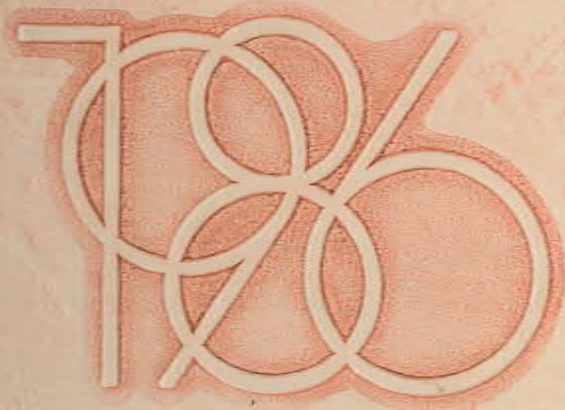


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Life Unfolds Before You

You fish for the key. Feeling in the dark, you separate the right key from the wrong ones.

Insert. No, dummy, insert with straight edge up, not down.

Turn knob.

Light. An upward slap on the wall and the light is on.

"Surprise!" Confetti flies. People jump up in silly pointed party hats. Screams push you back against the door. Everyone is singing "Happy Birthday" and you didn't even know they knew. The cake comes out and there's confetti in your hair. Balloons pop. Laughter at your dumb response. What a way to end a hard day in the galley!

"It's never happened to me," you mutter.

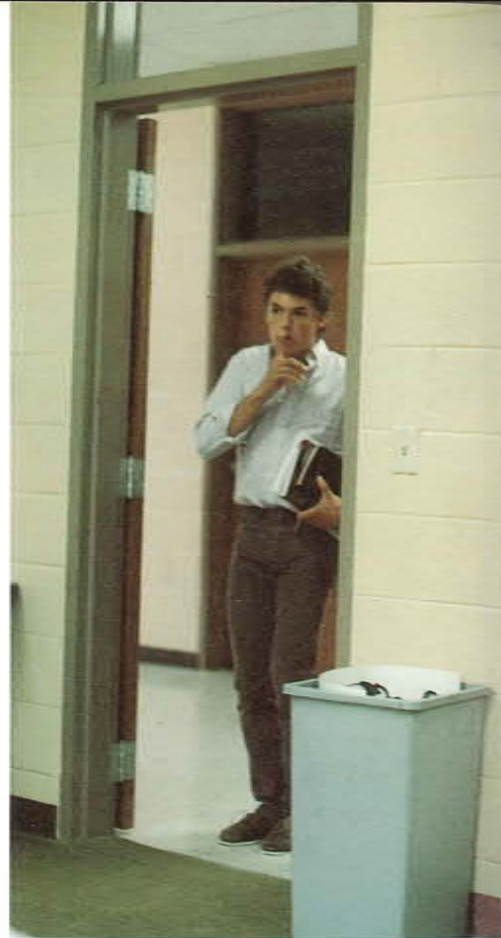
No, but surprises do lie around ev-

ery corner. Endless surprises. A test paper is returned. Your roommate orders pizza for supper, just for the two of you. You make the gymnastics team. Rock Climbing Club goes to the cliffs for the afternoon. And the list goes on.

The calendar at Fletcher is full. It would be a feat to squeeze anything else into the crowded schedule of events. Life around here is packed!

Let the events unfold before you, revealing surprise after surprise. Soak up the happiness that FA has to give. Make it yours!

The year is practically over now. Whether you go on to college, get a job at Wendy's, or hang around to work off a bill, remember to look through the eyes of a child at life's endless surprises!



Davy Rowe motions for silence as he tries to sneak into world history class, thus avoiding a tardy.

Nona Doerner and Vince Griesman struggle to eliminate dangling modifiers before English IV class begins. Lora Polivka looks on unconcerned having completed her work the night before.

Art students Richard Hodges, Bonnie Hall, and others listen attentively as Mrs. Dunn guides them on their oil paintings.



Everyone pushes and shoves with all his might to forward the earth ball past the goal line. Mr. Don Mathis attempts to referee, taking great care to make sure no one gets hurt.

Junior Laura Kuist diligently finishes her homework assigned to her that day. She leans against her locker and takes great care to make sure she gets everything correct.



The Surprise of My Life

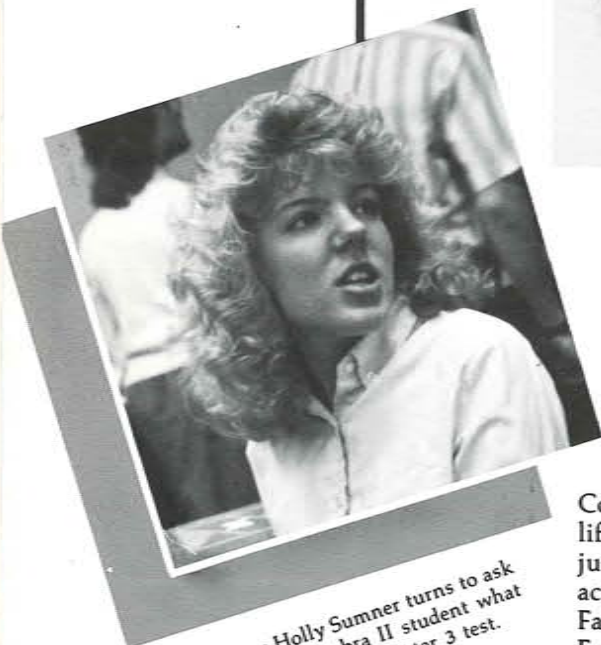
Student Life At FA — Involvement

And I turned around ... and suddenly — the surprise of my life! At work. At the crazy Harvest Party. At Sabbath in the Smokies (Smokies? Or was it Crabtree Meadows, North Carolina?) In the dorm. At Kulaqua's Bible Conference. Student life is just that — life. More than just classes. More than just the dorm. Student life includes activities — activities like the S.A. Fair, the Annual Christmas Concert, Fall Picnic, Boys' Open House/Girls'

Reception. Student life is that date you always wanted — and got. It's the daily grind of work and the Christmas party. It's the excitement of registration and the rigors of study hall in the dorm.

Student life is friends. It's involvement. It's weekends and eating out and mall trips and vacations. Student life is athletics and responsibilities, Career Day and opportunities.

Student life. The life of the student. Your life. And mine.



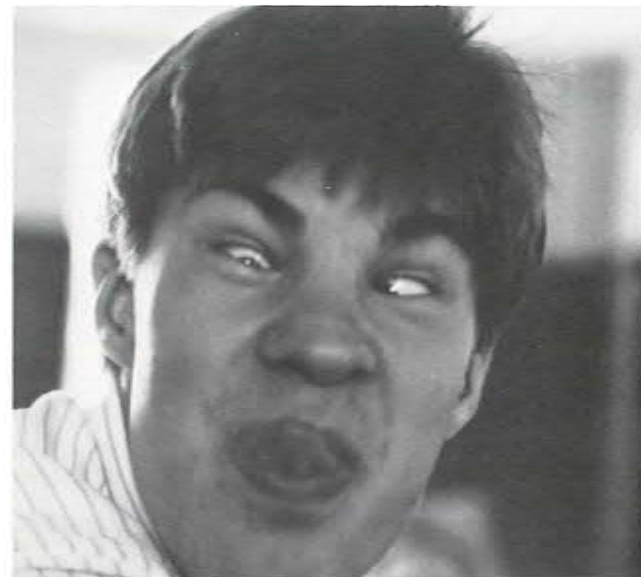
Junior Holly Sumner turns to ask a fellow Algebra II student what she made on a Chapter 3 test.



Best of friends, Angie Earnhardt and Heidi Walker discuss the latest happenings of the day.

Sophomore Keith Jones gives us all a piece of his mind.

"Watch it now, don't rip that T.P.!" Scott Montgomery, Mary Alice Wells, and David Ringer carefully participate in a tissue relay during Get-Aquainted Week.



One-Seventy-Seven Register

Lines to get into the ad building; lines for lockers; lines for band, choir, and gymnastics; lines for financial clearance and tax forms; lines for class schedules and for buying books.

Lines, lines, lines. It seems like to get anywhere in this world you have to stand in lines.

And Fletcher's no differ-

ent. Like a red light on an interstate, registration at FA brings that big, old, beautiful summer to a screeching halt.

And suddenly it's all lines and hugs and screams and U-Hauls filled with wrinkled dresses and softball mitts. And we're all back in this thing together again.

A medley of confusion and chatter of ninety-five girls and eighty-two guys on registration day re-sounds across green hills, filled halls, and new dorm rooms.

Finally it's all over and the day has been a success. One hundred seventy-seven students, their home ranging anywhere from France to Puerto Rico to Hillsville, Virginia, are all here together at FA!

Now, the suitcases are unpacked and the clothes put away, the rugs are on the floor, the beds are made, registration is over,

and the parents are all gone. The fun begins!!!

We at Fletcher take time to get acquainted with the new students and reacquainted with the old. In harmony with the traditions of our school, registration is followed by the enthusiasm of "Handshake." The kids all gather around the field. As Mr. Yingling attempts to form the lines, the air is filled with noisy anticipation. Finally we are all in formation. Freshmen stand bright-eyed, awed with the confusion. Sophomores, now very sure of themselves, are proud of their status. Juniors scream and holler with the realization of finally becoming upperclassmen. And finally, there are the seniors, expressing an air of dignity with their accomplishments of the past three years.

Faintly at first a siren is heard in the distance, penetrating the uproar of the



crowd. Suddenly as the two cars come into view, the mob focuses on the cause of the commotion. Burning down the hill like a bolt of lightning, the patrol car swiftly pursues the carload of SA officers. Everyone turns toward the east side of the track while the policeman frisks Dr. Dunn.

Next, Student Association President Mark Petitt introduces to the student body the members of the

Sophomore Harry Frizzell and Senior Lisa LeVangie play "Pass the Lifesaver." Careful now; don't let it slip!

faculty and the SA; the long lines of smiles, laughter, and hugging begin. The rest of the evening is a collage of memories created from different games, relays, and events. Everything from the number game and an egg toss fill the hours.

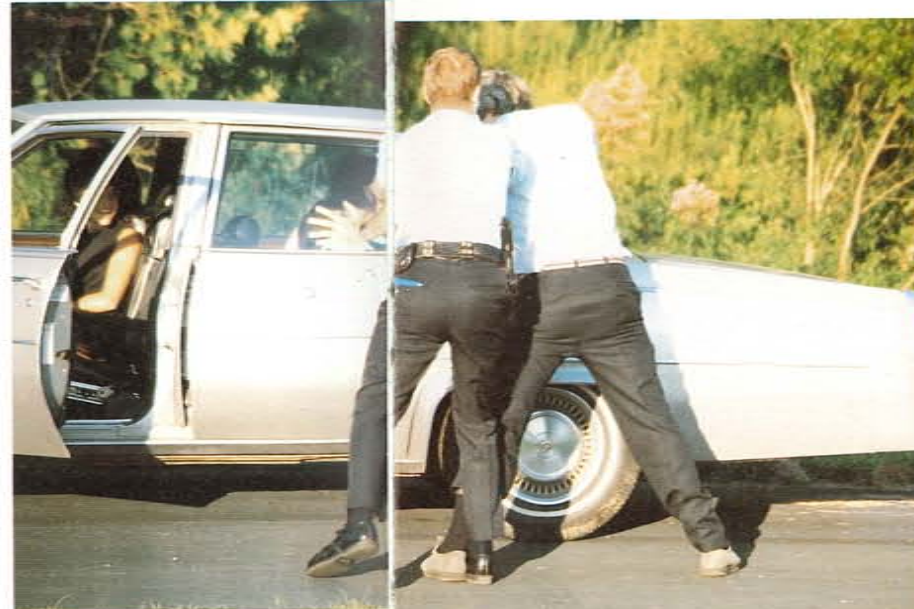
We end the occasion on a spiritual note as Jeannie Bradley leads us in a short singspiration and prayer. We all leave for our homes or dormitories with a strong feeling of anticipation to begin the year 1985-86!!

The 1985-86 S.A. officers! Connie Thompson, Angie Earnhardt, Gene Krushingner, Jeannie Bradley, Robby Gettys, and Ricky Jongema listen on as their fearless leader Mark Petitt introduces the faculty members to the student body.



Janesta Bryant dutifully takes names as students file in for school pictures, August 19, 1985, Registration Day.

The students patiently await the annual handshake to begin, assembled in casual formation underneath the 86.



Dr. Dunn is under arrest! S.A. officers look on, all smiles.



Mr. Don Mathis greets Senior Keith Courtney with a smile and a handshake. Randy Goodwin and

Keith together admire Mr. Mathis' new baby girl — Stephanie Renée.

To The Right And Left Of The Flagpole

Dorm Life Thrives As Always

To most people the men's dwelling on campus is just another building, but to those who live there it is more than a dwelling; it's a home away from home.

Though generally maintaining a peaceful environment, Nestall Hall gives way to an air of mischief at times. To illustrate this unique balance, let's select a "normal" day in the fellows' dorm.

Life begins to stir between 3:00 and 6:00 AM. Getting up early is a ritual for Robert Marsa, who studies in the early morning hours. Keith Courtney creates a pother as he fumbles his way to the laundry room.

By 6:15 AM the decision to go to breakfast or to stay in bed has been settled. Classes and work take guys singly or in small groups until the dorm is fairly empty. Ricky Jongema proceeds to fulfill his janitorial priviledges, and

Rob Kyle monitors the desk.

An uneventful midday in the dorm is counterbalanced by worship and the two and a half hours that follow. After Mr. Burks' worship talk the snack bar is opened. One hundred and two percent of the dorm population flock to room 25 to buy hundreds of empty calories for consumption during precious study hours.

As study hall starts, kymotrichous Chip Maginnis condemns Larry Barnes to twenty-five push-ups for being in the hall. Greg Pettit, caught up in the readings of earth science, is suddenly jolted as he finds study hall over. This time study hall has been relatively quiet. Only one person, Robbie Jongema, is forced to execute the duckwalk to the girls' dorm and back.

Lights out at 10:00 PM signifies the end of another hectic day. From 10:00 PM

to 6:15 AM, Mr. Burks makes four checks on the consecutive odd rooms. No one notices, for sleep is the one thing guys do well. In the early morning, alarm clocks from Mickey Mouse to electronic beeps, begin to sound. The vicious cycle of the day is repeated, and forty-three fellows are having the best time they will experience in their lifetime.

Life beyond the flagpole can be in many ways similar to that of the guys'

"Kerry do you have any hairspray I could borrow? I'm all out!"

"Heather! Help! What did you get on number four in chemistry?!!"

"Cindy, do you have time to talk? I need some advice."

"I'm sick of doing homework! Does anyone have any food?"

"Let's order pizza"

Just a tiny fraction of the babble that represents life in Roughgarden Hall.

Living in a dorm can be

the best time of your life. Even though there may be moments that you could do without (like when you get your tape player taken or you get room bound), the friendships you make will be worth millions.

Doors slamming, girls screaming, someone wanting a size 7½ red pumps . . . all are part of the world of the dormitory. It's an experience you will never forget. Sometimes you could kill Miss Dickerhoff for telling you to turn out your lights and other times you don't know what to do without her.

Never forget the time you woke up with shaving cream all over your face, or when Shannon made you duckwalk all the way to the guys' dorm and back. Everything from worship to study hall to staying up all night: Memories to last a lifetime!



Freshman Jeff Hatley, hard at work on his earth science worksheet, prepares for another day of class.

Melanie Garner takes time out of her discussion with her grandmother at Avon Park, FL, to pose for a picture.

Study hall Monitor Shannon Van Hooser attempts to complete her homework while at the same time keeping everyone in her room.

Freshmen Debbie Thompson, Kathy Jessee, and Tami Sermerheim loiter in the hall.

Junior Greg Broughton searches for a decent television program on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Sabbath In The Smokies



At the end of an inspiring Week of Prayer, the faculty and students of Fletcher Academy take a break from the old routine and head for the mountains. Early Sabbath morning the students board their designated bus and start out for Crabtree Meadows. After only a few minutes of travel the buses are filled with singing and laughter.

The time flies by and the buses pull into the entrance of the park. The students file out, shivering in the cool mountain air and assemble in the grassy area which will serve as the sanctuary.

Dr. Battistone concludes the week's discussion with a stimulating message which ties up all the loose ends of the meetings held

throughout the week together.

After lunch, the group divides up and everyone takes off on the hike of his choice. Some choose to stay in the vicinity of Crabtree Meadows and hike to the waterfall. Others hit the trail to the lookout tower at the peak of Mount Mitchell — the highest point east of the Mississippi.

The group reassembles for supper at the nearest picnic area and stretch out in the grass to soak in the beauty of it all.

As dusk draws near, guitars come out again and a short vespers wraps up the evening. And Sabbath in the Smokies became Sabbath at Crabtree. But it was certainly no less the trip it has always been.



FA Students Take Personal Profile

If you were to stop the average American on the street and ask him if he was a D, I, S, or C, he'd probably think you were crazy; but not so at Fletcher Academy. These letters have taken on new meaning to F.A. students.

Under the administration of Dr. Joseph Battistone, the students took the Personal Profile System test during Fall Week of Prayer. This test determined whether a student was 'high in "dominance," "influencing," "steadiness," or "compliance." Everyone's personality falls into one of these four areas; the category opens a whole list of characteristics. For example — are you likely to ignore wisdom,

make quick decisions, sit contentedly in one place, or think critically? Are you vulnerable, proud, diplomatic, or loyal? Do you put value on democracy or are you dictatorial? Are you "people" oriented or "task" oriented?

The students looked with a keenly sharpened awareness at what they are like inside. They found what their fears are likely to be, what they overuse, how they will likely react under pressure, what their emotions are, and much more.

They walked away from Fall Week of Prayer with a better acquaintance with biblical characters, Jesus, and themselves.



O'Grady's Potato Chips are a hit for Freshmen Kim Kelly and Melanie Garner. Melanie makes it very clear to all that nobody had better touch her food.

After reaching the top of Mt. Mitchell, Davy Rowe shows off an impressive handstand.



A wonderful Sabbath morning brings us all together to enjoy Sabbath School in the mountains. Everyone listens in and sings along as Junior Lisa Griffin, Senior Mark Pettit, Mr. Jim Ingersoll, and Mr. Mike McClung lead in song service.

Becky Robinson, and Leland and Roger Krum provide our Sabbath School special music. They harmonize their recorders and lift our spirits with the classic "O Sacred Head Now Wounded".

Juniors Robert Marsa and Quinten Huggins accept Mrs. Debbie Shaw's offer of a chocolate brownie with no hesitation.

Suzanne Harpine, Lisa Griffin, Lisa Lugas and Letha Ellis take time away from the crowd, gaining a special blessing with song.

A Tour Of Job Opportunities

To give the students the opportunity to gain experience in many jobs, Fletcher Academy has provided them with an excellent work program. Jobs from laundry workers to readers and housekeeping to nurses' aides are available.

Come with me now and we'll take a walk across the campus and check in on a few of the workers.

First, we'll go into the dorm. As we enter Roughgarden Hall, we find Letha Ellis vacuuming the lobby while Heather Naiman calls over the intercom, "Karen Thompson, if you're in the dorm, please call in."

Next we'll travel over to the administration building where we find Mark Brunner and Jon Nash washing the frog remains out of the dissection trays, Stella Duncan and Toria Kesseling grading English papers, Robert Marsa typ-

ing a world history worksheet, and Shawn Collins in the Math Department shaking his red pen to drain the last drop of ink from it.

"Sh-h-h," Anissa Johnson says as we walk into the library to find Leonard Ellis tutoring a few students on their chemistry assignments. In the office, Bryce Wilkie and Julie Hayward each have a phone to their ear, and Becky Robinson monitors the Xerox machine as she copies the French I unit test.

Now, we'll leave the ad building and head for the cafeteria. On our way we pass Jay Ritterskamp trimming the willow and Keith Jones mowing the lawn. By dinner time we reach the cafeteria and find Carmen Carrillo serving the green beans and Iris Rilea operating the register.

Finally, at the hospital,

Bina Jangda greets us with a smile as she answers the phone, "Good afternoon, Parkridge Hospital."

Pushing the laundry baskets down the hall, David Ringer and Jeff Skaggs almost collide with Mark Sandborn who is carrying out the garbage.

On our little walk, we saw a few of the areas that the students work in on campus. If we were to proceed downtown we might meet some of the off campus workers, such as Michelle Williams serving milk shakes and french fries, or Chris Hodges carrying groceries out at Winn Dixie.

As we look at all these opportunities, we get a broader image of the variety available to prepare us for the responsibility of our lifetime careers.



Senior Carmen Carrillo cheerily serves up spaghetti and tater tots to an awaiting customer in the school cafeteria.

Priscilla Morrison labels file folders of students work areas for her boss, Work Coordinator, Jim Ingersoll.

Kenny Zill, science lab assistant, takes instructions from Mr. Richard Neilsen as what to do with lab books for biology.

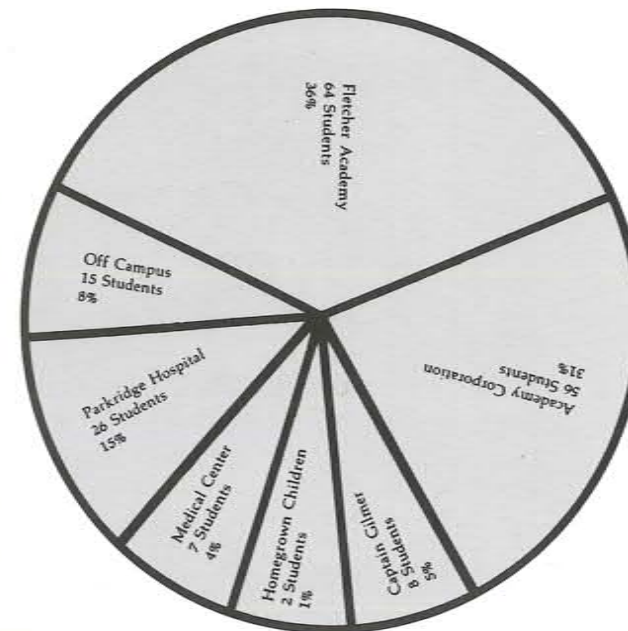


Working atop one of the Fletcher Academy buses, Junior Quinten Huggins diligently scrubs away the dirt.

Kathy Lothian, hard at work in Dr. Bush's office, carefully follows out her orders to make copies at the copy machine.



Areas Of Training For FA Students



Class Vs. Class

Very few yearly events at Fletcher Academy hold as much distinction as the S.A. Fall Picnic. For weeks prior to the big events, students train and build their bodies to the desired perfection. The stride of the runner must be consistent. The shotput must be hurled farther with each heave. The contestants must be chosen by each class and the entrance banners must be made.

It's Saturday night, 8:30 PM. Everyone awaits for the festive evening to begin.

The master of ceremonies, Mr. Don Mathis instructs the bearers of the class banners to report to the north end of the football field.

The crowd focuses its attention to the glowing Olympic torch as the S.A. officers transport it around the track to the center of the field. A cheer goes up as the Freshmen begin the parade of banners. The Sophomores applaud their banner with a voice of energy. The Juniors shriek with delight when their colors parade before the spectators. As the Seniors' banner crosses the field, a mighty roar is screamed for the Class of '86!

The events are about to begin!

The high-strung class opponents think ahead of the race before them. Each moment that passes brings a keener awareness of the task they face. Silently they breathe a prayer. At the

blow of the whistle they are off. Each bend in the track brings them closer to the long awaited finish line.

Each race begins in such a manner, and the tension rises higher and higher.

Sunday arrives and most members of each class are there. All are eager to gain as many points as they can for the participation of worship. The Juniors scream with the realization of being on top with 34 points. The Seniors trail with 29 points; the Sophomores and Freshmen follow with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

The day is a success — not only because of the points they had gained but because of the fun everyone had. Shotputs and discuses have been hurled, football games have been played, and ropes have been pulled.

Everything is wrapped up and tied with a pretty bow at the awards ceremony. Ribbons of individual and team events are passed out and special recognition given to those who have made the day possible.

The Juniors go wild with an ecstatic roar upon the final results of the picnic. To them winning the picnic is a major victory. The final standings are as follows: Juniors — 106 points; Seniors — 85 points; Sophomores — 46 points; Freshmen — 38 points.

S.A. President Mark Petitt announces class standings as totaled by official Janet Novak. Totals were tabbed following Sunday morning worship.

Kathy Lothian holds her head high as she strives to keep her lead on Connie Thompson in the fifty-yard dash.



1985-86 Fall Olympics Statistics

EVENT	NAME	CLASS	TIME	2nd place	3rd place	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Guys' 440				Greg Barnes	Terry Turner	Nona Doerner	Judy Arnold	Jeannie Bradley						
1st place	David Ringer	87	56.71	87	6.02	86	66.6 ft							
2nd place	Bryce Wilkie	86	57.77	87	6.27	86	55.0 ft							
3rd place	Charles Brooks	88	1:02.96	87	6.67	88	49.2 ft							
Girls' 440				Heather Naiman	Kathy Lothian	Bryce Wilkie	Jay Ritterskamp	David Vaughn						
1st place	Cathy Edwards	87	1:15.20	86	6.88	86	41.8 ft							
2nd place	Esther Parkins	86	1:15.98	87	7.01	87	39.1 ft							
3rd place	Anna-Marie Weems	88	1:19.54	87	10.98	86	38.7 ft							
Mixed 440 Relay				Greg Barnes	Mark Petitt	Nona Doerner	Kim Johnson	Becky Robinson						
1st place	Seniors	86	57.37	86	11.50	88	27.9 ft							
2nd place	Juniors	87	58.51	88	11.64	88	23.7 ft							
3rd place	Freshmen	89	59.71	87	12.59	87	22.9 ft							
Mixed Mile Relay				Heather Naiman	Kathy Lothian	Kim Johnson	Becky Robinson	David Vaughn						
1st place	Juniors	87	4:44.33	88	14.41	88	27.9 ft							
2nd place	Sophomores	88	5:04.30	86	164.0 ft	88	23.7 ft							
3rd place	Freshmen	89	5:11.13	86	162.0 ft	87	22.9 ft							
Guys' Mile				Chris Hodges	Todd Jenks	Worship	1st place	Juniors						
1st place	David Ringer	87	5:24.75	87	160.0 ft	87	27.9 ft							
2nd place	Bryce Wilkie	86	5:30.29	87	90.0 ft	87	23.7 ft							
3rd place	Samuel Leonor	88	5:30.43	89	83.8 ft	88	22.9 ft							
Girls' Mile				Becky Robinson	Kim Kelly	4th place	Sophomores							
1st place	Kathy Lothian	86	7:10.04	88	79.6 ft									
2nd place	Bonnie Hall	89	7:16.25	87	76.3 ft									
3rd place	Missy Leazer	88	7:42.39	87	72.0 ft									
Guys' 50 Yard Dash				Bryce Wilkie										
1st place	Richard Hodges	88	5.84	86	71.4 ft									
Girls' 50 Yard Dash				Girls' Discus										
1st place	Greg Barnes	87	6.02	87	76.3 ft									
2nd place	Kathy Lothian	86	6.88	87	72.0 ft									
3rd place	Connie Thompson	87	7.01	86	71.4 ft									
Guys' 100 Yard Dash				Guys' Discus										
1st place	Greg Barnes	87	10.98	87	76.3 ft									
2nd place	Mark Petitt	86	11.50	87	72.0 ft									
3rd place	Keith Jones	88	11.64	86	71.4 ft									
Girls' 100 Yard Dash				Brooke Schlatter										
1st place	Heather Naiman	87	12.59	87	72.0 ft									
2nd place	Kathy Lothian	86	12.86	87	71.4 ft									
3rd place	Missy Leazer	88	14.41	86	71.4 ft									
Guys' Football Throw				Bryce Wilkie										
1st place	Bryce Wilkie	86	164.0 ft	86	162.0 ft									
2nd place	Chris Hodges	86	162.0 ft	87	160.0 ft									
3rd place	Todd Jenks	87	160.0 ft	87	90.0 ft									
Girls' Football Throw				Kim Kelly										
1st place	Becky Robinson	87	90.0 ft	88	79.6 ft									
2nd place	Freshmen	88	83.8 ft	87	76.3 ft									
3rd place	Seniors	89	83.8 ft	86	72.0 ft									
4th place	Sophomores	88	79.6 ft	86	71.4 ft									
Guys' Discus				Beth Kwon										
1st place	Brooke Schlatter	87	76.3 ft	87	72.0 ft									
2nd place	Greg Barnes	87	72.0 ft	86	71.4 ft									
3rd place	Bryce Wilkie	86	71.4 ft	86	71.4 ft									
4th place	Freshmen	88	71.4 ft	86	71.4 ft									
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Becky Robinson and others watch with amusement as Kim Johnson uses her Amazon strength in heaving the shotput.

At the blow of the whistle, the runners Bina Jangda, Anna-Marie Weems, Heather Naiman, and Julie Whitesides spring into action. With the hope of their class's winning the race, the enthusiastic crowd cheers them on.

The freshmen and the juniors battle for the victory of the football championship at the S.A. Fall Picnic. Freshmen quarterback Peter Kroll endeavors to pass the football to teammate Robby Baldwin, who is being covered by Junior Roland Matthews.



The Just Shall Live By Faith

Camp Kulaqua provided Southern Union Bible Conference academy student delegates a relaxed and enjoyable environment in which to meet for the weekend of September 25-30, 1985.

The theme, "The just shall live by faith," suggested a practically unlimited supply of topics for discussion.

Thursday and Friday mornings, Elder Clinton Shankel, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, led in the scriptural probes. Beginning with the Old Testament and ending in the New, he briefly translated what the Bible has to say regarding the theme.

Following the scriptural probes, Elder Claude Thomas of Oakwood College conducted a sword drill. At this time, the delegates were given the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask many of the questions on their minds.

Each afternoon, time was provided for recreation. Thursday's recreation time was spent in conference-verses-conference competition ranging from an egg toss to tug-of-war. The Carolina delegates joined with those from the Gulf States to form the "Tarheel

Elder Clinton Shankel, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, leads us deep into the meanings of the scriptures of faith.

Kellie Norton and Janesta Bryant work together with other Tarheel-Gator teammates to plug up all the holes that they can in the water barrel competition.

Gators" and after much hard teamwork came in with 3rd place.

Friday afternoon everyone was able to participate in the activity of his choice. Some of the available options were canoeing through the swamp, playing football, or just taking it easy. As sundown approached Friday evening everyone joined together as one grand choir singing praises to God. After the singspiration the camp ranger shared two of the newest residents of the zoo, a leopard and a tiger, with the students.

The delegates from Greater Miami Academy presented the Sabbath school program and aroused the crowd with a game of "Kulaqua Squares". The worship service, given by Elder H.E. Metcalf, demonstrated the how-to's of sharing our faith. Sabbath afternoon, the camp zoo and nature center were open for visitation. Most all of the delegates took advantage of these facilities. Sabbath evening came all too soon as it was time to say "good-bye" to all the new and old friends. Buses were loaded, hugs were exchanged and the long journey home began.

Juniors Michelle Foster and Cathy Edwards rest after an exhausting tug-of-war.



Spreading The Sunshine

Sabbath afternoon is a special time in which Fletcher Academy students enjoy going to a nursing home in the area for some singing and socializing with the residents. It is a pleasure to see happiness and delight dance from their eyes as we sing their

favorite hymns. Not only is it a joy for them to hear us sing; it is a lot of fun to listen to their stories and wise tales. They can teach us so much! Spreading the smiles and the sunshine makes them feel good, as well as us.

Sophomore Norma Neff and Junior Kelly Leazer take requests for a favorite song.

Shawn Collins and Anne-Marie Pollin listen attentively as a lady tells them a story.

Sophomore Harry Frizzell visits with a resident.

Juniors Michelle Foster and Connie Thompson spread their sunshine to an elderly friend.



Memories Of A Wonderful Evening

This sure is a lazy Sunday afternoon. I wish I didn't have so much homework to do. Oh, look at that picture on the wall. That was the night of the banquet. I remember it being on Sunday evening, November 24 at 4:30 pm. The guys, dressed in their very best suits, corsages in hand, and apprehensive grins etched on their faces, made their way to the girls' dorm. They waited in the lobby with bated breath, leaning on one foot and then on the other until finally, their dates arrived. Beautiful dresses in a rainbow array of colors were all about and nervous, happy smiles on everyone's face. And after the corsages and boutonnières had been pinned in place and the compliments and smiles had been exchanged, we all headed to Nestel Hall for a tour of all the guys' rooms.

I placed my arm in my boyfriend's and headed out the door with the other couples. My dress was so long that I had to hold it up to keep it off of the rain-soaked sidewalk. On our stroll to the opposite dormitory we were both quiet and I let my mind wander. I

remembered how excited I was all afternoon and I remembered the four long hours it took for me to get ready. But now it was upon me and things were going quite smoothly. Once we had arrived at the dorm, we toured all of the wonderfully decorated rooms and halls. It was really neat to see where everybody lived. And then it was off to the church fellowship hall. Upon arrival we had our picture taken (this one that I'm reminiscing about right now) and then found our seats. Finally I began to relax a little and to make conversation with my date and the others around me. The delicious meals were served, and then for dessert — a chocolate-covered cream puff. Yum! Next we moved into another room to watch the show. Everyone's spirits were lifted romantically with Andra Huggins and Margarette Seeley's, "You Light Up My Life." (Oh, by the way, did I mention to you how great my date smells?!? It must be Jovan.) Next we laughed until we cried at eight junior girls'

rendition of "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer." And then the movie began. We all laughed, smiled, and cried about a man trying to make a lady out of a small English flower girl in, "My Fair Lady."

I'll never forget the wonderful memories gained from that evening. I had so much fun. The silver, white, and blue decorations, and of course, this picture — all these memories will linger.

Well, I guess I'd better get started on that homework.

Sophomores, Margarette Seeley and Andra Huggins, began the program with the romantic song, "You Light Up My Life."



Vikki Hayward and Tim Shumate enjoy each other's company while waiting for dinner to be served.



Julie Whitesides, Jeannie Bradley, Lisa Griffin, Lora Polivka, Suzanne Harpine, Norma Neff and Joyce Sikora serenade us with a pleasant tune.

A group of junior girls lighten the air with "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "I Saw Mommy Kussin' Santa Clause" at the Girls' Reception.



The crowd awaits the beginning of a terrific movie.



Christmas Spirits

The S.A. Christmas Party began with a wave of that special Christmas spirit. The students signed up in the office for a child and everything from puzzles to teddy bears to toys were bought for the kids.

The evening of December 7 brought excited children from the Brevard and Swannanoa area to our gym for a night of good times, laughs, and a lot of fun. It all started with a welcome from S.A. President Mark Petitt and then it was on with the show. Freshman Barry Greenwalt and Sophomore Tonia Cotter posed as the parents in the S.A.'s portrayal of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." It was a barrel of laughs right down to Santa Clause's tummy. And let's not forget how tickled we were when Grandma Julie Whitesides got run over by a reindeer.

Next it was Pinata time and we jokingly watched the youngsters blindly swinging at the air. And then Santa brought what we were all waiting for — our presents! The kids started to fire up and everyone waited patiently to dart up to the stage to claim his gift. After everyone had opened his gift, it was time for the movie. Everyone settled back with a bag of popcorn in his hand to enjoy the thrills and adventures of "The Apple Dumpling Gang." All in all everyone enjoyed the evening and had a lot of fun.



Santa gives Heidi Hodges' scarf a good look over as he receives her gift.

One of the excited children bats the air trying to find the piñata.



Senior Julie Whitesides and her cousin Jeannie Bradley lead out in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.

Cleaning-up afterwards was a rough job, but somebody had to do it.

Finally the piñata burst and everyone scrambled all over the floor to get as much candy as he could.

Lights That Warm Your Heart

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting. What an exciting event on the Fletcher Academy campus! The students all huddled together around the evergreen and sang Christmas hymns. It was a peaceful and special time for us even though the wind was blowing quite briskly and our eyes were watering because of the cold. And then the

lights were flicked on. A mass of beautiful blue, green, red, and yellow bulbs light up the dark sky. Then we went into the ad building to warm up with doughnuts and hot chocolate. Yum! Then it was on to the buses for a trip up the mountain to a small auditorium where we watched skits put on by the Drama Club.



During the F.A. Christmas Tree Lighting, Jeff Skaggs, Michelle Foster, Connie Thompson, David Collins, and Mark Pettitt lead in Christmas carols while trying to keep warm.

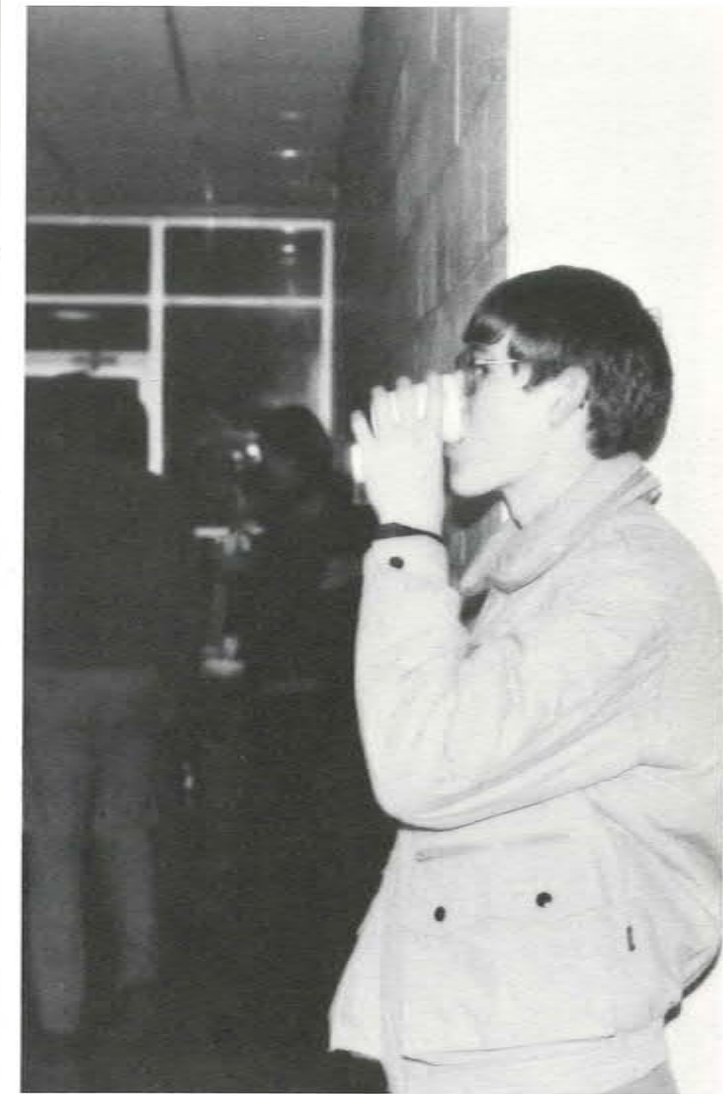
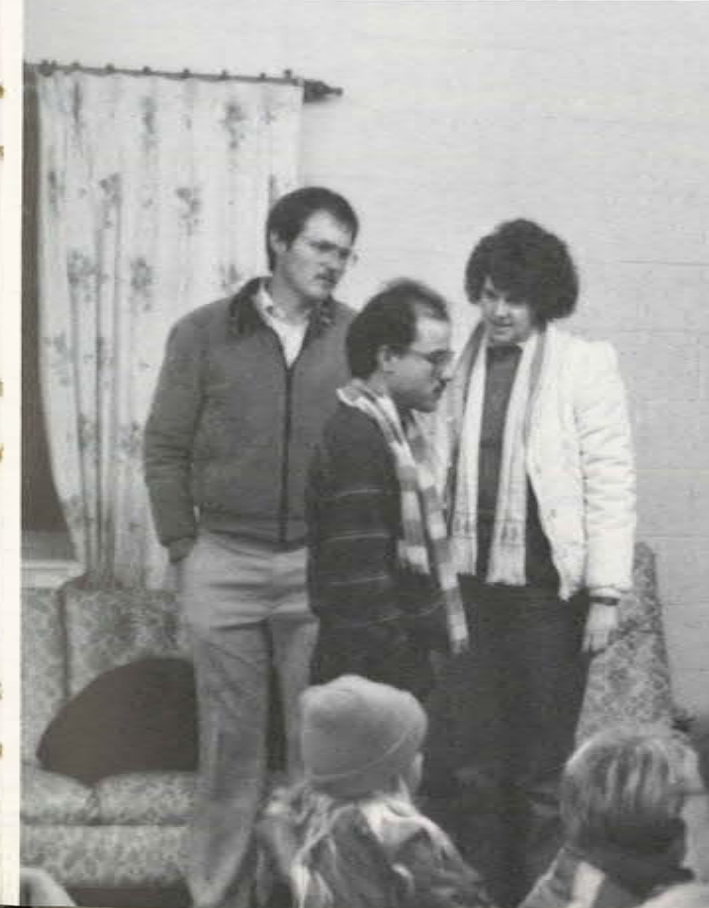
The babe quietly rests in a manger while Joseph (Rob Taylor) and Mary (Amanda Stanley) and the wise men (Leonard Ellis and Michael Duckworth) watch over him.



Juniors Angie Earnhardt and Scot Montgomery put on a skit about the love of God on their Christmas Eve.

Junior Greg Broughton tries to get warm by drinking a cup of hot chocolate after the Christmas tree lighting.

Faculty members Mr. Negron and Mr. McNeilus, and Sophomore Jeannie Bradley attempt to get everything organized for the Christmas vespers program.



Academic Challenge

Stage fright, academic blunders, screams from the audience, points rising as well as stress level. The contestants for the 1985-86 Academy Bowl are waiting, sweat in their palms and with bated breath for the competition to begin. The freshmen and sophomores begin and the sophomores take the win. And now it's time for the juniors and seniors to take the stand.

"What is the capital of Turkey?" asks Mr. Negrón. Hands fly to ring the bell. The game ends with a ten point lead by the seniors. The final game begins and the pressure is on for the sophomore, senior competition. Each question brings them closer to the end. The seniors leave excited because of their victory.



Juniors Jay Ritterskamp, Judi Vogt, Becky Robinson, and Walter Settlemyre battle the seniors Kerry Brockway, Gene Krishinger, Mark Brunner, and Tim Shumate to the finish, ending with a close victory for the seniors of ten points in the Academy Bowl.

Sophomores and Freshmen go for the gold as Ms. Wolbert reads the difficult questions.



Senior Roger Krum reviews his Health notes for the upcoming final.

Randy Goodwin takes some time to brush up on his notes from Bible class.

Sophomores Scott Krishinger and Stephanie Zalabak study their world history so that they can ace their tests.



Work Before Play

About two weeks before Christmas break we the wiser students start getting real panicky about final exams. Old notes and lessons start showing up and are beginning to be pumped into our brains again. Of course there are those of us who procrastinate 'till the night before the test to cram. Teachers begin telling us what we need to know about the subjects they are teaching. And so we are left on our own to carry out our studying habits. We the wise rack our brains for nights before the test, learning as much as possible for the exam. We the procrastinators study all that we possibly can the night before the test.

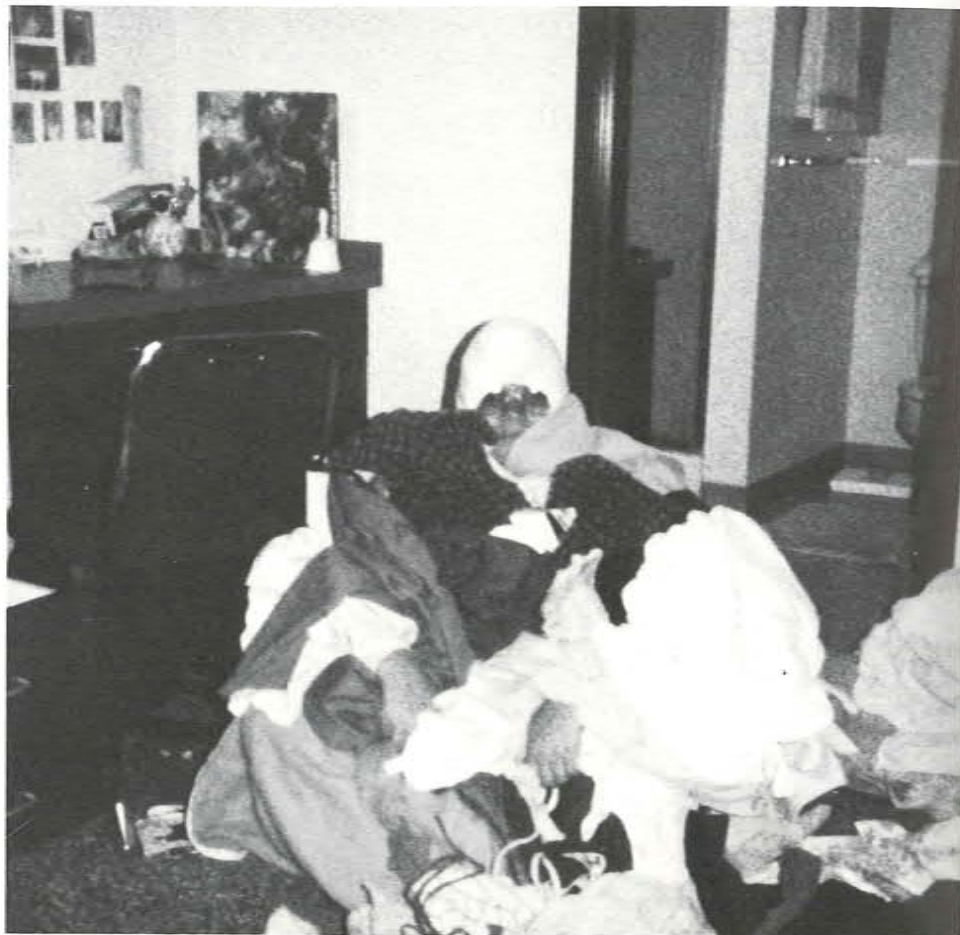
And then the first day of test week has arrived. It's time for your chemistry final! Oh no! These tests are driving me crazy! Algebra is tomorrow and I just know I'm going to flunk! But at last it is all over and it's time to go home. All of the plane or bus tick-

ets are bought, suitcases are packed, and your parents are ready to go. You're going home!!! Into the cars and trucks and buses and planes and we're on our way. Just think of all of the fun we're gonna have. Watching "Conway", sleeping in 'till ten, eating that delicious fudge mom makes every year, shopping at Brendles, and opening up the box that contains that long awaited and desired gift. Just think about that fancy party you were invited to. I hope I have something in my suitcase nice enough to wear.

It's New Year's Eve! 10! 9! 8! 7! 6! 5! 4! 3! 2! 1! 0! Yeah! Hooray! Rah! Rah! Rah! 1986 has finally arrived!

Well, break is over now. I sure did have a blast. I just knew I was going to get that brand new coat for Christmas, and I did. I can't wait to get back to Fletcher to see my friends and to find out how their Christmases turned out.

Prize Time



It's Gene Krushingner's chance for a ride. Junior Tim Kroll gives his friend an exciting lift to his car in the student parking lot.

Juniors Holly Sumner and Michelle Foster talk about the latest as they sit on the steps outside the Ad Building.

Eighteen at last! Twins Leland and Roger Krum celebrate their birthday on the French trip to Canada.

Senior Samiris Leonor is tied up while trying to sort her laundry on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Best buddies Janesta Bryant and Kellie Norton return from their meal at the cafe to an afternoon of work.



Back To Nature

Spiritual Emphasis Weekend. The inspiring knowledge of the love of God was presented in an interesting understandable way. This was intertwined with hikes, handstands, waterfights, fireside singing, etc. Each of us had a chance to participate in the events of the weekend whether by salvaging the gravy prepared by Davy and Mark, or leading out in a prayer band or song service.

We weren't just sleeping through dull meetings all weekend. The inspiring knowledge of the love of God was presented in an interesting understandable way. This was intertwined with hikes, handstands, waterfights, fireside singing, etc. Each of us had a chance to participate in the events of the weekend whether by salvaging the gravy prepared by Davy and Mark, or leading out in a prayer band or song service.

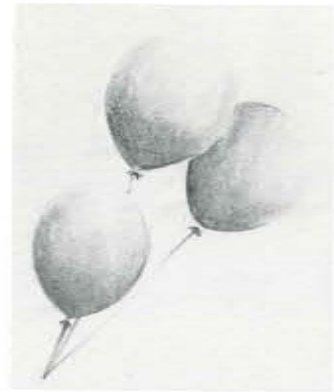


George Sermersheim, Tonya Barnwell, Carlyle Ingersoll, Gene Krushingner, and Leland Krum have a great time at Spiritual Emphasis Weekend.

Gathered around the fire bowl the students from Fletcher Academy meditate on the nature around them.



Just in the nick of time, quarterback Todd Jenks makes the pass to his teammate Greg Barnes for the needed yardage.



The Great Surprise Play

Sports.

Sports. The hour each evening during which I can get in a few shots at the old basket, passes of the football, or kicks toward the goal.

Sports. A time for me to forget the books, the tests, the homework, and all the other requirements. A time to put everything I've got into a "good game."

Sports. A little bit of team effort. A

chance to set-up a team member for a spike or make a long pass into the end zone for a TD or to receive the pass in the end zone.

Sports. My one good time of the day to limber up these bones of mine. To act a little crazy and a little skillful, a little careless and a little cautious, a little helter-skelter and a little serious.

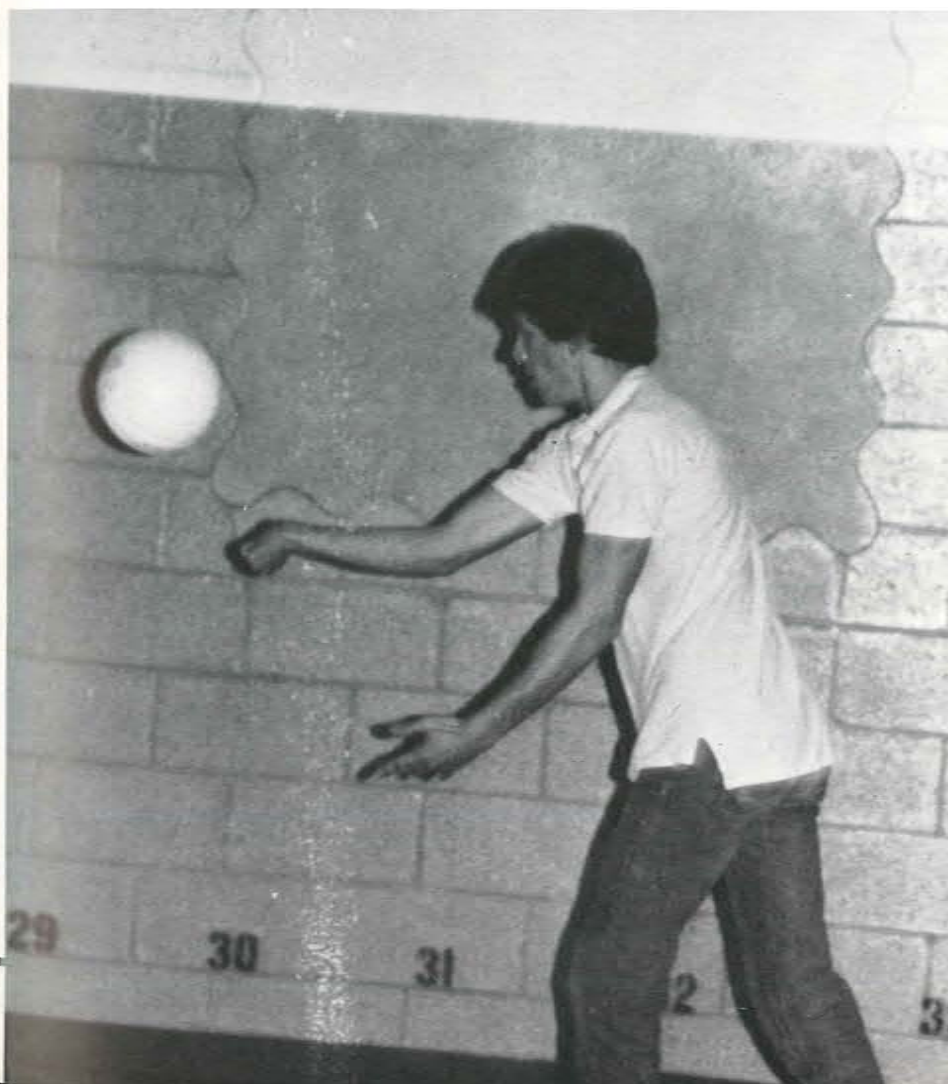
Sports. My one chance of the day — my one and only chance to make ... the great surprise play.



Junior David Ringer and Freshman Drew Schlatter battle for possession of the soccer ball.

Sophomore Scott Krishingner and Freshman Peter Kroll teter back and forth on the teter board as Ted Naiman and Greg Garver spot them.

Junior Brian Brigner takes his serve in a game of volleyball.



Surprise Play

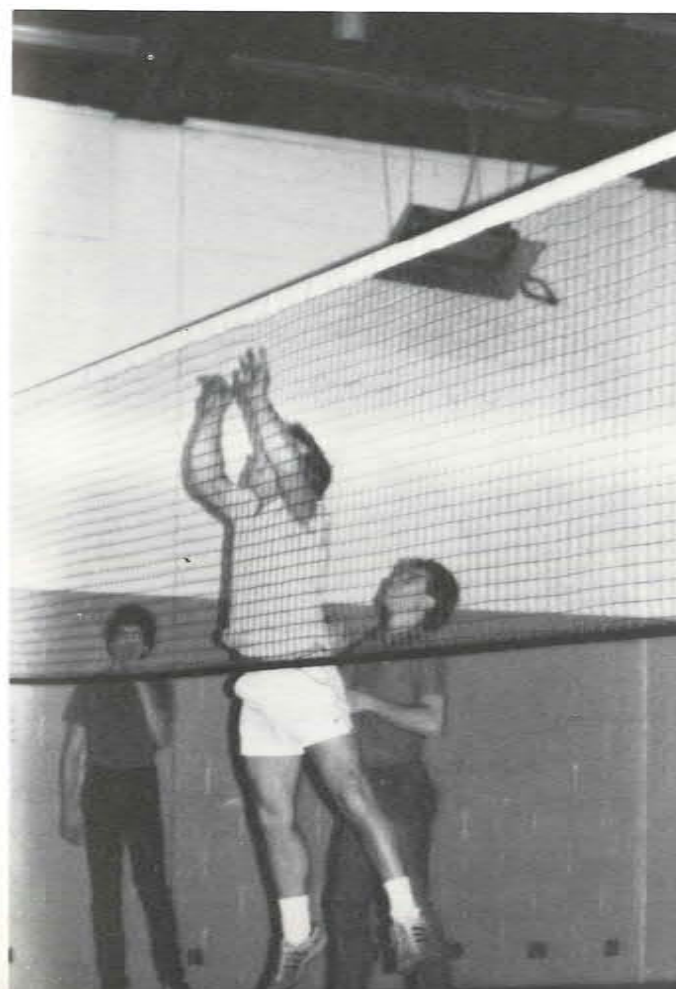
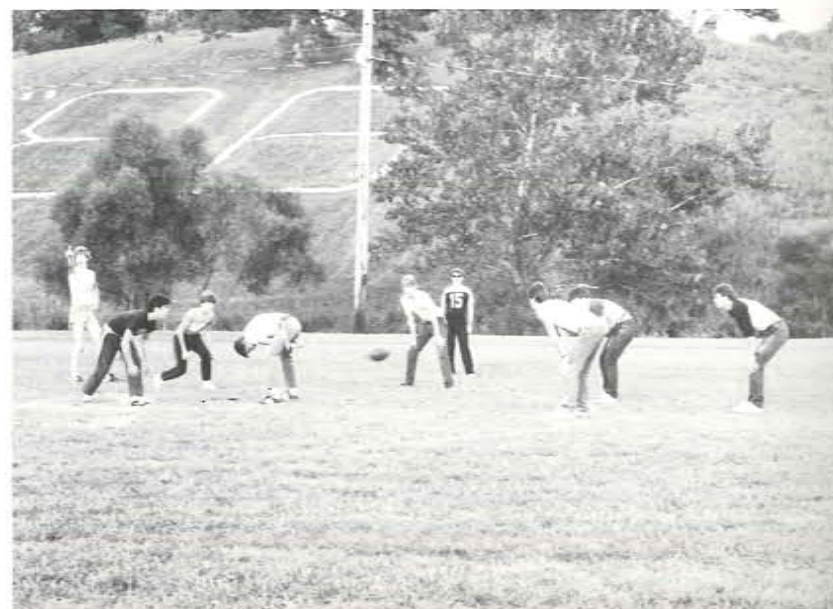


Gymnasts Kellie Norton and Connie Thompson work together to stretch their muscles during gymnastics warm-up.

Mr. Negron gathers the two soccer teams together to give a few last minute instructions before the game begins.

Junior Robert Marsa skillfully dribbles the soccer ball down the field toward the goal.

"Hut, two, three, HIKE!" shouts quarterback Tim Shumate.



Freshman Gerg Pettit bumps it for a set to Scott Krishingner.

Kenny Zill aims for a terrific serve to the opposite team.

Mr. Mathis goes for a spike in a game of volleyball.

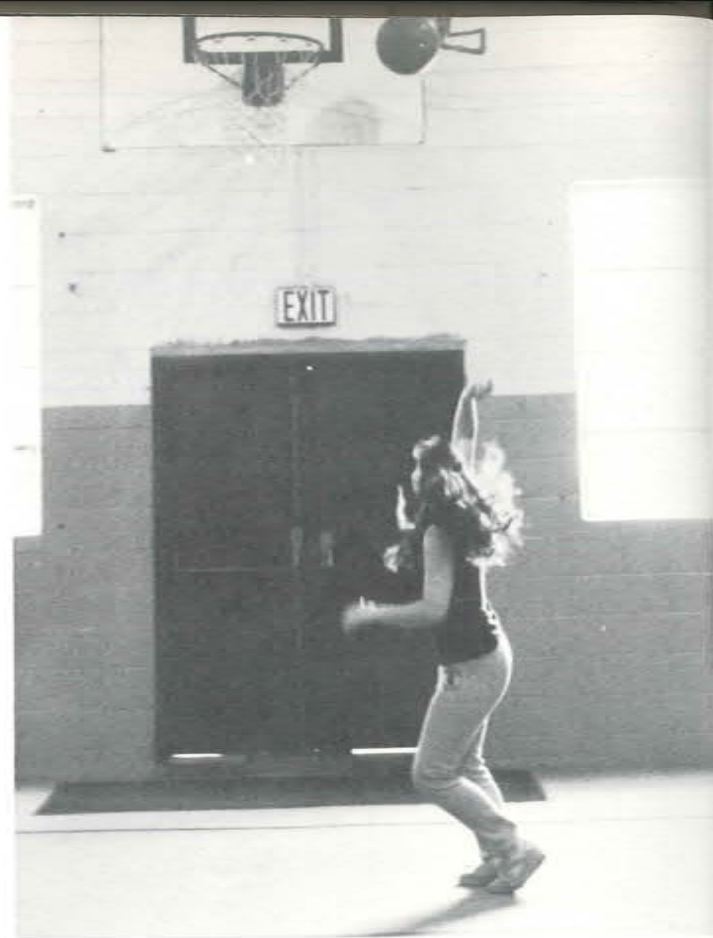
Volleyball

"Set it up!"
"Alright, Jay get us another point."

"Side out!"
These are just a few of the phrases you might hear if you were watching two of the four girls' teams and six guys' teams battling for the points in a game of volleyball. Recreation serves as time to get together and have a blast setting, serving, bumping, and spiking as a team.

Having A Ball

The favorite games for the Fletcher guys and some of the Fletcher girls are flagball and basketball. Many a night is spent in passing the football, grabbing the flag, and making that great slam dunk. Everyone enjoys the hour he has to be a little skillful in a special sport, and recreation provides the enjoyment of both flagball and basketball.



Freshman girls enjoy a game of "Around the World."

Debbie Thompson, Cindy Smith, Kim Wilson, and Tami Sermersheim dribble the basketball around the gym to master the art of balance.

Freshman Tammy Earnhardt makes an attempted shot toward the basket.



Teammates Angie Earnhardt, Michelle Williams, and Miss Dickerhoff await the hike as senior Jennifer Elkins snaps out the audibles.

Before the guys' flagball game all pause to bow their head as Mr. Mathis leads in prayer.

Rochelle Battistone and Kim Kelly wait for the action in their flagball game.

Craig Shealy prepares to rush his opponent as Shawn Collins hikes the ball. Each enjoy the open opportunity to take part in F.A. flagball.



Gymnastics Becomes A Part Of Life

We're All In This Together

What makes gymnastics worth the sore muscles, sprained ankles, and bruised shoulders? What is so great about doing sit-ups, push-ups, and warm-up exercises every day until you are ready to collapse?

Many times we have asked ourselves these questions, but by the end of the year we realize that gymnastics is not all pain and misery. During the course of the year our gym team grows really close, almost like family. We learn to trust the other members of the team. We learn to work well with others. After all one can't afford to be mad at his 3-high base! Our team works together, not as individuals just trying to get praise for themselves.

Gymnastics is long bus trips to little elementary schools, sleeping on the floor in gyms, having handstand contests, playing with Renée and Nikki, and hearing Dean say, "Hey, Dummy!" or "Hey Yardape! Get Moving!"

It is really fun to stay in people's homes and to do shows at different schools. Gymnastics may be hard at times, but when you finally get that move you missed three shows in a row, or you are able, at last, to do four back handsprings in a row by yourself, it really makes your day. In gymnastics there is no such a thing as being perfect because there are always goals to reach for. Half the fun is learning new moves!

By the end of the year the team members grow so close that it is hard to say goodbye. After all, we see each other in some of our worst moments! But we grow close because we have all been reaching for a goal and working together to make our goals a reality.

By Heather Naiman

GYMNASTICS TEAM:

Back row, left to right: Greg Pettitt, Scott Krishingner, Gene Krishingner, Peter Kroll, Ricky Pendleton, Robbie Kyle, Chris Hodges, Troy Hollenbeck, Rob Taylor, Keith Jones, Bryce Wilkie, Patrick Forrester, Vince Griesman, David Rowe, Greg Garver, Ted Naiman. Front row: Debbie Thompson, Kellie Norton, Connie Thompson, Bina Jangda, Kathy Lothian, Tami Sermersheim, Stephanie Zalabak, Nona Doerner, Michelle Williams, Heather Naiman, Rochelle Battistone, Lora Polivka, Tonya Barnwell, Shannon Vanhooser, Don, June, and Nicole Mathis.



Outdoor Club Hits NC Trails

Every club on campus seeks to serve the needs of a diverse student body. The Outdoor Club serves a special group of people, providing the outlet of trees, birds, creeks, campfires, trails, and open skies

aplenty.

This club is not only hiking and backpacking but it also involves time to relax and take a break from all the hustle and bustle of the week. The group sets up camp and gathers

for some stories and sacred songs. Then they retire for the night.

The next morning everyone pairs up to cook breakfast. Pancakes are flipped through the air, eggs

are scrambled, and hot chocolate warms their bellies.

Sabbaths are always special on Outdoor Club trips because the presence of God can be felt all around. The service starts out with a chorus of "Pass It On" that echos through the mountains. There is a short lesson study and then a huge lunch to prepare us for the vigorous afternoon hike. All too soon the day is gone

The Outdoor Club officers perch precariously on the remainder of the old dock.

Bryce Wilkie and David Ringer, Co-Presidents; Connie Thompson, Secretary, Treasurer; Roger Krum, Pastor; Sam James, Sponsor; Howard Hall, Sponsor.

Whittling away on a piece of wood, Mr. James teaches a Sabbath School lesson about Joseph to the Outdoor Club members.

and Mr. Hall leads vespers, pointing out different nature nuggets found throughout the day.

Then it's time for a good 'ole game of sardines. Turkey Pen is the perfect site for this. Mr. James sneaks off and hides in the weeds as the others wander aimlessly in search of him. Everyone bursts out with laughter as the last person finally finds them, and all are ready for a nice long rest.

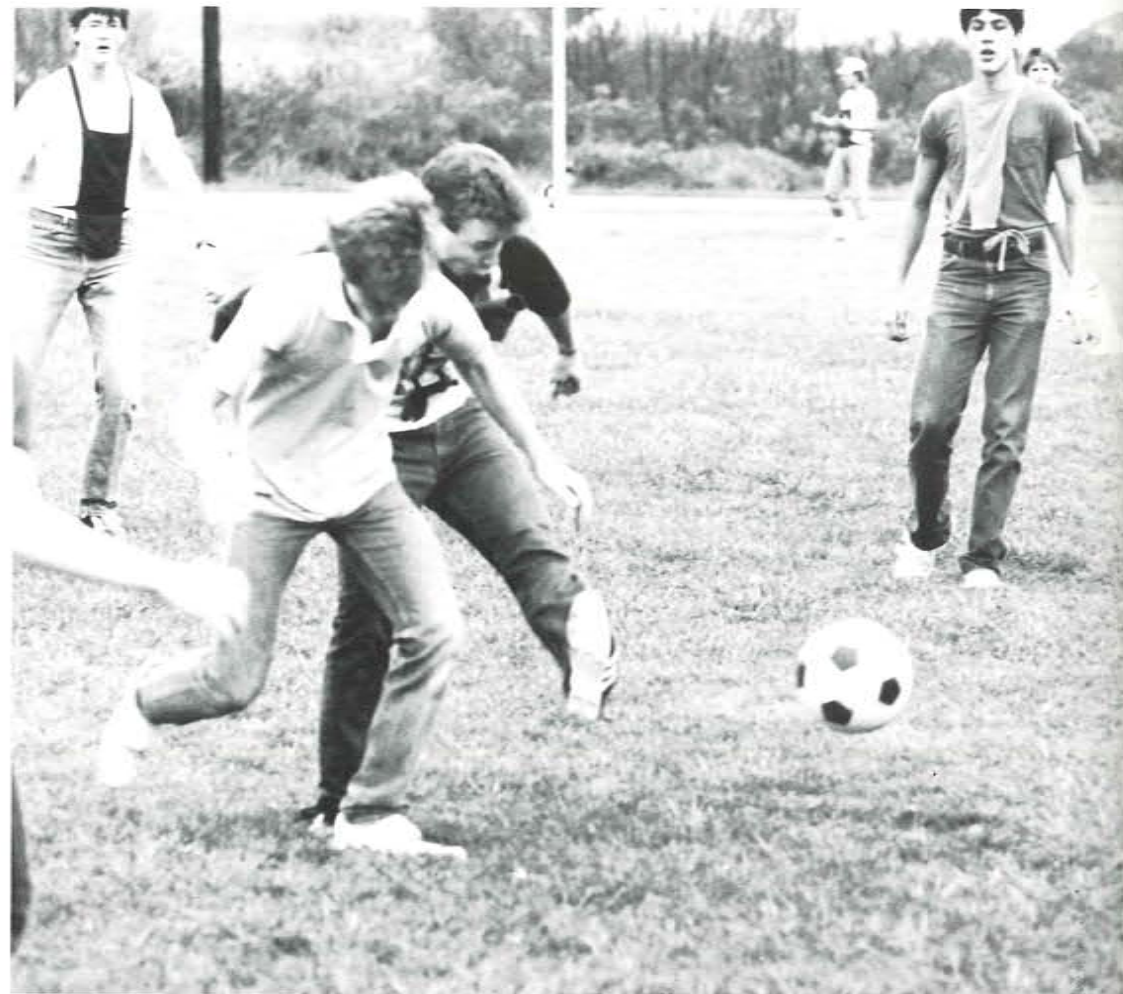
Everyone is up bright and early Sunday morning, eager to make the most of this day. But the weekend is soon over and backpackers return to school, feeling refreshed and prepared for a new week.



Fletcher Loves Soccer

Americans have been playing football, basketball, and baseball for what seems like "forever." But now a new sport has entered the picture and we here at Fletcher give it our support by entering soccer as one of our inturmurals. Goalies, guards, halfbacks, and forwards join together in a co-ed team effort of offensive and defensive maneuvers, with the objective, of course, of getting as many goals as they can. During each game the team members use their fancy footwork, dribbling, juggling, or just plain lambasting the ball down field. There's a

constant shift of possession from team to team, from opponent to opponent. Soccer provides not only an enjoyable pastime for all by enables everyone to gain more exercise, fresh air, and that good old team spirit.



Jay Ritterskamp diverts all his energies into kicking the ball down field to prevent Robby Jongema from gaining a goal.

Demonstrating amazing balance Craig Mahrle proves a terrific block.

Opponents Gene Kriehingner and Robby Kyle struggle to gain possession of the ball.

Rob Taylor's keen eyes are fixed on the ball as Robert Marsa dribbles down the field.



The Few — The Brave — The Rock Climbers

There you are, suspended in mid-air by one spindly rope supported only by the fearless Mr. Neilsen himself. Anxiety grips at you as you glance with apprehension over your shoulder at the 300-

foot drop below. Life flashes before your eyes when suddenly your foot slips on the minute foothold. You scream "Tension!", and the rope miraculously tightens and you realize you are still alive and swing-

ing out over the rock. With a wipe of your brow and a "thank you" whisper to God, you chuckle with both fear and relief. Avoiding sarcastic remarks from your fellow climbers ("The rope has been cut!")

"Look out for the huge rock I threw down!"), you press onward to conquer your goal.

The Rock Climbing Club consists of brave, determined individuals who unite teamwork, trust, and perseverance. They have conquered such climbs as Looking Glass Rock, Hickory Nut Gorge Rock, and Devil's Courthouse. The grand finale will be a joint trip with the Outdoor Club for an adventurous weekend at Table Rock.

The question is asked, "Why are you in this awesome, daring, organization?"

"It's a blast to climb." Jon Nash.

"My friend made me do it." Kellie Nor-

ton.

"For the thrill of it." Quinten Huggins.

"It's scary." Keith Courtney.

"Keith is crazy to watch and I love being with my friends." Angie Earnhardt.

The Rock climbing Club is indeed filled with thrills and chills; but the best thing about being a member is the binding closeness that you gain from being with friends and reaching the top — knowing you can do anything because YOU'RE A ROCK CLIMBER!

By Rochelle Battistone



Avid climbers Kellie Norton and Quinten Huggins join Rock Climbing Club officers: Mr. Richard Neilsen, sponsor; Rochelle Battistone, President; Bryce Wilkie, Vice President; Angie Earnhardt, Secretary; Jon Nash; Treasurer (not pictured).

Looking Glass Rock provides a favorite repelling site for the Rock Climbing Club. If you will look closely, you may see Fletcher rock climbers. Very closely. Very, very closely.



George Sermersheim and Tonya Barnwell see eye to eye as they run the tennis ball relay.

What a lapful! Students form a human chair at the Harvest Party.

Jeff Skaggs displays his awesome costume at the Harvest Party.



F.A. Celebrates Harvest Party

The Harvest Party! The words were on the tips of everyone's tongues for days prior to the big event; the guys were saddled with the responsibility of asking special girls to be their dates for the evening.

The week, the day, and the hour had finally arrived. Everyone gathered in the amphitheater to begin with some downhome, country folk stories. Among the crowds were Michelle Williams and Lora Polivka as cheery pumpkins; Greg Barnes, Quinten Huggins, and Tim Shumate as our friendly neighborhood combat soldiers; and Kenny Zill and Cathy Edwards posed as grandma and grandpa. Hot chocolate and M &

M cookies filled their stomachs while Mike Williams, an exciting folk tale teller, told stories that made everyone choke with laughter.

Next it was on to more fun! Dividing up into three huge groups, the students went to one of the three areas: behind the barn for a folk-song, sing-along, to the field for some exciting games, and off on an adventurous hayride.

Behind the barn the hobos sang by the firelight. S.A. Pastorette Jeannie Bradley, Julie Whitesides, and Kathy Quick led the singers in old-time favorites such as "Old MacDonald," "Home on the Range," and "Oh Suzanna." At the field we all

played a game of "Carry the tennis ball forehead to forehead." Next the participants joined hands with their dates or partners and ran a breathless strategy of chain tag. Soon the kids sat in a circle on the track and boggled their minds with the much-needed-coordination game called rhythm. Then it was on to the hayride for a hay-throwin', rip-roarin' trip up Hutch Mountain road.

After enjoying the games, the hayride and the sing-along the students climbed up in the hayloft and buried themselves deep in the hay for the end of an enjoyable evening — The Million Dollar Hobo.





Senior Ricky Jongema and sophomore Stephanie Zabalak, sitting under the willow tree, seek an answer in Stephanie's Bible homework.

Sophomore English student Iris Rilea lets her mind wander as Mr. James expounds on the "beauties" of participial phrases and introductory adverb clauses.

Tami Sermeresheim rests her head lightly on a soccer ball while watching a battle for the goals between Skaggs and Ritterskamp.



Oh! What a Surprise!

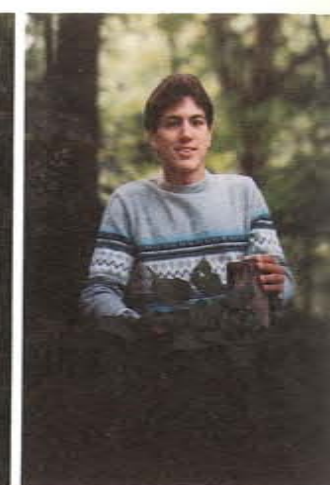
Freshmen Become Sophomores
Become Juniors Become
Seniors

I don't know if the biggest surprise of the year is that I'm finally a senior. Or if it's that I'm now officially dating the girl I've been wanting to date since my sophomore year. No. Maybe it's that I'm passing English IV. Or that I made the gymnastics team. I know what it is; it's that the yearbook is finally here!

Surprises surround people. And this is a section featuring people. Without people here to fill the halls, classrooms, dorm rooms, to jump and shout and study and play and share and work, Roughgarden, Jaspersen, and Nestell would be reduced to mere warehouse level.

People. Like freshmen. The ever incoming march of rookies. Sophomores and juniors, bringing up the middle, plowing through the center, lending solidarity to the student body. And seniors. Hey! What can I say? People. Fletcher's *raison d'etre*.

Junior Angie Earnhardt ponders over her chemistry problem sets.



Farmer, Edith
Gentry, Edna
Goodwin, Randy



Griesman, Vince
Harrington, Colleen
Heinlein, Chandra



Hodges, Chris
Holt, Trinity
Hucke, Dave

Anderson, Sonya
Carrillo, Carmen
Courtney, Keith

Arnold, Judy
Clark, Cynthia
Doerner, Nona

Brockway, Kerry
Collins, Jeffrey
Duncan, Stella

Brunner, Mark
Coon, Steve
Elkins, Jennifer

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tries. NONA DOERNER: Gymnastics. STELLA DUNCAN: Band (Photo.) Choir. EDIE FARMER: Junior (S.A. Rep.), Sen. (Sec.). EDNA GENTRY: French. RANDY GOODWIN: Choir. VINCE GRIESMAN: Gymnastics. COLLEEN HARRINGTON: Choir, Outdoor, French. CHANDRA HEINLEIN: Fresh. (S.A.

Rep.), Soph. (Pres.), Band, Choir, Temperance, Girls' Chorus, Circuit Ridin' Preachers. CHRIS HODGES: Gymnastics. DAVE HUCKE: Sen. (S.A. Rep.), Band (Dir.), Choir, (Rec. Coordinator), Outdoor, French. RICKY JONGEMA: Soph. (Treas.), Junior (S.A. Rep.), Boys' Club (Treas.), Band (Pres.), S.A. (Vice Pres.), Cav-



Johnson, Theresa
Jongema, Ricky
Krafft, Walter

Senior Life

There's a lot of work involved in being a senior and it begins as soon as the new alumni march out of the church waving their diplomas. After Commencement, the fledgling seniors spend their first afternoon industriously creating 6 out of the 5, which seems to have been etched in the hill for years. Lines are dug and gravel shoveled and poured into place. When they have finished they stand back and look at their masterpiece with pride.

All of the seniors have a feeling of accomplishment but there's a group of them who have a special sense of satisfaction. These students have attended Fletcher all four years. They've watched friends come and go as they

stood with feet planted firmly on Fletcher ground. Some of them have spent up to twelve years together, beginning with eight years of elementary school at Captain Gilmer. After all this time spent together they feel like one big family.

An important job that goes with being seniors is filling the class offices. Those who hold these offices must be hard-working, responsible servants. Fund raisers must be planned, the details of class trip must be ironed out, and graduation plans must be made.

Although there is a lot of work, there are also many benefits to outweigh that work and make it all worth while.



Senior Lisa Lugus works diligently in Dr. Bush's office.

Lisa Levangie, Vince Griesman, Nona Doerner, Kathy Lothian, and Bryce Wilkie discuss the happenings of Mr. Burks' senior Bible class.

Senior Kerry Brockway grins a teeth-gritting grin as he says, "Hang in there, baby; Friday's comin'."



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Bryce Wilkie, Vice-President; Mr. Ingersoll, Sponsor; Leland Krum, Pastor; Mr. James, Sponsor; Dave Hucke, S.A. Representative; Tim Shumate, Parliamentarian; Theresa Johnson, S.A. Representative; Priscilla Morrison, President; Edie Farmer, Secretary; Kathy Lothian, Treasurer.

FOUR YEAR SENIORS: Back row, left to right: Leland Krum, Roger Krum, David Vaughn,

Walter Krafft, Ricky Jongema, Chris Hodges, Randy Goodwin. Middle row: Gene Krishingner, Mark Petitt, Vince Griesman, Steve Coon, Sonya Anderson, Julie Whitesides, Judy Arnold, Bryce Wilkie, Cindy Clark, Stella Duncan, Theresa Johnson. Front row: Pam Krishingner, Colleen Harrington, Lora Polivka, Kathy Lothian, Edna Gentry, Jennifer Elkins.



Smiling with accomplishment, Sherie Kwintner and her classmates complete the hill with a change from a five to a six.

Krishingner, Gene
Krishingner, Pam
Krum, Leland



Krum, Roger
Kwintner, Sherie
Kyle, Robert



Leonor, Samiris
Levangie, Lisa
Lothian, Kathryn



Lugus, Lisa
Morrison, Priscilla
Nash, Jon



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Parkins, Esther
Quick, Kathryn
Wilkie, Bryce

Pendleton, Rick
Shumate, Tim
Yurth, Stacey

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Polivka, Lora
Whitesides, Julie



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Village Parents Present Senior Banquet

Walking out of the rain, into a lobby, up a curving staircase and into a room full of good smells and happy people, the seniors think of the contrast between this dining hall and the "everyday-ness" of the cafeteria. On the evening of October 27, 1985, we are cordially greeted by two mothers, then asked to help ourselves to a long buffet full of the best food we've ever seen. As we walk to the beginning of the buffet, we notice the decorations scattered around the room. Blue and gray balloons are tied to chairs, tables, and walls with matching crepe paper interspersed between. We sit down next to Pam Krishinger and Dave Hucke and

across from Stacey Yurth's parents, Bev and Stan Yurth. After having thirds and fourths on the food, and hearing Mr. James, Mark Petitt, and Mark Brunner make a few helium speeches, we settle down to watch The 9th Avenue Irregulars. Every now and then our concentration is broken by a tiny alien voice coming from the side of the room. That must be Mark Brunner playing with his balloons again. We laugh and cry until the movie is over, then bid goodbye to our friends. Reminiscing over the events of the evening, we regretfully leave the room that has created just a few more memories.

By Leland Krum



"I feel more like I do now than I did when I got here."
Kerry Brockway



Mark Petitt and Mark Brunner work intently on unknitting the helium balloons.

Roger Krum looks extremely intelligent as he draws some attention at the Senior Banquet.

After finishing their meals the seniors take time and chat, getting to know each other a little better.



"The Russians are invading!" Mark Brunner

Jennifer Elkins catches up on the Fletcher news as posted on the bulletin board.

Edna Gentry finds a quiet corner in the library to complete her French II workbook assignment.

Pam Krishinger and Dave Hucke work on their accounting papers in the shade of the willow.



"I think English class should be an elective." Edna Gentry

After completing his lunch, Leonard Ellis takes a few minutes to look over a biology worksheet for a puzzled Sophomore.

Judi Vogt passes the time in Religion III class by reading a note from a friend.



"You should seek professional help."
George Sermersheim

Penny Atherton

The Best Of Friends

We come from all walks of life; we have extremely trying schedules that range across the spectrum of classes, recreation, and work; we exhibit many hobbies and interests from computers, to ham radio, to music, to sports; humor, talent, intelligence, and athletic ability are hallmarks among our ranks. We have become a prototype of the early American "melting pot." And now we are here together

— all 55 of us — among our many differences yet joined by a common bond. We pursue similar dreams, goals, and ideals. We enjoy conversing such topics as home life, cafe food, the opposite sex, and basic, everyday problems.

Upperclassmen at last, we share in the delight of our past accomplishments. We have come a long way together. Each new day has brought us trials, tribulations, or ex-

citements; and each new day has brought us closer to each other. No matter where we end up in life — a minister of a small, country church; a faculty member back at Fletcher Academy; a rich lawyer living in a condo in the Keys; or a commercial advertising advisor for a leading advertising firm — we will always be the best of friends.



Greg Barnes
Rochelle Battistone
Amber Bradford



Bryan Brigner
Greg Broughton
Michelle Brown



Janesta Bryant
Angie Earnhardt
Cathy Edwards

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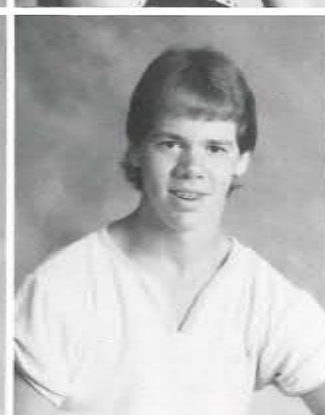
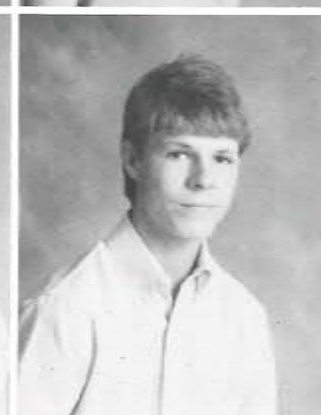
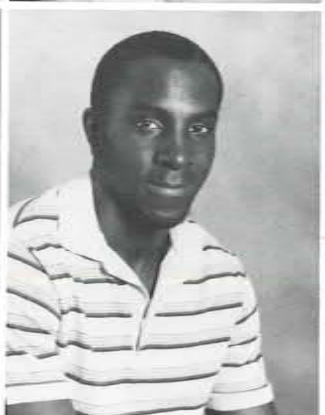
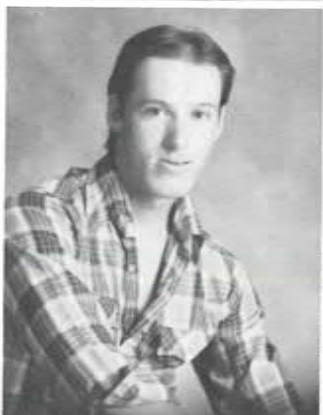
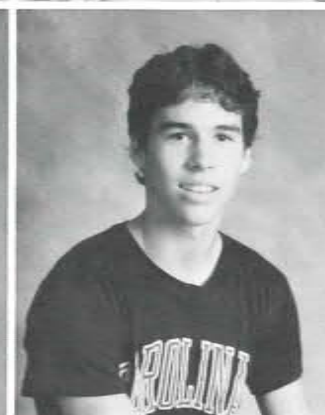
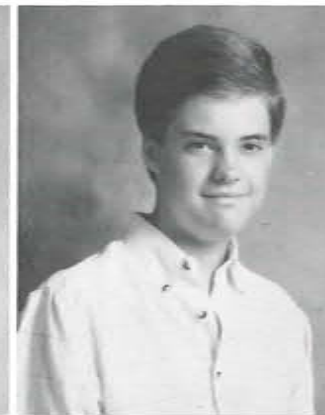
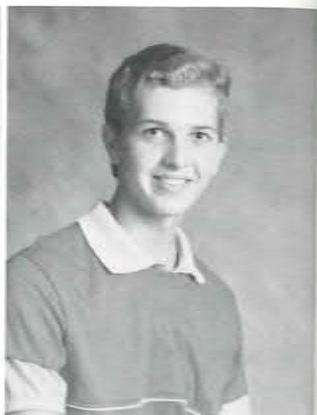
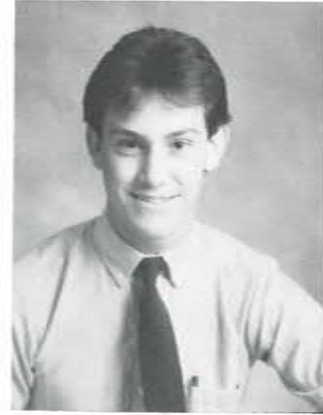
In the comfort of his dorm room Scot Montgomery makes use of study hall time and completes his homework.

"Chill-out" Scot Montgomery



Juniors Carol Hall, Suzanne Harpine, Kellie Norton, Rochelle Battistone, and Michelle Foster race to complete their French I homework assignments before the 11:45 am bell rings.

"Things will get better! Hang on; Friday's coming!" Holly Sumner



Patrick Forrester
Carol Hall
Troy Hollenbeck

Michelle Foster
Suzanna Harpine
Steve Horne

Lisa Griffin
Wendy Hatley
Quinten Huggins

Carl Hall
Vikki Hayward
Todd Jenks

Anissa Johnson
Laura Kuist
Craig Mahrle

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Victoria Kesselring
Tricia Luke
Roland Mathews

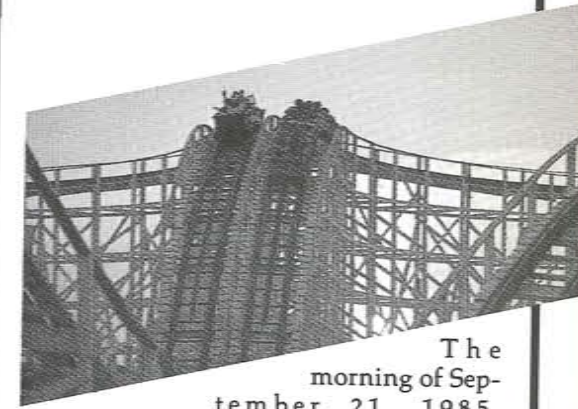
Timothy Kroll
Chip Maginnis
Scot Montgomery

Shane Sherbondy spends his lunch hour doing his chemistry homework. Lunch hour in the Fletcher cafeteria proves to be valuable time for a variety of activities, including study, nourishment, and social life.

"The kids at F.A. are the greatest in the world. I love them. Even though there are things I don't like, the good always outweighs the bad" Joyce Sikora



You Ain't Done Nothing Yet!



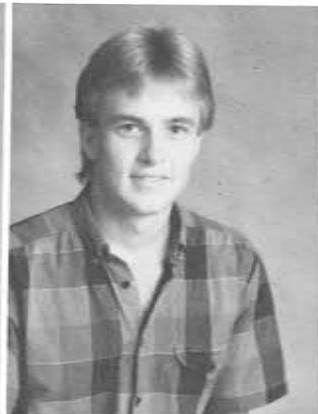
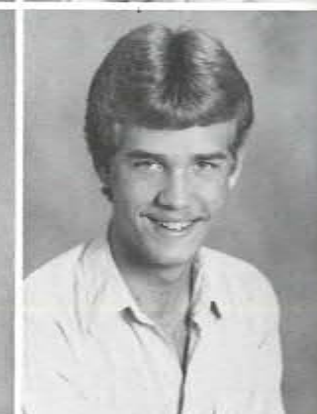
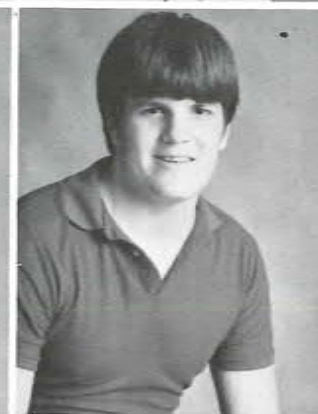
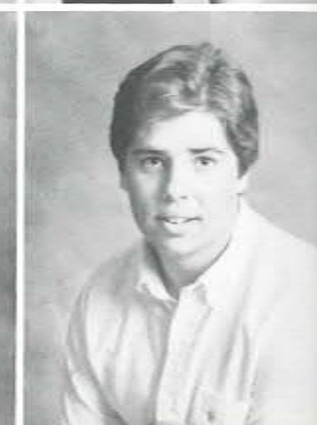
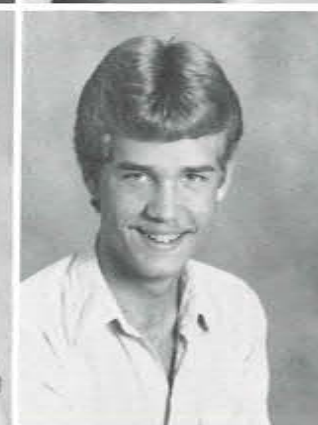
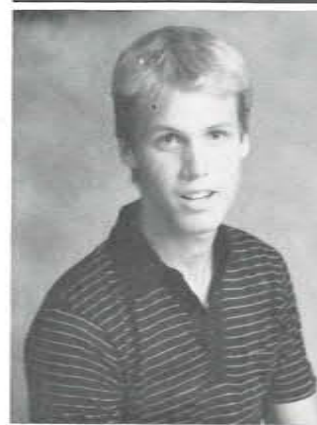
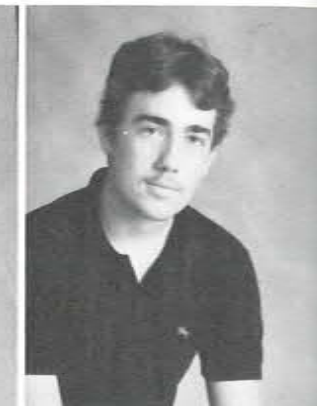
The morning of September 21, 1985, brought sleepy-eyed members of the Junior Class to the buses at 7:00 am. Just as the sun was peaking over the mountains the bus carrying the Carowinds-bound juniors left Fletcher Academy heading southeast. Upon entering the park the members posed for a group shot and then paraded half-way around Carowinds to ride the ever-popular White Lightning. We were basically the only people there; so the only riders were Fletcherites. We split up then into our own separate groups and spent the day spending our money on water balloon games, riding roller coasters, and eating ice cream and French fries. There are many other things we could say about what we did at Carowinds. We loaded up in a bus — went to Carowinds — rode the rides and came back to school. But what really happened is we got together and did something we all really wanted to do as a class. We didn't just ride The Cyclone a million times, pig out at the taco stand, and go to see "Celebrate America;" we grew closer to each other as a class and had a blast together.

"Ya know what I mean, Vern?"
Angie Earnhardt



On Sunday Craig Mahrle seeks source material in the personality, antics, and attitudes of one Garfield himself.

"You can be yourself and act crazy and people will still like you for who you are." Michelle Foster



Kellie Norton
David Ringer
Becky Robinson

Anne-Marie Pollin
Jay Ritterskamp
Brooke Schlatter

Heather Naimen
Chadd Reese
Phillip Roberts
George Sermersheim

Walter Settlemire
Joyce Sikora
Terry Turner
Heidi Walker

Craig Shealy
Holly Sumner
Shannon VanHooser
Michelle Williams

Shane Sherbondy
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"Earth: Mostly Harmless." Ray Gearhardt



In architecture class Greg Garver skillfully maneuvers his compass and ruler to design the house of his dreams.

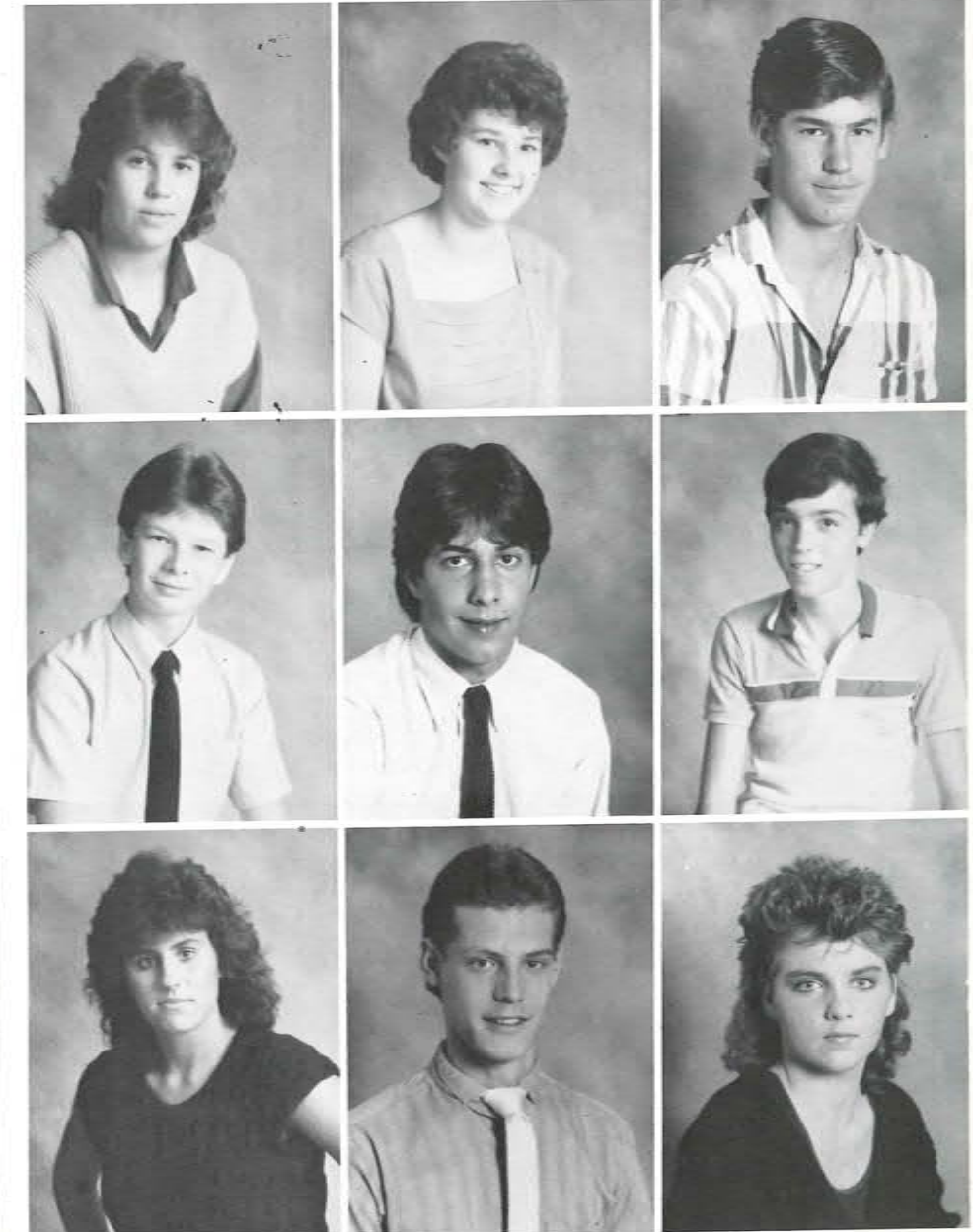
"I live for weekends." Richard Hodges



We Made It Through!

We made it through! All the pranks and teasing of our freshman year is over. We are sophomores now, and we hold our heads high.

We, the sophomores of 1985-86, take life easy and deal with it as it comes. We have a blast. Biology worksheets, world history dates, and the ever popular postulates and theorems of geometry class play unrealistic roles in our lives. We enjoy laughter, being with our friends, and just plain goofing off. We do our best to live up to our goal — "Other classes may be great, but the class of '88 will dominate!"



Tonya Barnwell
Kenneth Brown
Tonia Cotter

Jeannie Bradley
Shawn Collins
Michael Duckworth

Charles Brooks
Daniel Coon
Carla Elkins

"Anything can be simple (not necessarily easy, but simple)."
Tonia Cotter

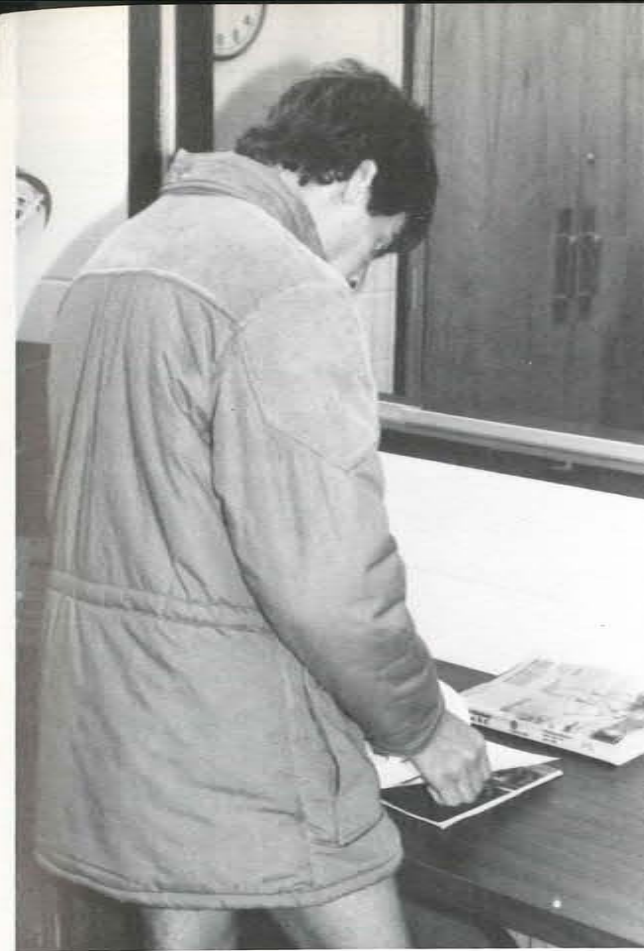
Tonia Cotter races through a practice-timing to improve her typing speed.

Detective Ken Brown poses for a shot after his inspection of the room belonging to the suspected criminal.



During her free time Stephanie Zalabak faithfully studies her Bible II assignment.

"Fine as a frog hair split three ways." Laura Freeman



Like a bird with featherless legs dropping from winter's bundle, Samuel Leonor looks through a magazine in the boys' dorm monitor's office.

Harry Frizzell pauses a moment to try to remember the answer to one of the questions on his earth science quiz.

Wrapped up in a blanket, sophomore Amanda Stanley ponders the happenings of the day.

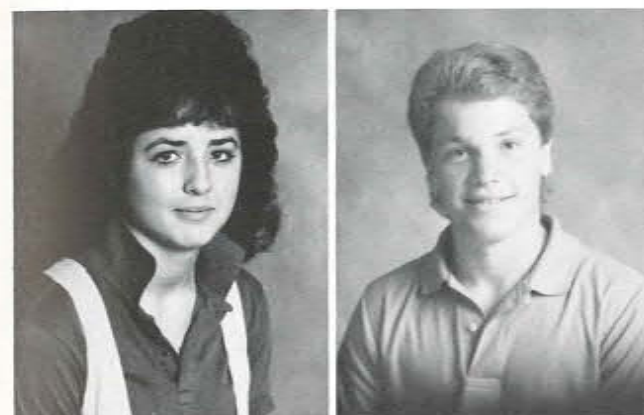


Laura Freeman
Robby Gettys
Andra Huggins

Harry Frizzell
June Hawks
Kim Johnson

Greg Garver
Julie Hayward
Sonya Johnson

Ray Gearhart
Richard Hodges
Keith Jones



Trixie Jones
Melissa Leazer

Scott Krishingner
Samuel Leonor



Elizabeth Kwon
Norma Neff



"Life is happiness and sadness blended together to make ends meet." Harry Frizzell

Dawn Polivka
Iris Rilea
David Rowe



Rebecca Salsberry
Joel Sammons
Margarette Seeley



"Keep your face to the Sun-
shine, and you won't see the
shadows." Tonya Barnwell



Micheal Duckworth displays his awesome
strength while warding off an unknown
attacker.

Kim Johnson drifts off into a daydream in
the afternoon assembly.



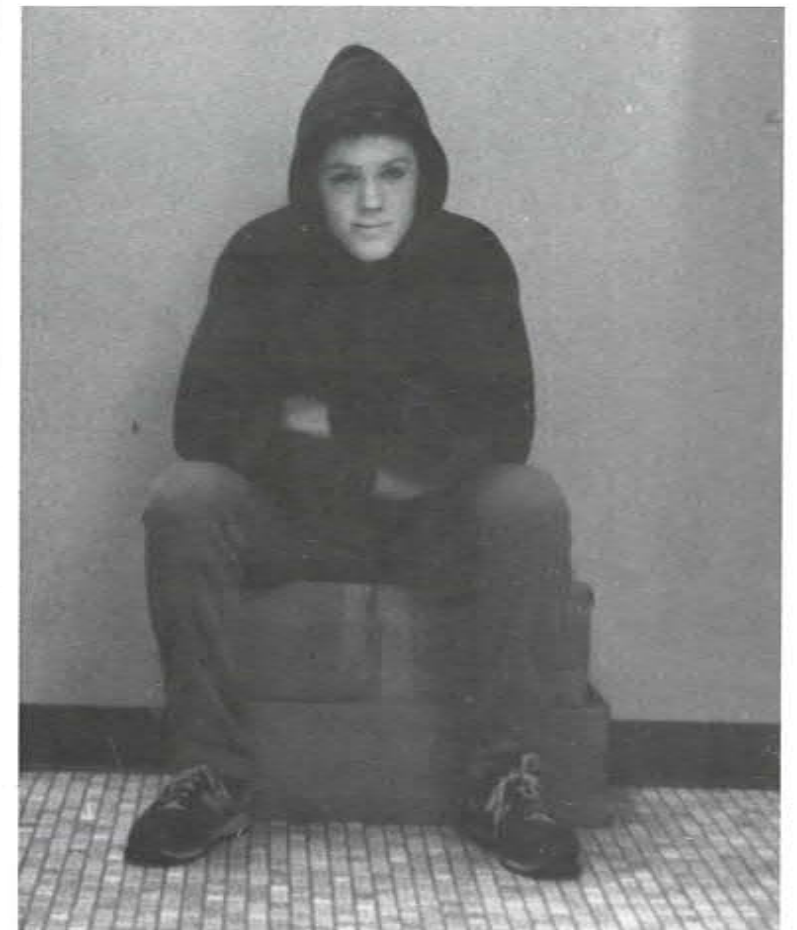
Amanda Stanley
William Vogel
Debra White

Rhonda Sumner
Anna Weems
Stephanie Zalabak

"When you fall off your horse,
jump back on." Debbie White

Missy Leazer and Jeannie Bradley prepare deli-
cious burritos for the hungry crowd at the
Sophomore class bake sale. Not too hot now!

Clown minister Scott Krisingner psyches
himself up for the show in his own monkish,
somber way.



Conquering The Lake

"Where's room 203?"

"I have decided that I'm going to like Algebra I."

"You want us to run four whole times around this track? You've got to be crazy!"

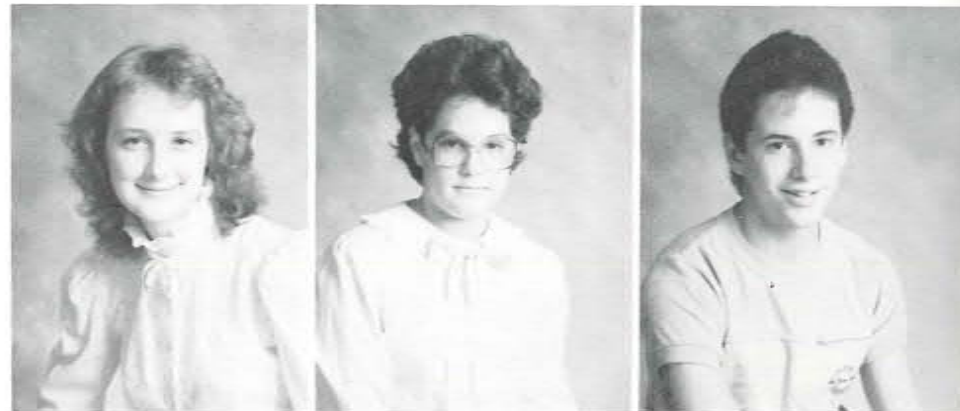
The different comments that you

hear with each passing freshman class are similar — not knowing where to be next or what's going on. It's a snorkle to the bottom of the lake. Every class is teasing you and you don't know if you'll be able to handle it. You'll make it and soon you'll be swimming that lake.

Larry Barnes concentrates on defending his goal in a game of air hockey.

"If you can't take it, don't dish it out." Larry Barnes

Brenda Arnold
Laura Bagenstos
Robbie Baldwin

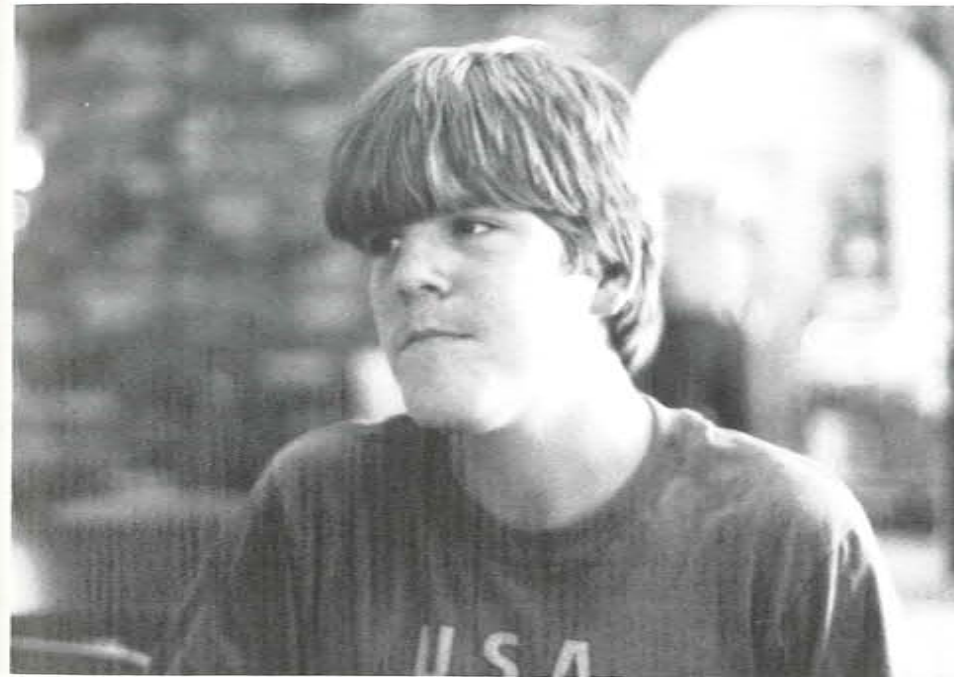


Larry Barnes
Lisa Barnes
Joe Bergman



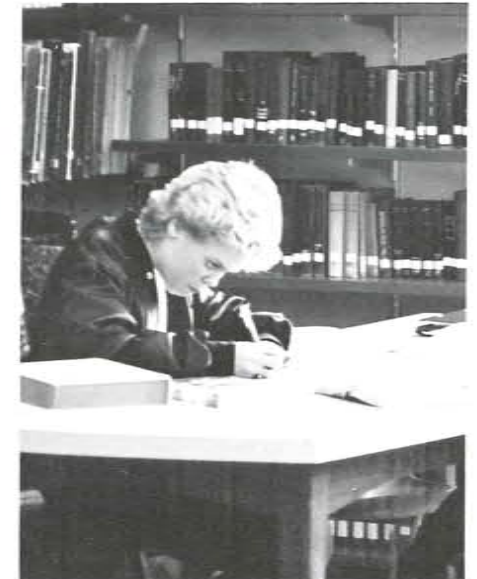
Eddie Brinson
David Collins
Cindy Coolidge

Micheal Cutchens
Michelle Duckworth
Tammy Earnhardt



Drew Schlatter gives an excited look at someone while eating a meal at Whitford hall.

Freshman Eddie Brinson rests after a long day's activities.



Melanie Garner is feverishly getting a letter out to a friend whom she was supposed to write last week.

What do you like most about Fletcher?

"The way everybody pulls together to get something done. It's like one big happy family."
Tami Semersheim

"Life is a bowl of cherries."
Letha Ellis



Karen Thompson listens interestedly as Marianne tells her the latest joke of the day.



"Life is like an icecream cone; you have to learn to lick it." Ted Naimen

Registration day brings what seems thousands of forms for Freshman Ted Naiman and his mother to sign.

Tami Sermersheim makes sure her seam is sufficiently straight for her home economics teacher, Mrs. Shaw.

Micheal Cutchens rakes the leaves off of the rain-drenched roof for his boss Mr. Cox.



Letha Ellis
Shannon Freeman
Melanie Garner



Barry Greenwalt
Bonnie Hall
Jeffrey Hatley



Book whiz Peter Kroll concentrates on his Bible I homework.



Austy Huggins
Lobbie Jongema
Aena McIntyre

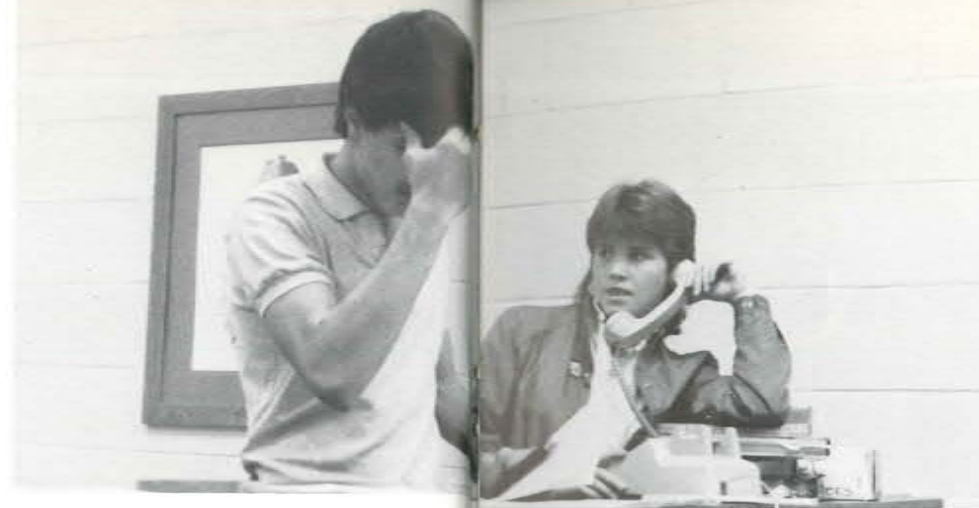
Bina Jangda
Kim Kelly
Dallas Morisette

Kathy Jessee
Peter Kroll
Theodore Naiman



"If you know what you need, go out and get it." Gena McIntyre

Home Economics student Shannon Freeman concentrates on her next step of her pattern.



What do you like most about Fletcher Academy?

"The warm friendships that are between the girls and guys! Everybody is always friendly and willing to help out one another!" Melanie Garner

Kim Kelly gives Mark Brunner a sly look as she talks on the telephone.



Jeff Hatley daydreams as he eats his hearty meal of corn dogs.

"You're born, you live, you die." Cindy Smith



Marianne Paul
Michael Powers
Drew Schlatter

James Pettit
Mark Sandborn
Tami Sermersheim

David Sharkey
Ray Smith
Karen Thompson

Jeffrey Skaggs
Robin Taylor
Mary Alice Wells

Cindy Smith
Debbie Thompson
Kimberly Wilson



Debbie Thompson slowly makes her way to the laundry for a hard day's work.

Freshman Barry Greenwalt patiently passes the time of day in the cafeteria.

Fletcher Academy Faculty

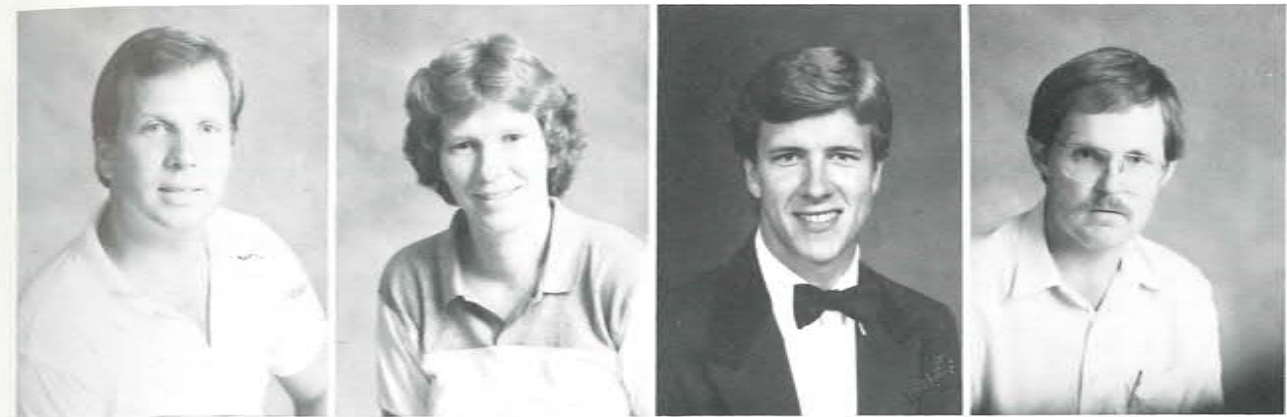


Mike Burks
Howard Hall

Randy Cox
Becky Ingersoll

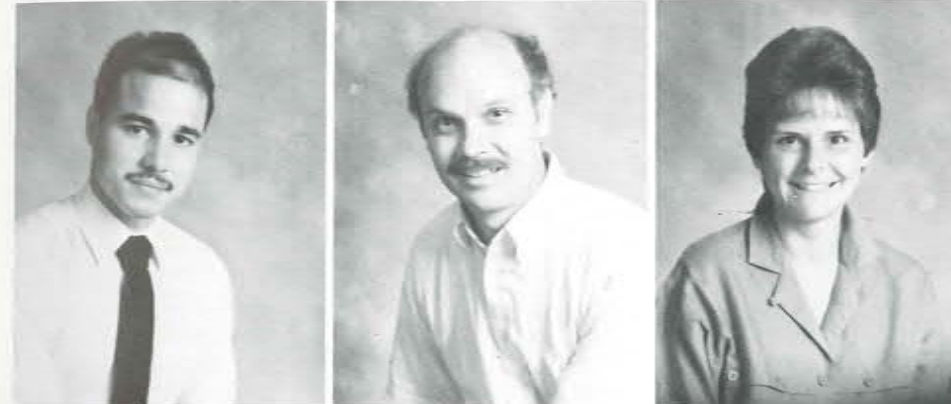
Wuanita Dennis
Jim Ingersoll

Beverly Dickerhoff
Sam James



Tom McNeilus

Mr. Neilsen carefully stacks a biology exam that he just finished copying while Mr. McNeilus takes a message.



Don Mathis
Dennis Negron
Debbie Shaw
Donna Wolbert

June Mathis
Richard Neilson
Charlotte Taylor
Brent Yingling

Mike McClung
Janet Novak
Alfred Watson
Sue Yingling

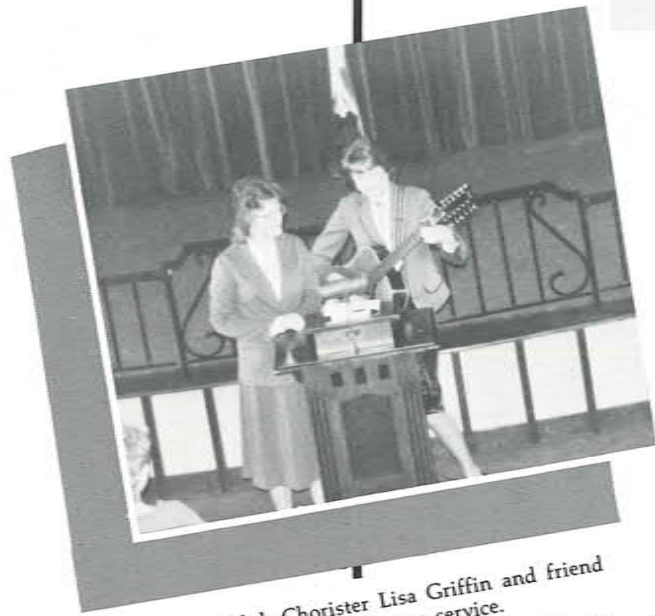


Dear Fletcher Academy Faculty,
At times we love you and at times we could do without you, but I'm sure most of us would agree that you are the best academy staff in the world. You strive hard to help us become better people, to gain a knowledge beyond compare, and to show us an extravagant time. We appreciate the fact that you care, and even though at times we don't necessarily agree with you, we know you're acting always in our best interest. Thank-you, faculty of F.A., for just caring for us and for being you.

The Student Body



*Organized if not
Surprised*



Girls' Club Chorister Lisa Griffin and friend Suzanne Harpine lead song service.

A lot of what a yearbook is all about is memories. Memories of a very special 200 people who formed the Fletcher family across a very special four years.

And a lot of those memories have to do with the clubs and organizations we joined.

Relying on the varied interests of its faculty, F.A. has set up organizations to appeal, hopefully, to the tastes of most any student. From rock climbing to French speaking, from the broad Student Association (including

everyone) to the narrow Clown Ministries (including only a handful of clowns who want to share Jesus' love in a unique way) there's something in it for everyone. Whether a student is laid back (inclined to join only the S.A. and Boys' Club or Girls' Club — which he is automatically in anyway) or a real hot dog (joining everything in sight — everything he can get his grubby little hands on) the clubs are there.

And they're there for you. At least we're organized — if not surprised.



Clown Ministries President Judi Vogt reads a story to the youngsters at Home Grown Children.

Outdoor Club members trudge across a swinging bridge carrying their heavy loads.

S.A. officers Connie Thompson and Angie Earnhardt assist Santa (Mr. McClung) in passing out gifts in the S.A. Christmas Party.



Practice Makes Perfect

Mrs. Sue Yingling and Mr. Randy Cox have their work cut out for them. Each year they must start from scratch to develop the quality of their music. Previous choir and band members leave and many new faces join the groups. After many hours of practice it's

time for performances.

The band and choir presented the annual Christmas concert at West Hendersonville High School. Many said this was the most beautiful concert memorable. Other concerts include Music Festival at Forest Lake Academy;



CHOIR MEMBERS

Back row, left to right; Walter Settlemyre, Leland Krum, Roger Krum, Jeannie Bradley, Stephanie Zalabak, Norma Neff, Julie Whitesides, Esther Parkins, Chandra Heinlein, Gena McIntyre, Patrick Forrester, Roland Mathews. Third row, left to right; Scot Montgomery, Shawn Collins, Samuel Leonor, Laura Kuist, Amber Bradford, Anna-Marie Weems, Lisa Lugas, Lisa LeVangie, Cindy Clark, Kery Brockway, Jeff Collins, Dave Hucke. Second row, left to right; Robert Marsa, Melissa Leazer, Tonya Barnwell, Holly Sumner, Heidi Walker, Michelle Foster, Suzanne Harpine, Karen Thompson, Andra Huggins, Stella Duncan, Randy Goodwin, Rob Taylor. Front row, left to right; George Sermersheim, Scott Krishingner, Gene Krishingner, Lisa Griffin, Kelly Leazer, Becky Robinson, Pam Krishingner, Connie Thompson, Julie Hayward, Kenny Brown.

The guys of the Fletcher Academy Choir practice a song for the upcoming church service.

Mr. Cox directs the band in a rendition of Alfred Reed's "Queenston Overture."



choir performance at Columbia, South Carolina; Florida Tour and many more. It's times like these when all that practicing pays off and the groups can share their love for God through their musical talents.



BAND MEMBERS

Back row, left to right; Julie Hayward, Sherie Kwinter, Janesta Bryant, Vikki Hayward, Michelle Foster. Third row, left to right; Dave Hucke, Jay Ritterskamp, Brian Johnson, Robert Marsa, Mrs. Bradford, Chip Maginnis, Barry Greenwalt, Terry Turner, Jeff Hatley, Esther Parkins, Dallas Morisette, David Ringer. Second Row, left to right; Judi Vogt, Pam Krishingner, Shawn Collins, Karen Duncan, Mrs. Janet Novak, Tammy Coon, Chandra Heinlein, Samuel Leonor, Michael Hodges, Ricky Jongema, Stella Duncan. Front row, left to right; Tricia Luke, Melissa Leazer, Cathy Edwards, Julie Ringer, Gena McIntyre, Anne-Marie Pollen, Sonya Anderson, Victoria Kes-selring, Holly Sumner. Conductor; Mr. Randy Cox.

Miss Dickerhoff receives her gift from Santa Claus — none other than a pair of hand cuffs for her to hold on to her man.

BAND OFFICERS

David Ringer (President), Pam Krishingner (Secretary), Vikki Hayward (Public Relations), Samuel Leonor (Tour Manager), Kenny Zill (Vice-President). Stella Duncan (Public Relations), Robert Marsa (Student Director), Dave Hucke (Student Director).

Getting It Together

Despite the late night decorating committees and the hectic meetings, being involved with Girls' Club is a blast. The girls spent their time blowing up balloons, stringing lights, planning programs, etc. There are town trips, parties in the dorm, games on the field ... so much to plan!

It's exciting to think that you're helping make the girls closer and the year a better one!

This year the officers of Boys' Club did something different in the dorm. They organized a snack bar! The guys really appreciated the snacks before study hall.

It took time to plan for the Guys Open House! Christmas trees, bare halls, and rooms to decorate plus the many "extra" touches were needed to make everything look great. It was worth the time and everyone admired their work.



BOYS' CLUB OFFICERS

Mr. Burks (Sponsor), Back Row, left to right; Quinten Huggins (Secretary-Treasurer), Patrick Forrester (Pastor), Keith Courtney (President), Tim Shumate (Parliamentarian), Mark Brunner (Vice-President).

GIRLS' CLUB OFFICERS

Back Row, left to right; Lisa Griffin (Chorister), Miss Bev Dickhoff (Sponsor), Cindy Smith (Recreation Coordinator), Shannon Van Hooser (Pastorette), Lora Polivka (Community Representative), Joyce Sikora (Community Representative), Mrs. Becky Ingersoll (Sponsor), Front row, left to right; Angie Earnhardt (President), Heidi Walker (Secretary), (not pictured) Kathy Lothian (Vice-President).

Girls' Club officer Shannon Van Hooser sings special music.



Canadian Bound

Every year the French club tries to make a trip to Canada to experience French culture as well as the French language. This year's group was no exception.

When the much anticipated morning of October 10 arrived all 21 students and 4 chaperons boarded the trusty old F.A. bus and headed north.

Upon reaching Montreal Friday afternoon the challenge began. English suddenly became the foreign language. The group found its temporary home in the unfinished basement of the St. Hubert SDA Church. Sabbath morning the group sang the familiar "Chant Alleluia au Senieur" for special music. Later in the afternoon a

brave few joined with the members of the church on their ingathering outing — in French!

The events of the next few days included tours of three Catholic cathedrals — Notre Dame, St. Annes, and St. Josephs; shopping expeditions in Montreal; and much, much more. By the end of the trip the words "French" and "Canada" had taken on new meanings to this group.

As they returned home excerpts from their new theme song, "Combien est le Chien Dans la Fenetre," and excited chat about each person's experiences echoed throughout the bus. They returned home with minds filled with many new memories which will never be forgotten.



Stacey Yurth, Roger Krum, Connie Thompson, and Gene Krisingner mimic the crazed style of the Canadian youth.

A troop of ambitious world tourists explore the streets of Montreal, Canada.

The tired group of would-be French scholars pause after a filling meal at a New York rest stop to pose for a memory-making snap shot.

Shane Sherbondy takes it easy on the bus journey to Quebec City.

Witnessing For Fun

Clown Ministries is exactly what the name says. Students dressed as clowns ministering to people in hospitals, nursing homes, and day care centers. Sabbath afternoons are an excellent time to begin putting on the clown make-up and to dress as silly as possible. Once we have arrived at our place of destination we split up and go to the various rooms to sing and talk to the patients, give them flowers or balloons, and just wish them a wonderful day. Clown Minis-

tries is a great way to have fun with your friends and to witness to others at the same time.

Circuit Riding Preachers is another way we at Fletcher witness to people. The "preachers" go to various churches in the area and put on their program for them — everything from the sermon to the special music. The members of these congregations thoroughly enjoy what the students have to offer and the students have fun doing it.



Freshman Michael Powers waits patiently as a friend assists him in putting on his clown make-up.

Clown Walter Settlemyre speaks to a child from Home Grown Children.



Clowns Heidi Walker and Judi Vogt talk with the children of Home Grown Children Day Care Center.

Quietly, Amanda Stanley holds two youngsters as someone tells them a story.



CLOWN MINISTRIES OFFICERS
Back row, left to right: Rochelle Battistone (Secretary), Janesta Bryant (Vice-President), Mark Brunner (Pastor), Scott Krashingner (Chorister), Amanda Stanley (Public Relations Secretary). Front row, left to right: Judi Vogt (President), Pastor Al Watson (Sponsor).

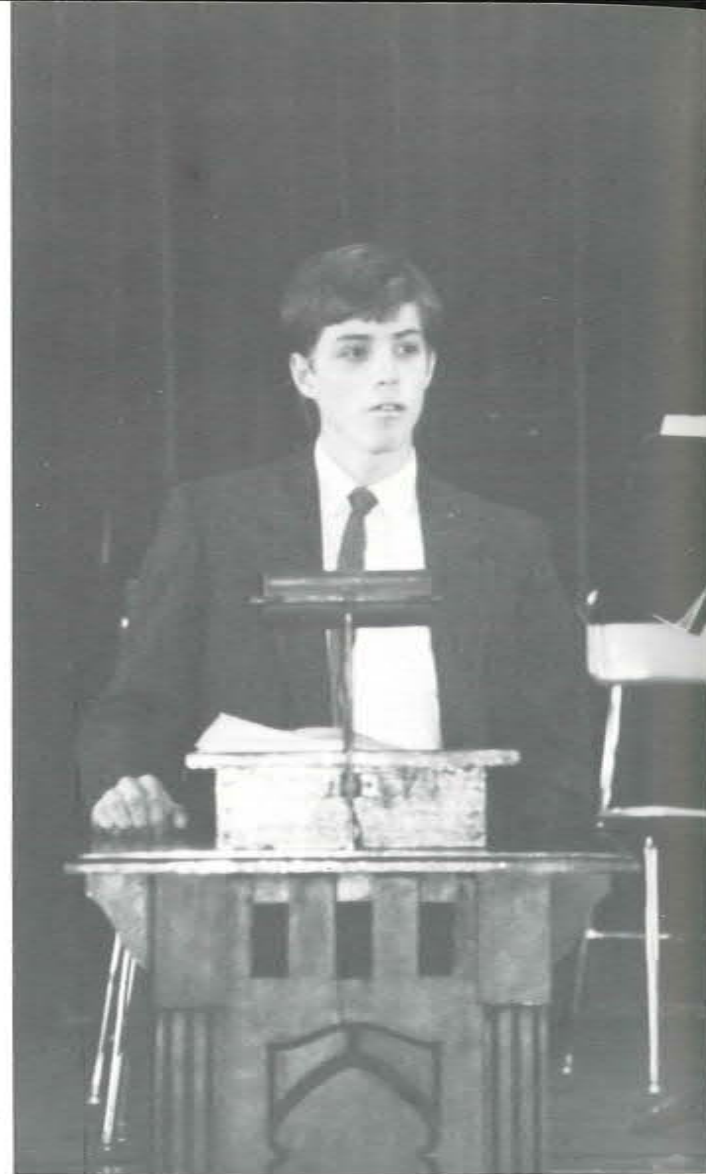
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Back row, left to right: Craig Mahrle, Rochelle Battistone, Pastor Al Watson (sponsor), Ricky Jongema, Cindy Coolidge, Shawn Collins. Front row, left to right: Lisa LeVangie, Jeannie Bradley, Chandra Heinlein, Janesta Bryant, Suzanne Harpine, Scott Krashingner, and Patrick Forrester.

Behind The Scenes

"Let's get it together," screams S.A. president Mark Petitt. So many things to do and not much time to do them in. So many programs to plan and everyone is getting tired. These are some of the thoughts and words one might hear if he were to attend an S.A. meeting or when S.A. is getting ready for a program. A lot of hard work goes into planning a good time and the S.A. is always ready and

willing to suffice. Valentines Banquet, Sadie Hawkins Week, Harvest Party, and Handshake are just a few of the events that S.A. officers are responsible for. They're always there to make sure everything comes into play and works out all right.

Another job of the S.A. is to please the student body and to make changes for the better. And needless to say our S.A. has done great.



Carrying The Message

Our health is something we should all be concerned with, and there is a group on our campus that is making sure we are all aware of it. The Temperance Team plays a vital part in spreading God's message. Not only do they share their knowledge with their friends and families, but they share it with the whole community. They have put a mark on Henderson County that won't soon be forgotten. This

group has gone out to several public elementary schools and given them displays and talks on smoking, drugs, diet and exercise. The young people really enjoy hearing these things from people near their own age and respond in a positive way. God gave the Seventh-day Adventist church a message to share and our Temperance Team is making sure to live up to His expectations.



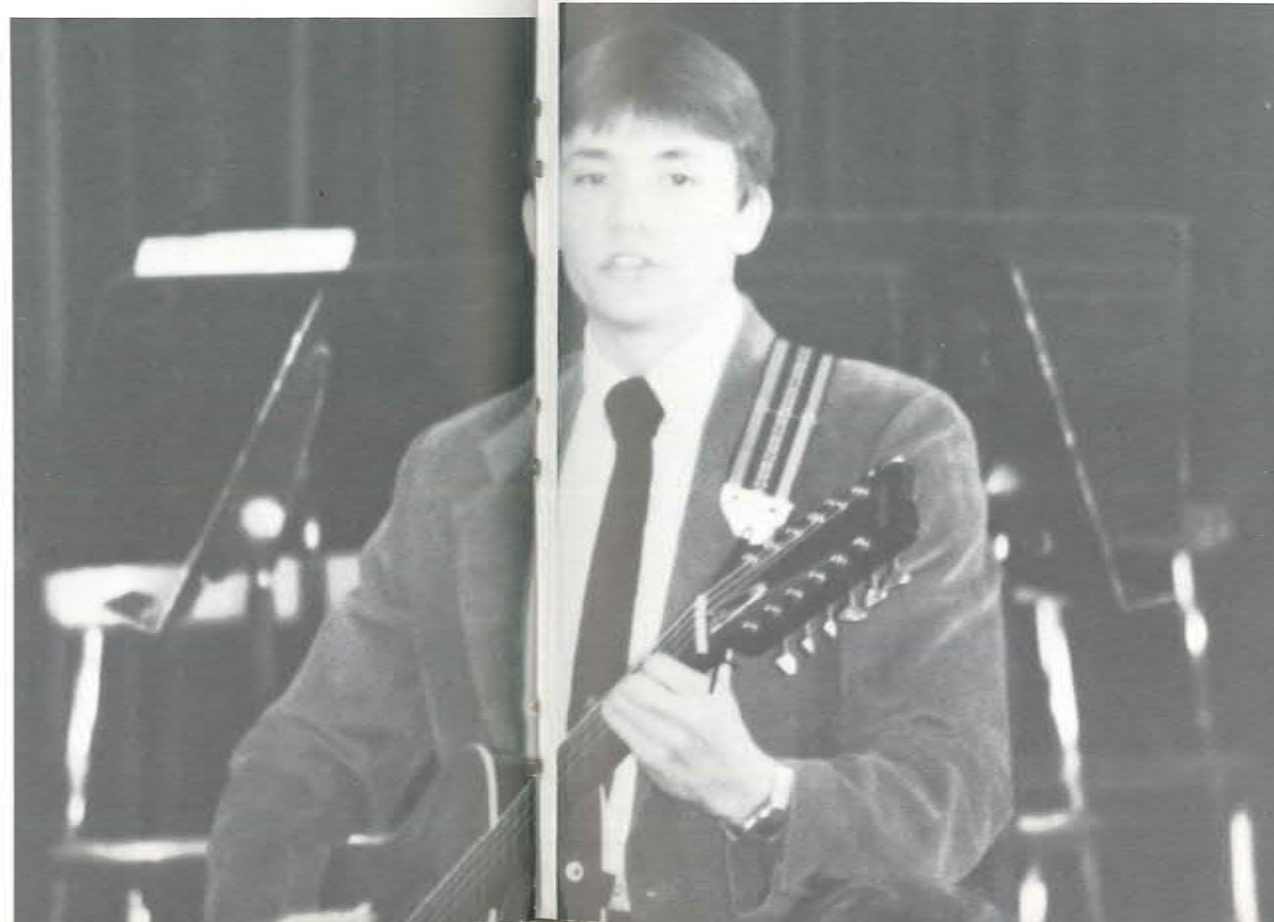
STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Connie Thompson (Secretary), Angie Earnhardt (Public Relations Secretary), Gene Krishingner (Parliamentarian), Mark Petitt (President), Robby Gettys (Recreation Coordinator), Jeannie Bradley (Pastorette), Julie Whitesides (Treasurer), Ricky Jongema (Vice-President), J.P. Mathis

(Sponsor), Mr. Tom McNeilus (Sponsor), (not pictured) Mrs. Janet Novak (Sponsor).

Gene Krishingner welcomes the students to an inspiring Sabbath morning with the S.A.

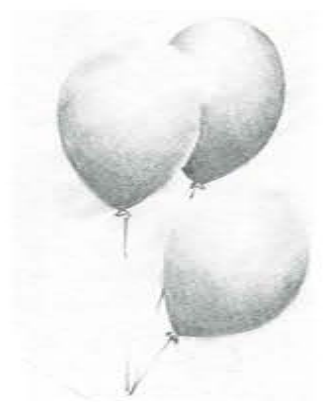
S.A. President Mark Petitt plays the guitar for S.A. Sabbath School.



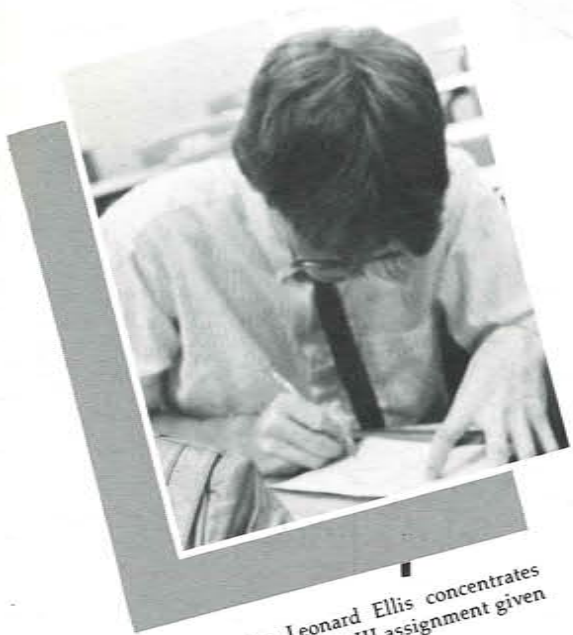
TEMPERANCE TEAM

Back to front; left to right: Lora Polivka, Michelle Williams, Chandra Heinlein, Craig Mahrle, Rochelle Battistone, Kenny Brown, Heather Naiman, Anissa Johnson, Ricky Jongema, Robert Marsa, Mr. Ingersoll.

Junior Rochelle Battistone displays her knowledge of drugs to the senior health class.



Surprisingly Academic



Junior Leonard Ellis concentrates on an English III assignment given to him by Mr. Negron.

There would be a Fletcher Academy if by some disaster we suddenly had no sidewalks. Although sad, we'd carry on if a blight attacked our willow. And believe it or not, Fletcher's doors would reopen if Roughgarden, Nestell, or Jasperson Hall blasted into the stratosphere.

However . . . no key would do its counterclockwise duty at the four ends of Jasperson Hall each morning if there were no academics. Fletcher Academy means a lot of things. But one ingredient that's a MUST is our studies.

Whether it involves analyzing the

effect of acid rain on water quality, trailing the route of Francis Marion through the swamps of South Carolina, noting the trends from American Classicism to Romanticism in literature, or solving equations of the third degree, academics plays a vital role in lives of all 200 of us.

Academics — the stimulus for those who go from here to become imminent surgeons, lawyers, theologians, and professors; the terminus for those who decide to end their formal education here. Nevertheless, a pretty significant little slice of the Fletcher pie.



Ms. Wolbert keeps the students in line during her American history class.

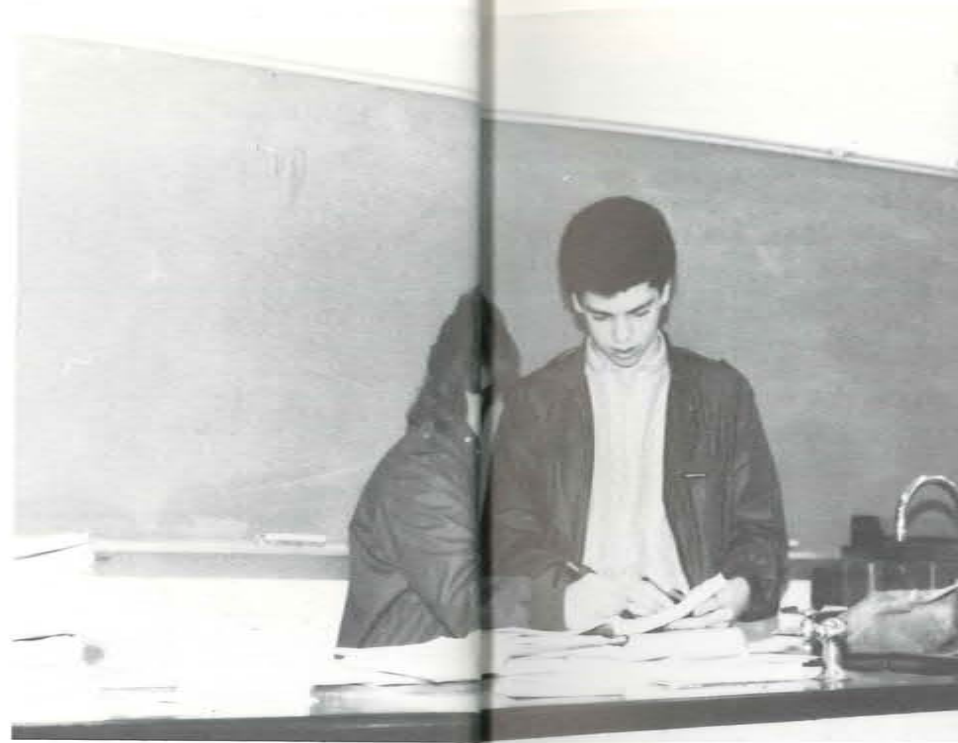
Seniors Roger Krum and Chris Hodges work together on a Bible IV assignment.

Pastor Watson gives assistance to Freshman Jeff Skaggs during the 11:00 am study hall.



Kathy Quick and Julie Whitesides converse during Ms. Wolbert's afternoon study hall.

Bryce Wilkie diligently completes his English classwork.



Basics Of The Highway Of Life

Nothing can be more imperative than to have an intelligent outlook on life. To help us accomplish such a task there are seven faculty members ready and willing to teach us.

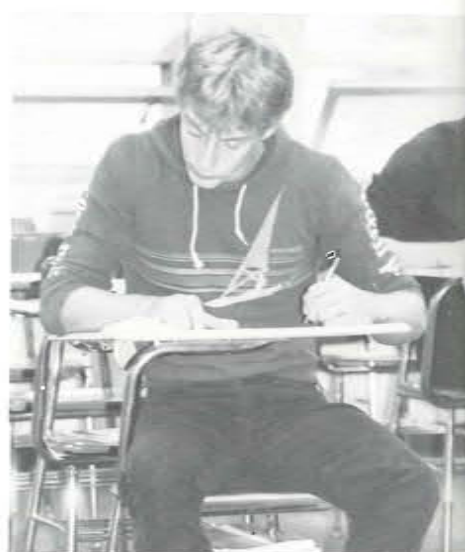
Mr. McNeilus never fails to give us the education we need in the math skills. Algebra, geometry, physics, and computers are his game.

Ms. Wolbert, Mr. McClung, Mr. Ingersoll, and Mr. Burks head up the history and religion departments helping us to learn from the

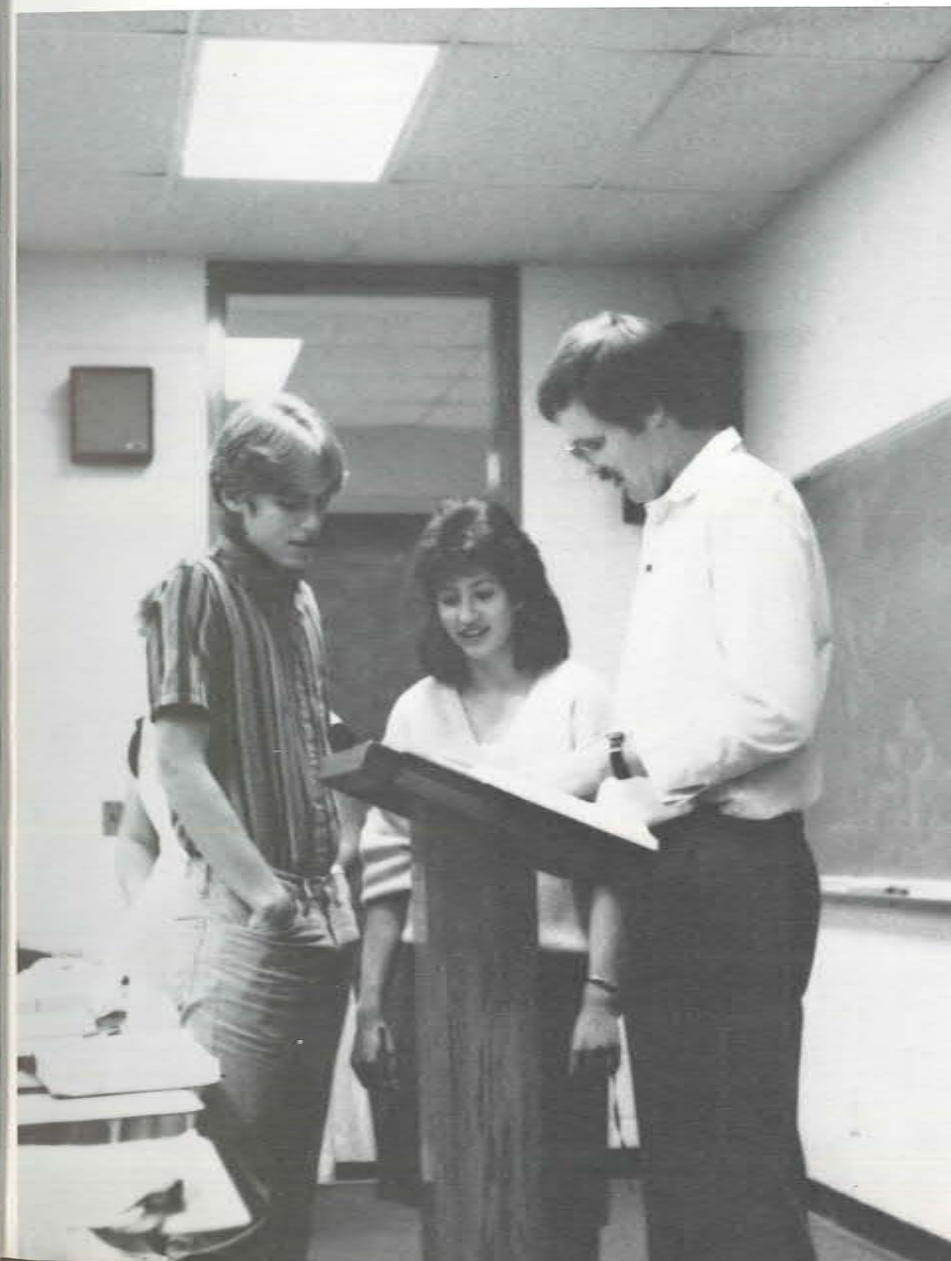
past to be able to better cope with the future.

The ever-popular Mr. Neilsen takes care of the area of science with his terrifying chemistry labs, excruciatingly painful biology exams, and time consuming earth science worksheets.

The English language is brought to us by Mr. Negrón and Mr. James. Nothing is more important to them than adverb clauses, coordinating conjunctions, or appositives.



Sophomore Dawn Polivka tries to figure out a difficult problem.



Chemistry students Robert Marsa and Becky Robinson attempt to figure out their chemistry worksheet and problem sets.

Mr. Negrón and Connie Thompson decipher a difficulty of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Algebra II teacher Mr. McNeilus assists Heather Naiman and Craig Mahrle on an extremely challenging word problem.

Mastering The Arts

Hundreds of hours are spent on the arts at Fletcher. Reading musical notes and figuring out the fingerings or pitches, studying French and learning to pronounce the language properly, and understanding the ins and outs of architectural drawing. We feel that

this area of education is just as important as the others because we need a balance of learning. The arts are a fun way to go about this. Music and language are important in understanding various cultures including our own.



Mr. Cox directs the band at the Christmas concert.

Teaching the choir students the importance of breathing, Mrs. Yingling works over a rocky part of a hymn.

Band students await the direction of Mr. Cox for the next piece to play.



Mr. James speaks with his art students, Edie Farmer and Priscilla Morrison.

Todd Jenks and Tim Kroll try to make sense out of French words during a special class held in the science room.

The choir performs at the Christmas concert at West Hendersonville High School.

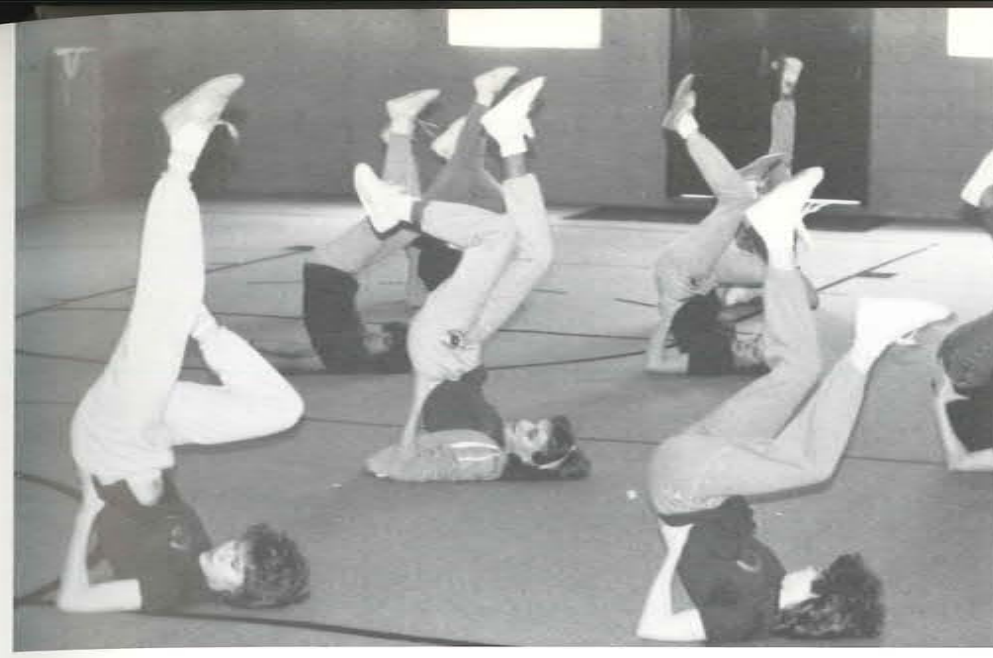
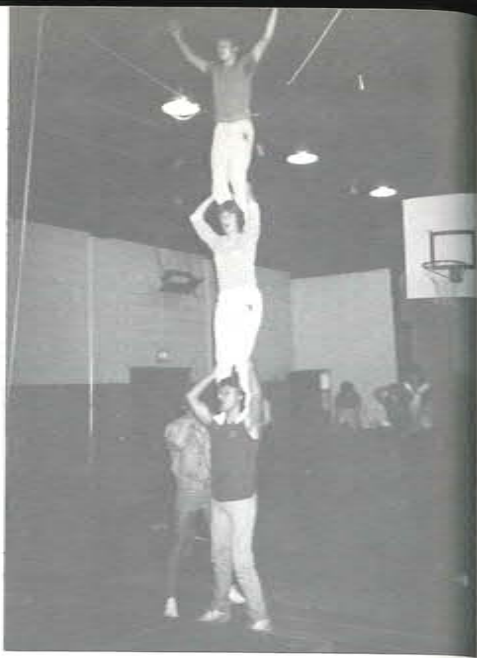


The Workout

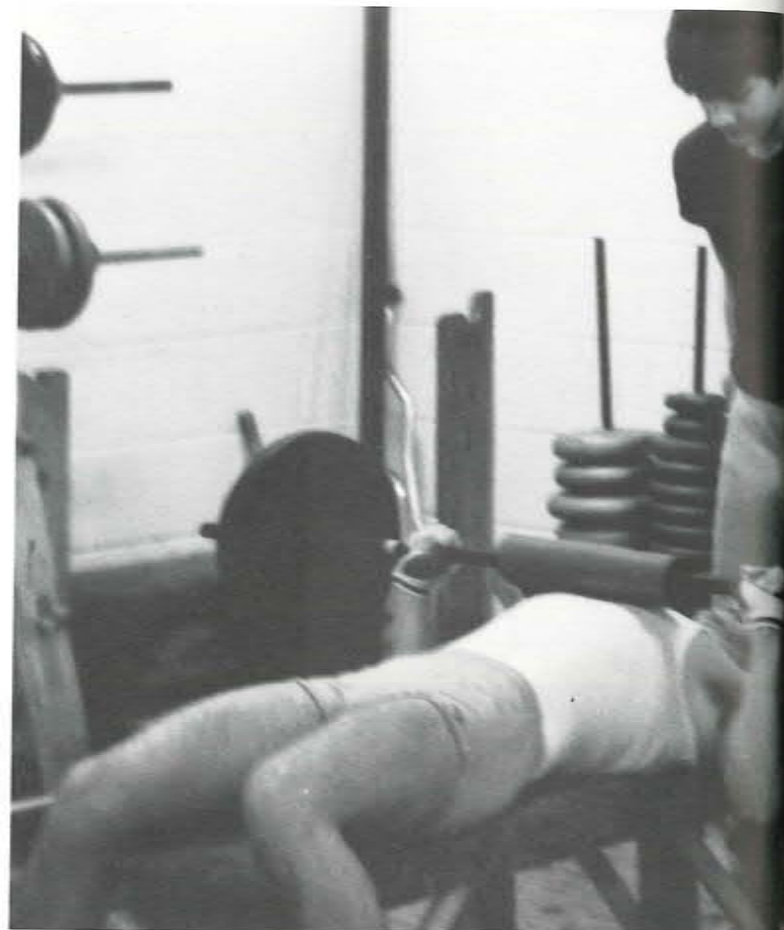
Ten push-ups, fifty sit-ups, one hundred jumping jacks, twenty-five squat-thrusts, and fifty leg lifts per leg. Whoosh! Is he ever gonna let us rest? I'm dead tired! And after this is over I have the whole day to get through! Who does he think he is, making us work so hard like this?

Well, it may be tiring but it sure is doing a lot of good. Toning up those muscles and staying healthy is impor-

tant. Running until you feel like your heart is going to stop; playing basketball, flagball, softball, and volleyball; learning how to do round-off back-hand springs and how to referee — these are just some of the physical skills taught to us at Fletcher. But not only do our faculty members teach us what is what with staying healthy; they become our friends and encourage us to do what is correct.



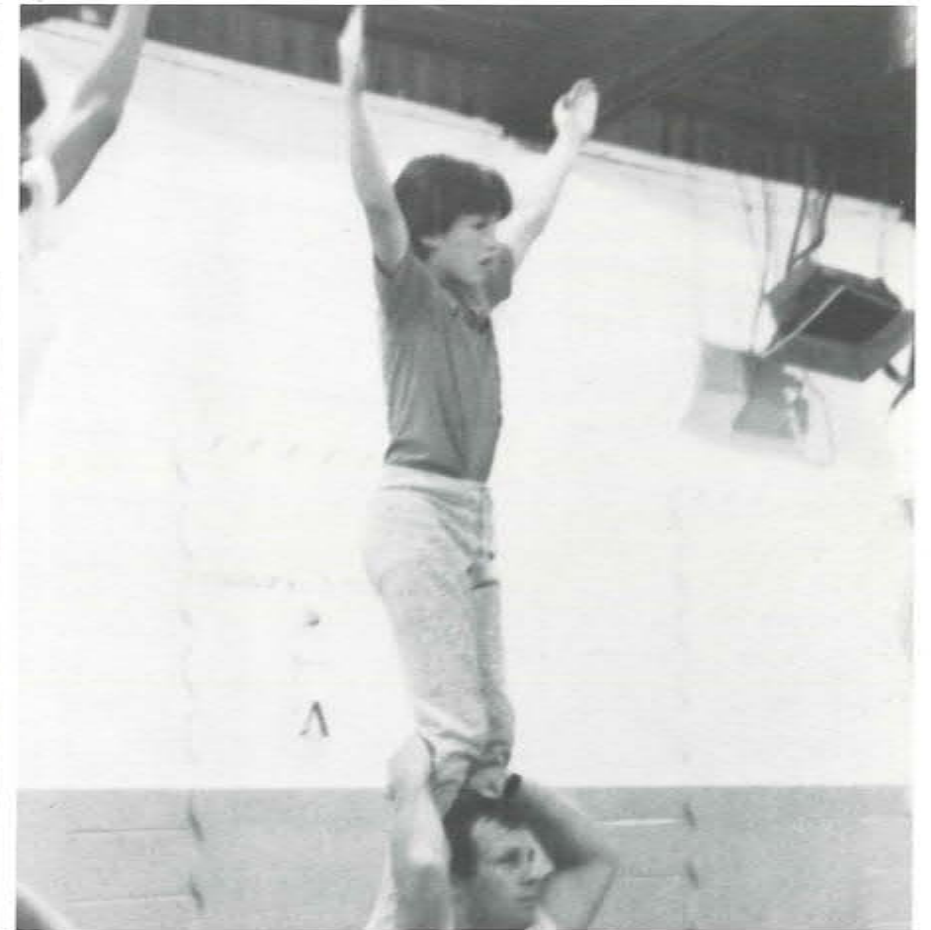
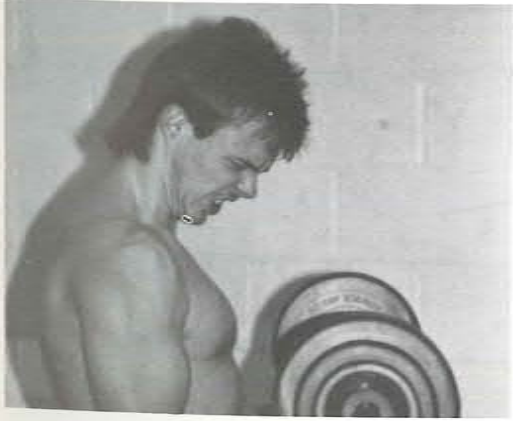
Quinten Huggins, Steve Horne, and Tim Shumate display the results of their weight lifting.



Quinten Huggins builds up his arm muscles by doing some curls.

Senior Chris Hodges bears the brunt of two peoples' weight. JP Mathis and Greg Pettitt do their best to keep on top of things.

Freshman Greg Pettitt assists Tim Shumate in lifting weights.



Freshmen girls get in shape by doing bicycle exercises in June Mathis's P.E. class.

Ted Naiman balances atop Mr. Mathis' sturdy shoulders in a two-high.

Senior Tim Shumate moves that weight during a visit to the boys' dorm rec room.

Just A Little Choice Of Mine

Many a class at F.A. is required and therefore takes up quite a bit of time, but Fletcher also gives us a choice of our own. Everything from home economics to typing, from general shop to computer science, we the students enjoy the chance to make our own decisions. Taking these elective courses gives us an edge on the future decisions whether it be a major in col-

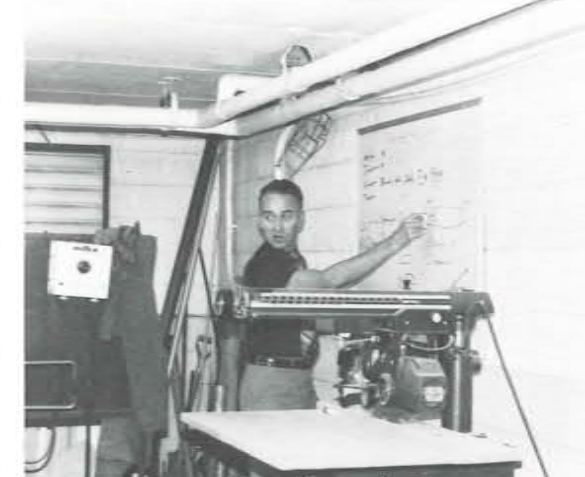
lege or a career to come. Some of the skills we learn are excellent for further use; such as typing, accounting, physics, and chemistry. Exceptionally helpful are computer science and word processing. Many times businesses require these skills of their employees. Therefore it is important to be proficient in these areas. Thanks F.A. for giving us a choice.



Junior Steve Horne and Freshman Greg Pettit attempt to pay attention in industrial arts class.

Mrs. Debbie Shaw and Freshman Cindy Smith take the pins out of the material to separate the cloth from the pattern.

Typing students Anna-Marie Weems and Sonya Johnson complete a timing as quickly as possible.



Tim Shumate requests assistance from his instructor Mr. Hall in drafting.

Mr. Mathis, Scot Montgomery, and Steve Coon remove brake shoes, taking precautions not to crimp the brake line.

Mr. Hall teaches the hows and whys of industrial arts.



Ted Naiman, Bonnie Hall, John Harrington, and David Collins learn about industrial arts.

Sam Leonor, Kathy Quick, and Michael Powers learn about word processing in secretary electives.



Let's Take A Trip

Being in the band or choir, on the gymnastics team, or in French Club gives you a very big advantage here at Fletcher — trips. Sure, you have to work hard to develop your talents whether they be playing an instrument, performing a routine, or speaking French, but the glory comes when you get to go out on the road and show how much you've learned. The memories and the great times you had will last a lifetime. You'll never forget the times you got extremely carsick or how many tacos you stuffed yourself with at Taco Bell or the time you tried to buy something at a French store and you forgot how to speak French.

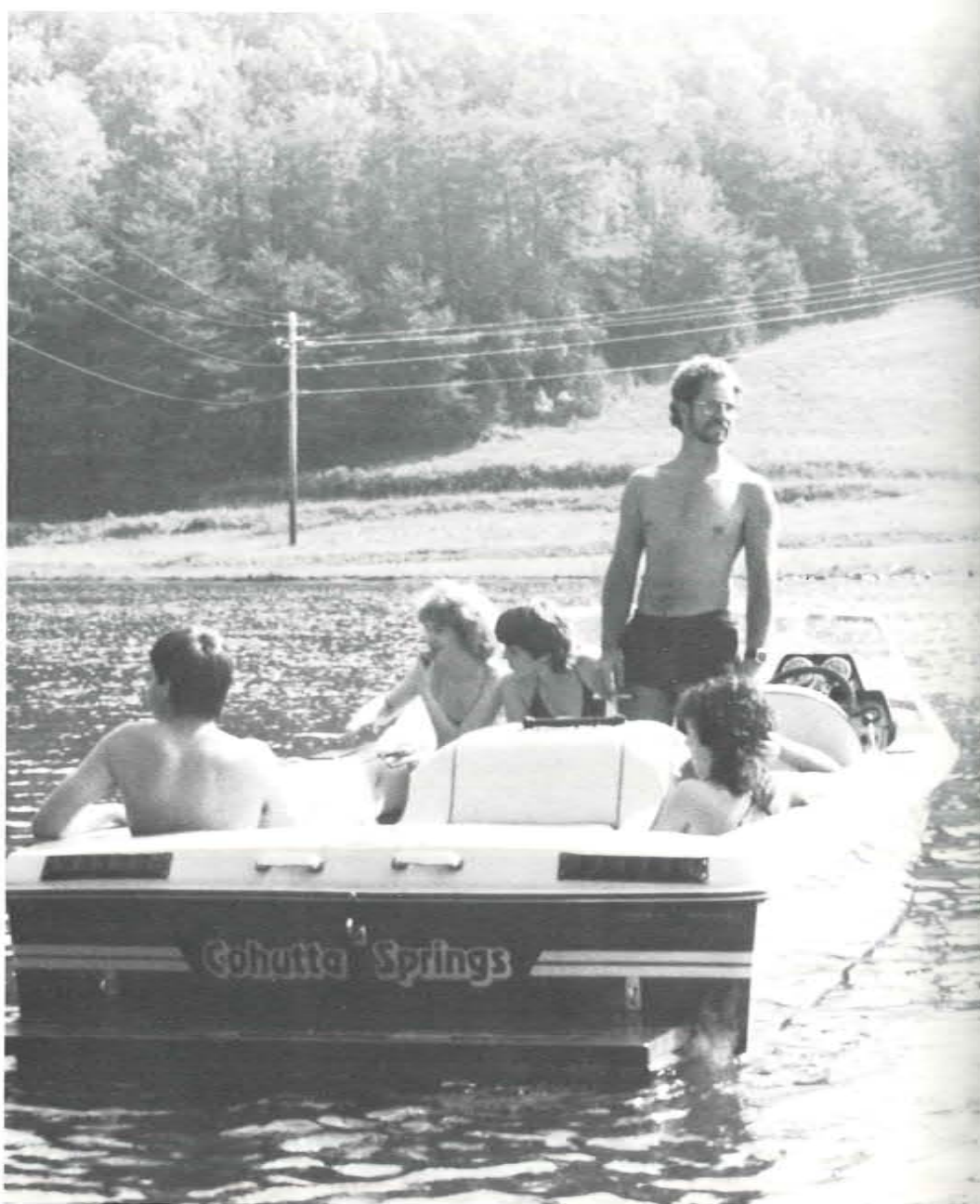
It is not only a lot of fun for you but also a means of sharing, experiencing, and learning.



Mrs. Krum fills the bellies of the French club members after a long day in Montreal, Canada.

Behind the mirrored windows of the diesel lie many memories of trips long and short, exciting and tiring.

The ski instructor at Cohutta Springs takes Tricia Luke, Janesta Bryant, Julie Hayward, and Shawn Collins for the ride of their lives during band camp.

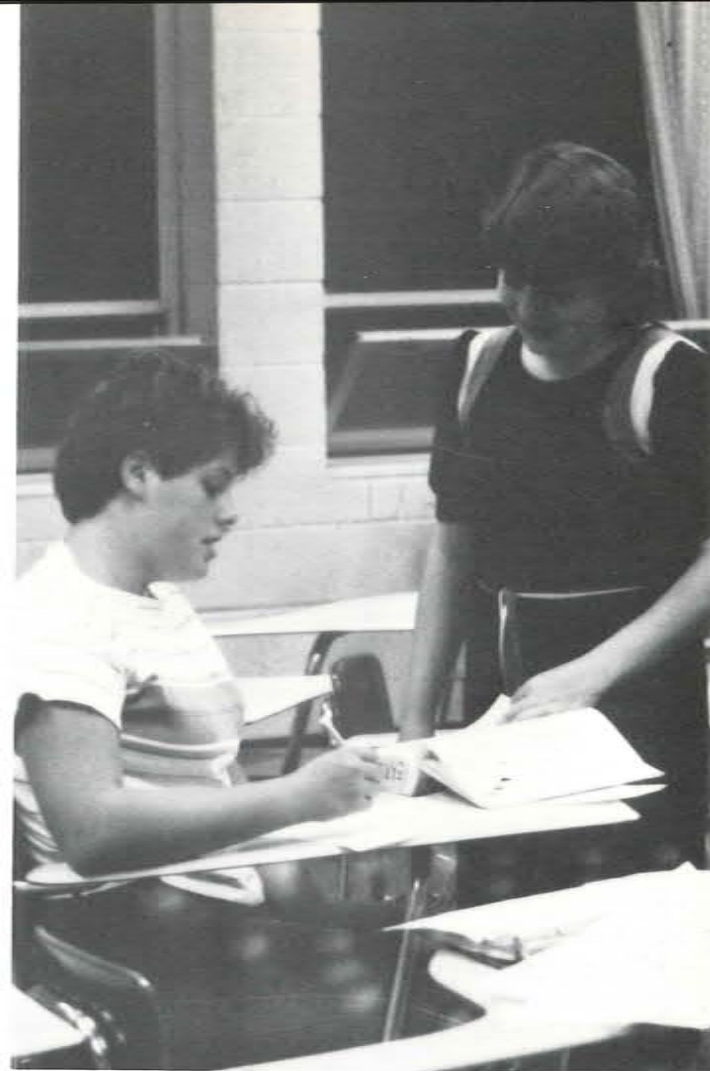


Endless Surprisers

Copy, layouts, 3R forms, cropping, proofs — these words which seem unimportant have become a significant part of the lives of a small group of Fletcherites — the Yearbook Staff.

This select group of people devote many hours of hard work to create a masterpiece. Late nights and

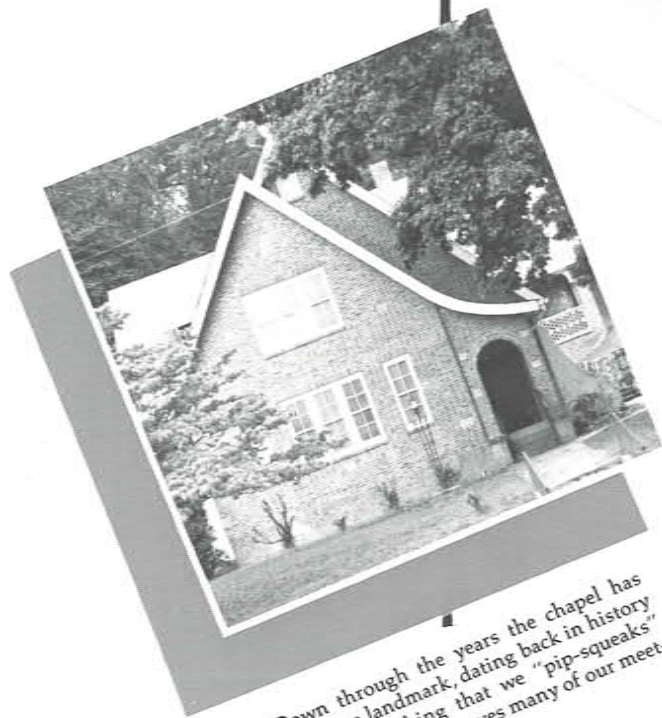
long class periods are set aside for this task in order to meet the deadlines. But when it is finished, they can look back not only with pride in their accomplishments, but at the memories which the 1986 edition of Whispering Hills will treasure.



Left to right: Keith Jones (Photographer), George Sermersheim (Photographer), Judi Vogt (Copy Editor), Mark Brunner (Business Manager), Mr. Sam James (Sponsor), Connie Thompson (Typist), Bryce Wilkie (Editor), Janesta Bryant (Copy Editor), (not pictured) Keith Courtney (Photographer).

During a late evening session, Janesta Bryant and Judi Vogt search through the thesaurus to find the most accurate words to fit their copy assignment.

Mark Brunner and Connie Thompson sort through a bundle of ads for the 1985-'86 yearbook.



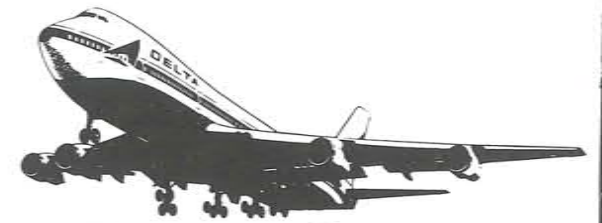
Down through the years the chapel has become a landmark, dating back in history beyond anything that we "pip-squeaks" can remember. It serves many of our meeting-place needs.

So many advertising sections in so many yearbooks are detached, as if not a true part of the yearbook. The yearbook staff at Fletcher doesn't feel that way. We work on the ads section all year right along with the rest of the book. We have tried to infuse into this section the same quality that has gone into Endless Surprises from cover to cover.

Webster defines enterprise as "a

project or undertaking that is difficult, complicated, or risky" (and that — our Ads Manager Mark Brunner will agree — is applicable). But another definition is "a business organization." And that's the definition we have in mind. For it's all the businesses advertised on the following page that make it possible for Endless Surprises to be printed and to be resting in your hands right now!

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A hungry group of students head for the cafeteria for lunch, carrying on a thought provoking conversation on the way.

Junior Greg Barnes takes a few minutes out of his busy schedule to relax in the assembly room.



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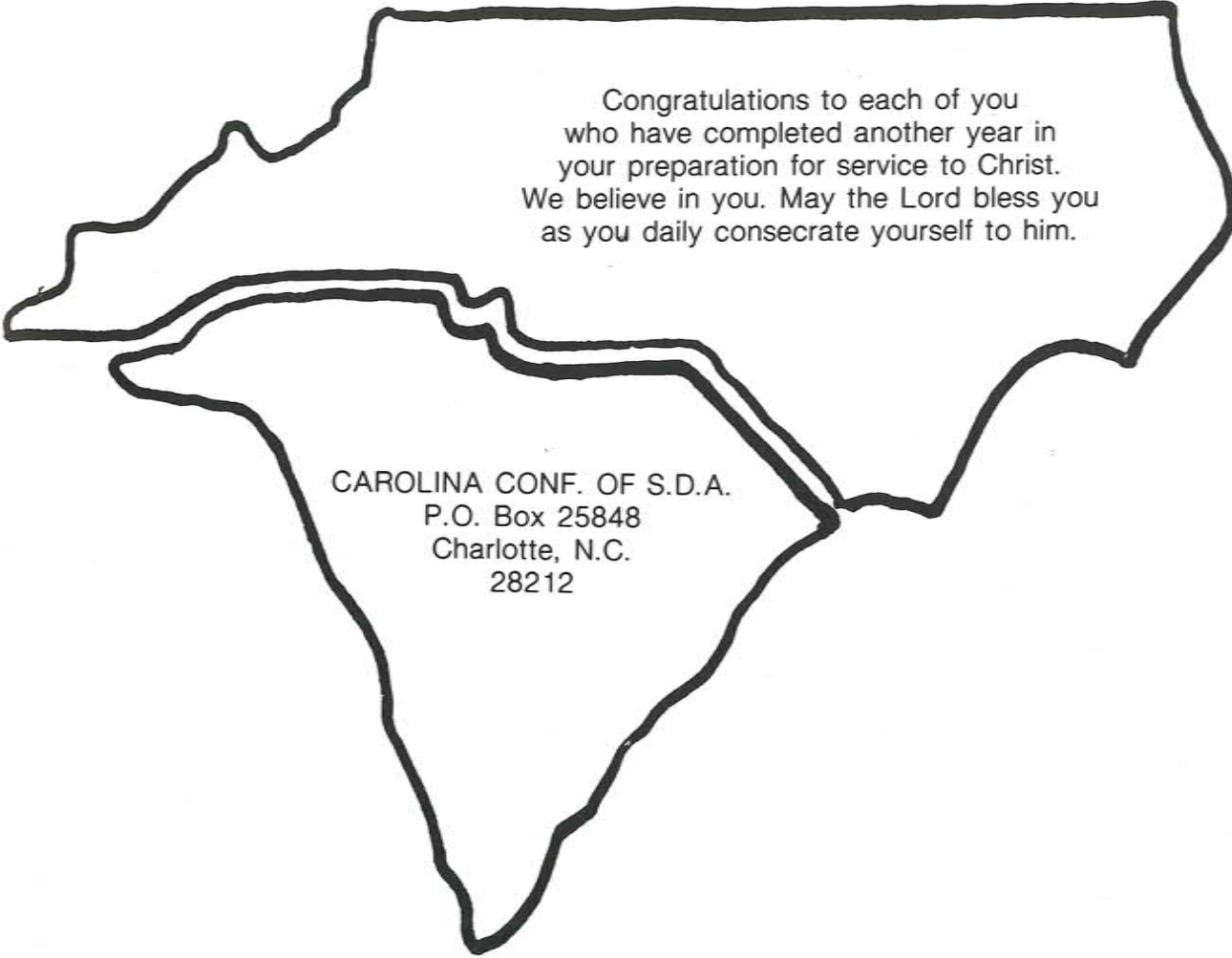
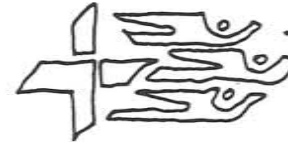
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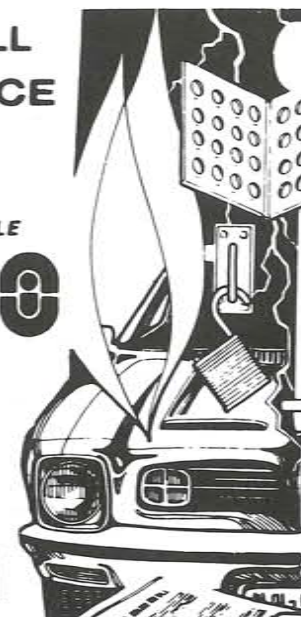
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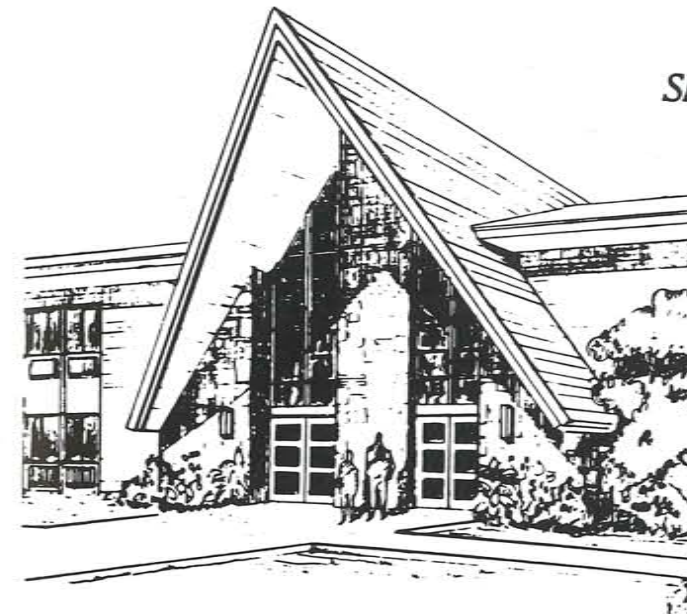
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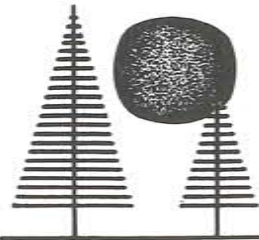
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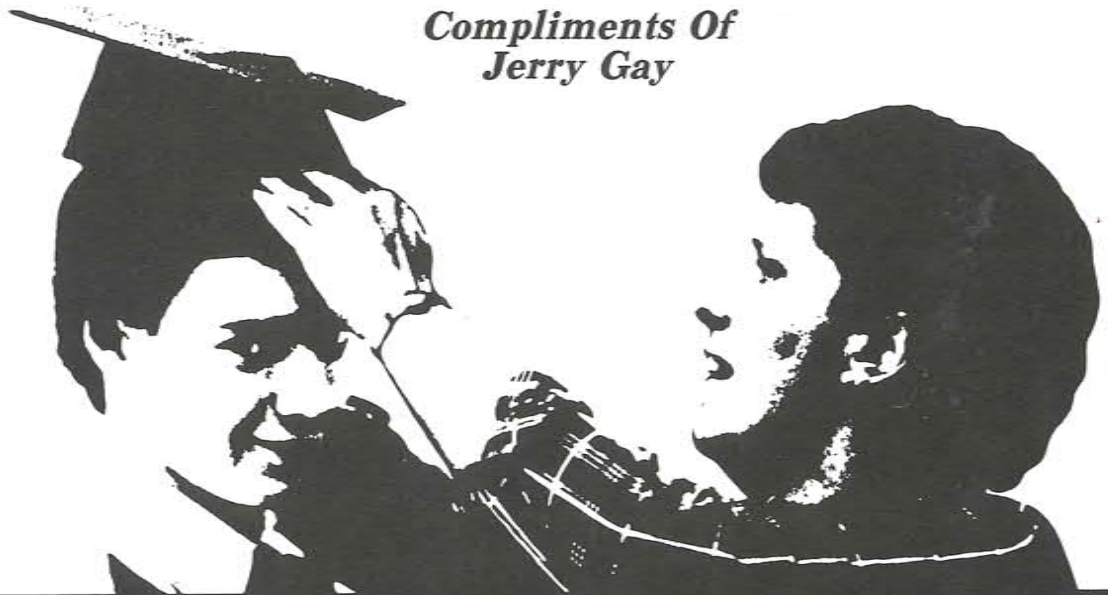
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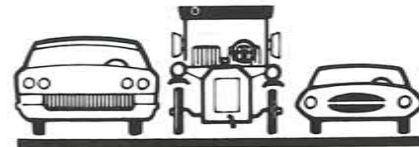
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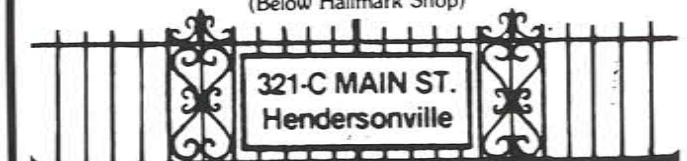
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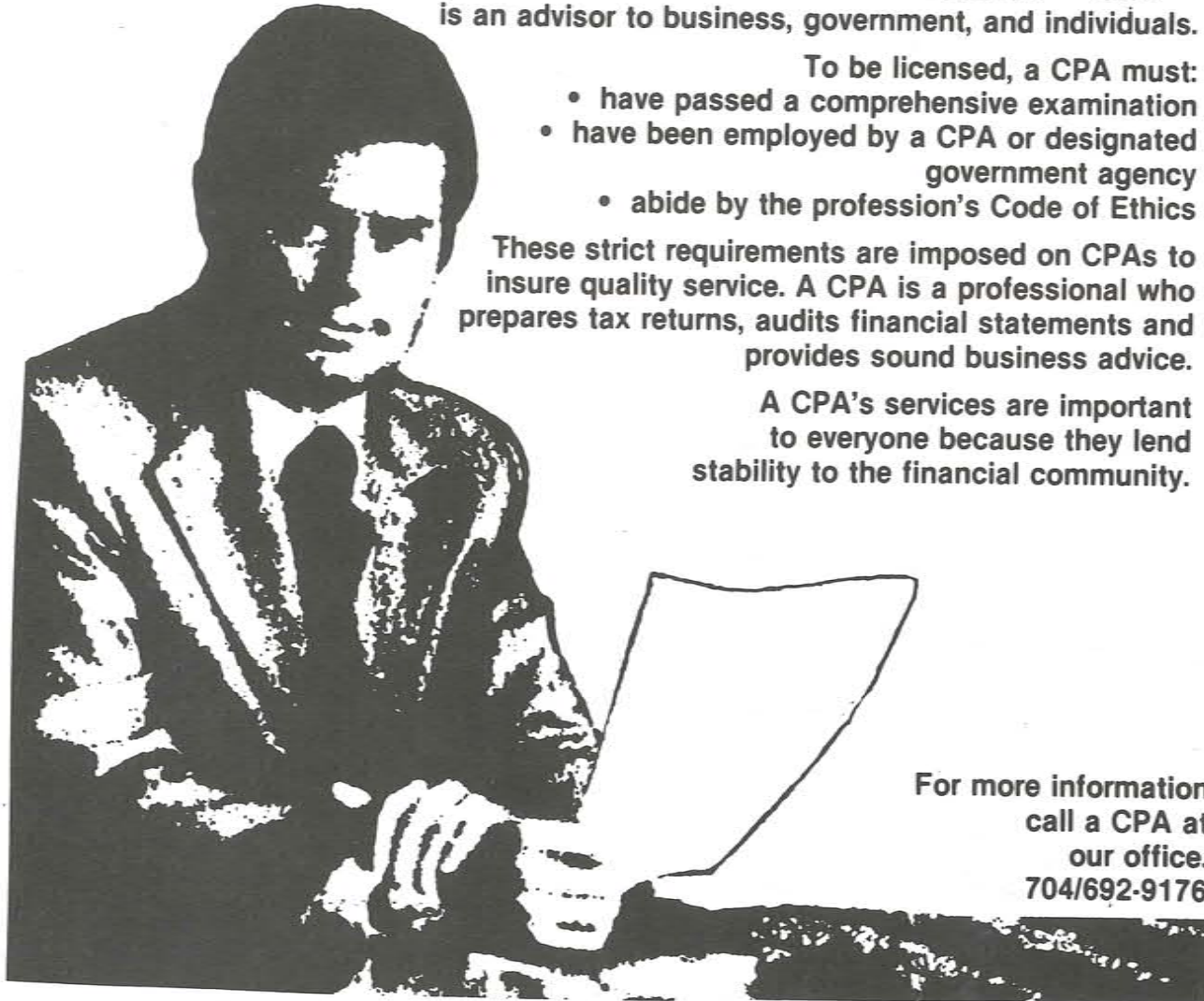
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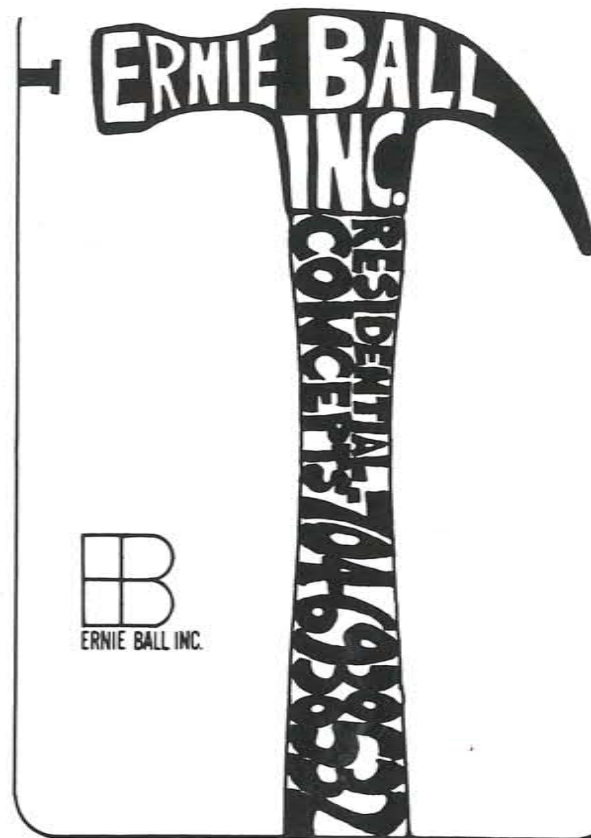
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I love you!
Your brother,
Michael



6 months



To Christopher
We wish we had the words to describe The way you've given us so much pride. We've watched you grow and learn and play. You've made us happy in every way. For some reason though, we can't express We're now experiencing a deep distress. Gone are the days of bandaged knees, Sleepless nights and tearful pleas — Remember when you learned to drive? Your biggest ambition since you were five. We prayed you wouldn't have a wreck — And break our hearts along with your neck! Chris, Rick, and Bryce, the musketeers three, Kept us entertained with a minor fee. You were so close, you were like brothers, The problem came in distinguishing mothers. We watched you play in every game; Different sports with different names. It didn't matter to us who lost or won. To us, "You" were always #1. So wherever you go, and whatever you do, Remember your parents are always praying for you.

We love you so much and may God richly bless you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

P.S. We wish our sleepless nights were over!! (Ha! Ha!)



Three Musketeers



8 years

Dear Chris,
I love you very much. You are a very sweet brother. I hope you like college and make good grades, so Mom and Dad won't be on your case so much. I know you can do it! Mom says you can.

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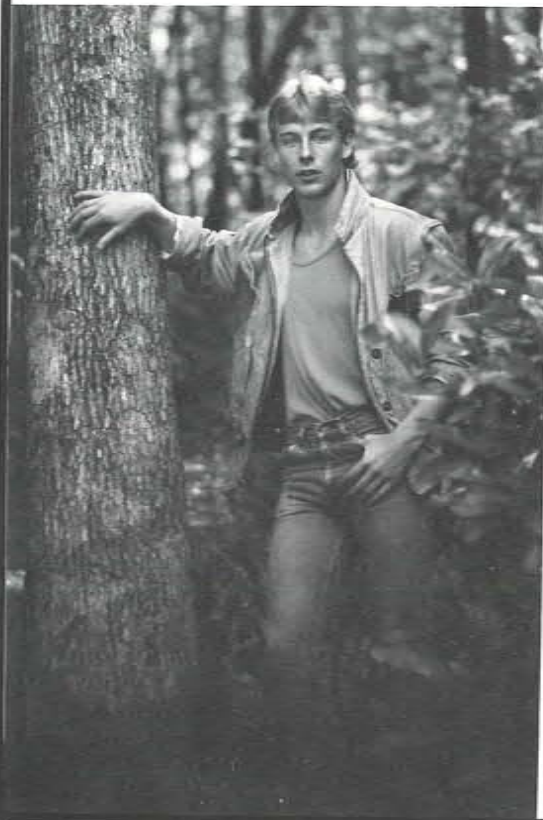


Congratulations to our editor, vice-president, gymnast, team captain, hiker, back packer, rock climber, our Wonderful Son — Bryce Arthur Wilkie!

Bryce,
You have been a real blessing to us. We are pleased with your accomplishments. Be assured that we love you very much but Jesus loves you more.

Love,
Mom & Dad

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.



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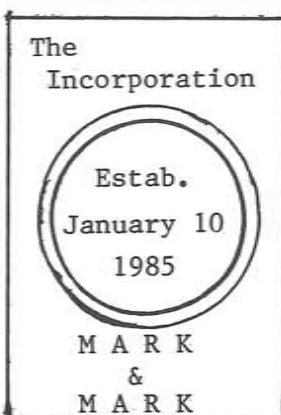
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Dear Son,
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Daddy and Mama



Chere Becky,
Je t'aime!
Marc



Dearest Amber,
I Love You!!
Mark



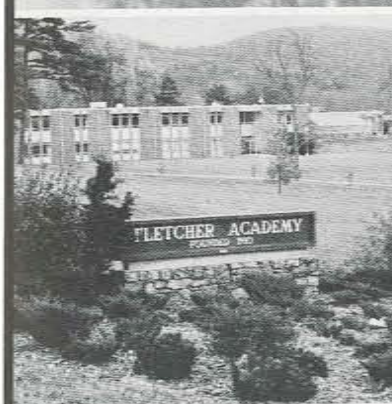
Leland,
May God be ever by your side and your best Friend as He has these past years. We love you and know God has a specific place for you to serve Him!

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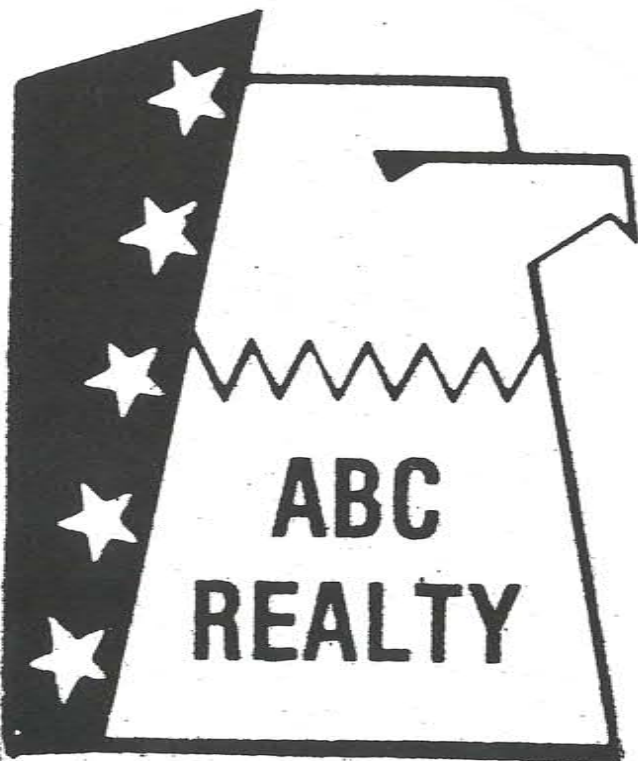
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