rose Marsa  
Engineer



“ I liked it. I wouldn't want to go anywhere else. ”

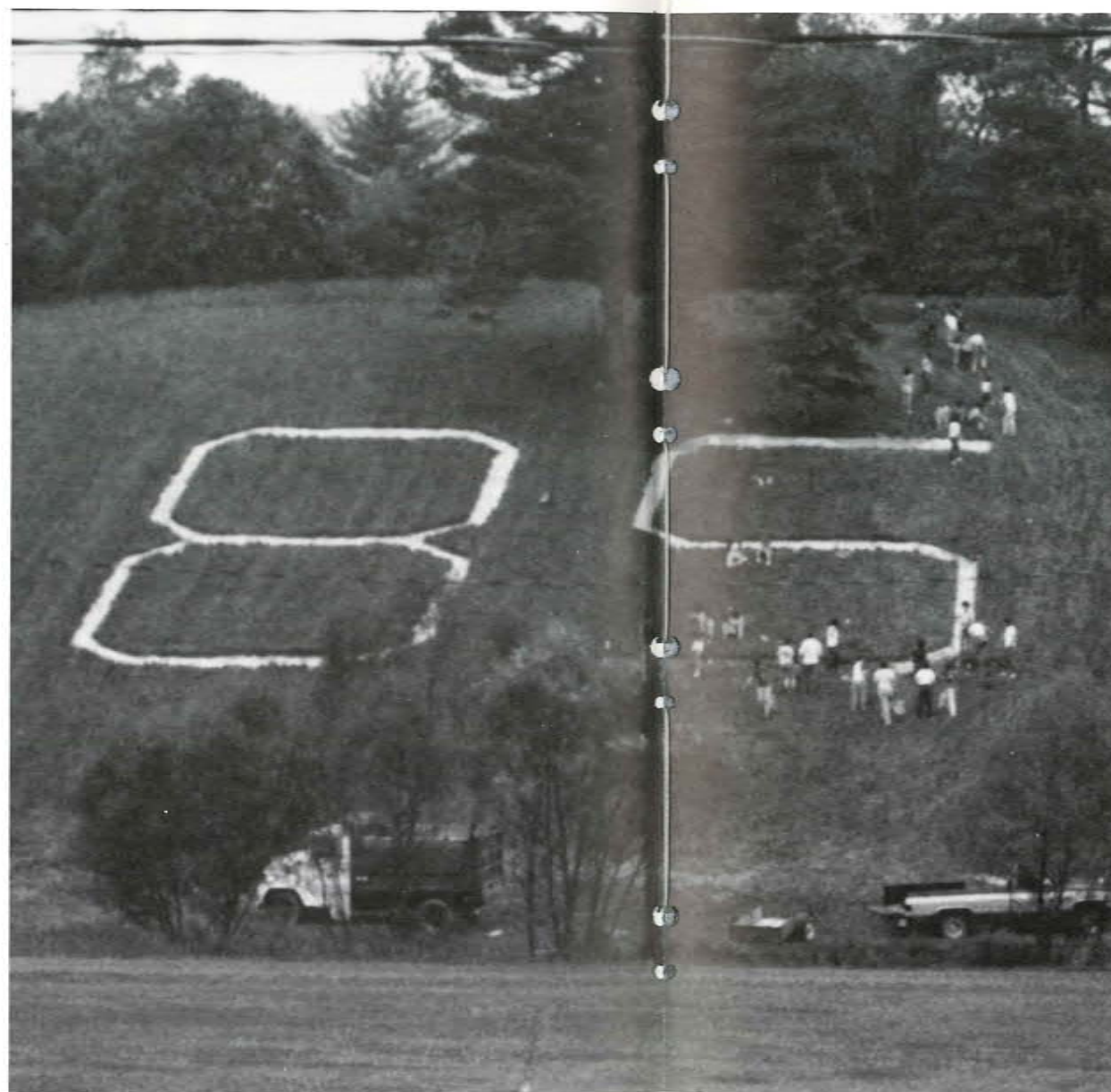
Steve Willis



Silvia Smith shows off some of her Senior Power.

Heidi Reid takes a break from the weekly grind, reflecting on nature — God's second book — during Sabbath in the Smokies.

Following 1984's graduation services, new seniors enthusiastically create a "5" out of a "4."



Paula McCray, Ellen Stanley, and Romana Petrovich bum around down at the field.

Kevin DeSilva and Ted Huskins discuss their strategy for the next basketball game.

As Jeff Wilkie performs his "balancing act" on the wall, Shari Vera Cruz looks over at the previous casualty.

Always laughing at something, Tommy Warren cracks another one of his "wild" jokes.

Julie Renee Matter  
Undecided



Paula Louise McCray  
Business Administrator



Debra Lynn Reynolds  
Business Administrator

Diane Elizabeth Ringer  
Registered Nurse

Karla Marie Olson  
Registered Nurse

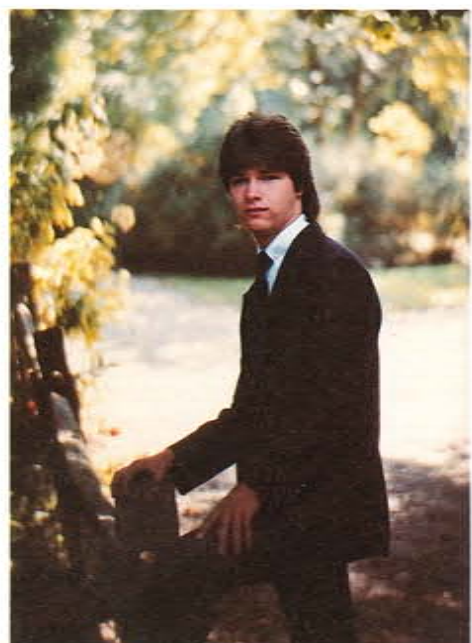


Wilda Margarita Rivera  
Computer System Analyst

Rebecca Karen Rowe  
P.E. Teacher

Romana Pettra Petrovich  
Midwife

James Joseph Rathof  
Ophthalmologist



Monica Eileen Sandborn  
Special Educator

Angela Colleen Marie Shockley  
Undecided

Heidi Sherlene Reid  
Business Owner

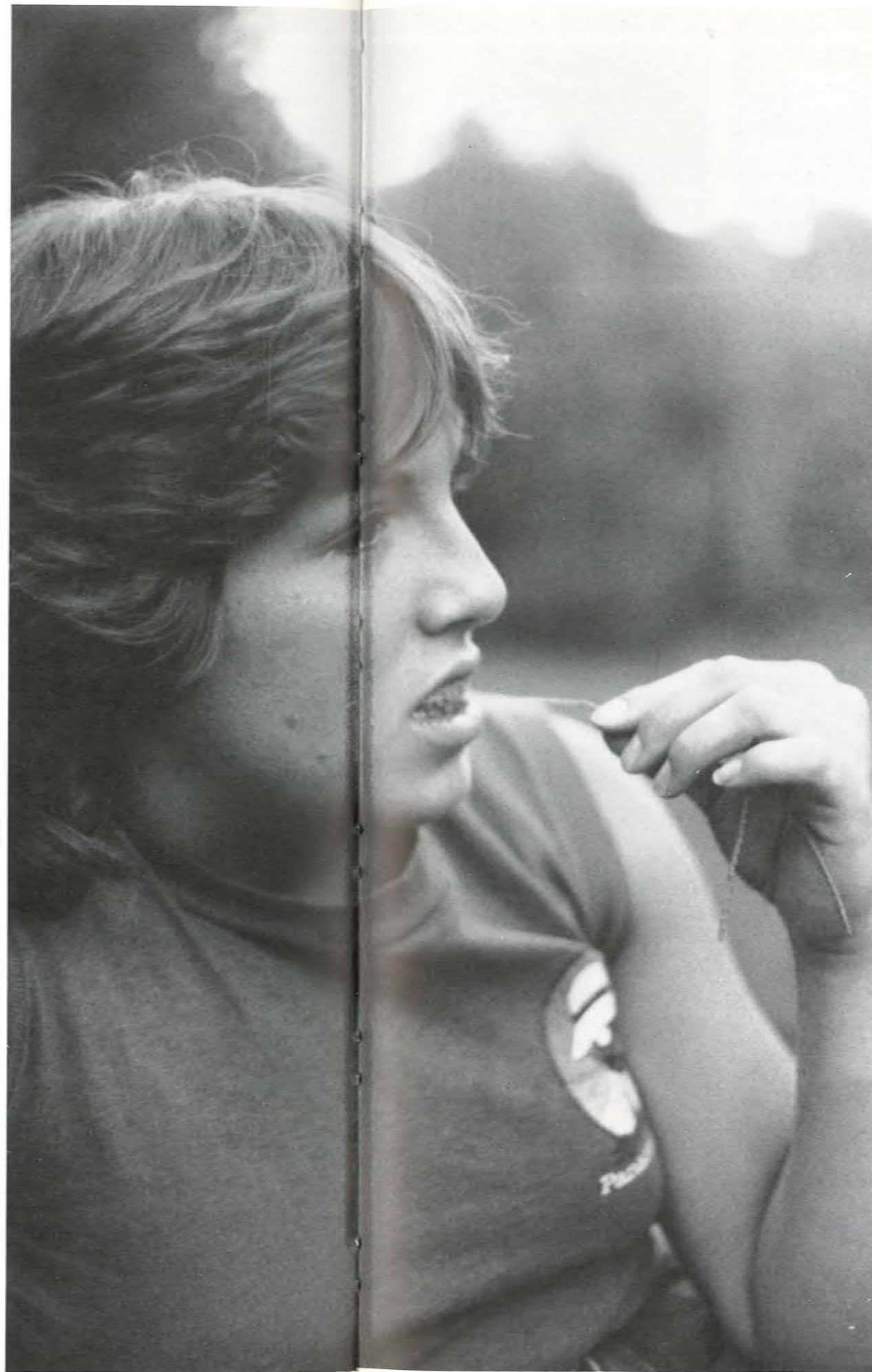
“ Each year I'm here, I like it better and I'm proud to be a Fletcherite. ”  
 Scott Marhle



Karen Keaton, Ellen Stanley, Myrlene Marsa, and Juanita Hayes "pig out" at the S.A. Watermelon Feed.

Wade Sutherland takes Arla Heinlein out to eat.

Becky Rowe dreams of 'the love of her life.'



Kim Fuqua and Juanita Hayes reassure Sarah Wolbert that her attire is fitting for the occasion.

Finding earth science a bit lackluster, Julie Matter looks around for some excitement.



Betty Jo Smith  
Gynecologist



Silvia Ann Smith  
Motorcyclist



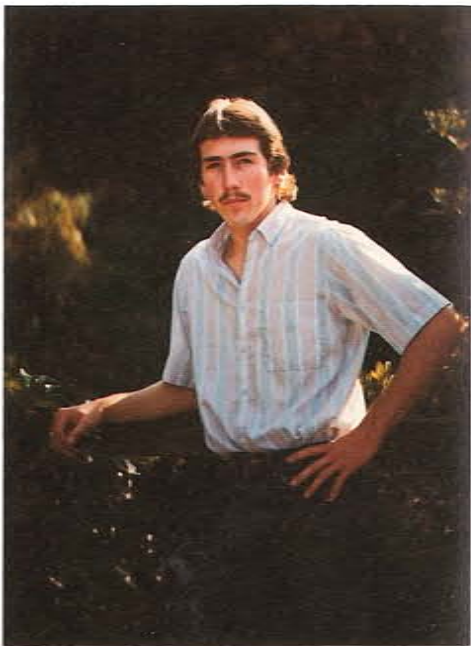
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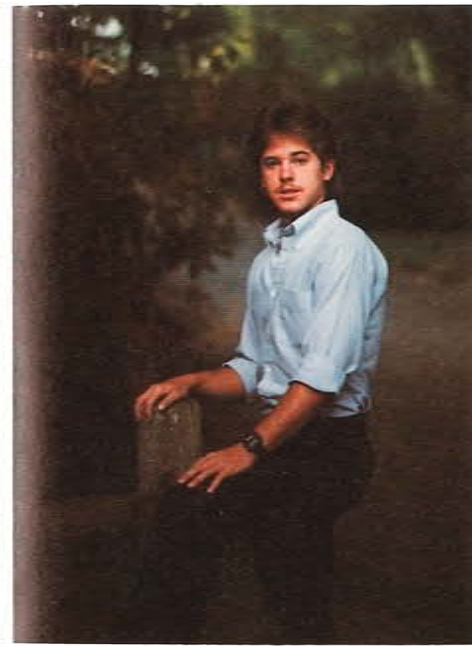
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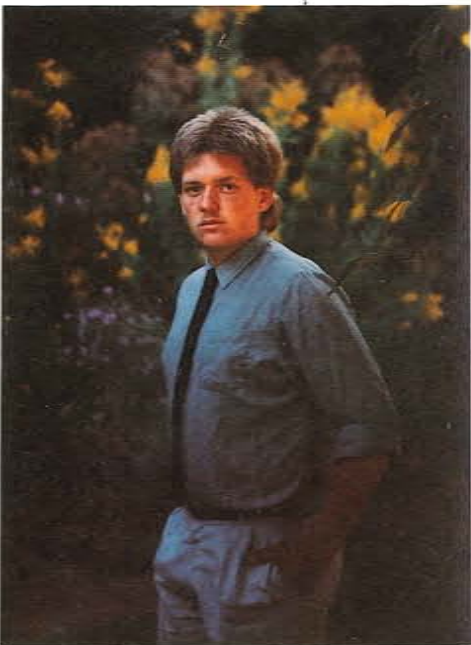
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Physical Therapist



Sharon Renee Vera Cruz  
Child Psychologist



Thomas Nelson Warren  
Engineer



Sarah Jane Wolbert  
Public Relations Director



David Dean Edwards (Not Pictured)  
Undecided

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Mecca of spiritual development.  
Arena of physical and social growth.

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Fletcher, NC 28732



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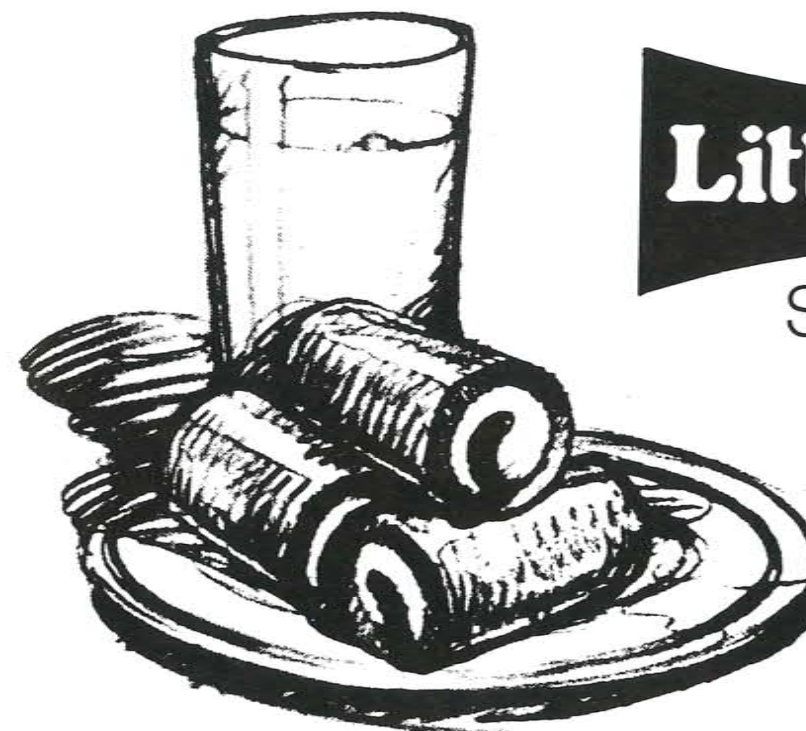
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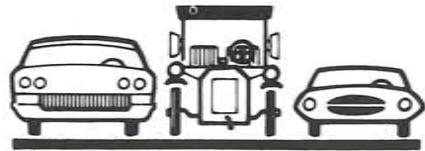
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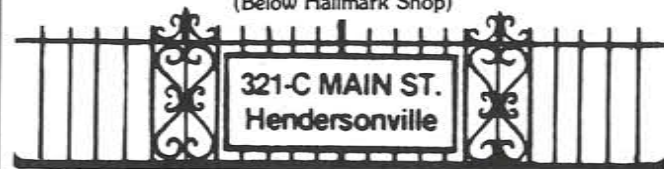
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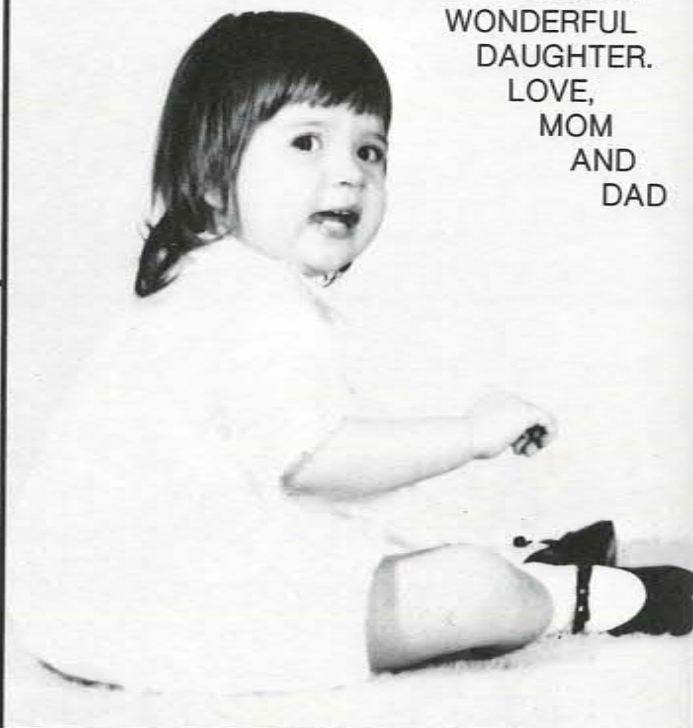
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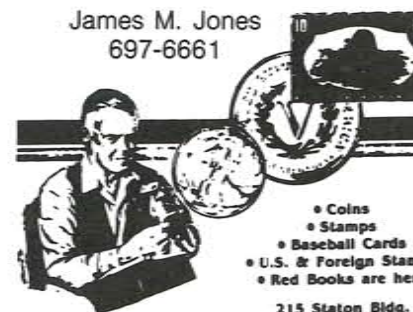
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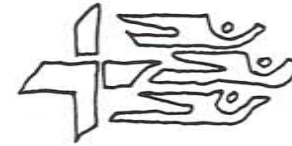
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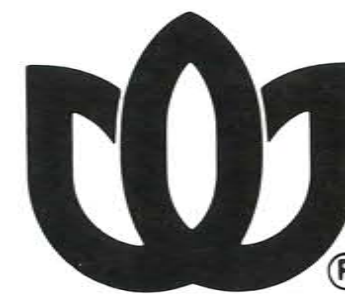


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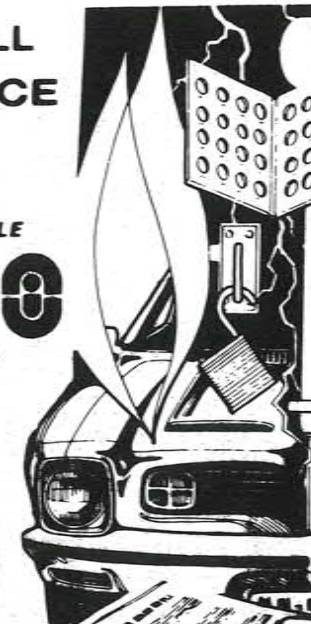
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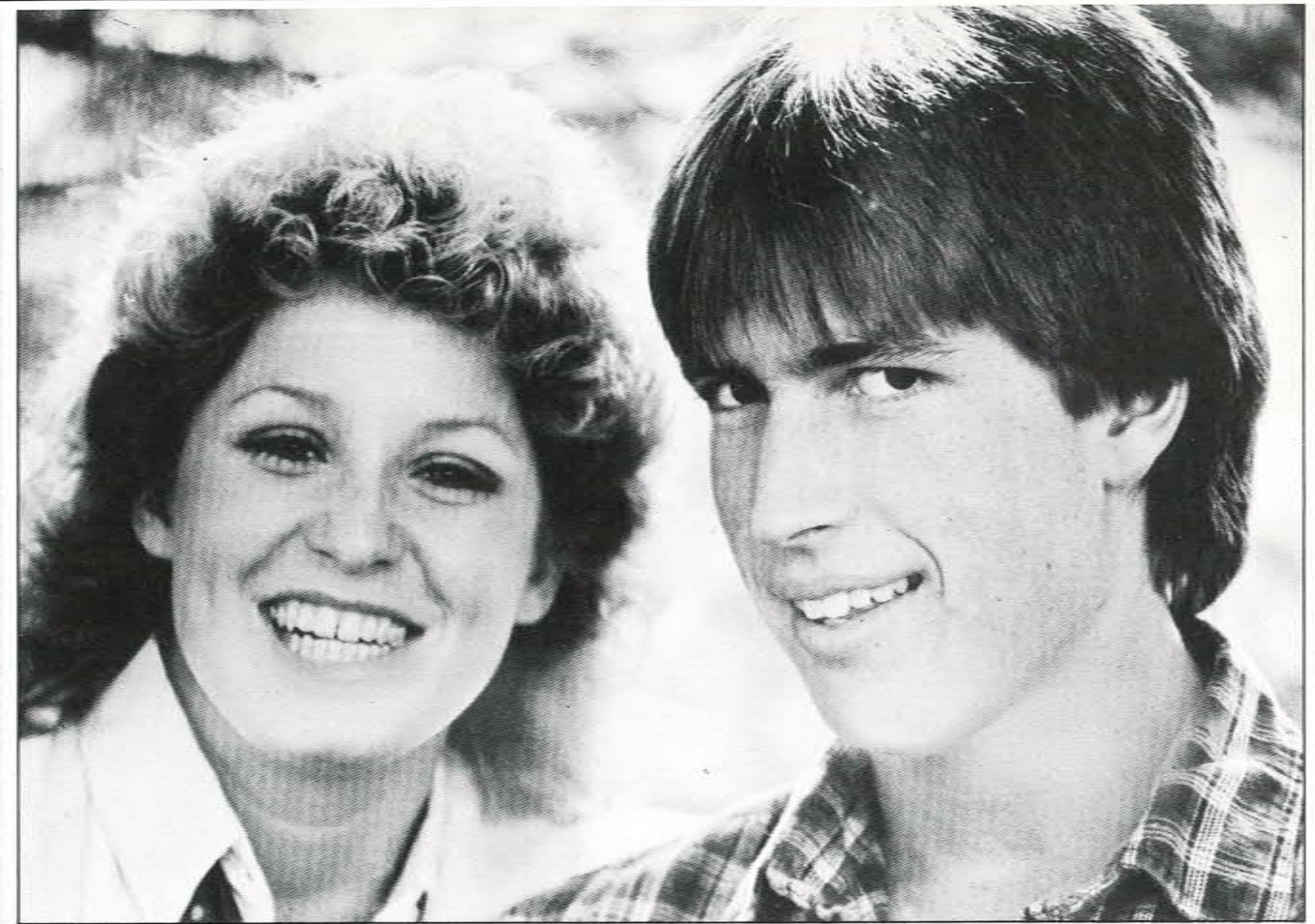


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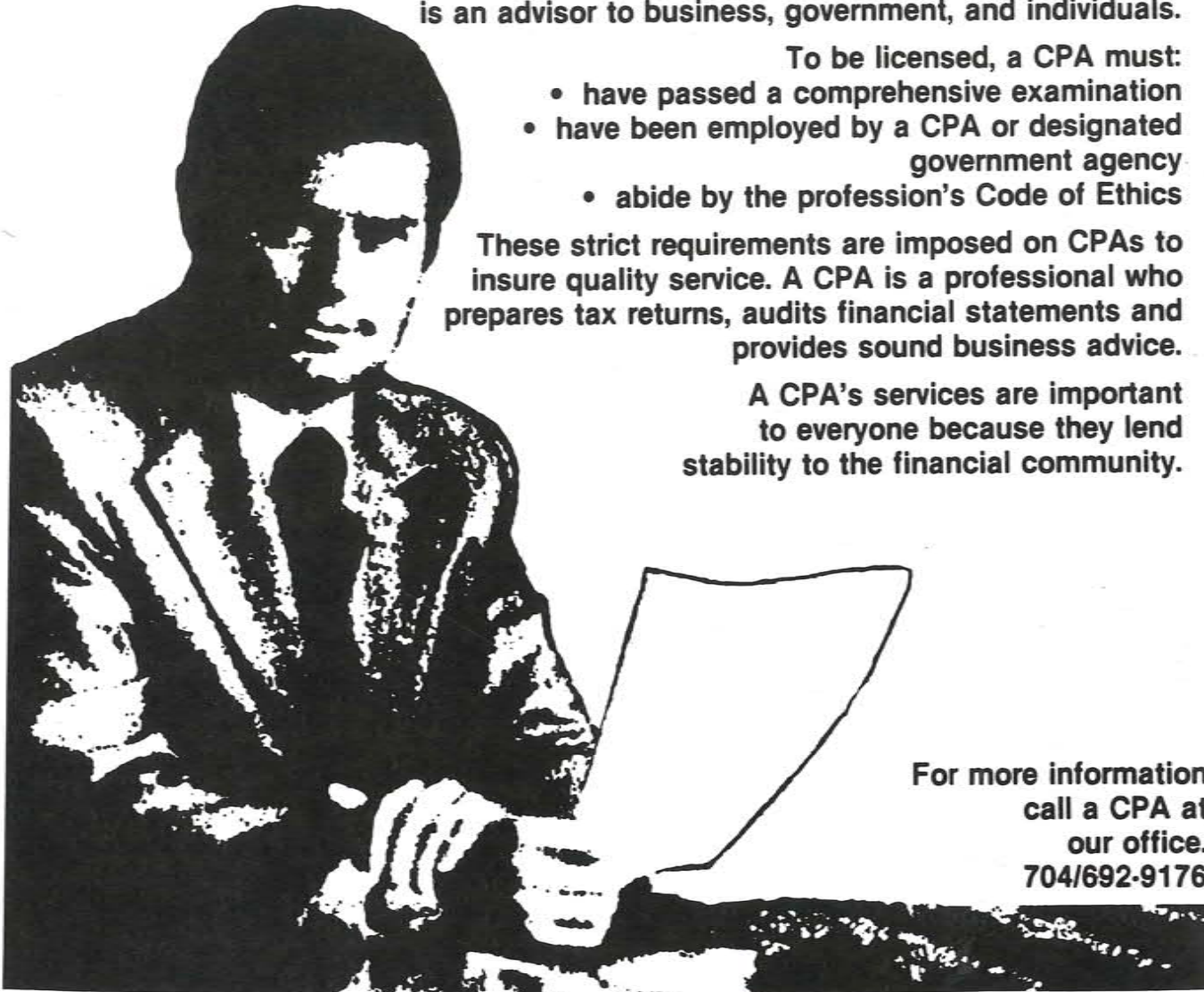
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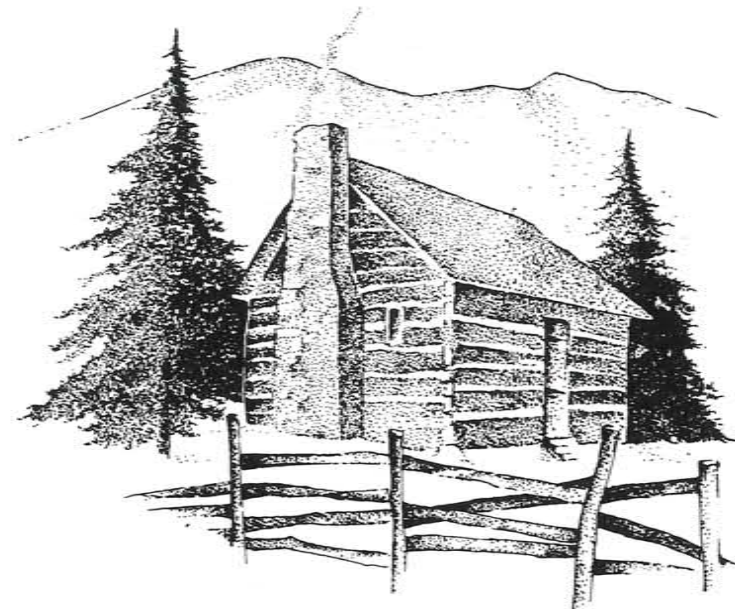
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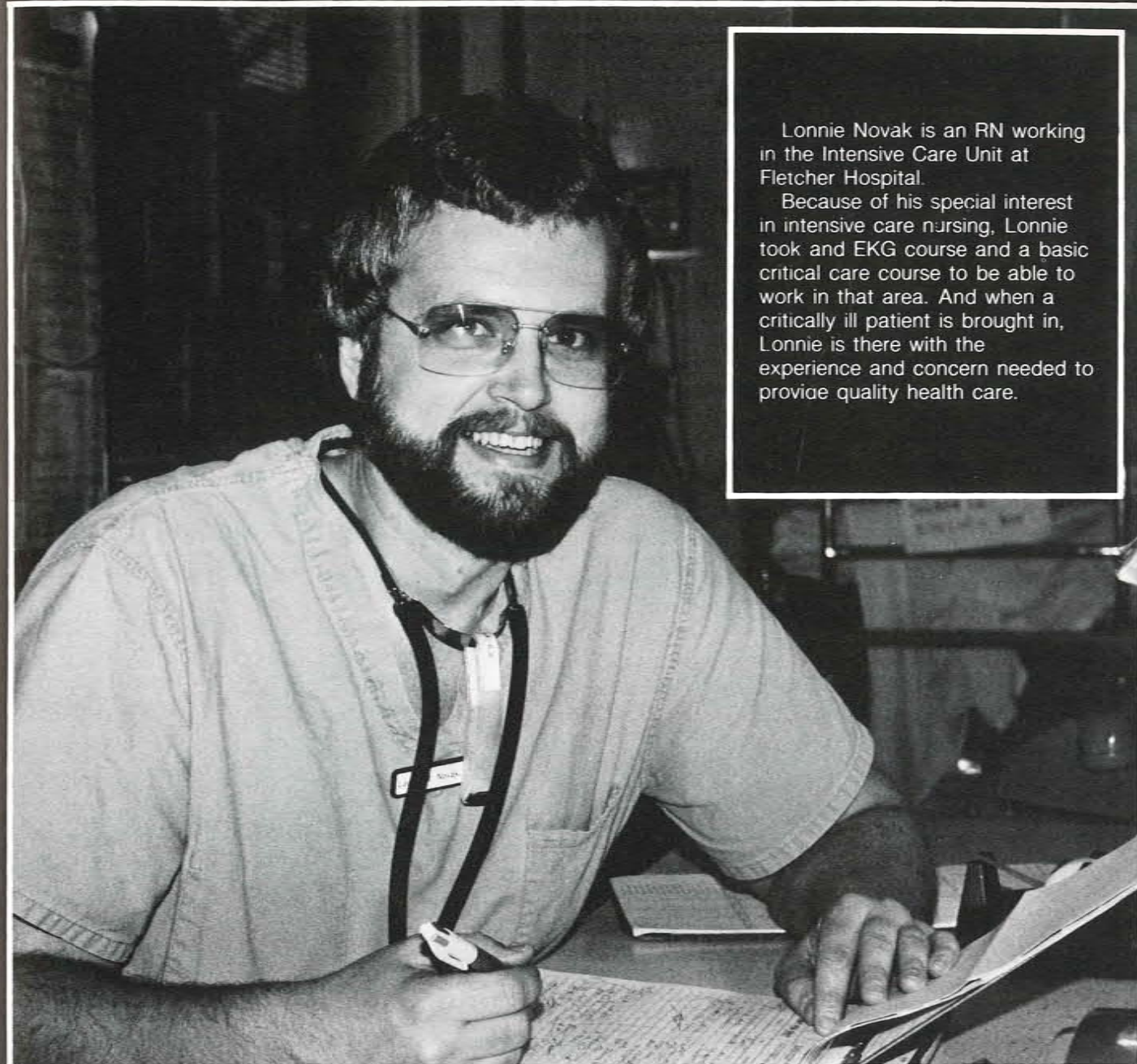


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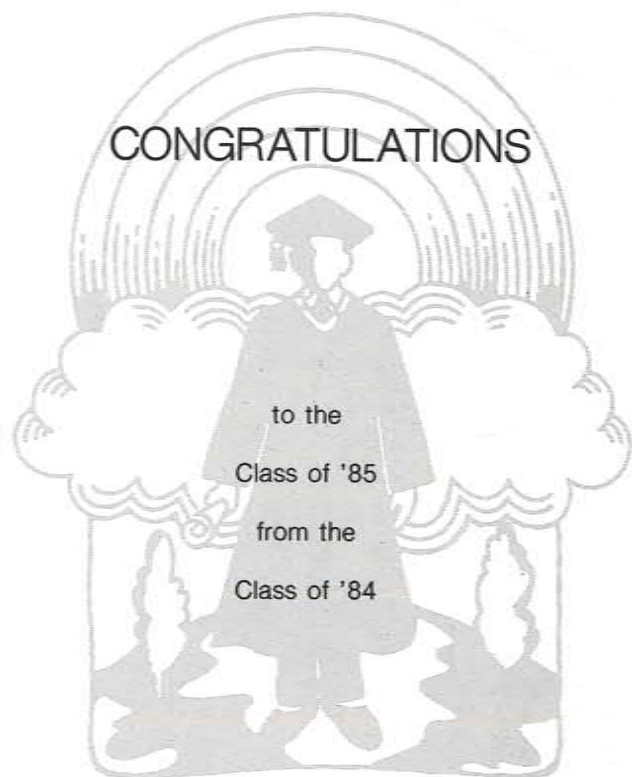
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