

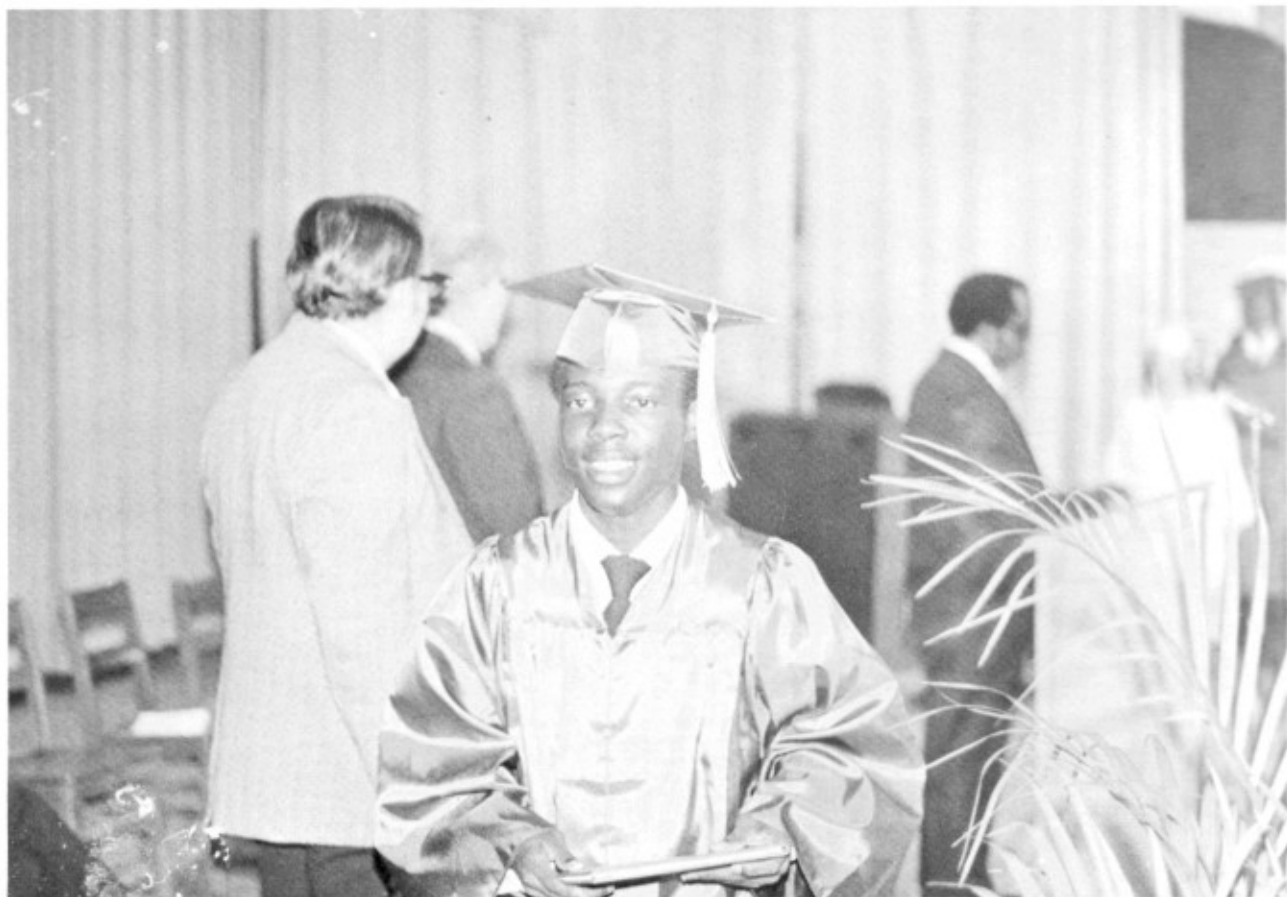
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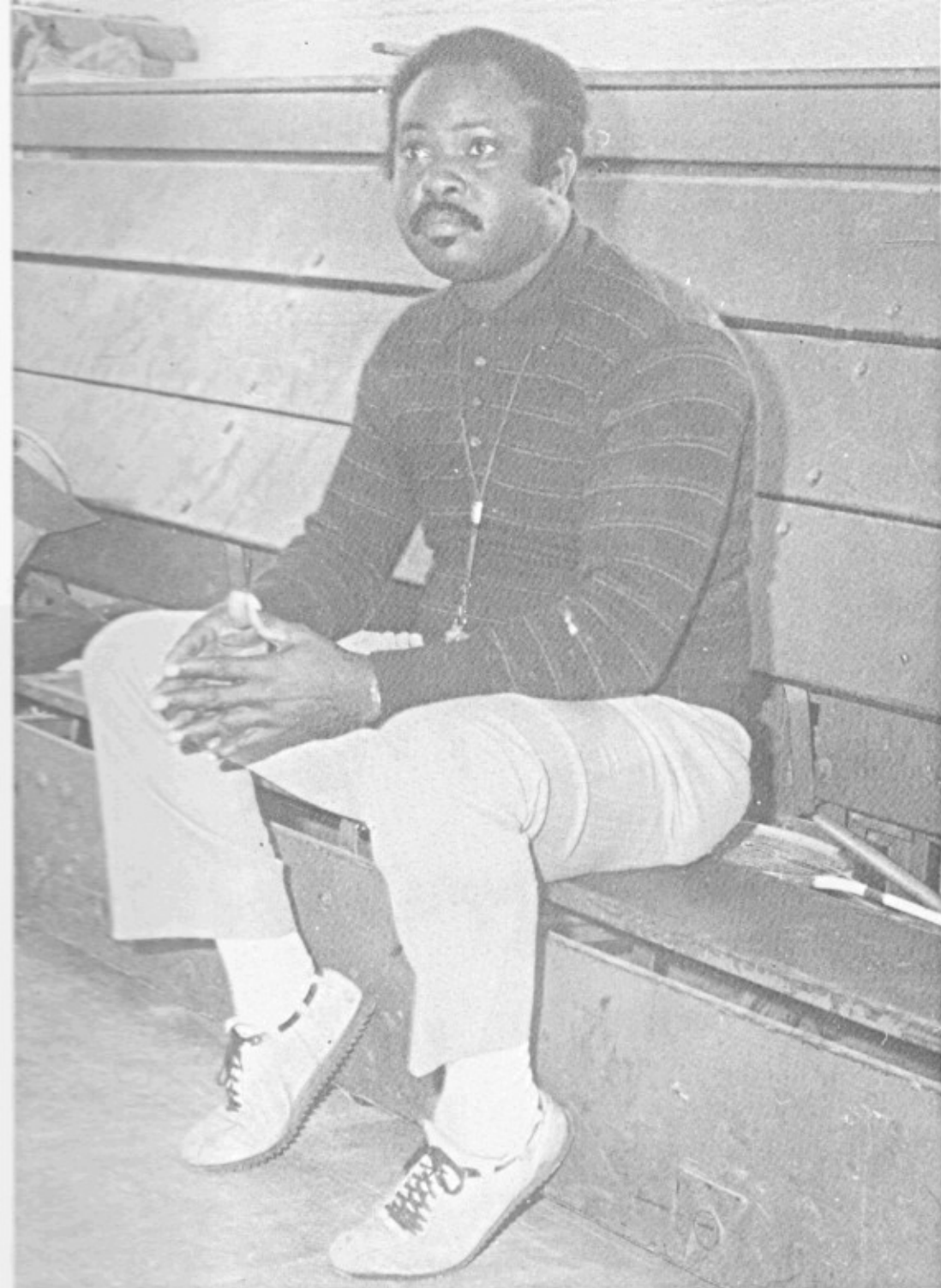
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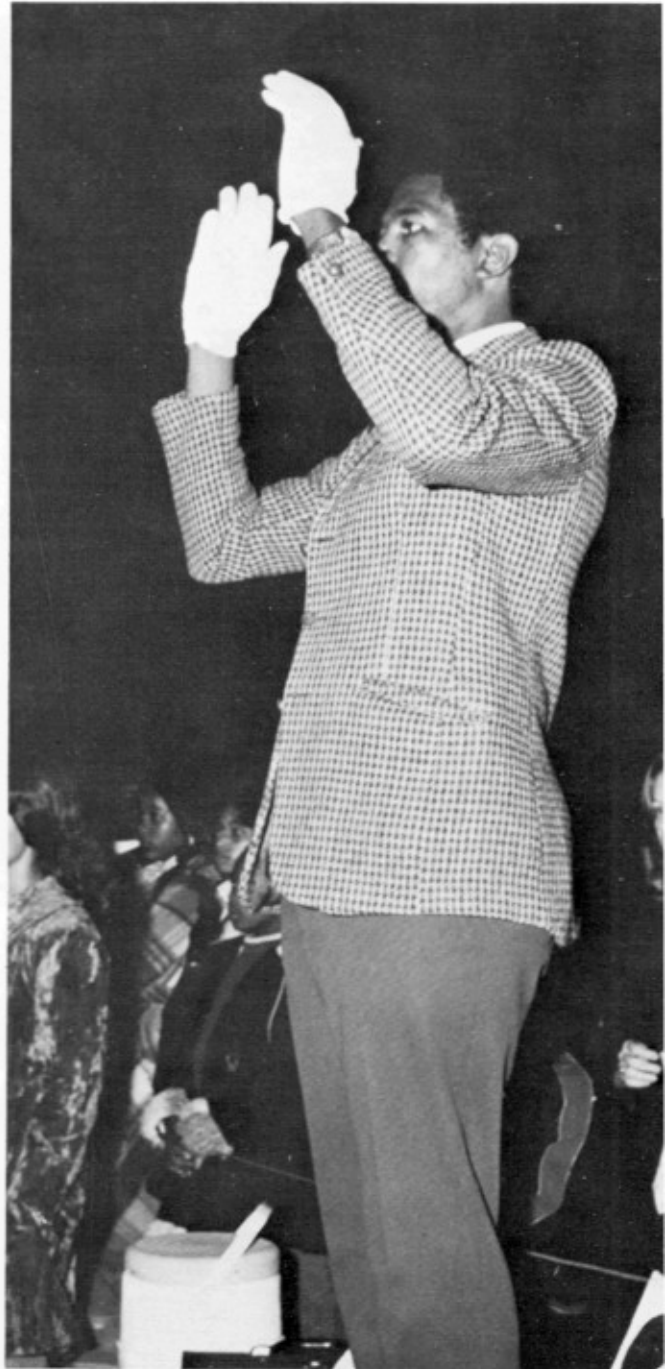
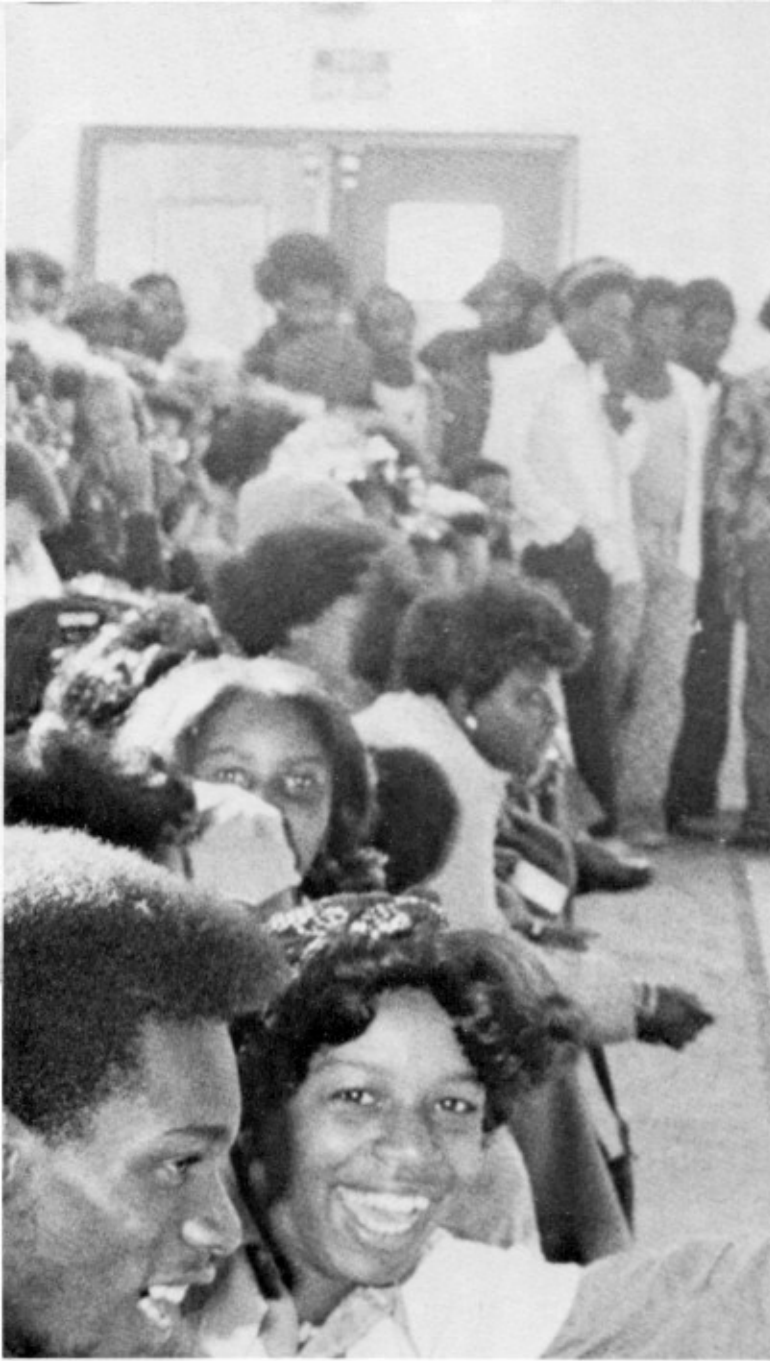
What do we do for fun? Pep rallies help turn 500 young people into a cohesive student body. Each Friday during football season that RHS has a home game, the gym becomes the scene of cheers and wild abandon. Cheerleaders and football players provide the show that transforms into a dead-serious game by nightfall. The band warms up with "Hustle". Sporting white gloves, Mr. Bright directs half-time performances.

Club work absorbs many creative energies. Two publications, *THE PATRIOT* and *THE HERITAGE*, are outlets for the urge to write and design. The South Carolina Arts Commission includes RHS in art workshops and shows.

And the most fun? The trip to Florida and Disney World at Easter time.



HOW DO WE TURN SCHOOL INTO FUN?

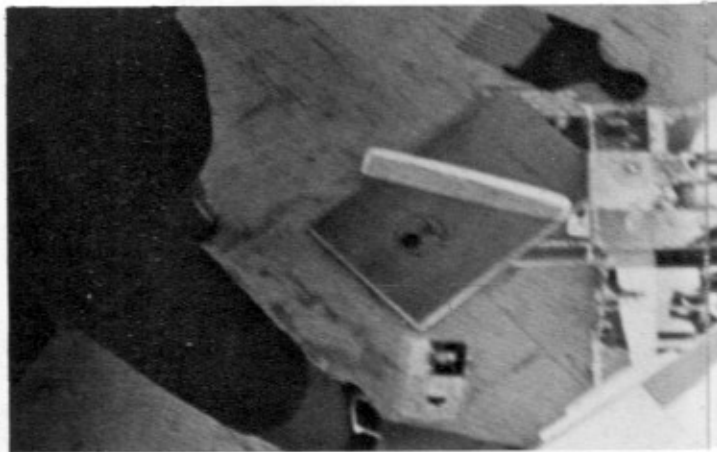




How is this year unique? Bicentennial events permeate the atmosphere. Each Monday morning Charlene reads an article on what life was like in South Carolina 200 years ago. The chorus and band participate in A Bicentennial Salute to America, featuring Bob Hope, Minnie Pearl, and Anita Bryant.

Even the cafeteria joins in the activities by serving a Bicentennial lunch, complete with costumes. Students receive identification cards with picture and schedule.

New students transferred in all year, and some, like Tracy James and Gwen Simmons, even had a picture for the annual.

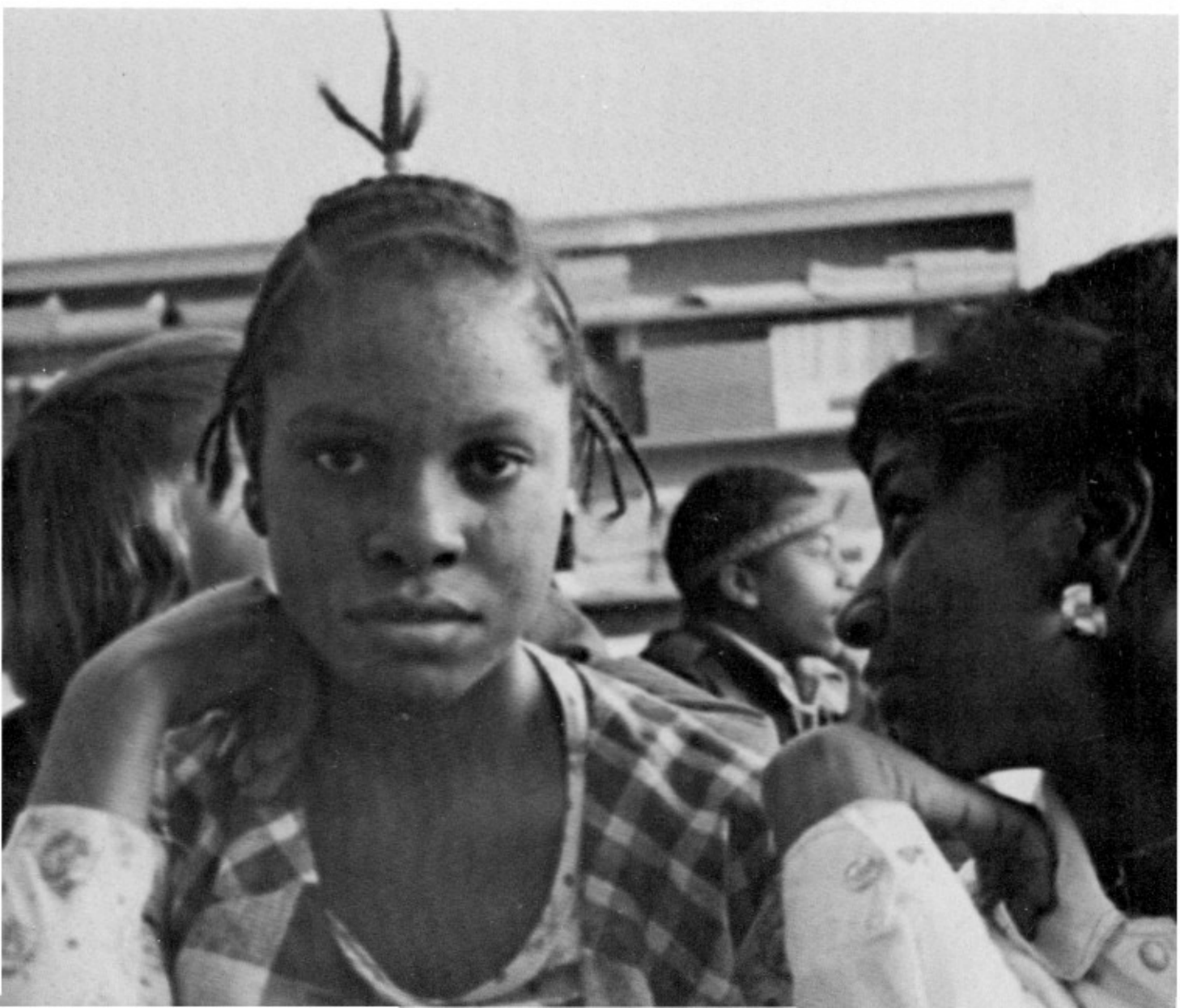


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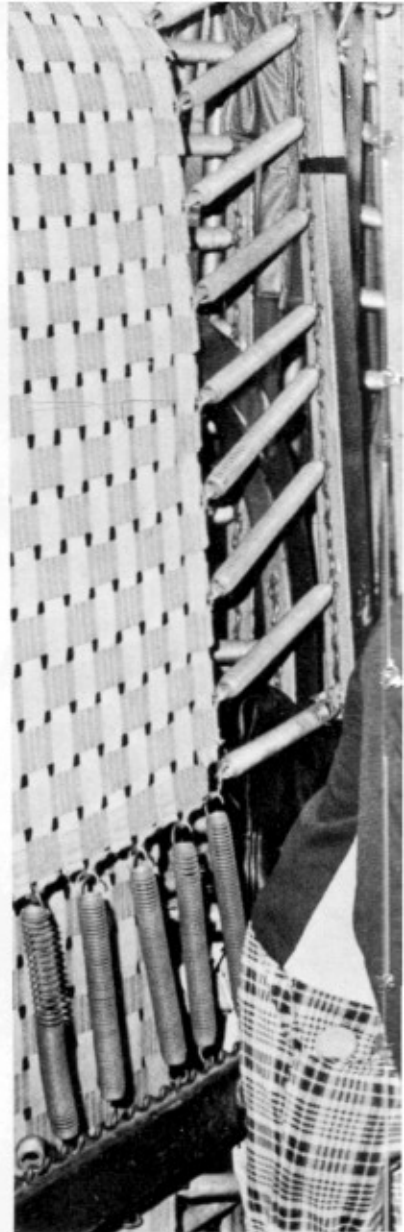
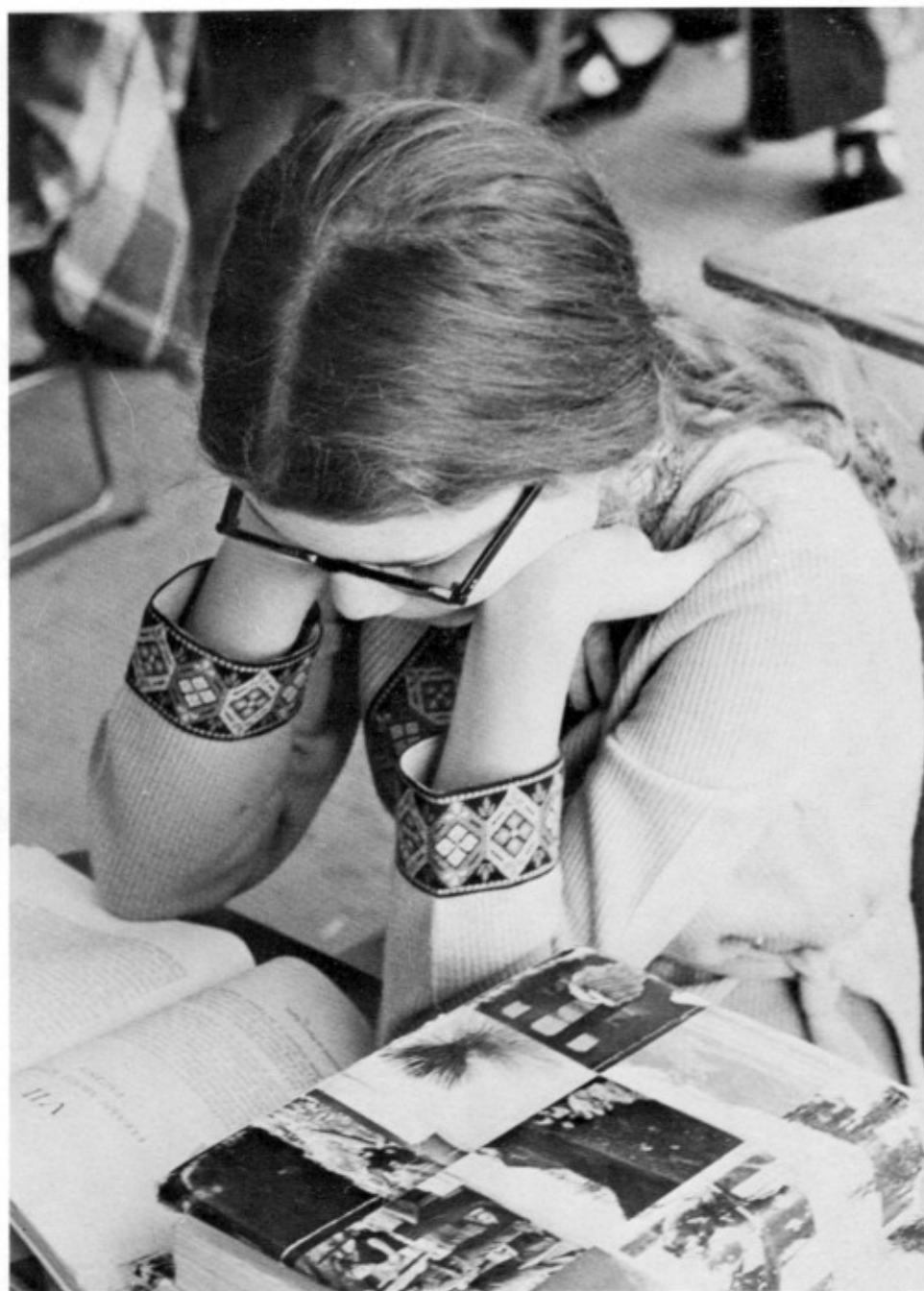




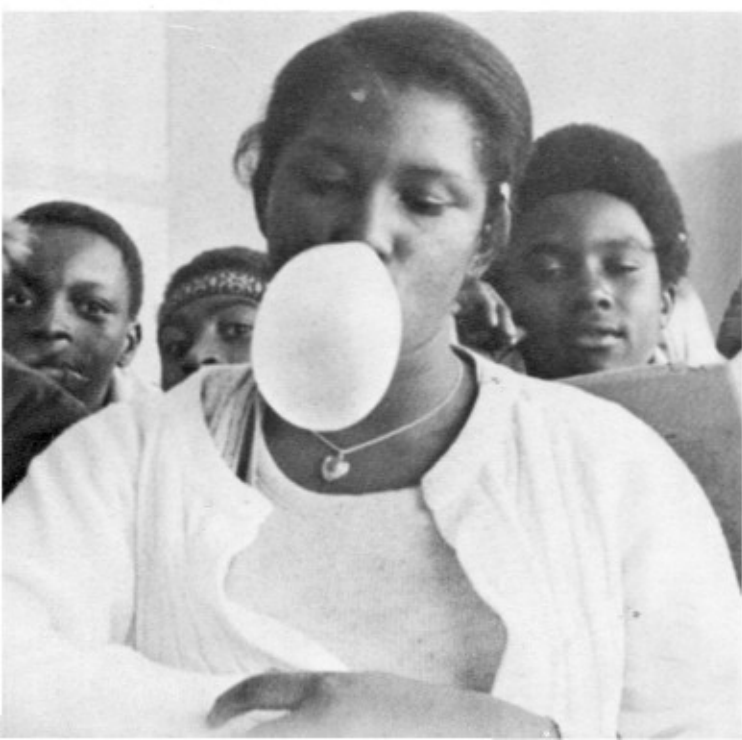
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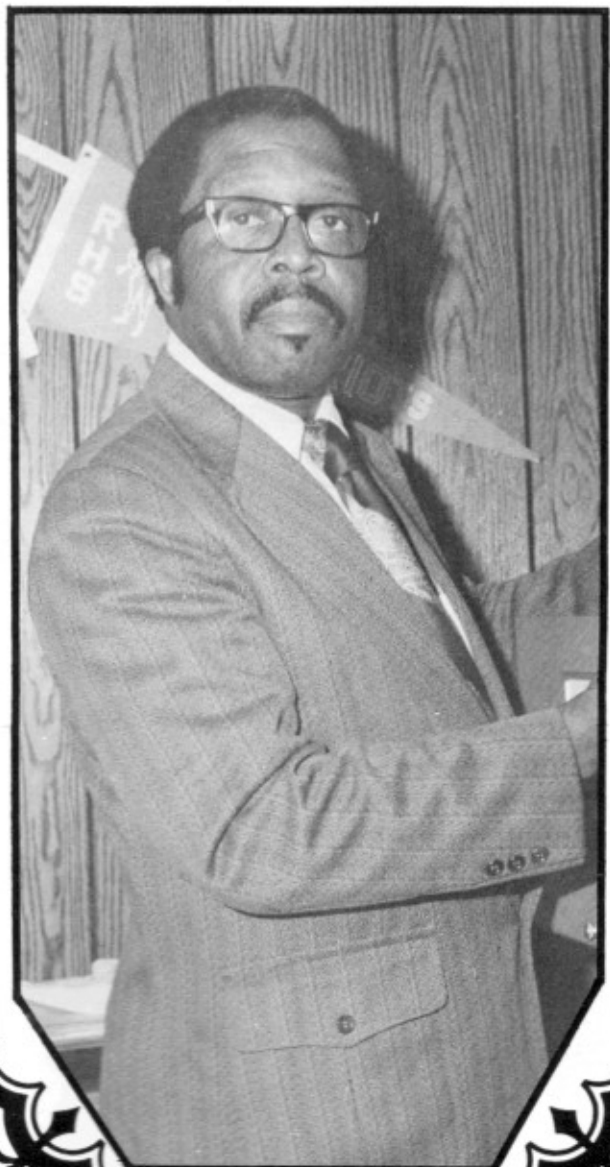


HOW DO WE FIND SATISFACTION?



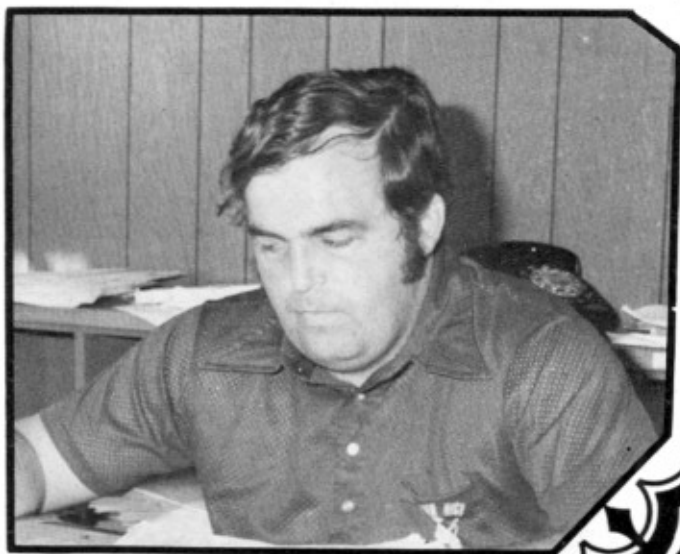
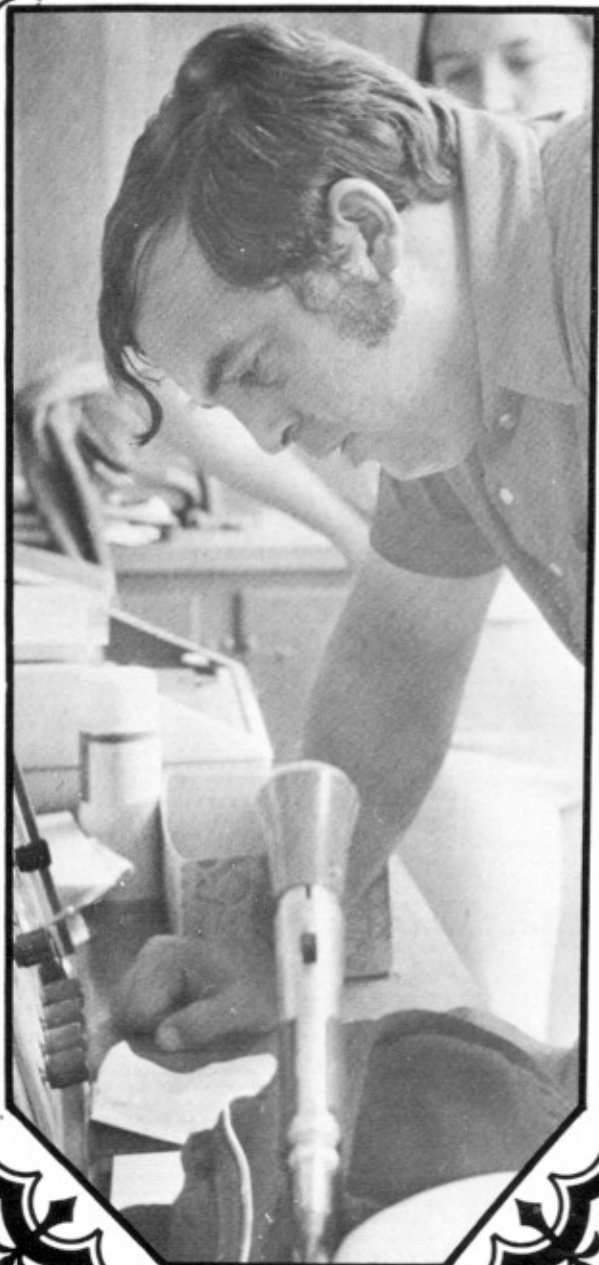
What are we like? Gail looks for answers and knowledge in books. Robert, Eugene, Tyrone, and Thomas try the rhythm of the band to turn them on. Fedrick beautifies himself, pick in hand, for meeting his girl after class. Doris . . . well, Doris is thinking that problem over. Just how big can she blow that gum before disaster?





MR. LEONARD

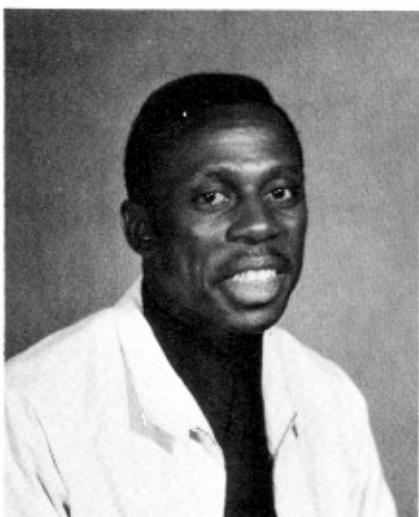
Mr. R.A. Leonard guides and directs the curriculum for Ruffin High School. He oversees the instructional program and helps teachers perform their jobs professionally. Because of his efforts, RHS will have a football field, a band room, and possibly even a fine arts building in the near future. He firmly believes that each student should be offered the opportunity to achieve his full potential during his high school career.



MR. REEVES

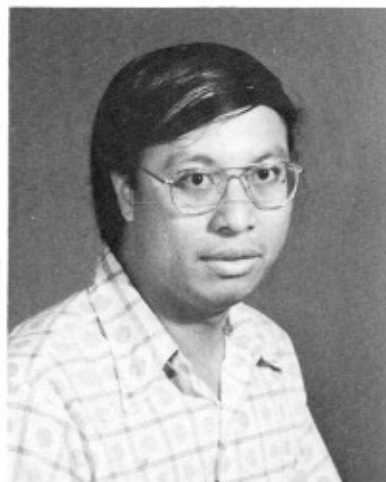
A second year veteran at Ruffin High, Mr. Reeves is a favorite of the students at RHS. Trying to keep the bus drivers straight keeps him going in circles. Disciplining of students, advising the student council, coaching the varsity football team and track team are his other activities.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS ADD VARIETY



**MR. BOWMAN
TRANSFORMS
STUDY HALL TO
"HALL OF STUDY."**

**MISS HYDER
COMBINES A
FLAIR FOR
HOME ECONOMICS
WITH A TALENT
FOR ATHLETICS**



**MR. LAI
EXPANDS
OUR HORIZONS
TO INCLUDE
THE ORIENT.**

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**MR. CROSBY TEACHES
AGRICULTURE AND
DIRECTS THE FUTURE
FARMERS.**

**MISS ROGERS
MAKES THE
HALLS RING
OUT AS THE
CHORUS
LEARNS "THIS
IS A GREAT
COUNTRY."**



**MISS MOSES BRINGS A ZEST FOR LIVING
THAT MAKES READING AS MUCH FUN
AS RECESS.**



**OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
THESE FOUR HELP EVERY
STUDENT.**



**MRS. BOWMAN
SECRETARY**

**MRS. LLOYD
GUIDANCE**



**MR. BEASLEY
LIBRARIAN**



**MRS. MC MILLAN
GUIDANCE**

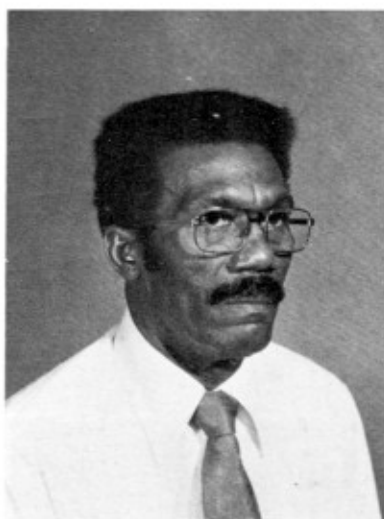


INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS YOU FIND



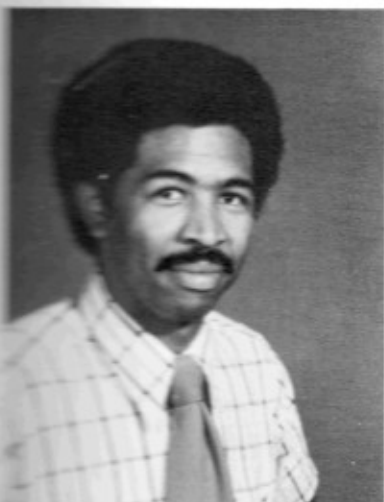
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MR. BARNHILL



MR. BOLES

MR. BRANCH



MR. BRIGHT

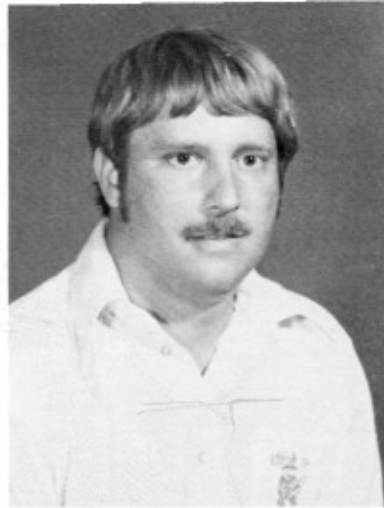
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MRS. CARTER



MRS. GOFF



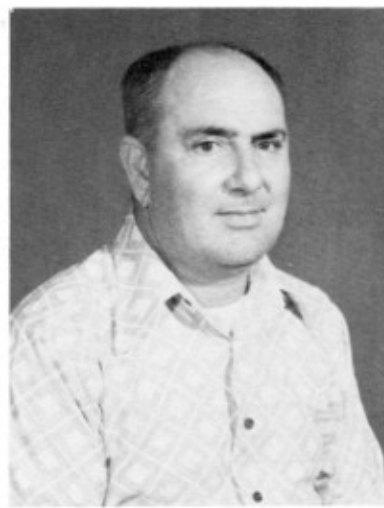
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MRS. SPIRES



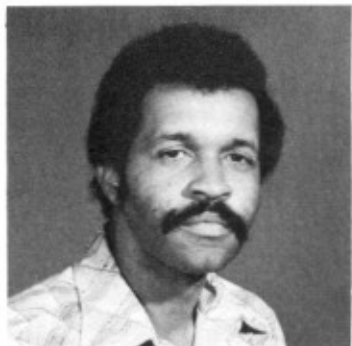
MR. SPIRES



MRS. STEPHENS



MRS. YOUNG



MR. LEON BRYANT

Mr. Bryant taught American Government classes for seniors. He also had seniors for psychology and sociology. A man of few words--a few words on every subject--he served as adviser for the Student Council.

MRS. KATE GEORGE

Mrs. George inherited the journalism class and THE PATRIOT this year. She worked with seniors in adjunct English, typing, and shorthand. She had a senior homeroom and helped with planning and directing graduation.



MR. ARTHUR GILLIARD

Mr. Gilliard instructed seniors in chemistry. After several years of teaching physics, Mr. Gilliard met the answer to long prayer sessions: Mr. Lai joined the staff and received the physics class assignment.

MRS. ODESSA STEPHENS

Mrs. Stephens taught both general and college preparatory English to the senior class. She directed the senior class play and assisted with graduation exercises. "Mama Odessa" had a senior homeroom.



MRS. MARY SUMMERS

Mrs. Summers taught three elective classes that were open to seniors. Because she had a senior homeroom, she assisted with graduation activities. Class Night and Miss Queen of Hearts were two of her projects.



1. Dressed in garments of wisdom, Janet eagerly awaits graduation. 2. Seniors feel that they are on top of the world. 3. Steve, like all seniors, is taking it easy.



It was a hectic year of decision for the seniors. Which college or job and what about money? Every day was spent tying up loose ends and unfolding future plans. But the seniors wouldn't have traded it for the world.

SENIORS



HENRY
AIKEN



MARION
BEHLING



DONALD
BELTON



KAREN
DALE
BENTON



KATHY
GAIL
BENTON



LINDA
ANN
BLACK



ANNIE
RUTH
BOATWRIGHT



DELPHINE
LEONARD
BOSTIC



BARBARA
ANGELA
BROWN



MARGARET
BROWN



RODNEY
WENDELL
BROOKS



ALFRED
FRED
BRYANT



RONALD
BUCKNER



TONY
GERARD
CAPERS



THOMAS
ALLEN
CARROLL



GERTRUDE
COBBS



STEVEN
DANIEL
COOK



RICHARD
HENRY
CUNDIFF



RITA
FLORENCE
DANTZLER



GLENN
MICHAEL
FRALIX



JAMES
LEE
FRANKLIN



CONNIE
FRAZIER



DEBBIE
LINDA
FRYAR



MARK
ANTHONY
GIVENS





DAVID
CHARLES
GODLEY



MARCELLE
DARLENE
GOFF



DEBORAH
MANN
GRANT



VINCENT
EDWARD
GRANT



VESSELENE
ELIZABETH
GRANT



BRENDA
GAIL
GREEN



JANICE
GREEN



LAWRENCE
WADE
HARDIN





WILHEMENA
HAYES



RICHARD
KENNETH
HERNDON



JOHN
MAURICE
HODGES



TERRY
HODGES



DERRICK
ANTHONY
JAMISON



GENNELL
JENKINS



CATHY
JONES



ETHEL
JONES



FURMAN
JONES



RUSSELL
RILEY
KICK LIGHTER



RICHARD
DEAN
LITCHFIELD, JR.



JANET
MARIE
LYONS



WENDELL
LYONS



RA LEIGH
LEE
MATTHEWS



SANDRA
YVETTE
MIDDLETON



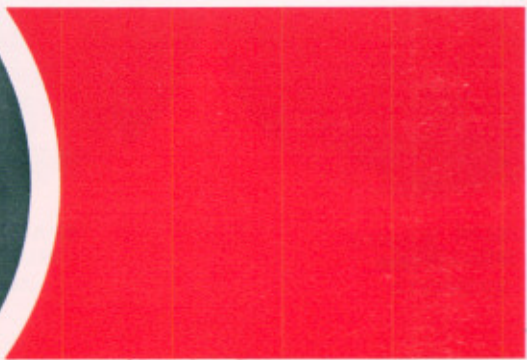
ROBERT
ALAN
MOFFITT



WHO'S WHO



Seniors selected by the faculty for their contributions to the school were (Top Left to Right): Connie Frazier, Lynn Phillips, Catherine Warren, Donald Belton, (Center) Marcelle Goff, and (Bottom, Left to Right) Glenn Fralix, Debbie Polk, Alexander Warren, and Alan Moffitt.





DUSTRILLA
ANNE
MOORE



JAMES
ANTHONY
MOORE, JR.



WILLIE
JAMES
MOORE, JR.



LARRY
MOSELY



EUGENE
MOULTRIE



GRADY
MURRAY, JR.



DOROTHY
PARKER



LARRY
DONALD
PARKER



LAURA
LYNN
PHILLIPS



DEBRA
RAE
POLK



VERNESSA
ROSS



DIANNE
GARRIS
POLK



SHARON
ABIGAIL
SAMPSON



DONNIE
RUTH
STEPHENS



FRANK
EDWARD
STEPHENS



GERALD
STEPHENS



STANLEY
STEVENS



RUTH
ANN
STOKES



JUNE
ROSE
STONE



ALLEN
STRICKLAND



RUFUS
VANHORN, JR.



MATTHEW
VARNs



ROGER
WALTERS



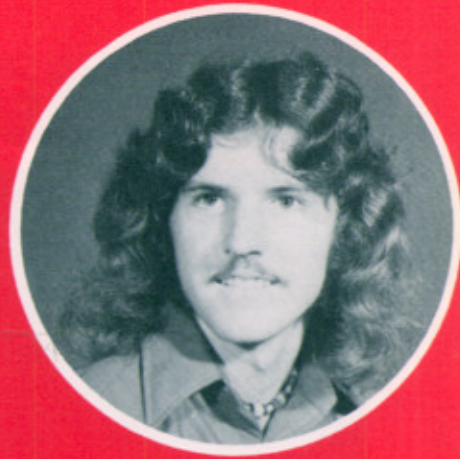
ALEXANDER
WARREN



CATHERINE
GENEVA
WARREN



JAMES
LEO
WARREN



JOEY
WARREN



DIANNE
MARGARET
WIGGENS



DAVID
ALLEN
WILLIAMS



THOMAS
WILLIAMS



PATRICIA
YATES



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

MOST ATHLETIC

Brenda Green and Rodney Brooks



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Connie Frazier and Mark Givens

MOST INTELLIGENT

Catherine Warren and Alan Moffitt



BEST PERSONALITY

Sharon Sampson and Derrick Jamison

MOST DEPENDABLE

Cathv Jones & Willie Moore



BEST ALL AROUND

Lynn Phillips & Terry Hodges



WITTIEST

Kathy Benton & Henry Aiken



MOST TALENTED

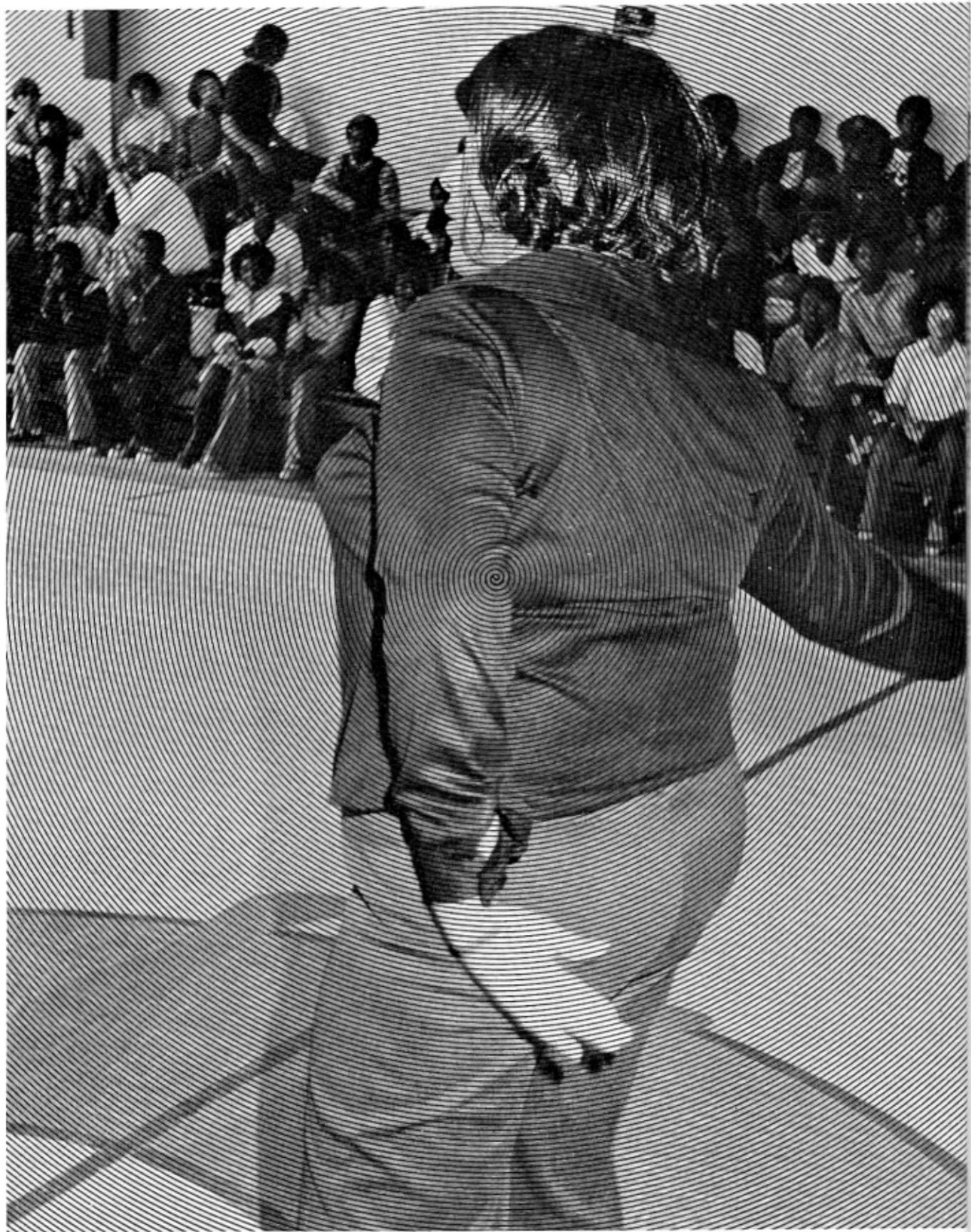
Debbie Polk & Alexander Warren



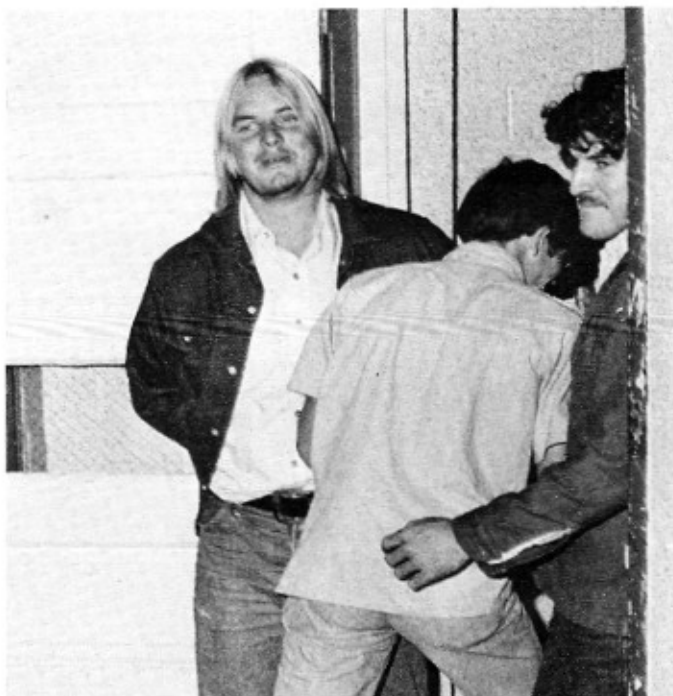
BEST LEADERS

Marcelle Goff & Allen Strickland





Left. Kunteza entertains the crowds with a new dance. Top. Mack runs when pies are being thrown. Bottom. Juniors go wild to the music of the band.



The junior class started the year with an exciting day of trying on and purchasing rings. The juniors raised money and made plans for the Junior-Senior Prom. Juniors experienced their first year at the Vocational Center studying stenography, mechanics, welding, and food service. Juniors were tapped by the Honor Society. Juniors participated in varsity football and basketball. Juniors participated in gymnastics and track. Juniors sang in the chorus and played in the Band.

JUNIORS



Mae West (Elvis Fryar) and Raquel Welch (Tommy Campbell) laugh at the zany things people do just to have a Junior-Senior Prom. Mae West went as far as to say, "My legs are the best looking." Flat-chested Raquel replied, "Well, at least mine aren't hairy!" Ernie Shaw was crowned Miss Ruffin Cyclone with Jeffrey Moffitt and Dean Nettles as runners-up.

SOME PEOPLE WERE BORN BEAUTIFUL!

Michael Ackerman
Kirkland Adams
Goldie Aiken
Vanessa Belton
Melvin Benton



Randy Berry
Leroy Black
Sandra Black
Johnny Blocker
Ronnie Brabham



George Brooks
Herman Brown
Marvin Brown
Calarence Brunson
Brenda Bryant



Kathy Bryant
Mary Bryant
Kathy Buckner
Mary Alice Buckner
Ronald Buckner



Tommy Campbell
William Crosby
Tommy Dopson
Hattie Drain
Shawn Dubois



Iris Edwards
Elvis Fryar
Ralph Godley
Frederick Grant
Robin Harrison



As drum major of the RHS band, Ronnie Brabham led the band in football game half-time shows, parades, and concerts. Other juniors in the band were James Reid, Wayne Martin, and Calvin Lee.



HIGH-STEPPING JUNIOR LEADS THE WAY!



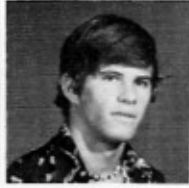
Charlene Henderson
Mary Hiers
Shirley Hodges
James Hudson
Lenora Jamison



Nancy Jamison
Sharon Jamison
Jasper Jenkins
Larry Jenkins
Vallerie Johnson



Joseph Jones
Sharon Jones
Donald Kinard
Calvin Lee
Hattie Linder



Johnny Linder
Ray Linder
Mack Lyons
Jackie Martin
Wayne Martin



Shirley McGahan
Donnell McMillan
Carleen Mitchell
Jimmy Mitchell
Arlene Mosley



Dianne Mosley
Carolyn Murdaugh
Gloria Murdaugh
Terry Murdaugh
Randall Myers



Pep rallies were lively with pie-throwing, dancing, music, and cheers. Ricky Johns and Kunteza Williams demonstrated their dancing finesse at Homecoming pep rally. Kung-Fu Fighting by Tommy Nichols and Ronnie Brabham delighted the crowd. Cathy Benton got a face full of pie, courtesy of Marion Behling.

JUNIORS GET HOMECOMING SPIRIT

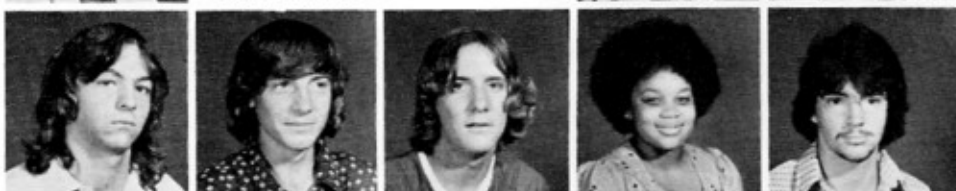
Dean Nettles
Tommy Nichols
Anita Proveaux
James Reid
Estelle Risher



Joann Risher
John Salley
Gerald Stephens
James Stephens
Beverly Stokes



John Thomas
Nelson Thomas
John Walling
Carolyn Wiggins
Charlie Wiggins



Michael Wiggins
Denise Williams
Hattie Williams
Kunteza Williams
Randall Williams



Lorenzo Wrice
Freddie Yates
Phyllis Yates
Ricky Yates
Thomas Yates



The Junior Class, starting early to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom, worked hard planning money-raising projects. One of these projects was selling Bicentennial stickers celebrating our country's 200th birthday. The Juniors also had cake raffles and car washes. Juniors paid dues of \$10.00 to help pay for the Prom.



EVER MONEY-HUNGRY JUNIORS





Left: Dreaming of being a Junior.
Top: Hurry up Furman! My feet are
frozen! Bottom: Karen and Priscilla get
into the spirit at the pep rally.



The Sophomore class was one of the most involved classes of the 75-76 school year. They participated in almost all clubs, contests, and athletics. The Sophomores really got on the move as 14 from their class became bus drivers. The Sophomores are well on their way to become the seniors of 1978.

SOPHOMORES

Franklin Allen
 Carl Beach
 David Behling
 Dondi Benbow
 Robert Bennett



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Melvin Boatwright
 Pearlle Boatwright
 James Bowden
 Melvin Breland
 Sharon Breland



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Angela Broughton
 Karen Brown
 Betty Bryant
 Isreal Bryant
 Lillie Bryant



Cynthia Carter
 Robert Coggins
 Micheal Crosby
 Priscilla Crosby
 Shirley Crosby



Theresa Crosby
 Cynthia Drain
 Micheal Fennell
 Mary Fralix
 Eddie Garris



HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME



If you happen to be walking down the hall and you see someone struggling with his locker, don't be surprised. As the school year moves on, lockers become a home-away-from-home. They contain anything from October's P.E. socks to yesterday's homework for Mrs. Stephens (So, that's where it was!) Lockers even contain lit firecrackers on the last days of school.



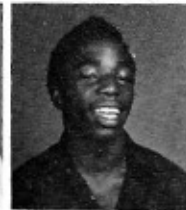
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Alice Glover
Joey Goff
Elijah Grant
Kelvin Gant
Veronica Grant



Irene Green
Linda Green
Myrtle Hardin
Micheal Hartley
Susan Hasty



Sheila Hayes
Rose Hiers
Johnny Hodges
Kim Hudson
Micheal Inabinet



Roger Jackson
Alinda Jamison
Arnold Jenkins
Harold Jenkins
Kenneth Jenkins



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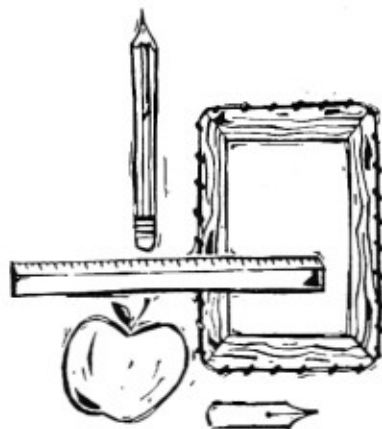


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Manda Jenkins
Terry Jenkins
Clyde Johnson
Marilyn Johnson
Johnny Jones

THE "BIOLOGY BUNCH"

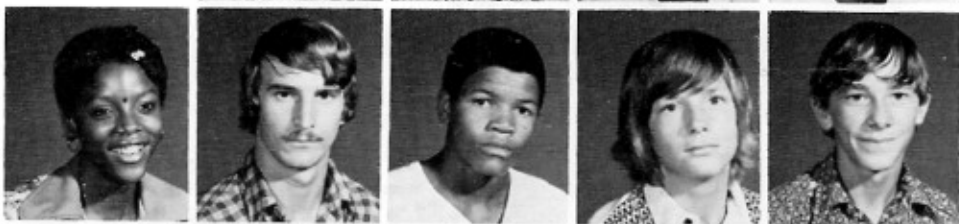
"Only the strong survive", as Mr. Spires' "biology bunch" dissected worms. They also racked their brains and wrote a term paper. But it was fun and there was never a dull moment.



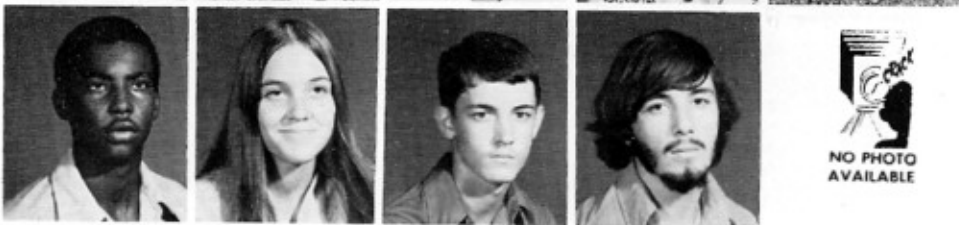
Lillie Kinard
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 Jerry Lewis
 Harriet Linder
 Daniel Lingard



Patricia Lingard
 Dale Lyons
 Keith Maloney
 Frankie Marsh
 Robert Martin



Kelvin Mitchell
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 Mark Polk
 Arnold Proveaux
 Christine Rahn



Doann Risher
 Johnny Rivers
 Deborah Salley
 Gail Salley
 Lewis Salley



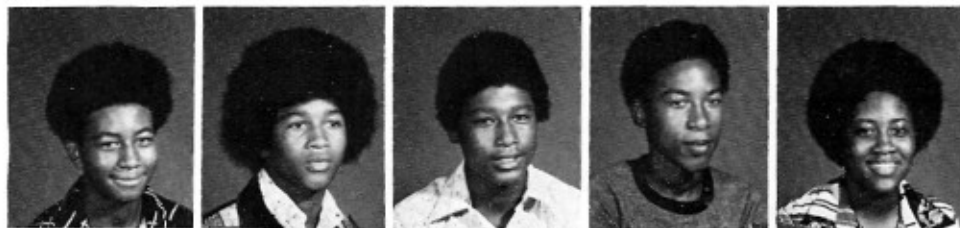
Paul Salley
 Jeffrey Samuels
 Sheila Simmons
 Mary Smoak
 Lynn Spry



PICKING UP THE PIECES AND



Tenth grade band members Deborah Salley, Bruce Stephens, Susan Hasty, and Harold Jenkins warm it up with 11th graders and 12th graders, Wayne Martin and David Williams for the pep-rally in the gym. Two of their favorite songs, which they would rather be playing now, are the "Hustle" and the "Theme from the Man." The 10th graders feel they make up the better part.



Alfred Stephens
Bruce Stephens
Hosea Stephens
Santonie Stephens
Marketer Stephens



Joann Stokes
Katherine Stokes
Wanda Walker
Patricia Walters
Ronald Walters



Myra Wiggins
Bernard Williams
Diane Williams
Sharon Williams
Reginald Wrice

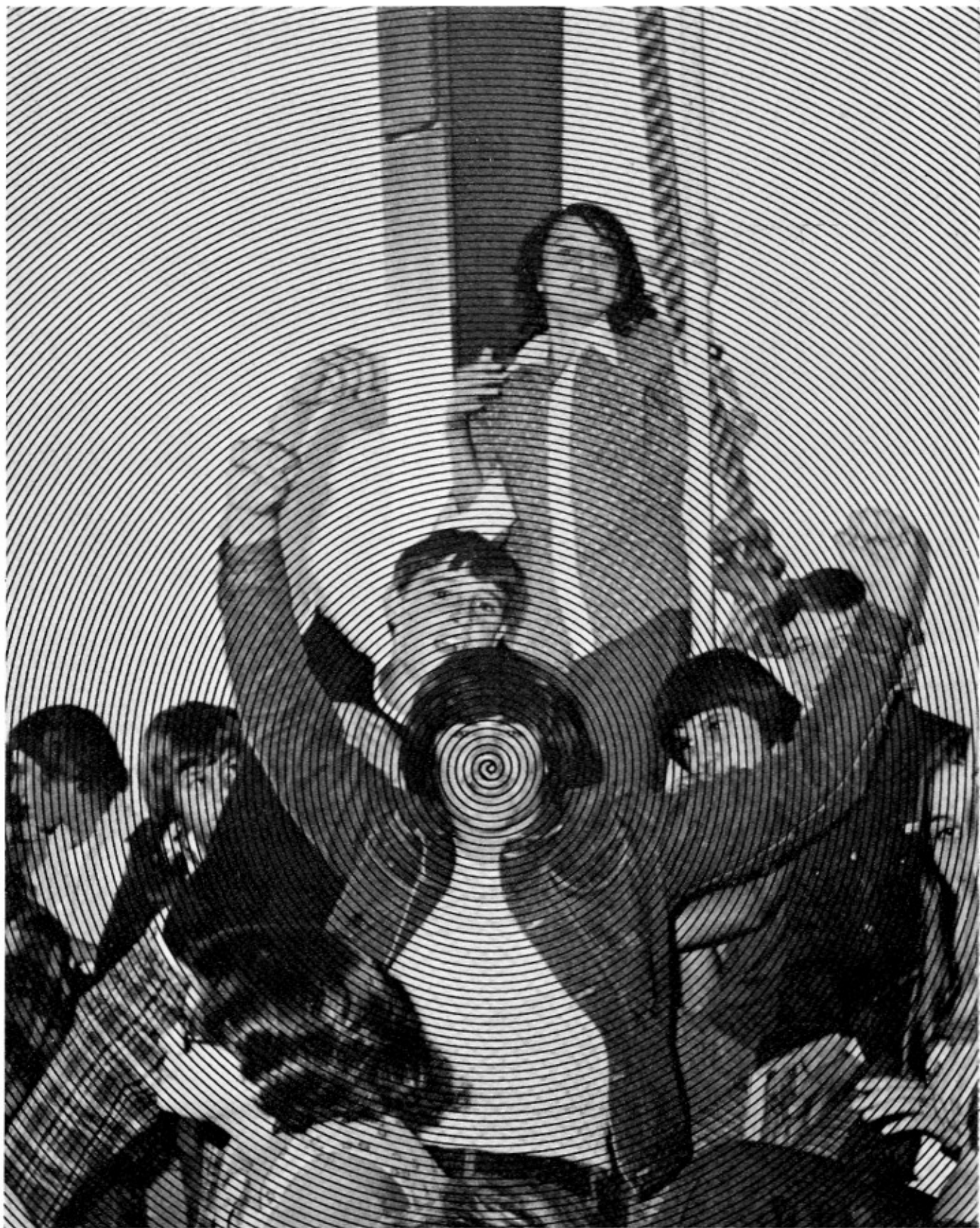


Yvonne Wrice
Paul Yates

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



Like all underclassmen, 10th graders Clyde Johnson, Alfred Stephens, and James Bowden show spirit at the pep rally in the gym. The only way you can calm the 10th graders down is by a stiff talking to or by reminding them their term paper is due for Mr. Spires' biology class. The sophomores say, "That's ok we're number one anyway!"



1. Freshmen get into the spirit of things.
2. Being a girl is not the easiest thing to be.
3. Freshmen are not a camera-shy bunch.



Being a Freshmen means doing a lot of new things. Choosing your own subjects and being initiated into clubs. Being a Freshmen is beginning to work toward getting 18 units and choosing between an academic and a general curriculum. But you never hear a Freshmen say "I wish I were in the eighth grade."



FRESHMEN



The Freshman class started off the year by picking their subjects for the first time. They also chose between an academic or general curriculum.

FRESHMEN PICK THEIR SUBJECTS

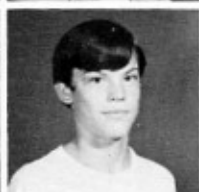
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Jeffrey Bell
Jackie Beverly
Kwame Bing
Lynn Bishop



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Alphonso Black
John Black
Sylvester Black
Jackie Bostic
Bill Breland



Cindy Broughton
David Brown
Peter Brown
Laverne Brunson
Barbara Bryant



Cindy Bryant
Dave Bryant
Juanita Bryant
Brenda Buckner
Rodney Cobbs



Lonnie Copeland
Winfred Crosby
Lewis Cummings
Emma Daniels
Nancy Dantzler



Charles DeLong
Sharon Docter
Ronald DuBois
Stanley Edwards
Robert Fender



Under the direction of Miss Hyder, the Freshmen girls attempt a game of soft-ball. It's almost as much fun to watch as it is to play. "Jackie, you've got to face the pitcher if you're going to bat. No, No, No, you can not out somebody by throwing the ball at them!" screams Miss Hyder.



P.E. — A FAVORITE SUBJECT

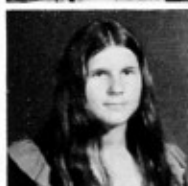


Gregory Fennell
Cheryl Fryar
Kenneth Fryar
Steve Godley
Jacqueline Goff



Sidney Grayson
Arlene Grant
Theodore Grant
Jimmy Green
Joe Lewis Green

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Ernest Harley
Alberta Hiers
June Hiers
Vera Hiers
Crystal Hodges



James Hollman
Joseph Hollman
Lois Hudson
James Jackson
Cynthia Jenkins



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Floyd Jenkins
Stanley Jenkins
Cray Jones
Donald Joyner
Judith Jumper

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Mike Kinard
Salley Kinard
Kenneth Kirkland
Anthony Linder
Bernard Linder



Wearing onions around your neck can be kind of messy. The 9th grade boys went through the ordeal of the FFA initiation. Wearing a dress, their clothes inside outwards, and carrying their books in croker sacks were other parts of the initiation. The highlight of the week was getting pelted with eggs by the officers of the FFA.

FFA INITIATION IS BEAUTIFUL

Brenda Linder
Herman Lingard
Mattie Lowery
Pam Lyons
Todd Lyons



Lela Matthews
Cathy Merritt
Avis Moore
Donnell Murdaugh
John Murdaugh



Johnnie Murdaugh
Todd Murdaugh
Duncan Nettles
Karl Nettles
Cindy Polk



Jerome Risher
Lloyd Risher
Philip Rizer
Wendell Salley
Cheryl Sampson



James Sampson
Phyllis Sanders
Peggy Seawell
Ernie Shaw
Marilyn Smalls



Brenda Stanfield
Juanita Stephens
Ralph Stephens
Denise Stephens
Michael Steward



There's always something cooking in Mrs. Summer's Home-Economics class. The girls learned how to clean, cook, and sew. Baking cookies became a favorite past-time. The delicious aroma of baked cookies filled the hall, and sometimes, the burnt aroma.



Barbara Stokes
Ricky Thomas
Michael Tripp
Cleveland Varns
Dianne Wiggins



Ernell Wiggins
Marion Williams

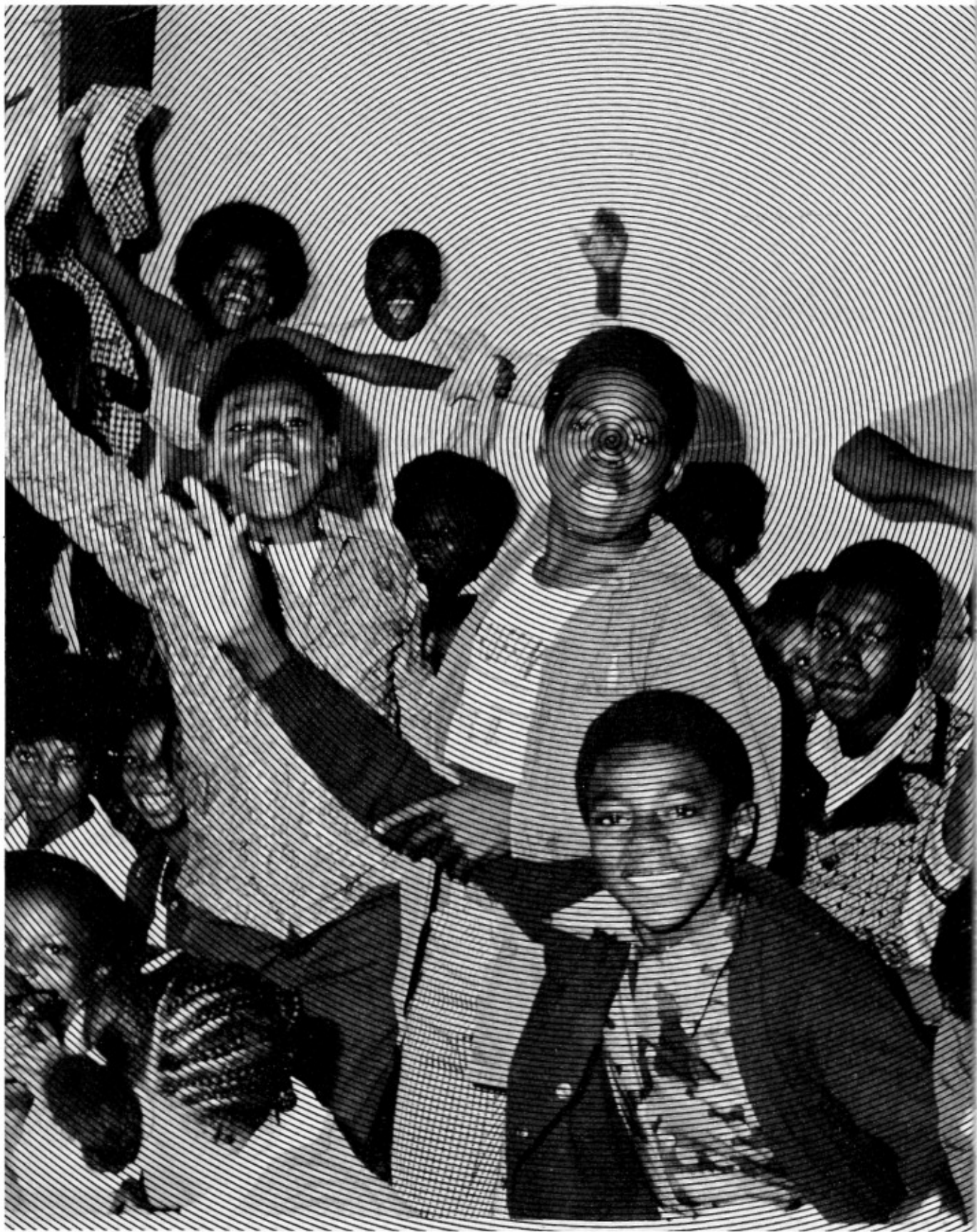


CLASS

OF

'79'





Left: Eighth graders are ready and willing to participate at pep rallies. Top: Colene, Joann and Ethel move to the music of the RHS band. Bottom: Ricky does a dance as the crowd cheers.



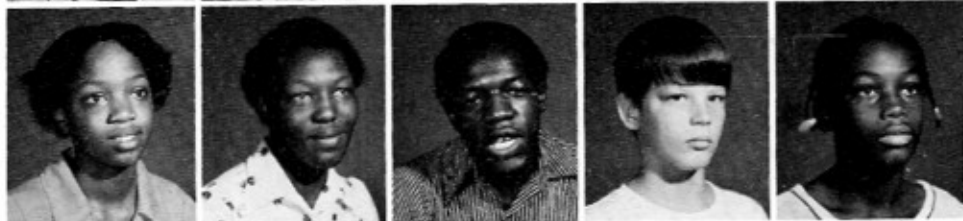
Entering a new school is never easy. But with a little adjusting, the eighth-grade began to fit right in and enjoy high school life. Under the direction of Mrs. Spires, English became a new language and trying to break ahead of a senior in the lunchline became impossible.

8TH GRADE

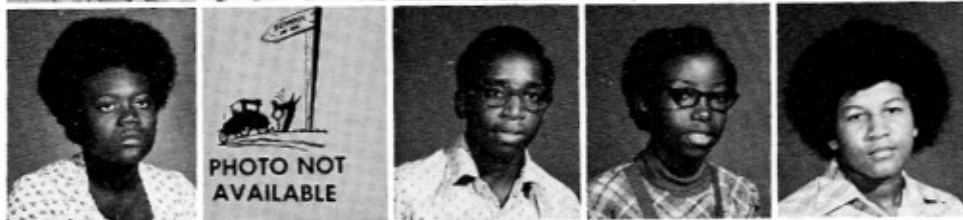
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Loretta Black
Ronald Black



Deborah Bostic
Clara Breland
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Rochelle Brooks



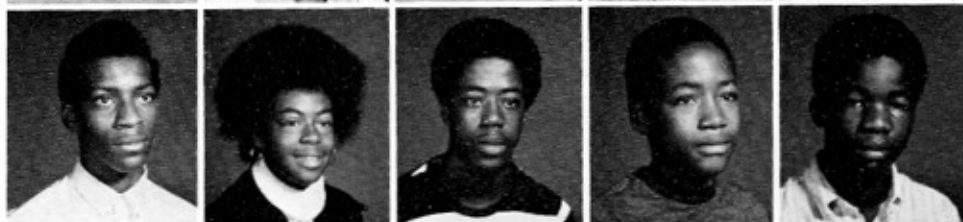
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Isaac Brown
Maxine Brown
Virgil Brown



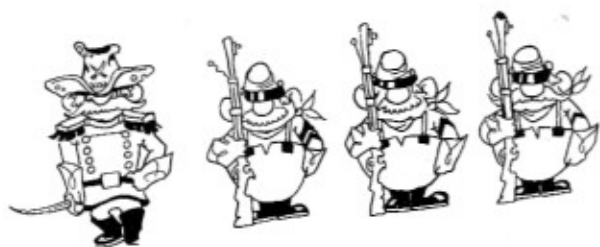
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Nancy Brunson
Frankie Bryant
Liston Bryant
Loretta Capers



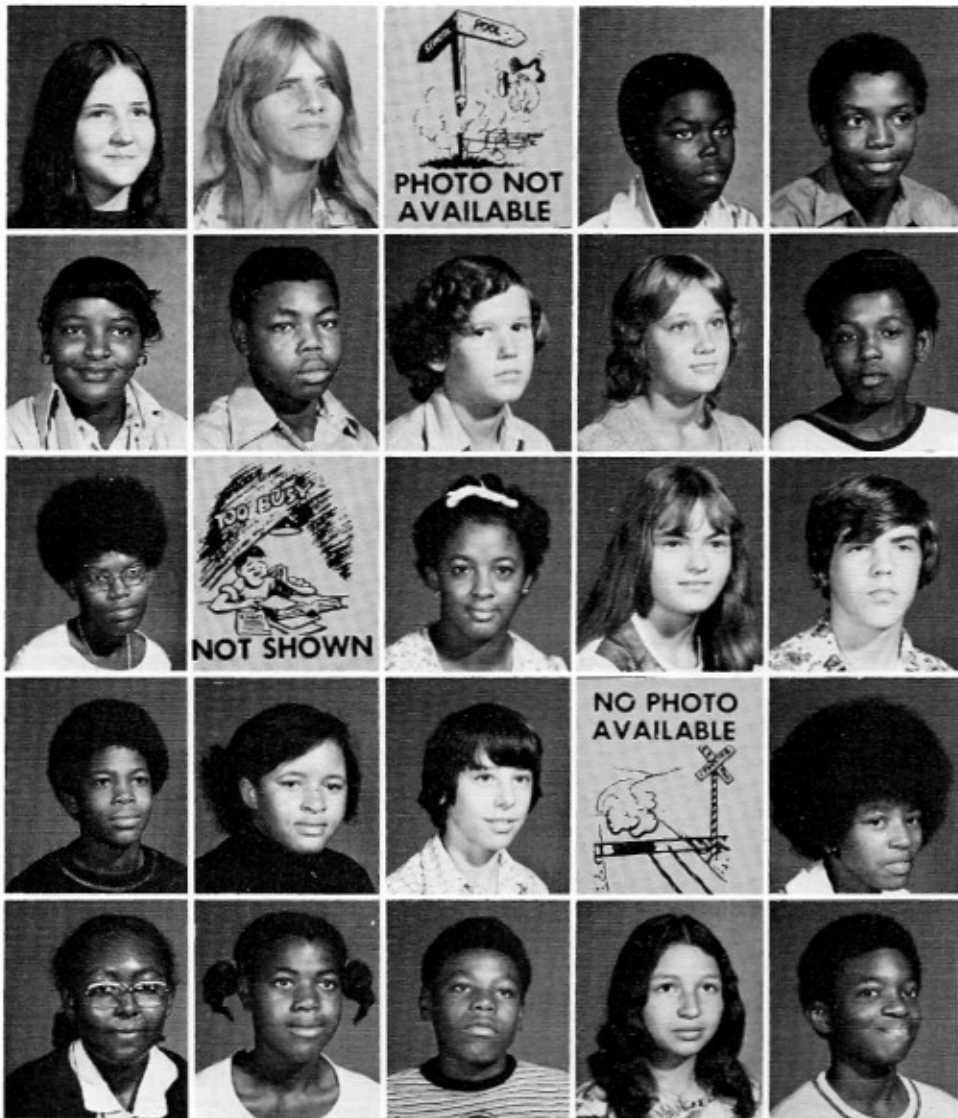
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Benison Chisolm
John Chisolm
Melvin Chisolm
Joseph Cobbs



SMALL ARMY



With a class of 143, the eighth grade looked like a small army. The eighth grade was the largest class in school and had five homerooms.



Cheryl Coggins
Brenda Cook
Ronnie Cook
Sherry Copeland
Angelo Crosby

Barbara Crosby
Roland Daniels
Jack Davis
Terri DeLong
Ervin Drain

Josie Drain
James Dubois
Zelda Edwards
Rose Ferguson
Dean Fox

Tyrone Gant
Melinda Givens
David Godley
Elbert Goff
Colene Goodwin

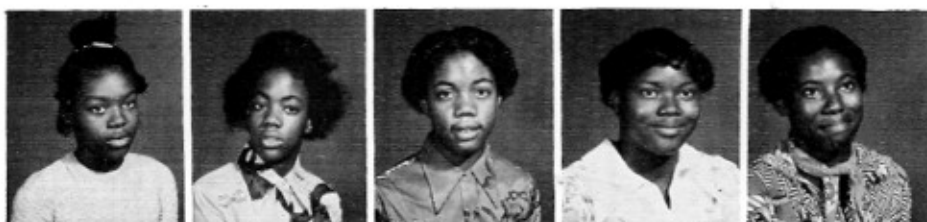
Loretta Grant
Brenda Green
Richard Green
Loria Hardin
Frederick Harris

THE "HOT LUNCH BUNCH."

The year: 1975. The place: RHS. The time: 11:25. The bell rings. Out bursts the 'hot lunch bunch'. There's a stampede to the lunchline where two teachers desperately try to maintain order. It's not unusual to hear someone say, "Who took my lunch ticket?"



Shirley Hayes
Daphne Henderson
Kathy Henderson
Ethel Hodges
Zenobia Hodges



Ray Hollman
Priscilla Jamison
Randy Jamison
Wilbur Jamison
Cynthia Jenkins



James Jenkins
Linda Jenkins
Terrance Jenkins
Jessie Johns
Ricky Johns



Elijah Johnson
Tony Johnson
Jacob Jones
Oranette Jones
Patrease Jones



Randy Jones
Benita Jordan
Betty Joyner
Lyndon Joyner
James T. Kinard



THE CLASS OF "1980"



Eighth graders are always full of life and get-up-and-go. We look back and wonder if we use to act the same. Now we look forward and wonder how we are going to act. Some higher classmen still act as if they were still in the eighth grade. I guess there is still a little child in all of us.



Tyrone Lewis
Robert Linder
Roger Linder
Dennis Lingard
Neal Lingard



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Precious Lingard
Willis Lollar
Bridgett Lolly
Ronald Lyons
Alice Martin



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Leslie McCoy
Brenda McMillan
Sharon McMillan
Tommy Mitchell
Avis Mole



Stanley Moore
Shirley Mosley
Barbara Murdaugh
Brenda Myers
Norma Padgett

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Gloria Parker
Scott Kelly
C.L. Preacher
Mickey Proveaux
Darren Rahn

EIGHTH GRADERS CARRYING A HEAVY LOAD!

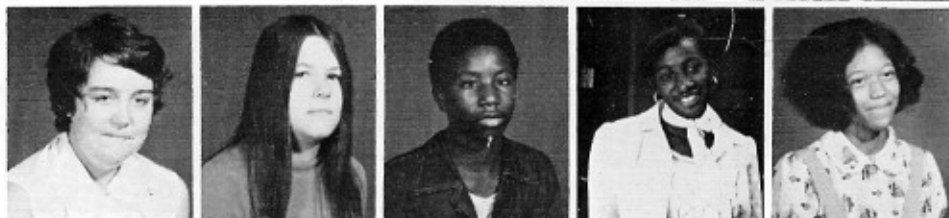
Eighth graders carried a heavy load of books at the beginning of this school year because they were the last to receive lockers. Eighth graders studied South Carolina History, English, and Math. Eighth graders also took P.E. and Earth Science.



Curtis Reagon
Joann Reagon
Sidney Risher
Eugene Roach
Brenda Ryan



Miriam Ryan
Sandra Ryan
Gerald Salley
Janette Salley
Pamela Salley



James Sampson
Abigail Sanders
Doris Sanders
Mary Sanders
Sharon Sanders



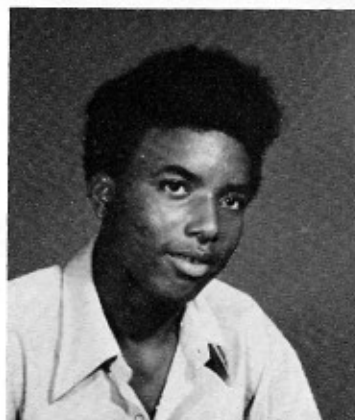
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Thomas Sharpe
Gwendolyn Simmons
Darlene Spell
Ricky Stanfield



Betty Stephens
Larry Stephens
Scott Stephens
William Steward
Cynthia Stokes

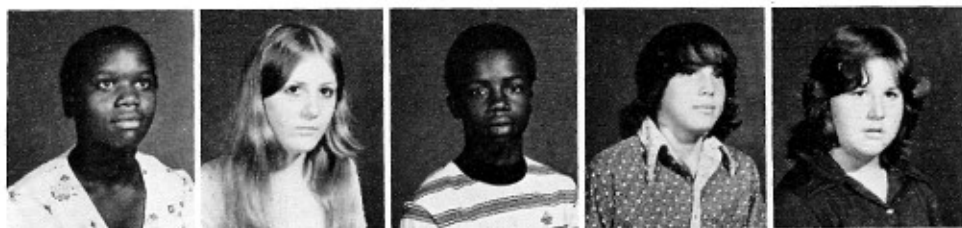


FORGET ME NOTS

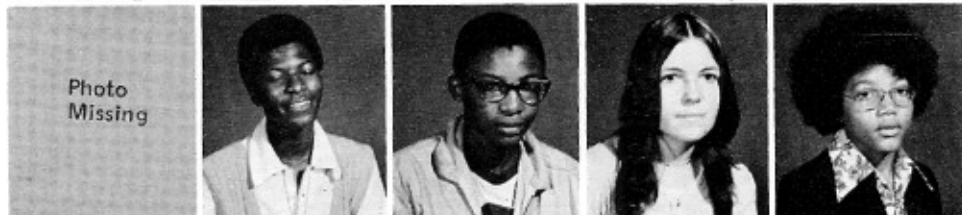


How could we forget John Sanders?





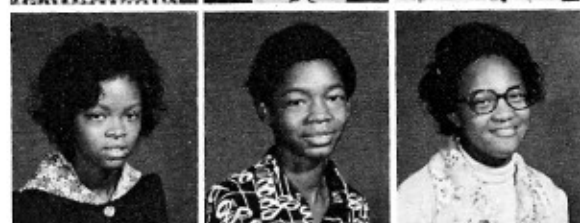
Meriah Stokes
Desie Stone
Ricky Taylor
Kenny Thomas
Tami Tripp



Gerald Varns
Kenneth Walters
Roy Walters
Beth Warren
Meredith Williams



Rosemary Williams
Shirley Williams
Veronica Williams
Adell Wyman
Joseph Wyman

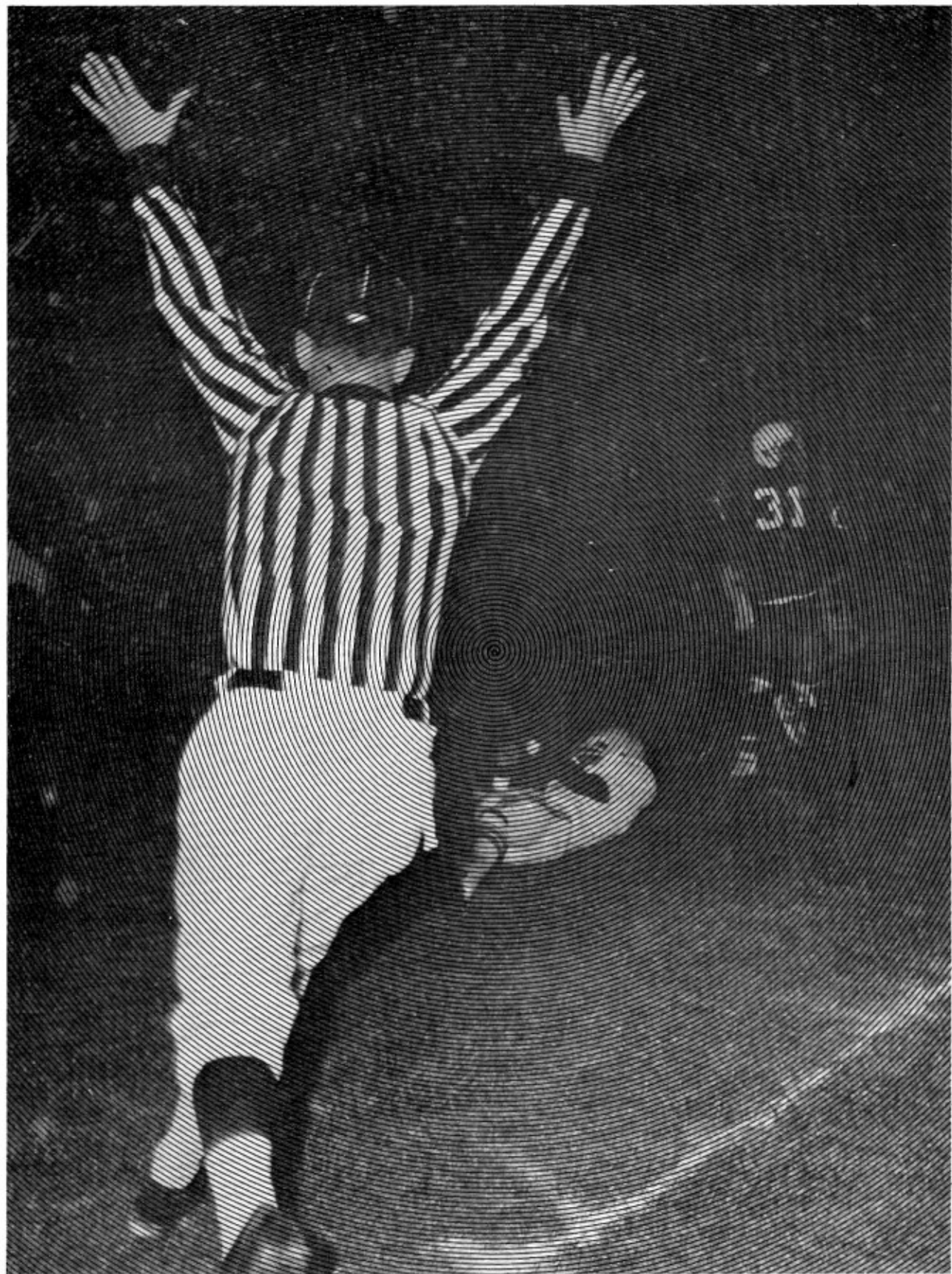


Carol Yates
Jonathon Yates
Ruby Yates

PICTURES DON'T LIE

"If my pictures turn out ugly, I don't want them," said Ed. "The camera can't take what it doesn't see" answered Debbie. "You're trying to get smart with me, girl?" I'm just telling you the truth.





1. Touchdown!! 2. Catherine and Vallerie grab the ball as Hunter-Kinard misses a lay-up. 3. Track was added to the RHS Sports scene.



Finishing third in the conference, the football team had a pretty good season. Melvin Breland was selected as All-Conference and Roger Walters, Marion Behling, David Godley, Tony Capers, and Rodney Brooks were selected as Prep-All-American. Track became a new sport at RHS. Rodney Brooks won the All-State High Jump for jumping 6 ft. 4 in.



Brenda Green made the All Conference Girls Team. Rodney Brooks made the All Conference Boys Team.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

'75



COACHES
BRANTLEY REEVES
RAYSOR GRIFFITH

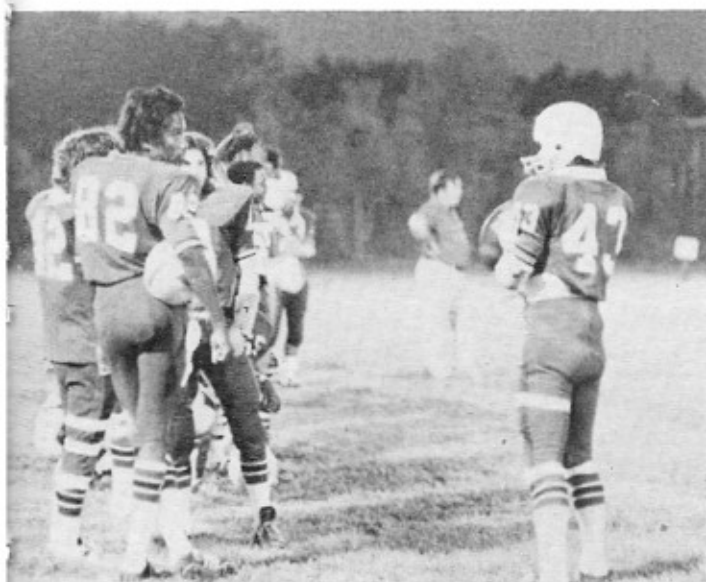


CAPTAINS
MARION BEHLING
DAVID GODLEY
RODNEY BROOKS
ROGER WALTERS





Top Row Left to Right: Frank Stephens (manager), Ed Dubois, Riley Kicklighter, David Godley, John H. Walling, Melvin Benton, Tony Capers, Dale Lyons, Mack Varn, Larry Jenkins, Second Row: Glenn Fralix, Micheal Hartley, Anthony Aiken, Ricky Stanfield, Lee Washington, Herman Brown, Joey Goff, Ronald Buckner, Johnny Lee Jones, Third Row: Joey Warren, Dean Litchfield, Cleveland Varn, Stanley Stevens, Marion Behling, Daniel Lingard, Roger Walters, Steve Cook, Fourth Row: Jasper Vance, Melvin Breland, Rodney Brooks, Donald Belton, Gerald Stephens, Furman Jones, Vincent Grant, Henry Aiken.





Rodney Brooks
Quarterback



Dean Litchfield
Safety

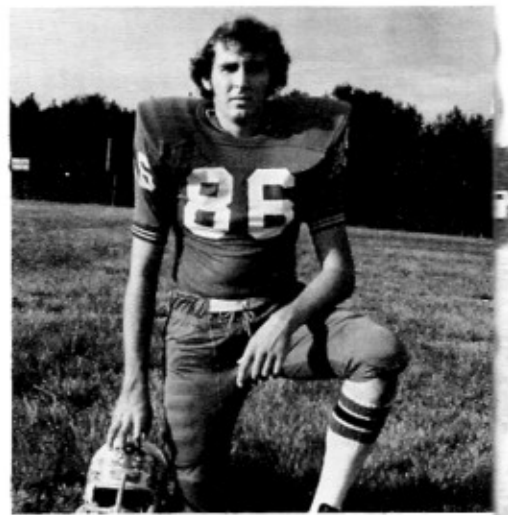


Henry Aiken
Halfback



Tony Capers
Tackle

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Riley Kicklighter
Guard

Marion Behling
Halfback

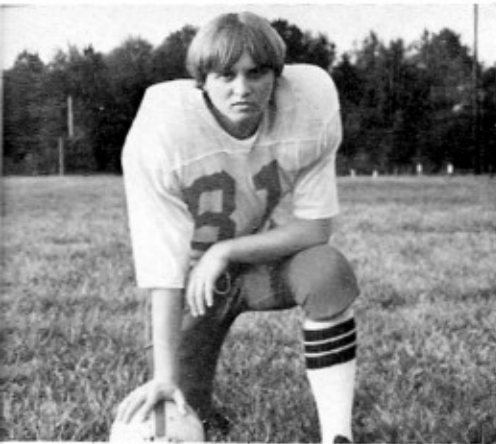


Glenn Fralix
Quarterback



Vincent Grant
Guard





Steve Cook
Guard



Donald Belton
Guard



Roger Walters
End



James Franklin
Guard

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Ronald Buckner
Center

Furman Jones
Half-back



Joey Warren
End

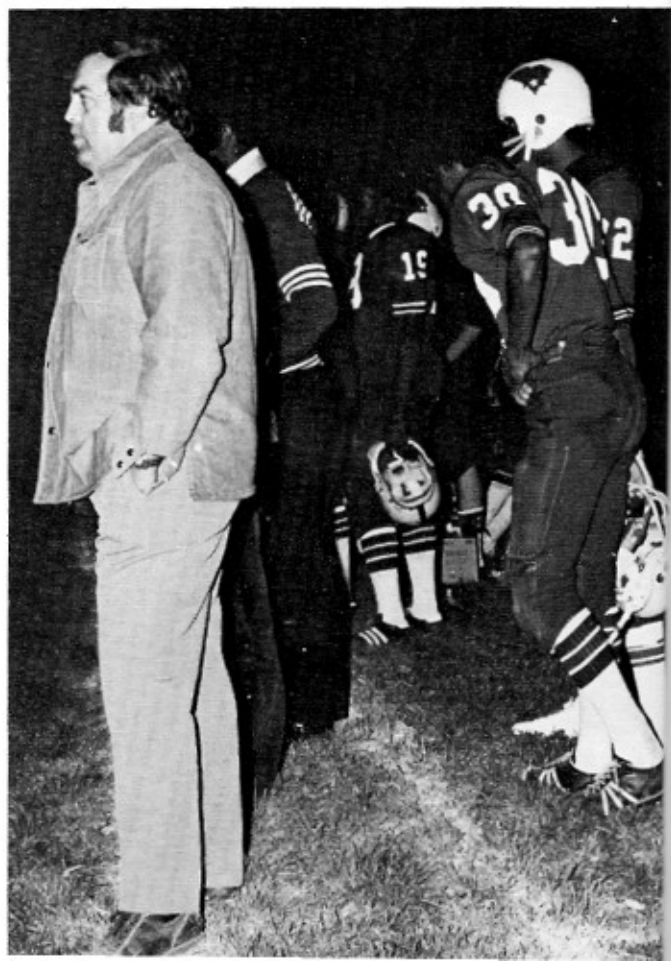


David Godley
End





Ruffin	6	Holly Hill	13
Ruffin	6	St. Matthews	40
Ruffin	14	Estill	6
Ruffin	16	St. George	15
Ruffin	30	Hunter-Kinard	12
Ruffin	0	Hanahan	24
Ruffin	20	Denmark-Olar	28
Ruffin	20	Ridgeland	6
Ruffin	14	Edisto	40
Ruffin	8	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	55



J.V. FOOTBALL

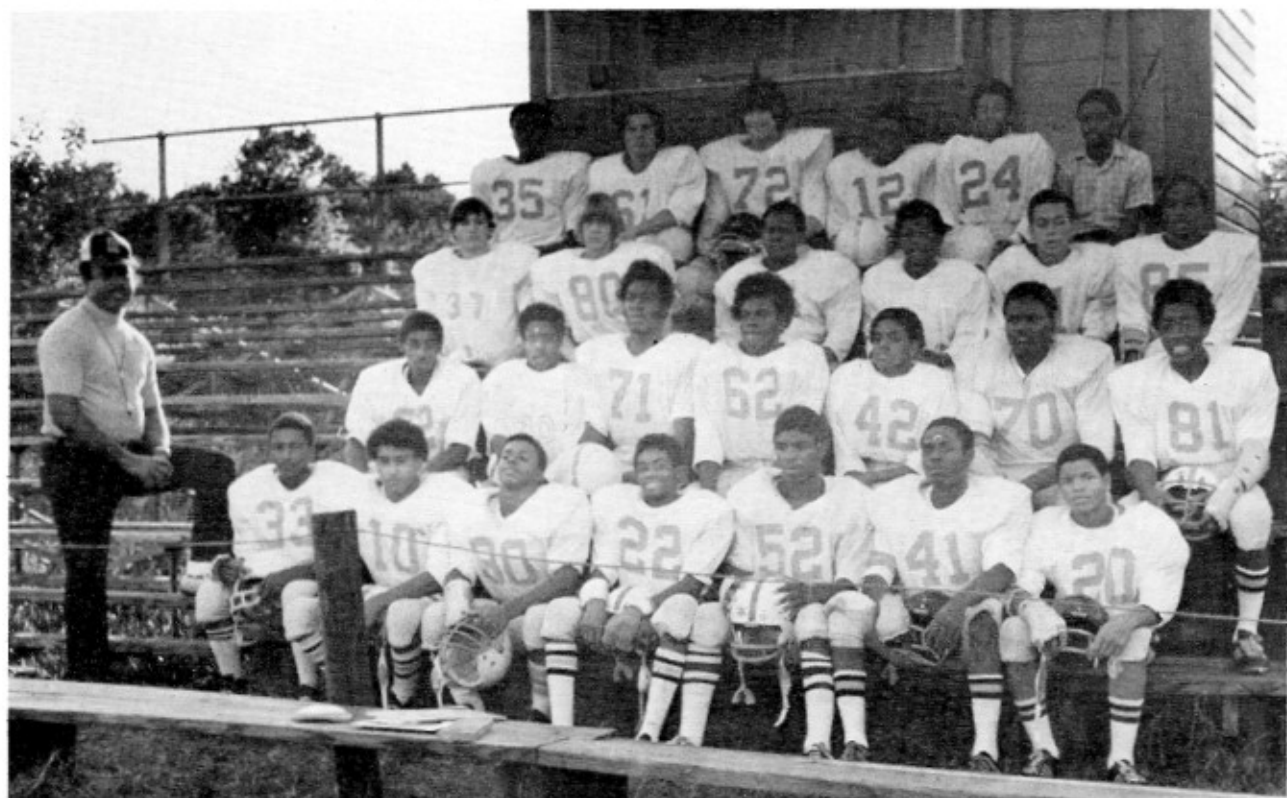


CAPTAINS

Michael Ackerman
Cleveland Varns



Bottom Row: Coach Bobby Allen, Jimmy Mitchell, Ed Dubois, Cleveland Varns, Michael Ackerman, Donnell McMillan, Stanley Stevens, Keith Maloney. Second Row: Arnold Jenkins, John Chisolm, Jessie Johns, Ricky Johns, Dennis Lingard, Daniel Lingard, Gerald Stevens. Third Row: Melvin Benton, Sidney Grayson, Tony Johnson, Dwight Jones, Winfred Crosby, Michael Fennell. Fourth Row: James Bowden, Johnny Beckett, Karl Nettles, Angelo Crosby, Gregory Fennell, Neal Lingard.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



COACH
Bobby Allen

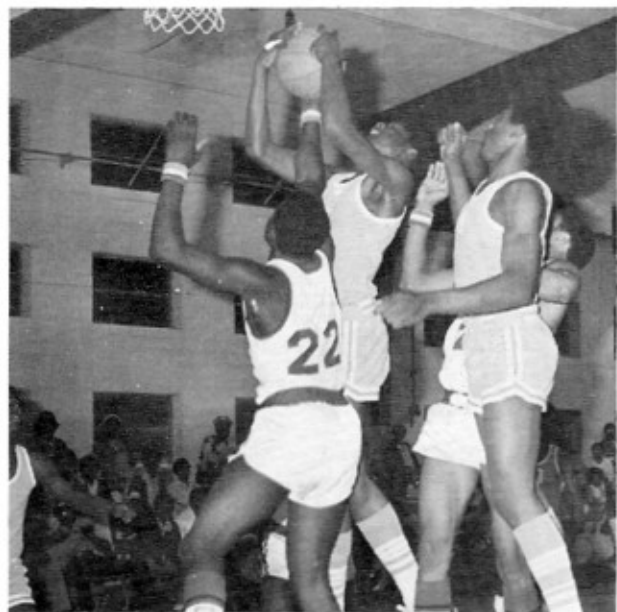
CAPTAIN
Rodney Brooks



Left to Right: Lee Franklin, Rodney Brooks, James Stephens, John Salley, Frank Stephens, Lewis Salley, Ray Linder, Rufus Vanhorn, Furman Jones, Marion Behling.



HUSTLE!!



Re-reb-rebound!!



Get it, Marion!!



Up, up, and away!



A little half-time persuasion.

2 points, 2 points, come on we
want 2 points!



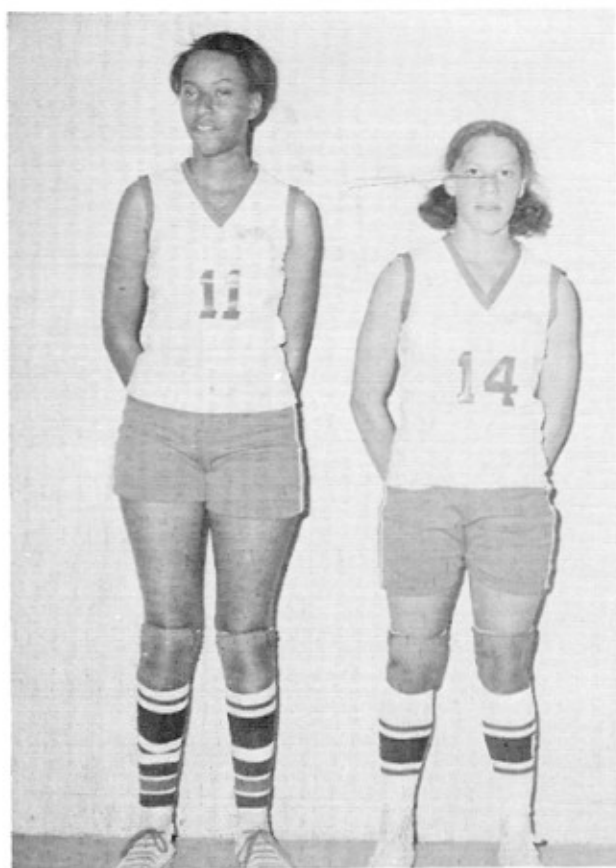
GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



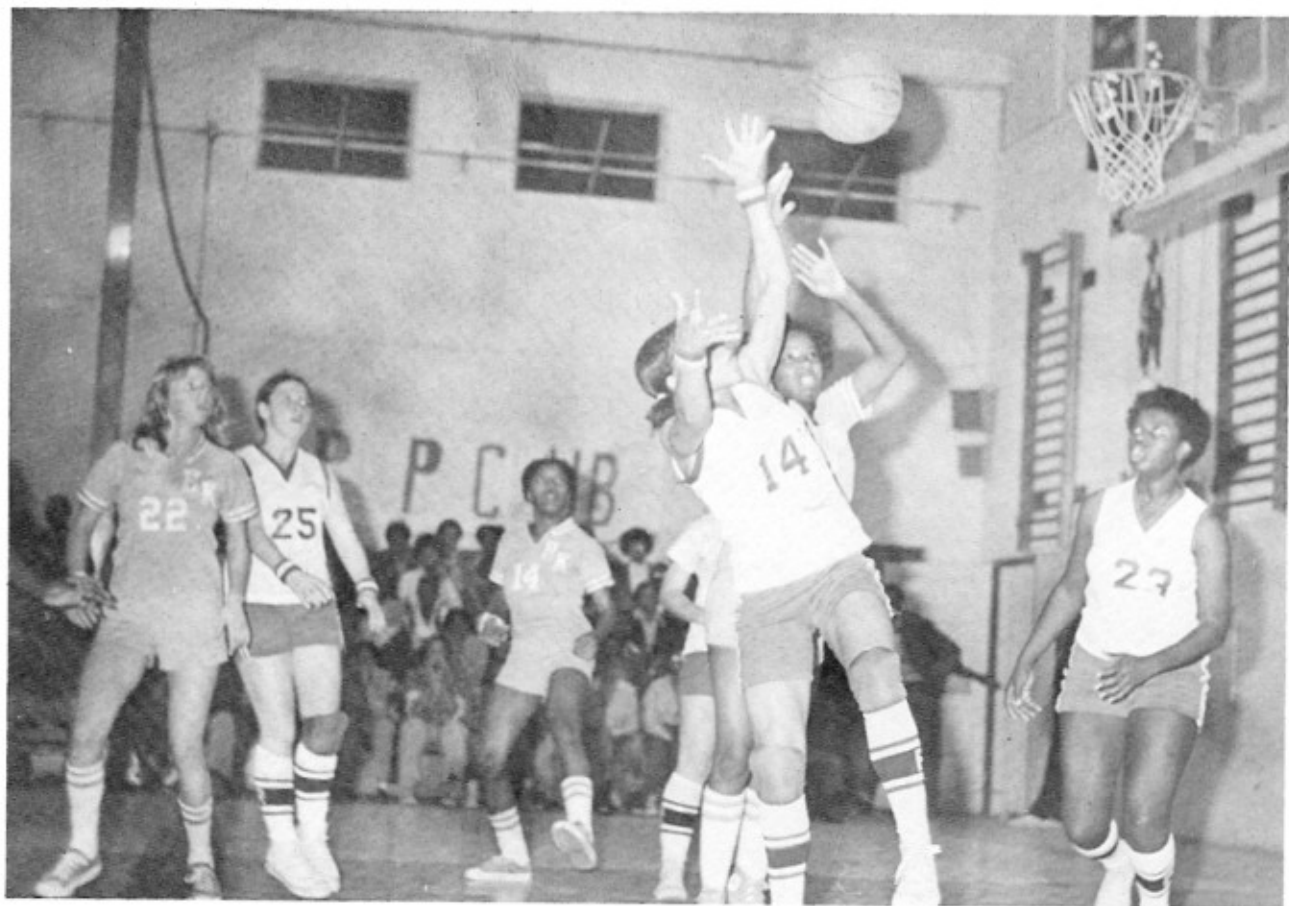
COACH:

MR. GRIFFITH

Top Left to Right: Cynthia Carter, Mary Hiers, Sandra Middleton, Anita Proveaux, Catherine Warren, Lynn Phillips, Brenda Stanfield, Wanda Walker, Valerie Johnson, Brenda Green.



**THE ACTION
GETS ROUGH
AS HUNTER-KINARD
GETS TOUGH.
THE SCORE IS CLOSE.
ONE MINUTE TO GO.
TIE GAME!
ONE MORE BASKET.
VICTORY!
SWEET VICTORY.**



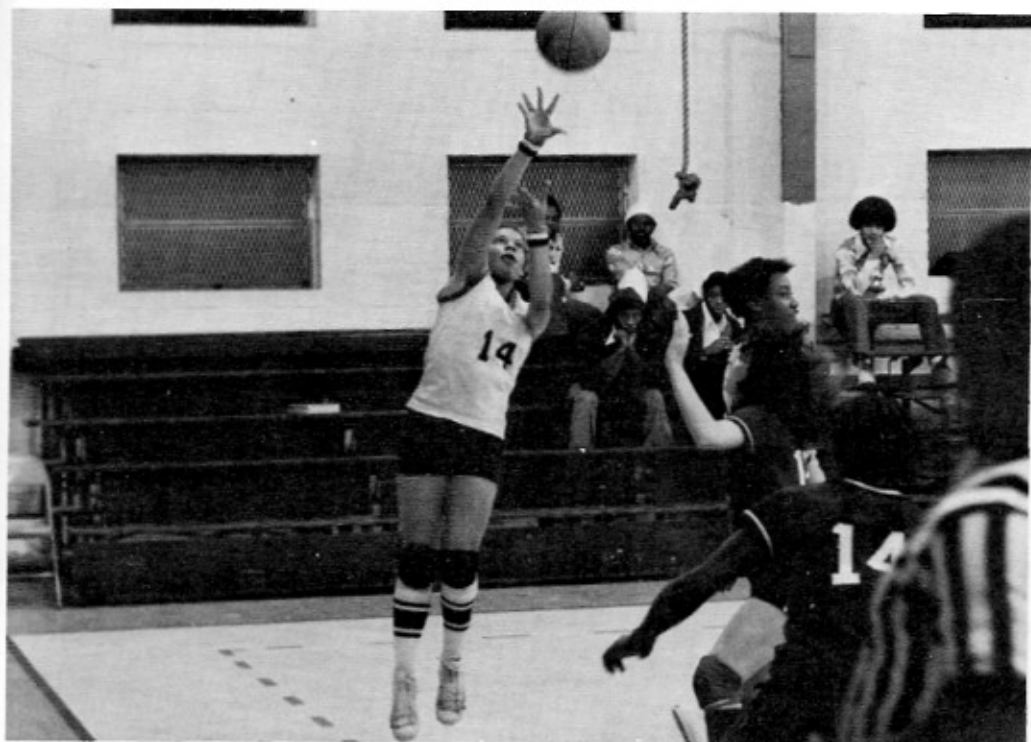


Go for the rebound, Brenda.

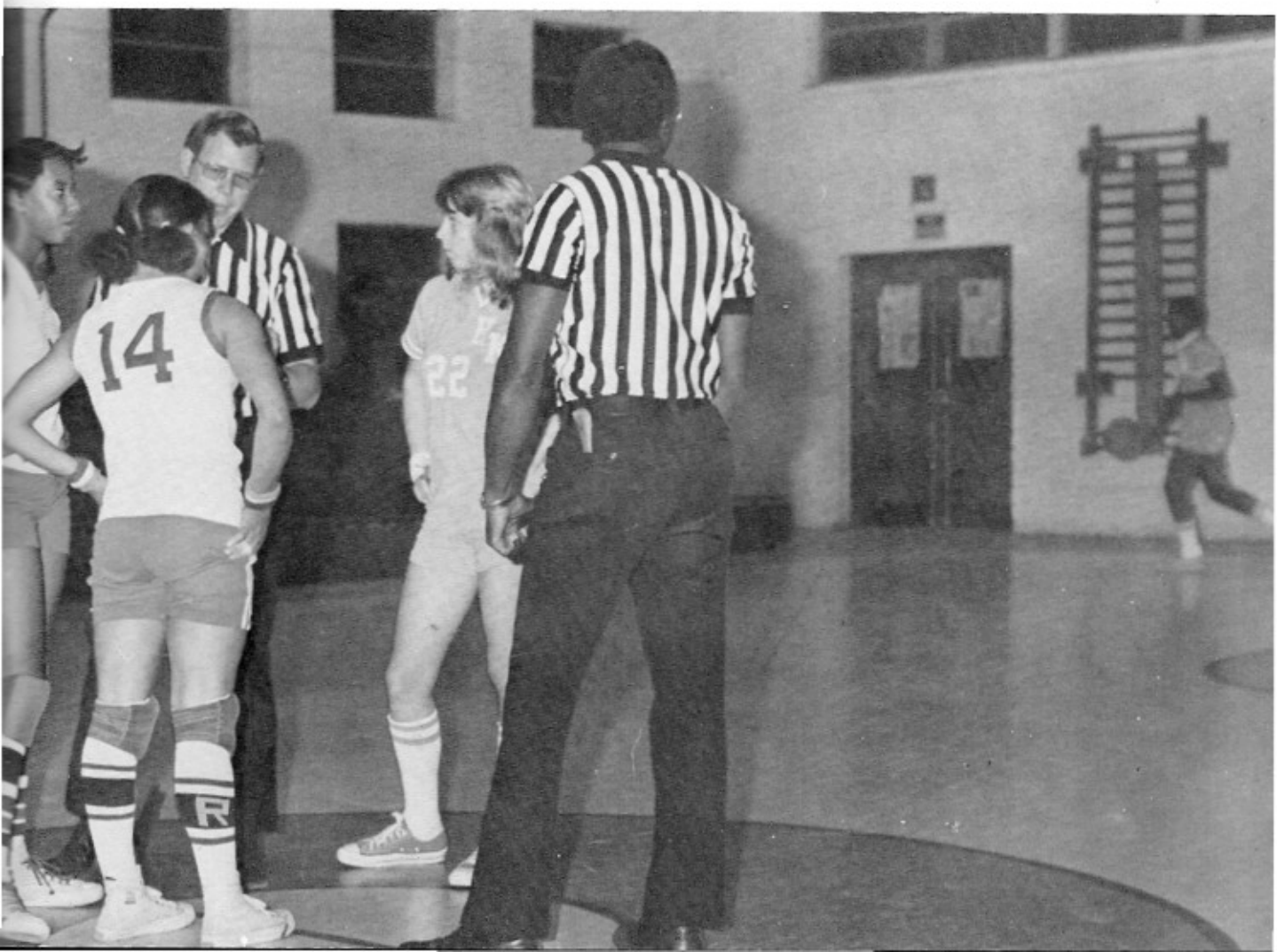


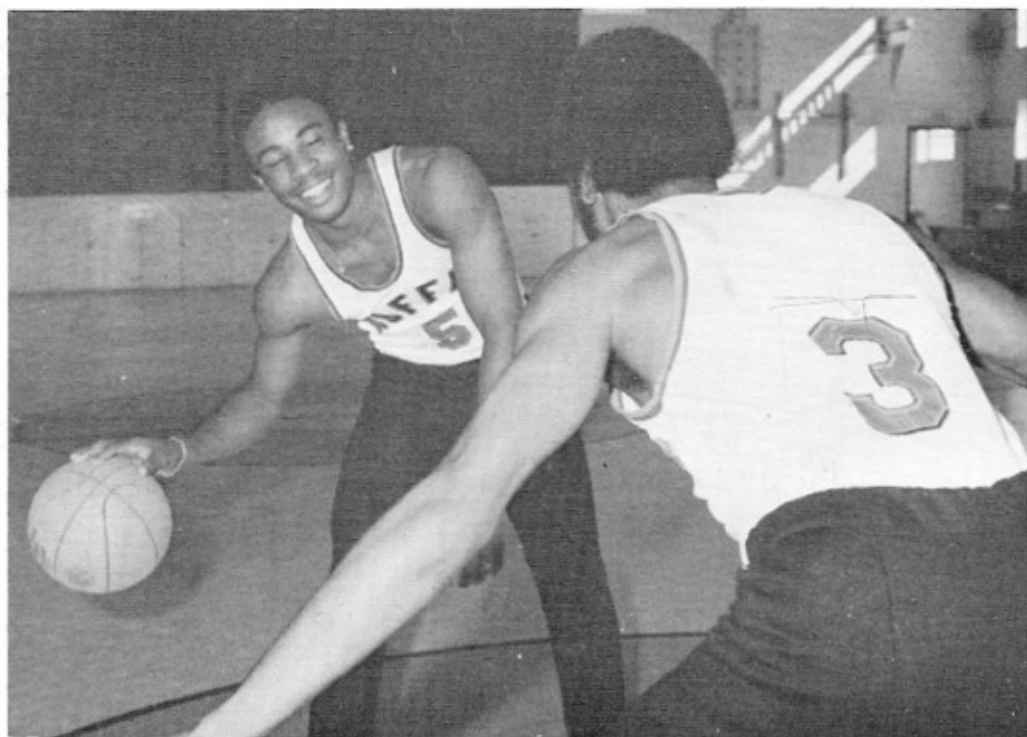
Make it, Lynn!





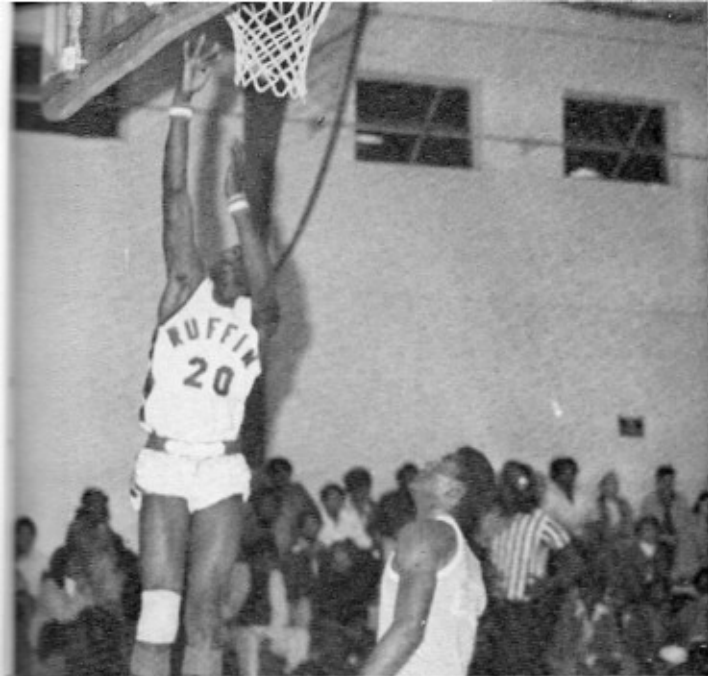
Are you sure you know the rules?





Lee tries to tie the score . . .

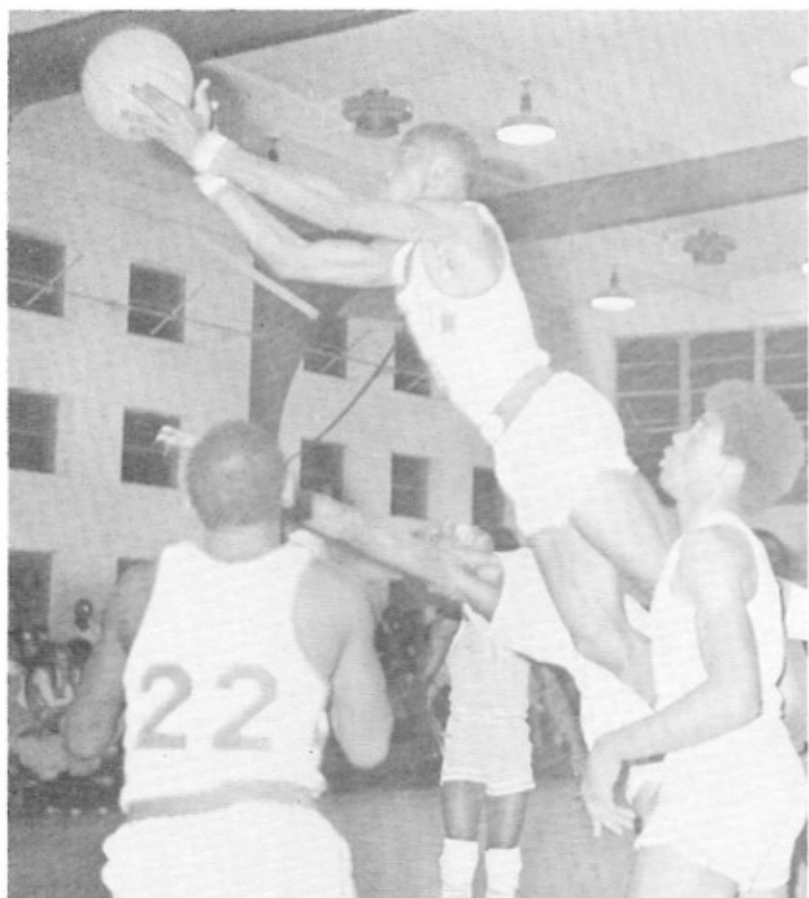




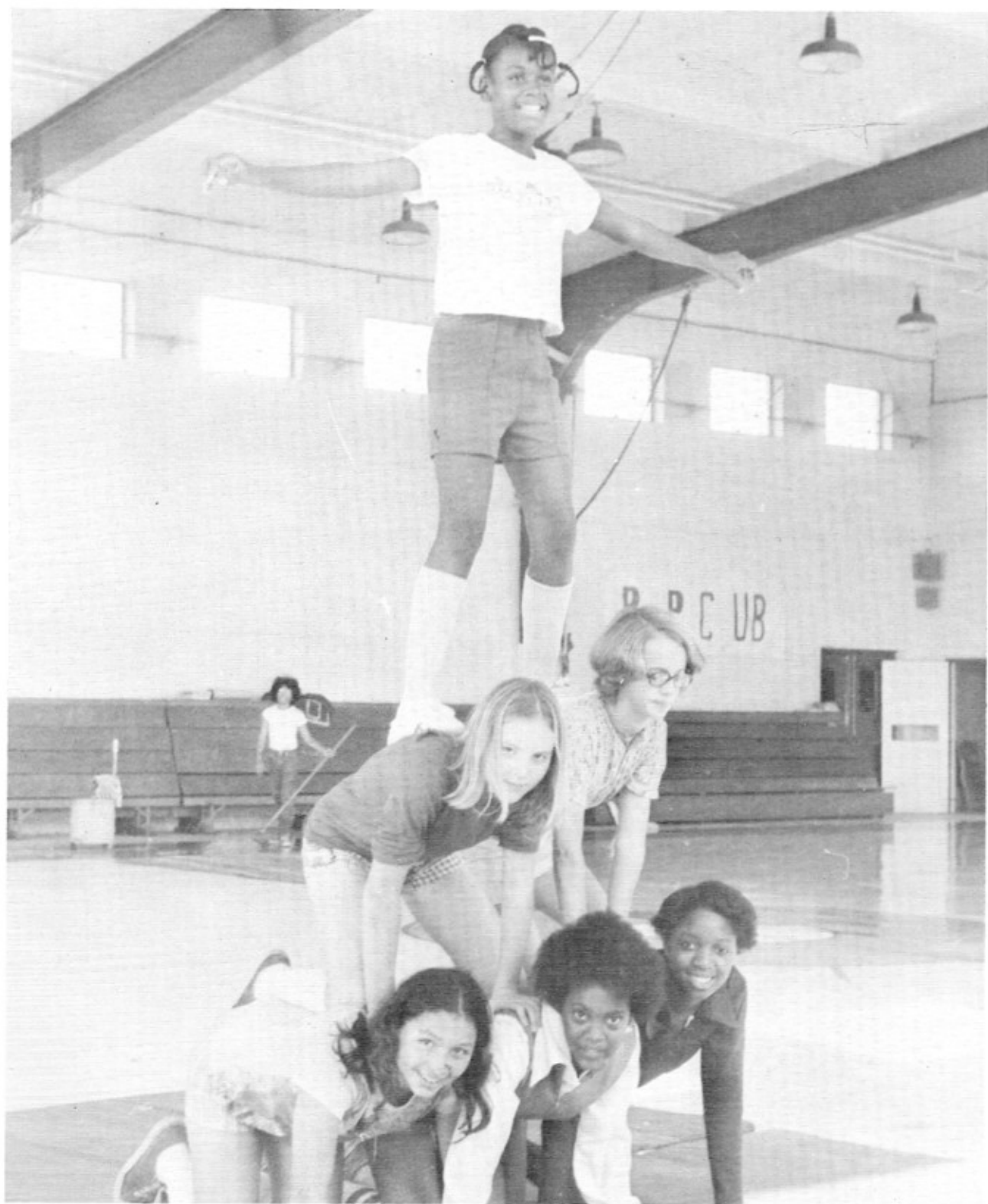
John makes a basket.



Go! Marion!



GYMNASTICS





The gym is a daily beehive of activity as classes learn lay-ups, tumbling, and floor exercises. Students are involved in trampoline drills, walking the balancing beam, climbing the rope. In the spring, RHS hosts an invitational gymnastics tournament, giving the students a chance to show off their skills.



ТРАК



COACHES:

Mr. Reeves

Mr. Griffith

Riley Kicklighter-discus

Joey Goff-440 yard run, relays

James Stephens-high jump

Lee Franklin-shotput

Rodney Brooks-high jump, relays, high hurdles

Furman Jones-relays

Frank Stephens-440 yard run, relays

Matthew Varn-2 mile relay, 1 mile relays

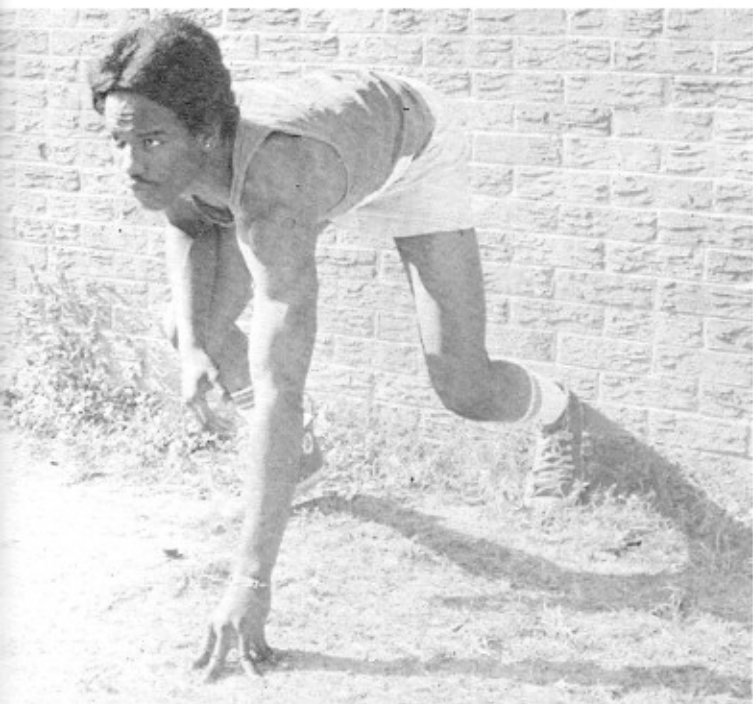
Henry Aiken-100 yard run, relays

Dean Litchfield-long jump, relays

Melvin Breland-220 yard run, 100 yard run, relays



Rodney Brooks won the State High Jump Championship. He jumped 6 feet, 4 inches.



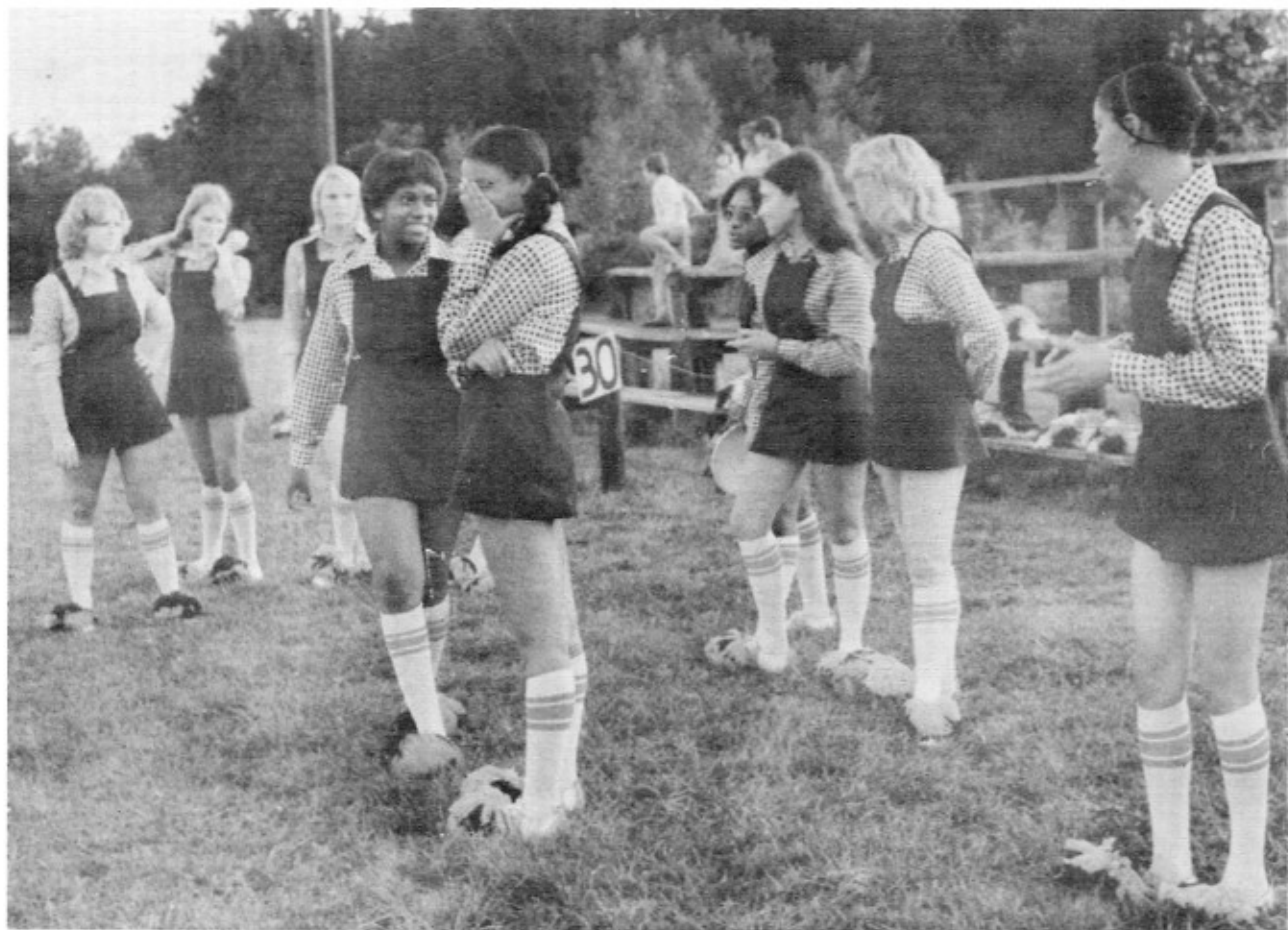
The Ruffin High Track Team took high honors in their track meets. They placed 8th in the AA State Track Meet. They finished third out of 9 in the 5AA State Track Meet. The 1 mile relay team of Greg Robinson, Frank Stephens, Joey Goff, and Rodney Brooks finished 4th in the state.





**SPIRIT
IN
RED
WHITE
AND
BLUE**

Top Right to Left: Lynn Phillips (head-cheerleader), Carleen Mitchell, Priscilla Crosby, Myrtle Hardin, Karen Brown, Charlene Henderson (co-head), Cathy Benton, Linda Green, Valerie Johnson, Karen Benton, Wanda Walker.



"Will you quit hollering so loud?
My head is about to bust!!"



Left: Majorettes, Betty Sue and Jacqueline pose for a picture.
Top: Senior class officers met first Wednesday of each month.
Bottom: Color guards look solemn during the playing of the National Anthem.



Boasting 12 clubs, Ruffin High was always a whirlwind of activities. "We need to raise money" was the advisors' cry. But along with work there was a lot of fun and many lasting memories.

CLUBS

STUDENT COUNCIL



PRESIDENT - Debbie Polk
VICE-PRESIDENT - Richard Cundiff
SECRETARY - Angela Broughton
TREASURE - Lynn Bishop
PARLIAMENTARIAN - Shirley Hodges
REPORTER - Catherine Warren
CHAPLAIN - Dean Nettles

The Student Council helps to keep the school running smoothly. All of the clubs are organized with the help of the Student Council. The "Miss Ruffin High" contest is sponsored by the Student Council. Advisors for the Student Council are Mr. Reeves and Mr. Bryant.



HONOR SOCIETY



President, Alan Moffitt; Vice President, Cathrine Warren; Secretary, Debbie Fryar; Treasurer, Thomas Carroll; Reporter, Connie Frazier; Chaplain, Donald Belton. Additional members: Debbie Polk, Diane Garris Polk.

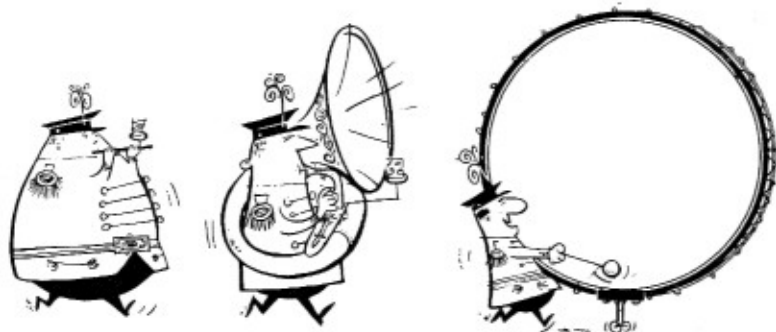
The Honor Society is made up of those who represent the "cream of the crop" of academic achievement at Ruffin High. Made up of students who have an average of 90 or above, this year's chapter is famous for their monumental conferences in Mrs. Lloyd's office and for an endless search for a place to take their spring trip. All members are seniors and all participate in the Spring Tapping Ceremony where next year's members are chosen and recognized.

THE MARCHING PATRIOTS



President-David Williams; Vice-President-Bruce Stephens; Secretary-Treasurer-James Reid; Reporter-Harold Jenkins; Librarians-Debra Salley and Gail Berry; Band Manager-Alexander Warren; Drum Major-Ronnie Brabham.

Think of "active" and you'll think of the band. The band participated in Christmas parades, pep rallies, concerts, and the Governors' Tree Lighting Ceremony in Columbia. The band gave performances at the PTO and the half-times at football games. The band raised money by selling fruit and light bulbs, and by giving a concert. They planned to use the money to go to Disney World in Florida during the Easter holidays.





Managing a home is not as easy as you think. Under Mrs. Summers' direction, the Home Economics class learned to sew and clean. Learning to shop wisely was one of the many useful things the girls learned. Mrs. Summers biggest problem was keeping sugar cubes in the sugar bowl and out of the girls' mouths.



**1ST YEAR
MEMBERS**

**2ND YEAR
MEMBERS**



THE PATRIOT



EDITORS:
Connie Fraizer
David Godley

"The Patriot" was written and published by the journalism class. The paper was sold on Fridays at the cost of 5¢ per copy. The money was used to pay for a class trip.



CHORUS

The Ruffin High School Chorus of 1975-76 is new in its members, leadership, and organization. Led by Miss Celeste Rogers and accompanied by Mrs. Patsy Spires, the chorus has formed into an accomplished singing group. Whether it be traveling to Columbia, giving a Christmas concert, or constantly practicing, one can be assured that the sound coming out of Room 105 every morning second period is the singing voice of Ruffin High School.



LIBRARY CLUB



The Library Club was organized for the purpose of sponsoring projects that would benefit the school. The Fall Project was an arts and crafts display. The Spring Project was a pottery workshop. The advisor of the Library Club was Mr. Beasley.



DRAMA CLUB



This is the drama club's second year in production. They presented a play called "Heaven knows I didn't want to go to Hell" that turned out to be pretty hot. The work that has to be put into action has been successfully done keep up the good work in coming years, and get out there and break a leg.





SPANISH CLUB

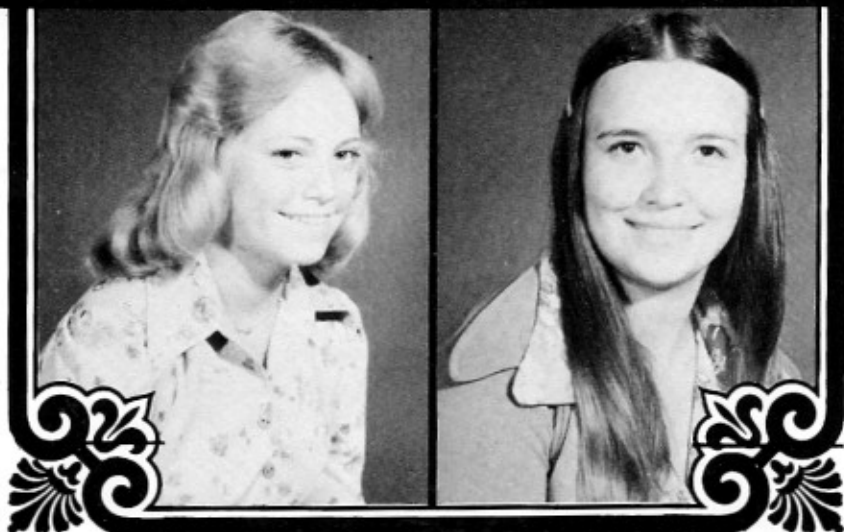


The Spanish Club, in its second year of existence, has one of the busier schedules of any organization at Ruffin High. Some of its many activities are attending Modern Language Day in Columbia, having a Spanish Christmas Party complete with a piñata, and attending the Costal Carolina Fair in Charleston. With Mrs. Virginia Young at the helm as adviser, the Spanish Club seeks to give students the lighter, less academic side of Spanish life.

HERITAGE STAFF

Editor-Lynn Phillips
Business Manager-Debbie Polk

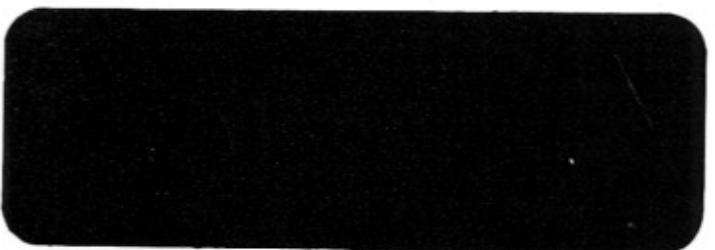
We would like to thank the annual staff, student body, and faculty for their help in making the 1976 Heritage possible. We would like to thank Mr. Bright (the Olan-Mills of Ruffin High) for helping us out with pictures. And what would we have done without Mrs. Spires? She kept us cool and calm in all of the disasters that befell us. (Remember taking all those pictures with no film in the camera?) But considering everything, it was fun and an experience that we'll never forget.



BUS DRIVERS



A Day In The Life Of A Bus-Driver
Get up at 5 am. Stagger, half-asleep to the bus. Sit and warm up your bus while your knees are knocking because it's 20 degrees. Take off, but the bus chokes off. (You left the emergency brake up). You begin to pick up the children and the paper begins. Kids throw paper at each other, the floor, and the bus-driver. Slam on brakes and try to get the children to sit down. Stop the bus and pull apart the two girls fighting. (They manage to punch the bus-driver a few times). You wonder if you'll make it to school alive. Finally dear old RHS is in sight. You take two Excedrin while the children are pushing and shoving to get off. And teachers think they have discipline problems.



the FFA



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

President-Alexander Warren
Vice President-Donald Belton
Secretary-Steve Cook
Treasurer-Rufus Vanhorn
Chaplain-Ricky Hemdon
Sentinel-Dean Litchfield
Reporter-James Moore



Fourth-Year Members





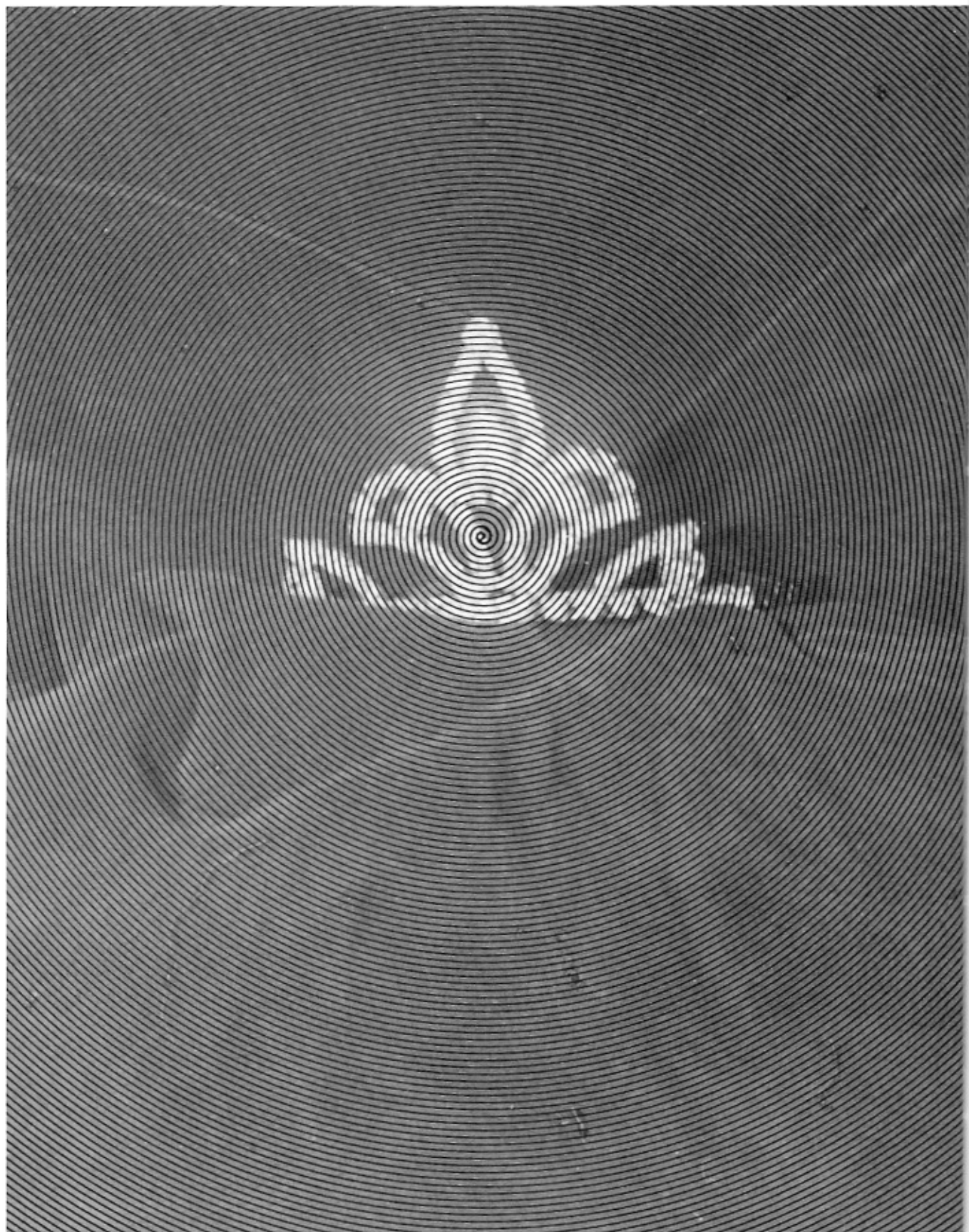
Third-Year Members

Second-Year Members



First-Year Members





Left: A crown awaiting the crowning of a new queen. Top: Deborah poises remembering Homecoming night. Bottom: Carleen daydreams about practicing for Homecoming.



All throughout the year girls completed for titles as 1975-76 school year Queens. There were days of anticipation and fear, along with days of tears and happiness. Several girls were made very happy, but just running made all the girls feel special.

FEATURES

QUEEN OF HEARTS 1975

MISS VERONICA WILLIAMS



Mr. Leonard crowns a crying Veronica Williams as Miss Queen of Hearts in February, 1975.

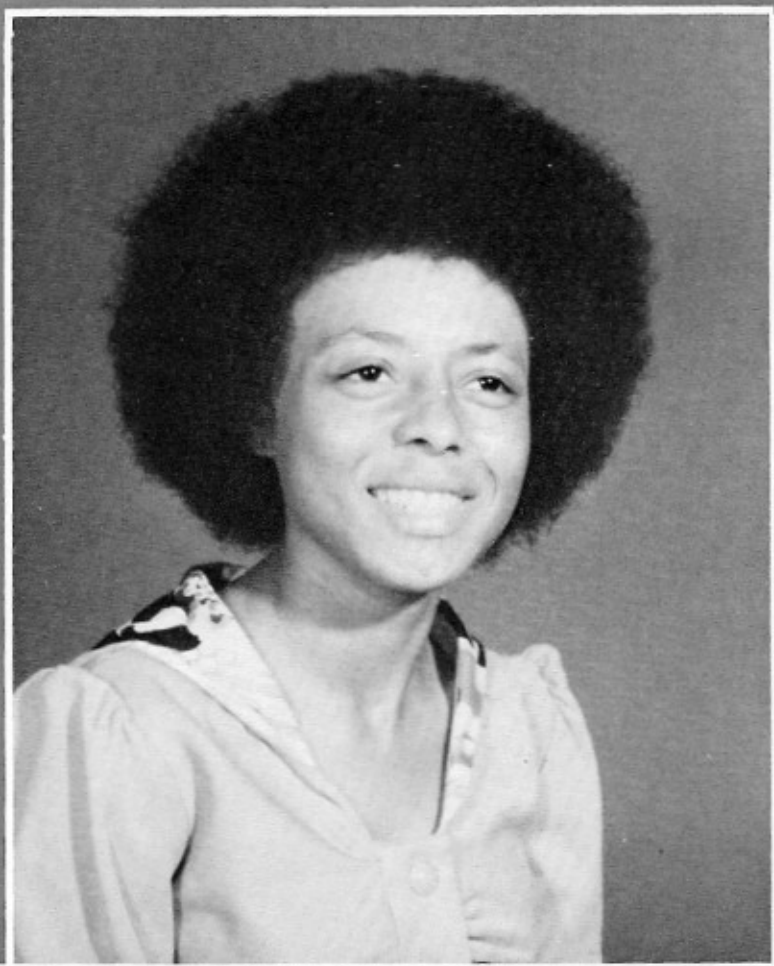
The girls competed in streetdress as well as formals. Ten finalists were selected to answer questions posed by Mr. Bryant. Five girls were named as queen and runners-up. Top Left: Arlene Williams, Joy Stoll, Veronica Williams, Charlene Henderson, and Brenda Stanfield pose after the coronation. Below: Charlene pauses backstage to smile. Right: Mrs. Summers, Lillie Aikens, Cynthia Jenkins, Lois Hudson, Dianne Mosley, and Barbara Murdaugh peek at the show on stage. Whose name will be called next? Mr. Bryant grins as he passes the box of questions. Bottom: Veronica looks cool.





Miss Ruffin High

MARCELLE
GOFF



Two contestants ran for the honor of being Miss Ruffin High School. Miss Ruffin High School is sponsored by the Student Council. To run for this honor a girl has to meet several qualifications: 1. She has to be a Senior. 2. She has to have an over-all average of 85. 3. She has to be selected by the student body.



**DIANE
GARRIS
POLK**

Marcelle Goff and Diane G. Polk were the two contestants who competed for Miss Ruffin High School. The girls modeled three outfits. The band played several selections during intermissions. Miss Marcelle Goff was crowned and presented flowers as she began her reign as Miss Ruffin High School 1975-76.



**HOME-
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**DEBBIE
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Twelve contestants, running for Homecoming Queen, shivered through the Patriot victory over Ridgeland. The twelve contestants were: Connie Frazier, Sandra Middleton, Lynn Phillips, Rita Dantzler, Brenda Green, Barbara Brown, Carleen Mitchell, Sharon Sampson, Linda Goff, Diane Mosley, and Deborah Salley.

Homecoming 75





**MISS
SENIOR**



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JUNIOR**



**MISS
SOPHOMORE**

The Class Queens are selected to represent each grade at Homecoming Festivities. Miss Senior is Cathy Jones. Miss Junior is Charlene Henderson. Miss Sophomore is Myrtle Hardin. Miss Freshmen is Cynthia Jenkins. Miss Eighth Grade is Patreace Jones.



MISS FRESHMEN



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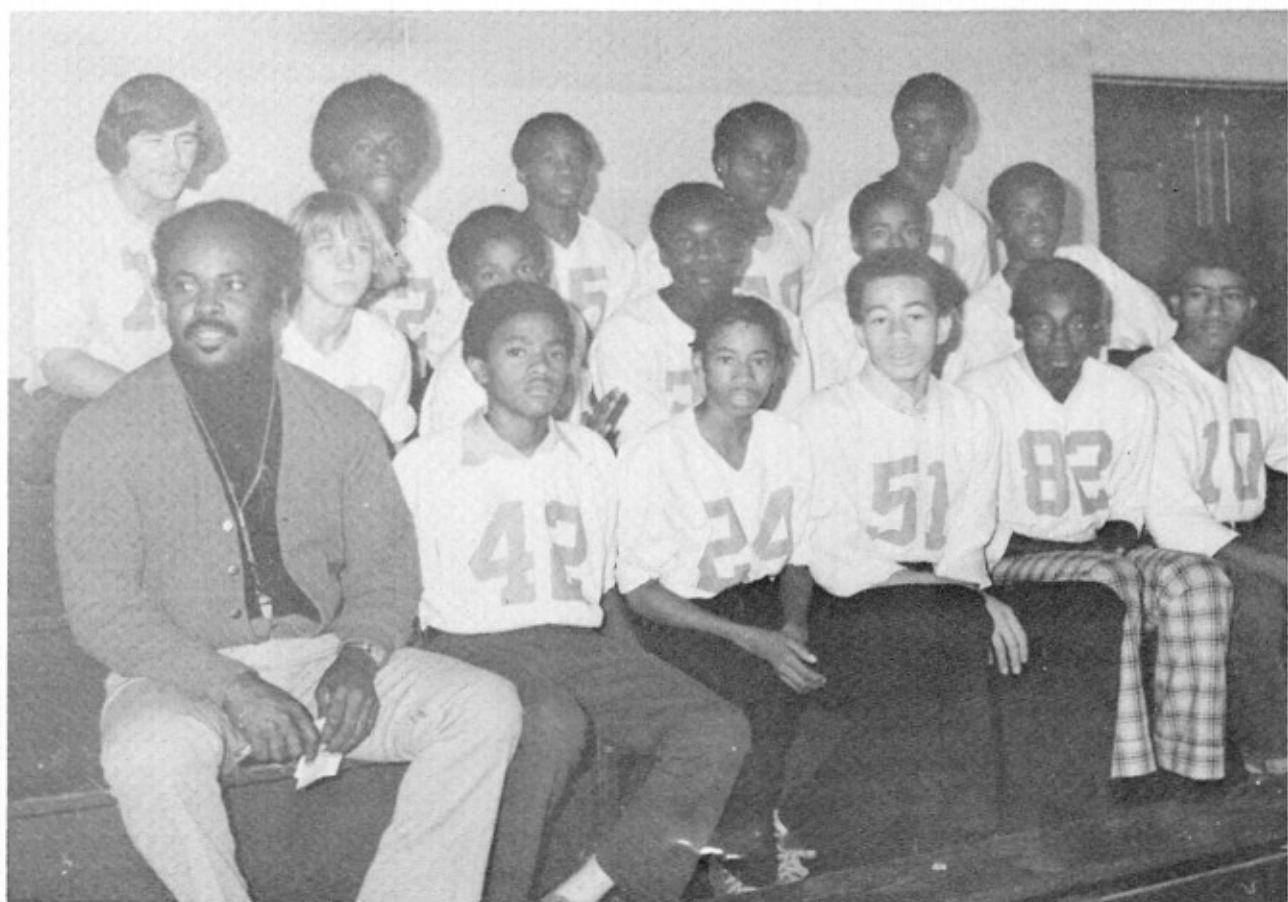
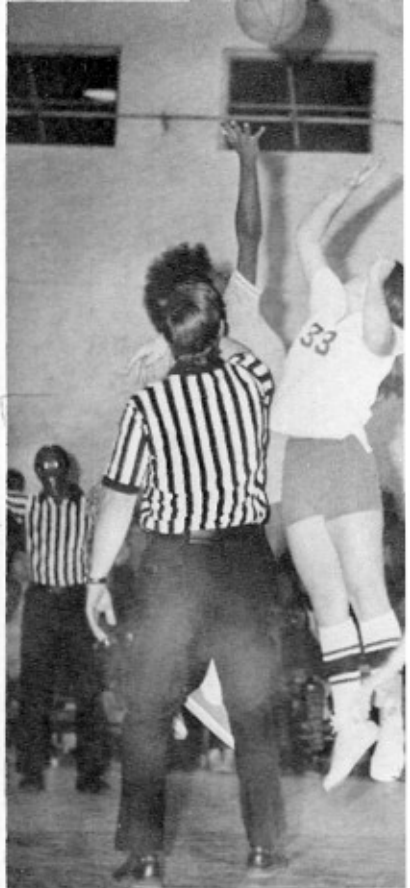
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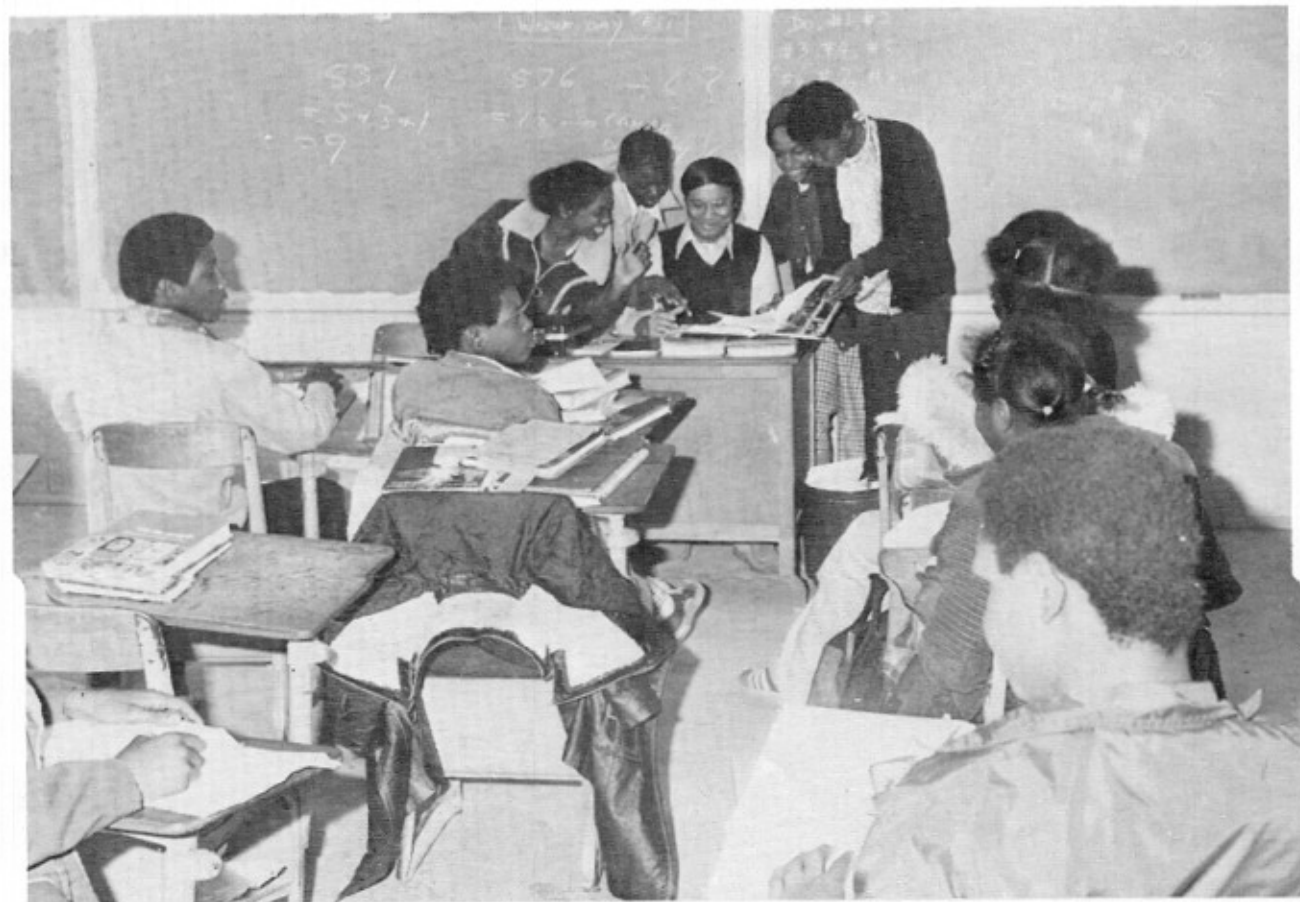














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










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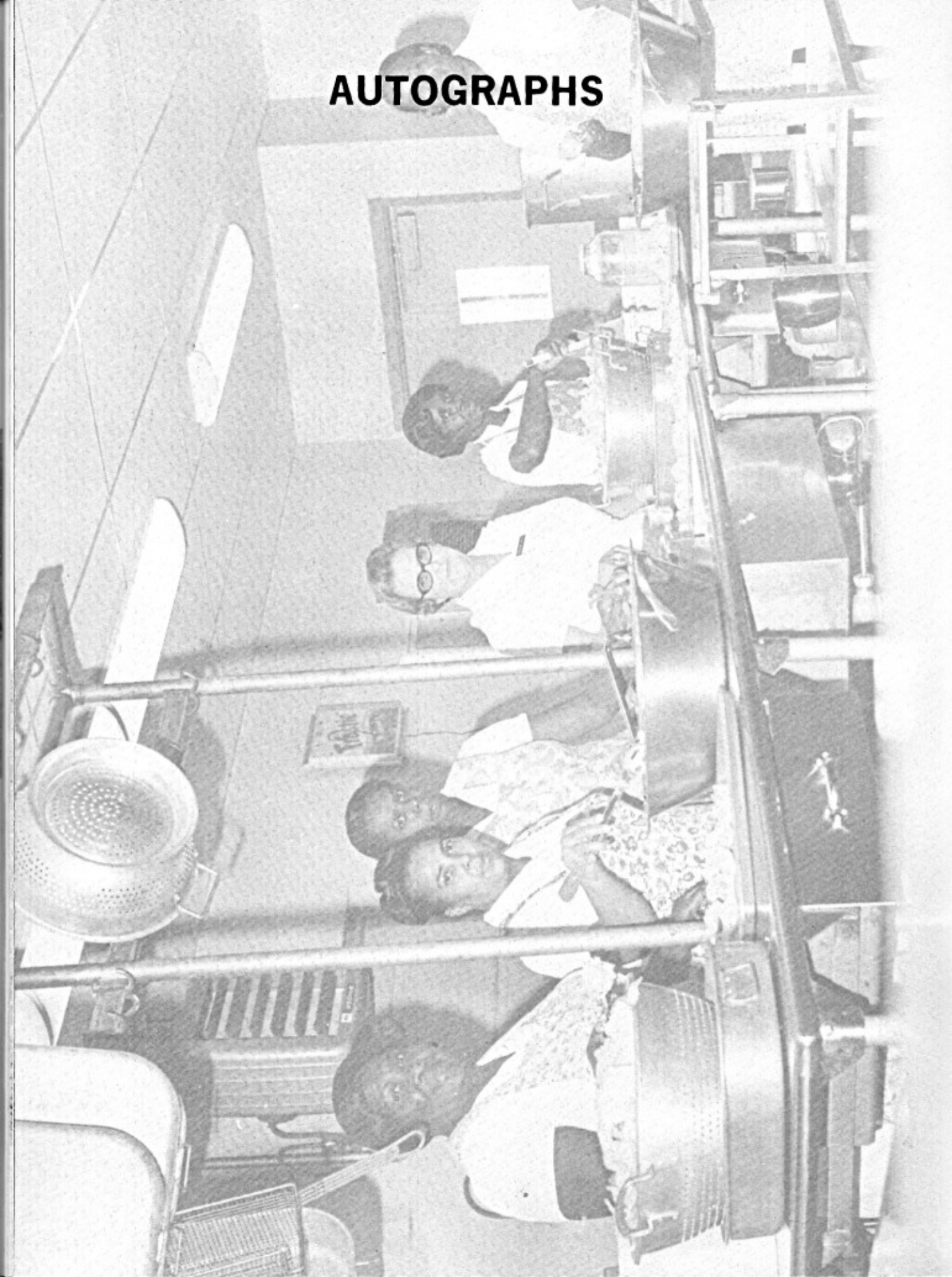
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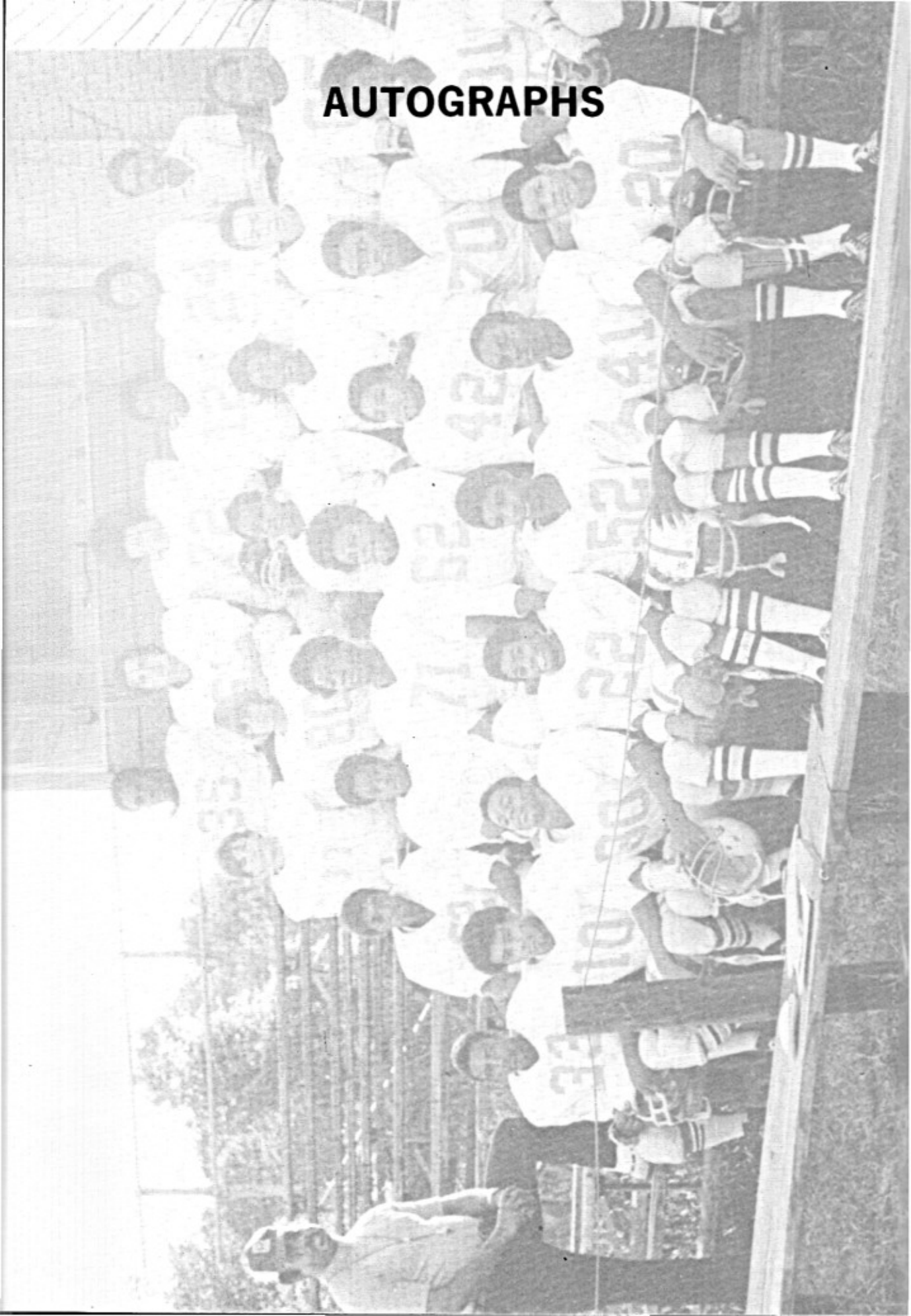
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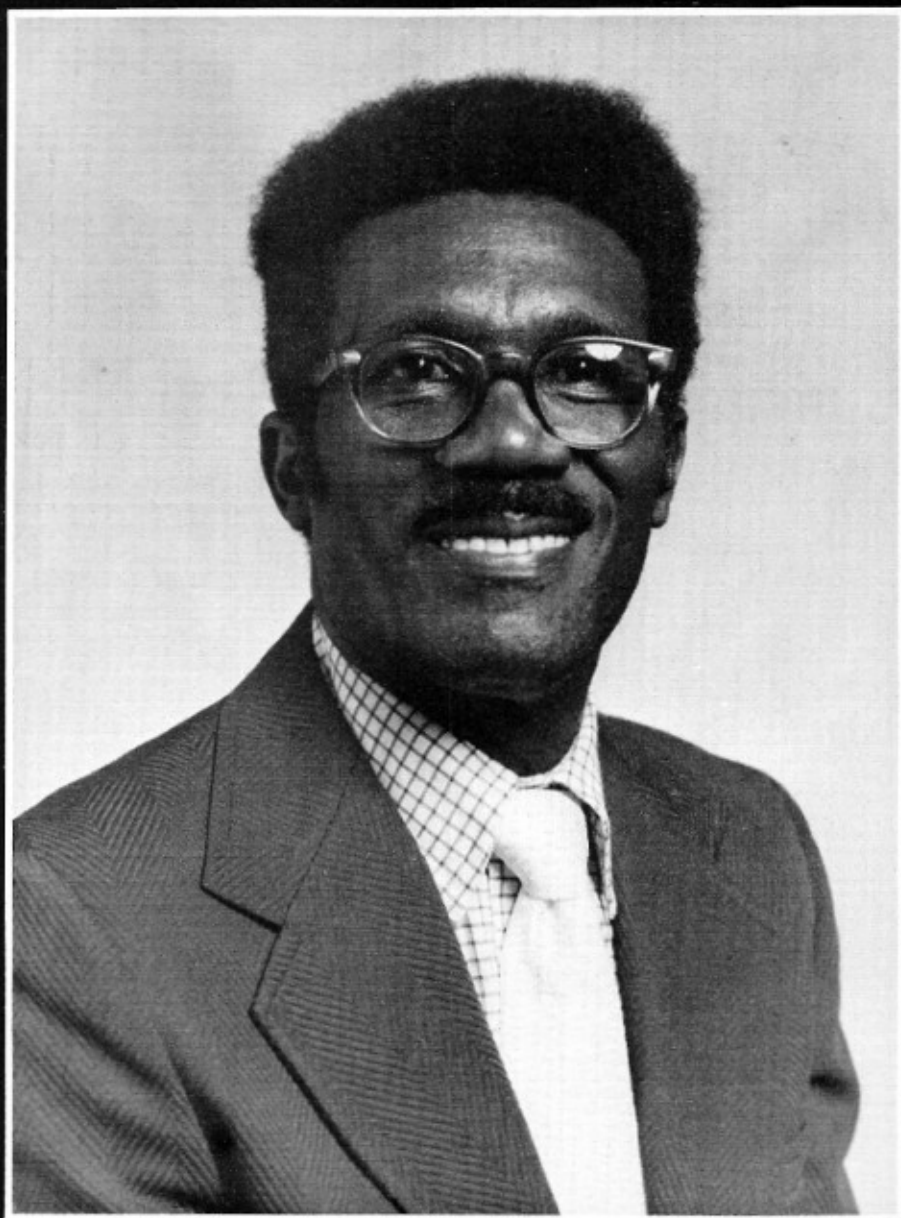


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Mr. Rockefeller Branch, teacher at Ruffin High School. He taught social studies and English, and he managed the book-room. He was a veteran of World War II and an active member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

"201"

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by Mrs. D. Bennett

