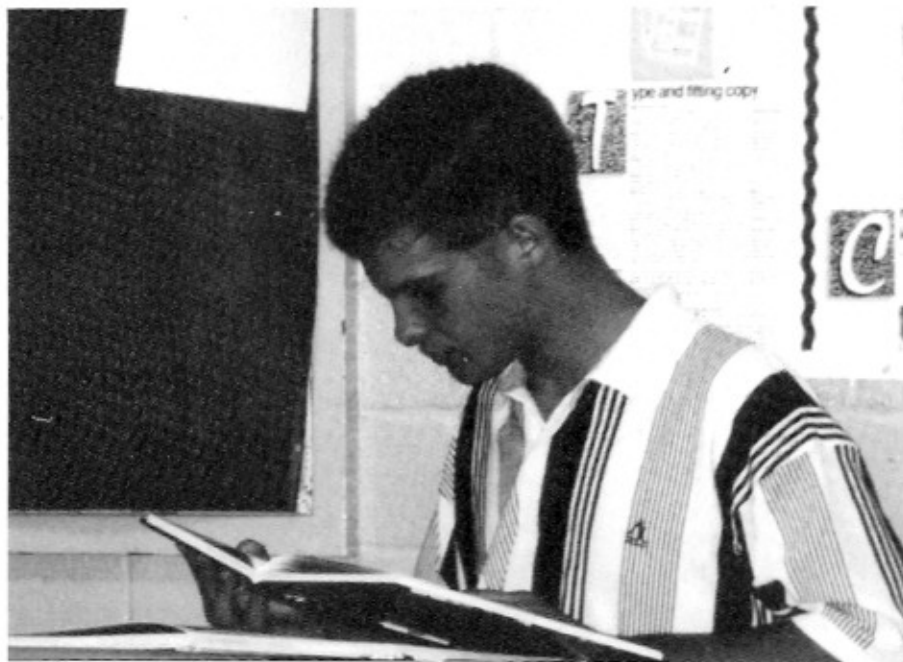




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While this has been a frustrating year, I take refuge in knowing that God takes care of everything. For everything there is a season.

In spite of the problems, this year has been a wonderful learning experience for the staff. Good luck in 96-97!

Finally, I leave Ruffin after eight years. Best wishes to my students and my friends, especially Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Smoak, and Ms. Maree.

— Mrs. Ginger Gardner