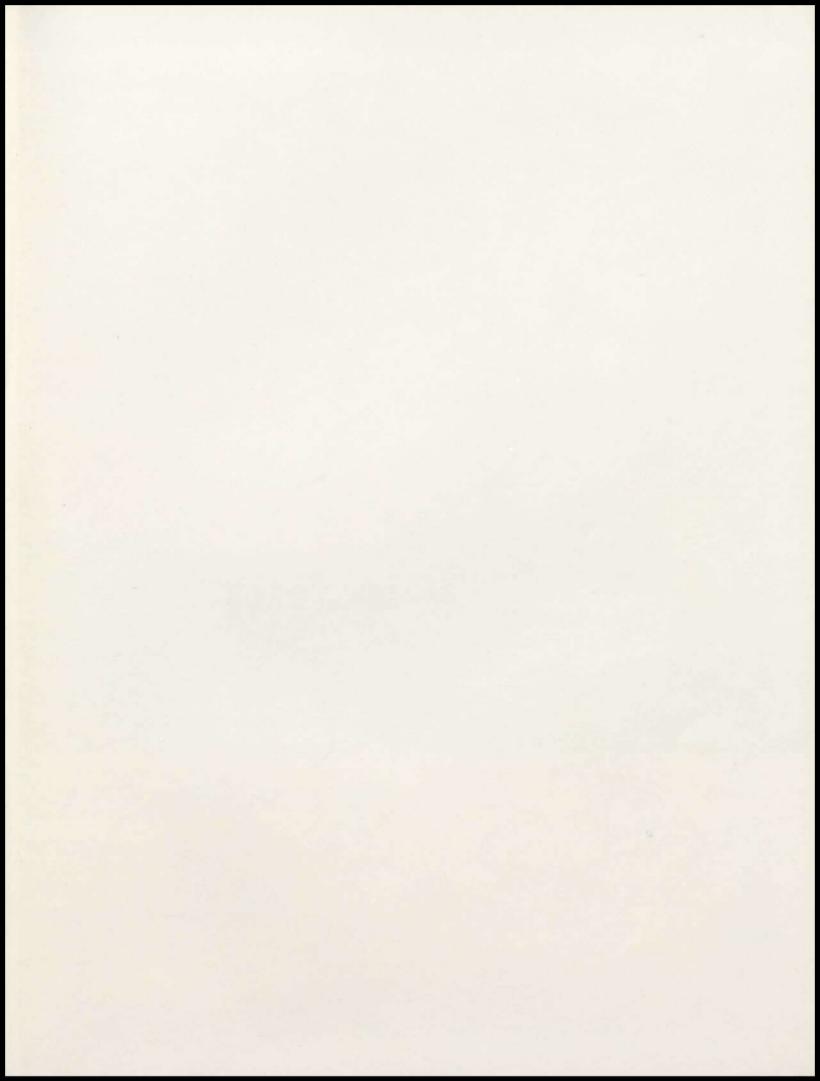
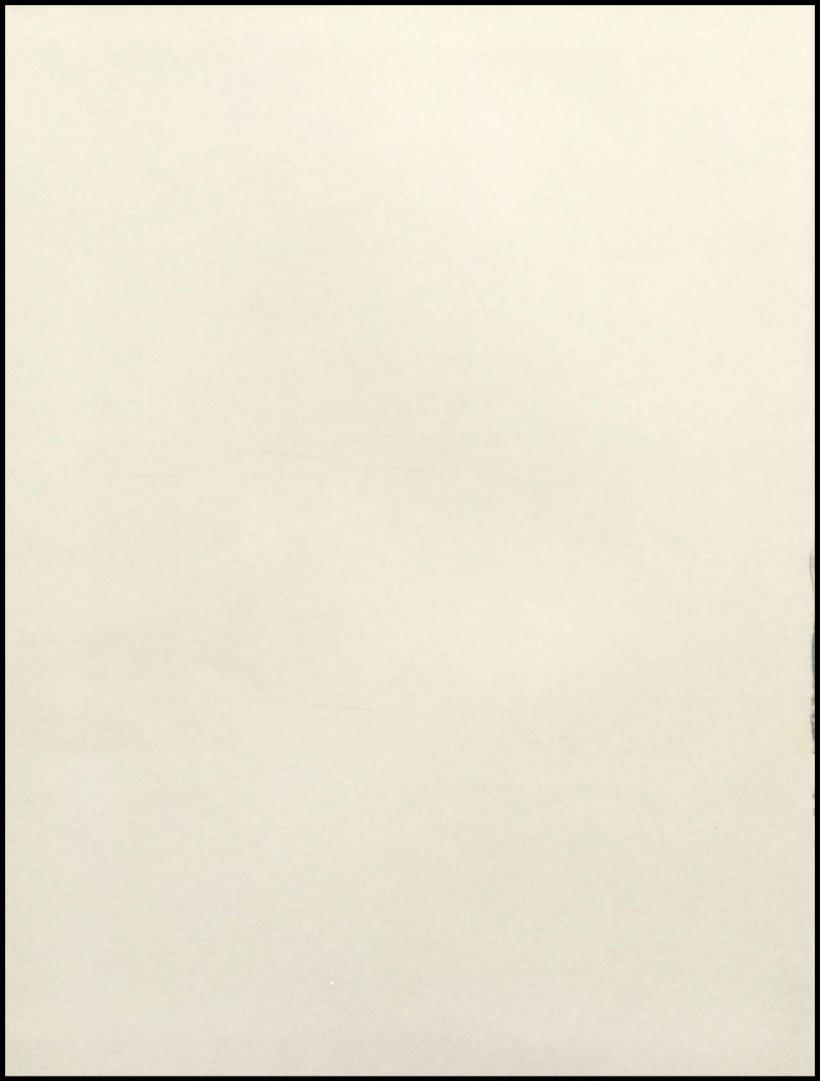
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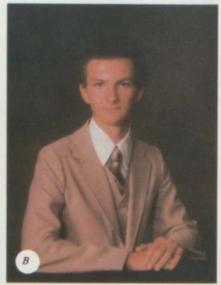
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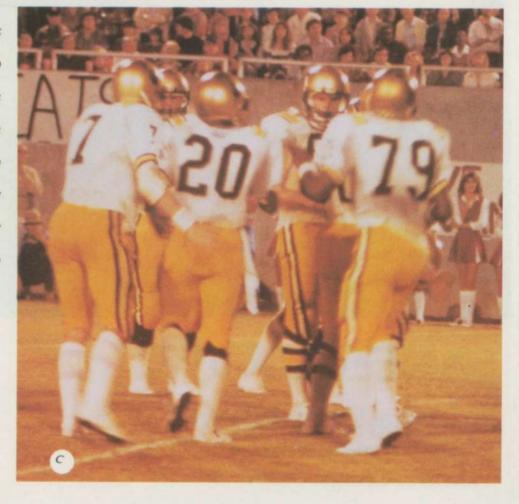
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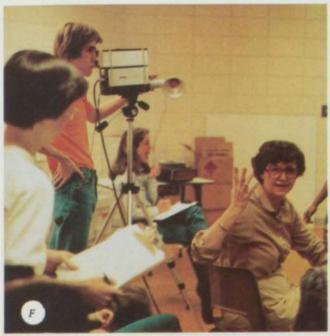
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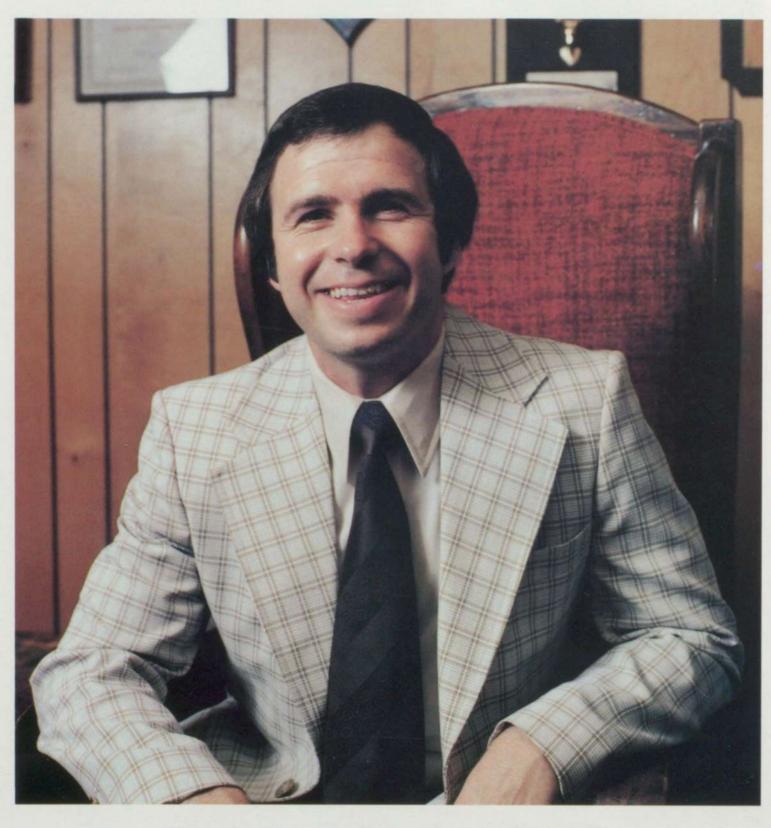




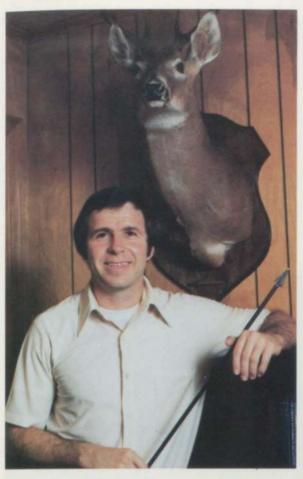




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Teacher . . . Coach . . . Friend



## Dedication Gives Coach New Honor

Coach Jim Landrum has many trophies mounted on walls at his home because he constantly hunts with bow and arrow. He declares he goes hunting every night.

At school he also hunts—for wrestlers and mat girls for the wrestling program. In the mornings, when he shifts from the social studies department to the English area as an assistant supervisor of homeroom areas, he frequently stops someone to talk wrestling.

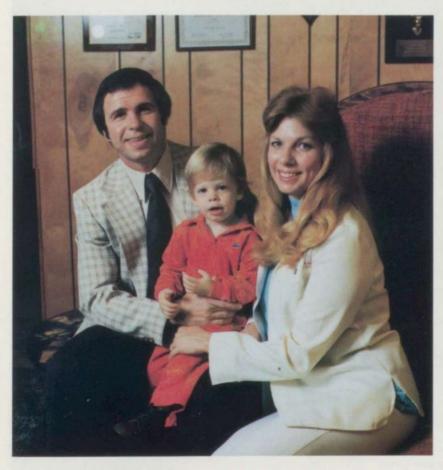
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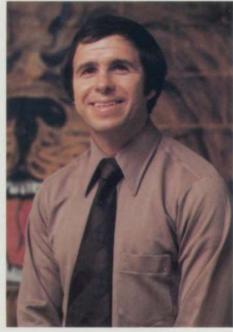
In addition to his hunting trophies and the pictures and awards for his wrestling teams, this year he garnered another honor, the SANDSPUR dedication.

In November, seniors gathered in the Little Theater to vote for the teacher to whom they wished to dedicate the yearbook. Coach Landrum received more votes than any one of the other nominees.

Senior Vic Hartman said after he and Michele Ingram counted the ballots, "Coach Landrum is a person students can confide in. In social studies classes, he is understanding when anyone has problems. He always smiles."

Until Honors Night no one except Vic and Michele, the SANDSPUR editors; Mrs. Landrum; and Mr. Bill Duke knew that Mr. Landrum had won this honor.





TOP: Standing under a mounted deer, Mr. Landrum shows off one of his special arrows. LEFT: Coach Landrum and his wife, Linda, hold their son, Blake. ABOVE: Jim Landrum poses in front of the pointed wildcat outside the wrestling room.

#### True Character of School Emerges

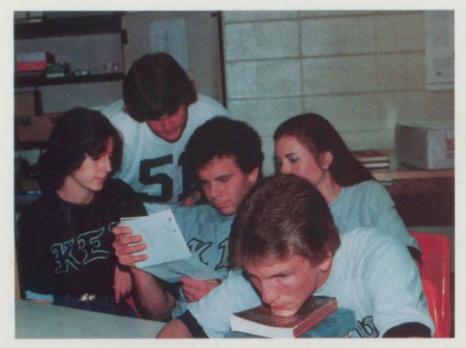
Lights glowed all day in the windowless school. They blazed at Cleveland Field for football games. And they highlighted people and events when students posed for school pictures and for their junior and senior portraits. Cameras captured and gave lasting form to all of school life. But the true character, making this school and this year unique, emerged when students erupted into action.

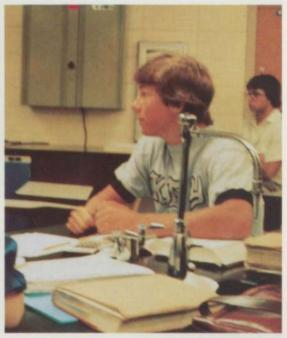
In classes they went front and center to give reports. They performed experiments in science. They manipulated the mysterious insides of picture computers. In home economics some of them kept sewing machines and blenders whirring.

Business education classes gave a steady clatter to the Back-Diamond, as did the vocational and industrial

Beyond the walls of the school, cadets emerged from their own building to drill.

Even the flowing of students from one area to another between classes contributed to the feeling of action. In five minutes twenty hundred young people had to move from one part of the building to another. Some had only short trips. Many, however, had to move in a hurry; for example,









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#### When Students Erupt in Action

those who had to go from automotive classes to English.

All of this action stayed somewhat low key, quiet and orderly.

But when the bells rang to call students to Friday pep rallies, order, decorum, silence disappeared in the action of swaying, stomping, bodies, waving hands and arms, and vibrating vocal cords.

Sports teams contributed their own brand of vigorous action to the total picture. Wildcats passed, blocked, and ran to make noise on a number of gridirons and to let everyone in the state know that they made up one of the best football outfits in 1-AAAA competition.

Basketball players ran, dribbled, and swished goals. Baseball players cracked bats.

Each sport contributed its own brand of action.

Young people switched to different types of action when they attended dances and took part in Homecoming ceremonies and the Beauty Pageant.

Action for the year ended when seniors took their formal march to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstances" and a half hour later roared in triumph when Principal Lloyd Mims said, "You have now graduated."





OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Joe Wetherington reviews a list of football players' names as Lynn Becton, Mike Mink, and Rena Dasher look on and Ted Welch rests. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Trey Powell listens to physics lecture. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Mrs. Harry Wolinski explains cropping techniques to Kathy Mace. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Jerry Williams presents flags during pep rally. ABOVE: Shannon Frassrand and Lysbeth Simmons work on the senior float for the Homecoming parade. LEFT: Varsity football players move to midcourt as crowd cheers.

## Lights! Camera! Wildcats Explode

As the stadium lights flashed up on Cleveland Field and cameras focused on the unsoiled jerseys for the first time in 1981, the Wildcats exploded into action that lasted long past the regular football season. And even the sports writers of *The Valdosta Daily Times* agreed with the Wildcat fans in their prediction of the kind of action the 'Cats had in store for their opponents. According to an article sum-

marizing the pre-season predictions of six region newspaper writers,

". . . the writers have gone back to the 1979 pre-season choice of Valdosta as their pick for the 1981 region champion."

Piqued by the prediction of *The Times,* fans, critics, and scouts continued to follow the seemingly unstoppable action of the 'Cats as the team captured victory after victory. Cameras clicked continuously during

"We were all very much together." Brad Martin

"But winning the Region was good." Fred Motes





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#### Into Action to Win Region Title

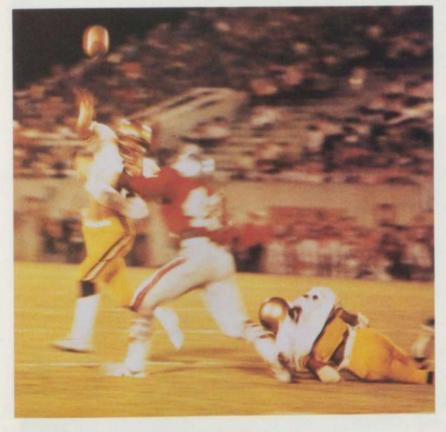
the regular season in which the Wildcats won nine games and lost only to Thomasville. And the Wildcat name blazed in glory when, after five months of practice every afternoon from 3:00 until dark and competition every Friday night, the 'Cats captured the Region 1-AAAA championship.

Though they took the anticipated Region 1-AAAA title, the Wildcats failed to reach state competition, for they lost to Warner Robins, in the South Georgia sectionals, finishing with an eleven-two season.

But though they lived up to the predictions of *The Valdosta Daily Times* sports writers, they did not live up to the expectations of their fans, their coaches, or themselves.

Running back Fred Motes, when asked if the 1982 season was satisfactory, replied, "Not really. We didn't win state, but winning the region was good."





OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM ROW: Managers David Mims, David Bragg, Martin Campa; Charles Young, Johnny Horton, Ted West, Chris Major, Derrik Folsom, Keith Sampson, Brad Martin, Brad Lastinger, Edwin Robinson, David Waller, David Parker, Ben Reaves, Burke Holtzclaw, Steve Gandy, Jeff Lee; managers Rich McDonell, Jimmy DeCarlo, Stan Grubb. SECOND ROW: Carl Scott, Pernell Bee, Fred Motes, Aundra Irvin, Demetrius Patterson, Winston Relaford, Cedric Johnson, Kevin Williams, Mark Perry, Darren Armstrong, Coach Nick Hyder, Andy Wiggs, Dana Brinson, Robert Mitchell, Clinton East, Stacy Williams, Randall Reddish, Tim Chapman, Jerry Williams, Ronald Allen, Kelvin Johnson, Bernard Rose. THIRD ROW: Coaches Mike O'Brien, Mark DiBois, Roger Rome, Jerry Baker; Leon Johnson, John Porter, Ty Davenport, Frank Abney, Joe Wetherington, Mike Mink, Clay Powell, John Reaves, Andrew Preston, Ozell Ramsey, John Nitschke, Tony McKinney, Billy Broadfoot, Roy Mitchell, Tod Edwards, Greg Sturtevant, Blake Belue, Monte Davis, William Collier; coaches Jack Rudolph, Charles Tarpley, Bob Bolton, Norman Sainz; Dr. Jose Campa; Coach Freddie Waters. TOP ROW: Dion Price, Joe Henry, Bubba Stevenson, Joey Sullivan, Charles Arnold, Victor Wayman, Mickey Hotcaveg, Jeff Spivey, Kennedy Cooper, David Davis, James Robinson, Augusta Hall, Tyler Talley, Horace Beaufort, Dectry Botford, Willie Scott, Ricky Daniels, Jessie Jones, James Wakefield, Charles Robinson

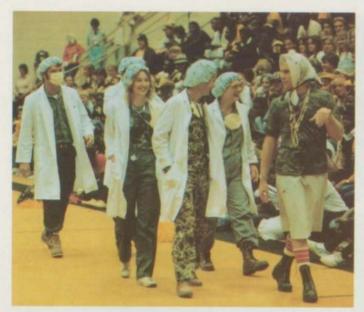
OPPOSITE PAGE: All eyes of fans and players follow the pigskin as it sails to Fred Motes. ABOVE: David Parker releases a pass before being tackled by a Lowndes player who barely sidesteps Fred Motes.

## "Wildcats Go Hollywood"

Though Wildcats had the fame of stars, and though fans believed their team deserved the recognition achieved in Hollywood, Wildcats and students never reached stardom until Homecoming week. During these few days in October, Student Council members made the school's dreams of fame come to reality by choosing "Wildcats Go Hollywood" as the Homecoming theme. At eight o'clock of Friday morning,

each Wildcat made his debut either as a remake of a star of as an original character. For instance, such memorable personalities as Darth Vader, Mickey Mouse, and Radar (from M\*A\*S\*H) paraded on the gym floor, along with a not-yet televised cast of Romans who preached the ten commandments for math students.

In addition to celebrating Homecoming, students participated in the regular pep rally activities,









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#### in Homecoming Debut

including cheering for the football team, playing the fite song, and singing the Alma Mater.

Homecoming festivities resumed in the afternoon with the Homecoming parade, which began at the old high school, continued south on Patterson Street, and ended in front of the downtown post office. At the head of the parade, the Marchin' Cats challenged the Wildcats' Homecoming opponents, the Trojans: "Hit Me with Your Best Shot."
Other Wildcats and fans made their

Other Wildcats and fans made their mew-found stardom public to the citizens of Valdosta by appearing on floats.

After the judging of these floats, the winners of the best class and best club floats received their honors.

Seniors took first place in the class float

first place in the class float competition, and the Betas won for clubs.







OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Science teachers James Carter, Deborah Tomlinson, Bruce Green, Martha Smart, and Gary Mims go Hollywood as M\*A\*5\*H regulars. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Elizabeth Warwick, Pattie Sloan, Kim Yale, Renee Cook, Teresa Wakefield, Terri Pulliam, and Jenny Pearson dance at pep rally. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM LEFT: Principal Lloyd Mims, as Darth Vader, demands enthusiasm from students. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Coach Nich Hyder captures attention with his pep talk. TOP, LEFT: Betas, winner of club competition, sail along ade route. TOP, RIGHT: Mary Jane Ellison leads band in Homecoming parade. BOTTOM: Rena Dasher, Rich McDonell, and Lynne Becton relax on senior float.

#### Student Council Hosts Gala

Since, according to fan magazines and gossip columns, Hollywood stars sometimes host or attend lavish dances, students wanted to conform to the "Wildcats Go Hollywood" Homecoming theme by participating in their own gala affair. Student Council members fulfilled this desire by organizing a simi-

formal dance that, they hoped, compared to real Hollywood entertainment.

Final preparations for the dance began Saturday afternoon when several students met at Mathis City Auditorium to decorate the lobby, hallway, and multi-purpose room with silver foil stars and





TOP, RIGHT: Marti Gray, Yevette Moore, Tracy Marshall, Brenda Roberts, Odette Griffin, and Mr. William Aldrich talk while preparing refreshments. TOP, LEFT: Mrs. Helen Duke supervises as Katherine DeLoach and Jeff Meyers sign for pictures. RIGHT: Jeff Lee, David Parker, Ted Welch, Laura McRae, and Melanie Nelson boogie to the music of First Class. OPPOSITE PAGE: Jerry Bostock, Tim Sutton, Sharon Hart, Reeves West, Jan McKay, and Karen Croft disco in a group.



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## Movie Style Homecoming Dance

streamers.

And by the time the picturetaking began at six o'clock, the auditorium glittered with the silver decor and with the formally dressed couples.

In addition to putting up decorations and arranging for Mr. Bill Duke to take pictures of the couples attending the dance, Student Council members provided refreshments.

And they also arranged to have live entertainment, a band called First Class. Besides providing listening pleasure, the band invited several dancers to sing with them.



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## Photographers Have Field Day When

Homecoming coronation ceremonies, held on Cleveland Field at seven o'clock in the evening of October 9, gave photographers a chance to try out their skills in capturing beauty in action.

Mr. Bill Duke arrived early to take pictures of the line up of the young ladies and their escorts as they posed on the far side of the field and moved forward when the announcer called out their names.

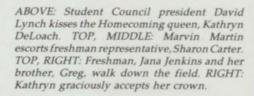
At the same time Joey Ivansco

readied his camera to get shots for the Valdosta Daily Times, for which he is a staff photographer.

And parents and friends, carrying both expensive and inexpensive equipment took their own memory pictures.

All of these photographers had beautiful subjects. Young ladies in this select group had shopped for the most attractive gowns they could find. Each girl was groomed and made up to show off her loveliness.











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## They Picture Homecoming Coronation

In September, each class chose two representatives for the court. Then, during Homecoming week, all students voted for the senior girl they wanted to be crowned queen of the festivities.

Freshmen chose Jana Jenkins and Sharon Carter. Sophomores voted for Tracy Singletary and Altrecia Payton. Juniors named Jill Hitchcock and Carol Johnson for their class. And the seniors voted for Kathryn DeLoach and Lynn Hall.

After all of the other attendants and their

escorts had been introduced and had walked close to the student section on the south side of the field, the announcer called out the name of Kathryn DeLoach as the school's choice for Homecoming queen.

for Homecoming queen.
David Lynch, Student Council president, and Principal Lloyd Mims walked over to recognize the new queen. David placed the crown on her dark hair and gave her a quick kiss and some roses.

Each girl carried white carnations the gift of the Student Council.



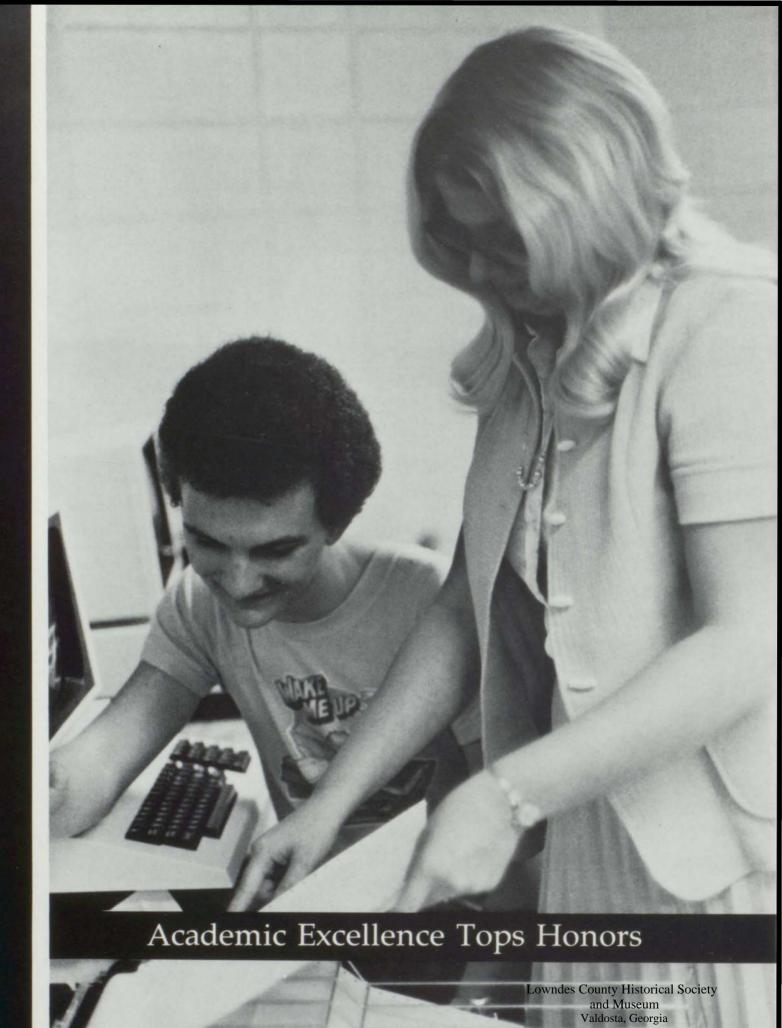








TOP, LEFT: Altrecia Payton walks beside her date, Roderick Hubbard. TOP, MIDDLE: Trey Powell accompanies sophomore representative, Tracy Singletary. TOP, RIGHT: Carol Johnson holds the arm of her date, Eric Roberts. BOTTOM, LEFT: Ed Bynum escorts Jill Hitchcock, junior representative. BOTTOM, RIGHT: Senior Lynn Hall and Arvin Berry waltz to their positions in the Homecoming lineur.



#### Teachers Share Times of Honor; Delight in Success. When Students Win, They Rejoice



Scott Louis Arnold Cathleen Capellman Catherine Marie Eanes John S. Ellis Cheryl Anne Emond Robin Everitte Annette Carmen Fournier Shannon Jalane Frassrand

Michele Ingram
Edwin King
David Levy
David Michael Lynch
Janis L. McKay
Jeffery Edward Newbern
Stephen Thomas Paine
David Keith Parker
George E. Powell
Cheryl Marie Upchurch



OPPOSITE PAGE: Edwin King, STAR Student, and his chosen STAR Teacher, Ms. Barbara Miller talk computers. TOP LEFT: In a physics class, Mr. Perry Baskin, an honor graduate of Valdosta High School in 1977 and Teacher of the year for 1982-1983, shares a light moment with Edward Bolen, Ty Davenport, and Bill New. ABOVE: In April the list of honor graduates appears in the Commons. LEFT: On Honors Night, Mr. James Taw, Coach Charles Tarpley, Mr. Mike Rogers, Mrs. Martha Smart, Superintendent Ralph Brandon, and Mr. James Bridges listen as Principal Lloyd Mims speaks about the trophies on the edge of the platform.



## Community Joins School in Recognizing Winners

Honors Night ceremonies could have been subtitled "Let their lights so shine." For it was on this evening, May 11, that the school and community got together to see the glow of achievements mingling with the lights of triumph.

After the welcome by Principal Lloyd Mims, the presentation of colors by the NJROTC color guard, the invocation, and recognition of school trophies won this year, representatives of community clubs presented awards.

Carrying on a long-standing tradition, the American Legion Post 13 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 13 recognized students who won the privilege of attending Boys State and Girls State. Mrs. Ren Christie gave an award for the Daughters of American Colonists. And Mrs. Harriet Eager spoke for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Jim Hendricks, from the Kiwanis Club, gave checks and certificates to Edwin King, STAR Student, and to his STAR Teacher, Mrs. Barbara Miller.

Mr. David Sumner from the Civitan Club and Mrs. Madlyn Hightower from the Wymodausis Club presented checks to salute excellence in composition to the winners of the Civitan Essay Contest and the Alice Bingle Essay Contest.





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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Mr. David Sumner congratulates the winners of the Civitan Essay Contest—Michele Ingram, first place; Stephen Paine, second place; and Edwin King, third place. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Mr. Bill Duke's camera catches most, but not all of the Senior Superlatives: David Lynch, Ronald Allen, Scott Arnold, Rich McDonell, Patricia Jackson, Seth Klement, J.D. Thomerson, David Levy, Trey Powell, Ted Welch, Cathy Eanes, and Stephen Paine. TOP, LEFT: Mrs. Sharron Gandy, head of the foreign language department, hands a certificate for excellence in French to Joany McRae. Michelle Black waits for her Spanish award. LEFT: Mrs. Patsy Smith, head of the art department, praises Michelle Gould for her outstanding art work. TOP, RIGHT: On behalf of the DAR, Mrs. Harriet Eager presents a medal to Cadet Ken Beaty for his achievements in NJROTC.

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#### School Awards Evoke Gasps of Surprise

When the parade of departmental awards and presentations started, gasps of surprise and laughter filled the Little Theater.

Names of most outstanding students in the areas of art, English, foreign language, math, physical education, science, and social studies had remained secret until the department heads called the young people to the stage to receive certificates and applause.

LCDR Larry Cupp gave awards for

naval science. And Mr. James Bridges recognized the first and second-place winners in the many areas of vocational and industrial classes.

Mrs. Virginia Wisenbaker, senior guidance counselor, had a few surprises when she announced the winners of scholarships.

Vice-principal Don Allison recognized winners in the 1-AAAA Literary Meet which Valdosta High swept for the third year in a row.

Principal Lloyd Mims revealed a

surprise of his own when he recognized a group of seniors for excellence in school citizenship.

Then it was time for Mr. Mims to call the names of the honor graduates and for Dr. Tom Gandy from Valdosta State College to give them Rotary awards.

Mr. Mims saved the biggest surprise of all for last: the names of the Senior Superlatives and the Best All-Around Senior.



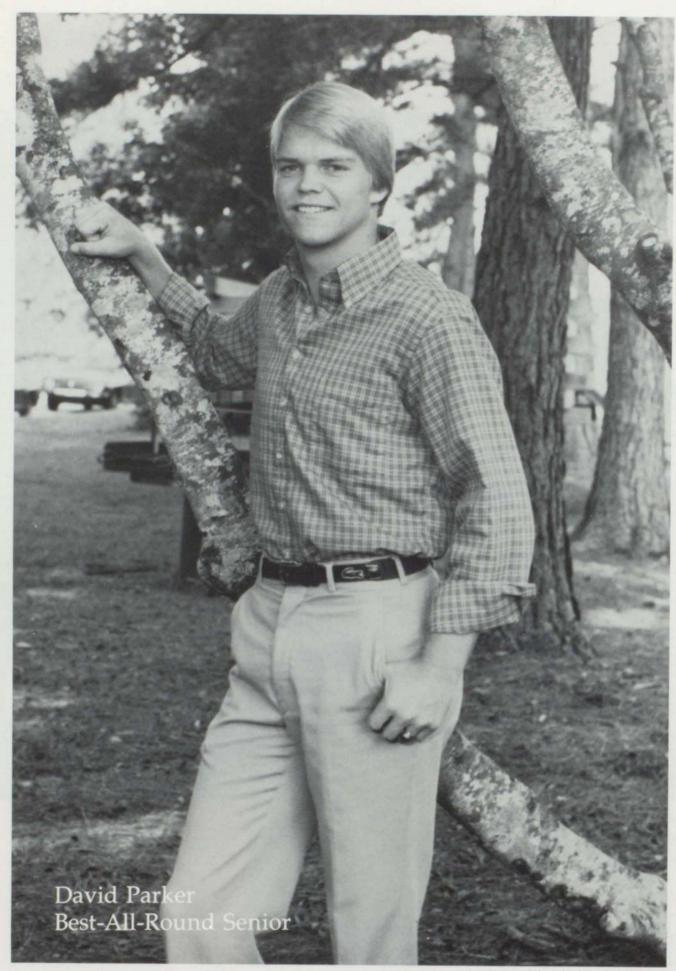
ABOVE: Superintendent Ralph Brandon helps Principal Lloyd Mims give plaques and certificates to honor graduates: David Levy, Scott Arnold, David Lynch, Cathy Eanes, John Ellis, Cheryl Emond, Robin Everitte, Annette Fournier, Michele Ingram, Jan McKay, Jeff Newbern, Stephen Paine, David Parker, Trey Powell, and Cheryl Upchurch. Cathy Capellman and Shannon Frassrand were present but failed to get in the picture. RIGHT: Mrs. Harry Wolinski, chairman of the English department, praises Doug Frank for his being a repeater in winning the Most Outstanding English Student Award. She has already given a certificate to Andrew Kaiser, Most Outstanding Ninth Grade English Student. Mary Taormina, junior; and Stephen Paine, senior, wait their turns.



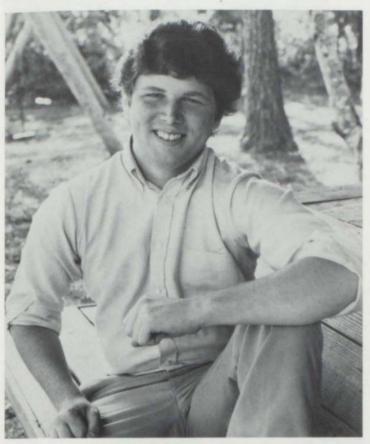
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Principal Lloyd Mims hands David Parker the plaque proclaiming him Best All-Around Senior. David had already picked up his award for being first honor graduate. Behind him, Cathy Eanes beams her approval



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## Senior Superlatives All Have Courtesy

When the faculty met after school on April 29 to choose Senior Superlatives, they followed the directive at the top of the list of names.

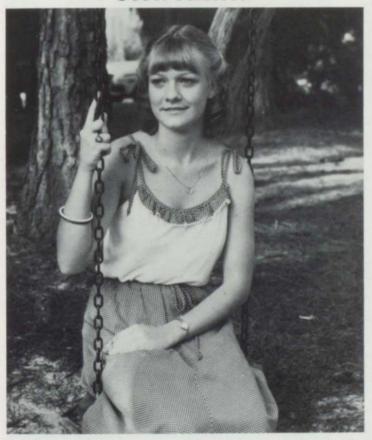
Consider academic achievements, involvement in sports and other extracurricular activities, and service to the school. Consider, also, such intangibles as courtesy and character.

They voted for top academic winners, for students who had worked hard in clubs, and for those who had given time and efforts in varsity sports.

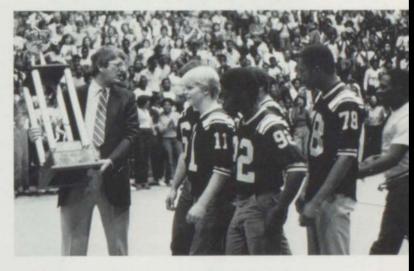
Their choices, in fact, had only one common characteristic: every student who had enough votes to be in the top list after votes were tallied had demonstrated a courteous attitude in relationships with teachers.

Perhaps for this reason, students could not know for sure who would be on the list when Principal Lloyd Mims called out these names at the end of Honors Night ceremonies. And if anyone questioned the choices by asking, "What did he do to be chosen?" a teacher could always reply, "He was very nice."

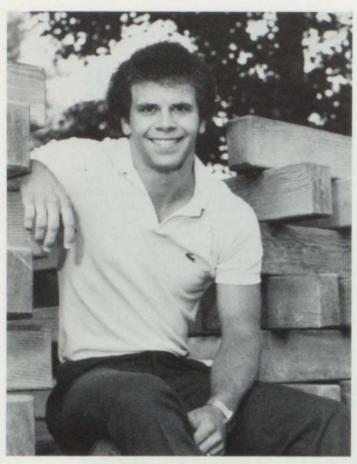
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Cathy Eanes

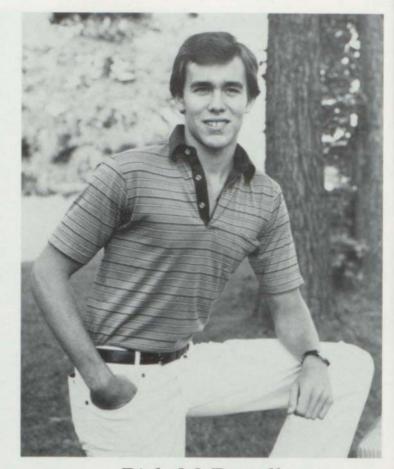


ABOVE: Mr. Johnny B. Lastinger, representing the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce, presents the Winnersville Trophy to a group of players after the Wildcats' first triumph over Lowndes High School's Vikings, David Parker and Willie Scott accept the trophy for the school while two other superlatives, Charles Arnold and Fred Motes, watch.

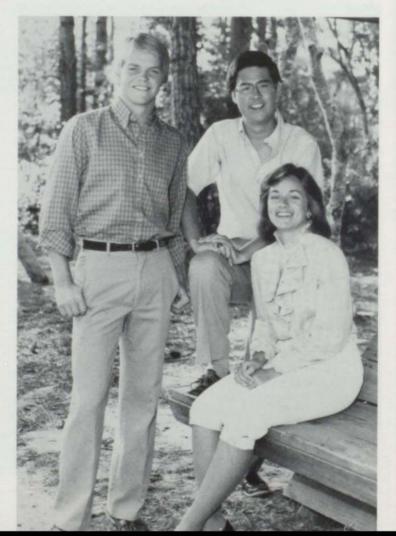


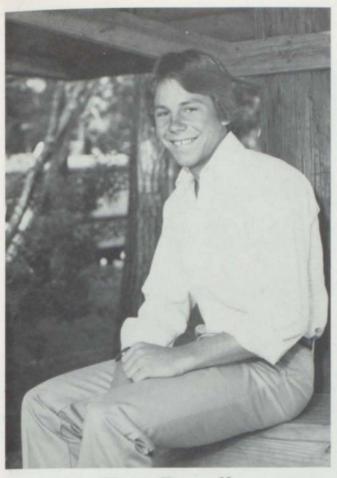
Joe Wetherington

These three students portray the varied talents of the Senior Superlatives. David Parker demonstrates excellence in sports and academics, Stephen Paine in academics and citizenship, and Laurel Camarano in voice and flute.



Rich McDonell





Trey Powell

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."

Anatole France



Michele Ingram



David Lynch

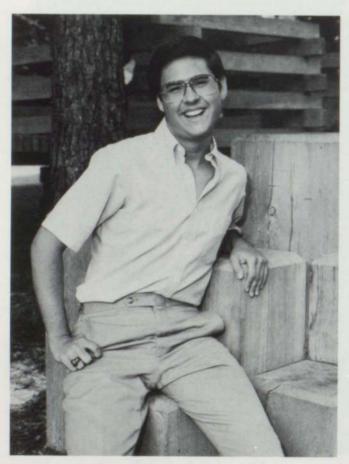
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"Thinking is the hardest work there is . . ."

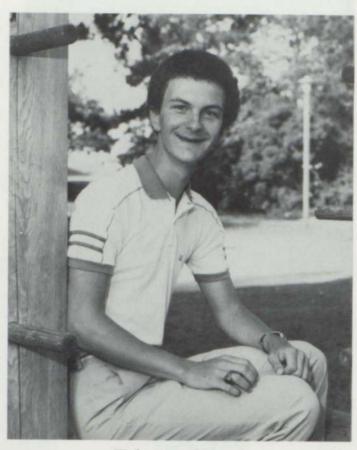
Henry Ford

"How glorious it is-and also how painful-to be an exception."

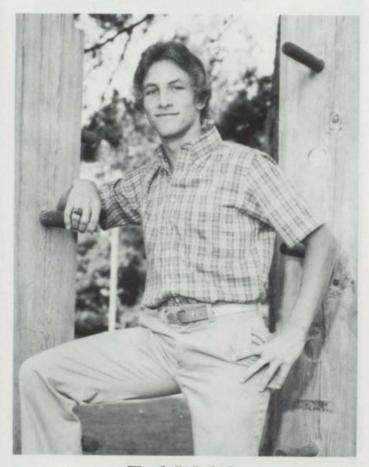
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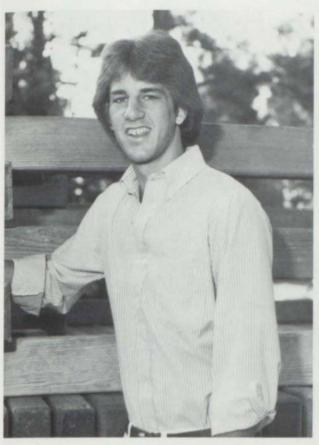
Stephen Paine



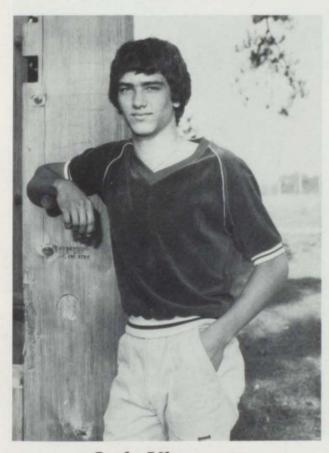
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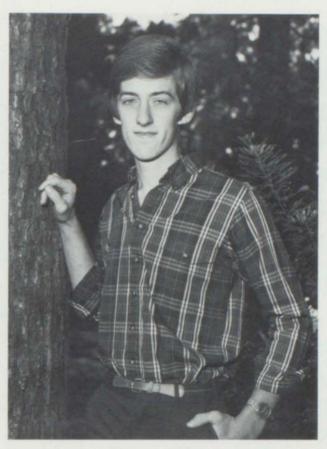
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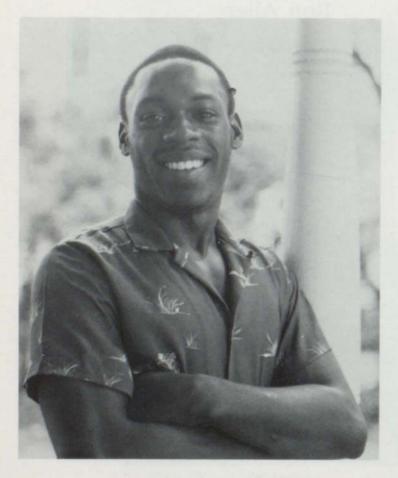
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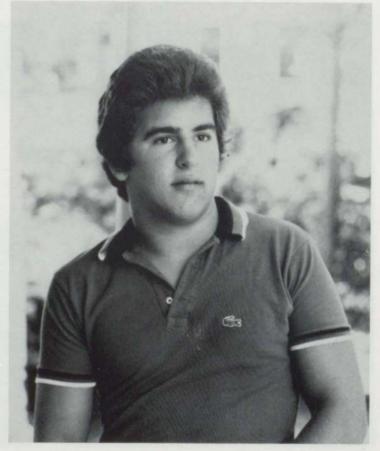
Michele Ingram, yearbook editor; Joe Wetherington, wrestler and football player; and Trey Powell, golfer, demonstrate the versatile nature of superlatives' gifts.



Patricia Jackson



Frederick Motes



David Levy
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#### Superlatives Have Winning Points

Some schools designate superlative students on the basis of points accumulated. Students get a certain number of points for participation in extracurricular activities and sports and for maintaining high academic averages. In this system, the editor of the yearbook and the quarterback of the football team would earn their points. Goofoffs would not receive many points.

But at this school, the point system was not used. Instead, more than one hundred teachers each voted for ten students who they considered

superlative.

However, each of the eighteen seniors whose names appeared on the final tally for the elite Senior Superlative group would have accumulated points under the new system.

David Parker, Cathy Eanes, Trey Powell, Stephen Paine, Michele Ingram, David Lynch, Scott Arnold, and Edwin King piled up high academic averages while never shunning the difficult classes. They ran the obstacle courses of Advanced Placement English, Advanced Placement History, physics, and—for some of them—computer math.

Ted Welch and David Levy won their points on the wrestling mats. Laurel Camarano sang for her supper and for wins in the district literary

meet.

Stephen Paine led the Beta Club. David Lynch guided the Student Council through its maze of duties.

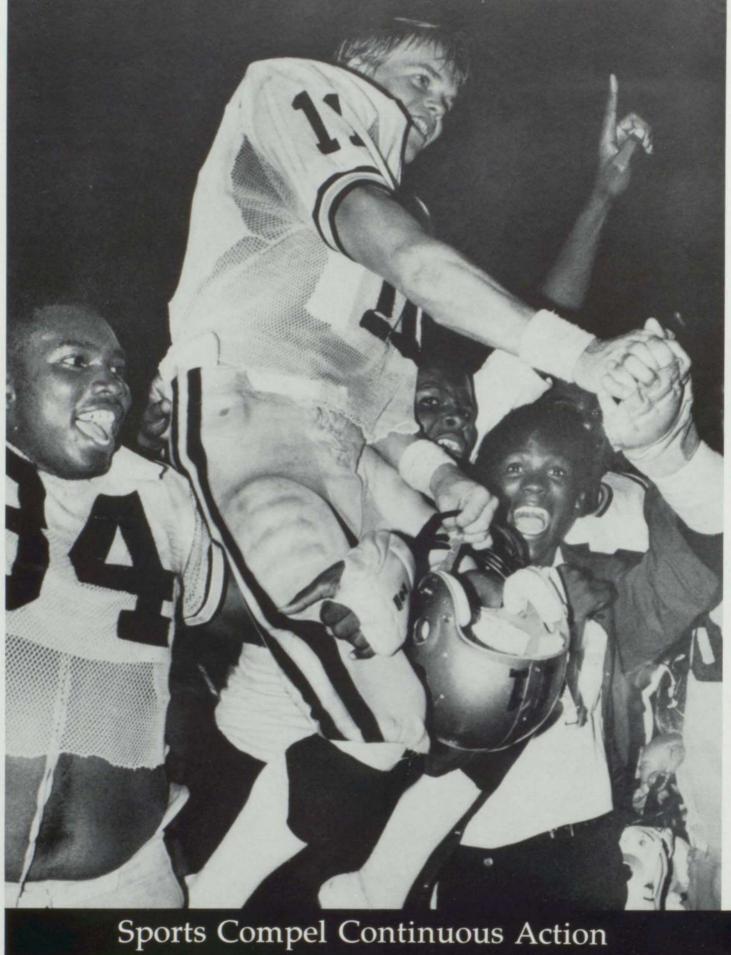
Charles Arnold and Frederick Motes, along with quarterback David Parker, helped the football Wildcats pile up a good season record.

Besides being editor of the SANDSPUR, Michele Ingram kept busy filling a lead spot in the one-act play, performing with the Marching Cats, and belonging to the Beta Club.

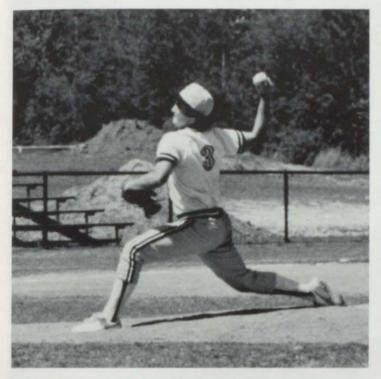


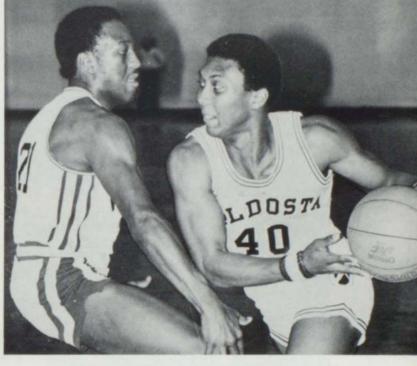
ABOVE: All Senior Superlatives except Charles Arnold, Patricia Jackson, David Levy, and Frederick Motes pose as a group. FRONT ROW: Ted Welch, David Parker, J. D. Thomerson, Cathy Eanes, Seth Klement, Trey Powell, Joe

Wetherintgon, Michele Ingram, Rich McDonell, Scott Arnold, and Edwin King. BACK ROW: Stephen Paine, Laurel Canarano, David Lynch, and Ron Allen.



#### Running, hurling, handling balls: in competition young bodies demand action







OPPOSIRE PAGE: Teammates hoist David Parker to their shoulders after a victorious game. TOP, LEFT: Varsity pitcher Ted West winds up for the throw. TOP, RIGHT: Clint East dodges Lowndes opponent, Kenny Washington. LEFT: Seth Klement wrestles Darrell Jones from Tift County to the mat.



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#### Wildcats Stay on Top in Region Stats

En route to a season that fell just two games short of another state championship for the Wildcats, Valdosta ran up 1518 yards while giving up only 748.

Key 'Cats remained at the top of Region 1-AAAA statistics. Quarterback David Parker led the region in quarterback efficiency, ending second in total yardage.

Halfback Fred Motes finished fourth in the region in rushing with 545 yards, while Ben Reaves ended tenth with 411 yards.

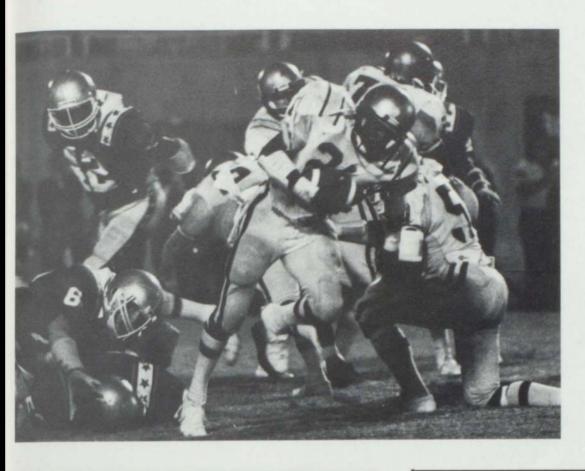
In the receiving department, Robert Mitchell caught twenty-eight passes

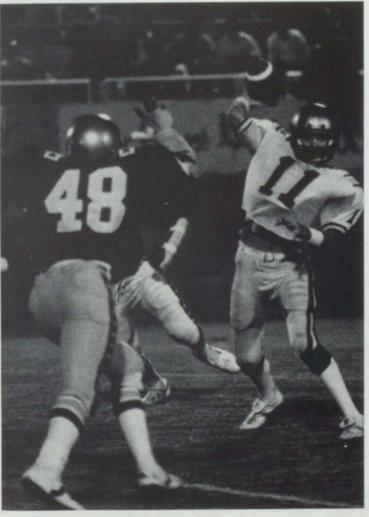
for 460 yards and two touchdowns to place him fourth in the region.

On the defensive side, Jeff Lee and Chris Major tied for sixth in the region with four interceptions apiece. This kind of defense helped the 'Cats outscore opponents, 309-116.



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		SCOREBOARD:	
Valdosta	14	Bainbridge	7
Valdosta	26	Westover	0
Valdosta	38	Monroe	20
Valdosta	3	Thomasville	14
Valdosta	28	Albany	14
Valdosta	41	Colquitt County	0
Valdosta	28	Dougherty	6
Valdosta	20	Lowndes	13
Valdosta	34	Central	0
Valdosta	17	Tifton	12
	REGI	ON 1-AAAA PLAYOFFS:	
Valdosta	21	Westover	7
Valdosta	24	Thomasville	6
SOUT	TH GEO	ORGIA SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS:	
Valdosta	14	Warner Robins	17

OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT: With the help of Joe Wetherington and Tony McKinney, Fred Motes struggles through Monroe defense. TOP: Fred Motes breaks through Lowndes defensive line. LEFT: David Parker looks down field for open receiver.

# 'Cats Hang Tough in Season Openers

"Hang in there!"

This slang expression serves as terse advice in modern diction. It suggests holding on in spite of obstacles.

Hanging in there was exactly what the 'Cats had to do in the early season. They narrowly cut off Bainbridge, 14-7.

According to center Joe Wetherington, "We got a surprise in that one. We were fighting for our lives."

In the next home game, Valdosta defeated Westover, 26-0, and in the first home sub-region

contest, the Wildcats beat Monroe, 38-20.

Without shutting out any teams, Valdosta hung in there until the team traveled to Thomasville to be handed the first loss of the season, with the Bulldogs coming out on top of that dog and cat fight, 3-14.

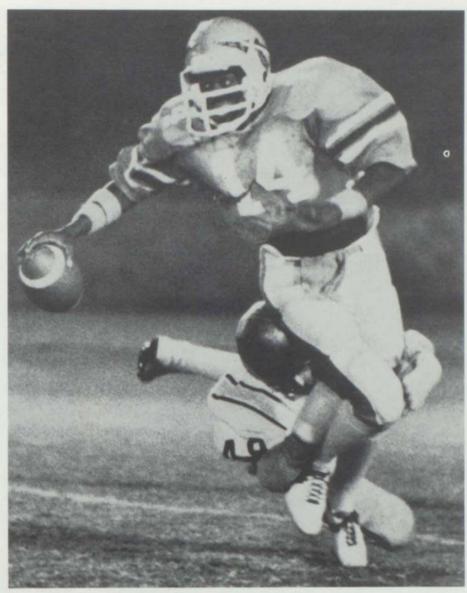
Although the 'Cats scored first in the game when Keith Sampson kicked a field goal just before the half, Thomasville pulled it out.

But Valdosta hung in there and came back the next week in Albany, defeating the Indians, 28-14.



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Quarterback David Parker eludes Thomasville defenders. UPPER LEFT: Mike Mink, injured offensive lineman, looks on during Lowndes game. UPPER RIGHT: Frank Abney tackles Albany's quarterback. LEFT: David Davis and Jessie Jones mash Westover's quarterback.

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#### 'Cats Level Foes in Five Last Games

Like a steam shovel, Valdosta rolled up five victories without a single defeat.

Although the Wildcats dropped one game in the first half of the season, they finished with a 9-1 season after a perfect second half.

Valdosta first leveled the Packers of Colquitt County, 41-0.

Dougherty County became the next to fall in the tracks of the 'Cats' rolling machine at the Wildcats' Homecoming, 28-6.

In the battle of Lowndes County, the 'Cats traveled to Martin Stadium, where they bulldozed the Vikings, 20-13.

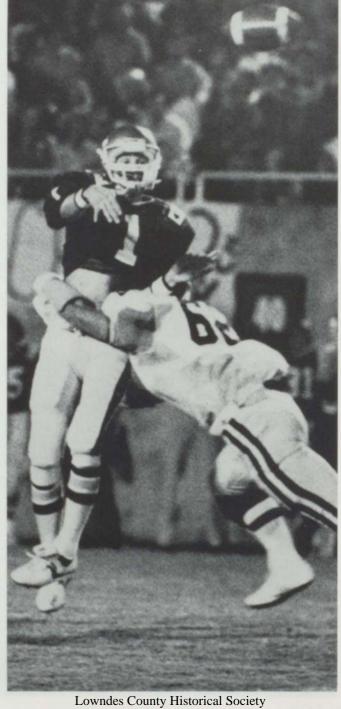
Valdosta next took a week off and

then traveled to Thomasville to take on the Yellow Jackets and roll up victory number four of the second half over Central High, 34-0.

In the final regular season game, the number-one ranked Tift County Blue Devils-came to Cleveland Field, only to go home losers, 17-12.



ABOVE: Ben Reaves lands on a Central High player. RIGHT: Tod Edwards tackles Lowndes's Randy Gay. OPPOSITE PAGE: David Parker passes, with the protection of Tony McKenny and Fred Motes.



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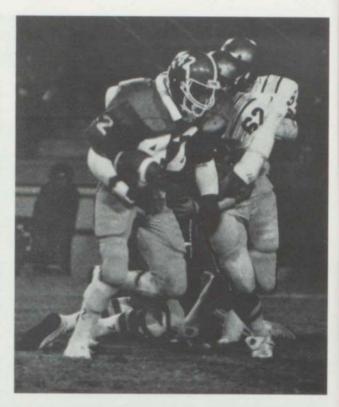
#### 'Cats Catch Hail in Playoff Storm

In winning the Region 1-AAAA championship, the 'Cats ran into very little rough weather. But the real trouble came when Valdosta played for the South Georgia sectional title.

Westover became the first team to run into rough weather in the playoffs, with the 'Cats keeping their heads above water, 21-7.

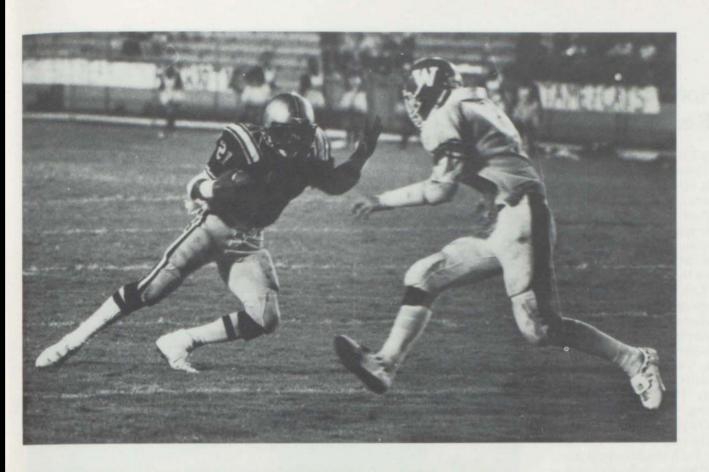
Valdosta next sailed to Thomasville to avenge an earlier season loss to the Bulldogs, and that is exactly what they did, 24-6.

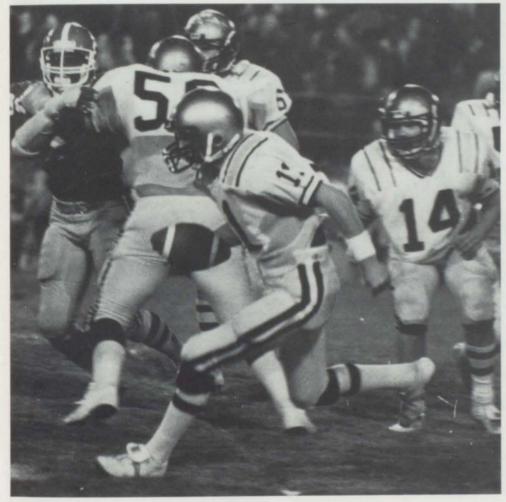
After two weeks of smooth sailing, the rough seas hit at Cleveland Field on the Friday after Thanksgiving, in the form of the Warner Robins Demons. Warner Robins jumped out to a 10-0 half-time lead. Valdosta fought back to a 14-10 lead early in the fourth quarter. Then Warner Robins scored with less than three minutes remaining in the game. This loss ended the Wildcats' season. 17-14.





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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Tod Edwards pulls down a Thomasville player. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Pernell Bee weaves through Patriot defense. ABOVE: Fred Motes eludes a Westover player. LEFT: Tony McKinney and Ben Reaves clear the way for David Parker.

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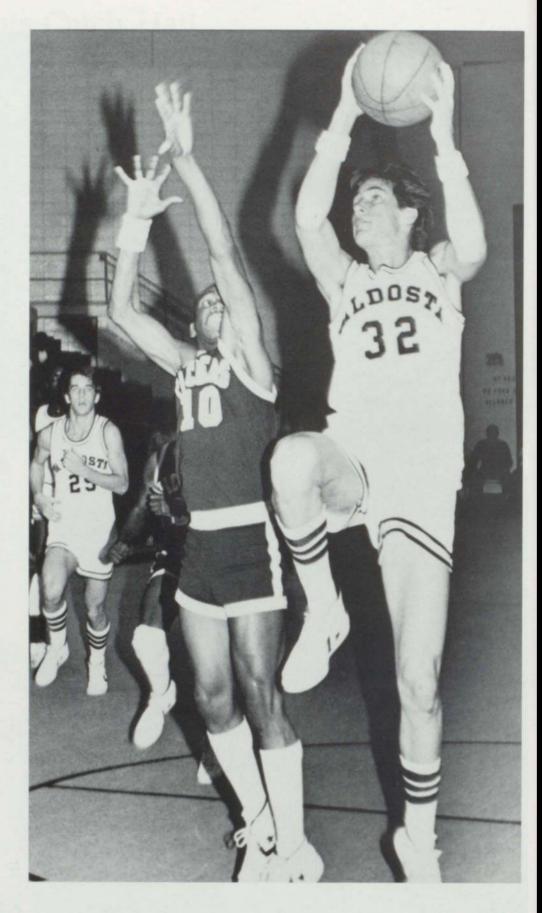
#### Hoopsters' Balls Keep Bouncing

Once they hit the court, basketball players never stayed still. If they were not running up and down from one key to another, they kept the ball bouncing. And bouncing also characterized the season for Coach Roger Rome's hoop squad as they compiled a 12-11-0 record.

After a loss to the Tift County Blue Devils, the 'Cats bounced back to win the next two games with ten-point decisions. After a loss to Westover, the crosstown rivals, Lowndes Vikings, fell victim to the Wildcats. Following a four-game losing streak, the 'Cats came back to life to beat Lowndes and Cook County. They bounced up and down, falling into a split streak, losing to Colquitt County, beating Central of Thomasville, and losing to Tift County. Both the Albany Indians and the Bainbridge Bearcats handed the Wildcats back-to-back defeats. Making a last stand to assure a playoff berth in the region tournament, the 'Cats won the last three regular season games. In subregion playoff action, they met final defeat at the hands of the Bainbridge Bearcats.

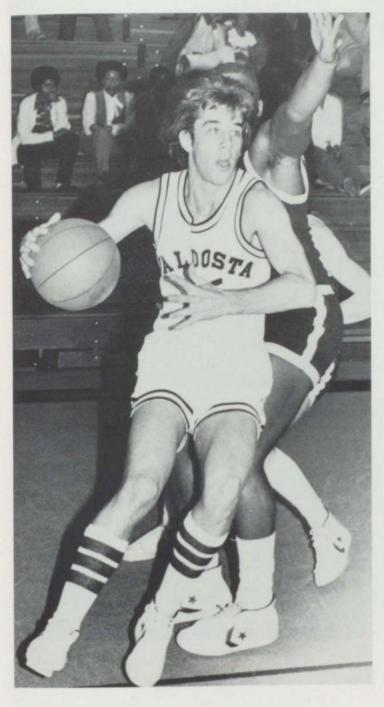
In the highlight of the boys' basketball season, the Christmas Tournament held at Lowndes High School, the ball reached its highest point because the Wildcats dominated the tourney to bring home the first-place trophy.

RIGHT: Mark Artis goes up for a slam dunk in the Colquitt County game. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM LEFT: J.D. Thomerson approaches the key, preparing for a lay-up. OPPOSITE PAGE, RIGHT: Danny Heard leads a jump shot. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: FRONT ROW: Manager Edwin Turner, Anthony Perry, Leon Hudson, Jeff Lee, Danny Heard, Jerome Berrian, J.D. Thomerson, Mark Artis, Bruce Parker, Joel Weaver. BACK ROW: Coach Roger Rome, Coach John Miller, Teddy West, Tim Register, Kenny Brown, Mark Parry, Jeff Graham, Willie Jones, Clint East, Tod Gamble, Manager Andy Wiggs, Coach Mark Dibois.



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#### Lady Wildcats Show Their Stuff

What's in a name?

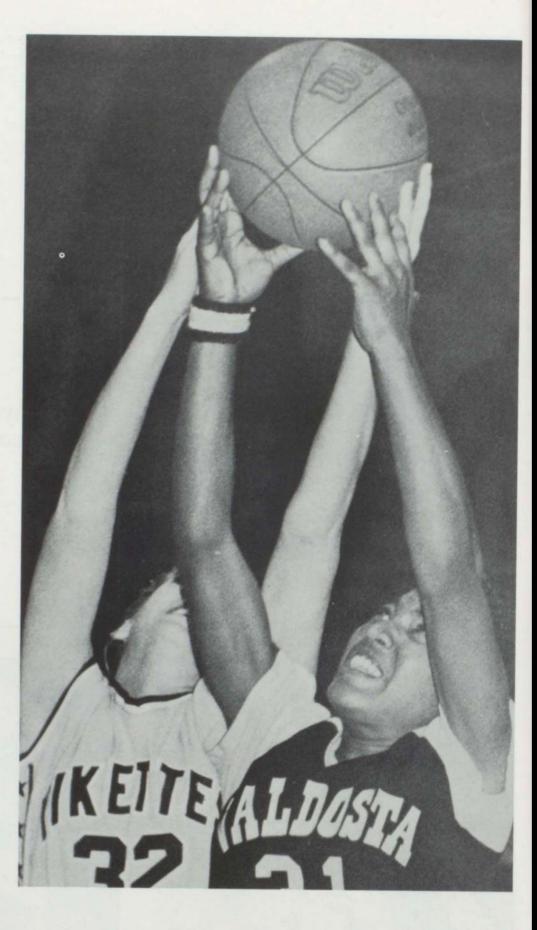
Sometimes names have mysterious powers. For example, last season Principal Lloyd Mims decreed the name of the girls' basketball team to be changed to the Lady Wildcats from the timid sounding Kittens.

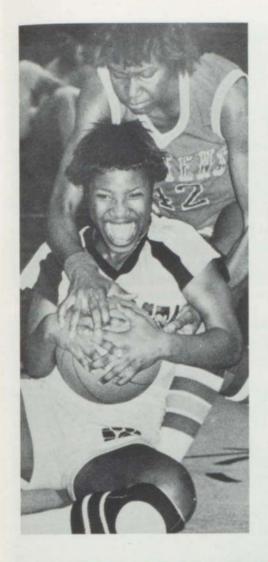
Going into their second season with the new name, the female hoopsters fared well. They proved that they could be ladies on the court without being timid. Ending with a 17-6 season record, the Ladies held strong through the second round of the subregion tournament.

Starting the season with four straight victories, they showed their stuff. After losing close decisions to region powerhouses Lowndes and Bainbridge, they won five straight games, including the rematch with Lowndes. Then the 'Cats went the remainder of the regular season with only two losses to Colquitt and Cook County.

In subregion action, these liberated ladies dominated Thomasville with an eight-point decision, only to be upset by Lowndes to end the season.

	S	COREBOARD:	
Valdosta	64	Tifton	36
Valdosta	65	Colquitt	58
Valdosta	69	Dougherty	43
Valdosta	75	Westover	33
Valdosta		Lowndes	56
Valdosta	45	Bainbridge	48
Valdosta	62	Lanier	19
Valdosta		Thomasville	45
Valdosta	76	Lanier	42
Valdosta	62	Lowndes	57
Valdosta	100.00	Cook	34
Valdosta		Colquitt	59
Valdosta		Central	43
Valdosta		Thomasville	32
Valdosta		Albany	40
Valdosta		Bainbridge	38
Valdosta	49	Central	41
Valdosta	-	Monroe	57
Valdosta	45	Cook	68
CH	RISTN	MAS TOURNAMENT	
Valdosta	72	Echols	49
Valdosta	53	Cook	61
SUI	BREGI	ON TOURNAMENT	
Valdosta	49		41
Valdosta	44	Lowndes	63









OPPOSITE PAGE: Ronnie Melvin goes up for rebound in the Lowndes game. UPPER, LEFT: Ronnie Melvin struggles with a Bainbridge opponent for the ball. UPPER, RIGHT: double-teamed Andrea Roberts prepares for a jumpshot in the Thomasville game. LEFT: FRONT ROW: Coach Jo Ellis, Wendy Irvin, Casandra Foster, Sam Baty, Felecia Henderson, Lisa Irvin. BACK ROW: Stephanie Weatherspoon, Connie Weatherspoon, Lisa Conaway, Andrea Roberts, Armelua Lewis, Kim Brown, Shevon Peeler, Bridget Harrell. NOT PICTURED: Ronnie Melvin, Shelia Bonner.

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#### Mat Serves as Arena for Wrestlers

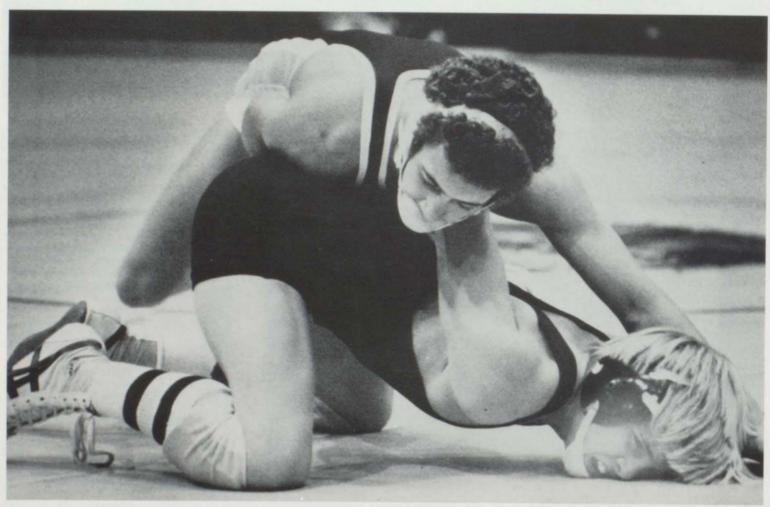
Athletes know their domains. Football players know the gridiron. Baseball players know the diamond. Basketball players know the court. And wrestlers know the mat.

Coach Jim Landrum's wrestlers worked with weights and ran every evening during the off-season, but the main emphasis in training for competition was working on the mat. In fact, they spent almost all of their workouts on the mat. Wrestlers stayed on the nine training circles, learning moves as well as counters. Each wrestler developed a feel for the mat, along with the ability to think on his feet.

In regular season action, the Wrestling 'Cats compiled an 8-2 record, losing close matches to AAA State Champion Fitzgerald and to Suwannee, a power house from North Florida. In tournament action, the Wildcats dominated

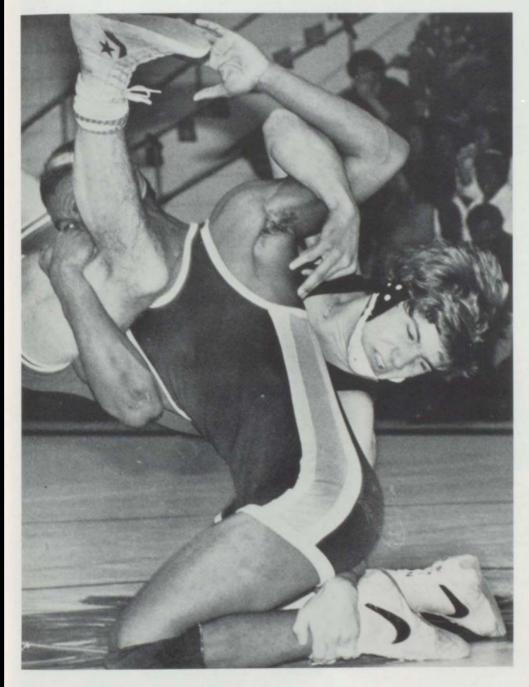
the Cook County Invitational with a total team score of 153. When they traveled to Macon for the Southwest Invitational, they placed seven wrestlers—David Levy, Steve Kaiser, Greg Prine, Ty Davenport, Terry Wortham, Horace Beaufort, and Ted Welch—and they had the second overall team score behind Fitzgerald.

In post-season competition, the wrestlers traveled to Moultrie, the host for the 1-AAAA Championship Tournament. In defending their region title, the 'Cats scored 2341/2 points followed by Dougherty with 1391/2 points. Qualifying all fourteen wrestlers for the State AAAA tourney in Atlanta, they took seven first places, five second places, and two third places. Region champions included Steve Kaiser, Greg Prine, Ted Welch, Jack Priest, David Parker, David Levy, and Horace Beaufort.



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Mark Levy manages a takedown on Colquitt County opponent with a chickenwing. TOP, LEFT: FRONT ROW: mat girls Karissa Bass, Kristin Coleman, Tammy Parker. SECOND ROW: Mat girls Odette Griffin, Melanie Skiles, Jennifer Purvis, Sherri Wortham, Mitzi McDonell, Monica Elliott, Leecy Davis, Tracy Singletary, Melalanie Nelson. THIRD ROW: Juliet Purvis, mat girl; Steven Kaiser; Terry Wortham; Greg Sanders; Greg Prine; Seth Klement; Ted Welch; Jack Priest; mat girl Jana Jenkins. FOURTH ROW: Coach Jim Landrum, Leon Johnson, Dan McLeod, Victor Waymon, Ty Davenport, Horace Beaufort, David Levy, David Parker. ABOVE: Jack Priest lifts Suwanee opponent. LEFT: Horace Beaufort slams Tift wrestler to the mat in a reversal.

#### Batmen Trot Out Best Gifts to Win

Some critics claim that the star system is dead and gone in movies and in sports. They applaud team effort. But, according to Coach Charles Tarpley, his batmen worked as individuals before they put it all together as a team.

Each player trotted out his best skills to help the baseball 'Cats finish the year with a 22-7 record. Under the leadership of Coach Tarpley, Coach Bob Bolton, and Coach James Taw, the 'Cats won the sub-region, region, and sectional playoff series. Then they faltered and lost two games to Coffee County for the South Georgia championship.

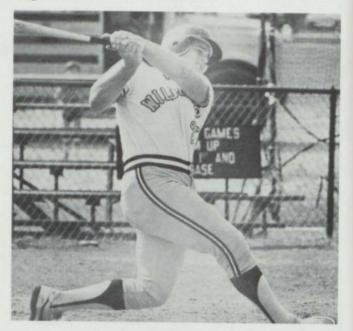
Senior captains, David Parker and Jeff Wiggins, starred as leaders. But the best skills of many players helped the team cop the biggest victories of the year, 5-4 and 6-2 wins over Lowndes County. These games broke the stigma of a ten-game losing streak

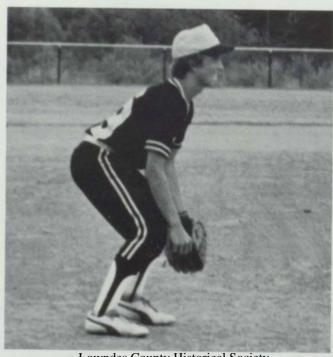
that carried over from other years.

Pitching by Ted West, with twelve wins, and by Rick Rupp, with eight wins, helped carry the 'Cats during the entire season. Big bats swung by Ted West, Ben Reaves, Mark Perry, Marty Shiver, and Blake Belue kept the scorecard rolling. And outstanding defense by David Parker, Pat Mayes, Ted Welch, and Greg Jenkins kept the opponents' scoring to a minimum.



ABOVE: Blake Belue, Jeff Wiggins, and Ted Welch together embrace Ted West after a Wildcat playoff victory. TOP, RIGHT: Blake Belue cracks out a double in the first game of a two-game match up in which the 'Cats downed Lanier County. RIGHT: Third baseman Ted Welch poises for action in a Moultrie game.

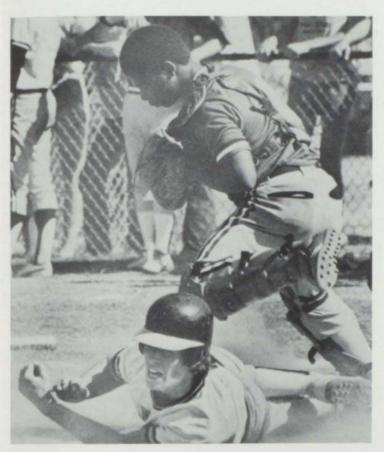




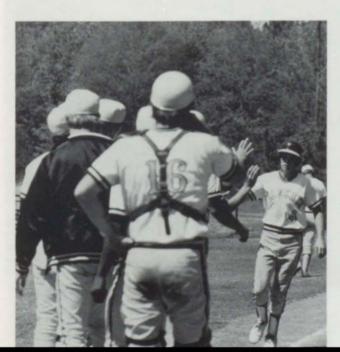
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		SCOREBOARD:	
Valdosta	5	Berrien County	(
Valdosta	28	Lanier County	1
Valdosta		Berrien County	
Valdosta		Colquitt County	
Valdosta	17	Lanier County	3
Valdosta		Lanier County	- 4
Valdosta	13	Thomasville	
Valdosta	2	Tift County	7
Valdosta	6	Lowndes County	
Valdosta	15	Central of Thomasville	- 3
Valdosta	5	Bainbridge	
Valdosta		Tift County	
Valdosta	2	Colquitt County	
Valdosta	5	Thomasville	1
Valdosta	8	Bainbridge	
Valdosta		Dougherty County	- 114
Valdosta	9	Dougherty County	
Valdosta		Lowndes County	
Valdosta	0	Berrien County	
Valdosta	23	Central of Thomasville	7
	S	UB-REGION PLAYOFFS	
Valdosta	8	Colquitt County	4
Valdosta	8	Westover	1
		REGION PLAYOFFS	
Valdosta	4	Westover	
Valdosta	4	Colquitt County	(
Valdosta	8	Colquitt County	1
	S	ECTIONAL PLAYOFFS	
Valdosta	6	Kendricks	
Valdosta	7	Kendricks	- 3
		TH GEORGIA PLAYOFFS	
Valdosta	2	Coffee County	13
Valdosta	0	Coffee County	2



TOP, LEFT: Varsity Batmen and Bat Girls: SITTING: Ellen Stewart, Sherri Wortham, Juliet Mizzi McDonald, Kay Culbret, Tracy Singletary, Monica Elliott, Melanie Nelson. KNEELING: Mark Perry, Craig Jenkins, Greg Jenkins, Ted West, Rick Rupp, Marty Shiver, Al Huling, Ferrell Scruggs, Phil Boggs, Coach Jimmy Taw. STANDING: Coach Bob Bolton, Ted Welch, Tommy Schunoff, David Williams, Pat Mayer, Blake Belue, Ben Reaves, Jeff Wiggins, Greg Tomberlin, Herbert Love, Coach Charles Tarpley. TOP RIGHT: Coach Charles Tarpley has one of the many happy times he experienced during the season. MIDDLE, LEFT: Phil Boggs reaches home plate the hard way—in a stomach slide. LEFT: Coach Charles Tarpley and Wildcat players give David Parker a welcome signal when he eases in after slamming a homer in a game against Colquitt County.

#### Wildcats Make Tennis Click as Team Sport

'Go, team, go! Fight, team, fight!'
One might expect to hear this chant
coming from a row of cheerleaders
along the sidelines of a high school
football game, but he probably would
not expect to hear it coming from the
sidelines of a tennis court.

Though boys tennis coach Jim Carter never used this particular cheer to spur his team on, he did credit the boys' 7-3 season to team effort.

According to Coach Carter, who played tennis for the Wildcats during his own high school career, the team did not rack up its hefty slate of victories through the efforts of any particular outstanding player.

On the contrary, singles players and doubles teams worked together to build up winning scores. "If we lost a singles match," said Coach Carter, "the doubles team worked harder to make up for it and usually pulled it off for us."

Mathieu LeBourhis and Steve Connelly made up one doubles team which contributed its share of wins toward overall match victories. Coach Carter attributed the win over Colquitt County to this pair's extra effort in a difficult match.

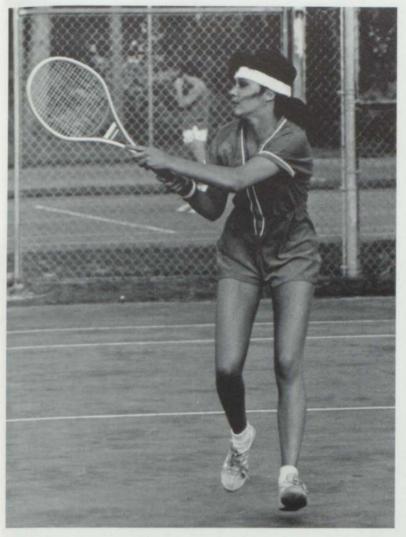
Beginning at 3:30, this match stretched beyond dark, with Valdosta and Colquitt tied at four wins each. LeBourhis and Connelly, the last team playing, managed to win their match, giving Valdosta the fifth win needed to take the overall match victory.

	50	COREBOARD	
Valdosta	6	Lownd es County	573
Valdosta	5	Colquitt County	4
Valdosta	9	Madison, Florida	0
Valdosta	4	Madison, Florida	(
Valdosta	0	Tift County	9
Valdosta	2	Thomasville	7
Valdosta	5	Frederica Academy	4
Valdosta	7	Lowndes County	2
Valdosta	2	Thomasville	7
Valdosta	7	Tift County	2

TOP: Boys tennis team: FRONT ROW: Lee Esco, John Scala, Alan Alvarado, Trey Powell, Sean Miller, Jim Staup, Mike Furukawa, Mathieu LaBourhis, Ronnie Roughton. SECOND ROW: Steve Connelly, David Johnson, Chip Riggs, Donald King, Jon Parris, Kevin Harper, Gabe Hotard, Coach Jim Carter. RIGHT: Mathieu LeBourhis stretches to make a winning return against a Lowndes opponent.







# Girls Tennis Team Nets Split Season

Back and forth, to and fro across the net bounces a bright yellow ball as spectators' heads turn in unison from side to side. This is the typical motion of tennis.

For the girls tennis teams, however, back and forth describes more than just these movements. All season long both the varsity and the B-team see-sawed between victory and defeat, each winding up with an evenly split win-loss record.

Though the varsity's 5-5 and the B-team's 3-3 records do not seem impressive, the girls finished first in South Sub-region 1-AAAA.

One key player, Melanie Nelson, bounded to and fro across the courts as the number one singles player all season, making it to the semi-finals in the region tournament. Another impressive player, Alden Dowling, played varsity all season, though only a freshman. Injuries bounced some players back and forth.

Injuries bounced some players back and forth. Shelley Miller, injured most of the season, came back to make it to region semi-finals in doubles with partner Lou Davenport. Injured last year, Angie Gould returned to play and, according to Coach Frank Hjort, "had the hardest serve of any girl on the team."

Such ups and downs failed to affect at least one player. Caroline Malik, described by Coach Hjort as "the most consistent player on the team," had more three-set matches than any other player.



TOP: Caroline Malik readies her backhand as she prepares to make a return. ABOVE: Girls tennis team: FRONT ROW, VARSITY: Jackie Ludlow, Lou Davenport, Caroline Malik, Angie Gould, Melanie Nelson, Alden Dowling, Cindy

Nelson, Shelley Miller. BACK ROW, B-TEAM: Chris Duval, Lalee Dasher, Ethel Mitchell, Gina Pilcher, Dee Dee Scharf, Denise Fields, Coach Frank Hjort.

#### Valdosta 5 Lowndes County Valdosta 2 Colquitt County Valdosta Madison, Florida Madison, Florida Valdosta 1 Valdosta 0 Tift County Valdosta 7 Thomasville Valdosta 4 Frederica Academy Valdosta 5 Lowndes County Valdosta 6 Thomasville Valdosta 0 Tift County

SCOREBOARD:

#### Wildcats Grab Track Title

Breaking the proverbial long dry spell, the boys track team captured its first Region 1-AAAA title in eleven

Wildcats had fallen short of the region title each year from 1971 until seasoned track stars set the pace for

winning this season.

At the region meet, senior Fred Motes placed first in the 440 yard dash and sixth in the 220. He also ran with two relay teams. Motes's mile relay team placed third, while his 440 group finished first.

Another key figure in the Wildcat region win, Ervin Dailey won two events. He took first place in the mile run and captured the same spot in the two-mile run, while also taking fourth

place in the 220.

Wins and places totaled for the region equalled 88 points, an unimpressive number when compared to the whopping 143 points that the Wildcats scored to win their

sub-region meet.

This meet also marked an end to a dry spell, though not one quite so long. For the first time since 1974, the Wildcats outdid sub-region com-petitors Thomasville, Bainbridge, Central, Lowndes, and Colquitt.







TOP: Boys track team: FRONT ROW: Charles Arnold, Robert Durham, Fred Motes, Dana Brinson, Chris Major, Andre Irvin, Mike Wood. SECOND ROW: Coach Mark Dibois, Jeff Lee, Steve Connelly, Berke Holtzclaw, Clint East, Pernell Bee, Jeff Spivey, Coach Freddy Waters. BACK ROW: Ricky Daniels, Kennedy Cooper,

Todd Gamble, Ervin Dailey, Bobby Jones, Joe Henry. ABOVE, LEFT: Steve Connelly leans into his stride in an effort to pass Tift County opponent. ABOVE: Ricky Daniels grimaces as he prepares to hurl the shot put. Coach Dibois scrutinizes the wind-up.

#### Lady Wildcats Repeat Region Win

Most students of composition have heard the expression "repetition for effect." This expression names a technique that a writer uses to reinforce his point or to create a particular mood.

Apparently members of the girls track team knew of this technique, for they utilized it in

their performance this session.

For the fourth year in a row, the Lady Wildcats won the Region 1-AAAA title, reinforcing their championship status with an overwhelming 51-point lead.

In region competition several Lady Wildcats put the technique of repetition to special use by maintaining individual winning streaks in their

events.

Darlene McCormick, who entered region competition unbeaten in both the 880 and the mile run, kept her string of wins going with two first place finishes in these events.

Karen Ingram also repeated her season-long

performance at region. Winning the 440 yard dash, Ingram managed a time of 59.72 seconds.

Ingram and McCormick joined with sisters Connie and Stephanie Weatherspoon to continue their mile relay team's winning streak. These four took the top spot in region competition with a time of 4:04.

Armelua Lewis, Lisa Conaway, and Carrie Oliver also captured places in their events at region, as the Lady Wildcats rolled up 122 points

for the title.

Though they had a pair of consecutive state titles to uphold as well, the girls failed to repeat their winning performance at state competition. One crucial factor in the girls' disappointing show was the injury of Darlene McCormick. After pulling an Achilles tendon, she finished only fourth in the 880 and could not compete in the mile relay.



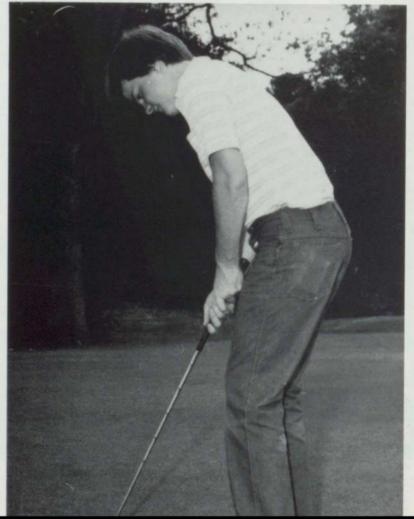




ABOVE, LEFT: Girls Cross Country Team: KNEELING: Lisa Skiles, Karen Ingram, Darlene McCormick. STANDING: Coach Dick Sturtevant, Stephanie Weatherspoon, Veronica Melvin, Connie Weatherspoon, Melanie Skiles. LEFT: Girls Track Team: KNEELING: Lisa Skiles, Veronica Wiseman, Joneve Green, Jennifer Thompson, Darlene McCormick, Carrie Oliver, Juliet Purvis, Debra McHelen. STANDING: Coach Dick Sturtevant, Stephanie Weatherspoon, Linda Pitre, Vanessa Graham, Veronica Melvin, Lisa Conaway, Armelia Lewis, Connie Weatherspoon, Melanie Skiles, Karen Ingram, Coach Jerry Don Baker. ABOVE: Lisa Conaway leads by a foot as she and Tift County opponent stretch to leap a low hurdle.

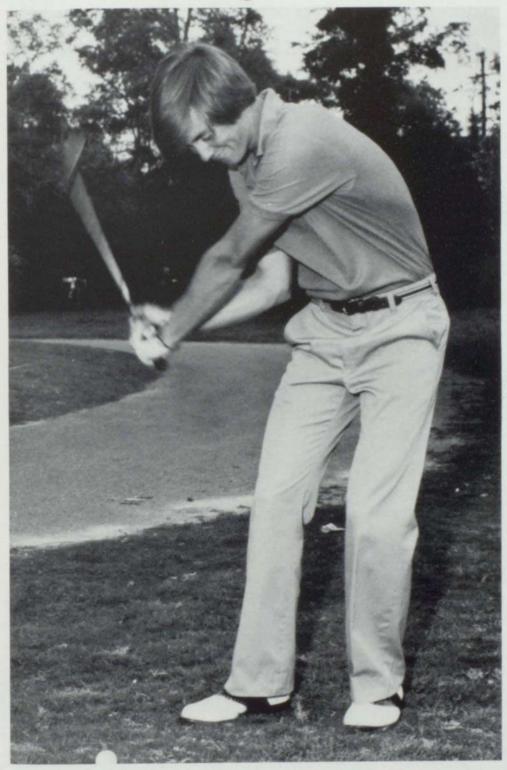


ABOVE: Golf team members pose on the green. FIRST ROW: Frank McTier, Rich McDonell, Tim Parker. SECOND ROW: Ken Perry, Coach Jack Rudolph, Russell Wallace, and Brad Lastinger. RIGHT: Frank McTier sets up a putt. OPPOSITE PAGE: Ken Perry keeps a straight arm as he swings into the ball.



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#### Returning Golfers Boost Team Record



'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.' Trite as it may seem, this motto aptly describes the golf team's behavior. Having suffered a 5-7 win-loss record last year, the linksmen tallied up six wins to only three losses in regular season play.

Five golfers returned to try again after last year's disappointing season. Returnees Rich McDonell, Frank McTier, Ken Perry, David Parker and Russell Wallace joined ranks with Tim Parker and Brad Lastinger to defeat such teams as Cairo, Cook, and Lowndes, outstroking the latter in three out of three matches.

Thomasville's golfers proved a bit more challenging in a five-team match which also included Cook, Cairo, and Berrien. Valdosta won, but finished a close three strokes below Thomasville.

In a pair of one-to-one matches with this team, Valdosta gained an eleven-stroke win and took a four-stroke loss.

Tifton gave VHS its toughest challenge of the season, however, when two proved to be Valdosta's unlucky number. Though the Wildcats eked out a two-stroke victory in the first match between the two teams, Tifton went on to finish ahead of Valdosta two more times.

One Tifton defeat of Valdosta occurred in a four-team match, including Lowndes and Cairo; and one in the six-team region tournament. Though Tifton captured the region title, Valdosta finished a respectable third.

At the annual All-Sports Banquet, Coach Jack Rudolph praised his golfers for their improved record. Citing Ken Perry as the most valuable player, Coach Rudolph named David Parker the best all-around golfer and Frank McTier the most improved.



Events Set School in Motion

# Living augments good learning As students have fun When events get school moving







OPPOSITE PAGE: Door to Mathis City Auditorium, decorated by Student Council, invites couples inside. TOP, LEFT: Melanie Nelson, Monica Elliott, and Joany McRae, three of top ten finalists, smile at the judges. ABOVE: Wildcat and Viking bands play "Star Spangled Banner" for pregame ceremonies. LEFT: Math teachers perform skit for Homecoming entertainment.



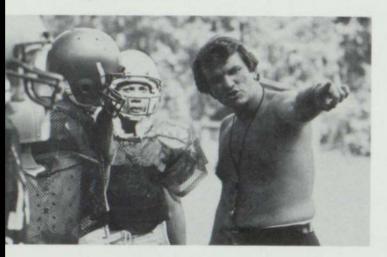
# Football Camp Ends Summer Vacation

With only two weeks of summer vacation left, the Valdosta Wildcats traveled to the Twin Lakes 4-H Camp for twice-a-day practices in the scorching summer's heat.

After these two weeks of practice, players chose captains Willie Scott, Joe Wetherington, Tod Edwards, Fred Motes, Charles Arnold, and David Parker.

Key positions were also filled: the coaches put David Parker at quarterback with Fred Motes and Pernell Bee locking down the backfield.

Valdosta's Touchdown Club paid for this trip to the camp, where the 'Cats began to come together as a unit.







TOP, LEFT: Coach Nick Hyder gives instruction to offensive backs David Parker, Burke Holtzclaw, Jerry Williams. TOP, RIGHT: Brad Lastinger and teammates sip cold water after a hot practice. ABOVE: Bubba Stevenson, Joe Henry, and Ty Davenport go through supper line. RIGHT: Pernell Bee runs ball in afternoon scrimmage.



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#### Without Guidance, Many Newcomers Feel Lost



Because one shepherd was missing during the first few days of school—the last week of August—many students felt lost.

As they poured, like sheep, from the school buses and from cars, it was obvious that they were back to graze. But shepherd Don Allison, vice-principal, who was out of town, was not able to tend the herd. And, therefore, many of the sheep got lost.

Many freshmen had to ask teachers where their classes met. However, they were not the only ones lost; some new teachers and seniors even asked for directions.

To prevent any further confusion, colored arrows directed lost students to the right areas.

Luckily, not all the faculty and administrators were lost. This readiness of well-organized teachers and clubs guaranteed a successful start. Different organizations hung signs in the Commons Area. By the end of the week most students were sitting on ready for the opening pep rally and the football game.

Valdosta over Bainbridge, 14-7, highlighted this first week.

LEFT: Juniors Mike Reed and Steven Delrossi try out new locker combinations. BELOW: Sign welcomes new coaches.



# New SANDSPURS Surprise Students

Secrets and surprises always arouse interest. And when the 1981 SANDSPUR arrived on Thursday, October 21, two surprising secrets caused students to view this book as a special one.

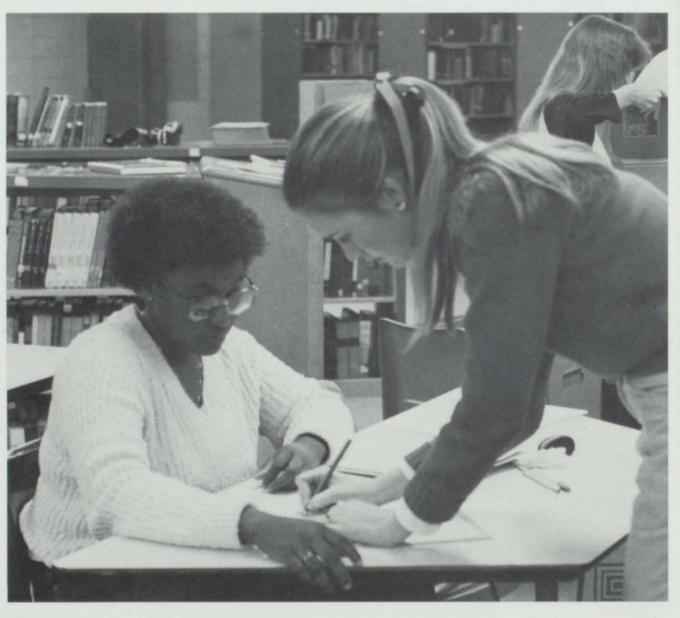
Students' faces brightened as they viewed the new cover, since its design remained in total secrecy until the day of distribution. Design of the durolith cover contained a tip-in picture of one of the trophy cases with an embossed gold border.

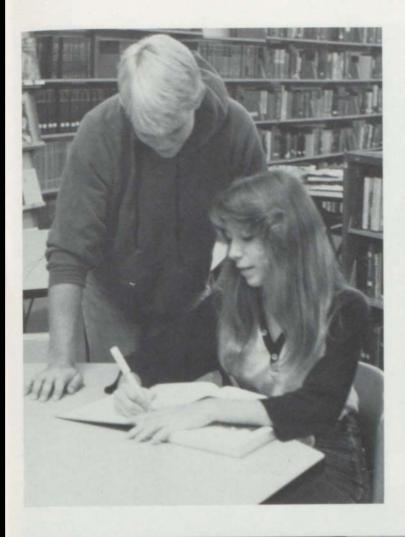
SANDSPUR 1981 had the smallest number of

copies delivered in thirteen years. This information came as another surprise.

By seven-thirty on distribution day, Saturday, October 24, SANDSPUR staff members had arranged the tables according to the previous year's homerooms. At eight o'clock students hurried into IMC III to get their yearbooks.

After students picked up their books, they left with smiling faces and surprises. Some of them who had not ordered books were able to buy copies at a later time as long as the supply lasted.





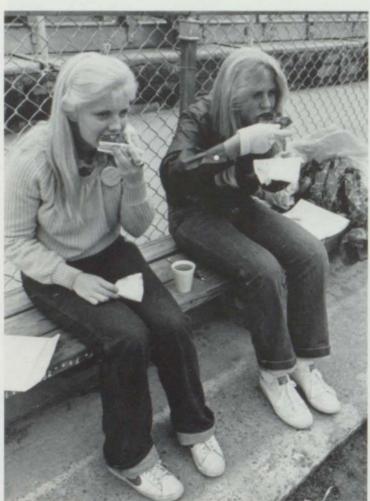




OPPOSITE, BOTTOM: Cornelia Wenze waits as Rena Dasher signs for a yearbook. TOP, LEFT: David Parker watches Michele Ingram sign his yearbook. TOP, RIGHT: Mrs. Harry Wolinski looks through last year's copy sheets for a picture. BOTTOM, LEFT: Mrs. Ava Mills and Kathy Mace browse through the 1981 SANDSPUR to pass time while waiting for students to come pick up books.

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TOP: Katrina Moore and William Rogers unpack and organize trophies that will go to some of the bands competing in the Southern Open. MIDDLE: Out-of-town band members huddle in blankets as they watch their competition. RIGHT: Lowndes Band Director Billy Martin acts as Field Judge for the Southern Open. ABOVE: Valdosta band members Robin Everite and Phyllis Moore take a break between bands.





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#### Foul Weather Doesn't Stop Band Fans



Pleas of "Rain, rain, go away. Many bands want to play" resounded silently and aloud many times during the day of the sixth annual Southern Open. But in spite of the grey sky, biting wind, and cold rain, twenty-six bands competed, ten judges critiqued and praised, and hundreds of people watched bands, snacked at concession stands, and purchased souvenirs. And before the final competition, many people's wishes came true when the rain stopped.

After five bands had qualified for finals, judges disregarded their scores and gave them another chance to perform their shows. Finals brought about an unusual event, for the order of the bands changed after the judges saw the bands a second time. Virgil I. Grissom, from Huntsville, Alabama, that placed second in the preliminaries, became the winners for the 1982 Southern Open. Fort Walton Beach, from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, winners of the preliminaries, captured second place. Terry Parker from Jacksonville, Florida, placed third; and Tifton from Tifton, Georgia, and a band from Geneva, Alabama, tied for fourth place.





TOP: Drummers from a competing band get into the music. LEFT: Flag corps girls from visiting bands provide visual entertainment. ABOVE: Bobbie Vivian and his family sit under umbrellas as they watch the bands.

# Has Been Will-Be Serves Triple Purpose

Played on March 12, the Has-Been Will-Be football game went beyond the phrase that proclaims that something serves a "dual purpose," for the contest served a triple purpose.

Just as it always has, the game gave the coaches chances to see next year's squad in action against

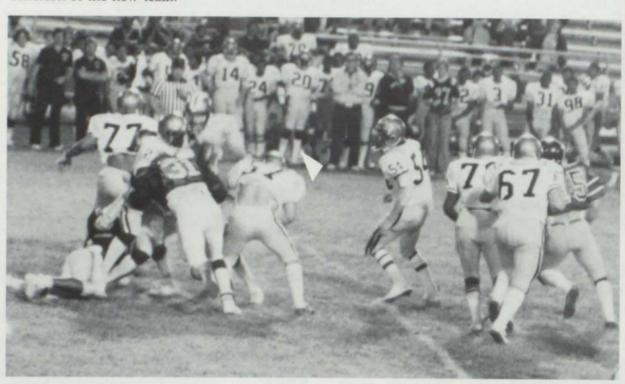
the 1981 Wildcats.

And it also gave visiting scouts a look at the cohesion of the new team.

And probably most important, it gave seniors a last chance to toss out dignity. Has-Been football players sported a varied collection of gear. And band members portrayed the anything-goes look.

In spite of the festive atmosphere and foolish costumes, the players and the band performed well, with the Has-Beens losing to the Will-Bes,

20-6.

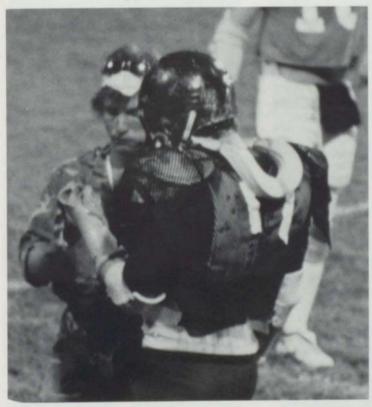


TOP: Has-Been Horace Beaufort, 31, tackles an eighth grader, Tony Anderson, as John Nitschke, 57, attempts to block Ty Davenport. John Reeves, 54, looks on while Blake Belue, 67, and Victor Waymon, 79, block Todd Edwards, 15. RIGHT: Ted West, Will-Be quarterback, fakes a pass after handing the ball to Tony Anderson. Charles Arnold, 78, almost runs over Joe Wetherington while he and Ty Davenport chase Anderson. Blake Belue blocks Willie Scott, 92, Billy Broadfoot is behind Blake. Brad Martin's head shows just above Broadfoot. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Has-Been band members form intricate, if unrecognizable, patterns on the fifty yard line while bell players Alan Carter and Joyce Ham solo on "Rhapsody in Blue." OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Joe Wetherington holds a sideline conference with Ted Welch. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Has-Been band member Edwin King plays his part to "Rhapsody in Blue."



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# Rainbow Motif Shows Off Monica Elliott, Miss VHS

With a rainbow around their shoulders and calluses on their hands, two English teachers—Mrs. Jackie Altman and Mrs. Landra Doughty—planned and prepared for the annual Miss Valdosta High School Beauty Pageant.

After some students objected to the first theme, The Impossible Dream, because it had negative connotations, they changed to the rainbow motif. By February they were receiving odd-shaped boxes filled with the parts of a huge rainbow to be used for

the backdrop on the stage of Mathis City Auditorium on April 24.

In March, junior and senior girls started signing up to be contestants. And by the end of March, thirty-six young ladies had signed up and had started attending practices.

They had also started shopping for formal gowns and sports outfits to wear when they paraded for the out-of-town judges.

Jeff Lee, junior class president, served as emcee for the event. He introduced Laurel Camarano and Donald Dilliplane, who sang for the intermission entertainment. Laurel's selection was, appropriately, "The Rainbow Connection."

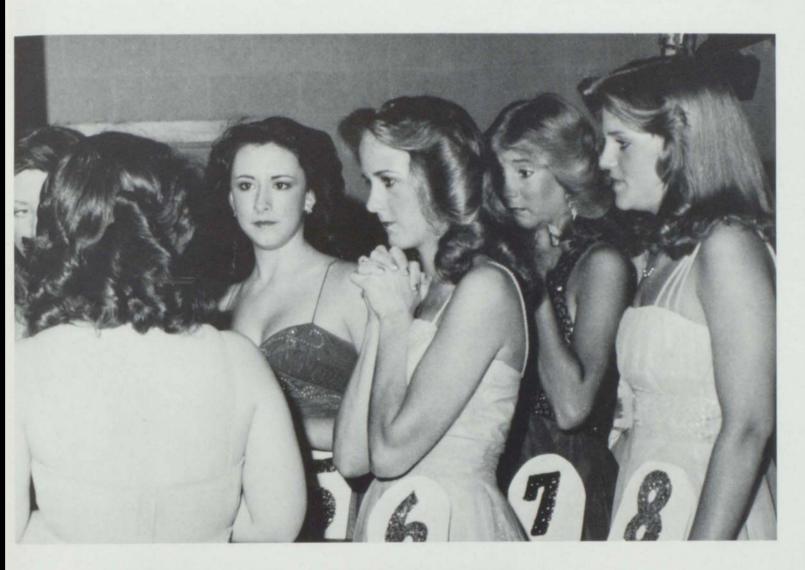
Jeff also presented the top ten contestants: Monica Elliott, Joany McRae, Melani Nelson, Marty Carnes, Ellen Stewart, Kathryn DeLoach, Susan McLeod, Caroline Malik, Dana Schroer, and Juliet Purvis.

And finally he crowned the queen, Monica Elliott.





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OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT: Monica Elliott shows her joy after being crowned Miss VHS. OPPOSITE PAGE, RIGHT: Joany McRae models casual wear. ABOVE: Monica Elliott, Carey Ann Willis, Leslie Eldridge, Pam Lindsey, Linda Rudy, and Dana Aay huddle together before going on stage. LEFT: Finalists—Marty Carnes, third runner-up; Joany McRae, first runner-up; Monica Elliott, winner; Melanie Nelson, second runner-up; and Ellen Stewart, fourth runner-up.

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#### Junior Senior Dance Offers Real Fun Time

To decorate the multi-purpose room at Mathis City Auditorium for the Junior Senior Dance, juniors and their sponsors, Mrs. Jackie Altman and Mrs. Landra Doughty, used many of the same materials they had on the stage for the Miss VHS Beauty Pageant.

But the dance had no set theme. According to Miss Regina Hollinshead, dean of girls, "It was a really fun dance." So the theme was really just

that-fun.

From eight o'clock, still daylight in May, until twelve, juniors and seniors and their dates had fun as they danced to the music of Bill and Love, visited, and nibbled on refreshments served in the lobby by a group of sophomore and freshman girls.

freshman girls.

Many of them put on their formal attire and went to the auditorium at five-thirty to have their couple pictures taken by

Bill Duke.

Teachers and administrators welcomed the young people at the door, checked invitations and I.D.'s, and chaperoned. They circulated from the lobby to the dance floor throughout the evening.

Principal Lloyd Mims kept his eye on all the action and all the

participants.

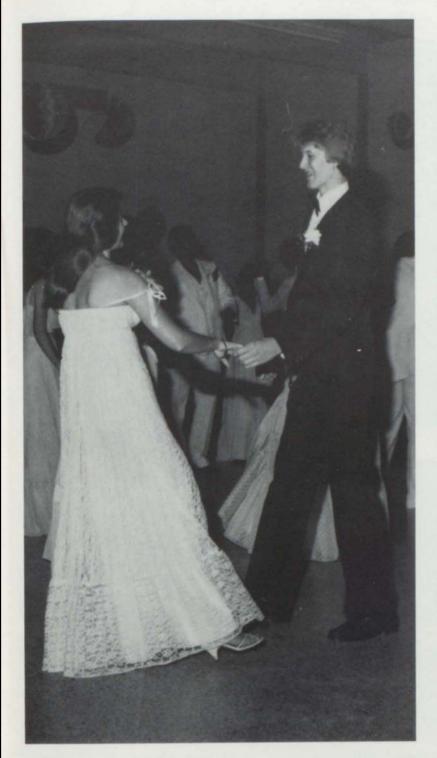








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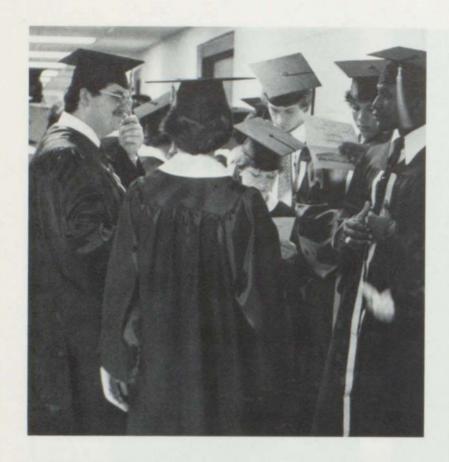




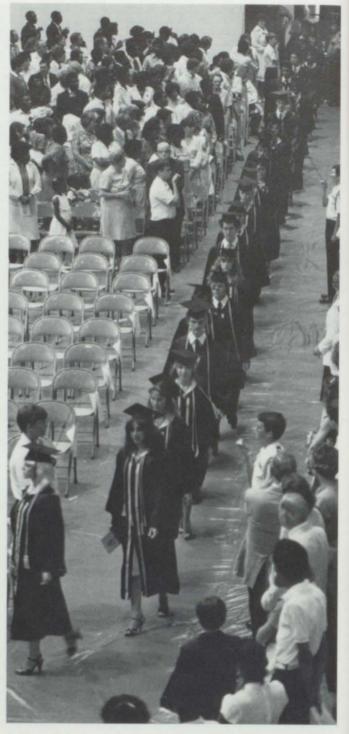
OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Crowds of party goers, including Jim Thompson, Laura Fassone, and Skipper Lastinger, mill around between numbers. Principal Lloyd Mims cuts his eyes toward the front door. And Coach Charles Tarpley checks out the balcony. OPPOSITE PAGE, MIDDLE, RIGHT: Vice-Principal Don Allison and Miss Regina Hollinshead, dean of girls, greet Lisa Wilson and her date. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Charlie Johnson, Richard Stewart, and Vera Boone take a refreshment break.

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Freshmen Jennifer Purvis, Tammy Daniels, Kristin Coleman, and Julie Dennard get punch and snacks ready for the next break. ABOVE, LEFT: Sandra Martin and her date take the center of the floor. ABOVE, TOP, RIGHT: Denise Robinson's partner can vaguely be seen behind Glenn Wiggs, who is swaying with Valencia Baker. Behind these couples, the rainbow sets off Bill and Love. ABOVE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Skipper Lastinger and Laura Fassone pick up the rhythm.

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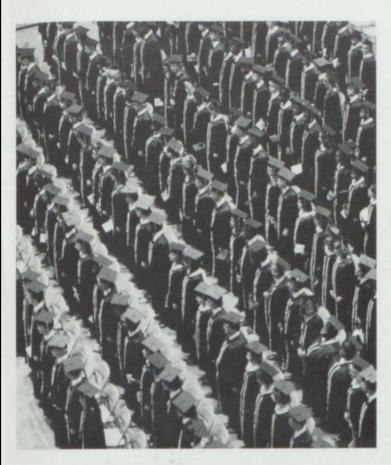






OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: While the last six rows of graduates file in, the A's through J's stand in order. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Beams of the Physical Education Complex frame the graduates, guests, and the platform where diplomas await their owners. TOP, LEFT: Graduates with names at the end of the B line and the beginning of the Cline read their programs and wait for the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance." This group includes Alan

Carter, Dolores Carpenter, Michael Carroll, Diane Campbell, and Hosea Butler, Jr. ABOVE: Robin Everitte, the sixth on the list of honor graduates, but the first in this shot, leads Annette Fournier, Shannon Frassrand, Michael Ingram, Edwin King, and other honor graduates to their first row seats. LEFT: While honor graduates wait to start the processional, David Lynch straightens Stephen Paine's tie.



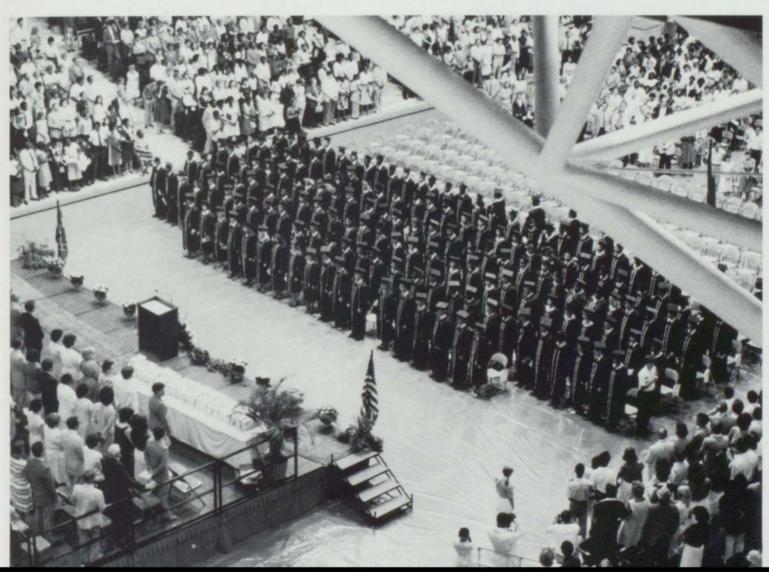
## By Chance, Graduates Begin New Tradition

Chance can topple thrones and mold empires. After Macbeth heard the prophecies of the witches, he said, "If chance will have me King, why, chance may crown me." And chance took advantage of circumstances on June 1, 1982, to change a long-lasting tradition—the site of graduation.

Seniors arriving at rain-soaked Cleveland Field to practice at seven o'clock that morning found Principal Lloyd Mims leaning out of his car and telling them to go to the new Physical Education Complex a few blocks away on the campus of Valdosta State College.

With the help of workers from the college, chairs soon filled the large multi-purpose area, the microphones worked, and seniors lined up to practice marching in.

At eight o'clock that evening several thousand parents, relatives, and friends found comfortable seating in the air-conditioned building and waited for the processional. But before the graduates entered, Mr. Mims thanked the college for allowing the high school to use the building and said that in the future all graduation exercises would be held there.



# Graduation Program Emphasizes Two Elements of Time Forces

In their Advanced Placement English class, graduation speakers David Parker and Stephen Paine learned T. S. Eliot's famous line: "Time present, time past, and time to come." But instead of focusing on this still point of time for their brief presentations, David and Stephen considered two simpler elements of time.

As the salutatory speaker, David greeted the graduates and guests and spoke of time as a refuge. He reminded his classmates of the ways in which time had served as a refuge for them. In early childhood they had learned time jingles

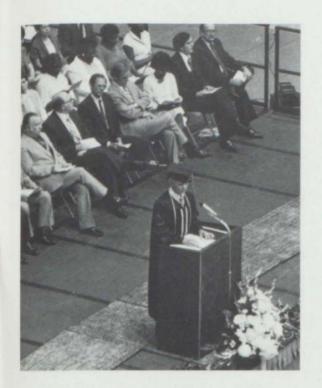
and songs as accompaniments to becoming aware of themselves and of their world. In school, bells signaling time segments ordered their lives. And on the playing fields and courts, time always furnished a refuge.

Stephen followed this introductory speech with an explanation of ways in which time has been and will be a motivator. He emphasized the future force with which time will govern the lives of all of the graduates.

Laurel Camarano reinforced the concept of time in her solo, "Time."



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Laurel Camarano's voice trembles as she sings the class song, "Time." TOP, LEFT: In his graduation speech, David Parker explains how time can be a refuge. TOP, RIGHT: Eyes of graduates, faculty, and guests turn to

Stephen Paine as he expounds upon the idea of time as a motivator. ABOVE: Gwen Bass, Caroline Bassford, Horace Beaufort, and Lynn Becton cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

# Dignity Characterizes Coliseum Ceremonies

After the last strains of the Alma Mater faded away, and after Cathy Eanes went to the podium to give the benediction, Principal Lloyd Mims addressed the graduates with his usual terse farewell: "You are now graduated. Go home. Goodby."

But instead of boisterous hoots and cries, graduates responded with dignity. They did toss their caps in the air. They did mill around to find friends. They hugged and squealed, but always with restraint.

One young father, with an infant in

a carrier, pushed through the crowd to reach the baby's newly-graduated mother.

It was as if the atmosphere of the new building had altered the usual behavior following graduation.

In fact, the entire event had a restrained style that was felt rather than demanded. Mr. Mims asked the guests to hold their applause until he had presented the last of the more than three hundred and sixty graduates. And they complied with this request. Amateur photographers

waited until the program ended to snap pictures. No catcalls or loud applause marred the ceremony.

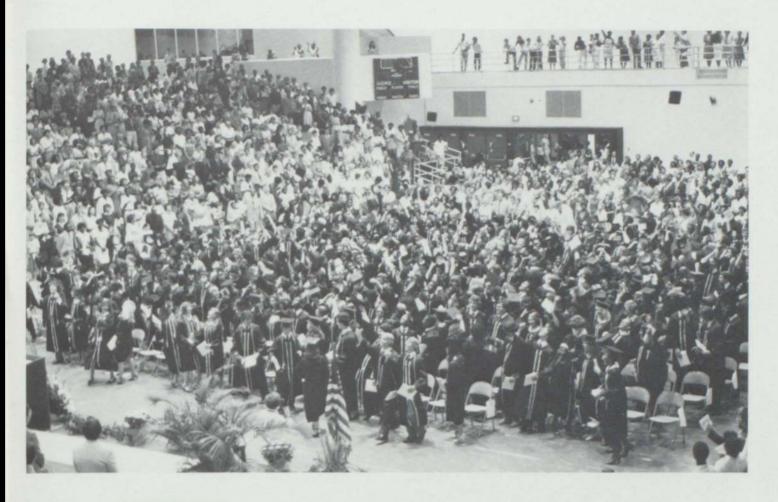
As their names were called, seniors moved, row by row, to mount the steps to the platform and receive their diplomas from Dr. Joe Crane and Mr. David Waller, members of the Valdosta City Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Mims gave the seniors time to move slowly so that their parents could see these major moments in the lives of the young people.





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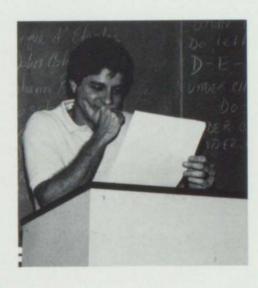
OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT: As soon as Principal Lloyd Mims says "You are now graduated," graduates begin celebrating by hugging everyone around them. OPPOSITE PAGE, RIGHT: Mr. Mims addresses the graduates

from the podium on the stage. TOP: While many graduates toss their caps in the air, others hug their friends and relatives. ABOVE: Stephen Paine beams and shakes Dr. Joe Crane's hand as he accepts his diploma.



#### Learning-Transmitting Culture Sharpening Life Skills Solving All Kinds of Problems

# MEDIEVAL MIND than that april with his shoures soote droshte of march hath pierced to the roote





OPPOSITE PAGE: Watching the TV monitors is an assignment for these students from Mrs. Lee Pulliam's TV English class. Jackie Morris, John Clark, Dee Dee Scharf, and Butch McRae examine the complex audio-visual equipment in Mr. Ralph Guarino's studio. TOP, LEFT: This sign on the wall adjacent to English class areas proves that teachers still try to transmit culture. TOP, RIGHT: Mr. James Taw, head of the social studies department, scans the daily absentee report. LEFT: Dwight Primrose and Greg Wiseman learn, in Industrial Arts class, that even a simple skill like driving a nail requires practice.

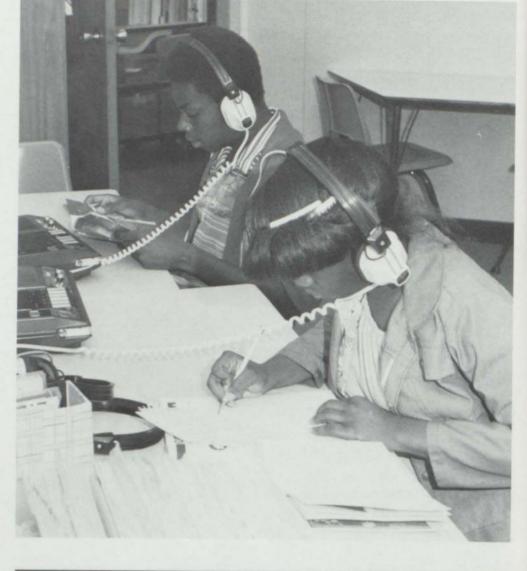


## English Faculty Stays Active

English teachers stayed active in student activities in and out of the classroom. Some of their activities involved Homecoming. They helped with the decoration of floats and participated in the pep rally show where they showed their dance talents when they put on their version of a scene from the television comedy show *Happy Days*.

At the 1-AAAA Literary Meet, English department teachers spondebate. sored one-act play, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation, and spelling. Not only did teachers stay busy academic-orientated projects, but Mrs. Steve Doughty and Mrs. Walter Altman headed the production of such activities as the Beauty Pageant and the Junior-Senior prom.

English instructors not only worked in extracurricular activities, but they also had much inside work, including mountains of papers to grade, tests to prepare, books to read, and exercises and study guides to prepare.





Mrs. Harry Wolinski Department Head



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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Angela Tooley and Melvin Colquitt use recording machines and earphones in reading class. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Miss Lisa Matthews, Mrs. Jan Burns, Mrs. Barbara McMichael, Mrs. Jackie Altman, and Mrs. Norma Gail Spencer represent a cross section of sophomore and junior English teachers. TOP: Mr. Frank Hjort,

Mrs. Brenda Hood, Mrs. Lee Pulliam, Mrs. Landra Doughty, Mrs. Tallulah Whitesell, and Mrs. Ava Mills also teach English. ABOVE: Miss Eloise Terry and Mrs. Evelyn Rosser teach Sentence Based Reading. Miss Sarah Dean Adams and Mrs. Joyce Lewis teach basic-level classes. LEFT: Mrs. Norma Gail Spencer gives individual attention to junior Marie Tomlin.







James Taw Department Head





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#### History Faculty Plays Fruit Basket Turn Over

As if they did not have enough dates, facts, locations of places to remember, social studies students found that they had another list to keep in mind, the names of new-comers to this area. It seemed that this faculty had played fruit basket turn over.

When Mrs. W. E. Wisenbaker retired at the end of the 1981 term, she left two places to be filled, department head and advisor for the Student Council. Mr. James Taw took the first of these slots. Miss Nancy Parker, a

newcomer, assumed the advisor duties. She also taught junior world history classes.

Mrs. Jennifer Brown left at the end of the fall quarter. Mr. Dennis Giannakakis also did not make the entire distance for the term.

And students had to learn to recognize Mrs. Beth Northcutt, who taught United States history, Miss Vicki Cannon, Mr. Evan Carpenter, Mr. Ansel Cox, and Mr. Paul Day.

Mr. Lindsey Mason and Mrs. Anna Fletcher, returnees, kept the world in order in geography. Nothing different confused students in their classes—except the changes brought about by boundary shifts in foreign lands.

Mrs. Louise Kelly, Mr. Jim Landrum, Mr. Roger Rome, and Mrs. Marieh Thomas, and Mr. Kelly Dees also gave stability to the social studies offerings, ranging from social studies skills and current events for the ninth grade to Advanced Placement European history for upper-level seniors.



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Mr. James Taw gives informal instruction to Melanie Nelson and Leigh Powell. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Mrs. Beth Northcutt, Miss Vicki Cannon, Mr. James Landrum, and Mrs. Louise Kelly form a social studies grouping.

OPPOSITE PAGE, MIDDLE RIGHT: Mr. Dennis Giannakakis, Miss Nancy Parker, and Mr. Evan Carpenter and Mr. Roger Rome. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Mrs. Marieh Thomas, Mr. Lindsey Mason, Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Mr. Kelly Dees. ABOVE: Joany



McRae stops after class to ask Mr. Taw a question about AP United States history. TOP, RIGHT: Miss Nancy Parker helps Stan Grubbs find some world history information.

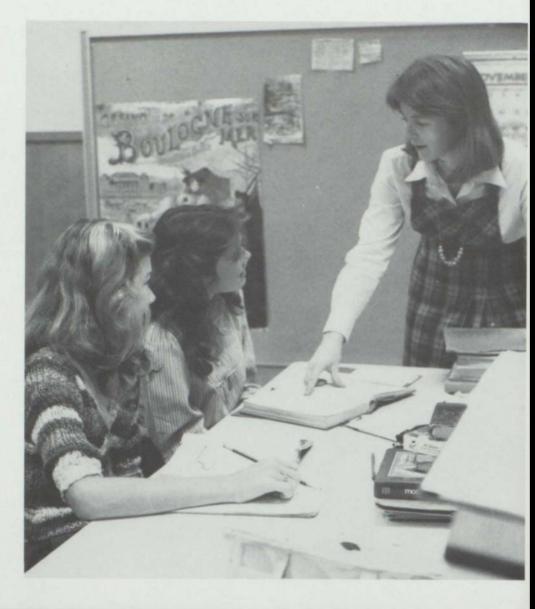
#### Students Take Cultural Jaunts

Foreign language classes discovered new dimensions and new limits to their worlds. By venturing to their initial countries, French and Spanish students learned about different cultures. Spanish classes visited Mexico in the summer. But this year the French classes did not make their usual trip to France.

Beginning language students studied either French I or Spanish I, in which they learned to decline nouns, conjugate verbs, and translate simple sentences. Second year students learned to speak their chosen languages correctly, while third year students learned to read and speak their languages fluently.

To further their outlooks on the foreign languages that they chose to study, the classes presented plays and took part in classroom skits. For example, second-year French classes presented their version of *Cinderella* for other language students to enjoy.

TOP, RIGHT: French teacher, Mrs. Sharon Gandy, helps Missy Thorne and Cindy Nelson with vocabulary pronunciation. RIGHT: Mrs. Sharron Gandy and Mrs. Elsie Nicholas, who teaches Spanish, make up the Foreign language department.





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#### Sounds Escape from Music Department Lab

In spite of the open areas with only semi-walls separating one class from another, the Front-Diamond remained quiet. Only occasional sounds of lecturing, audio-visual presentations, and the end of period bells broke this silence. But in the Back-Diamond, sounds, not noise, emanated from the music education areas.

Students with interest in singing could sign up for General Choir. Those with special talents could try out for Select Female Ensemble, Advanced Choir, or the Male Glee Club.

In the fall quarter, the new band director, Mr. Joe David, became acquainted with his musicians in classes such as Percussion Techniques, Brass Techniques, and Music Theory. But his busiest time was spent at fourth period with the Marching Band.

At this time, Mr. David Moorer, another newcomer to the faculty, Mr.

Rick Kimmel, and Ms. Debbie Bradley joined him in the large lab room and on the field.

Because all students did not want to perform, but did want to study music, the department offered courses in music appreciation.

When all of these classes met, their sounds of melody and rhythm escaped both doors and walls and drifted down past art and business classes.









TOP, LEFT: Mr. Herman Revels taught all of the vocal music. TOP, RIGHT: Mike Selph and Dale Evans get in some trumpet practice in the bandroom. LEFT: Sharon Wildes, Stephanie Bynum, Flag Corps girls; and Keith Marshall, Eric Ingram, and Mack Huxford practice "South Medley." ABOVE: Male singers follow the directions of Mr. Revels to make sweet harmony. FRONT ROW: Michael Roby, Spencer Davis. SECOND ROW: Robert Mitchell, Tommy Mabry. BACK ROW: Ricky Daniels, Charlie Johnson, Alonzo Miller.

### Math Classes Enter Computer Age

Stone Age, Iron Age, Bronze Age, Electrical Age, Atomic Age, and now Computer Age! While students have studied about all of these periods, they really got with it when they used computers.

Not only the math department, but also the entire school welcomed the addition of the new computer terminals, known as Commodores, which set the foundation for this class. Commodore equipment came complete with sound which made it possible for programming songs into the computer.

By studying mathematical programs, game programs, and graphics, advanced math students learned how to operate and understand some of the workings of the new machines.

Other classes kept to the traditional math style, with courses including basic algebra and geometry, trigonometry, and business math. In between basics for everyone and computers for a few, many advanced students filled calculus classes.





Mr. Mike Rogers Department Head

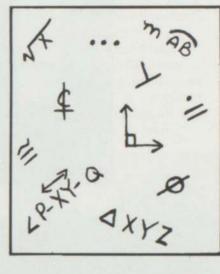




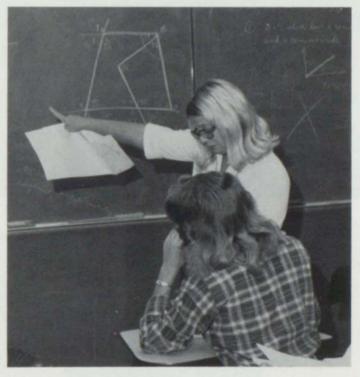
TOP, RIGHT: Math faculty includes Charlie Davis, an algebra teacher; Debra Davis, who took over Mary Oxley's informal geometry class first quarter; and Tina Strickland and Jeanne Tarpley, also algebra teachers. BOTTOM,

RIGHT: Other math teachers are Mrs. Barbara Miller, Mrs. Sybil Coley, Mrs. Peggy Wilkes, and Mrs. Madonna Terry. TOP, LEFT: Sophomore Susan Stewart concentrates on a geometry assignment.









TOP, LEFT: Mrs. Karen Burgess, Mrs. Barbara Harrell, Mrs. Kathleen Sheely, and Mrs. Mary Ann Saliba complete the roll of math teachers. LEFT: Mrs. Sheely, dressed as a Wildcat, dances to "Sunshine" at a pep rally. ABOVE: Mrs. Miller explains a proof to Lori Long.

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Mrs. Martha Smart Department Head



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#### New Science Teacher Answers Queries

"'Mr. Mims, what's serendipity? How do we start this experiment? Did I do this right?"

Such a barrage of questions greeted Mr. Gary Mims many times during his first year in the science area. And students soon learned that they were addressing their queries to a teacher, not to Principal Lloyd Mims.

In addition to Mr. Mims, three other newcomers joined the science

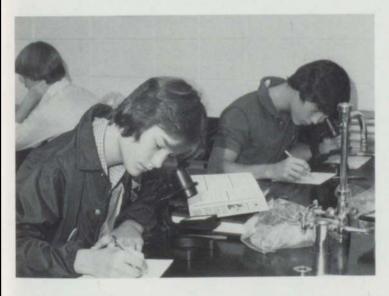
faculty. Mr. Mark DiBois, a graduate of Valdosta High School, came home to teach physical science. Mr. Jimmy Carter taught chemistry and physical science. And when he replaced Ms. Deborah Tomlinson in the spring quarter, Mr. David Mullis taught physical science and biology.

Most of the teachers continued their usual routines. For example, Mrs. Martha Smart still gave long lectures on biology. Mr. Bruce Green still prepared experiments for physical science classes. Mr. Perry Baskins still mystified many students in chemistry and physics.

And with the help of Mr. Mims and the other teachers in this department, students learned to apply different scientific methods, to perform experiments, and to explore all life and the make up of the universe.







OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Mr. Richard Sturtevant, Ms. Deborah Tomlinson, Mr. Perry Baskins, and Mr. Henry Grudzien represent different levels of science instruction. OPPOSITE PAGE, FAR LEFT: While Greg Sanders performs a simple experiment with a bunsen burner, Cammie Buerry and Mandy Kent watch. OPPOSITE PAGE, MIDDLE RIGHT: Mr. James Burroughs, Mrs. James Burroughs, and Mr. James Carter look relaxed for the camera. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Mr. Gary Mims, Mr. Bruce Green, and Mr. Mark DiBois complete the science faculty. TOP, LEFT: Allan Alvarado, Brian Staggs, Sheila Staggs, Donald Dilliplane, and Jill Sumner watch a minor explosion. TOP, RIGHT: Doug Frank, Mike Herrin, and Eric Ingram put minds and books together. LEFT: Bret Busch and George Daugharty check texts for lab procedures.

#### Creativity Blooms in Art Classes

In the Back—Diamond creativity bloomed in the art department. Students nourished ideas, developed form, and displayed their work for others to enjoy.

Under the direction of Mrs. Patsy Smith, Mrs. Stephanie Summers, and Miss Sherrie Howard, art students learned the skills of painting, sculpturing, and drawing—the basics necessary for giving ideas form.

Beginning students took Basic Visual Design before venturing into other art classes. In this class, ambitious students learned the properties of color and texture techniques.

Following Basic Visual Design, students used their new skills to widen the areas of their gardens. They tried various art forms. Such classes included water color, ceramics, photography, and oil painting.



Patsy Smith Department Head





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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Cathie Copellman and Lalee Dasher create landscapes. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Mrs. Stephanie Summers and Miss Sherri Howard represent the art faculty. ABOVE: Mrs. Stephanie Summers helps Mike Mink with his wood carving. LEFT: Tim Abrahamson works on his oil painting.

#### Business Education Classes Keep Up to Date

Heads of departments in every area had to keep up with trends and innovations. For Mrs. Tina Strickland in the business education department that directive meant trying to secure the latest machines and knowing when to discard outdated materials.

This year she ordered Royal 5000s so that all typing B and typing C students could type on electric machines. But typing A students still used the many manuals remaining in the area.

Another late model machine that

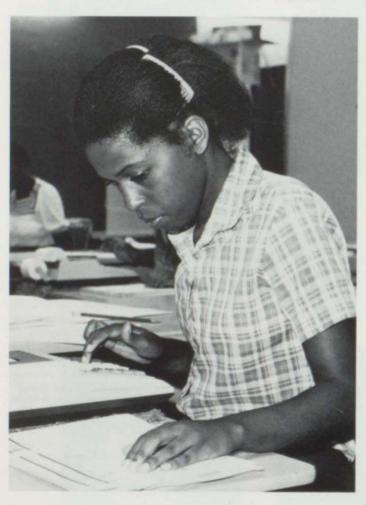
Mrs. Strickland felt proud of was the memory typewriter. Advanced students who learned to use this machine saw that it could store and reproduce lines, paragraphs, even entire pages in clean copy.

Visitors to this area would have noticed the many data processing machines in one corner. But Mrs. Strickland explained that this equipment was already outdated; therefore, it was not used for many classes.

Just as they used both traditional and new machines, teachers varied the old and the new in their classes, including accounting, filing, business law, intensive office procedure, general business practices, record keeping, and shorthand.

Mrs. Strickland taught vocational office training classes and supervised the work of those students when they went out in the community to learn on

the job.







ABOVE, LEF: Renita Thomas practices using an office machine during a summer school class. ABOVE, RIGHT: Members of the business education faculty: Mrs. Hilda Spurlock, Miss Josie Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Edmondson, Mrs.

Janeen Josey, and Miss Maxine Martin. ABOVE, RIGHT: Mrs. Tina Strickland, chairman of the business education department, explains a typing assignment to Sulanda Davis.

## Driver's Education Teachers Give Students Go-Ahead To Start Engines

Start your engines was a phrase familiar to driver's education students.

However, each student learned basic information before starting engines and actually driving.

According to teachers Bob Bolton and Jack Rudolph, students passed through three phases. In phases one and two, they attended classroom sessions involving films and book work and attended classes using simulators. Students in phase three learned the fundamentals of vertical and horizontal parking, turning and using a turn signal, and driving through the driver's education driving range, located on the north campus. Students had opportunities to drive through the range without

the hazards of normal traffic.

Before the completion of the quarter, students also studied safety procedures, such as the use of seat belts; various driving conditions, such as driving in the rain; and the steps necessary in order to obtain a driver's license, such as taking a written exam and passing a driving test monitored by a state patrolman.





LEFT: Bob Bolton instructs Kay Culbreth on the use of a simulator. ABOVE: Thomas Scott and Donna Stuart drive down an imaginary highway.

# Individual Advancement Classes Get in Action

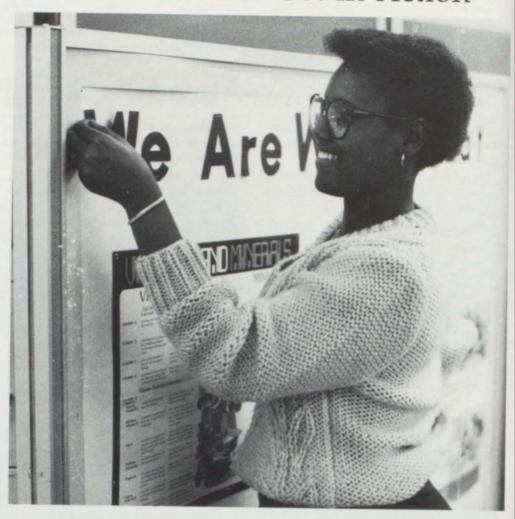
Round-the-clock learning experiences helped individual advancement students get in the mainstream of action. They learned in the mornings, in the afternoon, and in the evening.

In the mornings they had oneto-one instruction, using motivational materials in an informal atmosphere. They spent two hours a day in these classes and two hours in vocational, art, physical education, homemaking, math, reading, or music classes.

Along with basic skills, their teachers always emphasized the importance of dependability, initiative, punctuality, courtesy, and pride in a job well done.

Students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve used these qualities when they left school early to work in the community.

And all of them polished social skills while having fun in extracurricular activities: a Christmas program, Field Day, and Honors Day. On Honors Day they received awards for success in academic, social, personal care, and work-out areas.

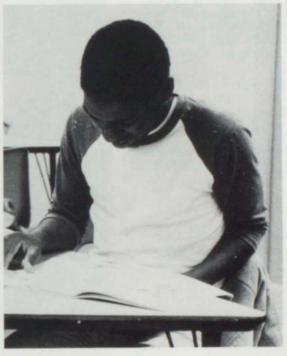




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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: RIGHT: Felicity Lewis adjusts the lettering of the bulletin board prepared for a nutrition unit. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Individual advancement instructors—Miss Elizabeth Wilkins, Mrs. Dareene Lowe, Miss Jacqulyn Simmons, and Mrs. Sylvia Griffin—pose in IMC III. TOP, LEFT: Miss Elizabeth Wilkins gives Overa Larry one-to-one instructions. BOTTOM, LEFT: Derrick Lane empties plates as he puts in on-the-job hours in the lunchroom. BOTTOM, RIGHT: Frank Leonard works on individualized packet.

#### Homemaking Students Show Off Their Work

Good cooks like to show off their culinary skills by preparing special meals for family and friends. Good seamstresses like to brag when they receive compliments on clothes they have made.

But before homemaking arts and skills can be put on display, hours of learning and practice must take place.

Students in homemaking classes learned in a variety of courses. In the fall they could choose such courses as Cloth Construction, Creative Foods, Family Living, Food for the Family, and Today's Consumer.

In the spring quarter, Meal Management, Creative Stitchery, Family Housing, and Child Development courses touched on other facets of homemaking.

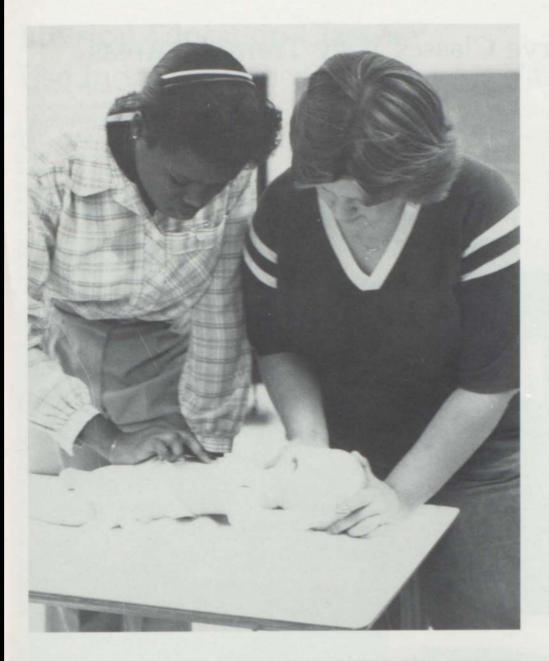
To show off their units of work, students prepared bulletin boards for a glassed-in case in the lobby. Sometimes they placed garments on the backboard of this case. At other times they simply used posters to explain their learning.

TOP, RIGHT: Theresa Watford works on a project in one of Miss Ossie Ash's cloth construction classes. RIGHT: Mrs. Ann Gilespie, Mrs. Sandra Davis, and Miss Ossie Ash teach all of the varied homemaking courses.





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#### Health Classes Learn to Cope

"Dr. Smith, please report to room 508. John Doe has a double facture."

Similar calls echoed through the room used for health occupations, in which students learned procedures ranging from those dealing with infant care to cardiopulmonary resuscitation. That is, the students learned how to cope with many routine medical problems.

All students practiced the basics of first aid. For more serious ailments, electrocardiograms let them learn to recognize heart problems. And by the end of the course, some young people could take x-rays and analyze their readings.

Each student's knowledge went beyond the classroom area when the group visited South Georgia Medical Center once a week. During their visits, they tested children for auditory and visual defects and ran errands for doctors.

Mrs. Beverly Smith, R.N., usually taught the class, but when she had surgery in the winter quarter, Mrs. Worth Green, also a registered nurse, substituted for two months.

TOP, LEFT: Joye Adkins and Vickie Sherry use a doll to learn infant care. LEFT: Anna Guarino and Doug Lingerfelt practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a dummy.

### Naval Reserve Classes Vary Training Areas

Unlike students in most academic classes, cadets in the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps practiced skills outdoors as well as indoors.

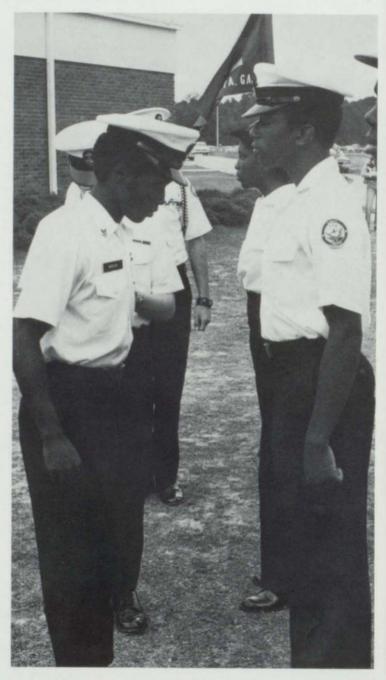
While other students stayed within the windowless school every day, on Tuesdays and Thursdays the NJROTC students practiced outside. In acceptable weather the corps drilled, marched, handled weapons, and displayed flags. Every day, cadets, including Jerry Williams and Donald Herrin, raised and lowered the flag on the front campus.

In addition to completing assignments outside, cadets learned to perform inside the classroom. Almost

every Wednesday, the corps dressed in uniform for inspection, overseen by a platoon leader. On these days, cadets resumed more traditional classroom activities. They read naval books, worked on homework, and listened to lectures as a part of their studies of naval science and history.







BOTTOM, LEFT: Lieutenant Commander Larry Cupp and Petty Officer First Class Sam Wright pose in IMC III. ABOVE: Petty Officer Second Class Michael Morrison inspects the uniforms of Pat Bethay and Jerry Stacks. TOP, LEFT: Officer Michael Herrin assists Petty Officer Morrison in inspection, recording the scores of each NIROTC member. Lowndes County Historical Society

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# Physical Education Classes Use Indoor-Outdoor Facilities for Variety

At any school, weather and facilities help to structure the physical education program. At this school, indoor and outdoor facilities gave variety to course offerings. And mild, sunny weather made it possible for students to use outdoor equipment and playing areas.

But everyone started in the gymnasium complex in introduction to physical education classes taught by Coach Charles Tarpley, Miss Jana Garrett, Coach Freddie Waters, Coach Jo Ellis, and Coach Michael O'Brien.

More advanced PE students elected gymnastics and a class entitled Introduction to Slimming and Weight Training.

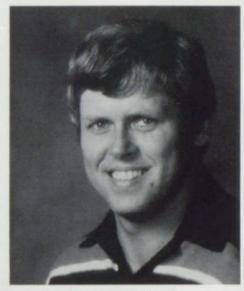
During the stormy winter weeks, classes met indoors, also, for volleyball, badminton, and basketball fundamentals.

But as soon as the warm days returned, students went outdoors to run on the track located on the northeast side of the campus, to study tennis basics on the six courts, to practice on the golf putting green, and to try to hit bullseyes in archery. Inside, students learned the fun-

Inside, students learned the fundamentals for team games. But they went outside to put what they had learned into practice for softball, basketball, and touch football.

Varsity teams, however, had to wait until the school day ended to test their skills outsoors. Inside they pumped iron in advanced physical training classes.





Coach Charles Tarpley Department Head



TOP, LEFT: While doing laps for track, Anthony Straughter leads the pack, including Stan Mims, Steve Milani, Brian Stewart, Tyler Talley, Bruce Parker, Connell Russ, Joe Henry, and Oscar Griffith. LEFT: Coach Freddie Waters, Miss Jana Garrett, and Coach Jerry Don Baker represent the physical education department.

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#### Back-Diamond Classes Answer Job Queries

"What can you do? What skills do you have?" Everyone who looks for a job expects to hear these questions in an interview. But instead of floundering around and saying, "I'm willing to learn," young people who had taken advantage of Back-Diamond courses could give positive answers.

"I won a prize for brick-masonry in area competition." "My construction teacher says I'm a good roofer." "While holding down a part time sales job at a department store, I studied merchandising techniques in DE classes." "I'm a pretty good mechanic after taking automotive courses."

For each of the areas in the vocational-industrial program, young ladies and men could have given such responses to job queries. But the philosophy of this department did not stop with training in manipulative

skills.

It also embraced the Front-Diamond offerings, encouraging students to be literate in oral and written language, to know how to perform simple math functions without relying altogether on calculators, and to be aware of world events.

When they went out job hunting, they had life skills in a comprehensive sense.

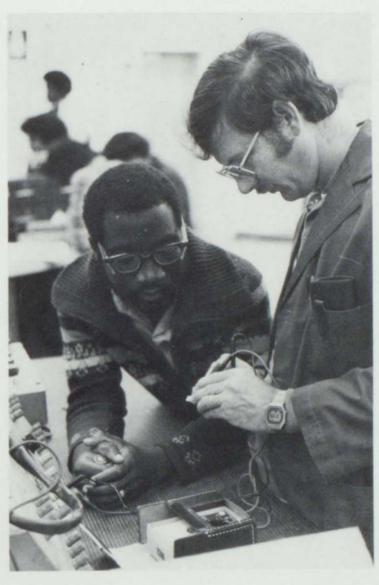


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OPPOSITE, BOTTOM: Andy Pace welds a steel beam, using an acetylene torch. TOP, LEFT: Kyle McLeod repairs a carburetor in transportation class. TOP, RIGHT: Mr. Edward Cannington shows Edwin McDougal how to use a battery tester in electromechanics. ABOVE: Mr. Wayne Sapp gives instructions to Billy Foskey on how to construct his project for sheet-metals.



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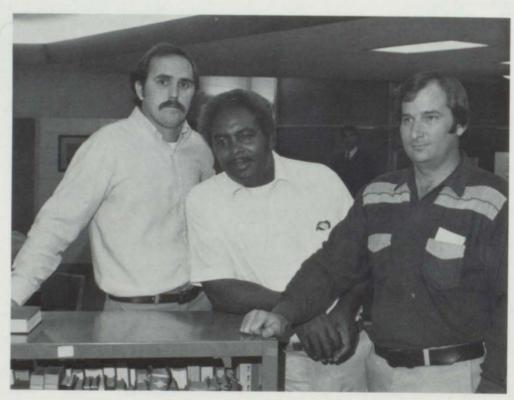
**Electro-Mechanics** 

Metals

Diversified Cooperative Training

Distributive Education





TOP: Cyrus Netters, Hiram King, and Tina Williams work with woods in an industrial arts class. ABOVE: Mr. Clarence Griffiths, drafting;

Mr. Joe Williams, construction; and Mr. Wayne Sapp, metals, pay a visit to IMC-111 after lunch to have their picture taken.

# Vocational-Industrial Classes Have Time To Put Theories into Practice



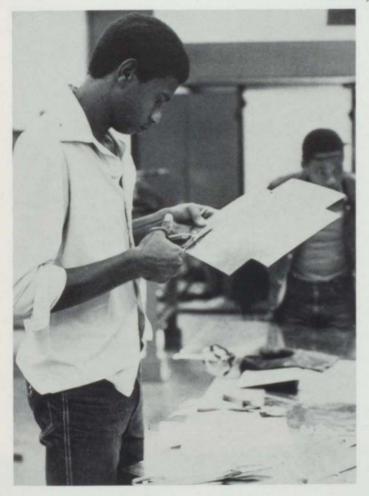
Classes in the vocational-industrial area differed in many ways. Some had tightly structured courses; for example, DE and drafting. Some relied on oral tradition, the knowledge and experience of instructors. But all of these courses had double blocks of time giving students time to put theories into practice.

Using the modern audio-visual aids, drafting students, under the guidance of Mr. Clarence Griffiths, studied rules and theories needed as tools in engineering, architecture, and related professions.

In graphic arts, learners relied primarily on the show-me instruction of Mr. Timothy Bollman and advanced students.

Other classes followed the same blocks of time for metals, taught by Mr. Wayne Sapp; electro-mechanics, taught by Mr. Edward Cannington; construction; and transportation.

DOT classes, under the guidance of Mr. Levy Taylor, and DE, taught by Mr. Norman Greene, had time for instruction in the mornings and for on-the-job training in the afternoons.





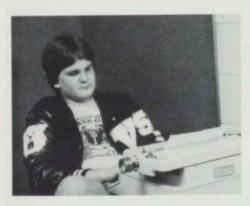
TOP, LEFT: Mr. Levy Taylor and Mr. Edward Cannington. LEFT: Danny Heard works on a mock-up in Mr. Isaiah Isom's industrial arts class. Jeffery Lowe, in the background, watches other workers. ABOVE: Mr. Timothy Bollman; Mr. John Greer, transportation instructor, and Mr. Isaiah Isom.



#### Young People Have Happy Times Coming Together To Practice Future Life Roles







OPPOSITE PAGE: Stephen Paine, Beta Club president, welcomes new officers. ABOVE, LEFT: Clubs come together in the Homecoming parade. Steve Connelly sports his VHR emblem while riding a unicycle in front of the Beta Club's prize-winning float. ABOVE, RIGHT: Mrs. Patsy Smith, art teacher and paw specialist, paints a paw on Derrick Harris's face. LEFT: Mike Mink, fall quarter sports editor for the SANDSPUR, rests an injured knee while getting a block of copy typed.



#### Same Old Problems Plague Yearbook

In the preparation of SANDSPUR 1982, the staff and advisors encountered some of the same old problems and pitfalls. Lost pictures, lost copy, no lefthand tripacks, no identifications of pictures: students repeated their moans about these troubles from September to the last deadline in June.

But lights, both physical and mental, did turn on, cameras did flash for pictures, and the staff did fly into action, especially late in March when an ominous deadline loomed. All of the workers knew that they had to finish the first signature in four color and have it in the mail on April 1, along with pages to complete at least one other signature, in order to qualify for a special deal on color.

Principal Lloyd Mims came to the rescue by letting the advisors and staff members have a full work day in the journalism room. At four-fifteen, Mrs. Ava Mills finished packing the pages and headed for the post office in Castle park.

Michele Ingram and Mrs. Harry Wolinski relaxed on the way home, with Michele saying over and over, "I told you we would make it."





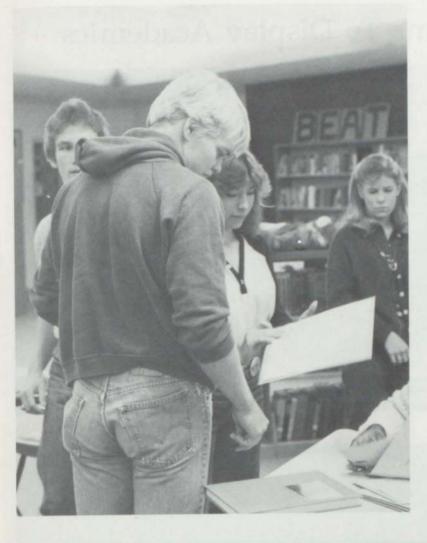
OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Ted Welch watches as Michele Ingram helps David Parker find his name before picking up his 1981 SANDSPUR. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Paul Hamilton types addresses for ads on a tripack. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Editors Michele Ingram and Vic Hartman and Mrs. Harry Wolinski and Mrs. Ava Mills, advisors, watch Mr. Bill Duke set up an outdoor shot. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: While Cindy Clark helps Mrs. Mills file ad contracts, Monika Brucker waits for Mrs. Wolinski to help them with the senior section. ABOVE: Cindy Clark works on rough draft copy. TOP, RIGHT: Staff members scramble over a pickup truck for a different shot. BUMPER: Monika Brucker. FRONT ROW: Vic Hartman, Paul Hamilton, Sheila Moten, Cindy Clark, Mrs. Wolinski, Mike Mink, David Hicks. SECOND ROW: David Steinberg, Ted Welch, Michele Ingram, Blenus Green. THIRD ROW: David Furukawa, Toni Corbett, Jerry Bostock, Kathy Mace.

#### SANDSPUR STAFF:

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# Student Council Plans To Display Academics

Club images become static if never changed. To break out of such a rut, the Student Council decided to change the image from the Homecoming club to the club that

praised academics.

With the permission of Principal Lloyd Mims, club members and the new advisor, Miss Nancy Parker, made plans to raise money for a trophy case to hold academic awards. They sold spirit shakers before football games, and in the spring quarter they peddled T-shirts.

In its traditional role, the club sponsored all Homecoming events in the fall and awarded the spirit stick to the loudest and most energetic class at each pep rally. Miss Parker said that each week she chose five different leaders to judge this competition.

In the fall, also, the club met at 7:30 each Monday morning to keep track of progress on Homecoming plans.





TOP, RIGHT: Tammie Buchan, spring quarter student teacher; Marieh Thomas; Nancy Parker, Student Council advisor; Ansel Cox; Beth Northcutt; and Kelly Dees show off T-shirts sold by the Council as a money-making project. ABOVE: Members of the Student Council, including homeroom representatives, hide the school sign when they have their picture taken. FRONT ROW: Dodd Jones, Laurel Camarano, David Lynch, Kathryn DeLoach, Donald Dilliplane, Jan McKay, Rena Dasher, Lynne Becton, Theresa George, Tanguela Wright, Veronica Wiseman, Pamela

Botford, Melissa Jones, Debbie Willis, Julie Dennard, Rickie Busee, Gina Pilcher, Andrew Kaiser, Michael Furukawa. SECOND ROW: Ethan King, George Marshall, Joel Camarano, Tim Crown, Patricia Taylor, Mandy Kent, Tonya Pitts, Sandee Hall, Jennifer Purvis, Kristin Coleman, Theresa Moten, Vera Boone, Tracy Marshall, Cathy Wilson, Maurice Gray, Patricia Jackson, Cheryl Emond, Jackie Morris, Crissie Mitchell. BACK ROW: Sandra Payton, Altricia Payton, Felecia Rosser, Yvette Moore, Brenda Roberts, Celestine Hand, Odette Griffin.







TOP, LEFT: Laura McRae, Miss VHS for 1982, greets the crowds watching the Homecoming parade. Trey Powell acts as her chauffeur. ABOVE: Miss Nancy Parker sells shakers to Michelle Berrian, Mrs. Marieh Thomas, and Marie Allen. LEFT: While parade units line up, Kathryne DeLoach talks to Jill Hitchcock and Carol Johnson. Trip Lester sits in front of Jill.

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#### Beta Club Members Meet Strict Criteria

Criteria for membership in clubs range from money, to social position, to special interests and/or abilities.

For the forty-five young men and ladies who belonged to the Beta Club, entrance depended on three requirements: overall averages of ninety or better with no grade lower than eighty-four and no deportment grade lower than B.

While eleventh and twelfth grade students could join at the first of the year if they had belonged to the club previously, members welcomed quallified tenth-graders at a candlelighting ceremony after the first

quarter.

Once a month the club held a business meeting in the mornings in the Pit. But during the fall quarter members met once a week at Stephen Paine's house to paint signs for pep rallies and to work on plans for their Homecoming float.

These plans paid off, for the float depicting a huge shark won first place

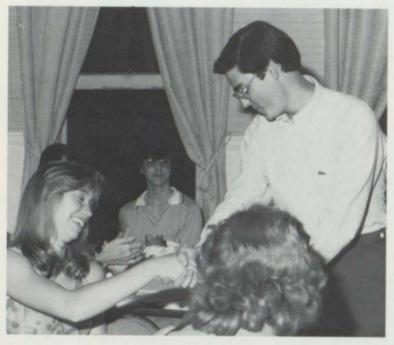
in parade competition.

On a more serious note, Betas used their brains in a tutoring program at Valdosta Junior High School. And Stephen Paine, Scott Arnold, Cathy Eanes, Cheryl Upchurch, Bret Busch, Barry Herrin, Jan McKay, and Michelle Murff represented the club

at the state convention held in Savannah in the spring. Mr. Mike Rogers, advisor emeritus, chaperoned.

Just for fun, the club held a Christmas party at Jan McKay's home: the traditional Burger Bash, this time with an additional feature-a swim splash-at Cheryl Upchurch's home; and the spring banquet at Ocean Pond.

At the banquet they honored their advisors, Mrs. Martha Smart and Mrs. Kathy Sheely, and turned over the offices to students chosen to lead the club next year.





RIGHT: Members of the Beta Club: FRONT ROW: Stephen Paine, David Lynch, David Levy, David Parker, Trey Powell, Allen Young. BACK ROW: Susan McLeod, Jan McKay, Lisa Mathis, Shannon Fraasrand, Karen Black, Leslie Eldridge, Cheryl Edmond, Leigh Powell, Michele Ingram, Jerri Hughes, Cathy Eanes, Angela Summers, Sandra Gallagher, Katrina Moore, Felicia Rosser, Scott Arnold, Patricia Jackson.



TOP, LEFT: Stephen Paine, graduating president, congratulates Sandra Gallagher, who will lead the club next year. TOP, RIGHT:

Mrs. Martha Smart and Mrs. Kathy Sheely react with laugther when they open gifts presented to them at the annual banquet.

#### Debate Team Reaches Goal: Wins Region Title

"We planned on winning region all year, and we did," said Barry Herrin, vice-president of the

debate team.

With this goal in mind, members of the debate team began work at the first of the year in order to be ready for region competition in February. Both novice and varsity debaters gained experience at tournaments held at Florida State University, Valdosta State College, and at the annual CESA tournament in Americus.

Debaters began to reap the benefits of their hard work as they argued educational policy at Brooks County High School. Both officers and members brought home several awards. Michael Herrin, club treasurer, won a second-place speaker trophy, club president Jim Rensenhouse and Gayle Robinson each took fifth-place speaker awards, and Mary Taormina, secretary, claimed a seventh-place speaker award.

Soon after their success at Brooks County, team members reached the high point of their year in region competition. For this contest, varsity debaters Michael Herrin, Barry Herrin, Mary Taormina, and Jim Rensenhouse went all out with their strongest arguments and achieved their goal: the 1-AAAA Region Championship.

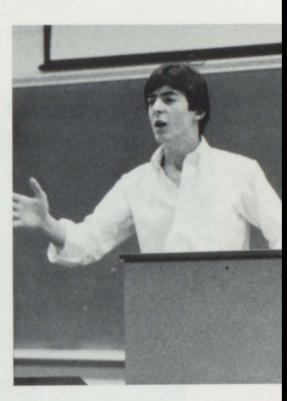
Region trophy in hand, the debate team closed the year by placing sixth in state competition.





ABOVE: Debate team members: FRONT: Jennifer Thompson, Gayle Robinson, Laura Faussone. SECOND ROW: Mary Taormina, Susan Louttit, Andrew Kaiser, Michael

Furukawa, Coach Frank Hjort. BACK: Paul Johnson, April Wagner, David Furukawa, Barry Herrin, Ken Morneault, Jim Rensenhouse.



ABOVE, LEFT: Coach Frank Hjort explains new evidence to debaters. Mary Taormina, Jim Rensenhouse, Michael Herrin, and Barry Herrin. ABOVE: Jim Rensenhouse emphasizes a critical point in a practice round with the Valdosta State College debate team.





TOP, RIGHT: Mrs. Sandra Connell, Mrs. Marie Brandon, Mrs. Kay Chambers, and William Pompey, coordinators of the Instructional Materials Centers, gather in IMC-111. ABOVE: On club picture day, aides came from all parts of the school to pose by the sign near the pond: FRONT ROW: Kennedy Cooper, Fred Motes, Vicki Coxwell, Melanie Skiles, Marinell Hamilton, Jenny Pearson, Laurel Camarano,

Amy Louttit, Kathy Mace, Cindy Clark, Lori Jamison, Diane Hall. SECOND ROW: Patti Martin, Suzanne Ciaccio, Dolores Carpenter, Brenda Lowe, Carol Chitty, Missy Haire, Diane Brookhouser, Marie Smith, Felicia Rosser, Debbie Willis, Diane Floyd, Teresa Wakefield, Angela Summers, Susan Buchanan, Lisa Mathis. BACK ROW: Brigette Wiggs, Shermetta Williams.

# Little Wheels-Aides-Keep Big Wheels Turning

Big wheels turn better with the support of many little wheels. That statement holds true for machines and for the organization of a school.

Administrators, counselors, staff, and teachers carried out their work in a smoother manner because they had

the help of aides.

Front office aides, chosen by Principal Lloyd Mims, helped Mrs. Mary Ann Bartholomew make calls to students' homes, and they ran errands to all parts of the school. For Mrs. Edwina Burgsteiner, Mrs. Edna Thomas, and Mrs. Catherine Yale,

aides filled vital roles. Every day they helped Mrs. Burgsteiner count money and take care of mailings.

During registration times, aides in Mrs. Yale's office gridded materials to

be sent to the computer.

Guidance counselors chose their own aides. These students served as receptionists, errand-runners, and general order keepers for the multiple materials received in this area.

Library aides functioned in IMC-1, IMC-11, and IMC-111.

They helped the librarians keep books shelved and keep the rooms in order. They also checked out materials when the work load demanded more than one pair of hands at the desk and when the librarians needed to take breaks.

Other aides spread out to all academic areas to help teachers. In the English department, for example, aides checked individual prescriptions completed by students and kept the students' files readily available.

All aides — front office, library, guidance, and departmental — received grades and credit for their work.







ABOVE, LEFT: FRONT OFFICE AND DEPARTMENTAL AIDES: KNEELING: Craig Jenkins, Ricky Rodriguez, Ronnie Roughton, Greg Jenkins, Allen Young. FRONT ROW: Dale Gandy, Chris Mayne, Jack Sumner, Jeff Wiggins, Karen Renfroe, Melanie Price, Audrey Ludlow, Sandee Hall, Mitzi McDonald, Jackie Ludlow, Lisa Hall, Dana Day, Linda McFarland, Lisa Wayt, Jeannie Sheffield, Tiny Greene, Anna Lott. BACK ROW: Ted Folsom, Rick Rupp, David Williams, Thomas Dowd, Mark Perry, Mark Artis, Jack Priest, Betsy Norton, Leigh Sutton, Missy Osborne, Emily Fisher, Renee Bajalia, and Judith Hennly. TOP, RIGHT: Greg Jenkins thumbs through the front office card file listing names, addresses, telephone numbers, and current schedules of all students. LEFT: Beth Tumberlin checks prescriptions for reading students.

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#### Key Club Marches On In Service, Action

Like Key Clubs of the past, this year's club followed tradition in supporting local charities.

Working hand in hand with the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta, club members sold and delivered poinsettias at Christmas.

They also collected canned foods for the needy at Thanksgiving, finishing second in the food drive sponsored locally by the Salvation Army.

At school the members of the club helped build the Key Club float, which took fourth place overall in club floats. Their theme for the float was taken from the motion picture Stripes, with all members dressed in camouflage, and either riding in a jeep or sometimes marching along behind.

In the spring, these young men collected rewards for their work by taking a weekend trip to Panama City.



ABOVE: Brad Martin, Jerry Purvis, Ted West, Mark Perry, Ferrell Scruggs, Ralph Moses, Ken Perry, Sanford Campbell, Ted Welch, Ben Reaves, Ellen Stewart, Clay Powell, Mark Artis, Sherri Wortham, David Parker, Billy Broadfoot, Ricky Rodriguez, Jeff Wiggins, Mike Mink, Joe Wetherington,

Chris Ruff, Mark Demott, Jack Sumner, Ty Davenport, Ronald Allen, Terry Wortham, Jeff Lee, Ben Harvey, Trey Powell, Rich McDonnell, Marty Shiver, Tod Edwards, Chris Mayne, Greg Jenkins, Greg Prine, Craig Jenkins, Blake Belue.

OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT: 1981-82 Key Club Sweethearts Ellen Stewart and Sherri Wortham. OPPOSITE PAGE, RIGHT: Key Club members Ted Welch, Jeff Wiggins, Mark Artis, Terry Wortham, and Ricky Rodriguez keep in step, singing the tune "Doo-Wah-Ditty" from the motion picture Stripes. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Key Club members Mike Mink, Ted Welch, Mark Artis, Jeff Wiggins, Ricky Rodriguez, Greg Prine, and Greg Jenkins display their Homecoming theme as they tour Patterson Street.







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#### Christian Athletes Branch Out

Like a new tree, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes grew to include everyone this year, spreading its branches not only over athletes, but also over anyone wanting to join and to try to become a better person. Personal improvement was the goal of this club.

To go along with the youth chapter, Stan Reaves, director of the Boys' Club of Valdosta, formed an adult chapter in town. Its purpose was the same as that of the high school chapter. Stan Reaves became the president of this group.

Lowndes High School's FCA worked hand in hand with Valdosta's group. Both clubs held several joint meetings and later went to the National Conference at Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Officers for the year were Mike Mink, president; Kennedy Cooper, vice-president; Ben Reaves, treasurer; and John Nitschke, secretary. Coach Nick Hyder again served as advisor for the club.



ABOVE: Stan Reaves, director of the Boys' Club of Valdosta, gives a speech to the Christian athletes at the new Boys' Club located on Cherry Creek Road. FRONT ROW: Students listening to Mr. Reaves are Paul Johnson, Bill New, Laurel Camarano, Cindy Clark, Stephen Paine, Scott Arnold, and Peggy Upchurch. RIGHT: Christian athletes who gathered to have their picture taken were, FRONT ROW: Joe Wetherington, Tod Edwards, Mike Mink, Brad Martin, Bill New, Laurel Camarano, Ty Davenport. SECOND ROW: Matt Mink, Ben Reaves, Andy Wiggs, Kennedy Cooper, Jimmy DeCarlo, THIRD ROW: John Nitschke, Billy Broadfoot, Roy Mitchell. BACK ROW: James Robinson, Greg Jenkins, Craig Jenkins, Mike Moore.



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# All Varsity Athletes Can Belong to V-Club

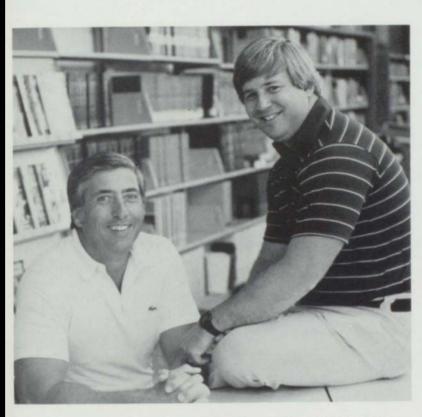


Once upon a time, all athletes who gave native ability, sweat, and loyalty to win places on varsity teams liked to strut around the school halls to show off their varsity letters. And all of them automatically became members of the honor group, the V Club.

Varsity players still received letters. Senior football players received jackets. But few students wore the letters. And few seemed to know that they belonged to a group known as the V Club. Perhaps they felt that pride was a private matter.

They displayed a nonchalant, even modest, attitude in regard to their achievements on playing fields and

courts.





TOP: Out of the hundreds of students eligible for membership in the V Club, only eleven heard the announcement and hurried to the gym to have a group shot made. FRONT ROW: Joe Wetherington, Tod Edwards, Mike Mink, Brad Martin, and Kennedy Cooper. BACK ROW: Billy Broadfoot, James Robinson, Ben Reaves, Andy Wiggs, Ty Davenport, and Jimmy DeCarlo. ABOVE, LEFT: Varsity Coach Jack Rudolph, who coaches football and golf, won

his varsity letters at Georgia Tech and could have claimed post-graduate letters from the Boston Patriots and the Miami Dolphins. Coach Bob Bolton won his high school letter for football at this school. ABOVE, RIGHT: Head Coach Nick Hyder could claim an A for academics because he teaches math courses. And for the past nine years he has been head honcho for the football Wildcats. He also fills the position of athletic director.

#### Football Cheerleaders Wear Varied Outfits

Young ladies always have trouble deciding what to wear. But eleven girls—the football cheerleaders and mascot—could answer this question in a hurry on Friday mornings during

the fall quarter.

Each girl in this group would wear one of twelve outfits consisting of abbreviated skirts, blouses, weskits, and jackets sporting black and gold insignia and her first name. According to Ellen Parnelle, "All but two were handed down. We had one made, and one was ordered."

They showed off these outfits when they cheered at school pep rallies, at city-wide pep rallies on Thursday nights, and at all games. And the town got a daytime look at them when the girls marched with the Homecoming

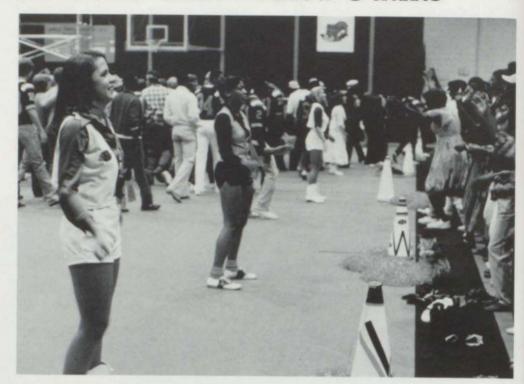
parade.

Miss Jana Garrett, a physical education teacher, sponsored the activities of the group and chaperoned for out-of-town games.

As a service—and for fun—the cheerleaders held a cheering clinic at the Girls Club for girls from six to thirteen.



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Miss Jana Garrett, cheerleader sponsor, hawks spirit ribbons on the sideline during the first Lowndes game. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: Toni Corbett takes a brief rest between routines. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Ellen Parnelle and other cheerleaders sway with the seniors while the band plays "Endless Love."





ABOVE: Varsity cheerleaders pose for picture at Cleveland Field. FRONT ROW: Cynthia Harkins; Dorothy Hand, captain; Toni Corbett, mascot; Sandee Hall, co-captain; Ellen Parnelle. BACK ROW: Tammy Parker, Jenecia Cushion, Marissa Lathrop, Audrey Ludlow, Sonja David.

ABOVE, LEFT: Tammy Parker has a moment of sadness or weariness when the camera captures her at a game. TOP: Ellen Parnelle and Sandee Hall, dressed in blue and white, show a visiting cheerleader from junior high how it is done varsity style.







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# Drama Club Goes All Out For Play

Though the Drama Club met only once or twice during the entire year, it accomplished as much as some of the other clubs that met more than ten times. Members of the club, and a few other students, devoted much time to their only project: a one-act play for district literary competition.

Mrs. Lee Pulliam, sponsor and director, started the events by announcing tryouts and by revealing the name of the play, "The Ugly Duckling" by A.A. Milne. Mrs. Pulliam then posted the names of the cast and set a practice

schedule.

After these preliminaries, the real work began. Participants met every day after school and rehearsed until 5:00 or 6:00 for over three months.

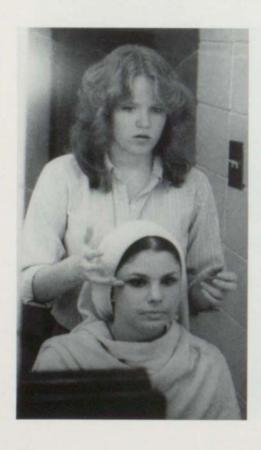
Principal Lloyd Mims allowed the cast to perform the play for several English classes, giving the performers a chance to rehearse in costume in front of an audience.

And when they performed their play before judges, members reaped the rewards for their hard work. Cammie Buerry captured the Best Actress award, and the cast placed third in district

competition.

After their burst of energy, all members of the Drama Club except one went on to other activities. This one member, Gretchen Trautmann, demonstrated her continuing interest in drama when she tried out for a place in the Governor's Honors Program, a spot she won.







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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Paul Johnson as The Prince helps Michele Ingram, the "Ugly Duckling" Princess, to her feet in one of their many rehearsals. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Make-up person Kristi Arrington gives Cammie Buerry the right look for her role as the absentminded maid. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: Drama club members gather on the stage of the Little Theater. FRONT ROW: Andy Mair, Michele Ingram, Gretchen Trautmann, and Dotty Jo Brown. SECOND ROW: Skip Lastinger, Robert Pulliam, David Hicks, Jan McKay, Cathy Eanes, and Kristi Arrington. TOP ROW: Mrs. Lee Pulliam, sponsor and director; Mary Taormina, student director; and Jim Rensenhouse. ABOVE: Mandy Kent, Dotty Jo Brown, and Cammie Buerry get ready in the background while Skip Lastinger applies make-up and Gretchen Trautmann uses the lights and mirrors to style her hair. Paul Johnson watches Michele Ingram help Jim Rensenhouse with his costuming as Andy Mair waits for his false beard to dry. LEFT: The King, Jim Rensenhouse, practices kissing the beautiful maid, Cammie Buerry.

# Chorus Restricts Performances To Local Area

Backyard and local area vacations have gained popularity this year because of the money crunch. And for the same reason, the chorus had to put restrictions on travel plans.

This group, consisting of more than one hundred young people who like to sing and who gave hours of their time both in school and at night to practice, had to confine their performances to the community. Going to Houston, Texas, would have to wait for another year.

They sang at St. Paul's AME Church, at the Gate Center, an institution caring for mentally-retarded adults, and at China Gardens Restaurant.

For this latter performance they entertained the faculty and staff of the school at their Christmas dinner. Then in May they crowded on the stage of the Little Theater for a concert.

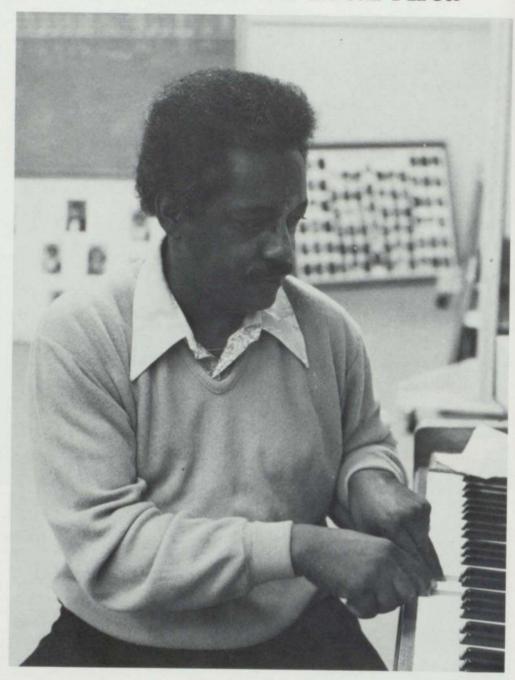
For some selections they featured special groups—the Male Glee Club and the Select Female Ensemble. But for each performance Mr. Herman Revels, chorus director, tried to bring the entire group together for certain parts of the programs.

#### OFFICERS:

Kenny Cooper President Arvin Berry Vice-President

#### SECTION LEADERS:

Judy Robinson Alto
Dorothy Hand Soprano
Jeffery Spivey Tenor
Kenny Cooper Bass



Mr. Herman Revels



ABOVE: Members of the chorus practice for their spring concert. FRONT ROW: Tanya Stingley, Andrea Hart, Carolyn Clark, Angela Cain, Venessa Simmons, Tanguela Johnson, Valerie Bell, Mattie Vickers, Carolyn Williams, Carolyn Jackson, Redina Frazier, Tracy Williams, Sharon Carter, Veronica Donaldson, Denise Robinson, Linda Johnson, Sherri Beaufort, Debra James. SECOND ROW: Sharon Sharper, Sabrina Williams, Jennifer Tooley, Renea Johnson, Karen David, Mae Williams, Callie Parker, Debra McHelen, Melissa Jones, Annette Thompson, Loretta Gamble, Glesha Taylor, Pam Goode, Cecil Johnson, Lashonda Carrington. THIRD ROW: Patricia Peak, Carla Newton, Loretta James, Darlene McCormick, Ann Greer, Laren Evans, Verena Holmes, Lisa King, Shaunda Brown, Miriam Tate, Cheryl Perry, Angela Tooley, Georgia Capers,

Mia Irvin, Cindy Sylvester, Vicki Harden, Princess Henton, Beverly Young, Cheryl Patterson, Stephanie Brown. FOURTH ROW: Jessie Jones, Marcus Griffin, Larry Cooper, Ronald Glades, Dana Mabry, Mike Moore, Alfred Hart, Mike Robey, James Straughter, Charles Brantley, Bernard Rose, Spencer Davis, Demetrius Patterson, Tony Jackson, Andy Wiggs, Willie E. Scott, Allen Robinson, Markeita Mitchell, Brenda Bonner. FIFTH ROW: Isaac Payton, Charlie Johnson, Arthur Fillmore, Willie Smith, Eric Henderson, Alonzo Miller, Vincent Holmes, Samuel Roberson, Dwight Primrose, Tony Foster, Willie Scott, John Seward, Robert Mitchell, Arvin Berry, Ozell Ramsey, Roderick Johnson, Collie Lewis, Calvin Williams, Henry Mabry, Anthony McCaskill, Ricky Daniels.

# Silver Merit Awards Honor DECA Competency

Distributive Education Clubs of America changed their image this year to base all awards on competency, not on honors. For the first time there was no Chapter of the Year competition.

But forty-one of the seventy students enrolled in Valdosta High School DECA classes and club work proved their competency when they received state silver merit awards for excellence in preparation and presenta-

tion of their projects.

At the District 7 competition, five students took first places. Then in March, at the state meet in Atlanta, the club had four finalists and one first place. David Lynch won for Reporter of the Year. Jeff Newbern took second place for his project on service station retailing.

David and Jeff then started making plans to attend the national convention to be held in Chicago, June

26-July 1, 1982.

At the annual employer-employee banquet held the last week of April, the club presented the Outstanding Service Award to the Citizens and Southern National Bank. This firm gives a full four-year scholarship to an outstanding DE student.

DECA **DISTRICT 7 COMPETITION** David Lynch Student of Year First Place Cathy Eanes Advertising Services First Place Jeff Newbern Service Station Retailing First Place Melani Price Restaurant Marketing First Place Emory Warrick Spelling-Vocabulary First Place Donald Dilliplane Job Interview Second Place Mary Jane Ellison Finance and Credit Second Place Jeff Bickers Food Marketing Second Place



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: After being named the Rookie of the Year, Melani Price poses with Mrs. Helen Montague Dent. Mrs. Dent's family gave the Bobby Montague Rookie

of the Year Award in memory of Bobby Montague. ABOVE: Jill Sumner shows off the W.E. Glenn Award for being the Most Valuable Student.





Mr. Norman Greene DE Sponsor



Members of the DE Club almost fill one side of the Pit: FRONT ROW: David Lynch, Kathryn DeLoach, Shannon Frassrand, Jill Sumner, Lynne Becton, Cathy Eanes. SECOND ROW: Vic Hartman, Debbie Reaves, Lisa Herbert, Mary Jane Ellison, Lysbeth Simmons, Barbara Bass, Missy Haire, Terry Colon. THIRD ROW: Marvin Martin, Jay Green, Emory Warrick, Stephanie Bynum, Nicole Roesch, Stacey Bynum, Barbi Carmichael, David Kirkland, Gwen Bass, Lisa Jenkins, Chrissy Mitchell, Barbara Meeks, Cindy Clark. FOURTH ROW: Jeff Bickers, Blake Retterbush, Steve Roberts, Marc Pitre, Blenus Green, Michelle Moore, Pat Tunison, Pat Reaves, Melani Price, Graeme Wagner, Donald Dilliplane, Beth Tomberlin, Marie Smith, Karen Darnell, Rod Pate, John Mitchell. BACK ROW: Matthew Mead, Darrell Lester, Anthony Perry, Mike Moore, Tommy Schunoff, Jeff Newbern, Jim Gore, Steve Walker, Brian Cutshaw, Jack Sumner, Tod Edwards, Robert Gyr, Greg Sumner, Dane Trantham.

VICA Skills Olympics:

Winners for 1981-1982

Rebecca Morris Job Interview

Robin Barrow Cosmetology

Sheila Moten Prepared Speech

Michael Mitchell Commercial Food Trades

Charles Allen Young Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

Don Bonner Welding

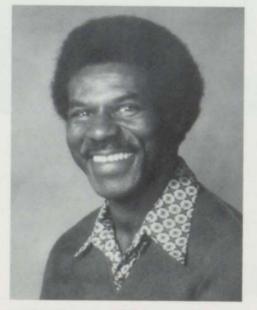
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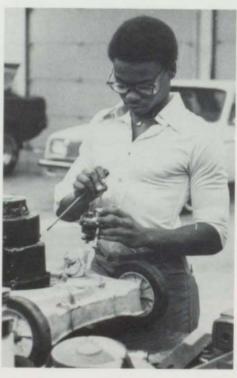
Bobby Sheffield Graphic Arts



TOP, RIGHT: Suzi Williams, Kim Trancygier, Teresa McDonald, and Mr. Levy Taylor Put the finishing touches on another Wildcat for a pep rally sign. FAR RIGHT: Robert Moore learns a skill by working on a no-go lawn mower.



Mr. Levy Taylor Sponsor, DCT



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# Diversified Cooperative Training Emphasizes Skills

Flower clubs stress floral arrangements. Book clubs highlight reviews. Some clubs boast of service. Unlike these single interest groups, the Diversified Cooperative Training Club had many interests with a focus on skills.

Of the one hundred and thirty members making up the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, VICA, this club formed the largest group.

It differed from the Industrial Arts Club, the Electro-Mechanics Club, and the Construction Club in that its members did not limit their interests to one vocational or industrial area.

And unlike the Distributive Education Club, DCT emphasized skills more than service.

Students enrolled in the program

attended classes in the mornings. They learned how to apply for jobs, how to dress for jobs, and how to communicate in oral and written

When they dashed to leave school at twelve-twenty, they stopped being a unified group because they fanned out all over town to work at South Georgia Medical Center, at beauty shops, at garages and service stations; in fact, at any firm or business needing the specialized skills that these young people had to offer.

For their work the students received pay and grades leading to credits toward graduation.

In the spring they entered area VICA Skills Contests to test their skills against those of other DCT

clubs. Rebecca Morris, Michael Mitchell, Sheila Moten, and Robin Barrow placed in the competition.

In May the club held an Employer-Employee Banquet to honor the local business people who had encouraged them during the year.

And just as they received encouragement from the outside, members of this group gave co-operation to the activities of the school. They made signs for each week's pep rally and entered a car in the Homecoming parade.

Mr. Levy Taylor taught the preparatory courses for the program and served as sponsor for the club.



#### OFFICERS:

Rebecca Morris President

Robert Daugharty Vice-President

> Angie Rowe Secretary

Russ Belflower Reporter

Angie Rowe VICA Sweetheart

Darlene Rowe Teresa McDonald Attendants ABOVE: Members of DCT Club: FRONT ROW: Melissa Rolly, Shernetta Williams, Shirley Thomas, Pam Lindsey, Dora Sherman, Darlena Rowe, Michael Denson. SECOND ROW: Mr. Levy Taylor, Terri Turner, Trina Shiver, Nancy Gung, Suzi Williams, Teresa McDonald, Linda McFarland, Alice Blocker, Angie Rowe, Rebecca Morris, Cindy Connor, Michael Mitchell, Angela Owens, Dana Moore, Theresa Foster, Jill

Daniel, Marie Tomlin, Teresa Watford, Donna Atkins, Susan Gates, Hanna Woods, Donna Osburn, Chloe Fuller. BACK ROW: Irvin Thomas, Sheila Moten, Scott Jacobsen, Wade Cothran, David Pridgen, David Chun, Miles Lester, Russ Belflower, Marcus Robinson, David Steinberg, Robert Daugharty, Bert Evans, Jenny Conant, John Merritt, Joel Pitts, Morris Powers, Brett Vickery, Tony Wainwright.

# Business Club Changes i to y for Busyness

'Let's get down to business' is a familiar saying in these parts. Many make this comment or hear it said when there is work to be done.

Members of Future Business Leaders of America Club had plenty of work to be done in a year which involved two kinds of business: that spelled with an *i* and that spelled with a *y*—busyness.

One busy member, club president Shelley Miller, was a tough competitor at region and state meets, taking first place in Clerk Typist One competition for Region Seven and placing second in the same category at state level.

Although only Shelley went on to win at state, several of her fellow officers and

club members placed in the region meet. Club vice-president Angela Summers took second place in Vocational Office Training, while reporter Cheryl Emond and member Brenda Lowe won first place in Poster Event.

Also placing at the region meet, Glenda Kirkland finished second in Inter-Office Procedures, and Dolores Carpenter took fifth place in Clerk Typist Two competition

Besides being active in competitive meets, FBLA members busied themselves in other ways. In October they joined with the Lowndes High FBLA chapter to hold a mother-daughter luncheon and fashion show.

From February 8-14, the group celebrated National FBLA Week. Members began the celebration by placing refreshments in teachers' lounges and Valentines candy in teachers' boxes.

They continued the celebration with a covered-dish luncheon at Mrs. Barbara Edmondson's home, and they ended it with a joint VHS-LHS FBLA breakfast at Gold Plate Restaurant.

Club members completed their busy service schedule by sponsoring a luncheon for the Vocational Advisory Committee, having previously sold Tom Watt merchandise and washed cars to fund the March 31 affair.



ABOVE, LEFT: Club president Shelley Miller discusses the signing up of candidates for next year's officers' positions with Mrs. Tina Strickland as Mrs. Janeen Josey peruses photographs taken at state conference. ABOVE, RIGHT: FBLA members: FIRST ROW: Mrs. Janeen Josey, Paula Dennis, Kim Brady, Glenda Kirkland, Katrina Shaw, Suzanne Ciaccio, Patti Martin, Dolores Carpenter, Phyllis Hall, Beth Tomberlin, Brenda Lowe, Carol Chitty, Katrina Moore, Angela Summers, Tangula Wright, Kim McCaskill, Renee Isom, Katherine Meyer, Pam Stanley, Mrs. Tina Strickland. SECOND ROW: Sandra Payton, Sheila Lowery, Cheryl Emond,



Lynn Bozeman, Suzanne Snow, Terri Allen, Marie Smith, Diane Brookhaven, Kim Quiggins, Sandee Hall, Jennifer Richardson, Angela Hargett, Jenny White, Rose Doe, Donna Via, Michele Black, Cathy Wilson. THIRD ROW: Jerri Hughes, Tammy Parker, Shelley Miller, Toni Corbett, Vickie Coxwell, Betty Kelsie, Rhonda Williams, Stefanie Roberts, Odette Griffin. RIGHT: Demonstrating appropriate attire for the business woman, Gena Richardson models a jacket ensemble from Sears at the mother-daughter luncheon and fashion show.



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# Standards Make For Smooth Sailing



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TOP: Cadet Commander Edward Cole and Instructor Larry Cupp inspect the Drill Team during Annual Inspection. ABOVE: NJROTC Company Staff: FRONT ROW: Edward Cole, LCDR Cupp, Ken Beaty, SECOND ROW: Sean Cupp, Peter Yearby, Willie Lewis, Sam Brown, Scott Waddell, Bill Burns, Mark McLeod, Petty

Officer Sam Wright. THIRD ROW: David McEachin, David Pitts, Rusty Wetherington, Scott Daniels, Carl Battles. BACK ROWS: Julius Daniels, Joel Jackson, James Stokes, Michael Stewart. Four of the company cannot be identified.

Although Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets seldom ever visited ships — windjammers, diesel powered, or nuclear powered — they lived by the criteria of smooth sailing.

Since the inception of the United States Navy, this phrase has set regulations and has given character to tradition. In keeping with these naval traditions, the Corps maintained those high standards, and the Valdosta NJROTC unit set additional criteria for other units to follow.

In Area Six, ROTC's Southeast District, Captain Doanld McFadden selected the Valdosta unit as the model for prospective unit leadership to visit and to learn from.

Perhaps the largest in the nation, this unit's Drill Team also set performance standards. Boasting over thirty-five members, this company captured first place at the Atlanta Invitational Drill Meet.

Individual cadets also set and maintained standards in the areas of dress, aptitude, and drill. Cadet Commander Edward Cole received the Area Six Outstanding Cadet Award, one of a profusion of awards given to cadets on Honors Night.

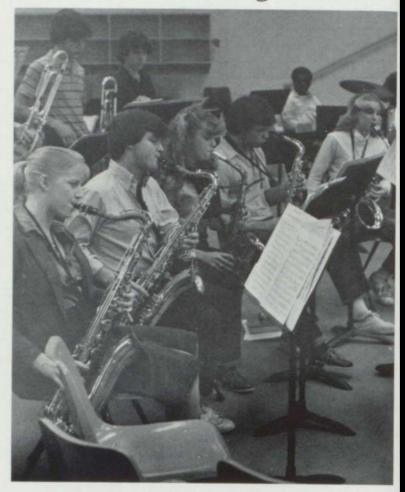
# New Directors Spark Attitude Changes

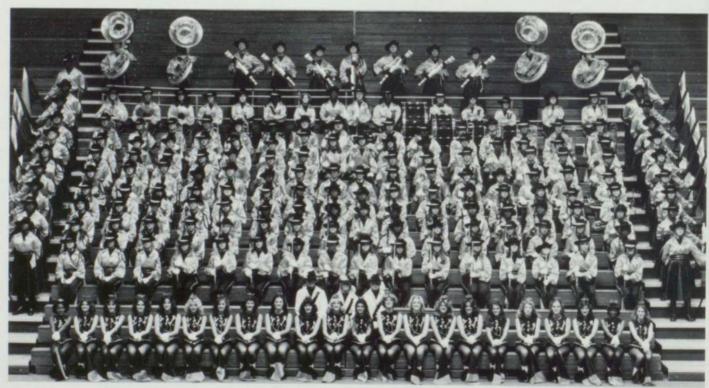
"If it is to be, it is up to me and thee" frequently resounded through the bandroom from the new leaders of the Marching Cats, director Joe David and his first lieutenant, Mr. David Moorer. In addition to such new dictums, Mr. David and Mr. Moorer introduced a morning and afternoon rehearsal schedule and a music and drill check-off board to the band members.

Though the new directors espoused a new philosophy and procedures, they continued many fall quarter Marching Cat traditions; including performances at pep rallies, parades, and halftime shows, as well as participation in the traditional fall quarter competition. For this contest, the Marching Cats traveled to Statesboro, Georgia, where they earned superior ratings and captured the title of Best in Class AAAA.

Winter quarter brought the change from marching to concert band. These two bands traveled to Waycross to perform before judges the three pieces they had practiced during the previous twelve weeks. Both bands scored superior ratings for their prepared pieces and for sight reading.

In addition to playing in the school concert bands, twenty-one students participated in the Epworth district concert band clinic, with eight making first chair. Alan Carter, Brian Buzzie Buzzio, and Keith Quarles also made the All-State concert band.

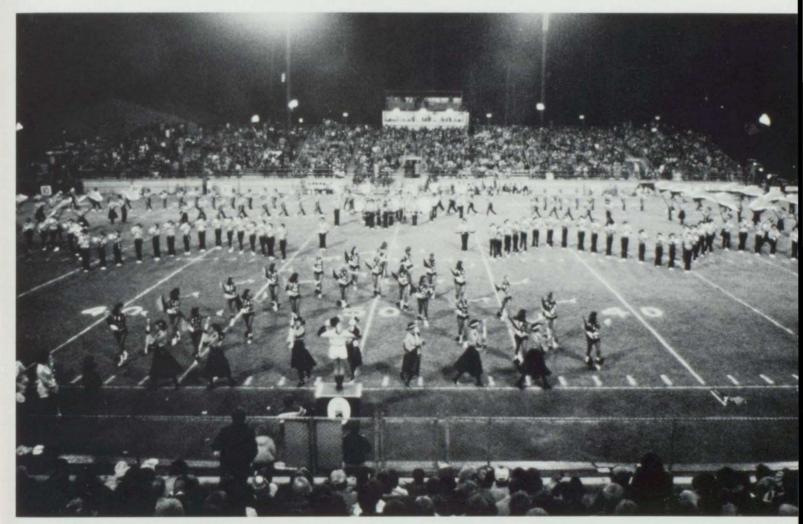




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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Jazz band saxophones harmonize as trombones rest. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Marching Cats pose for picture to appear in football and competition programs. TOP, LEFT: Drum major Mary Jane Ellison

concentrates while directing after halftime. TOP, LEFT RIGHT: Head Director, Joe David, smiles from his seat of power. ABOVE: Marching Cats form intricate patterns during the Thomasville halftime show.

# Band Wins Big One

Many trite maxims have force. Mr. Joe David, band director, liked to say, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." He knew that though the Marching Cats had placed in competitions, none of them had ever swept a contest.

And to be sure that trying worked, Mr. David and his assistants put the band through rigorous drill sessions from the first of the year until they left for Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 17, 1982.

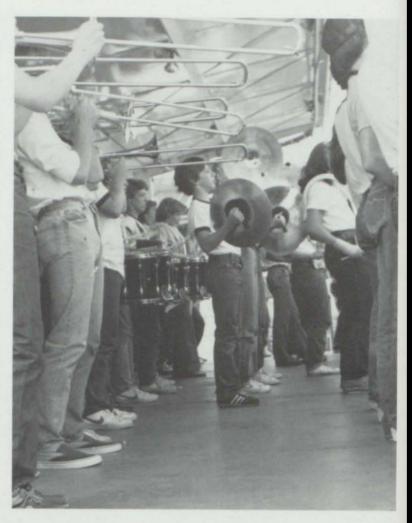
When they loaded the buses for the trip to Virginia Beach, the Marching Cats knew they could win for appearance and performance.

As soon as they stepped out before the judges' stand, they started "Birth of the Blues."

On the competition field the next day their black and gold uniforms attracted attention. And their repertoire incited a standing ovation. They played "Tara's Theme," "Get Me to the Church on Time," a drum feature for "Sweet Georgia Brown Upside Down," "South Medley," and "Mom and Apple Pie Exit."

As the band marched back to the buses, one member heard this remark, "They have class."

At the awards ceremony, the judges must have agreed. The Marching Cats won parade and field-show competition, placed first in class AAAA concert competition—and won the prestigious sweepstakes award.







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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Steve Bristow crashes his cymbals during informal concert given by the Marchin' Cats in Virginia Beach. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Cynthia Trautmann congratulates her sister, Gretchen, for the band's victorious return. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RIGHT: At the reception for the Cats, Allen Lawson admires the trophies from Virginia Beach while Junior Lamb and John Smith enjoy the food and drinks. ABOVE: Drum majors Mary Jane Ellison; Richard Irby; and David Lynch; and head director, Mr. Joe David, display trophies and banner won at the Virginia Beach contest. LEFT: Mr. David directs the symphonic band in one of the many before-school rehearsals.

#### Jazzman Club Chooses Laissez-Faire Attitudes

Some clubs have set quotas for membership and set constitutions and bylaws. But the Jazzman Club adopted a laissez-faire attitude regarding number of members and activities.

At the highest point, the club had fifty members; at the lowest point, only twenty students belonged to this black co-educational group.

According to Mr. William Pompey,

According to Mr. William Pompey, sponsor, "It was more or less a social

club."

But this attitude did not stop members from taking part in school and civic projects usually undertaken by service clubs. Young men and ladies brought food for the Christmas food drive. And in May they gave blood for the on-campus blood drive.

Their casual approach to business even extended to meetings. They usually met once a week in the Pit before school. But meetings changed sometimes to fit the schedules of the sponsor and those of students.

In early May the club had a dance at Pinevale Gym. This event added fun to the lives of members and money to the clubs' coffers because each person attending the affair paid a one-dollar admission fee.

To help the PAMS Club fill up the thirty seats on their chartered bus for the trip to Six Flags Over Georgia, a few Jazzmen went along on this excursion.

FLIGS

TOP, RIGHT: Bonnie Grant, Sheila Hezekia, and Wanda Stewart at Six Flags Over Georgia. BOTTOM, RIGHT: Jazzman Club: FRONT ROW: Isaac Payton, Glenn Wiggs. SECOND ROW: Lon Turner, Jackie Morris, Teresa Moten, Tyrone Register, Pamela Botford, Jackie Davis, Hannah Woods, Patricia Lewis, Bridgette Wiggs, Wanda Wilcox, Wanda Thomas, Donna Morris, Dora Sherman, Charolette McDaniels, Shaundra Williams, Wanda Stewart, Celestine Hand. BACK ROW: Yolanda Paul, Antonio Marshall, Sandra Payton, Linda Blair, Tanguela Wright, Belinda Wright, Cynthia Butler, Valerie Marable, Lynn Johnson, Bonnie Grant, Ethel Rowe, Tracy Moore, Rickey Burse, Morris Pride, Odette Griffin, Mike Thomas, Vincent Holmes



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# PAMS Club Keeps Feminine Emphasis

Because of muddled interpretations of the statement made by the proposed ERA amendment and by Title IX, many groups have felt that both sexes had to be represented in all clubs and organizations. But one club, PAMS, declared its intention to remain feminine.

When the club picture was taken in the fall, while Mrs. Jennifer Brown was serving as sponsor, several boys did claim membership in

this group.

Mrs. Patricia Rayford, who became the sponsor after Mrs. Brown left to be married, made it clear to the group that it was to be a girls' exclusive

According to Mrs. Rayford, the acronym for the name indicated P for personality, A for appearance, M for morals, and S for service. In previous years the sponsor had said that the S stood for scholastic achievement. But Mrs. Rayford emphasized that this was a service club, not one that recognized honors.

And because service projects always required funds, the young ladies in this group worked to raise money. They held numerous car washes and

sold candy.

With the money they raised, the girls purchased special treats to take to local nursing homes. At Christmas they fixed boxes for needy families

And while theirs was not a social club, members did use part of their funds for two events: they had a Valentine Sweetheart Ball, and all thirty-five of them piled on a bus to go to Six Flags Over Georgia.





ABOVE: PAMS Club: FRONT ROW: Maria Harris, Tracy Johnson, Judith Robertson, Annette Coleman, Felecia Rosser, Stefanie Roberts, Shaunara Williams, Glenn Wiggs, Maurice Gray, Tracy Marshall, Yvette Moore, Louise Davis, Isaac Payton, Donna Morris, Tammy Payton, Vincent Holmes, Sonja Robinson, Tanguela Wright. SECOND ROW: Beverly Ellis, Lisa King, Veronica Wiseman, Felecia Frazier, Cathy Seward, Felecia Berrian, Rose Doe, Angela Hargett, Vanessa Simmons, Julia Robinson, Angela Cain, Judy Duncan, Renee Isom, Lenora Coleman, Carol Johnson, Kimberly McCaskill, Charolette McDaniels, Shernetta Williams, Rhonda Williams, Angela Myers, Mike Thomas, Gail Marshall, Sharon Brinson, Cynthia McHelen. BACK ROW: Wanda Gee, Odette Griffin, Brenda Roberts, Altricia Payton, Cathy Wilson, Debbie Griffin, Letitia Moye, Tracy Moore. LEFT: Veronica Wiseman, Carol Johnson, Sonja Robinson, and Sharon Brinson share the work to raise money for the club's trip to Six Flags Over Georgia.

# Valdosta High Rowdies Project False Image

Names do not always fit people—or clubs. When a group of young men last year formed the Valdosta High Rowdies, they wanted to give an image of tough vigor. Perhaps a better title would have been Valdosta High Helpers, for this group of thirty young men always found time, money, and energy to help.

They did not broadcast their generosity, but for the Christmas food drive they donated more food than any other club that took part in this

activity.

And when Principal Lloyd Mims announced that a blood drive would be held on the campus, the Rowdies did not even need the stimulus of competition with other groups to make them volunteer.

They trucked down to the health occupations area and bared their arms so the nurses could take blood. Each club had a quota of ten pints. But the Rowdies exceeded this goal. They gave fifteen pints.

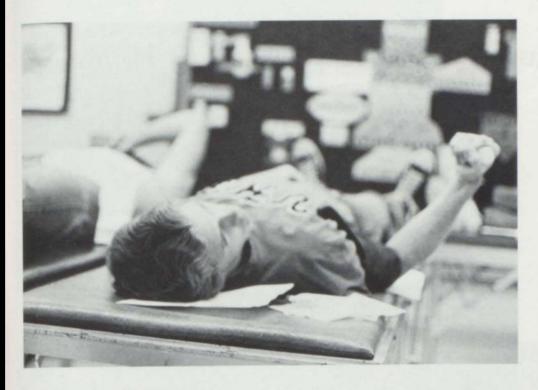
Mr. Kelly Dees, sponsor, pointed out with pride that they made 150% of the set goal.

While tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade boys could join the club, most of the members were seniors.

During the year members did have one selfish objective. They planned and worked to raise money for a trip to Daytona. Because club members wanted to have this vacation after school was out, many cars received muscle-power shines.



MEMBERS OF THE VHR CLUB: ON GROUND: Matthew Delrossi, Terry Colon. FIRST ROW: Mr. Kelly Dees, Ted Folsom, Chuck Bracey, Susan McLeod, Amy Shannon, Tina Greene, Stephanie Smith, Tim Davis, Morris Powers, Mike Strobo, John Merritt, John Retterbush, Steve Connelly, Vic Hartman, John Scala, Ray Dean, Steven Delrossi, Jeff Bickers, Brent Vickery. SECOND ROW: Craig Broomberg, Scott Richardson, Mark Bass, Robert Daugharty, Dod Jones, Kyle Atkinson, George Daugharty. BACK ROW: Blake Retterbush, Derrien Small, Blenus Green, Pat Reeves, Miles Lester, Russ Belflower, Mark Pitre, Dan Trantham, Andy Pace.

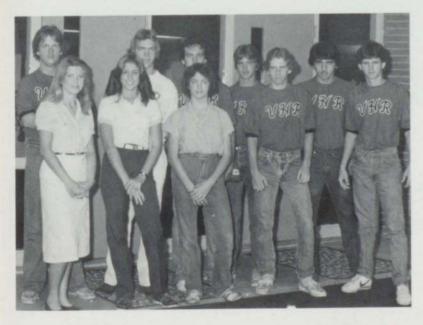


"I could always depend on them. They were always ready to help. That name didn't fit."

> Mr. Kelly Dees Sponsor, VHR







TOP: Steve Connelly donates blood for the VHR club. ABOVE LEFT: Brent Vickery washes while another Rowdy rinses during a club car wash. ABOVE: Officers Chuck Bracey, Vic Hartman, Steve Connelly, and Steven Delrossi look over the club sign while the rest of the officers—Chip Riggs, John Merritt, and Brent Vickery stand in front of it. LEFT: VHR Sweethearts pose with fall quarter officers. FRONT ROW: Susan McLeod, Stephanie Smith, Tina Green, Steve Connelly, and Brent Vickery. BACK ROW: Dane Trantham, Robert Daugharty, Craig Broomberg, John Merritt, and Mark Pitre

# Foreign Language Club Keeps Busy At Home

"My calendar is full." "That's not on my calendar." These expressions accent the modern pace of all organizations, including school clubs.

Members of the Foreign Language Club who had their calendars marked tentatively for a trip to France and one to Mexico decided, instead, to schedule the trips bi-annually. But they did make many notations on their calendar of local activities.

In the fall quarter they held car washes to raise money for LARC, Lowndes Association for Retarded Children. And they spent much time preparing their Homecoming parade entry, a float which boasted the saying, "When the Wildcats get rolling, they don't monkey around."

Soap suds splashed again in the winter quarter as club faithfuls washed more cars. To break this work routine, they threw a Christmas party at Shannon Santos's home.

In the spring quarter the club switched fund raising gambits from car washes to candy sales. Members sold M&M candies to raise money for an excursion to Disney World, but decided not to schedule the trip until the following year.

April was an especially busy month, with the jobs of hosting the International Dinner and running the concession stand at the Miss Valdosta High Beauty Pageant.

To show off their speaking skills, club members participated in their class plays, presenting *El Sombrero De Tres Picos*, or *The Three-Cornered Hat*, in Spanish and the classic *Cinderella* in French.



ABOVE: Playing the leading role in the French classes' production of CINDERELLA, Joany McRae prepares to try the slipper being held by Paul Johnson, the prince, as Eldridge Closson, the footman, looks on. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: In the role of Miguel the miller, Michael Herrin points an accusing finger at Ellen

Parnelle, one of the local gossips, as Maria Allen, Miguel's wife, looks on in disbelief. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Mrs. Elsie Nicholas, Spanish teacher, assists Principal Lloyd Mims in selecting samples from the assortment of exotic dishes prepared for the International Dinner.







ABOVE: Members of the Foreign Language Club: KNEELING: Skip Lastinger, Sean Miller, Randall Beaver, Allen Young, Joel Williams, Brian Aldrich, Scott Wells. SECOND ROW: Marty Gray, Mrs. Sharron Gandy, Benton Anderson, Michael Rainey, Yvette Moore, Melanie Skiles, Kim Quiggins, Marinell Hamilton, Sandra Martin, Joany McRae, Lisa Flowers, Julie Lineberger, Michele Black, Shannon Santos, Brenda Roberts, Deborah Thomas, Cathy McElwain, Michelle McElwain, Jennifer Singletary, Sharon Robinson, Missy Denmark, Jenny Pearson, Gail Robinson, Cindy Pitts, Kelli Page, Irvin Thomas, Susan Linger, Laura Faussone, David Meadows, Ricky Burse, Bret Busch, Felicia Rosser, Sandy Gallagher, Mrs. Elsie Nicholas.

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# Future Homemakers Broadcast Their Program

Many magazine publish articles about homemaking arts and skills.

And this year members of the Future Homemakers club broadcast their program to the school, the community, and the state. They kept a bulletin board display in a glass case in the front lobby of the school. They took part in an interview broadcast over a local station.

And by extension they let the state know about the homemaking program. Leigh Powell, a junior, representing the homemaking department, entered her project in Region 1-AAAA Literary Meet competition. Although Leigh was not a

member of FHA, the club claimed her when her presentation won first place for region, district, and state.

Another local broadcast occurred when club members entertained their mothers at a Mother-Daughter Banquet.

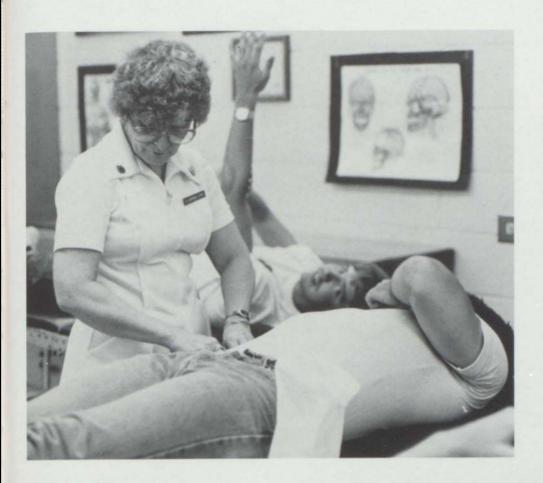






TOP: MEMBERS OF THE FHA Club: FRONT ROW: Tracy Flucas, Dana Durden, Angela Smith, Tracey Williams, Renee French, Jackie Morris, Judy Duncan, Dorothy Fluit, Sharon Brinson, Veronica Wiseman. SECOND ROW: Vickie Colquitt, Cynthia Taylor, Sharon Manning, Kim Ingram, Karen Ingram, Karen Scott, Gail Marshall. BACK ROW, STANDING, LEFT: Miss Ossie Ash, Dora Sherman, Faye O'Neal, Kitty Rolly. BACK ROW, SEATED: Daphana Botford, Carolyn Williams, Donna

Morris, Julie Anderson, Tammy Payton, Altricia Payton. BACK ROW, STANDING, RIGHT: Regina Cody, Mrs. Sandra Davis, Natalie Moore, Glenda Duncan, Anne Marshall, Mrs. Ann Gillespie. ABOVE, LEFT: Dora Sherman, Natalie Moore, and two students from Lowndes High School answer questions posed by Jane Nickels for a TV interview. ABOVE, RIGHT: FHA Club members and their mothers listen to the speaker after the Mother-Daughter Banquet.



#### Club Prexies Form Council

To help make school groups effective, all club presidents formed an Interclub Clouncil.

While they did not necessarily belong to the Student Council, members of this exclusive group worked with the Council. They did not meet on a regular basis, but when the Council needed them, they rallied to the cause.

After meeting with members of the Council, they helped ramrod the plans for Homecoming.

Each president carried back this message: "This is the theme for Homecoming. Now it's up to us to pitch in and build our float and make this the best week ever."

At Christmas, they urged their respective clubs to bring food for the food drive.

Miss Nancy Parker, sponsor for the Student Council, coordinated the work of the Interclub Council to make certain that the presidents used all of their club power.

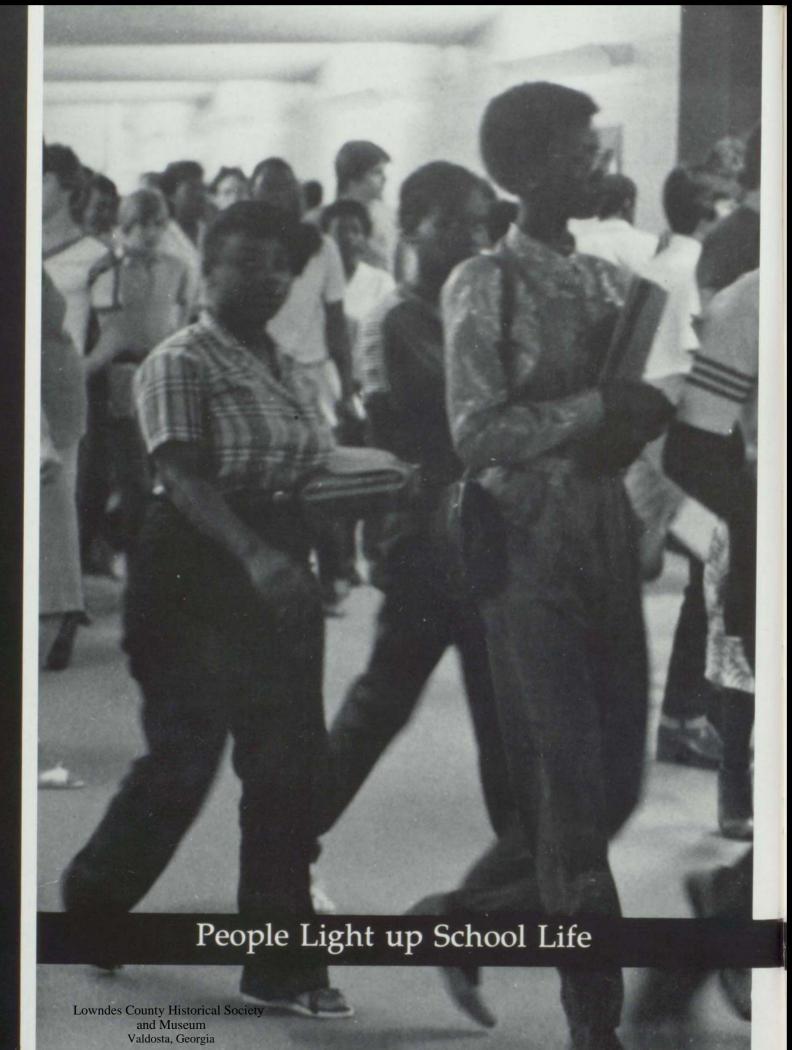
In May, they urged the clubs to go all out in competition in the blood drive.



TOP: As John Merritt holds his arm up in the background, Mrs. Jordon, Licensed Practical Nurse, readies Mark Pitre. ABOVE, LEFT: Presidents of all clubs pose together to form Inter-Club. SITTING: David Lynch and Shelley Miller. STANDING: Stephen Paine, David Parker, Mike Mink, Ted Welch, Ricky Bursce, and Renee Isom. ABOVE, RIGHT: Toni Corbett helps David Williams while others wait.



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# In learning, touching, meeting, People together Gave light to life for each one.



OPPOSITE PAGE: Between classes, students flow through the wide halls. ABOVE: Tim Sutton plays a solo while the Marching Cats

back him up. TOP, RIGHT: Alice Blocker and Rebecca Morris travel through IMC II to their first period class.





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# Administrators Exemplify Yearbook Theme

Administrators exemplied each phase of this yearbook's theme-

lights, camera, action.

Principal Lloyd Mims stayed in the limelight of every school event. And he stayed on the go from the time he reached the school before six o'clock in the morning until he could officially leave his duties.

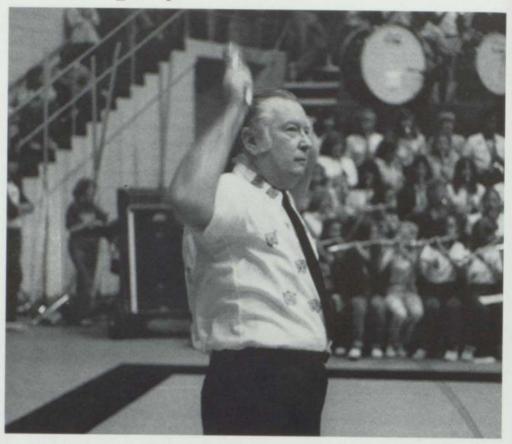
His schedule varied from the frenetic pace of almost orchestrating pep rallies to the quiet times when he sat in his office, puffed on his pipe,

and thought about problems.

Vice-principals also stayed in motion. As a part of their job descriptions, each of them had to attend all school functions. In the spring that condition meant DE banquet, DCT banquet, spring sports banquet, end-of-school banquet, band concert, chorus concert. And the list could go on.

During the school day they stayed in action supervising different academic areas. Mr. Bill Adlrich made the rounds of the English and social studies areas. Mr. Don Allison kept an eye on the Back-Diamond. Miss Regina Hollinshead visited math, science, individual advancement, and

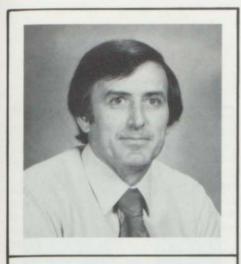
homemaking classes.







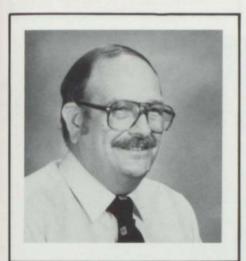
TOP, RIGHT: Principal Lloyd Mims holds up the spirit stick at a pep rally. ABOVE, LEFT: Mr. Mims reviews teacher evaluation forms. Behind him, two telephones, in easy swivel-chair distance, will soon interrupt his study. ABOVE, RIGHT: While talking with a visitor, Mr. Mims puffs on his pipe.



William Aldrich Assistant Principal



Miss Regina Hollinshead Dean of Girls



Donald Allison Assistant Principal



LEFT: Mrs. Edwina Burgsteiner, Bookkeeper-secretary RIGHT: Mrs. Fay Nitschke, Attendance-Secretary



James Bridges Assistant Principal

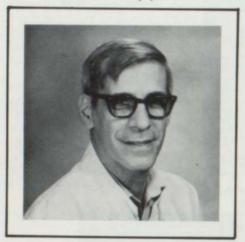




Left: Mrs. Mary Ann Bartholomew, Secretary-Receptionist RIGHT: Mrs. Valencia Lucas, Secretary-Receptionist



Mr. William Pompey, IMC-1



Mr. Ralph Guarino, Media Specialist

Names of libraries identify many large universities. These buildings and their collections furnish focal points for learning.

In the same way three instructional materials centers served as learning areas for students and teachers.

Mrs. Sandra Connell coordinated the work of the centers. She helped students learn to use the five microfilm readers, two purchased this year; two microfiche readers, one new this year; and the brand new reader-printer.

Mrs. Marie Brandon helped junior and senior research classes locate secondary sources for their essays in IMC-3. And Mr. William Pompey kept track of math and science offerings in IMC-1.



Mrs. Sandra Connell, IMC-2



Mrs. Catherine Yale, Registrar



Mrs. Kaye Chambers, Media Secretary



Mrs. Marie Brandon, IMC-3



Mrs. Edna Thomas, Records



Mrs. Betty Wildes, Guidance Secretary

## Support Personnel Work with Students

In some ways the support personnel did not have as much visibility as the administrators attracted. But they staved in the limelight for students.

They saw Mrs. Edwina Burgsteiner, financial secretary, when they bought locker spaces and learned their combinations. They went back to see her to buy season tickets for football and tickets for playoff games.

When she was not busy selling, Mrs. Burgsteiner kept track of all monies collected and turned in by clubs and academic departments.

She also coordinated textbook orders turned in by teachers.

Mrs. Catherine Yale, across the

front area in the registrar's office, saw students during three hectic times when she was in charge of quarter registrations. Department heads prepared the schedules. But Mrs. Yale had to synchronize the different offerings and prepare the registration materials to be sent to the computer office.

Mrs. Edna Thomas guarded the school treasury, the vault containing permanent records for all graduates of this school. In the spring she sent out transcripts for students seeking admission to different colleges.

For guidance, students could visit the offices of four counselors: Mrs. Virginia Wisenbaker, seniors; Mrs. Laverne Torrence, juniors; Mrs. Sonia Wilcox, sophomores; and Mrs. Patricia Rayford, freshmen.

And at the reception desk many students saw Mrs. Mary Ann Bartholomew and Mrs. Valencia Lewis. These ladies issued check out passes and called the homes of absentees.

Students did not often see Mrs. Faye Nitschke, but she knew them by name and by attendance habits becuase she checked the attendance registers kept by all homeroom teachers.







ABOVE, LEFT: Guidance counselors: Mrs. Virginia Wisenbaker; Mrs. Betty Wildes, secretary; Mrs. Sonia Wilcox; Mrs. Laverne Torrence; and Mrs. Patricia Rayford. ABOVE, RIGHT: Mrs. Mary Ann Bartholomew writes a checkout pass for a student. LEFT: During National Secretaries Week, Mrs. Faye Nitschke wears he'r corsage, a gift from Principal Lloyd Mims. Each secretary received flowers.

#### Cameras Catch Senior Action

One special mark of the seniors of 1981-1982 was the song "Endless Love" and the seniors' reaction to it. When the band played this stirring melody at pep rallies, the entire senior section lifted arms, swayed from side to side, and sang of "endless love" for the 'Cats, for the school, and for friends.

Whether swaying to this rhythm, cheering, or working, seniors became the focus of cameras.

In the Homecoming parade, viewers pointed cameras at the senior

float which captured the award for the best class float and sported the slogan, "Wildcats Will Make Slaves of the Trojans," and "They Will Be Gone With The Wind."

During winter and spring quarters, seniors participated in all the activities available to them. Whether in wrestling, track, tennis, or any other sport, they shared in the pain of rough practices and the pleasure of honors received.

Besides taking part in sports, seniors offered their time and talents

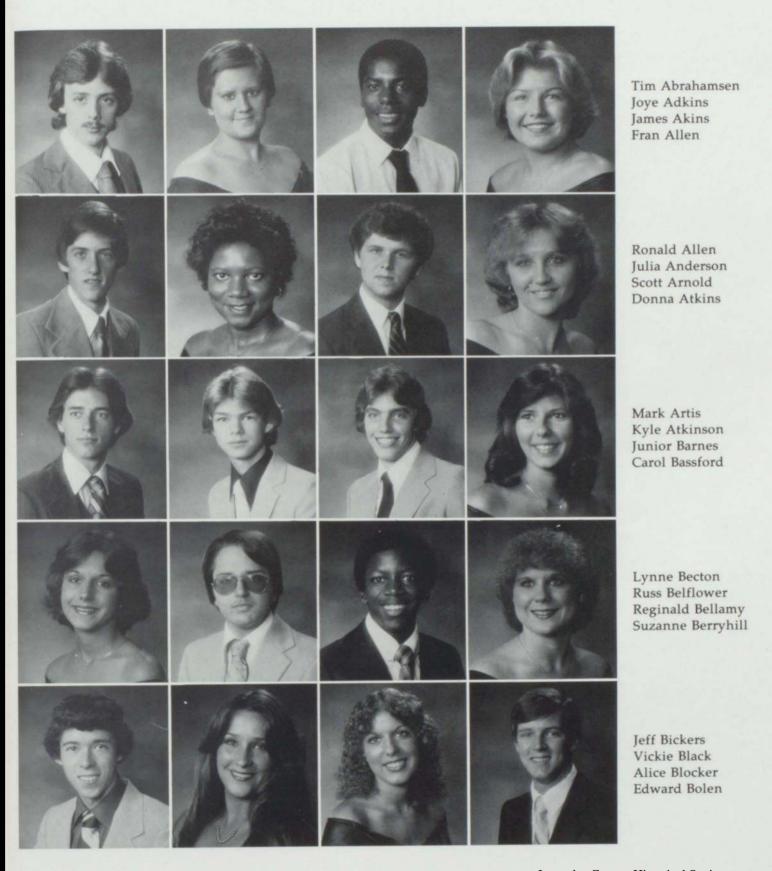
to music, art, and academics. They sang in the chorus and played in the bands. They displayed their artwork in the school foyer and took part in the one-act play. And in academics, seniors used their mental powers in regular classes and in literary competition.

At the end of the year, cameras again focused on the seniors as they said goodby to the school and sang the "Alma Mater" for the last time.

David Parker
President
Charles Arnold
Vice-President
Patricia Jackson
Secretary
Ted Welch
Treasurer



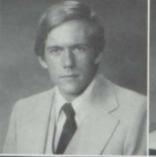
Following directions given by the principal, senior class officers—Charles Arnold, Patricia Jackson, David Parker, and Ted Welch—pose under the willow tree on the south side of the pond.



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## Seniors Ride Winning Homecoming Float

Jerry Bostock Lynn Bozeman Chuck Bracey Stacey Bristow





Diane Brookhouser Alisa Brooks Craig Broomberg Rosemary Brown







Monika Brucker Mary Brumbaugh Susan Buchanan Hosea Butler







Alan Carter Laurel Camarano Diane Campbell Sharon Carter







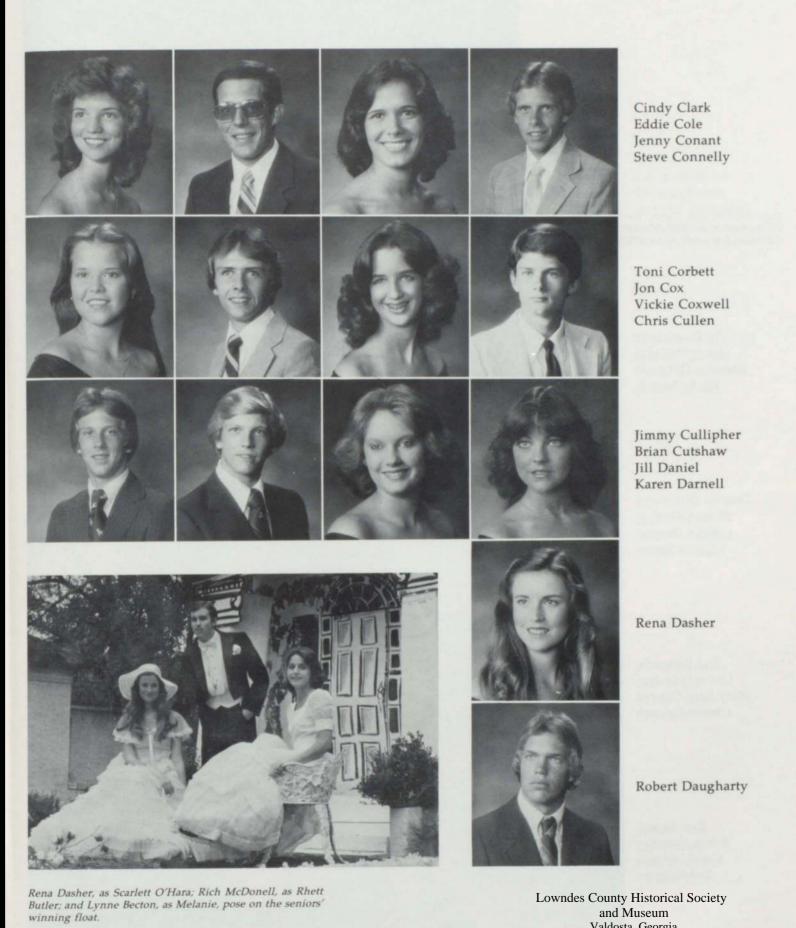
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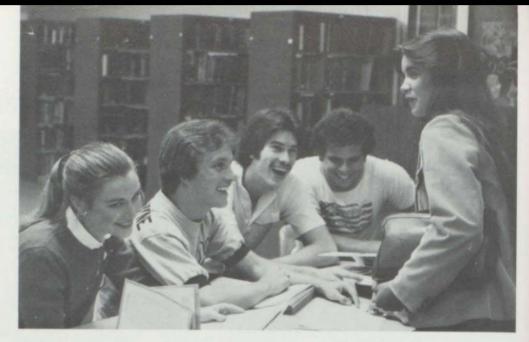






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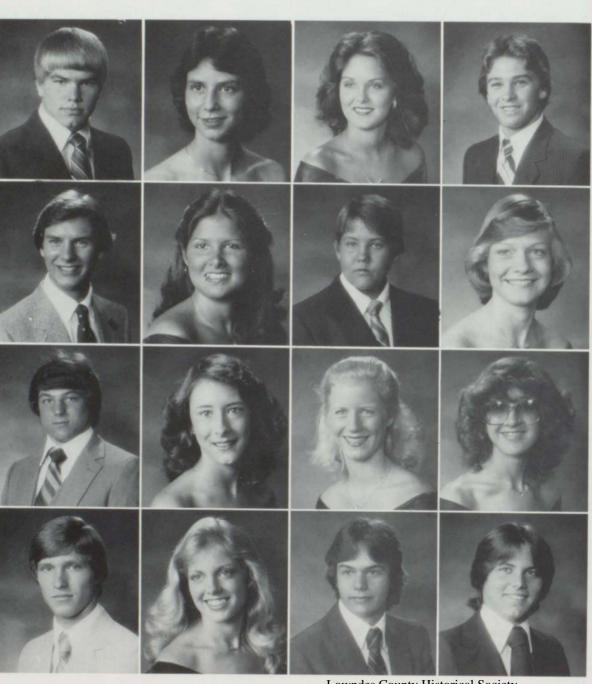
Rena Dasher, Ted Welch, Vic Hartman, Joe Wetherington, and Ellen Stewart laugh as they distribute last year's SANDSPUR.

Ty Davenport Janet DeCarlo Kathryn DeLoach Mark Demott

Donald Dilliplane Sharon Dooley Mike Dowdy Cathy Eanes

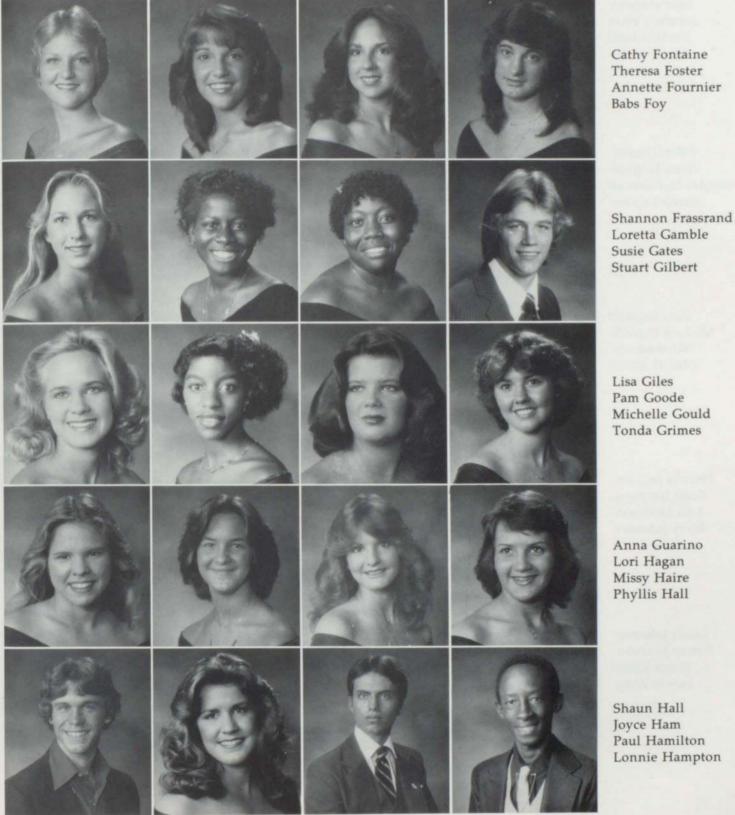
Tod Edwards Leslie Eldridge Mary Jane Ellison Cheryl Emond

Bert Evans Robin Everitte Gerald Floyd Ted Folsom



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## Seniors Have Fun While Working

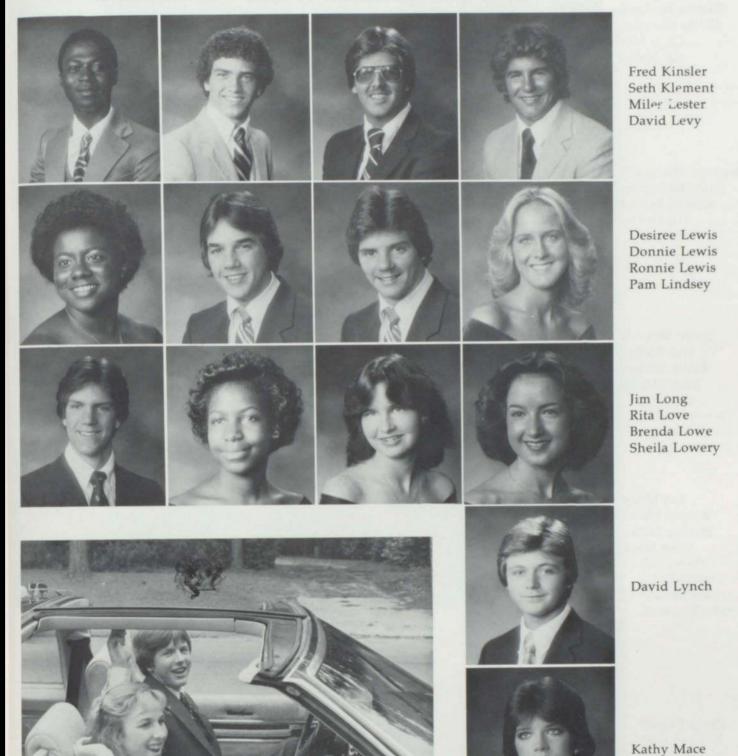


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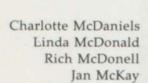
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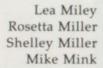
Distributive Education officers Mike Strobo and Shannon Frassrand wave to the crowd during the Homecoming parade.

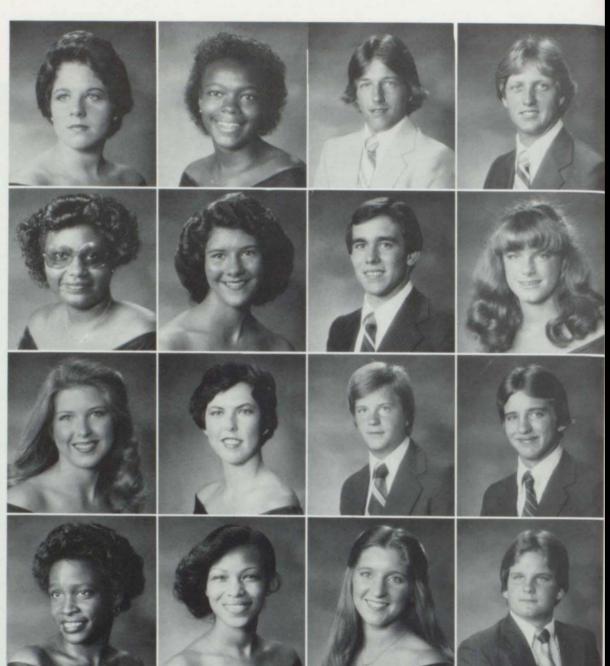
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Norma MacLeod Gloria Manning Chris May Pat Mayes



Susan McLeod Jean McRae Frank McTier John Merritt





Tammy Parker and Michelle Gould put up a sign to support the Widlcats.



### Seniors Back Wildcats All the Way

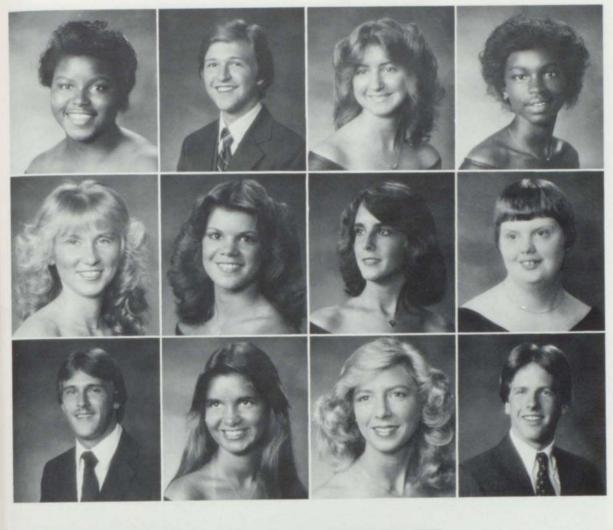


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# New Yearbooks Light Up School



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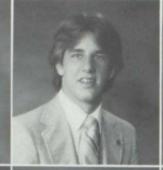


Cornelia Wenze gives Allen Shaw his 1981 SANDSPUR.

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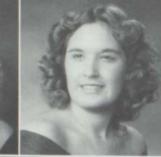
#### Students Use New Machines in IMC-II

Angela Summers Jill Sumner J.D. Thomerson Jim Thompson





Vickie Thompson Beth Tomberlin Kim Trancygier Pat Tunison







Terri Turner Cheryl Upchurch Peg Upchurch Brent Vickery





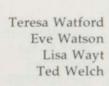


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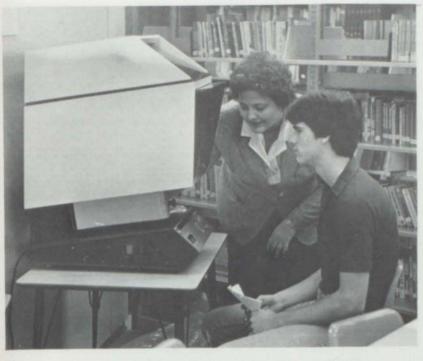












Mrs. Sandra Connell explains the micro-fiche machine to Vic Hartman.



Cornelia Wenze







Joe Wetherington Rusty Wetherington Jeff Wiggins Byron Wilder









Sharon Wildes David Williams May Williams Rhonda Williams









Vonetta Williams Carey Ann Willis Belinda Wright Sheila Moten

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### Juniors Grow in Stature, Importance

Growing like weeds, the juniors seemed to shoot up in stature and importance.

At the beginning of the year, they elected class officers: Jeff Lee, president; Carol Johnson, vice-president; Jennifer Singleton, class secretary; and Juliet Purvis, treasurer.

In October, they purchased class rings. Most of the juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and competed for the National Scholarship Program.

Jeff Lee
President
Carol Johnson
Vice-President
Jennifer Singelton
Secretary
Juliet Purvis
Treasurer

Homecoming was the next big event for the juniors. They won the spirit stick three times, including the one before the Homecoming game. Jill Hitchcock and Carol Johnson served as junior representatives in the Homecoming court. They also went to the home of Joany McRae to help construct the Homecoming float, which placed second in the parade.

During the Wildcats' 9-1 season, juniors made names for themselves. Players like Jeff Lee, Pernell Bee, and Blake Belue helped to lead the

team.

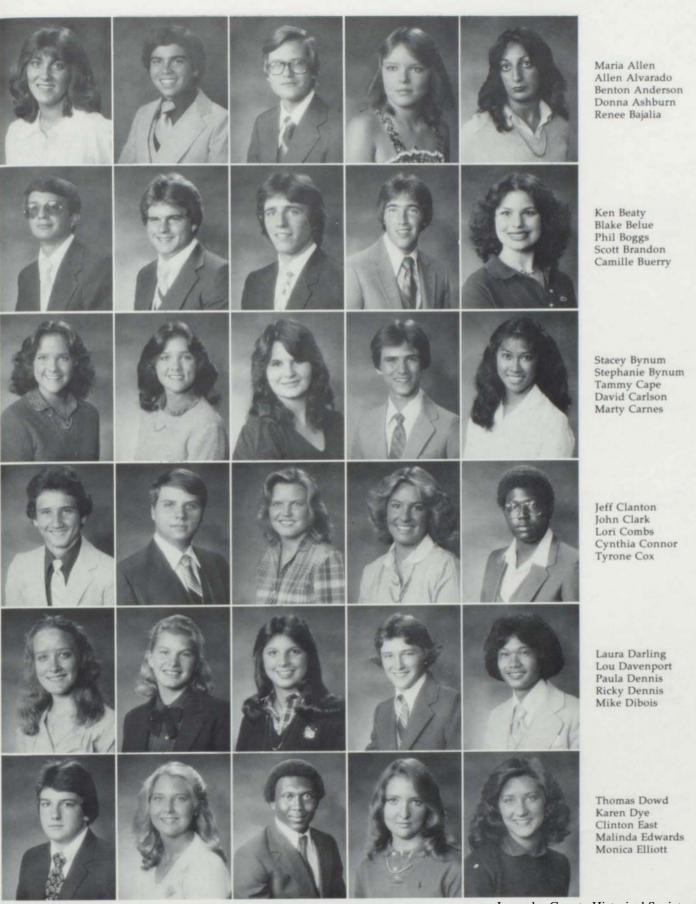
In the winter months, when cool weather kept most everyone inside, juniors could be found indoors wrestling or playing basketball.

And being juniors brought many of the responsibilities always taken on by the upperclassmen. In the spring they promoted the Miss Valdosta High Beauty Pageant and sponsored the Junior-Senior Prom.

By the end of the year, juniors were making preparations for their last year in high school.



Juniors Jennifer Singleton, Juliet Purvis, Carol Johnson, and Jeff Lee pose under a willow tree.



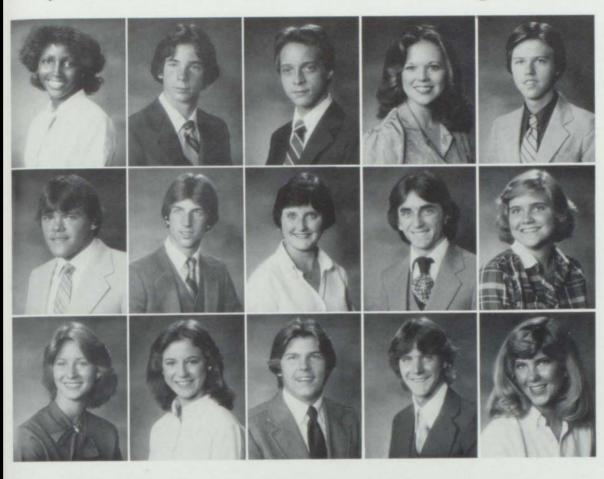
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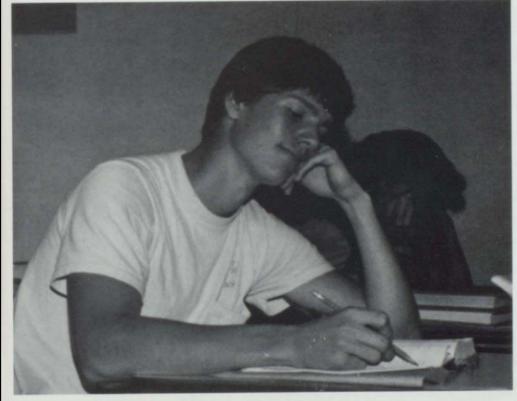
### Juniors Tackle Advanced Algebra



Carol Johnson David Johnson Paul Johnson Mandy Kent Skip Lastinger

Quentin Lawson Jeff Lee Julie Lineberger Doug Lingfelt Amy Louttit

Audrey Ludlow Mary Cam McLane Dan McLeod Butch McRae Joany McRae

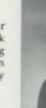


Junior Scott Quick ignores a roving photographer as he concentrates on logarithms in Algebra II class.

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# Juniors Purchase Class Rings

Andy Mair Caroline Malik Sharon Manning Patty Martin Sandra Massey

















Sean Miller David Mims Ken Morneault Lynette Moses Angela Myers

















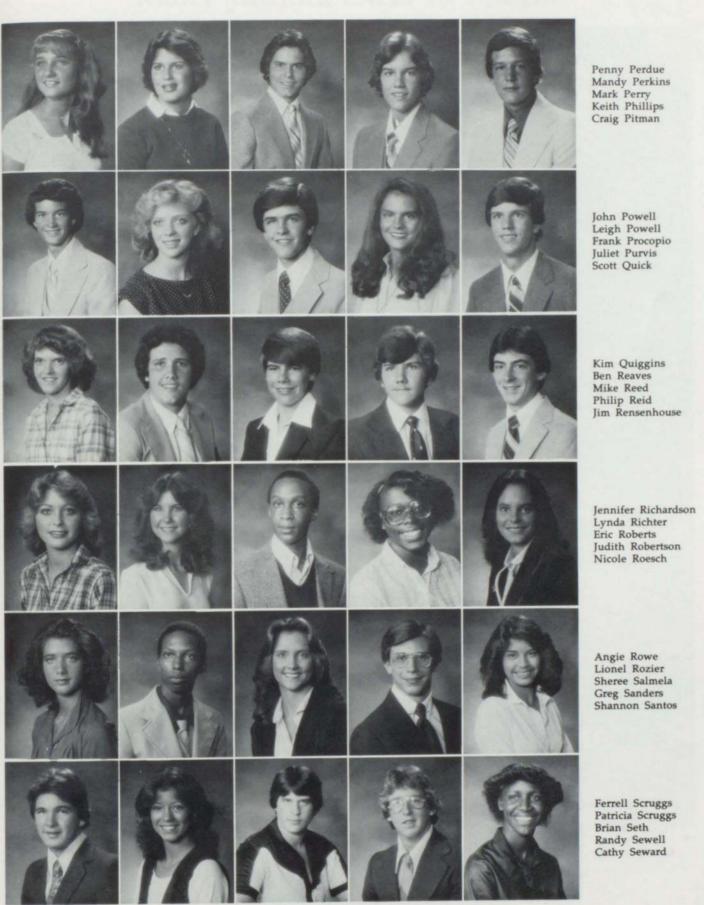




Juniors Lisa Herbert and Maria Tomlin purchase class rings from Mr. Ben Belue.



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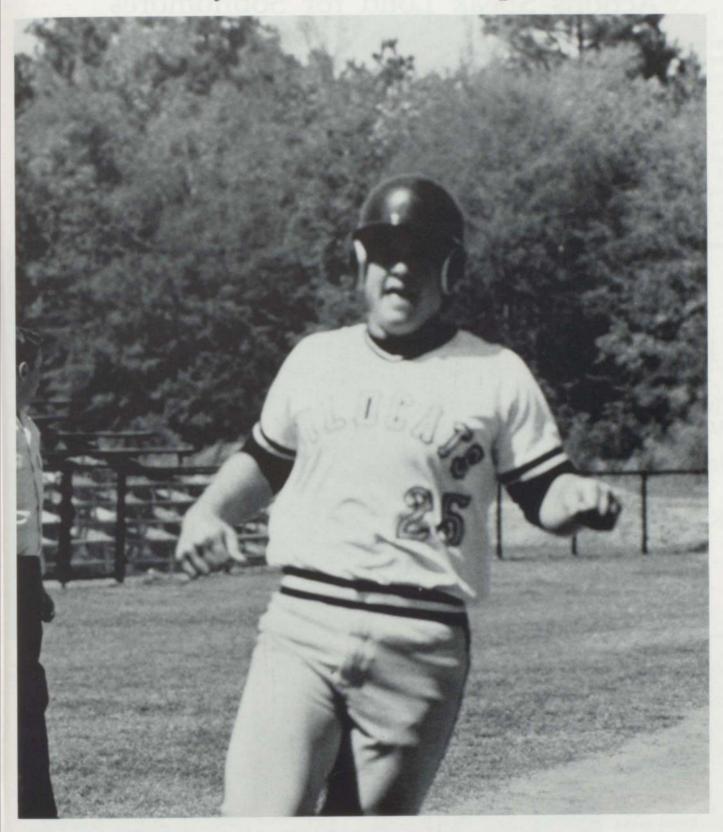
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# Many Juniors Excel In Sports



Junior Blake Belue touches homeplate after a two-run homer.

### Actions Speak Loud for Sophomores

Action spoke louder than words for sophomores in academics and extracurricular activities.

Students, as well as teachers, took notice when these tenth graders proved themselves by maintaining academic standards on the Georgia Criterian Reference Test. Test scores showed that this year sophomores improved in five clusters, involving English and math, with scores up as much as thirty percentile points over

those for the preceding year.

And with spirit and energy the sophomores won the spirit stick several times at the pep rallies during football season.

Altricia Payton and Tracy Singletary represented the sophomores in the Homecoming parade. They rode on the float entitled "Follow The Yellow Brick Road."

Sophomores met in the Little

Theater during fall quarter to elect class officers.

They chose Jerry Purvis, president; Charlie Johnson, vice-president; Stefanie Roberts, secretary; and Kay Culbreth, treasurer.

Sophomores also played active roles in football this year. Dana Brinson frequently played as a receiver in key games and sometimes coaches used Dana as a halfback in the place of Fred Motes.

Jerry Purvis
President

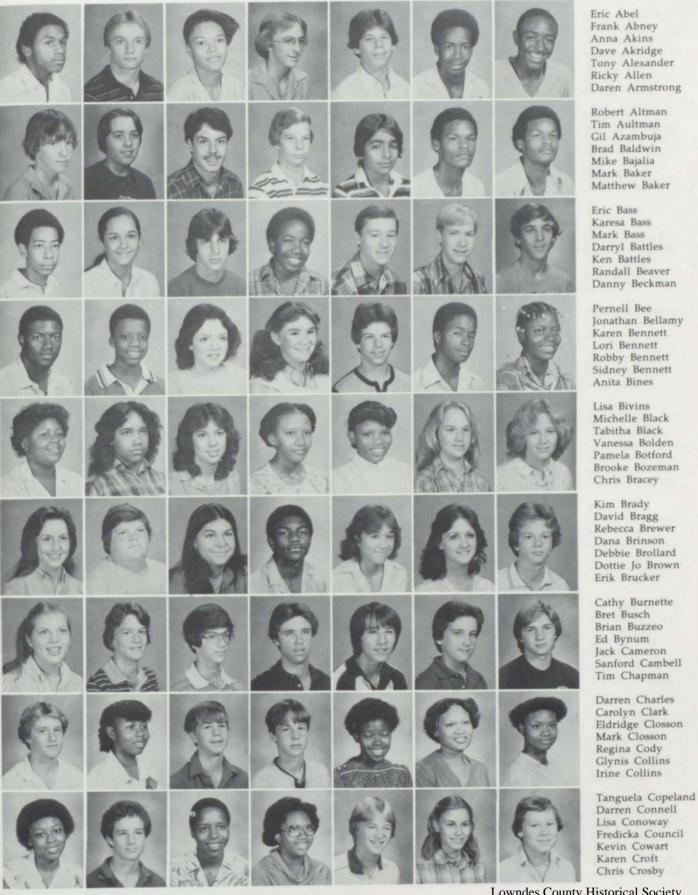
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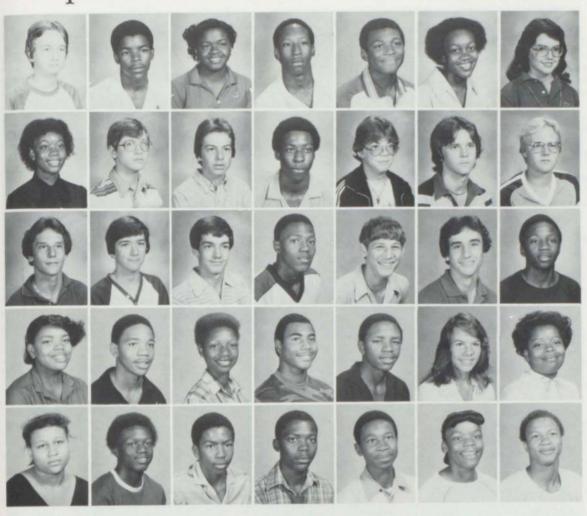
Sophomore class officers—Charlie Johnson, Stefanie Roberts, Kay Culbreth, and Jerry Purvis—get together for the photographer.



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# Sophomores Fill Ranks of NJROTC



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Tina Henderson Michael Herrin Richard Herrin Donald Hester Forrest Hodge Tom Howell Jamie Hughes

Al Huling Eric Ingram Richard Irby Aundra Irvin Kenneth Israel Bill Jackson Bruce Jackson

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In a class, NJROTC cadets Michael Morrison, Christopher Harris, Jerry Stakes, and Michael Herrin study marching formation.

Kim Jenkins Laura Johnson Margaret Johnson Renea Johnson Tracye Johnson Valencia Johnson Zenna Johnson

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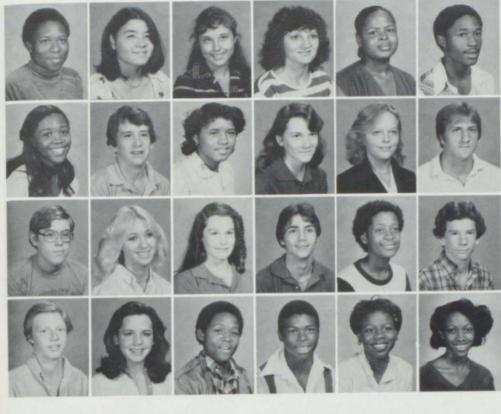
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## Sophomore Girls Make Sports Scene

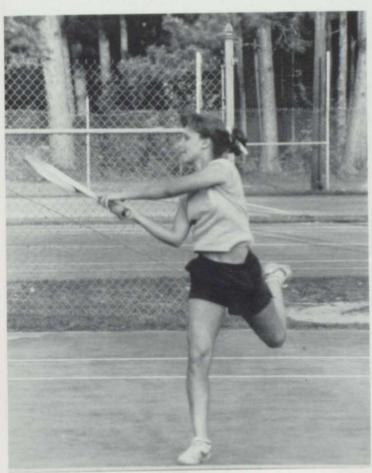


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Bruce Parker Ellen Parnelle Michael Pate Demetrus Patterson Yolanda Paul Altricia Payton







Tammie Payton Kevin Pease

Donny Pearce Shavone Piller

Jackie Ludlow uses her backhand to return a volley when the girls tennis team practices at McKey Park.

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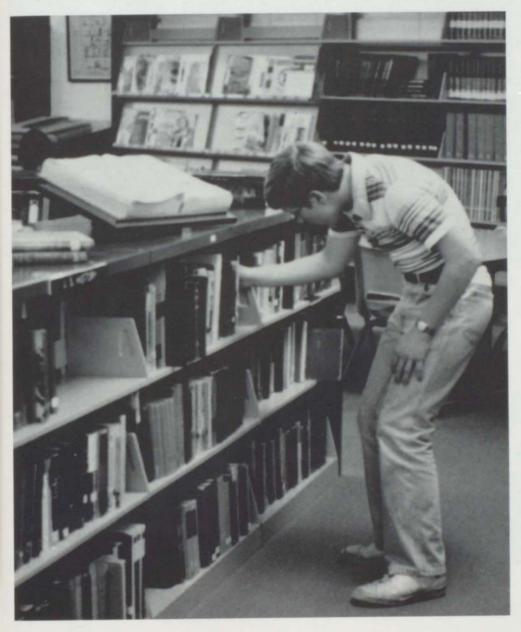






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Michael Herrin browses through the United States history section in IMC 111. Like all other sophomores, Michael had to remember that IMC meant instructional materials center, not just a repository for books.

## Sophomores Prove Their Versatility

Michael Taormina Cynthia Taylor Patricia Taylor Barry Teffeteller Bruce Terrell Debra Terry Jeanette Thomas

Jennifer Thomas Lorenzo Thompson Greg Tomberlin Trellany Tonsil Leanne Townsend Teresa Wakefield Pete Walker

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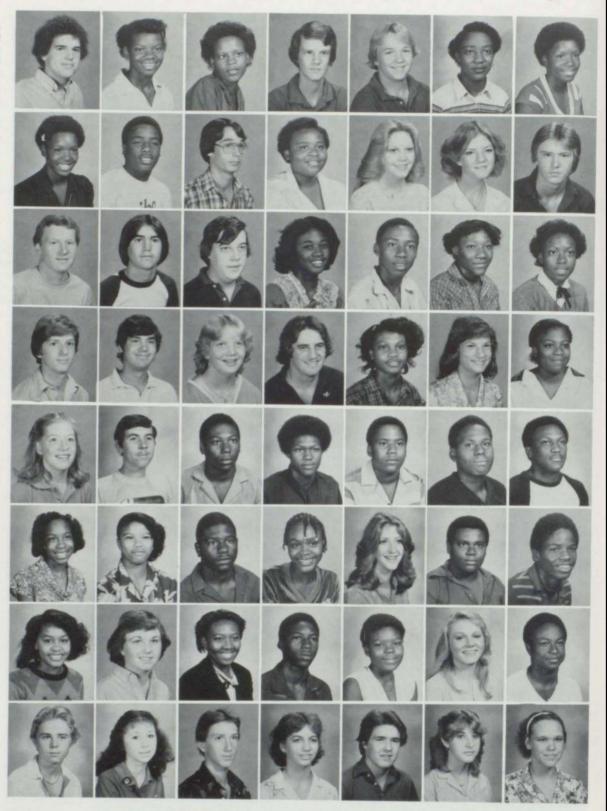
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Secily Wilson Melissa Winfrey Veronica Wiseman Michael Worthy Evelyn Wright Kim Yale Tony Yearby

> Steve Yeomans Ava Courson Ricky Foskey Tina Greene Stan Grubb Kim Glorious Diane Hall



After the sophomore editors thought they had finished their section with the name of Steve Yeomans, lo and behold, someone said, "Look, here are some more

pictures that belong on these pages." So, the best-laid plans of mice and bewildered editors went aft agley. And a few people had their names entered out of order.



Jeana Fowler and Kay Culbreth ride on the sophomore float, entitled "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," in the Homecoming parade.



Renee French works on word problems while Mrs. Janeen Josey grades papers.





Tony Hall Anthony Harmon Michael Hicks Michael Hotcheveg Dana Kelley Cynthia Jones

## Bang-Up Action Characterizes Freshman Class

Freshmen started the year with a

bang.

Pep rallies, filled with excitement of a winning season, echoed unified shouts of victory from the freshman nest on the north side of the gym. Regardless of the shouts of upperclassmen—"Send them back to junior high"—the freshmen took the spirit stick two times.

In September they held class

elections to choose representatives for their class. And when Homecoming rolled around, they took part in the annual festivities. To help carry out the theme "Wildcats Go Hollywood," energetic freshmen built a replica of a fifties drive-in.

By filling their section at Cleveland Field, these newcomers supported football games. They also attended their first high school dance, the one for Homecoming.

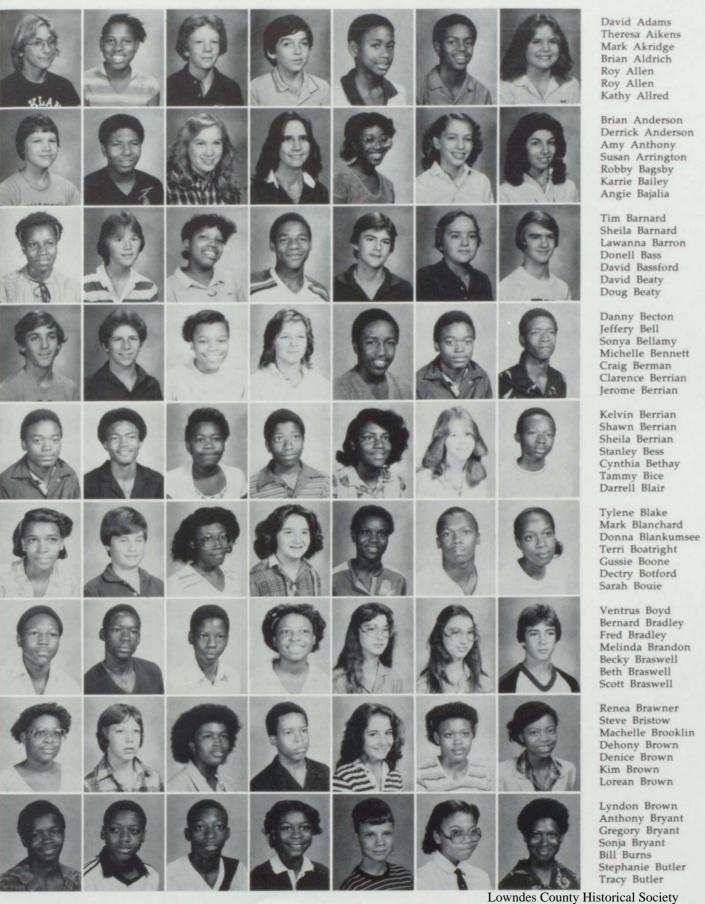
When not taking part in extracurricular activities, freshmen carried the full load of six classes, including the basic requirements for English, math, science, and social studies.

And another distinctive feature of this class was that eight ninth-grade football players made the varsity squad.

Jon Reaves
President
Veronica Donaldson
Vice-President
Jennifer Purvis
Treasurer
Natalie Moore
Secretary



Freshman class officers—Jon Reaves, Natalie Moore, Jennifer Purvis, and Veronica Donaldson—pose in the Pit.



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#### Freshmen Visit With Friends





James Fountain

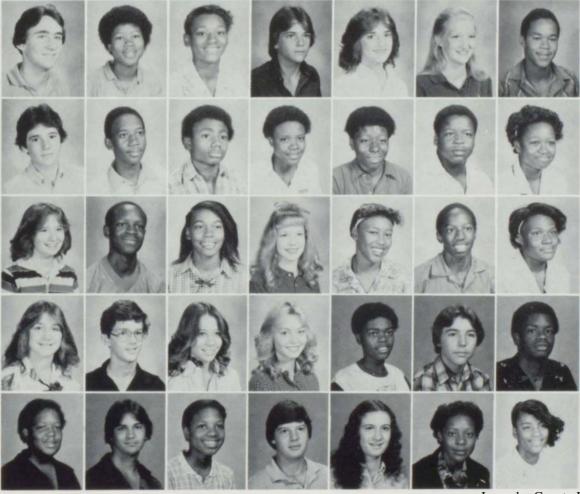


Redina Frazier



Mike Furukawa

On a warm winter day, Colleen Dilliplane and Christy Scharf catch up on some gossip,



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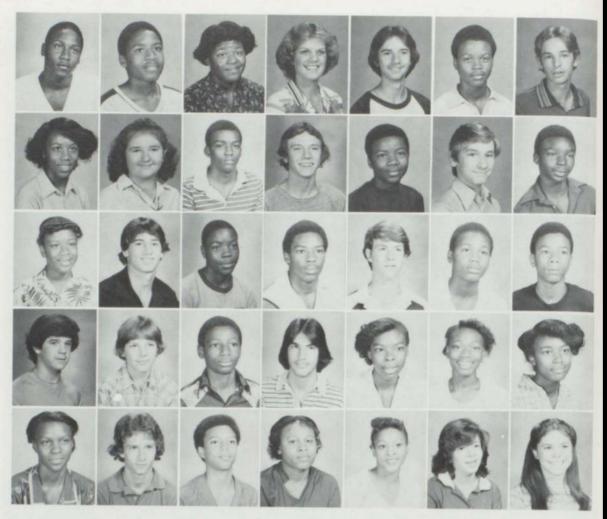
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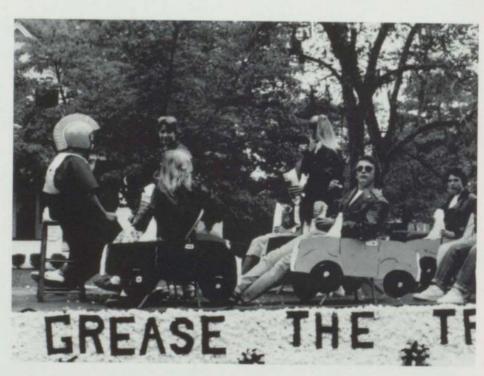
Jeffery Johns

Joe Johns









Using a play on words, Bruce Sumner, Diane Reed, and Dodd Jones impersonate characters from the movie Grease in the Homecoming parade to encourage the 'Cats to 'grease the Trojans.''

# Ninth Graders Take Part In Homecoming



Tyrone Mitchell Debra Moody Brent Moore Cynthia Moore Maria Moore Patricia Moore Robert Moore Valerie Moore Virgil Moore Willie Moore Kathleen Morgan Sheila Morgan Milton Myddelton Susan Napier Melinda Neely Cindy Nelson Frank Nelson Cyrus Netter Scotty Netter Stanley Newman Bonnie Nichols Angela Norwood Carrie Oliver Carlos Paige Brian Parker Callie Parker Tim Parker Shiveta Patel Maxie Patterson Linda Peace Carol Peak Pat Peak Felecia Perry Danny Phillips Pam Phillips Christie Pierce Ginna Pilcher Sheila Pinion Christina Ponder John Porter Brad Powell Charlie Powell Carissa Price Dan Price Dion Price Jennifer Purvis Jeffery Pye Keith Quarles Michael Rainey John Reaves Diane Reed Sylvia Reed Bobby Reese Tim Register Julie Rensenhouse John Retterbush Alex Revels Degail Rice Jane Rice Mark Rigdon Jakie Riley Jammie Roberts Renee Roberts

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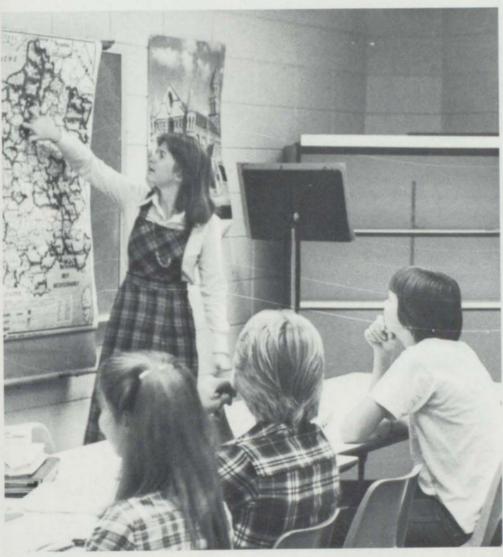
# Foreign Languages Interest Freshmen



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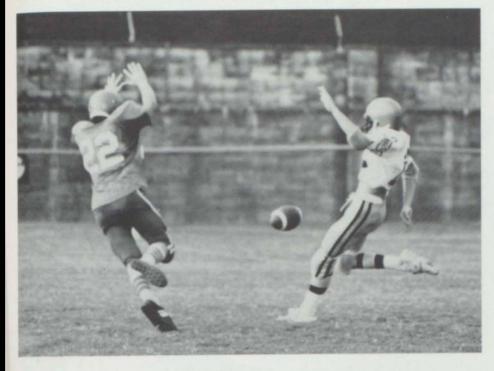


French teacher Mrs. Sharon Gandy explains the geography of France to freshmen Alden Dowling, Dieter Lisse, and Brian Anderson.



 $Freshman\ Beth\ Braswell\ uses\ a\ planing\ machine\ in\ Industrial\ Arts.$ 

## Freshmen Find Diversified Activities





Angelia Sellers

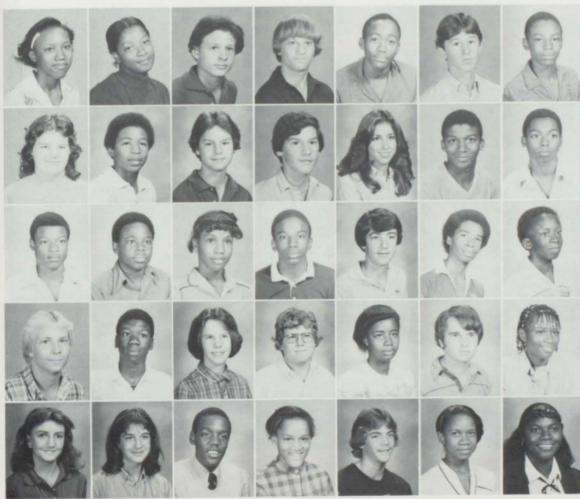


Michael Seward



Yvette Sharp

Freshman David Thomas punts against Tifton.



Sheila Sharpe Donna Sharper Trevor Shaw Bobby Sheffield Darrell Sherman Paul Simmons Mario Smallwood

Ann Smith Dennis Smith John Smith Mike Smith Stephanie Smith Steve Smithson Juan Spencer

Michael Spencer Gregory Sprolden Lisa Stack Jerry Stacks Jim Staup Gary Stephens Ricky Stewart

Rodney Stinson Jerome Stokes Debra Stone Bruce Sumner Cindy Sylvester Tim Tache Glesha Taylor

Robbie Taylor Elisa Templeton Arthur Thomas Barbara Thomas David Thomas Deborah Thomas Geraldine Thomas

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Sophomore Jeffery Dotson and freshmen Bryce Lewis, Steve Bristow, and Keith Quarles

practice percussion techniques.

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# Practice Keeps Some Freshmen Busy



























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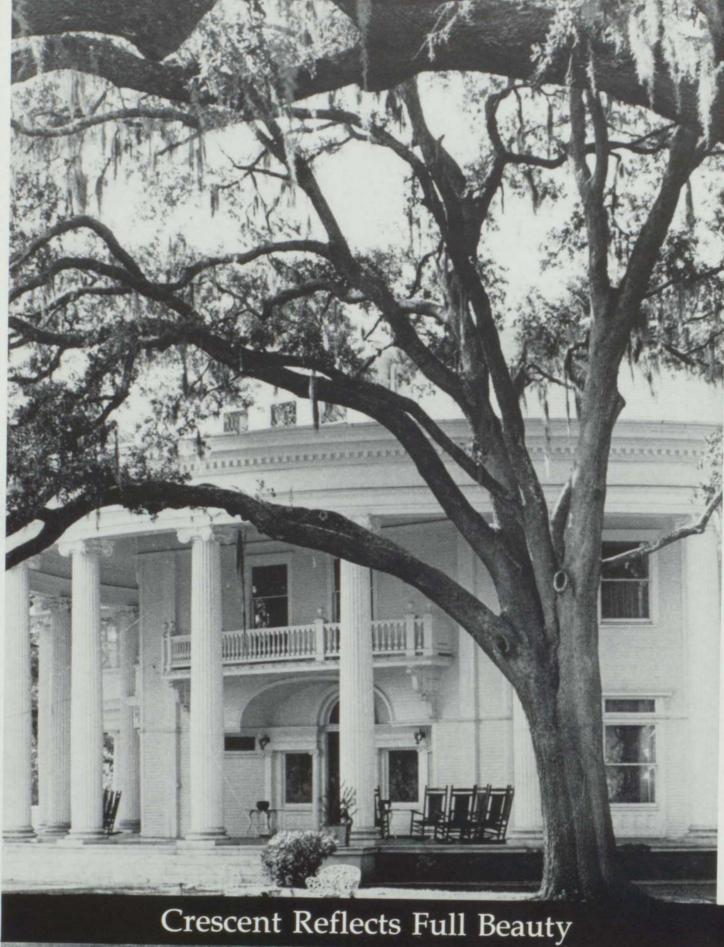


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Jeffrey Zeigler Tim Bolch



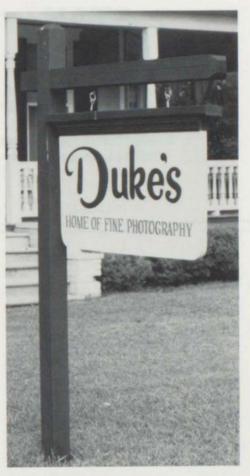
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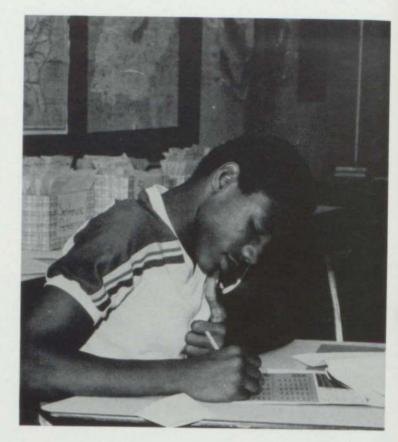
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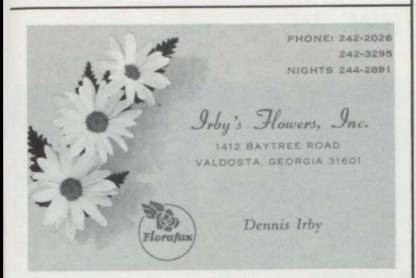
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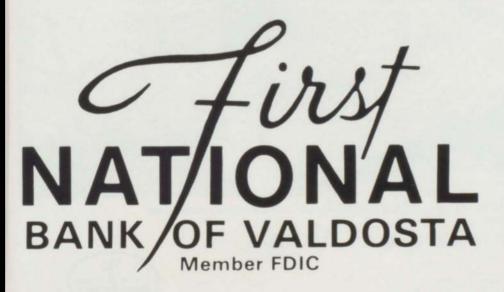




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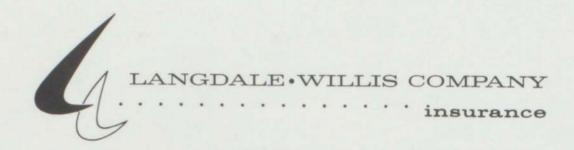
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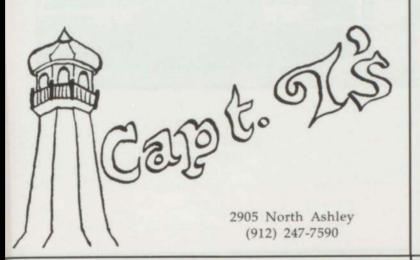
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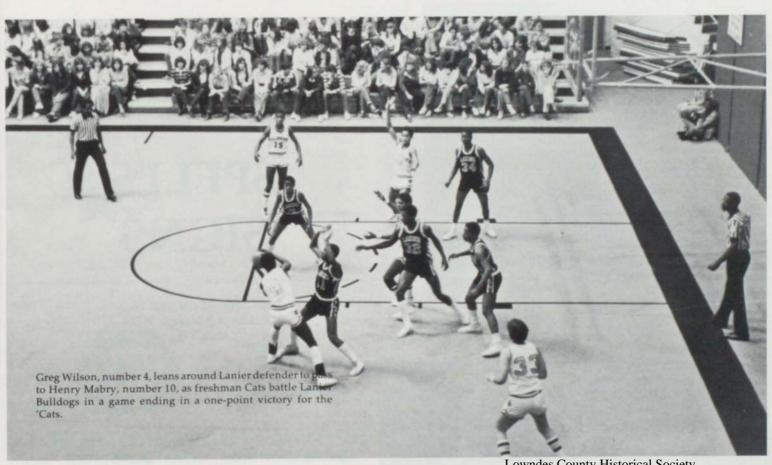
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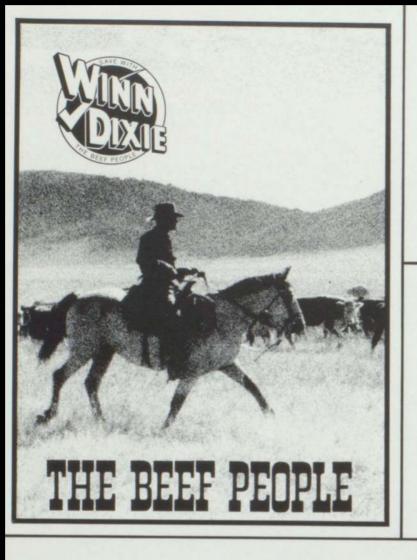


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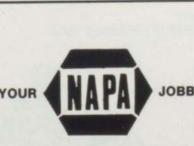
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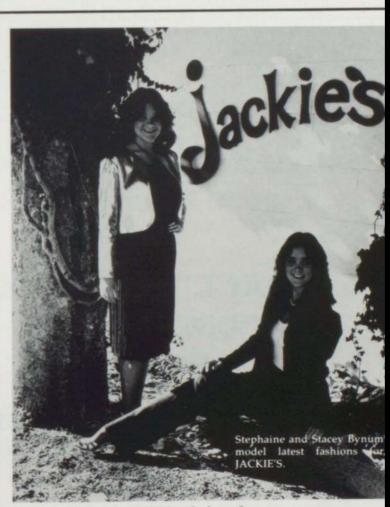


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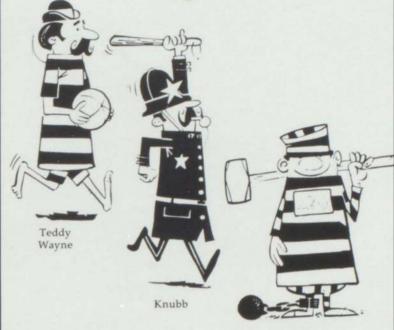
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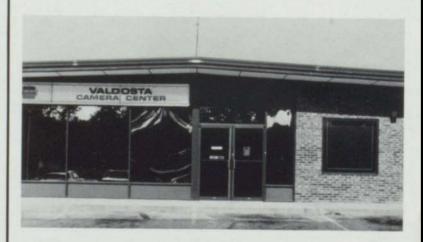
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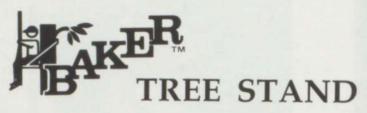


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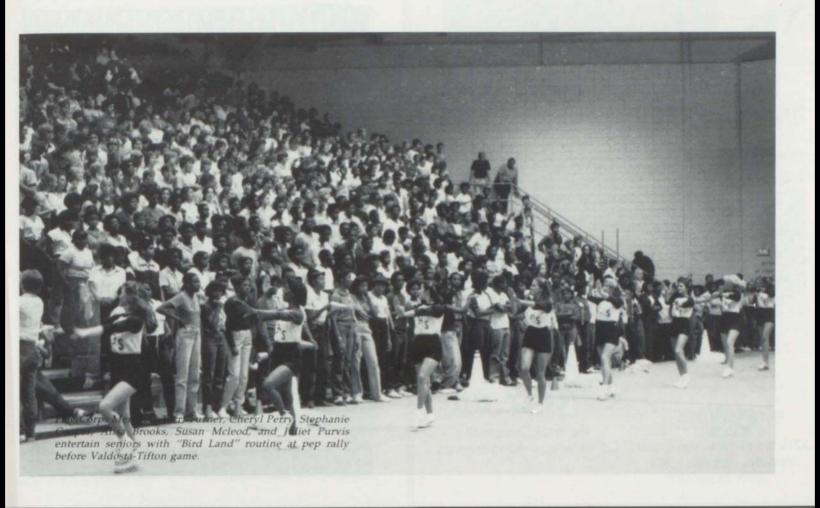
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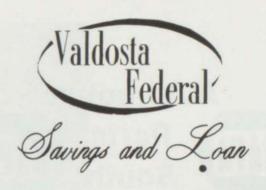
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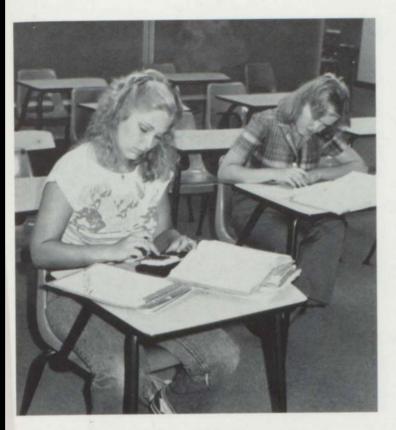
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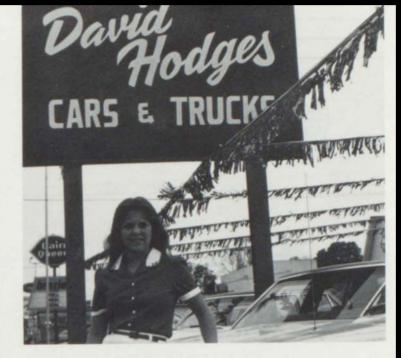
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Karen Dye resorts to her calculator while Lori Combs puts her figures on paper as the two attempt to solve a problem in a small business math class.



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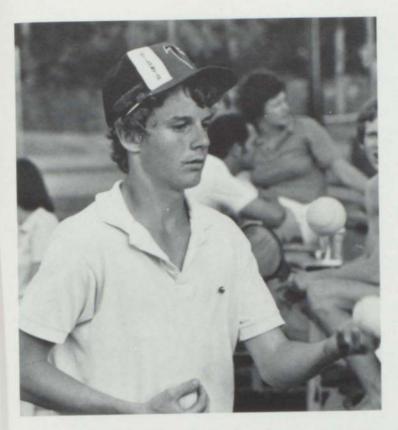
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John Scala juggles tennis balls to relieve tension before Lowndes-Valdosta match.

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OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT: Mrs. Louise Kelley points contestant number one, Mark Artis, in the proper direction for making his grand entrance. OPPOSITE PAGE, RIGHT: Hula dancer David Furukawa shows a bit of leg to

contest judges Miss Jo Ellis and Mrs. Patsy Smith. ABOVE: Tod Edwards, third from left, touches up his lipstick as the bevy of male beauties await the judges' decision.

Only weeks after Monica Elliot became Miss VHS, Willie Scott became her male equivalent—or did he?

Whereas the Miss VHS Beauty Pageant was a serious affair in which a true beauty was selected to represent her school, the Mr. VHS Contest was an intentionally shoddy affair held only for fun.

Taking place in the gym, this contest had students roaring with laughter and applause at the antics of the male contestants, each of whom had garbed himself as a femme fatale.

Bikini-clad Willie Scott took the title, while Scott Quick, alias Wonder Woman, placed second.

Third runner-up Ted Welch assured his place by dropping his towel to reveal a black two-piece swimsuit, while fourth runner-up Titus Coleman earned his position by parading in a bleached-blonde wig and high heels.

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Varsity football players Joe Wetherington, Willie Scott, and Tod Edwards lead ancheer against the Tifton Blue Devils as they get ready to rip the sign to shreds.

Joany McRae studies assortment of class rings displayed by Ben Belue, JOSTEN'S representative.

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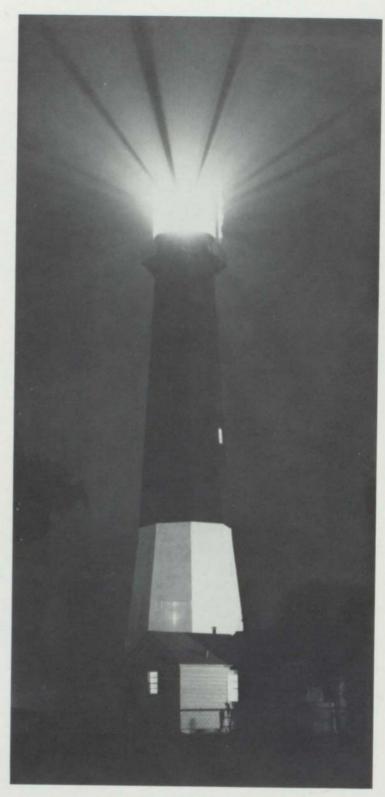


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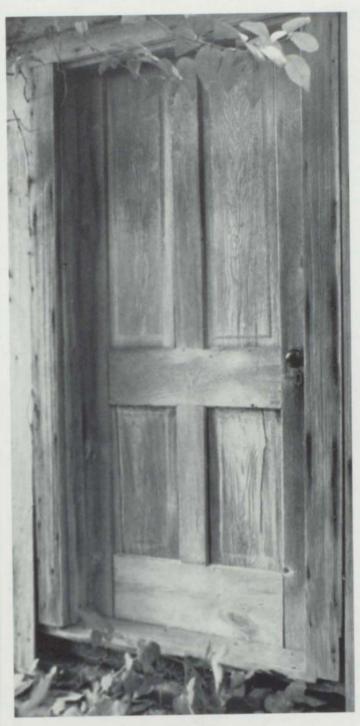
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## Duke's Pictures Take Many Prizes

People who excel in any area usually have tangible proof of their achievements in the form of trophies, medals, or testimonials.

Mr. Bill Duke, photographer for the SANDSPUR, collects ribbons representing excellence in the quality of his outdoor scenes, still life shots, portraits, and action pictures.

Evidence of Mr. Duke's ability to take prize winning photographs appears on these pages. Each of these shots has received recognition at the Georgia Professional Photographers Association's annual show.

Ouida Duke, Mr. Duke's daughter also takes prize winning pictures as the still life, lower left, opposite page, shows



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# "Dynamite" Goodloe's Death Leaves Vacant Spots

When W.L. "Dynamite" Goodloe died on Monday, April 19, of an apparent heart attack, his death left voids in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

And it left a vacant spot on the sideline on the south side of Cleveland Field. For at least the past nine years he has been a familiar figure there close to the thirty-five yard

Fans will remember his big hat, his ever-burning pipe, his smile, and his constant

attention to the game.

He stood and watched, but never interfered. When the Wildcats huddled for prayer before the start of play, he removed his hat and joined the outer circle of kneeling coaches and players. But after the 'Cats took the field, he returned to his spot.

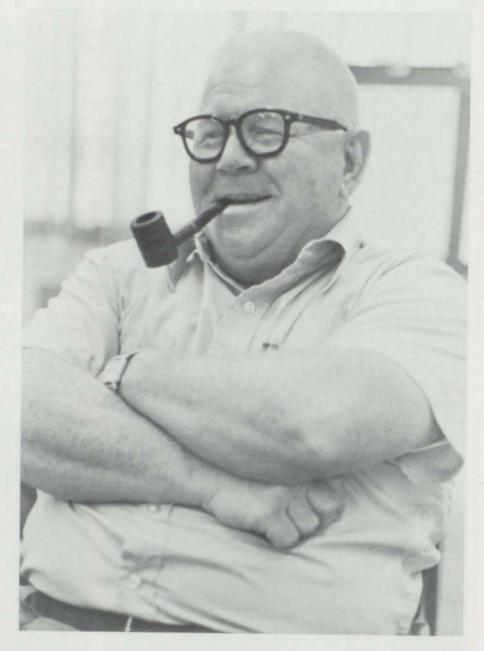
If an injured player happened to limp to the bench close to Mr. Goodloe's place, he would offer sympathy and concern until Dr. Jose Campa arrived. Then he moved back.

In a sense this loyal fan served as a catalyst bringing together Wildcats past, Wildcats present, and Wildcats future.

In the past he ignored his five-by-five size and played winner style football for the Wildcats when he was in high school.

At present his support of this school and its teams went far beyond his mere presence at all games. He supported the coaching staff. He gave financial aid to many young people who otherwise would not have been able to attend college. And he gave the school community support.

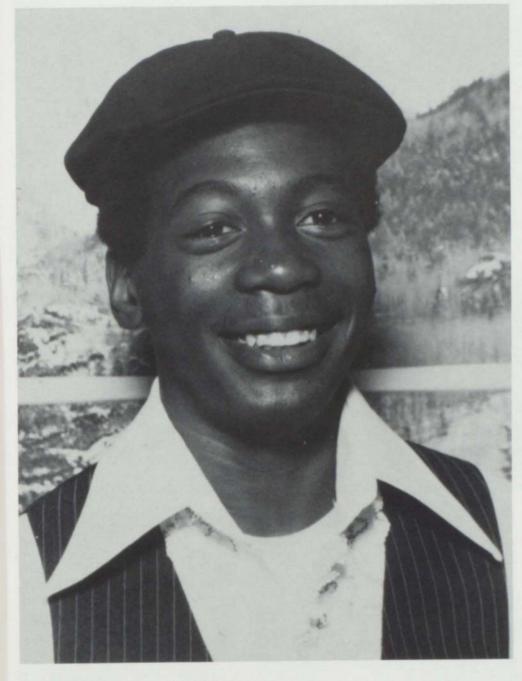
In the future he will continue to bolster the Wildcats by proxy when this chain of concern goes on from present players and fans.



### W.L. "Dynamite" Goodloe

"I'd have to say he was the number one citizen of this whole community. He was one of the last true Southern gentlemen." Wright Bazemore Former Coach, Wildcats

### Senior Dream Ends When Johnny Johnson Passes



"Loving Memories of Johnny"

Your gentle face and perfect smile With sadness we recall, You had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore, As time goes by, we'll miss you more, Your loving smile, your gentle face No one can fill your vacant place. After going to school for eleven years, young people look forward to that magic time when they will be seniors.

This dream ended for James Alvin Johnson on the morning of Sunday, July 5, 1981, when his life ended suddenly. He passed, leaving the usual stillness of a Sunday shattered by the grief of his family and friends.

They remembered him for his "gentle face . . . perfect smile . . . and kindly words."

Johnny, who was born on February 27, 1963, in Lowndes County, had attended Lomax-Pinevale Elementary School, Valdosta Junior High School, and Valdosta High School. He would have been a senior in the 1981-1982 term.

When Mrs. Sylvia Griffin met her classes for the first time in the fall quarter, she was aware of a void because "Little Johnny" was missing. With quiet sympathy she told other teachers about the funeral services held on July 11, 1981, at St. James Baptist Church in Valdosta.

In the fall when the 1981 SANDSPURS arrived, Johnny's mother picked up his book and requested that copies of the 1982 yearbook be reserved for her and other members of the family.

All of the Family and Friends



ABOVE: Valdosta kicks off to Thomasville Bulldogs. RIGHT: Joe Wetherington crops a picture on the light table in the journalism room. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, LEFT: Pam Lindsey, Leslie Eldridge, Carey Ann Willis, Monica Elliot, and Joany McRae smile during the Miss VHS Beauty Contest. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RIGHT: At the Junior Senior dance, Hosea Butler signs up to get his picture taken by Mr. Bill Duke. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, LEFT: Tuba section leader, Willis Dotson keeps his line—consisting of Renee Cook, Bruce Sumner, Emory Warwick, and Scott Quick—straight. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM, RICHT: Susan McLeod, VHR Sweetheart, rides in the Homecoming Parade.



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# Lights, Cameras, Actions Fade at Year's End

Lights at Cleveland Field remained dormant. Large sections of the school rested in darkness. Cameras in Mr. Ralph Guarino's studio stayed motionless. And photographers did not record any sports events. No action, except the cleaning of Mr. Robert Brown and his crew and the class work of the few summer school students in the Back Diamond, disturbed the complete emptiness of summer in the school.

But though no action occurred and few memories bloomed in the months after graduation, students who had graduated, as well as students who would return, kept reminders of the events of the past year in their scrapbooks and in their memories. And a special book took final form to preserve these memories as three people worked through the summer to record the facts and pictures of 1982 in the SANDSPUR.









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### Cameras Capture Action Through Vistas of Light To Help Students Remember

