

RHS Roots Coming Together



" Bridging the Gap for the New Millennium"

First Annual Alumni Banquet

for all graduating classes

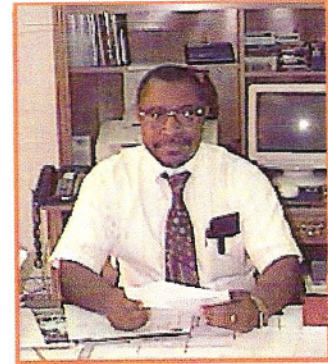
1918 — 1999

Saturday, April 22, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Ruffin High School Gymnasium

Greetings from our Principal



Welcome, my fellow alumni to Ruffin High School's First Annual Banquet for all graduating classes. Many of us can remember when Ruffin High was new and pristine, and now we are 10, 20, even 50 years later still embracing the wonderful feeling of a community icon. When I walk down the halls of Ruffin High, I do it with my head held high and great memories in my heart of years gone by. Ruffin High has been like a second home to me, as I am sure it has been to many of you. So join me in reminiscing about all the glorious years spent at Ruffin High and sharing with each other all the exciting wonderful things that have happened to us since.

Thank you for being a part of this special night and for helping to awaken, once again, the spirit of this extraordinary school.

Roger Hudson
Class of '67

Greetings from the Advisor

On behalf of the RAID (Ruffin Against Illegal Drugs) Team, I would like to welcome you to Ruffin High School's First Annual Alumni Banquet for all graduating classes. The RAID team and I have worked long, diligent hours to make sure that this very special night will be one that you will always remember. With a lot of love and the anticipation of meeting fellow alumni who can bring back the memories of Ruffin's beginning, we have seen this night go from a dream to a reality.

Thank you for sharing not only your time, but also your precious memories with us.

Sonya Williams
Sonya Williams
Class of '75



We are bridging the gap, from nineteen hundred forty two through nineteen hundred ninety nine.

We are going to make a difference, that is why we have reached so far back in time. Even though our roots are scattered, may even be far apart.

When one starts up a ladder, they begin at the bottom then move to the top. This is our aim here tonight, we do not intend to stop.

We are going to build a bridge that's firm and strong, one that will hold up under pressure as we move there on.

You see we have an enemy we must combat
We cannot stop until we have done just that.
That enemy does not respect anyone neither does it care
It has no mouth to talk neither does it have ears to hear.

I am talking about drugs, it is a killer, yes it destroys
Our little girls, our little boys.
It destroys that woman and that man
To the point, where they can no longer stand.

This is the new millennium. Yes, new that's just what it means,
Therefore we cannot stand around and dream.
These dreams have got to become reality,
It all depends on you, and it all depends on me.

We are helpless, we cannot do it along, we need Jesus Christ to help us through.
I have to include him in my everyday life, I hope you do to.
Drugs don't have any respect for the rich or poor, don't even care how you look,
All they want to do, is to get you hooked.

Drugs don't care if you are large or small
Don't care if you are short or tall.
All it want's to do, is get you where you can't do without
No matter if you put it in your vein or put it in your mouth.

I am tired of seeing our young people going down that road that has a dead end,
To the point of no return.

This bridge we are building, will be build with prayer and dedication,
This bridge we are building will make our young people want an education.

In this new millennium if we will just take a firm stand.
I believe we can have a drug free land.

~Sannie Williams

RHS History

Because there was no documentation concerning the history of RHS, the newspaper staff decided to gather information relating to the infant days of the school. It is hoped that another "historian" will revise this material and will continue to keep Ruffin alive through continued research.

The staff expresses its sincere appreciation to those who have assisted in the preparation of RHS's history: Mrs. Vera Bowman, Mrs. Gladys Canaday, Mr. John W. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Washington, Jr., Mrs. Patsy Spires, Mr. M. Boles and Mrs. Odessa Stephens.

1946-69

J. C. Greenlee became principal and agriculture teacher of Ruffin High and Elementary School (formerly located in the present Community Center, adjacent to the present Ruffin Community playground).

The regular school session started about the third of October and ended in May-- an eight month term. Parents felt that a nine month session would interrupt their farming program.

Seven teachers and 180 students (elementary and high school) started school in three buildings; one five-room building, one three-room building, and Buckhead Methodist Church.

Mr. Ralph Durham, Superintendent, saw the need for an additional building; therefore, another building was erected to house the elementary students.

During this period, students went to the eleventh grade. In order to complete the twelfth grade, students matriculated at Colleton Training School and Wilkinson High School.

Mr. B.F. Barnhill organized the sports program. Basketball teams were transported in private cars. Since no referees were available, the coaches called the games played on the outside. In November 1946, Ruffin was defeated by Yemassee 26-0, the first game.

Later, an agriculture-cannery was built. Students were taught canning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Heating was done by pot-belly heaters, wood being secured from the area by students and from student's bringing kindling from home. Seeing the need for additional wood patrons from the community donated fuel supplies. The school authorities supplied some coal.

Children brought bagged lunches from home. The lunches were heated in the home economics room. Later, a lunchroom was added; meals were ten cents.

As enrollment increased, the need for transportation became evident. Mr. Luke Washington purchased a bus. Driver Arthur Washington picked up his first school passengers at 5:45 a.m. and deposited them at home around 7:00 p.m.. The driver was paid thirty dollars a month, from each families' assessment.

Later, a sixty-seven capacity bus, costing \$2,000, was underwritten by Mrs. Janie Bell Washington. She was reimbursed by the parent-teacher organization.

The school gained recognition in agriculture, home economics, spelling and choral music. Students traveled throughout the state representing the Ruffin community.

The present structure was completed in 1953, built on land sold in 1950 to the board by Mr. Luke Washington, Sr., for \$2,700. The first graduation was held in 1954.

Mr. Greenlee's administration ended in 1969, with student enrollment of 597, grades 7-12.

1969-80

Rev. Richard A. Leonard assumed the principalship of the school. Assistant principals appointed were: Mr. Owen McAlister (1970-73), Mr. Roger Meyer (1973-74), Mr. Brantley Reeves (1974-77), and Mr. Robert Spires (1977-80). Mrs. Vera Bowman was appointed secretary. She is currently secretary of the school. The enrollment reached its zenith with 573 students and 25 teachers.

Some faculty included: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lloyd, Mrs. Patsy Spires. Mrs. Odessa Stephens, Mrs. Vera Goff, Mrs. Mary Summers, Mr. M. Boles, Mr. Bobbie Allen and Mrs. Josephine Byrd.

When the school was integrated, the stadium and bandroom were constructed.

1980-85

Mr. Joseph Lefft was named the third principal, assisted by Mr. Robert Spires (1980-82) and Mr. James Anderson (1982-85).

Five hundred twenty-seven students entered at the beginning of the year, grades 8-12. It was in 1982-83 that the school housed only grades 9-12. The *enrollment* at that time numbered 408.

Some faculty included: Mrs. Carolyn Hudson, Mrs. M. Richardson, Mrs. Mary Mintz, Mrs. Willie Haynes, Mrs. Delores Hiers, and Mrs. Elizabeth Corley.

Enrollment fluctuated between 1983-85. In 1983-84, there were 377 students; in 1984-85, there were 327 students.

During Lefft's administration, the band received their first uniforms and the school acquired its activity bus. Also, the school received its first incentive award from the state.

1985-1991

John Wesley Stephens, a 1959 graduate of Ruffin High School, was appointed principal; John F. Clark, a former teacher who worked with Stephens, was named assistant principal.

Although the enrollment had decreased, the administrators agree that there would be a great opportunity for academic success at the institution.

During this period, the school offered its first academic placement course in United States History.

In 1985, the number of Carnegie units for graduation increased from 18 to 20. Additional units must be earned in mathematics and science.

Honor roll students were granted "gold cards" that gave them special privileges.

The graduating class of 1989-90 was the first group of students to complete both the unit requirement and the exit examination to receive the state high school diploma. The present enrollment was approximately 276. Faculty and staff numbered thirty persons. They include: Mr. Anthony Ross, Jackie Ryant, Mrs. Sylvia Frazier, Miss Sharon Mole, Miss S. Hill, Mrs. Jacqueline Owens, Mr. James Stroman, Mr. James

Hoagland, Mr. Joseph Mackey, Mrs. Flora Smith, Mr. Freddie Kirkland, Mrs. Alma Jones, Mrs. Sarah Weans, Mr. William Richardson, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Craig Smith, Mrs. Valerie Singleton, Mrs. Dottie Smoak. Mr. Thomas Martin, and Mrs. Gayle Salley. Several persons have served under previous administrators. Other staff members include: Miss Maryann Maree, Mrs. Gladys Canaday, Mrs. Sannie Mae Williams, and Mr. Coll Parker.

Senior Class Officers include: Sonia Bodison, president; Michael Way, vice-president; Belinda Lightsey, secretary; Mark Rose, treasurer; Scott McDonald, parliamentarian; Miss Stacy Bostic is the reigning "Miss Ruffin High." Miss Shelia Daniels is "Miss Senior."

Leading the junior level was Gewona Jenkins. Her cabinet included Christopher Stephens, vice-president; Marilyn Stokes, secretary; Stevie Way, treasurer; Regina Thompson, parliamentarian; and Novallis Mears, Chaplain. Miss Darlene Simmons is "Miss Junior"

Chad Inabinett was chosen sophomore class president. Elected other officers were: Lynn Strickland, vice-president; Wanda Boatwright, secretary; Rosa Stokes, treasurer; John Miller, parliamentarian; and Steve Stokes, chaplain. Miss Hope Williams represented the class as "Miss Sophomore".

Our youngest family members were led by Christopher Williams. Assisting him with freshmen class business were Timothy Bradley, vice-president; Tyrone Stephens, parliamentarian; Paula Butler, treasurer; Jervey Windom, chaplain; and representative of the class, Miss Patricia Fryar, "Miss Freshman".

The RHS student council officers elected for this school year consisted at Carol Maloney, president; Douglas Simmons, vice president; Shirley Hodges, secretary; Gilbert Johnson, treasurer; Stacy Wilson, parliamentarian; and Sonya Mears, reporter.

Musically speaking, the band has participated in numerous competitions, bringing to the campus many awards from local and state contests. They have just returned from New Orleans where they participated in the Mardi Gras. Letters of commendation were received from the chairman of the Mardi Gras and from the governor of South Carolina, Carroll Campbell. The band had excellent backing from its parents' organization.

The choir also gained recognition for RHS, although small in number. In addition to services rendered to local churches, the choir displayed its talents by participating in local and state contests. One of the highlights of the year was the school being represented at Carowinds.

The Mathematics Department had recently placed second in the State Mathematics Bowl held at S.C. State College.

The Athletic Department boasted of its various teams: volleyball, baseball, softball, football, track and basketball.

Several honors have been received by the department: track team, 1987 Regional Conference runner-up; 1988 Regional Conference runner-up; softball team, 1986 Conference Championship, 1988 Conference Championship; baseball team, 1985 Conference Championship, 1985 All-State Player, Erskine Daniels; 1997, Anthony Mole, USC Basketball Camp Free-Throw Award.

The Academic Bowl Team had the opportunity to participate in local and state contests. One of the highlights of the year's activities was the outstanding showing of the team's talents in the Winthrop Challenge.

In the drama department, the senior class superbly presented Cole Porter's "Anything Goes". Starring in the leading roles were Tammy George, Darren Mosley, David Salley, Sonia Bodison, Charles Folk, Yvonne Smyly and Gregory Crosby.

According to the Guidance Department, approximately 53 seniors graduated from RHS on June 3, 1988.

Special recognition should be given to the parent-teacher organization. Under the leadership of Benjamin Stewart, parents reorganized a formerly defunct organization. Its officers included: Alfred Daniels, president; Ms. Christine Robertson, vice president, Ms. Linda Williams, secretary, and Ms. Clara Crosby, treasurer.

1991-1993

Ms. Quenie Crawford served as principal, assisted by Mr. Dean Nettles. She developed new scheduling for the school, made plans for a new baseball stadium and put into operation the present phone system.

1993-1994

Roger Hudson, the great-grandson of Luke Washington I, who sold the land for the construction of Ruffin High School, became principal at Ruffin in 1993. He is the second Ruffin High graduate to become principal at Ruffin. During his tenure, the baseball field was completed and dedicated. The gym ceiling was repaired and the

gym floor replaced. New lighting was added to the football field. Ruffin was one of the first high schools to receive Chapter One funding. New computers were purchased for the computer lab. The Homecoming Parade was re-established, and buses were secured for the school. He also refined the R.A.I.S.E. program with emphasis on academics.

1994-1996

Ms. Quenie Crawford returned as Ruffin High principal. During this time, lights were put on the baseball field, computers purchased for the CCC Lab, and began networking the school.

1996-1998

Mr. Kenneth Pinkney served as principal, assisted by Ms. Hattie Jones. Mr. Pinkney instituted the 4 x 4 schedule, purchased new computers for the Keyboarding Lab, secured funds to purchase science equipment, and implemented the Work-Study Program to replace R.A.I.S.E. He also purchased equipment for the main office; a new school files server, had the school wired for networking and began upgrading the math department.

1998 -

Mr. Hudson assumes the principalship of Ruffin for the second time. He is in the process of making the Internet available in the computer lab, and has plans to determine the computer needs in the school. He is also in the process of replacing the lights in the gym and doing other repairs. He is preparing the teachers for the technological age, and the new Accountability Act. He has established a Focus Group between Ruffin High and Walterboro High.

It is hoped that this document will be an inspiration to those who will become future sons and daughters of Ruffin High School.

Alma Maters

(1918-1953)

Dear Ruffin High School, Dear old white and blue.
We'll never say good-bye, because you are so true.
So strong your teachers are, they are our guiding stars,
No matter where we roam, RHS will be our home.

Dear Ruffin High School, we'll always love you,
We'll ever cherish old white and blue.

(1954-1969)

Dear Alma Mater hail to thee, we pledge our love and loyalty, in dream
of you both night and day, your memories will forever stay.

Oh pray in honor shall be thine, our waking thoughts are full of thee,
closely you linger in our hearts, our love for you will never past.

Oh Ruffin High, dear Ruffin High, for you we'll live,
for you we'll die, we always love you gold and blue and
give to you our homage is true.

(1970-2000)

Our School we always will adore
We'll cherish it forever more,
We'll honor, serve, and understand
That Ruffin High's the best in the land
Always and forever I'll be true
To the red, the white, and blue.

Chorus:

Ruffin High, Oh Ruffin High
Loud our voices swell.
May God's blessings ever rest on
Thee we love so well.

Though sometimes we may fail
The spirit will always prevail.
Ruffin High is dear to all
May our standards never fall.
If we pledge to do our best
Ruffin High will out do the rest.

(1970-2000)

*Written by: Brenda Hodges
Wendy Marshall*

*Arrangement by: Mrs. Gayle Salley
Mr. James Stroman*

Ruffin High School was first started in 1918 beginning with the following principals. The dates are not available.

Mr. Isaac S. Myers

Mr. James Riley

Mr. Elliott Macmillan

Mr. John Felder

Mr. C. Hemmingway

Mr. Billy Moore

Mr. C. M. Richardson

Mr. Isaac McGraw

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. W. Inabinett

Mr. James L. Summers

RUFFIN HIGH SCHOOL

Principals and Assistant Principals

1946-1969	Mr. J. C. Greenlee
1969-1980	Mr. Richard A. Leonard Mr. Roger Meyer Mr. Owen McAlister Mr. Robert Spires Mr. Brantley Reeves
1980-1985	Mr. Joseph Lefft Mr. Robert Spires Mr. James Anderson
1985-1991	Mr. John W. Stephens Mr. John Clark
1991-1993	Ms. Quenie Crawford Mr. Dean Nettles
1993-1994	Mr. Roger Hudson Mr. Dean Nettles
1994-1996	Ms. Quenie Crawford Mr. Dean Nettles
1996-1998	Mr. Kenneth Pinkney Ms. Hattie Jones
1998-present	Mr. Roger Hudson Ms. Hattie Jones



What Are You Doing Now?



It matters not if you lost the fight
and were badly beaten too;

It matters not if you failed outright
in the things you tried to do;

It matters not if you toppled down
from the azure heights of blue...

But what are you doing now?

It matters not if your plans were foiled
and your hopes have fallen through;

It matters not if your chance was spoiled
for the gain almost in view;

It matters not if you missed the goal,
though you struggled brave and true...

But what are you doing now?

It matters not if your fortune's gone
and your fame has withered too;

It matters not if a cruel world's scorn
be directed straight at you ;

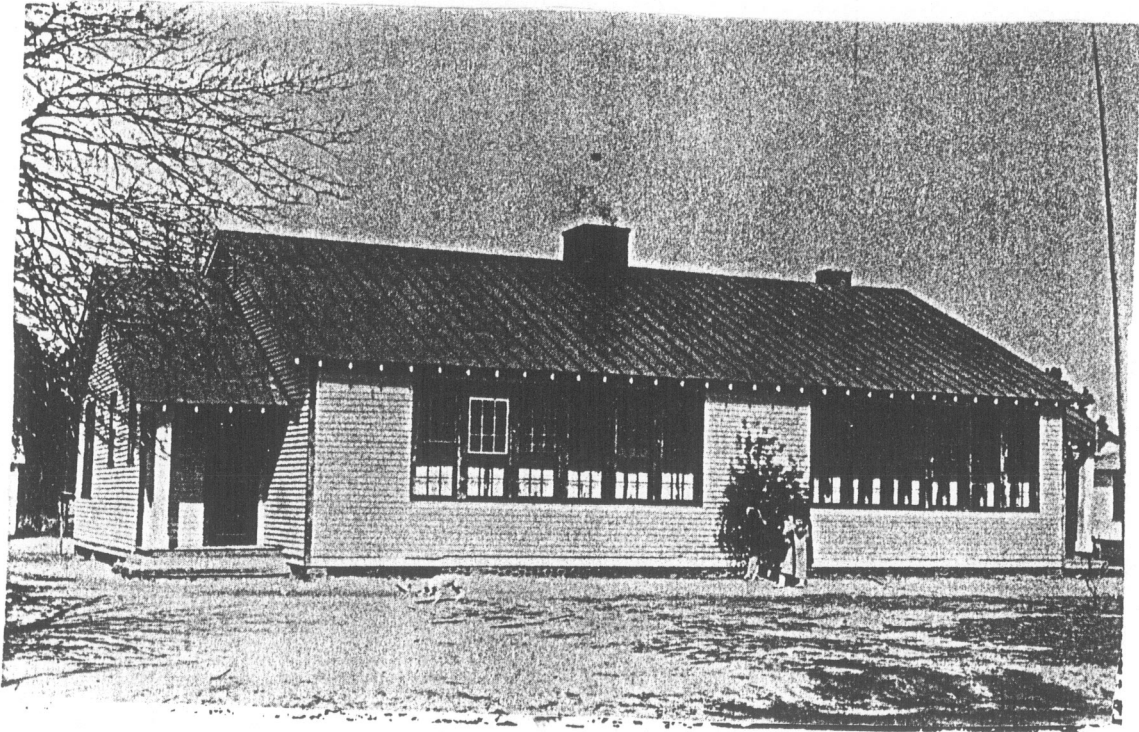
It matters not if the worst has come
and your dreams have not come true...

But what are you doing now?

~ R.R. Stanley



Reflections



1949

THE MIRROR STAFF



MIRROR



1949



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SENIORS



FREDDIE STEWARD

New Farmers of
America



THELMA I. BRYANT

New Homemakers
Choir: Club



PERNICE BOATWRIGHT

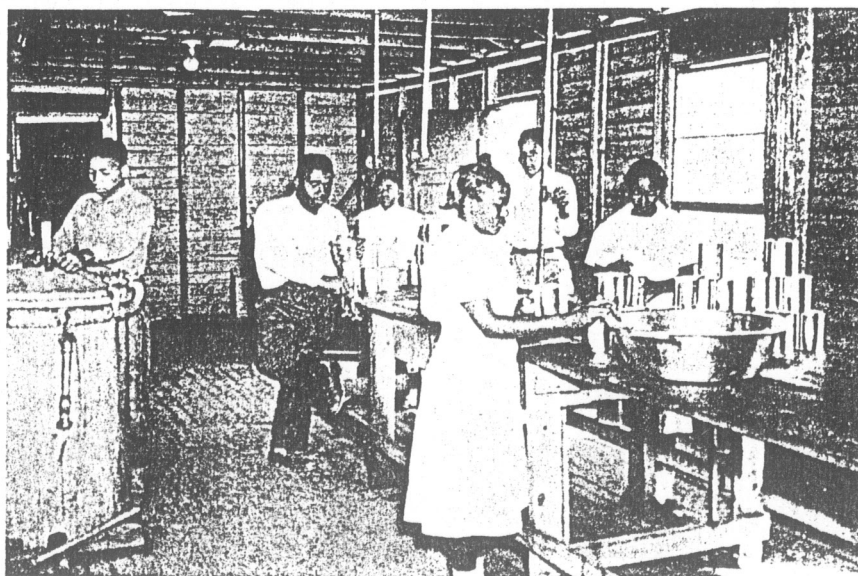
New Homemakers
Choir: Club

CLOTHING CLASS



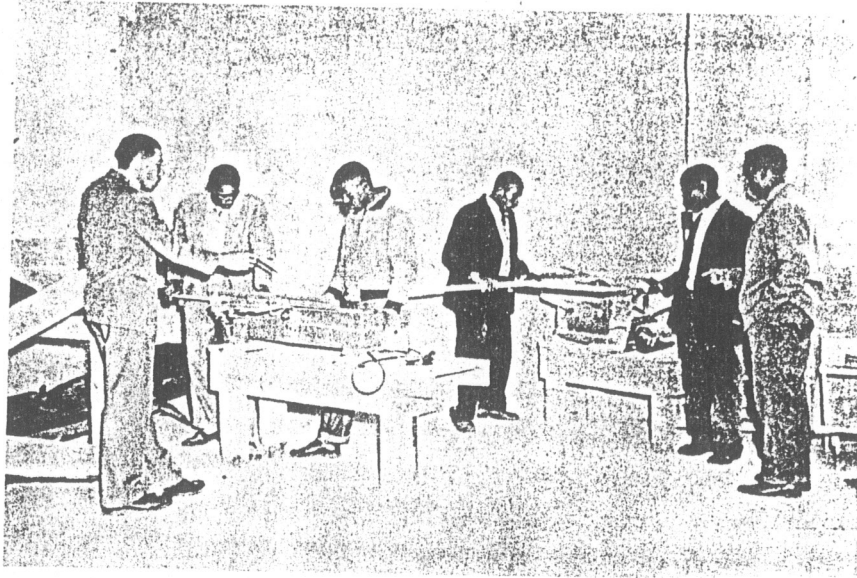
"Practice makes perfect."
A group of girls making drapes while other members look on.

CANNERY SCENE



The New Farmers, New Homemakers, work together on food conservation problems.

A SHOP SCENE

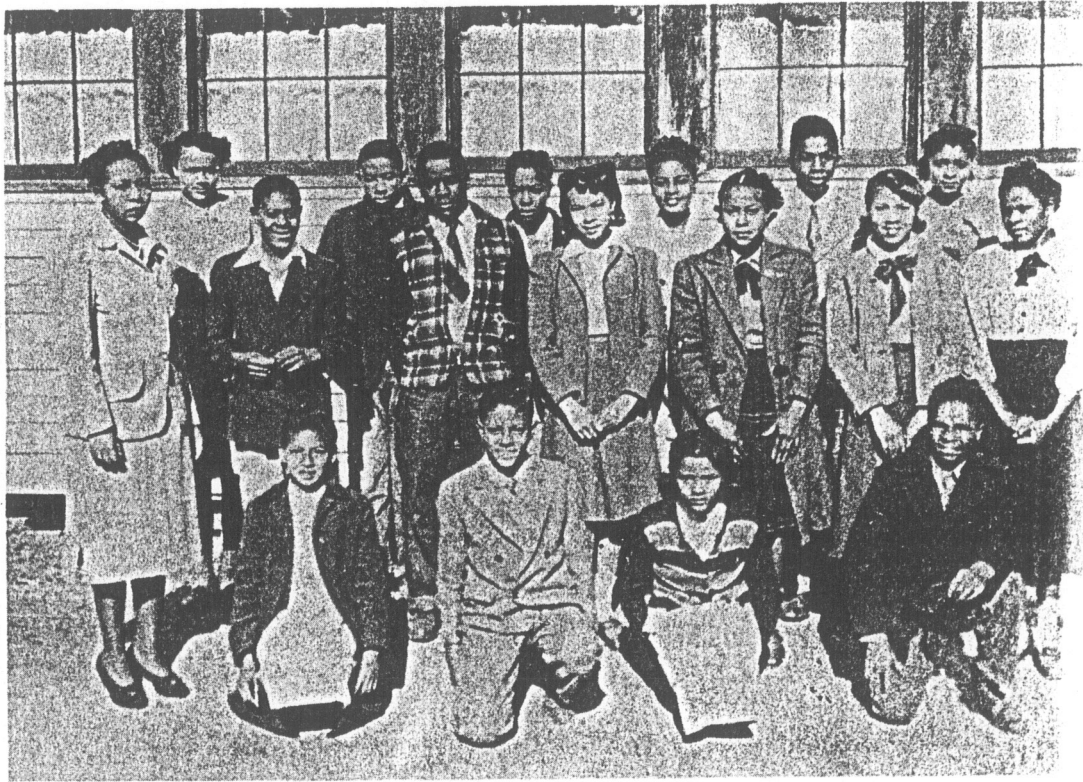


These boys are learning to use power equipment in their Vocational Agriculture classes.

FOOD CLASS

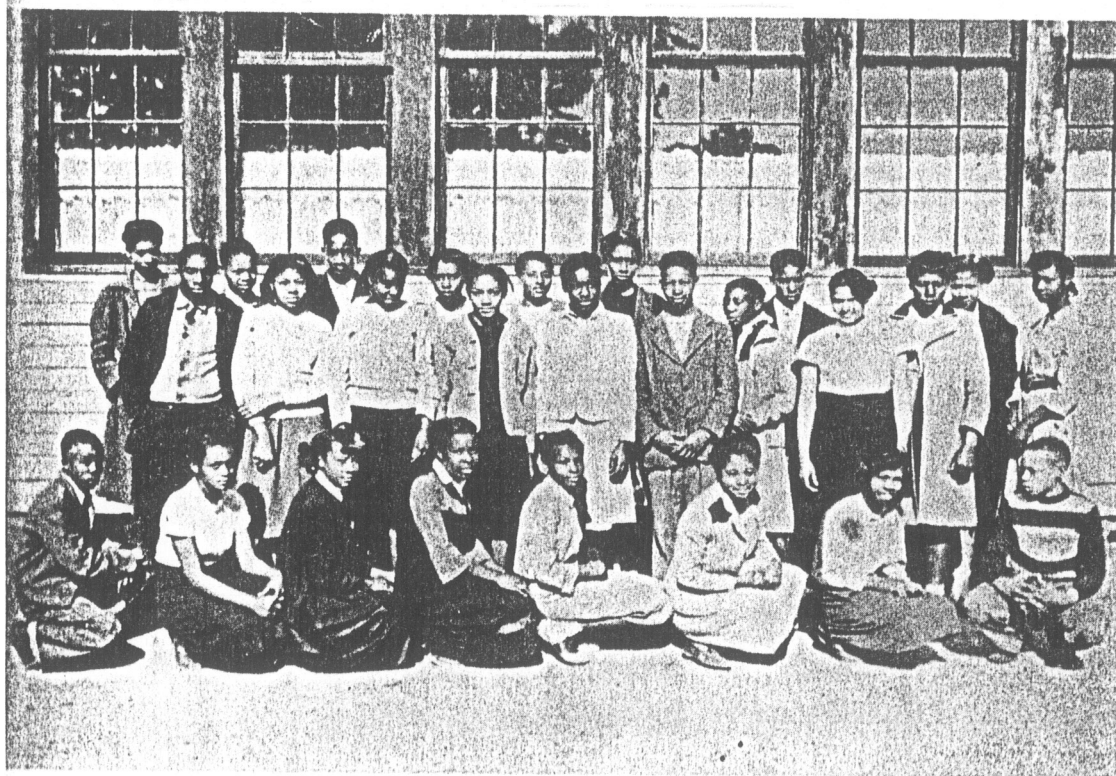


"We learn to do by doing."
These girls are preparing an adequate balanced diet. The correct use of time, skill, method and cooperation is practiced.



EIGHTH GRADE
Officers

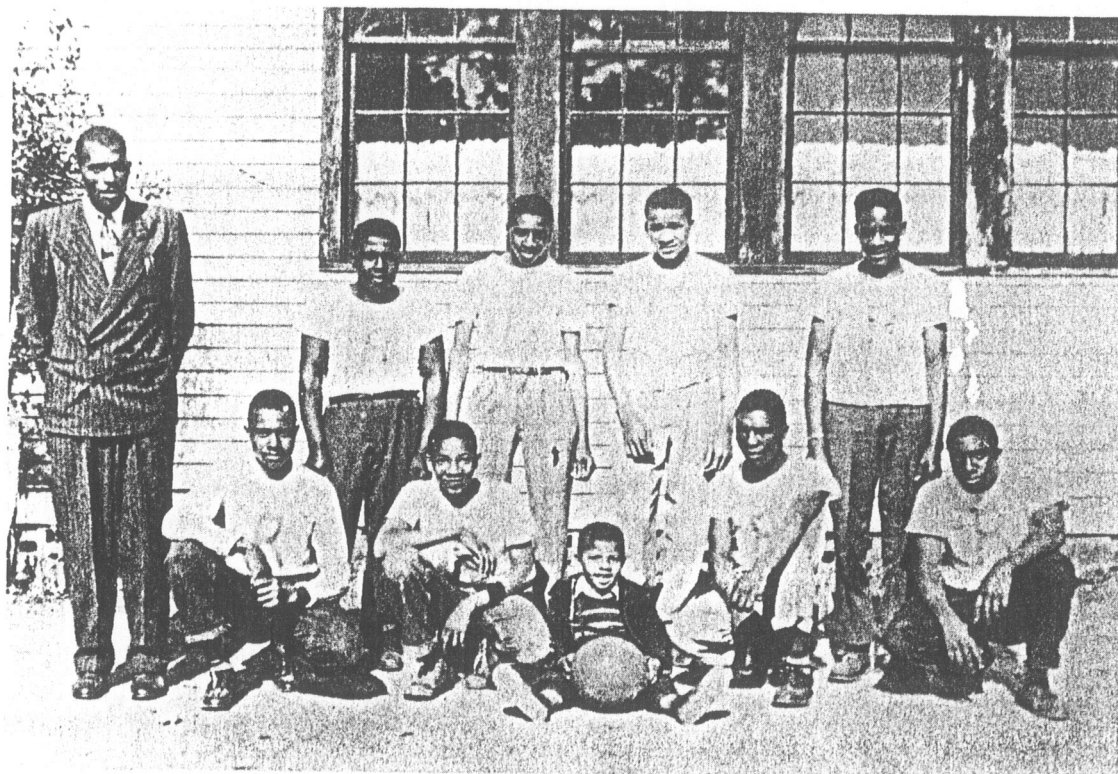
President..... Ruben Boatwright
Vice-President..... Shirley G. Lewis
Secretary..... Annie B. Stephens
Assistant Secretary..... Alice Belton
Treasurer..... Shirley Ackerman
Chaplain..... Robert Byng



NINTH GRADE

Officers

President..... Benjamin Heyward
Vice-President.....Bertha Dubois
Secretary..... Florine Carter
Assistant Secretary..... Lula M. Stevens
Treasurer.....Mary Jones



Boys' Basketball Team

The 1949 Boys Basketball Squad

Johnnie Green.....	Joseph Myers
Corinelous Sampon.....	Allen Stephens
Johnnie L. Seabrooks.....	Frank Boatwright
Harvey Fryer, (Mgr.).....	Randolph Coger
(Little) Jimmie Greenlee.....	Mr. B. F. Barnhills

The 1949 Boys Basketball Record

Ruffin.....15	Ridgeland.....30
Ruffin.....4	Ridgeland.....18
Ruffin.....10	Yamassee.....16
Ruffin.....15	Yamassee.....21
Ruffin.....17	Jerico.....6
Ruffin.....26	Jerico.....0
Ruffin.....24	Branchville.....18
Ruffin.....21	Branchville.....12
Ruffin.....12	Bowman.....36
Ruffin.....	Bowman.....

Girls' Basketball Team



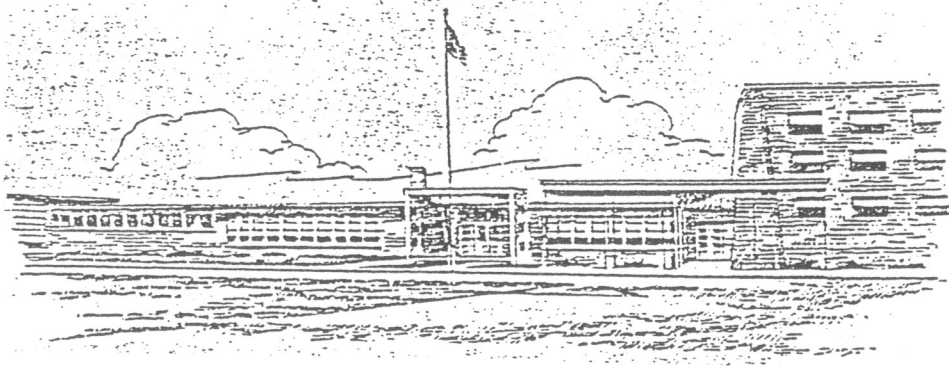
The 1949 Girls Basketball Squad

June Ethel Green (Mgr.).....	Thelma Jones
Veleria Bryant.....	Grace Washington
Effie Mae Brown.....	Bertha Dubois
Emmerine Ackerman.....	Oreta Gloria Black
Florene Carter.....	Olynthia Brown
Genayn Inabinett.....	Miss R. M. Hodges (Coach)

The 1949 Girls Basketball Record

Ruffin.....	18	Ridgeland.....	0
Ruffin.....	4	Yamassee.....	7
Ruffin.....	18	Yamassee.....	0
Ruffin.....	19	Jerico.....	4
Ruffin.....	23	Jerico.....	8
Ruffin.....	7	Branchville.....	4
Ruffin.....	8	Branchville.....	4
Ruffin.....	4	Bowman.....	17
Ruffin.....		Bowman.....	

Reflections



1957

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



MRS. S. RUTH
First Grade



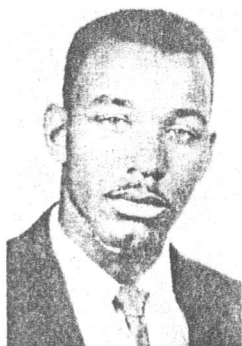
MRS. N. GREENLEE
Third Grade



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Mathematics



MRS. A. HARLEY
Second Grade



REGINALD M. RHOEL
Science



MARTIN L. ABEL
Mathematics



MRS. L. BRYANT
First Grade



MRS. V. R. GOFF
Social Studies



MRS. J. BRYANT
Sixth Grade



JOHN H. DeLOACH
Band Director



MRS. O. L. STEVENS
English
Senior Advisor



MRS. J. B. BYRD
Sixth Grade



Alma Redish



Luemisher Risher



Doris Robinson



Oris Robinson



Edward Salley



Elizabeth Seabrook



John H. Seabrook



Audrey Sheppard



Dorothy G. Stephens



Dorothy L. Stephens



McNeil Stephens



Luke Washington, III



Frank Weans



Hermena Paynes



Earlene Williams



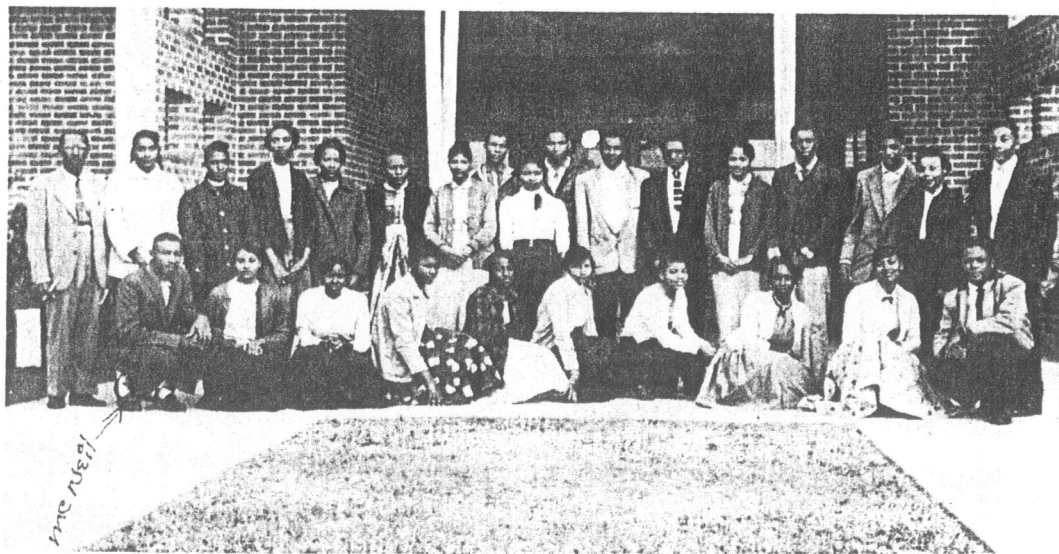
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STUDENT COUNCIL



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"La Cercle Francaise"--Mr. J. O. Stinson, Advisor



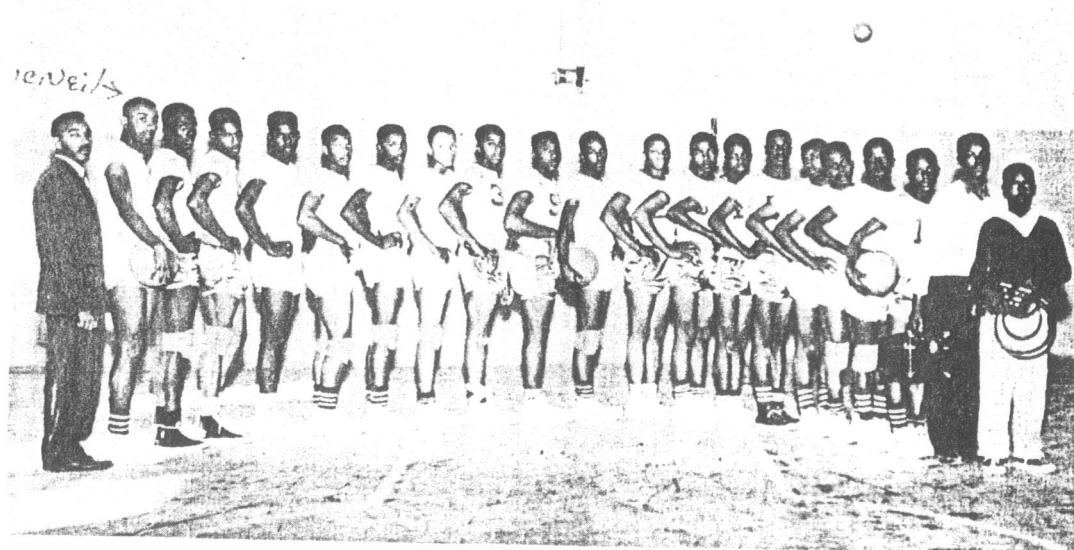
"Miss Ruffin High", Miss Margarine Stephens
Attendants: Miss Janet Crosby & Miss Eloise Jones



Girls' Basketball Team--Mrs. N. P. Miller, Coach

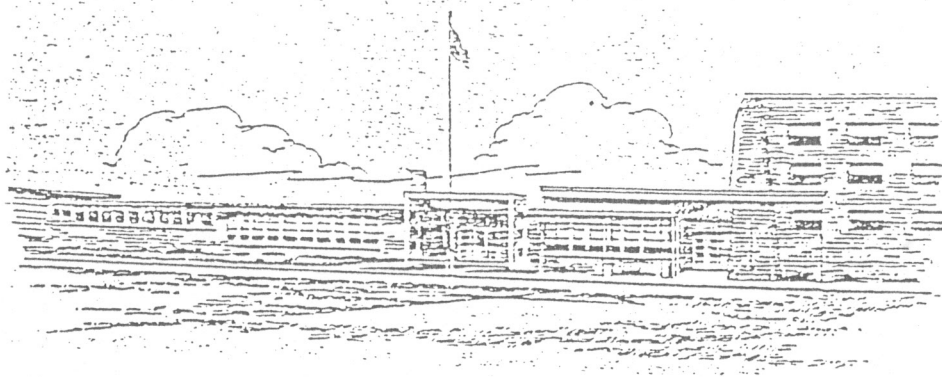


Teams Captains, Co-Captains
and Coaches



Boys' Basketball Team--Mr. R. M. Rhoe, Coach

Reflections



1971-75

Home Economics

MRS. MARY C. SUMMERS
Home Economics



MISS HATTIE L. JONES
Home Economics



Principal;
MR. JOHN L. GREEN



Asst. Secretary; MRS. LYNETTE FRYAR



Secretary; MRS. ISABELLE BRYANT







Brenda Hudson



Janet Lyons



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DEBORAH
MANN
GRANT



DOROTHY
PARKER



JANICE
GREEN



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JAMES
MOORE, JR.



EUGENE
MOULTRIE



CATHERINE
GENEVA
WARREN



Jimmy Wiggins



Bevelyn Williams



Faye Black



Calyso Wrice



Larry Jamison



OddaLee Jenkins



Jeffrey Moffit



Irene Stephens



Susan Warren



Phyllis Walker



Randolph Black



Arlene Williams



Staff Experienced Blood, Sweat, Toil, Tears,

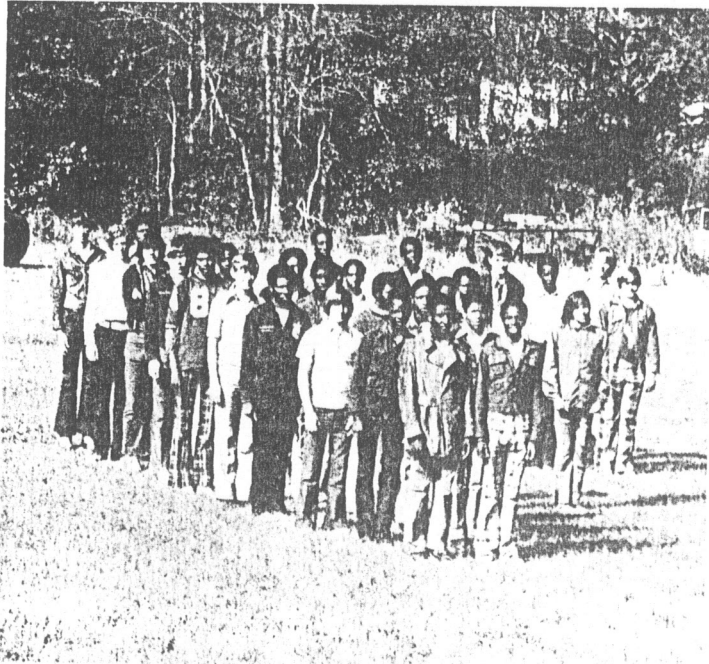
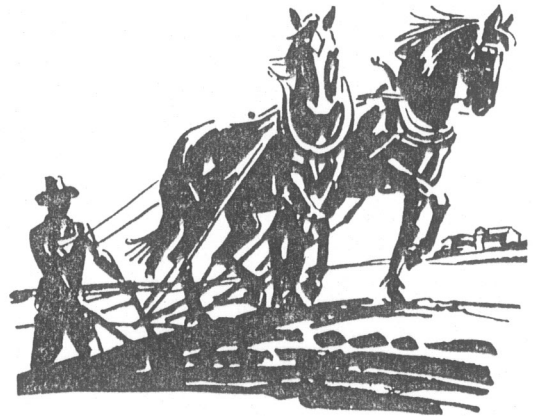


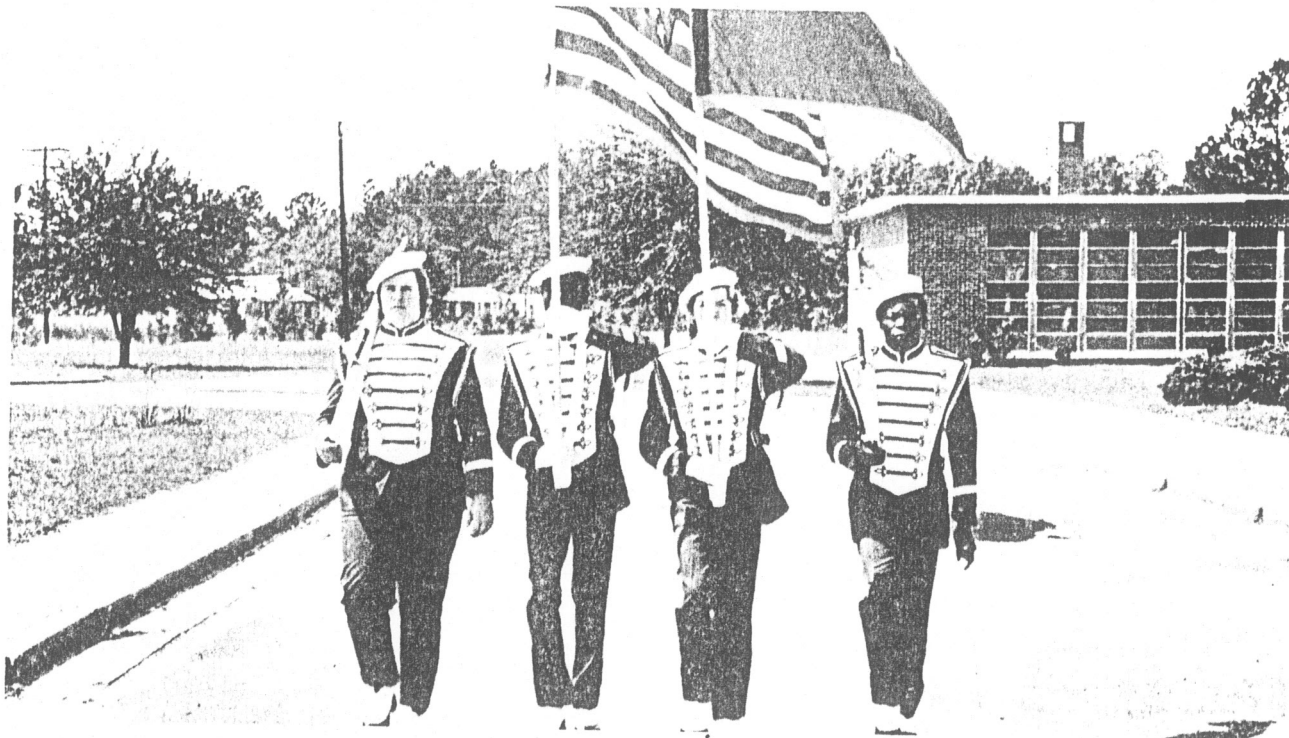
R. Henderson, T. Hodges, M. Rizer, D. Hutto, V. Fryar, B. Ponds, B. Martin, G. Ulmer, D. Tripp, R. Phillips. Not Present: Lois Bell

Koscot Kosmetics was a familiar word with the staff. Home-parties, demonstrations, and personal contact helped the staff through their financial strain.

Reginald Henderson, Business Manager.







Color Guard: James Reid, Stanley Stephens, Wayne Martin, Clayso Wrice

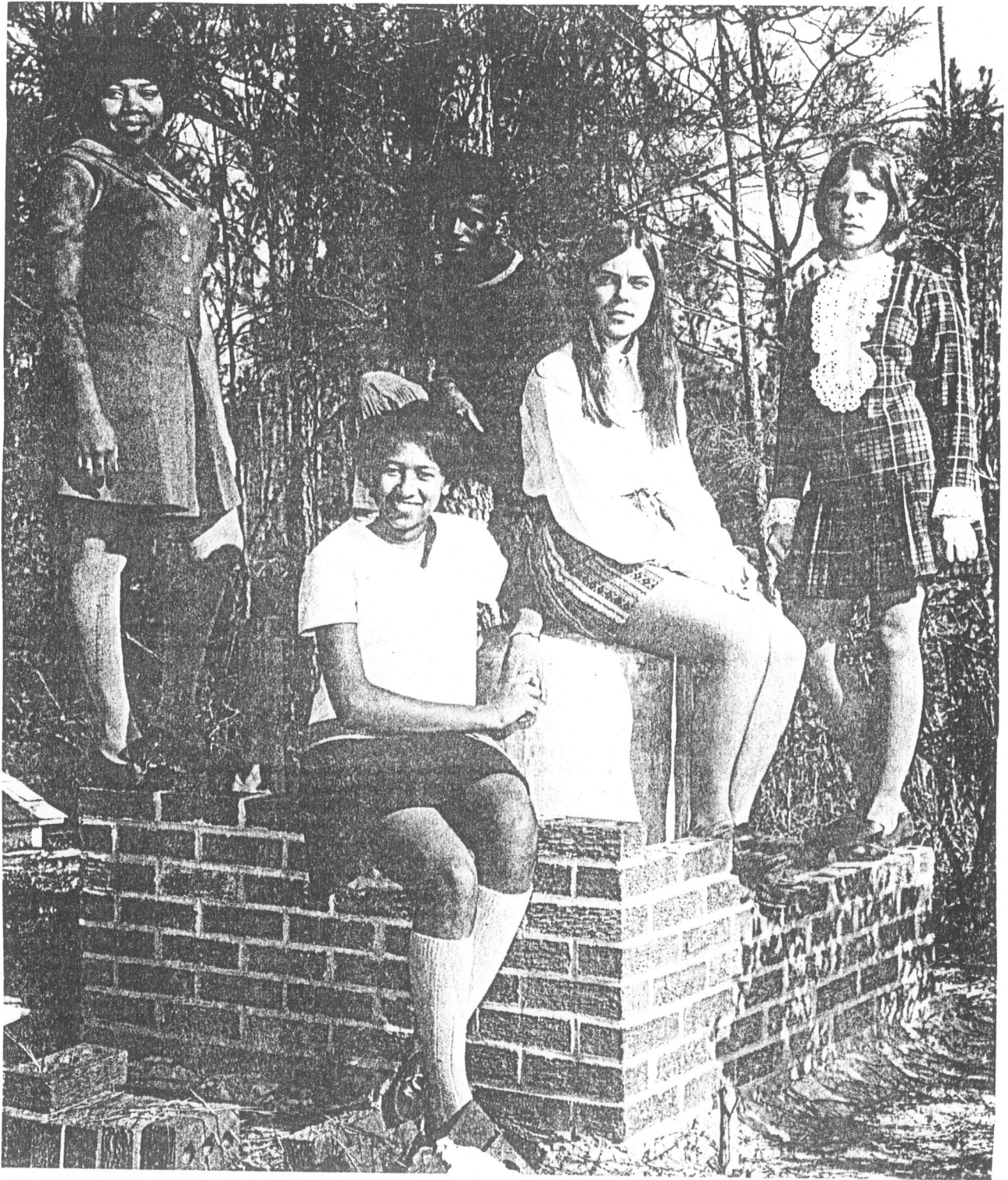


Officers: Debra Salley, Clayso Wrice, President:
Alexander Warren, Tommy Nichols, James Reid

Ruffin High's Marching Band is made up of students from Ruffin and Smoaks schools. The band has performed in many school functions this year and has gone to other schools to play for their half-time activities. The band also played for the Homecoming Night at Bells football field.



Band Director: Mr. Herman Bright



GERTRUDE FENNEL
Vice President

SHELIA PADGETT
Treasurer

HEBER JAMISON
Parliamentarian

PATRICIA CHESSE
President

KATHY ULMER
Secretary



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ernest Riley, Ruth Ann Hodges, Virginia Fryar, Rosa Lee Jakes, Gena Ulmer, Kathy Linder, Elaine Steedly, Cecil Garrick.

Marshalls 1970-1971

Marshalls, who represent their class in commencement exercises, are chosen on the basis of scholastic aptitude and over-all grade average. To be chosen as a marshal is the highest honor a junior can receive.



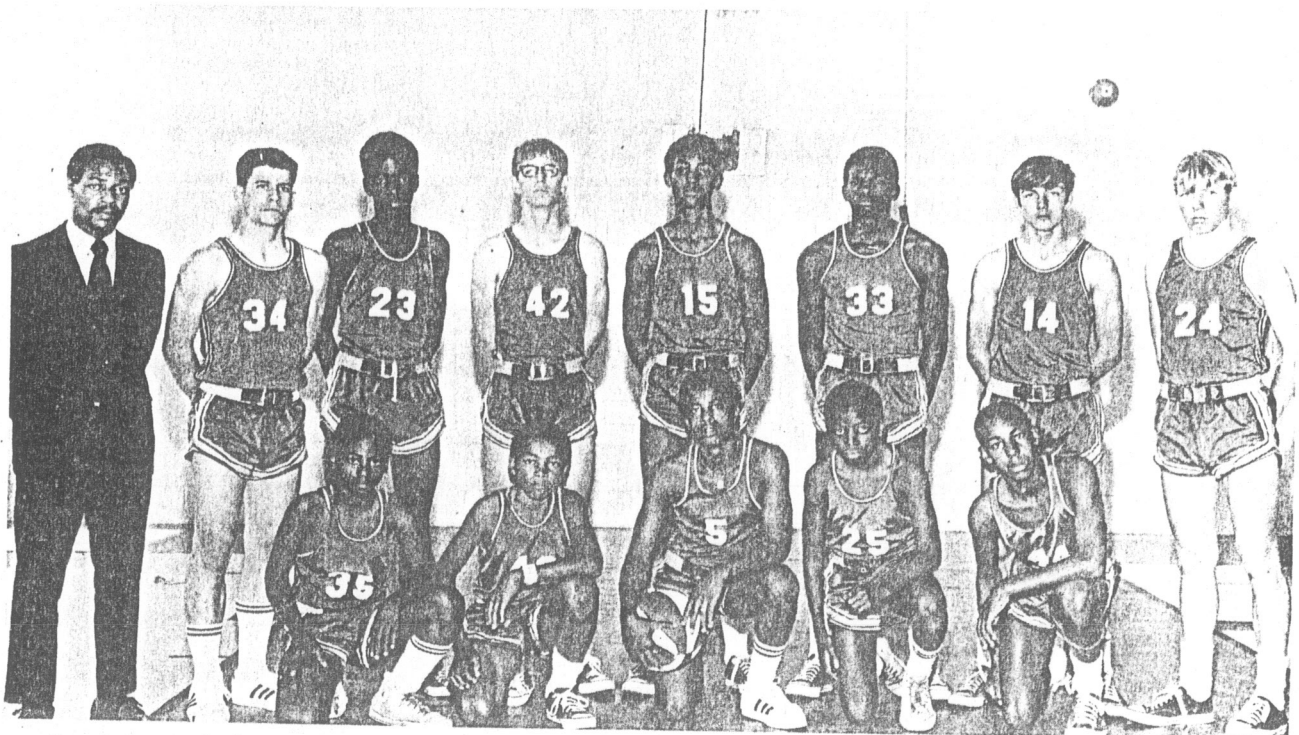
HEAD MARSHALLS

Ernest Riley
Cecil Garrick

Junior Varsity Teams



Coach McAlister, Javon Boatwright, Nancy Stanfield, Beth Rizer, Capt. Darlene Smoak, Sherry Priester, Irene Stephens, Idela Crosby, Patricia Chess. Sitting: Sharon Dopson, Janet Ponds



Coach Jones, Rodger Godley, Harold Bryant, Chester Bryant, Albert Hodges, Tommy Crosby, David Tripp, Kneeling: Gary Goff, Johnny Jones, Anthony Stephens, Larry Brooks, Charles Murdaugh.



Team: Brenda Green, Barbara Buckner, Sonya Stephens, Susan Warren, Gloria Dopson, Anita Proveaux, Debbie Phillips, Lynn Phillips, Mary Hiers, Sandra Middleton



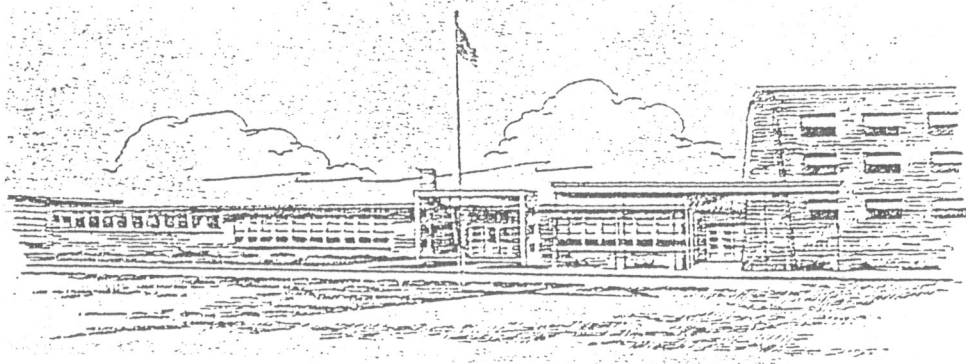
Team: Rodney Brooks, Eugene Moultrie, Greg Stephens, Paul Sanders, Rufus Vanhorn, James Franklin, Richard Campbell, Jeffrey Moffit, Marion Behling, Ray Linder, Johnny Linder, Jimmy Wiggins, Larry Parker



Jimmy Boatwright, Ernest Riley, Herbert Crosby, Frederick Jamison, Roland Padgett, Wayne Fralix, Dale Ulmer, Matt Phillips. Kneeling: Haskel Jenkins, Johnny Ulmer.



Reflections



1976

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



WITTIEST

Kathy Benton & Henry Aiken



MOST TALENTED

Debbie Polk & Alexander Warren



BEST ALL AROUND

Lynn Phillips & Terry Hodges



BEST LEADERS

Marcelle Goff & Allen Strickland





Kennard Capers



Aquilla Yates



Jerome Varn



Cinderella Williams



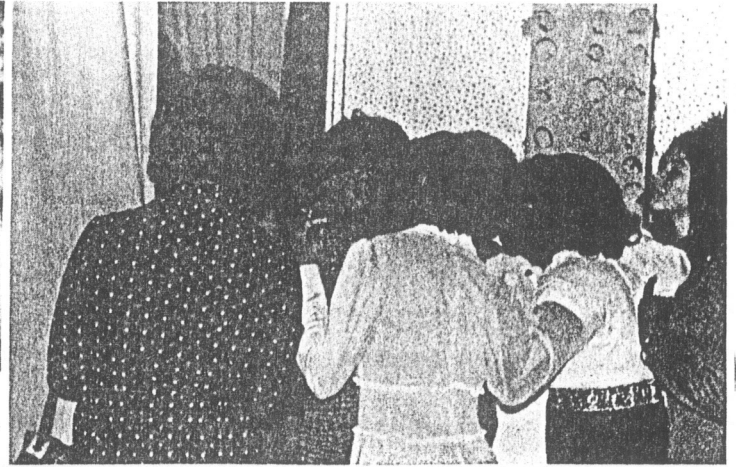
Clarence Wiggins



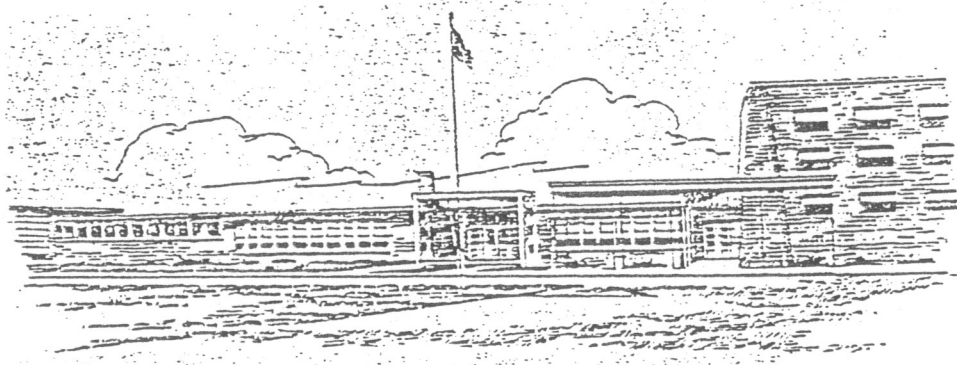
Charlotte Valentine



Terease Buckner



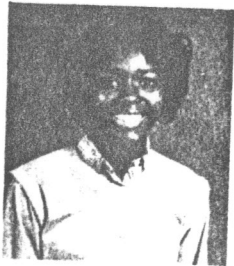
Reflections



1979-80

Faculty





Angela Aiken



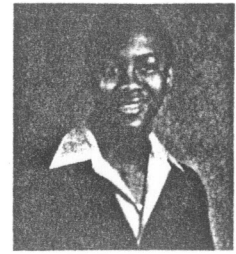
Pamela Aiken



Sereta Braham



Catherine Brooks



Kenneth Broughton



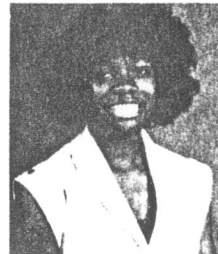
Robert Bryant



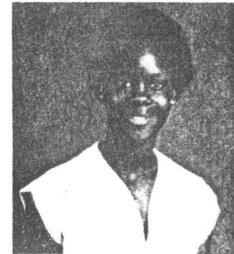
Teresa Buckner



Marlene Linder



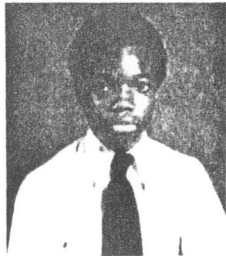
Rose Mary Linder



Mary Logan



Cherrian Moore



Charles Riley



Frankie Salley



Annette Stephens



Shirley Stephens



Tammy Stephens



Yolanda Stephens



Craig Strickland

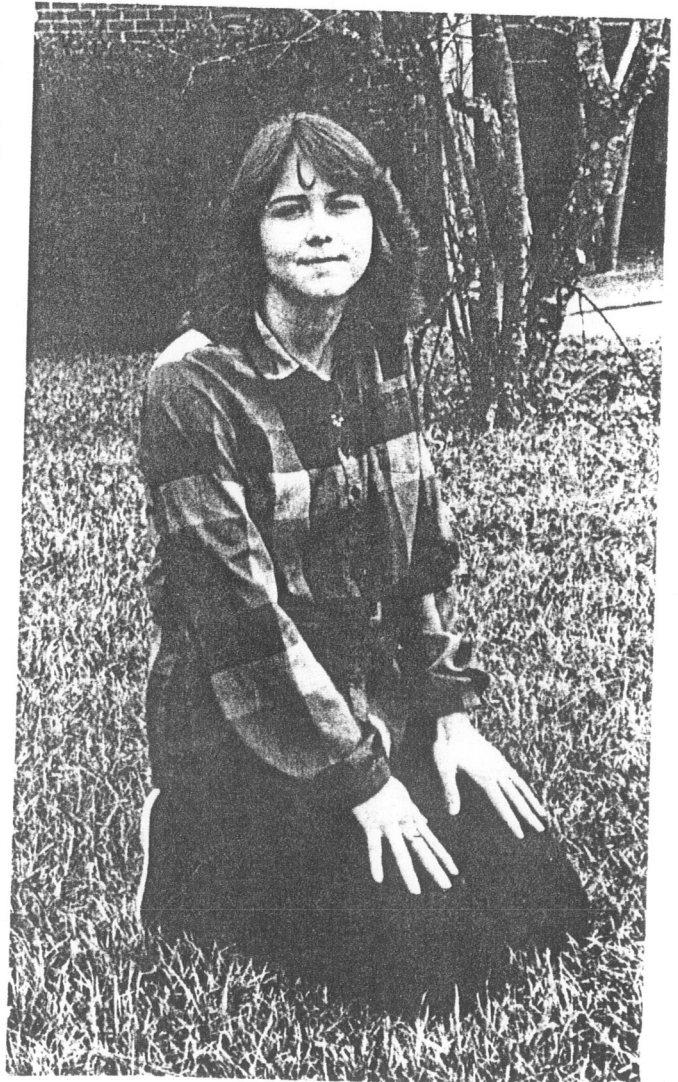


Von Sanders



MISS
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
NANCY
FOLK

MISS
HOMECOMING
PATREASE
JONES



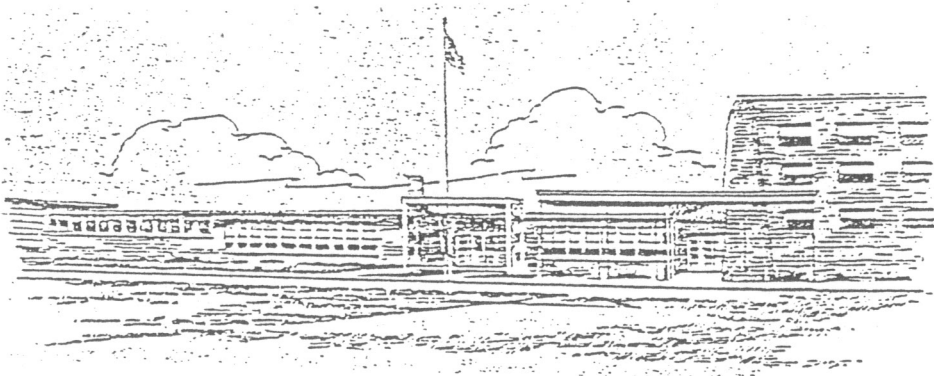


KNEELING: Dwight Jones, Eugene Roach, Scott Stephens, Neal Lingard, Allen Harris, STANDING: Coach R. Adams, Fredrick Harris, Jerome Jones, Benjamin Henderson, Richard Green, Dennis Lingard, Calvin Crosby, Derrick Jones, Melvin Chisholm.



KNEELING: Brenda Inabinett, Coach W. Miller, Rochelle Brooks, STANDING: Benison Chisholm, Denise Gathers, Glenda Roach, Deborah Bostic, Harriett Behling, Geraldine Roach.

Reflections



1982-86



Annual Staff Editors

Left to Right: Seated: Carol Jenkins, Teresa Capers, Odessa L. Boyd. Left to Right: standing: Loretta Behling, Cynthia McCallister, Craig Strickland, Tammy Stephens. Picture not shown is: Charlotte Valentine and Cordelia Inabinett.



Advisor and Editors (In chief)

Left: standing: Odessa L. Boyd Seated: Mrs. D. Hiers Right: standing: Teresa Capers

Girls Volleyball Team



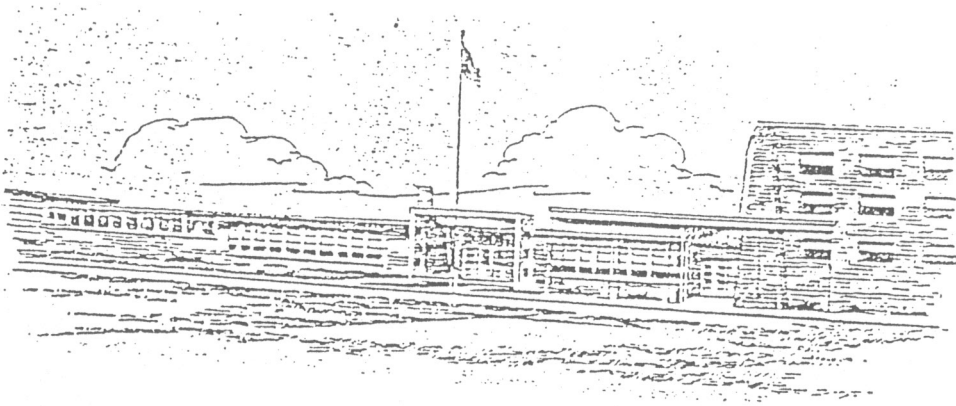
Standing from left to right is: Miss Smith, Tammy Stephens, Denise Gathers, Doretha Gathers, and Shajobia Stephens.
Kneeling from left to right is: Tina Gathers, Jamie Goff, and Theresa Buckner.

Senior Football Players



Standing from left to right is: Andy Black, David Grant, Robert Berry, Phillip Breland, Matthew Walters, Tony Simmons.
Kneeling from left to right is: Curtis Smith, Leon Cobb, Arthur Smoak, Rodell McMillan, and William McFadden.

Reflections



1990-91

Faculty and Staff

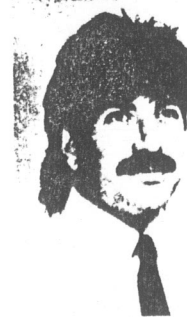
Rita Blocker
Charlie Cotterman
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Ginger Garner



Eric Green
Carolyn Hudson
Rick James
Alma Jones



Freddie Kirkland
Margaree Richardson
Joe Ritter
Richard Roderick



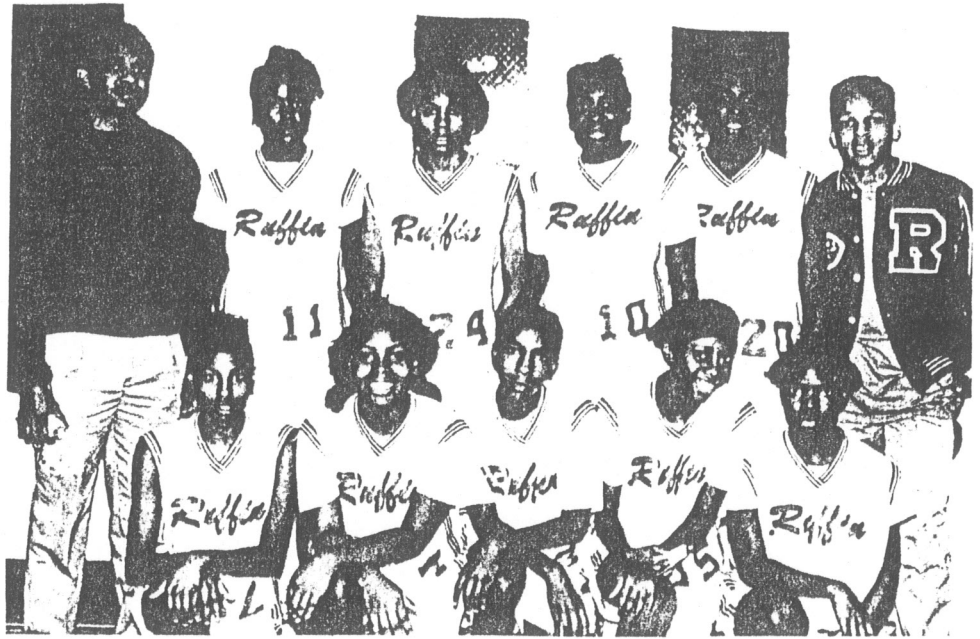
Carl Simmons
Craig Smith
Patsy Spiers
Anna Varnado



Beth Warren
Vera Bowman
Laura Chisolm
Evelyn Fowler



Joseph Mackey, Coach
 Teresa Stephens
 Atiya Henderson
 Sharon Jenkins
 Jackie Behling
 James Brown, Manager
 Deshun Brown
 Mildred Brooks
 Shaneka Stephens
 Darmell Williams
 Lashonda Brown



Boy's Basketball

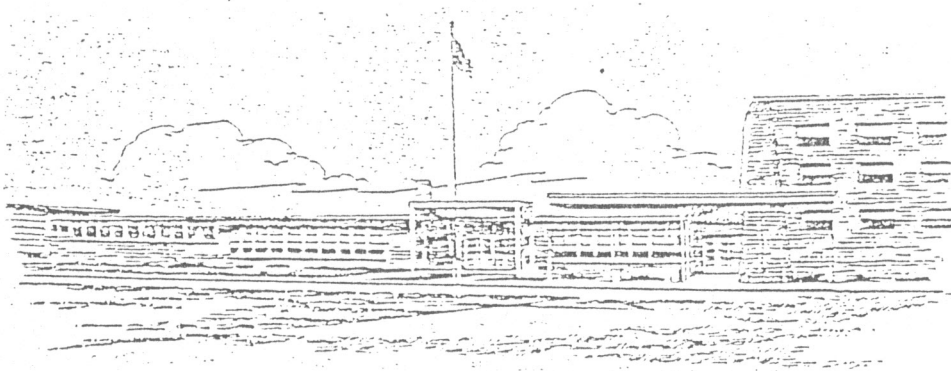
Jeremy Riley
 Lashon Stephens
 Chris Green
 Gerrick Stephens
 Curtis Johnson
 Tommooseo Carroll
 Tony Green
 Danny Wade
 Chris Williams
 Jermaine Blackwell
 Tommy Lawrence, Coach

1990-91 VARSITY BASKETBALL

		WE		THEY	
Dec. 1	Conference Jamboree.....				
Dec. 4	Walterboro.....	A	7:00	52	64
Dec. 11	Wade Hampton.....	H	6:30	52	62
Dec. 14	Jasper County.....	A	7:00	62	75
Dec. 15	Walterboro.....	H	7:00	60	73
Jan. 4	Branchville.....	A	7:00	49	59
Jan. 5	Wade Hampton.....	A	7:00	48	64
Jan. 8	Harleyville-Ridgeville.....	H	6:30	49	46
Jan. 11	Bowman.....	A	7:00	50	87
Jan. 12	Elloree.....	H	7:00	73	44
Jan. 18	St. George.....	H	7:00	52	50
Jan. 19	Jasper County.....	H	7:00	65	71
Jan. 22	Estill.....	A	6:30	61	62
Jan. 25	Elloree.....	A	7:00	83	86
Jan. 29	Estill.....	H	6:30	92	75
Feb. 1	Branchville.....	H	7:00	71	65
Feb. 5	Harleyville-Ridgeville.....	A	6:30	73	75
Feb. 8	Bowman.....	H	7:00	69	79
Feb. 15	St. George.....	A	7:00		
Feb. 18-22	Conference 7A Tourn.				



Reflections



1996

No matter what the situation was, the faculty was constantly working hard. From grading papers to sharing helpful advice, the teachers were always trying to better our minds and our education. The new staff members brought some needed additions. They included Rick James, Eric Green, Coach Charlie Cotterman, Mark Galloway, and Kelli Schoonmaker. These new teachers brought with them an array of skills.

Each teacher in his or her own special way influenced us to become better students and to achieve many goals that we thought were unattainable. They taught us how to solve difficult math problems and how to pronounce eccentric vocabulary words. They taught us that we were the future and we should be proud of ourselves.

When asked about his thought of the faculty, Mr. Kirkland replied, "I feel we have a very good faculty with a great deal of knowledge, experience, and dedication to our students and our school."

— Keith Bunch



Vera Godwin
Maryanne Maree
Dean Nettles
Judy Pilch



Connie Roper
Dottie Smoak
Sannie Williams
Sonya Williams



Fannie Aiken
Katherine Breland
Eyvonne Brown
Cindy Claxton



Vivian McFadden
Cindy Roberts

Class of '96

As seniors, we had many complicated decisions that would determine our future. We realized that fate was not in our hands, but in the hands of that Almighty Being above. Our first priority was to elect senior class officers. Our officers were chosen because of the jobs that they were able to perform. We learned by each others' mistakes that being a senior was fun when it came to the specified privileges, but it was also expensive, from SAT test dues to senior supplies and trip. When it came to the senior supplies and trips, we relied on the advisors for the majority of our help.

Our senior year was the year we ordered our caps, gowns, and tassels for graduation. The ones who didn't order their rings last year ordered them the present year. We looked forward to walking down the aisle with that "Kool-Aid smile" and our parents and the rest of the family on the side with their cameras. Although a few of our seniors didn't pass the Exit Exam, we all still looked forward to those doors springing open with the future up ahead of us.

Our seniors were very different from the others. They were a very distinct few who lived up to their expectations. We were often compared to glue and paper; we always stuck together. We were always there to lend a helping hand to some needy person.

We were characterized as small in number but big in achievements. For example, our senior class president, Teresa Stokes, visited Washington D.C., representing Coastal Electric as well as Ruffin High School. That was only one of the things that we achieved here. We plan to accomplish many more things after leaving here.

— Gwenetta Chisolm

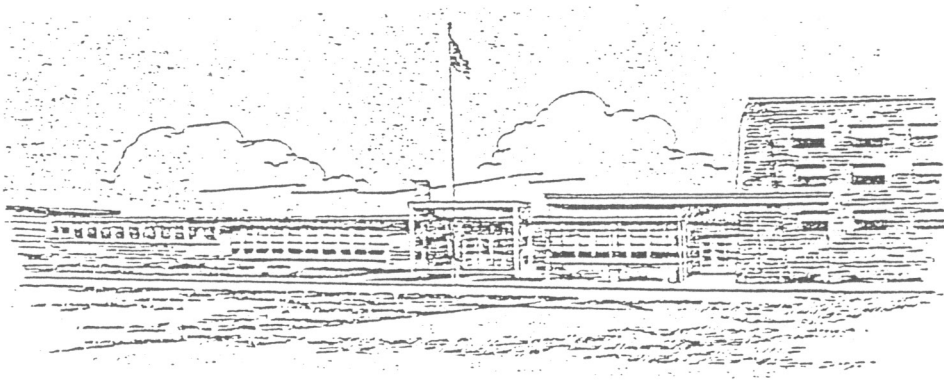


Latoya Ackerman
Anthony Aiken
Daryll Black



Anita Blewer
Kimberlyn Bostic
Christel Breland

Reflections



1997

Class of '97

As Juniors, there were many choices for us to make. Each one led us down a different path. We had a tremendous amount of pressure on our shoulders, but we didn't let it hold us back.

Our first choice was to democratically elect class officers. They were the "chosen ones." We chose them to lead us down the paths of success. Many juniors went to the class meetings to have their say on the issues at present. We compromised and came to an agreement that would be beneficial to us all. The first decision was one of little difficulty, but those that followed were intense.

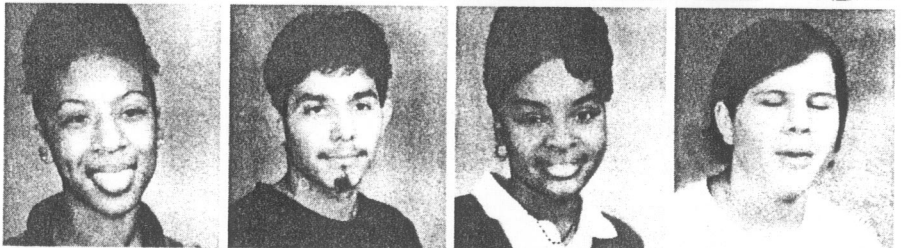
Our Junior year is the year in which we order our class rings. Most students ordered their class rings from the Jostens representative who came to our school, while a few deviated and purchased this precious memento from a jewelry store. There were still a few unresolved situations. A few of our fellow juniors had not passed the Exit Exam. These students were enrolled in special enrichment classes so that when the time came, they would pass with flying colors. Unfortunately, not all students passed the exam on the second try. I commend those others who were determined to succeed and refused to take life's possibilities for granted. As the year came to an end, we realized that our time as Juniors was slipping away. Soon we'd have to come face-to-face with reality — our Senior year was just around the corner.

— Nichole Proveaux

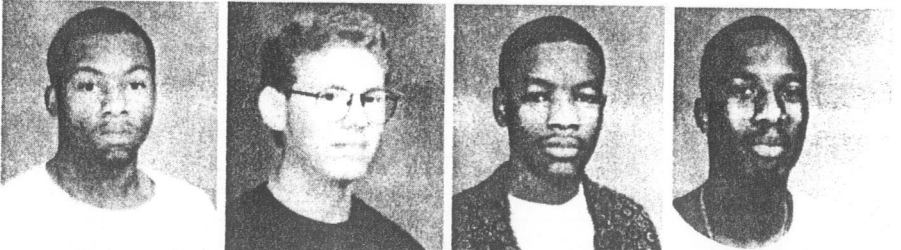
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Alvin Boatwright
Alkeshia Buckner
Keith Bunch



Latia Chisolm
Jose Cisneros
Kenequa Crosby
Greg Fralix



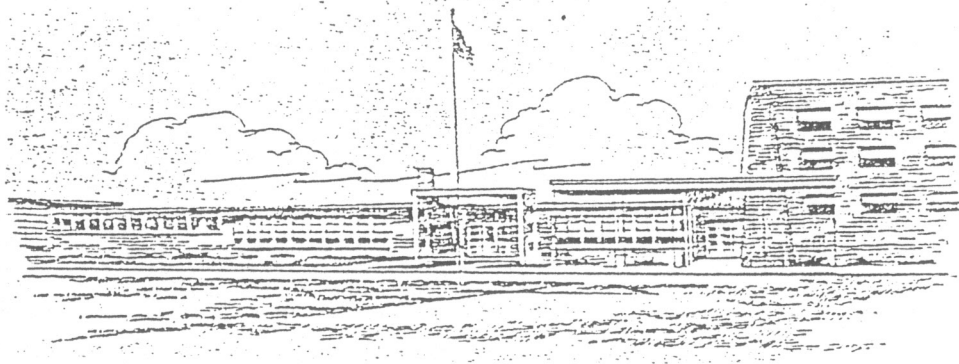
Foster Fryar
Chris Gooding
Theo Hollington
Armel Holmes



Lisa Kinard
Sandra Kinard
Dellaine Mosley
Michael Mosley



Reflections



1998

Class of '98

Sophomores took on the new year with ease. For some, it was their most important year for both their personal lives as well as their school lives. It was also the time when teenagers tend to try for their driver's licenses. Some even applied to take the PSAT. Stephen Williams scored a 1050 on his PSAT!

When asked how it felt to be a sophomore, Dashawn Salley replied, "Being a sophomore requires more responsibility for me and puts more pressure on certain things like college." Lynn Mears said, "This year was different from last year because this year I gained more privileges."

When asked what things she acquired to have a successful year as a sophomore, Jawyiah Salley said, "I brought up my grades and learned how to deal with high school life." Class president Randy Joyner expressed himself by saying, "I received more knowledge and less leisure time than I did in my freshman year."

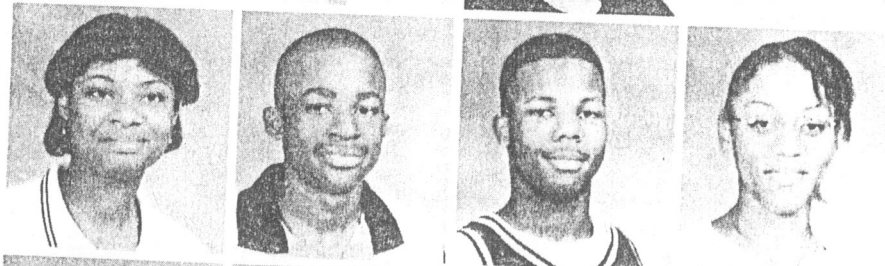
The leadership of the class officers helped sophomores function properly. The officers provided the guidance the students needed. The sophomore class officers were Randy Joyner, president; Kristin Warren, vice-president; Ronetta Stokes, secretary; Karonda Ancrum, treasurer; Fredrika Salley, chaplain; and Dwayne Wade, reporter.

— Dwayne L. Wade

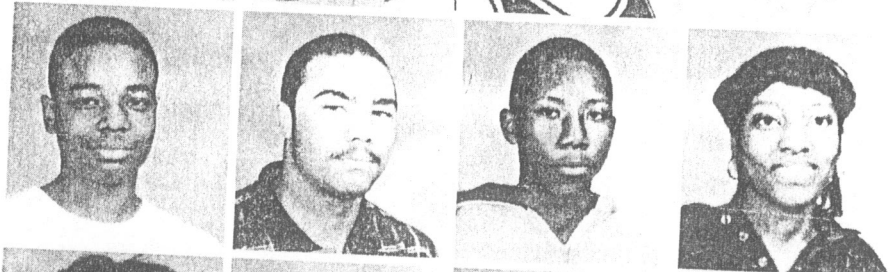
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Renodia Allen
Karonda Ancrum
Tara Avery



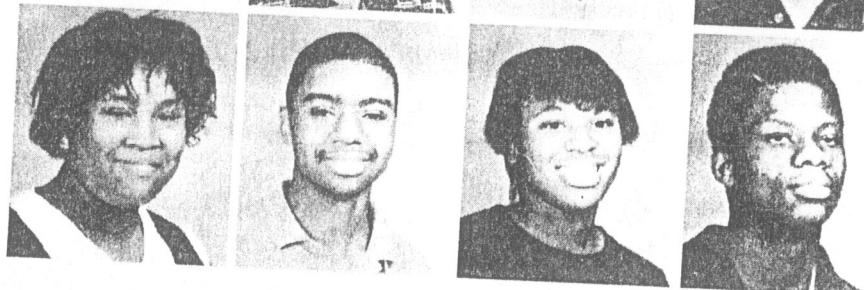
Diana Black
Jermel Black
Jerode Blackwell
Melvina Breland



Johnny Brown
Michael Brown
Jerry Bryant
Sherry Bryant



Linda Butler
Henry Cochran
Tiffany Dobison
Hubert Franklin





Jerome Mosley received the Army Scholar Athlete Award. This was just one of the many received.

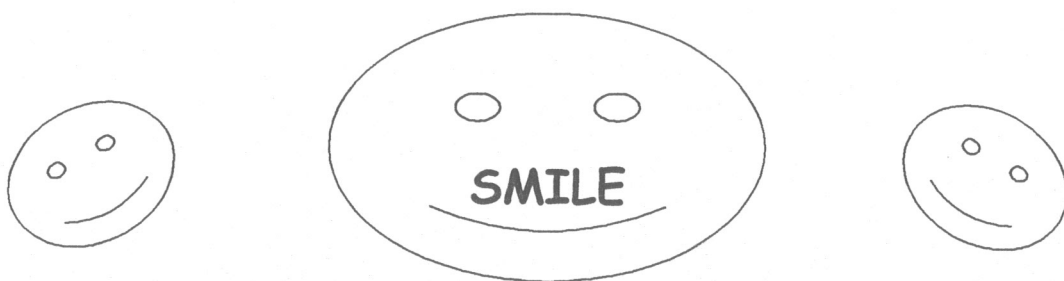
And the Winner is . . . Nichole Proveaux was awarded the Student of the Year Award and Kristin Warren received the Highest Academic Average Award with a G.P.A. of 4.25.



Randy Joyner, sophomore class president, received the Kodak Leadership Award.



Teresa Stokes received both awards and scholarships.



A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those who receive, without making
poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it
sometimes lasts forever.

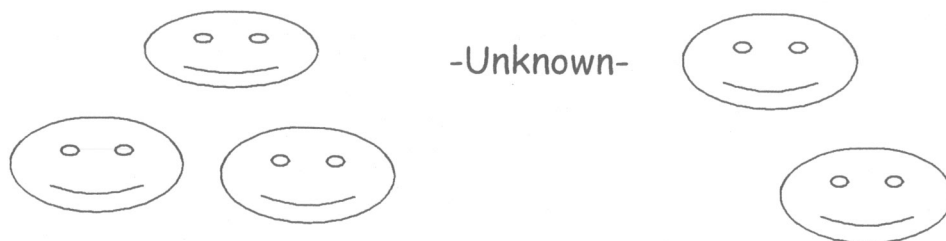


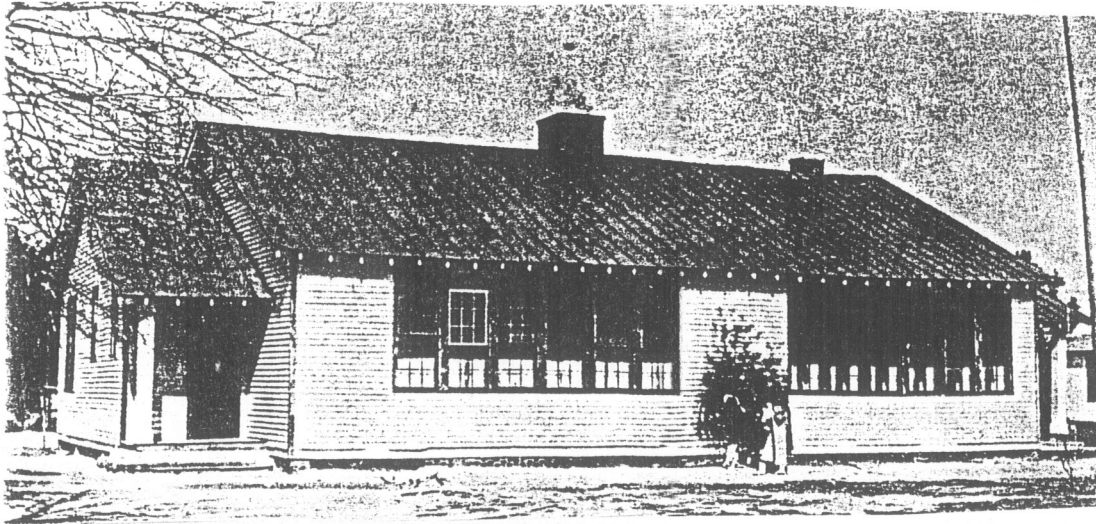
None is so rich or mighty that she can get
along without it, and none is so poor but
that she can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home,
fosters good will in business, and is the
countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the
discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and
it is nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed,
or stolen, for it is something that is of no
value to anyone until it is given away.



Some people are too tired to give you a smile.
Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile
so much as she who has no more to give.





RUFFIN HIGH SCHOOL

(1918 – 1953)

All available evidence shows that this school acquired its name from the little town of Ruffin, and Ruffin perpetuates the name Ruff Edwards, an outstanding citizen of this community.

This school was first started in 1918 with the Reverend Isaac S. Myers as the first teacher, and who is personally responsible for its growth. Since that time the school has grown from a one-room building to the present plant consisting of eleven teachers.

Following is a list of the principals that are responsible for the development of the Ruffin High School since establishment: Rev. Issac S. Myers, James Riley, Elliott McMillan, John Felder, C. Hemmingway, Billy Moore, C. M. Richardson, Isaac McGraw, Samuel B. Marshall, W. Inabinett, Rev. James L. Summers and J. C. Greenlee.

We are proud to say, though ranking with other leading schools; Ruffin High School is growing continuously. This growth can be measured by the many improvements, which have been added to the school. Recent improvements, under the able leadership of our present principal, consist of the following: (1) Construction of a school cannery. (2) Community farm shop. (3) Annexation of two rooms to present plant. (4) Addition of three teachers. (5) Two school buses bring in children from other communities who otherwise would have been out of school.

The present faculty consist of the following: J.C. Greenlee, Principal and Agricultural Teacher; B. F. Barnhill, Assistant. Principal and Science Teacher; Nancy Spells, Teacher of Home Economics; Reva Hodges, Teacher and Basketball Coach; Odessa Stephens, English Teacher; Celesta Washington, Music Teacher; Ernestine Bowles, Elementary Teacher; Nora Greenlee, Elementary Teacher; Jannie B. Washington, Elementary Teacher; Margaret Jones, Elementary Teacher; and Lou Belle Moore, Elementary Teacher.

