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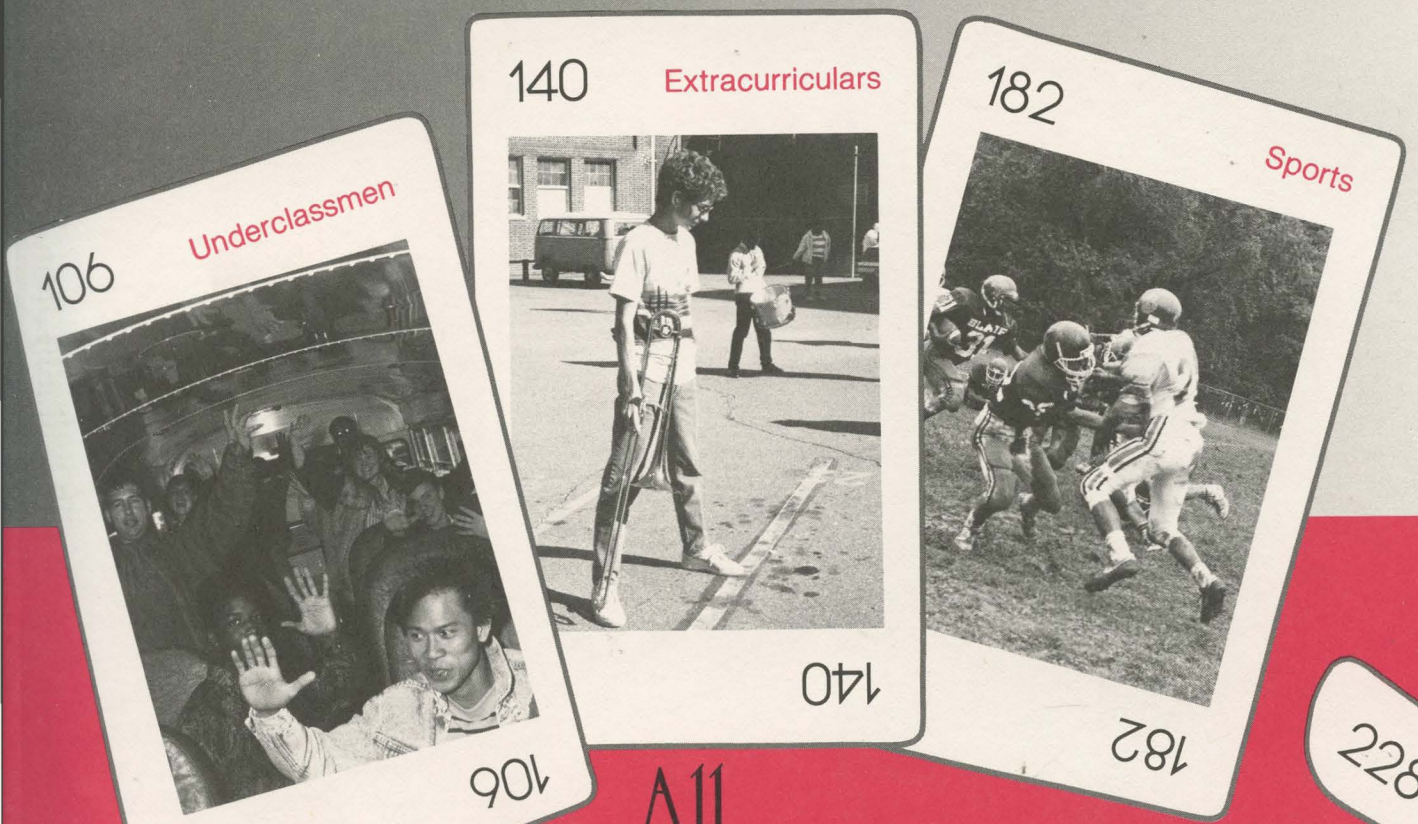

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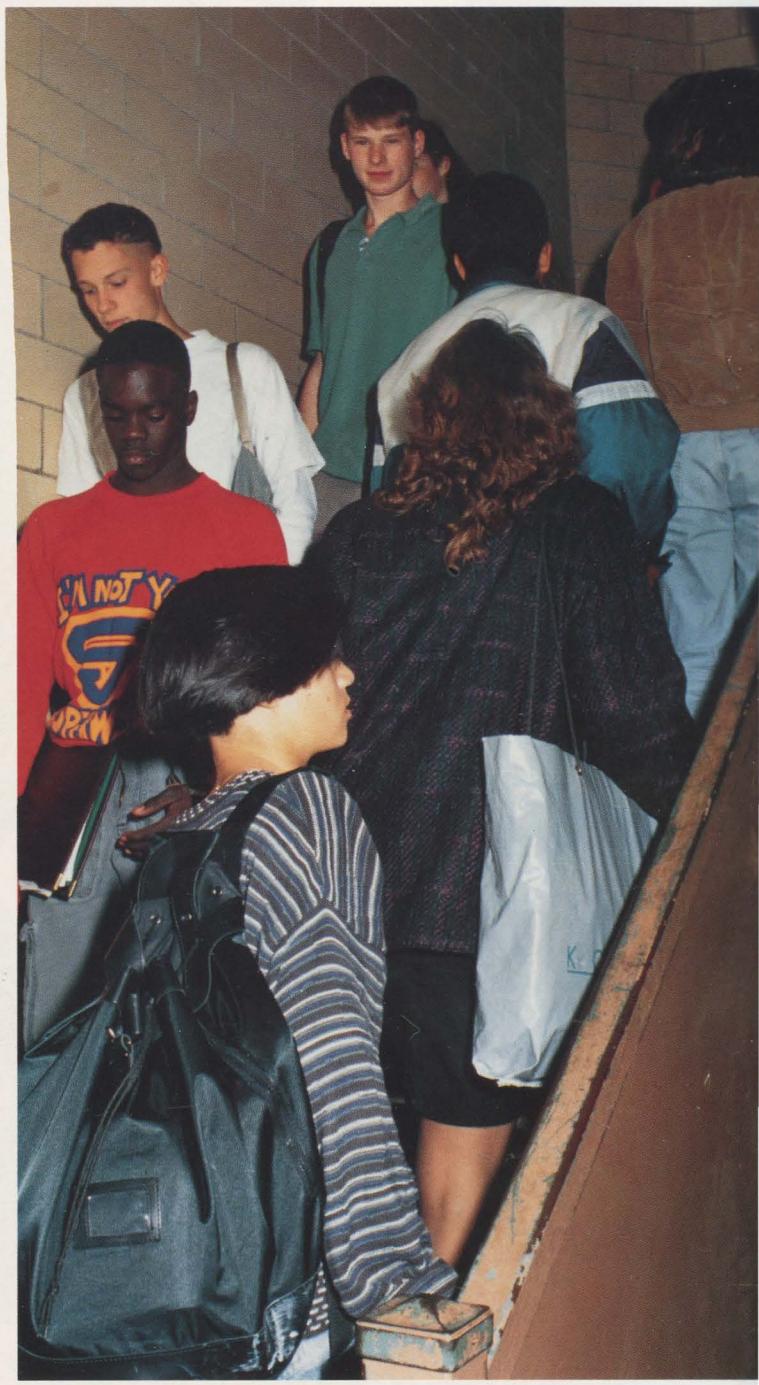


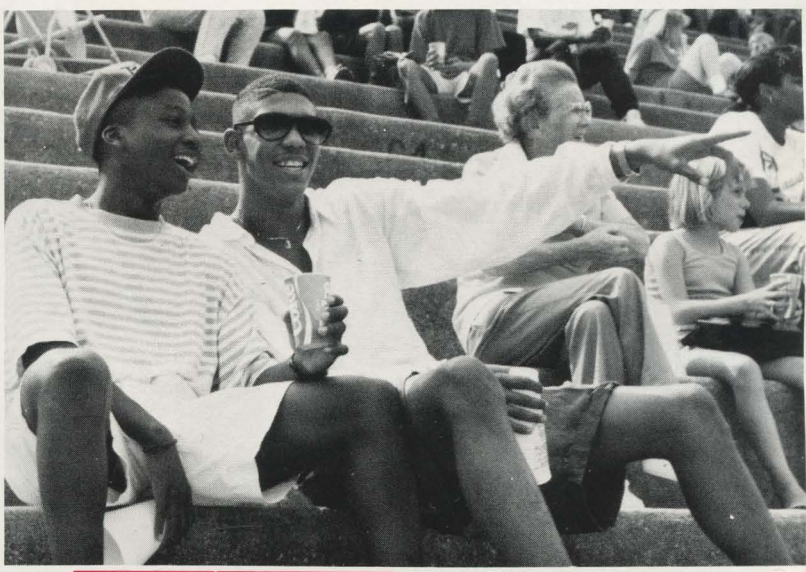
The many faces of Blair are seen throughout the school on any given day. During class change the halls come alive as students rush between floors and buildings to get to their next class in only five minutes.

As they walk into a class meeting, seniors Judy Levinson, Shauntise Holmes, Angie Mitchell, Nhan Ngo, and Victor Iwugo see if there are any seats left. The senior class had a lot of spirit, and of course, all kinds of people.

it takes ALL KINDS

Enrico: "Will you shuffle the deck?"
Cyrus: "Hold your horses."
Rachel: "What's the name of the game?"
Tran: "It takes all kinds."
Shante: "How do you play?"
James: "With a full deck, how else?"

And a full deck we had. No other school in the county had halls whispering over sixty languages, or a greater diversity of 1,978 individuals. Even though the differences were many, it was these differences that gave us what it took to be all aces. Only we could boast the highest Advanced Placement and Achievement test scores in the county. Only we could say that our Jazz band had produced an album, or that our newspaper **Silver Chips** had won over 200 awards in the last ten years. Who else could say their school had the latest technologies through the Math/Computer/Science Magnet and the Communication Arts Program? The 1990 graduate class alone had twenty-three Merit Semi-Finalists, two National Achievement Semi-Finalists, as well as two Hispanic Scholar Semi-Finalists, not to mention two Westinghouse finalists, and the two Grand Champions of the Montgomery County Science Fair. We continued to play the game just as years before, shuffling our cards and hoping to come out with a winning hand. Using all kinds we fulfilled every endeavor & expectation. --CH & SR



As juniors Eric Minus and Jivan Thomas watch the pep rally, they point out their favorite players. The new year gave us a chance to increase pep for the school and to point out potential hopefuls for our sports teams.

The mirror tells all. Or at least lets us in on the picture... Junior Dustine Baker concentrates on her colorful painting in art class.

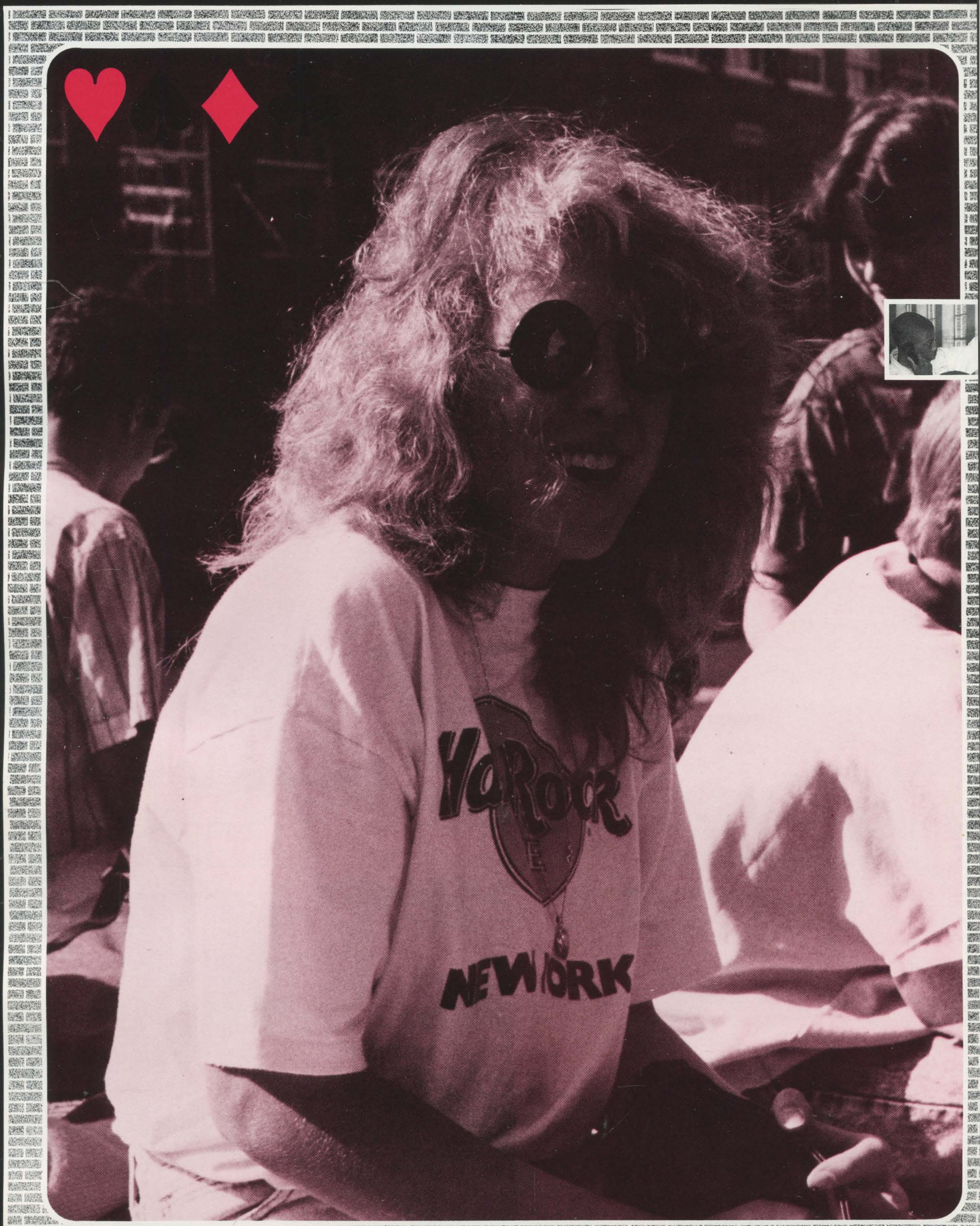
OUR KIDS: the BEST KIND

September 5, 1989

6:32AM Keisha quickly downs her OJ
6:33AM Juan wakes up to Soul II Soul
6:38AM Juan finds the snooze bar
6:47AM Ms. Lee drives into the lot
6:59AM Library lights turn on
7:15AM Mr. Ed xeroxes a class list
7:24AM Terry drives into space #69
7:26AM Keisha's bus 763 arrives
7:31AM Ari parks in "NO PARKING"
7:40AM *WARNING BELL!!!*
7:45AM IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

From day one as freshmen scrambled to find classes and seniors soaked up the last summer rays of sun by the student parking lot, all students entered the school year knowing that there was a unique year waiting, full of people of almost every kind, race, creed, and religion imaginable. Although it certainly took all kinds to make up Blair, by the end of the year, we became a community of one kind...that is, the best kind. --CH

"Not as great as our class," exclaims senior Craig Gray as he looks at the class of '89 picture. It was not unusual to reminisce about the preceding senior class and dream about our own graduation on June 4.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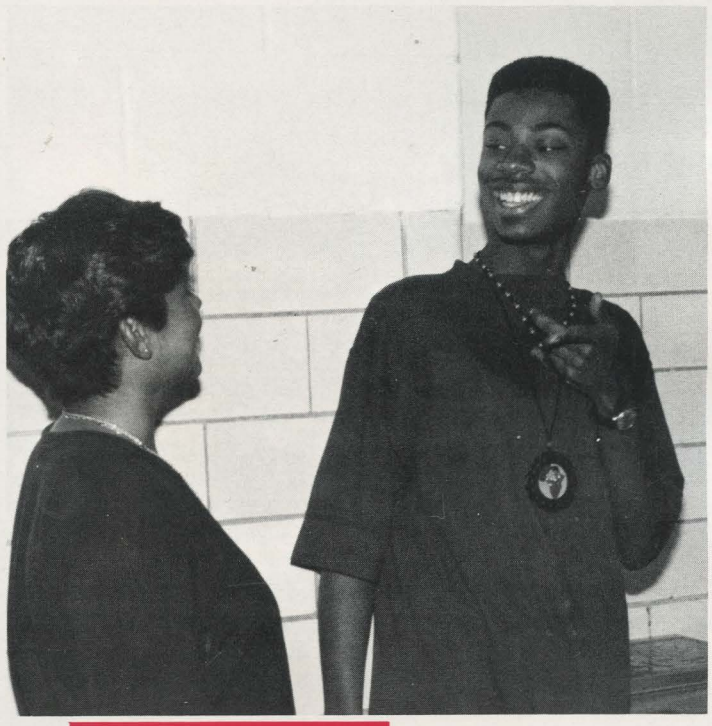
Lucky sophomore Kristin Walp dons her sunglasses because she is having class outside in the good weather. Many wanted to hold class outside the classroom, but few were so priveleged as to actually have such a wish come true.

JOKER'S WILD

School was on, but so was fun. Time management was easy on the weekends - we took care of our "social studies" on Friday nights. Some of us hit the books, but others took their assignment to mean "Party hard!" This was certainly one of the subjects that was easy to excel in.

There was no easy way to describe a typical student, much less a lifestyle. Each of the 1,978 students contributed to the personality that made our school experience truly unique. Social events, such as Homecoming, showed this diversity and acceptance of differences. Anything from house music to rap to classic rock blasted as all kinds of Blazers burned-up the dance floor.

It wasn't just our music that showed this diversity. The social lives varied as some chose to party with hundreds, while others preferred smaller, more intimate gatherings. Regardless of what we chose to do, each played their hand with the "Joker's Wild". --CH



What could senior Irwin Cumberbatch possibly be saying about his weekend to senior Ivania Nunez that is so interesting? Come Monday, most students relayed the weekends exciting events to all of their not-so-fortunate friends that didn't join them.

"The French aren't as arrogant as everyone says. Actually, they are more polite and more exciting than Americans."
--Mekela Countee

"The Japanese are so high tech; they have miniature TVs in their car and the doors open automatically by the driver for safety."
--Reva Gupta

At the Belvoir Crusader Fortress in Israel, senior Shira Robinson and her friend Jana Levy study the historical significance of the Muslim conquest by Saladin in 1143. Robinson spent two months in Israel on the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program.

Standing on a balcony overlooking the magnificent "silver city" of Taxco in Mexico, senior Carlota Bernal takes a quick moment to smile at the camera. Bernal tested her mastery of the Spanish language as she visited various parts of Mexico with her family last summer.

Taking a break from a long day, junior Mekela Countee rests with a friend in one of France's many cafes. Countee traveled to Rome, Egypt, Senegal, the Ivory Coast, and the French Riviera last summer.

Standing tall and proud in front of a Russian war memorial with her boyfriend is senior Stacy Swartwood. Although Swartwood went to the Soviet Union for a science exchange program, there were also many opportunities for sight seeing.

a summer of nations

While many Blazers kicked back their feet and endured the halcyon days of summer as they sipped lemonade at the pool or soaked up the rays in Ocean City, other venturesome Blairites jet-setted across the globe to far away lands and different cultures.

Senior Carlota Bernal not only studied Spanish last summer for six weeks in Spain, but went to Mexico City and the Yucatan peninsula as well. "Spain was the most wonderful experience in my life. Emersing myself in the culture was the only way to learn the language fluently. Going to Mexico was an entirely different experience. I loved it there too, but I was in a culture shock since coming from Spain. The culture was just as rich, however, and they were just as friendly."

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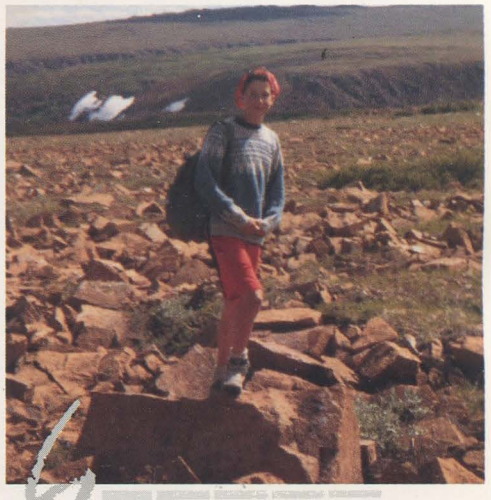
Junior Cael Orrego spent the summer with his family in the South American country of Chile. "We have a beach house and a ski chalet in the mountains in Chile. It's funny because when it's summer here, it's winter there. The winters aren't that cold, most of the time it's in the 60's."

Orrego learned a lot about American misconceptions of Chile. "Lots of Americans have the idea that there are always uprisings and government shootings, but Chile is not like that. You hardly ever see anything and a lot that goes on is exaggerated. There are a lot of protests going on, but those are mostly in the shanty towns."

Spanning the globe, Blazers had an exciting summer. For many, it was truly a summer of all nations.

—RG



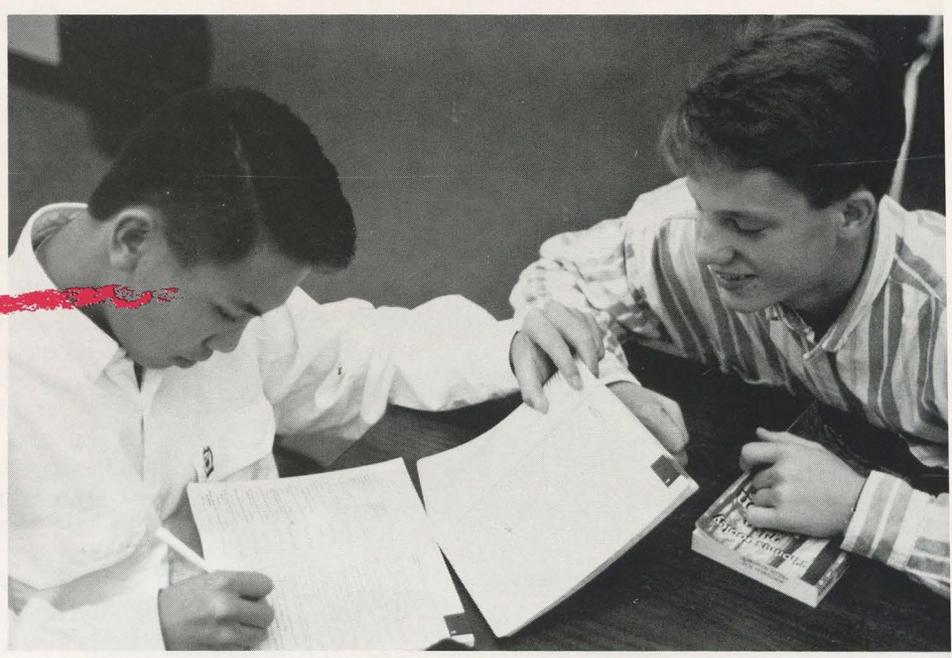
While trekking across this rocky plain, freshman Jonah Cohen poses for a quick shot. Cohen spent the summer with his family in Canada hiking trails and spending his time outdoors.

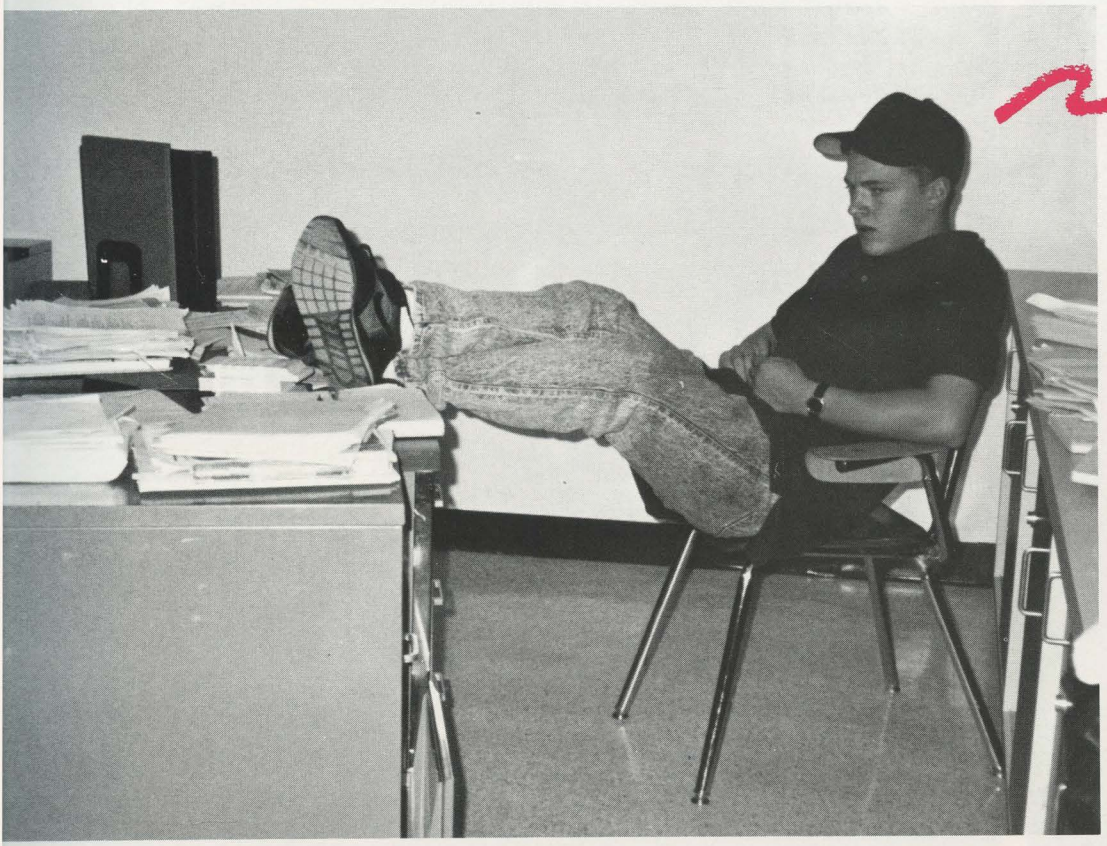
"The only way I got through school was being able to go home every day after lunch."
--Sean Wise

"Hanging out during lunch is the only way I can get through school."
--Brooke Maury

Food is needed to be able to survive as a human. Students Bisa Swan, Maria Garza, Todd Markowitz, and Mary McCarthy visit Ertters to get that much needed nutrition.

Survival in high school for some means working with friends. Juniors Sitha Koung and Shane Benson share vocabulary answers to correct eachothers work.





Many people are able to get through the say by taking time off and putting their feet up. One of senior Amin Littman's secrets to survival is to take as much leisure time as possible.

Cars are means of survival for many students. Seniors David Byron, and Doug Jerrard need the car to make that all important trip to McDonald's, and they check it for damage before they get in.

learning how to

survive

Getting through high school is a difficult task. Often students lose their motivation. Learning how to survive helped students to get through their years at Blair.

Freshman quickly learned that high school was not all fun and games. Although the teachers wished that students took school seriously, that was not always the case. As sophomores, students discovered ways to avoid Jackie and get out of class excused. When junior year rolled around most students could forge their parents signatures, and knew all the little tricks to getting out of class.

By the time senior year arrived, Blazers had high school life all figured out. Seniors were able to write their own notes, so attendence was not always neccesary. Socializing, weekend partying, and knowing that in a couple of short

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months they were going to graduate were the methods of motivation seniors used to survive their last year. Some seniors offered advice and little hints as to how they were able to survive four years at Blair.

"Don't take anything seriously." --Brian Woel

"Socialize as much as possible" --Beth Boyll

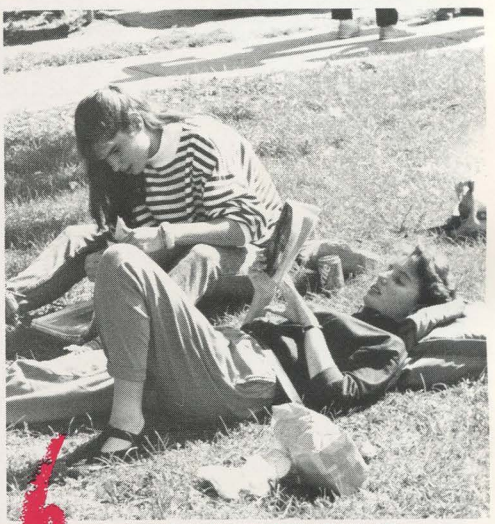
"Remember that no matter what, Friday is not that far away." --Leslie Narayanan

"Think about girls." --Amin Littman

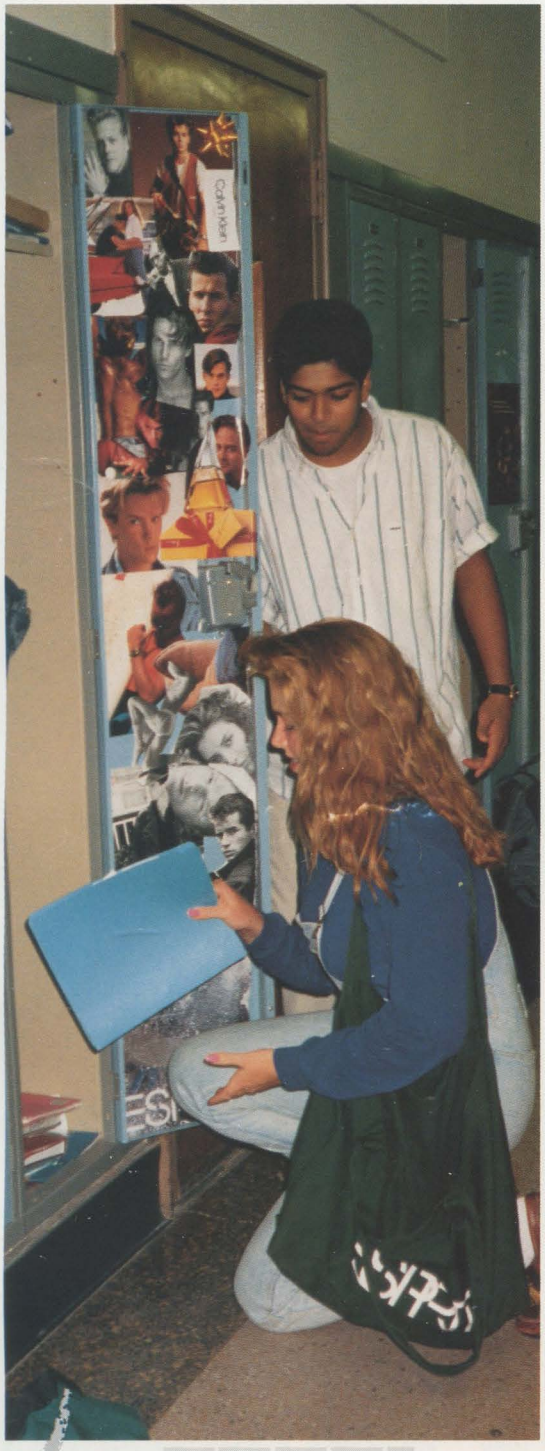
"Take Advil." --Leah Darring

"Take as much time off as possible." --Regina Rafferty

"Remember you're going to graduate soon." --LaJean Murray --PM

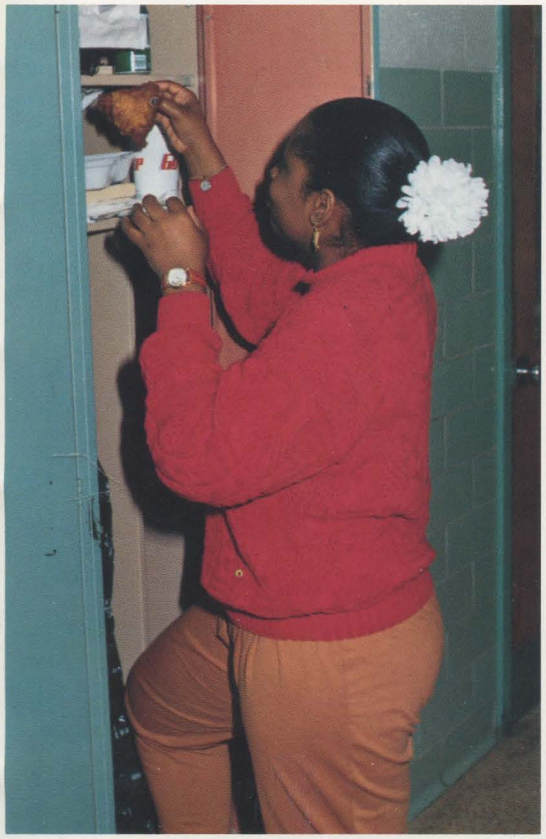


Relaxing in the sun are Susan Goldberg and Sarah Black. Students used lunch time as a period in which to catch up on some much needed rest.



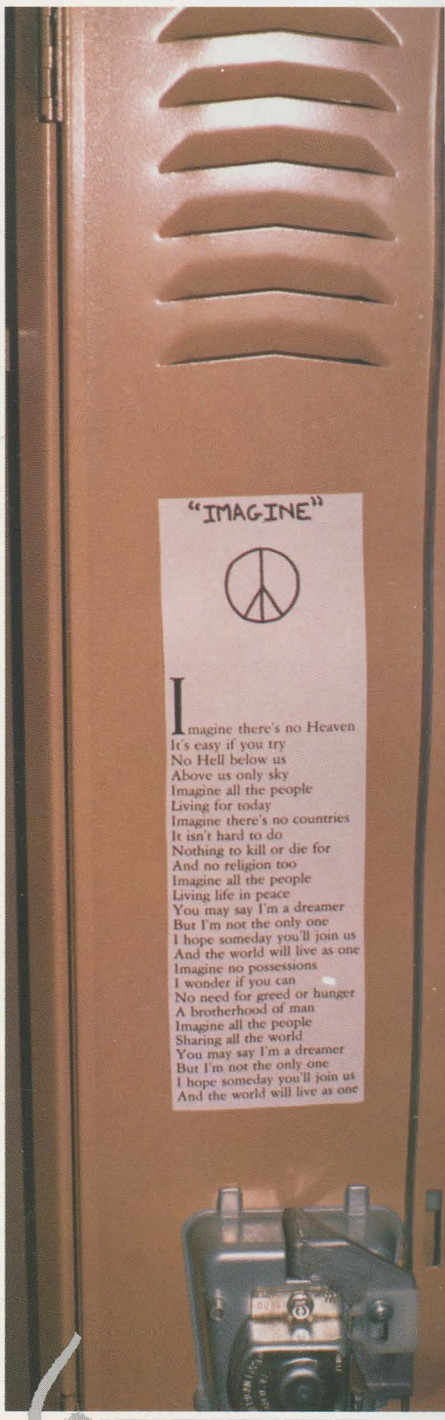
Mehmood Kazmi jumps into the picture unexpectedly showing his interest in Claudia Mason's locker. Mason's locker collage is a perfect example of the favored female subject—MEN!

Giant's bulk food section lent a helping to this locker. Did they REALLY eat all this food? Jenny Cincotta was one of the few students who was able to contribute to variety by showing individuality.



Not able to tear herself away from her beloved l
er, junior Jodaea Minor eats her fried chicken in
the door. Many people found it necessary to
their lunches from the "Lunch Police".

Can you tell whose locker this is? Decorating
locker with pictures of half-naked Greg Lougan
the way junior Heather Wolfe expressed her inte
in swimming.



"Imagine all the people...." who didn't bothe
decorate their lockers. Avoiding all conventi
ideas for decorating a locker, junior Monte
chose his favorite song so "...the whole world
live as one."

unlock your imagination

Ready...Set...Go! Locker Season started off with a bang as students clamored for tape, scissors, and assorted pictures to grace their locker doors. While most stuck to traditional pictures of scantily clad women and/or scantily clad men, others dared to put up the ORIGINAL.

In addition to dressing up the inside; lockers were decorated externally as well. When a birthday came around, people knew that one way to celebrate was to "wrap up" the birthday person's locker.

Several people gave their ideas and comments about their lockers.

Question: What does your locker say about you?

A: "It reflects the life that I wish I had. All those gorgeous guys...mmmm...!" -- junior Claudia Mason

"I decorate my locker so that it says, 'This is Tania Potter!'"

A: "I put up pictures of athletes and girls from Sports Illustrated because it's in. Right now I'm waiting for my Swimsuit Issue!" -- sophomore Amani Roberts

A: "My locker shows the world that I'm a slave to all female whims." -- sophomore Robert Peckerar

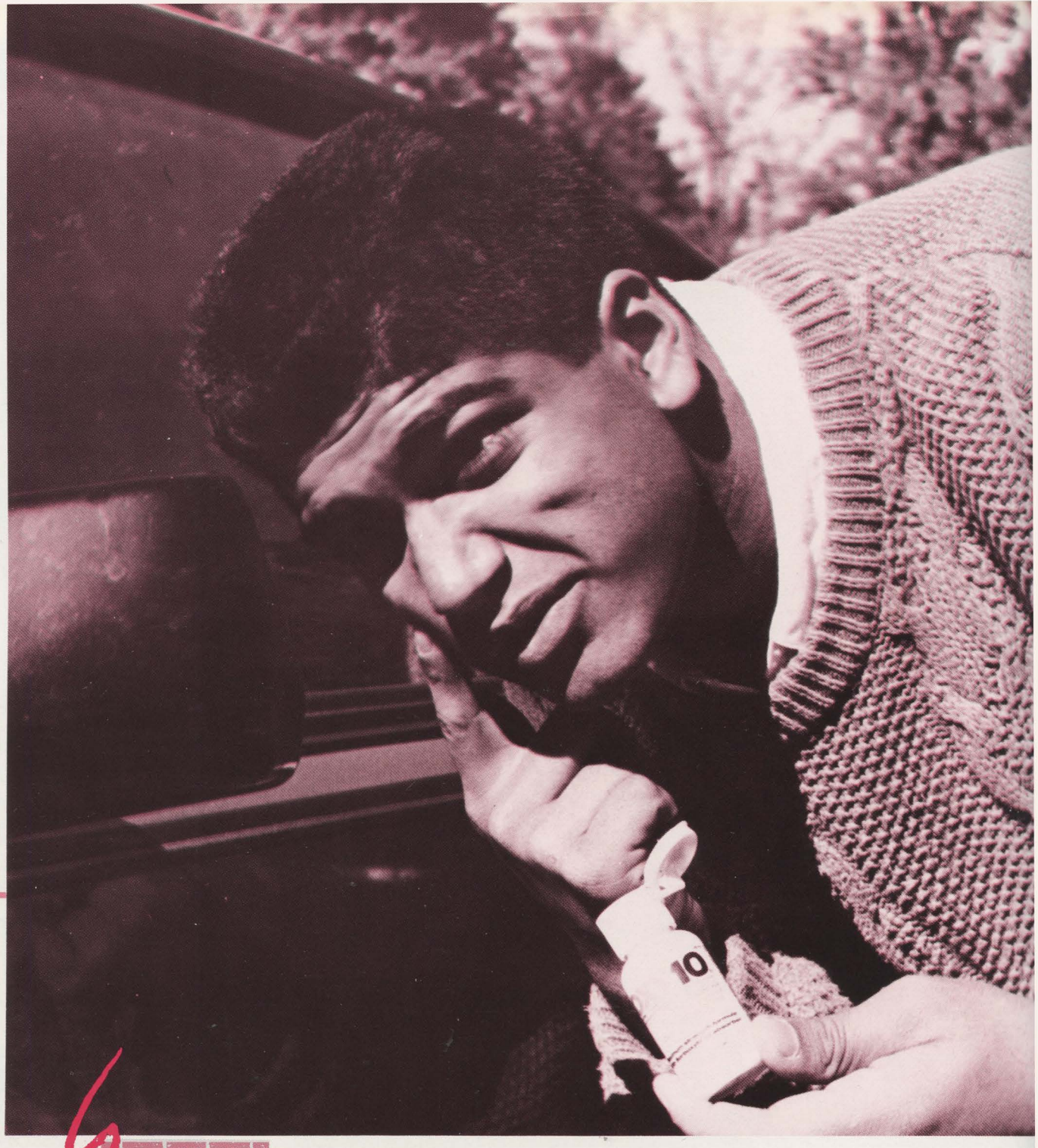
A: "...You have to live with it for a whole year, so I put up new pictures a lot, just so that I don't get bored." --sophomore Cathy Herway

Even though there was a lot of enthusiasm, there were people who didn't put up ANYTHING! "No, I didn't decorate my locker; I just didn't have time," said junior Dwaine Skinner.

This year's locker displays showed definite style as well as panache and creativity. -- HS & SPS

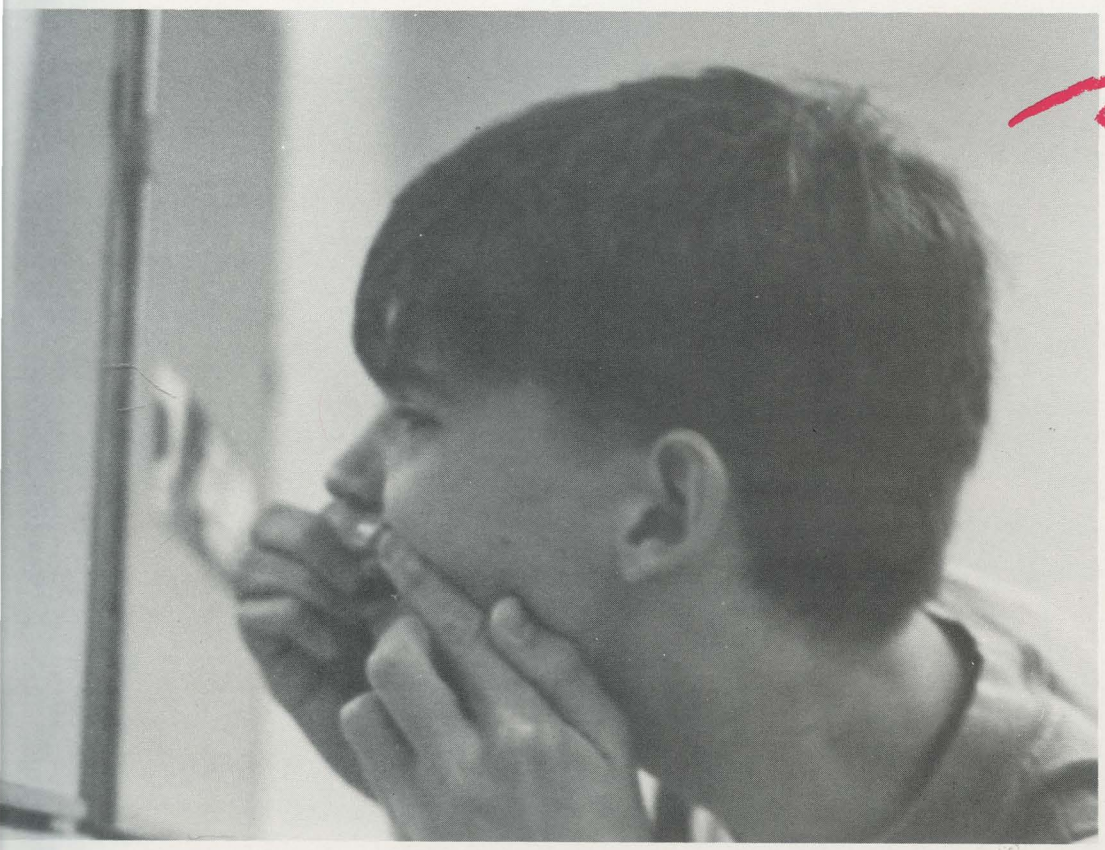
"I think it's funky when people don't take showers or use towels after P.E.!"
--Ursula Sinkler

"I like to put on my friends dresses and lipstick, even though that's not too sanitary."
--Dan Stearns



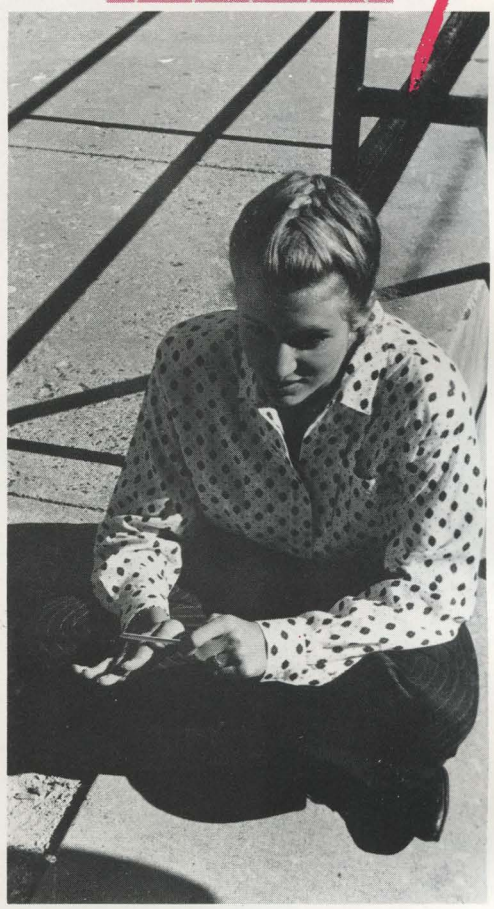
Risking being late to first period, senior Mehmood Kazmi dabs a little Oxy 10 on after getting out of his car. Even though personal grooming was the reason for many tardies, teachers still didn't accept it as a valid excuse.

Senior Moira Goins demonstrates her blackhead removing ability while senior Brenda Senko grimaces in pain. Friends often helped in the grooming process, especially for big events such as Homecoming and Prom.



In between classes, senior Bill Jenne inspects his face searching for new zits to play with. The bathroom was a favorite place for pimple-paranoid people to examine their complexions during school.

Never one to be caught with unmanicured fingers, senior Sarah Mess devotes some of her lunchtime to filing her nails. Many students spent valuable lunchtime to touch up and re-groom for their afternoon classes.



the ups and downs of being a teenager with

zits

The doorbell rings. Your dream date has arrived. Your hours of primping have paid off. Everything is perfect: your dress, your hair, even your makeup. On your way to open the door, you take one last admiring glance in the mirror only to notice something red and bulging on the tip of your nose--a ZIT!

No matter how many times you scrubbed with Noxzema, applied tinted Clearisil and rubbed your face with Oxy 10 medicated pads, it always seemed that you broke out at the most inconvienent times. Although acne seemed to be a common teenage problem, some students learned to make the most of it.

Senior Bill Jenne played interesting games with his pimples. "It's fun to stand close to a mirror and squeeze your zit and watch the junk splatter onto the mirror," grinned Jenne.

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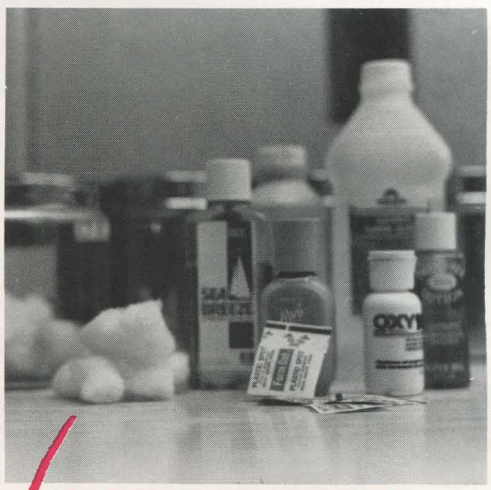
"The first thing I notice about a person are blackheads in their ears," said senior Moira Goins, who admitted enjoying picking the blackheads out for her friends.

However, for most, pimples seemed to be one's worst enemy. "I have this recurring zit under my left eye," lamented junior Denise Sharpe.

For those without an acne problem, there were many other things to worry about such as body odor, unmanicured fingernails, bad breath and split ends. Never fear, a good health and hygiene routine always cured these unwanted conditions. Believe it or not, when we thumb through these pages ten years from now our faces will be blemish-free. --LB & MF



Products such as these help in the temporary relief of problem skin. Students forked over a lot of hard-earned money for anything that offered a solution.

"Roy's... It's ALL bad." --Chris Meagher

"Great Falls was a place of tranquility and peacefulness that was a nice break away from city life." -Tara Gilyard

Right next to the mall, sophomore Nadav Kaufman, freshman Jonah Cohen, and their friend Tabitha Pincock from B-CC, rest their feet for a few minutes in front of the National Museum of Modern History. Many students took advantage of the cultural exhibits such as the museums downtown.

The growing concern over the AIDS virus attracts many people near and far to observe the AIDS quilt. The quilt blanketed a larger portion of the monument grounds this past year after having traveled extensively over the U.S.

"I told you we should have parked back th
snaps senior Joanne Garment to senior Jos
tierrres. Accompanied by their friends, seniors
iel Premandos, Manuel Poblete, and sopho
Martha Dias; Garment and Gutierres visited or
Blairites favorite hangouts, Wheaton Plaza.

There is no such thing as a boring weekend c
mall during Weekender's Weekend in D.C. P
came for a variety of activities, good food, a
sorts of entertainment including *Happy Da*
clown.

anywhere and everywhere

we were there

The Scene: The weekend. Blazers confronted with the question of where to go and what to do.

This was a difficult question to answer since there was an unlimited variety of places to go from Georgetown to Great Falls. Deciding where to go meant taking time to make phone calls, locate parties, and get directions. Once everyone had a ride, it was time to hop in a car and play follow the leader to that real "kickin' place."

Parties, however, were not for everyone. Sophomore Katherine Richman said, "I don't have to go anywhere to have a good time; everyone comes to my house."

Some liked to go out and experience a different type of a good time. "I go to Georgetown; there are a lot of different people, places to go, and things to do," said junior Maya Clark.

> "Great Falls is a great place to think and relax...You can experience nature and escape the pressures of school."

"The best thing to do is going leap frogging on the mall," according to senior Blair Lackey. There was always something happening downtown, from art exhibits to festivals on the mall.

Great Falls was another place which attracted those who enjoyed another type of atmosphere. "It's a great place to think and relax," said junior Debi Roemer. "You can experience nature and escape the pressures of school," she added.

Wherever we went, be it Baltimore or downtown Silver Spring, or even if we just stayed home and slummed, we still knew the places to go that made our weekends worth looking forward to.

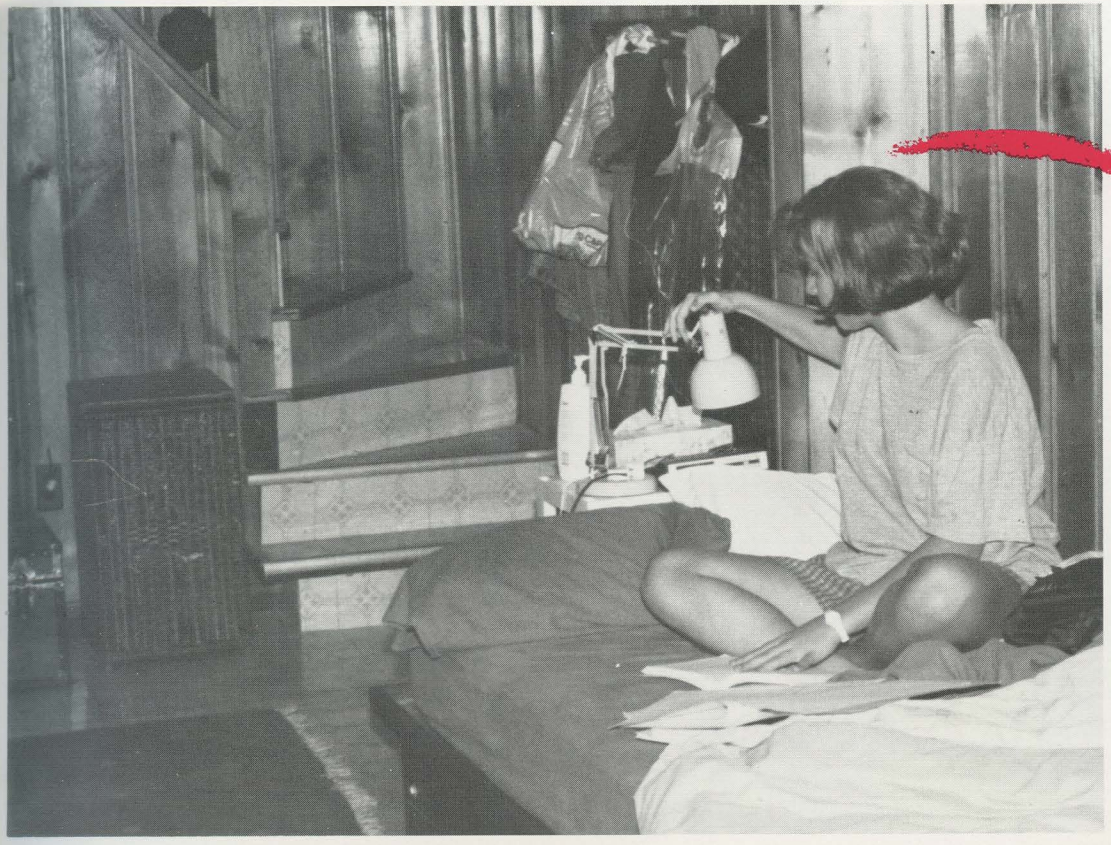
One of the many attractions that Lake Need
offers is the *Needwood Queen*. She took occas
Blazers and guided them through the otherwis
seen beauty of the Lake.

"I like my room because it has a unique shape, plus it is two stories above my parents!" --Nathan Bond

"It is a good place to get away from everything, and its ALL MINE" --Krista Butler

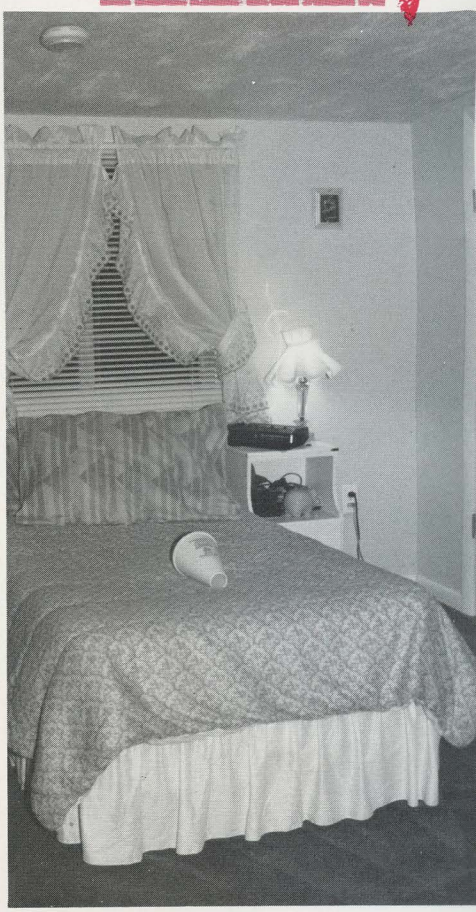
The original shape of junior Nathan Bond's room is the main reason why he likes it so much. Many students like their room because of its shape and location.

Knick knacks fill junior Dylan McGee's room, from top to bottom. Filling up the walls of your room was a fun thing to do.



Avoiding her parents is not difficult for junior Becky Nulty with her basement bedroom. Almost all students used their rooms as a place to hide and get away from their parents at least once.

Believing in a clean room is a big part of sopohmore Mary Delisi's life. Delisi attained this belief from years of parental pressure.



are you tired, worried, worn out, stressed...?

maybe you need a little elbow

room

When your mother yelled at you for not doing your chores, or when your teacher was angry at you because your homework was not turned in, or when your life was so hectic that you could not see straight, you knew it was time to take a break.

For most people, the place for taking break was their bedroom. It was a place to relax, to forget about life for a while. It was a place to call your own and to be your own person. You could do anything you wanted to do in your bedroom: eat, sleep, talk on the phone, listen to the radio, read a book, or just stare into space.

Students' rooms had a wide range of neatness, style of decorations, and personality. Some rooms had blank white walls and others had walls that could not be seen due to all of the pictures, posters, or memorabilia on the wall. People displayed their collections, which ranged from stamps to rare and valuable beer cans.

"Without my room, I would have no place for privacy to talk on the phone."

Rooms, without the people, were unique as well. Sophomore Scott Hykin's phone is near a radio station. "I do not need a radio in my room; all I need to do is pick up my phone and I can hear WPGC."

Sophomore Mary Delisi used her room as a valuable place to retreat. She said, "Without my room, I would have no place for privacy to talk on the phone."

Junior Reva Gupta likes her room because she spends a lot of time in it. "My room is like my own house; I have everything that belongs to me in there." --MM

Music is a big part of junior John Jefen's life, as shown by his wall. Many students liked to cover their walls to display their musical tastes.

"I wear whatever my mom buys me."
--Jeremy Wright

"I like to stand out in a crowd."
--Summer Blais

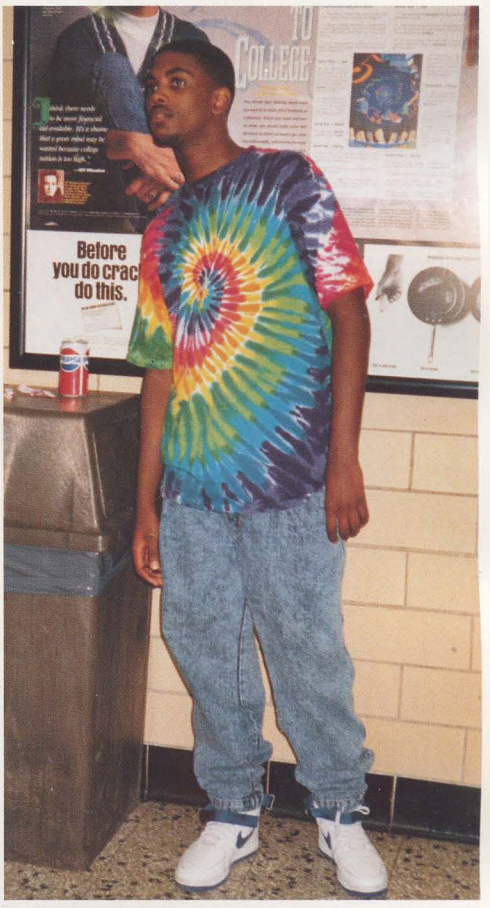
Sophomore Nina Hishmeh and seniors Monique Lovell and Lonnie Tait demonstrate a broad spectrum of fashion with the bright colors and variety of styles that they wear. Once the pastel wave was over, brights came back bigger than ever.

Wearing the most comfortable clothing they can, sophomores David Gaspin, T. J. Kelly, Neal Russo, Chris Colly, and freshman Jake Kirk pay little or no attention to the rules of high fashion. Many students were not affected by what was considered to be "in".

Seniors Lilly Steinbock and Regina Raffety sport outfits which are mixes of many different styles. Students weren't afraid to try new combinations of clothing they already owned.

Sophomore Cyndy Seguira and senior Amy Dawson show the immense diversity of style at Blair. At Blair, students were anything but cookie cutter images of each other.

Junior Lionell Davis models the tie-dye look. Many of the year's hottest fashions were flashbacks to years past.



vogue, k mart, benetton, gq, classic clothing, or the gap -- if the fashion fits

wear it!

Just what was it that made this year's students so special? Students have always been been fashionable, but the innate sense of real style set this year's Blazers apart. However, there were reasons other than style that helped determine what was worn to school. Why did students wear what they wore?

"To accentuate my Herculean muscles." --Mark Shay

"Because it's illegal to express myself through nudity." --Susan Auldrich

"I buy whatever is on sale at Goodwill." --Maneesh Agrawala

"My parents refuse to pay for normal clothes." --Becky Nulty "Because I hear it's what turns the girls on." --Blair Lackey

"Because I like brand names." --Kathy Herway

"Because they advocate my beliefs." --Anaka Mines

"I wear five layers of clothing so that I only have to get dressed once a week."

"I wear whatever my mom says is cool."--Adam Howell

"It's an artistic expression of my philosophies of life and how to live it!" --Celena Orgel

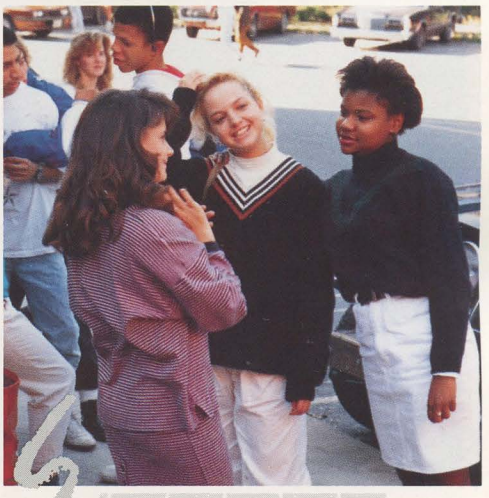
"I like personifying death." --Anonymous

"I wear tie dye because school is so dismal and it brightens up the place." --Josh Oppenheimer

"I wear five layers of clothing so that I only have to get dressed once a week." --David Weinstock

"When I was little I was afraid of my closet and the clothes in it looked like monsters. But now they're my friends." --Yolita Nugent

"I wear what I wear because it's comfortable and I like it!" --David Gaspin --JE



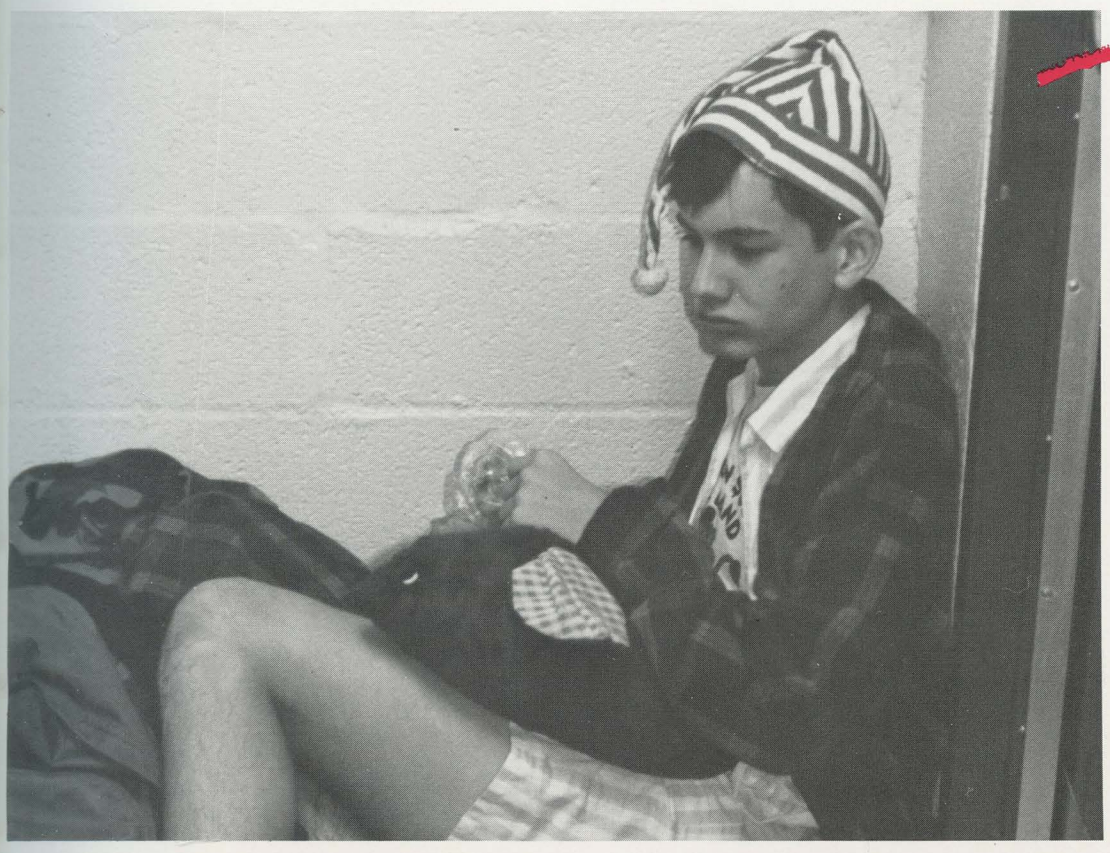
Juniors Denise Sharpe, Shannon Hughes, and Nikki Lewis like to get dressed up for school. Dressy clothing was the alternative to jeans and sweats.

"I liked Twin Day best because it was fun hunting around the school for the people who were dressed alike."
--Faith Noble

"Pajama Day was awesome because I got to sleep in and roll out of bed just in time to catch the bus."
--Bobby Divilio

"No! I'm tackier!" insists senior Ceci Hyoun as senior Liz Nash sneers in disagreement. Tacky Day gave many students the chance to raid their parents' closets and get a spirited laugh at each others' attire.

Showing their ethnic pride, junior Raul Santa Cruz, sophomore Aldo Cardoza, senior Daniel Garcia, and junior Luis Munoz work on a life-size Blazer to hang in the Hispanic Club Spirit Hall. A lot of effort and team work went into making the Spirit Halls.

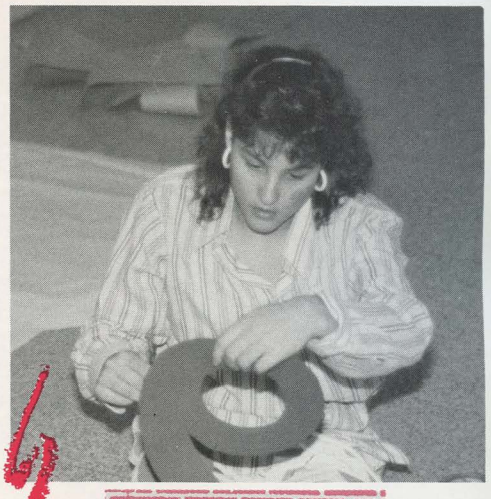


Curling up in a corner, comfy looking sophomore Cameron McNary tries hard to stay awake through lunch. Without a doubt, Pajama Day was the coziest Spirit Day.

"Maybe if we both stand like this, we'll look even more like twins!" think seniors Travis Holland and Jason Crutchfield. Many students tried their best to dress as twins with a friend to show school spirit.

decked out in

spirit



Proud to be a junior, Karen Sturek diligently cuts out a perfect "9" for her class' Spirit Hall. Constructing Spirit Halls brought out a lot of enthusiasm in students.

Where did you get that outfit? Barney's Bargain Basement?! Did you just wake up or something? Did you know so-and-so is wearing the same exact thing as you?

These were some questions often asked by ignorant outsiders. As for of us happenin' Blazers, it was Spirit Week 1989!

As the tradition goes, each day of the week was designated a theme: Tacky Day (Mon.), Pajama Day (Tues.), Twin Day (Wed.), Toga Day (Thurs.) and Red and White Day (Fri.). Each day students dressed in the appropriate costume to show their school spirit.

Spirit Week '89 got underway on Monday when the Spirit Halls were put up. Each class and a few clubs participated in decorating the hallways according to the theme, *Enchantment Under the Sea*. Students really enjoyed and got into Spirit Week. "It was fishy!" exclaimed senior Aaron Dabbah, about the outstanding Spirit Halls.

"It was fishy!"

"Red and White Day is the coolest because everyone dresses that day," said junior Shane Benson.

The grand finale of Spirit Week '89 was the pep rally on Friday. Seniors won first place in the Spirit Hall contest, followed by the juniors and then the sophomores. The court was introduced and seniors Travis Holland and Carlota Bernal were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

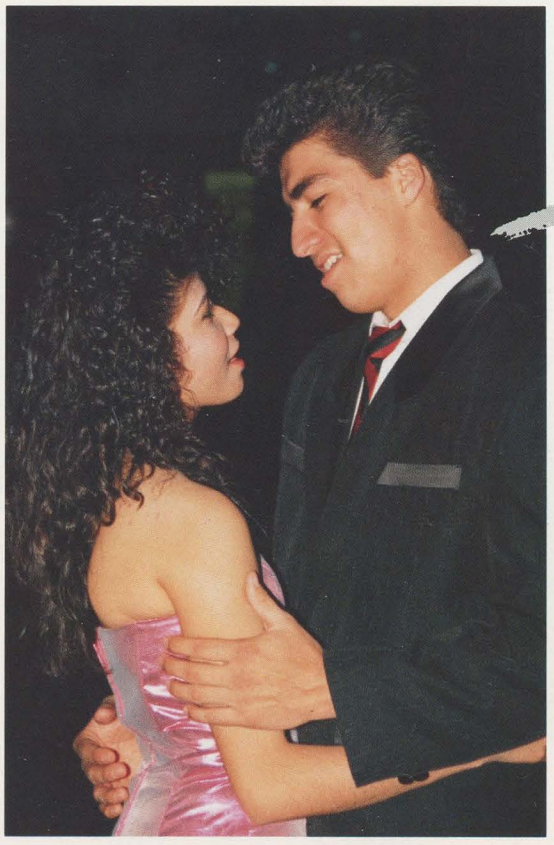
Besides being fun, Spirit Week gave students the chance to show their support. "Spirit Week is the best week of school!" said junior Jeremy Wright. --LB & MF

Doing the Electric Slide, Sophomore Paula Jeffries shows off her dance knowledge. There were many different dance steps displayed at the Homecoming dance.

"Whom shall I dance with next?" wonders Joanne Garment, gazing after her last partner. Since Homecoming was sold out, finding someone to dance with was not difficult.

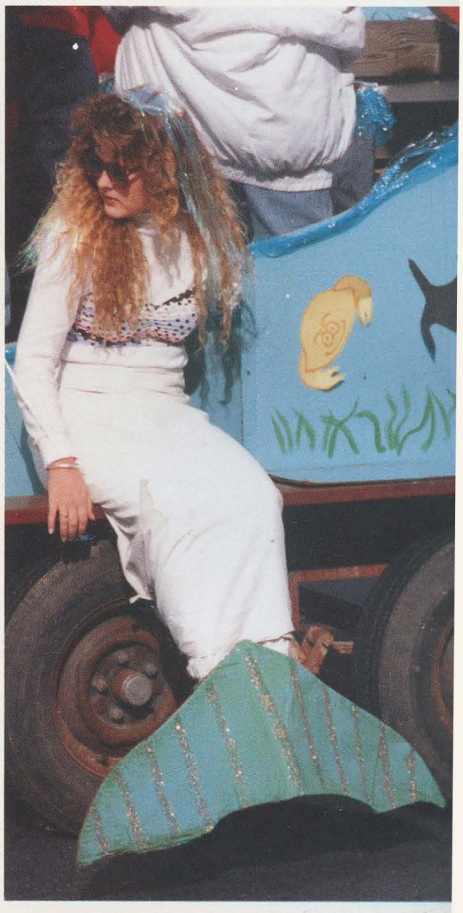
Cheering wildly, Mate Tokic, Mike Mills, Sean Stevens, and Adam Howell ride atop the junior float. The junior float was awarded 3rd place after the Architecture Club (1st) and the sophomores (2nd) for best float.

Orlando Lau rushes to help Rahmann Tabb and Wynter Grant take down a Wootton Patriot. Despite the Blazers' loss, everyone remained in high spirits as they looked forward to the dance.



Dressed in a traditional kilt, tux, and bowtie, Jenne displays his fashion sense. Blazers showed a variety of styles at the dance.

Seniors Manuel Polete and Martha Diaz gaze mantically into each others eyes. Many couples to advantage of the slow songs to get a little closer they danced the night away.



enchantment under the sea,

through the school, and into the gym...

homecoming

What was so special about the week of November 6-11? Most Blazers will agree it had to be the Homecoming activities. From Spirit Week and the Pep Rally to the football game and dance, both students and teachers were full of school spirit as they dressed up in pajamas, togas, and red and white. The classes battled it out to see who could win best float and spirit hall along with just showing the most spirit.

Senior Leah Darring attributed the participation to the theme. She said, "I think everyone participated because of the theme, *Enchantment Under the Sea*. It was an easy and fun theme to work with."

The highlight of the whole week was the Homecoming dance. The dance was an unsurpassable sucess even after the disappointing football game. Everyone was shocked

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by the large turn out of students. Senior Kim Jones commented, "It was the first Homecoming dance I had been to at Blair that was completely sold out!"

Homecoming King Travis Holland added, " I liked having so many people there. It made the dance exciting and lots of fun for everyone."

When students arrived at the gym, they were not only impressed by the amount of people but also by the elaborate decorations. Students stayed late the night before to transform the ordinary gym into an enchanted sea complete with polka-dotted fish, glittered sea shells, and mermaids.

Although Homecoming took a lot of work, all students agreed that it was well worth the effort. --KB

Waiting for the parade to begin, senior merr Tracy Hardy contemplates dry land. All of the fl displayed creativity while sticking to the ove theme.

Happy to cheer, seniors May Sing and Liz march to the beat in the parade. The parade h large turn out, and inspired much school spirit

"The most important thing that I look for in a guy is a ridiculously off-beat sense of humor."
--Maria Garza

"For me, the ultimate turn-off is when a girl's best line is,'Do you have any money I can borrow?'"
--Mark Shay

For most couples, having the same lunch was really incredible. Intimate friends, David Jeter and Tracy Grisez sit in the corner, relaxing and enjoying each other's company.

Freshman Jairo Bustos and junior Ada Cuellas keep their distances not sure of the ultimate outcome of their conversation. Interests in other people were often pursued during the most social time of the day - lunch.

The student parking lot was a popular setting for the "Dating Game". Junior Jenny Utterback has to fend off junior Rick Mallic and senior Brooke Maury who are trying to set her up with a friend of theirs.

"Real love is hard to find at Blair." Seniors Lee Pennington and Traci Hardy were able to prove this statement wrong by developing a relationship in which they were committed to each other.

are you interested in commitment or are you

just a flirt?

It all started with a phone call or a note passed in study hall. Which ever you chose, everything rode on the answer. Welcome to Blair's "Dating Game". Here we have the girlfriends and the boyfriends, each with their own opinions on dating and flirting.

Everyone knew who they were: the "Perfect Couple." You didn't have to be to up on the gossip to know they were "in love" because this couple was ALWAYS together; ALWAYS showing mutual affection; and no matter who they were, ALWAYS talking about each other to their friends. We asked some Blazers what they thought about all of this:

Question 1: Which would you rather do, date freely or have a commitment?

A: Most people said they'd rather have a commitment; but everyone agreed that "...it all depends on the person."

Question 2: What is the most important characteristic that you look for in a guy/girl?

"Personality is important because people don't go out with girls that have no I.Q."

A: "Personality is important because people don't go out with girls that have no I.Q.." --Sean Wise

A: "It's important that the guy doesn't have an inflated ego." --Justine Barron

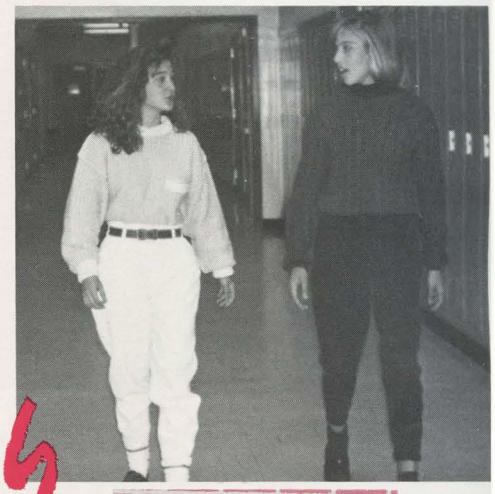
Whether it was at that last party or during fourth period, flirting was a way of life. While some people were the epitome of the word "flirt", some stuck to more dissembled means of expressing their interest. Some cooperative (and some not-so-cooperative) students stated their views on this topic:

Question 3: What is the ultimate turn-off?

A: "I HATE it when you're dancing with a guy and he sings in your ear--OFF KEY!!!" --Claudia Mason

A: "Really bad breath!" --assorted male sophomores.

Well, there you have it, straight from the mouths of people that you know. Anyone surprised? --HS

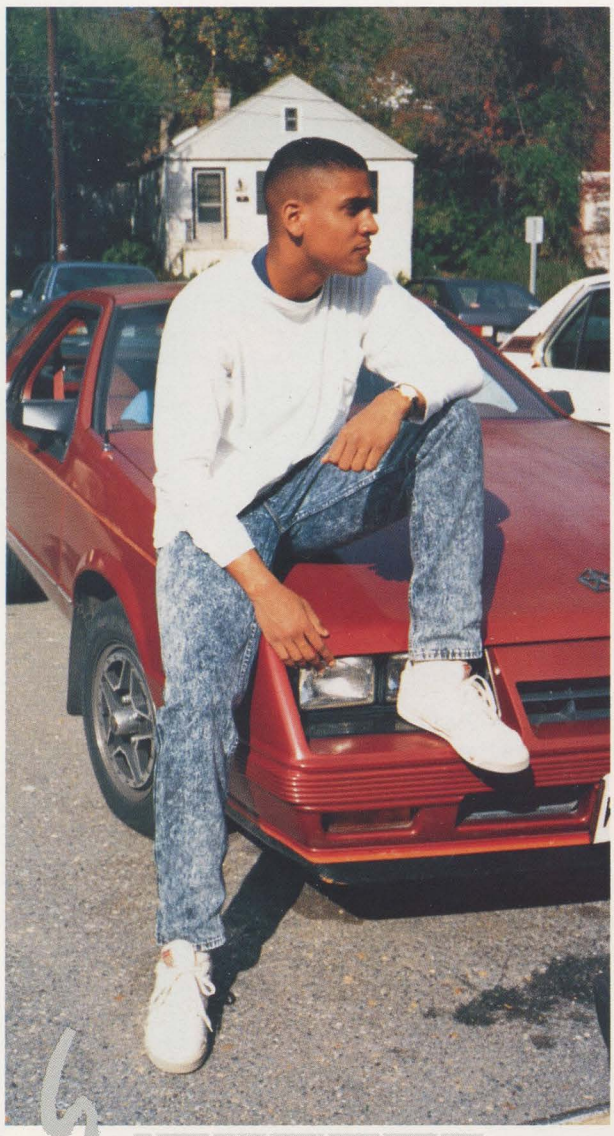


"...I don't know, he's OKAY, but...." Conversations like this were heard around Blair's hallways when girls referred to guys. Sophomores Sharon Miller and Laticia Cavalleri carry-on a typical "girl" chat.

senior vs.

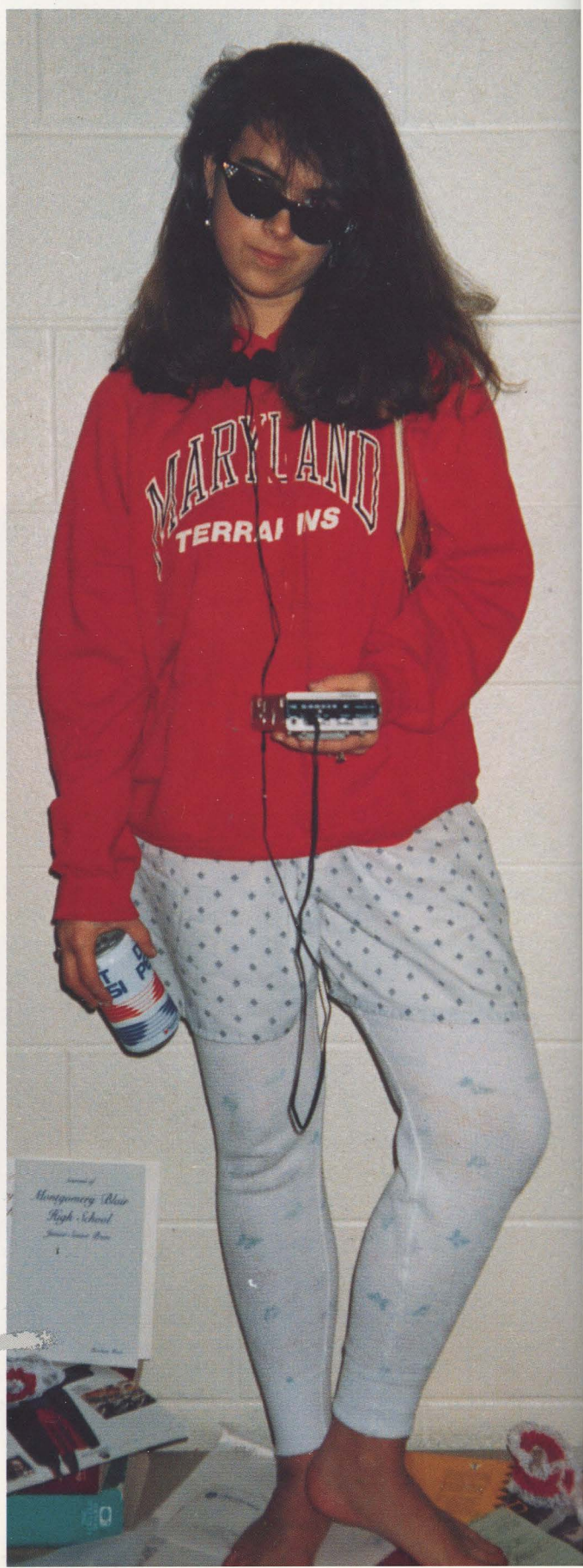
You knew you were a senior when...

--at least you or one of your friends drove to school and you didn't have to depend on the school bus or public transportation.
--you weren't trying to impress anyone and didn't care what you looked like, so you came to school without doing your hair or make-up.
--you were always late to class and the tardies were adding up.
--you knew Jackie and Jeff on a first name basis.
--you knew which excuses worked and which didn't.
--you were spending all of your parents' money on senior pictures, class rings, and cap and gowns.
--your spring break plans didn't include kicking back your feet in beautiful, sunny Silver Spring.
--there was a skip day just for you.
--your schedule took up half of the card.
--your house was flooded with college mail.
--more people knew you than you knew them.
--you began to worry about your future plans after Blair.
--you began to worry if you were ever getting out of here!!



Clad in her sweatshirt and long johns, senior Lisa Brown sports the "get up and go" look, capturing the true essence of what being a senior is all about. From college essays to prom to graduation, the life of a senior was always hectic!

Chilling out in the parking lot, senior Richard Dalgetty ponders the question of whether or not he should attend class. For the many seniors who caught senioritis this year, classroom attendance was often a major dilemma.



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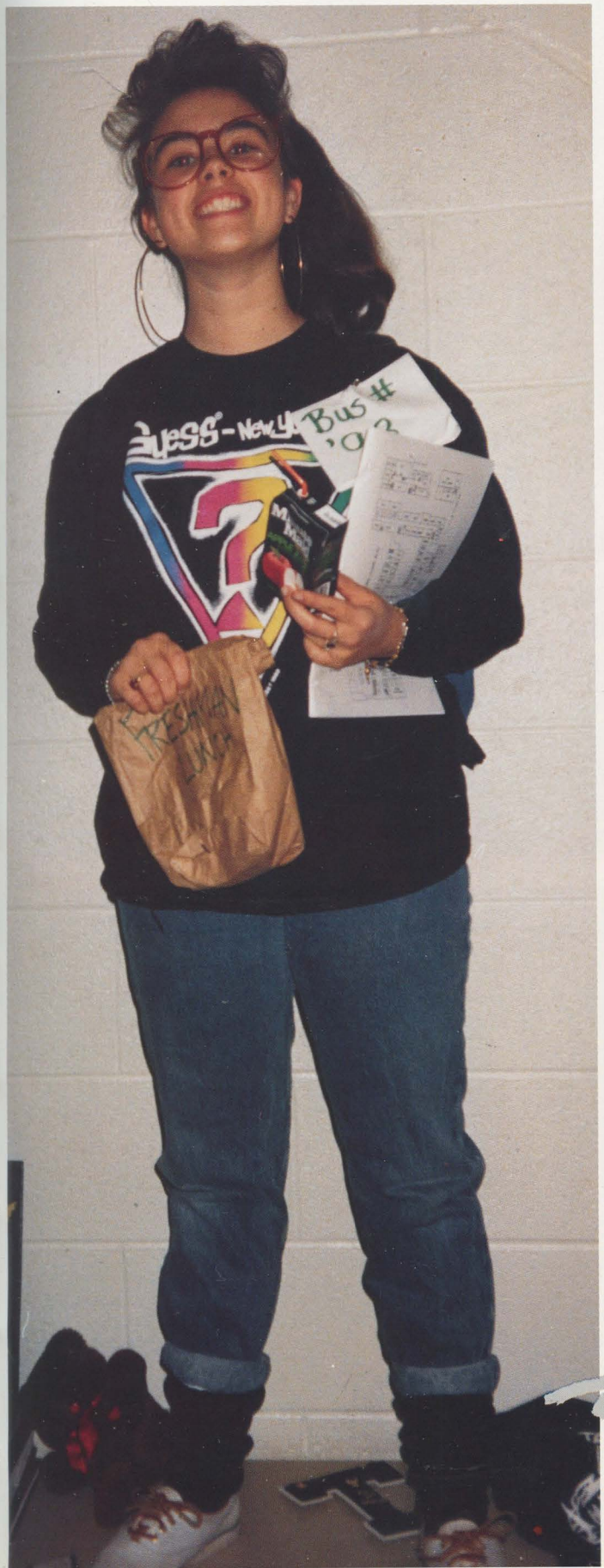


You knew you were a freshman when...

--your mode of transportation for getting to school included a noisy, yellow and black schoolbus or a big vehicle with the words "Ride On" printed on the side.

--you woke up two hours in advance to make certain that you had enough time to both pick out the trendiest outfit in your closet and primp yourself in the mirror.

--you got to class on time with minutes left to spare.

--Jackie and Jeff seemed scary to you

--the excuse "the cat ate it" didn't seem to work anymore.

--you spent all of your parent's money on make-up, cafeteria lunches, and bus fare.

--the highlight of your spring break was an excursion to the local Putt Putt golf course with your family.

--Senior Skip Day meant that you would still be in school.

--you began to worry if your parents would let you out of the house next weekend.

--you hoped for the day when you too would be a senior!--LN

Armed with her school map and Minute Maid apple juice, senior Lisa Brown both mimics and exaggerates the freshman image. Thought of as the "babies of the school," freshmen often were teased and made the center of jokes by their upperclass counterparts.

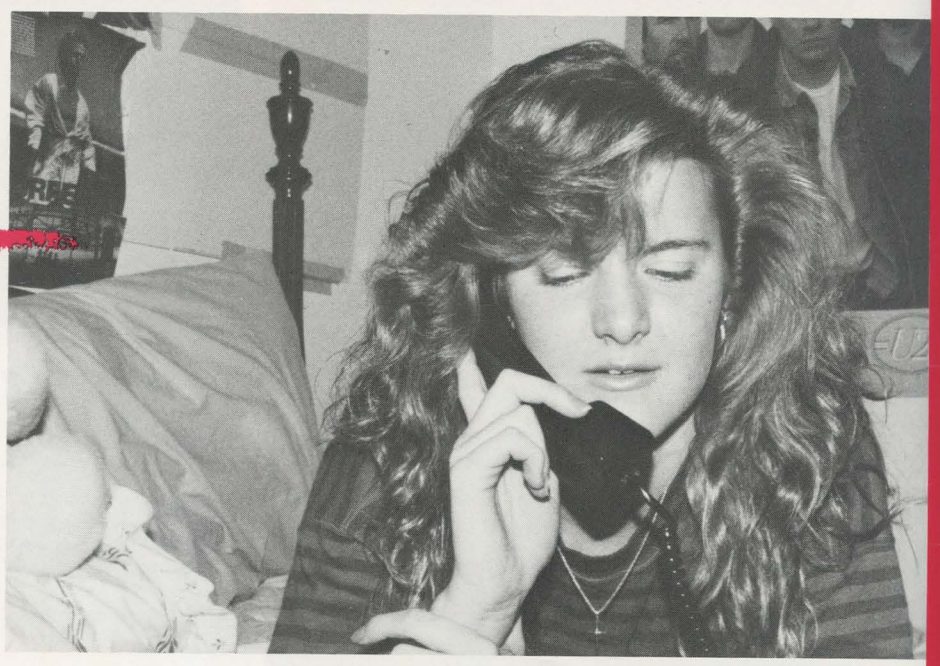
Deep in thought, freshman Comecha Lewis dreams about her weekend plans. Contrary to popular belief, freshmen actually did go out and have fun outside of school.

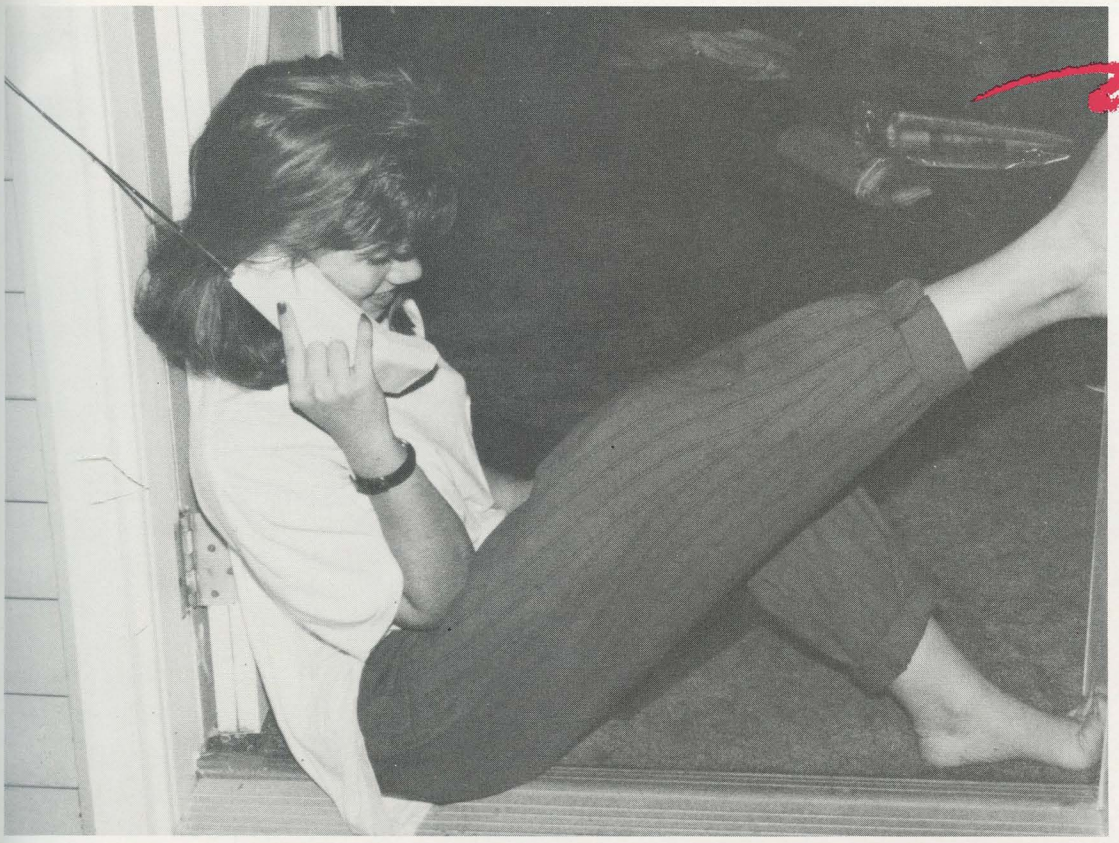
"I spend my time in a hot bath, reading a magazine."
--Leslie Narayanan

"Whenever I find myself alone on Friday night, I try to find someone to go out with."
--Jeremi Duru

Practicing "Misty" for Jazz Band, junior Ari Ambrose spends his Friday night with his tenor saxophone. Serious musicians such as Ambrose spend much of their extra time such as Friday nights alone with their musical instruments.

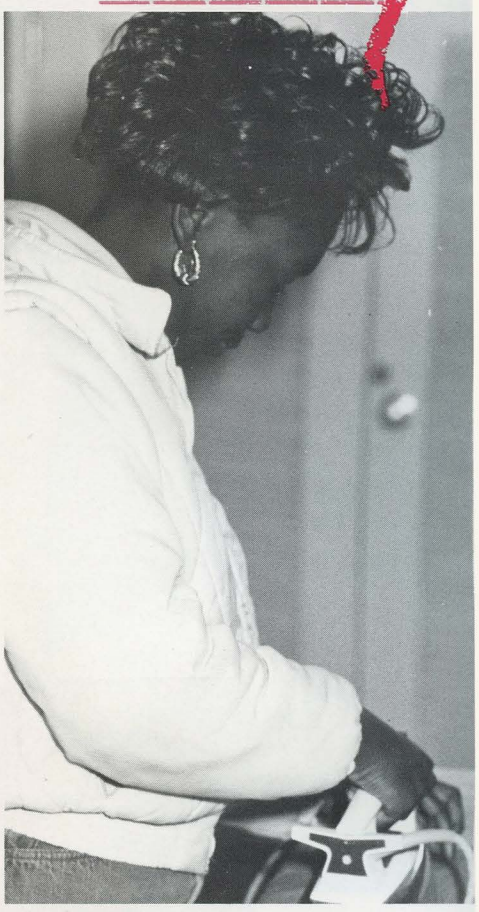
Lying comfortably on her bed, junior Jennifer Meagher spends her night alone on the phone. She obviously was not the only one alone that Friday.





Grounded for the weekend, junior Jennifer Colish makes sure she doesn't miss out on any of the gossip. Many students found the telephone a good source of company for their night alone.

Having no place to go, senior Tanya Jones utilizes her Friday night to get all the ironing done that she has been putting off. Catching up on house chores was one way students spent their time.



T.G.I.F. (thank god it's friday)

even when you are

alone

It was finally Friday, you made it through the whole week. You got home and your parents told you that you could not go out. You fussed and argued with them for a while, but eventually realized you would not get anywhere. You accepted it. But what did you do all night? --RG

"Either I watch television or I watch movies with my parents." --Maya Clark

"I sit at home and EAT!" --Mike Mills

"Play Nintendo." --Fred Bernal

"My parents like me to do my homework on Friday nights, then I have the rest of the weekend to do what I choose." --Justine Barron

"I make money. I babysit." --Jodi Mullins

"Talk on the phone all night." --Laura Waters

"Sometimes it's good for me to be at home alone on Friday night, because it helps me catch up on all the sleep I lost during the week."

"Try to find someone to go out with." --Jeremi Duru

"Play Scrabble with my mom." --Wendy Madigosky

"Whatever I do, it's not homework." --Kristal Marsh

"Sometimes it's good for me to be at home alone on Friday night, because it helps me catch up on all the sleep I lost during the week." --Shawn Moran

"I spend all the time I lost for my family, with my family." --Kurtis Cross

"I start with my room and then finish all my house chores for the weekend." --David Byron

"I go for a drive in the country, and ponder the meaning of life." --Lacey Gates

"I seclude myself in my room and sketch." --Joseph Rodriguez

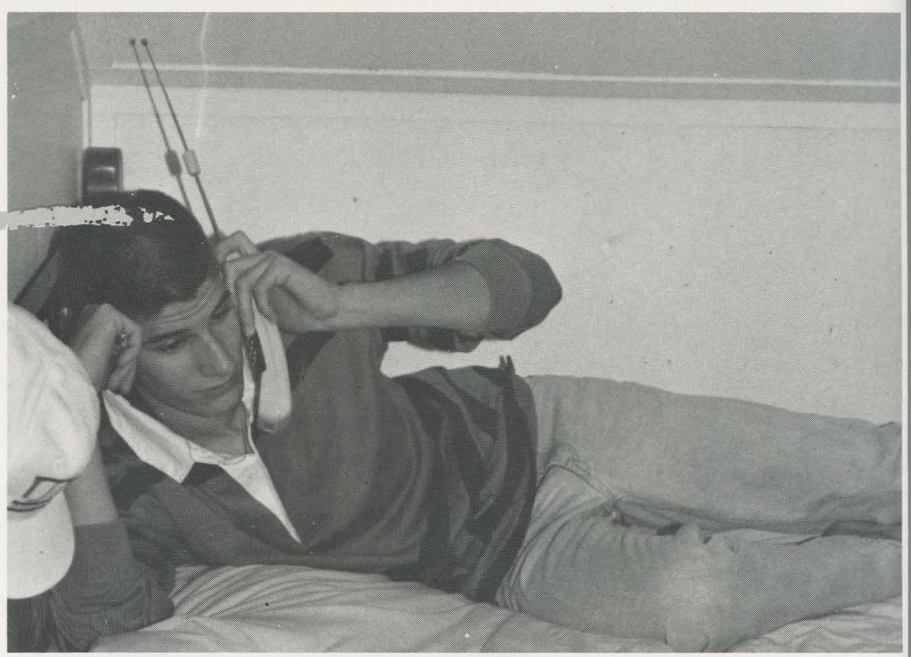
Worn out from the week's trials and tribulations, senior Shawn Moran passes up the party urge and goes straight to bed. Many students found it hard to keep their eyes open after a long week. Catching up on lost sleep was not an uncommon activity on Friday nights.

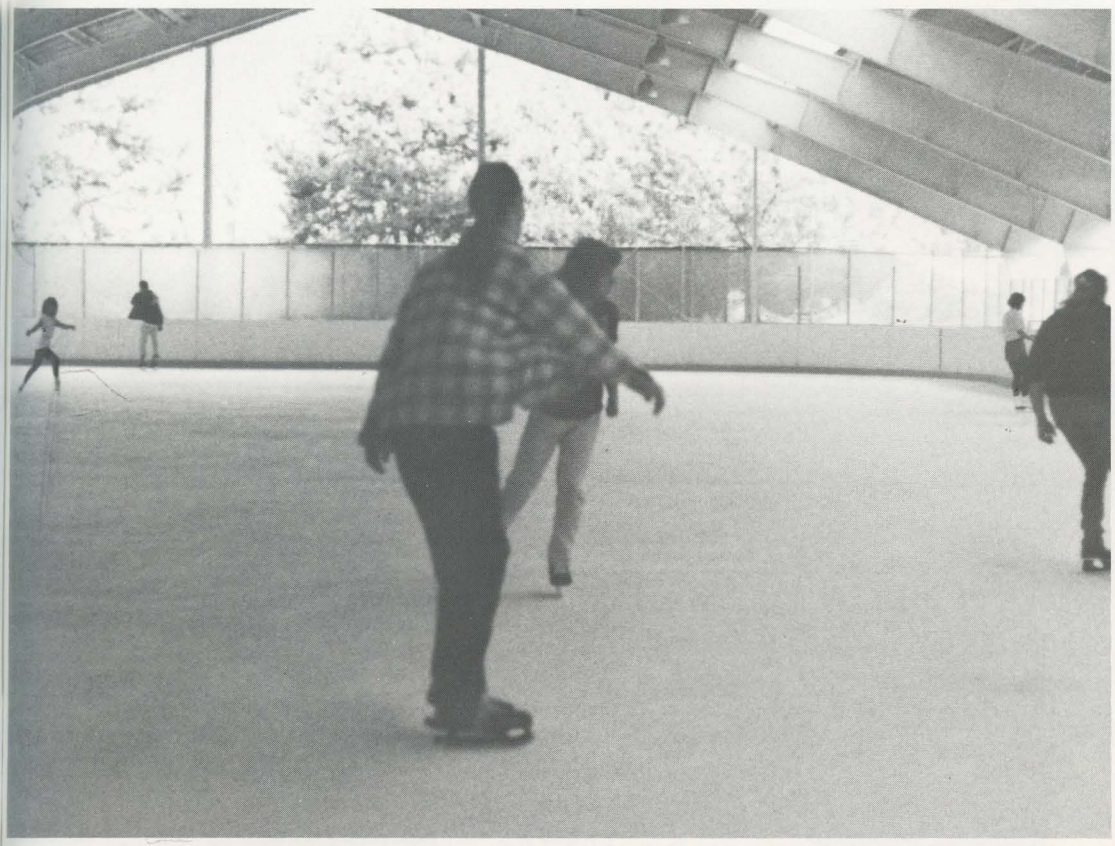
"I avoid doing chores by talking on the phone for hours with my best friend."
--Kim Jones

"I like jamming on my guitar."
--Ivan Ingraham

"Lets all get together." A group of anxious students busily getting plans together to go out that night.

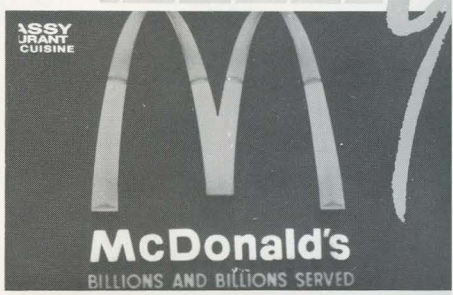
"So what are you doing tonight?" Junior Nathan Bond takes a more sly approach in making plans for the evening.

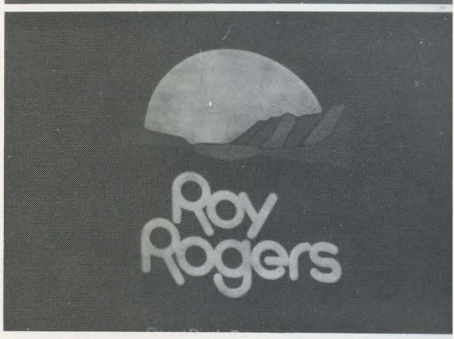


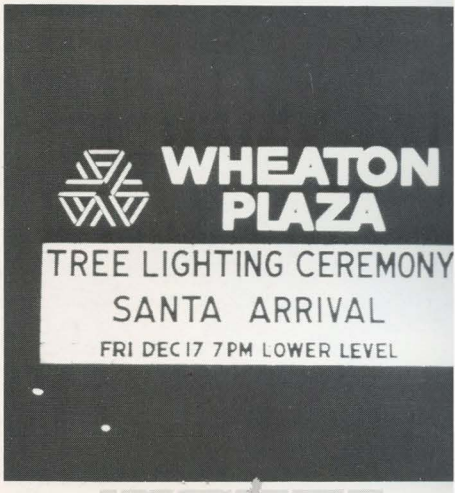


Skate your troubles away. Wheaton Ice Rink was favored hang-out place for students during t winter.

Hungry? Take your pick of the many rest ar available in the area.







Wheaton Plaza has it all. Filled with things to d students brought movie t kets, hamburgers, swea ers or simply took on th role of "mall rat" a parked on one of the bence to "check out t sceenery".

kicking back and relaxing.

nightlife

"In broad charcoal strokes, night shaded the sky." These poetic words uttered by writer Alan Moore describe the subtle transition from day into night. But what happens to people underneath the dark veil?

The answer to that question could be found by closely observing the behavioral patterns of a typical Blazer. Students had no trouble finding interesting things to do with their free time. School nights were plagued by homework, studying, and sometimes an after school job. "It's impossible to find time to relax," said junior Patrick Hatley.

But when there was enough time, many eleviated their boredom by going out to favored "hang out" places. "I like going to Champions because it's open 24 hours a day," said senior Dao Phan.

"I like to skate whenever I need to relax."

The Wheaton Ice Rink was another popular gathering place. "I skate whenever I need to relax," said senior Sharon McNeal.

Others chose to spend their evenings pigging out at the various fast food resturants available. "When I need to take a break from school work, I go to a fast food place and stuff my face," said sophomore Khai Phan.

Still others chose to spend their time in a more intimate atmosphere. "I spend weekend nights going out with my boyfriend," said senior Lisa Brown.

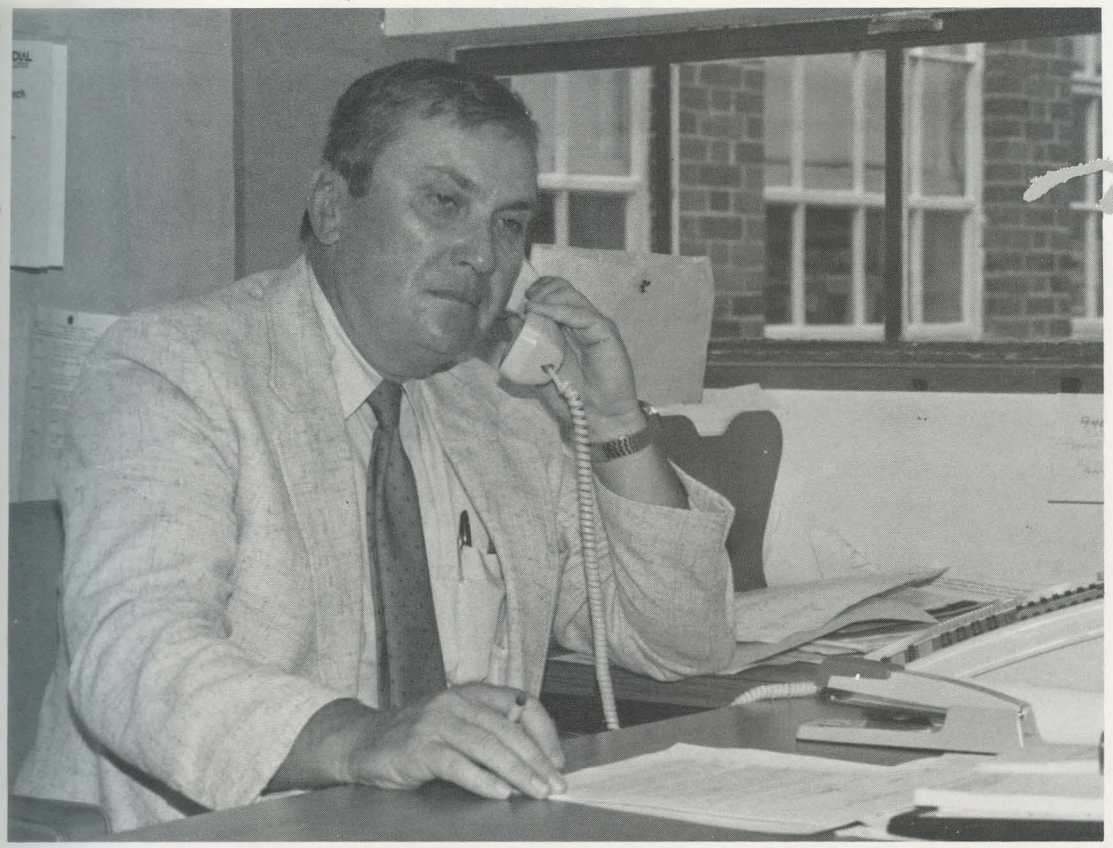
Students had very diverse tastes when spending their free time. Whether alone or with someone, no matter how or where they spent their time, students knew how to have fun. --BCS

"My mom grounds me when she is in a bad mood, but forgets that I was grounded when she is in a good mood."
--Jen Meagher

"The bad thing about getting into trouble and getting grounded is that I can't see my women."
--Chris Colly

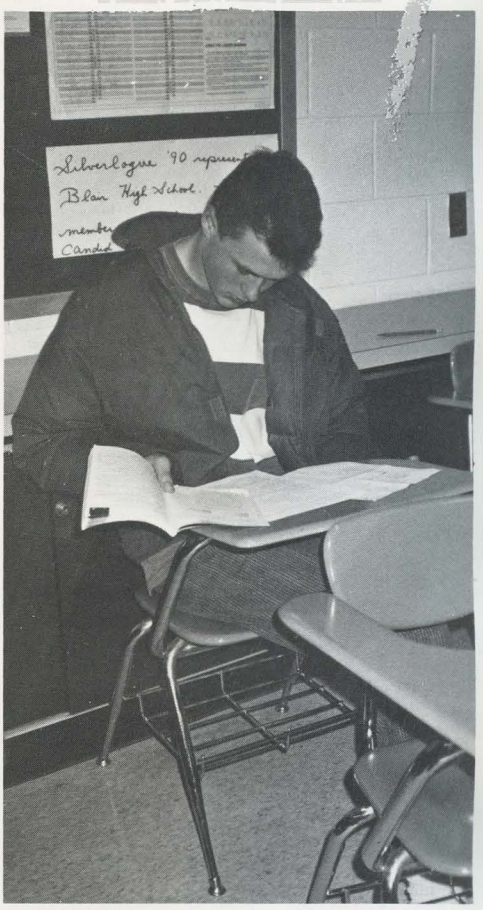
After a long morning of school, taking a break was needed. Freshman Grady Johnson watches freshman Carlos Gonzalas take a break with a cigarette. Even though smoking was illegal on school grounds, a few students continued to do so and risked getting caught.

Getting books in on time was a hard task. Ms. Mary Lou Douglas appears dazed as she stares at senior Derek Tormala's collection of overdue books. The library would not let students check out books if they owed others.



Why aren't you smiling, Mr Hetrick? Many students gave Mr. James Hetrick a visit, often to solve their problems. Sometimes a telephone call to the parent was all that was needed.

Getting ready to take a vocabulary quiz, senior Josh Risch shows his studying techniques. Studying beforehand kept students' grades up and out of trouble.



oh no
i'm in

trouble

There were many ways a student could get in trouble. For most students, getting sent to the office was a nightmare come true. Even the most cunning seniors couldn't escape the disciplinary system which ranged from detention or in-school suspension to expulsion. But this still didn't stop some students from skipping or getting a little rambunctious in class. Naturally this made staying out of trouble challenging and in a way, even exciting.

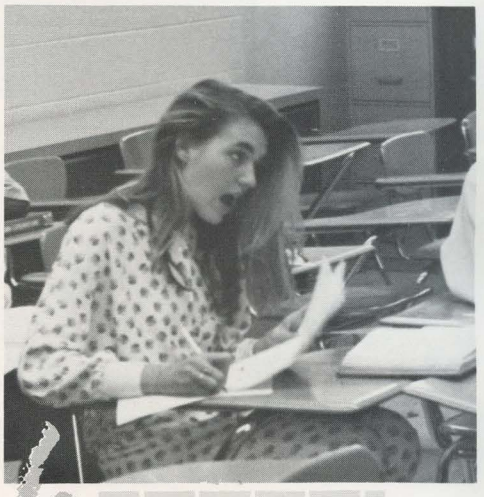
Sometimes students had to pay for thier fun. Junior Christy Mullins spent a day with Mr. Ngbea at the bottom of the auxilliary gym building, but was able to get her creative juices flowing and wrote this poem.

Here I sit in in school

"I don't mind getting sent to the office for getting in trouble, as long as long as my parents don't find out."

suspension,
Because I forgot to serve my detention,
There are people here with all sorts of faces,
Fat people, skinny people, of all types of races,
Its raining out there, and its dreary in here,
This room is full of everything but cheer,
Five long hours still to go,
Will I make it, I'll never know!!

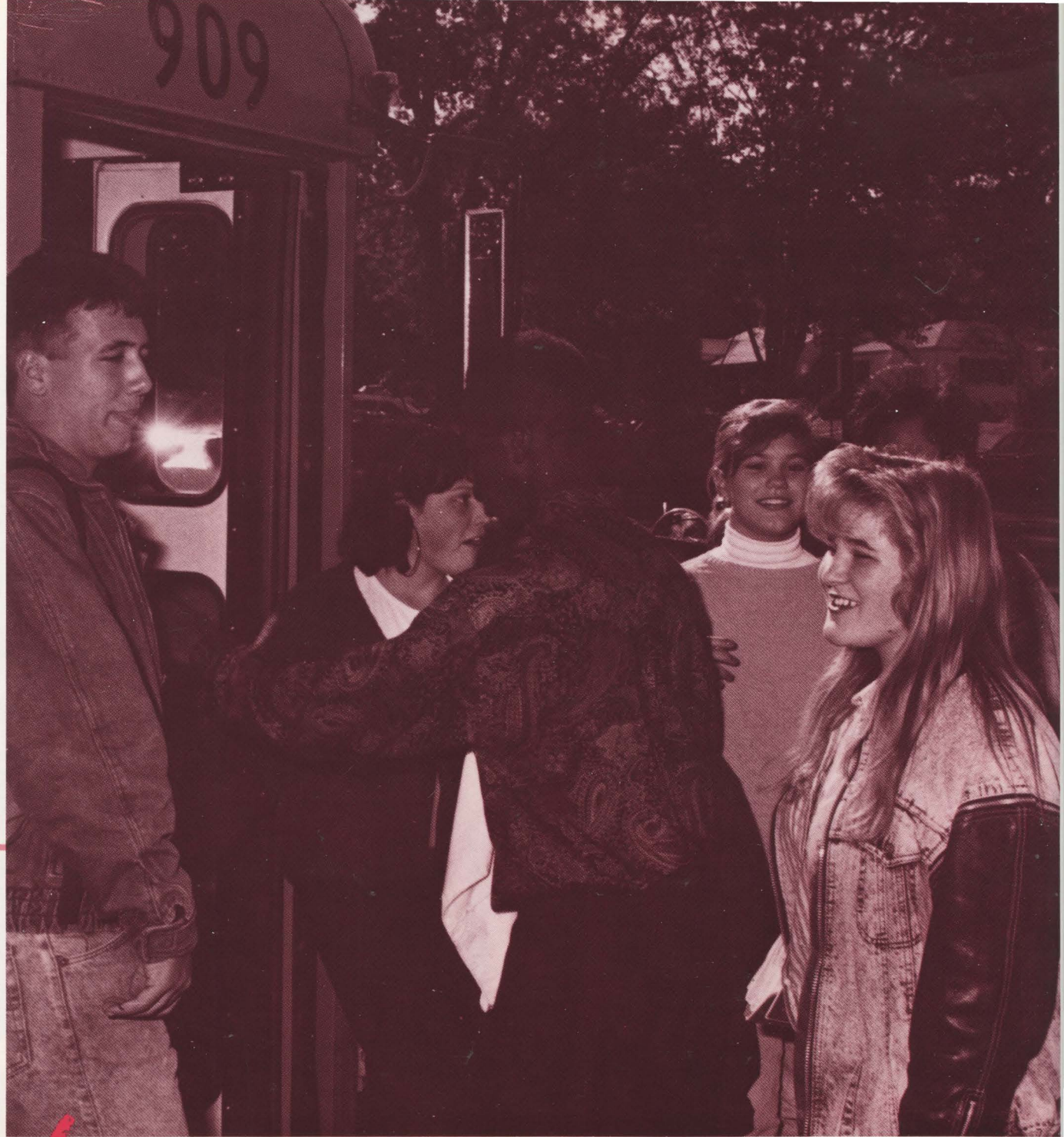
Parents also had the honor of punishing their sons or daughters which usually resulted in not being able to use the phone for what felt like an eternity. Worse than that was getting grounded which often meant sitting at home missing out on parties. "The worst thing about getting grounded is I can't chill with my friends," said senior George Hilderbrant. --SM



Senior Moira Goins looks at the grade on her paper in horror. Is it possible that she might pay for this when she gets home? Bad grades caused wary parents to ground their children, much to the disfavor of the students.

"Twenty dollar parking ticket. . .Man, what a bummer."
--Chris Meagher

"I'm the queen of parking tickets. I've gotten six during the two years I've been driving to school."
--Dao Phan



Senior Kent Whalen and freshman Laurie Martin smile as they come to the realization that riding a bus means no cost, and you always get off at the front door. Schoolbus riders were in great abundance this year and found it a reliable source of transportation.

Senior Jimmy Tompkins avoids the whole student parking lot scene and parks his truck in the faculty lot. Such actions sometimes resulted in drastic measures such as towing.

One student decided that the lot was just too ful and stuck his car in an available space nearby. On an average school day the surrounding street of Blair were filled with students' cars.

Senior Doug Jarrard shows fellow senior David Byron the place on his car where a dent had once been. Doug's response to what happened was, "They gave me a ticket for parking illegally, so in the spirit of protest I rammed my head through the side of my car."

student drivers have to shell out the big bucks because of the

wicked ticket

You can drive. You have a car. Your freedom has no bounds except, of course, the restrictions your parents enforce. But during school you are free to make the most of your driving abilities especially during the extended lunch period. You're sitting in class; just a few more minutes and you're going to soar out to the student parking lot and take off. You're psyched to get that burger and fries from Roy's. The bell rings, finally you gasp. You race out to your freedom-mobile only to notice that there is a little piece of paper stuck to the windshield. You come closer and realize that yes, it's a parking ticket!

This year many students found themselves with added school expenses, as a result of parking tickets. Despite the

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risks of parking illegally in the student lot, many chose to anyway. Senior Jennifer Smith received fifty dollars worth of parking tickets this year in the student parking lot and commented, "When you get to school late you have to park so far away that you might as well leave your car at home."

Many think the lot is too small . Senior Kurtis Cross often parked illegally but his justification was, "There is not enough @#*! room, so I make space for myself." Although the administrators tried to enforce the parking rules, students continued to park where there was space.

Senior Shirley LaCourse summed it up when she said "If I had a car I would park illegally because I'm a senior."
--AAP

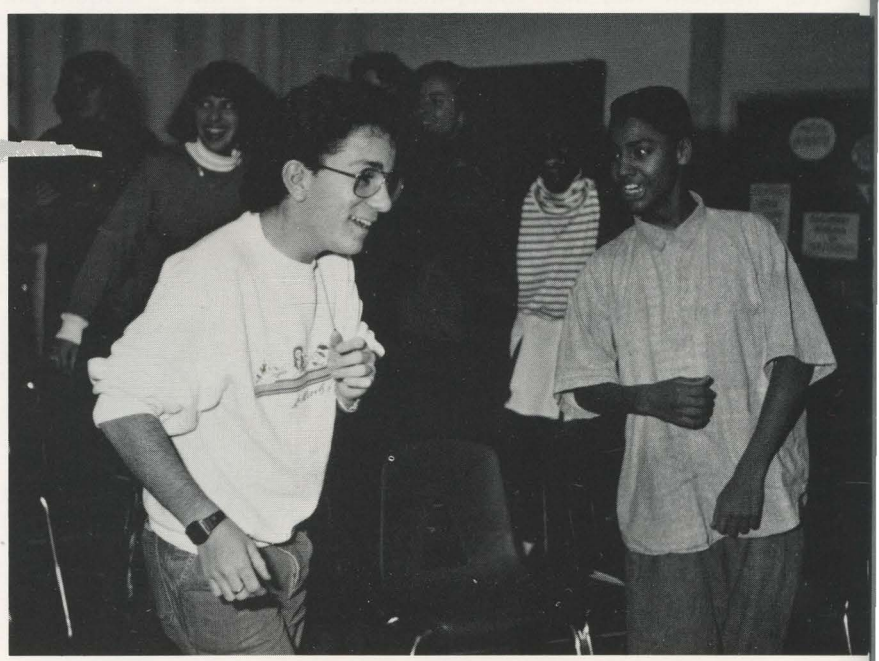
One student decided that the hassle and cost of driving to school was not worth it and chose the cheaper seventy-five cent bus ride. Many students opted for the bus as their mode of transportation this year and saved a lot of money by eluding parking tickets, gas costs, and car insurance, not to mention the price of a car.

"I listen to anything that survived the 70's without becoming disco." --David Collins

"The music seniors listen to is the only music that matters." --Danny Eisenberg

Don't let his dreadlocks fool you. Senior Derrick Tormala tunes his cello as he prepares to get down and play some serious Beethoven. At home he prefers to listen to nothing but classical music on his stereo. Not every teenager was into heavy metal or rap as musical taste differed from student to student.

Dancing to their warm-up vocal exercises, senior Jason Hecker and sophomore Eric Brookins manage to have fun during even the most tedious moments in chorus. Singing was not easy work and it took a lot of practice to make it perfect, so it wasn't always exciting and enjoyable, unless the students made it so.



You don't need to ask what bands junior Doug Jelen likes to listen to while he does his homework. From rooms to clothing, teens publicized their musical tastes in every place imaginable.

Freshman Jim Deevkoski watches the frequency of the keyboard music he's playing with an oscilloscope during a science experiment. Many teachers dicovered that it was easy to increase a student's interest in their class by combining assignments with music.

Beethoven and Bobby Brown Bust a Move Into Our

music

Who said that teenagers' aste in music was limited to eavy metal and rap? In reali-y, the music students chose o play and listen to had no mits.

"I like to play classical mu-ic on the piano and listen to rchestra music while doing ny homework," said senior Kimberly Jones, breaking way from the stereotypical eenage image. She contin-ed, "You know, Beethoven ype of stuff."

Senior Victor Iwugo had ven more diverse taste. "Be-ides pop, I like to listen to folk nusic from Nigeria where I vas born."

Actually, popular music eemed to be losing its popularity as students looked back for a change in music. Some looked to the 1960's and early 70's for their listening pleasure as classic rock grew in popularity. "I'm no longer into that Belinda Carlisle-Debbie Gibson-Tiffiny-trash, but what I guess other people would call 'hippy music'," said senior Danny Eisenberg.

"I listen to music when I feel like dancing, in the house or on the street. Often I'll turn around and see people watching me. They think I'm a nut, but, hey, it's 'My Prerogative'."

Whatever music students listened to, their reasons for listening were as wide as their selection of music. "I listen to music to ease my tension," said junior Dwain Skinner.

"Music helps make me more mellow when I'm driving and less dangerous," laughed junior Cole Giordano.

Iwugo concluded, "I listen to music when I feel like dancing, in the house or on the street. Often I'll turn around and see people watching me. They think I'm a nut, but, hey, it's 'My Prerogative'." --SS

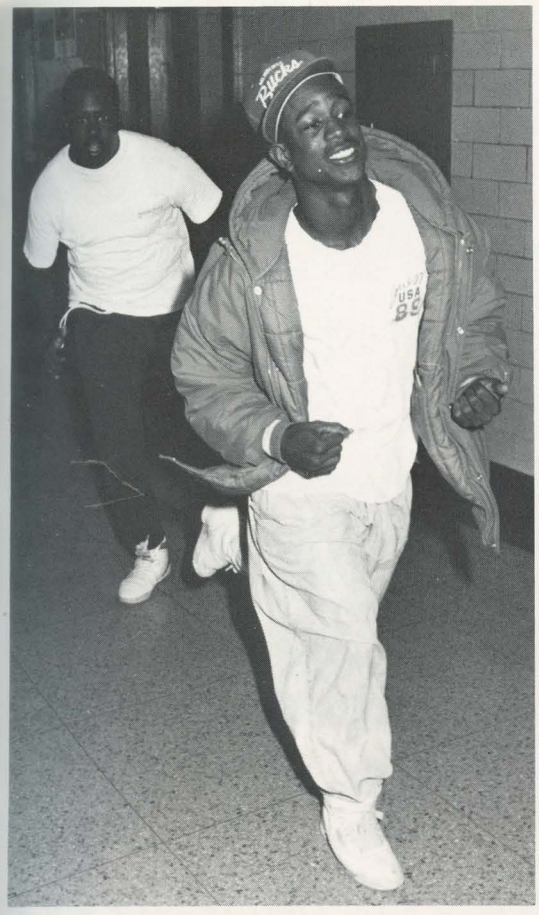
Seniors Brigido Sejismundo and Krista Butler share a song while doing their classwork. Although it was against the rules to have walkmans in school, teachers and administrators were pretty lenient in letting students listen to music during free time and in the halls.

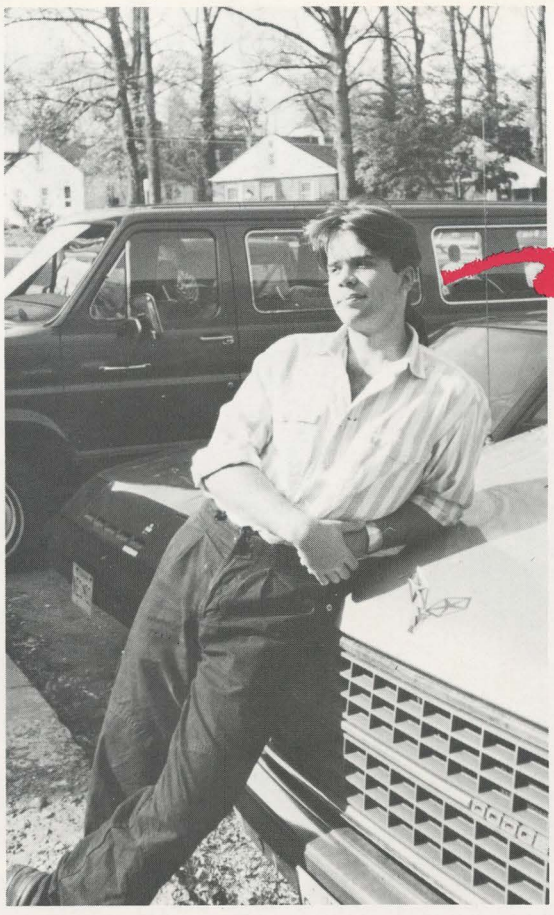
"Blair students use every free minute to exchange the events of the day." --Erica Wilhelm

"I try to get as much gossip as I can during the five minutes between classes." --Traci Hardy

Junior Dustine Baker and sophomore Antonio Robinson spend lunch together etching portraits. Many Blazers used lunch as a time to meet people outside of classes.

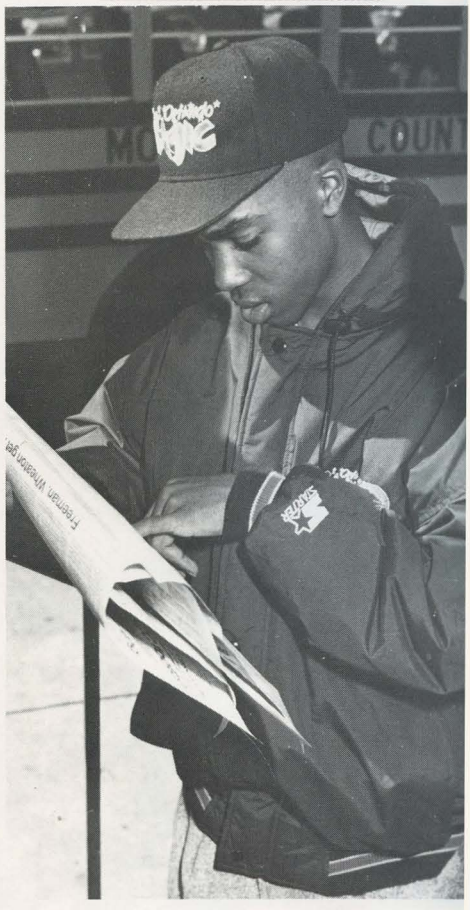
After a hard day at school, senior Liz Nash, junior Kari Jacobson, seniors Leslie Narayanan, and Erica Golladay take time out to share some gossip. Afterschool was one of the best times for friends to get together to relax.





Having heard the late bell for period six ring, senior Drake Roane and Kurtis Cross race frantically toward class. Discussing where Roane's Band would play on Saturday night made both students late for class.

Taking a break from his rigorous schedule, senior Josh Kirk relaxes during his free time to ponder about weekend chill plans. Most students treasure any free time given to them.



chillin' and making the most of our

free time

School started at 7:45 and ended at 2:15. That adds up to six-and-a-half hours of school. But if you subtracted the time allotted for class changes and lunch, it left only five hours and ten minutes for actual instruction and just under an hour-and-a-half for students to take care of the little things in life.

During their free time, many students could be found at their lockers conversing with friends and neighbors, or in other terms, *chillin'* with fellow Blazers. "During my five minutes between classes, I have fun chatting with my friends at our locker," said senior Beth Boyll. A quick trip to Ertters or a few minutes to primp in the mirror in between classes were all that some students needed to help them through the day. A few students used their free time as the perfect opportunity to degrade freshmen. Seniors Al Hairston, Tom Roszkowski, and Matthew Daugherty were sighted giving freshmen a hard time in between classes.

> ". . .to take care of the little things in life."

Many Blazers took advantage of the extended lunch period to study for an afternoon test, while others kicked back and relaxed during the break. Senior Chris Meagher could be seen with at least a half dozen friends, hanging out in the parking lot during lunch gossipping and *jonin'* with other students. Still other students eagerly awaited to break out the football and repeat the Homecoming Game in the student parking lot, sometimes fumbling on cars. Nevertheless, all students wisely managed their free time and used each and every minute to take care of the little things in life. --AYH

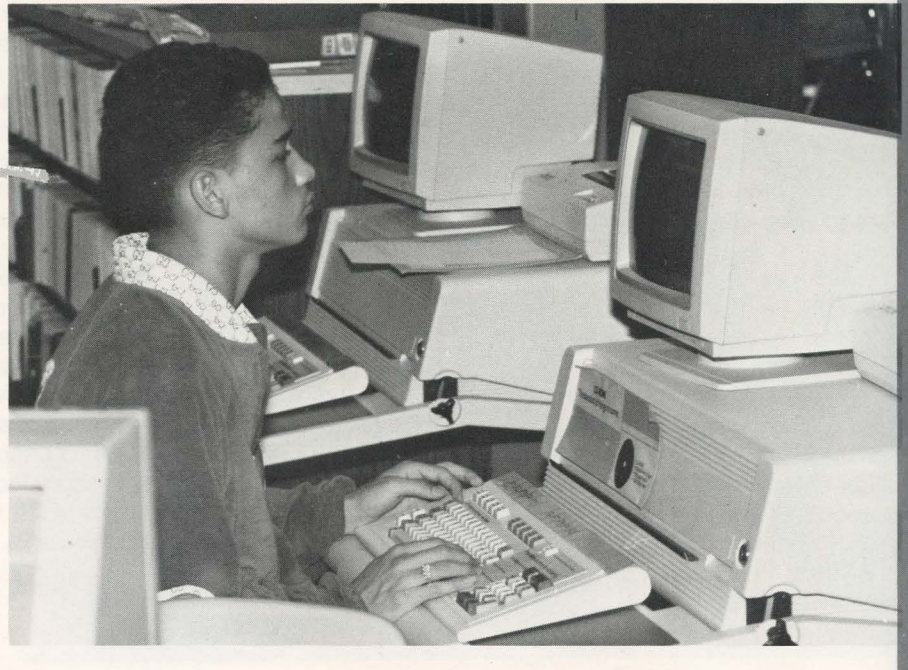
After a busy weekend, senior Jerome William checks out how his favorite team did in Sunday games. Many used Monday morning to recap weekend sports.

Seniors Monique Lovell and Melvin Watts decide c whether to eat lunch or go to class. This was delimma for many during the year.

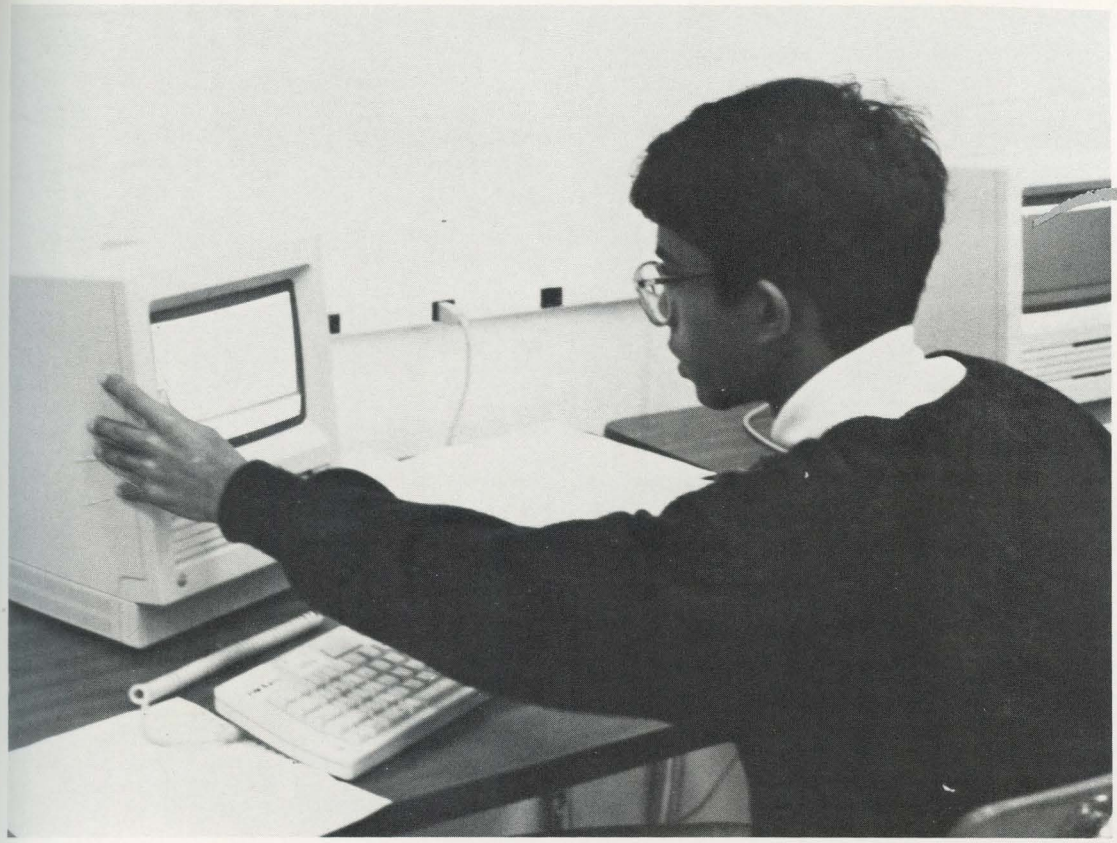
"The different sound and television equiment help improve the quality of the different projects we do but more importantly they are fun to play with." --Allison Butler

"The macintosh is the greatest thing invented, it easy to use and it makes everything look good." --Max Miller

Sophomore CAP student Allison Butler anxiously awaits her cue to operate the character generator. This particular device produced the neat special effects for the televised morning announcements.



Junior Oscar Umanzor studiously sits in the library laboring over the CD Rom to locate possible resources for a research project. Many students scurried in the library in the afternoon to use the quick guide to easy resources.



As he clings to the macintosh screen, magnet sop omore Samsher Sonawane prays that he will finis his pascal program on time for Ms. Verona's clas The magnet lab in the "dungeon" of D-building wa filled with over thousands and thousands of dolla in computer equipment.

Sophomore CAP student Robby Peckerar fierce turns over to fellow sophomore CAP student Susa Goldberg exclaiming, "This is so easy!" In additio to producing the morning announcements, the CA students staged and recorded a cable tv show f parents called "TIPS".

the french had their's 200 years ago with guns and barricades; ours is with boob tubes and cd's -- a technological

revolution

In the beginning there were open fires. Next came brick ovens. Today there are microwave ovens in practically every home. The radio has gone from the center of entertainment to a small fact of life that fits inside a wallet. The 8-track, soon to be accompanied by the record, is old news, and CDs have entered the market. All this points to what looks like a technological revolution.

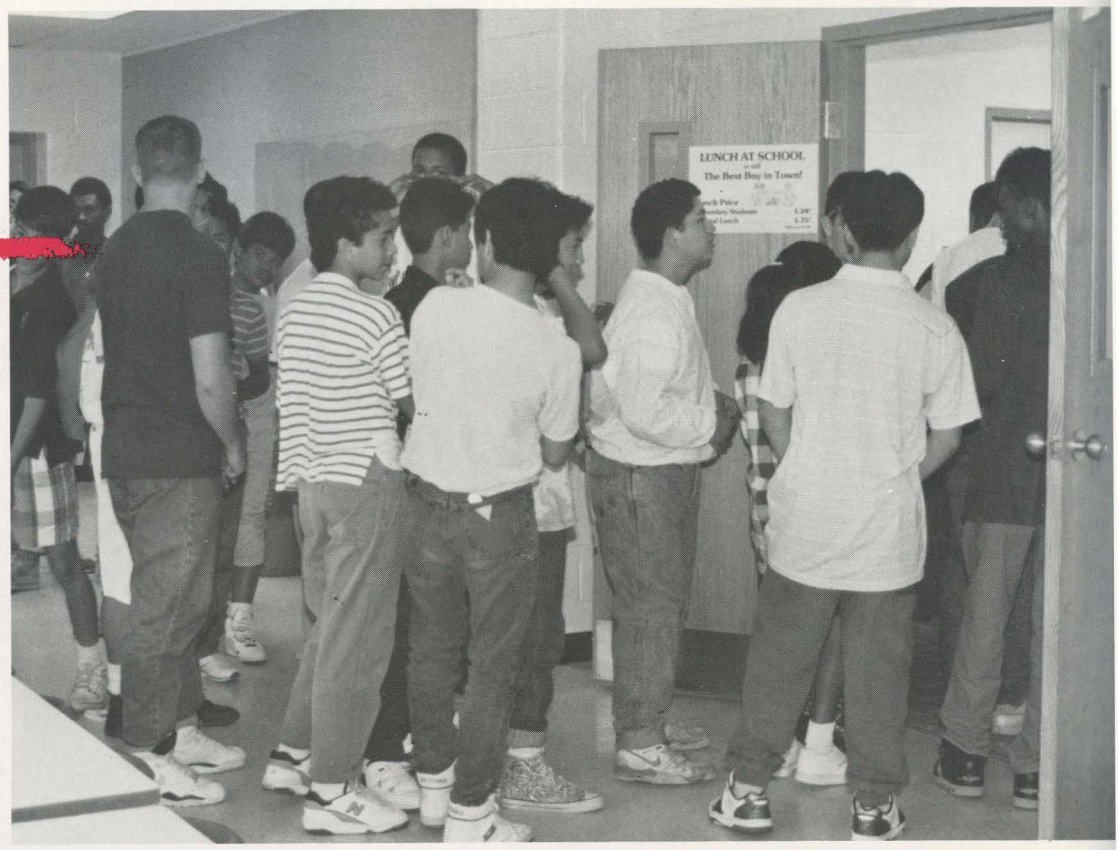
Students took an active part this year in the technological advancement. Remember the good ol' days when senior Mehmood Kazmi belted out the Pledge? During the fall of '89, CAP's, with the help of Mr. Christopher Lloyd, took on the responsibility of informing the school with the "new & improved" televised daily announcements. Although they encountered some technical difficulties at first, by the end of the year, the announcements ran smoothly.

> **"The students seemed to be more attentive to the announcements, because they had a chance to see as well as hear what was going on."**

The announcements appeared twice a day in selected rooms, because it was impossible for every room in the school to house a set of its own. However, in the rooms that were lucky enough to get the TV's, teachers found that the attention span for daily announcements increased dramatically.

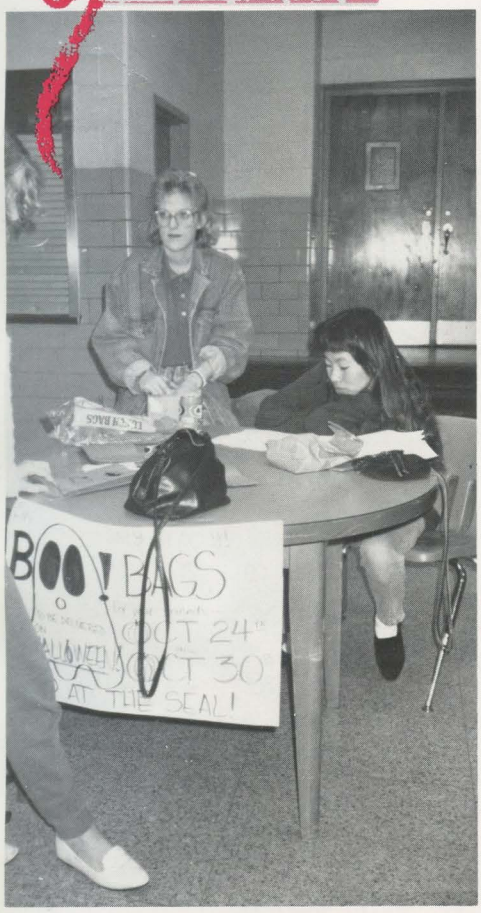
"The students seemed to be more attentive to the announcements, because they had a chance to see as well as hear what was going on," said senior Traci Hardy. The extra couple of minutes gave teachers a chance to settle in and get the attendance much faster than usual with students seated and silent watching their *boob tubes*. --PC & RP

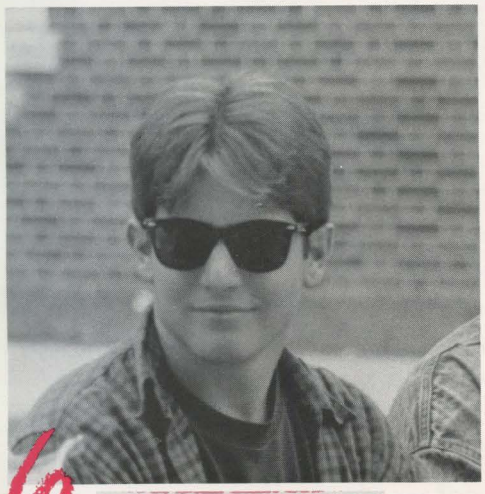
The electronic message board keeps students i formed on up-coming events in and out of school all times. The board was donated to the school b SGA and was located above the seal for everyone see while coming in and out of school.



Even with the renovation, cafeteria lines were still sometimes very long to wait in. Will they still be the same when we look back from the future?

Entrepreneurs such as seniors Krista Butler and Dao Phan were needed to sell Boo Bags for yearbook. With such potential, they may become major dealers on Wall Street.





Eating in the courtyard, junior Doug Jelen likes to show off his shades. Don Johnson has an excellent replacement after he retires from Miami Vice.

the deeds of yesterday, the plans of today, and the surprises of tomorrow, takes you back to the

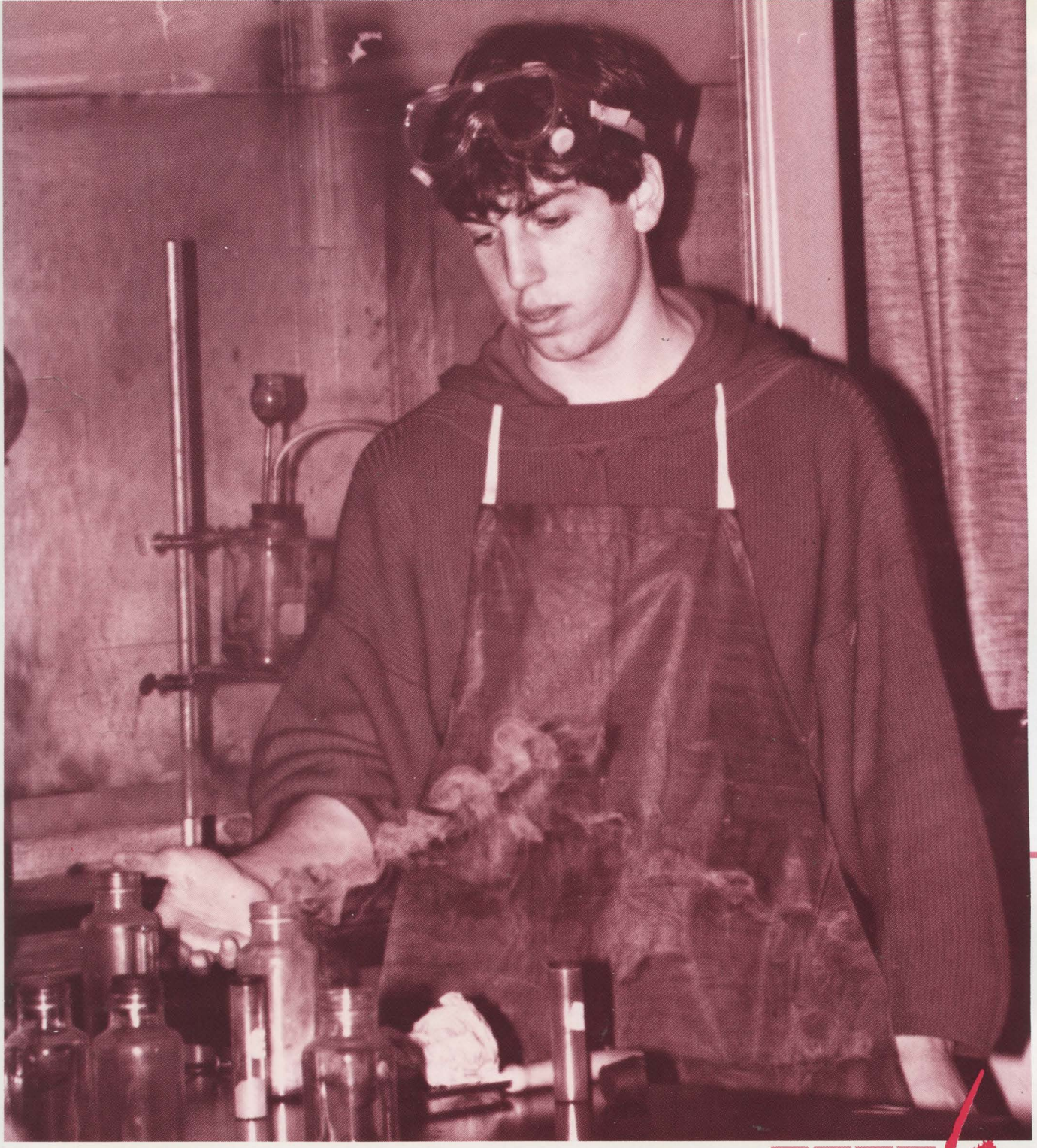
future

Imagine Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, not the CAP teacher, but the actor. Recall the year 1985 and the movie, *Back to the Future*. Montgomery Blair was privileged to gain access to the DeLorean that our heroes used to travel back and forth in time. Let us get inside this incredible time machine and project to the end of the century: the year 2000. The year 2000 has been fantasized as the year of incredible technological innovations. By the year 2000, trains will run on air rails; Japan will complete its 9 square mile island made of solid steel; and entire armies will be simulated using holograms. Boring facts. To see what the year 2000 will really be like, we would have to look at the life of students.

"In ten years, I will be a world leader passing eternal love to all people."

The time machine has taken us to the bewildering jungles of Africa, where senior June Yun resides. "I am a foreign journalist roaming the jungles of Africa," says Yun in he Benetton safari outfit. In th Outback we see senior Doug las Jarrard raking up seriou cash. "Oi Mate, I'm the owne of this huge medical instru ments corporation," says Jar rard modestly.

Concerned students, like ju nior Mate Tokic, seem mor concerned with the world. I 1989 Tokic stated, "In te years, I will be a world leade passing eternal love to all peo ple." As we can see that i exactly what he is doing, wit his advisor, junior Jeremi Duru who wanted to be a "lawye involved in national politics." -PD

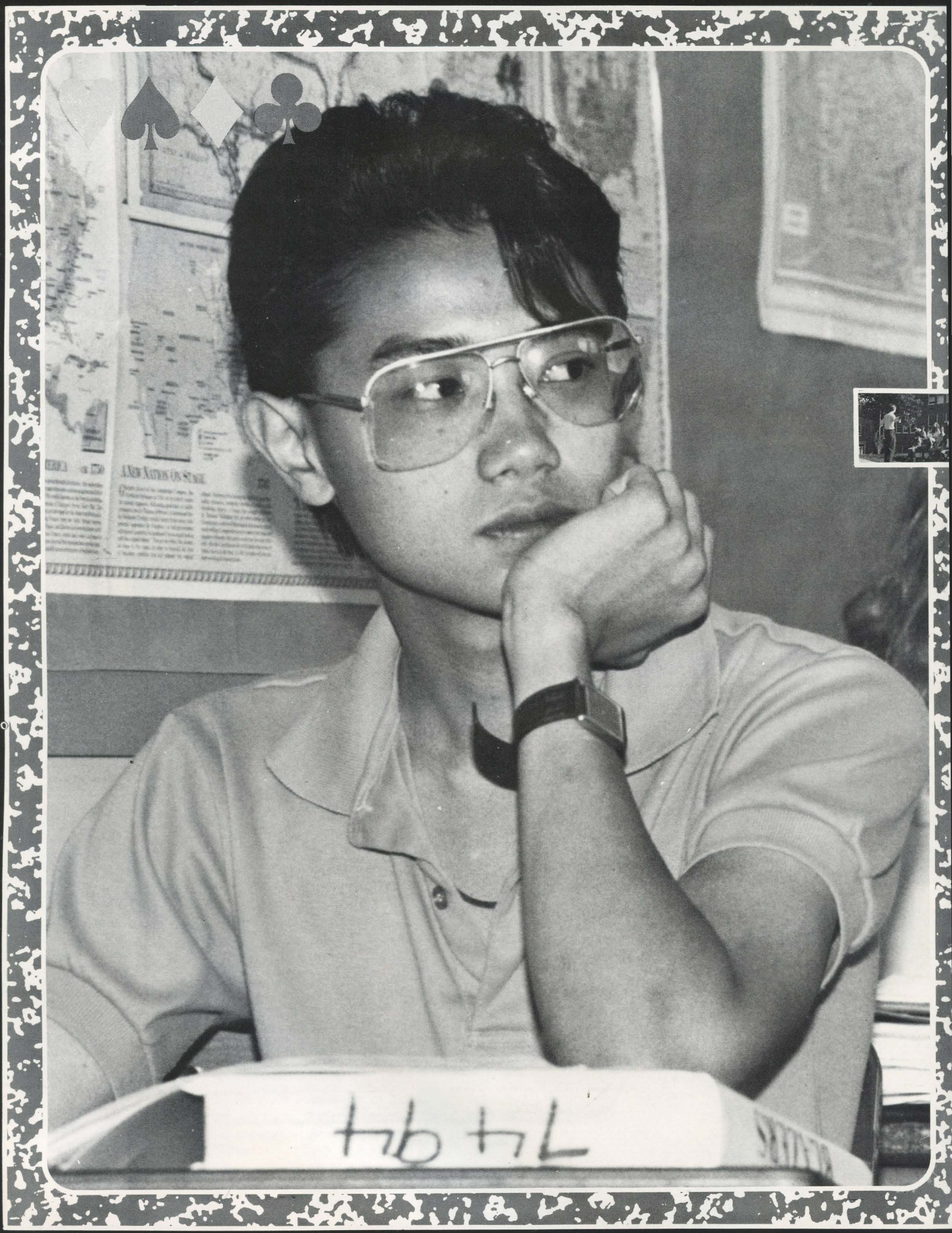


"I will be selling Tupperware to third world nations."
--Mark Shay

"I will be a real estate agent in Pennsylvani making $430,000 a year."
--Mary DeL

Showing his brilliant chemical capabilities senior Ari Mizel raises smoke in Analytical Chemistry. Mizel seems perfect to pursue a career in explosives.

Working the sewing machine, junior Nikki Hunt completes her home economics project. Hunt found that courses such as home economics would give her the essential experience needed in adult life.

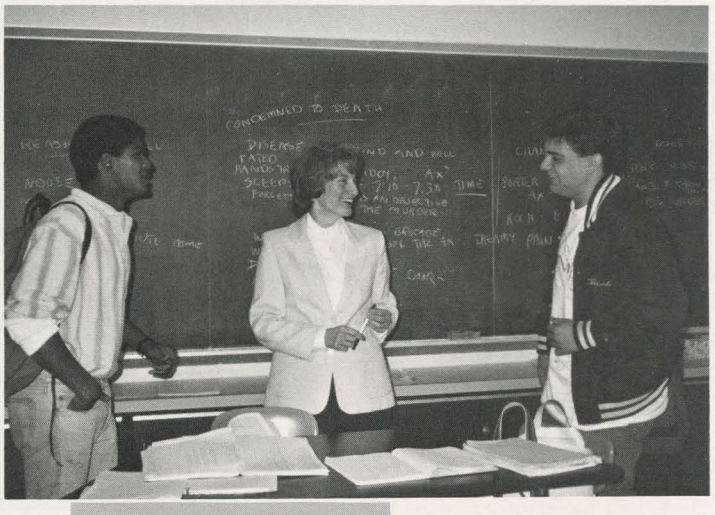


As he learns about the adaptation of his own heritage into American society, senior Bin Xu reflects how he himself has fit into the diverse cultures at Blair. Over 60 countries and nationalities were represented this year.

aces

High

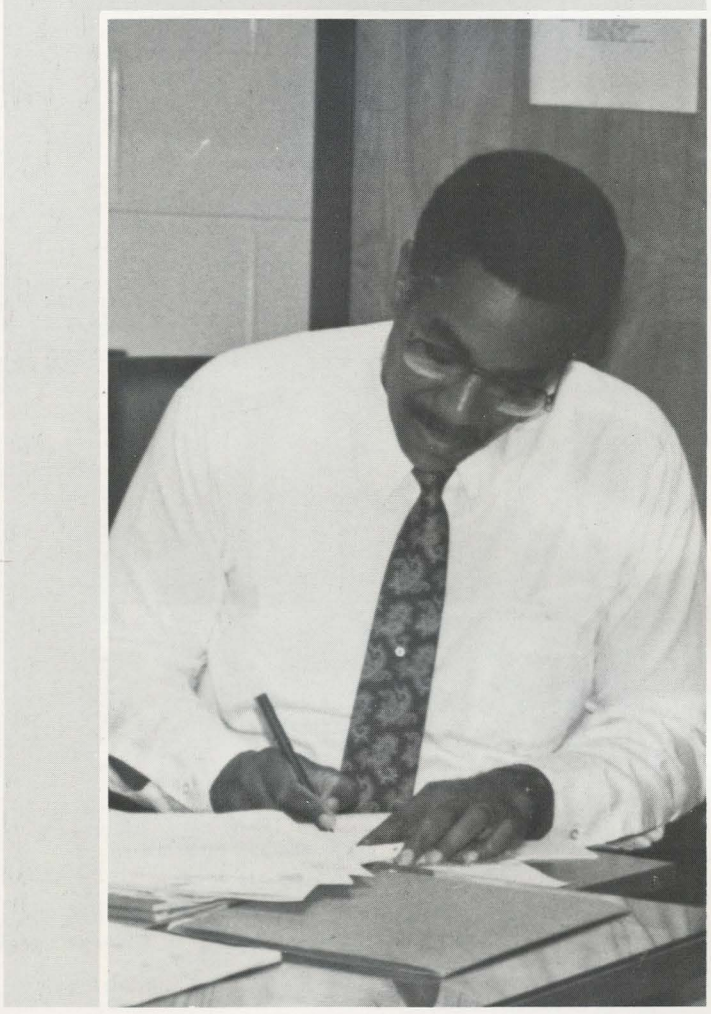
Academics. For some, it was the highlight of their year, and for others it was merely the part of the school life that had to be endured in order to enjoy the other activities that accompany school. It takes all kinds of classes to be enough for a school of almost 2,000 students. It took diversity in the curriculum to satisfy not only the graduation requirements, but also special interest classes. And what of those classes? From television production class to Calculus 2, the classes offered were as different as the reasons for taking them. Many new classes were created this year, including Chinese 1, Creative Writing, and Origins of Science. All in all, the variety of classes made all kinds of people have the best year ever. --SK



After their AP English class, seniors Mehmood Kazmi and David Weinstock discuss ***A Portrait of the Artist as A Young Man*** with Dr. Smith. Last year Smith prepared her students so well that everyone passed the AP exam.

Smitty quickly walkie-talkies other security staff members after spotting a student skipping class. The security staff did their best to enforce school rules and keep truancy down.

Principal Philip Gainous concentrates on finishing his paperwork so that he may have time to interact with students. Mr. Gainous' objective this year was to spend more time in the halls and classrooms.



Kae Denning-Evans - Speech-Hearing
Judith Docca - Assistant Principal
Phillip Gainous - Principal
Michael Haney - Magnet Coordinator
James Hetrick - Assistant Principal
B. J. Holsapple - Main Office Secretary
Patricia Jensen - Assistant Principal

Jackie Johnson - Security
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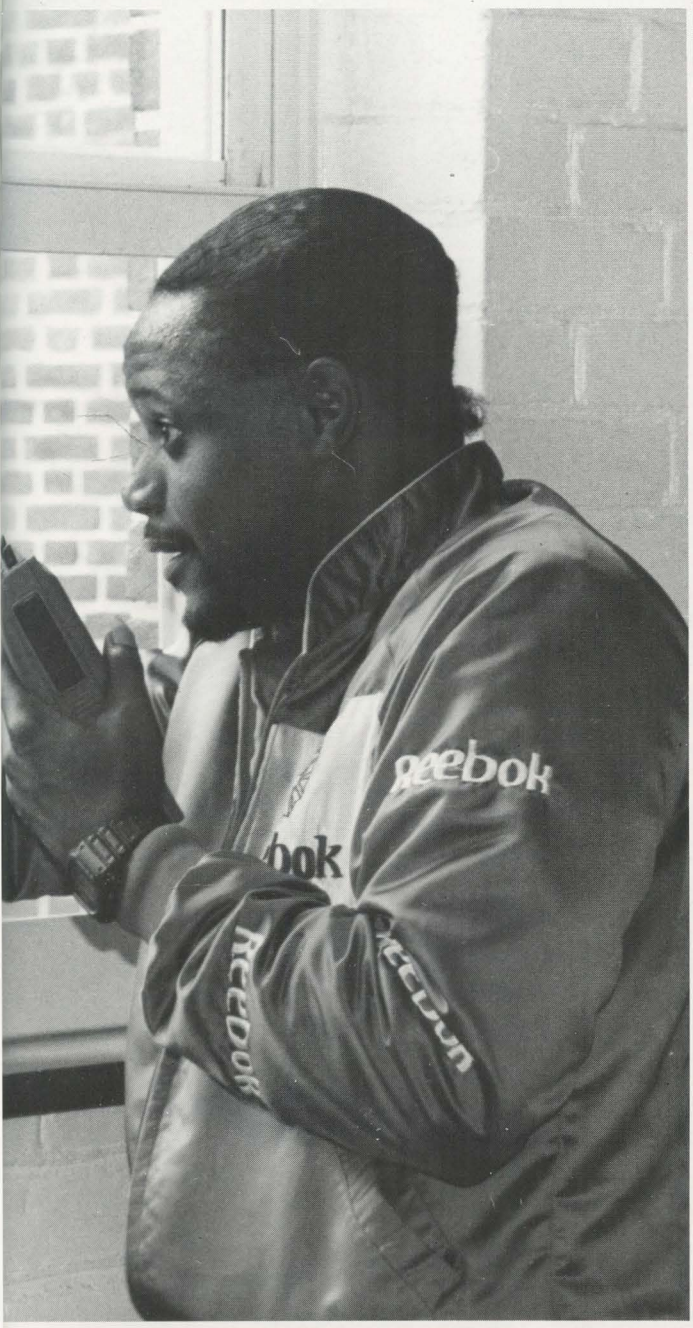

Assistant Principal Pat Jenkins works on the Weekly Bulletin to be distributed to all teachers on Monday. In addition to doing this, she was responsible for all extra-curricular activities and discipline for one-third of the school.

ESOL teacher, Margery Laing stops by the main office to check with Mr. Dave Ngbea about students whose names appeared on the "Do Not Admit" list. Mr. Ngbea always kept teachers informed on the whereabouts of students, particularly those in ISS.

THE SUITS: TYING IT ALL TOGETHER

Have you ever sat down and wondered who makes and enforces the school rules, keeps tabs on your attendance to check if you skip class, and evaluates your teachers to see if they are doing their job? Wonder no more, because who else could it be but our one and only administration! The administration included the secretaries in the office, Ms. Sarah Simms the financial secretary, Mr. Frank Ifkovits the business manager, and also Jackie, Jeff, and Smitty, who made up the security staff. Mr. Phillip Gainous and his crew worked diligently for a successful year.

Being the head of a school required many duties and took up large amounts of time. Aside from attending faculty meetings, Board of Principals' meetings, and student and parent conferences, Mr. Gainous was also involved in the social scene at Blair. Every so often, you saw him at football, soccer, or basketball games. Most of the time, if he was not piled up with paperwork, you saw him roaming the halls encouraging students to get to class on time.

Remember those imfamous hall sweeps? This year, there were more hall sweeps than ever. When Mr. Gainous was asked about the numerous hall sweeps, he said that it showed students that the administration was serious about getting to class on time. However, Gainous did say, "I was very surprised at how quiet the halls have been this year."

Those who took advantage of driving privileges became acquainted with Mr. Ifkovits right away because aside from being Business Manager, he also issued parking permits. Luckily, 1990, unlike previous years did not have the same problems due to lack of space. Mr. Ifkovits commented, "This year, there seemed to have been relatively no problems with overcrowding in the parking lot."

The beginning of the school year also brought a new assistant principal: Ms. Pat Jenkins. Aiong with Ms. Judy Docca and Mr. James Hetrick, she was in charge of disciplinary actions for each class, as well as "cafeteria patrol" making sure that lunch time didn't turn into chaos hour. -- DXP

Seniors Binh Huynh and Jinson Kim make selections for lunch from a variety of tasty foods. The new cafeteria provided students with a better selection of meals this year.

Cafeteria worker Barbara Jackson works hard to provide the students with efficient service, so that they spend more time eating in instead of waiting. The renovation increased the number of lines and improved the acessibility of the cafeteria food.

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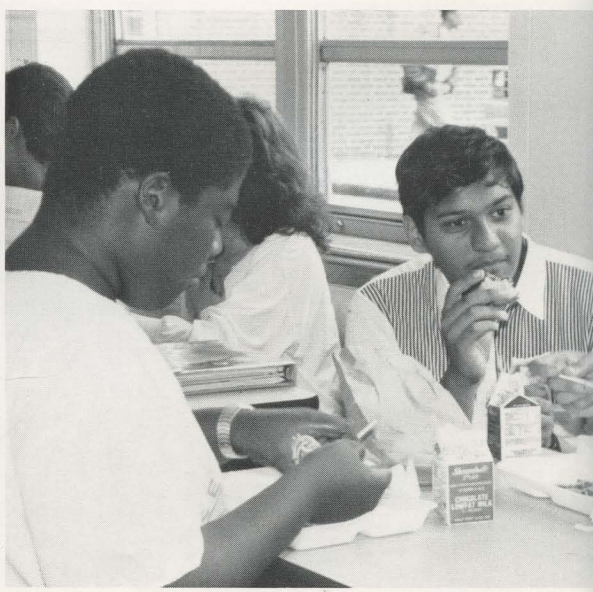
Barbara Jackson
Elita Pannell
Norman Stover

Tina Thompson
Sophie Tucker



Sophmores Lloyd Bempons, Indar Dugapersad and Auron Men dez pause from socializing to enjoy their lunches. They were just a few of many students who patronized the new cafeteria during lunch.

Teacher Stephen Foster and senior Walter Benavides like that they can have fast food favorites such as pizza and french fries without having to go out. Cafeteria server Elita Pannel was in charge of the a la carte line and found that it was the most popular lunch choice.

GETTING A TASTE OF THE GOOD LIFE

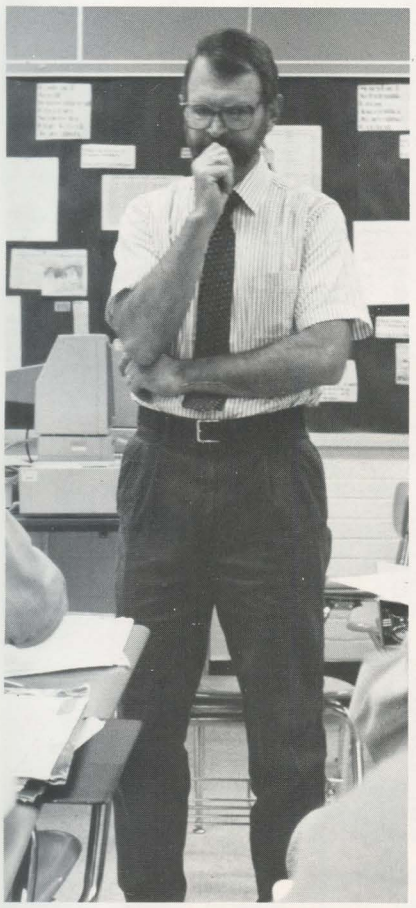
Did I take a wrong turn? This looks like McDonalds. Close, it's the new school cafeteria. Fully renovated with a new kind of atmosphere that doesn't fit the usual school cafeteria mold. The new set up included booths and new tables that allowed students to enjoy the fast food experience without leaving the comforts of school.

Over the summer, the administration decided to update its eating facilities and as a result there were more food lines to choose from and better seating. The prices increased but cafeteria worker Barbara Jackson said that it hadn't reduced the amount of students who ate in the cafeteria. She commented, "It's still cheaper than McDonalds."

What did students think of the new cafeteria? Who would be better able to give the most constructive input but the people who have been here the longest, the seniors? These people could have taken advantage of open lunch, but instead decided to explore the new possibilities of the cafeteria. Senior Carlota Bernal commented, "I really like it!" "Not bad," said senior Vith Khieu, "Much better," commented senior Chi Le. But there were a few underclassman who felt that they were stranded to eat in the cafeteria. Freshman Danny Canonge said that he ate there because "I have no form of transportation to go anywhere else."

All in all the cafeteria was a nice addition to the school and provided students with a good lunch and a fun place to hang out with friends. --AAP

THE WRITE TO BE CREATIVE



While teaching a CAP journalism class Mr. Mathwin ponders over a question of newsworthiness. The CAP students always tried to come up with interesting and difficult questions to make their teachers think.

This year marked the beginning of a new creative writing class called Advanced Composition and the second year of the Communication Arts Program(CAP).

The creative writing class was added to many schedules. In fact, enough students registered to create three periods, whereas previous years had only a handful of interested students - not quite enough to establish a new elective class. Students eagerly signed up with hopes for a stimulating creative outlet. Creative writing teacher Mrs. Carole Tomayko found that, "Many people are writing about things that really matter to them, and they really matter to me." She also said that the students were reaching "a potential beyond my expectations."

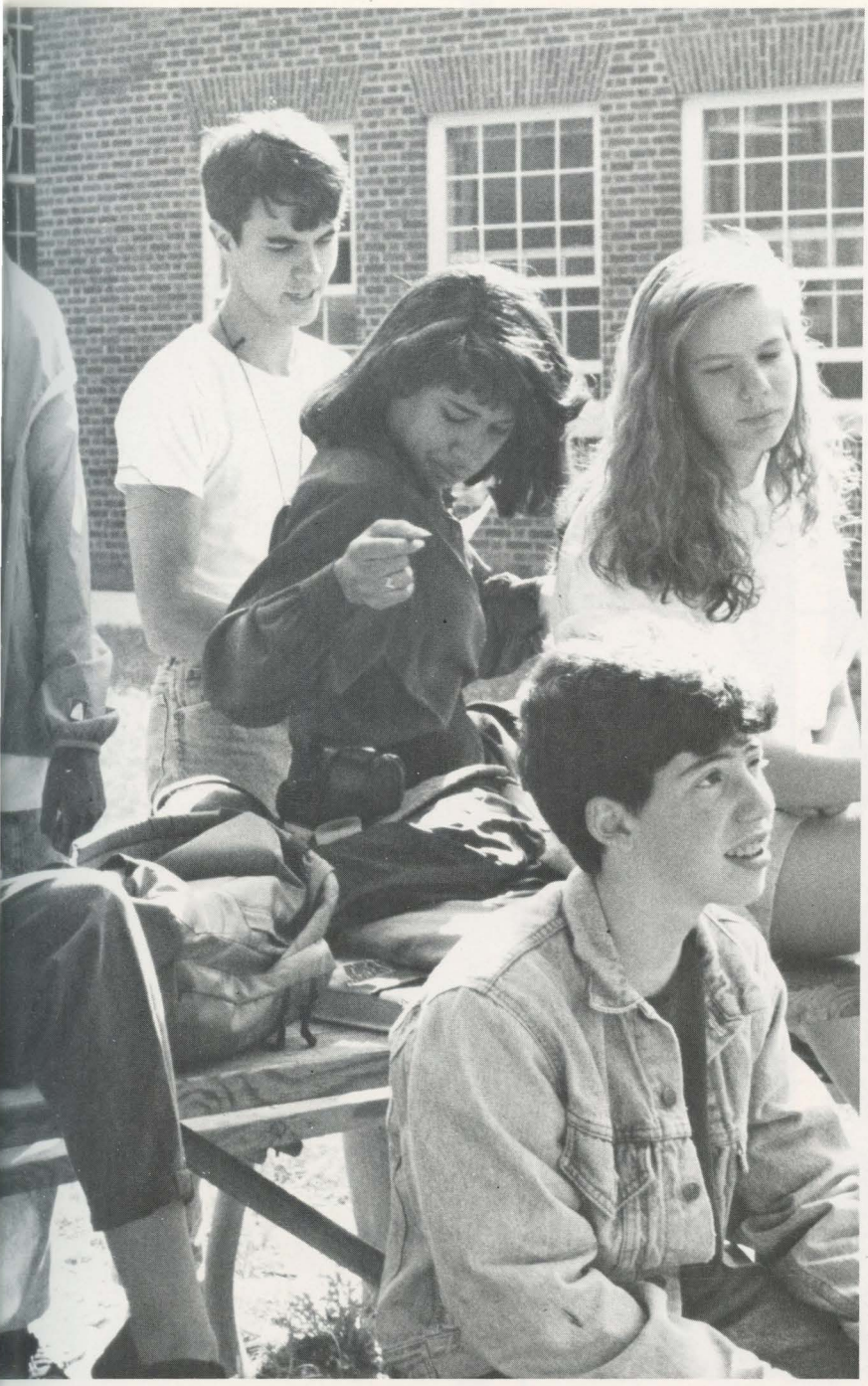
Sophomore Erica Wilhelm said, "I really like the class because it gives me the chance to write things I wouldn't otherwise write."

The CAP (Communication Arts Program), known for its creativity, is now in its second year at Blair. The program is getting stronger. CAP Coordinator and English teacher Ms. Claire McCusker said, "We are building on our successes and feeling very confident."

Blair acquired three new CAP teachers this year: Media teachers Christopher Lloyd, Mary Angela Raiman, and History teacher Peter Robertson. They were not only the newest teachers but also the youngest added to the CAP staff.

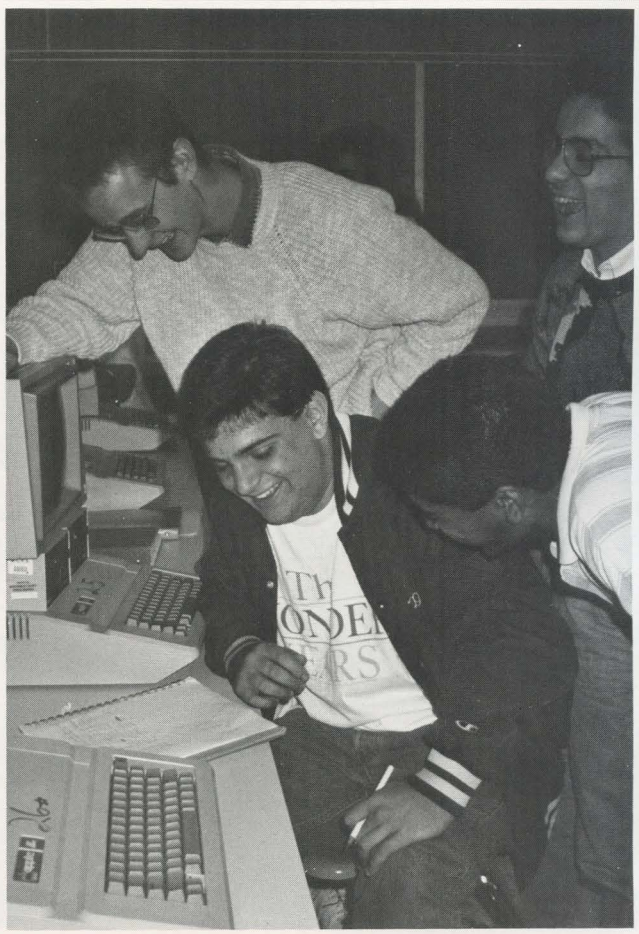
Although Lloyd complains about getting up so early to go to work he found teaching for the CAP, "Intellectually compelling." While Mr. Robertson complained about the CAP's talkative ways he said, "There is no such thing as twenty-five words or less in the CAP program." He also said, "I almost lose my voice by eighth period every day."

The sophomore CAP students also added Journalism, taught by Mr. John Mathwin, to their standard English and History class. As for the freshman CAP students, they gradually grew accustomed to high school life at Blair. Ms. McCusker commented, "We are challenged by yet another group of high-powered ninth graders." CAP History teacher Mr. David Harrison affirmed, "They're getting better and better every year." --SPS



What a gorgeous day to be outside. Sophomores Sarah Black, Frantz Arnoux, Timothy Snell, Kia Burch, Robby Peckerar, and Emily Collins enjoy their media class and the weather at the same time. The Communications Arts Program was always trying new and creative ways of learning.

"How could you have written **that**?" joke seniors Patrick Baker, Jason Hecker, and Mehmood Kazmi. The new Creative Writing class gave students a chance to dare in their writing and in David Weinstock's case, embarass themseves.



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Mary Jane Keller

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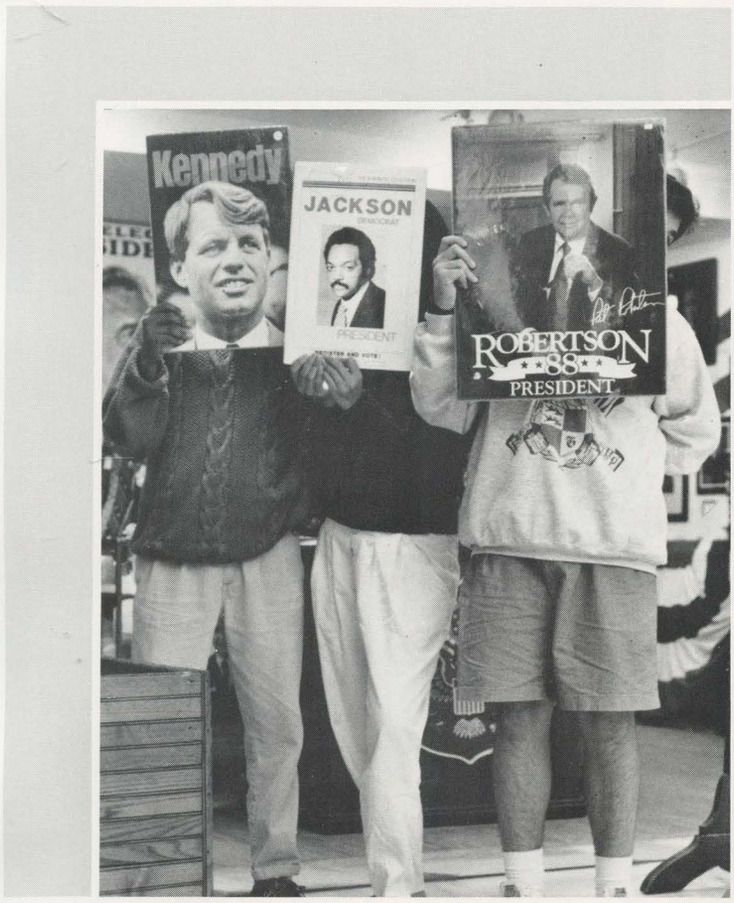
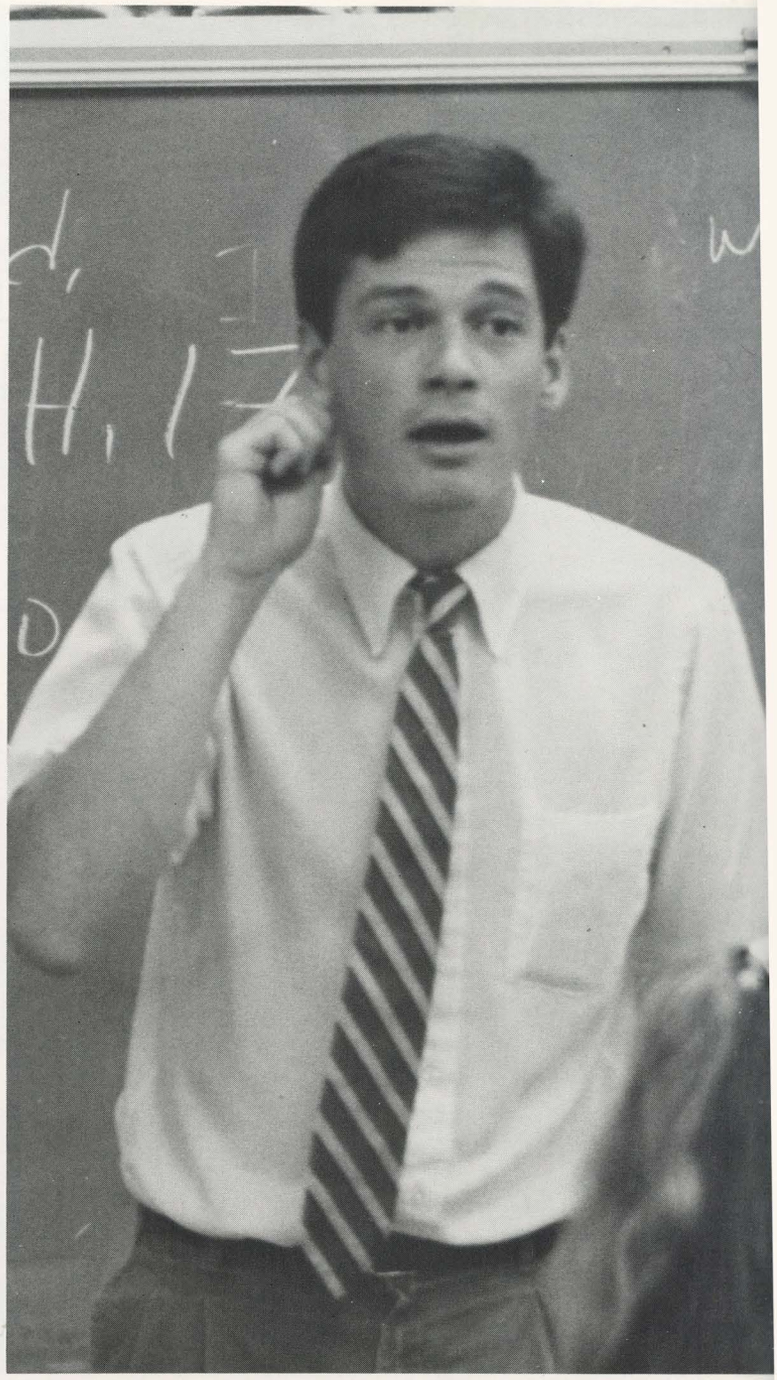
Chris Lloyd - CAP
Thomas Mather - CAP
Claire McCusker - CAP
Constance Osceles
Bonnie Palmer
Sarah Porter

Loretta Quinting
Mary Angela Raiman - CAP
Janice Taylor
Carole Tomayko
Sylvia Trumbower
Judith Smith
Norman Stant
Linda Wanner

"What was that you said?" asks CAP history teacher Peter Robertson to his tenth grade class. This new 23 year old teacher came straight from Harvard University and was the object of many students' crushes.

If social studies are not useful outside the classroom, seniors Mehmood "Kennedy" Kazmi, Faith "Jackson" Noble, and David "Robertson" Weinstock, certainly don't think so. As seniors reached the age of majority, they became more concerned with political issues and candidates in order to vote wisely.





Eliot Applestein
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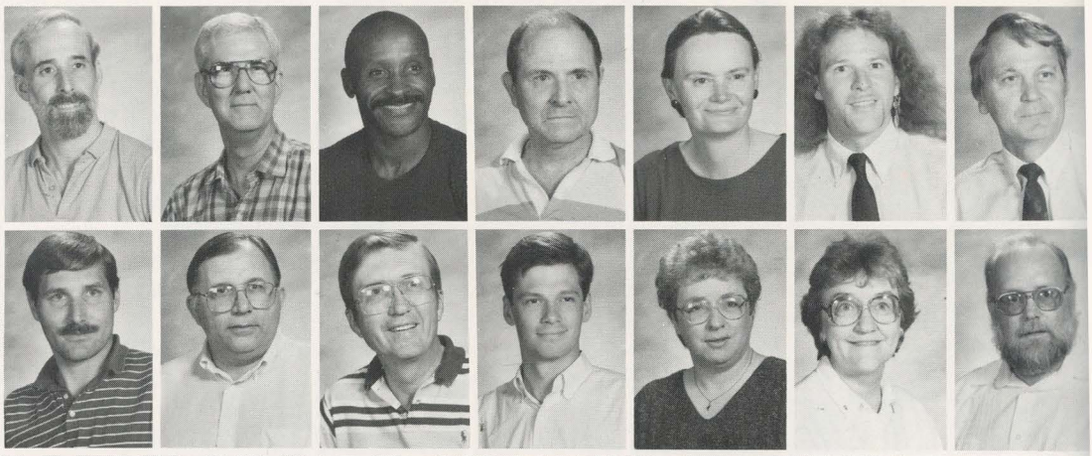
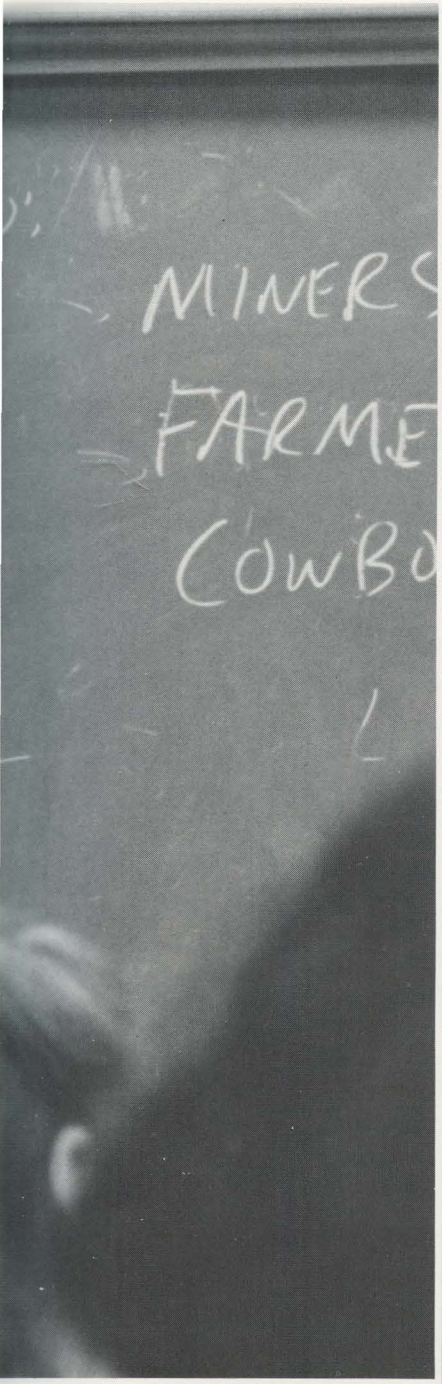




From cover to cover, Junior Michael Gordon takes careful notes out of his *Pageant of World History* textbook. World History was an elective that juniors and seniors opted to take to fill their three year social studies requirement.

On the first day of school, not only freshmen, but new students like junior Heather Elbert need to check their schedules to make sure they are in their correct classes. Some newcomers often ended up taking AP European when in reality they should have been in Government.

HISTORY: A REAL SOCIAL STUDY

Music, relaxation, popcorn, jokes. Sounds like a party, n'est-ce pas? It certainly seems like somewhere you would like to spend your day instead of being at school.

Guess what? This "party" was here at school. Right in the good ol' social studies office. Surprised? You shouldn't be.

In the social studies office, aside from planning, our favorite teachers enjoyed the atmospherical difference from their classes. Often, students commented on the buttery popcorn scent that wafted through third floor A building as well as the stairwell leading to it. Following this scent led students to a bag of microwaved popcorn that was a favorite of social studies teachers.

According to Robert Tracey, the "popcorn emporium" was "the highlight of the day." Other teachers added their reasons for partaking in the popcorn eating festivities:

"Everyone likes it."

"It's easy to eat."

"It melts in your mouth."

"It's an essential element."

"Each peice is unique; you get a different one every time."

But what about when they were not eating popcorn? "That wasn't too often, but basically we (the teachers) just kick back and relax. We enjoy the peace," explained Brian Hinkle.

The other teachers chimed in their reasons for spending the bulk of their free time in the social studies office:

"To repose oneself."

"To take a breather."

"To soak up the good history vibes."

So maybe it wasn't exactly a party, per se, but it was a nice break from the shall-we-say monotonous day. --SK

OH@!?*!

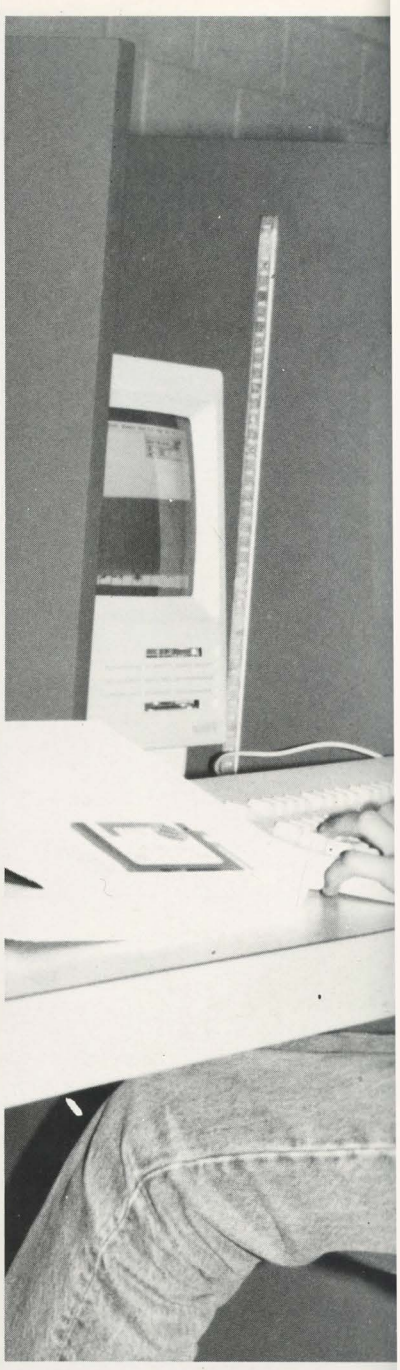
THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED MY PROGRAM

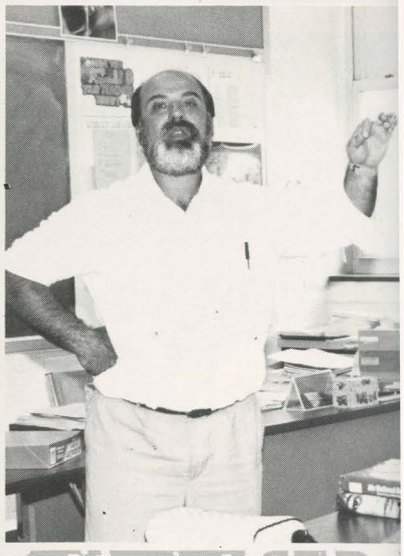
You just finished typing in your program, you try to save and the computer screen goes blank and gives you a SYSTEM ERROR. Your whole program is gone and it is due tomorrow. This was only one type of problem many computer science students had to deal with.

For some, it was not just a portion that they lost, it was the whole project. Junior Dale Yang relates his story: "I had just finished typing in all my data for a project due the next day. When I tried to save my information, the screen went blank and gave me a SYSTEM ERROR. I ended up typing in the whole project all over again due to a system error, not even my own."

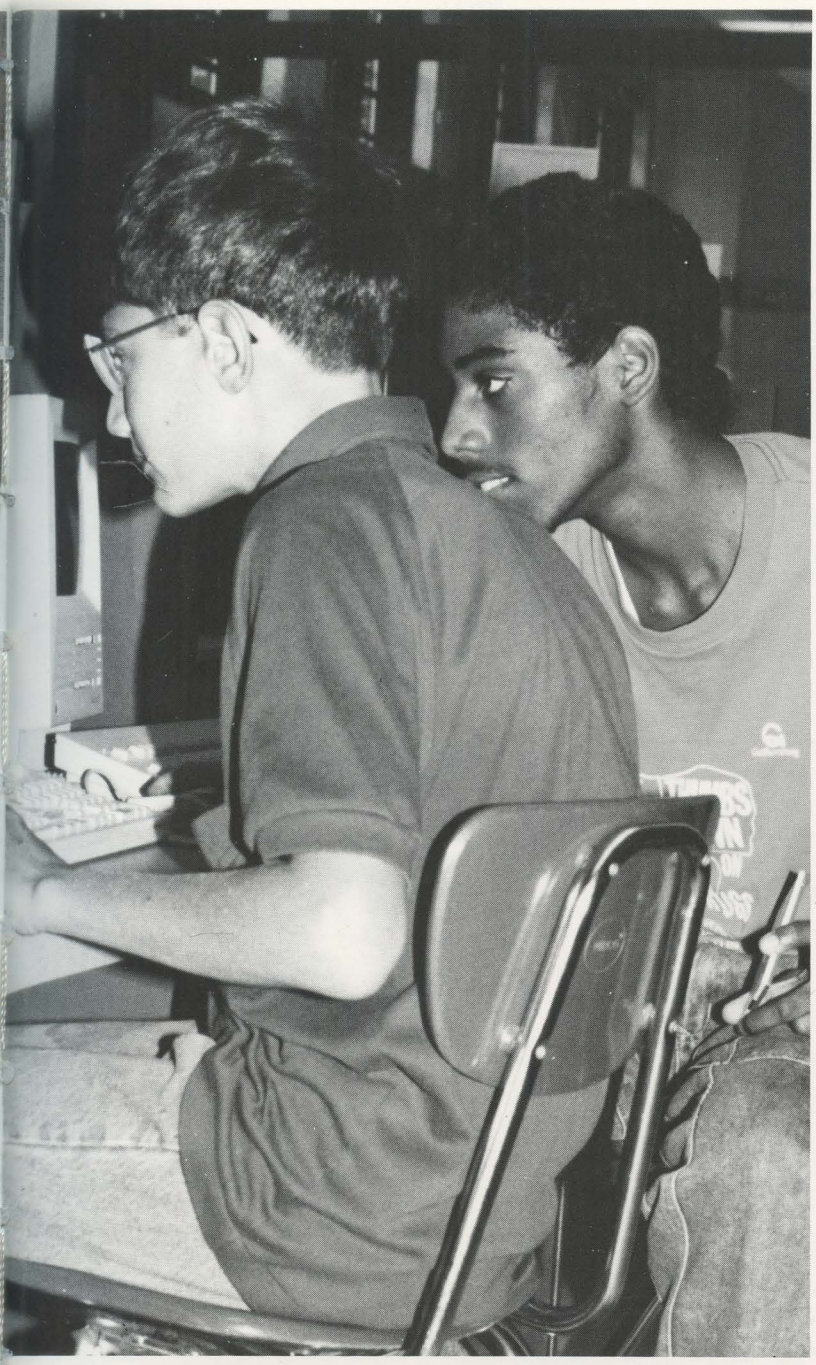
For magnets, their most common frustration was the fire alarm in their computer lab. There is no cover on the alarm, so in the frequent event of it being accidentally hit, all the computers turned off. Junior Maya Clark explained, "You're working hard on a program that you have gotten a lot of help for, then someone hits the fire alarm. You lose everything. All the computers shut off, and you sit there staring at your screen thinking, 'What the hell just happened!? My program's due tomorrow!'"

So if your computer blurts something at you that you don't like, go back to the old days and do it by head and hand. --RG



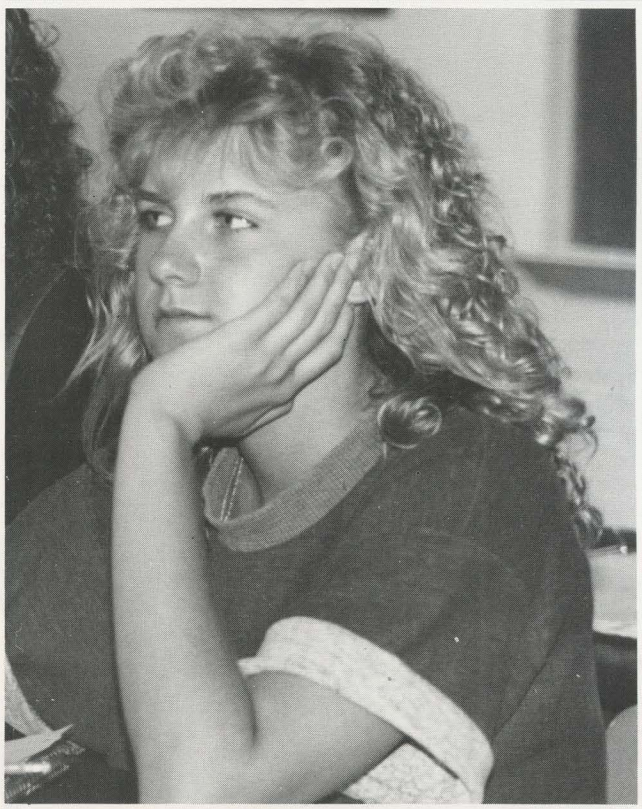


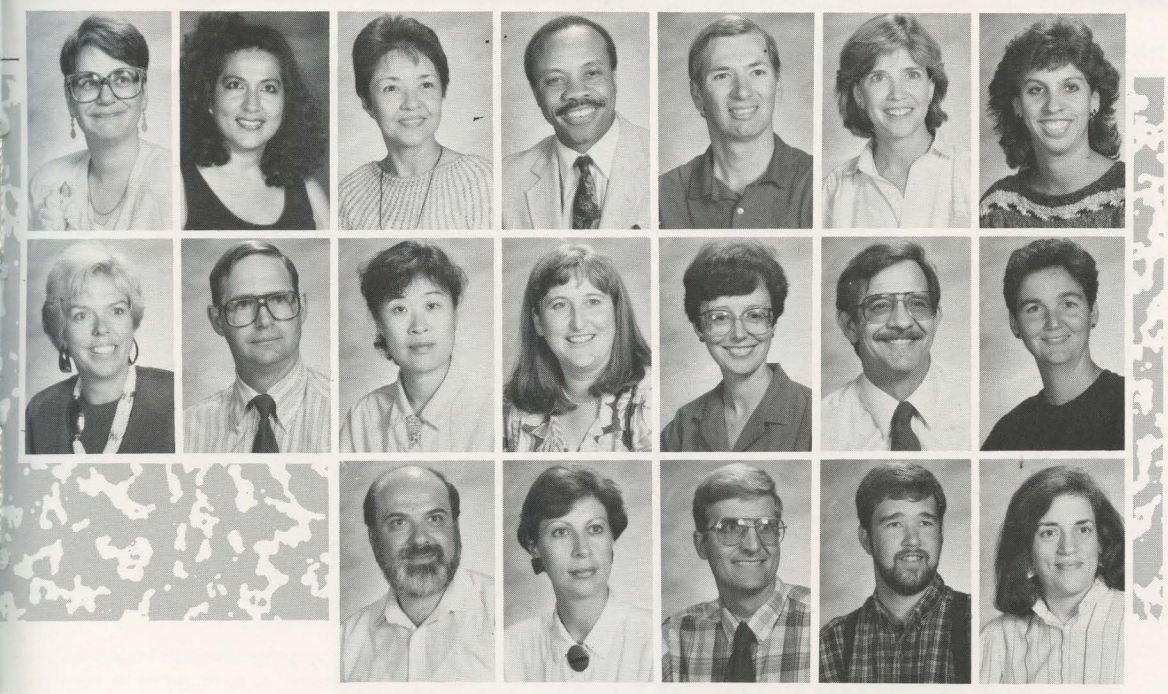
Calculus teacher Milton Roth tries to explain the essence of derivatives. Students who took Calculus found it to be a very challenging class.



Looking intently at their screen are freshmen Danyel Fisher and Bryan St. George. Could this have been a computer screw-up situation? The computer blues were an unfortunate incident that were bound to occur during the school year.

In Mr. Roth's fourth period Calculus class, Senior Maureen Harmon prepares to take down notes . Although the diploma required only three years of math, many seniors opted to take higher math courses.





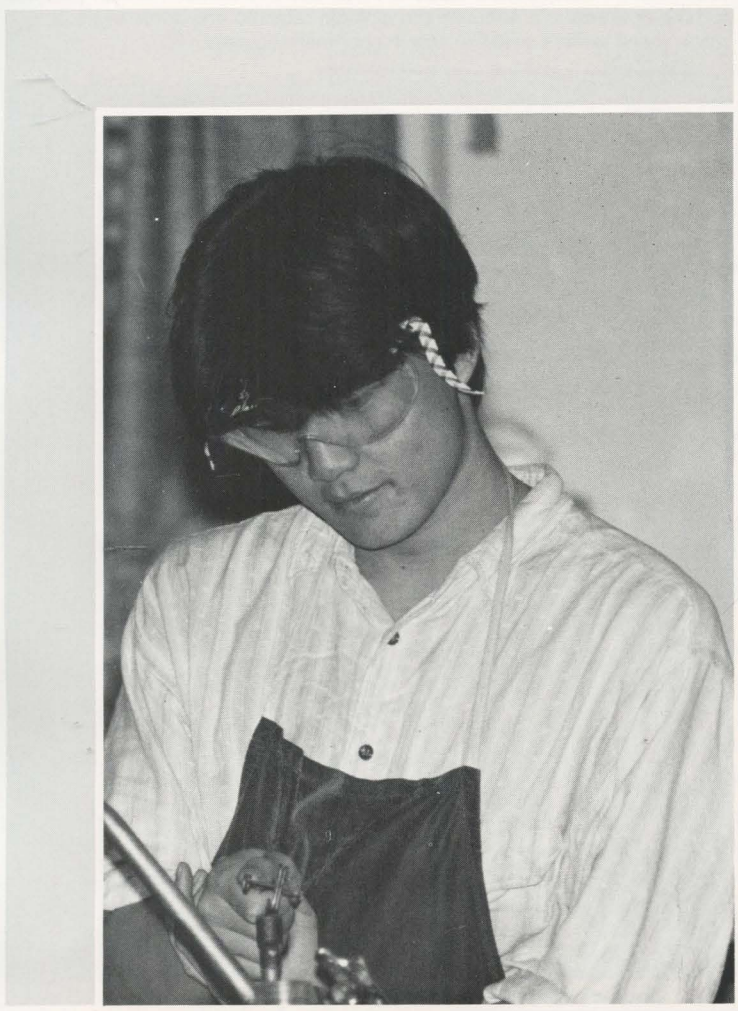
Carol Cooke - Math
Maria Costello - Math
Margarite Escatell - Magnet
Stephen Foster - Math
Robert Gotwals - Magnet
Katherine Hauprick - Math
Susan Heller - Math

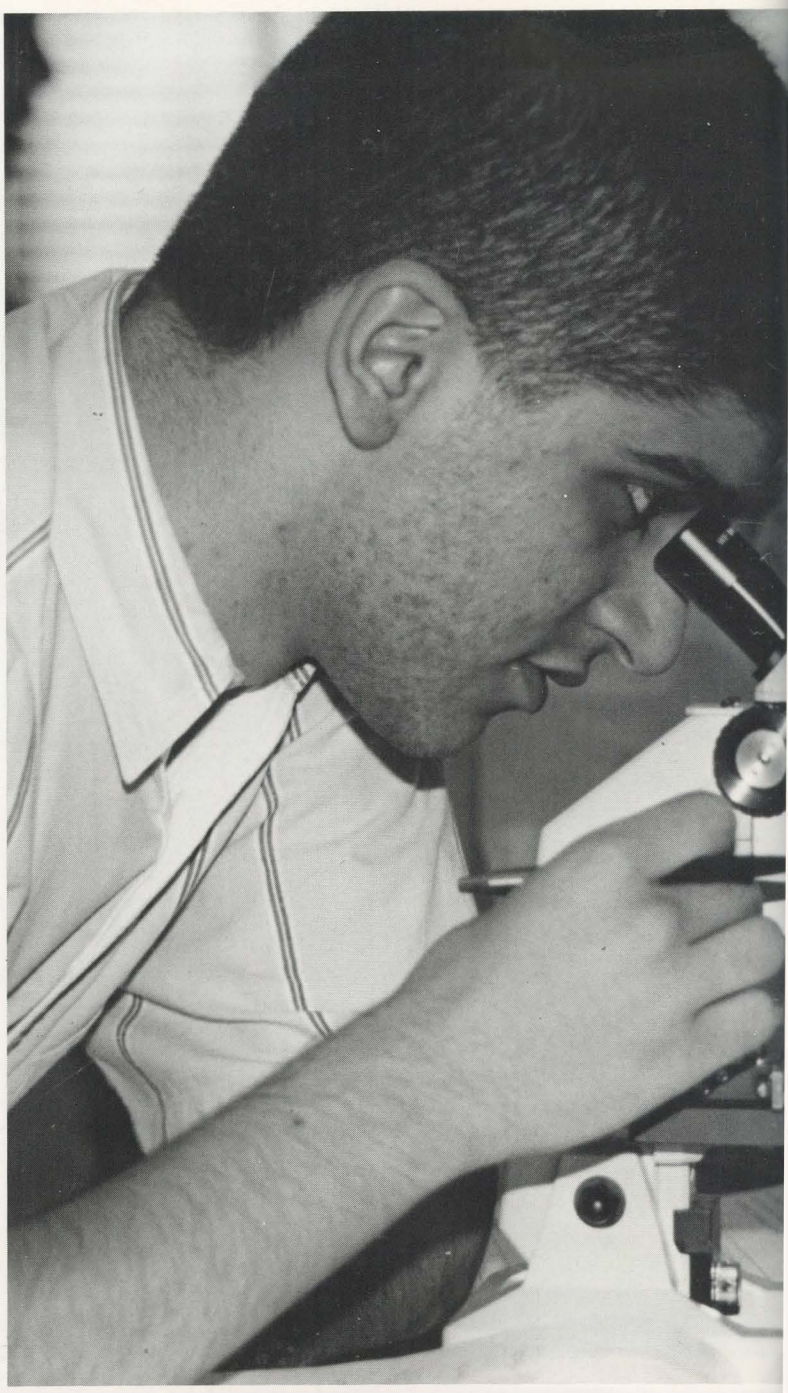
Barbara Hofman - Math
Thomas Jensen - Math
Hia Kim - Magnet
Lola Piper - Magnet
Susan Ragan - Magnet
John Randall - Magnet
Kathryn Robinson - Computer Science

Milton Roth - Math
Rochelle Sherman - Math
Lyndale Shiery - Computer Science
Michael Stebbins - Math
Mary Ellen Verona - Magnet

"I dogged this slide!" exclaims Senior Pourya Dehnadi after lowering the lens too far and crushing the slide. For minor accidents like these, students found that they had to pay for their shattered errors.

Future pyromaniac Junior Wei Feng gets his first experience in igniting chemical compounds. Science was the one class where you could start a fire and get away with it.





Leslie Backus - Science
James Burkholder - Science
Anne George - Magnet
Gregg Gochnour - Science
Elaine Goldberg - Science
Karen Hillmer - Science
Edward Johnson - Magnet

Jo-Anne Keene - Magnet
Marilyn Leung - Magnet
Richard Moats - Science
Mary Nawabi - Science
Sumner Patch - Magnet
James Redos - Science

Gloria Seelman - Magnet
D'arcy Sloe - Science
Eleanor Solomon - Science
Eileen Steinkraus - Magnet
Annette Tamm - Science

Copying notes from the overhead projector every day may seem tedious to junior Jenny Brown, but to junior Geoff Thompson it is a great learning experience. Daily drills were a ritual in all of Mrs. Goldberg's science classes.

TEACHERS PLUS STUDENTS EQUALS A PERFECT CHEMISTRY

Aside from teaching us Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, Blair science teachers have also become the student's favorites. They taught us everything from photosynthesis to the "birds and the bees." While enlightening us on the scientific world, students commented that teachers have also become their friends.

"Chemistry is very hard, and if it wasn't for Mrs. Goldberg, I'd never get through it." -- junior Claudia Mason

"Mr. Gochnour's stories just crack me up!" -- senior Brenda Senko

"I love Mrs. Tamm's mole jokes!" -- senior Chi-Hsie Yang

"Yeah, Mr. Moats is a cool guy." -- senior Bill Barnes

"Ms. Steinkraus is the nicest teacher in the Magnet. She's the best science teacher I ever had." -- sophomore Ken Iwasa

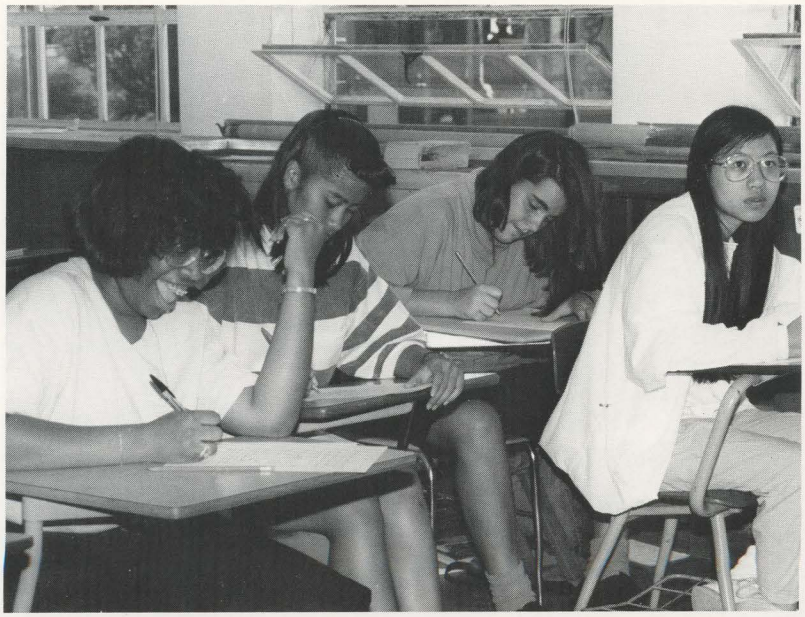
"Mr. Donaldson is my favorite teacher...he doesn't give any homework!" -- freshman Greg Ott

"Mrs. Hillman is bumpin'." -- sophomore Jerome Gray

Some students found it hard to relate to the fact that our teachers could actually be our friends. However, looking back on our high school years, the science teachers stood out as some of the most helpful and the most friendly. --LB & MF

"...and it went BOOM!" explains senior Matt Bastress when his Physics experiment went haywire. Crazy lab experiments provided many funny and memorable anecdotes such as this.

Thrilled to find that she actually knows the answers on her Spanish test, junior Therese Gordon smiles widely. Foreign language students found that it wasn't so hard to do well if they studied.



SPEAKING IN TONGUES

It was just another ordinary day of school. First you slept through math, then gossiped through English, then made a vague attempt to understand what the teacher was talking about in science. Then you headed down E-hall to your fourth period class: your foreign language. As you walked through the door, it was like you were entering another world with a language and a style all its own. Maybe your day wouldn't be so dull after all...

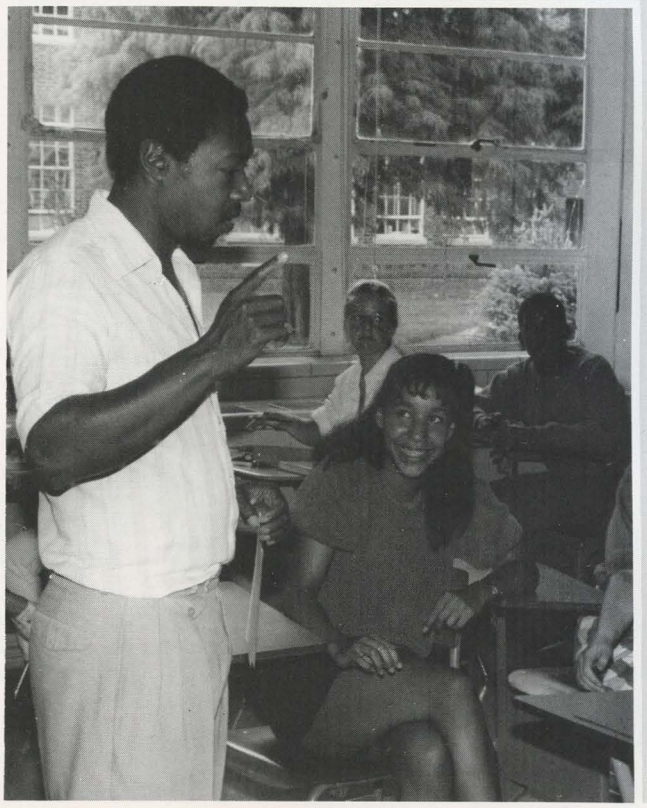
Foreign languages were a nice change of pace for students who got the rest of their other instruction in English. Some students got a head start in French by joining the Oakview French Immersion program in elementary school. "I never had to go through that awkward period of being uncomfortable with the language because I started in the second grade," explained junior Jessica Baden. "At such a young age you don't even think about it; it comes as naturally as English since you're trying to learn them both at about the same time." Some other students took more than one language at a time. "Languages are useful if you plan to be a secret agent, feed the starving, free the oppressed, or run a multi-national cat food empire," said junior Ancelyn Krivak, who takes German 2, French 3, and Spanish 5. She flaunted, "I plan to do all of these things."

Despite the career benefits, most students took a foreign language to acquire a better understanding of other cultures. "I take Spanish because of requirements, but also because of it's practicality," rationalized junior Becky Nulty. "There are so many different kinds of people that it makes sense to know another language." --J.E.

French teacher Yvonne Gregory helps a student understand why his answer is incorrect. Teachers were extremely helpful in making sure that Blairites were successful in learning a language.

Answering questions about a recent reading assignment is junior Becky Nulty. Higher level language classes read literature that was almost as challenging as what the students read in English classes.

Teacher Alix Desdunes makes sure that his students understand the importance of learning grammar. Grammar was a fundamental part of becoming fluent in a language for Blair students.



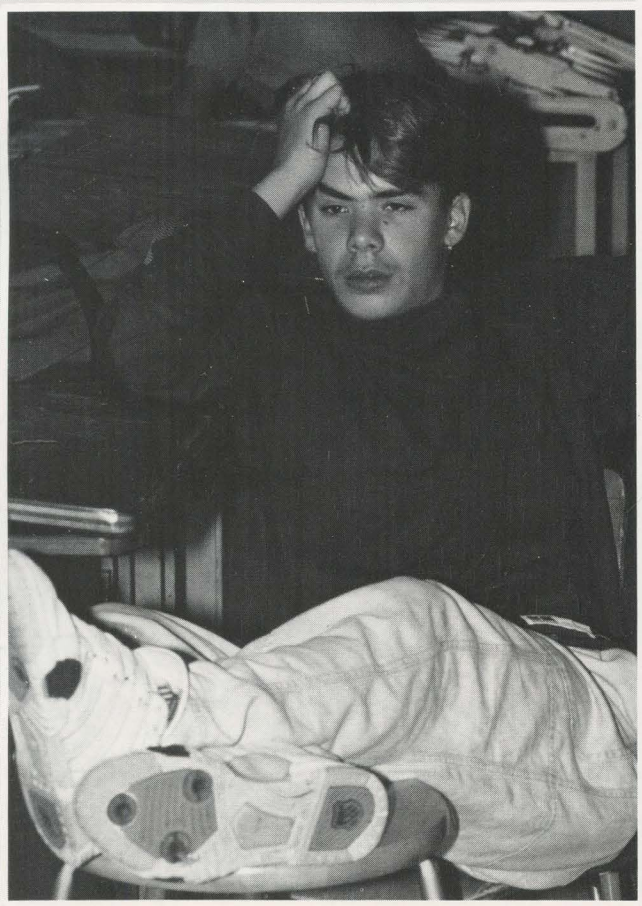
Joseph Bellino - ESOL
Cindy Carlson - ESOL
Debbie DeBlas - Spanish
Alix Desdunes - French
Arabel Diamont - ESOL
Dikhayuko Sen - ESOL
Ruth-Ann Geiser - ESOL

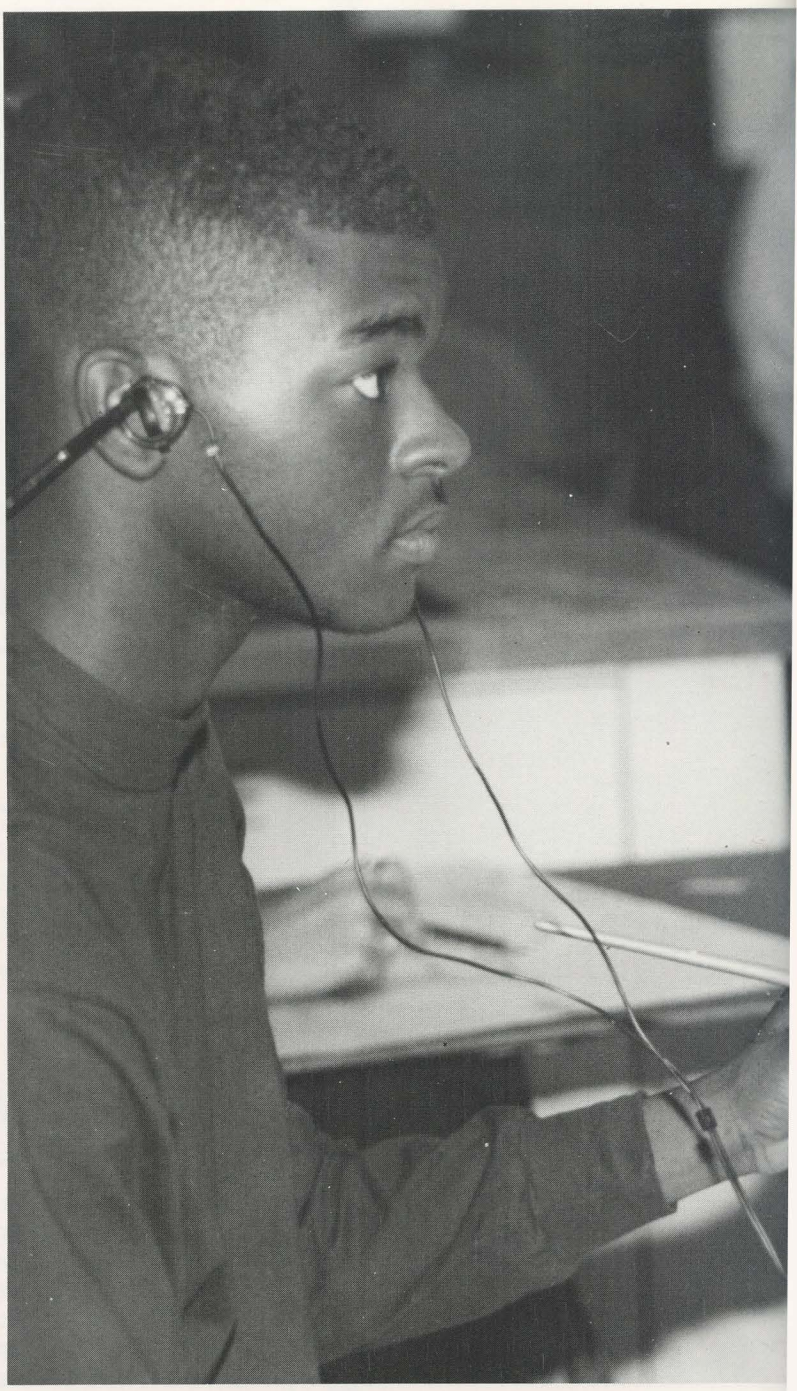
Yvonne Gregory - French
Joyce Katz - ESOL
Margery Laing - ESOL
Arlette Loomis - French
Friederike Hoppes - German
Phuoc Nguyen - ESOL
William Nickerson - Latin

Elizabeth Priest - ESOL
Lynette Reilly - French
Maria Yordan - Spanish

Put in a cassette, pump up the volume, and paint a picture. Sometimes it took more than a fun, motivating teacher to get a student to work. For senior Melvin Watts music provided that extra inspiration he required.

"Man, this photography class lasts forever," says freshman Jake Kirk. Even the most interesting teachers couldn't instill all students with a passion for art.

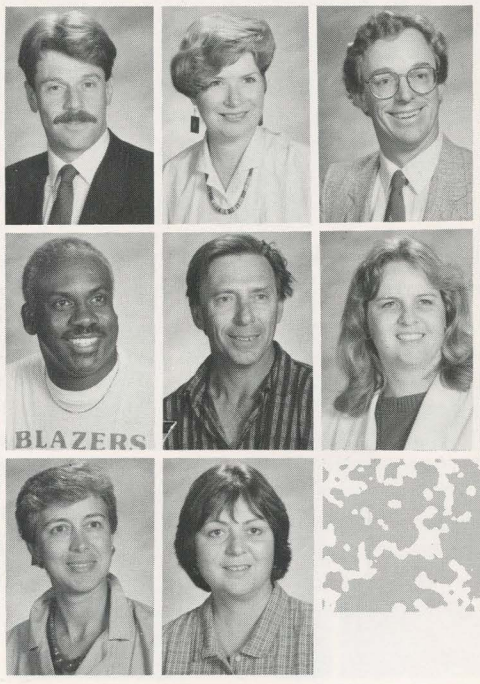


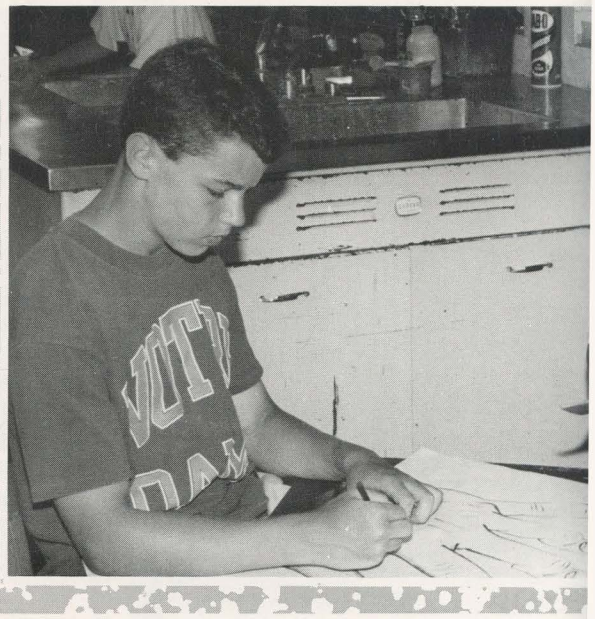


David Allen - Fine Arts
Mary Bloom - Art
William Brown - Music

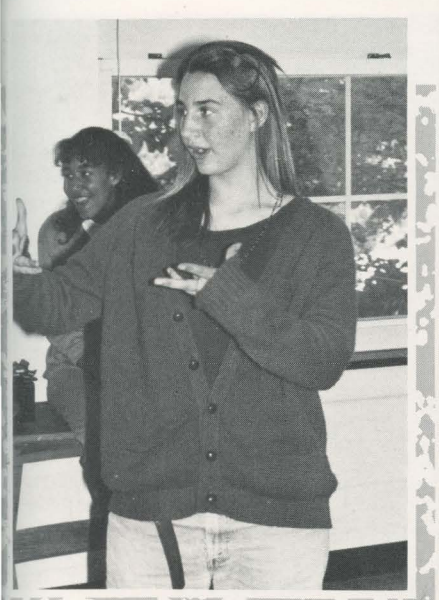
Ray Harry - Instrumental Music
Shirley Letcher - Choral Music
Lee Klopp - Art

Lynne Snyder - Fine Arts
Alexandra Terzian - Art





In order to find a subject for your art work, all you have to do take a look around you. Obviously sophomore Joshua Hughs d not have to look far.



Freshman Sarah Gordon rehearses her part in a presentation for Mr. Mather's Drama class. The mini-stage in room C-203 provided students the opportunity to experience what it might feel like to perform on a full-scale stage.

PICASSOS OUT OF POTATOES

From Drawing to Drama, the list of fine arts courses was as diverse as students' reasons for taking one.

"I became interested in photography because my father is a photographer," said senior Craig Gray.

Junior Audry Butler chose Ceramics/Sculpture because, "I've taken almost every art course there is!"

Junior Ceramics student Mary McCarthy said, "I'm taking ceramics because I wanted to try it out."

"I need a fine arts credit and have no artistic talent so I'm taking Photography because I thought it would be pretty easy," said junior Heather Hamm.

"I thought Ceramics would be an easy credit. Actually, its easier than I thought it would be," said senior Jimmy Chepkwuri.

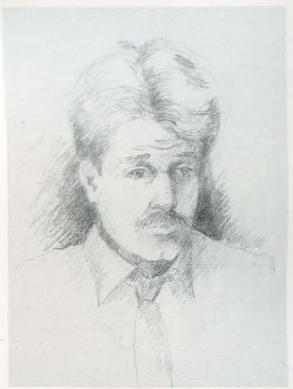
Hold on. Those last two students didn't seem to have the proper motivation. However, the fact was that while many students took art classes to satisfy a passion for art and self-expression, others were merely trying to satisfy their graduation requirements. Naturally most teachers would agree that enthusiastic and motivated art students were more desirable, however, they had to learn to accept, tolerate, and attempt to motivate the uninterested and bored students. "I don't get aggravated over them, they come with the territory," said Photography teacher Dave Allen, "I take them as a challenge."

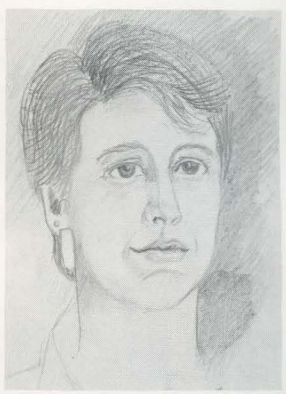
"Nobody wants couch potatoes in their class," said Commercial Art teacher Alex Terzian, "so, they help give me new ideas on how to motivate the class and maintain their interest."

So how did teachers maintain their students' interest and motivate them? "In Fundamentals we give the students a sample of all the different types of art and give the students a chance to decide for themselves what they like," said ceramics teacher Lynn Snyder who also taught Fundamentals of Art. "We don't expect to turn out a bunch of Rembrandts, but we hope students will rise to the challenge and feel they have done something worthwhile."

Mr. Allen used different methods to maintain students' interest. "He sings a lot and is pretty funny," said sophomore Photography student Jean Phatthanaphuti. "I look forward to this class; it livens up a boring day." While his joking and teasing didn't appeal to all students, most were motivated by the classes' fun atmosphere. "I think it works well," said Mr. Allen, "If you have an audience of fifty, you try to please the majority. The joking stops, though, when I am unable to bring the class back to task."

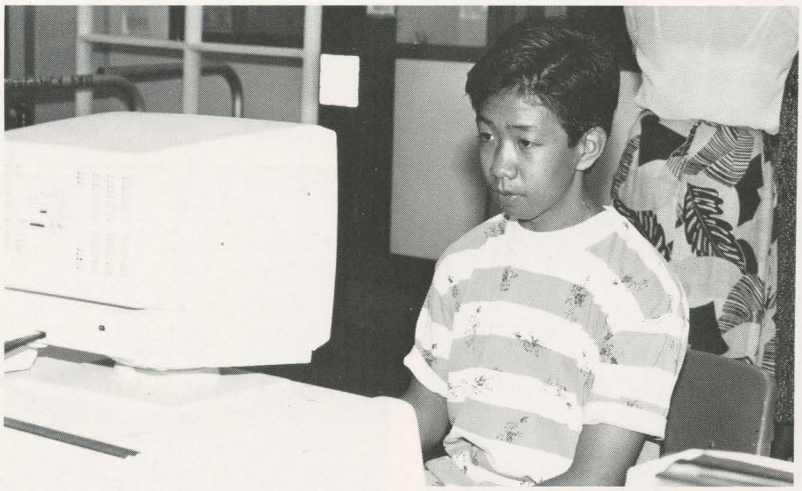
The fine arts department gave students the chance to express themselves or to get much needed credits. True, maybe it didn't produce the next Picasso or Ansel Adams, but it provided the opportunity and support many students needed. "You become an artist," said Junior Connie Park, "I guess that's what's important." --SS





Art is more than a job to teachers. The teachers showed with their self-portraits that art was their life's pursuit.

Staring at his computer in astonishment, sophomore Neopito Pardo tries to remember the computer techniqes he learned in class. Even though the computer language taught was basic to most, it was complex to students that never learned it.



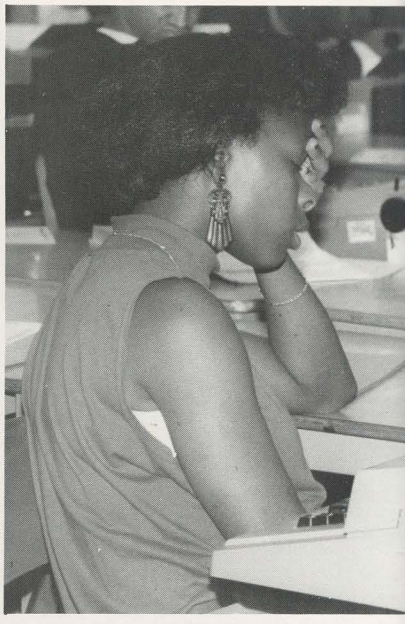
PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Being a practical arts student gave us the chance to learn great trades and provided many career opportunities. Some students chose to enter the job market right away, instead of continuing their schooling. Having a specific trade or skill will make it possible to get a good paying job without a college education. Practical arts classes were important in making life after high school easier. Students at Blair had a great variety of vocational classes to choose from.

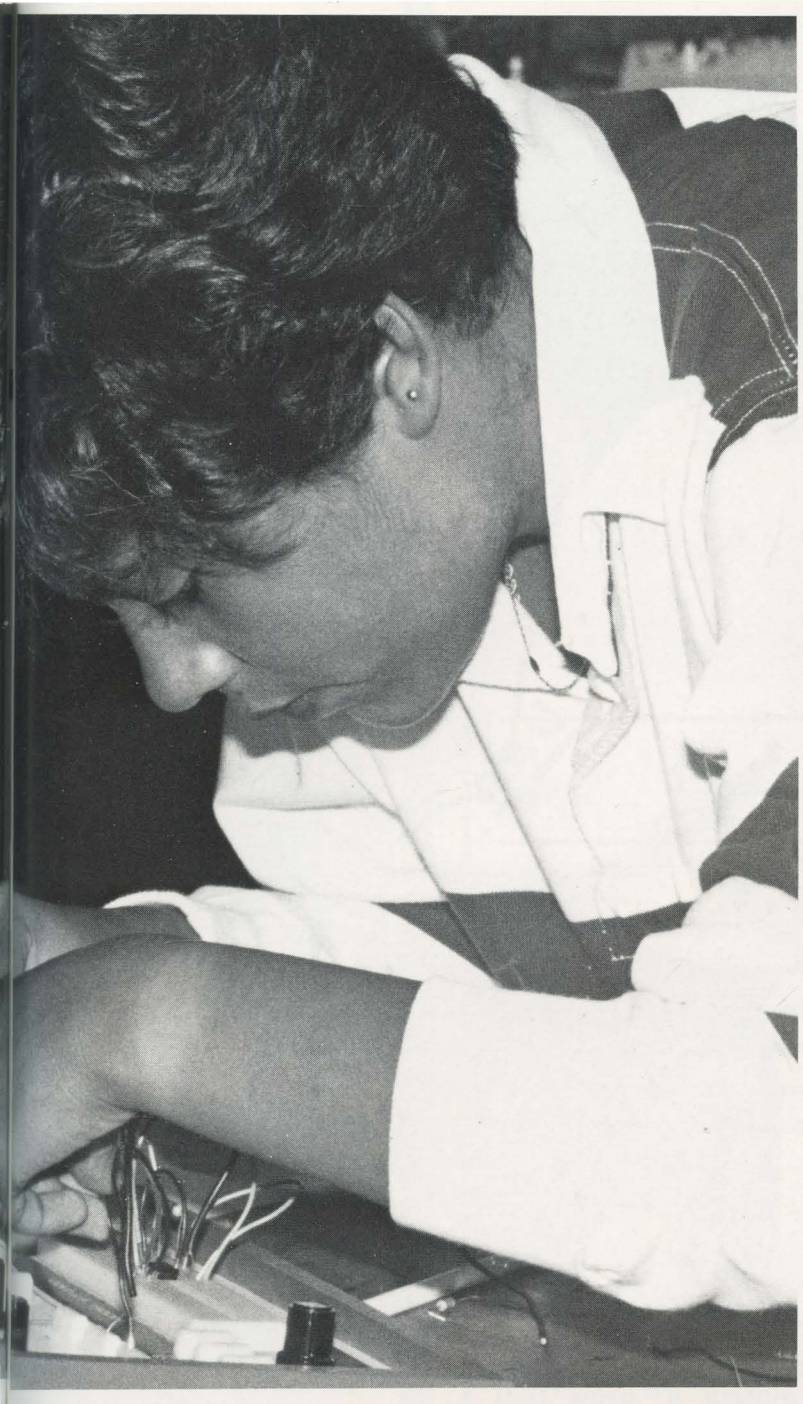
Many students decided to take practical arts electives instead of difficult science or math classes. To their surprise, they soon realized that courses such as Auto Shop, Computer Applications, Typing, and Woodworking, were very challenging. Woodworking teacher Ed Brakus commented, "Rather than traditional woodworking, Blair offers cabinet making which is a more creative skill."

Typing was one of the most popular courses offered at Blair. Well-liked teachers such as Mrs. Ann Mudd and Mrs. Jackie Shropshire were not only extremely caring, but had a special way of helping their students to learn the locations of the alphabet on the keyboard. Junior Jeremy Wright commented, "Mrs. Shropshire is a bumpin' teacher."

Blair had many helpful career opportunities to make life after high school easier. The practical arts classes gave us an idea of what we wanted to become in life. --SM

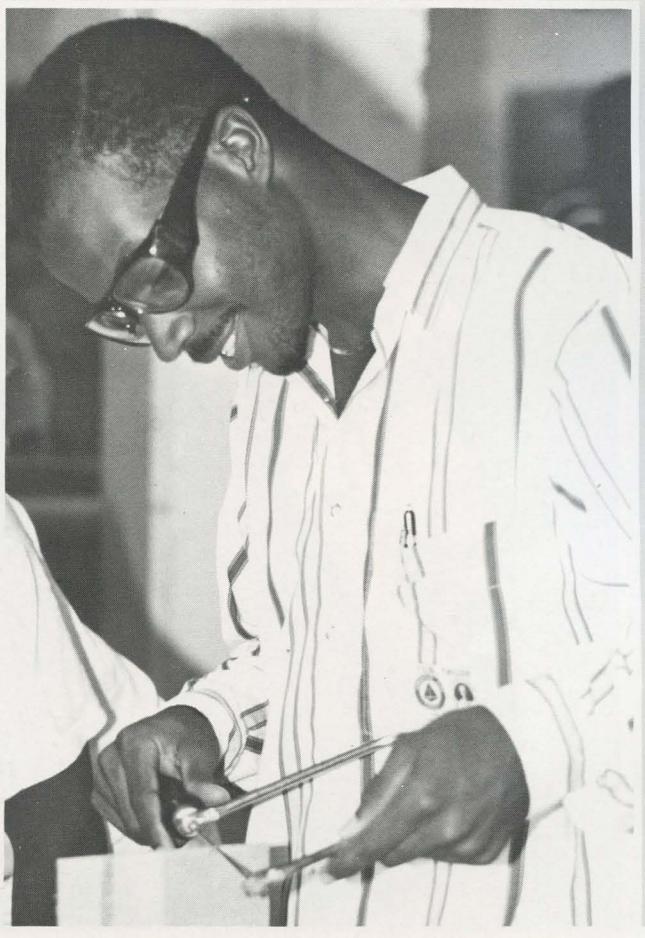


-Confusion is what might be going through senior Althea Vyfhuis's mind. Typing was a demanding class and taking a break was sometimes needed.



Using her electronic skills, senior Ivania Nunez skillfully works on her project. Electronics was only one of the many challenging corses offered.

Hacking away on his wood, senior Sam Johnson shows off his talent in woodworking. Students had the chance to use high tech machinery.



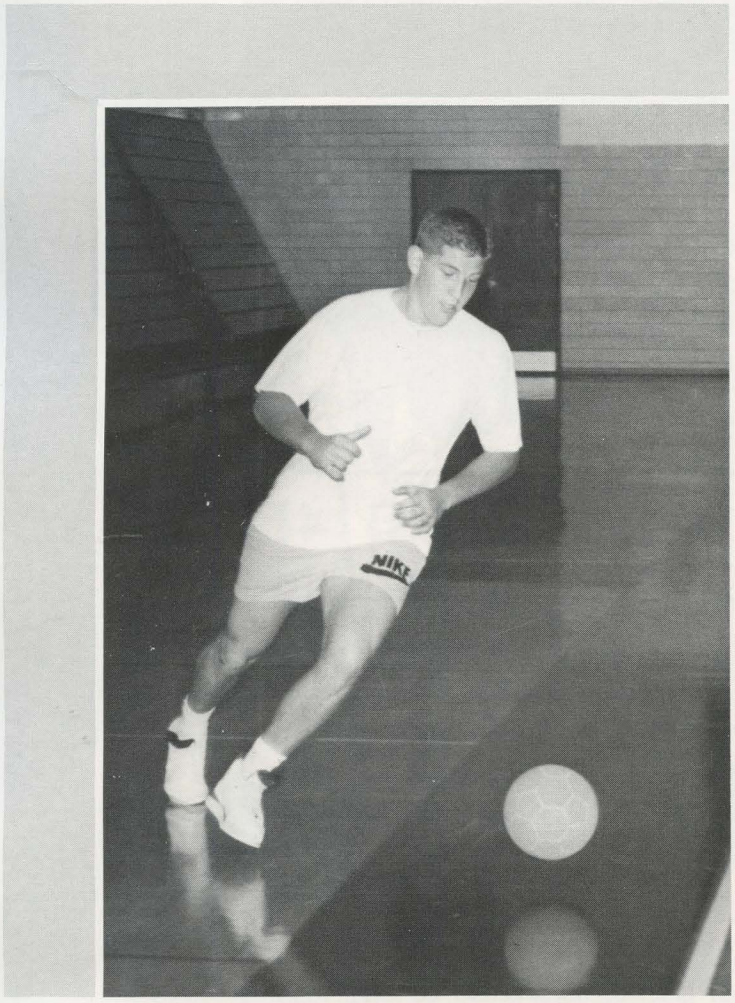
Edward Brakus - Woodworking
Bob Deffinbaugh - Driver's Ed
Paige Dick - Autoshop
Ethel Finley - Home Economics
Sara Fuller - Vocational Ed. Team
James Johnson - Practical Arts
Madge Johnson - Practical Arts

John Kaluta - Electronics
Larry Lowe - Television Prod.
Ann Mudd - Typing
Zennie Pinckney - Practical Arts
Dee Rader - Practical Arts
Linda Rogner - Practical Arts
Hilda Sayan - Vocational Ed. Team

Robert Segreti - Electronics
Jacquelyn Shropshire - Accounting
Diana Swift - Vocational Ed. Team
Mai Thompsion - Vocational Ed. Team
Bernice Turner - Practicl Arts
Linda Rogner - Practical Arts

Freshmen Kezan McNeil, Benjamin Matthews, and Hakeem Williams take time out from their hectic gym class to sit back and learn about the sport they are about to join in. Every three weeks the general physical education students changed activities.

During one of his two gym periods, Senior Wynter Grant participates in a game of indoor soccer. Grant, a captain on Blair's football team, took two gym classes to train his body and hone his reflexes for upcoming games.



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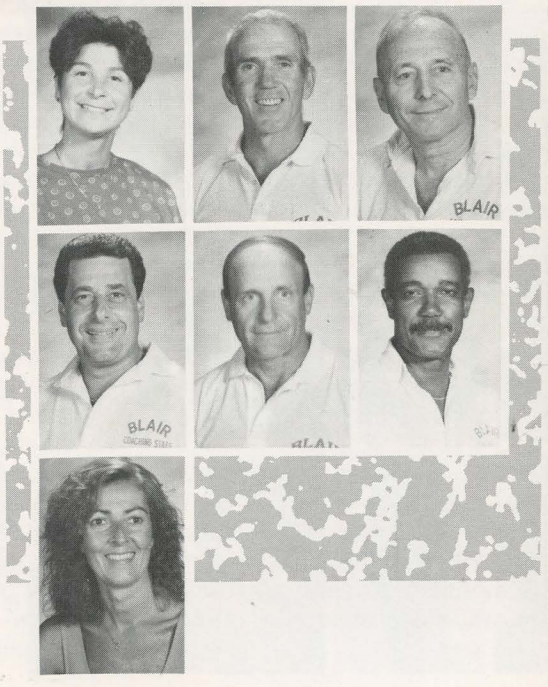
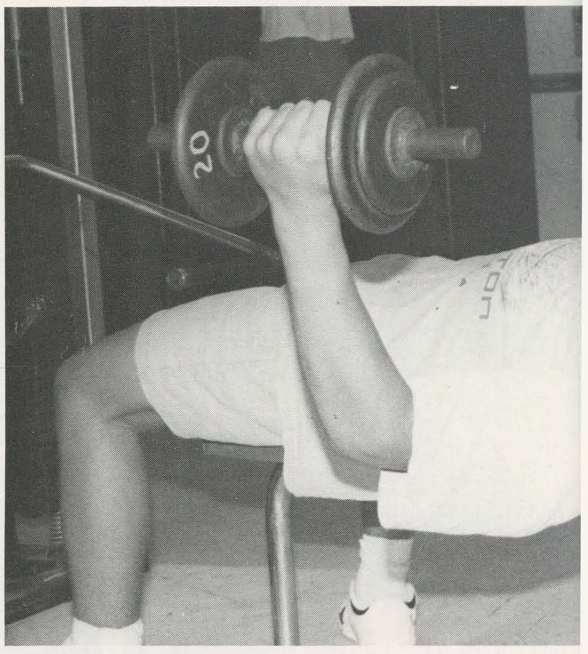
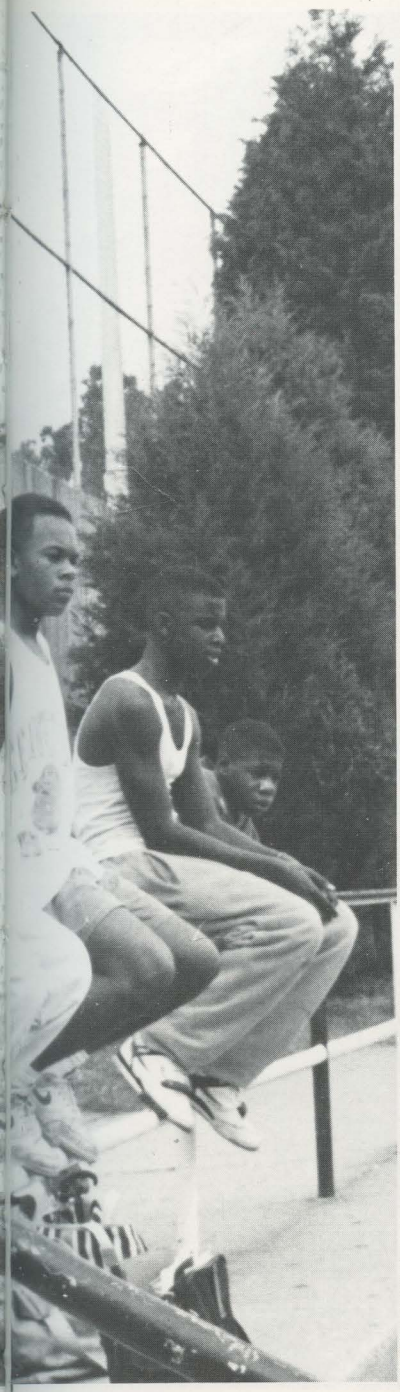
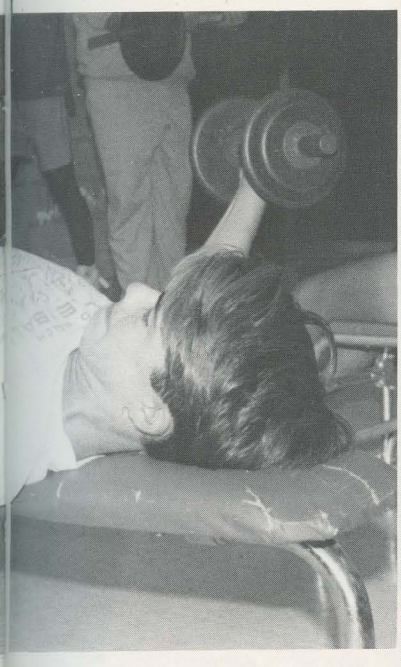




In the weight room, freshman Jake Kirk struggles to lift weights hoping that someday he will obtain a large muscular body. Some students spent their time in gym class using Blair's exercise equipment to it's fullest potential.





In the hopes of playing someday with the skill of a pro, junior Alice Mitchell practices her swing in Gym. Students used gym to play sports they would never have gotten a chance to play otherwise.

NEVER LET THEM SEE YOU SWEAT

Gym. Whenever one heard that word, a couple of thoughts immediately came to mind.

Most people took gym class for granted. It was the forty-five minutes a day they had to go through for at least three semesters so they could graduate. Once the requirement was met, the word gym no longer existed in many students vocabularies. Others used gym as an opportunity to lift weights, play some basketball, or just hang out with friends. With P.E. on a schedule there was always an easy class to look forward to. It seemed like everyone that ever took gym always had a lackadaisical attitude about the class. Some Blair students revealed their opinions about gym, and how important they thought the class was to them.

Senior Mehmood Kazmi -- "As a senior it is my most intellectually stimulating class."

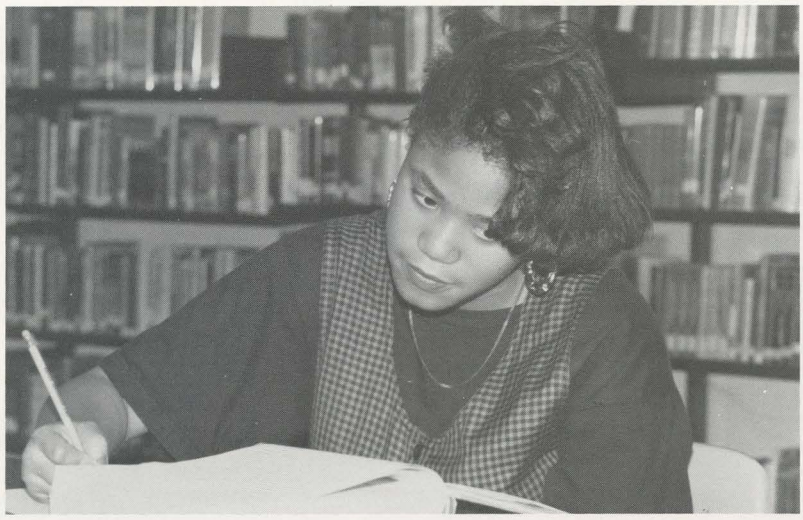
Junior Stacey Marshall -- "I hate the hassle of always having to change clothes."

Senior Jason Crutchfield -- "Gym was the only class I ever got an A average in."

Senior Bill Jenne -- "I try as much as possible not to remember anything about it."

Junior Jason Ainsfield -- "A great class to skip."

It didn't matter who took class, everyone had the same feeling of relief once the credit requirement had been met. Junior Hillary Schwarz -- "I had fun, but I'm glad it's over, three semesters were enough." --PM



Taking a break fom her notes, sophomore Nakia Logan pauses to ponder if she will ever use this information again. Questions like this were often asked after long hours of research in the library.

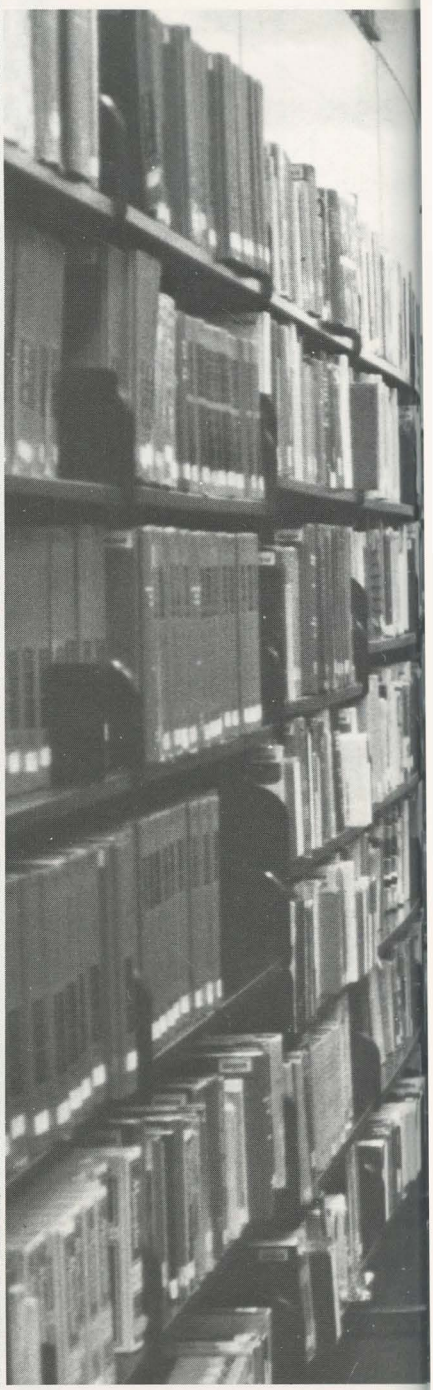
THE LIBRARY: OUR FAVORITE PASS TIME

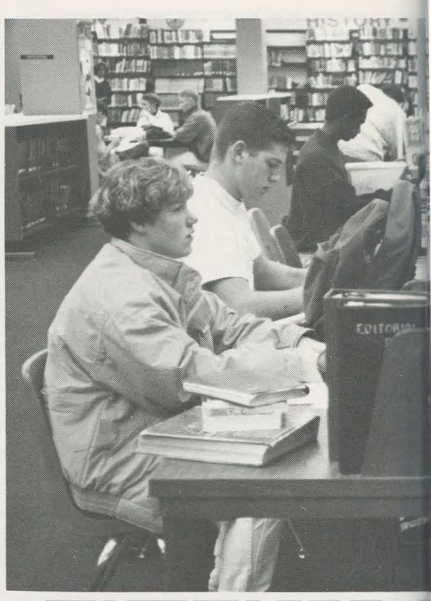
Joe Blair has a problem. He has a major English comp due next period and he hasn't even started yet. His class in the band room is too noisy, and besides, they won't even miss him. Loaded with paper and a supply of assorted pens, Joe Blair heads for a place of refuge, a haven--the library. He opens the door. "Alas! No pass? Go back to class!" screeches the librarian. Uh oh, no pass! Think, Joe, think. Too bad Joe Blair didn't brush up on the ten best ways to get into the library without a pass! If he had, he wouldn't have found himself sprawled outside the library with a footprint on his butt. Don't let this happen to you!

Ten Best Ways To Get Into The Library Without A Pass

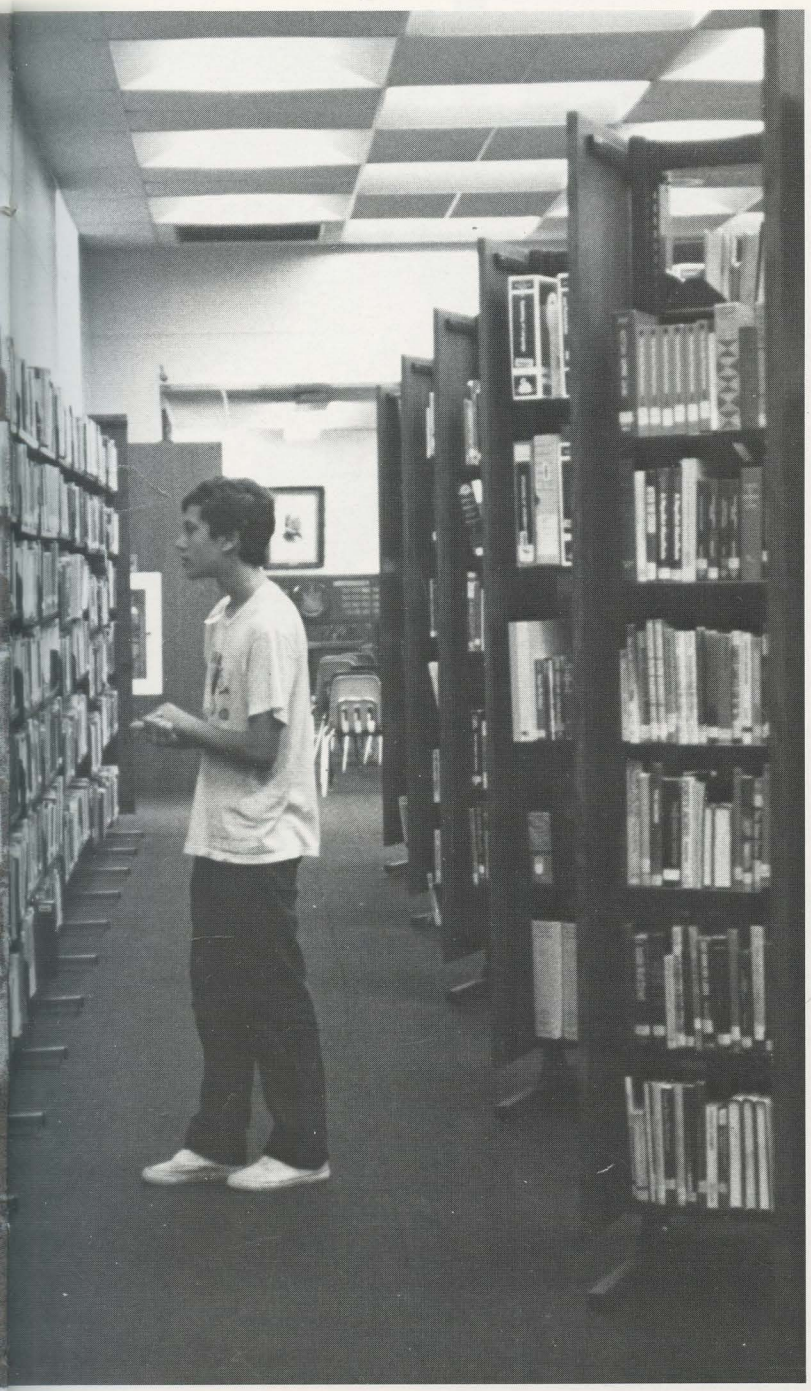
1. Wait until no one's looking and sneak in.
2. Say, "My class is in here!"
3. Explain, "I just came back from the bathroom, I already gave you my pass!"
4. Walk over to the pass box and rustle the papers to make it seem like you're putting your pass in.
5. Walk in right behind someone, follow them to the pass box to pretend like you're together.
6. Announce, "I have ISS!"
7. State matter-of-factly, "I have to talk to..."(fill in the name of an appropriate person; teachers' names work best).
8. Look innocent and lie, "I'm a peer counselor/I'm being peer counselled!"
9. Slip into the back room and wait until the coast is clear before strolling past the desk.
10. If all else fails, kiss up to the librarians.

Good luck and see you in the library! --LB & MF



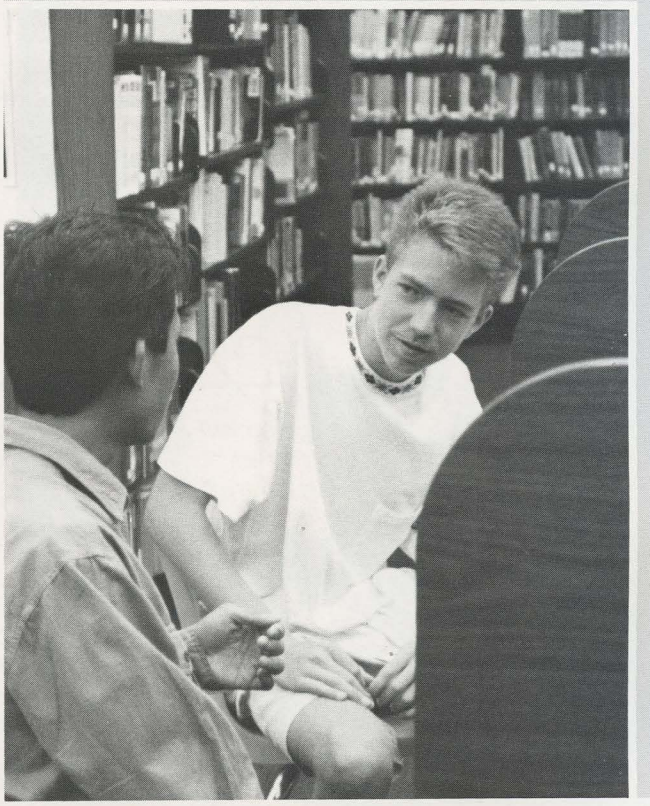


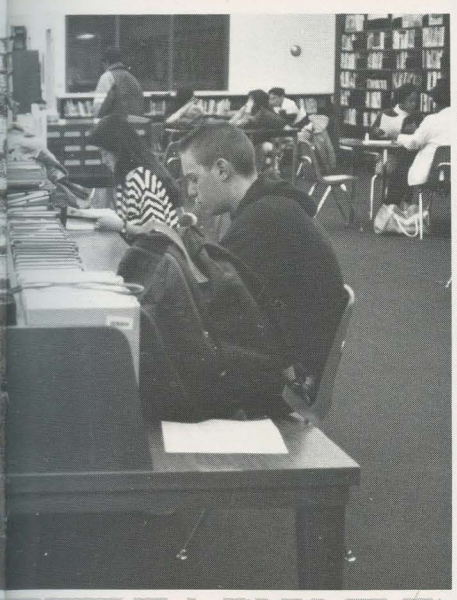
"Whoever said that senior year was easy, lied!" sulks senior Kathleen Carey. Fellow seniors Wynter Grant and Matt Schnackenberg are too busy working to agree. Although senior year proved to be fun, hours of hard work went into getting those diplomas.



"Golly geewillickers, so many good books to choose from!" Just like a kid in a candy store, sophomore Ben Klemens, gazes at the wide selection. Blazers were privileged to have such a large library and eagerly took advantage of their facilities.

"Hey, don't look now, but she's looking over here..." Zakary Tormala and his friend discuss the prospects of some possible dates for Homecoming. Books weren't the only things checked out in the library.





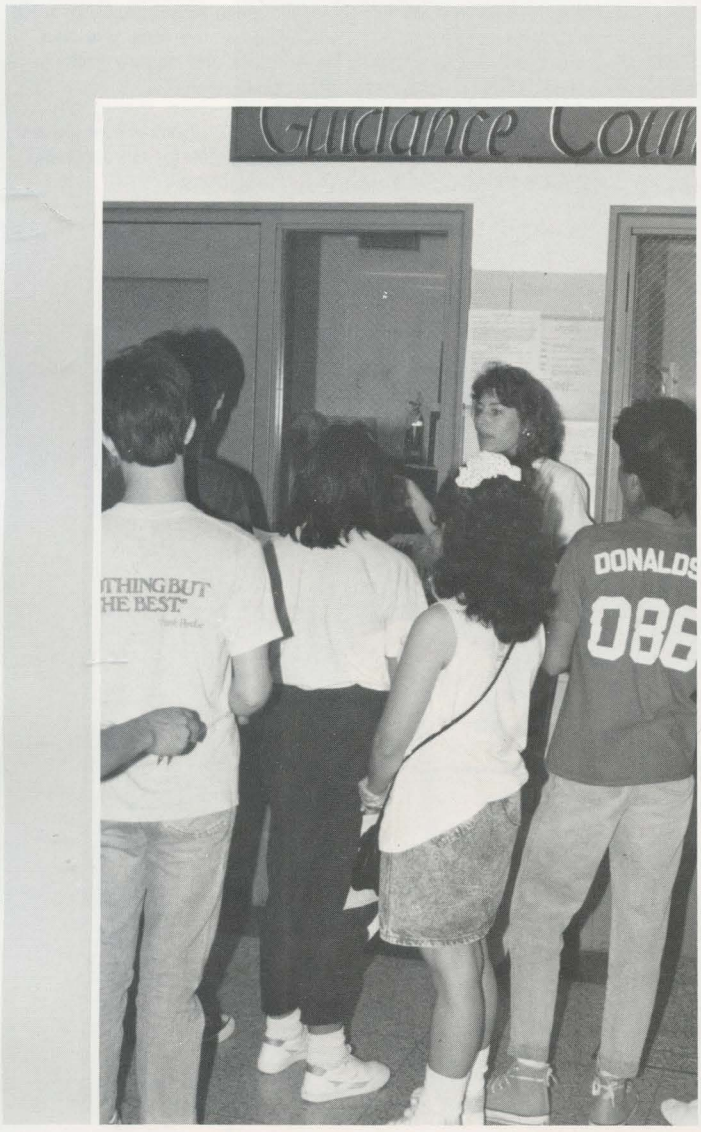
Joan Barnhart - Media Center
Victoria Blair - SPARC
Nancy Cottone - Media Center
Mary L. Douglas - Media Center

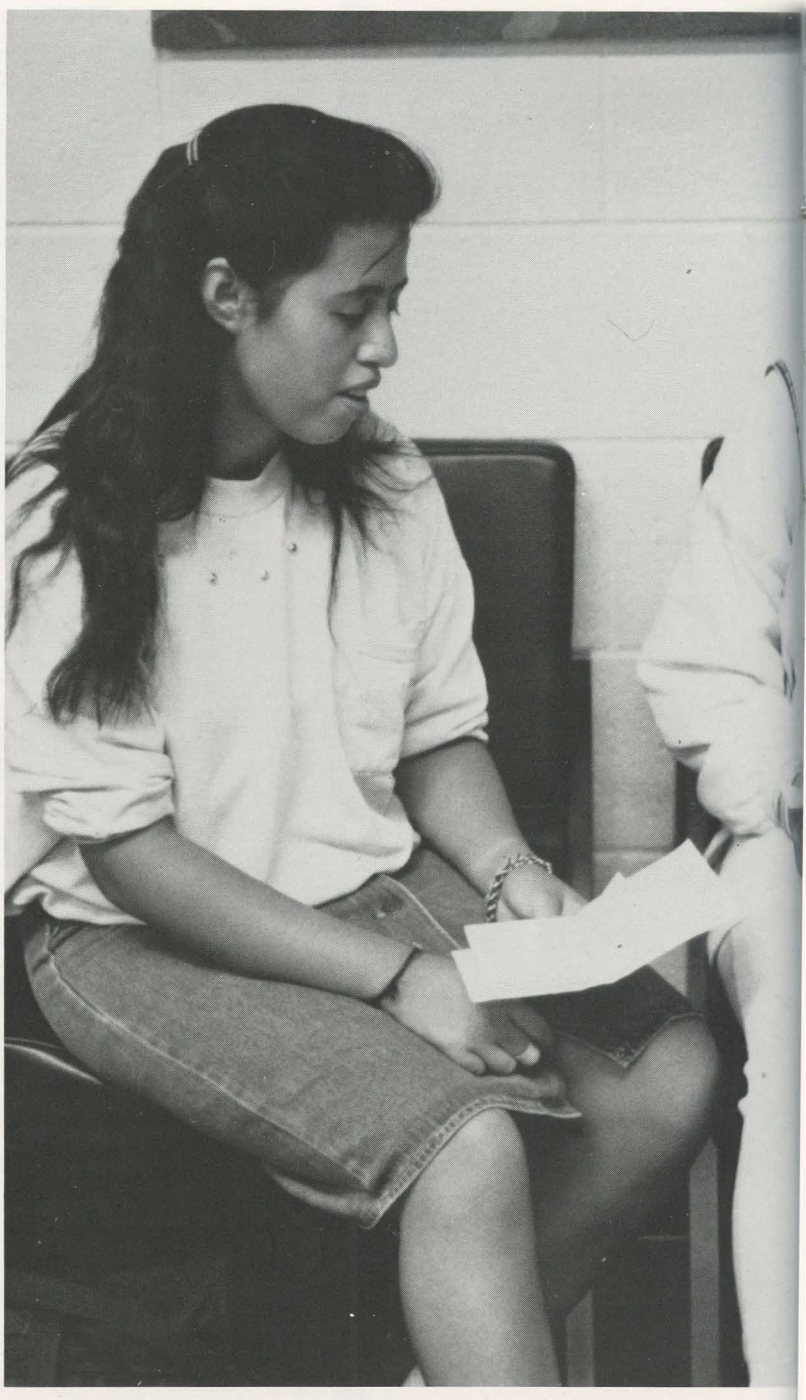
Gabrielle Fair - SPARC
Suzanne Giacalone - SPARC
Margaret Hansen - SPARC
Erica Lodish - Media Center

Leora McElroy - SPARC
Janet Pitchersky - SPARC
Ann Rogers - SPARC
John Wilson - Media Center

Veronica Munoz and Solis Petrona ponder over which classes they are going to change. The Guidance Office was behind in changing schedules for a few weeks in the beginning of the year, but they caught up and ran smoothly for the rest of the '89 school year.

New students are introduced to the Guidance Office by during an oriantation. At the start of the school year this was not out of the norm as students flocked to their counselors trying to correct schedules.



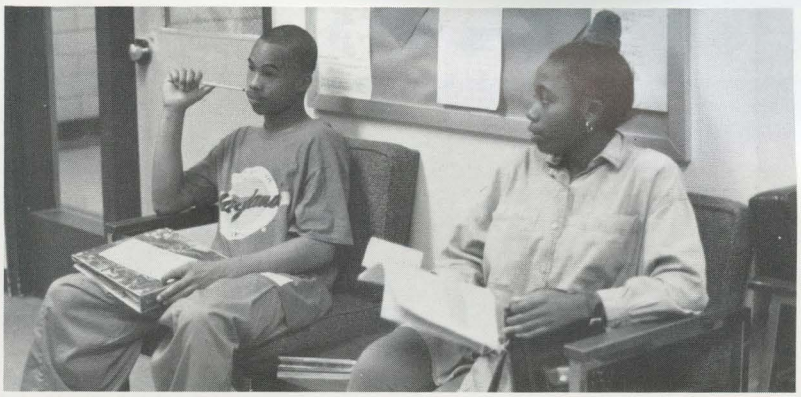


Marlene Adams - Guidance
Mary Arrighi - Guidance
Carol Borris - Guidance
Robert Carey - Guidance
Lourdes Ceide - Guidance
Leah Cutler - Guidance
Ann Eskin - Guidance

Ollie Guilford - Guidance
Bernice Kisliuk - Career Center
Helen Kreis - Guidance
William Lindsey - Guidance
Alice Matthew - Attendance
Carol Petty - Guidance
Sybil Roscoe - Guidance

Edmond Stevens - Guidance
Stacey Vactor - Attendance
Brenda Wilkins-Brown - Guidance

Registrar Marlene Adams thinks of where she left a student's transcript. Mrs. Adams, throughout the year, was busy dealing with student transcripts, records and other time consuming tasks.



Glenda Forest and Duane Funderburgh wait eagerly for their schedules to be changed so they can resume with a normal schedule. This year many students were delayed several weeks before recieving their revised schedule.

SEEKING OUR GUIDING LIGHT

It was the first day of school and you were in your homeroom class receiving your schedule. You turned your head in excitement as it was handed to you. When you turned back you noticed that you had eight periods and you were not taking any CAP or Magnet classes. You signed up for auto mechanics instead of AP biology, your third period was blank and you had no fifth period class. Instead of business law, the Guidance Office thought you should become a gourmet cook so they signed you up for French Cuisine.

In your bewilderment you heard an announcement stating that you can get your schedule changed and must come during your English class. While releasing a sigh of relief, you noticed that you had no English class. By the time you got down to the Guidance Office, Mrs. Sybil Roscoe explained that they were too busy to change your schedule now, but she said you could make an appointment to be called at a later time.

This is an exaggerated account of some of the schedule problems students had to face. "I waited in the Guidance Office for two hours, one and a half weeks after school had started, just to talk to my counselor and I had to miss three classes," explained junior Becky Nulty.

"I turned in my schedule change form two days after the start of school. It has been three weeks and I haven't heard from them so I decided to keep the class I wanted to change because I'm getting an A," said junior Jeremi Duru.

While the Guidance Office was dealing with students' schedules, the Attendance Office tried once again to crack down on all of the Blairites who were late to their classes.

Many students were not too appreciative of the hall sweeps. "I got to class on time, but I didn't go inside because I needed to go to my locker; that's when they caught me!" exclaimed Mia Soeparta.

Although the beginning of the year seemed hectic, Guidance and Attendance did eventually get around to helping everyone; either getting their classes changed or getting people to class on time. -- MM

In the auditorium, senior Daniella Boff prepares to take her portraits in the traditional black drape. Portraits were taken as early as May of the junior year up through October of the senior year.

ROYAL FLUSH

It was easy to tell who they were. They had all completed three years of high school, received loads of college mail, and crowned themselves a royal flush. This was about all the seniors had in common, besides, of course, an incredible year. Perhaps the reason senior year was so royal was because it took all kinds of different schedules and activities throughout the year to make up the one-of-a-kind class of '90. Expenses became an integral part of school, and it seemed as if money was being doled out for something different each week. We opened up our wallets for the SAT, class rings, spring break, graduation, prom, pictures, and many other miscellaneous events we may have encountered throughout the year. When graduation rolled around, the royalty was out of money and out of patience, but still loved every minute of it! --SK

"Let's do the time warp again..." could almost be heard in the background on Halloween when senior Angela Novosel, freshman Jenny Cincotta, and seniors Moira Goins and Brenda Senko assume the most memorable apparel of the late 70's, 60's, and 50's. Even though Halloween was not a "spirit" day, many people, especially seniors, took on the initiative to be bold and dressed for the occasion- not afraid of what others might've said.

Taking The Reigns

Senior Class Officers: Leah Darring, Lisa Brown, Carlota Bernal, Amin Littman. This group was definitely on top of things!

Every year a new class takes over. This year's reigning seniors were President Lisa Brown, Vice President Leah Darring, Secretary Carlota Bernal, and Treasurer Amin Littman.

With these new officers also came a new governing body ready to attack the age-old problem of getting together enough money for prom. But this year, they made a noble gesture by turning their winnings from the Spirit Hall Contest over to the family of Chak Sam who was seriously injured and in a coma during the course of the year. "It was important for our class to acknowledge the problem that Chak's family faced and giving the money was a nice way of helping out," said President Brown.

The main focus the Senior Officers concentrated on was Prom. Secretary Bernal says "We wanted to make this Prom especially memorable for the Class of 90!" The officers organized a Prom Committee to help with all the details that go into making a great Prom. The Prom Committee worked closely and diligently with the officers to decide the theme and to order Prom souvenirs. After much deliberation "One Moment In Time" was chosen as the theme that best expressed the feeling of Prom.

The seniors rode in stride this year as the top class of the school. They raised money and spirit for an amazing Prom and Graduation ceremony, and the underclass felt a definite loss when the seniors left on June 1. --HS

Aladeen A. Abdul-Mani
I thank Allah for my graduation at Blair. Peace to all Muslims and I'm out of here.

Eymeris Acevedo
Thanks Mom, Dad, and Rick for being my best friend 3 years of Track and Football.

Maneesh Agrawala

Foiz Ahmed (Foy)
To the love of my life I love you Cheryl Tate and I always will. No matter what happens you will always be in my heart. Goodbye to the rest of you. Kit

Lasawnda S. Allen

Steven A. Allen

Pedro E. Altamirano

Jeffery Ambush (Jeff)
Don't turn around because nothing in the past will change. Let's move on! Basketball 12, Positive Images 12.

Eric Anderson

Gilmore G. Andrews

Samuel B. Angura

Deborah L. Anstine

Sunita Arjun

Patrick T. Baker

Patrick Terry Baker Not in the National Honor Society

Oluwakayode Bamiduro

Truong Bao

Blair equals the multiple of the sum of the unique individualized organisms taken to the tenth power multiplied by the different species.....DR.BS

William E. Barnes

Alphi D. Barnette

Matthew L. Bastress

Sean Beary

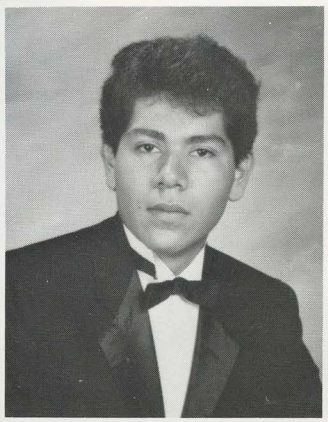
Antoniette Bell

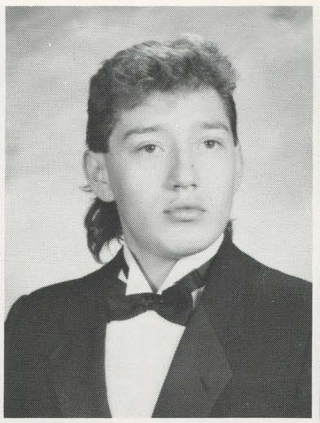
The Class Of '90 Officers are Carlota Bernal, Secretary; Lisa Brown, President; Leah Darring, Vice-President; and Amin Littman, Treasurer. Senior Class Sponsor Norman Stant provided much support and spirit to ensure a successful Senior year.

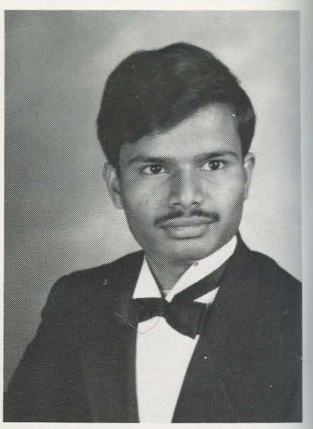
Jose C. Beltran (Carlo)

Walter R. Benavides

Stalin Benjamin

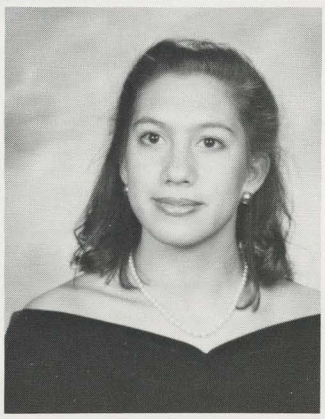




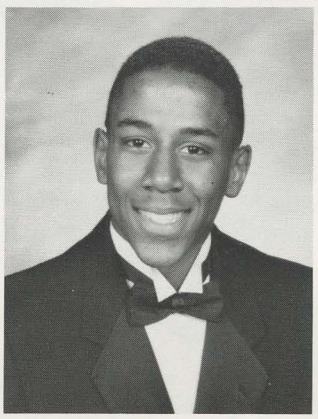


Elsa Carlota Bernal

Here's 2 all w/out whom 4 yrs at MBHS would not have been so memorable: DYB, JRL, DJS, KC, JY, PS, SM, LB, SG excess, SK, RD, AB&RP, V-ball, crew, FRB--I Love You all!

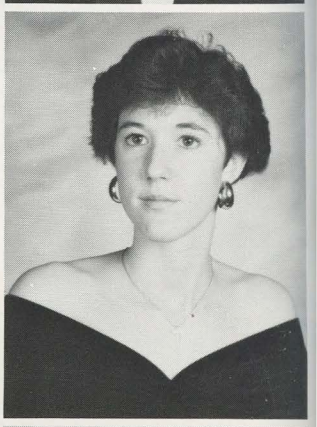


Robert Best

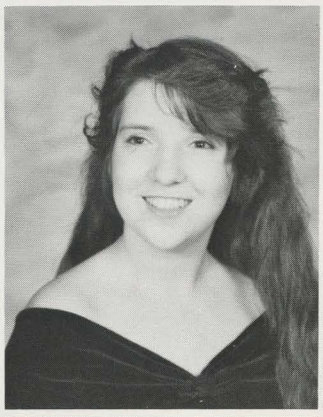


Cindy B. Biederman

"I want to be forever young." -Alphaville

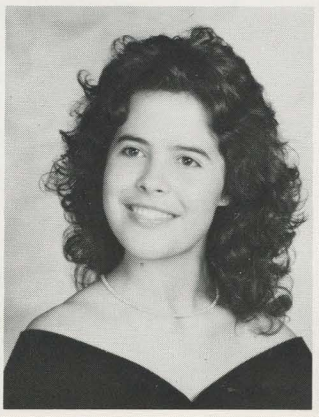


Venitta L. Bishop



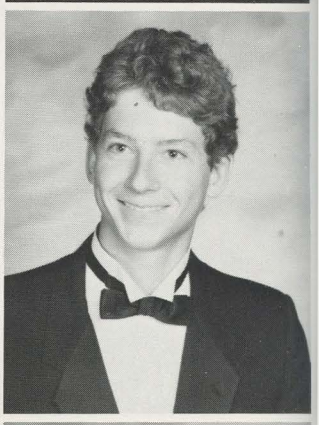
Daniela Boff (Dani)

AFS exchange student. I'll miss you all!! Eu te amo para sempre, Derek!



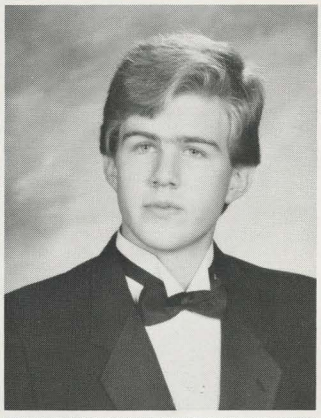
Sylvain Bogensberger

YFU exchange student. I've spent a really great year at Blair! I'm going to miss it.



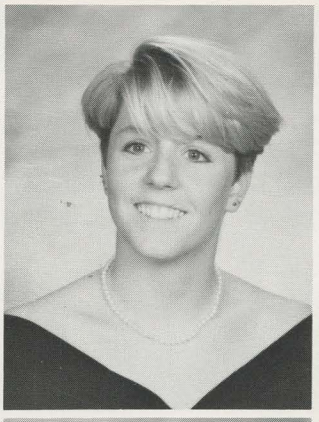
David A. Bosworth

I have never allowed school to interfere with my education.

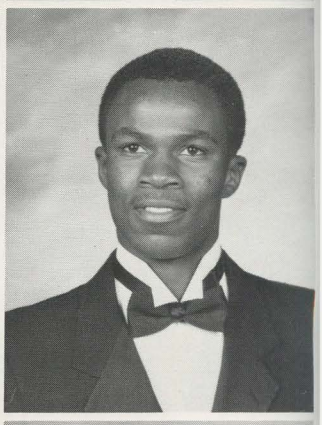


Beth A. Boyll

AN-CM-JC-EL-EB-I'll always luv you guys-thanx 4 being there 4 me-Mom-Dad Thankx for everything-Angela. It's been great & yes I do have "I-Lashes"-No Rules!!!

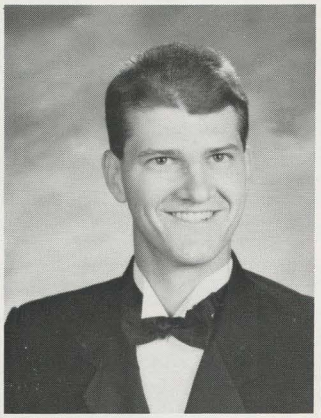


Gary D. Bramwell



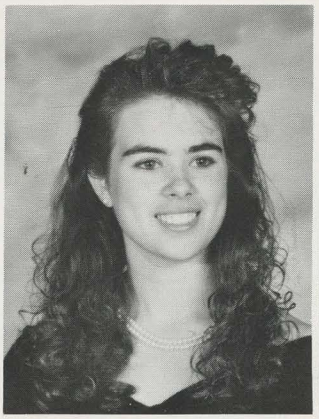
Neal Breen

Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track. Good Luck to all my friends! Thanks to my teachers, especially Mr.G., Mrs.R and Mr.R. Seniors Rock!



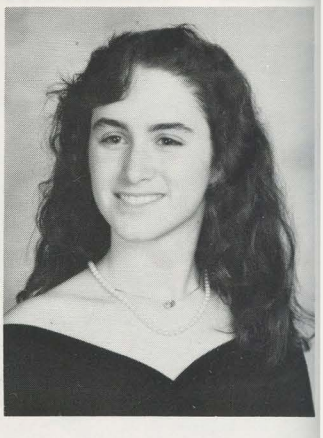
Lisa Louise Brown

Softball, SGA, Silverlogue/chips, NHS, Sr.Class Pres, ATO-Thanks to all esp. my family, Sar, Meliss, Meg, Pourya, & Jeff-my love! Best of luck class of 1990!



Robin S. Burke

"Well I'm leaving my family, leaving my friends. My body's at home but my heart's in the wind." -Tom Waits



Anyplace Else

The alarm went off. The radio clicked on. You leaned over reluctantly and hit the snooze button. Another day of sitting in classrooms daydreaming of other places to be was what you had to look forward to. For most students, school was not the favorite Hot Spot. There were always better places to be and more interesting things to be doing than to be stuck inside a room looking at teachers all day. Here is a list of some alternative places where students daydreamed of being rather be than in school. --KB

--- In Bed sleeping

--- In the shower

--- At the Beach

--- On a deserted Island

--- Feeding Big Macs to the hungry in Ethiopia

--- Talking on the phone

--- Champions Pool Hall

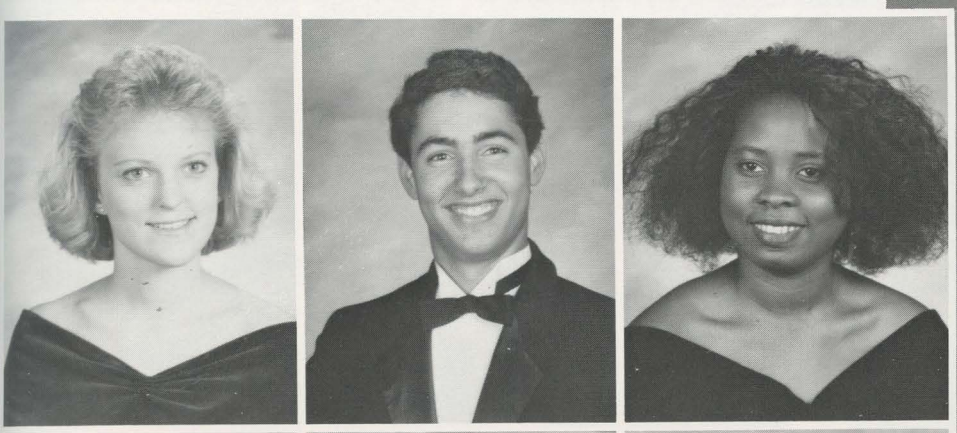
--- On a Pirate Ship with a parrot on my shoulder

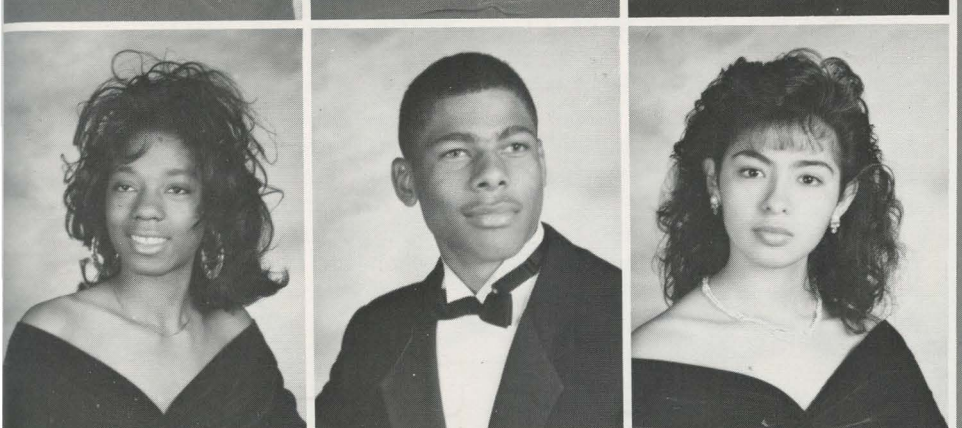
--- In another country

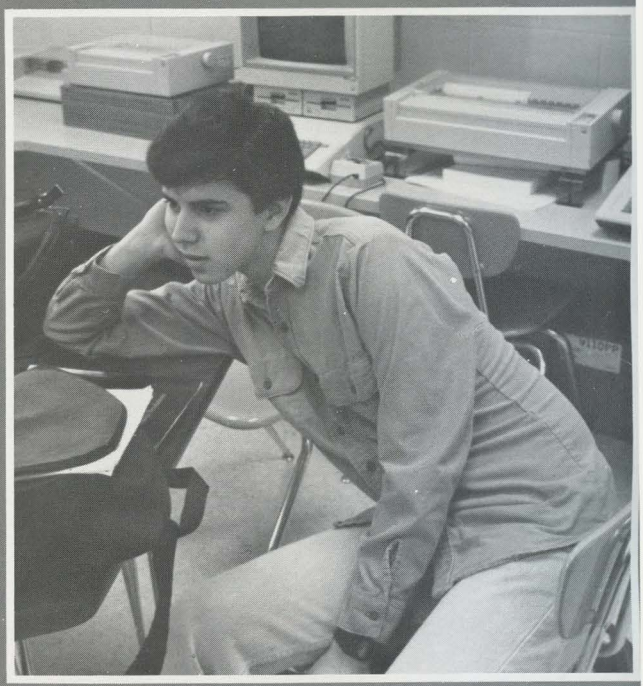
--- Out enjoying life

--- Watching TV

--- Any place!!!







Staring off into space, senior Joshua Fischman daydreams of more exciting places to be than in school. Many students found daydreaming to be an excellent way to fight off boredom during the school day.

Krista Elizabeth Butler

Memories: HomeEc, Homecoming86, Anat&Phys, LipSyncI, NY Trip, Snowdays, parties, SGA, H.C.Game 88, All the firsts, French trips, Prom, SpringBreak, All the fun!

David M. Byron

Yannaty Tawel Camara

To three of my favorite teachers, Mrs.Laing, Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Geizer. You have been very supportive of me. Best of luck. Thank you and good-bye.

Aldith D. Campbell

I am so very happy that we made it through the year. Good luck to all of you. I will miss you.

Luisa Renata Cardoza

I dedicate my senior year to my family and all my friends who have always helped me and gave me courage to continue. Always remember "La Unica."

Kathleen Ann Carey

"To everyone who made my days at Blair memorable --Thank you. To Dad; to Blair swimming and diving; and to my friends --Cheers!"

Tamiko Roshal Carrington

Basketball 33, Positive Images and Newspaper Staff. Reminder to all my buddies to never settle for less.

Timothy R. Carter (Tim)

Paola Shanthall Castellon

Life is beginning & I await sucess with open arms-Thanx to my family for not letting go. To my pals: AT,TG,TH,CJ&MR--God Speed - Francisco Poblete Aishteru.

Tamara Lee Catlett (Tami)

Girls' Volleyball 11, 12; Co-ed Volleyball Manager 10, 11; Safety Committee 11, 12; Pep Club Secretary 10, 11; Rifle Team 11, 12; To all the people who helped me get this far: my parents, teachers, coaches, & friends. Thanks.

Devi Chakravorty

Sujin Catherine Chang

"Often God has to shut a door in our face, so that He can subsequently open the door through which He wants us to go" Jin, Seong, thanks for the fun in HS.

Anjali Chawla

Jimmy S. Chepkwurui

Puja Chopra

I did it my way!

Shawn Clemons

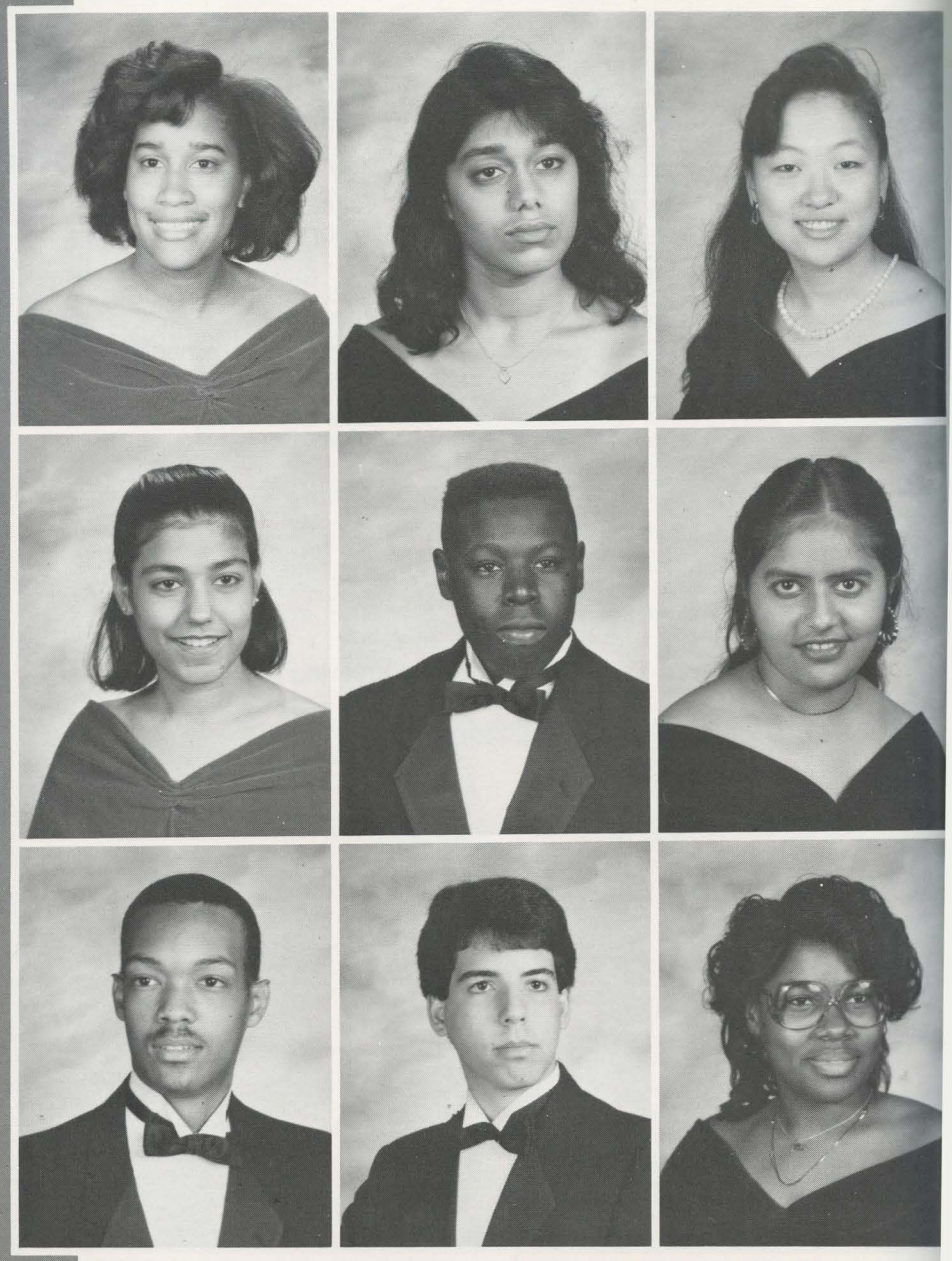
Shane P. Cohen

"Up to the knee is free."

Colleen Antoinet Coleman

It's been a long 4 years, but an exciting experience going to Blair. I finally made it. I will miss all my teachers from 9th to 12th grade.

In addition to his lacrosse endeavors, Arle Madrigal will find himself still playing the sousaphone, as he is now at the Homecoming game. People picked up hobbies in high school that they continued throughout the rest of their lives.



Tomorrow and Tomorrow...

The immediate future for most of todays graduates is to go to college for four (or more) years. But what about in 30 or 40 years? The yearbook staff has been able to discover the future for a number of graduates:

In 2025 Mehmood Kazmi will become the first Moslem to be a U.S. senator.

In 2020, Brian Woel will achieve his secret goal. After years of practice, he makes a place for himself in the small world of professional TV wrestling.

Brenda Senko will make her first record in 2004. Her success will reach a peak when millions of raving fans will spend a fortune to be able to listen to the 'new Madonna'.

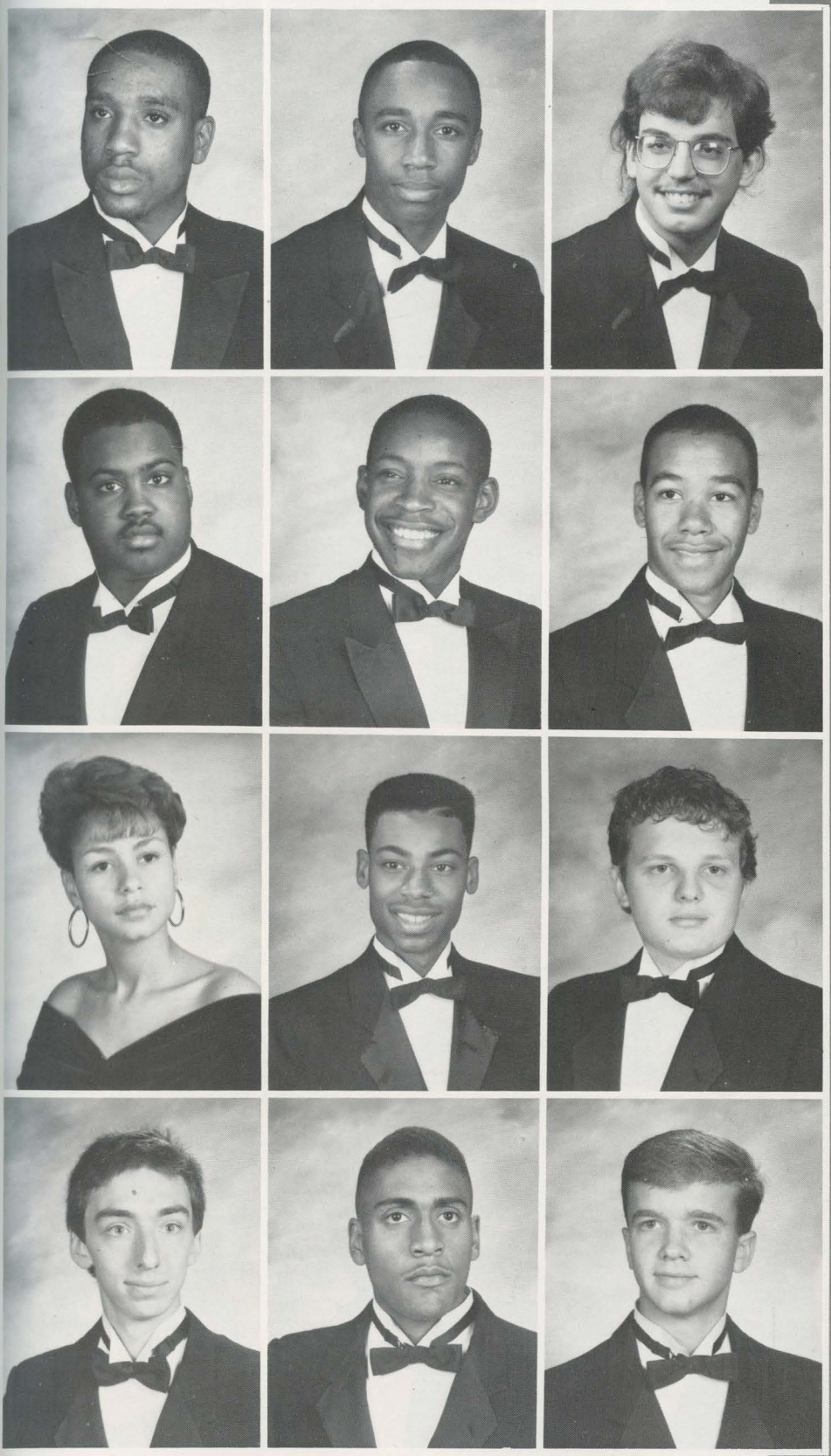
In 2040 Beth Boyll will publish her first book. Ten years later, her books will be used in English classes all over the country.

After introducing the west coast to lacrosse, Arle Madrigal will retire as a world famous sports clothes designer.

After Amy Dawson's short-lived career as a model , she will go to El Salvador as a missionary to instill her belief of nude hot tubbing.

In 2020, Professor Blair Lackey will finally complete, to his fullest comprehension, the study of the marvelous life of the termite. --SB

Seniors Sarah Mess and Faith Noble show their spirit while attending the Homecoming game and cheering our team. Senior Blazers were uncanny for expressing the utmost amounts of spirit.



Kwame S. Coleman

Robert A. Coram (Pete)

Four Corners is where it's at. Disco Pete saying to increase the peace and I'm outta of here like a breeze through the trees taking all the leaves!!! C-YA

John M. Corrado

Kurtis S. Cross

Shirley you are my soul source of inspiration, and for that, I'm eternally grateful. I love you, and I am glad you have faith in me. **Capitol DJ's Rock**

Bethrutius Antione Crump (Tro)

Stay in school and do the right thing. To my little brothers and his friends, stay out of trouble.

Jason K. Crutchfield

Carramon Culliver

Erwin P. Cumberbatch

I would like to say good-bye, see you all sometime. Good luck to all the special people around me such as: Althea, Kim, Tamika, Lisa White, Aldeen, Victor, Kurtis, and best friend Jamil. All the best.

Vladimir D. Cvikula

Outdoor Lacrosse 11th and 12th, Indoor Lacrosse 12th. Love you Mom, Dad, Eryna. I survived.

Aaron I. Dabbah

Richard Dalgetty

Dwight D. Daniels

To all my friends, I guess we couldn't have been done with out R&R. I love U Maw and Paw. Hi Miser! "I just don't know ?" Someday Psycho! I love you A.N

Deinde T. Dawodu

Amy Rebecca Dawson

"I listen to the wind, to the wind of my soul. Where I'll end up? Well I think God only knows." - Cat Stevens

Charity A. Deel

Pourya Mohamad Ali Hafiz Dehnadi

Graduation brings new responsibilities. The Joke is over and life will begin. College, Australia, and Wealth mark my future. Doug, I'll see you there!

Raymond Mondy Desir

I was glad I came to Blair, because I know it's the best. To the future gen, keep it safe & beautiful! Thanks to all my teachers who helped me when I needed it the most.

Anabel Diaz

Flavia Dipol

I love Jesus, Mom, Dad, Sandy, my big juggernaut#53 lunchcrew Traci Tom Matt Liana 68stang & too many to name. Drink, dance, and be merry, but live long & prosper. God bless!

Minh Anh Do

When memories of our times together bring a smile for the days we both still treasure...I wish you well. I will always remember you.

Gregory L. Dobbins

David T. Doherty

Lana Lashonne Dover

Pom Poms-10,11,12(co-captain); J.V.softball-10,11. To my lil' posse: we got our own thang/ez does it! SK,AT,AB,JC-Thanksfor the memories! Seniors kickin' it!

Amy L. Edwards

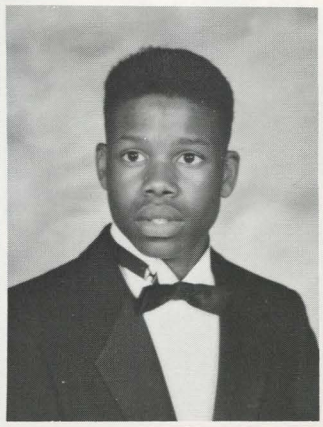
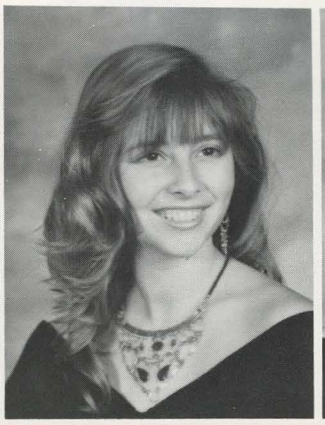
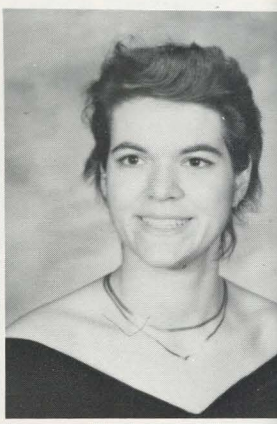
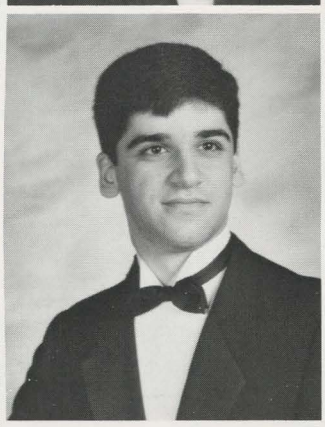
Michael Daniel Eisenberg (Dan)

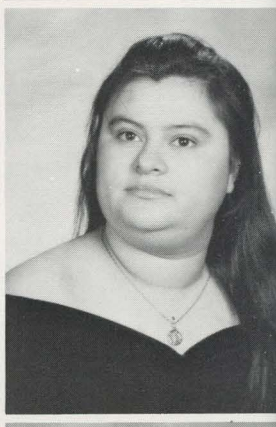
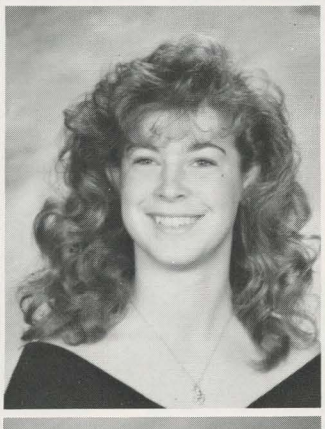
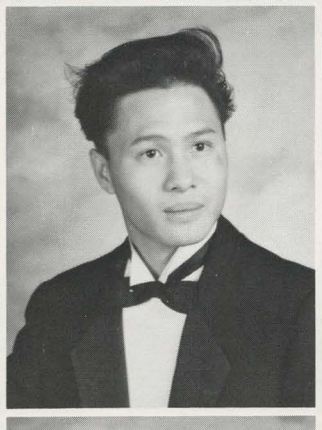
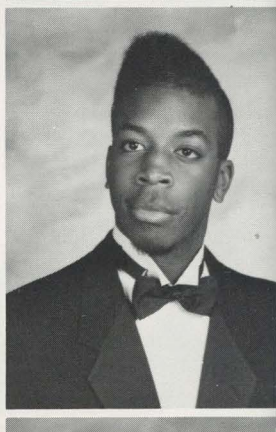
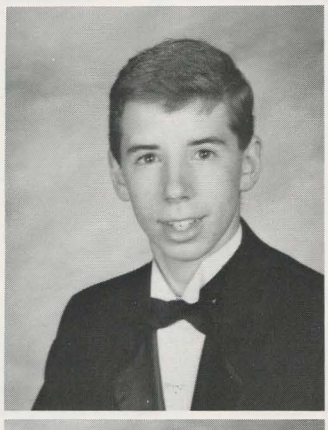
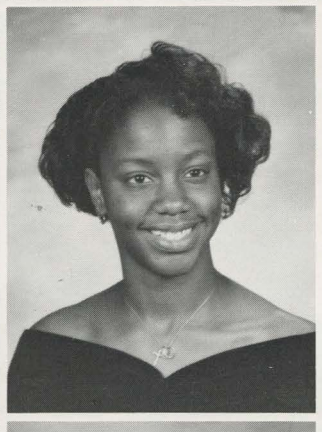
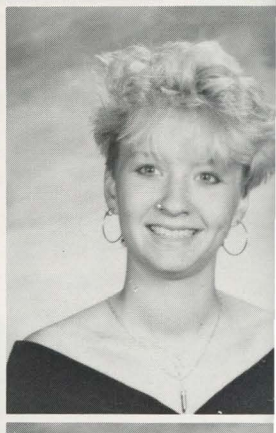
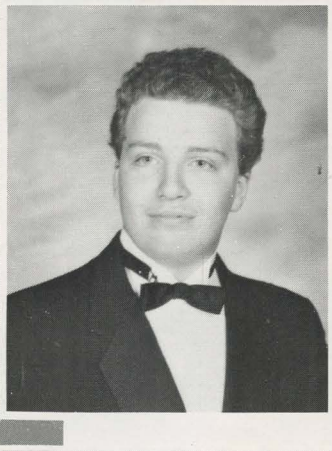
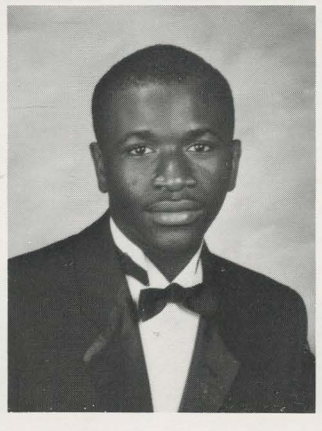
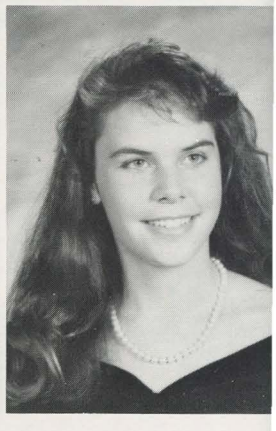
Stage crew 9,10 (head) 11,12; Newspaper 11,12. "So many people in and out of my life...Life is just a series of hellos-and goodbyes"--Billy Joel.

Hakeem Fakoya

Melissa Susan Faley

Its finally over! Congrats to us! Sar-wemadeit! Thanx4everything, Lis-ATOrules! Boyssuck, 8yrs, Moi! JH-ILU! ThanxMom4makingmestudyitpaidoff! College &totalfunnessherelcome!

Gabrielle R. Farello

Rudis Feliz

Joshua B. Fischman

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hav greatness thrust upon them." - William Shakespeare

Maria A. Ford (Ria)

Ria'90-Run'89Best Friends Forever!Thanx c/o of 90?!Thanx Mom-&Dad I Luv Bry Guy Thanx Run & MikeD! 3/31/89!! This year is a picture in my heart forever!'90Rules

Adrianne M. Foster

Andrew Franck

Outdoor Lacrosse 11,12; Indoor Lacrosse 12.

Stephen J. Fries

Daniel E. Garcia

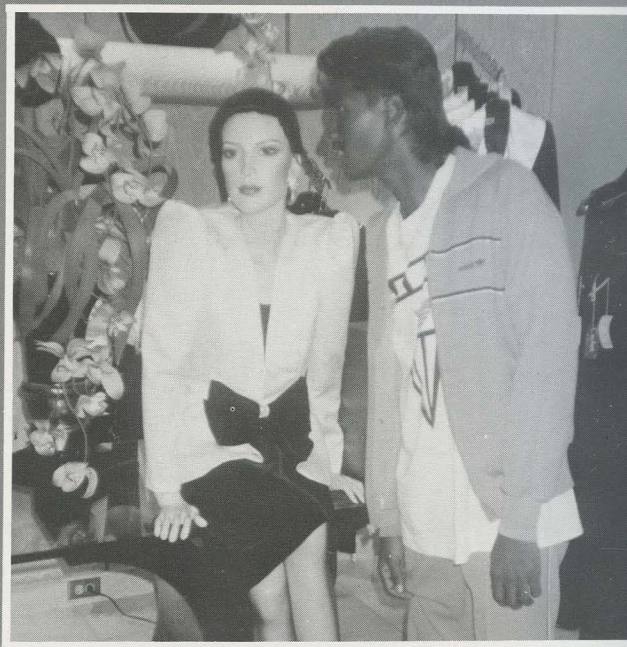
Gracias Mama y Papa; Love I will always cherish the moments with you; The best of wishes to all my friends. Take care, everybody. Life is just beginning

Joanne E. Garment (Joanna)

It's finally over!! I want to wish good luck & thanks to Paola, Ore Meron, Bernice, & Linda! To Jevon, thanks for always being there! quiero mucho! SWMA!

Date a FROSH?!

Many of the freshman that attended Blair this year had many questions. When asked if he would date a freshman, senior Suniel Premandas exclaimed, "If she looked like her I would in a heart beat!"



Do you remember your first crush, it was way back when, during your freshman year in high school. Was he the captain of the football team, or was she a cheerleader? The most asked question that was never answered was, "Would you date a freshman ?"

While it was rare, some seniors entertained the idea under specific circumstances. Senior Lana Dover confessed, "If he didn't look, act, or resemble a freshman, I might." Unfortunately for the female portion of the freshman population, the guys weren't as kind as the girls. Senior Arle Madrigal said, "If she had chill for me, I guess I'd at least date her!" Senior Amin Litman said, "If she looked good, I might date her. " Senior Elbert Tonkins, better known as J.T. exclaimed, "If she had a bodacious ...I would. However, if she was 18 and a freshman I wouldn't, but if she were 15 and a freshman I would concider it."

The kindest remark came from the least likely person. Senior Al Hairston gently stated, "If she had a good personality and was appealing to me, I'd date her."

Like the brave souls who would consider the idea, there were those who would not. For example senior Lilly Steinbock said, "Probably not, no, definitely not! They resemble Daffy Duck too closely." More to the point senior April Turner said, "Date a freshman, GET REAL!. " Senior Tara Gilyard said, "If I dated a freshman all my friends would laugh at me not to mention tease me for the rest of my life "
--PC

Remembering the Days of Old

In 1980, seniors were in third grade, and most were just celebrating their eighth birthdays. There is no doubt that the class of 1990 has come a long way since that time. Ten years later, in 1990, they are about to begin the rest of their lives. Much has happened in individual lives as well as in the headlines. The following are some headline makers from the decade 1980-1989.

Entertainment: Oprah. Real People. Moonlighting. The Cosby Show. Square Pegs. Cheers. The Wonder Years. FOX. Miami Vice. Batman. Spuds McKenzie. Pee Wee Herman. Tom Cruise. Robin Williams. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Michael J. Fox. Valley Girls. Skateboarding. Trivial Pursuit. Cabbage Patch Kids. Rubix Cube. Nintendo. WWF. Home Videos. 1-900 Numbers. Michael Jackson. Prince. Madonna. Tracey Chapman. Rap. Beastie Boys. MTV. Cable TV. Spike Lee. Tastes Great/Less Filling. Red M&M's. Where's The Beef. Live Aid. USA for Africa. Vanna White. Charles & Di. New Coke. CD. DAT. Max Headroom. VCR. Microwave. FAX. Walkman. Car Phone. Satanic Verses. Back to the Future. Heathers. Top Gun. Platoon. E.T. The Breakfast Club. The Empire Strikes Back. Esprit. Forenza. Guess. Benetton. Banana Republic.

Politics: Ronald Reagan. Iran Hostages. Air Traffic Controllers Strike. Grenada. Quadaffi. Persian Gulf. Star Wars. Ollie North. Ivan Boesky. Leona Helmsly. Donald Trump. Jim and Tammy Bakker. Stock Market Crash. Neo Nazis. Affirmative Action. South Africa. Winnie Mandela. Bishop Tutu. Sun City. Ed Meese. Jesse Jackson. Crack. Just Say No. Drug Free Zones. Len Bias. Condoms. AIDS. PMRC. Douglas Ginsburg. Vietnam War Memorial. Ferdinand Marcos. Intifada. Beirut. Ireland. El Salvador. Panama. Trinidad and Tobago. Chinese Students. Eastern Bloc. Berlin Wall. Fawn Hall. Sally Ride. Challenger Explosion. George Bush. Dan Quayle. Acid Rain. Exxon Valdez. Chernobyl. Brazilian Rainforests. Ozone Depletion. Flag Burning. Operation Rescue. Pro-Choice. Animal Rights.

Deaths: John Lennon. Alfred Hitchcock. Peter Sellers. Mae West. Bob Marley. Natalie Wood. John Belushi. Gilda Radner. Henry Fonda. Ingrid Bergman. Princess Grace Kelly. Marvin Gaye. Truman Capote. Indira Gandhi. Orson Wells. Georgia O'Keefe. Cary Grant. Liberace. Andy Warhol. Willi Smith. Fred Astaire. Danny Thomas. Rock Hudson. Jackie Gleason. John Houseman. Salvador Dali. Lucille Ball. Mel Blanc. Lawrence Olivier. Bette Davis. John Huston. Peter Tosh. Irving Berlin. Ayatollah Khomeni. Abbie Hoffman. --SK&SR

Andre L. Gaston

Clayten L. Gillis

Tara M. Gilyard

Class of 90 Rules Ya! Hey Tania What's UP Cathy By Omi I Did Not 4Get U Karen Or Looney Lana Love UAll! Thanks Mom&Dad. April We Did It! Poms 10-12; Track 9,10; BADD 12; Peer Counselor 12.

Teri Renee Gilyard

To girls Varsity Basketball, what a way to earn your respect. To Lil Butt and David, I will miss you. Mouket, don't worry you have one year left.

Moira Heather Goins

Thanx 4 everything Mom, Dad, Jul & Aar. I Love U Dame SK8 4ever! Whats up swat? It's been real! Whats the damage brenda?! Is it Melis or Melia? Well were outta here! Good!!

Erica L. Golladay

Varsity Soccer 10-12 Rebecca,UR the Bestest Friend I could ever ask 4. Thanks 4 being there I Luv U, Mom&Dad - thanks 4 everything- I Luv U c/o 90 we made it!!!

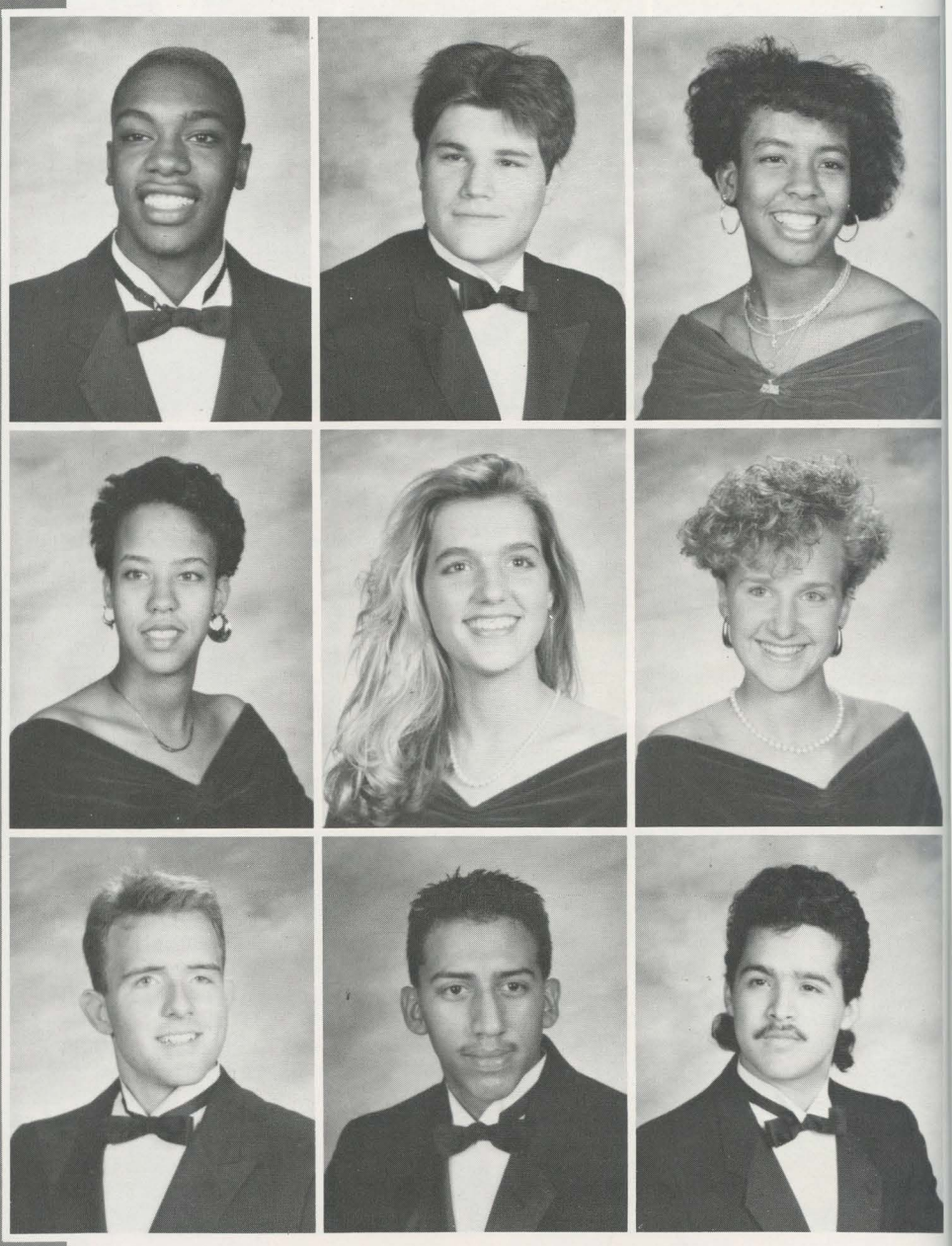
Frederick Golladay

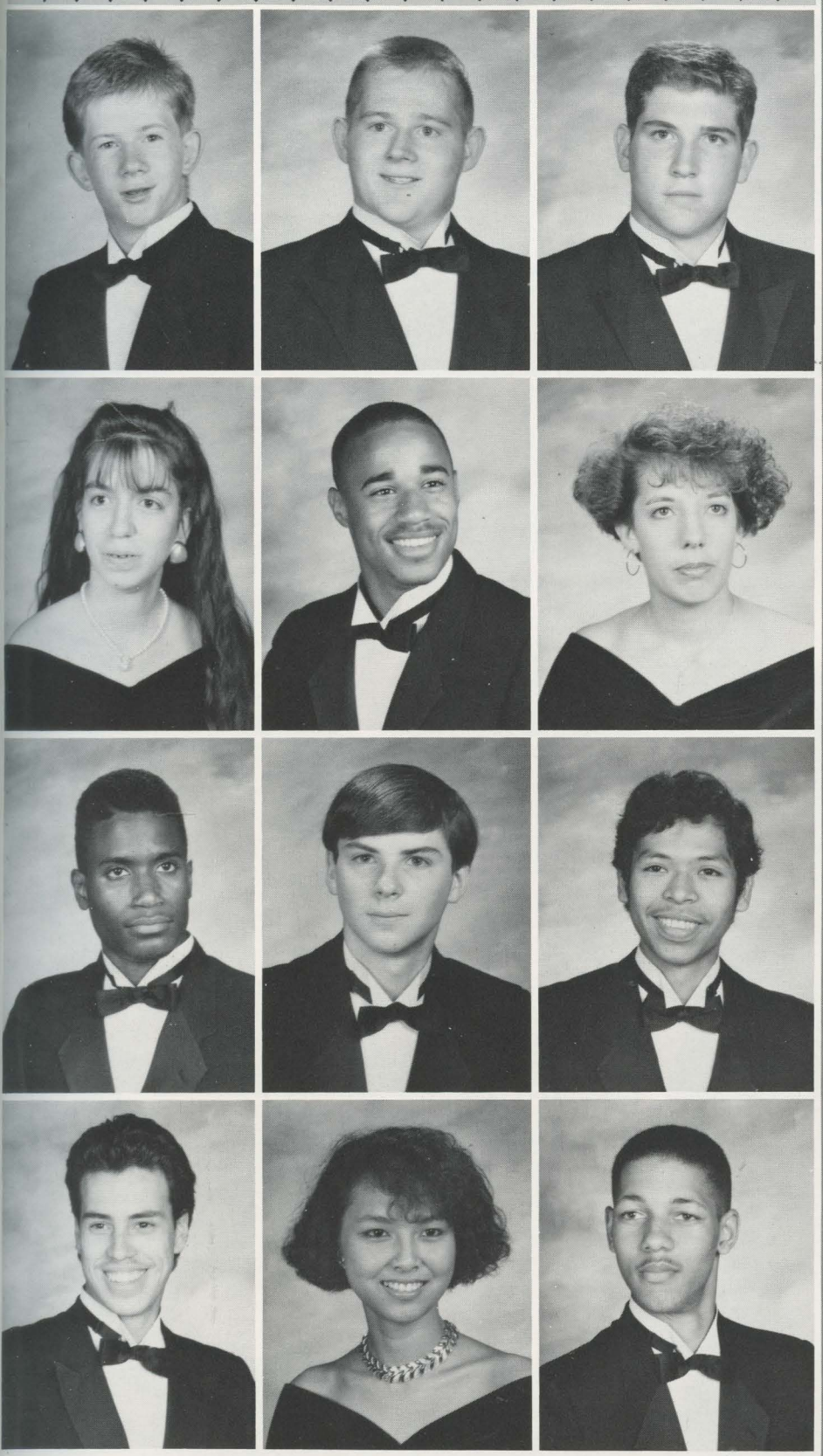
Four years of football. Oh yeah luv you guys.Good luck to all the seniors in the future. Hey Eymeris good luck wherever you go and with your football career.

Wagner A. Gonzalez

To all my good friends, U know who you are it's been a cold chillin year! Jana thanx for being here for me I'll always luv U mom. Peace!!

Piero Gonzalez





Daniel F. Gorman

Varsity Football 12, JV Football 11, Wrestling 10-11, Bush wacke defense #21 #50 #48 #9 #51 A Lunch crew stop jonin if I Graduated & Came Back Next Yr Who Would Know?

John E. Gorman

AAAA...Bud thanks for the memories.

Wynter S. Grant

Football: JV 9-10, Varsity 11-12 (Capt) Homecoming Court: 9-11. To the team-1244717742525484 We're the men! To my Drinking pals Jas,Josh,Pete: Flavia U R the best.

Ruth M. Graupera

Craig J. Gray (C.J.)

Freshman Basketball. JV and Varsity Football. Marching Band 9-11. Positive Images. To all of my Real buddies - I hope you all succeed.

Jessica Leslie Greaves (Jess)

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. - Jim Elliot. I'll miss you all. Thanx God: I've made it because of you.

Kevin Floyd Grey

Cross Country 11-12. Track 11-12. Indoor track 11-12. I thank my mom for putting up with me all these years. I thank all the teachers whose classes I passed.

Raitis N. Grinbergs

Juan C. Guadamuz

Jose L. Gutierrez

Thandawint Gye (TG)

Save a prayer for the morning after or until we meet again ILU2 DB.

Aldous Yates Hairston (Al)

Thanx 2 R chill crew: SW, PM, TG, CHS, SM, GH, ST, DC, MD, BW, CM, DD, RG. Special thanx to Mom, Dad & Sweet Pea.

Senior spirit was evident from the beginning of the year. Stuffing newspaper into the fence around the field is a time-honored tradition here, and at other schools.

Rebecca M. Hammer

I never saw a purple cow. I never hope to see one, but I tell you this right now, I'd rather see than be one.

Elizabeth Hanlon (Beth)

I want to thank the person who made this day possible, my mom. I love you. Remember a day well lived makes it a dream of happiness and a vision of hope.

Traci-Jean Hardy

Pom Pons 11, Rock 'n Soul 11, Varsity Soccer 12. Special Thanks to the people who have made my years at Blair great. FD/TR/JT/JC/MG/BS/BL-L

Maureen E. Harmon

Douglas Hatley

Marching Band 9, Sym. Band 9,10,11,12, Track 10,11. Ged & Neal "Bust a Move" Ged you Stud--Neal you big doctor dunker-Hey Yo Pat!

Diane-Marie Hawkins

NL/LZ/KI the adventures live on. There's so much to say and I will always love you all.

Trevor Hazel

Jason P. Hecker

Measured & summed thru space & time/ inertia inferred thru change in velocity (with Dyas Piper & George) The magnet was an exercise in hellish futility!

Cecil Arend Henry

Thanks to the rifle, track and wrestling teams. I have shared a new experience with a bunch of good friends. Thanks again and good luck in the future.

Elmer A. Herrera

Tara A. Heyliger

It was 4 long years. Finally I'm out of here!!! Thanks everyone 4 being there.

George B. Hilderbrant

All the best to "The Chill Crew." [AH/ST/CM/SW/CHS/BW/DD/TG/MD/DC/SM] Rex rules! Thanks Bud for the memories, never forget the "R" double. Don't 4 get willy. Damuscus was deeper.

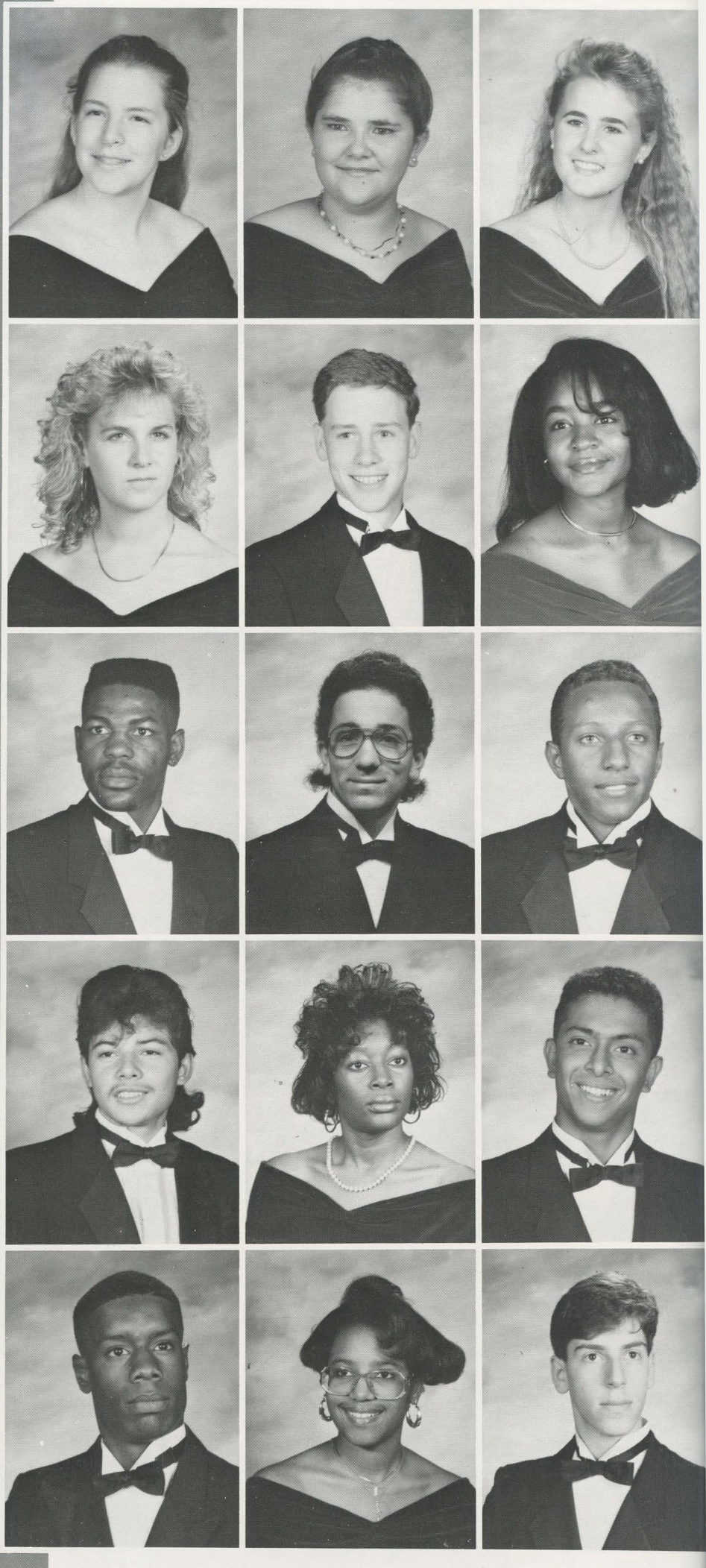
Travis Holland

JV Football, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball. To all of the fellas--Good Luck and much success and to Leah, Remember I love you! Don't 4 get 1994!!!!

Shauntise N. Holmes

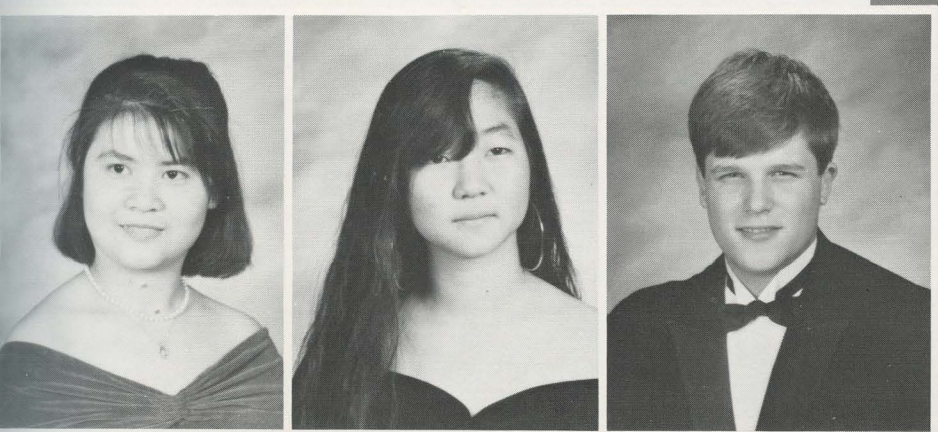
Steven V. Holt

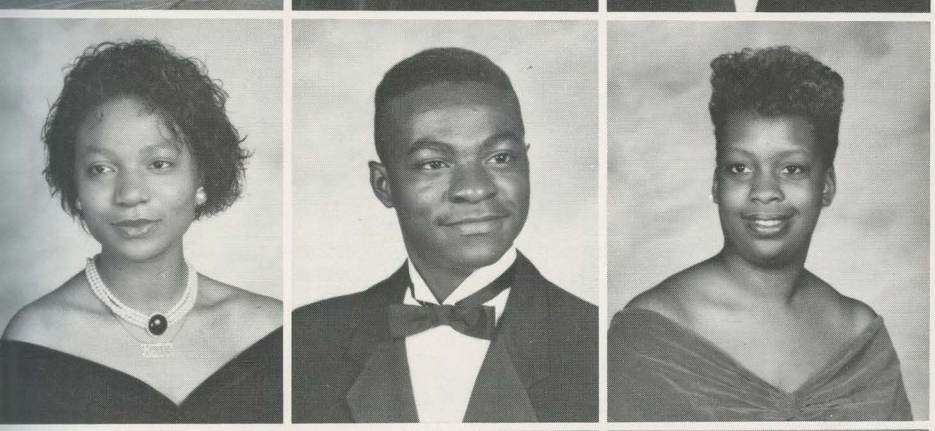
Peace

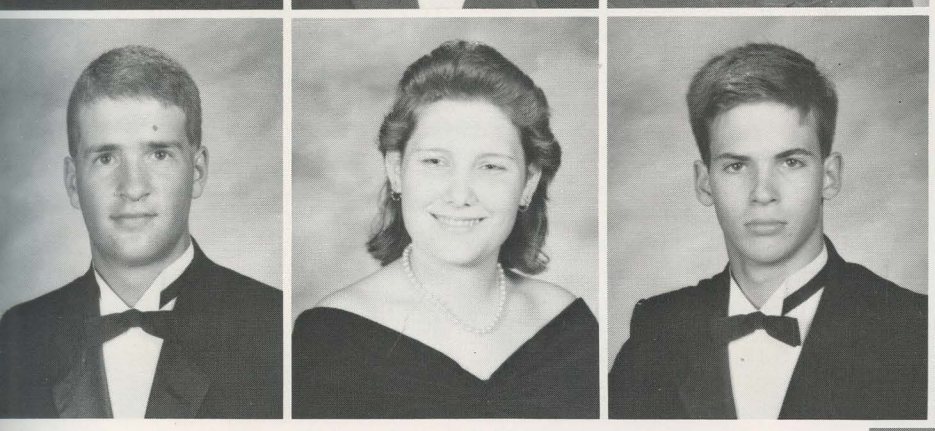


What's Hot

IN	OUT
house/club music	go-go
mixed drinks	beer
used jeans	skidz
chinese food	fast food
holiday spa	World's Gym
Yearbook 90	Yearbook 89
basketball	football
fake hair	real hair
Champion	Russel
entrepreneurs	drug dealing
higher education	5-year plan
Peppe	Jose
driving	bus stop
custom-tailored suits	jogging suits
condoms	casual sex
Billiard Hall	Four Corners
Arsenio Hall	Johnny Carson
chillin'	un-chillin'
Class of 90	Class of 89







Always ready to leave school, Matt Daugherty asks Chris Meagher if he's ready to *chill.* This was a common decision among seniors.

Phan T. Huynh

Cecilia H. Hyoun

Look up at the sky. Ask yourselves: Is it yes or no? Has the sheep eaten the flower? And you will see how everything changes...from *The Little Prince*

Ivan Frederick Ingraham (Omar)

JV Football, ATT, Spring Play, Rifle Team, Varsity Lacrosse. To my Mom and Dad, I Love You! Thanks for your support! To my friends, see ya when I see ya! Thanx.

Amaka Fidelia Iwugo

Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 12; Positive Images 10, 11, 12. It has been a good and hard working year for all of us. I hope we continue our success.

Izuofunneka Victor Iwugo

Letterman: Too many activities. "A man for all seasons Has his own reasons He may not have a clear cause But who really does As time has come & will go So will Iwugo."

Natasha A. Jackson

Douglas Michael Jarrard

Australia bound. Escape to the great unknown, explore new frontiers and discover unclaimed riches. Look me up. . .if you get there.

Holly Michelle Jarrell

Treici, Tracy Never forget the Edison Blowout--Tami & Sam it's been real knowing you. Thank you Lenore & Lisa for keeping me in line. Mom & Dad I love you.

William Kendric Jenne IV (Bucky)

Thanks: Family, Friends, God, Uncle Bud, Aunt Rosie.

Claudia Lorena Jimenez

First of all I want to thank God, my mom for her support and my friends... JS, PC, EA, TG, LW, JG, EG, LD, and C/O "1990". Good Luck - Asta La Vista "1990"!

Roberto Jimenez

Kimberly Nicole Jones (Kim)

No single memory could sum up the years or the joy of moving on. Marching Band, 10, 11 Marc scholars 11, 12 Positive Images 11, 12 Safety Committee 12

Simone Elizabeth Katz

"How do people in crowds, when they're chasing the monster in the movies, all get the same torches? Do they all shop at the same torch store?" --Seth Allen

Sarah Kazim (Muffin)

We're outa here L.D

Mehmood Kazmi

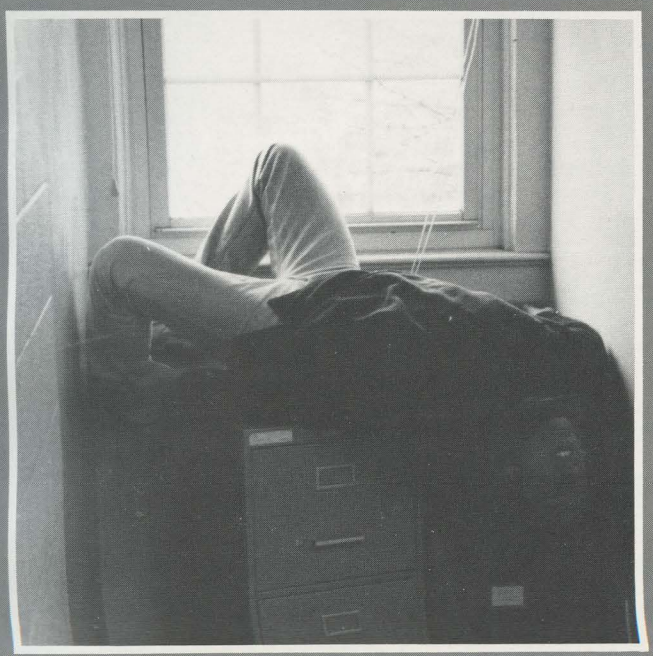
I look handsome, I look smart, I'm a walking work of art...Islam is the only way to happiness.

Sastravith Khieu

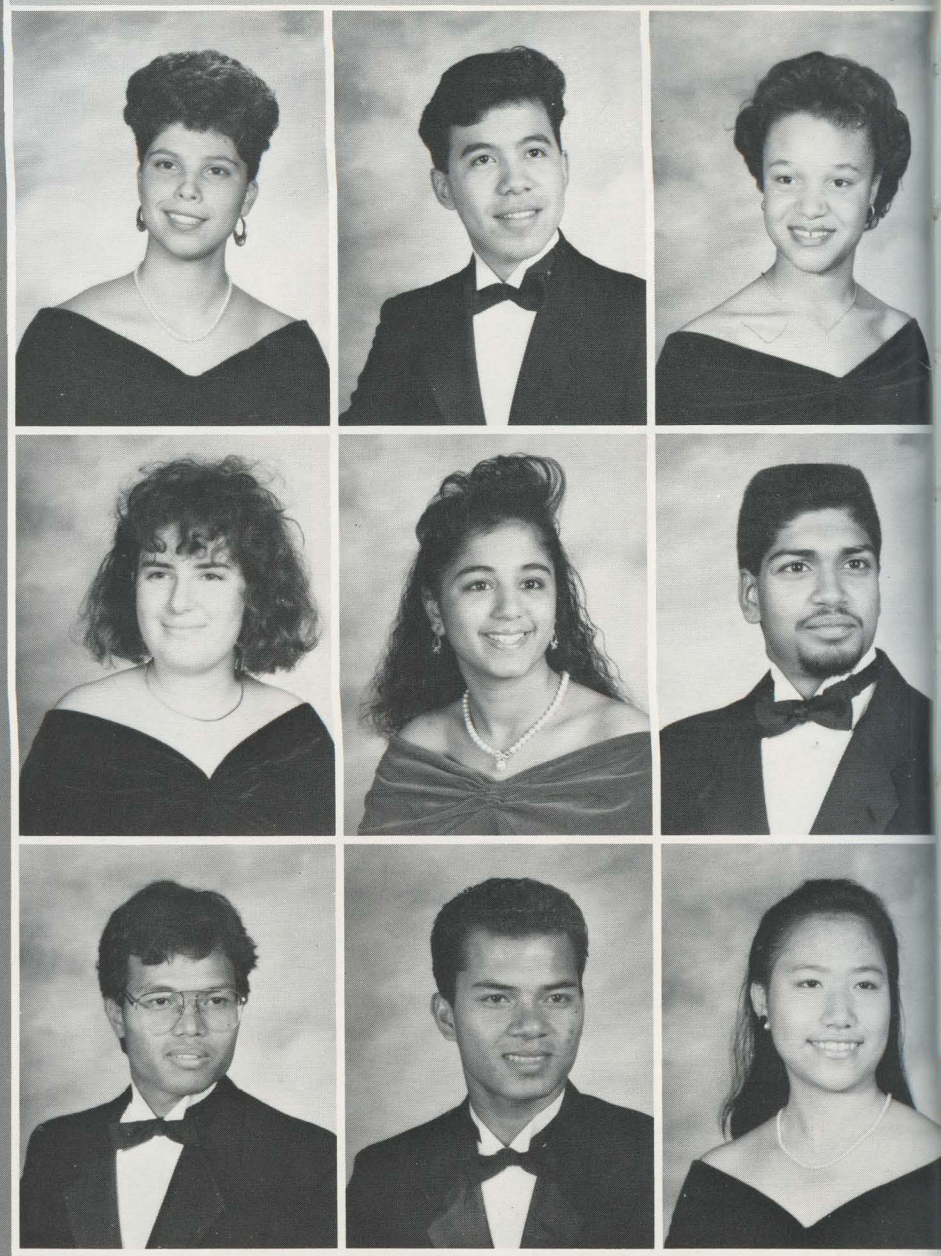
Vithiarith Khieu

Jin S. Kim

To class of "90"! Let's enjoy our freedom! To all my friends! U guys are great! To all Blazers! CUL8R! FOREVER BLAIR!



Comfortable? Is this what is called eminent domain? On top of two file cabinets, senior Seth Krusa decides that this is the perfect place to relax.



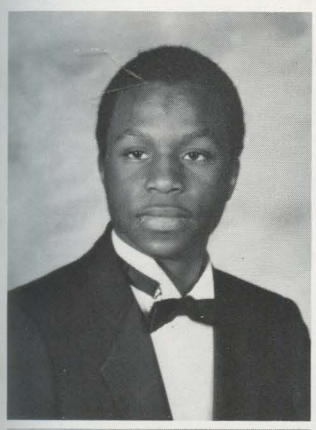
Are You a Senior???

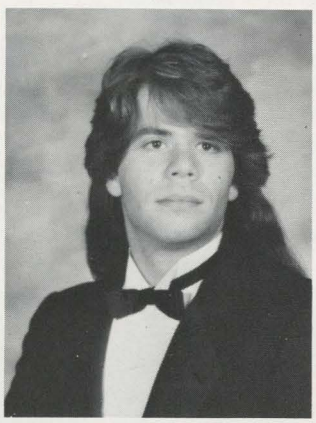
Finally, your last first day of high school. As you arrived to school you knew that nothing mattered because you were a senior. When you entered, everything seemed different. The freshmen had gotten smaller as well as the buildings and you knew Jackie and Jeff on a first name basis. Your senior year had finally arrived.

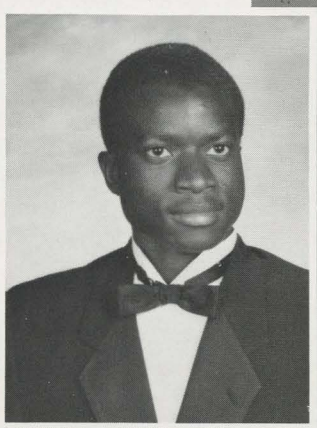
You knew you were a senior when...

-Your schedule consisted of teacher's aide, underwater basket-weaving and back-to-back study halls.
-You always stayed up late to watch Arsenio Hall.
-You got to stay out all hours on the weekend.
-You chilled at every single opportunity.
-You spent spring break getting burnt in Daytona.
-You made it a point to be sick at least once a week.
-You were allowed to write your own notes.
-You took two weeks to visit a college 50 minutes away.
-You were out of school more than you were in it.
-The kids you used to babysit showed up at your parties.
-Your mail was full of college junk.
-You were getting outta here! --PM & SM

Spirited seniors Stacy Swartwood, Dao Phan, Robin Burke, and Carlota Bernal paint red "90's" on their faces to show their support for our football Blazers.







Bola C. King

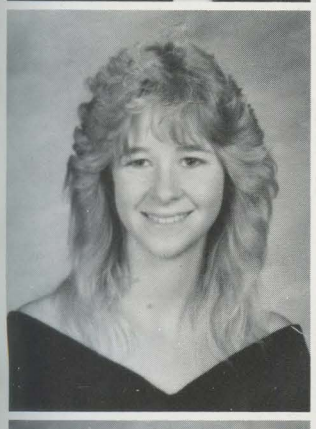
"Keep smilin', life's bein' good to ya!"

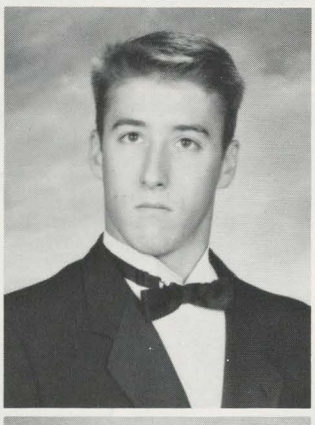
Joshua P. Kirk

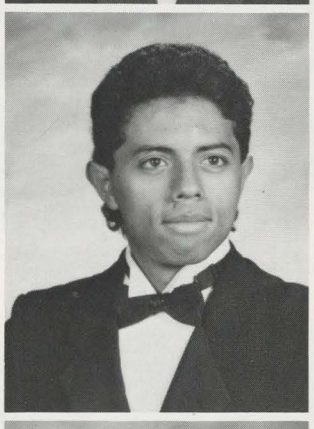
Rock N Soul 2,3

Amend D. Kpadeh

Use drugs and you lose everything. Use books and pens instead and gain everything, so stay in school. Don't be a drug user and a drop out.







Liana C. Kropff

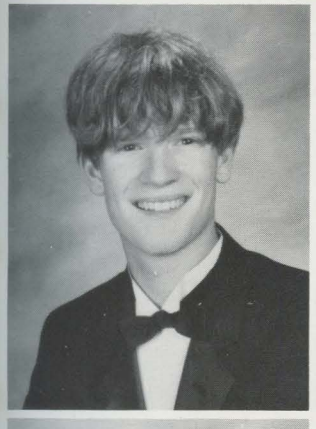
Mom and Dad thanks, Robbie I love you THTF to my Teachers- I owe it to you. To the rest who cares? Kix

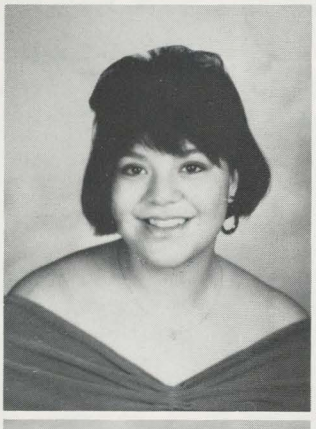
Seth Ireland Krusa

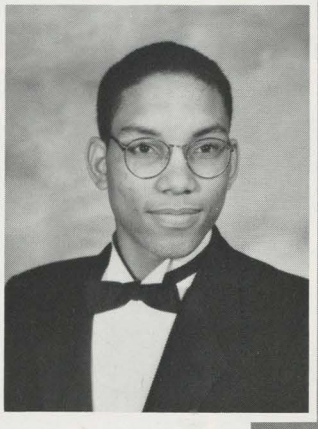
Stage crew 10,11,12; crew head 11,12; Lacrosse 11,12;Thanks+ Best wishes CCBJSKLBTeam90BSRBJSSWJWBL!!"wherever you go there you are." Buckaroo Bonzai

Douglas Lacayo

In life it is never to late to start, to become the best you can be and give the best you got. I love you Luz Ramos this is with all my heart.







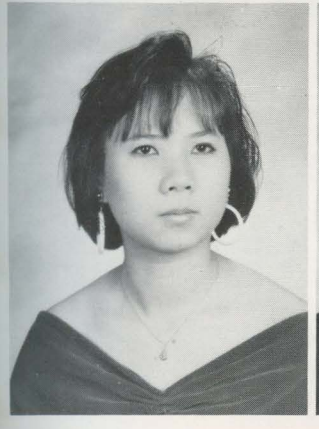
Otis Blair Lackey

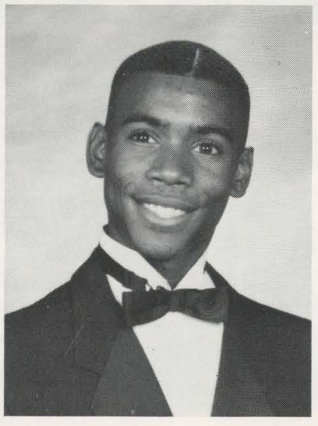
Tuna and mackeral and rainbow trout and oscar fish hug? Maneesh the big S. A sense of humus. Please baby, baby like a swine everyday till you are mine.

Shirley Jae LaCourse

Marching band1,2,3; French club3,4; Safety committee4;class of 90 is the best!Allie,Cathy,Jen,Danielle, Kurtisyoubigpunks!ButIstilllove you+you'llalwaysBinmyhart

Obi Vchenna Laing





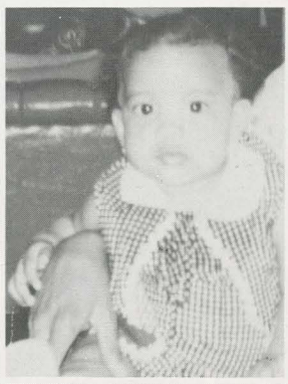
Hoa N Lam

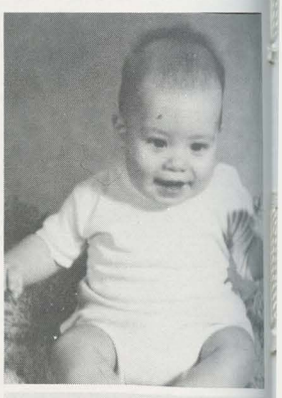
Lyndon C. Lawrence

(sexy) Band 1; Positive Images 4; "Girls, you can't live with them, but is sure is fun trying!"

You Must've been

Travis Holland
Leah Darring
Nikki Martin
Leslie Narayanan
Jose Gutierrez





Lilly Steinbock
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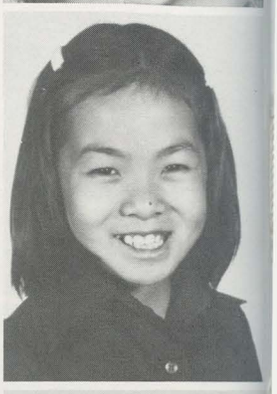
Shirley LaCourse
Allison Phares
Dao Phan



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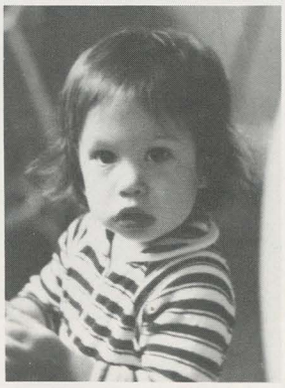
Judy Levinson



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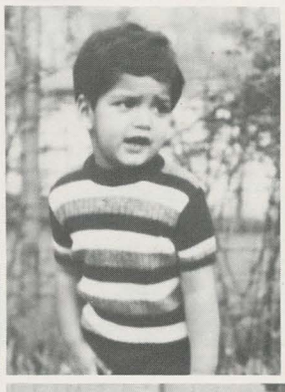

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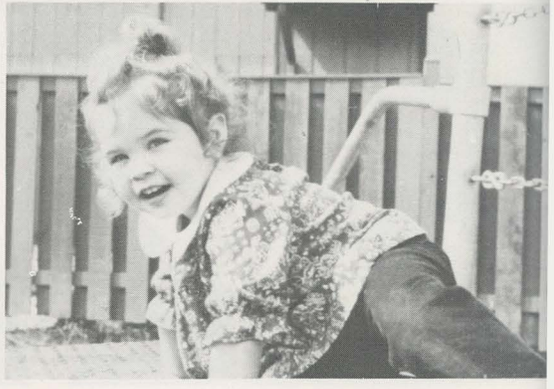
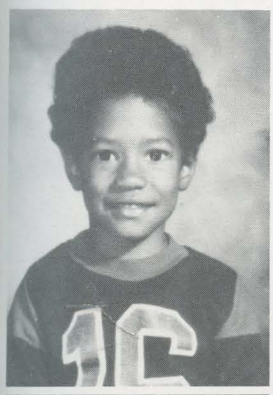
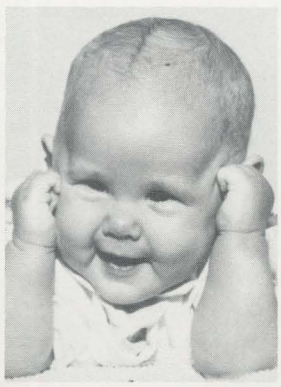
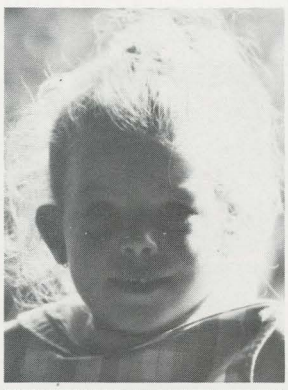
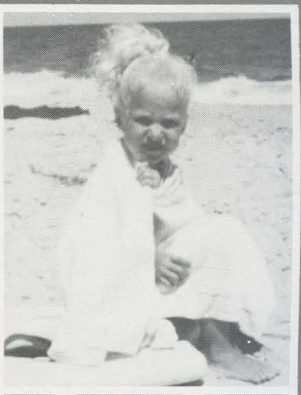
Melissa Faley



A beautiful babe



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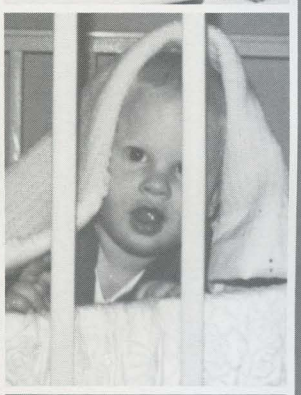
Erica Golladay



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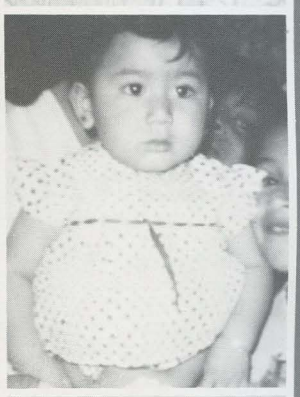

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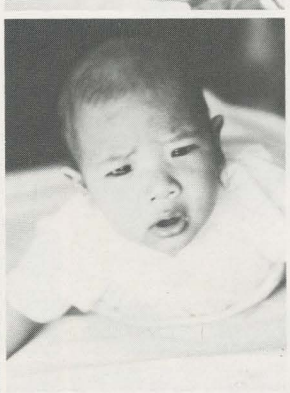
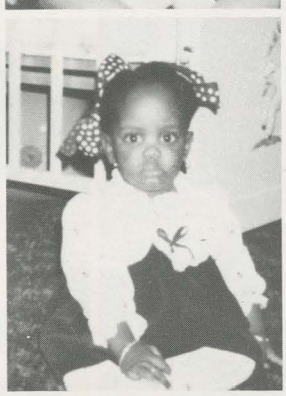



June Yun
Peter McCall
Meddy Soepar
Lana Dover
Kimberly Jones

David Byron
Liz Nash
Michael Smith

Sarabeth Leukefeld

Yolanda A. Leung (Yoli)
Your height doesn't matter, it is how hard you punch that gets you noticed. What were you saying about my height again?

Judith Rebecca Levinson (Judy)
Thanks muchly to ATT, B-Lunch crew, ECB and all of my friends here and abroad (DYB)! "In the darkness everyone is equal." -Janet Love you all! Jude

Amin Giguere Littman
Good Luck to all the seniors in whatever you do even if you're going to MC!

Katherine Y. Liu

Te Hong Long
There is more to life than increasing its speed.

Monique M. Lovell

Lenney Marcia Lowe (Lenn)
Friends may come and friends may go, but Renelle, our friendship is real, I know.

Lissette Claudia Lownik
Most of all, I'd like to thank my parents and teachers who have supported me along the way. A special thanks to Mr. Gainous who made my graduation happen. "1990".

Trinh T. Ly

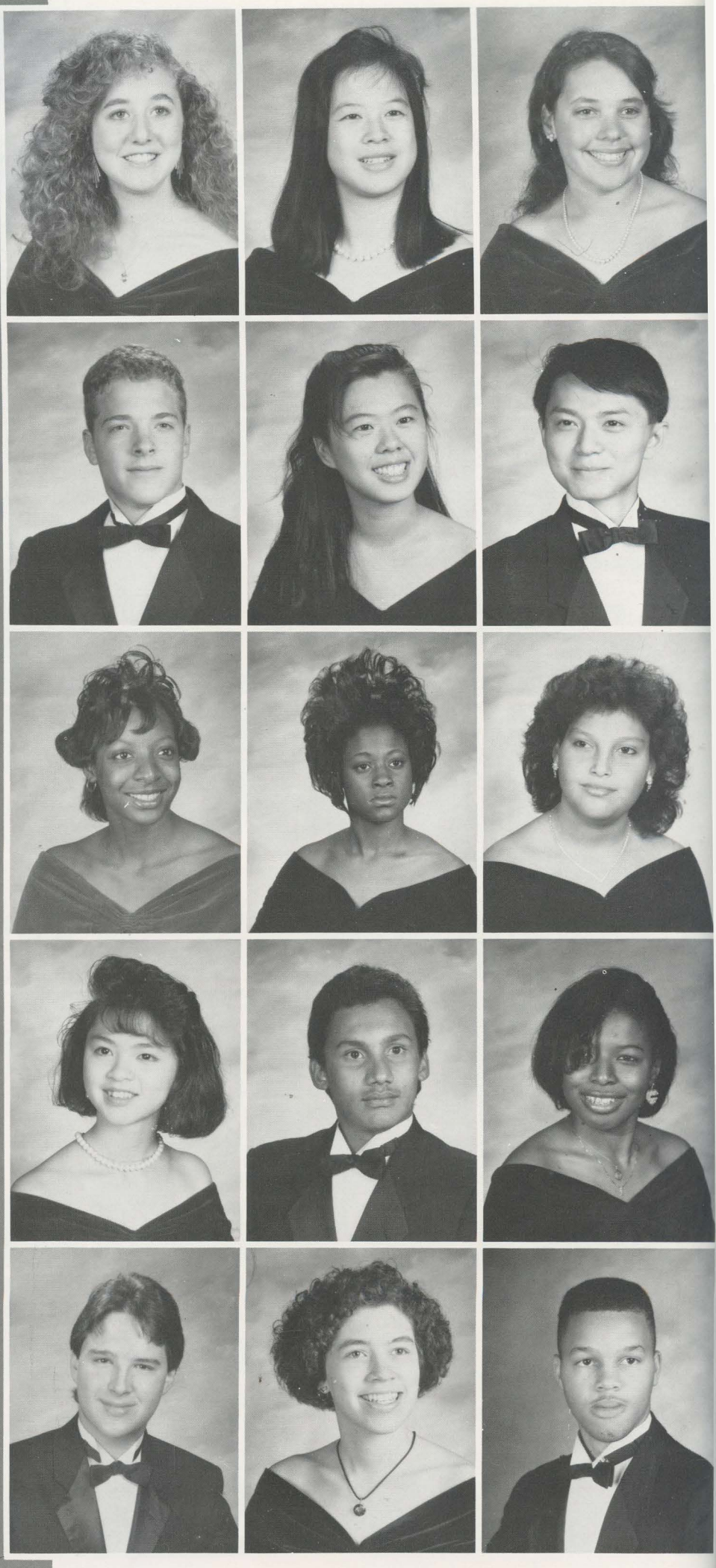
Arle A. Madrigal
Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Symphonic Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Pres.); Pit Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 12; Lacrosse 12. Thanks to all my teachers and friends. Special thanks Mom & Dad.

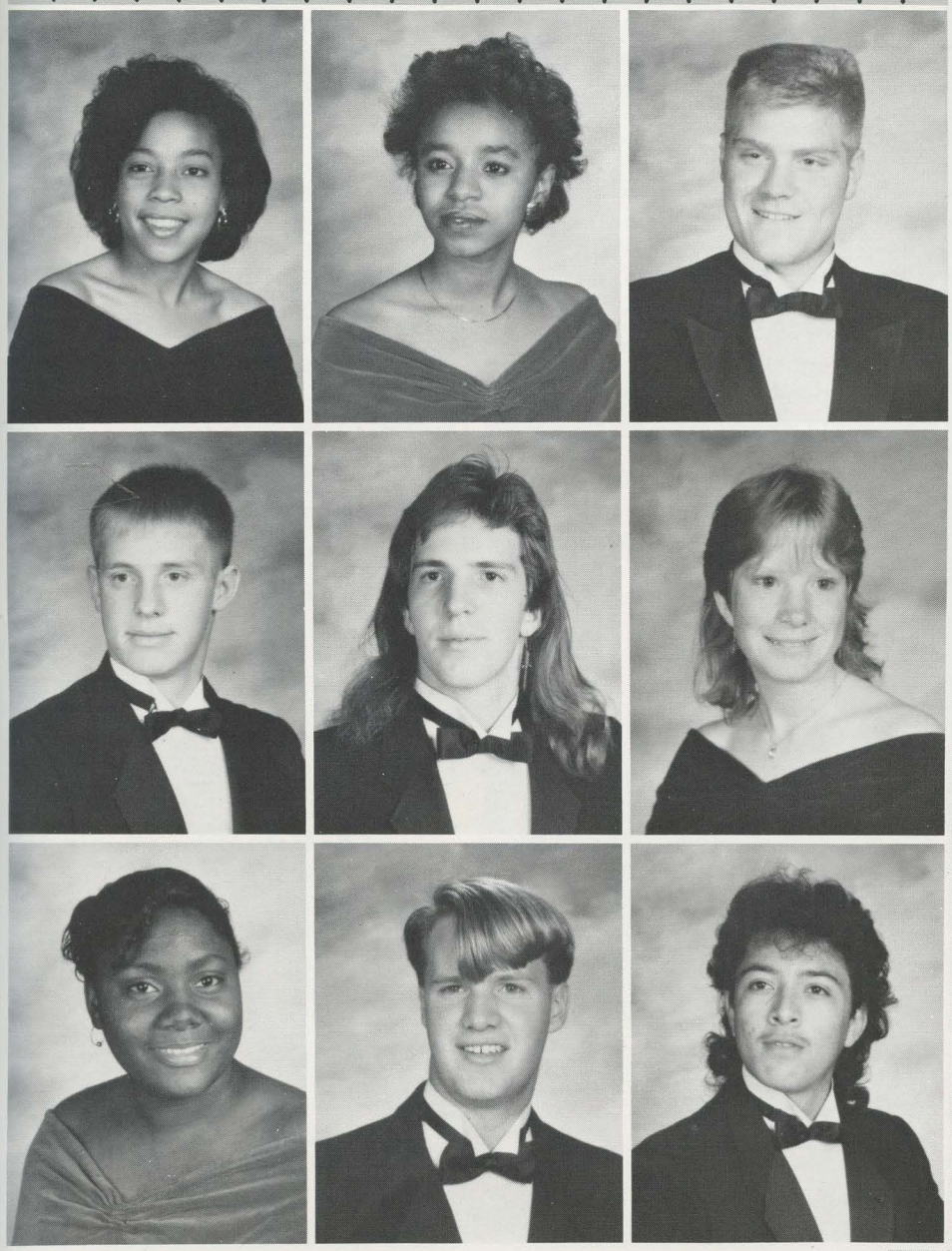
Charmaine Marie Maise
SADD, Latin Club, and Pep Club. To my sister Lataina Maise--I hope you will strive to be the best you can. Luv u.

Joseph E. Malcolm

Sarah H. Manchester
Pit Orchestra, Math Team, NHS, Arch. Club, Ski Club. Thanks to great friends-- RS, SU, YL, KL, TN, CC, PB, esp. SF and to teachers for 4 nifty years at Blair. Hi MP.

Leonard D. Martin





Nikki S. Martin

Cheerleading 10,11,12; Soccer 9,10,11,12. To all my friends -- be lieve in yourself + always strive for the best. Love ya, N.S.M.

Lina Maria Martinez

It has been fun being at Blair. I wish you all the best for all the years come. "Never give up on anything before you try it." Your friend Lin M.

Brooke Maury XVII

I leave as I came, all is the same; now I can start my life. -- Brook

Peter O. McCall (Pete)

BMX 9,10,11,12; Football 12; Ski Club. To the members of the MBD and the Chill Crew, thanks for all the fun. Look out Cali, here I come S+S is the best.

Daniel McCarthy (Tom)

I'm not a Satan worshipper... we're just good friends.

Sharon E. McNeal

To the future: Varsity Softball, Volleyball, and Jimmy's Kids -- Goo Luck!

Beverly McRae

Christopher M. Meagher (Chris)

Jazz Band 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Rock and So 9,10,11; Cheers to the chill crew! Cindy, I love you, you mean so muc to me.

Edward Mendez

Senior Advice

Your senior year is finally over. As a graduating senior you have had to learn through four difficult years how to survive high school. Some friendly seniors offered to give advice to the underclassmen who had to stay here a few more years and put up with all of the hassles of school.

"Stay in school, don't mess up, wait until your senior year to blow everything off." -- Travis Holland

"Chill whenever possible." -- George Hildebrant

"Stay away from Mr. Bridges." -- Richard Dalgetty

"Don't get into the habit of skipping." -- Liz Nash

--PM & SM

"Have as much fun as possible (get a fake I.D.)." -- Leslie Narayanan

"Only date girls from other schools." -- Pete McCall

"Eat at Roy's." -- Chris Meagher

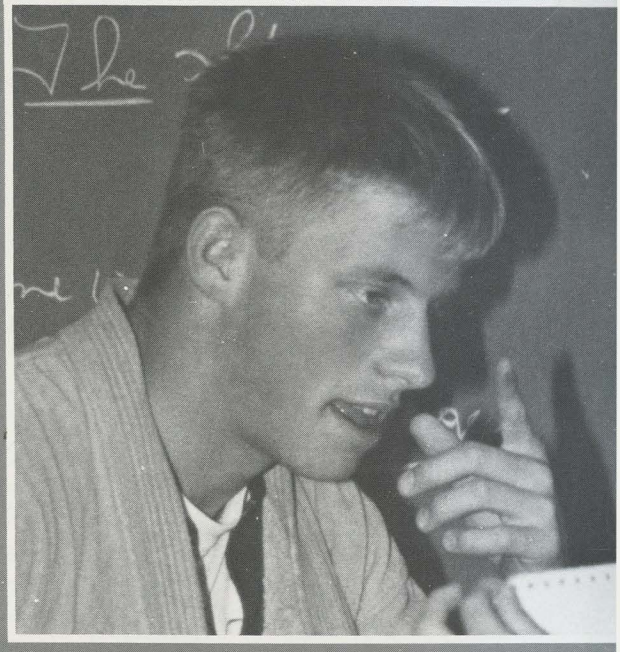
"Don't drink, avoid loose women, and become a Muslim." -- Mehmood Kazmi

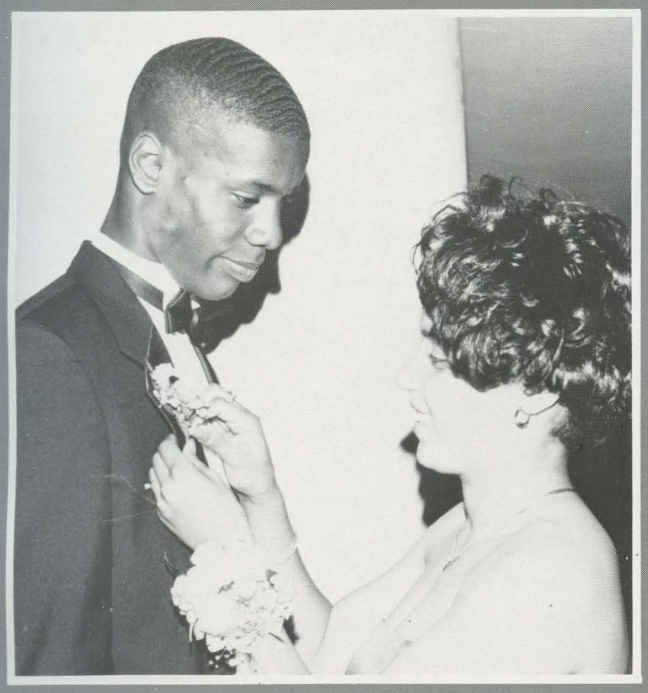
"Just say NO!" -- Matt Daugherty

"Take as much time off as possible, and party whenever you can." -- Al Hairston

"Wait until you've been accepted in college to start your senior slump." -- Amin Littman

"Never stress out, always take things as they come," says seni Peter McCall. Seniors were always willing to give some friendly advi to any troubled underclassmen.





Do you remember your first prom? Seniors Travis Holland and Leah Daring do.

"Do You Remember?"

It's hard to look back upon high school days gone by, when there were so many of them. As a senior, the memories seemed to pile on top of one another until one of them seems to slip away into a void never to remembered again. But there are those special experiences that occasionaly occur that remain intact in the fleeting transit of your mind. High School memories seem to be reserved in a special place in the mind allowing you to look back at yourself and laugh or cry. Seniors had many stories to tell; these are some of them...

"I remember hitting a telephone pole in my car with six of my friends watching as I made an illegal U-turn," said senior Stephen Scott. Driving accidents usually leave bad impressions, but the less serious ones like Stephen's can be taken light-heartedly and laughed at.

"I was a freshman on the first day of school when I was literally trampled going up the C-building stair well," said senior Hansen Seto. The first day of high school generally left a bad taste in your mouth. The first impression you get from Blair is "BIG". Losing your way through the hallways was a thing of the past when one finally became familiar to the school.

"I remember going to the prom with my first love," said senior Dao Phan. Going to homecoming or prom were some of the greatest moments seniors experienced.

A word of advice: Never let your high school memories fade. --BCS

Jessica Mendez

Christina M. Meneses
It's my life, and I'll laugh if I want to. When I am gone, someone please wave to the planes.

Sarah Ann Mess
Good-bye. Thanks Lisa & Melissa.

Brian A. Miller (BAM)
Juggling is a peculiar battle to keep silly little toys from yielding to gravity, in strange ways-BAM Also - "Drummers do it ... in rhythm"- Unknown

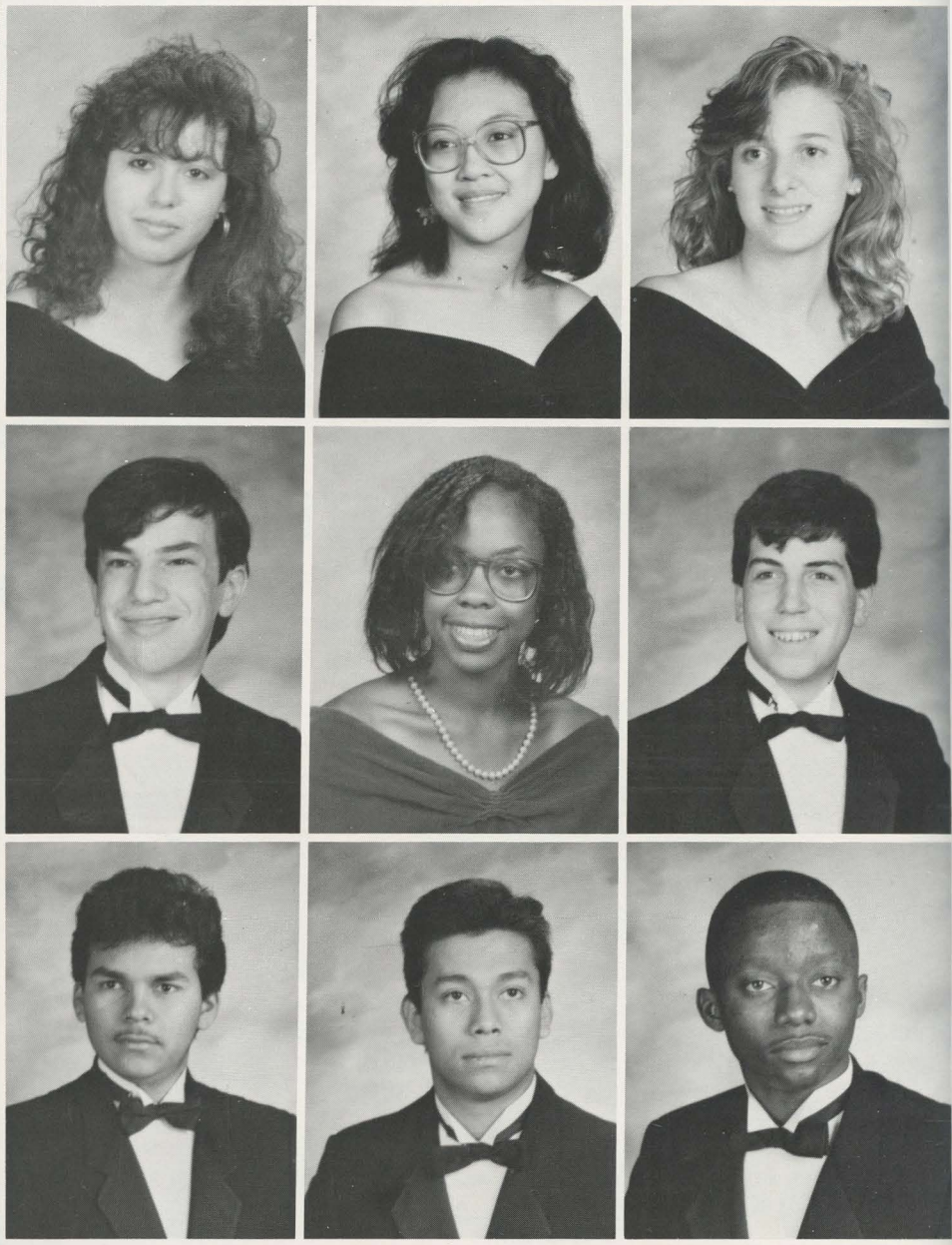
Angela Mitchell (Angie)
On to bigger and better things. At last the past has paid off on a one way road to success. Varsity Track 9-12, Cheerleading 9-11, Positive Images 11-12.

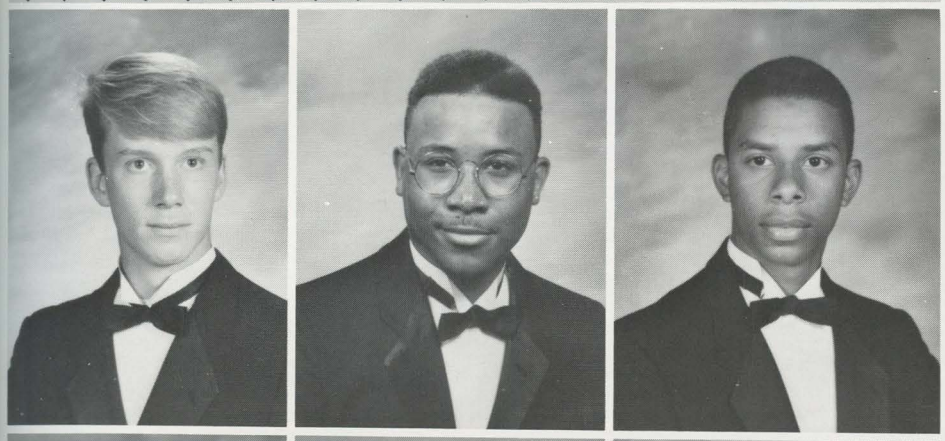
Ari Mizel

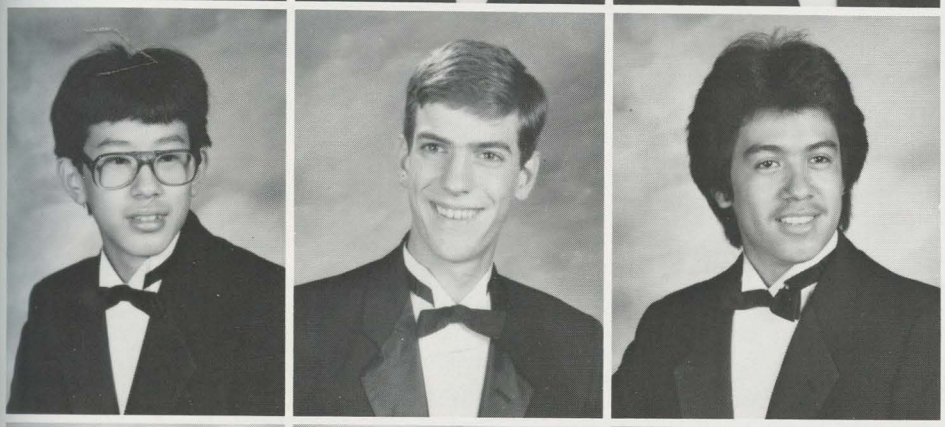
Jose N. Montoya

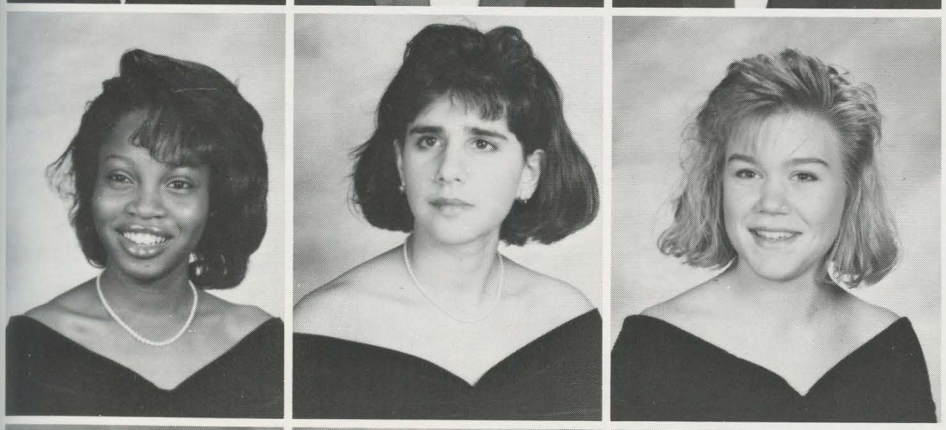
Jose Morales
To my best friend and brother Manuel Ramos from his brother Jose. I Love You.

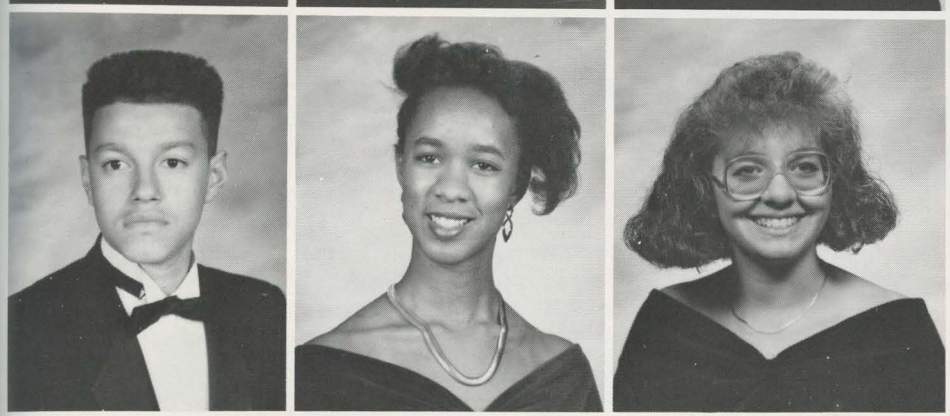
James Morrison
Blair's Best 88, Track - 89, Outward Bound Summer 89, Presenter "It's Academic" 90, "Glad to be goin'."











Kevin Shawn Moran

Football 9, Swimming 10,11,12 Its been really cool and fun, praise the lord I'm finally out of here. R+R = the best ever. Led Zep Forever.

Michael Moses

Mario B. Mosquera

I would like to thank all my teachers that helped me during the 4 years and my soccer teammates I wish them good luck for the next season.

Albert Moy

Charles W. Mullen

Marcos E. Munoz

Lajean Rojay Murray

Track,Positive Images 234; Treble&Chamber choir 234; Marching and Symphonic band, Student Gov't; Rock-n-Soul musicals. To the class of 90 I say Good Luck!

Leslie Narayanan

WELMB-We are not slick! Esprit Coterie Jams! LD&NM-KIT LN&SH-I luv U 2 than KS for everything!Youre the best! RD-LY Lab Yeah '90 We made it-Good Luck!!!

Elizabeth Nash

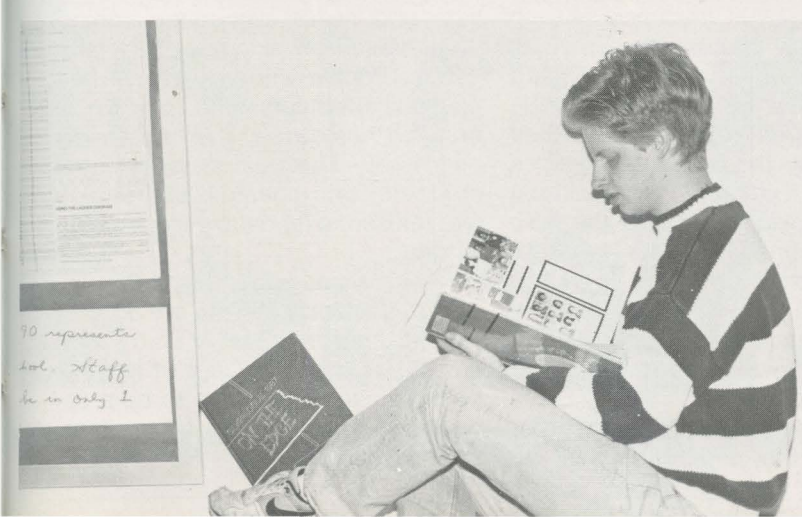
Carlos A. Nazati

Beverly Nesmith (Toni)

Architecture Club 11,12 Safety Committee 11,12 MARC Scholars 11,12 Positive Images 12 - To next years seniors-you'll wish you were a junior again.

China C. Newman

Softball 10th,11th VICA,Sec.,11th, Thanks to all the people who helped me through my years here at Blair. I am greatfull you were all here for me.



Looking at yearbooks from the past three years handy, senior Stephen Scott leafs through the books and reflects on the past.

Daniel C.T. Ng

You only live once, so make the best out of your life. Enjoy yourself Cuong Q, Troung B, Sy P, Peter L, and Benny.

Nhan T. Ngo

Rung Nguyen

Robert J, Nickels

Faith N. Noble

"I see a land bright and clear and the time's coming near, that we'll live in this land, you and me, hand in hand."
--Free To Be You and Me

Jae Jung Noh

I have greatly enjoyed the four years I was able to spend at Blair. I will look back on them with great fondness. The magnet program was especially good.

Jennifer Norman (Jenny)

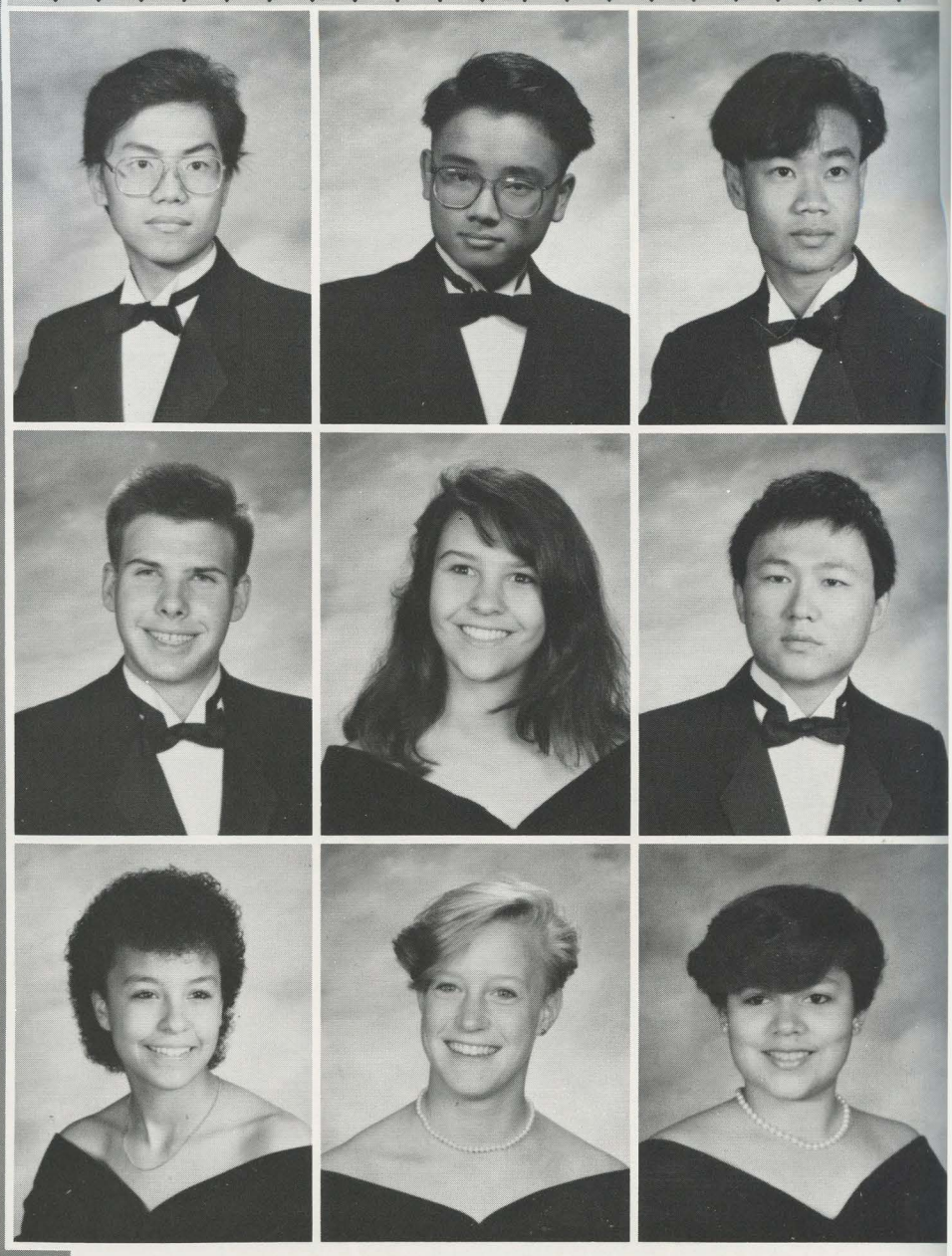
It's time! Joanna, thanx for being there when I needed someone. KS-the time wasn't there, but I know you were. Dawn-Dwayne, remember B-lunch. I luv you TT.

Angela Claye Novosel

Thanx guys for everything. Beth & Claudia best friends forever I hope you never lose your eyelashes. Mom and Dad Thanx for the support. I LOVE YOU GUYS!

Ivania A. Nunez (Eve)

Varsity Soccer, Pom Pons, SGA. I wish all the underclassmen good luck in school. To the lunch crew, see you at college. Love the B.B.H.



"Get up off the floor!" shouts senior Ivan Ingraham at senior Vladimir Cvikula, "you're a senior now, behave like one!" Most seniors believed they were superior to other students, a complex known as the "senior high".

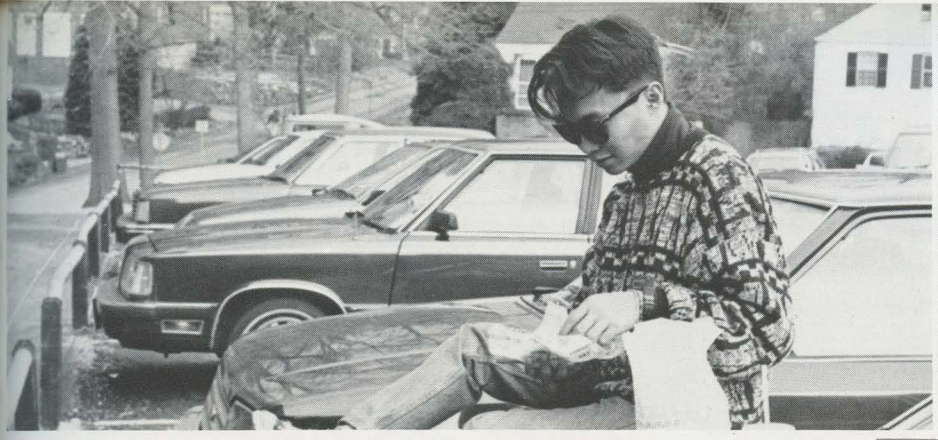
Senior High

You were a new senior walking through the halls and as you entered C-hall you saw them. They were short, loud, gigling, imature, and so young. Yes, it was the new freshmen, and even though there was a clear passage down the hall, you felt as though they were in your way. Then you saw a pair of freshmen walking down the hall, desperately searching for their classrooms, and you couldn't resist the urge to "help" them. You walked towards them, directly in their path and by the time they noticed you, it was too late. One ricocheted off your shoulder and into the wall. The other tripped over your leg, dropping his books all over the floor. You flung around, sneering at them. Horrified, they quickly apologized and as they hurried away you shouted, "welcome to senior high!"

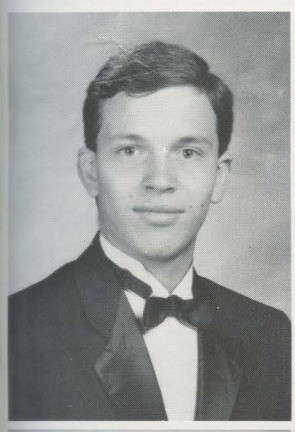
Many seniors participated in similar activities as they established their authority. The senior attitude of superiority had been passed on to a new twelfth grade class. "I feel like telling the underclassmen 'get out of my way and bow,'" laughed senior Danny Eisenberg.

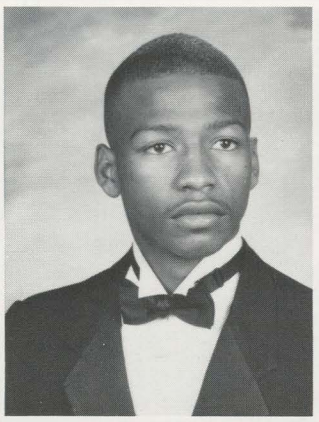
The effects of the "senior high" became immediately evident. Students who had never even been late to class, were now skipping them altogether. People who in the past had spent all afternoon in the library, now only did homework when absolutely neccessary. Last year's modest, generous students gloated over their cars and refused to let people tag along to lunch.

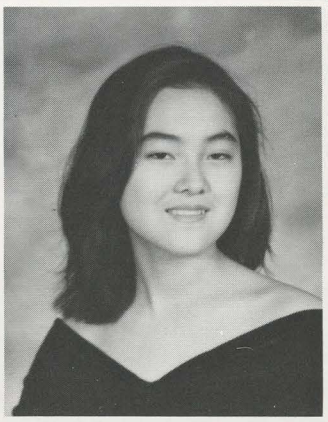
"Some times I see underclassmen doing things only seniors are allowed to do," explained senior Ivan Ingraham, "I tell them to wait their turn like I did. I waited four years to be a senior, and now I plan to take advantage of the benefits." --SS



Senior Brigido Sejismundo relaxes on the hood of his car as he eats his lunch from McDonalds. Most seniors owned a car or had a friend who owned one and would take them to lunch, an advantage which most underclassmen didn't have. Thus, they were rarely found in the cafeteria, eating the school lunch.







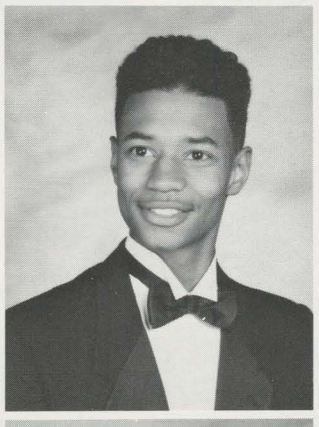
Werner Z. Ochoa

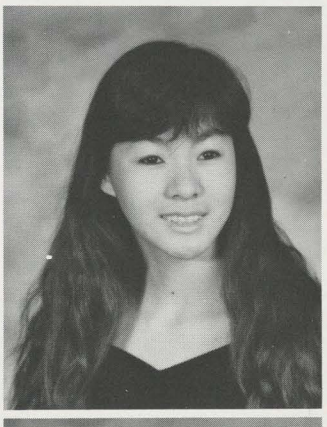
Thanks to God, my parents, teachers, and friends. The most beautifu thing that has happened to me is to love Madeline.

Michael G. Palmer

Outdoor Track, soccer. Good luck to all my friends in life. It was fur Nikki. P.S. outa here D.

Laureen A. Park





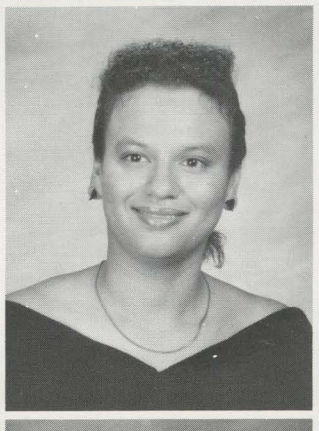
Visal Peang

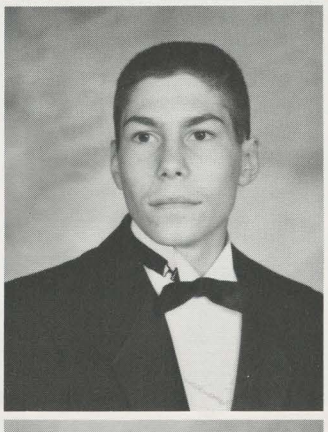
Lee Pennington II (Special)

One day will we look back on our Senior year and laugh, or cry? Think about it.

Dao X. Phan

How do I love thee, let me count the ways- Elizabeth Barret Browning. To Amy, Allie, Krista, June, Troung, & Mom & Dad, Je t'aime!



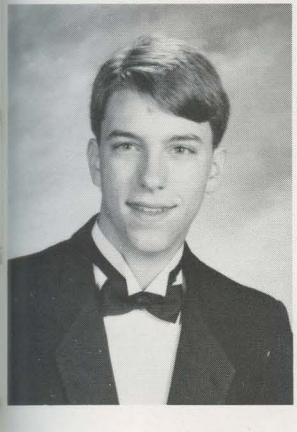


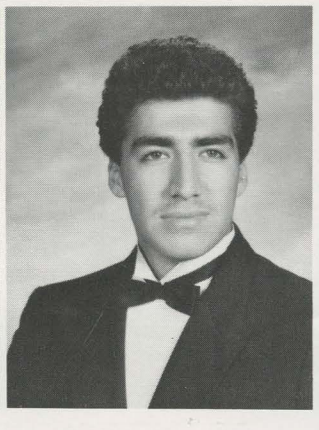
Allison A. Phares

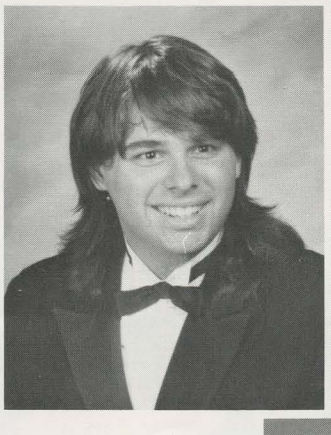
Class of '90 is the best memories, friends, and fun times I ever had. Shirley, Cathy, Jenny & Dao. You guys are the best. Congradulations to all!

Martha Y. Phillips

Jerry W. Piper Jr.







Robert Pless

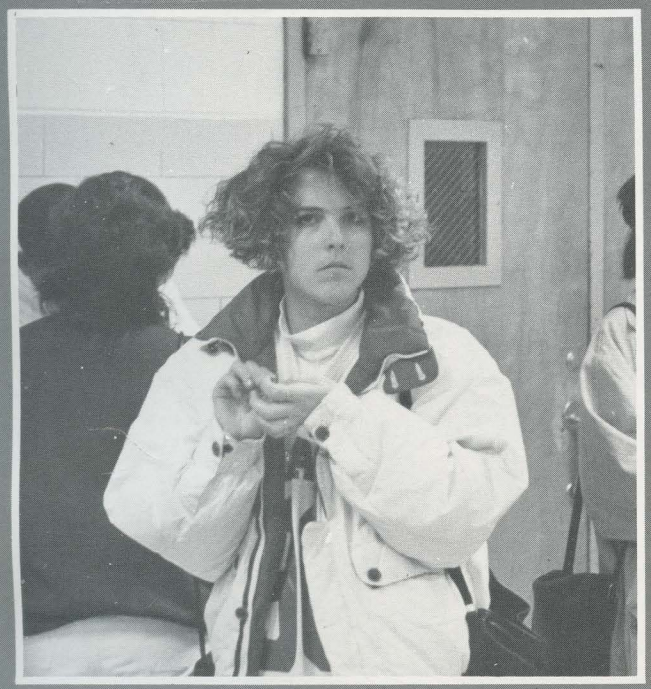
...to the flag, and to the Republicans for which it stands. Long live the GOP!

Manuel Antonio Poblete

To all my friends in school, you've made my years at Blair one of the best. I love you all, especially my girlfriend Martha. The Future awaits us to live it.

Burton Rehmatulla Post

So long Blair.



Tania Potter regretted having photographers bother her while trying to rush to class. Many seniors found getting to class a grave effort.

Tania M. Potter

To learn is growth, to succeed is progress to have a dream and hold it close to you and work towards it is life. God Bless you all!!

Sunil D. Premandas

Thanks Mom & Dad I luv u, 8 of the best years with my friend Manueal, class of 90 rules, Florida 90-89 renu homecoming "I love ya" see u at my graduation 6-4-90

Nichole S. President

I would like to thank my father for his great strong support and my couselor Mrs. Guilford for her support too. Good luck and bye for now T.C., L.A., T.P., G.S.

Cuong P. Quach

School is ... How do I know? Because I'm in the honor society & graduating with a CM. For that I give myself the highest honor a B.S. degree. Dr.BS

Regina Renee Raffety

Free at last! Diane (Rudy) remember all the good times! Lil it wunt have been the same w/out ya! Danielle Peace corps here we come! Anybodywantsomeslimjims.

Monica Patricia Retamozo

C/O90willsurvive4ever,JVsoftball10,11,Vsoftball12,i'd l k e t o t h a n k go dandespeciallymymomforstandingbyme!Yoly you'rethebestsis-,Loraya Ididit,Garylluvyou,Riawedidit!!

Thomas Revell

Craig L. Rice

Drake Roane

JV basketball 9, 10 Positive Images 11, 12 JV Football 9, 10

If Only I Hadn't...

When asked about any regrets seniors had during their high school career, some chose to leave these words:

"I regret failing more classes than I passed." --Mehmood Kazmi

"What I regret is not having told many people my real name- Aphrodite Essence D'Amour." --(otherwise known as Amy Dawson)

"I regret taking an "Abbreviated" schedule before I actually had one." --Maureen Harmon

"I regret not having converted republican Iranian Pourya Dehnadi to a feminist liberal democrat." --Christina Meneses

"I regret not taking my freshman and sophomore years more seriously, academic-wise." --Carlota Bernal

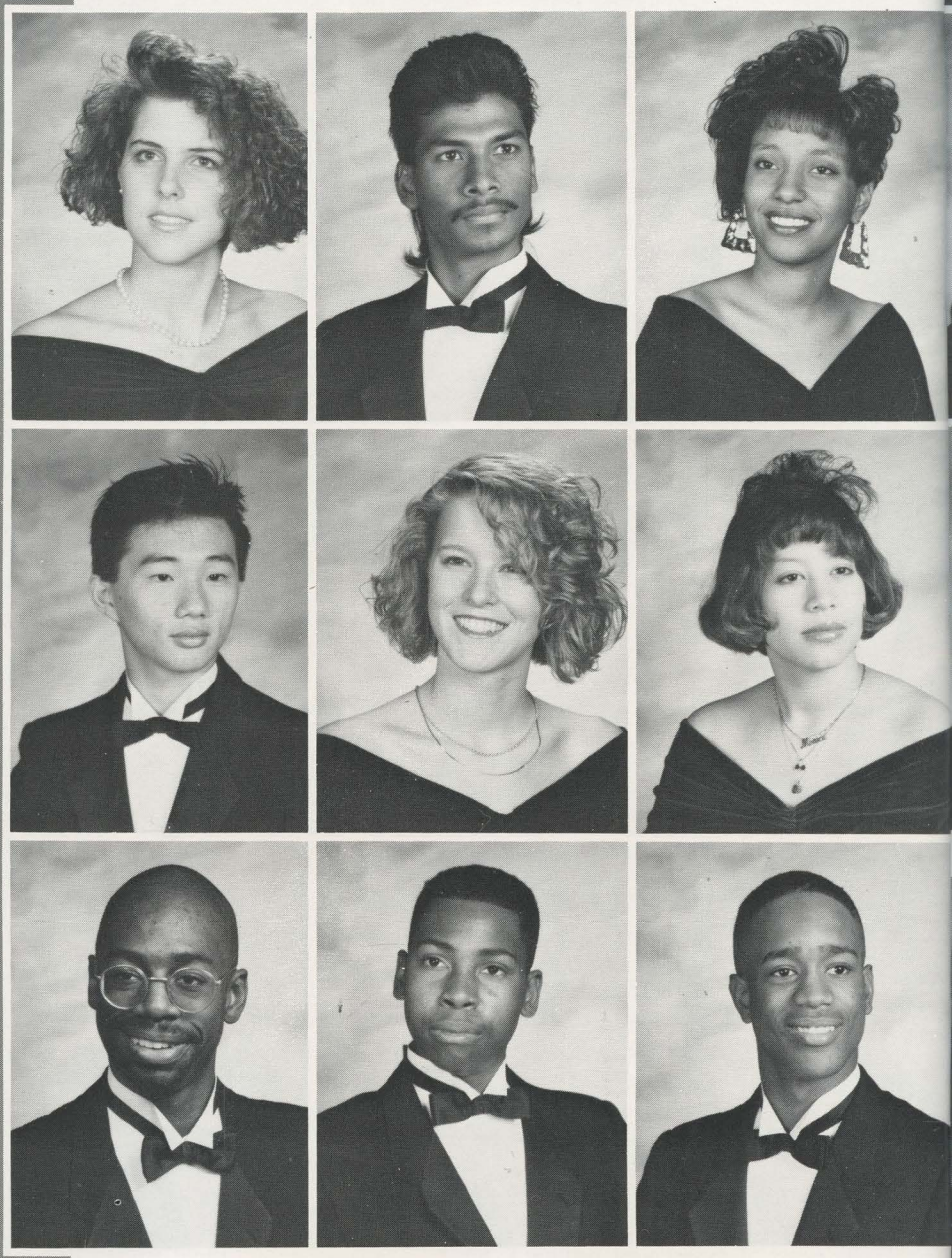
"I regret not being smart enough to get out of Mr. Bridges's class." --David Collins

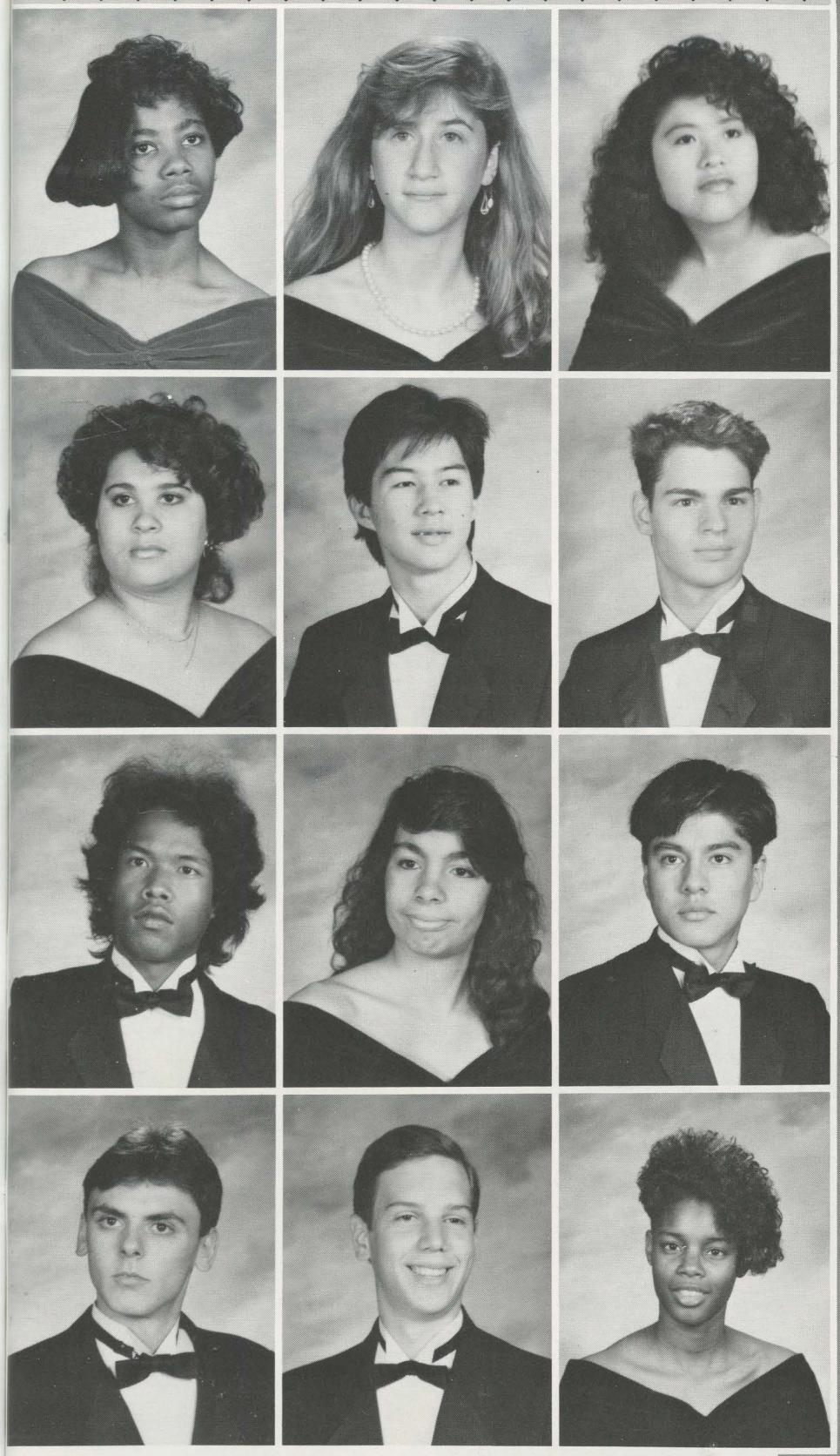
"I regret bugging so many girls." --Pete McCall

"I regret not sending in my college applications in time." --Jose Gutierrez

"I don't have any regrets." --Mark Shay

--DXP & AAP





Charmaine Michelle Roberts

Have a wonderful year because I'm out of here. Good luck next ye to all you seniors that didn't make it.

Shira Nomi Robinson

"If you know what life is worth, you would look for yours on earth." Bob Marley..."Don't it always seem to go that you don't know wh you've got 'till it's gone." - Joni Mitchell.

Hulda Romero

Tara N. Rose

Eric S. Rosenthal

Thomas C. Roszkowski

Chak Sam

Shannon A. San

Good luck to all my friends in the near future. Blazer chorus, 11. Clas of 1990 rules.

Luis J. Sanchez (Jimmy)

Thanks Susie Ruanu I just would not have made it without you. I Lov You.

Anthony Schartner (Tony)

J.V. Football 9, Varsity Golf 11, Thanks for 4 years of hell to the hom boys, Sitha, Matt, Shane, Jeff, John, William, Julie. Meddy peace an goodbye.

Matt Schnackenberg

Freshman basketball 9;varsity basketball 10,11,12;J.V. baseb 11,12. Mac-What's your favorite beer? A1-this Bud's for you.

Gwendetta D. Scott

Brigido Sejismundo takes a brief nap to rest up for his next class Sejismundo commented that he regreted having to get up early every morning in order to find a parking space in the student lot.

Stephen A. Scott
"We're all mad here," said the Cat, "I'm mad, you're mad." "How do you know I'm mad?" asked Alice. "You must be," said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here."

Nitin Seam

Rebecca Segal
"Eternity is a terrible thought. I mean, where's it going to end?" - Tom Stoppard

Brigido Sejismundo
"I get by with a little help from my friends." - the Beatles good times, good friend, good luck, and God - Bye

Chek Sem

Brenda Senko
Thanks to everyone who helped me to survive here! Moi - It's been cosmic - your the best! Mateo - Sure buddy. M.G. - Let's motor out of here!!

Discon M. Serpas

Leonardo Serrano

Hansen Seto
To all my friends I leave behind, I wish you luck in the years to come

Farida S. Shapiro
Silver Chips (Editorial Editor) 12; National Thespian Honors Society 12; Maryland State Thespains 12; Fall Show 11; Annual Show 11,12; SGA 11,12

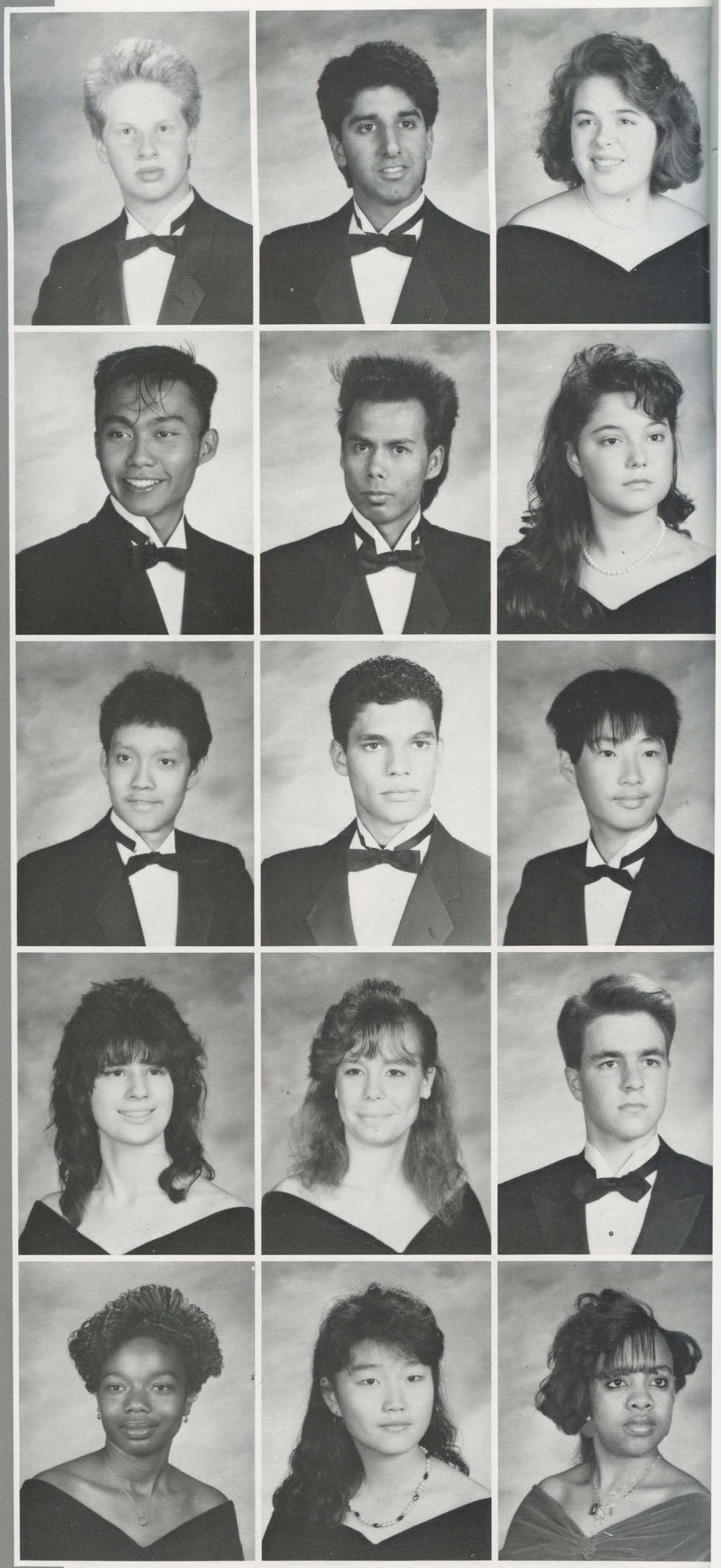
Traci Shaw

Mark Shay
The secret to success? There is no secret.

Dusuba Marie Sheku
Track 11,12; Treble Choir 10,11; Positive Images 10,11,12; Thanks to all those people who made it fun and memorable . I love you all!!!

Dong Joo Shin
To all my friends, "Dong Joo forget about me!"

Senia Silverio



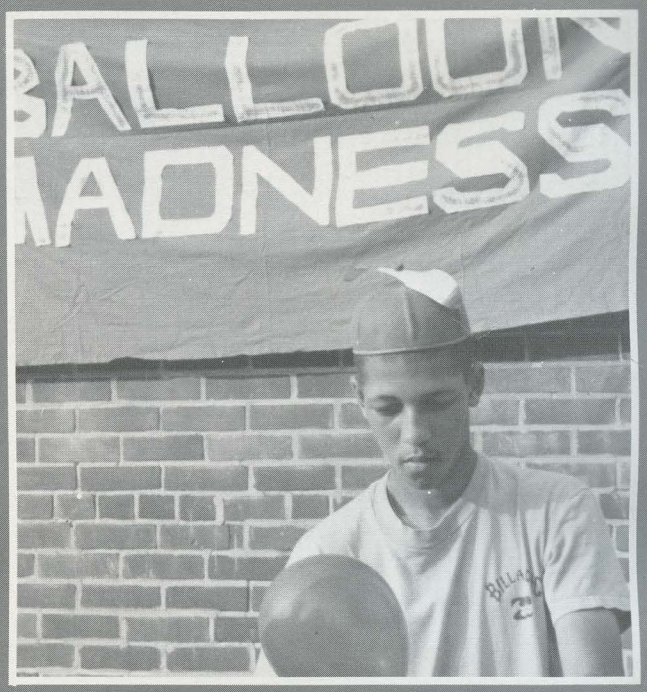
After High School

Once school was over, there were a variety of activities in which graduates participated. For many, college was not the first thing that came to mind after high school. Other options were available such as travel, military service, and work. Depending on personal preference, some may have even opted for a combination.

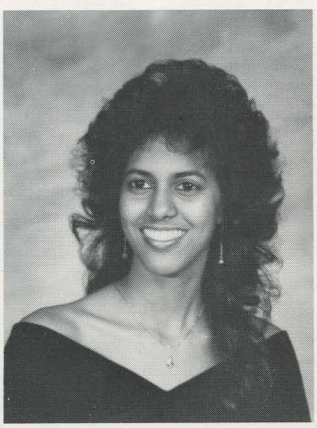
Traveling is the option many took to broaden their horizons. Shira Robinson plans to defer college for a year to live on a kibbutz in Israel. Like Robinson, June Yun is also planning on going to her native country, Korea, for the year. Mark Shay is going to Sweden to continue his high school studies. Amy Dawson is going to France with her father, who is taking his sabbatical. She intends on taking classes somewhere in France, as well as traveling all over Europe. They will all come back to the states after their year abroad and go to college.

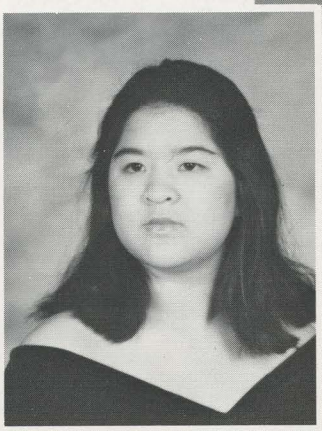
Many seniors are staying nearby so they can continue working with their established businesses. In addition, they will take some classes which relate to their businesses. Al Hairston plans on expanding Balloon Madness (his business), as well as majoring in business and minoring in computer science at Montgomery College. Kurtis Cross also plans to continue his business while taking classes in mass communications at Howard University.

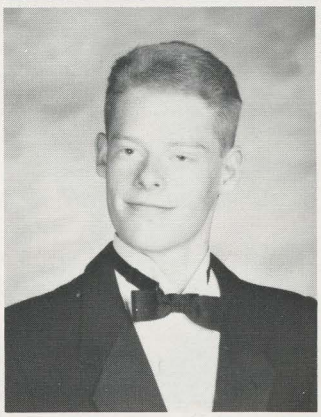
Senior Tony Gonzales is opting to take four years of radio technology in the Army. The military provides a different type of education than college. --RG

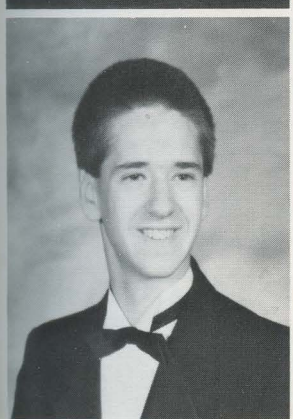


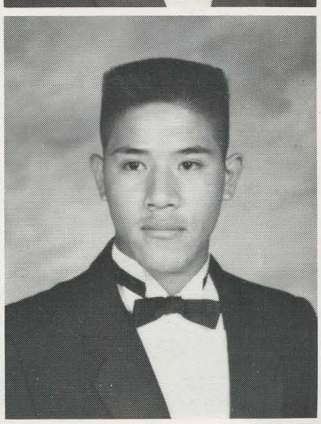
Selling his balloons at the Takoma Park Folk Festival is Al Hairston. After high school Hairston plans on continuing his Balloon Madness business.











Maywettie Singh (May)

Bye Blair! It's been fun! I'm going to miss ya'all! Joe - Thanks for your help. Raje - Thanks for being you. I luv you! Bye POMS! Bye AB,CH,PD,SP,JT,DP,BM, and all.

Rajeswarie Singh

I finally made it, thanks to my family! I'm wishing success to everyone in the class of 90'. Remember to always be thankful for what you've got! I love R.S.

Vanvisa Sivali (Van)

"You must remember this, a kiss is just a kiss, a sigh is just a sigh; the fundamental things apply as time goes by."

Betanie Smith

Jennifer Smith

Malcolm Smith

Michael Phillip Smith

Shoot for the moon...if you miss you'll be among the stars. Thanks to my family, friends, and teachers. To the last of The Three Conquistadors.

Samantha Lee Smith

Safety Committee 10,11,12 (executive); NHS 12; International Thespian Society 12; Fall Show 12; Annual Show 11,12; Thespians 9,10,11 (vice president), 12 (president).

Rachmady Meddy Soeparta (Samuda)

JV Football 10; Varsity Football 11,12; Indoor Track 11,12; Outdoor Track 10,11,12; Weightlifting 9,10,11,12; 300 LBS. Club 12. Mia, Mom, & Dad I love you always!!!

Catherine Y. Song

Shirley, Allie, Jenny - All the smiles, laughter, fun we shared will always be an everlasting memory that I'll cherish for a lifetime. Thanks guys - Love ya.

LaSonia Claudette Speller (Sonia)

Stage Crew 9; Positive Images 9, 10, 11, 12 (President); Rock-n-Soul 10, 11; Drill Team 10, 11; Blazer Chorus 10; Treble Chorus 11; Chamber Chorus 12; Good Luck C/O '90 lylas KCM

Pernilla Staff

Earnest Stalder

Lilly Steinbock

Ciao Baby!

Cleve Stewart

Yancy Suber Jr.

Boys Basketball Manager 11, 12; To the class of 90, I hope that all of you are successful at whatever you do in life. Peace and happiness to you all!

Hong Mouy Suy

Dear Teachers and Friends, I am very happy to be a student of Blair High School. I hope you will enjoy all the coming school year. Good Luck!

Stacy L. Swartwood

"Curiouser and curiouser..." - Lewis Carroll from Alice's Adventures In Wonderland

Lonnie Tait

Track 9; Poms 10; Fall Play 12. lady C and Niecee B strong and hold out on those Taurus's Devilish D petrifying P and evil E

Victor Tally (Ricky)

When I look back on this school most of my memories are going to come to the people I love..Monica M.PMR Tina and to who ever else I forgot

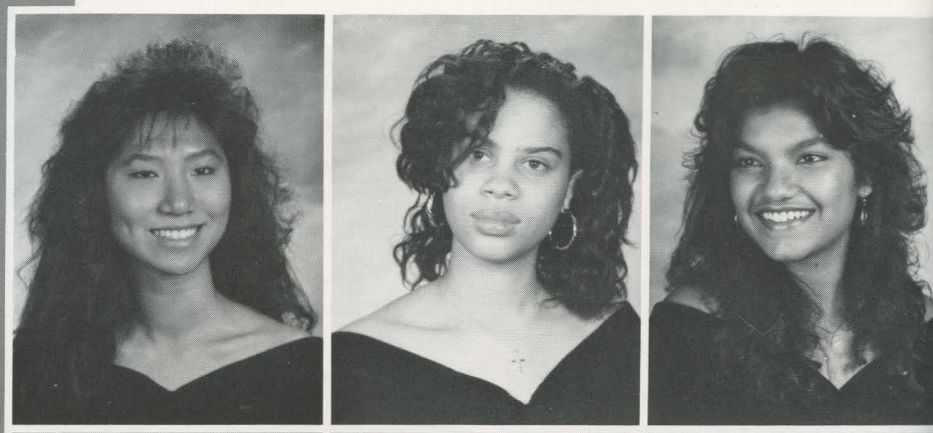
Duane Talley

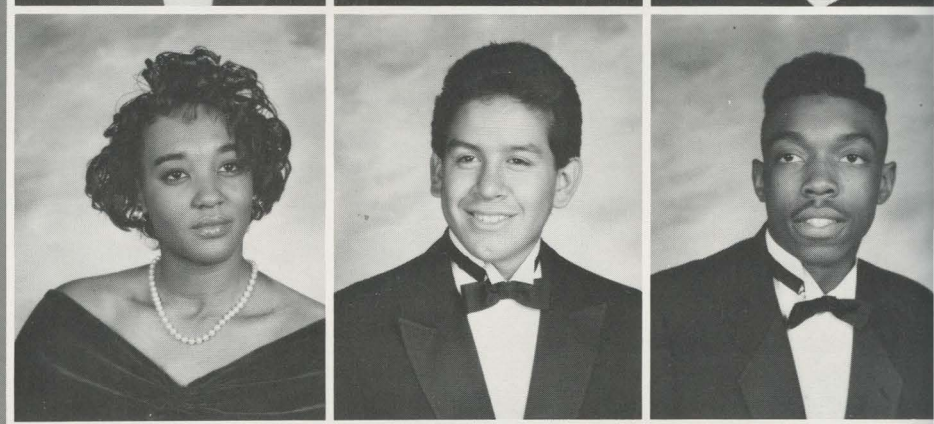
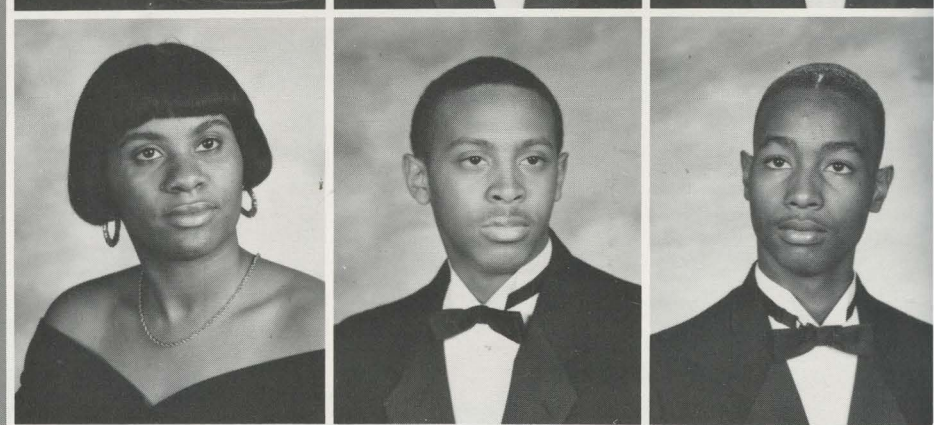
Jenae Talton

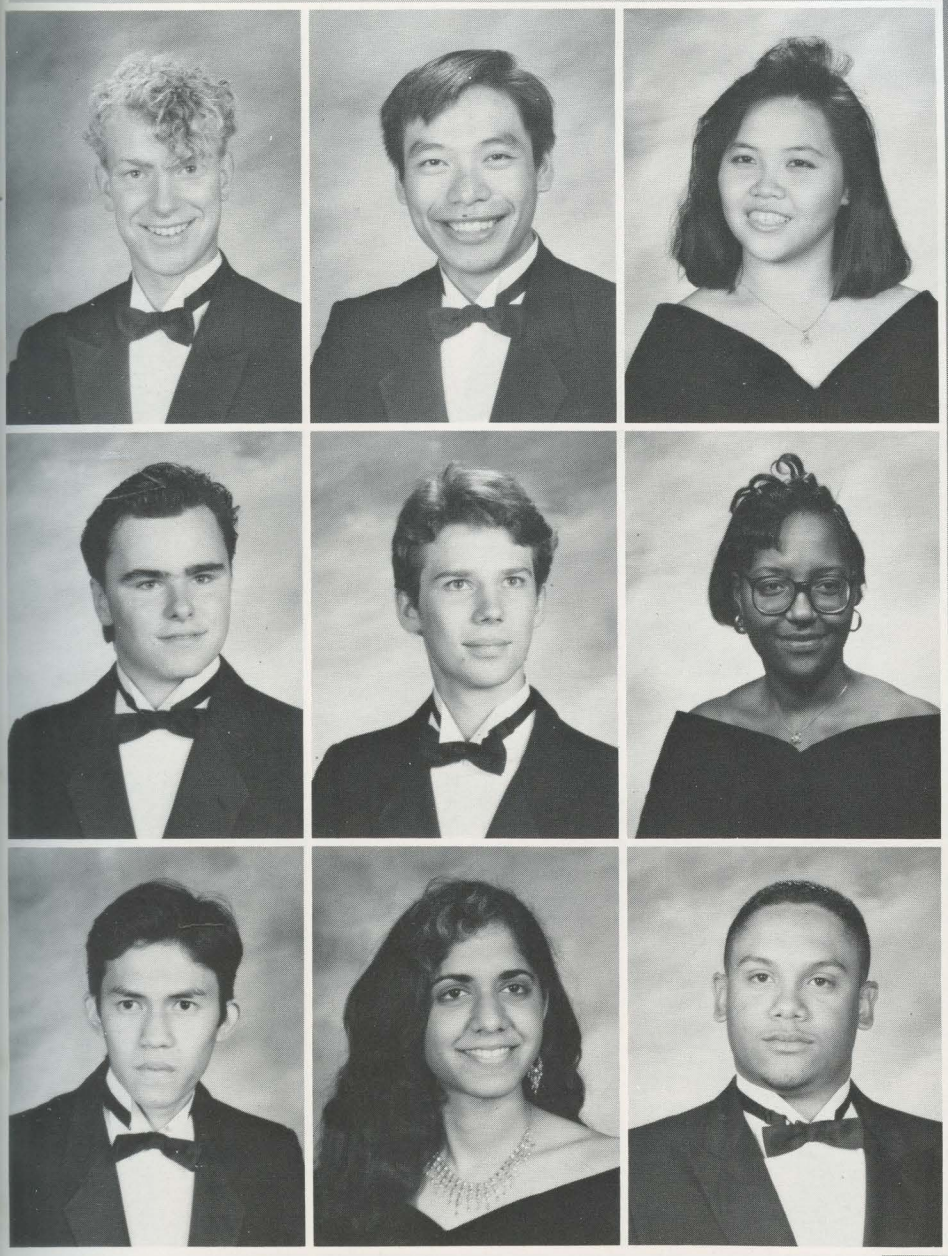
Patrick Tillery

J. T. Tonkins

Baseball; Soccer; I would like to dedicate my senior year to the ones I love (my mother, grandparents, brother, sister, and Regina). I'm finally out!





Derek W. Tormala

It was a hale day and I was at my house with Blair. He started to touch my book so I said get off my book..."Please!!!" Eu Te Amp Para Sempre Dani!!

Hung T. Tran

I've traveled "Far"and I've lived through the Vietnam War. I escaped and experienced the "Boat People." I live without parents, and yet my life has just begun.

Thuy Trang Tran

I want to thank all of my friends and my teachers who have been helping me to do school work. I hope you have a great summer and good luck.

Stephen Gary Travis Jr.

Chill Club 1990 R2 ="yeah boyee" To my fellow chillers, remember AAAA- Hey MD,CM,andAM-don'tFORGET RLPC- it rules, to all "Chill hard and prosper"

Gregory Trubetskoy

April Renee Turner

Marching Band 10 11 12; Dance Committee President 11 12; Softball 11 12; Educators of Tomorrow 12 Treasurer; Positive Images 12; I'm outta here. Take it easy!

Sopea Ung

Sameena Usmani

1000 rainy days w/ tears in the rainfall. London is drowning and I live by the river. Excuse me while I kiss the sky- I'm free. Fly on, little wing.

Bernard J. Vanterpool

Senior Trademarks

One could always tell a senior in the crowd. They were the ones who rarely carried any books, were usually late for class, and maintained a general relaxed attitude even with the dread of college applications hanging over the heads of many. Seniors had their own exclusive privileges which made them like no other. Being a senior consisted of four hard years and a lot of good times in which they acquired these certain trademarks:

Passing English
Half-day schedule (Even when they didn't have one)
Parking tickets
Senior Skip Day
Senior Pictures
Superlatives
College Mail
College Applications
Extended College Visits
Spring Break in Daytona
The Pourya and Doug Club
Mehmood's Car
Class Ring
Excused Notes (Even when they were not)
Attendance Problems
Tardiness
Chillin'
Class Pranks
Cap and Gown Measurements
Beach Week
Class of 90 Paraphenalia
Senior Wills
Peppe
The Chill Club
G R A D U A T I O N !!!!!!
--LN & RP

"I don't look THAT bad," said senior Leah Darring sporting her nighttime attire on Pajama Day during Spirt Week. While many underclassmen were scared to dress up for the various days of Spirt Week, the duty of school spirit was often left up to the bold seniors!

Raul Orlando Vargas

Kevin Verbrugge

God, give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen

Patricia Villalta

Sandra Villatoro

Made it! Luv U Lil, Vic & Earrol-Vic. Make it too-Earrol be good xoxo-Lil were outa here-- Gina too grown. Everyone else Do The Right Thing!! Ciao!

Althea Alexis Vyfhuis

Varsity Soccer, Cheerleading, Positive Images, Thespians, Forensics, Marc Scholars, Mock Trial. Life is just a series of hellos and goodbyes, goodbye! Luv ya!

Sherry Warmkessel

John Fitzgerald Washington

Well, this is it. I am finally out of here. KC, remember this, "You guys think you're cool walking in here late". So long everyone and good luck.

David Marc Weinstock

So maybe I'm just a tiny bit sour.

Kent Joseph Whalen

Indoor Lacrosse Team

William R. Wharton

I luv u stubby. Remember Samantha & Sebastian, Colorado! Everyone at Ertters "Be schnarf leg!" The schnoz rules. Talktoya from the supreme schtud. Life goes on.

Richard B. White

Stephanie Helen White (Steph)

Chorus 9,10, Softball 10-12, Majorette 12. Thanx 2 all my friends, especially Traci, Martha and my other friends!! Marcos, you've made my life worth living. I'll luv u forever.

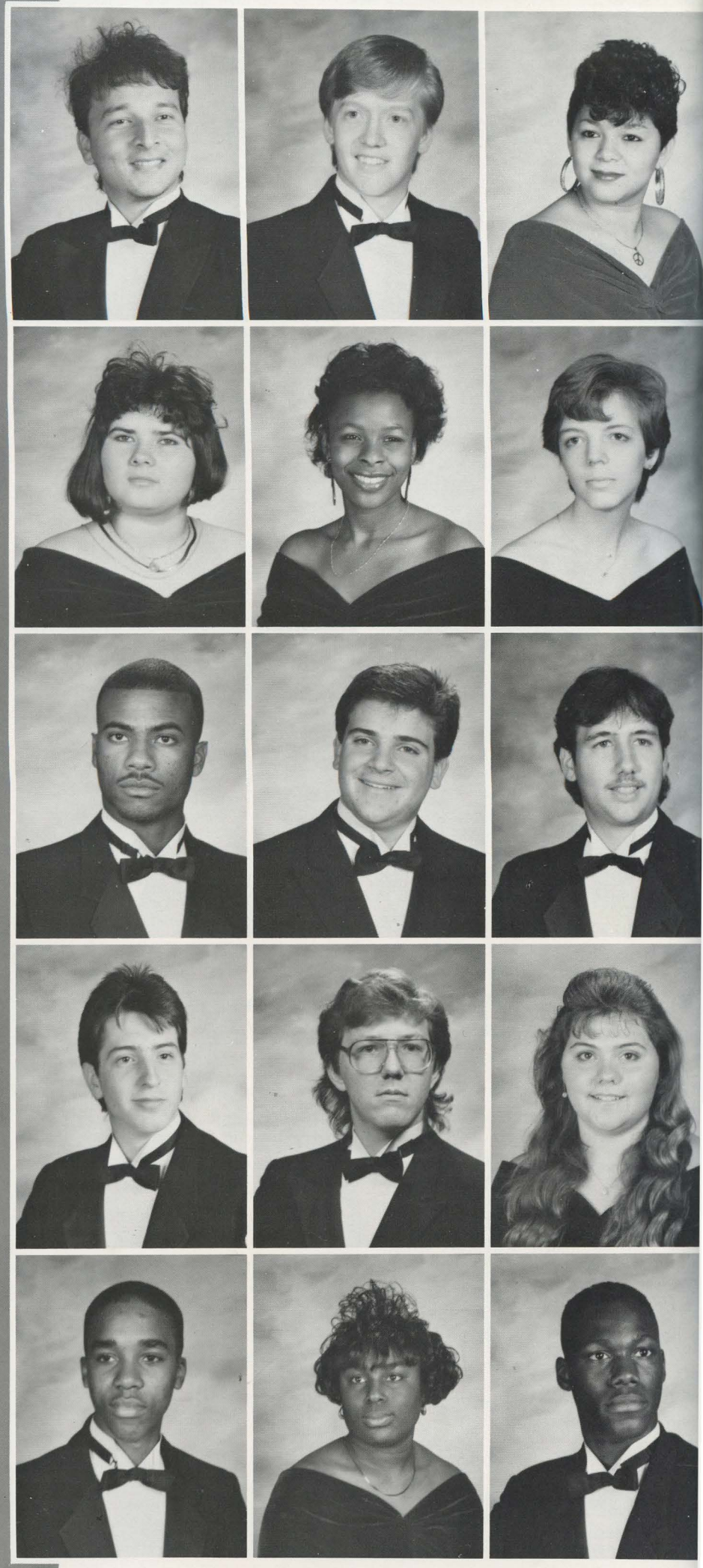
Kenneth Jerome Williams

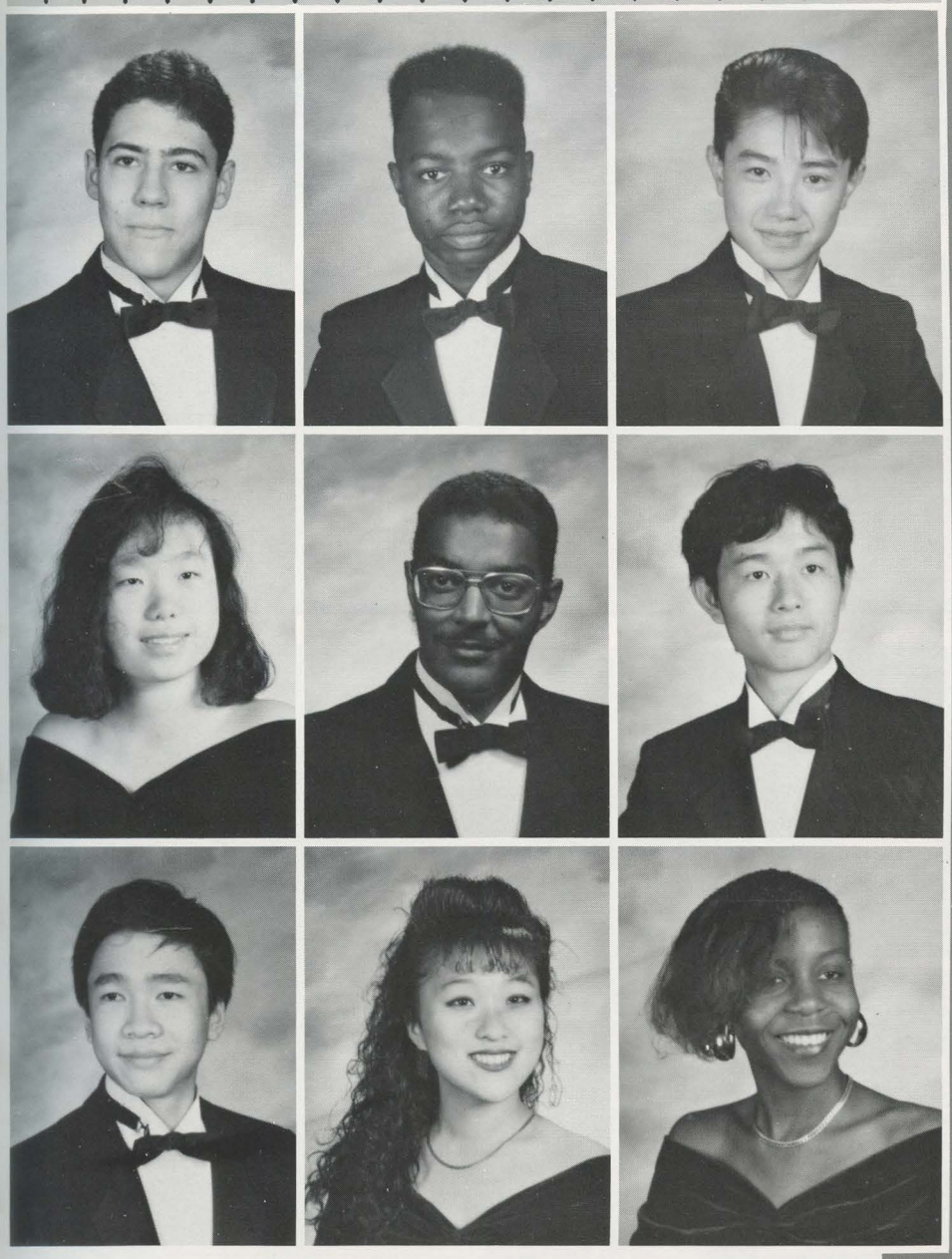
Don't congratulate me, congratulate these. To all my buddies, thanx for being there. I hope u buck all 7's! Thanx ma, I luv u! Laugh Li and Egg! See ya!

Lesline Wilson

Rutheven Andrew Williams

College Bound! Good luck to all ball players next year. I hope you go all the way. Freshman Basketball, Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12





Brian Jacob Woel (Wizard)

Wrestling Team, Mountain Climbing Club. Favorite sayings- "I he dat", "Reet", "That's crazy", and "What a psycho."

Maurice Wright Jr.

Bin Xu

Chi Hsiu Yang

Begin, be bold, and venture to be wise.-Horace
What will be will be well, for what is is well.-Walt Whitman

Henok Yared (Heny)

Do we really want our children to grow up to be like us? Think about i

Shi Ping Yin

Life goes on, after high school. No matter who you are, everyone w be faced with the same harsh society which cannot be helped.

Benny Yu

Vietnamese Club 9, 10, 11, 12. To Truong, Trinh, Cuong, Daniel, a my parents, you guys are great!

K. June Yun

"A chapter in your life is thru. We'll keep u close as always. Friend friends r friends 4 ever. The welcome will not end. It's hard 2 "let go." --M.W. Smith

Conwree S. Zor

Faith and determination can lead to success at all times. Thanks m and God. For Tupee and the "African" crew, see you later at the Bi And thanx aunt Julie.

A Million Bucks!?

"Would you dress like this for a million dollars?" David Weinstoc and Kimberly Jones all agreed that there is little that they wouldn't d for a million bucks.

If someone agreed to give you a million dollars on the terms that you had to do something so outlandish, something that went to your outermost limits, what would it be? Seniors shared the lengths to which they would go for such a sum of money.

I would jump off second floor "F" building naked onto a trampoline. --Leah Darring

I would give up access to the Cornell "Super Computer". --anonymous magnet

I'd cliff dive off a 300 foot cliff into a glass of water. --Bill Jenne

I'd kiss David Weinstock, but not for anything less than a million. --Mehmood Kazmi

I'd eat at McDonalds for a week. --Jenny Smith

I'd quarterback naked at the Homecoming game. --Richard Dalgetty

I'd live like a bum on the streets for a year. --Sarah Mess

Anything that wouldn't be life threatening to me or anyone else. --Mark Shay

I'd kiss a republican. --Faith Noble

I'd give up playing the harp. --Seth Krusa

I'd not go to prom. --Brenda Senko

Basically anything. --Arle Madrigal -- AAP & DXP

SUPERLATIVES

MOST EASILY EMBARRASSED

Matt Daugherty

Melissa Faley

LOUDEST

Kurtis Cross

Beth Boyll

MOST CHANGED

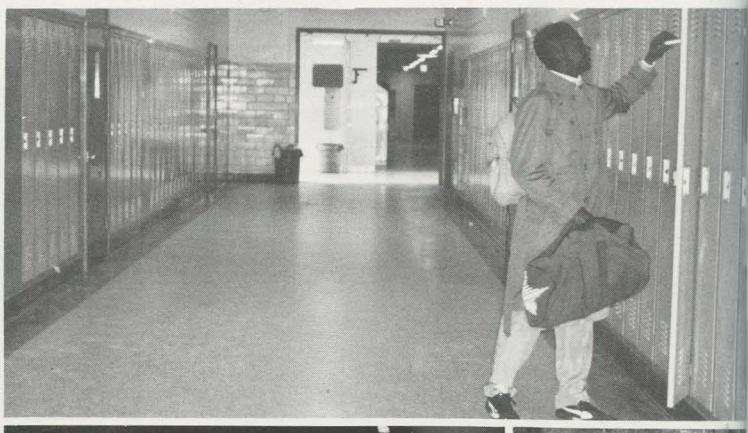
Pourya Dehnadi

Farida Shapiro

PRETTIEST EYES

Tim Carter

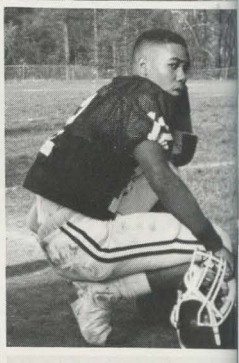
Teri Gilyard



BEST SMILE

Jason Crutchfield

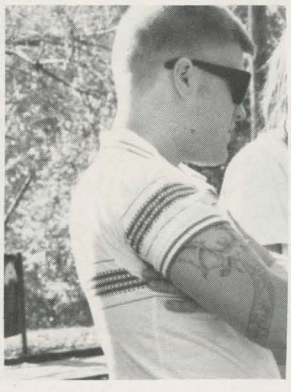
Carlota Bernal



MR. KEN/MS. BARBIE

Doug Jarrard

Traci Hardy



THE AL & PEG BUNDY AWARD

Chris Meagher

Maureen Harmon

BEST REARVIEW

Meddy Soeparta

Jenae Talton

BEST DRESSED

Lee Pennington

Tania Potter

1989 – 1990

BIGGEST SPACE CADET

Bill Jenne

Angela Novosel

LEAST LIKELY TO BE IN CLASS

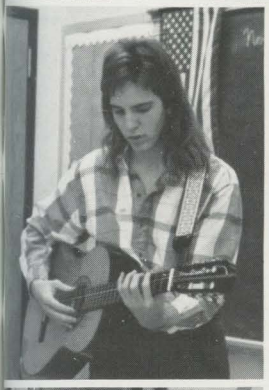
Mehmood Kazmi

Liz Nash

BIGGEST GOOF

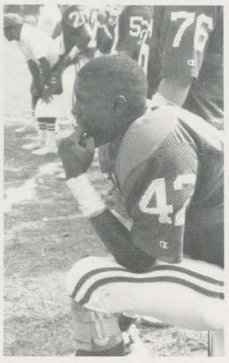
Blair Lackey

Moira Goins



BIGGEST WANNA BE JOCKS

Pete McCall & Wynter Grant



MOST LIKELY TO TRIP ON THE WAY TO GET THEIR DIPLOMA

Hansen Seto

Sherry Warmkessel

PERFECTIONISTS

Mark Shay

Krista Butler

THE GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD

Richard Dalgetty

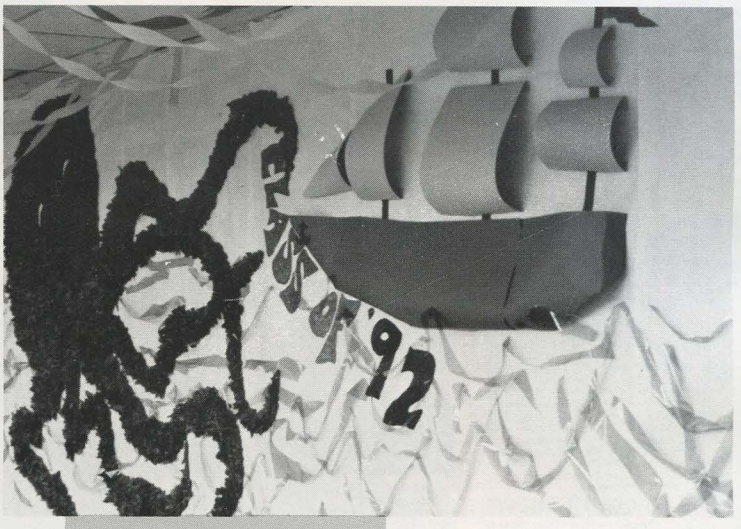
Camera Shy

Tara Allen
Nancy Alvarez
Shawn Anderson
Surafel Assaminew
Agnes Attamensah
Bartholome Balderston
Jnoel Boykins
Khaled Brown
Ricardo Campos
Rafael Carattini
Robert Carrillo
Innocent Chepkwurui
Randi Clark
Sarah Clarke
Ronald Cole
Brandon Coleman
David Collins
Leah Cox
Ada Cuellar
John Daly
Paola Davila
Christopher Davis
Jose Dimares
Gertrude Dominique
James Escobar
Ligia Espinoza
Marco Espinoza
Douglas Faucdnier
Fred Gomez
Mario Gomez
Alejandro Grant
Kelly Grasty
Vernon Hawkins
Jamal Heath
Moises Hernandez
Roberta Jiminez
Karl Johnson
Vikas Katoch
Baesung Kim
Chi Kim
Brian Lawson
Renatta Lyons
Jorge Martinez
Pablo Medina
Julio Melgar
Eric Miles
Michael Mills
Thorn Min
Roger Moreno
Luis Munoz
Novelette Murray
Pitou Neang
Dung Nguyen
Tao Nguyen
Marcia Osorno
James Payen
Claudia Peralta
Phath Phon
Christopher Porter
Cesar Quinones
Oral Reid
Samuel Richie
Joshua Risch
Chandra Roberts
Jose Rodas
Israel Shimlis
Marquita Smith
Choongho Song
Michele Stewart
Benjamin Sun
Erica Thomas
Dionne Thompson
Walter Torres
Gideon Tolo
Katurah Tucker
Raul Vargas
William Walker
Ralph Wallace
Candice Williams
Michael Williams

"Goodbye Blair!!!!" the students on Bus 909 shout happily as they pull away from school. Most underclass persons took the bus to and from school before they were old enough to get a driver's license.

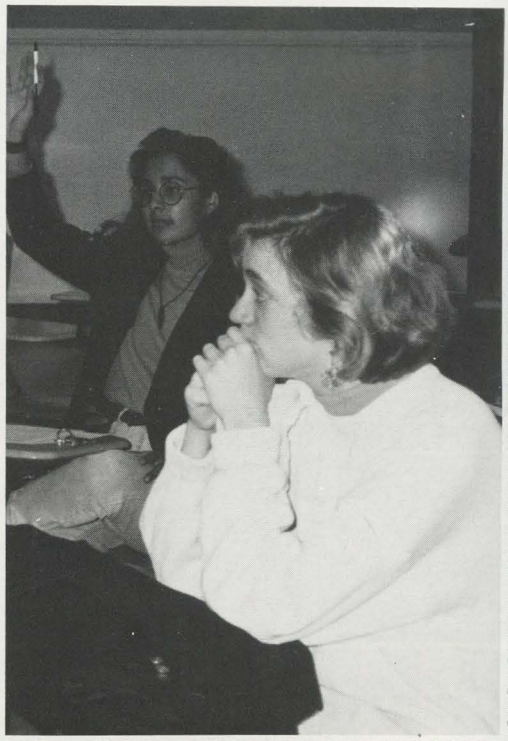
FULL HOUSE

"Underclass" did not mean "inferior", "out of it", or "subhuman" as many seniors liked to believe. Just as a full house was a strong hand composed of lesser ones, the underclass was a strong group of spirited individuals ready to assume their position as the future leaders of the school. The sophomores and juniors dominated the awards for best float in the Homecoming parade, leaving the disappointed seniors behind. The class of '92 made their presence known with their efforts in cleaning up what most students would probably rather not deal with: the bathrooms. The freshmen had much to contribute, literally. With over six hundred students, the presence of the class of '93 was felt throughout the halls each day. The "underclass", if anything, truly dominated the school with over 82% represented by the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. We had quite a full house. --CH & SR & SK



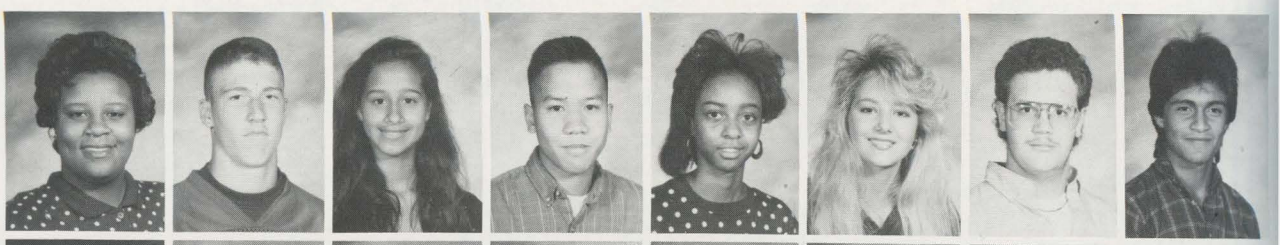
The sophomore class of '92's Homecoming hall clearly demonstrates their new effort in school spirit. The officers and students pulled through with a third place in the hall competition and second place in the float contest.

The Junior class officers this year were president Jeremi Duru, vice president Dylan McGee, secretary Jeremy Wright and treasurer Mate Tokic and sponsor Bonnie Palmer.



At the Forensics meeting, junior Ancelyn Krivak ponders about what the speaker just said, while junior Reva Gupta takes the initiative to ask a question.

Teanna Abraham
Chris Abrahams
Ruth Acevedo
Dody Achmad
Kimberly Addison
Nathalie Agostinho
Montgomery Agro
Alvaro Aguilera



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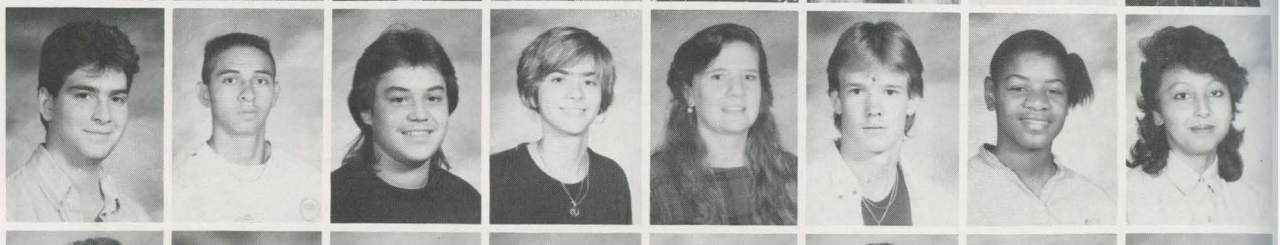
Elias Albanez
Jose Albarracin
Susan Aldrich
Dawn Allison
Rob Alspach
Theresa Alston
Nancy Alvarez



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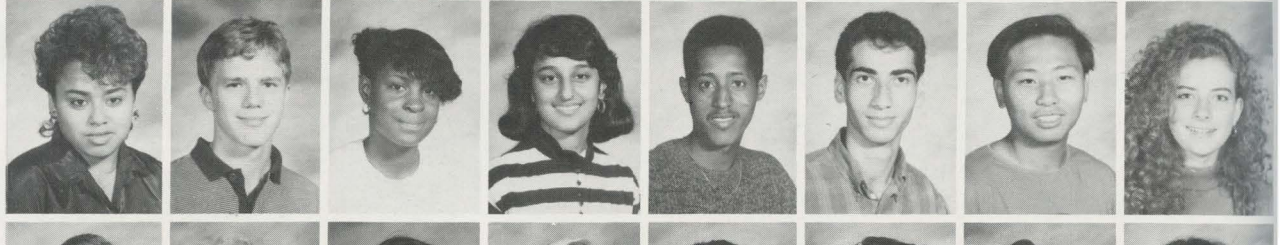
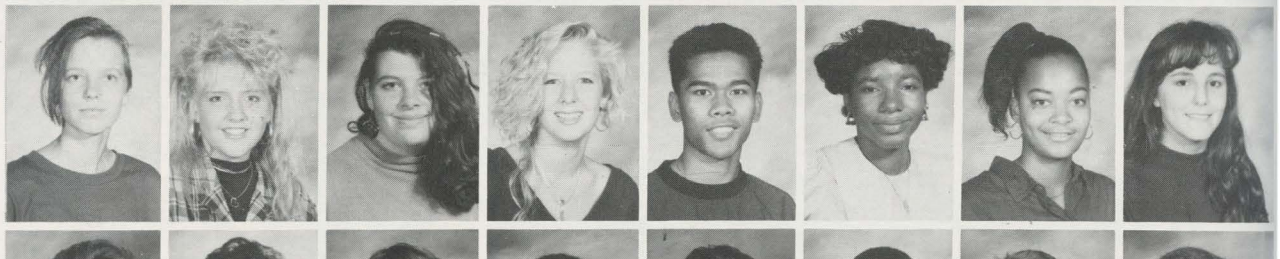
Ari Ambrose
Donnet Anderson
Ritika Arora
Amanuel Asfaha
Nasim Atarzada
Allen Au
Michele Auldridge



Joanna Aulick
Cyndi Ayers
Jessica Baden
Dustine Baker
Loeuth Ban
Janet Banks
Theresa Barksdale
Justine Barron



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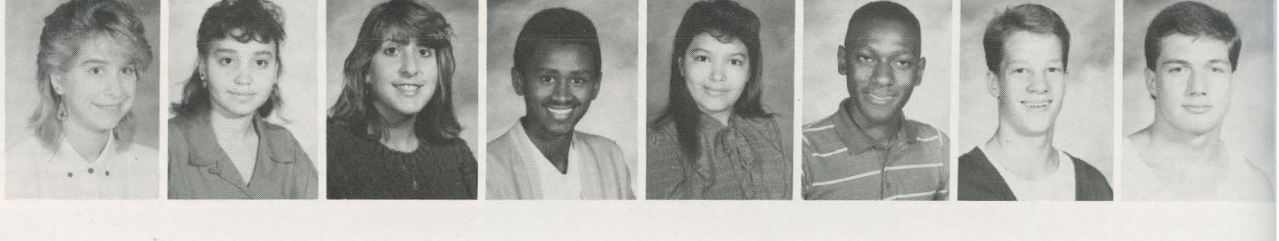
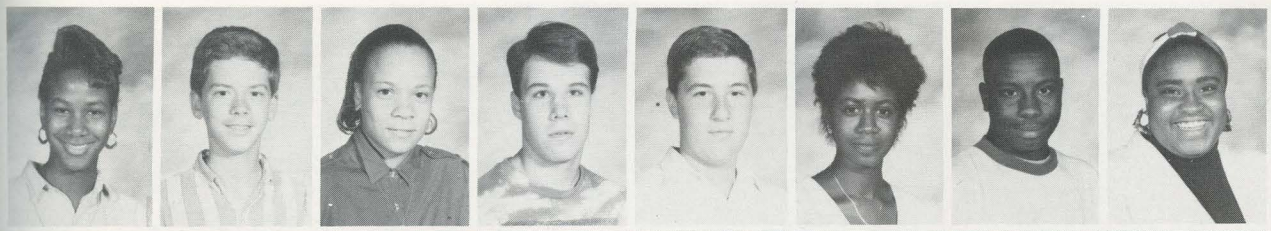
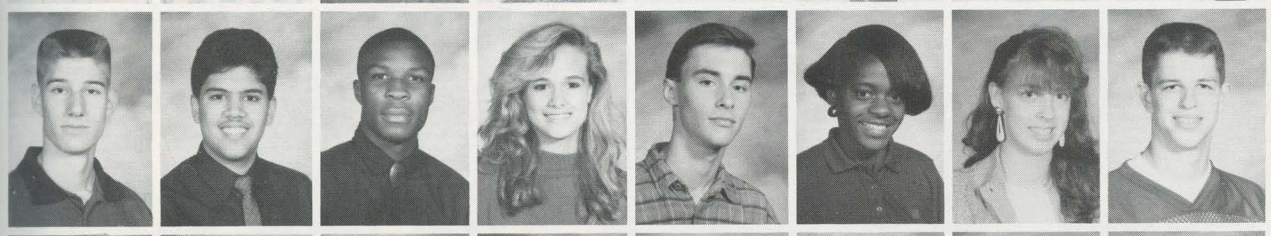
Natividad Bautista
Diane Behall
Meskerem Bekele
Oneida Benitez
Demond Bennett
Shane Benson
Lee Ro Berglund





Mandisa Berry
Mark Birmingham
Jennifer Bishop
Ian Blair
Jonathan Bloomfield
Magbundeh Bockai
Berry Bolden
Thelma Bolden



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Dayanand Borge
Earl Boyd
Jenny Brown
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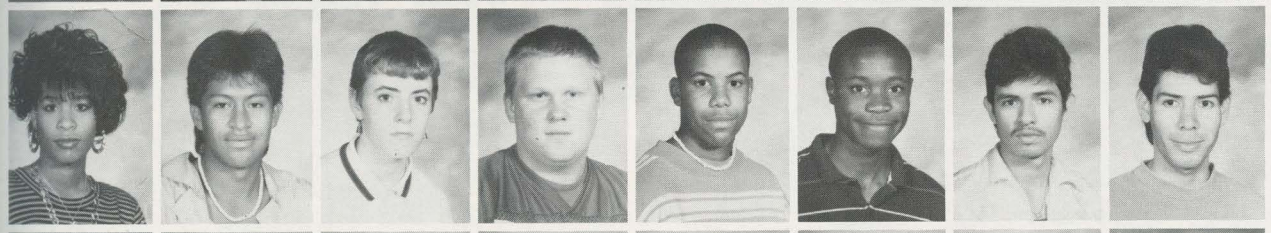
Selena Brown
Maria Brunner
Jonh Budock



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Evereth Bustos
Audrey Butler
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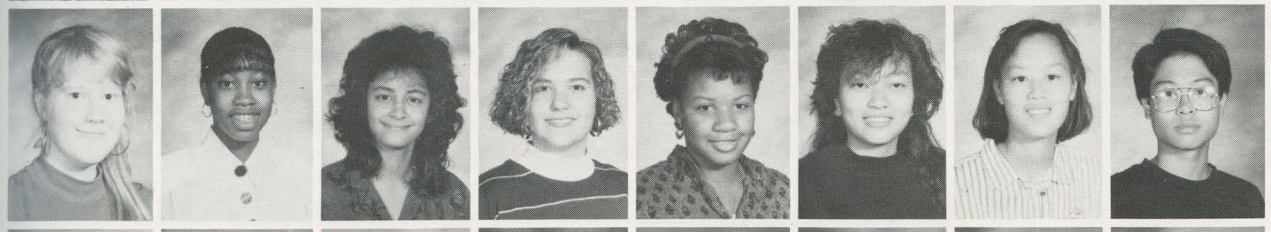
Jason Campbell
Martin Campbell
Oscar Campos
Ricardo Campos



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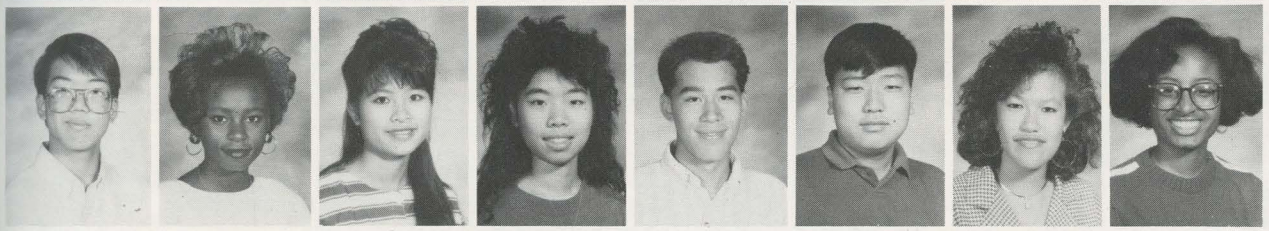
Joseline Castanos
Cindy Catudal
Chellee Cephas
Angela Chan
Charissa Chang
Jay Chen



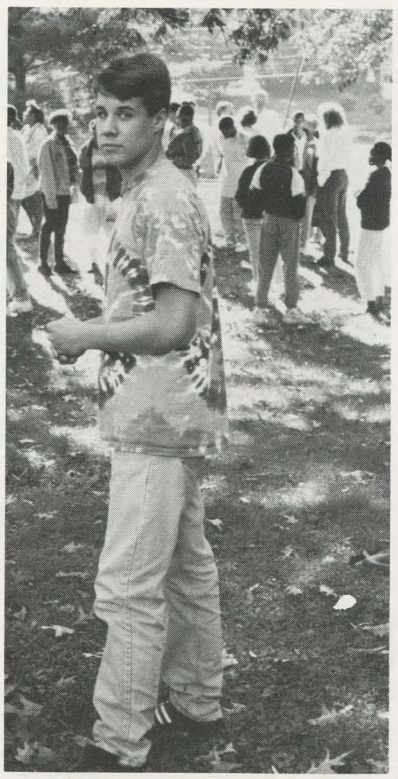
Stephen Chen
Helen Chepkwurui
Chantha Chhoeun
Ann Chi
Christian Chock
Sung Choi
Bernice Chu
Maya Clark

Getting There

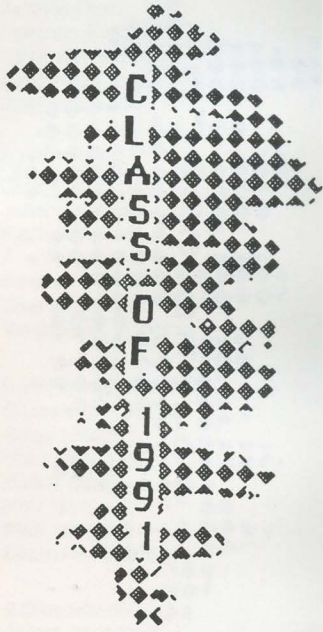
The junior class got a little ahead of themselves as they spent the entire year preparing to move into the senior spotlight. Their ambition and competitive edge to achieve the most school spirit among the classes made them work hard to bring out their best.

Led by their fearless junior class officers, President Jeremi Duru, Vice-President Dylan Mcgee, Secretary Jeremy Wright, and Treasurer Mate Tokic, the juniors's first and utmost priority was to have the most impressive demonstration of school spirit. The officers had many great ideas for fundraisers to promote class participation as well as raising more money for the class fund. These plans included a doughnut sale in October and January, and a jello wrestling competition in mid March.

Also during Homecoming and spirit week, they won second place in the hall competition coming close behind the seniors, and in the best float contest, they out beat the seniors by winning third place. In response to the competitive tension between the two classes, President Jeremi Duru stated, "The seniors are great and all, but we're just waiting for them to leave, so that we can be recognized as truly the best class in the school." --DXP AAP



Junior Ian Blair scouts out the different sights at the Takoma Park Festival. Juniors participated in activities inside and outside of school.



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Jennifer Combest
Daniel Cornfeld
Mekela Countee
Kenny Cox
Tamara Cross
Adrianna Crutchfield

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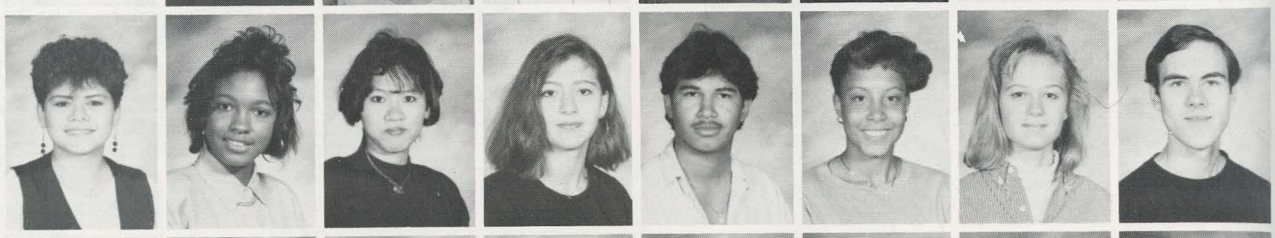
Charmaine Cunningham
Nghia Dam
Donka Darpatova
Exequiel Davila
Danielle Dawes
Molly DeQuattro
Jacob Deglopper



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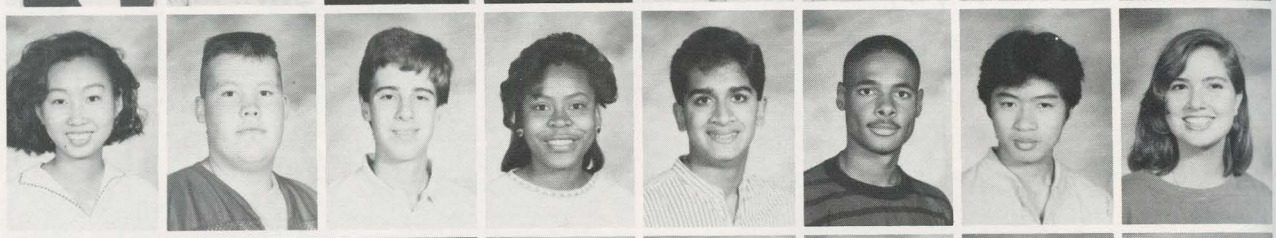
Robert Dinenna
Brian Dinunno
Gina Dorceus
Vijay D'Souza
Jeremi Duru
Adrian Elica
Jennifer Erickson



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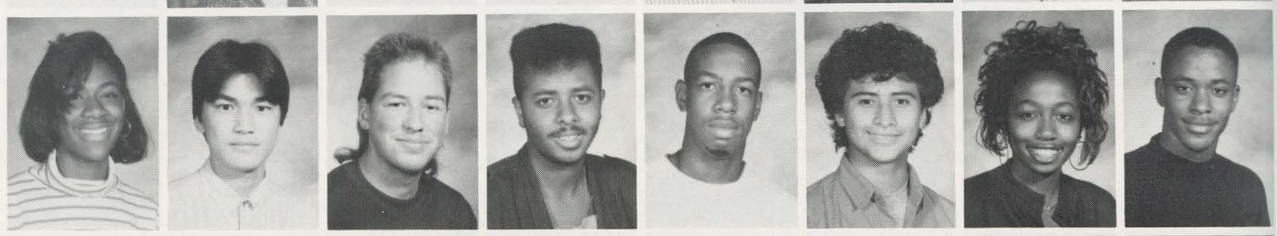
Raymond Fisher
Miguel Flores
Glenda Forrest
Mark Forrester



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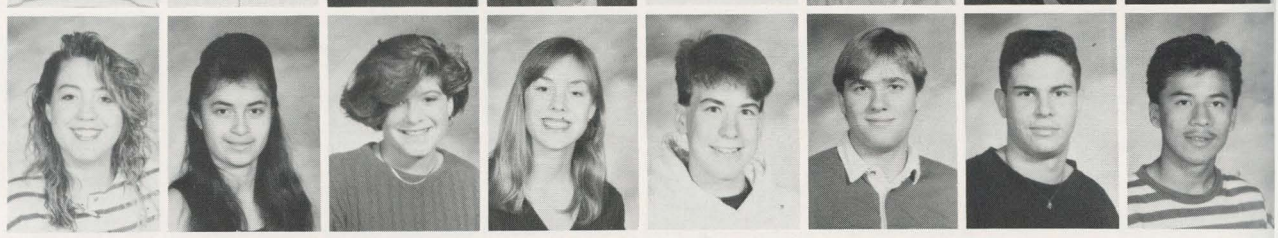
Maria Garcia
Lacey Gates
Andrew Todhunter
Cole Giordano
Carlos Gomez
Jorge Gomez



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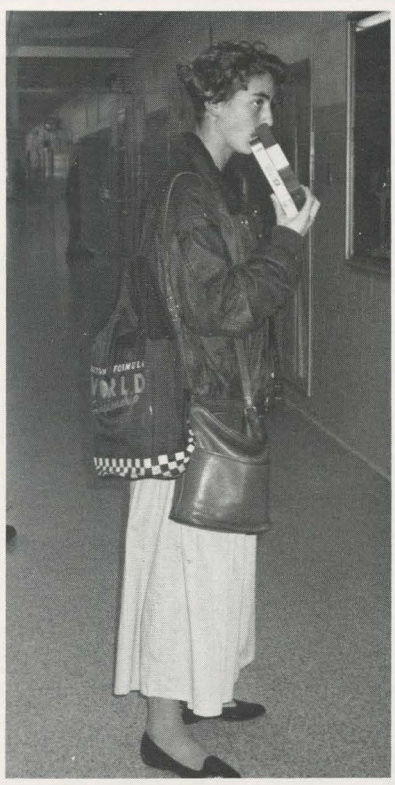


Trying to think of something to say to the guy who just asked her out, Laura Zweig wishes she hadn't come to school today. Staying away from school all together is one way to avoid being asked out by someone who doesn't interest you.

Just Say No!

It was Friday Night. That silly boy that sat behind you in English class asked you out to see *The Little Mermaid*. You really did not like this person, but you did not know how to say no without hurting his feelings. Here is a list of the best excuses if you are ever in this situation. --MM

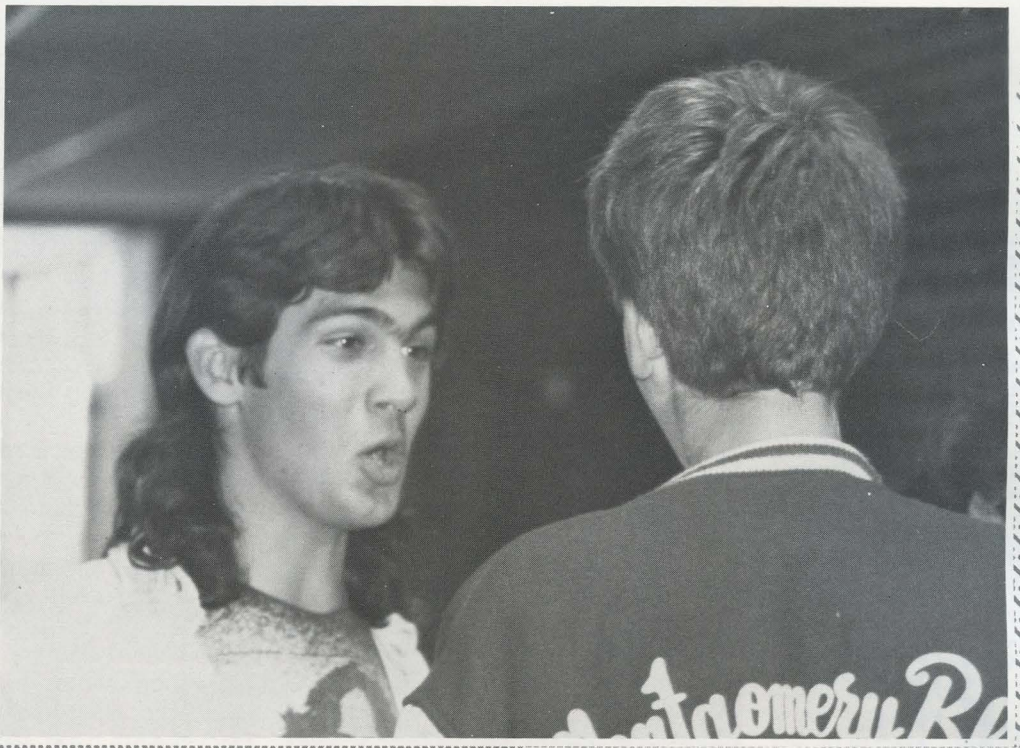
Top Ten:

10) I'm really not interested.
9) I have Mono.
8) I'm interested in someone else.
7) I'm going with somone.
6) I have cramps.
5) I have a strange tropical disease.
4) I have to do my laundry.
3) My mother has Malaria, and I have to take care of her.
2) My boy/girl friend is spending the night, and I can not leave him/her alone.
1) My parole officer wouldn't like it.

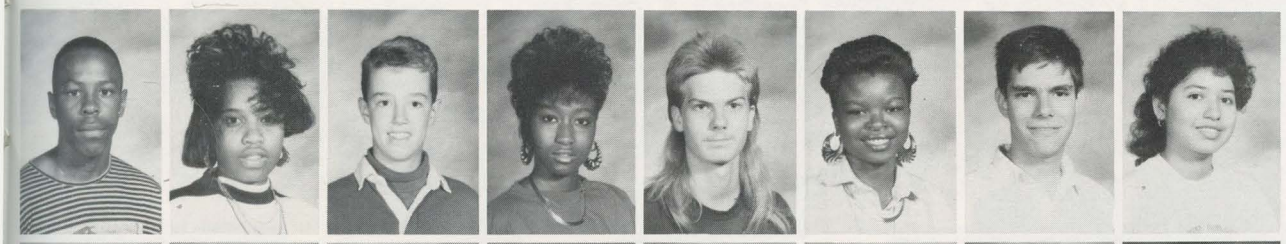
Here are seven classic excuses that were passed down from generation to generation. They made good backups if one could not think of a more original excuse off the top of the head:

7) I have a term paper due tomorrow.
6) I've got the flu.
5) I have to go to the library.
4) My parents do not let me go out on dates.
3) I'm grounded.
2) I have to babysit/watch my brother/sister.
1) I have to wash my hair.

Taking his punishment well, Lionell Davis gets verbally abused by the girl he just asked out.



Gasping at the question proposed by Mark Birmingham "What would you do if your date stood you up after you made reservations for dinner at The Four Season's ?" Mate Tokic's face says more than any reply could.



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Geoff Grace
Terri Granison
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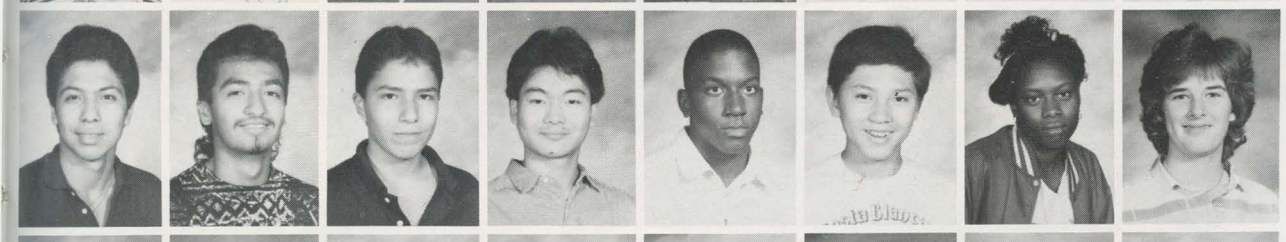
Nashica Greene
Jonathan Griner
Gioconda Guadamuz



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Eswin Guillen
Carlos Gumucio
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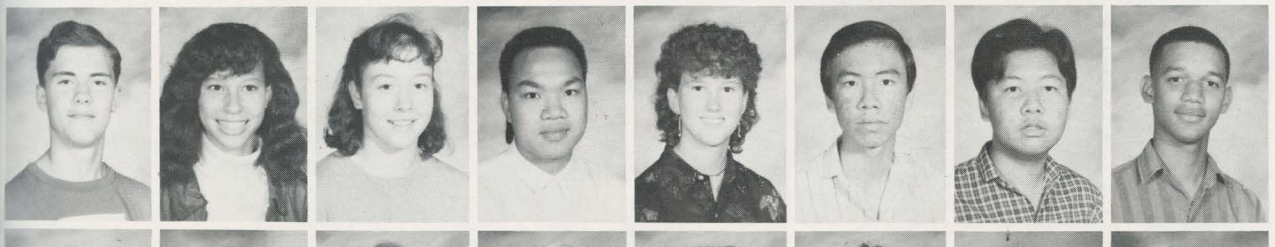
Vattana Hai Samrang
Alice Hall
Heather Hamm

Patrick Hatley
Deena Hausner
Janelle Hebbert
Kathleen Heng
Ana Henriquez
Kathryn Henry
Sheron Herbert
William Hernandez



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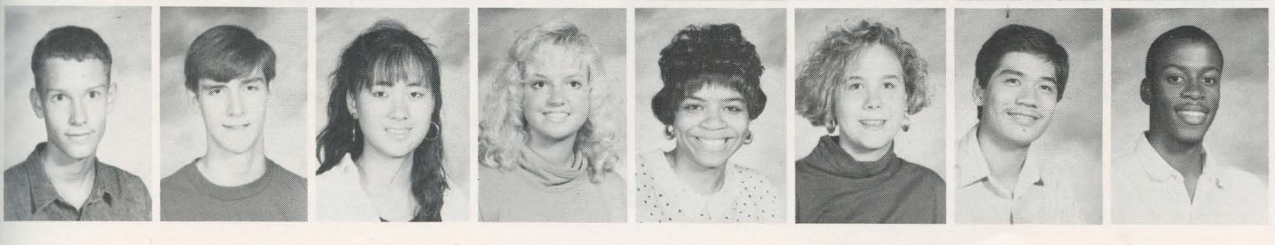

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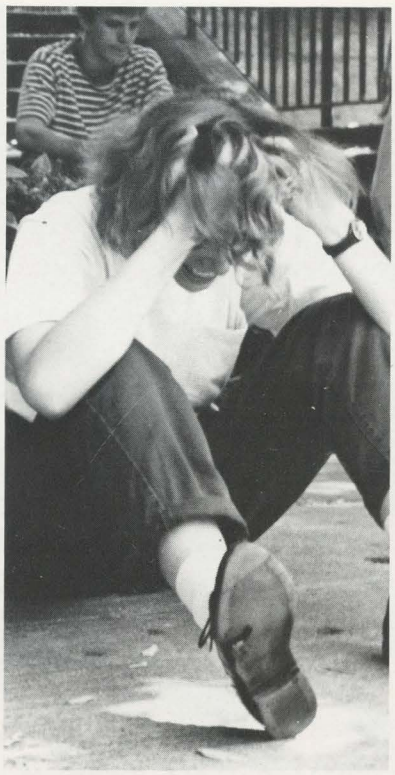


Realizing she is only a junior, Ancelyn Krivak stomps and screams to get out her frustrations. The heavy academic load junior year caused many to throw a fit.

Early Senioritis

"I used to be very conscientious about my work; now I don't care at all."

"I've already LC'd two classes and it's only the first quarter!"

"I'm counting the days until graduation."

These are typical attitudes of most seniors who cannot wait until they graduate but wait--JUNIORS said these things? Yes, it was Premature Senioritis and many juniors come down with it early in the year. PS is set off by many factors. Most juniors had senior friends and could not help but join in on the festivities. "I can't skip days so I go on all of them this year!" said Denise Sharpe. It was also tough knowing people who had already graduated, especially when they were related to y

"When my brother com home from college, all he ta about is how much fun it is makes me want to go ri now!" explained Nathan Bo

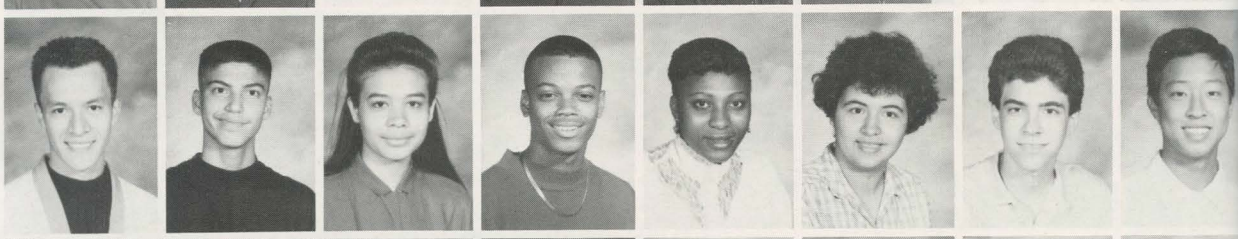
Justine Barron also has brother in college and agre with Bond, "I've already start a list of things to bring to c lege!" she laughs.

Some juniors refused to fa the fact that they had anot year to go. Mate Tokic plann to join the marching marin second semester. "I can't w to get out of here!" he said.

Luckily, juniors with PS c not have to wait that much lon er. Bond had a positive outlo on his situation, "Our class the best in the school anyw so it doesn't even matter th we aren't at the top!" --MF

Kim Irby
Eyhab Jaber
Anthony Jackson
William Jacobs
Kari Jacobson
Rivonna Jefferson
Doug Jelen
Carrie Jensen

Ronald Jimenez
Sergio Jimenez
Zulma Jimenez
David Johnson
Hannah Jones
Milagros Jordan
Joshua Juran
David Kay



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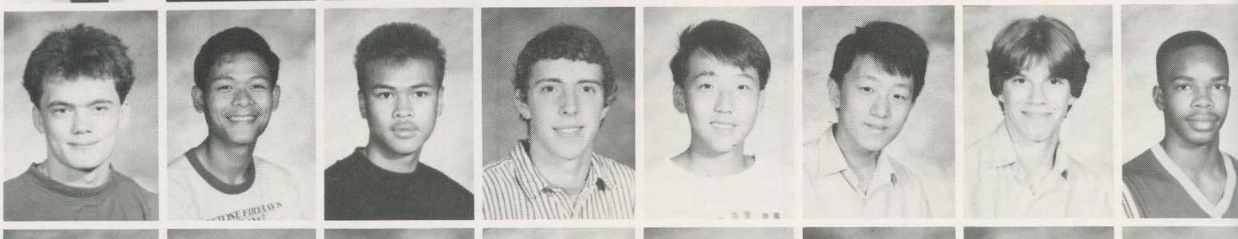
John King
Geoffrey Kirk



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Sitha Koung
Fletcher Krause
Ancelyn Krivak
Linda Laboy
Anne Langsdorf
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Orlando Lau

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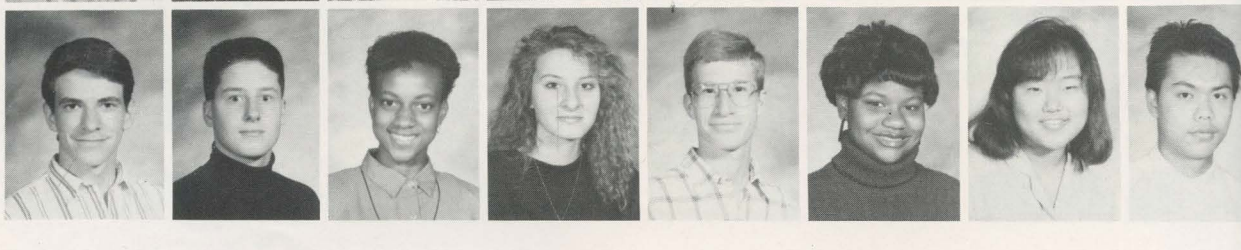
Rita Lee
Milena Lefterova
Jeffrey Lerman
Nikki Lewis
Sun Lim
Rui Lin



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Cletus Lionel
Andy Lobenstine
Jon Lobenstine
Oscar Losama
Joanne Lum
Dave Lutchman
Linh Luu

Wendy Madigosky
Simon Magrath
Richard Mallick
Todd Markowitz
Kristal Marsh
Anastasia Marshall
Jonah Martin
Claudia Mason

Laura McCarthy
Mary McCarthy
Dylan McGee
Jennifer Meagher
Eden Medhane
Tigist Metaferia
Justin Metcalfe
Michael Mills

Jodaea Minor
Micky Minquimol
Eric Minus
Alice Mitchell
Helen Mitchell
Tania Mjenga
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Christy Mullins
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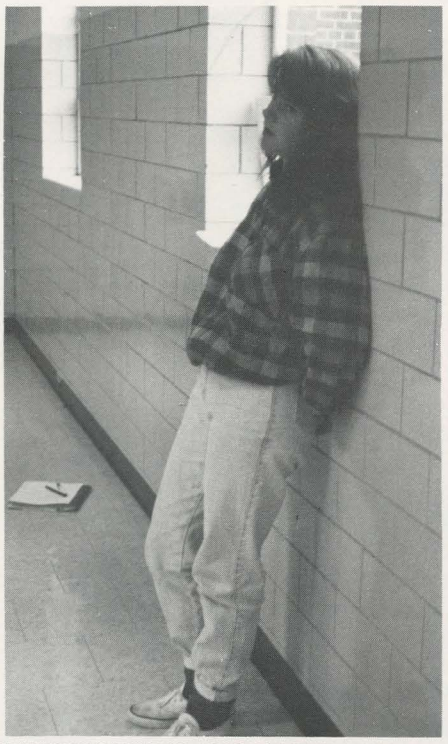
Luis Munoz
Camille Murray
Matt Neimark



After throwing her books down in disgust, Denise Sharpe wishes she weren't in school. Intense hatred of classes was an early sign of Premature Senioritis.

Laid back and carefree, juniors Kevin LeClaire, Joanna Aulick, and Mark Su display definite signs of early senioritis. Lunch time was the perfect time to relax and forget the problems that school can cause.

Gledy Nemah
Jackie Newman
Viseth Ngauy
Don Ngo
Cuong Nguyen
Leo Nguyen
Si Tien Nguyen
Thy Nguyen

Tien Nguyen
Kenny Nhan
Ifeoma Nkemdilim
Melissa Norman
Somchai Nottham
Yolita Nugent
Brigid Nulty
Richard O'Connell

Chris O'Haver
Mayumi Ogawa
Omi Olaghere
Ana Oliveros
Phyllis Onwubere
Cael Orrego
Christian Osei
Ramil Palamaira

Ingrid Palmer
Danial Panaseth
Brian Pandit
Antwon Pannell
Connie Park
Darleene Patrao
Bruce Perry
Rerkrob Petnoy

Gary Pigott
Marcus Power
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Caveta Premandas
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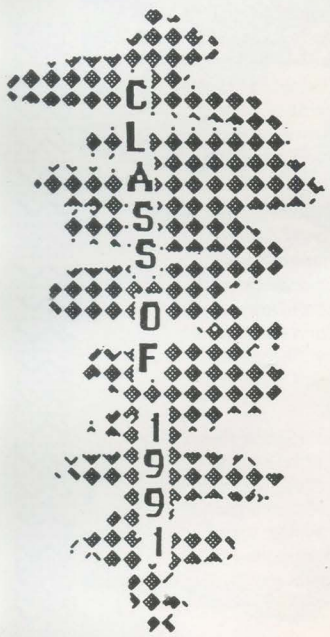
Glenda Proctor
Nam Quach
Mahesh Rajagopalan



Reva Gupta and Sherry Stregak use their time wisely to further their knowledge. Lunch was often the last resort to get work done.

Alphabet Soup

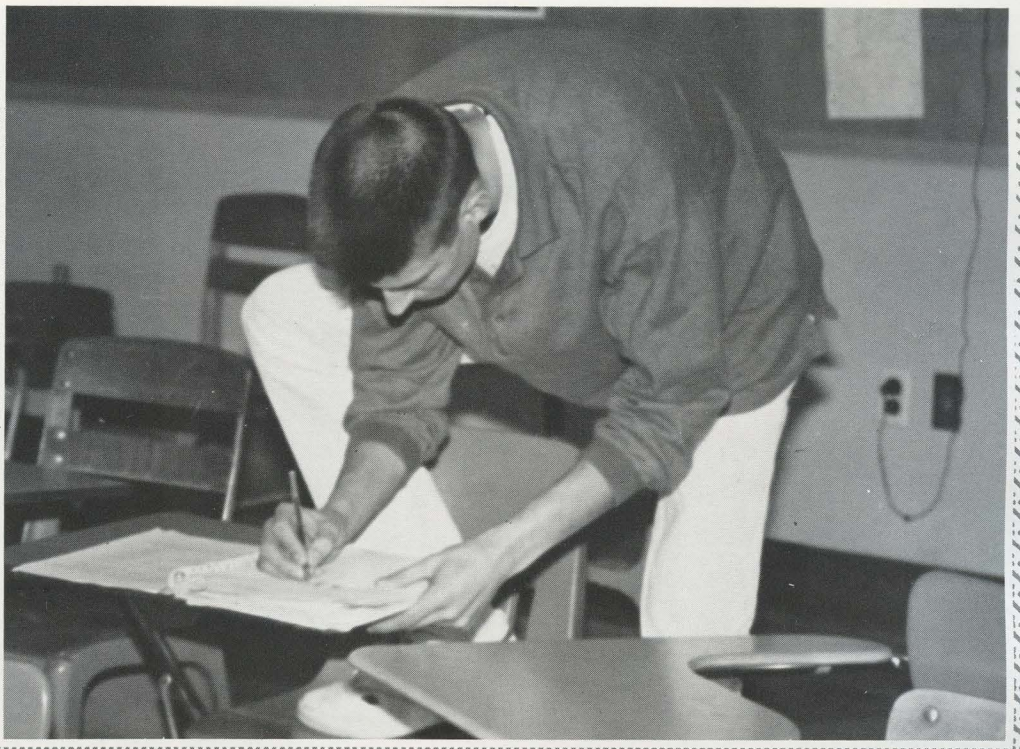
The start of the junior year was like being a kindergartner all over again. CAT's, GPA's, SAT's, and ACH tests flooded common conversations. This alphabet soup was the type of jargon juniors had to deal with.

Being a junior was a painful task. A lot of pressure was on students to score high on the many standardized tests they were forced to take. CAT's stood for the California Achievement Test, which juniors had already taken in third, fifth, and eighth grades, and were now taking for the last time in eleventh grade. There was the PSAT's which most juniors took in October as a preliminary to the SAT's they would need for college admission and would take for the first time in June. A high score on the PSAT would insure a junior of at least a Merit Letter of Commen- dation and possible a Nationa Merit Scholarship. College looked at GPA, test scores an financial need when decided wh would receive a scholarship.

Here is a example of a junior' life story:

"If I have to take another test I'll blow up!" The CAT's were bad enough given in school. Bu those PSAT's and SAT's kille me, because I had to wake u early on Saturday mornings. that wasn't bad enough, ther were all those dreaded AC tests. But looking on the brigh side if I keep up my GPA, m parents will take me to the MVA and maybe I'll finally get m license.

Those who worked hard g what they deserved. --SM



Besides going to school, junior Carlos Gomez is a talented Tae Kwon Do Gold Medalist. Although he's been competing for only 8 months, he won the medal at the 25th annual Maryland Open.

"These desks are for midgets!" This might be going through the mind of Nathan Bond as he gets his work done. Handing work in late was better than not handing it in at all.

Tewodros Ramet
Mayra Ramirez
Luz Ramos
Manuel Ramos
Hosey Rashid
Jose Rebelo
Genet Redda
Layee Reed

Carin Reese
Geralda Registre
Jose Reyes
David Richardson
Dacosta Roberts
Yvette Robertson
Jose Rodas
Joe Rodriguez

Deborah Roemer
Kenny Romero
Brendan Ross
Terence Russell
Margaret Salb
Martha Salcedo
Eric Salgueiro
David Sampley

Raul Santa Cruz
Marvin Saravia
Sowat Sayavongsa
Julie Schartner
Claire Schuster
Hillary Schwarz
Phalasath Sek
Bill Seyford

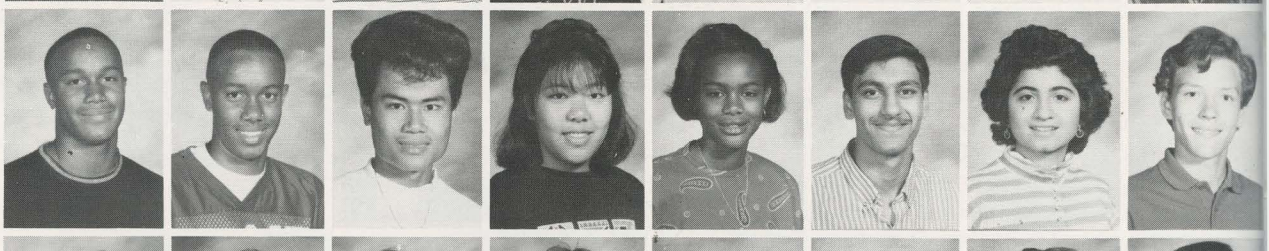
Denise Sharpe
Mary Shihadeh
Kisha Shorter
Clinton Sidwell
Rathom Siharath
Jareratt Silprasert
Pedro Silva
Sourinthon Singhavong

All aboard, juniors! Nate Brown, Nathan Bond, Sean Stevens, Dale Yang, Dylan McGee, Mike Mills, Ian Blair, and Mate Tokic needed no encouragement to show their school spirit. The unstoppable "Submarine" received third place in the Homecoming Parade for best float.

Ursula Sinkler
Dwain Skinner
Caroline Smith
Mia Soeparta
Kun Sok
Raul Sosa
Tith Sou
Zepeda Speight

Jamie Starr
Daniel Stearns
Sean Stevens
Arthur Stump
Karen Sturek
Mark Su
Bisa Swann
Evan Szu

Rahmaan Tabb
Rahsaan Tabb
Manora Tan
Anita Tang
Cheryl Tate
Rakesh Tatwadhia
Deepa Tawney
Arthur Taylor



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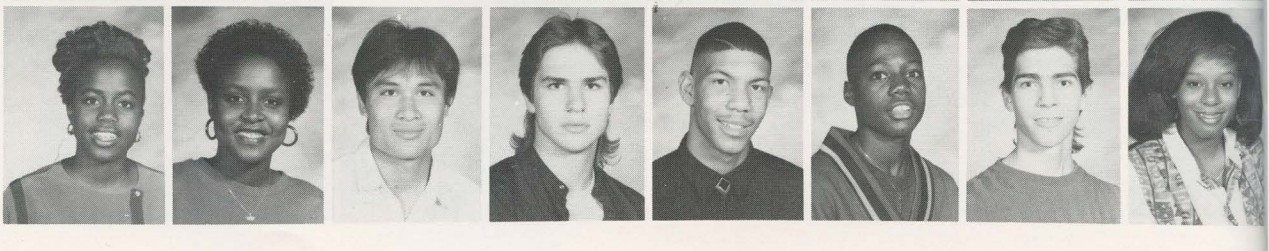
Somkhuan Thalang
Jason Thomas
Jevon Thomas
Geoffrey Thompson
Geoff Thornton
Katryna Tinney



Missing?

Evelynde Acevedo
Ako Alexander
Steven Allen
Luz Alvarez
Gladys Arevalo
Sunita Arjun
Hiruth Abraham
Ejigayehu Azmera
Michael Becker
Meskerem Bekele
Marisol Bustos
Aleeta Canty
Stacey Chambers
Shawn Clemons
Betrotious Crump
Scott Curtin
Brandon Dixon
Gregory Dobbins
Moiy Eam
Heather Elbert
Mark Forrester
Lashawnda Francis
Christopher Garcia
Addisu Gebru
Anthony Green
Nashica Greene
Reva Gupta
Christopher Haas
Nguyen Hang
Elmer Herrera
Channuon Houth
Ernest Jallah
Meron Kassaye
Jamont Kilby
Jarmaine Kornegay
Christopher Lawson
Sotheany Leas
Ji-Youb Lee
Ray Shaun Levy
Mark Lively
Lenney Lowe
Dixon Marin
Lina Martinez
Edward Mendez
Jessica Mendenez
Eric Miles
James Morrison
Sokhna N'Doye
Charles Nethery
Choung Nguyen
Dung Nguyen
Minhg Khanh Nguyen
Sarim Nhem
Kelly Payne
Claudia Peralta
Moyra Perez
Jonathon Perry
Thomas Revell
Omar Rojas
Carlos Romero
Thomas Roszkowski
Seneca Dent
Melitta Scott
Charnelle Sheppard
Edwin Silaba
Rosa Silva
Wendy Silverio
Duane Talley
John Teran
Sou Tith
Anya Udit
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Mohit Varma
Michael Wallace
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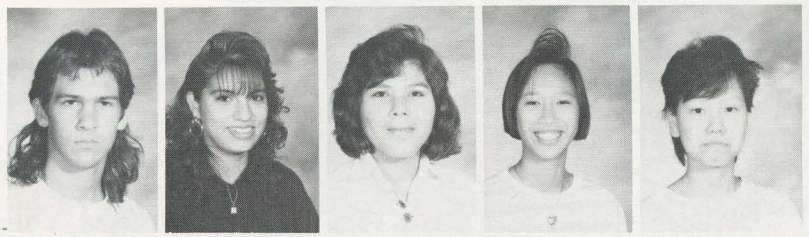
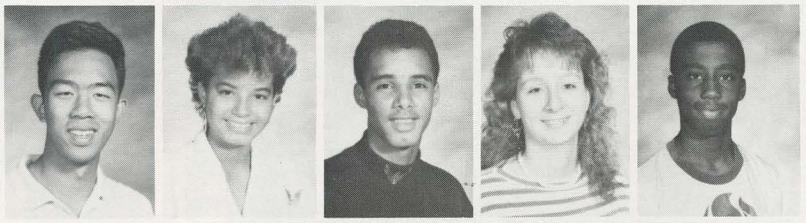
Maurice West
Kent Whalen
Richard Whalen
Samra Yazew



Mate Tokic
Monica Toral
Tuyet Tra
Linh Tran
Minh Tran



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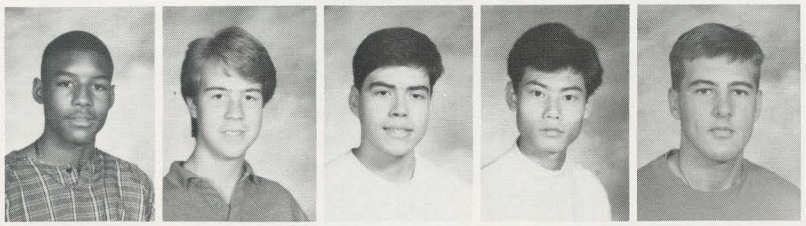
Francis Ulloa
Jennifer Utterback
Guy Vance



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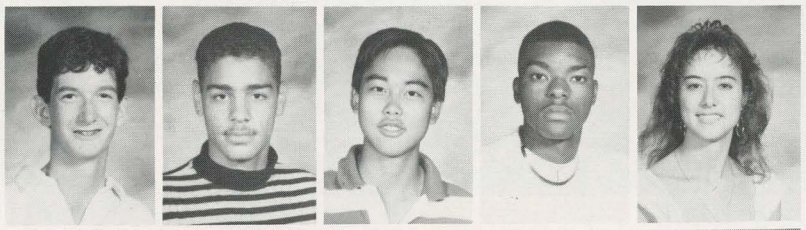
Jon Velapoldi
Juan Velasco
Hung Vo
Jeffrey Wakefield



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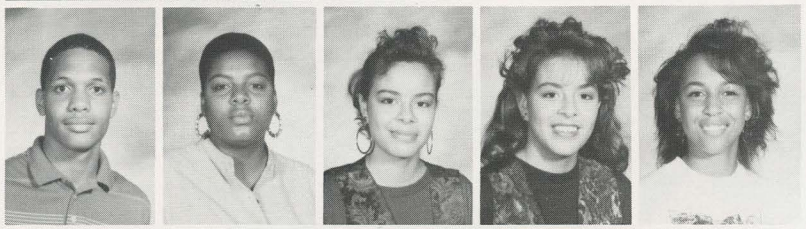
William Wallace
Christopher Wang
Melvin Watts
Julie Whalen

Mary Wiedt
Jesse Wilkerson
Andrea Williams
Charlotte Williams
Le'Keshia Williams



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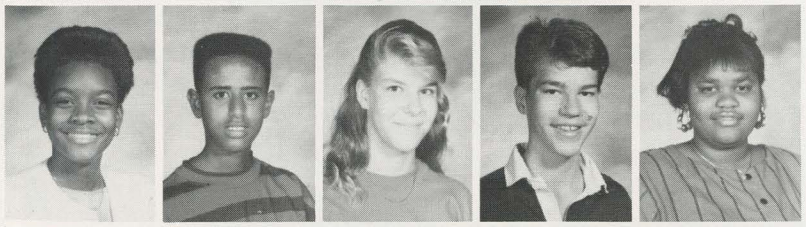

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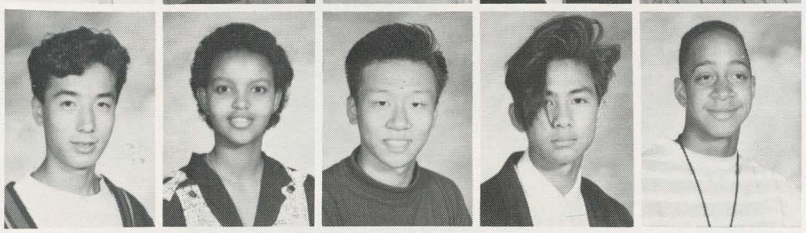


Daeil Yang
Mahlet Yared
Tae Yim
Theany Yin
Richard Yirenkyi

Pou Yon
Andre Young
Norma Zetino
Marsada Zor
Laura Zweig

Moving Up

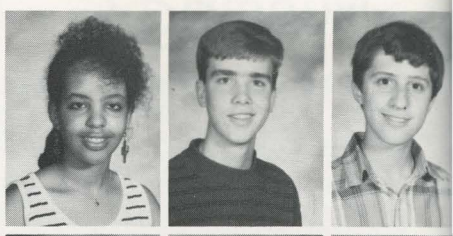
The sophomores moved up the class ladder from being Baby Blazers to make headway in their positive contributions to the school. The chosen few to lead the class were President Rebecca Goldberge, Vice-President Sandra Bediako, Secretary Sophie Tith, Treasurer Geetika Agrawala, and Parliamentarian Emily Blagg. Their class and school spirit truly shined through in their many accomplishments this year.

The biggest endeavor was the improvements of the sanitation facilities of the school. The officers had meetings with Principal Philip Gainous, Business Manager Frank Ifkovits, and head of building service Mr. Stover to discuss ways to improve the school bathrooms. As a result of these meetings, the officers worked side by side with the building service staff to take immediate action. They installed more mirrors in the girls and boys' bathrooms, made sure the locks on the bathroom doors were fixed, and provided the bathrooms with better plumbing.

With this major project at hand, they still made time to exhibit their class spirit by holding a carnation sale. They also won third place in the spirit hall competition, and placed second with their Homecoming float. Goldberg and her team of officers achieved their goal this year which was, "to raise school spirit and to instill more pride in the school." --AAP & DXP

Sophomore class officers this year were Treasurer Geetika Agrawala, sponsor Bob Gibb, Parliamentarian Emily Blagg, Vice-President Sandra Bediako, President Rebecca Goldberg, and Secretary Sophie Tith. They worked hard to make their class stand out.

Selam Abebe
Douglas Abrams
Jeremy Ackerman



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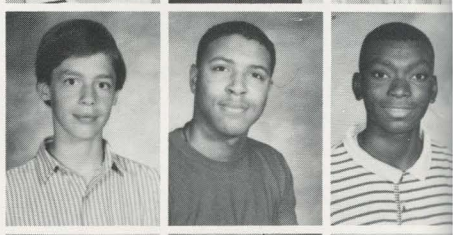
Myron Adams
Abiola Adeyemi



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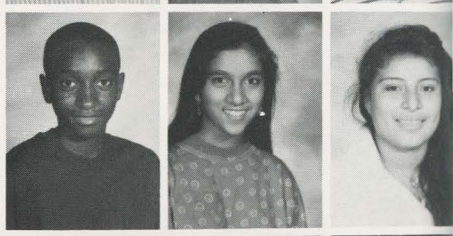
Geetika Agrawala
Josselyn Aguilera



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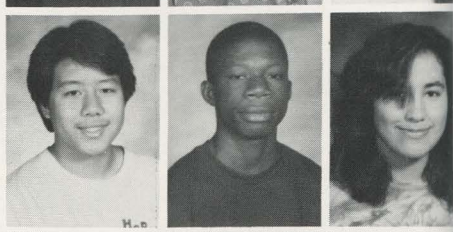
Ayodortun Akingbade
Joanna Alverez



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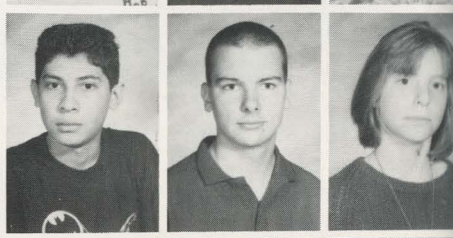
Zara Anuszkiewicz



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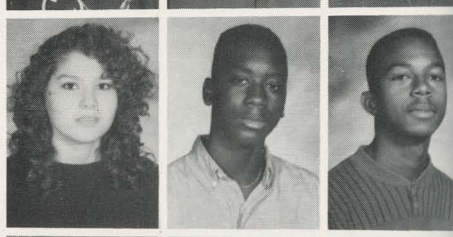

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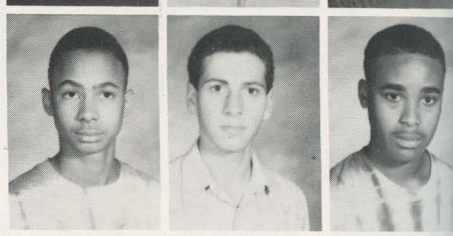

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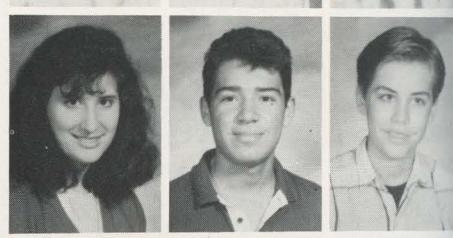
Julio Aviles
Michael Bachman



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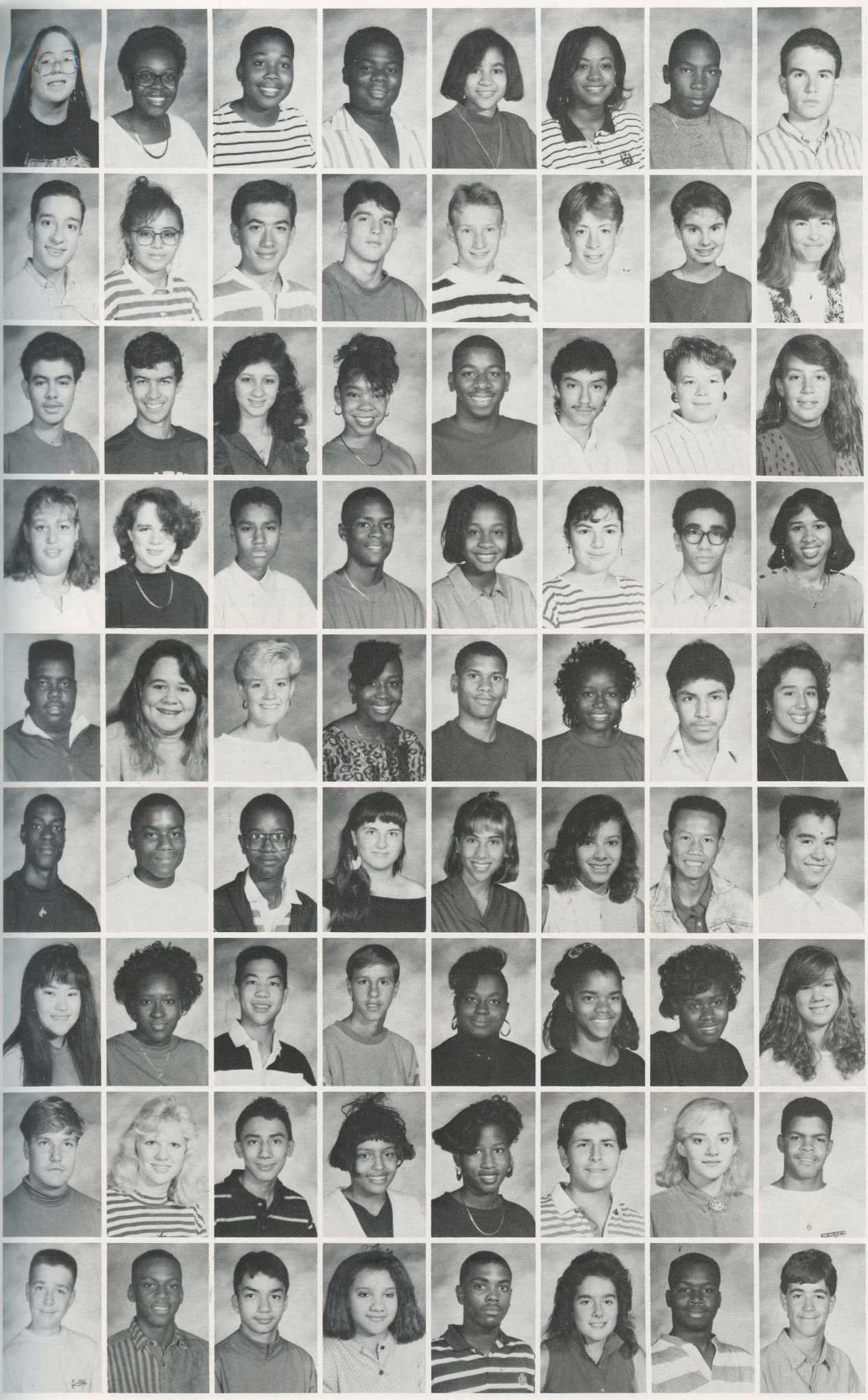
Lenny Baldwin



Jennifer Barnes
Sandra Bediako
Monee Bell
Lloyd Bempong
Eddy Bencosme
Aver Bennett
Jeremy Bent
Alexander Berg

Ethan Berger
Armida Bermudez
Fred Bernal
James Best
Steven Bettis
Gordon Bishop
Sarah Black
Emily Blagg

Luis Bonilla
Douglass Boriee
Sonia Bonilla
Erika Boykins
Ian Boswell
Jorge Bracamontes
Dawn Bremerman
Elaine Brigham

Christy Brinker
Kristen Brock
Eric Brookins
James Bruce
Ismaelle Brunache
Irene Bruno
Mohamed Bur
Kia Burch

Steven Burns
Allison Butler
Tina Buzik
Carol Ann Byles
Alonza Cameron
Gretel Campbell
Jose Campos
Nydia Carattini

Reuben Carson
Simeon Carson
Kimani Carter
Michelle Casey
Letitia Cavalieri
Kiran Chetry
Sokhem Chhim
Marcus Chock

Theresa Chow
Erica Christmas
Jack Chu
William Cirrincione
Shirley Claude
Nakiya Cohen
Monique Coleman
Emily Collins

Chris Colly
Christy Compton
Aldo Cordoza
Christine Crawford
Anita Crew
Alexander Cribeiro
Aviva Cristy
Cruz Junior

Douglas Daniels
Troy Daniels
Ajoy Das
Bethanie Davies
Lionell Davis
Wendy Davis
Willie Davis
Dan Decesare

Sophomores Jesse Karpas and Matthew Gormon idly sit back and chill while waiting for a ride. For most sophomores the parking lot was the best place to try to bum-a-ride.

Travellin' Blues

"Get around, get around, I wish, I could get around." This was the general consensus for most sophomores when it came to getting places. It was hard for most because many knew what to do and where to go, but just didn't know quit how to get there. All was not lost, since there were those trusty reliable upper classmen with cars to depend on. Well not always but you take what you can get. For Marlo Kight transportation wasn't a hassle. "I never have a problem getting around because I have my friends Larry and Moe and the blue and white limo." Actually Marlo was just like all sophomores depending on his two feet and the Ride-On bus!

Some sophomores hated riding the bus because it was ove crowded, nasty, and always la Celena Orgel looked at it in a d ferent perspective. "I don't rea have problem with riding the bu in fact I could totally deal with if I was the only one on it," s said.

As the year progressed, thin got better as more sophomor got their driver's license a learner's permit. But being ab to drive opened up a whole ne door of frustrations. Many four themselves trying to get a ca insurance, gas money, and ju getting used to it. "I love drivin think it's great, but only if I'm t only one on the road," sa Cyndy Segura. --RP

Mary De Lisi
Jonathan Devilbiss
Kiran Dhanireddy
Robert Divilio
Stephanie Doak
Danny Doherty
Johnny Dorsey
Matias Duarte

Tamla Dunbar
Thong Duong
Indar Durgapersad
Valeria Epstein
Josh Evans
Mikal Evelyn
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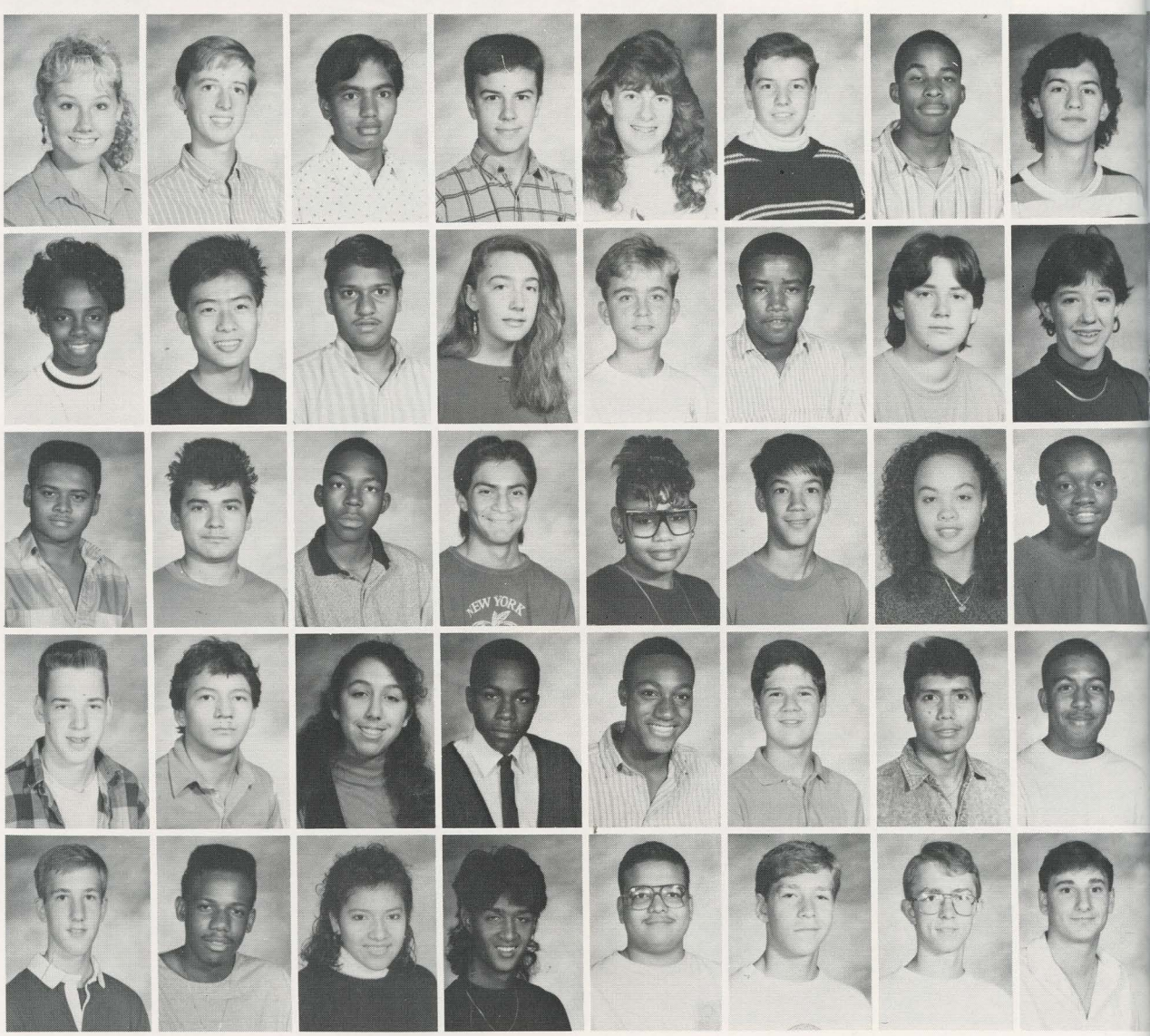

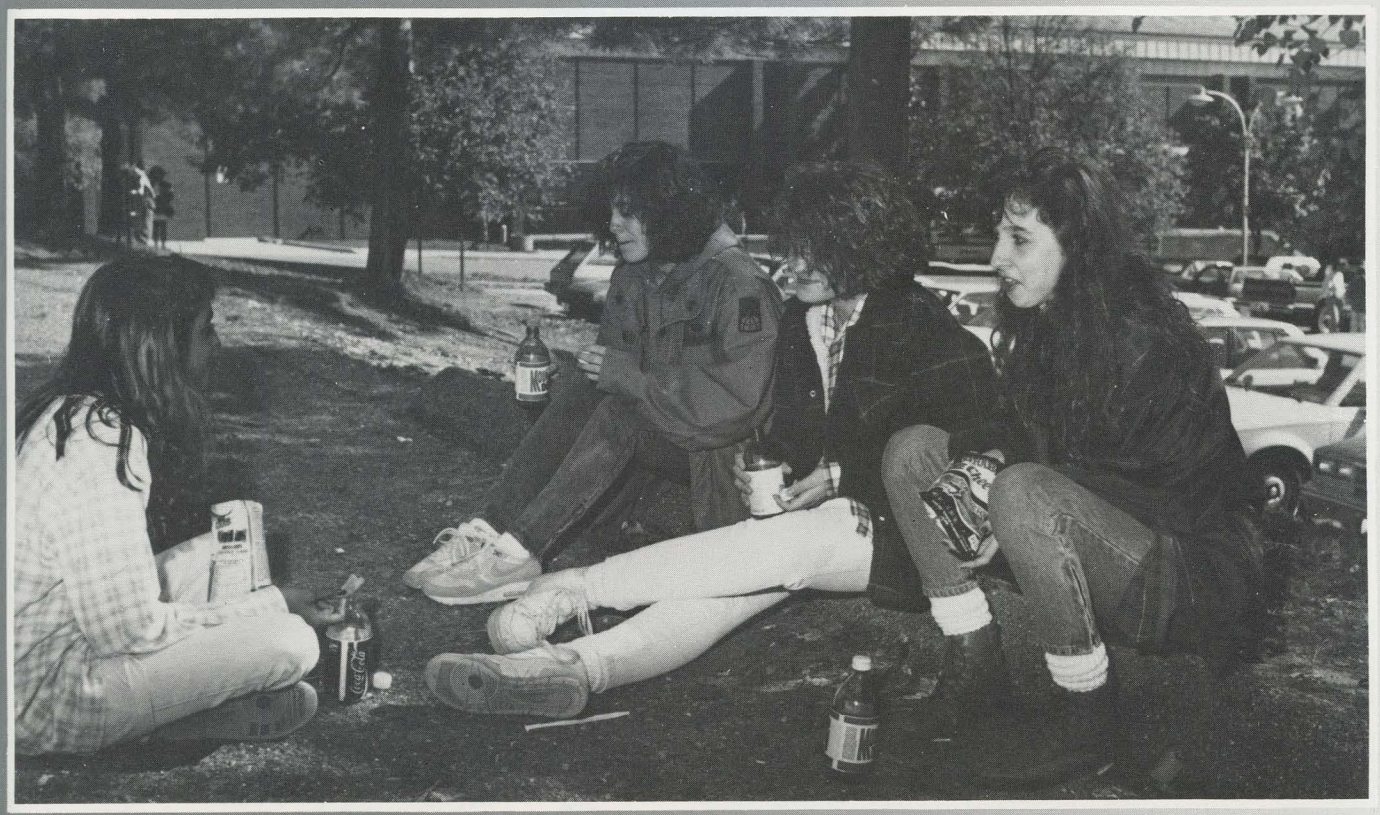

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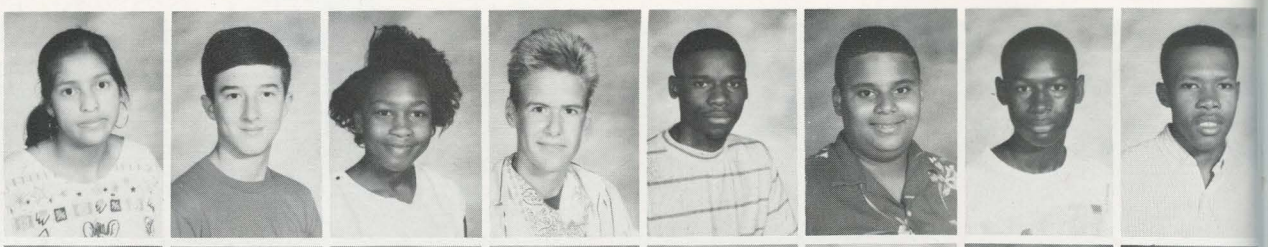

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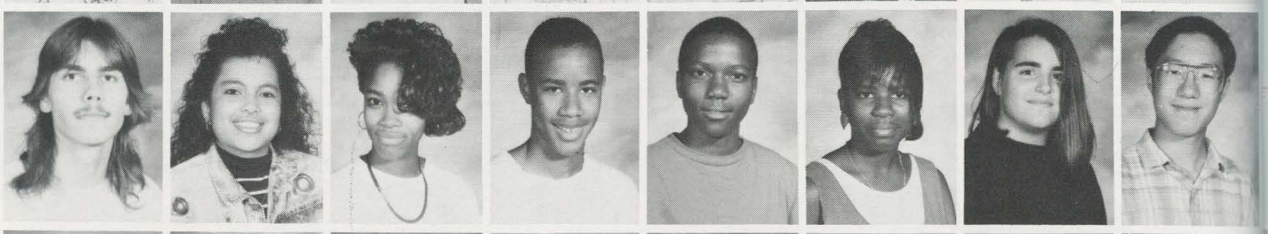

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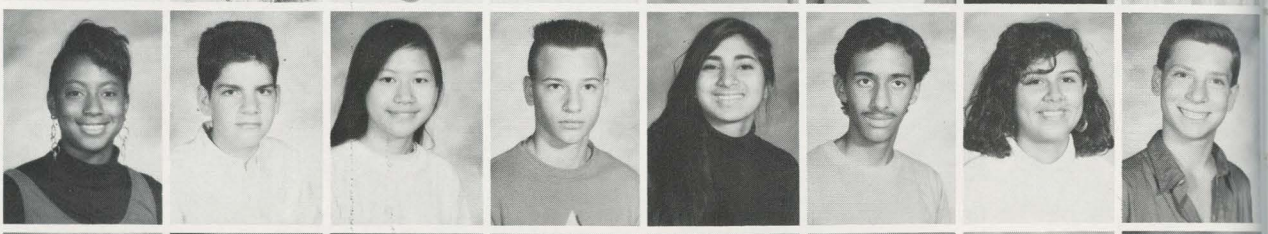

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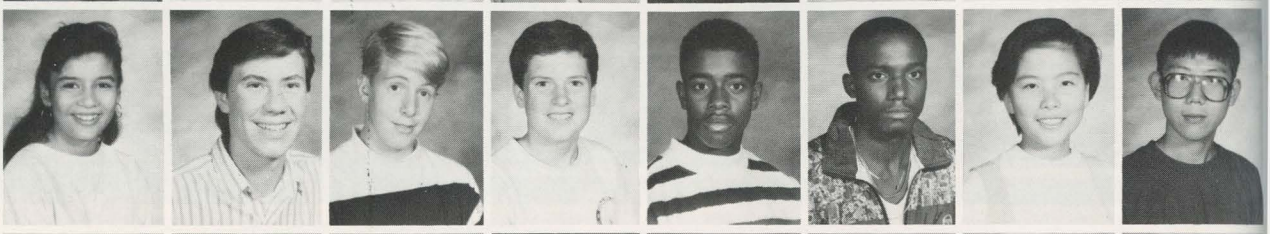

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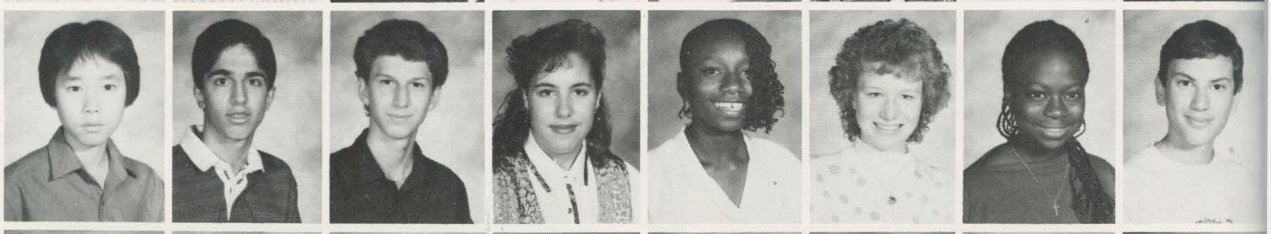

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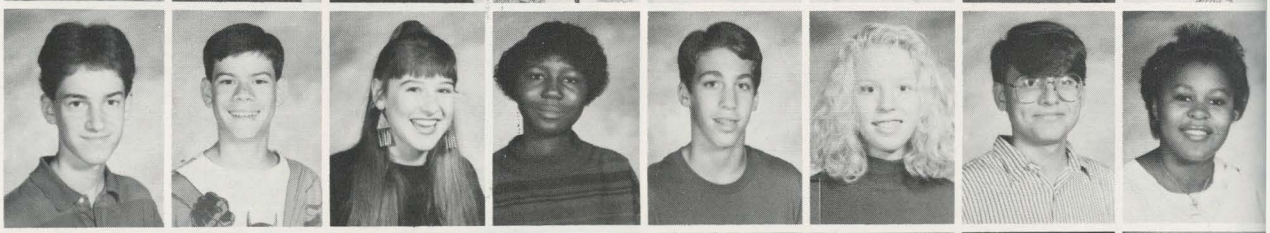

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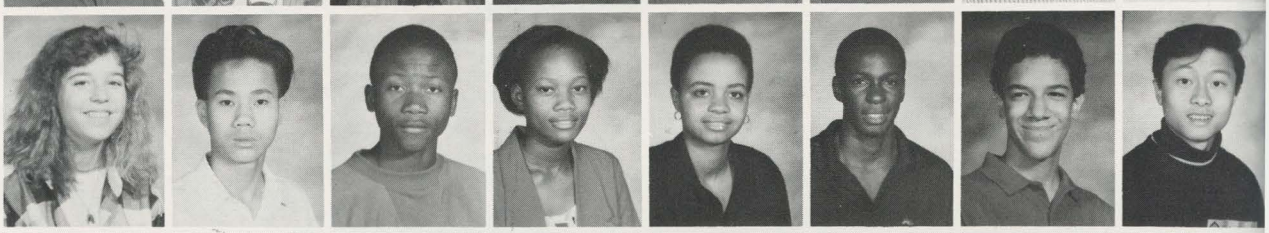

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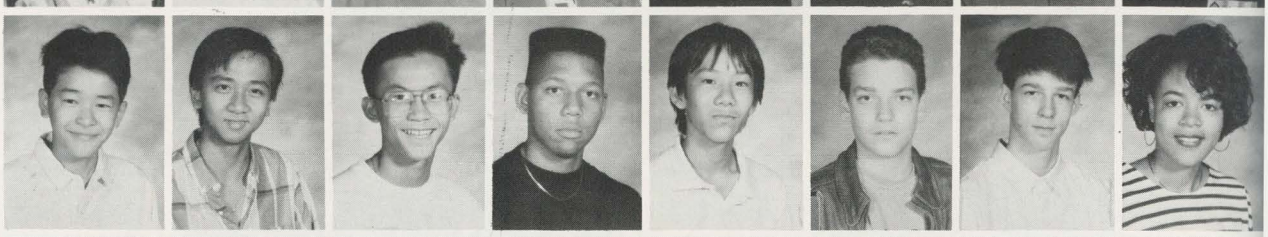

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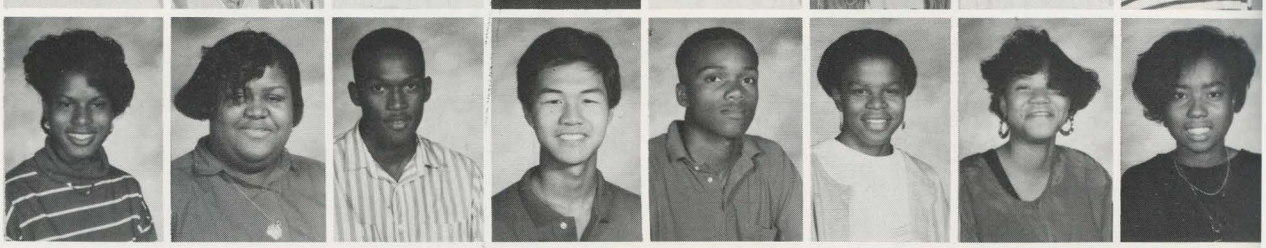

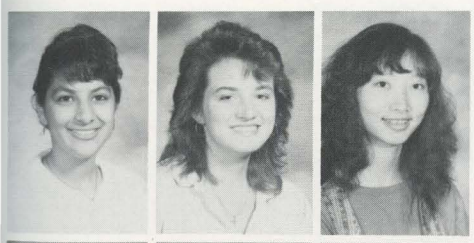

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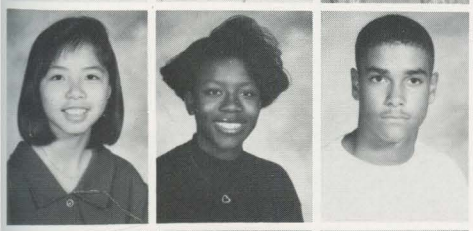

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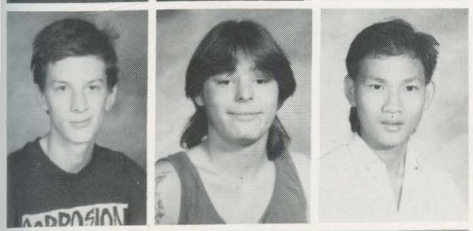

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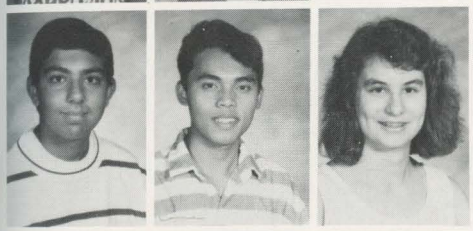

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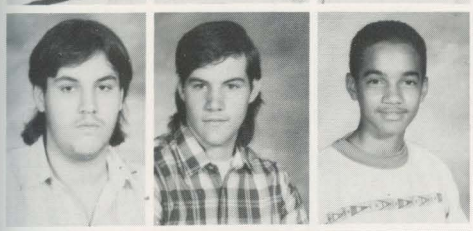

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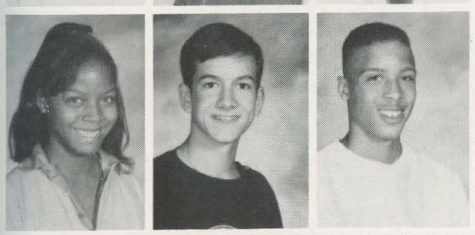

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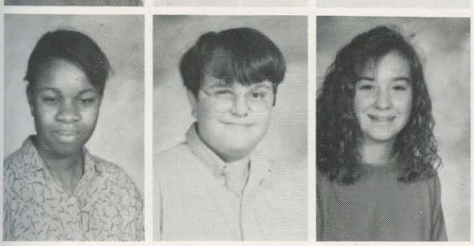

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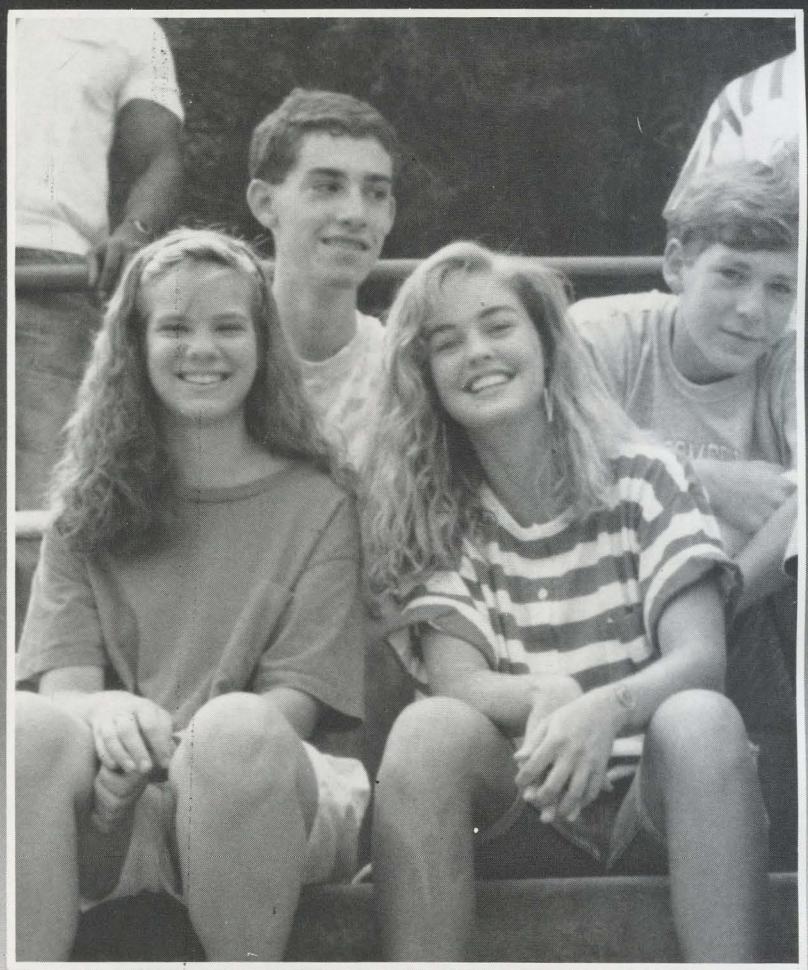
Faces in the Crowd

Who were they, where were they from, and what did they do? "They're real people who go to school and try to fit in, but no one ever pays any attention to them," said senior April Turner. To some, sophomores were known as "bodies to fill the gaps of Blair," in the sense that they were no longer the unwanted, snickered at, prayed upon, worthless children who had been forced to enter the domain of the 90's graduates. Nevertheless they were still nowhere near to being the king of the hill.

They were found in the outskirts of F hall, cautiously away from the noisy rowdy seniors who hung out in A hall. Sophomores also knowingly steered away from the dreaded freshman, so as not to be confused with their new rivals.

Only to be kicked out, many of them ate in the hallways because they were not old enough to drive to McDonald's in downtown Silver Spring or Roy's in Four Corners. They were, of course, too old or to cool to be seen in the cafeteria. Therefore, most of them were usualy found going to Ertter's or coming back from Ertter's.

"The most difficult part about being a sophomore was that you were too young to stay home anymore, but not old enough to go to any clubs like Fifth Column, Tracks, or Dakotas, let alone be invited to any outstanding weekend parties!" said sophomore Martha Dias. --PC



Sophomores Emily Collins, Aaron Silverstein, Erica Wilhelm, and Dave Gaspin show their support for the football team. Although the sophomores were but a handful amidst the hundreds of other students who attended the football games this past year, they were not out-spirited by their peers.

Sophomore Days

Sophomore year was one of new experiences, embarassing moments, and of course, everyday routine.

In order to remember your sophomore year to the utmost extent, fill in this simple survey, and then in a few years, you can sit back, relax, and reminisce about the good ol' days.

Q: What would you do if you saw someone had their fly open during a speech in Oral Communications? Would you...

a. ignore it?

b. make charade-like gestures to try to get him/her to notice?

c. laugh aloud and tell your neighbor?

Q: As a sophomore, did you feel...

a. in limbo; the middle child?

b. older?

c. like a "wise fool" (actual meaning of the word "sophomore")?

Q: As a sophomore, I thought of seniors as...

a. big, bad, mean people that were going to stomp all over me.

b. I didn't really think of them.

c. only two years older.

d. (fill in.)

See you in 20 years! --SR&SK

"I hope I come out of this test alive," jokes sophomore Josh Oppenheimer as he steps into his English class in C304. Second semester sophomores took Oral Communications and learned how to write and perform speeches.

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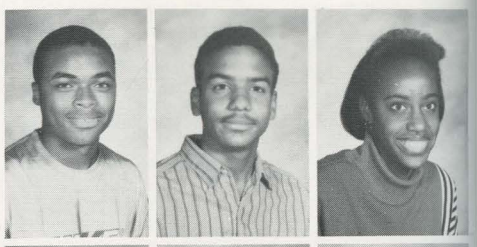

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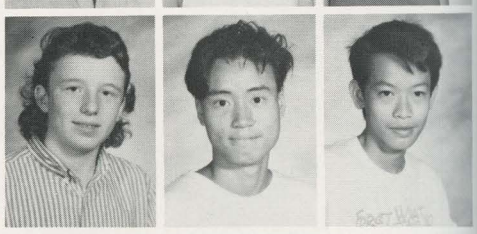

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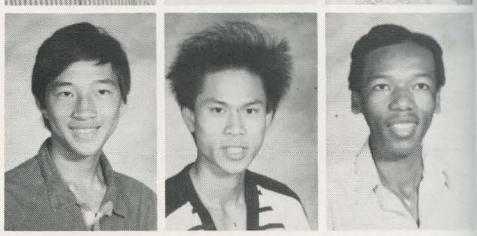

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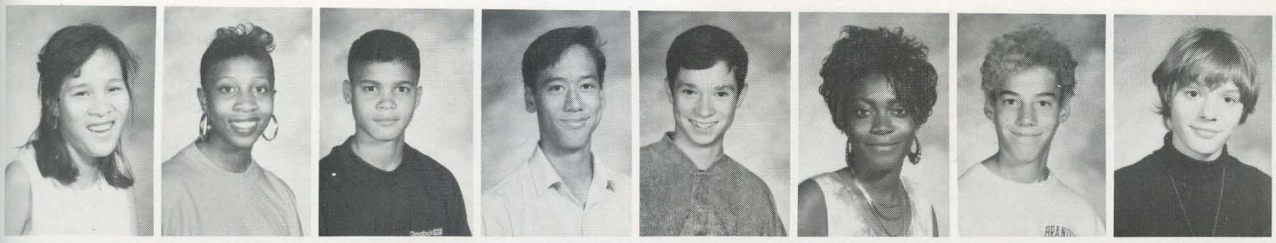

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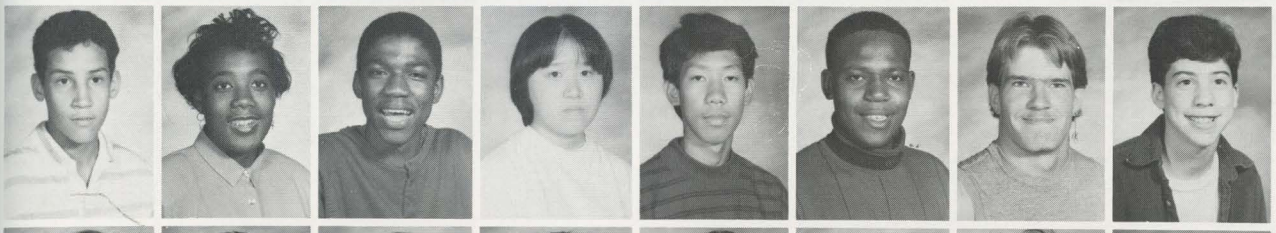

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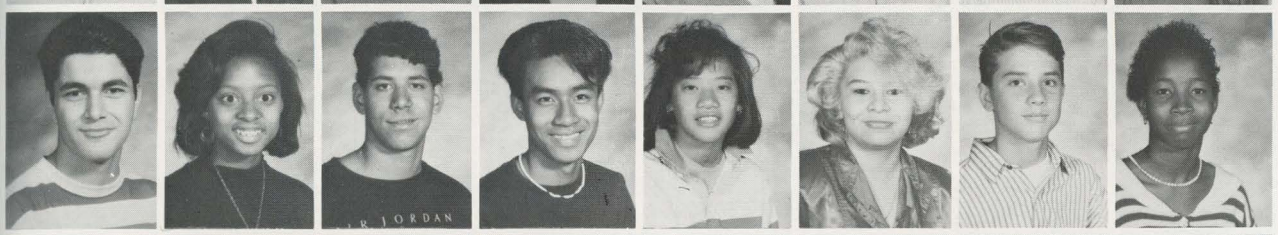

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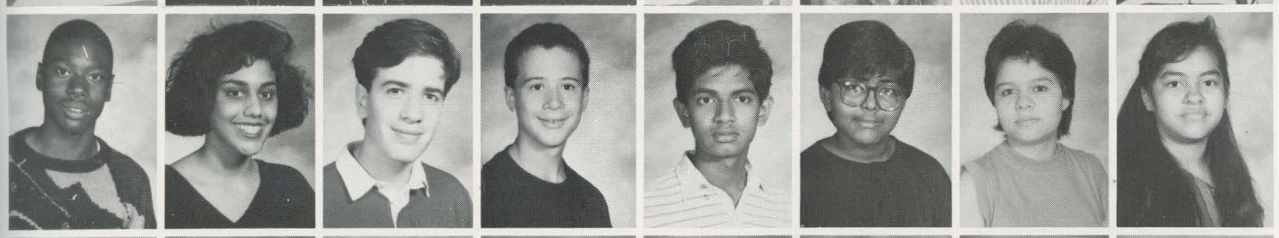

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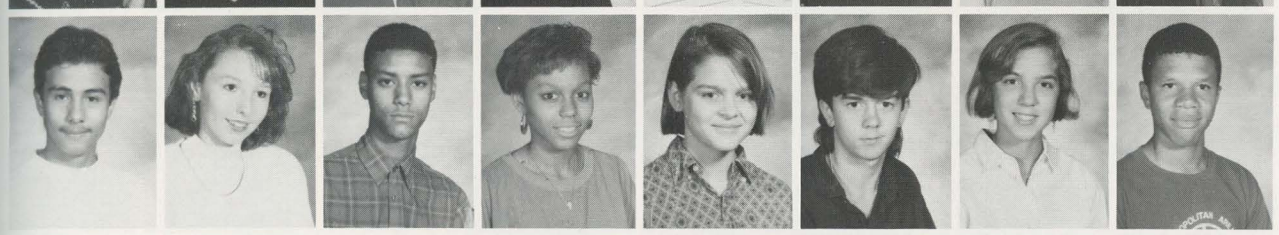

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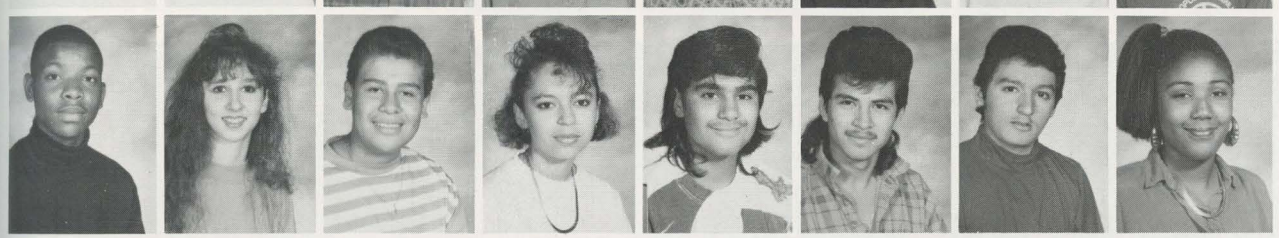

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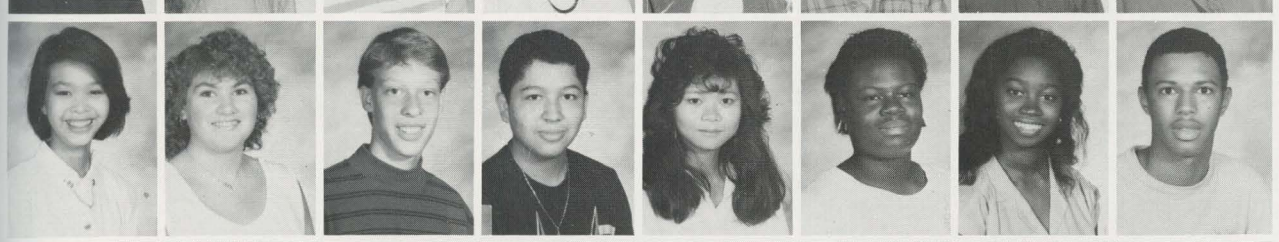

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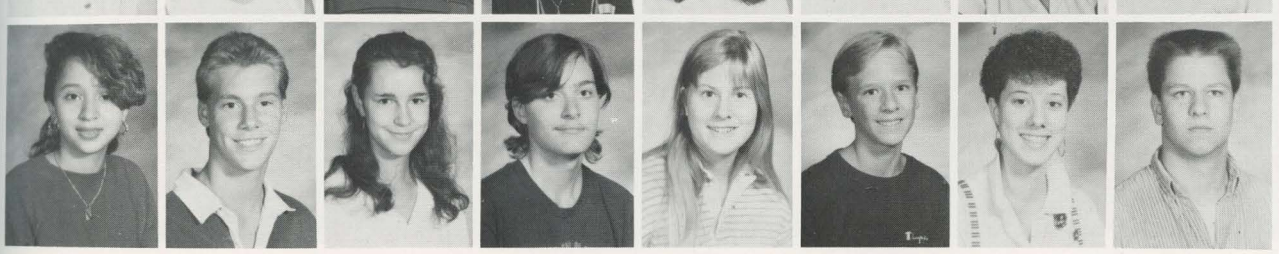

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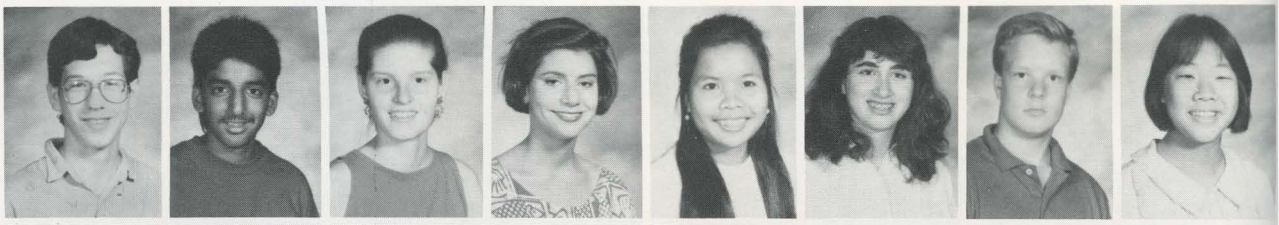

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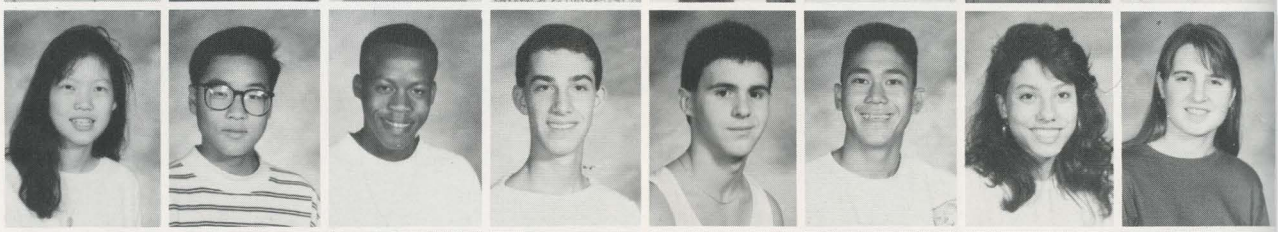

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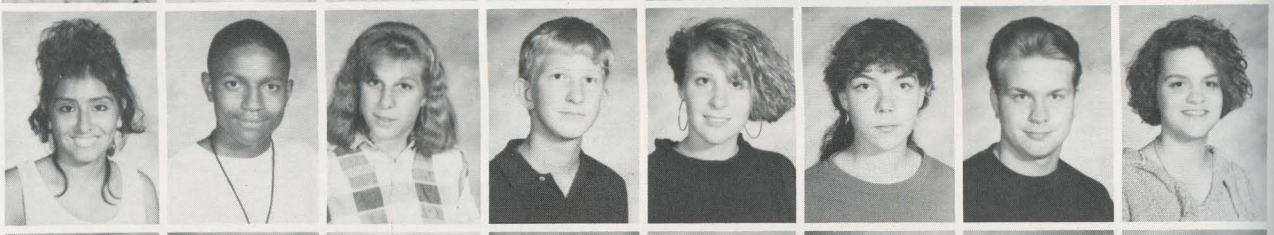

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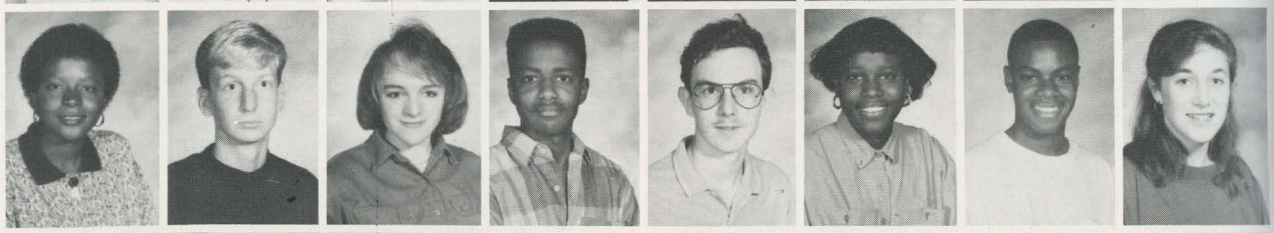

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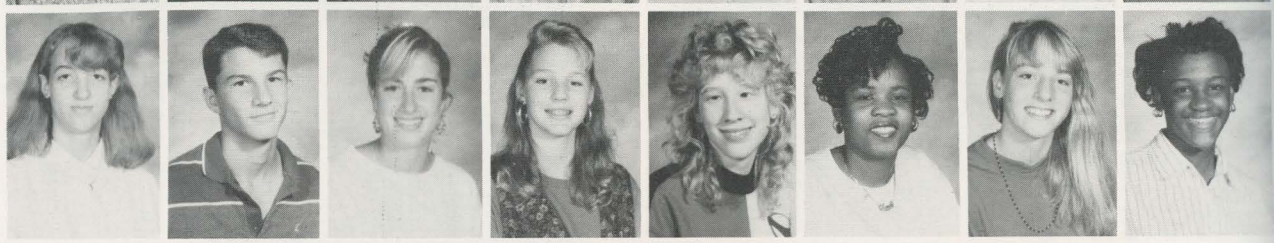
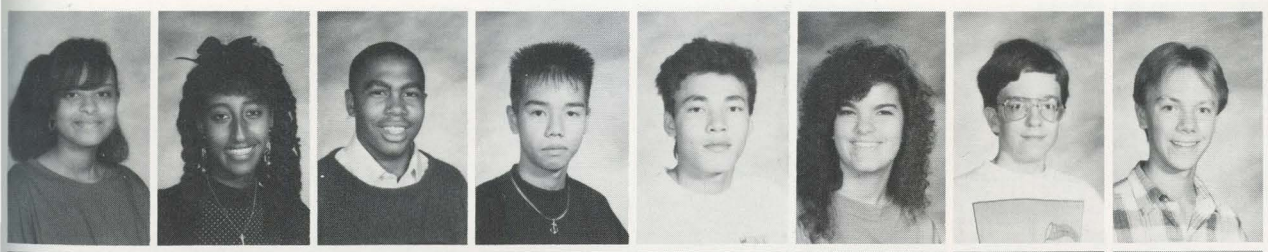


Josh Evans and Susana Calderon cheers for his class as he sits on top of the sophomore float during the Homecoming parade. This year the sophomore float placed second beating out both the juniors and seniors.



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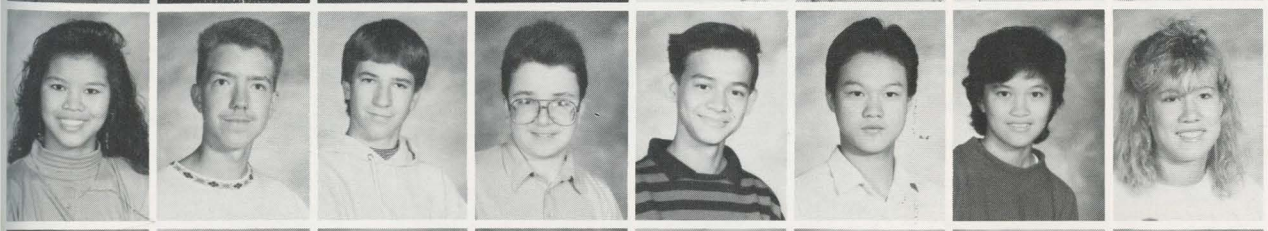

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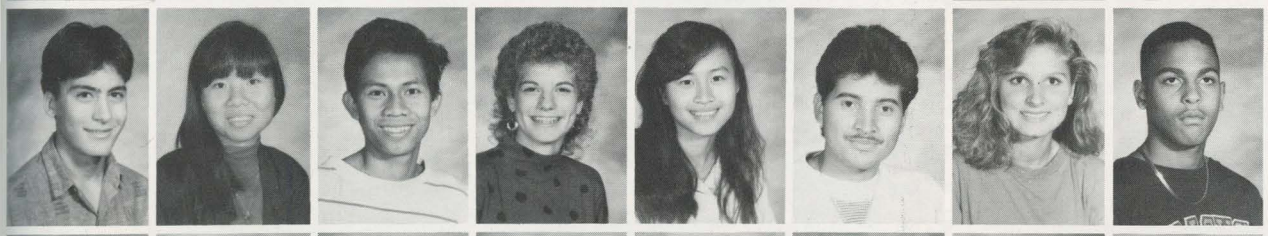

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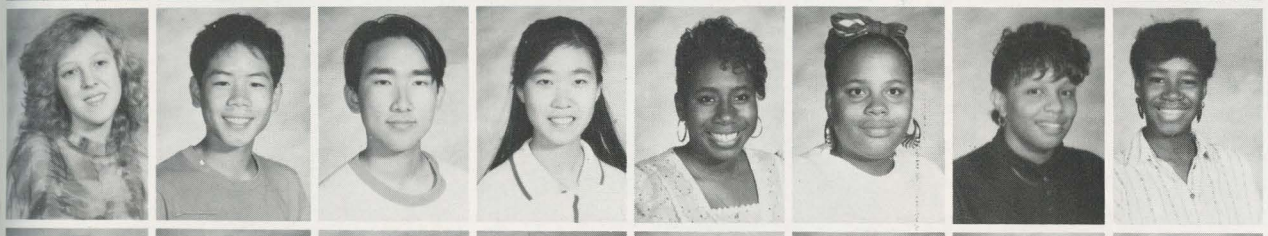

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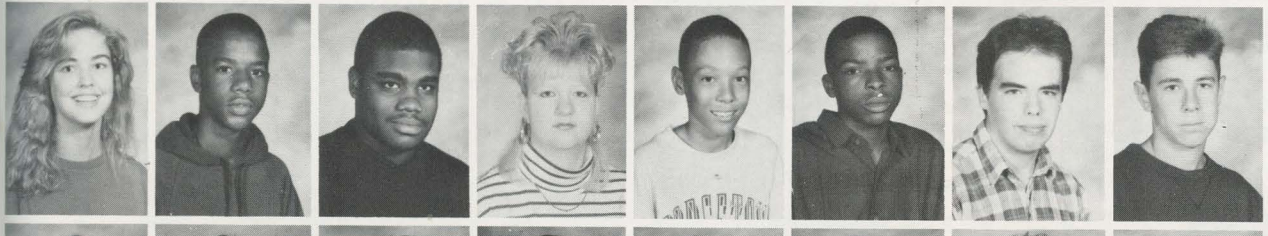

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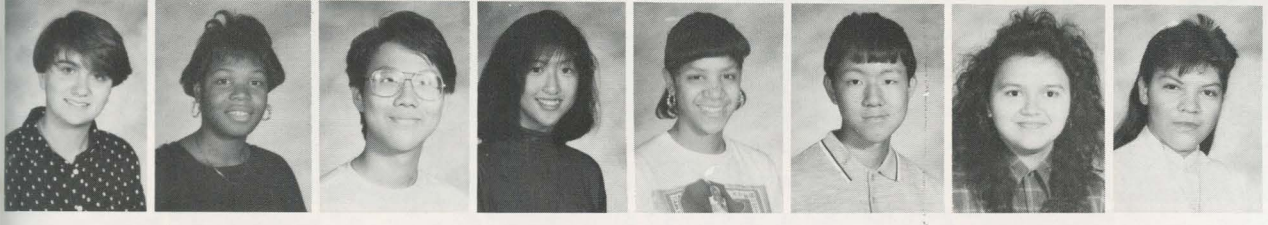

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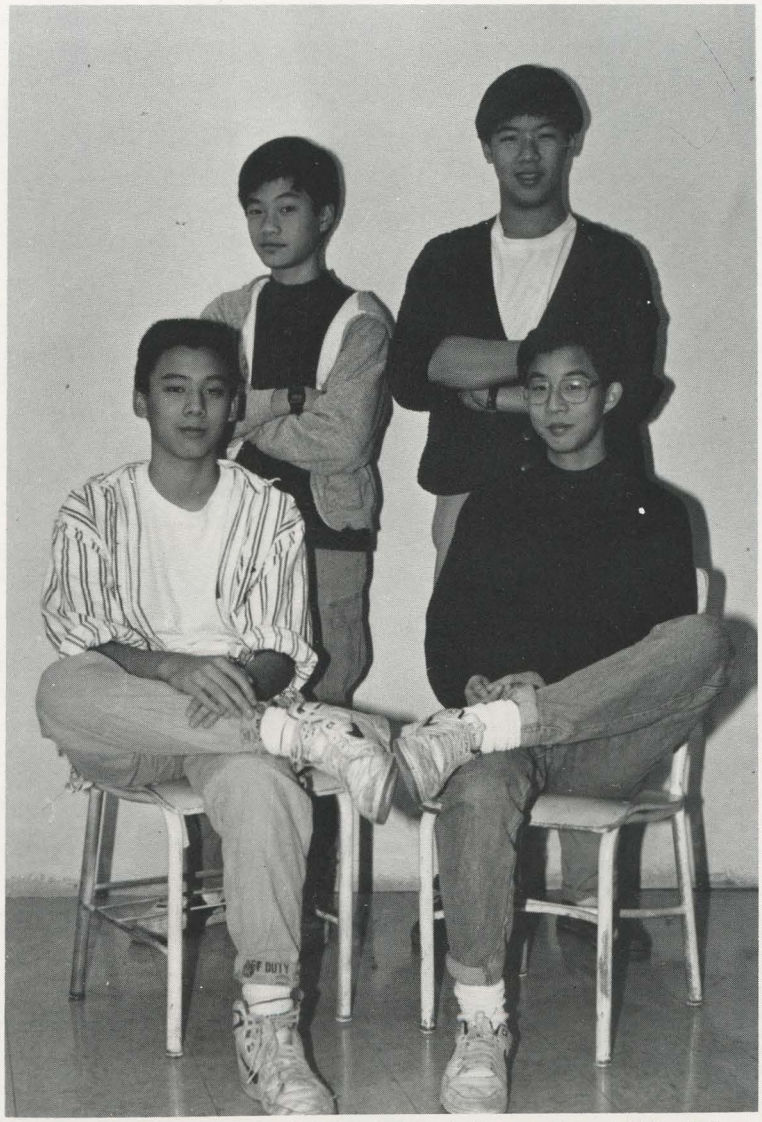
First Steps

Year after year, the role of the freshman officers has always been pretty hard. Being new at Blair, they have to do their best to help other 9th graders spend a great first year of high school.

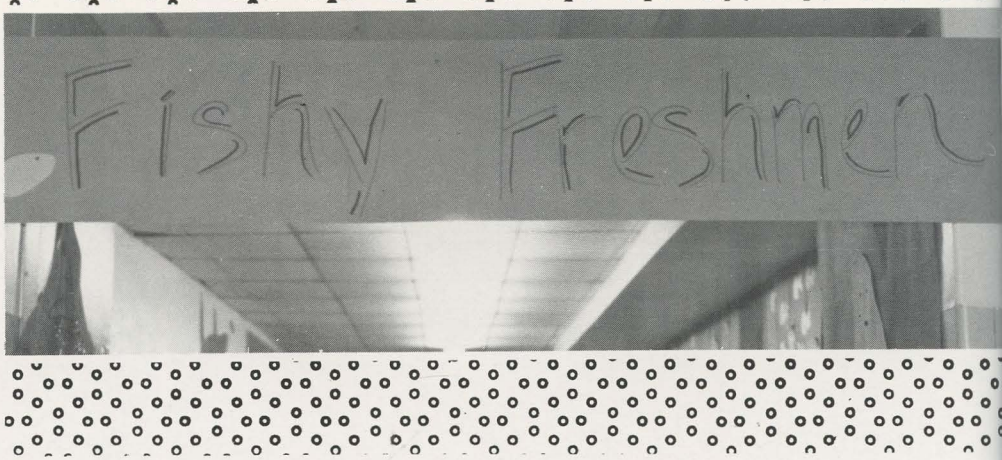
President Mike Siri, helped by his vice president Tim Kim, secretary Min Liu and treasurer Steve Liu, did an excellent job. At the begining of the year, their two main goals were to earn as much money as possible and to participate in school spirit events.

The freshman class was actively involved in Homecoming. Their spirit hall was located in "B" building, yet everyone noticed that they did not have a float this year. "The city of Rockville had agreed to give us a float for free, but it didn't work; we didn't have the time to build one," Siri explained. "But don't panic, it won't happen a second time."

During the month of February, the freshman class sponsored a "Balloon-A-Gram" sale. A helium balloon with candy and messages were sent to a favorite friend or that special someone. The money they earned during the year was tucked away safely to fund next year's school spirit events. --SB



Freshman Officers: Front Row: Steven Liu, (treasurer), Min Liu, (Secretary), **Back Row:** Timothy Kim, (Vice President), Michael Siri, (President).



Following this year's Homecoming theme, *Enchantment Under The Sea*, the Freshman Class used alliteration to inform students that they were entering their Spirit Hall.

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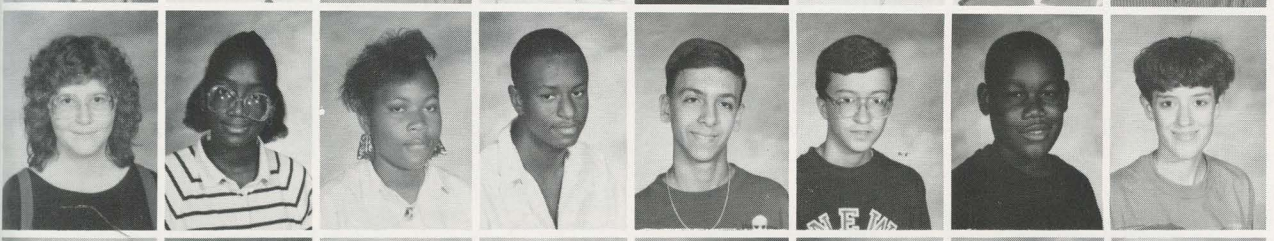

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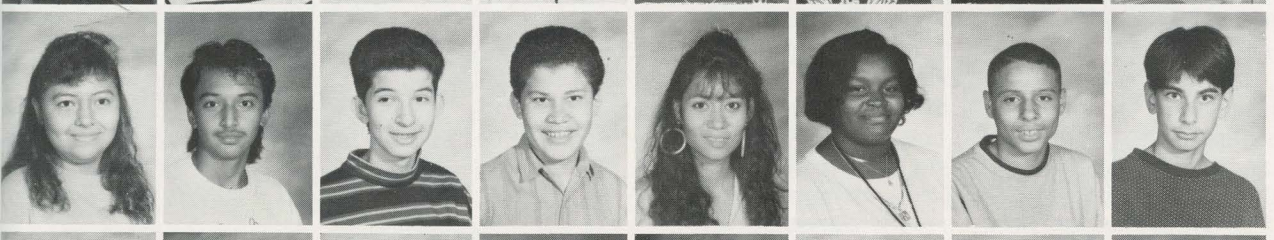

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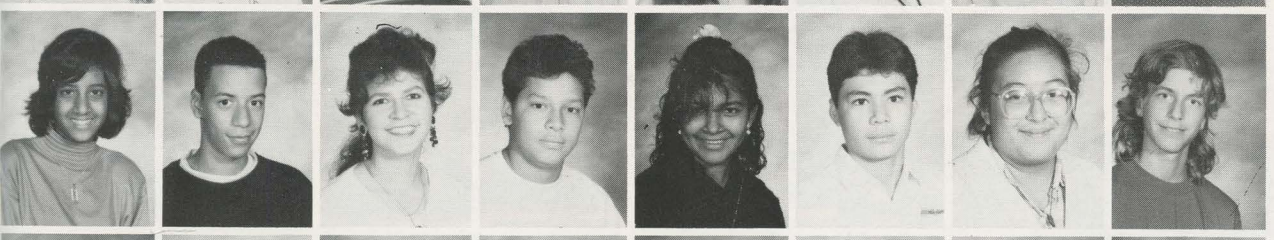

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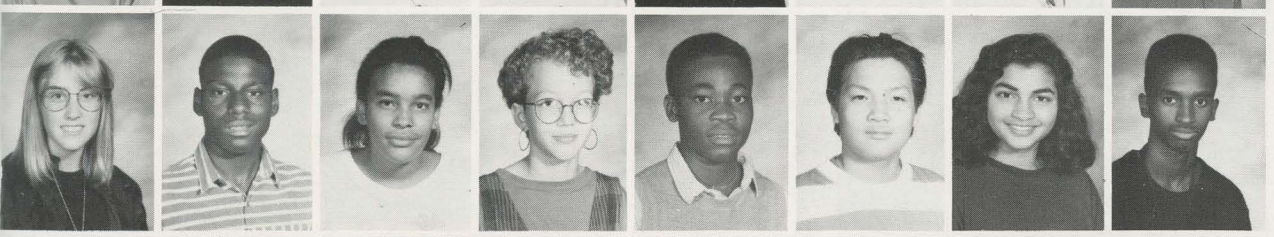

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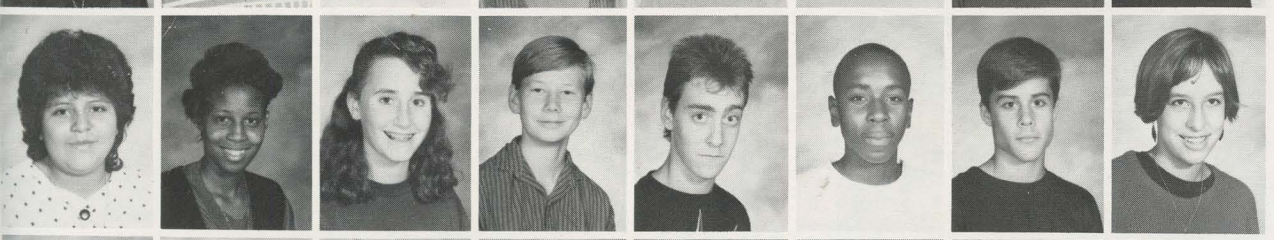

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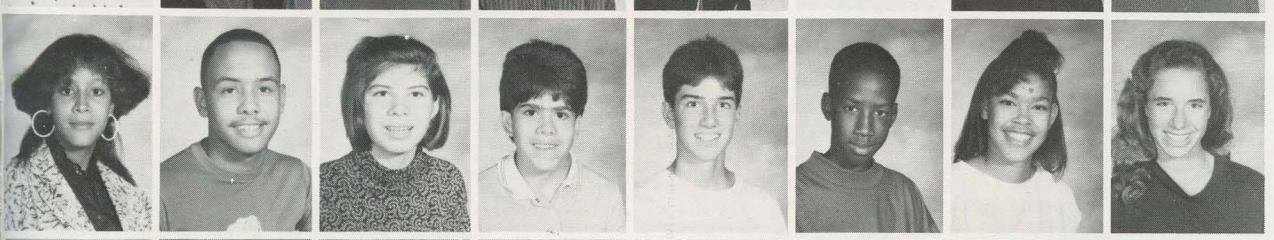

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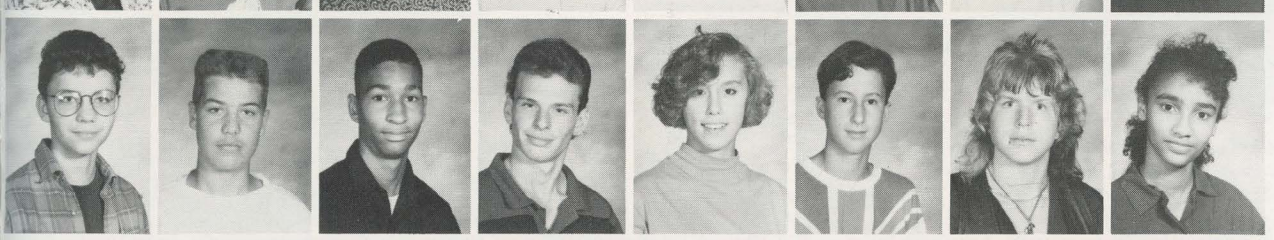

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Jamal Butler
Jody Byers
Michael Califa
Ana Canales
Daniel Canonge

A Frosh Start...or Not?

September 6, 1989. For some it was a day eagerly awaited for. Others dreaded the thought of carrying books (not much practice gained from carrying sunglasses and a bottle of suntan lotion). Some might argue that the latter would not be the attitude of freshmen, but it could be assumed that everyone more or less had regrets about ending the summer. Whether students looked forward to the fall and the ensuing school year was another story. Several seniors and freshmen were asked what they remembered about their first day of school. --JE

"My friend Teddy was jumping around, shouting, 'I'm retarded everybody! I don't have math or English!'" --Gabriel Stone

"I can't think of anything. Refresh my memory..." --Obi Laing

"Getting all the IBM stuff from SuperQuest." --Robert Pless

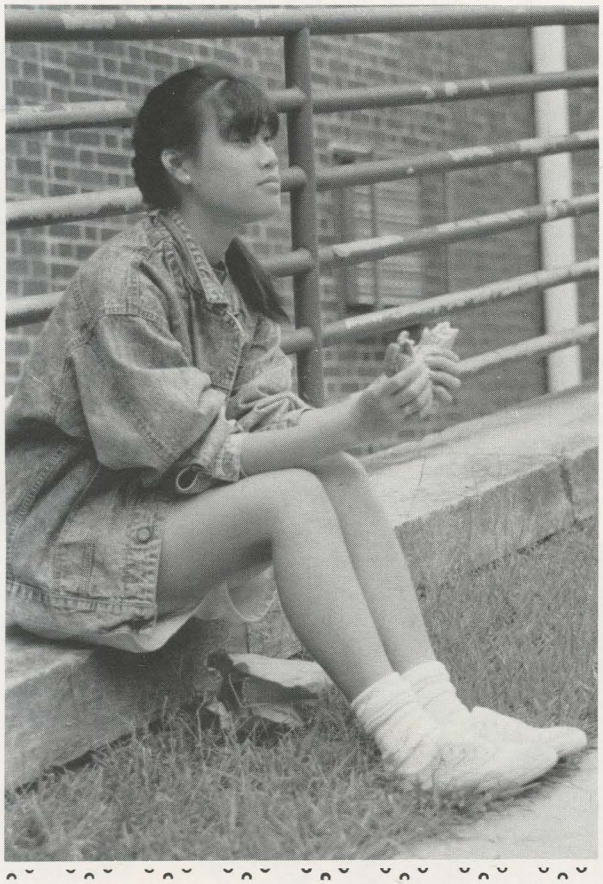
"I drove to school." --Yoli Leung

"Being called 'freshman'." --Billy Williams

"It was hard getting up in the morning." --Rebecca Segal

"Ms. Piper. She told us about her name and how we can't call her 'Mrs.' and she hates the word 'share' but she likes the concept of the word..." --Jeff Wang

"Getting beat up on, and...all the girls." --Dominique Zellaer



Seniors aren't the only ones to take advantage of open lunch. Freshman Vivian Wong enjoys her lunch the old-fashioned way -- bagged and outside. The courtyard was a nice quiet retreat from the loud cafeteria or just from class.

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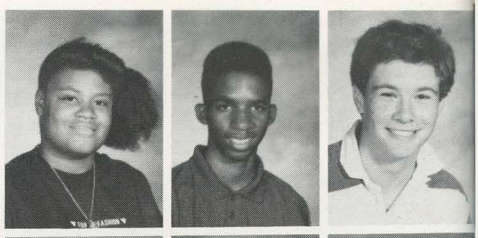

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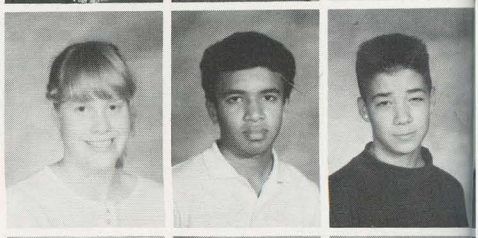

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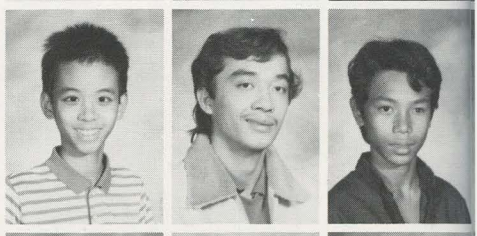

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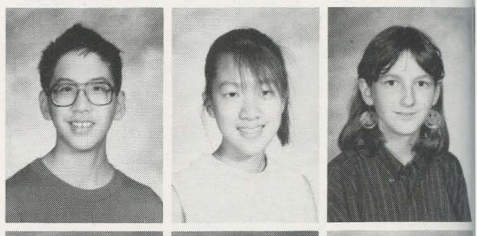

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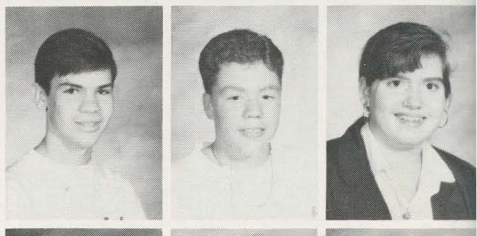

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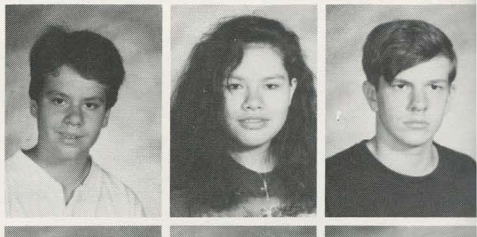

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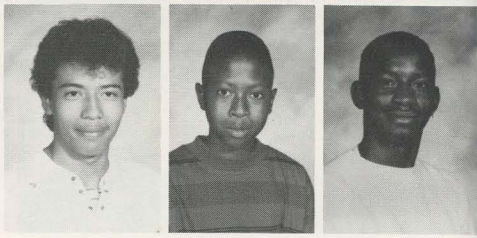

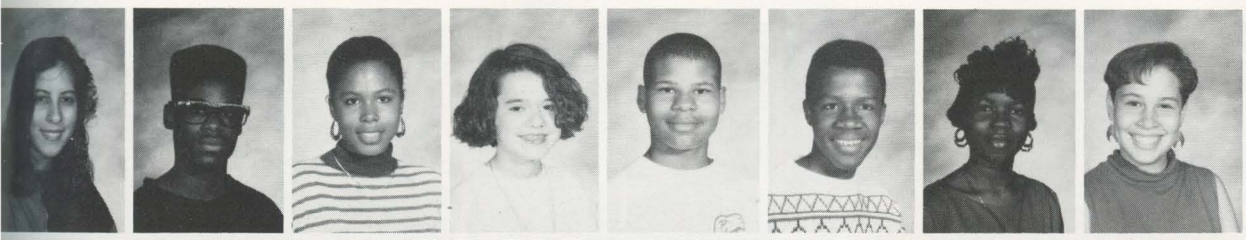

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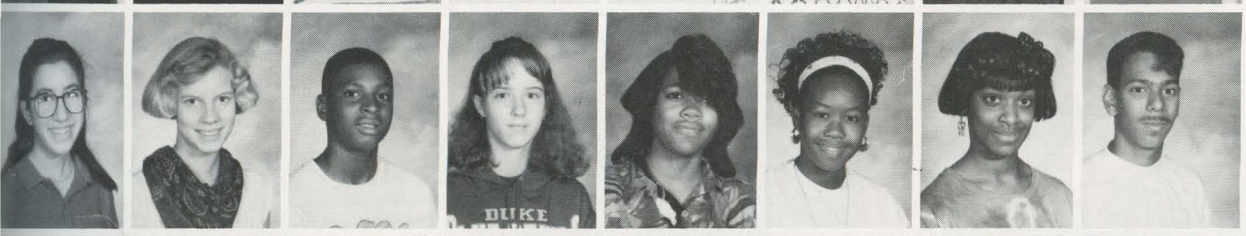

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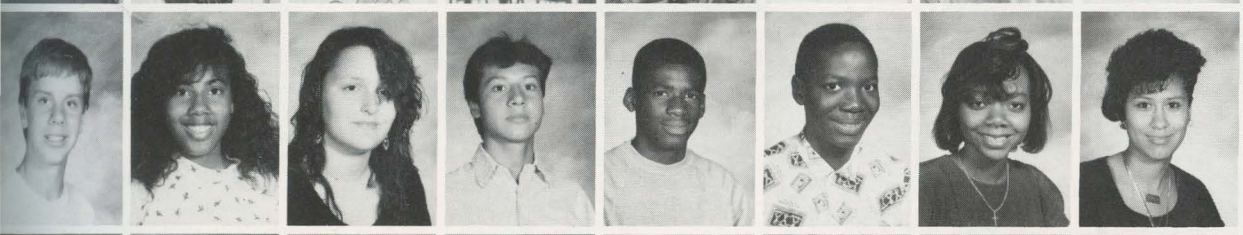

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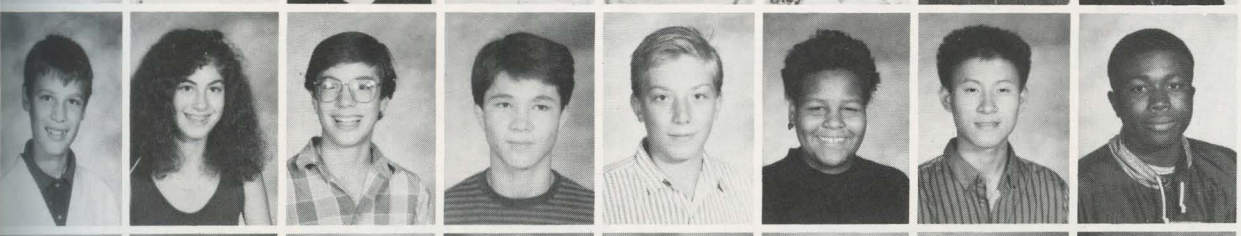

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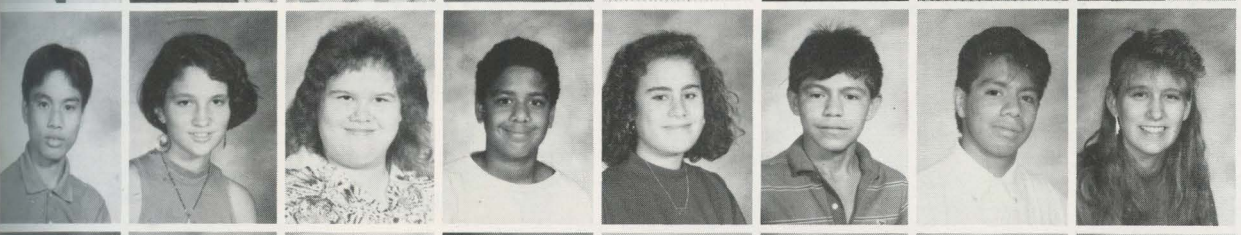

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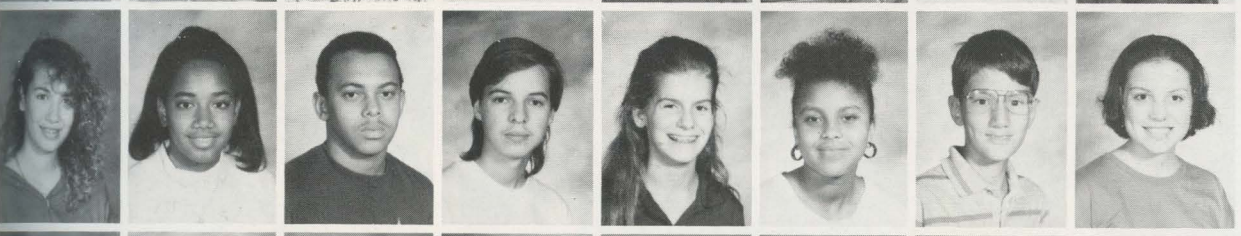

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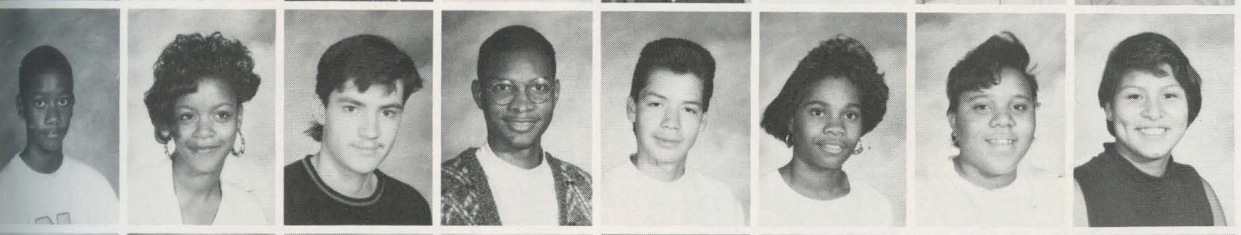

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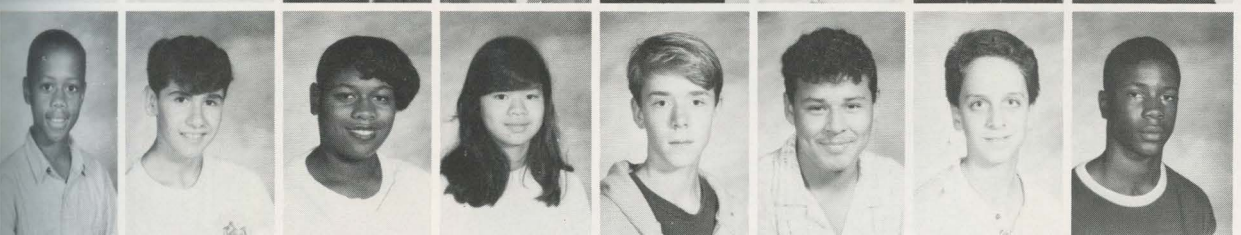

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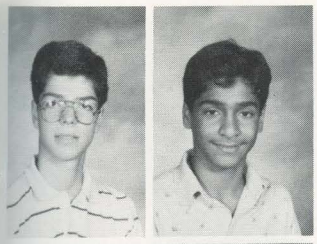

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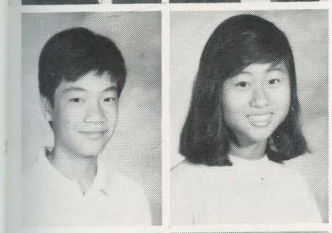

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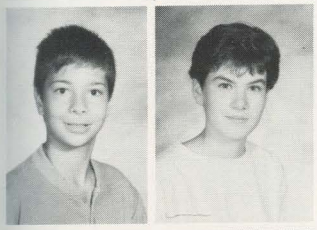

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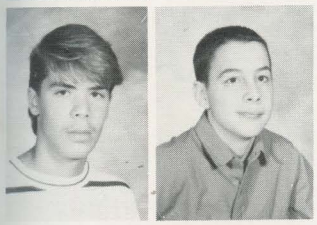

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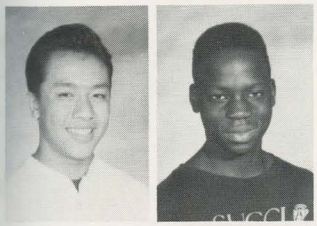

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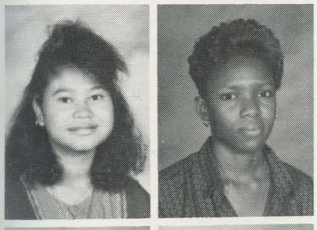

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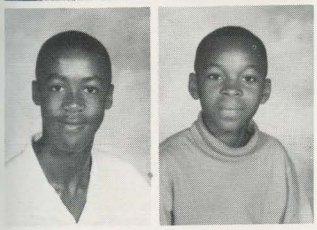

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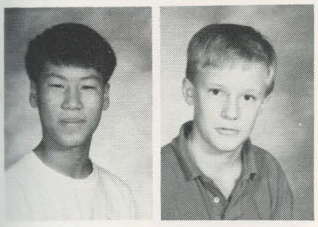

Solomon Kwon
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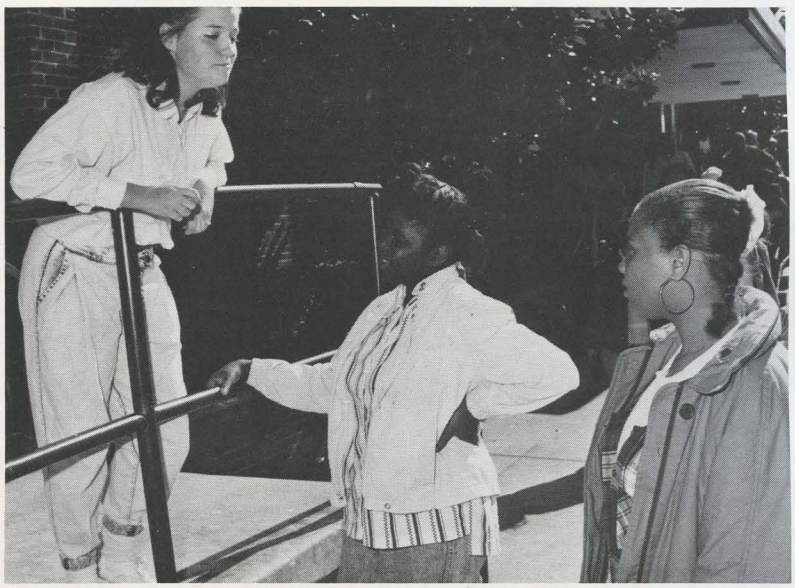
A Second Language

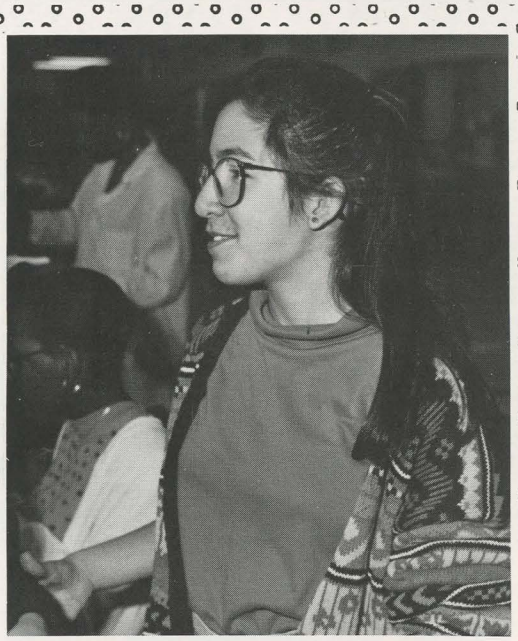
Carried, Chill, and *Cool!* These were only a few of the slang words that could be heard when walking through the halls. For a few of the students, slang was just a collaboration of gibberish and jargon, but to most, slang was just another part of their perfect English. Many freshmen coming into high school had to adjust to the common tongue of the sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Many upperclassmen referred to freshmen as *youngins* simply because they were younger. Slang broken down into English was used by students to express their ideas, opinions, and emotions in a special language only they understood. For instance, *"I ain't tripping off you!!* meant "I'm not worried about you, for those who only understood slang. "I'm not pressed for you" was replaced by this new colloquialism. *Jonin'* was another slang word used by students to put someone down. *You're so dumb you tried to put M & M's in alphabetical order.*

Slang words could also be used to identify things. *Holmes* was a word used by some guys to address other guys, like, *Hey, Holmes, where you been? Honies* was a word used to describe good looking girls. *Book* was a word not used to describe literature, but to pick up girls. For example, *I'm goin' to P.T. Flags tonight and book some honies. Tax* was another word that had a hidden meaning. It was used in reference to parties: *You taxed her like the government.* Slang words could be used to describe emotions. For instance *Slammin'* was used to describe something as extremely good.

All together, these words made up a small portion of the vocabulary and diction of the common student. These words were used to describe such phrases as *Daaaamn youngin', I lost the number of that fine honey that I booked at the party last night.* --AH





Enjoying a break in the day, freshmen Angela Hamilton, Althea Williams, and Dana Coleman spend lunch *chillin'.*

"Take it from me, all the *cool* freshmen eat lunch in the cafeteria," Beth Davidson assures her friend. Indeed, the cafeteria was the freshman lunch hot spot.

Boy It's Lonely!

What a letdown! Just last year, you were the studs of your junior high, and the girls in 7th and 8th grade worshipped you. What happened? Don't worry, you didn't turn into a total dork over the summer, you just entered high school. The same girls who adored you last year are too busy drooling over the sophomore, junior, and even senior guys to even acknowledge your existence.

For the most part, freshman girls enjoyed all the attention they got from the older boys. The older boys were looking for some fresh new faces to date and found younger girls were easily awed by upper-classmen charm. Some girls felt that they could become popular by going out with an older guy. Older guys often had more money and most importantly--older boys drove!

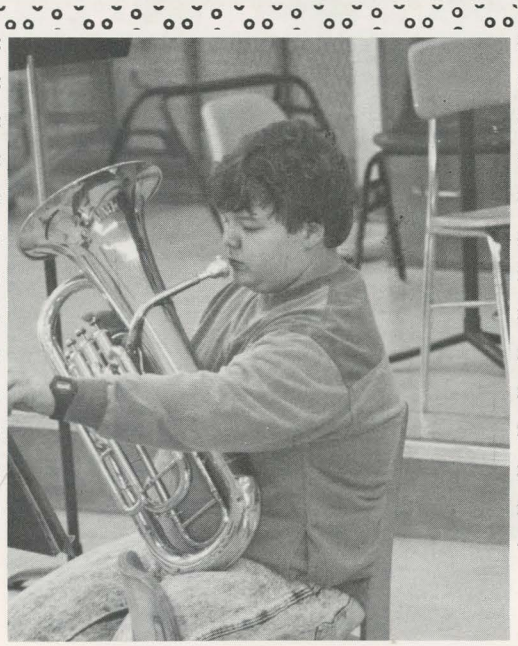
But some girls are just naturally attracted to older boys. "The older guys are cuter and much more mature," explains freshman Eucklan Alleyne, who had an older boyfriend. The fact that many freshman girls chose to go out with older guys left freshman boys in a bad position--desperate!

Bryan St. George was a freshman who could relate to this bad situation. "It's depressing because the pretty girls want to go out with older guys and it would be sick to go out with junior high girls now."

However, freshman Reuben Patterson offered a solution that he found useful in trying to date freshman girls, "I go out with the freshman girls who can't get dates with older guys."

Don't worry, freshman boys! 1990-91 would be your turn to steal the freshman girls away from the freshman boys. --LB

Lunch without girls can be lonely as shown by freshmen Chris Johnson and Ivan Luong. The older boys with cars got all the lunch dates.



Girls are the least of freshman Neil Sanders' worries as he perfects his band number. Many freshman boys got into music to keep their minds off girls.

Mark Langsdorf
Lorena Layin

Pamela Laryea
Francisco Lau

Jennifer Lavezzo
Adam Lawrence

Hau Le
Mom Leas

David Lee
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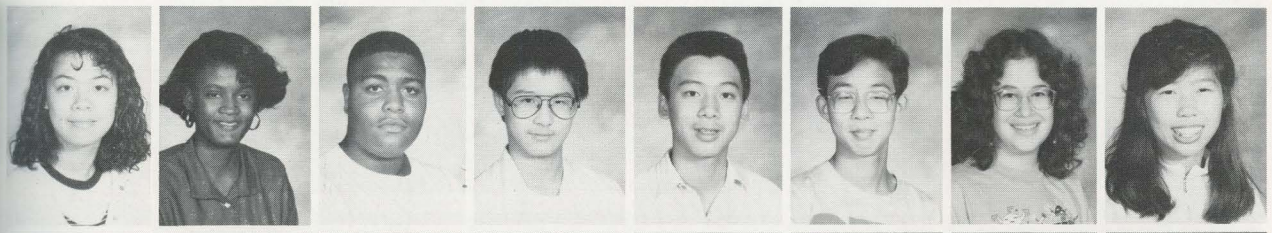

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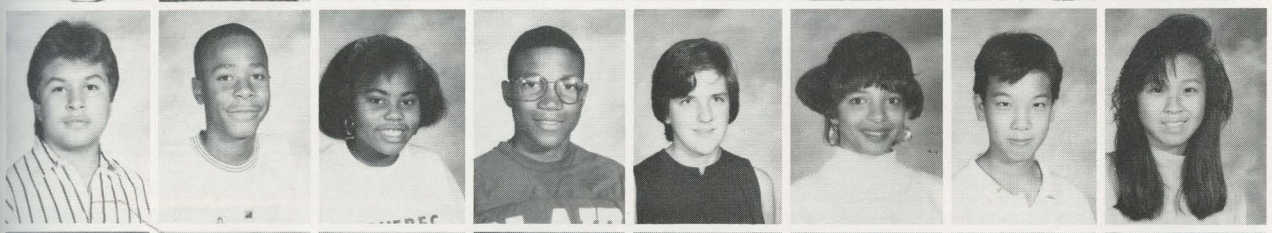

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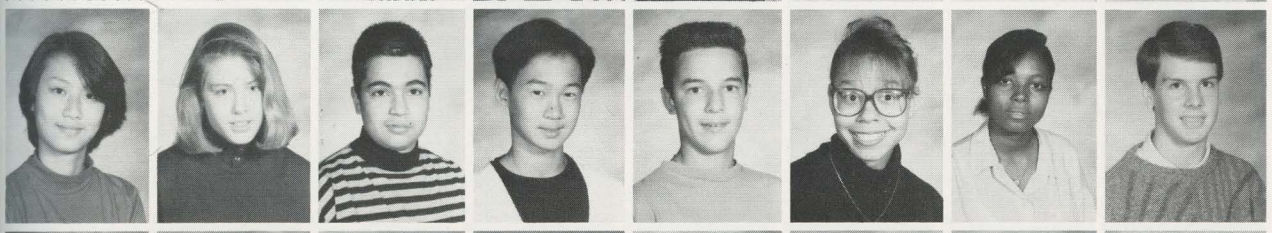

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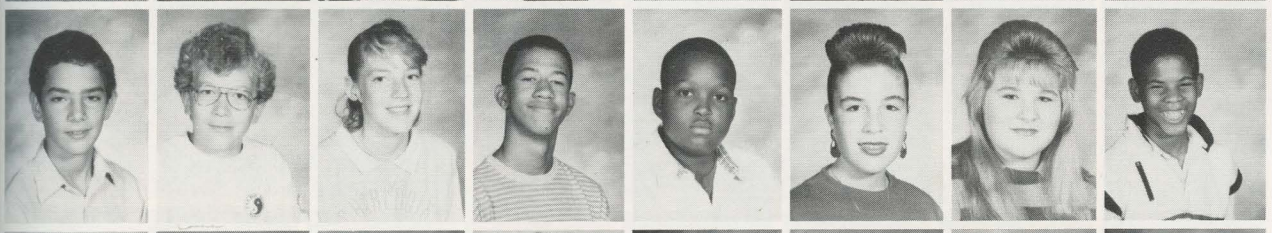

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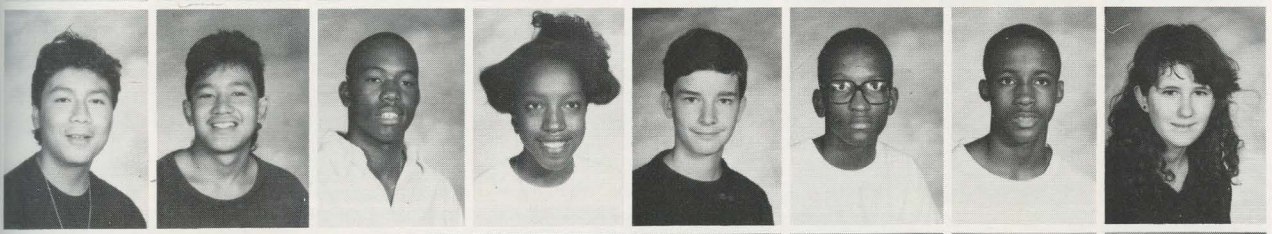

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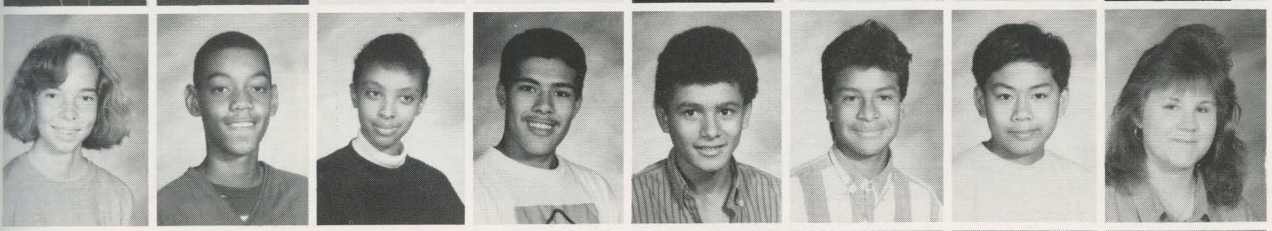

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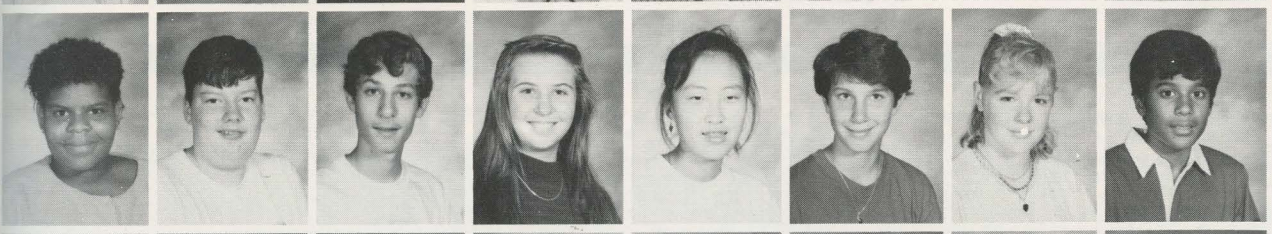

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Melissa Miller
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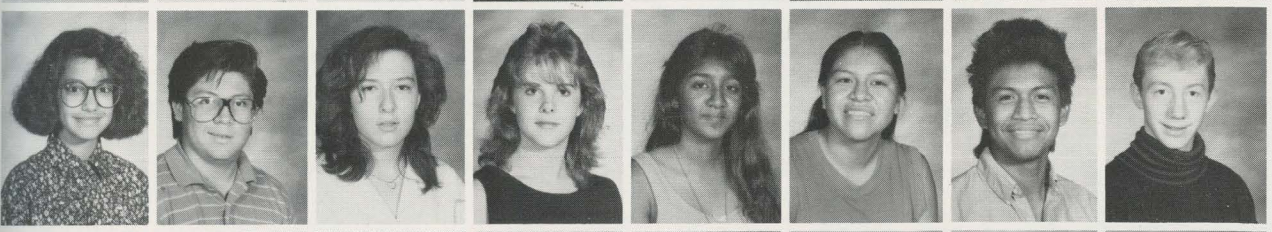
Heather Moehlau
Pramit Mohapatra



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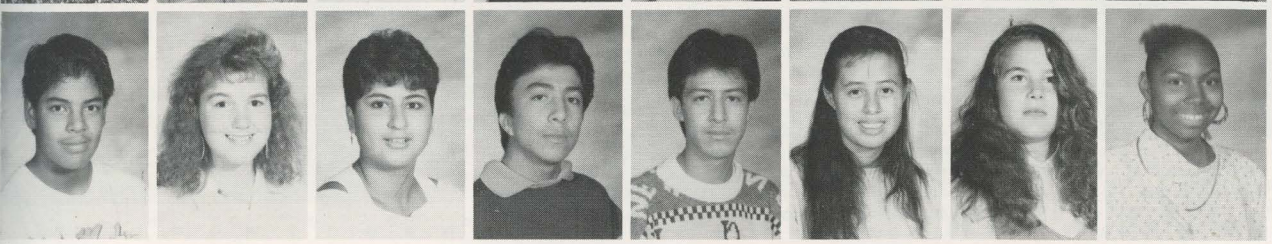

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Darcy Munoz
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Oscar Munoz
Veronica Munoz
Madeline Muravchik
Tanesha Myles

Jacqueline Navorio
Leroy Nelson
Benjamin Ney
Phi Ngo
Thang Ngo
Hung Nguyen
La Nguyen
Lam Nguyen

Minh Nguyen
Sarith Nhem
Pastor Nikichinap
Jackie Nolasco
Eugene Norteye

David Nunez
Laura Oakley

Iyad Obeid
Yvonne O'Berry
Michelle O'Herron
Issac Oppong
Steven Orders
Gregory Ott
Jenny Panaseth
Osvaldo Paniagua

Neopito Pardo
Alexis Park
Kevin Parker
Nikki Parler
Agnes Patkowski
Reuben Patterson
Viseth Peang
Shirley Pena

Yanira Pena
Cynthia Peralta
Yower Peralta
Luis Perez
Marbelly Perez
Katrina Petersen
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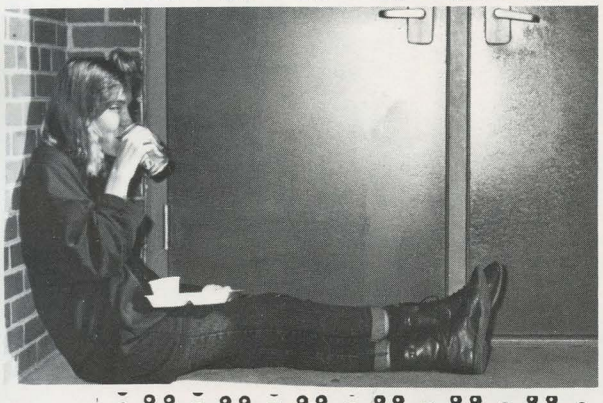

Sipping a soda in the shade of the doorway, freshman Diana Thompson sits alone and waits for her ride home. After a long day, most freshmen were eager to get home and not think about school until the next morning.

Hanging Out

When the going got rough, it was comforting to know that there was somewhere to go and chill. Alone or with a group of friends, it was never hard for freshmen to find someplace to escape the rigors of high school and be themselves.

During lunch, afterschool and on the weekends were the perfect opportunities for freshmen to gossip with friends, go shopping, or watch movies. Other freshmen, however, chose to be by themselves and listen to music or watch T.V.. Whatever they decided to do, most freshmen agreed that hanging out was the perfect way to have fun. --LN

Rosemel Raqueno
Heather Rauschenberg
Andrea Redding
Taurus Reid
Ada Reyes
Jiles Richards
Felicia Roach
Mayra Rocabruna

Matthew Rodkey
Wilnelia Rodriguez
Yanira Rodriguez
Susie Rohner
Freddy Romero
Carlos Rosales
Rebecca Rosales
William Roseboro

Cristina Rumbaitis
Badger Russell
Jason Ryan
Chetan Sabnis
Vera Sahlyeh
Jeannette Salaum
John Saloma
Hugo Sanchez

Prisco Sanchez
Victor Sanchez
Winston Sanchez
Neil Sander
Freddy Sandoval
Luis Sandoval
Dorothy Santos
Trevor Schadt

Pia Schiavo
Shawn Schmitz
Hunter Schoone
Leal Segura
Juan Sempertegui
Evelyn Sempos
Matthew Senko
Maria Sequeira

Mona Shah
Kathleen Shamwell
Anil Shaw
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Philimon Shemondy
Leanne Shepherd
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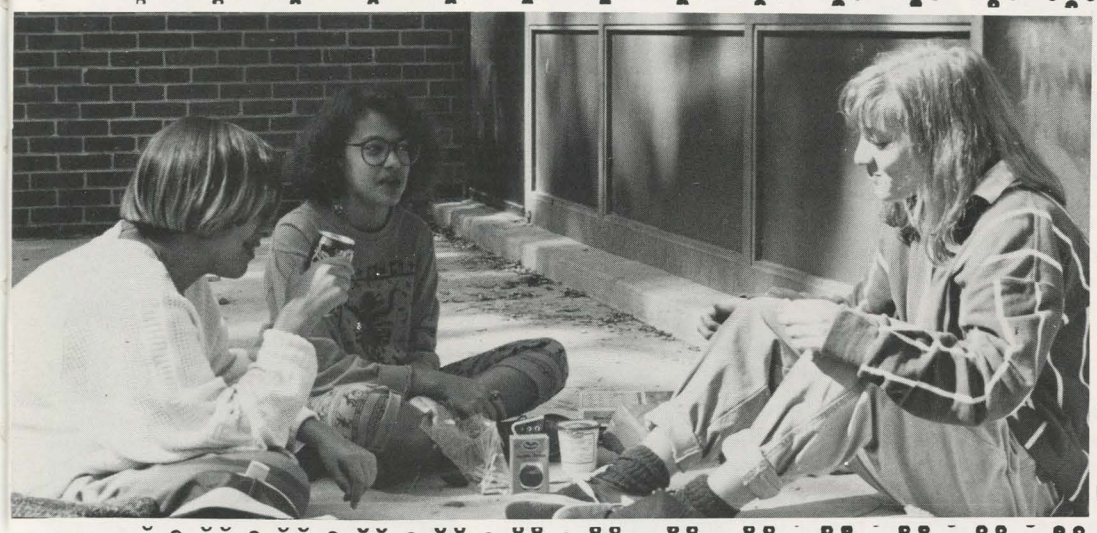

Enjoying a relaxing lunch among friends, freshmen Summer Blais, Erica Monheit, and Debbie Weinstein take full advantage of the tranquility outside of the art wing to share the days events. Doing lunch "Blair" style meant totally different things to all freshmen.

Jason Shonk
Ekerin Shopshire
Sanjita Shrestha
Sudheer Shukla
Janitzia Sigler
Timothy Silver
Eugene Simelton
William Simonds

Michael Siri
Greg Smith
Melissa Smith
Meverette Smith
Todd Sniffin
Paul Sober
Petrona Solis
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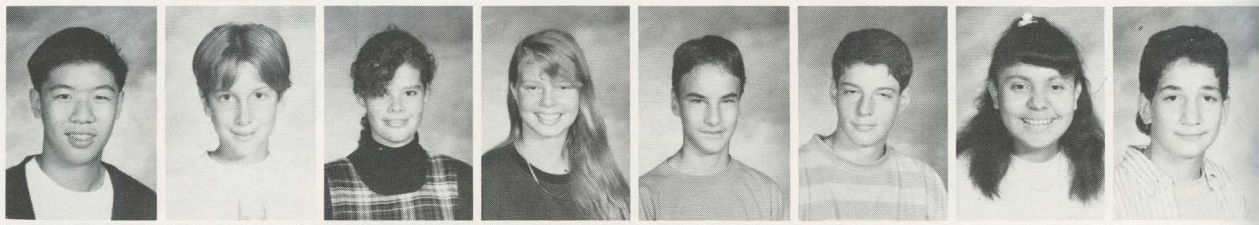

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Paul Stone
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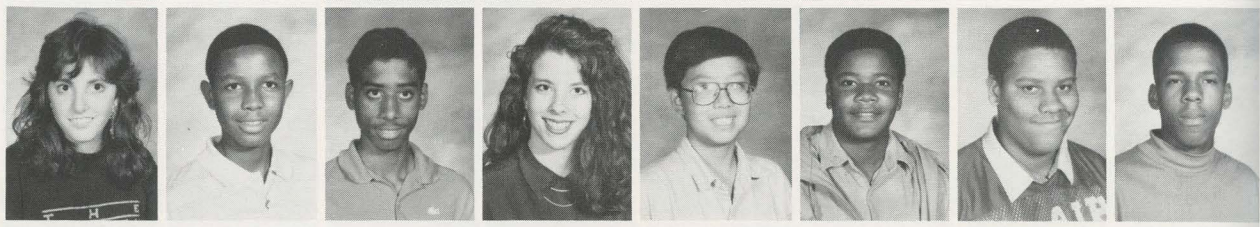

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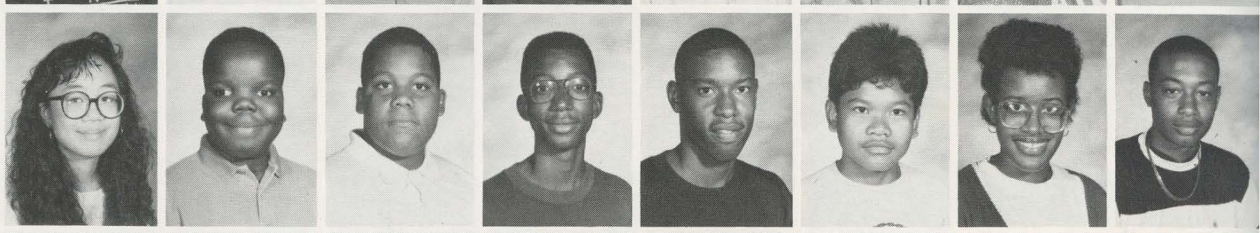
Demetrius Sykes
Duke Tackie
Clifton Taylor
Thou Tha
Amber Thames
Lamont Thomas



Donnell Thompson
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David Tomayko
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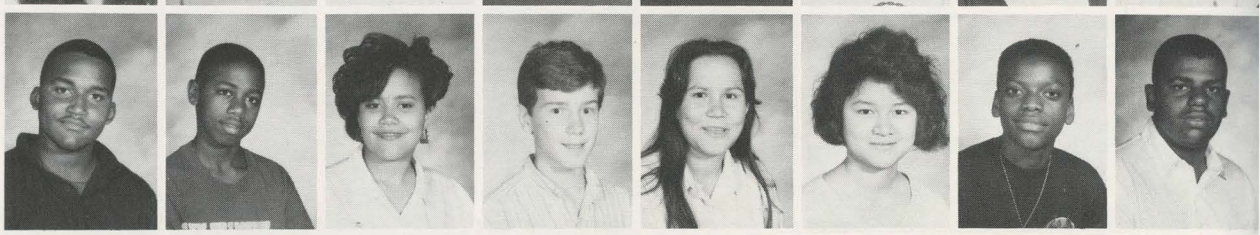
Tram Anh Tran
Frederick Travers
Pete Trawick



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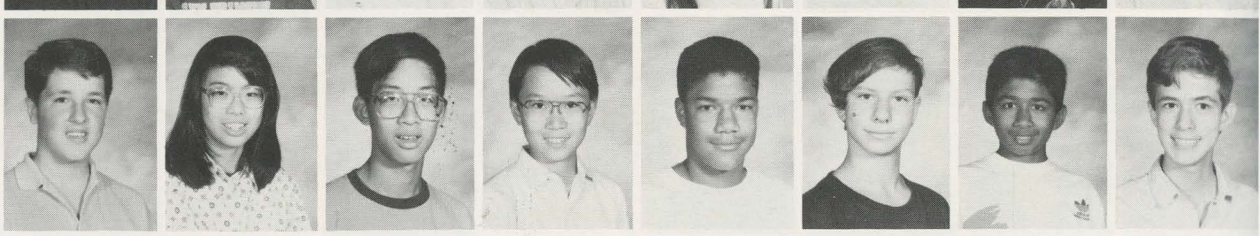

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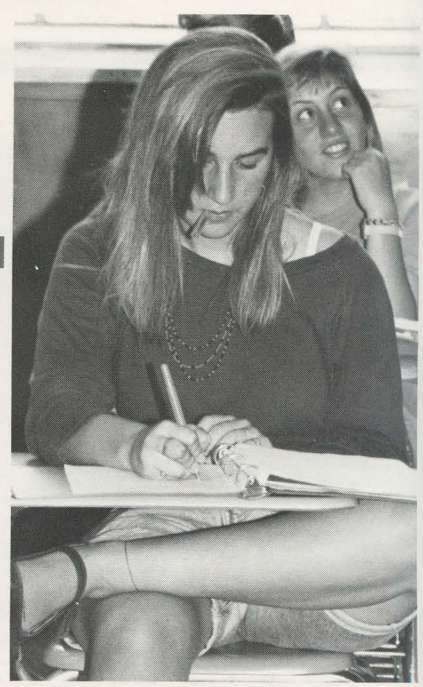

Three More Left!

Many freshmen had various expectations for high school. Many of them expected the heavier workload and harder classes. Others who did not expect a big change from junior high were mistaken, as they soon discovered.

Jonah Cohen remarked about the length of high school. "This has only been the first year of this much work, I still have three more years left!" he said.

Sitting in her history class, pictured right, is Sarah Gordon rushing to finish her homework. Many freshmen learned about the late nights of studying and still not being able to finish all of their homework. Here's a little consolation: next year, you will only be saying, "Two more left!" --RG

Elisa Vidnjvich
John Villa
Erick Villalta
Victor Villatoro
Deirdre Vincent
Zuri Walker
Jeff Wang
Szu Wang

Valerie Wang
Eugene Warner
Jerrold Washington
Laura Waters
Tyronn Waters
Chuck Watkins
Anthony Watkis
Octavia Weatherspoon

Debra Weinstein
Joshua Weitz
John Wessells
Kimberly White
Jason Whong
Marie Widener
David Wilder
Robert Wilhelm

Billy Williams
Hakim Williams
Pasquita Wiliams
Walter Williams
Kevin Wilson
Nikki Wilson
Richard Wilson
Ruth Woldu

Vivian Wong
Dawn Woollen
Nathaniel Woubou
James Wu
Hyun Yang
Kamie Yang
Shu Yuen Yao
Mohamed Yassi

Kiry Yin
Eugene Yoo
Trevor Young
Isabelle Zainaldin
Felix Zayas
Tesfegna Zellelew
Dominique Zellner
Joe Zimmerman

Camera Shy

Eucklan Alleyne
Patricia Attamensah
Kesha Ballinger
Bryan Beckwith
James Best
Silvia Blanco
Patricia Bolanos
Seth Carlson
Natalie Carriman
Kimani Carter
Steven Clarke
Joshua Cohn
Anita Cole
Dana Coleman
Jacqueline Corado
Shaun Curtis
Michael Damskey
Van Dang

Mary Davila
Giovanni Diaz
Martha Diaz
Dayra Dimares
Teresa Dunn
Keith Easley
Samuel Flack
Jeffrey Francis
Dean Frett
Patricio Fuentes
Duane Funderburk
Jose Gonzalez
Dean Grant
Vinh Ha
Daniel Heng
Ivan Hernandez
Hai Huang
Edwin Huitz

Daniel Jackson
Lloyd Johnson
Roeun Kheang
Fustina Kuntoh
Yvette Laboy
Kien Le
Trang Le
Nicole Locks
Gilfredo Lopez
Archie McGee
Johnetheia McClattie
Maurico McFarland
Marlene Medrano
Edwing Mejia
Auron Mendez
Gerardo Millan
Jose Moreno
Shanel Morrisey

Herlin Moya-Carballo
Shelley Myles
Tanesha Myles
Dung Nguyen
Sarith Nhem
Sean Obrien
Ting Ou-Yang
Natasha Palmer
Monzella Payne
Kendra Pearson
Freddy Peralta
Chau Pham
Chi Pham
Thang Pham
Claude Reid
Tarik Revel
Jason Reznikov
Eugene Roberts

William Roseboro
Natalie Rowe
Jason Ryan
Victor Sanchez
Guster Saravia
Maritza Saravia
Laura Silva
Laura Smith
Armando Soza
Nicholas Staugaitis
Cuong Tat
Mary Taylor
Regbe Tesfay
Thanh Thach
Xuan Thach
Diana Thompson
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Evert Torres

Caridad Ventura
Floridalma Ventura
Margarito Ventura
John Villa
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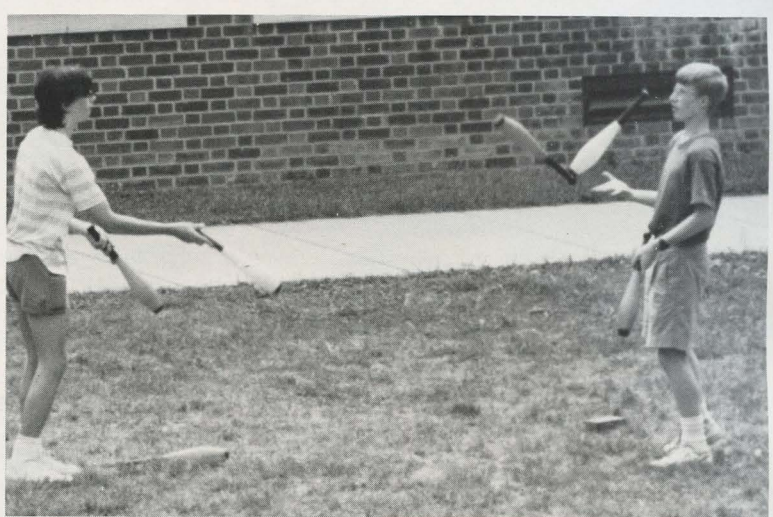
Charles Watkins
Kimberly White
Derrick Whitley
Althea Williams
Pasquita Williams
Renelle Williams
James Wilson
Kenya Wilson
Kuen Wong
Shila Yazdani
Dawn Zackery

As he stands in position waiting for the next step, Swiss exchange senior Sylvain Bogensberger gets a first taste of American high school afterschool activities. He played the trombone in marching band all through first semester.

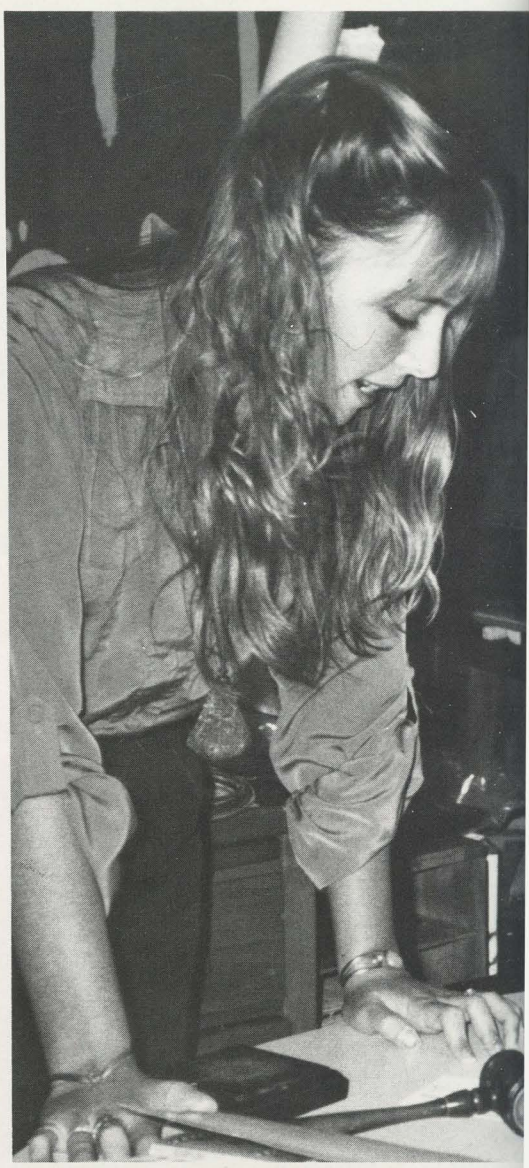
all KINDS of CLUBS

With all kinds of students from all sorts of backgrounds, it is no wonder that the plethora of clubs at Blair represented the different interests of the students. Along with the start of the school year came many new activities for students to participate in after school. The Forensics, Martial Arts, Archaeology, Educators of Tomorrow, and Humanities clubs all joined in the other cultural, social, and academic activity bustling around school after 2:15 p.m. While some students danced to the sounds of native Vietnamese music, others thought of headlines for the paper or practiced for *It's Academic*. This was a year to remember, for it took all kinds of people to create the clubs that represented the school. --SR

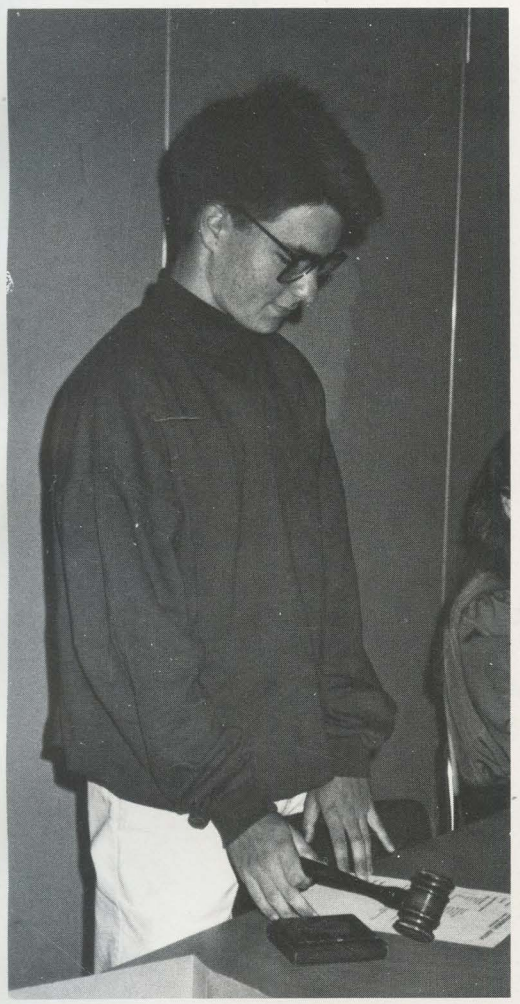


In a familiar scene in the courtyard, the ever-so-famous juggling club members senior Brian Miller and junior Jeff Lerman practice their routine during lunch. This specialized club was one of many in which students took their interests one step further and formed a club.

Second Vice President Amy Dawson and recording secretary Doug Jarrard work hard to set up the agenda for the next meeting. Executive committee members often had to work through lunch to get their work done.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: A STEP AHEAD



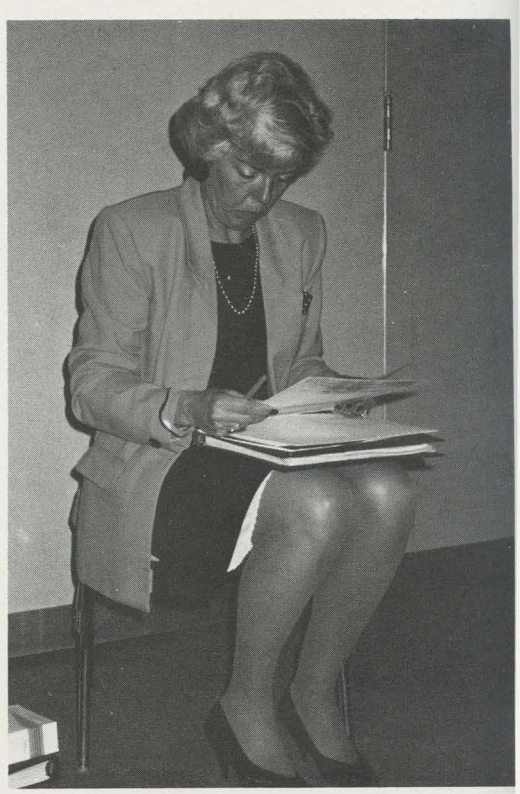
Is this school or the Supreme Court? SGA President Mark Shay uses the power of the gavel to call the meeting to order. Student Government meetings were well run by the executive committee.

"Student Government is designed to serve student needs and co-operate with the administration to create the best possible atmosphere in Blair High School," said SGA treasurer Nate Brown. Student Goverment was comprised of nearly one hundred hard working and well motivated senators whose job was to improve the community and to heighten school morale. Their success and productivity was evident in the unforgettable *Enchantment Under the Sea* homecoming dance and its continued success with its M & M sales.

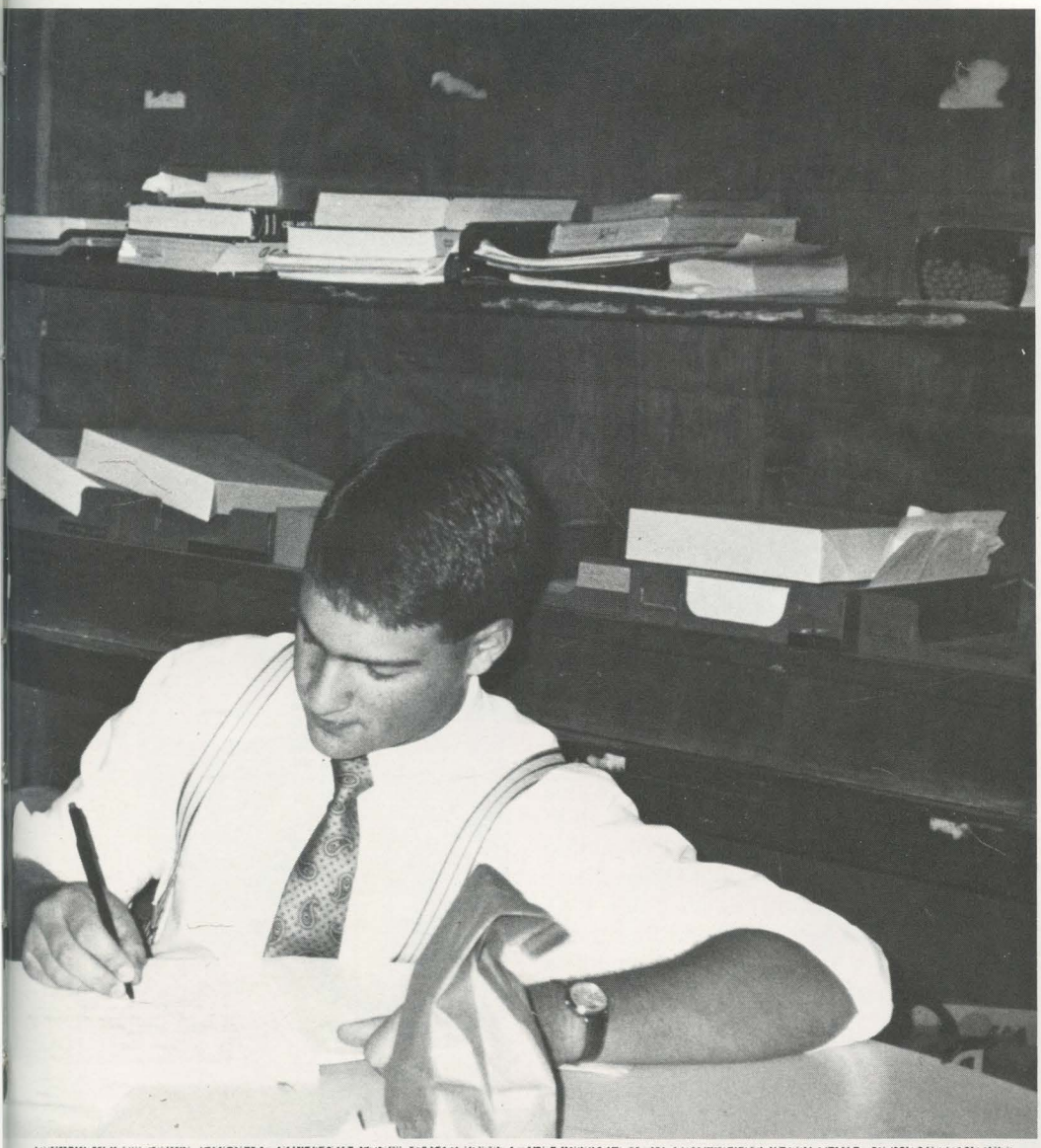
One responsiblity of an SGA senator was to attend the numerous committee meetings held once every week. "The best thing about SGA meetings is that you get to say stuff like 'I object,' 'I second the motion,' and 'Can you repeat that please?'" said senior Althea Vhyfus. These meetings were designed to make Student Government more efficient and productive by splitting up the organization's various responsibilities. They were also occasionally plagued by an excessive amount of joking and light-hearted humor, and would sometimes get out of hand. This is why SGA found it necessary to appoint a bouncer, senior Burton Post, to keep meetings in order.

But don't think for one second that Student Government was all fun and games and a convenient excuse for getting out of class once a week. A lot of hard work was involved, especially from SGA officers like president Mark Shay, recording secretary Doug Jarrard and second vice president Amy Dawson. And in the course of its many years in helping the student populace, Student Government gained wide acceptance. "I've been involved with Student Government for three years now and each year it seems to increase in popularity among the students," says Junior Dale Yang.

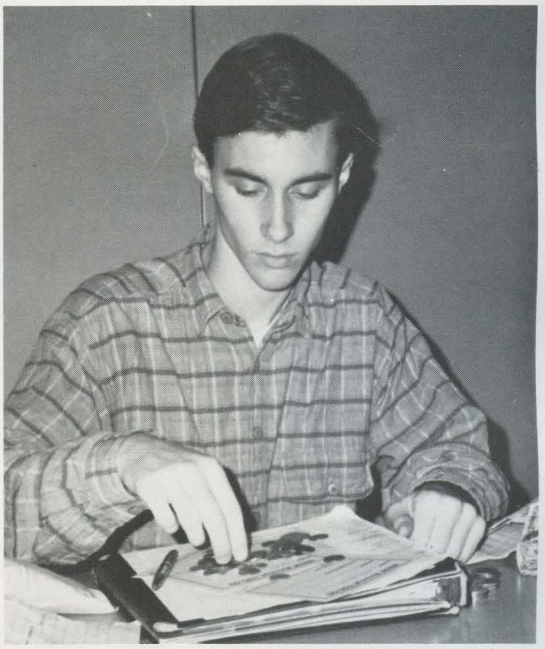
"I feel that we accomplished a great deal this year through hard work and student involvement.", says senior Te Hong Long, who has been with Student Government for the past four years. With the help of the two co-sponsors Mrs. Barbara Hofman and Mrs. Linda Wanner, Student Government's unending dedication to the school made this year one of the most successful. --BCS



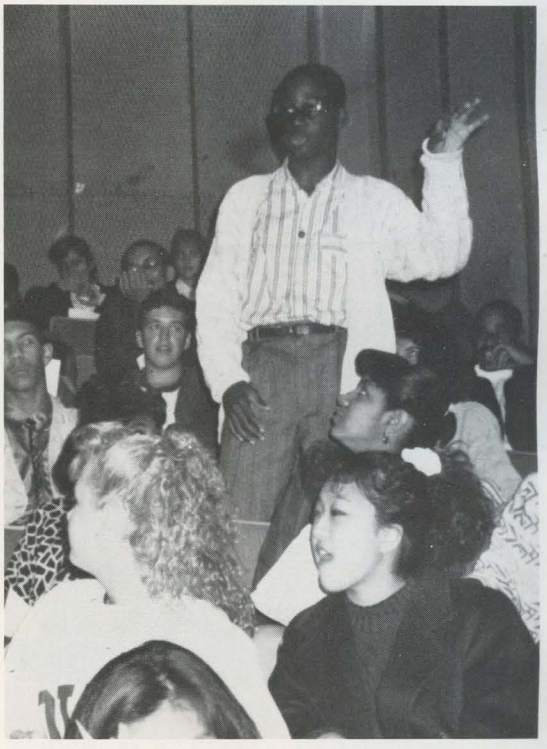
SGA Sponsor Mrs. Barbara Hofman looks over the meeting's agenda. Both Hofman and Wanner devoted a lot of their time into Student Government.



"We're in the money," thinks treasurer Nate Brown as he counts up the money made during the M & M sale. SGA made over $500 in profit by selling M & M's this year.



SGA: Front Row: Mrs. Linda Wanner, Obi Laing, Lisa Brown, Melissa Faley, Connie Park, June Yun, Reva Gupta, Yolita Nugent, Jennifer Erickson, Stephen Scott. Second Row: Steve Fries, Craig Rice, Te Hong Long, Mehmood Kazmi, Leah Darring, Michael Moon, Lacey Gates, Diane Behall, Ann Chi, Cindy Catudel. Third Row: Shane Cohen, Kari Jacobson, Kendra Shih, Jean Phatthanaphuti, Jermy Gordon, Matias Duarte, Cindy Huang, Ritika Arora, Nathan Brown. Back Row: Jessica Greaves, Donka Darpatova, Susie Hirsch, David Weinstock, Joanne Lum, Renee Hoch, Sophie Lin, Charissa Chang, Aaron Rachaelson.

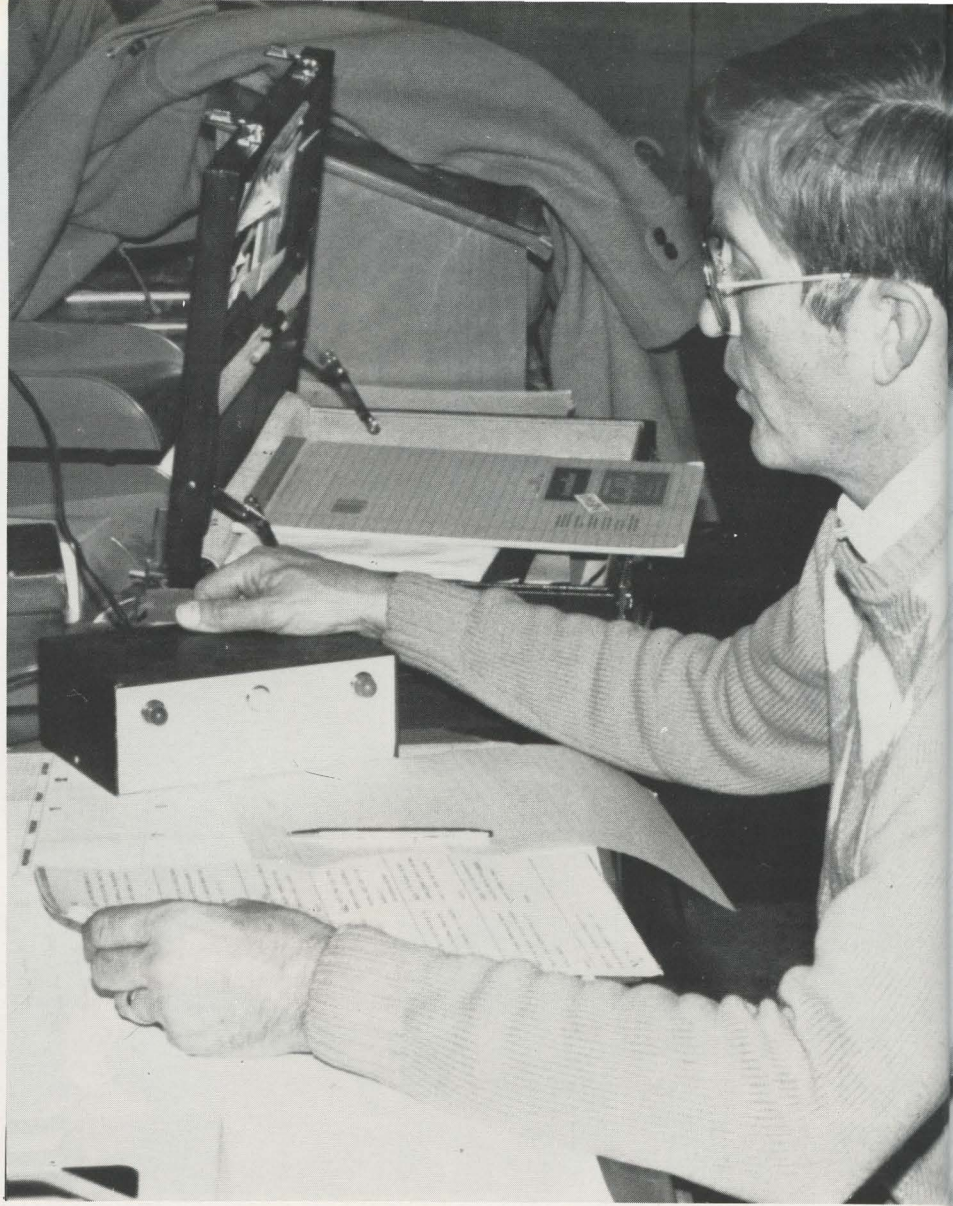


Above the crowd, junior Eric Minus voices his opinion about the homecoming theme. Although deciding on a theme for homecoming took a long time, everyone was satisfied on the final outcome.

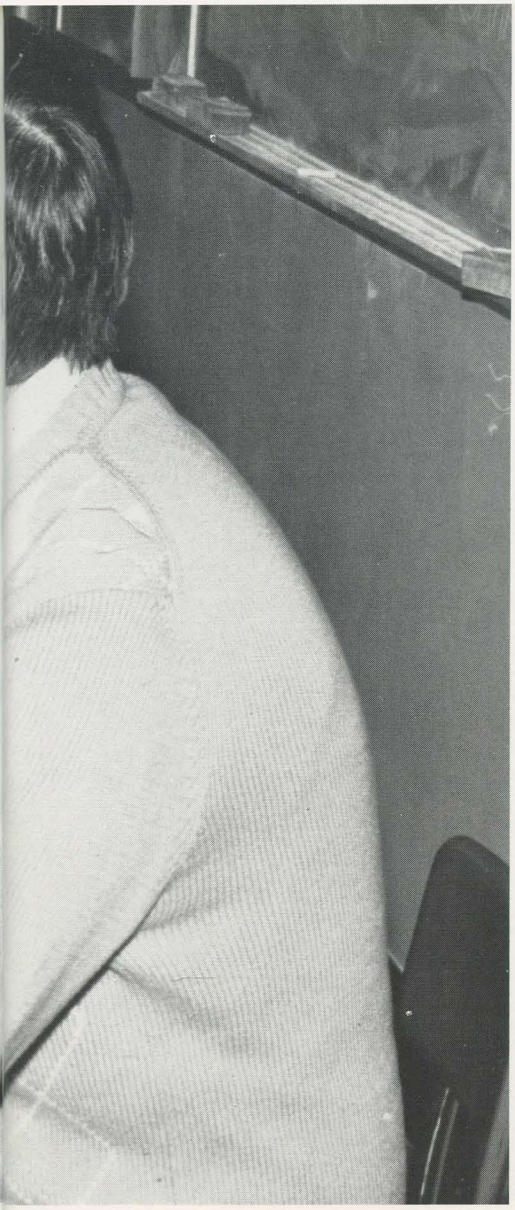
SGA: Front Row: Ceci Hyoun, Sharon McNeal, Mike Smith, Wendy Madigosky, Carlotta Bernal, Dao Phan, Kemisola Lofinmakin, Thuy Luc, Second Row: Krista Butler, Jennifer Wilson, Ruchi Puri, Kiran Chetry, Angela Foster, Dylan McGee, Farida Shapiro, Rachel Erman. Third Row: Nyoki Hirohito, Phillus Onwueere, LaSonia Speller, Lajean Murray, Shervin Pishevar, Mike Mills, Mary DeLisi, Jackie Hernandez, Rachael Ermann. Back Row: Amy Hutchins, Deon Day, Eric Liu, Malcolm Freeny, Julie Whalen, Denise Sharp, Cael Orrego, Michele Auldre, Christy Compton.

NHS: Front Row: Mrs.Silvia Trumbower(sponsor), Kathy Liu (Secretary), Carlota Bernal (Treasurer), Ceci Hyoun (Vice President), Kevin Verbrugge (President). **Second Row:** Yoli Leung, Trung Bao, Ruth Graupera, Cathy Chang, Samantha Smith, Trinh Ly, Sharon McNeal. **Back Row:** Hung Tran, Sarah Manchester, Stephen Scott, Obi Laing, Doug Jarrard, Robert Pless, Sameena Usmani. **Not Pictured:** Ari Mizel (Chaplain), Lisa Brown, Kathleen Carey, Josh Fischman, Christina Meneses, Sarah Mess, Shira Robinson, Matt Schnackenberg, Mark Shay, June Yun.

"It's Academic"/Quiz Master: Front Row: Hormuzd Katki, Sarah Manchester, Sam Sonawane. **Back Row:** Kevin LeClaire, Josh Fischman, Brian Dinunno, Robert Hershey. **Not Pictured:** Mr.Bill Lineberry(sponsor), Nitin Seam(Co-captain), Dave Weinstock(Co-captain).



NHS Chaplain Ari Mizel hands inductee Christina Meneses her certificate authenticating her membership as she lights her candle. Both actions were symbolic of the NHS initiating process.



"It's Academic"/Quiz Master sponsor Mr. Lineberry prepares the questions for the practice drills. Sponsers provided a lot of support and help for their respective clubs.

MASTERMINDS

What advantage does

Blair have over every school in the county? BRAINPOWER! And clubs such as National Honor Society, It's Academic, and Knowledge Master showcased this talent.

National Honor Society selects its members based on 4 factors: leadership, service, scholarship, and character. NHS consisted of much more--fun! The officers worked together to plan such events as the Alumni Tea, Spring Induction, and the Winter Social. This year's Winter Social, was a trip to see the play "Shear Madness." NHS member Kathleen Carey enjoyed the play and commented,"It was a lot of fun to go out as a big group."

Other members lent their service by providing tutoring services for students of all ages. As part of the obligations of NHS , each member promised to help others with their schoolwork. Members regularly tutored kids to fufill their NHS duties.

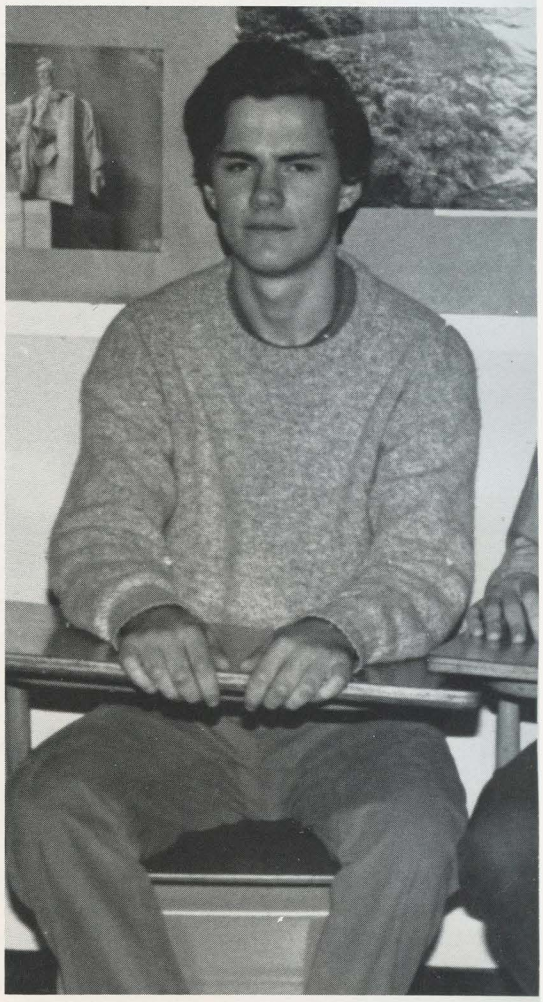
Blair's talent and brilliance was also broadcasted over the area. Blair composed the "It's Academic" team from some of the smartest and sharpest students. This group, led by Mr. Bill Lineberry, met often to prep for the big game -- "It's Academic", a high school quiz show. Practice consisted of questions, asked by Lineberry, ranging from Literature to Algebra to History.

Senior co-captain David Weinstock enjoyed his role on the "It's Academic" team. "The practices may seem a little tedious; you must be into it. But once the music starts up and the camera focuses in on us, I get excited," said Weinstock. "And amazingly enough, he can remember the answers," jokingly adds senior co-captain Nitin Seam.

This team didn't just confine its knowledge to one show. This team broadened it's horizons and also appeared on the Montgomery County Cable quiz show, "Quiz Master." For all intents and purposes, the "It's Academic" Club WAS the Quiz Master Club. The team sat in a room where they were asked questions by a computer, and then awarded points based on correctness and speed. The Quiz Master team obviously did this well, for they were ranked 12th in the nation.

Blair's brain's of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. --LB & MF

New NHS inductee Obi Laing and his proud mother ESOL teacher Mrs. Margery Laing display his National Honor Society membership certificate. Parents played a valuable role behind their children's academic success.



"Great thoughts come to me when I grimace like this," demonstrates "It's Academic"/Quiz Master team member Robert Hershey. Whatever techniques used sure paid off for the successful "It's Academic"/Quiz Master team.

Juniors Omi Olaghere and Nashica Greene stand during the symposium and ask questions to the panel on the stage. Participation in the discussion, both through questions and answers was common in the assembly.

POSITIVE IMAGES TACKLES TEEN PREGNANCY

In agreement with the last comment, sophomore Jamilia Grimes claps enthusiastically and smiles at the humor. Because the atmosphere was sometimes emotionally tense, a little bit of humor was added to lighten the mood.

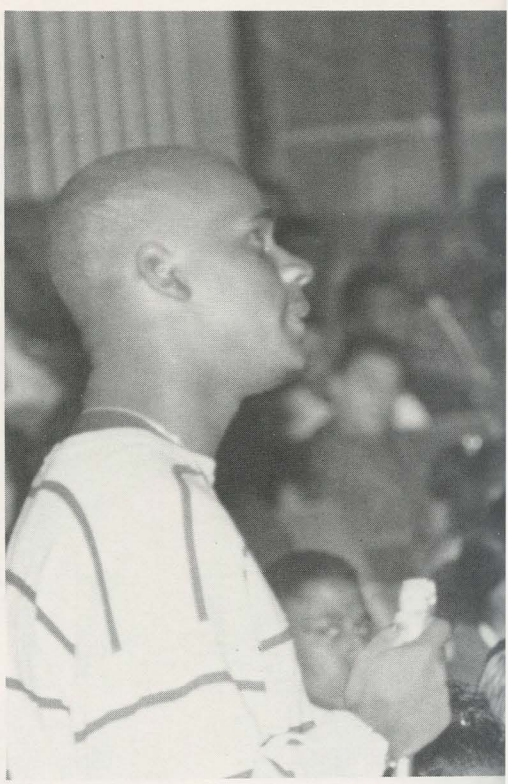
Because the media practically promotes sex through provocative advertisements and racy films, it is no wonder that teen pregnancy would be a current and rising problem.

On January 4th, Positive Images held a symposium on teen pregnancy. The many topics that were covered included birth control and the choices involved in pregnancy. After the morning assembly, workshops were held on teen pregnancy, myths about pregnancy, birth control, infant care and development. One workshop was even designed strictly for males.

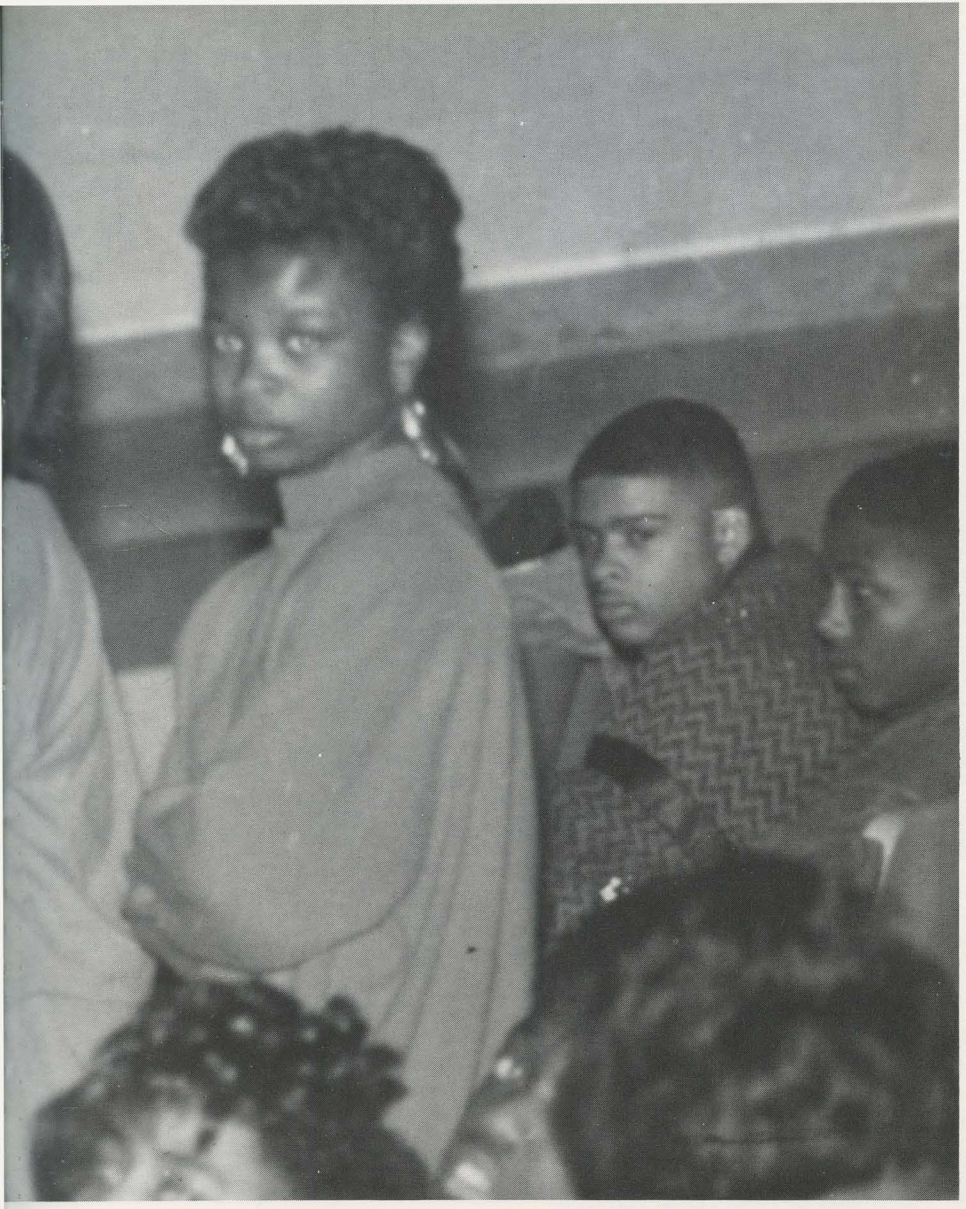
The assembly was moderated by Ms. Adrian Green, a marketing executive from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and former teen mother. After listening to Green's personal account of hardship, a feeling swept over the auditorium that was like no other. It was as if everyone could feel her pain. Reacting to similiar stories, freshman Sunide Geneste said, " "If it happened to me (becoming a teen parent), I don't think I could've been as brave."

While teen pregnancy should not be condoned, those that lived it and were able to pull through should be commended, particularly those that spoke at the assembly. Their stories made the assembly quite emotional, and many people expressed their sympathy and empathy in the simplest form: they cried. They cried for and with the people who came forth with their stories.

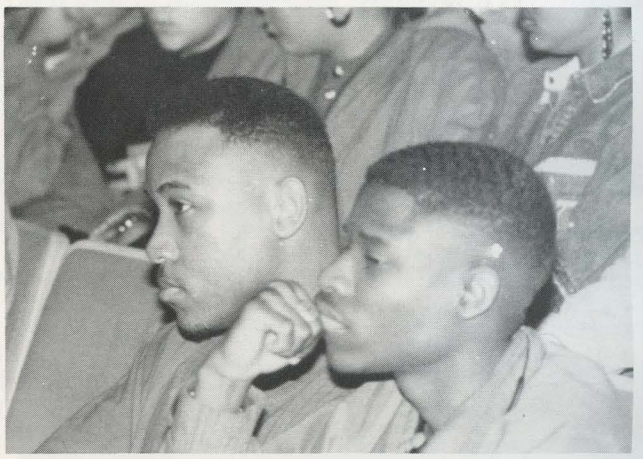
"It was very moving," commented junior Maria Garza, but she also expressed some distaste about the paperwork needed to attend the assembly. Permission was required not only from the regular teachers, whose class would be missed but also from Mrs. Petty. Garza continued, "I told Mrs. Petty that the assembly should have been for the whole school. You should'nt need a permission slip to learn about condoms." --HS

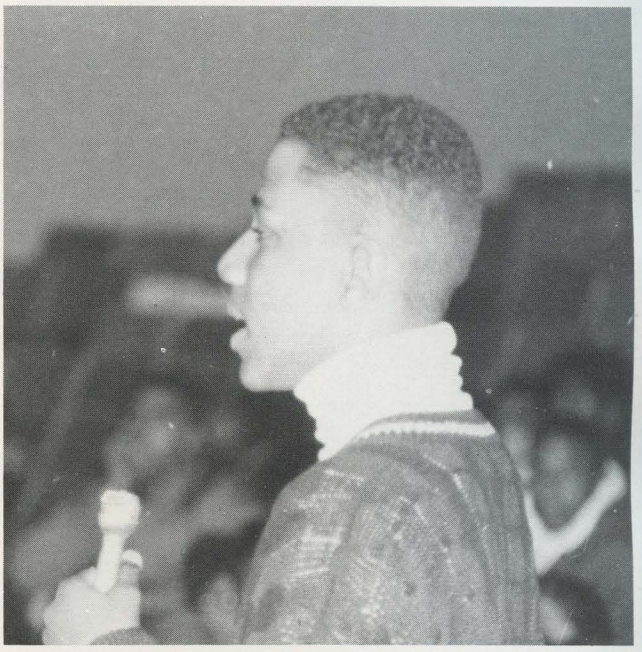


The nice thing about an open forum is that all car contribute to the topics on the floor. Males were en couraged to speak the truth about their side of the stor as well.



Senior Michael Moses and Junior Ronald Jacquot listen intently to the story being told on stage. The personal accounts of *real* people made the discussion informative as well as provacative.



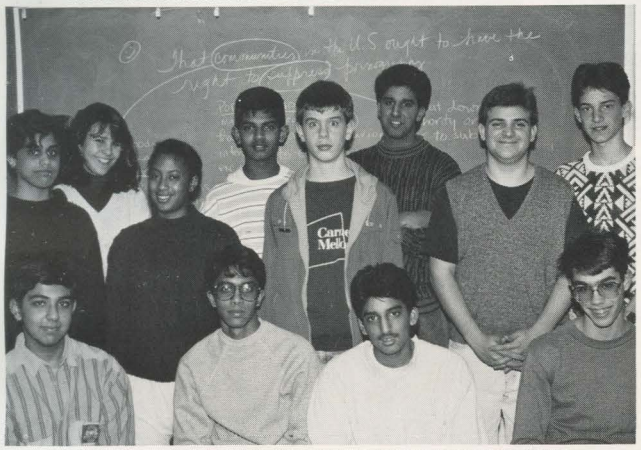


Even though the basic general public was present, no one seemed too afraid to speak his mind. Anyone who had something to add was welcome to do so, and senior Robert Best adds his insight to the matter.

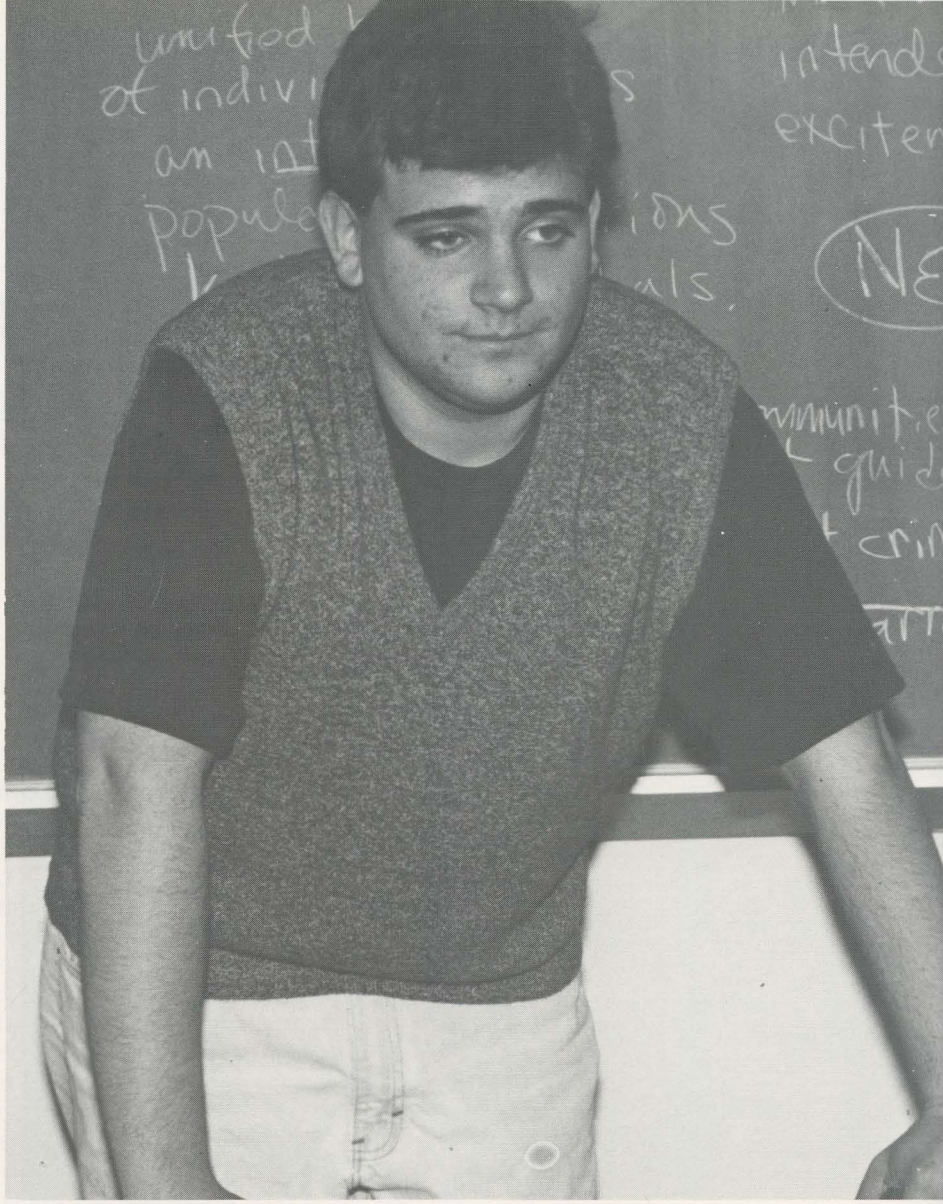
It is good to see so many people turning out for something so important. And by the looks of the crowd, one could tell people were concerned.

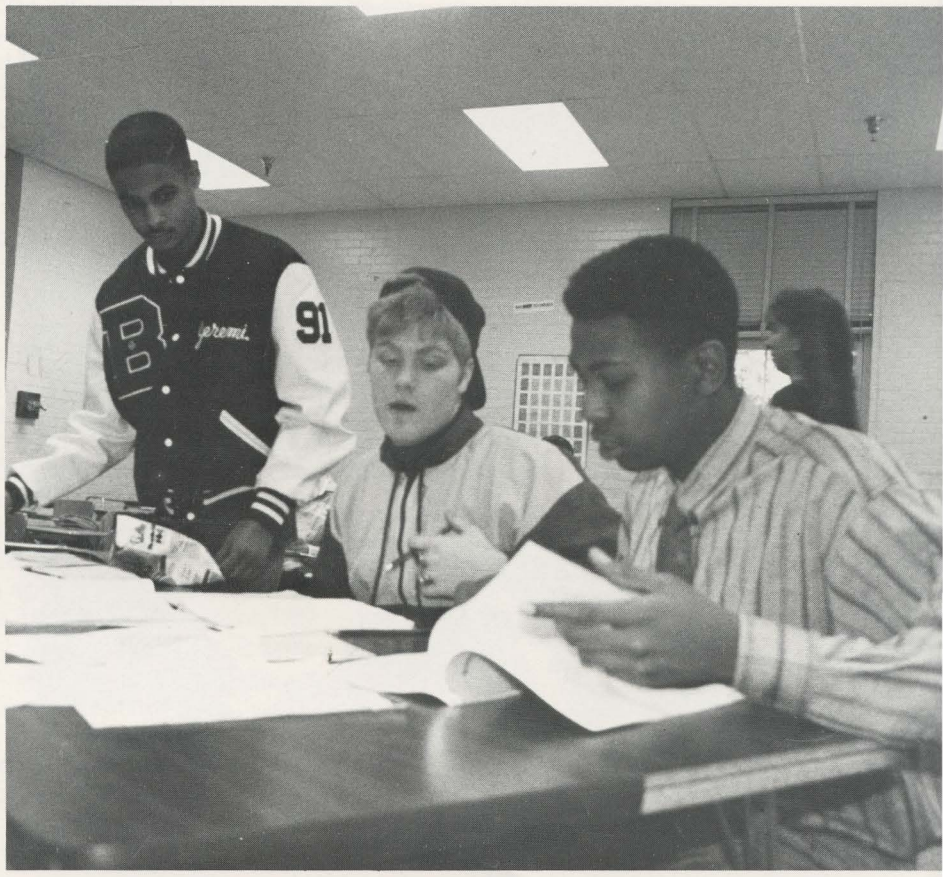
Forensics: Front Row: Allison Butler, Jessica Schultz, Cynthia Segura, Ceci Hyoun, Robby Peckerar, Sarah Black, Chris Heller. **Second Row:** Jessica Baden, Aaron Rachelson, Celena Orgel, Althea Vhyfuis, Carlotta Bernal, Kristen Walp Peter Robertson, (sponsor). **Back Row:** Jennifer Erikson, Joanna Alvarez, Aaron Greenlun.

Mock Trial: Front Row: Jenny Utterback, Brook Maury, Althea Vhyfuis, Milton Roth (sponsor) Ann Mitchell, Ruth Graupera. **Second Row:** Kim Jones, Jeremi Duru,Erik Spolnicki,Trang Bao, Matthew Hertz, Sarah Black, Sharon McNeil. **Back Row:** Jeremy Wright, Craig Rice, Nhan Ngo, RJ Nickels, David Doherty, Robby Peckerar, Marsha Ventura.

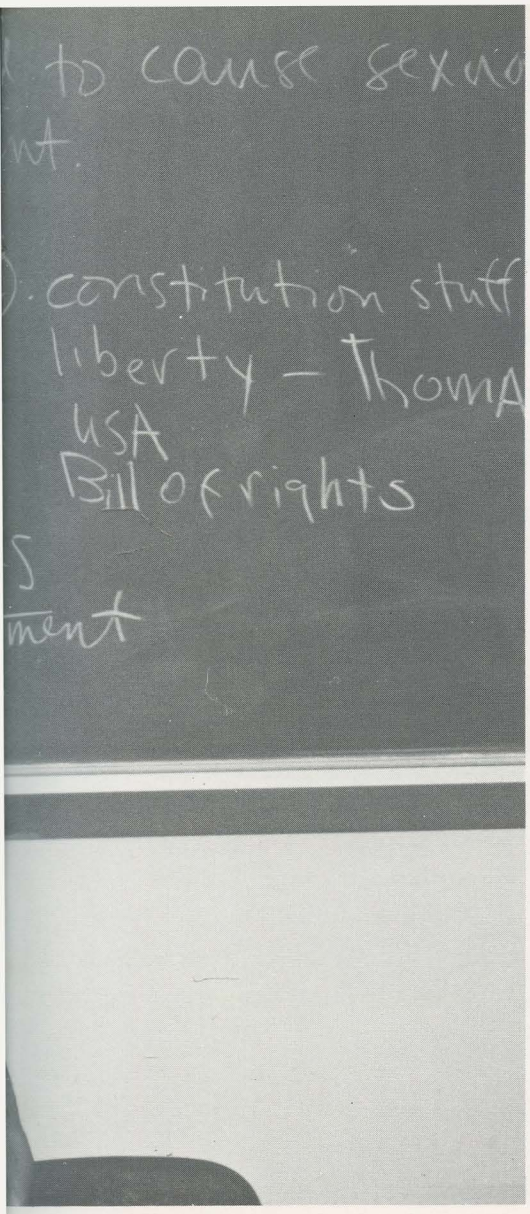


Debate Team: Front Row: Sumeet Mainigi, Sajaya Rajapatirana, Sumeet Seam, Steve Perez. **Second Row:** Ruchi Puri, Karen Kaiser, Matt Neimark, David Weinstock. **Back Row:** Faith Noble, Samsher Sonawane, Nitin Seam, Philip Kligman.





During Mock Trial Jeremy Duru, Brook Maur and Craig Rice look over the arguement for t prosecution. The students in Mock Trial had prepare arguements for both the defense a the prosecution.



With a defeated look David Weinstock ponders the newest issue as he practices for a Debate meet. Many days were spent practicing before attempting the real meets.

NOT TO BE OUTSPOKEN

You wanted to join a club and get a little involved at Blair. You're a pretty good speaker and you want to have some fun. The list of clubs is sitting in front of you and out jumps three names: Debate Team, and two brand new clubs Mock Trial, and Forensics. You couldn't decide so you chose them all.

This year debate started off by beating B-CC in their traditional neck to neck competition. At the next two meets B-CC kept its head enough above ours to be on top with Blair right behind them.

Debate Team has gone on for many years and has become a way for students to gain self-confidence in themselves through speaking. English teacher Maureen Diodati said,"Every single person in Debate has learned so much about his or herself and become a more confident person."

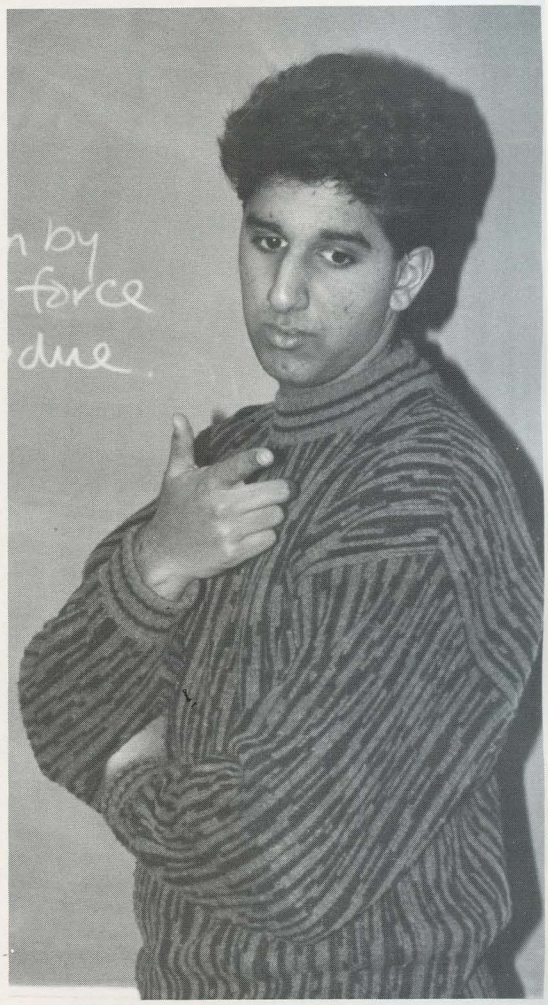
One new edition to Blair's numerous amount of clubs was Forensics club started by the also new History teacher Peter Robertson. Robertson explains that "Forensics is speech and performance of all different types of literature."

There were many different categories that could be entered such as Dramatic Interpratation, Children's Literature, Extemperaneous Speaking, and many more. Each category offered a different way of expressing or interpreting a piece of literature.

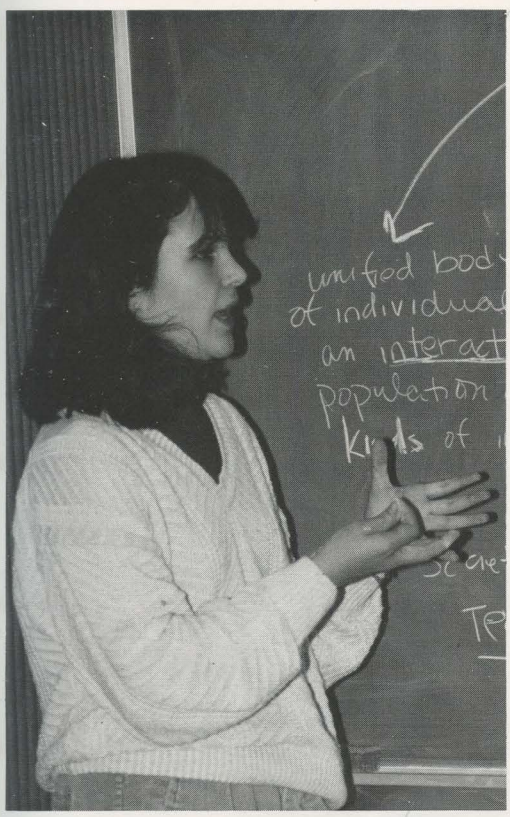
The first Forensics meet left the new club a little in shock. "We were a little taken aback by the amount of work that all of the other schools appeared to put into their performance,"said Mr. Robertson. Althea Vythuis was the only victor at the first meet. She walked away with a 3rd place in Dramatic Interpretation. Three others were nominated, but everyone walked away with a days experience and a good feeling.

Mock Trial was also a new club this year. Mock Trial was exactly what it sounds like. The county would give a copy of a previous court decision wherein the students would then prepare the prosecution and the defense. At the first meet Blair beat B-CC by one point.

Being in Mock Trial was a fun and learning experience. Sophomore Sarah Black said, "Mock Trial is a great experience because it gives you a better understanding of the American judicial system." —SPS

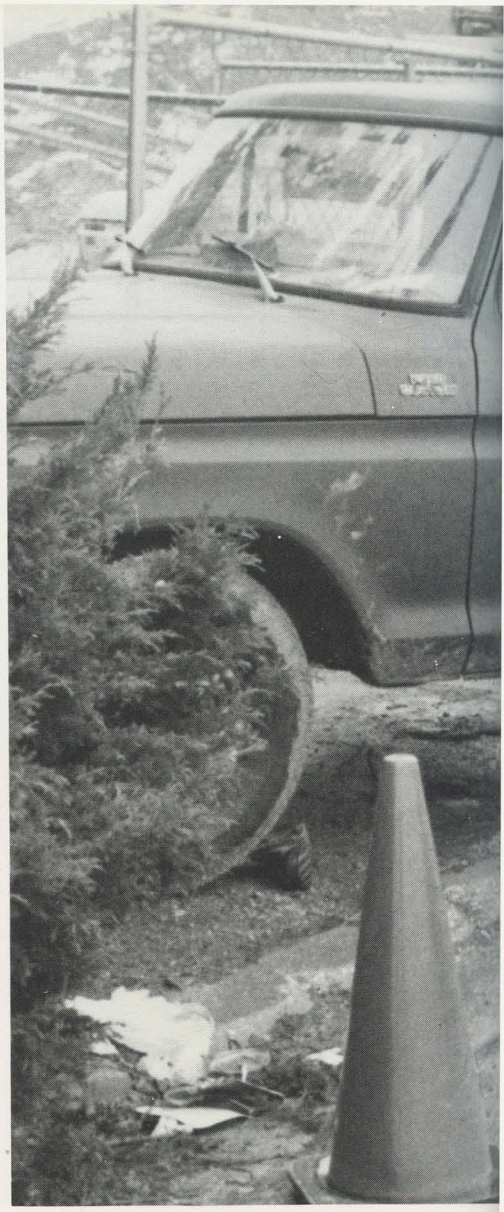


Using the debating skill he has acquired, Nitin Seam makes a strong arguement on the latest topic. Debate Team members became strong in their arguing skills after having spent so much time debating.



Easily, Faith Noble uses the chalkboard to argue her point on suppressing pornography convincingly. The Debate Team was always discussing interesting topics.

Students Against Drunk Driving worked to prevent such accidents as shown above. All that was left of this person was his boot and broken beer bottles.



SAFETY FOUND ALL AROUND

Safety Committee chair junior Wendy Madigosky smiles at the results of a successful fire drill. Most members were distinguishable from the bright red buttons that they wore.

There were three

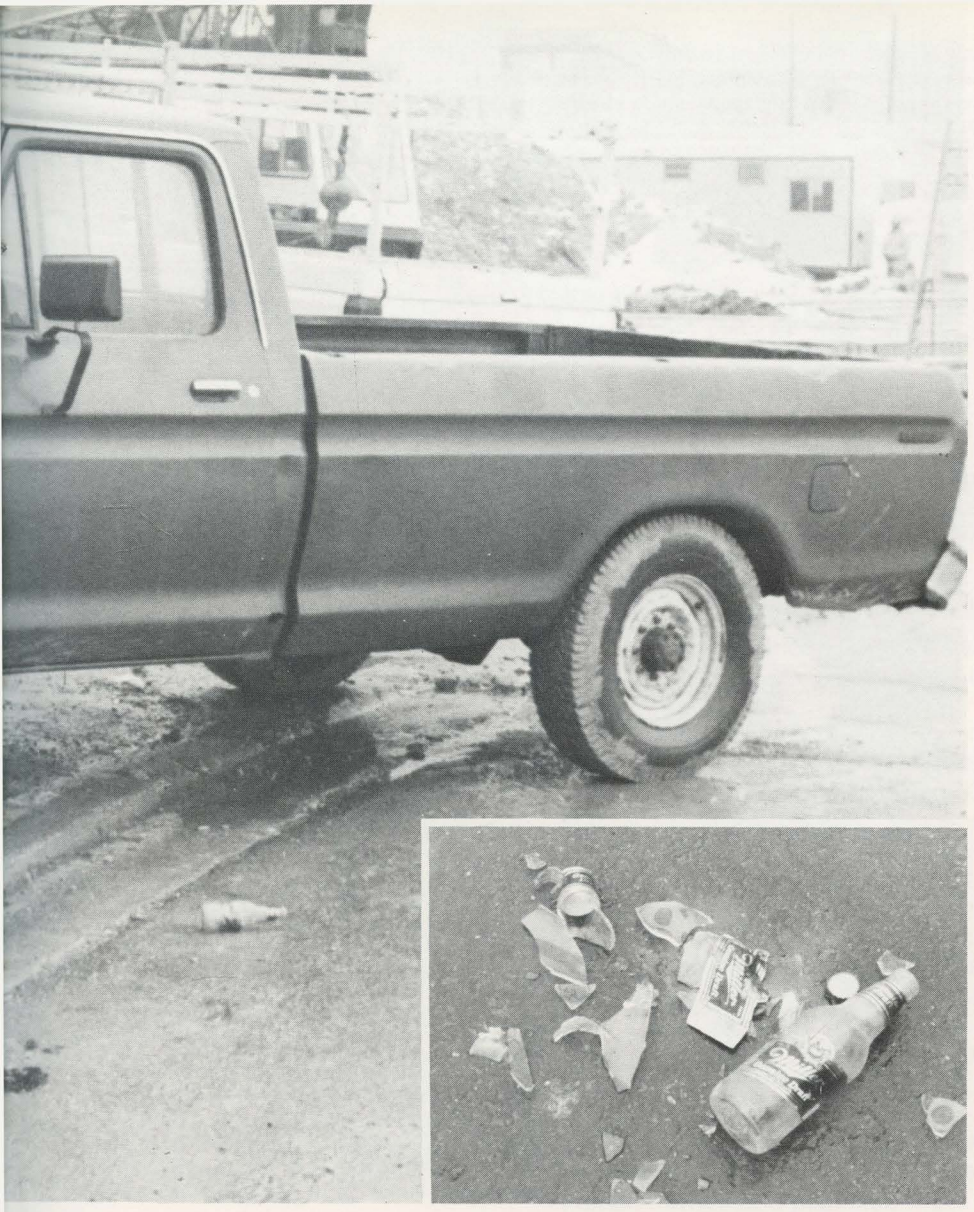
major groups this year whose members worked for the safety of the students in school, as well as the community. The groups were SADD, **Students Against Drunk Driving**; BAAD, **Blair Against Alcohol and Drugs**; and the Safety Committee.

Blair Against Alcohol and Drugs was recognized as the organization which sponsored the Stars Assembly; the assembly about inspiration and living to your potential. But BAAD did many other things; they hosted the after prom breakfast, and they notified students of hotline numbers. This year, the group printed a card that students could pick up in the guidance office with the numbers of hotlines such as suicide prevention and alcohol and drug dependency. BAAD was a community action team, it was not just a school based group. Not many people knew that BAAD stretched out into the community and into Blair's feeder schools.

Another activity sponsered by BAAD was the nurse's support group meetings. These meetings were for anyone who needed counseling or wanted to talk about problems they were having. To the delight of BAAD members, this program was beneficial because it was utilized throughout the school year.

This year SADD was combined with BAAD. The Safety Committee was a group of students concerned about the saftey of students in all aspects. Their main job was reducing the time it took to get out of the school during fire drills. But this year the Safety Committee wanted to broaden their work range. Each member of the group acted as a liason with the heads of each department. If there was any problem, the department head would discuss it with their liason. Then that student would bring it to the attention of the rest of the safety committee, who would then work to correct the problem. The safety committee also focused their attention to the lead in the water and asbestos problems in the building. --RG & AH

BAAD printed cards with numbers of various hotl numbers. These cards were available through the sec tary and counselors in the guidance office or from a member of the club.



SADD/BAAD: Front Row: Wendy Madigosky, Diane Swift, Gabrielle Fair, Carrie Jensen. **Second Row:** Tara Gilyard, Jacqueline Ward, Stacey Vactor, B.J. Holsapple. **Back Row:** Dale Lamberth, Orlando Lau, Eymeris Acevedo.

Safety Committee: Front Row: Judy Levinson, Sharon McNeal, Christina Meneses, Samantha Smith, Indira Durgapersad, Ruth Graupera. **Second Row:** Tim Hai, Danny Isaacson, Jennifer Wilson, Carrie Jensen, Krista Butler, Nia Dam, Toni Nesmith, Angie Mitchell, Althea Vyfhius. **Back Row:** Craig Rice, Obi Lang, Tamar Telahun, Stephen Coleman, Truong Bao, Kim Jones, Amy Dawson.

Even in the midst of much congestion, the Safety Committee works to keep order. This was only one of the jobs done by the Safety Committee this year.

During a fire drill Safety Committee member senior Victor Iwugo preaches safety rules to junior Jose Albarracin. Not only did members have to direct traffic, but they had to teach safety as well.

German Club: Front Row: Sameena Usmani, Sharon McNeal, Susie Hirsh, Rebecca Hammer. **Back Row:** Fredericke Hoffs (sponsor), Mark Birmingham, Jonathon Griner, John Velapoldi, Mate Tokic, Joshua Fischman.

A beautiful glimpse of the French Riviera taken by French club member on the annual trip to Franc For most club members, being able to spend spri break in France was a chance of a life time.

"You see, I'm the real German expert here," declares junior Mate Tokic after the mistakes of his fellow club members start to irk him. Discussions in foreign languages tended to heat up once the meetings got going.

A TASTE OF EUROPE

Bonjour, Guten Tag,

and Poetae est Agricolae! No, you are not in the midst of a European vacation, but here at Blair!

Although foreign languages were not a required courses, many students opted to study languages such as Spanish, German, French, Chinese, and Latin. Whether to look good on college applications, receive a Certificate of Merit diploma, or just out of pure interest, many Blazers dedicated themselves to their chosen foreign tongue. In addition to their classes, language-oriented students formed clubs. The French Club and German Club provided interested students the opportunity to even further their quest for appreciation and better knowledge of their respective language.

The French club met periodically with their sponsor, Mr. Alix Desdunes, to watch French movies and plan club trips. One trip was to the National Museum of Art to view artwork done by French painters. They were lucky enough to be assigned a French tour guide who was able to explain the French paintings more in-depth.

The students also went to a French restaurant, Le Bistro Francaise, where they were required to order their meals in French. "Le poulet de vinagrette et la creme caramel etaient magnifique! (The marinated chicken and caramel cremes were magnificent!)" exclaimed French club Vice-President sophomore Justine Barron.

Above all, the annual trip to France during spring break gave these aspiring young Frenchmen a real idea of what the language and culture are all about.

The German club's sponsor Frau Fredericke Hoppes, president senior Joshua Fischman, and vice president junior Mark Birmingham led the German club in promoting awareness for Germany, the German people, and the German language. Their major accomplishment this year was participating in German-American week by constructing murals, banners, and posters showing the influence and friendship between Germans and Americans.

Active German club member senior Sharon McNeal summed up the feelings of everyone in foreign language clubs when she enthusiastically said, "The club gave us the opportunity to explore a culture different from our own in unique ways." --LB & MF

German club sponsor Frau Fredericke Hoppes stands back and looks at her student's dedication in admiration. The foreign clubs were lucky to have such devoted sponsors.

"Ahhhh....Guten Tag!" says junior Jonathon Griner greeing two of his fellow club members. New friendships were common development in the foreign language clubs as result of the many activities the members participated together.

Peter Lau listens attentivly to Linh Tran as she explains what she is doing. Many activities were planned after school during these meetings.

NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE, WHAT DO YOU DO?

Daniel Ng takes special instructions on how to prepare the posters to advertise the activity. Clubs sponsered many school activities during the year to make the school more enjoyable.

Changing environments

was something everybody did at least once a day when they came to school. One might not have realized it, but it did happen.

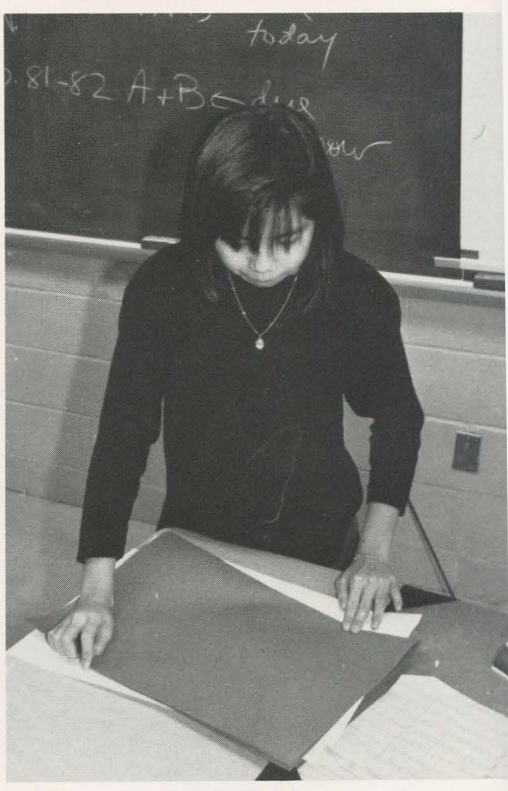
When people from other countries came to the United States, they had to change their environment. This was a change far too great for most native born students to understand. Immigrants had to change everything: their speech, actions, clothing, foods, and many other things.

When foreign students came to school, they had to go through yet another change. While school environments were difficult to adapt to for everyone, for people who did not speak English, it was even more difficult. To help these students adapt to school, Montgomery County Public Schools provided ESOL, where speakers of other languages were given practical help in learning English.

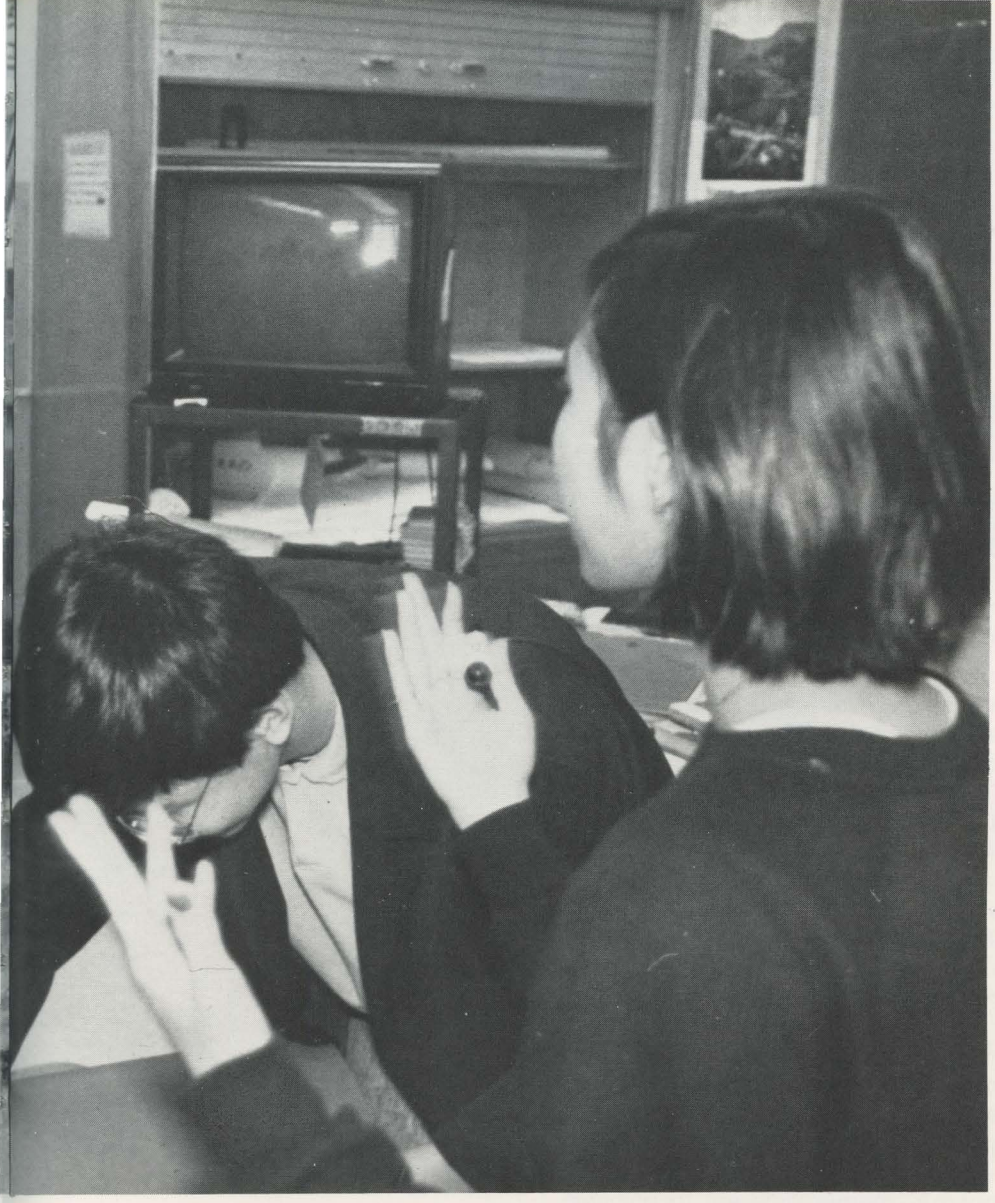
For additional support many clubs were formed. The Hispanic, Vietnamese, and Cambodian clubs were three speical interest clubs which met after school to discuss their business, share memories of homelands, and eat native foods. These clubs allowed students of the same nationality to come together and be separate from all of the other students who did not share their uniqueness. Students who went through the day hearing English and not knowing what they heard could come and releave the pressures of the day.

Each club had its own sponser who helped organize the club and kept it on task all year. The sponsor often knew the primary language of the club or knew how to talk in understandable English to help the students feel at ease. Some clubs would sponser activities and post bulletin boards to show the rest of the school that they were there and they counted. Most of them took part in an International Assembly to share native dances and songs with all Blair students.

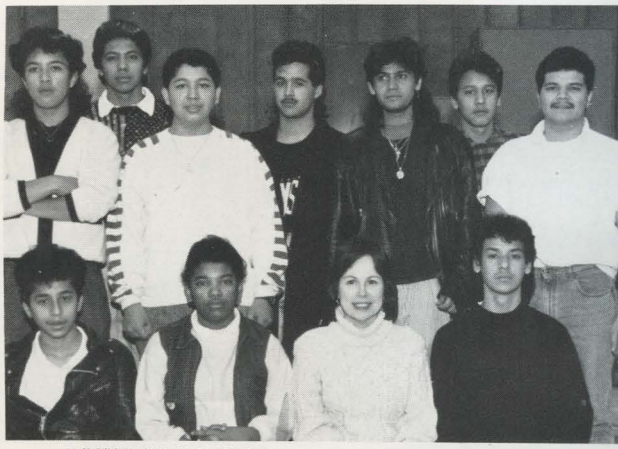
For the members these clubs were an activity after school for fun and learning. "I like the Vietnamese Club because I like to meet with my friends after school without the pressure of the classroom, plus I enjoy the activities that we plan," said junior Linh Tran. --MM



Thanh Tran carefully prepares posters for the Vietnamese club. Thanh was a big part of the clubs activities during the year.



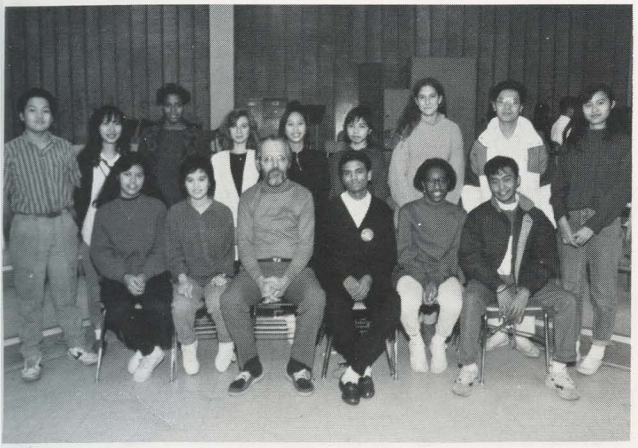
Cambodian Club: Front Row: Mimi Kheoun, Chou Ung, Visa Peang, Kimsang Sok, Debbie Kry; **Back Row:** Phalasath Sek, Luk Ban, Viseth Peang, Tha Thun, Mrs. Marjorie Laing, (Sponsor).



Hispanic Club: Front Row: Victor Sanchez, Jannelle Hebbert, M Lourdes Ceide, (Sponsor), Carlos Montes, **Back Row:** Edward Me dez, Piero Gonzalez, Luis Guevara, Eric Guevara, Carlos Guevar Carlos Romero, Daniel Gomez

Vietnamese Club: Front Row: Jenny Colish, Thao Tran, Linh Tra Cuong Nguyen, Thanh Ly, Truong Bao, **Second Row:** Trang Nguye Tram Huyen, Benny Yu, Trinh Ly, Oanh Pham, **Back Row:** Si Ti Nguyen, Sophie Tith, Stephen Coleman, Terrence Russell, Daniel N Chou Ung

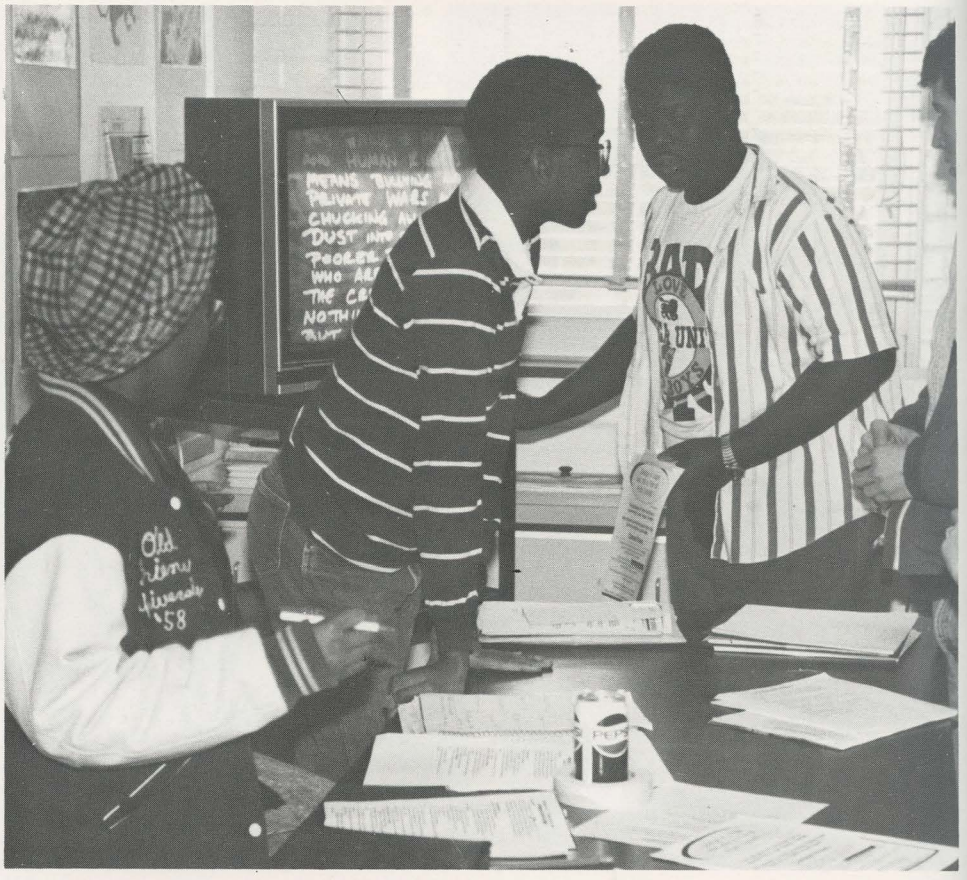
Decorating the hall The Hispanic Club shows there spirit. Many clubs and activities participated in Spirit Week to atribute to the whole schools spirit.



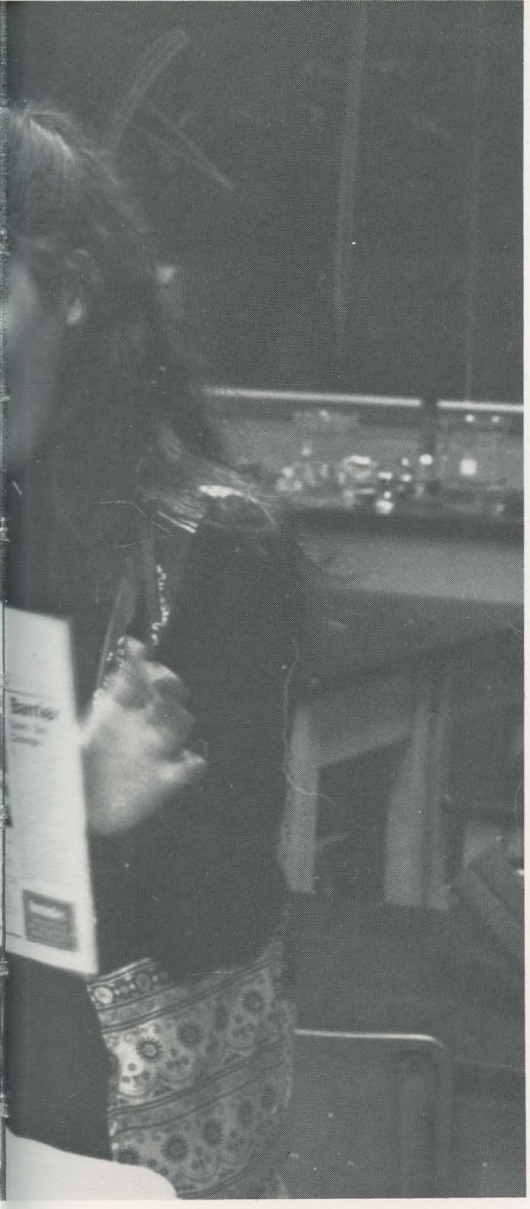
Science Club: Front Row: Sophie Tith, Thao Tran, Jim Burkholder-(sponsor), Stephen Coleman, Veronica Mobley, Jed Sejimundo. **Second Row:** Thuy Luc, Kemisola Lofinmakin, Jenny Colish, Linh Tran, Thanh Ly, Helen Mitchell, Daniel Ng, Vattaphone Vannavong.

SGR: Front Row: Amy Dawson, Ancelyn Krivak, Jessi Baden, Julie Hill, Zoe Seekins, Nikki Pitts, Josh Fishman. **Second row:** Andy Todhunter, Yolita Nugent, Sarah Respin, Marsha Ventura. **Third Row:** Connie Park, Katherine Richman, Simone Katz, Richard Moats (sponsor).

Educators of Tomorrow: Front Row: April Turner, Gabriel Kierson, Willie Davis, Edward Halman. **Second Row:** Carol Cooke (sponsor-), Rong Livnat, Dustine Baker, Rajeshwarie Singh, Lloyd Bempong.



These Future Educators of Tomorrow April Turner, Edward Halman, and Lloyd Bempong discuss the agenda for the meeting. During the meetings, members tried to come up with different educational programs for the future.



Juniors Andy Todhunter, Jessi Baden, and Yolita Nugent read up on the abuse of animals. PETA was a main source of information for SGR members.

HERE'S TO TOMORROW

This year had plenty to offer in the area of extra-curricular activities. Among them were the Science Club, Students for Global Responsibilties, and the Future Educators of Tomorrow club. Each association had something to offer to the students who joined and the members were able to give something of what they aspired back.

The Science Club sponsered by Jim Burkholder was an experience that many students will never forget. The club had several guest speakers from astronomy to pollution who came and talk to members as well as other students who were interested. The club also took several trips to study the environment of the Cheasapeake and caves.

The science club sponsored many other events over the year which helped in the cleaning of the environment. Among these was Earth Day, when students took time out to clean up the school and also learn something about the effects of pollution. "Earth Day is something which I feel has helped Blair students look around and become aware of the neccessity to clean the environment," Burkholder said.

The Science Club was not the only one interested in preserving the environment and doing something about problems which face us. Students for Global Responsibilties was another club. SGR joined the efforts of members to help the needy, preserve the environment, and exercise their rights. "We sponsored our annual can food and clothes drive to help the homeless, as well as planning volunteer work in soup kitchens," said President Faith Noble.

Among their other achievments was a year long recycling program of tin cans. "In SGR we want to preserve peace and have amnesty in the world," said junior Debi Roemer.

Future Educators of Tommorrow was a new edition to the clubs at Blair. The goal of the Educators of Tomorrows was to motivate interests of students for careers in education. "The students of this club are involved in community and school and tutorial programs," said sponsor Carol Cooke. The members of the club essentially had an interest in pursuing careers in teaching and administration. --RP

As she listens carefully at the meeting, freshman Marsha Ventura sports the SGR t-shirt. The club designed their own shirt and sold them to non-members as well in order to bring in more students.

Senior Ruth Graupera and friend looks back at the cave which was more than just a learning experience. Science Club members took many other messy trips during the year.

Senior Mark Su positions himself as he prepares to ski over the first of a group of moguls. Slopes marked most difficult usually were covered with with these large bumps and provided for an exciting run filled with jumps and fun.

SLIPPING AND SLIDING DOWN THE SLOPES

"How much further do I have to go?" wonders senior Ari Mizel as he pauses to rest and survey the rest of the slope. Skiing was rigorous work for even the most experienced club members, and on the longer slopes it was difficult for some students to do an entire run without stopping to rest.

With their legs dangling twenty feet above the ground, the students neared the top and prepared to dismount. Their journey was almost over, but the adventure was only about to begin.

Dismounting was easy for most, but the true challenge lay in front of them. Many paused for a moment to peer over the edge and examine the slope before they commenced down it. The intelligent and experienced students made a last minute check to make sure that their boots, skis, and nerves were ready. With that done they pushed off and, swoosh, the skiers were away.

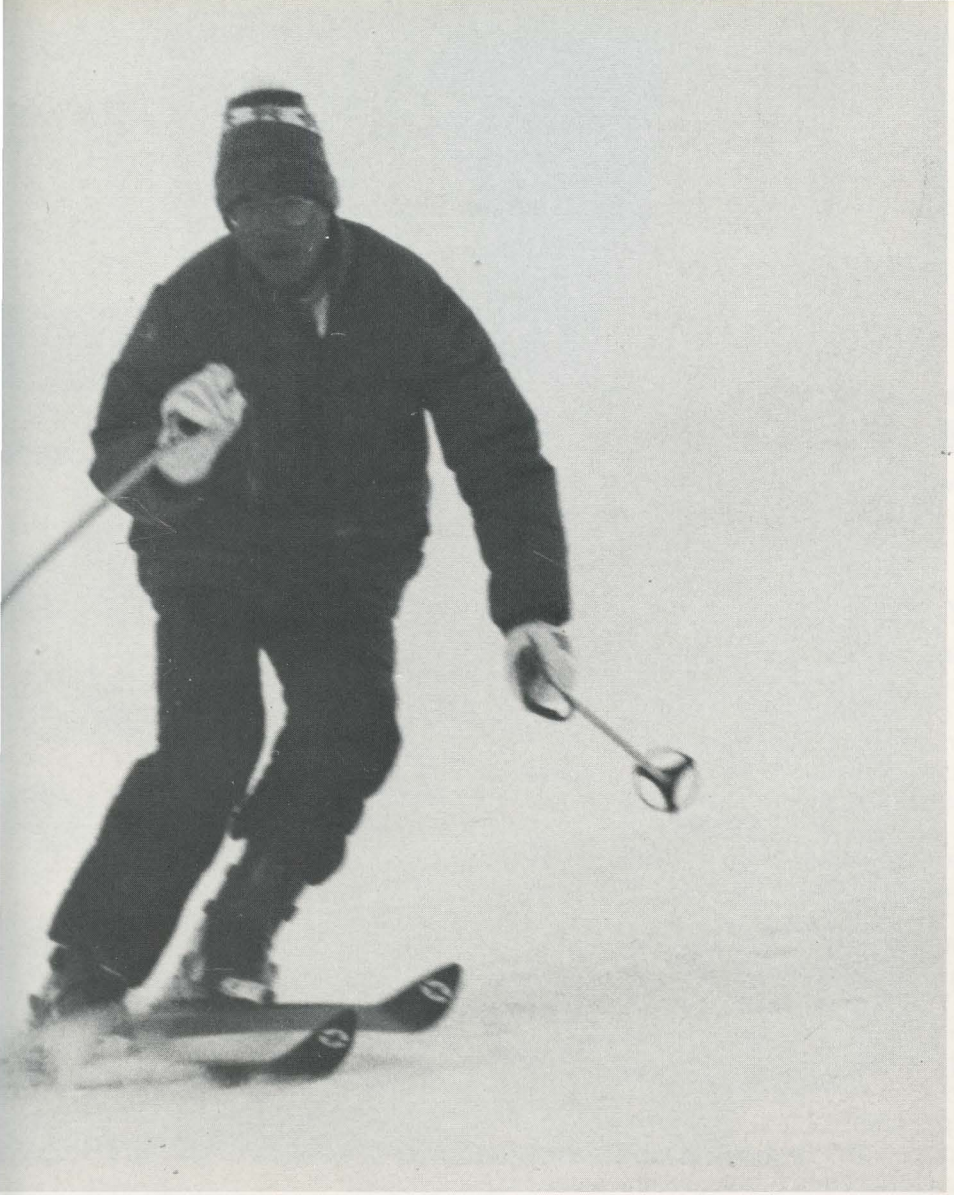
Thus began the Ski Club's first trip of the season and, for some members, the first of their life. "Skiing is kind of hard," said exchange student Daniela Boff after her first ski trip, "but it was so much fun that I was afraid of becoming addicted to it."

As they flew down the slopes, control was the main idea on every skier's mind. When sliding down a mountain through winding paths with people all around them, skiers had little time to concentrate on anything but remaining in control. "You can't describe skiing unless you go," explained junior Mark Su. "You don't have to worry about anything except skiing."

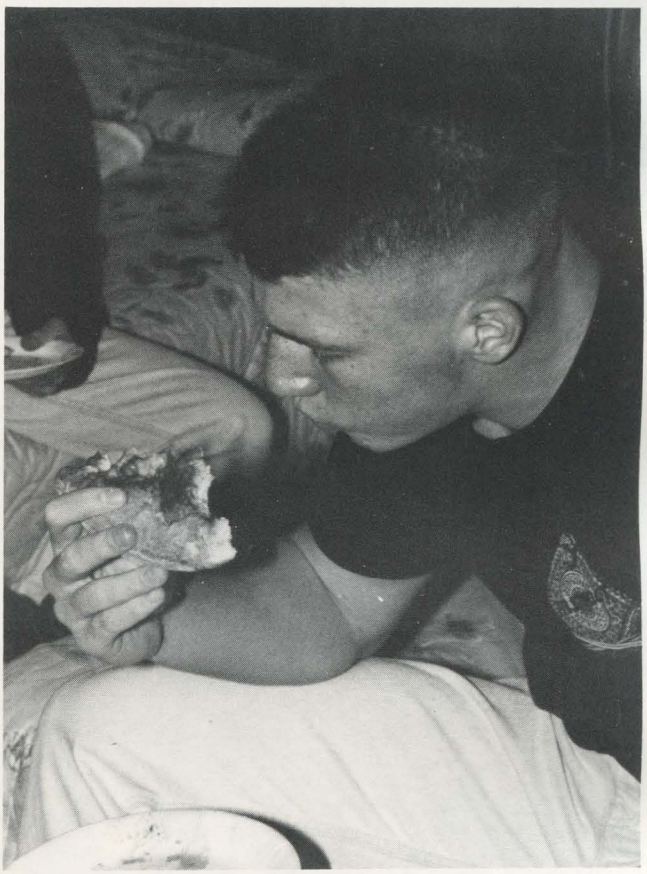
Needless to say, perfect runs were rare; even experts skiers fell at least once. Plus, no day of skiing was complete without one good wipeout to brag about. "Suddenly you're in the air and then you're sprawled on the ground," explained Su. "It's not embarassing when you fall, it's exciting," said senior Regina Raffety.

So, the underlying question is, what pushes skiers to endure the rigors and punishment of skiing? "There is something spiritual about skiing," explained Moats. "You stand in the midst of the beauty and quiet of the snow. You encounter your own limitations as you endure the elements of nature. It's challenging, exhilirating, even scary at times, but definitely an exhausting, physical workout. We are teaching a sport which for many will be a winter activity for a lifetime." —SS

As he rides the ski lift preparing for the last run of t day, freshman Shawn Schmit looks behind to see wh will be joining him. As darkness set in, the temper ture dropped and skiers began to reach the end of th endurance. Thus, the last run became the mo challenging.



Ski Club: Front Row: Greg Dutton, Matthew Gannon, Nadav Kaufman, Linda Spranger, Amy Hutchinson, Synthia Carlson, Lilly Steinbock, Milena Levetrova, Ariel Moats, Rick Moats, Kyra Moats, Stephen Scott, Jody Curran. **Back Row:** Mark Su, Shawn Schmit, Adam Lawrence, David Jeter, Sammy Shin, Mark Potapor, Aaron Lake, Anthony Applewhait, Micheal Garon, Ari Mizel, Craig Rice, Christy Compton, Daniela Boff, Gordon Steenberger, Sylvain Bogensberger, Matthew Houston, Mike Mills, Aaron Silverman, Rona Livnat. **Not Pictured:** Chris Abrahams, Regina Raffety, Mark Curran, Jim Burkholder.

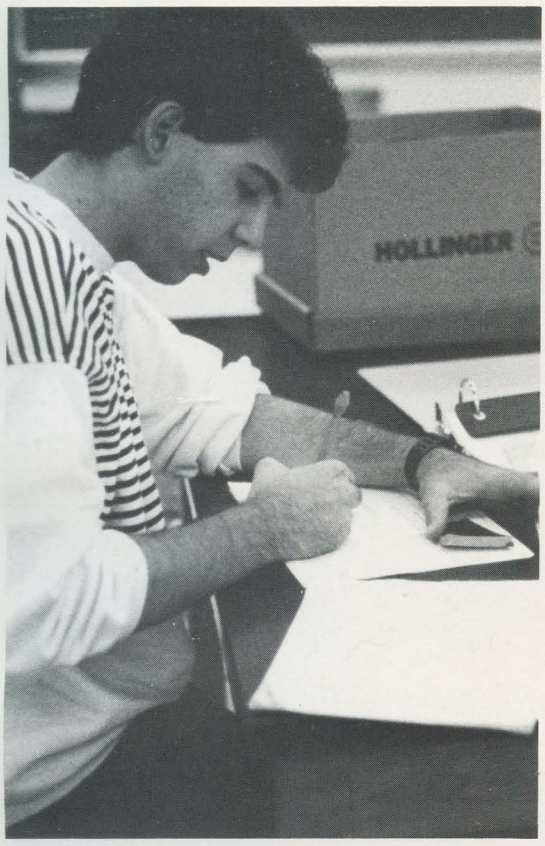


After a full day of skiing, junior Chris Abrahams is finally able to sit down, rest, and fill up with some pizza. Even after the lifts closed, students still had many options on how to spend the rest of their day. They could do anything from play pool to swim in one, though most people opted to crash and sleep.

Senior Lilly Steinbock displays skill and grace as she glides down a difficult slope. Remaining in control was difficult, and when someone lost it they ended up flying through the air rather than skiing on the snow.

Two heads are better than one. Seniors Sameena Usmani and Steve Fries iron out all the problems in their floor plans.

CAN YOU DIG IT? OR BUILD IT?



Archaeology is not always getting dirty and sifting through the ground for artifacts. Senior Shane Cohen demonstrates as he catalogs an important piece of pottery.

Unearthing the past

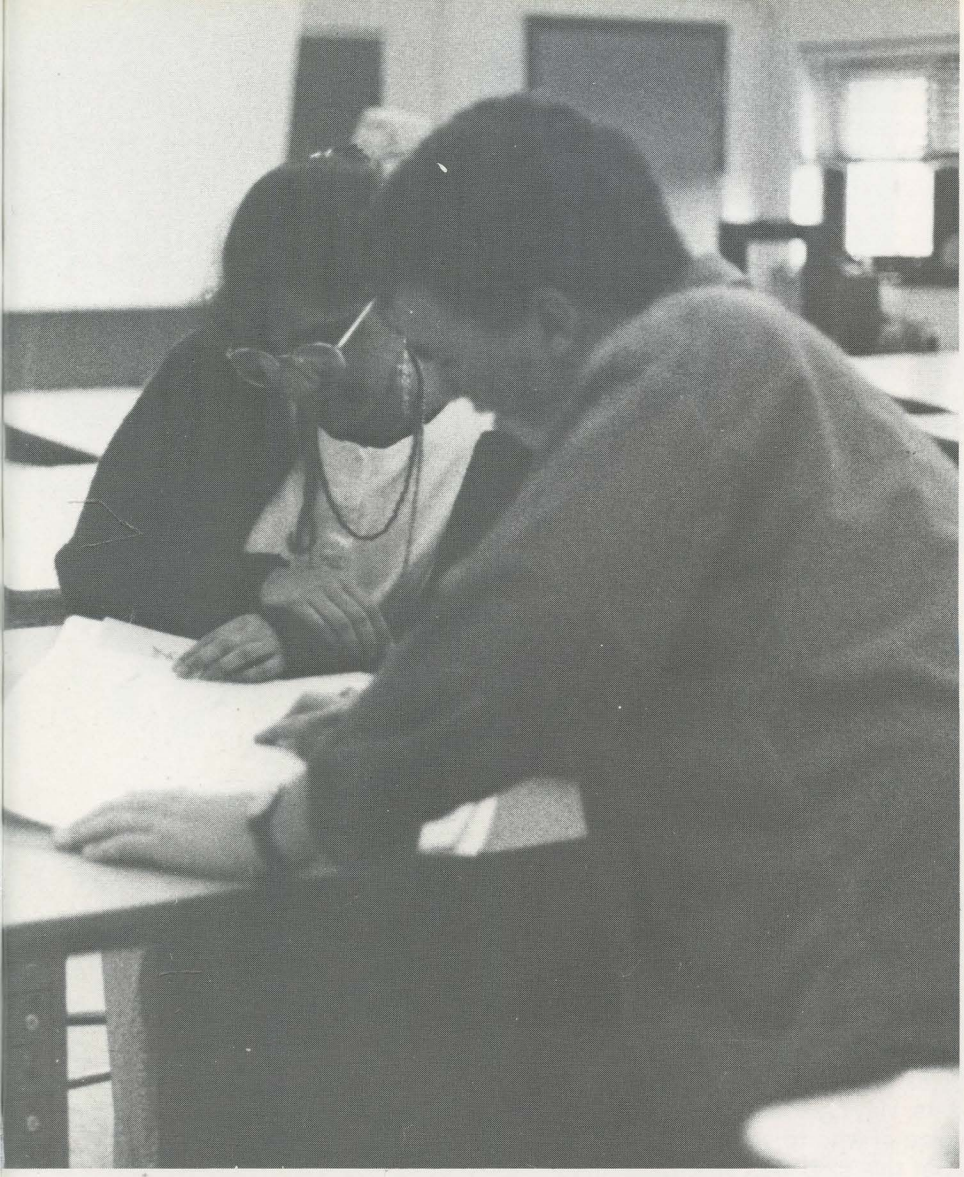
and reshaping the future was what the archaeology and architecture clubs had set forth to do this school year. Amid the various clubs and organizations Blair had to offer , the Archaeology and Architecture clubs stood out as being two of the more unique groups. Each club emphasized its own set of values and standards to its members which benefitted both the student and the Blair community.

The Archaeology club was dedicated to learning more about how past peoples lived in hope to better the future. "My major non-academic interest is archeology. For me, archeology is the discovery of the past as a way to predict the future," said senior Shane Cohen president of the club and also its founding member. Being the newest extra-curicluar attraction to the school, the archeology club is definitely "breaking new ground". Digging at excavation areas and surveying the ground hoping to uncover a meaningful artifact was by no means easy. Each club member had to endure aching back pains, sore knees, and dirty fingernails during the archaeological digs. But in the end it was all worth having the satisfaction of doing a job well done. Mrs. Jessie Diffley, the clubs sponsor, best put it when she said, "Archeology is good, dirty fun."

While the archaeology club had delved beneath the ground, the architecture club had expectations that literally touched the sky. These are the future builders of America who will reshape the landscape of every major city. The architecture club was also credited with winning the homecoming float compitition for the past two years which only goes to show that architects are also spontaneously creative. "Being in the Architecture club has been a growing experience for me." said senior Steve Fries. An interesting fact about the club was that about 3/4 of the club had not taken architectural drawing or any related course and were in it just for the cultural aspect of it. "The architecture club gives the student the chance to express their creative talents." said club sponsor Mr.Rob Segreti.

Besides being a good source of cultural enrichment, both clubs gave its members the oportunity to look at possible career fields. --BCS

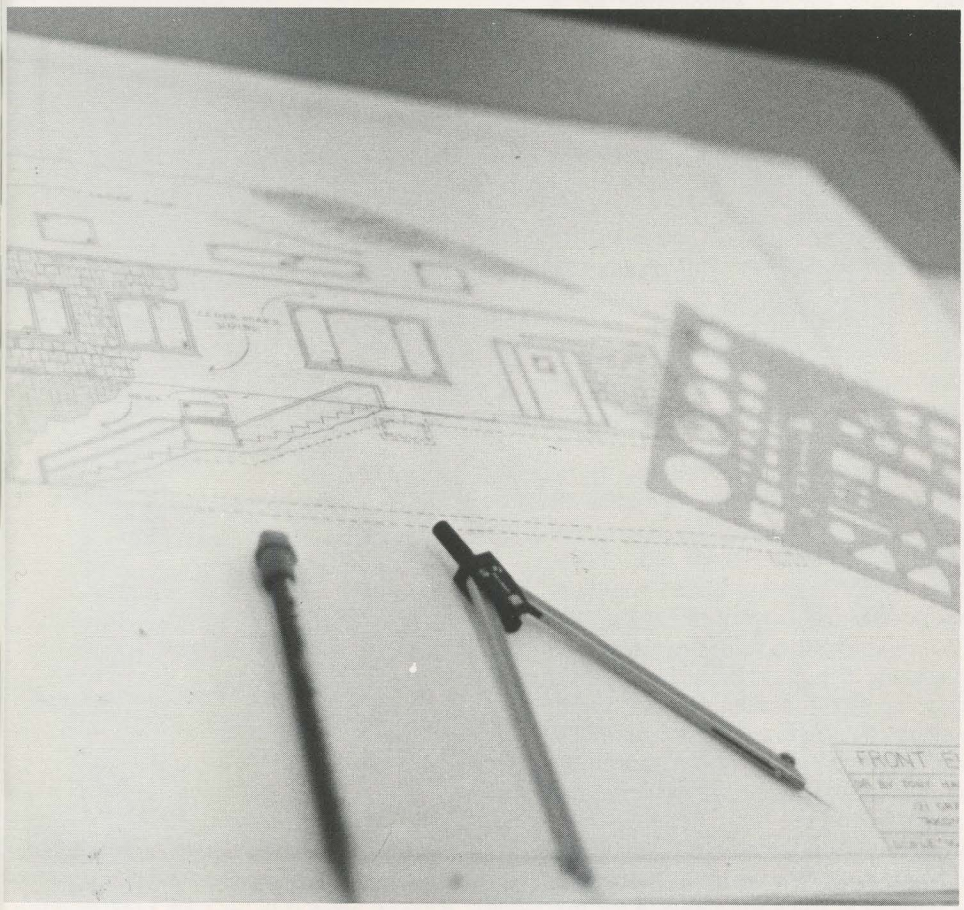
This is what archaeologists call an organized mess. Among the assorted artifacts are pottery shards dated back to the early 18th century.



Archaelogy Club: Front Row: Gregory Fries, Jennifer Erikson, Co
nie Park, Shane Cohen, Steve Fries **Back Row:** Jessica Baden, Ma
Su.

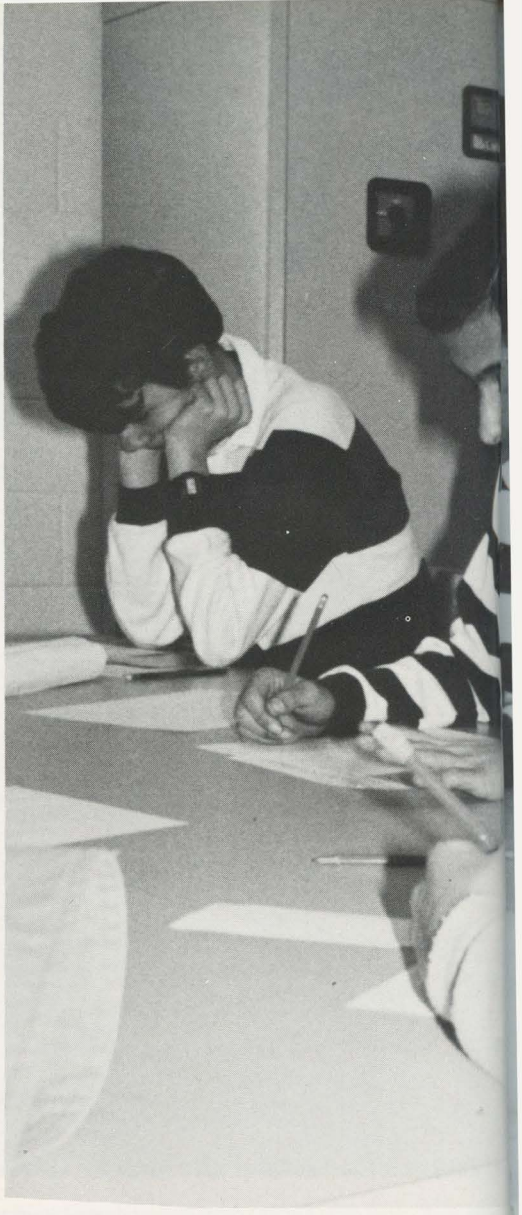
Architecture Club: Front Row: Hung Tran, Deepa Tawney, Joanne Lu
Kathy Liu, Thuy Luc. **Second Row:** Bola King, Jennifer Wilson, Sameer
Usmani, Gregory Fries, Rob Segreti. **Third Row:** Marianne Shih, Connie Par
Sherrie Wu, Catherine Chang, You Leung, Tim Hai, Steve Fries, Cindy Huan
Last Row: Toni Nesmith, Phyllis Oswubere, Mate Tokic, Rebecca Segal, Ro
Detnoy, Sarah Manchester, Kemisola Loufinmakin.

Who says architects don't have school spirit? Leading their flo
proudly down Wayne Avenue, sophomore Eric Liu and seniors Patric
Baker and Yoli Leung wave to the crowd.

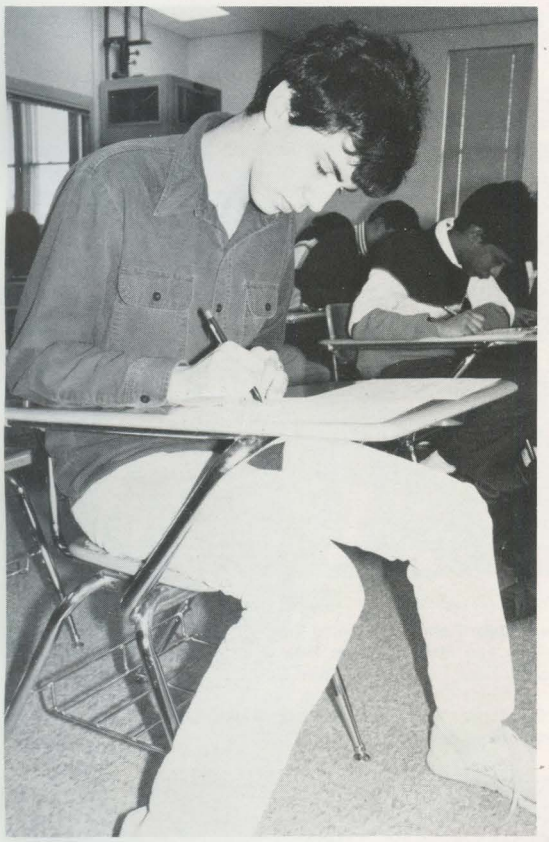


The beginings of a good idea. The Architect's tools of his trade included pencil, compass, and ruler.

Because there were so many students on the Math Team, it was easy to select five to go to each meet. Sophomores Jeff Hostetler, Hormuzdiar Katki, and Freshman Tim Kim work on a practice problem during a team meeting in order to qualify for the next competition.



STUDENTS SOLVE SUPER PROBLEMS



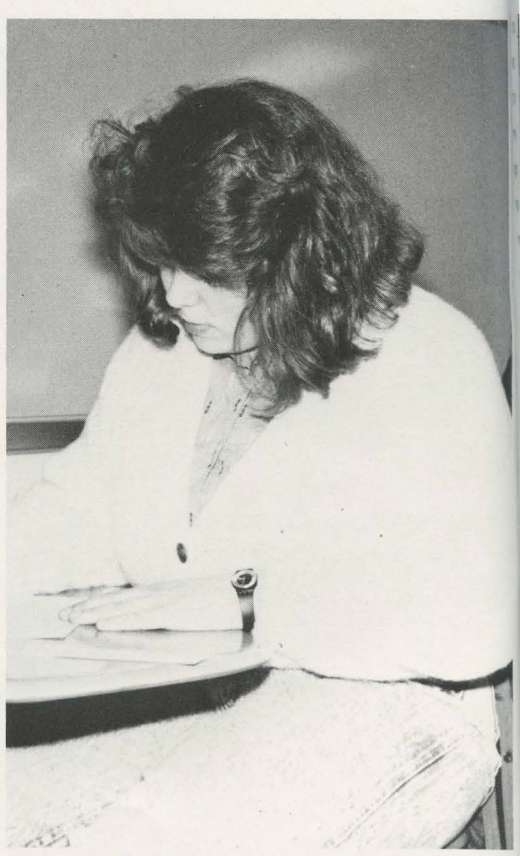
Math team member Senior Josh Fischman tries to solve a problem about number theories. This was one of the many different types of problems these students tried to solve. Fischman started by getting a top score on the American High School Math Exam, and continued to place fourth in the Math Olympiad. He was usually one of the members who went to compete.

Blair students displayed high academic superiority over other county schools in several extra-curricular groups. Two such groups were the Math Team, MARC Scholars and Super Quest.

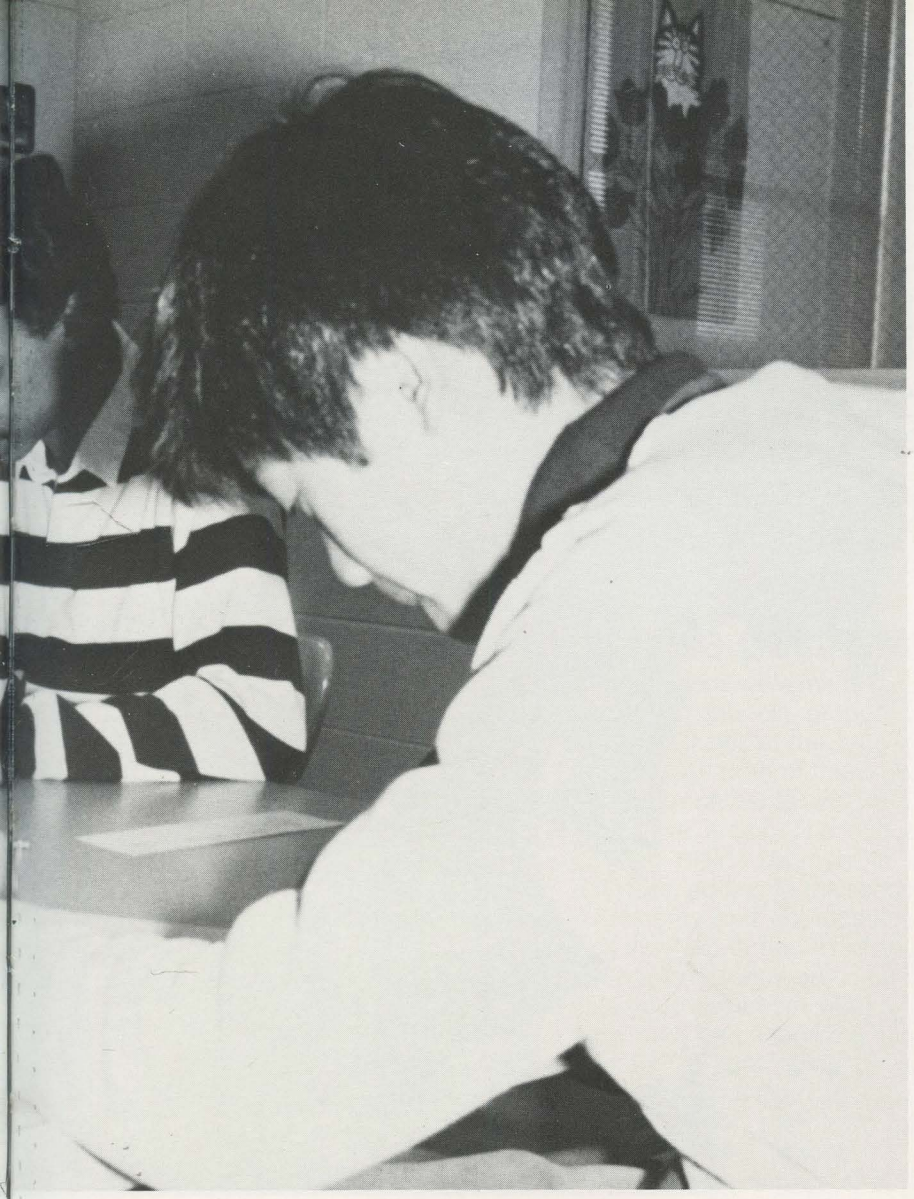
The Math Team, consisting of many of the schools top academic achievers, took first place in the county championship for the second time. In this club, the members solved problems not found in any classroom. They would look at math and the problems in a wider perspective. The team's successful season can be partly accredited to its having sixty members, the largest in the county and twice the size of the next largest team. Teams could only send five students to the meets. Having a large team allowed a better choice of who to send. Some people thought that this club was strictly for magnets; others were simply intimidated by a majority of the membership being of magnet students. Sponsor, Mr. Eric Wallstein, welcomed anyone to the club. This year there were two non-magnet members in the team.

The MARC Scholars was a new club which also gained favorable acceptance among Blair students this year. MARC Scholars stands for Minority Access to Research and Science Careers. This group also had a large turnout of over sixty students participating in this year's club. MARC Scholars originated as a program sponsored by National Institute of Health. The groups first meeting brought out ideas of interests in the science field. The sponsor d'Arcy Sloe would then organize field trips relating to the interests of the students. Such field trips included a trip to a gynecologists office, and the National Institute of Health laboratory. They also brought in many guest speakers on various scientifically oriented topics. The reason Sloe wanted this club here was because she found the number of blacks and hispanics going into the science field drastically low. Since Blair has a majority of minorities, she thought it would be an extremely beneficial group in raising statistics, and helping out these kids.

In the second year of Super Quest, the team cut back from four to three members. Blair was usually in the semi-finalists for this competition. --RG & AH



Senior Rebecca Segal puts her math background to good use as she works on one of the difficult problems presented at a Math Team meeting. Like the other students of the team, Segal is proud to be a part of the largest Math Team in the county.



Waiting for their instructions senior Brian Miller and Eric Anderson ponder their success. Ingenuity played an important factor in solving problems.

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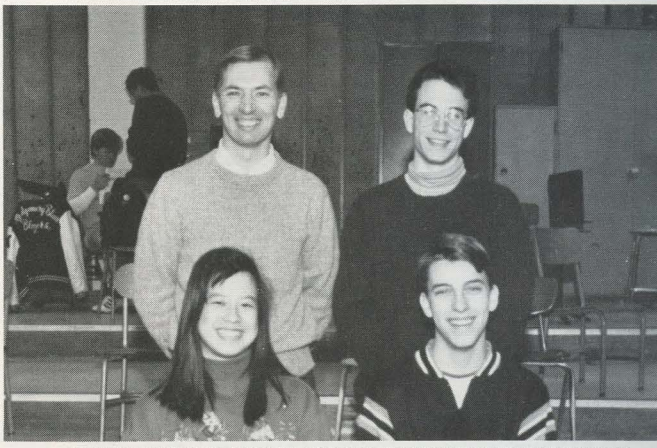
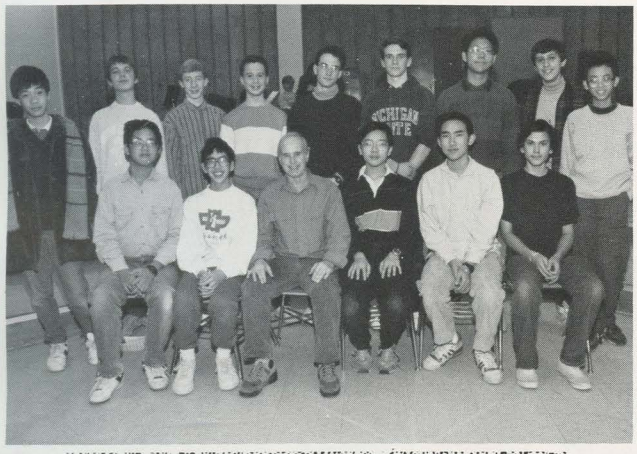


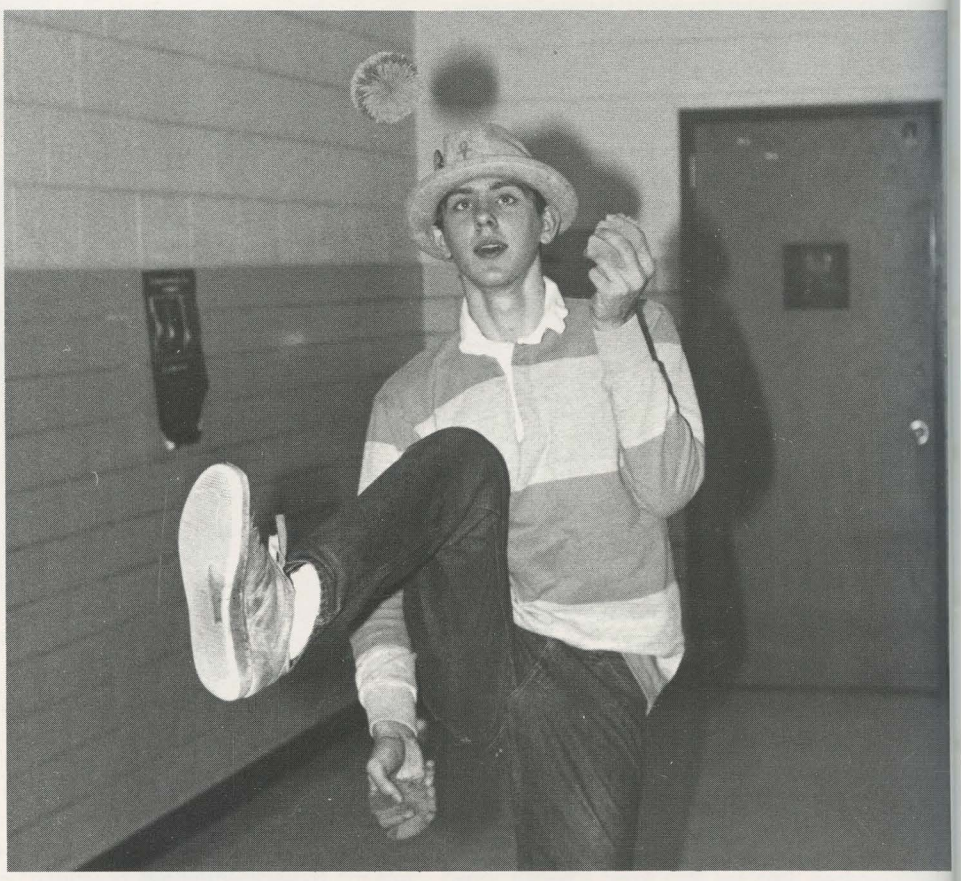
Super Quest: Front Row: Yoli Leung, Robert Pless. **Back Row:** Ro Gotwals, (Sponsor), Alex Berg.

Marc Scholars: Front Row: Danielle Dawes, Jennifer Wilson, Sta Chambers, Jennifer Bishop, **Second Row:** Mark Johnson, Omi Olagh **Third Row:** Mrs. Norma Wilson.

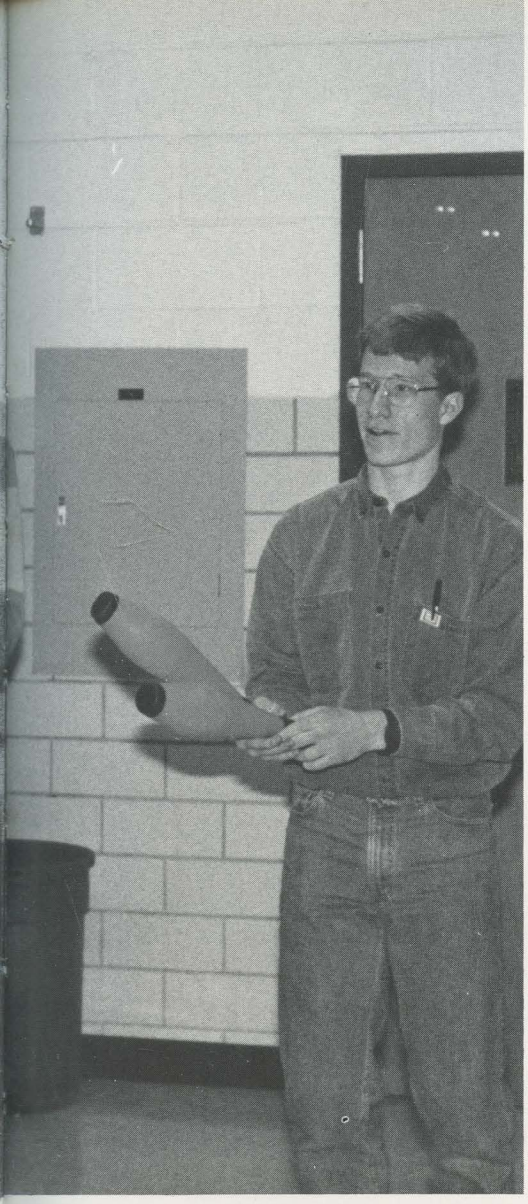


Chess Club: Front Row: Wei-Hwa Wong, Steve Chen, Ralph Bunday (sponsor), Jeff Wang, Ben Klemens. **Back Row:** Tim Kim, Seth Carlson, Mike Mueller, Aaron Rachelson, Alex Berg, Kevin LeClaire, Daniel Ng, Jeremy Ackerman, Eric Chang.

Juggling Club: Front Row: Trevor Schadt, Josh Juran, Dan Bergstralh. **Back Row:** Jeff Lerman, R. J. Nickels, Eric Anderson, Brian Miller, Ben Klemens. **Not Pictured:** Anne George, (sponsor), Tom McCarthy.

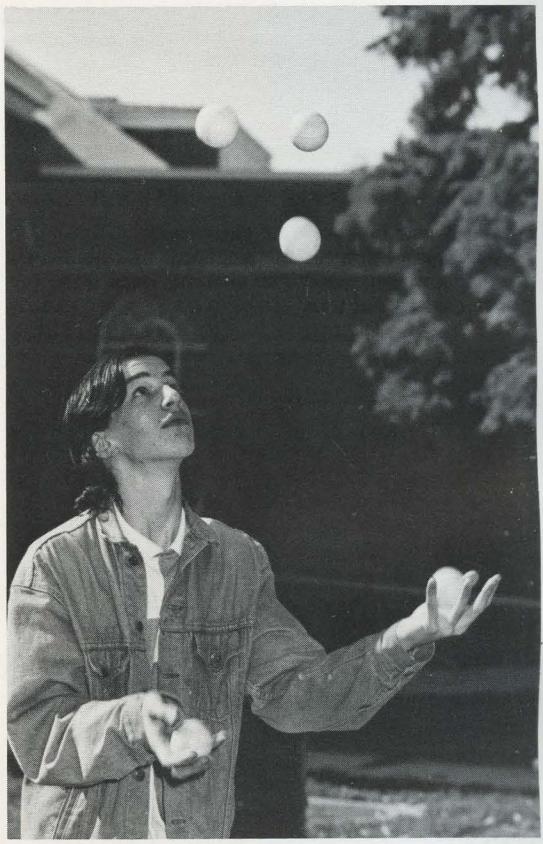


To add style to his juggling, senior Eric Anderson likes to get very creative. Anderson has placed his leg into this act to prove his expertise.



Concentrating on the pins, seniors Eric Anderson and Brian Miller bust the move. Junior Jeff Lerman looks on waiting to receive a pin.

FROM THE AIR AND ONTO THE CHESSBOARD



Looking up at the balls, senior Brian Miller enjoys to juggle during lunch. The courtyard was a great hangout for these talented jugglers to perform their routines.

These past few years

new additions were made to the collection of clubs and interest groups at Blair. These additions included the Juggling Club and the Chess Club. Both of these exotic clubs were formed by students who were adept in these respective areas. The two clubs truly expanded Blair's diversity in extra-curricular activities, adding to the school's personality.

Dexterity and coordination were the basics involved in the art of the juggling club. On a warm, sunny day, you could look outside your classroom window into the courtyard and watch bowling pins, bean bags, and tennis balls flying up and down. The jugglers found their art relaxing and often performed for their own pleasure during lunches or after school.

These entertaining and skilled jugglers were also extremely daring. The jugglers were even spotted doing their stuff while running about on the roof-tops. Plenty of freestyle juggling was exhibited in the club's acts. Experts such as senior Eric Anderson could juggle three or more apples and eat the fruits while still in the air. "Juggling apples is not only entertaining, but also relieves my hunger," added Anderson, while biting into the fruit. Other jugglers like club president senior Brian Miller juggle objects such as hats and anything else that is handy.

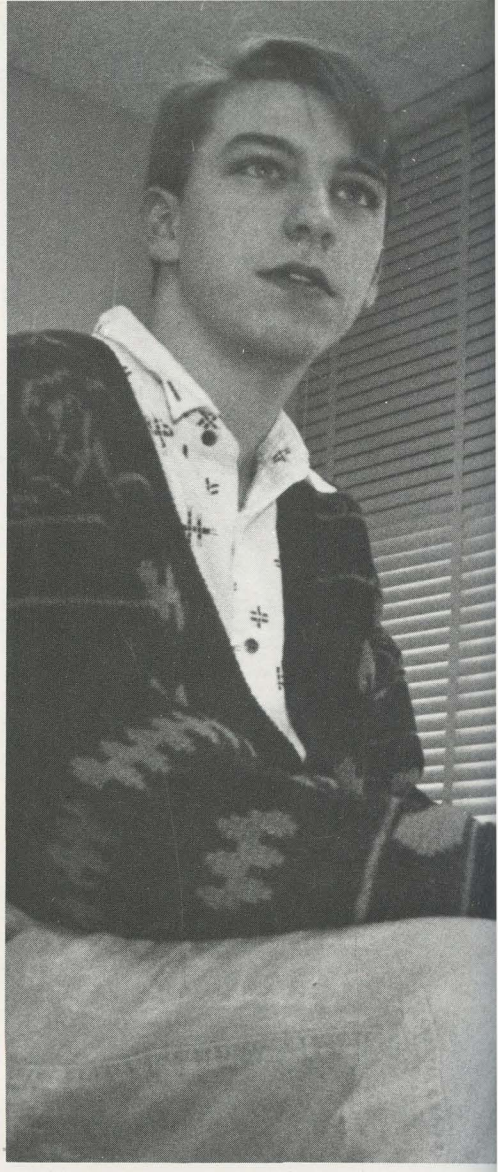
The mind is a terrible thing to waste, and no one realized that better than the members of the Chess Club. Every move was a challenge and carefully planned, so nothing was done without a reason and a purpose. It was not hard to understand why the members of the Chess Club took their club so seriously.

This year was the club's first year, sponsored by Mr. Ralph Bunday. It kicked off to a great start with many students joining to compete in this game of sheer strategy. "The Chess Club gives me the opportunity to play the game I enjoy most, while excelling in it," stated sophomore Ben Klemens.

From the flying fruits spotted on the roof-tops to the bishops and rooks trying to mate the king on the chess board, the jugglers and chess players exhibited all from coordination to contemplation this year in their respective clubs. --PD

Juggling with skill, freshman Dan Bergstalh enjoys staying after to show off his talent. Flying rings were other objects that many jugglers were seen with during practice and performances.

Planning for our nation, senior Robert Pless explains his upcoming goals for the Republican Society. Senior Kevin Verbrugge listens attentively to Pless' idea.



GEARING UP FOR THE FUTURE

As his partner looks on, junior Shawn Grey bolts in a hub cap. VICA prepared many students such as Grey for activities like auto mechanics.

Extra-curricular

activites helped students gear up for the future by gaining pertinent experience today. Organizations such as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), the Republican Society, and even our own school store have greatly contibuted to the education of students. These organizations allowed and provided students with the opportunity to learn in a practical and realistic work environment, which prepared the participants for the future. "I really feel confident about what I can do," said sophomore David Flores, a member of VICA.

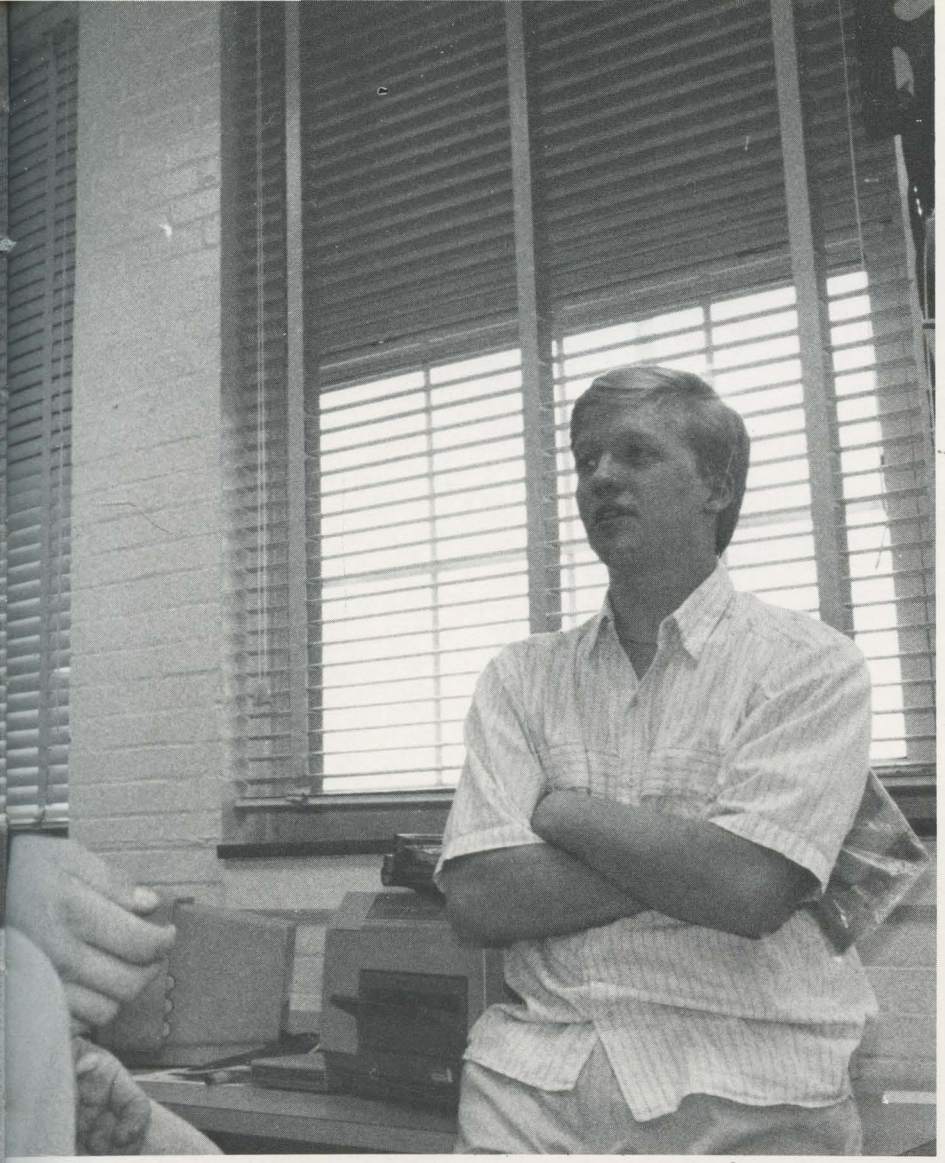
VICA is a national organization formed from the combination of several industrial arts. These include such common industries as auto mechanics, electronics, woodworking, and cosmetology. VICA also organized many field trips around the state and the nation to have the members demonstrate their acquired skills. "VICA has taught me more than my regular courses," confessed junior Hakeem Fakoya, "Learning should be fun, and VICA is."

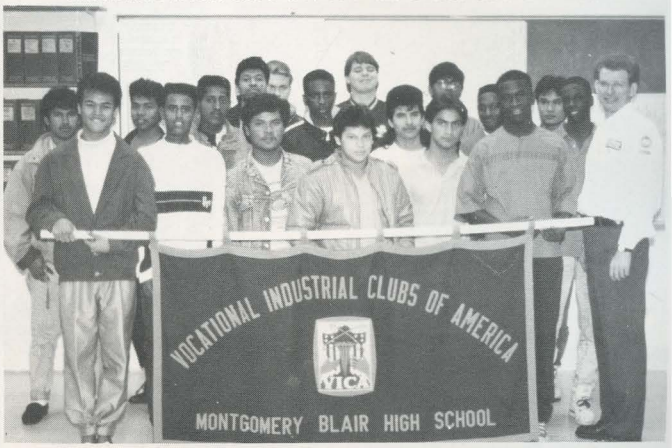
From building confidence to building diplomatic skills, the Republican Society worked hard to make its second year more prosperous than its last. Activities of this organization include listening to political debates and evaluating the issues of discussion. "Capitalism is our mean for survival," attested senior Robert Pless, "We must learn to live with it and live by it today, and the Republican Society is a productive way of learning and practicing it." Pless, also a member of the Math Team and Debate Team, is well qualified and competent to lead the Republican Society.

The students who actively participated in selling merchandise at the school store, not only learned a skill, but also learned how to interact and deal with customers. Those who were dedicated to working at the school store gave their time during lunches and mornings. "I don't see the school store as just work, but also a way to meet new people," remarked senior Stephanie White.

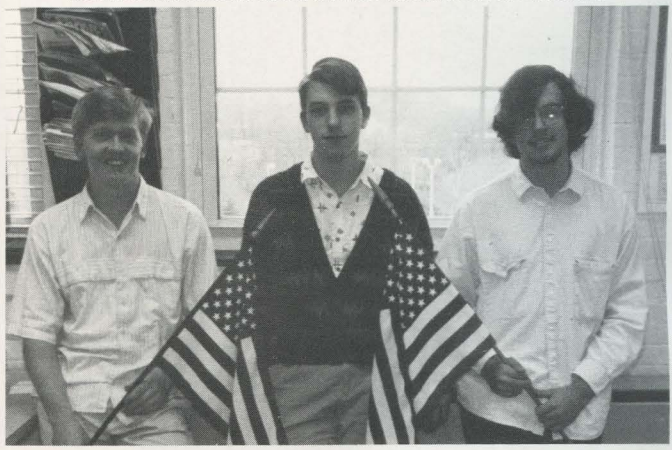
VICA, the Republican Society, and the school store were successful in creating an atmosphere of the real world in the school setting. --PD

As her customer waits on, senior Stephanie Whit works the cash register. White was notable for her ex pedience at counting change.



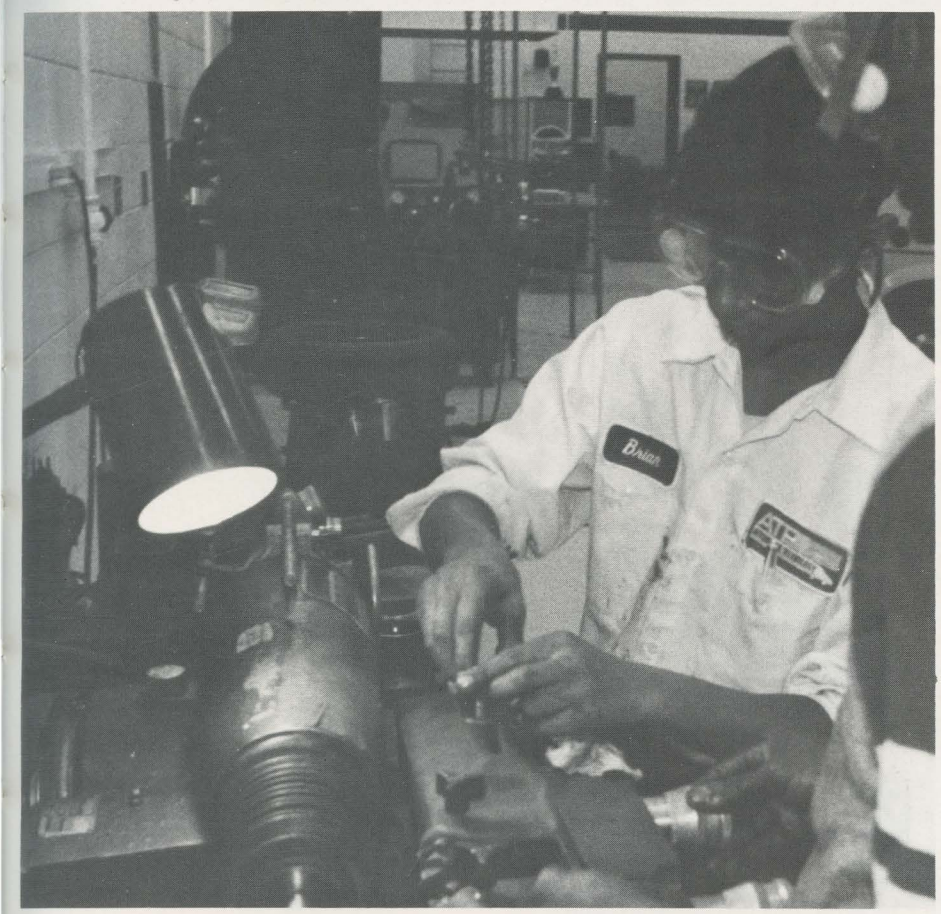


VICA: Front Row: Hakeem Fakoya, David Flores, Filadelfo Agrueta, Pou You, Simon Woldemichael, Thol Khoeum. **Second Row:** Chris Lawson, Demond Bennett, Wilford Rodriguez, Gebru Addisu, Amanuel Asfama, William Hernandez, Exequiel Davila. **Back Row:** Somekhuan Thalngsee, Jason Ramjattan, William Seford, Jason Sprouse, Luis Prez.



Republican Society: Kevin Verbrugge, Robert Pless, John Corrado.

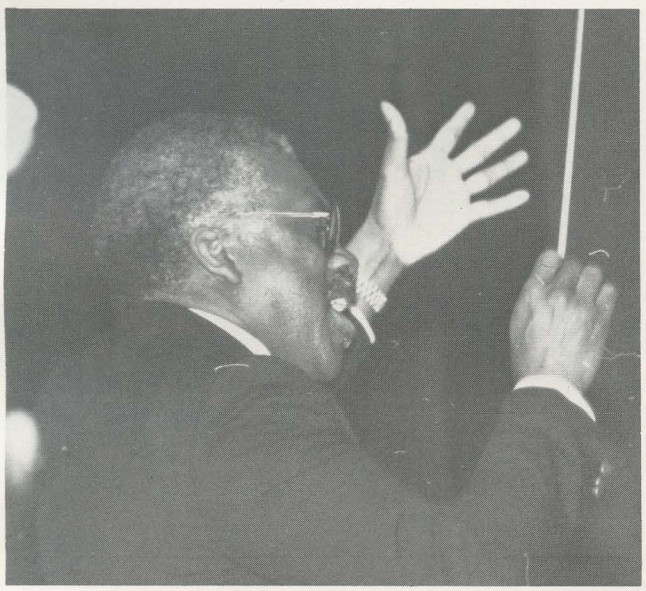
School Store: Cynthia Peralta, Stephanie White, Melissa Vanterpool



Showing his friends the works, junior Brian Pandit works on the camshaft of an engine. Pandit enjoys VICA and feels that he has excelled considerably since last year.

Symphonic Band: Front Row: Renee Houston, Patrice Davis, Kristal Marsh, Selena Brown, Karen Sturek, Molly De Quattro, Dawn Allison, April Turner. **Second Row:** Tien Nguyen, Scott Long, Jason Whong, Francisco Lau, Andy Todhunter, Jackie Hogan, Kristen Nelson, Michelle Baugham, Chanda Taylor. **Third Row:** Takiyah Munirah, Jenette Sprouse, Eric Anderson, Roland Murray, Jon Soloman, Shawn Schmitz, Sylvain Bogensberger, Shana Ainsfield, Hakim Williams, Whit Saumweber. **Back Row:** Seth Carlson, Christina Springuel, Arle Madrigal, Cavelle Maynard, Jeremy Bent, Eugene Norteye, Wallace Renasco, Ben Stern, Gregg Smith.

Jazz Band: Front Row: Ari Ambrose, Aaron Rachelson, Eric Minus, Amani Roberts, Alan Michels. **Second Row:** Peter Scoggins, Alex Lewis, Doug Jarrard. **Third Row:** Mark Shay, Frederic Bernal, Craig Stewart, Hakim Williams. **Last Row:** William Jenne, Burton Post, Ian Blair, Christopher Meagher, Jessica Baden, Doug Abrams.



At the annual winter concert, Mr. Harry conducts the Jazz Band for one evening full of all kinds of music. This was not an unusual pose for a man who has been directing for over ten years. .

The drum section of the Marching Band, seniors Ako Alexander, Foiz Ahmed, freshman Cav
Maynard, seniors Moira Goins and Jennifer Norman stand next to the field, awaiting Mr. Harry's ca
attention. The band met its biggest challenge during the homecoming game as everyone strived to m
the routine flawless.

Senior Arle Madrigal rocks to the rhythm provided by drummers Jeremy Bent, Aku Alexander, and Jenifer Norman during the marching bands performance at homecoming. Even though the marching formations and routines were strict and difficult (especially for people with large instruments), band members still managed to enjoy themselves while they performed.

PLAYING ALL KINDS OF SOUNDS

"Everybody ready?

Yeah. Listen, two, three, four, click, click, click,..."

It was with those words that Ray Harry, the band's director, started the marching band's shows during each home football game. Learn the routines, practice, practice and practice again. That was the daily schedule of the marching band class. "It's really a lot of work to learn the different routines and tunes, but I like it when everything is well done," said Karen Sturek, marching band's vice president. "Actually, marching is like dancing, and I love that."

One task of the marching band was to be directly involved in the football games. Like the cheerleaders, they had to cheer their team by playing different songs.

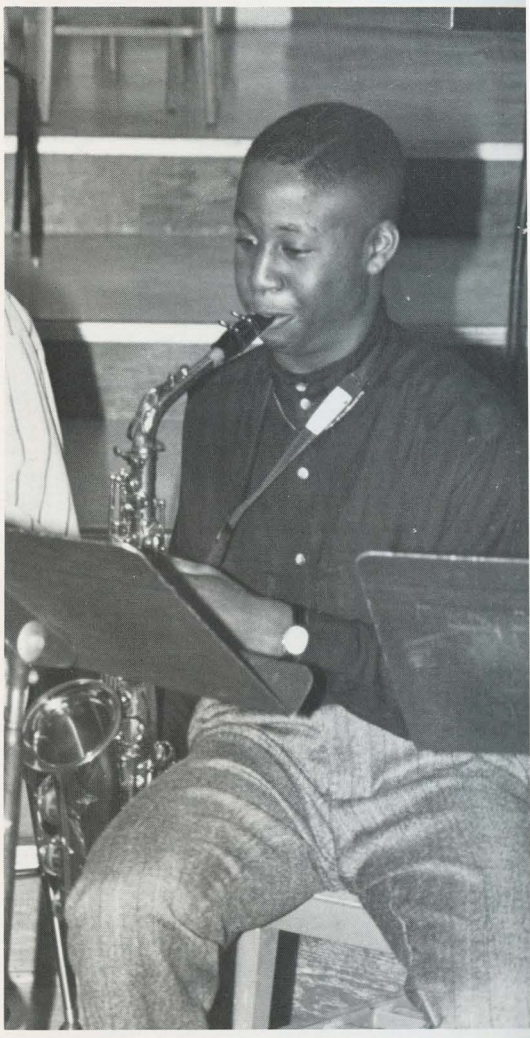
"One, two, ready play." This cry appeared each time Mr. Harry directed the band in its concert formation. As soon as the football season was over, most of the members of the marching band joined the symphonic band. "It's an occasion to play another kind of music, that is more interesting than the marching band's," said junior Dawn Allison. Their repertoire was usually Christmas songs before the holidays and all kinds of music for the rest of the school year.

For string instrument players, the orchestra was the perfect band. "At a time when it's better to play in the band of some late night talk show than discovering another Beethoven, people so committed to the orchestra, like those at Blair should be commended," said junior bassist Jessica Baden, orchestra band player.

The jazz band was one that the Blazers should be really proud of. Jazz band's win last year in the New Orleans Jazz Festival was still on all their minds. But according to sophomore trumpet player Shane Kelley, "The problem was that in this year's band there were only three people left from last year's so we really had to work a lot to make it what it should be."

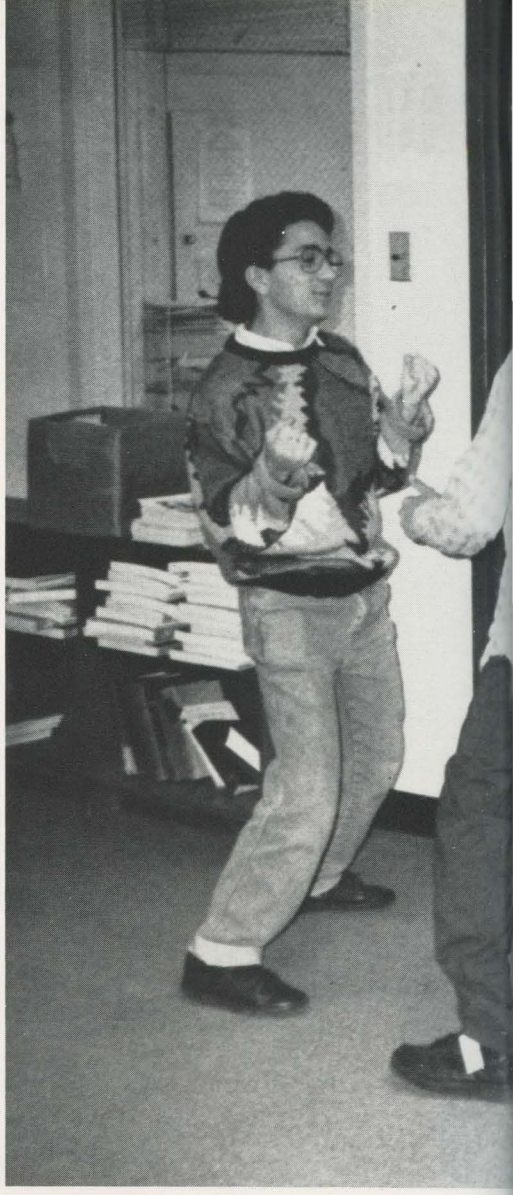
Although each of these bands touched a different kind of music, they have at least one common "thing": Mr Harry! As band director for ten years, he is the person who has made all the bands what they are. "Ah, Mr Harry...He is a good guy. Even if it's hard to work with him, the work is finally always well done," said Sturek. --SB

Junior Jessica Baden plays her bass part perfectly in the orchestras winter concert. This concert being one of the biggest performances of the year, all members worked overtime to make it spectacular.



During lunch saxaphone player Eric Minus jams with the other musicians in the jazz band. The dedication of ou musicians showed through their love of music and succes in competitions like the Riverfest in New Orleans.

In front of the class, senior Jason Hecker, sophomore Eric Brookins, and seniors Kurtis Cross and Obi Laing ham it up by showing off their moves. Students often came up with good and amusing steps to accompany the variety of songs.



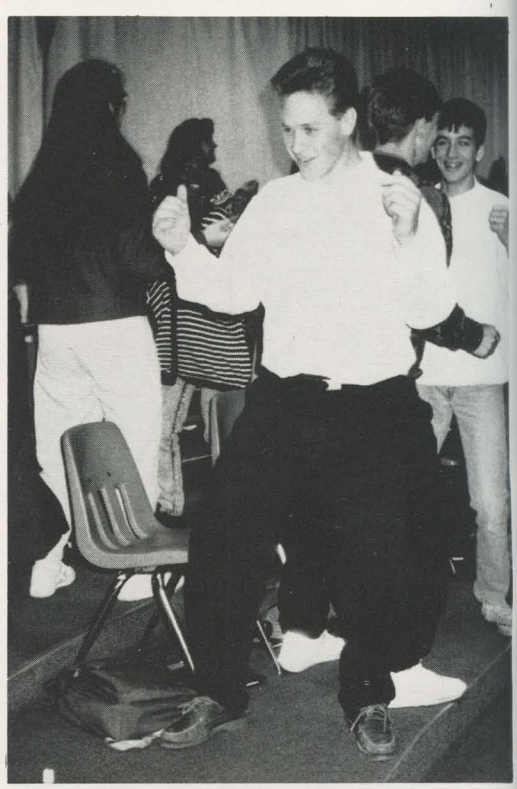
PERFECT HARMONY

Looking on at her students, Shirley Letcher teaches them the proper way to warm up their voices. Her techniques helped to broaden ranges and improve sight-reading skills of many aspiring singers.

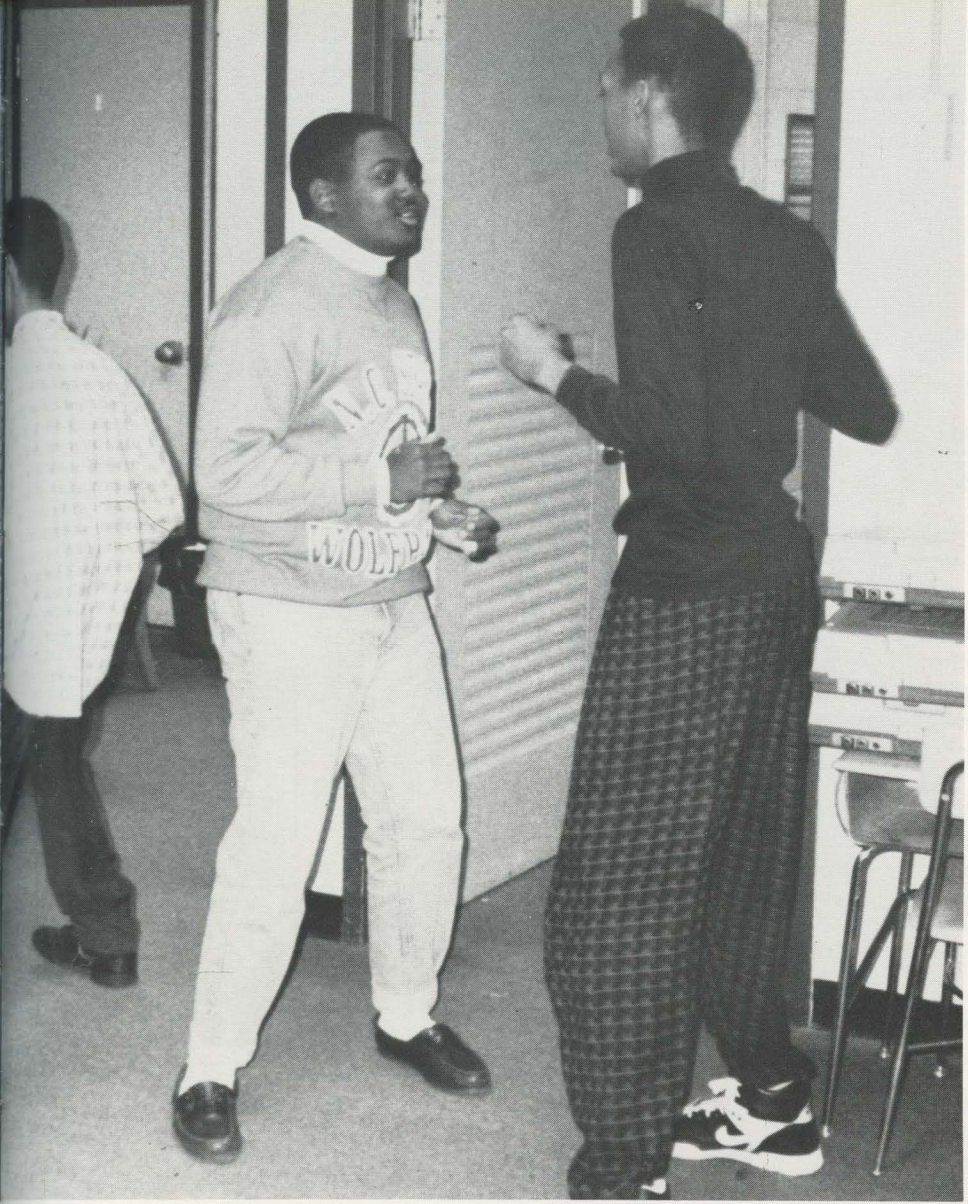
The Vocal Music

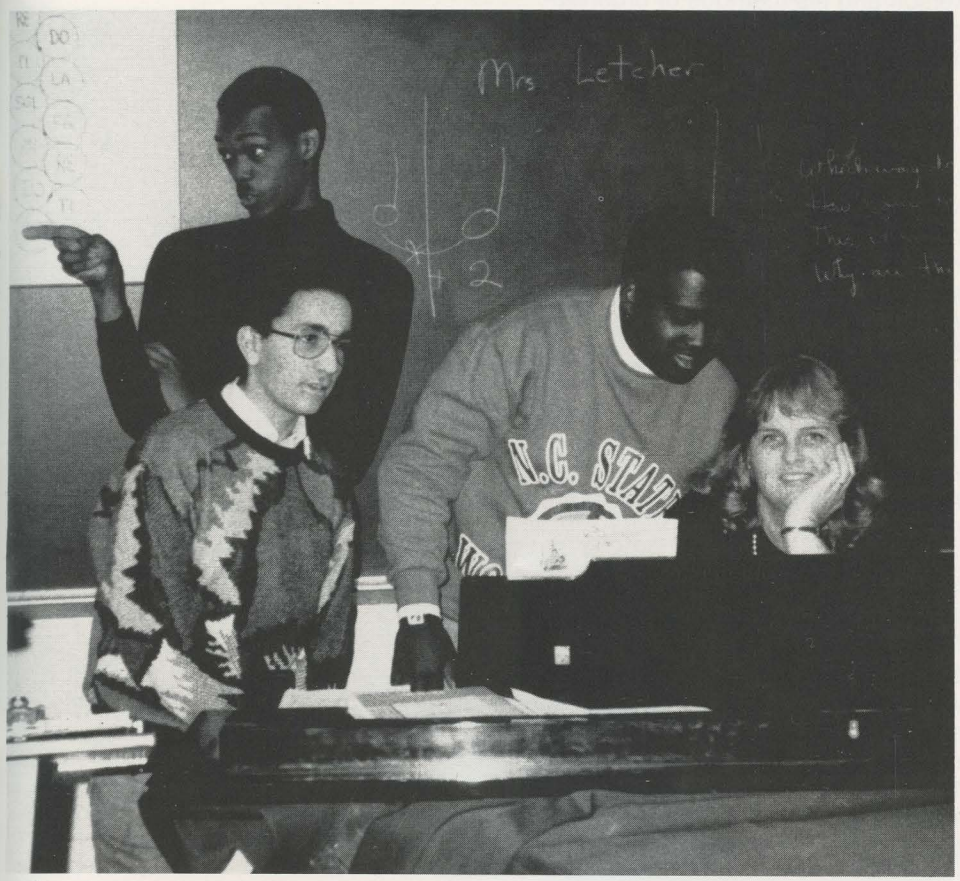
department started off the school year to the beat of a different drummer with the arrival of Mrs. Shirley Letcher, new director of General Chorus and the Chamber Choir. There was also the addition of an Advanced Chorus, which incorporated the Treble Choir with several male singers. Letcher has had extensive training in music both in the community and professionally. Among her many accomplishments, the most important were singing with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the National Orchestra under such great conductors as Aaron Copeland and Slava Rostropovich.

One might have wondered with such a background, "Why teach music in a high school? Why Montgomery Blair?" It all started when Letcher left Eagle River, Alaska, where she taught in a local high school. Upon arriving in the D.C. area, Letcher applied in Fairfax County for a position, but then declined several offers. She finally applied in Montgomery County and Dr. Mallard, the Music Director, handed her a teaching position at Montgomery Blair. She explained her enthusiasm for the job. "I was very pleased with the response. So far I think that there are a lot of very talented kids," asserted an optimistic Letcher. Letcher also mentioned that she loved the diversity of the students. "It's nice to know that I can pick a song in any language," she said. What was Letcher's biggest challenge when she came to Blair? "I think it would be asserting my own personality without offending the status quo." -- HS



Dancing to the beat of a Fifties round, junior Patrick Hatley displays his enthusiasm. Choreography in the musical numbers had an increased role in this year's Chamber Choir as an additional creative release for untapped talents.





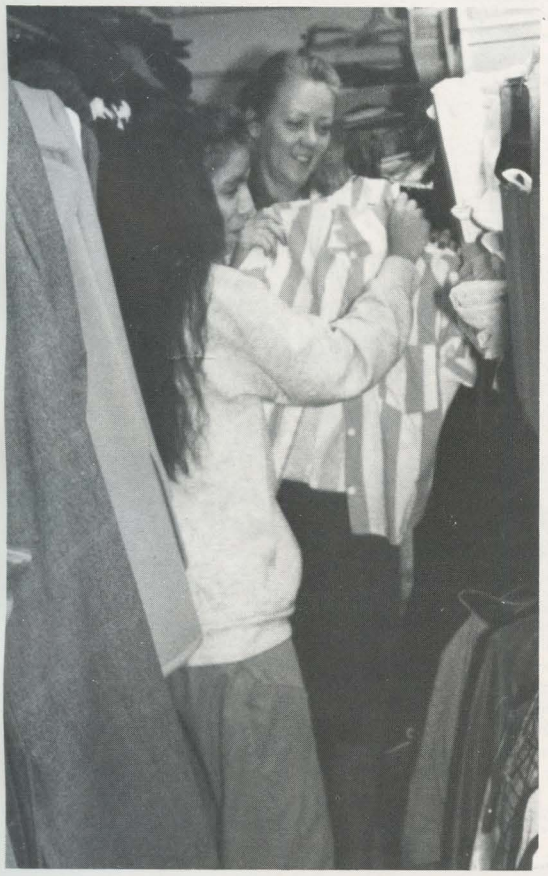
While Mrs. Letcher tries to rest, seniors Jason Hecker and Kurtis Cross play the piano to add to the daily confusion. The new style of direction was noted as "another thing to get used to."

Chamber Choir: Front Row: Jason Hecker, Hillary Schwarz, Darleene Patrao, Eric Brookins, Jacquelyn Newman, Cheryl Tate. Second Row: Jennifer Pierce, Kari Jacobson, Teanna Abraham, Patrick Hatley, Angelique Lowe. Third Row: Michael Moon, Jessica Baden, Cameron McNary, William Hawkins, Glenda Proctor. Not Pictured: Kurtis Cross, David Gaspin, Jessica Greaves, Cecilia Hyoun, Obi Laing, LaJeane Murray, Debi Roemer, Brenda Senko, Aaron Silverman, LaSonia Speller, Shawn Clemons

Advanced Chorus: Front Row: Cheresa McDaniel, Claudia Balcazar. Second Row: Rajeswarie Singh, Margaret Salb, Donnet Anderson. Third Row: Nicola Moss, Dong Joo Shin, Ingrid Palmer, Janet Banks, Christina Butler. Fourth Row: Paula Jeffries, Helen Mitchell, Christine Heller, Casey Goldthorpe. Fifth Row: Vattaphone Vannavong, Adrianna Crutchfield, Kathryn Henry. Sixth Row: Lloyd Bempong, Jevon Thomas, A.J. Horner. Not Pictured: Joanna Alvarez, Eden Medhane, Christina Meneses, Travis Holland, Monica Gerald

General Chorus: Front Row: Ana Arriaza, Kimna Tep, Ana Amaya, Martha Diaz Second Row: S. Letcher, Nicole Nichols, Shanti Jones, Rona Livnat, Laurel Jenson Third Row: Alice Hall, Wilnelia Rodriguez, Jennifer King, Caroline Smith, Ursula Sinkler, Yolanda Williams Fourth Row: Shanel Morrisey, Beverly McRae, Hiruth Abraham, Evelynde Acevedo, Anthony Boltz Fifth Row: Sirrell Phillips, Leotta Lionel, Errol Alderman, Juan Sempertegui, Danielle Hoston, Jason Brooke, Corey Price Not Pictured: M. Abraham, A. Reyes, S. Blanco, F. Shapiro, M. Bustos, M. Smith, C. Choi, D. Sykes, S. Claude, J. Yun, G. Forrest, O. Haughton, R. Jefferson

BEHIND THE CURTAINS, BEFORE THE LIGHTS



Senior Ruth Graupera and costume committee sponsor Mrs. Deborah de Blas are pleased that they finally found the finishing touch to the costume they are working on. Costume committee always did their best to come up with the perfect costumes.

Most recognized the hours actors invested in a performance, but how many thought about all the work that went on backstage? It was easy to take things like the set, costumes, lighting, and sound for granted. But if it weren't for the hard-working, members of the Auditorium Theater Technicians(ATT), stage crew, and the costume committee, there would not have been much of a show.

ATT was responsible for doing the sound, lights, and any special effects which were needed. Sponsor Mr. John Wilson described it as, "...an organization that is for people compelled to work."

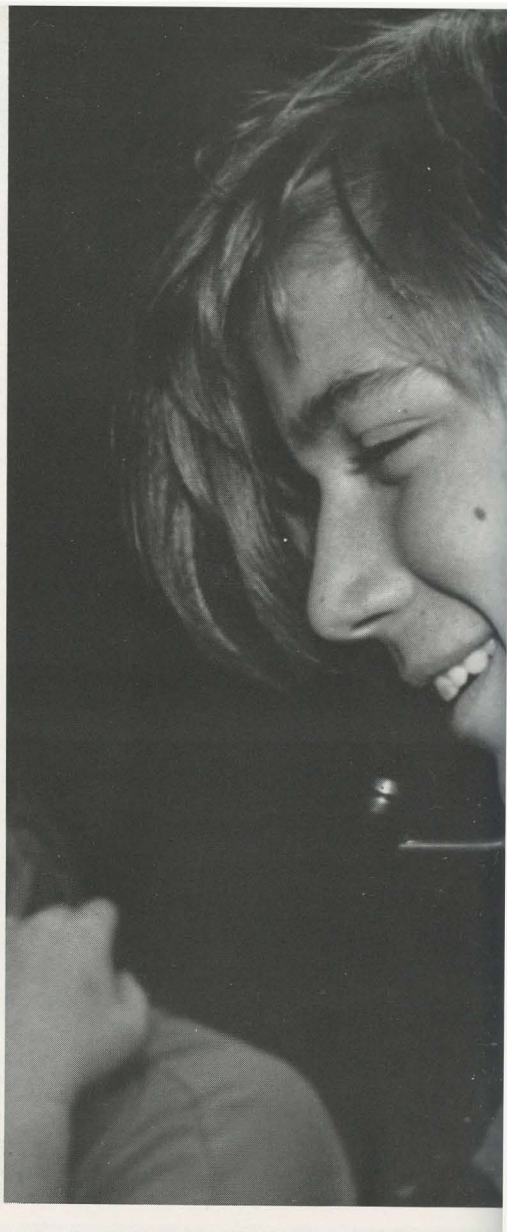
Stage crew was responsible for building the set, coming up with props, and re-arranging the set between scenes. Stage crew welcomed a new sponsor, Mr. John Randall. Commenting on his first year as sponsor Randall said, "I now have more respect for Mr. Nickerson and his methods of organization. I was also impressed with the amount of responsibility the underclassmen took on."

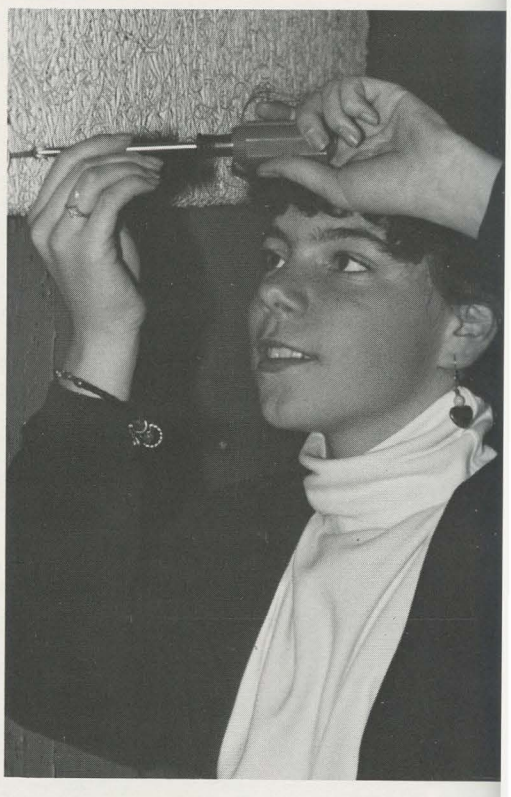
The costume committee's job was fairly obvious; they were the people who made the clothes that the cast wore.

Although it was hard work, members of the clubs seemed to agree with senior crew member Judy Levinson when she said, "It's hard work, but it's fun to work with everyone."

Although ATT, stage crew and the costume committee had different responsibilities they all came together in the final production. Sometimes there was a friendly competition between ATT and stage crew. "ATT and crew are rivals, but we somehow manage to pull together and do the shows," summarized ATT senior Gavin Grahm.

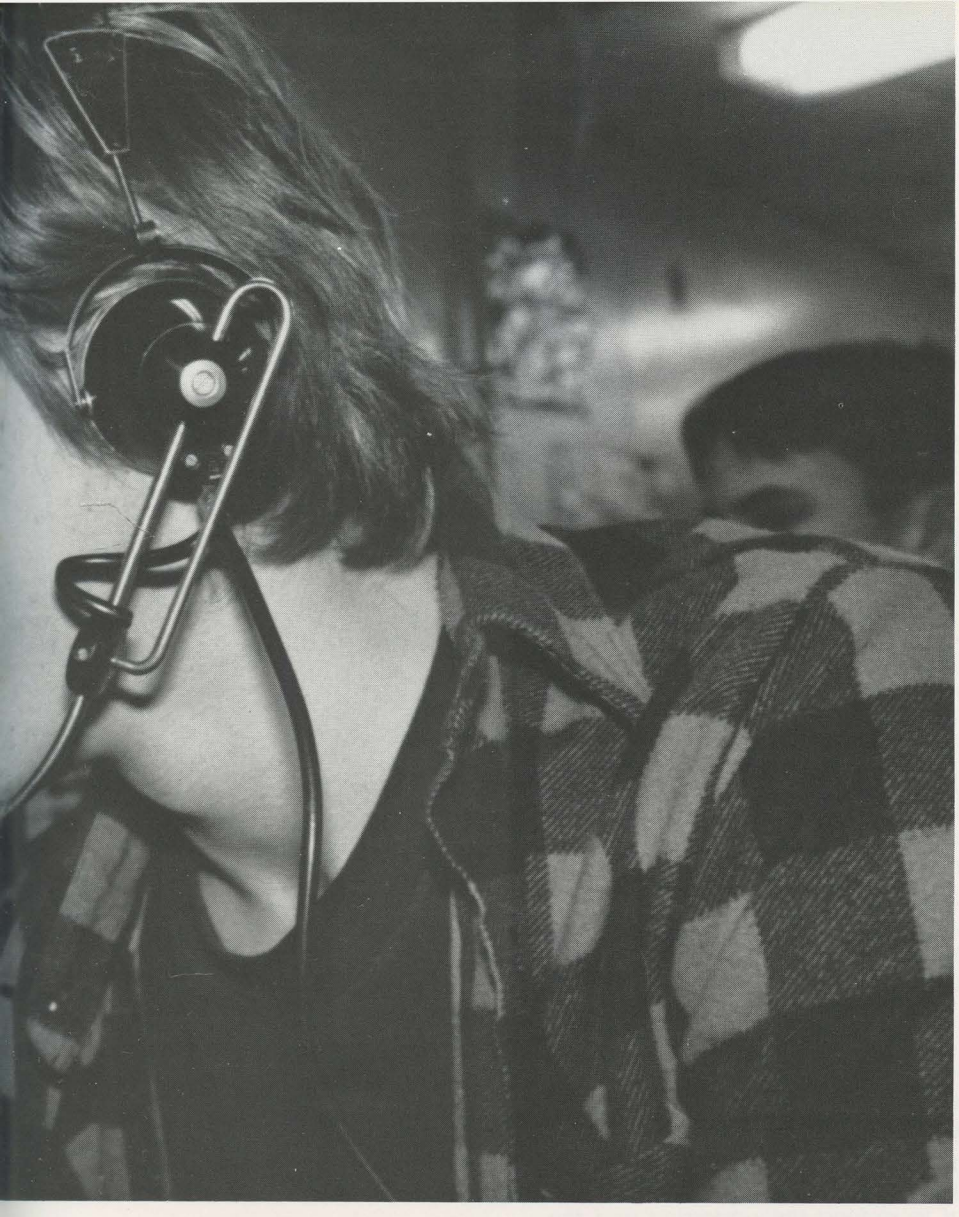
Even though it could be fun, the hours could be excruciatingly long. Many "ATTers" and "crewies" spent hours working after school as well as any time they could spare during the day for weeks prior to a show. Members of both clubs often gave up their Saturdays to work as well. "Around showtime, ATT is home away from home for us. It's like a family," said senior ATT member Tom McCarthy as he looked around the projection booth at his friends who were busy preparing for the musical. --MS





Stage crew sophomore Christina Springuel puts the finishing touches on the set for the fall play, "Not Fit To Print".

ATT president junior Jenny Carter sets the pre-sets for the next scene of the fall play. ATTers had the opportunity to learn about many of the technical aspects of the theater.

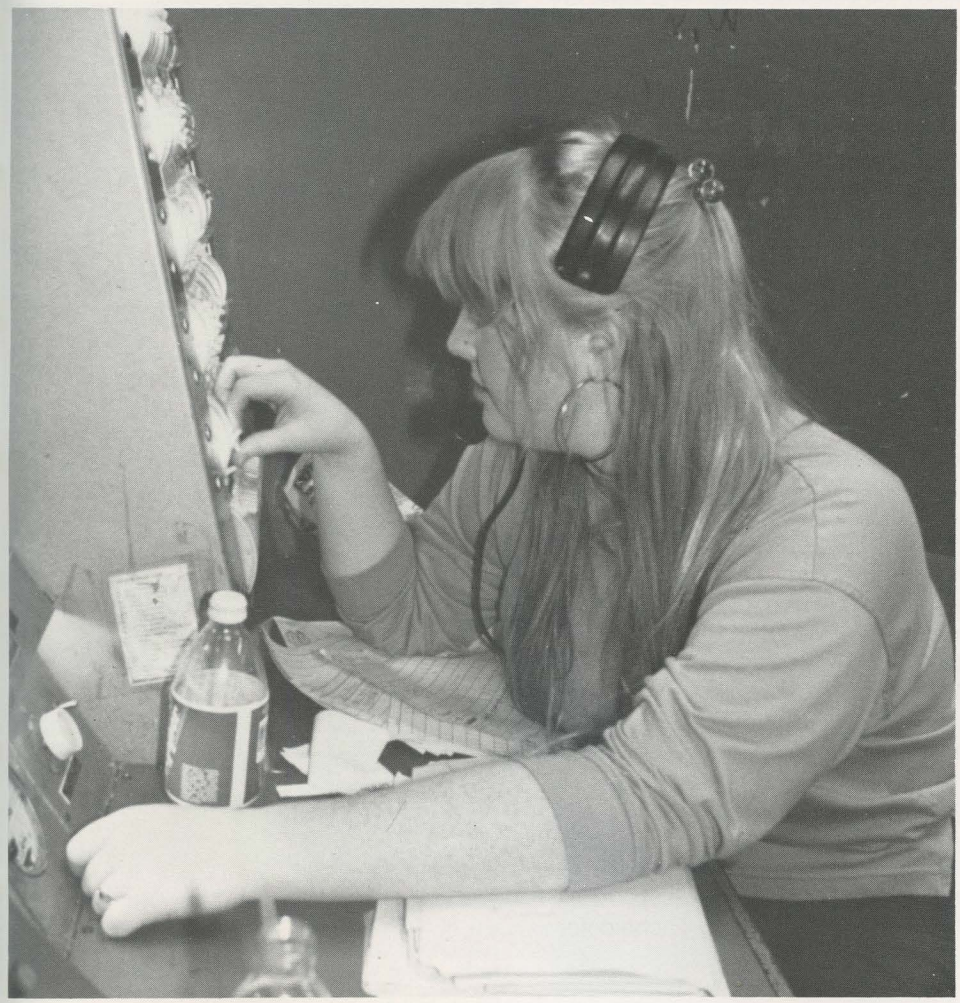


ATT senior Gavin Graham enjoys working with his friends as well as the sound and lighting equipment used on the shows.

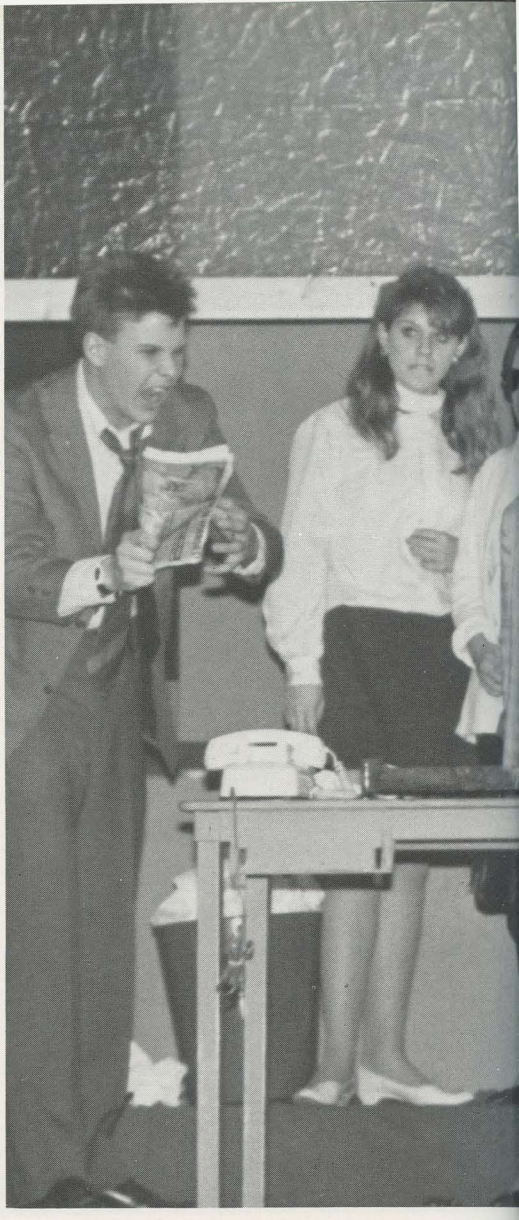
ATT: Front Row: Todd Sniffin, Jamil Manuar, Josh Juran, **Second Row:** J.D. Falk, Deena Hausner, Judy Levinson, Ball, Kenney King, Jenny Carter, Janet Kim, Jason Shonk, **Third Row:** Mike Ries, Michael Smith, Gavin Graham, Tom McCarthy, Mr. John Wilson, (Sponsor) **Not Pictured:** Jon Lobenstine, Andy Lobenstine, Zara Anusykiewicz, Kristen Brock, Michelle Casey, Joshua Malbin, Max Miller.

Stage Crew: Front Row: Christina Springuel, Phillip Moyer, Judy Levinson, Danny Eisenberg, **Second Row:** Megan Jensen, Mr. John Randall, (Sponsor), Jon Cloant , Josh Freeman, Tom McCarthy. **Not Pictured:** Ruchi Puri, Seth Krusa, Ji-Youb Lee, Danyel Fisher.

Costume Committee: Ruth Graupera, Mrs. Deborah de Blas, (Sponsor). **Not Pictured:** Chi-Hsiu Yang, Rebecca Hammer, Yoli Leung, Charlene Telemaque, Sandra Garcia, Laura McCarthy, Rebecca Segal, Connie Choi, Sandra Kao, Kathy Liu.



"Look at this story!!!" roars an angry Editor Kravitz (R.J. Nickels) at the rest of his staff. Nickels' overly detestable disposition gained him an ignoble yet outstanding reputation from the audience.



"NOT FIT TO PRINT" FITS TO PRODUCE

"You better watch your morals, Miss journalism major," sternly advises fashion reporter Trendy Wendy Singapore (Meredith Koeneman) to naive Ida Perry (Michael Moon). Perry was forced to adjust to the mentality of writing to make a living instead of to inform.

The curtain opened

on November 16, 17, and 18 for three nights of entertainment in the auditorium; three nights to sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. The fall production, "Not Fit to Print" was led by juniors Michael Moon and Andy Todhunter cast in compromising positions as a journalism major and a writer of a trashy tabloid. Moon, Todhunter, and the rest of the cast were able to glean laughs from the audience through outrageous stage antics and a talent to play on the timing of their lines.

Noah Nicholson (Todhunter), roving reporter for the Metro Inquirer, a standard supermarket tabloid, is caught between the idealism of journalistic ethics and the concrete paycheck the Inquirer provides. Enter Ida Perry (Moon), the innocent journalism major out to defend the underdog and the first amendment. Noah provides the destitute girl with a job at the Inquirer, and Ida provides Noah with self respect.

Senior David Weinstock stood on Blair's stage for the first time in his role as Nicky Zutz, a small time hood. He learned not only about performing but also the benefits of working with others to produce something so important. "It was nice doing the fall play because it was such a small show. If you messed up it didn't matter to the other actors," he said.

Weinstock also felt that the play itself lent to adaptation and interpretation on the part of the actors. He especially enjoyed interpreting his own role. "I liked my character because it was really open, and I could interpret him any way I wanted to. No one had ever seen the show before, so I didn't have to emulate anyone."

Not just the actors enjoyed the show. The audience was fully entertained, and for some people, certain characters made the show even more enjoyable. "R.J. Nickels was outstanding and extremely funny," said senior Hulda Romero.

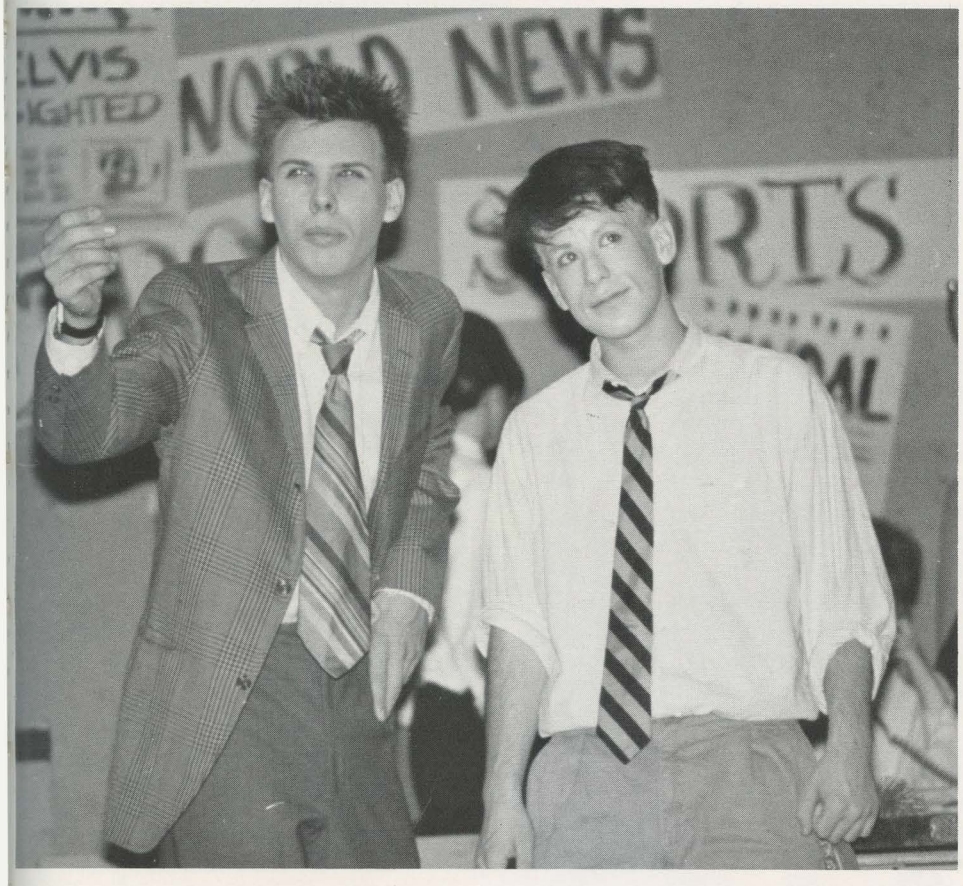
As the final bows were taken on the last night, the excitement of all the work of the previous weeks came to a sad close. Fortunately, many of the actors knew they would be back in a few months for the next production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." --SR & FN

Ex-movie star Mitzi Purdue (Althea Vyfhuis) refuses to see her name and picture trashed in print, and demands an apology from the Editor of the Metro Inquirer. Vyfhuis' raging bellows were heard clearly all throughout the aisles of the auditorium.

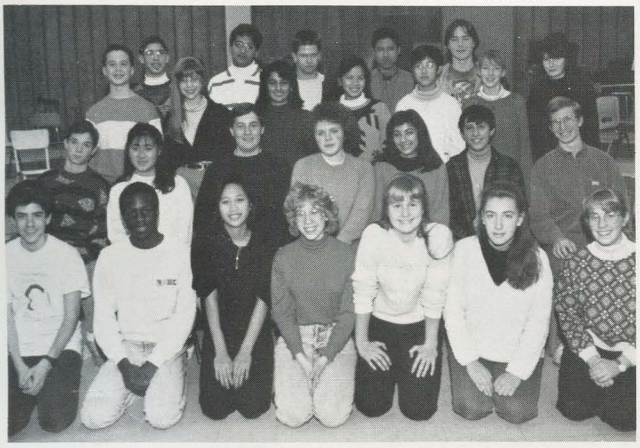
Thespian Society: Front Row: Tom Mather (sponsor), Michael Moon, Samantha Smith, Christina Meneses, Jessica Baden. **Second Row:** Cameron McNary, Judy Levinson, Danny Eisenberg, Farida Shapiro, Ronga Livnat, Robby Peckerar. **Back Row:** Kevin LeClaire, R.J. Nickels, Hung Tran, Ceci Hyoun.

CAST LIST

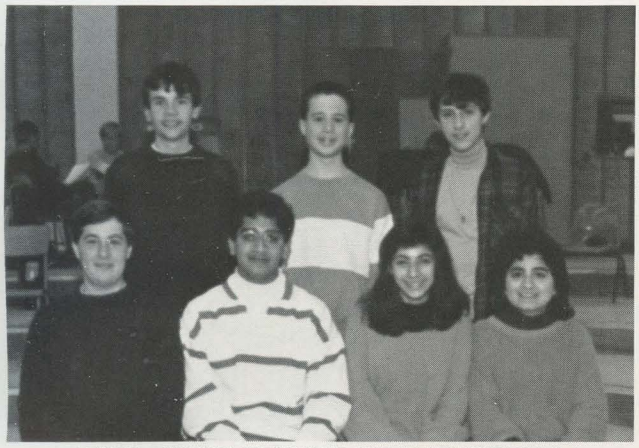
Dean Whitley ..... Hung Tran
Ida Perry ..... Michael Moon
Mugger ..... Mark Lively
Instructor ..... Emily Blagg
Mitzi Purdue ..... Althea Vyfhuis
Chesterton .. Josh Oppenheimer
Toots ..... Jessie Baden
Noah Nicholson . Andy Todhunter
Lefty ..... Robby Peckerar
Nicky Zutts .... David Weinstock
Judith Tremayne Ancelyn Krivack
Bob ..... Mark Lively
Shirley ..... Emily Blagg
Doyle Witherspoon .... Cameron McNary
Kravitz ..... R.J. Nickels
Trendy Wendy S ..... Meredith Koeneman
Joanie ..... Christina Meneses
Mary ..... Samantha Smith
Tiffany Pastelle ..... Lonnie Tait/ Erica Wilhelm
Dexter ..... Katrina Tinney
Roger ..... Kevin LeClaire
Ruth ..... Amy Hilton
Emily ..... Emily Collins
Officer Delaney ..... Mark Lively
Composer .... Sharon Auerbach



As he listens idealistically to Editor Kravitz's (Nickels) speech on the importance of trashy tabloids in the supermarket stands, Noah Nicholson (Andy Todhunter) hopes he too can someday achieve the top level of sleaziness in his stories. Todhunter led the cast in an impressive performance.

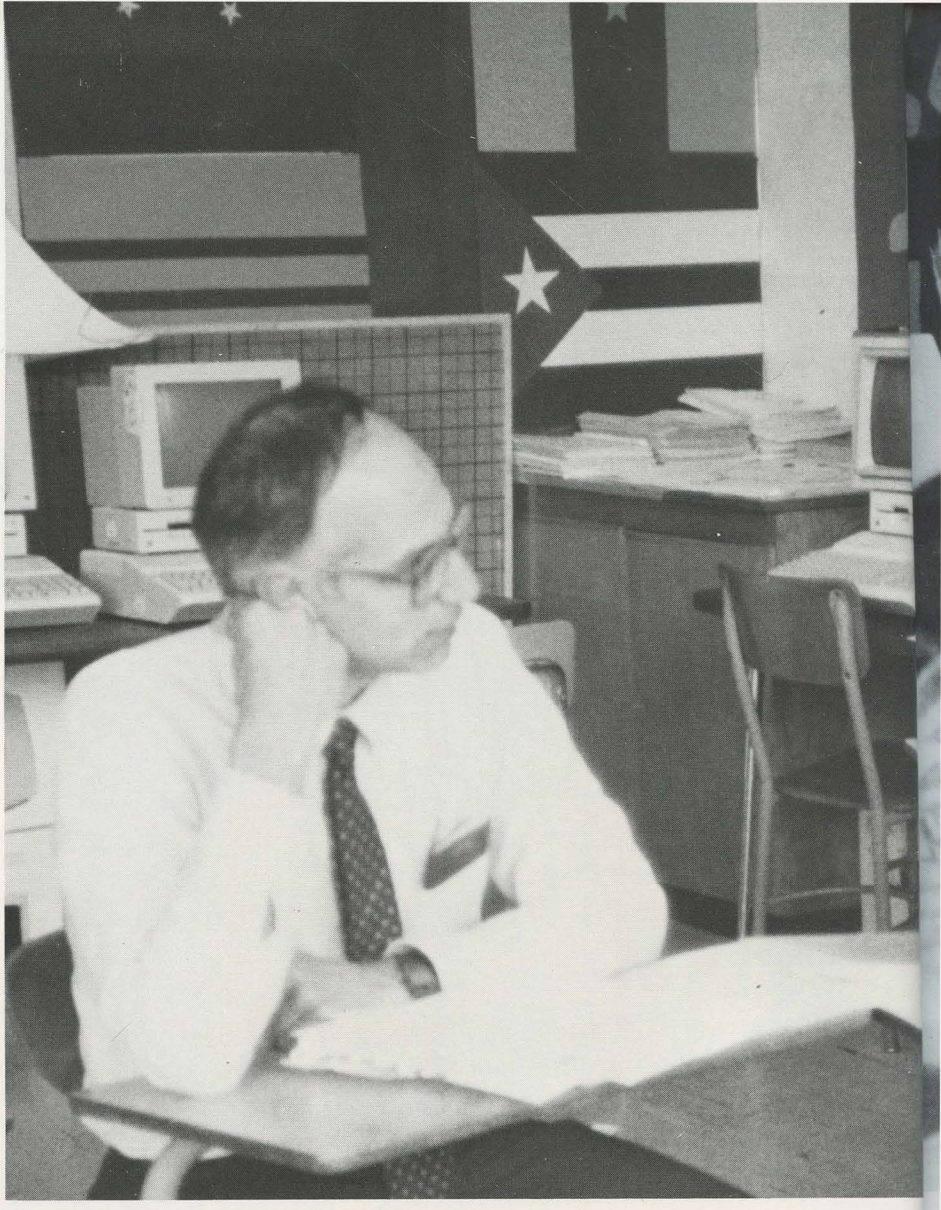


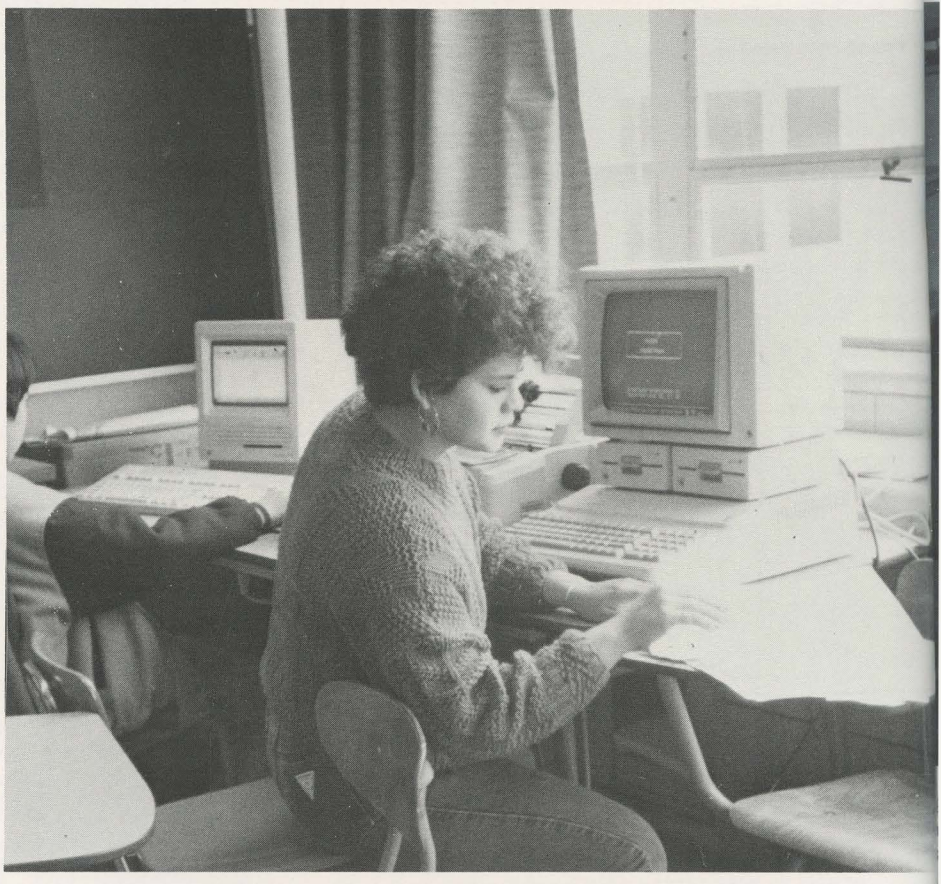
Silver Quill: Front Row: Josh Juran, Bola King, Linh Tran, Rachel Tannenhaus, Elizabeth Schroeder, Valerie Epstein, Kristen Ault. **Second Row:** Peter O'Brien, Cindy Huang, Jonathan Bloomfield, Charlotte Williams, Claire Schuster, Jeremy Ackerman, Jeff Lerman. **Third Row:** Aaron Rachelson, Katie Peterson, Ritika Arara, Sophia Lin, Valerie Wang, Elizabeth Mann, Ariel Macintyre. **Back Row:** Josh Weitz, Vijay D'Souza, Peter Scroggins, Mark Su, Matt Murphy.



Silver Quest: Front Row: Jonathan Bloomfield, Vijay D'Souza, Claire Schuster, Deepa Tawney. **Back Row:** Jeffrey Hostetler, Aaron Rachelson, Jeremy Ackerman.

Silver International: Front Row: Sergie Hebbert, Rona Livnat, Karim Atarzada. **Back Row:** Mr. Joe Bellino, Visal Peang, Shi Pin Yin, Young Min Kim.





Dora Curz Flips through her notes while she types u an interview for the next edition of silver internatio al. Working for any publication meant long, tireson hours after school for students.

Teacher Joseph Bellino and senior Visal Peang work together to decide what topic to write her next article on. The *Silver International* staff worked everyday on the newspaper in sixth period class.

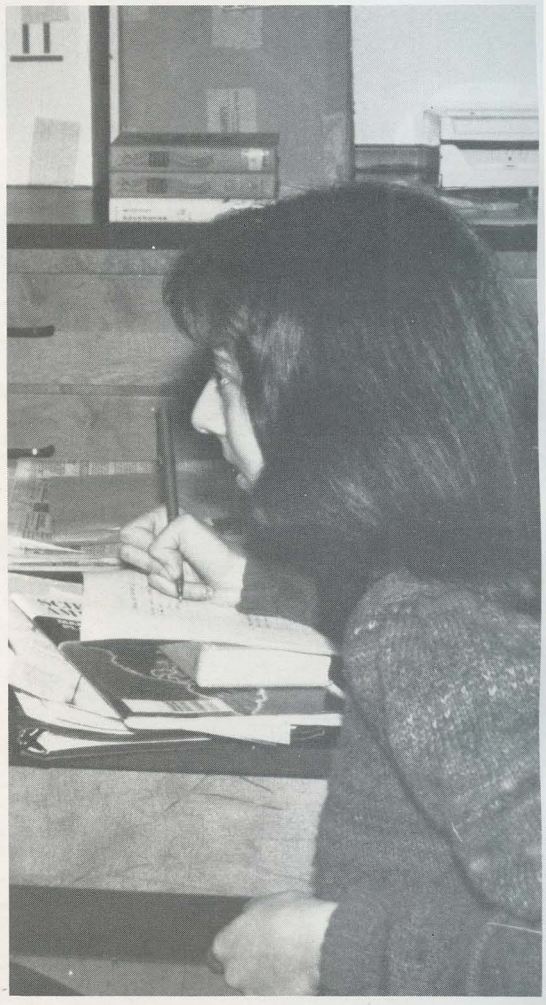
THE GLOBAL CONNECTION

Where could you read an editorial in languages such as Cambodian, Chinese, Vietnamese, or Spanish, a scientific journal about modern computer technology, or poems and personal experiences of your peers? In our school's own variety of publications: Silver Quill, Silver Quest, and Silver International.

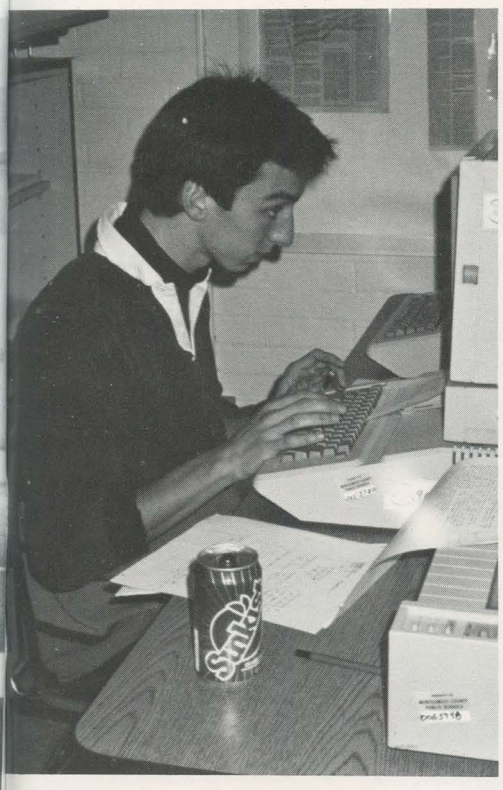
Silver Quill was the literary magazine that was released at the end of the year along with the yearbook. It was a showcase of the many talents and creativity of students. The magazine offered a combination of artwork, poems and creative or personal stories all written by Blair students..

Silver Quest was a fairly new publication, only in its second year. It was our very own journal of Science and Technology, which was released at the end of the year. Students compiled different research such as Magnet senior projects, and science fair projects. Editor-in-Chief senior Aaron Dabbah said, "The science achievements of high school students are often overlooked. We're hoping to showcase the true abilities of high school students involved in the science field." This goal was accomplished by their dedication to listing students achievements in the fields of Science and Technology.

Silver International was a newspaper published by the different ethnic groups at our school. The paper was released three times this year, and the international editorials were the first to appear along with the school-wide newspaper. A member of the staff quotes "It is a great newspaper club that will get good results that will benefit our school to put togther all the different races of the world and encourage the foreign students writings and reading skills". All these clubs made our school a well rounded environment. --AAP & DXP



Junior Clair Schuster discusses and jots down story ideas for the *Silver Quill.* The magazine tried to represent a large variety of literary works done by students.



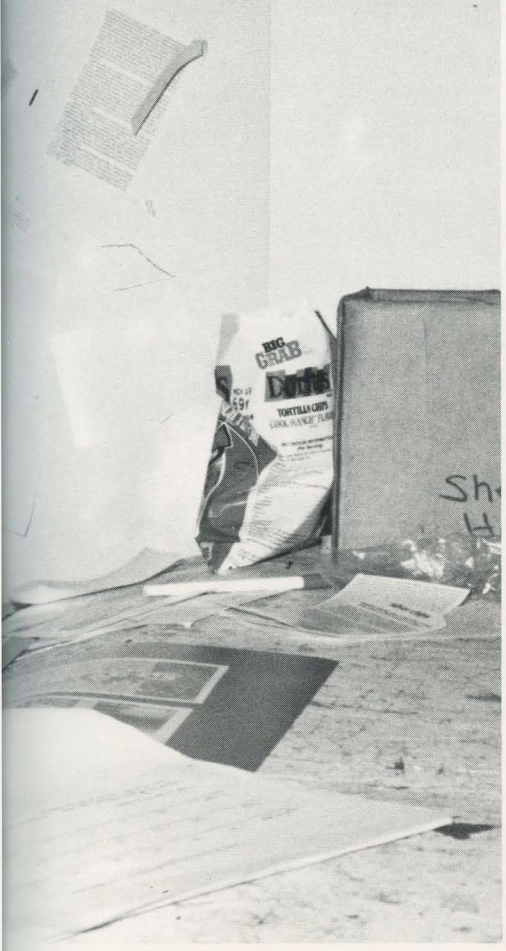
Senior Aaron Dabbah editor of Silver Quest is amazed to discover that his article will fit in the space provided. Writers had to meet certain specifications for layouts.

Front Row: Leslie Narayanan, Kevin Verbrugge. Second Row: Hulda Romero, Judy Levinson, Shira Robinson, June Yun, Simone Katz, David Weinstock. Third Row: Donka Darpatova, Christina Meneses, Farida Shapiro, Burton Post, Nitin Seam, Jeremy Wright, Tamiko Carrington, Lisa Brown. Third Row: Bill Barnes, Danny Eisenberg, Veronica Mobley, David Bosworth, Faith Noble, Aaron Dabbah, Shane Benson.

What does a good story take? It takes hard work, dedication, and a lot of revisions. Senior Hulda Romero obviously had a good story.

Both Nitin Seam and Co-Editor-in-Chief Faith Noble are satisfied as they stand back and get a good ve of the finished product. Before the paper came out, Noble was responsible for giving the "Go Ahead " the spreads.

Incentives are what keep staff members going. Illustrating this well known fact is senior Farida Shapiro, who worked diligently to meet her deadline.



STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR'S MOUTH

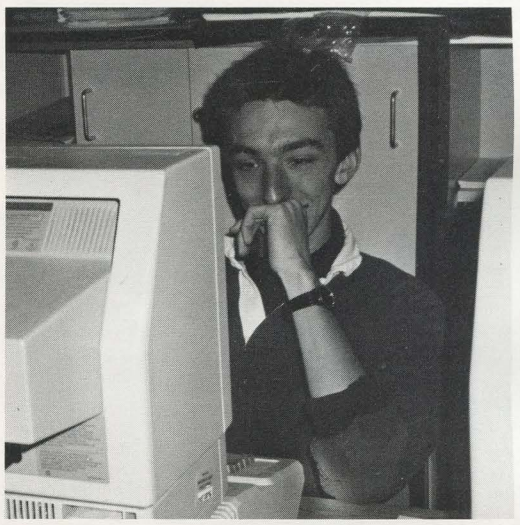
STRESS: "Having

one, two, three, maybe four revisions to even get your story considered news worthy", said senior Farida Shapiro, the Editorial Editor of *Silver Chips*, the award-winning newspaper. Farida was responsible for writing her own story and editing all the other editorials and opinion columns that would appear on her spread; now how is that for stress!

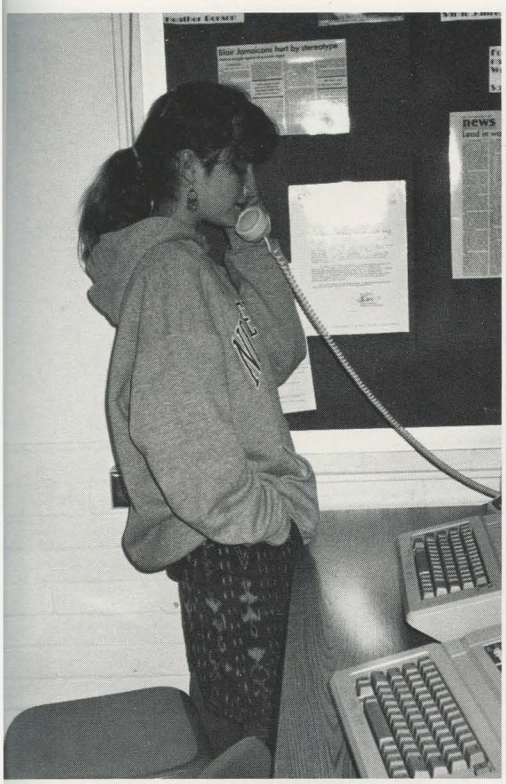
Co-Editors-in-Chief Faith Noble and Aaron Dabbah also had to work diligently this year to keep the reputation of Blair's newspaper, which last year reaped over 30 local and national awards, including the Montgomery County Press Association's Best High School Newspaper Award. Noble explained that all the hard work payed off when she said, "Sometimes you would have to miss all day of school and be at the printers until 11:30 at night, but when you see your front page byline, it makes it all worth while."

Shapiro attributed the prosperity of the paper to the "constant feeding of new talent." Along with the new talent came a wide scope of ideas, concerns, and creativity. This year the creativity ranged from an opinion on the class rings, to a feature story on the locker room showers. The concerns ranged from the alarming fact that there were some difficulties evacuating the building during an emergency or fire drill due to a shortage of doors in one of the buildings.

The dedication of the staff paid off this year in another remarkable and excellent volume of *Silver Chips*. It certainly took the "write" stuff!



"God, Im good!" A ray of light shines through Co-Editor-in-Cheif Aaron Dabbah's face as he lookes at his story with a look of relief. Dabbah along with his colleagues helped make Chips come through with flying colors.



Senior Shira Robinson speaks with County Fire Marshall Daniel Deckert with regards to her story on the efficiency of Blairs fire drills. Staff members constantly used the phone to call important members of the community for their stories.

"Why is the computer doing things by itself?" questions advisor Mr. Stant and junior Hillary Schwarz. Taking advantage of the computer labs, Yearbook let the trusty Apple II's take care of fitting copy and captions.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Deep in thought, co-editor Simone Katz studies the ladder diagram, waiting for a great story idea to pop into her head. The ladder diagram was the backbone of the yearbook, listing and organizing it's contents.

"Yearbook is an interesting way to spend a Friday night-it's given a new meaning to my social life. I never thought that yearbook was actually hard work and I couldn't believe we actually stayed until 10:00 at night for a deadline." --Sherry Stregack

It is late one night

and you see the light on downstairs. As you creep down the steps, you quickly gaze out of the window at the falling snow, reminding you of far away places and long forgotten memories. Downstairs, the crackling of the logs in the fireplace mixes in with a faint little laugh that you realize is Grandma's. You peer in through the crack of the door and you see her curled up in the easy chair reading an old, dusty book.

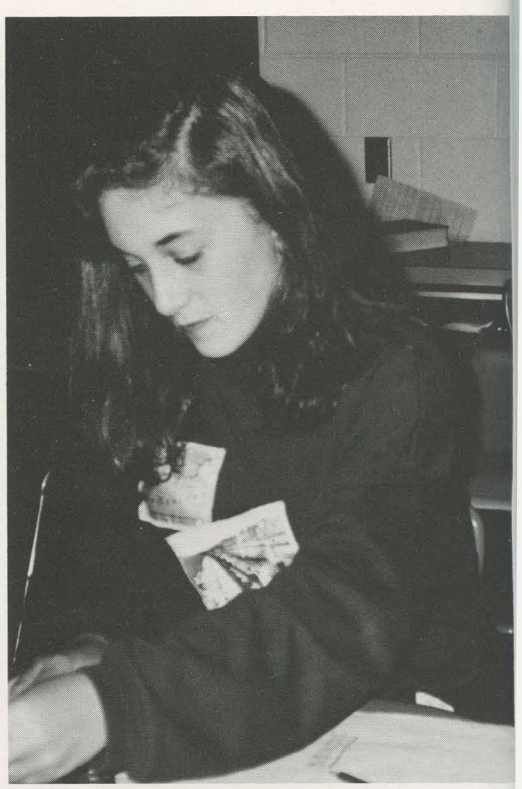
Sensing your presence, Grandma looks up and spies your wandering eye. "Come in," she calls, "and look at my high school yearbook with me."

Oh no, you think, not Silverlogue again! Everytime she reads it, it's like she's back in 1990 again. I might as well humor her, you reconsider, and you go sit down next to her. Grandma begins to tell her stories about Spirit Week, Homecoming, basketball games and you decide that maybe high school back then wasn't as boring as you thought.

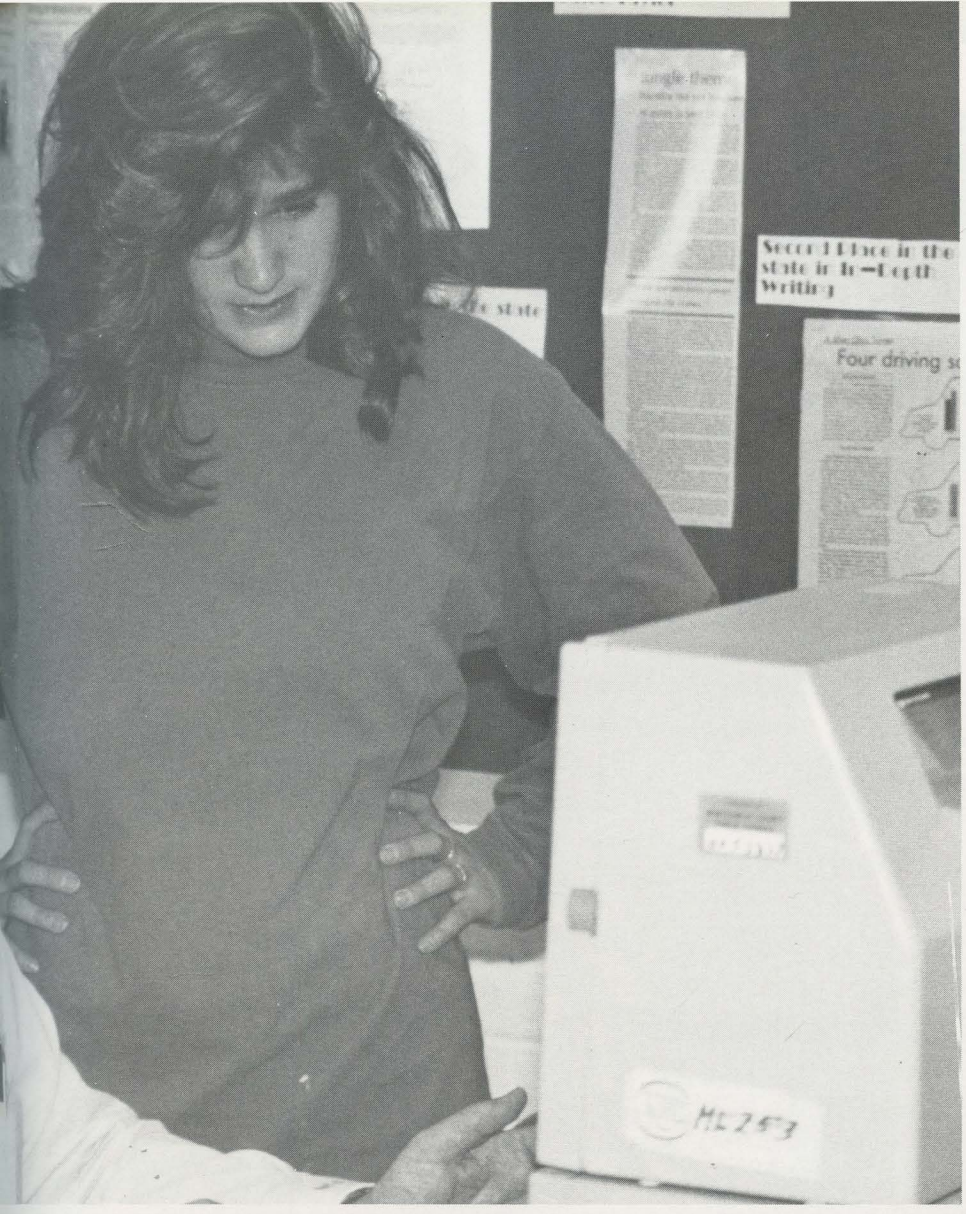
"Those sure were the days," Grandma whispers, as a wave of nostalgia sweeps through the air. "High school in 1990 was pretty 'cool'. Everytime I bring out my yearbook, I feel like I'm back in the Blair hallways - a blast from the past."

Feeling a sense of satisfaction, she sleepily shuts her Silverlogue and stretches to place it down on the table. But before it gets there, it slips out of her hands and falls onto the floor. A yellow, dried-out carnation slips out along with a picture. You pick them up - it's Grandma's prom corsage and a picture of her prom date. You look up at her and she winks at you and says, "Goodnight."

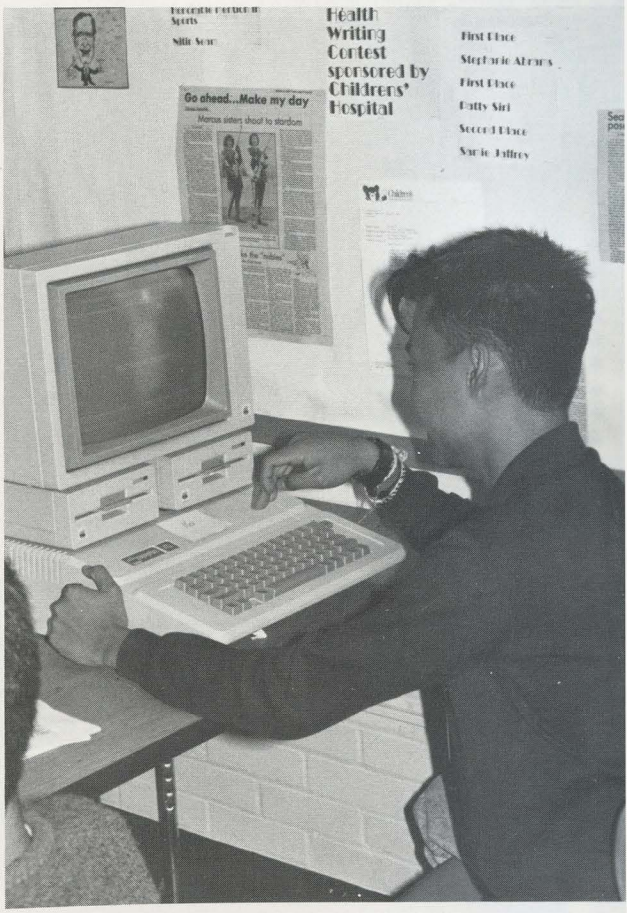
As you drift off into slumber that night, your head is filled with your own memories and you wonder what your Silverlogue book will look like. --LN



Fighting the clock, sophomore Sherry Stregack finishes her layout just in the nick of time. According to the staff, the words stress and deadline were always synonomous.



Silverlogue: Front Row: Hillary Schwarz, Mike Mills, Simone Katz (co editor), Ceci Hyoun (editor), Daniela Boff, Paola Castellon, Allison Phares. Second Row: Jennifer Erickson, Krista Butler, Sherry Stregack, Reva Gupta, Leslie Narayanan, Lisa Brown, Shira Robinson (co-editor), Dao Phan. Third Row: Norman Stant (advisor), Pourya Dehnadi, Stephen Scott, Al Hairston, Shawn Moran, Melissa Faley, Sylvain Bogensberger, Michael Smith.



Before the computer program appears on the screen, senior Brigid Sejismundo laughs at the prospect of having to do an entire story in one day. Contrary to popular belief, working on Silverlogue was more than double lunch and an easy 'A'.

Not even hearing the bell ring, seniors Brigido Sejismundo, Allison Phares, and Stephen Scott continue to pick and choose photos for their layouts. Often, Silverlogue became so time consuming that staff members considered moving into C301.

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Sophomore Scott Davis runs to make the touchdown while junior John Buddock prepares to tackle his Paint Branch opponent. Despite the team's loss, all of the members showed considerable improvement from previous games.

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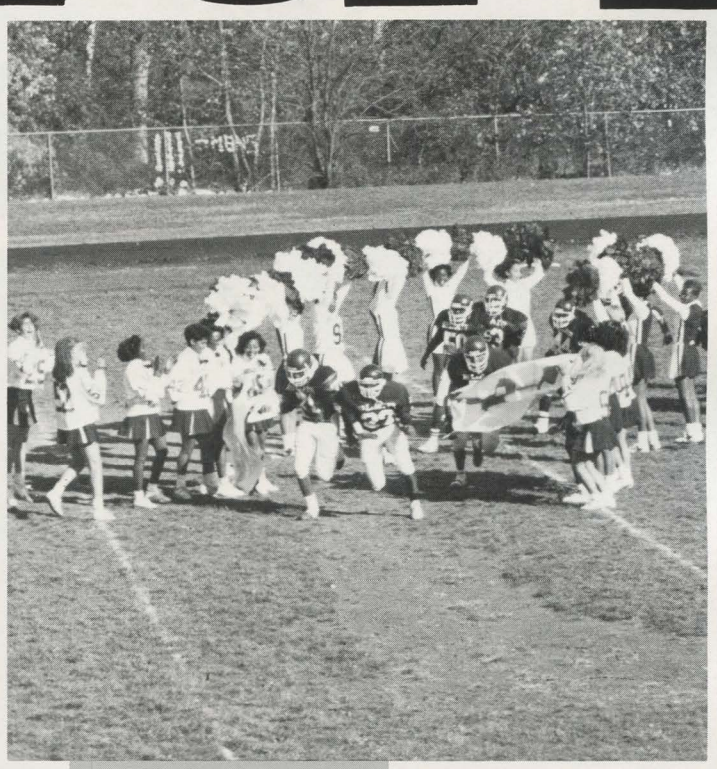
...And so we were. Whether we were decked out in our football, soccer, or cheerleading uniforms, we were ready to play our hand in sports and combine team spirit with a drive for winning in every game. Although the football team started the year with a discouraging losing season, the student body took pride in other sports such as Boys' soccer, both Boys' and Girls' basketball, and Girls' tennis. Sports clubs this year ranged from the more competitive basketball teams to the less vigorous golf and rifle teams. The students came out to support the teams, and a new county rule brought the cheerleaders to every golf game. Students from every country and backround participated in sports, and the teams gained the experience of cooperation and spirit with everyone. --SR



In a moment of excitement, the football team bursts through the Homecoming '89 sign as the cheerleaders and poms root them on to victory. Both groups kept the spirits high during the game, and everyone celebrated at the dance.

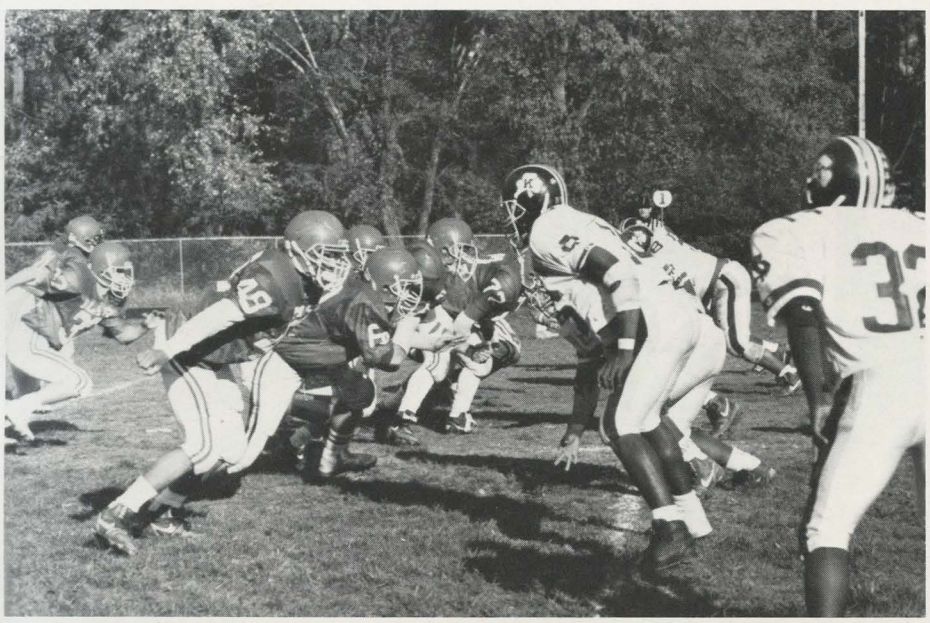
Taking Care Of Business

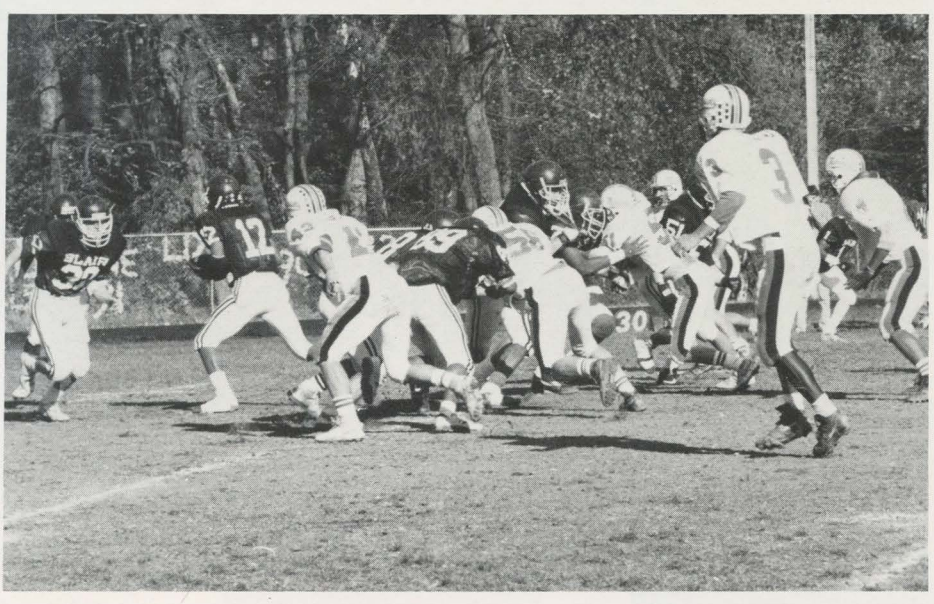
August 15 wasn't just another summer day. For a few dedicated Blazers, the 15th was just the beginning of the 1989 football season. When senior captains Jason Crutchfield, Wynter Grant and Richard Dalgetty first arrived at training camp they were highly optimistic and spoke of having the first winning season in 25 years. Grant expressed his outlook on the season, "We are strong enough to compete with and defeat all of the teams on our schedule. We just have to want it."

At the start of the season everything seemed to be going well for the Blazers. The offense, led by quarterback Crutchfield, was successfully running the complicated wing-t, and had built up a strong aerial attack. The defense, led by Travis Holland, was expected to shut down all opposing offenses and hold them to minimal yardage. Long hours of two-a-days proved successful in the pre-season scrimmage against Richard Montgomery. The victory built the Blazers' hopes up higher as they downed the Rockets 28-0.

During the season it seemed like no matter how hard the team tried, they were only able to come away with one win. According to sophomore Willie Davis, "We were a hard playing team, but we were never able to come right out and score, we always had to play catch-up ball."

The 1989 season was one that will easily be forgotten. Despite having a losing record the team never quit, only proving that no matter what the score said, the Blazers were always winners. --PM





The Blazer's offensive line, led by center Orlan Lau, charges torwards the Kennedy Cavaliers fense. The line was instrumental to Blair's com cated new offense, the wing-t, which needed str run blocking to help the backs gain much nee yardage.

Junior halfback John Budock leads the way as q terback Jason Crutchfield prepares to hand of sophomore running back Willie Davis. With tw three backs going into motion at the same time wing-t often confused opposing defenses.

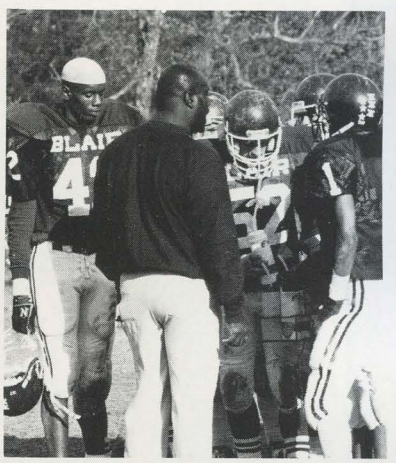
Varsity Football: Front Row: Meddy Soeparta, Rick Golladay, Jason Crutchfield (captain), Wynter Grant (captain), Richard Dalgetty (captain), Travis Holland, Eymeris Acevedo. **Second Row:** Jamie Byers, Jemont Kilby, Alphi Barnette, Craig Gray, Robbie DiNenna, Clint Sidwell. **Third Row:** Orlando Lau, Chris Abrahams, Kenny Cox, Danny Gorman, John Budock, Pete McCall, Willie Davis. **Back Row:** Jesse Wilkerson, Rhamann Tabb, Ursala Sinkler (manager), Mike Gordon.

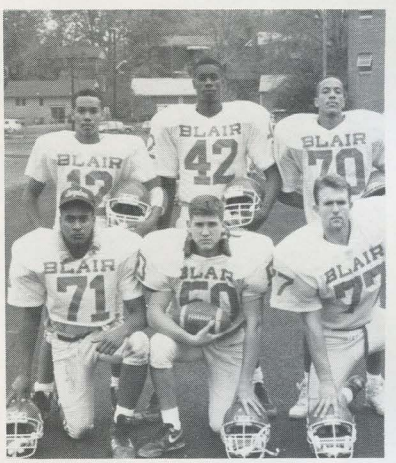
Varsity Football

Blair		Opponent
6	Quince Orchard	13
10	Gaithersburg	33
23	B-CC	16
6	Paint Branch	20
0	Seneca Valley	21
8	Walter Johnson	13
0	Walt Whitman	42
0	Einstein	12
0	Kennedy	24
12	Wootton	26

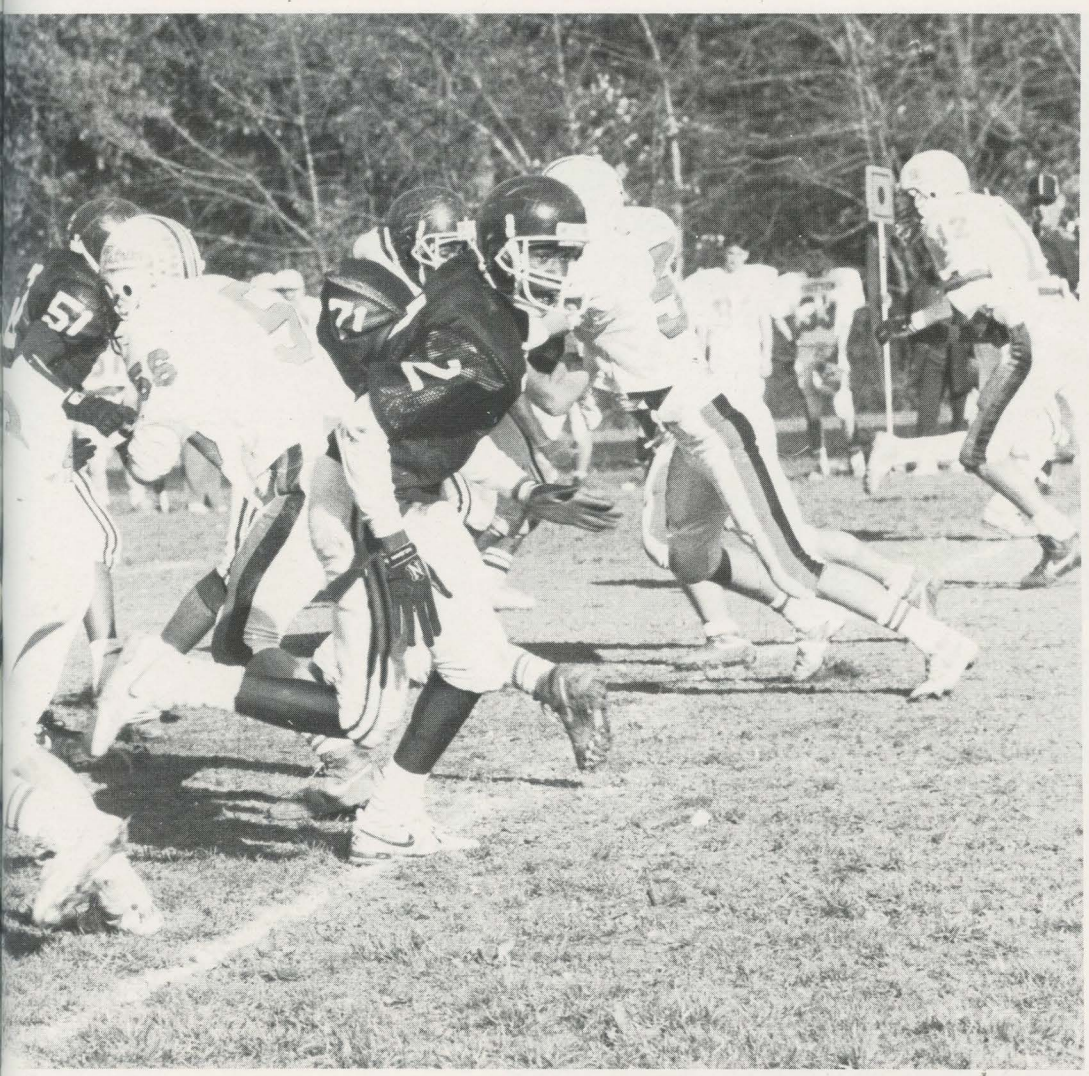
Won: 1 Lost: 9

Defensive coordinator Geoff Seals gives the Blazer defense a pep talk. Motivational talks were used on the defense to help get them psyched to halt the opposing offense.





It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to play a sport for four years. Seniors Richard Dalgetty, Wynter Grant, Rick Golladay, Jason Crutchfield, Travis Holland, and Alphi Barnette had what it took to play football all four seasons while at Blair.



Quarterback Jason Crutchfield looks downfield for one of his receivers as the Blazers host the Wooton Patriots for Homecoming 89. The Homecoming game was one of Crutchfield's best, he threw for over one hundred yards and ran for thirty.

Keeping The Tradition

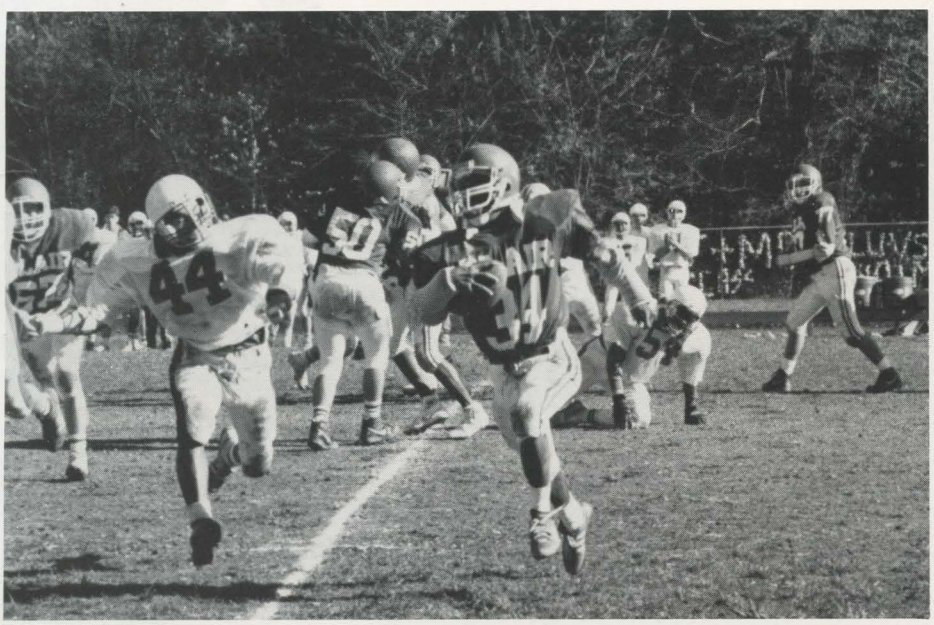
While most Blazers were tanning at the beach or vacationing with their families, the J.V. Football team was working hard in hopes of having four winning seasons in a row.

The coaches worked the Baby Blazers hard to keep them in shape, and to toughen them up for the upcoming season. Push-ups, sit-ups, and other types of strenous exercises were a part of the daily routine. The players also had to run lots of hills and countless numbers of laps to prove that they deserved a spot on the J.V. team.

One may have wondered why the players tortured themselves this way. They did it because of the three "D's": **Desire, Dedication**, and **Determination**. Some had the desire to show their abilities, while others wanted to get a feeling of accomplishment and team work. The dedication showed through long hours of summer practice, and giving up such activities as jobs and going out with friends. Playing with injuries such as sprained ankles, cut knees, and scraped elbows, the members of the J.V. team demonstrated great determination.

Sophomore Matt Gorman was able to sum it up with a feeling shared by many of the J.V. players; "When you get hurt, you don't tell anyone, because you want to hit and are determined to play."

Winning was nothing new to the Junior Varsity. This was the fourth year in a row that they have had a winning season. Sophomore Chris Colly said, "We love Coach Miller and Coach Lindsey because they inspired us to play and drove us to perform our best." -- PM



Sophomore Jermaine Williams sprints down the line of scrimmage on the verge of outrunning the Wooton defender. The J.V. had a strong running game and was able to run all over opposing teams.

Sophomore middle linebacker Chris Colly chases down a Wooton runner. A strong defense was crucial to continuing the J.V. winning streak.

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J.V. Football

Blair	Opponent	
6	Gaithersburg	7
8	B-CC	6
12	Paint Branch	10
6	Seneca Valley	14
18	Watkins Mill	6
24	Einstein	12
6	Kennedy	14
0	Wootton	20

Won: 4 Lost: 4

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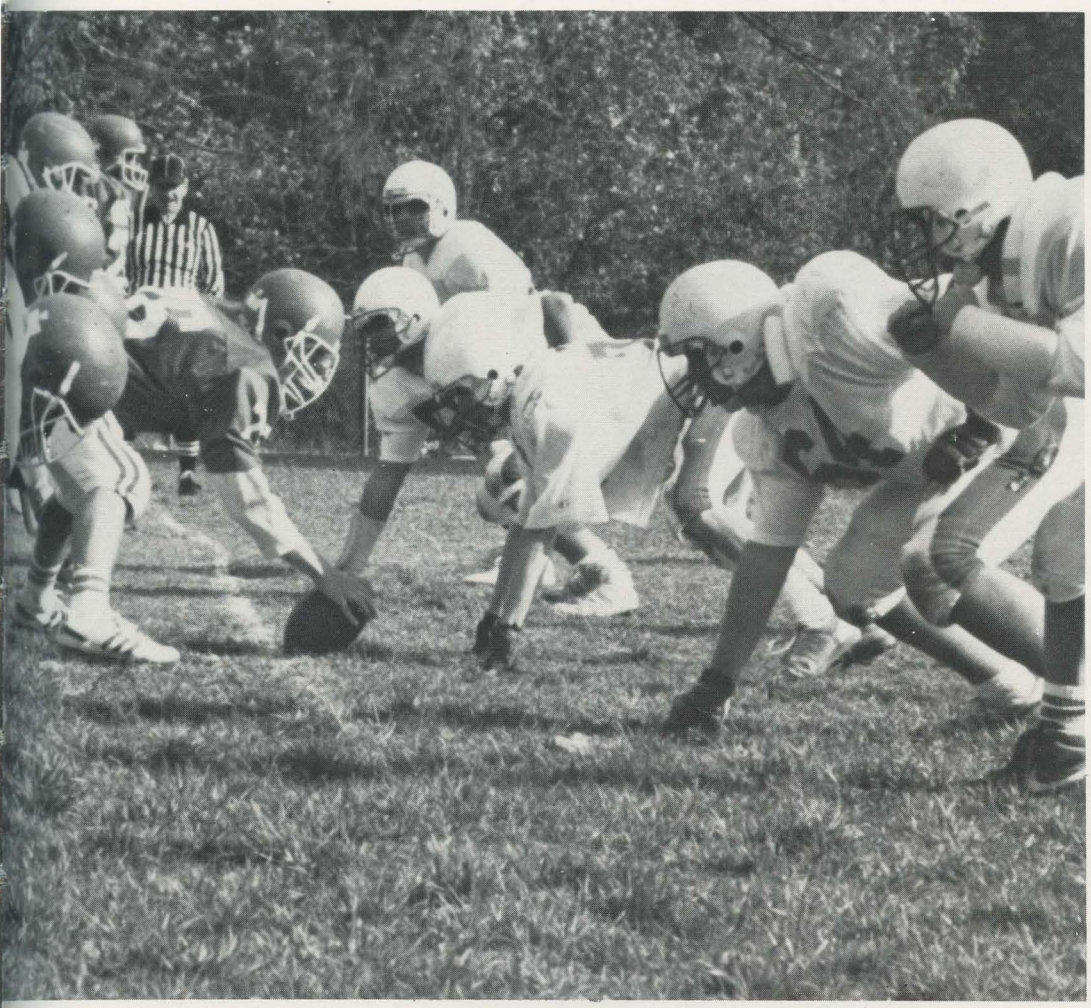
J.V. Football: Front Row: Ben Matthews, Robbie Lloyd, Ruben Carson, Lemont Thomas, Chris Colly, Matt Gorman, Kezan McNeil, Simeon Carson, Barry Bolden, Pierre Stone, Darnell Thompson. **Second Row:** Hakim Williams, Josh Hughes, John Gollotze, Juan Gomez, Jermaine Williams, Dennis Junious, Neal Russo, John Trolls, Pastor Smitty, Isaac Carter. **Third Row:** Tyrone Rolls, Derrick Martin, David Gaspin, Chan Wu, Anthony Harring, Akeiso Smith, Scott Long, Robert Wilhelm, Borme Young. **Back Row:** Dale Miller (coach), Val Bacharach, Guy Vance, Grantscott Green, Jim Brinker, Troy Sheckles, Dominique Zelner, Wallace Roscoe, William Lindsey (coach).

The Patriot running back gets taken down by the strong arm of the J.V. Football team. The J.V. defense allowed only a few points per game.



The J.V. offensive line gets set to go head to head against the Patriots from Wooton. The line was beneficial in helping to continue the J.V. winning streak.

Coaches Dale Miller and Geoff Seals carefully observe a J.V. Football game looking for any mistakes that might need correcting.

Best Kick In 5 Years

The 1990 varsity soccer team had the best record in the past five years. The team's 5-6-1 record proved that the try-outs were effective in screening the winners. "Teamwork. Stability. Strength," was what junior Dan Sterns felt made the team most effective. Teamwork and group cooperation really made a difference on the team's performance this year.

According to coach Alix Desdunes, the defense was organized and quick. The team's center fullback, junior Jeremi Duru was definitely a strong and aggressive defender on the team. "Without Duru we probably couldn't have gotten as far as we did," said halfback junior Mate Tokic.

The offense had great confidence, but little luck, since many of the shots aimed for goal did not go in. The leading force on offense and co-captain of the team, junior Geoff Thompson made the first team all-county, and second team all-met. The team's greatest disappointment was after the game with last year's champions, the Walt Whitman Vikings. The team played vigorously against the Vikings with strong hopes for victory. Unfortunately, the team lost 2-3 to the Vikings. The team's opponents did not have it easy playing against the team's strong fight. Four point shut-out victories were against the Wheaton Knights and Albert Einstein Titans. Other shut-out games were against Paint Branch Panthers, Gaithersburg Trojans, and Seneca Valley Screaming Eagles.

"Looking at this year, we hope to make the playoffs next year," concluded junior Jeremi Duru looking ahead with high hopes. --PD

Taking a fall for victory sophomore Amani Robe backed into his opponents. Roberts always found a w to get on top of the competition.

Varsity Soccer

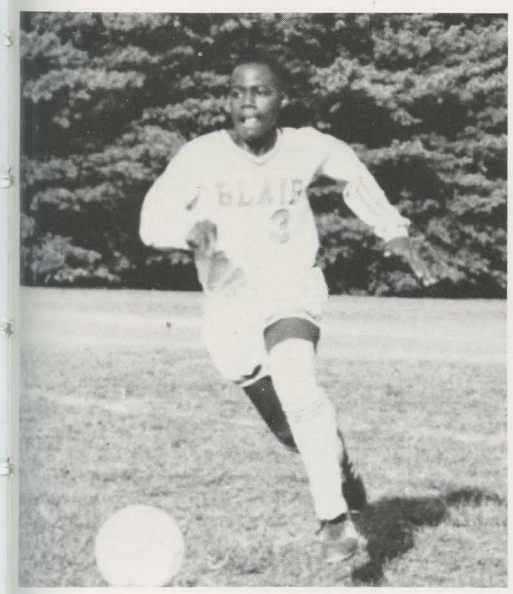
Blair		Opponent
2	Whitman	3
0	B-CC	2
3	Springbrook	5
1	Gaithersburg	0
0	Churchill	1
4	Wheaton	0
0	Quince Orchard	0
0	Walter Johnson	1
1	Seneca Valley	0
2	Paint Branch	0
0	Wootton	2
4	Einstein	0

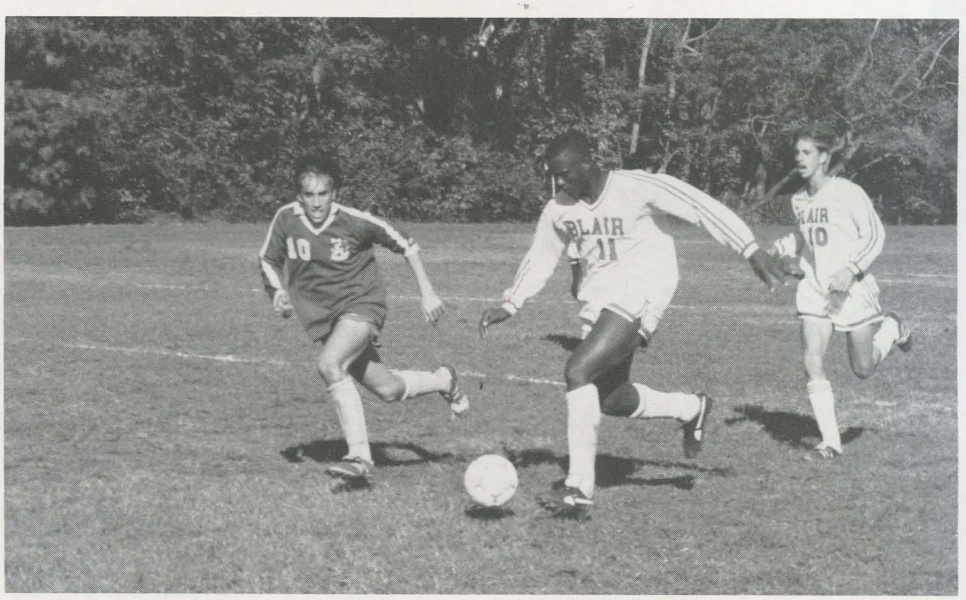
Won: 5 Tie: 1 Lost: 6

Varsity Soccer: Front Row: Mark Shay, Victor Iwugo, Geoff Thompson. **Second Row:** Dwight Daniels, Mario Mosquero, Serge Signez, Jorge Gomez, Gideon Tolo. **Third Row:** Jeremy Wright, Becky Nutly, Will Cirrincione, Jeremi Duru, Mate Tokic, Ricky Tally, Amani Roberts, Adam Howe. **Back Row:** Cletus Lionel, Bruce Perry, Ted Remet, Philip Lionel, JT Tonkins.

To show good sportsmanship the soccer players shook hands with the opposing teams before they crushed them during the game. The team had the best record in 5 years.

With the competition trying to steal the ball, senior Cletus Lionel moved in closer to the goal. Following his teammate in case of assistance is sophomore Will Cirrincione.





Always a step ahead of competition, junior Geoff Thompson, dribbles the ball skillfully down the field. Thompson made first team all-county and second team all-met for the year.

Kicking Off To A Great Start, Setting A Goal And Making It

The J.V. soccer team turned out to be one of the strongest teams in the fall sports line-up. While the team was a little rough around the edges at the start of the season, it proved to be a very competitive team in the county.

The team suffered a few disappointing losses, but they also had many sweet victories. They had a sucessful season, finishing it with a win-loss record of 7-3.

The games the J.V. team lost were not without a fight. They lost in overtime to a strong Quince Orchard team. They scored in both the other games but were unable to out manuever the undefeated Churchill team or the team from Whitman which only lost one game all season.

Senior Arle Madrigal said,"At the beginning of the season the team was a mess but after our first loss, we started to get it together." This proved essential in defeating some of the teams they came up against.

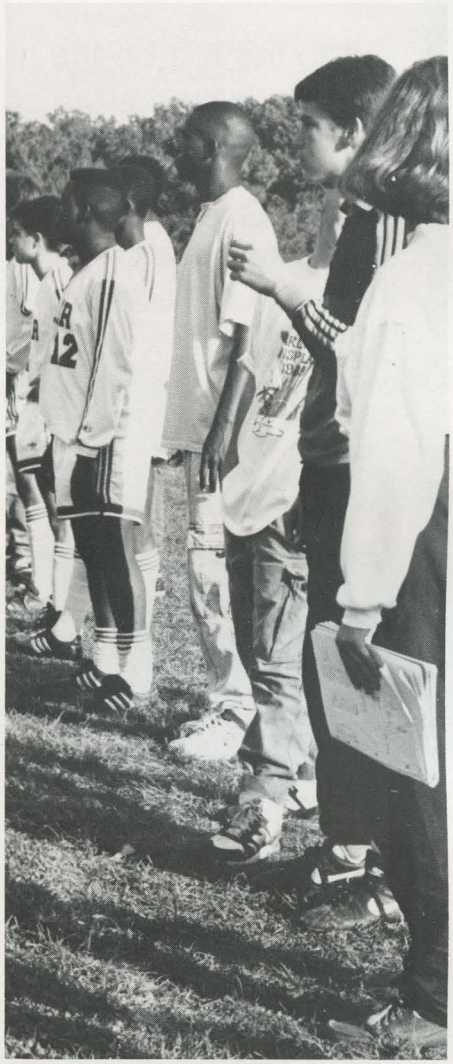
The games J.V. found most difficult were those against Walter Johnson, Springbrook, and B-CC. These teams tested the Blazers' abilities. Our team displayed the skill and cooperation they had learned during their practices and scrimages. Working together, the players were not only successful against these teams but went on to beat many others.

One of the team's best qualities was the way they worked together. Shouts of encouragement between the players on the field were often heard by those on the sidelines. Without reservation Coach Bob Gibb said, "I think that this year's team was one of the best I have seen at Blair." --KB

Showing off his skill, Sean Stevens catches the ball before it reaches the goal. During many games, it was the goalkeeper who saved the day by preventing the other team from scoring.

Watching from the sidelines, Coach Gibb contemplates how to improve the team. The coach could often be heard shouting out instructions during the games.

The Varsity players watch J.V. warm up before their game. Although attendance was often low at their games, the J.V. team did not let it effect their performance. They finished the season with a win-loss record of 7-3.



J.V. Soccer

Blair		Opponent
1	Whitman	2
2	Walter Johnson	0
2	Springbrook	1
3	Seneca Valley	0
0	Quince Orchard	1
1	Gaithersburg	0
1	Einstein	0
1	Churchill	2
1	B-CC	0
2	Wootton	0
1	Wheaton	0
1	Paint Branch	0

Won:7 Lost:3

J.V. SOCCER: Front Row: Arle Madrigal, Matt Rodkey **Back Row:** Valentin Alverez, Wilbert Funes, Mario Lobos, Coach Gibb **Not Pictured:** Viseth Peang, Alex Durham, David Jeter, Simon Woldemichael, Mohammad Gassi, Vic LeLeon, Ian Blair, Paul Turner, Whit Saumeber, Kenny Romero, Chris Osei, Aaron Hughes, Somchai Nottham, Sowat Sayavoggsa, Edwin Guillen, Sean Stevens.

Hot On Their Heels

"Up the hill! Up the hill!", "Pace yourself," and "Keep your arms up," were some of the comments coach Greg Gouchnour said to keep the cross country team motivated. Cross country was not a sport for those who lacked endurance or determination. Long distance running tested both mind and body, pitting them against the freezing cold, fatigue, blinding rain, and other runners. To finish a five kilometer race was a feat worth praising.

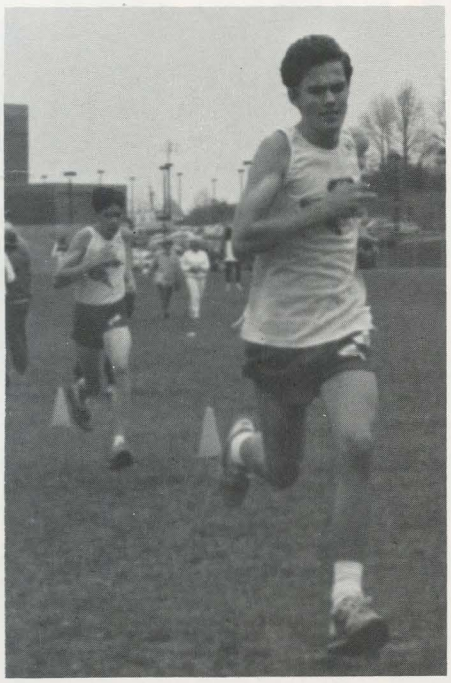
"The hardest part about a race is finishing," said junior Kevin Leclaire.

Even though running was considered a solo effort, team work was essential for success in cross country. "We rely on every one of our team mates for us to do well in a meet," said junior Pedro Silva.

The girls' team showed great poise, faring well in meets against Springbrook, Wheaton, and BCC. "The girls really did well this year and I'm sure we had a lot of fun trying," said sophomore Michelle Hudackso.

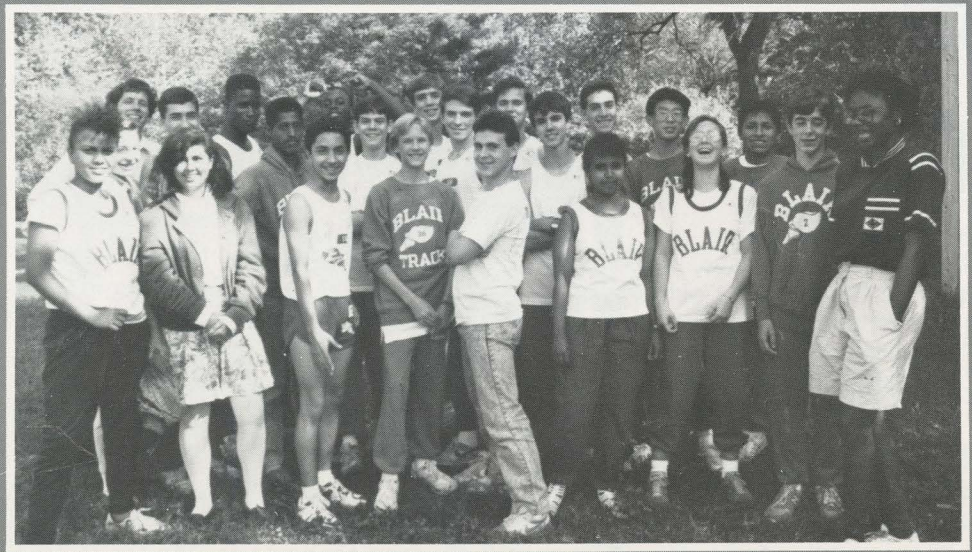
The boys' team qualified for the state meet. Senior Kevin Grey, along with Silva and junior Charles Hyatt were a few of the team leaders that lead the Blazers toward victory. With their help, this formidable group proved their abilities to their opponents. According to Hyatt, "The guys were crushin' this year."

"I saw a lot of potential in the team this year," said Gouchnour, showing great optimism and promise at the start of the season. The cross country runners used their potential to the fullest with their dedication and hard work, making the season one of the most successful ever. --BCS



Pushing himself to the limit, Junior Robert Hershey gives it his all to have a strong finish at the end of the race.

Concentrating on the race and keeping pace. Senior Kevin Grey has mastered the techniques of running and has been a contributing factor to the team.



Cross Country : Front : Yodit Fikre, Katrina Katerjohn, Juan Aguirre, Matt Schroeder, Scott Silverstein, Roza Mekonnen, Judith Grunberger, Daniel DeCesare, Amaka Iwugo **Second** : Michelle Hudackso, Pedro Silva, Amanuel Asfaha, Justin Koch, Kevin Leclaire, Tim Snell, Albert Moy, Pedro Altamirano **Back Row**: Mr. Gregg Gouchnour, Kevin Grey, Charles Hyatt, Doug Abrahams, Robert Hershey, Aaron Silverman

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Cross Country

Woodward Relays
Pallotti Invitational
*Gaithersburg and Springbrook
*Seneca Valley
Georgetown Prep Invitational
*Walter Johnson
*Wootton and Churchill
County Meet
Regional Meet
State Meet

Won: 3 Lost: 3

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Pursuing and gaining ground on his opponents, senior Amanuel Asafha passes two Whitman runners and has his eyes fixed on his next Churchill victim.

Limbering up before her race, Sophomore Roza Mekonnen waits for the girls to get lined up on the starting line. Streching was a good way to get rid of pre-race jitters.

Tennis Blazers Cause A Racket

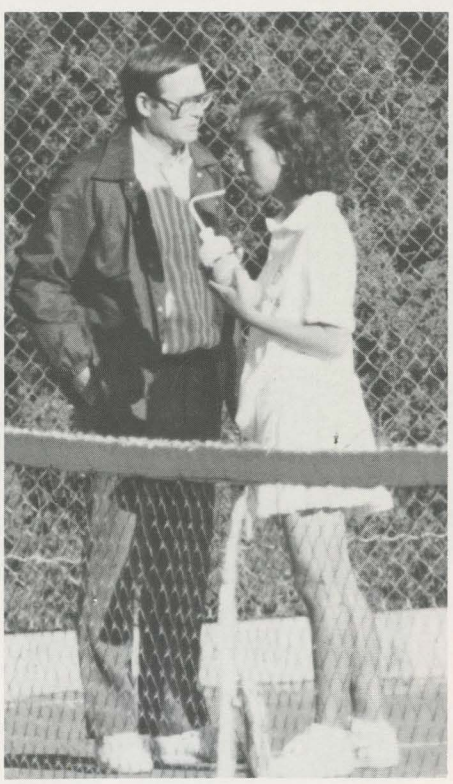
The girls' tennis team started the season off with a challenging victorious scrimmage over Paint Branch in the first match of the year. After winning the Division III title last year, the Blazers moved up the tennis ladder and competed against powerhouses such as Whitman and Churchill, Division I teams.

Team members and coaches Dave Ngbea and Tom Jensen were both very confident that the team would do well this season. "Compared to the other teams in our division, our four singles are very strong," commented junior Cindy Catudal. Coach Ngbea stated that he was pleased with the improvement of the girls' playing abilities. "Many of our girls were inexperienced in playing tournament matches, and have never had any coaching background, but after being on the team, they learned the fundamentals of tennis, and applied them in the matches." In agreement, freshman Jennifer Burson stated, "We did really well considering the fact that most of the girls we play against have had private coaching before."

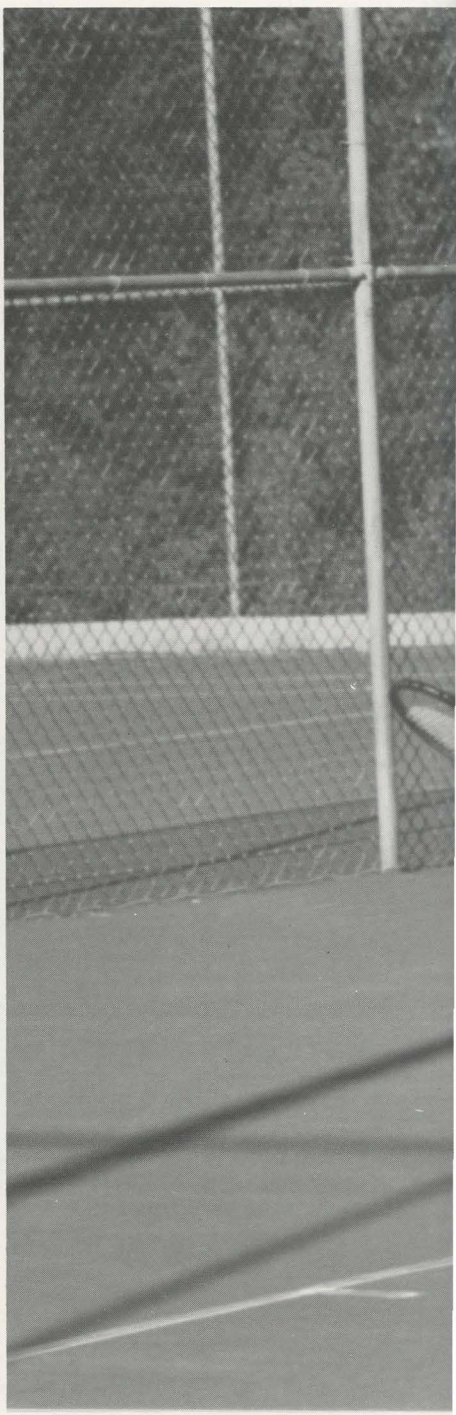
The team displayed relentless determination and effort in all of their matches. Many of the victories and losses were really close, but the Blazers always played valiantly, finishing the season with a 5-2 record in their division, and 5-5 overall.

This year's team was on the younger side, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores. The top four singles players were underclassmen except for one graduating senior. The development of the underclassmen potential greatly contributed to the success of the team. --DXP

Sophomore Lisa Green gracefully returns the ball with an effective slice as she sets up for the approaching shot. The slice was a stroke that Lisa often used to her advantage.



Coach Tom Jensen takes advantage of the brief intermissions between each match to coach junior Quyen Diep on her tactics and strategies. The coaches often used in-between rest periods to advise the players on their strongest and weakest points.



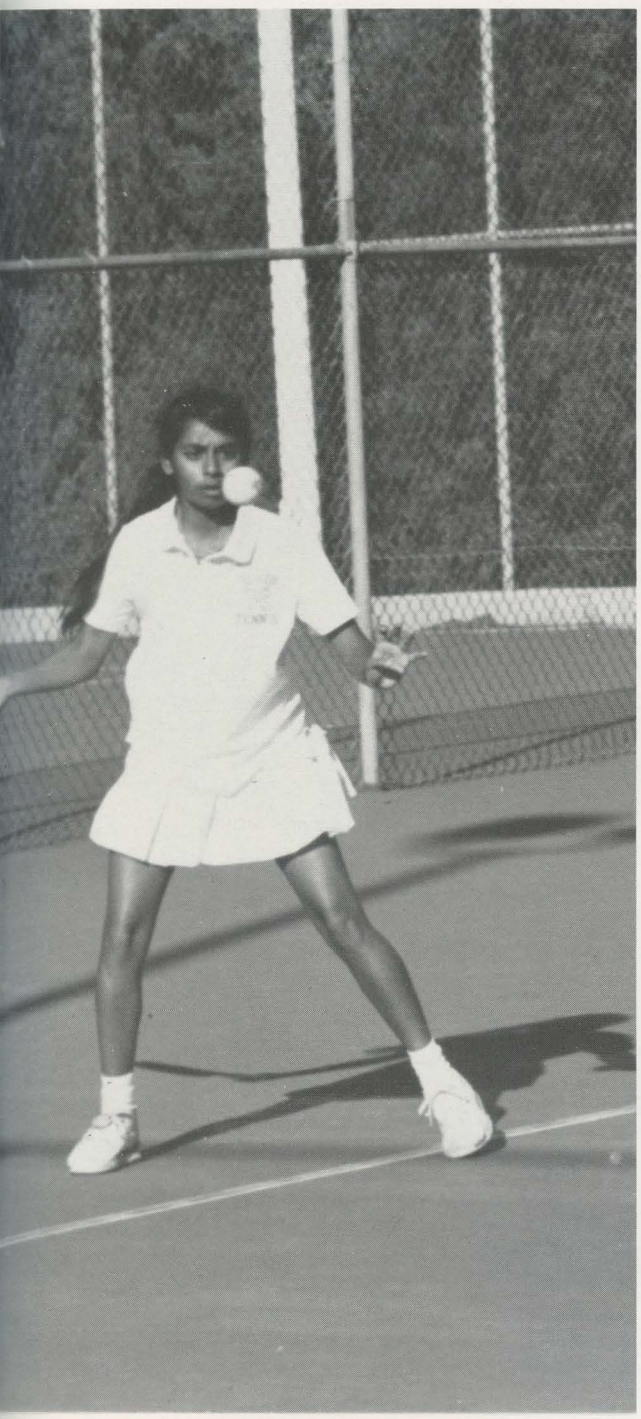
Girls' Tennis

Blair	Opponent	
4	Springbrook	3
0	Churchill	7
6	Gaithersburg	1
1	Quince Orchard	6
0	Whitman	7
4	Watkins Mill	3
3	B-CC	4
5	Rockville	2
4	Paint Branch	3
0	Walter Johnson	7

Won: 5 Lost: 5

Girls' Tennis': Front Row: Sheila Moses, Connie Park, Linda Spranger, Katherine Richman, **Second Row:** Charissa Chang, Patee Gesuwan, Sophia Lin, Manager Khai Phan, **Back Row:** Coach Tom Jensen, Katie McCann, Jennifer Burson, Dao Phan, Coach David Ngbea, **Not Pictured:** Lisa Green, Quyen Diep, Sharon Miller, Cindy Catudal.

Smiling smugly, senior Dao Phan demonstrates Blazer determination as she anticipates her opponent's serve. Dao was confident that she would win the point.



To earn the winning point for another victory, junior Sheila Moses swings at the ball with all she's got. Moses ended the season as the team's number one seat.

Spiking Spirits

The Girl's Varsity team volleyed off the season on a positive note. Their spectacular showing was accredited to several of the girls who attended a volleyball camp during the summer.

Among these girls were the "Dynamite Duo" juniors, Carrie Jensen, and Karen Sturek who were also chosen as this year's co-captians. Jensen's impressive offensive accomplishments gained her a position on the second-team All-County, which was a great honor for a junior.

The team exhibited relenteless effort and determination to take control of the ball. Senior Sharon McNeal said "There were a lot of really close games that far surpassed the regular 15 point game. And coaches from other schools all agreed that we were one of the toughest teams they had faced." The team's strong showing was a result of having many starting underclassmen players who were backed up by the awesome defense seniors.

Team work was an essential element which contributed to the team's success. Senior Carlota Bernal summed up the season with these words: "It was the best season I've ever had and the best team I've ever played with. It is important to me to have a team that supports each other and works together. I've improved a lot over the years and I hope that the skills that I have developed will carry over into college." --DXP & AAP

Junior Karen Sturek gives it her all as she prepares to deliver an ofensive spike for a winning point. Her team mates formed a semicircle defense move to back-up her move.

The girls varsity volleyball team this year included manager Stephen Coleman, Sophie Tith, Carrie Jensen, Chi-Hsiu Yang, Theresa Barksdale, Tami Catlett, Wendy Madigosky, statistician Veronica Mobley, manager Geoff Grace, scorekeeper Vijay D'Souza , coach Cynthia Changuris, Karen Sturek, Sharon McNeal, Yoli Leung and Carlota Bernal

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Girls' Volleyball

Blair		Opponent
1	Paint Branch	2
2	Watkins Mill	0
0	Wootton	2
2	B.C.C.	0
0	Walter Johnson	2
0	Springbrook	2
0	Seneca Valley	2
2	Rockville	1
0	Quince Orchard	2
1	Whitman	2
2	Wheaton	0
0	Churchill	2
2	Gaithersburg	1
1	Einstein	2

Won: 5 Lost: 9

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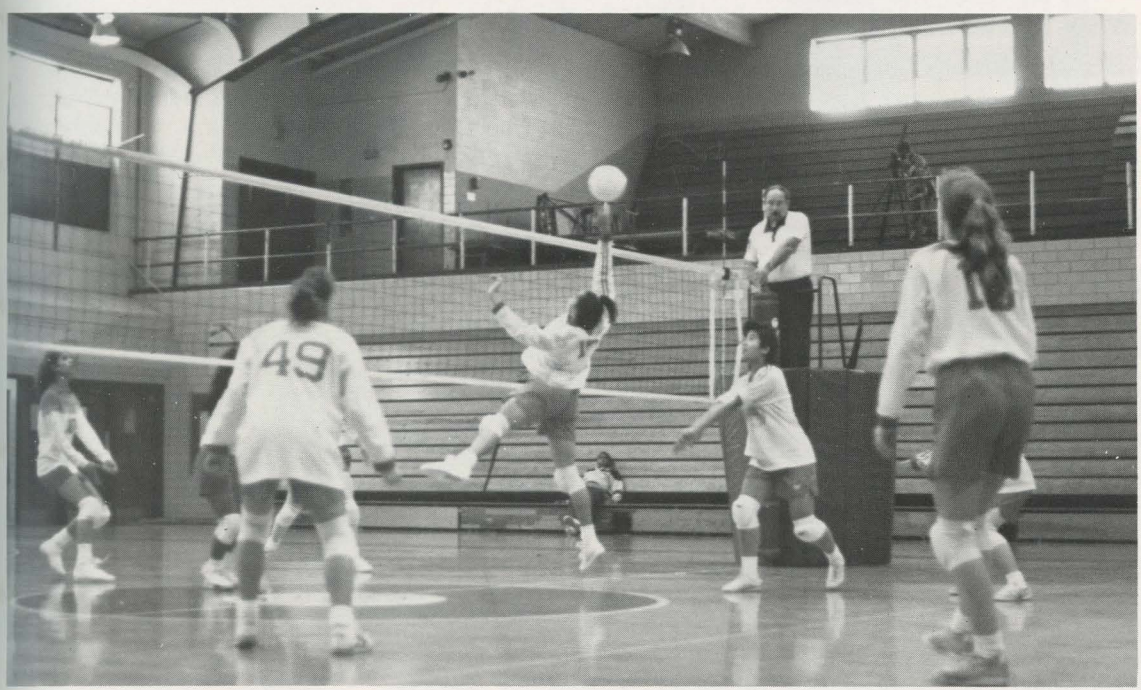
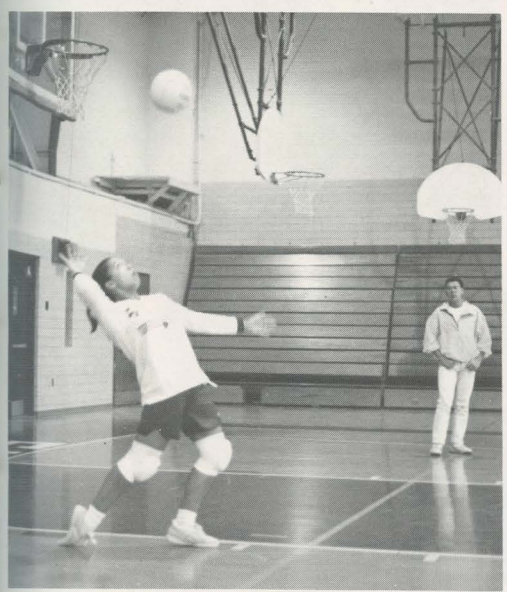


Junior Theresa Barksdale jumps forward to dink the ball over the net and score. The volleyball team made their opponet struggle to keep up the pace.



Senior Carlota Bernal reaches back to deliver a superb serve. Carlota has enjoyed volleyball for all her four years at school.

The varsity volleyball team meets to discuss tactics before their next game. The team prided themselves on being a close group which helped in their game.

VOLLEYBALL

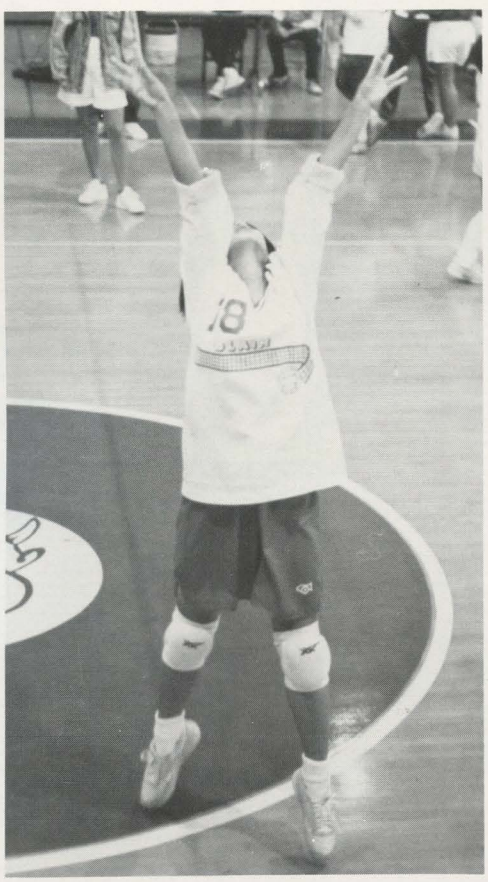
Dynamic Defense

The J.V. Volleyball team started off the season with a close defeat. They then came from behind and fought to even their score with an impressive record of seven wins and seven losses.

Their combatting spirit was due in part to the overwhelming spirit that allowed the team to go for that "SPIKING" victory.

The Junior varsity team worked hard to improve their skills to prepare themselves for an even better season next year. The team believed that having the right attitude was the key to a successful game. And this team definitely had that winning attitude. Their enthusiasm shined through in their unsuppressed spirit.

Freshman Thao Luc pulled the team together with her inspirational pep talks during the short time-out breaks. And the team also had the "Bench" to help keep their energy and spirits re vived in tight situations. Although thei victories did not outnumber thei losses, coach Peggy Cameron said "These girls were a hardworking crew They had the most potential of an team I ever had. I think that the level o competition countywide is becomin much better, and our team was als very competitive and made a goo showing". --DXP & AAP



Freshman Thao Luc stretches to prepare for the other teams return of the ball. Thoa was a new and very valuable additon to the team this year. The volleyball team exhibited an improvement from last year with their dedication to the sport.

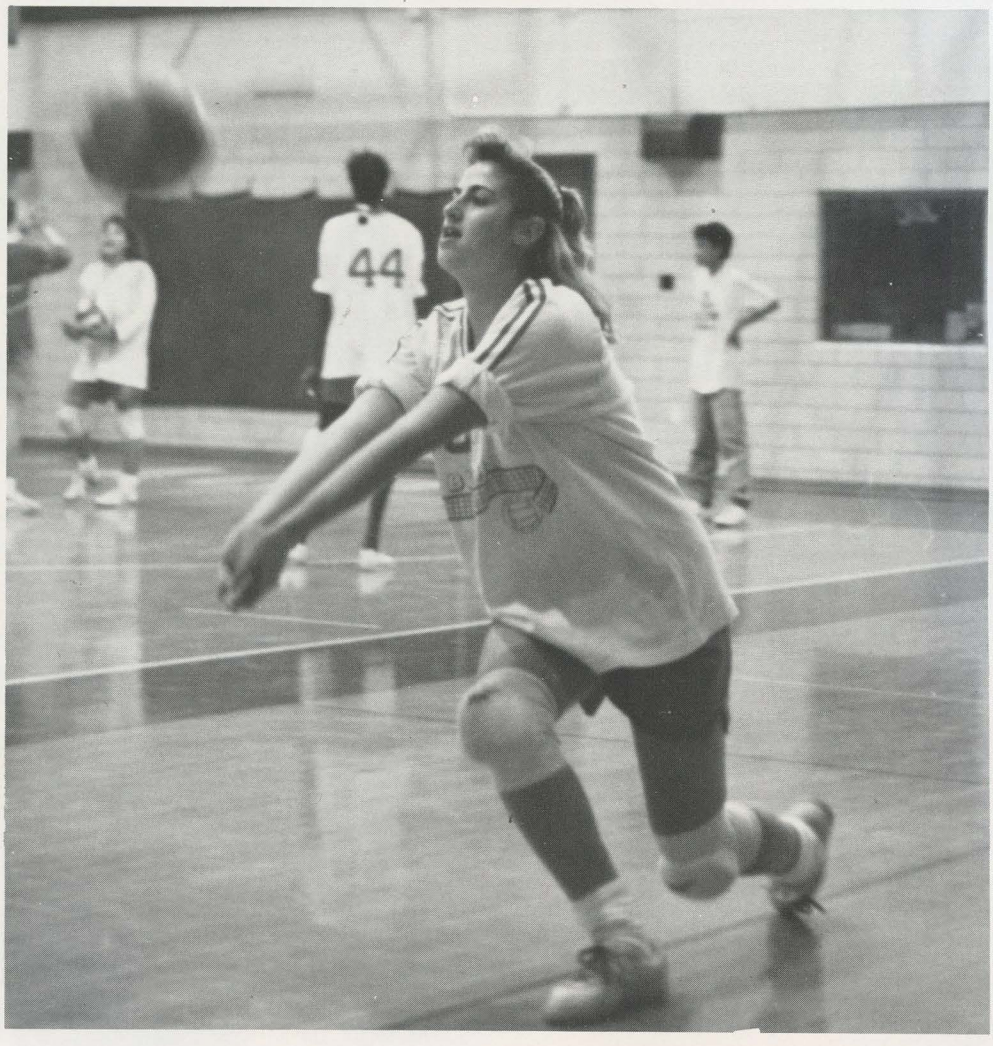
The J.V. Volleyball team this year was **first row:** Janelle Hebbert, Nicole Hindman,Thao Luc, Rachel Ermann **second row:** Jean Phatthanaphuti, Megan Jensen, Alicia Moyer, manager Chanh Tran **third row:** Joelle Suissa, Tamar Telahun, Susan Sydner, coach Peggy Cameron

J.V. Girls' Volleyball

Blair	Opponent	
1	Paint Branch	2
2	Watkins Mill	0
1	Wootton	2
2	B.C.C.	0
2	Walter Johnson	1
2	Springbrook	0
2	Seneca Valley	0
1	Rockville	2
0	Quince Orchard	2
0	Whitman	1
2	Wheaton	1
1	Churchill	2
2	Gaithersburg	0
1	Einstein	2

Won: 7 Lost: 7

The J.V. Volleyball team congradulates each other for a game well played. The team felt really strong this year and will be at their full potential next year.



Sophmore Joelle Suissa warms up for the upcoming game with a bump move. The team practiced vehemently everyday afterschool.

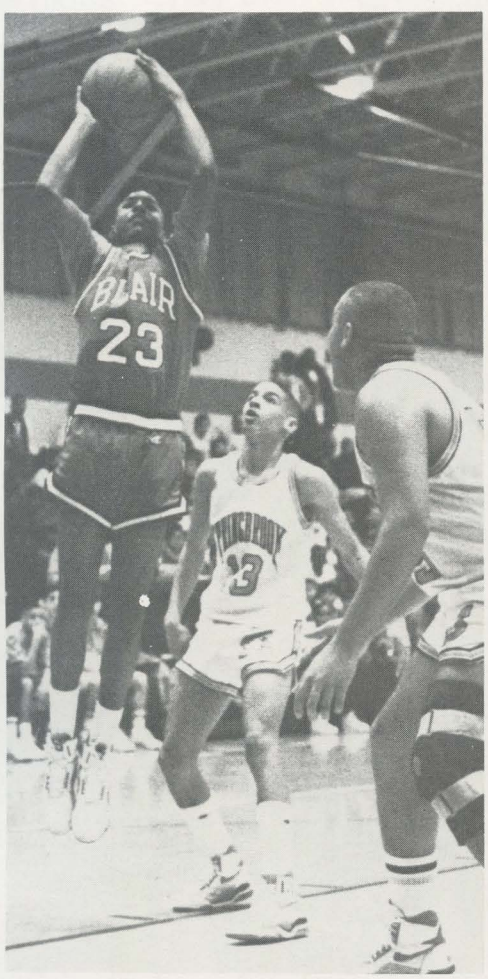
JV VOLLEYBALL

A Tradition of Excellence

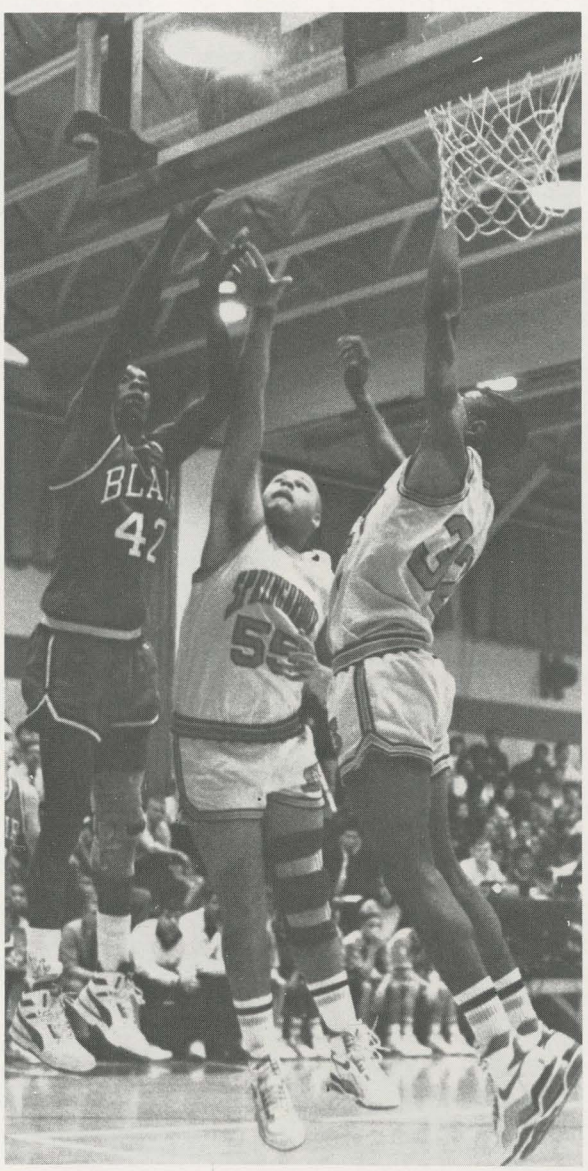
The boys' varsity basketball team was once again something that our school could be proud of. The team worked hard, practicing every day during the school week in addition to Saturdays. This years team overcame some of the problems that last years team had. "We've made a big improvement since last year. Last year we had a grade problem but we've overcome that this year." commented senior Travis Holland. Coach Dave Scaggs felt that the team had improved overall this year. He said that they were better academically, in addition to having displayed better conduct, attitudes, and work habits. Scaggs was also happy with the teams everyday performance.

When asked about the teams performance this season, senior Len Martin said, "We've worked hard but we've had some hard breaks. But the team spirit is still there. We've got what it takes." Both players as well as the coaching staff agreed with junior Eric Minus when he said, "Our team has really come together as a unit and we believe in each other. I hope we can continue to work hard to achieve the goal of Cole Field House."

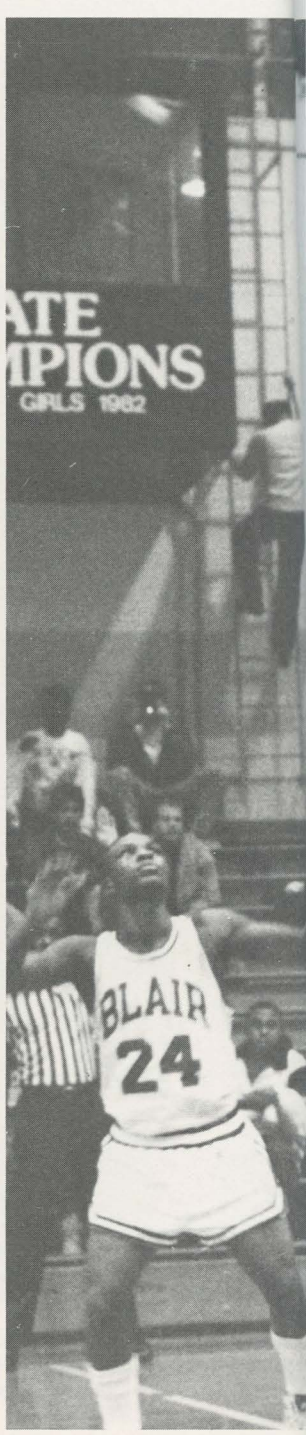
Its obvious that this years boys' varsity basketball team has improved all around and done everything possible to make Blair proud. Junior Ian Blair seemed to sum up the teams condition best when he commented simply, "Its the best team we've had in a long time." —MS



Junior David Vanterpool thinks fast as he jumps to get the rebound before his opponents can.



Senior Travis Holland shows how important a good jumpshot is as he leaps head and shoulders above his opponents. Many members of this years team showed incredible natural talent.

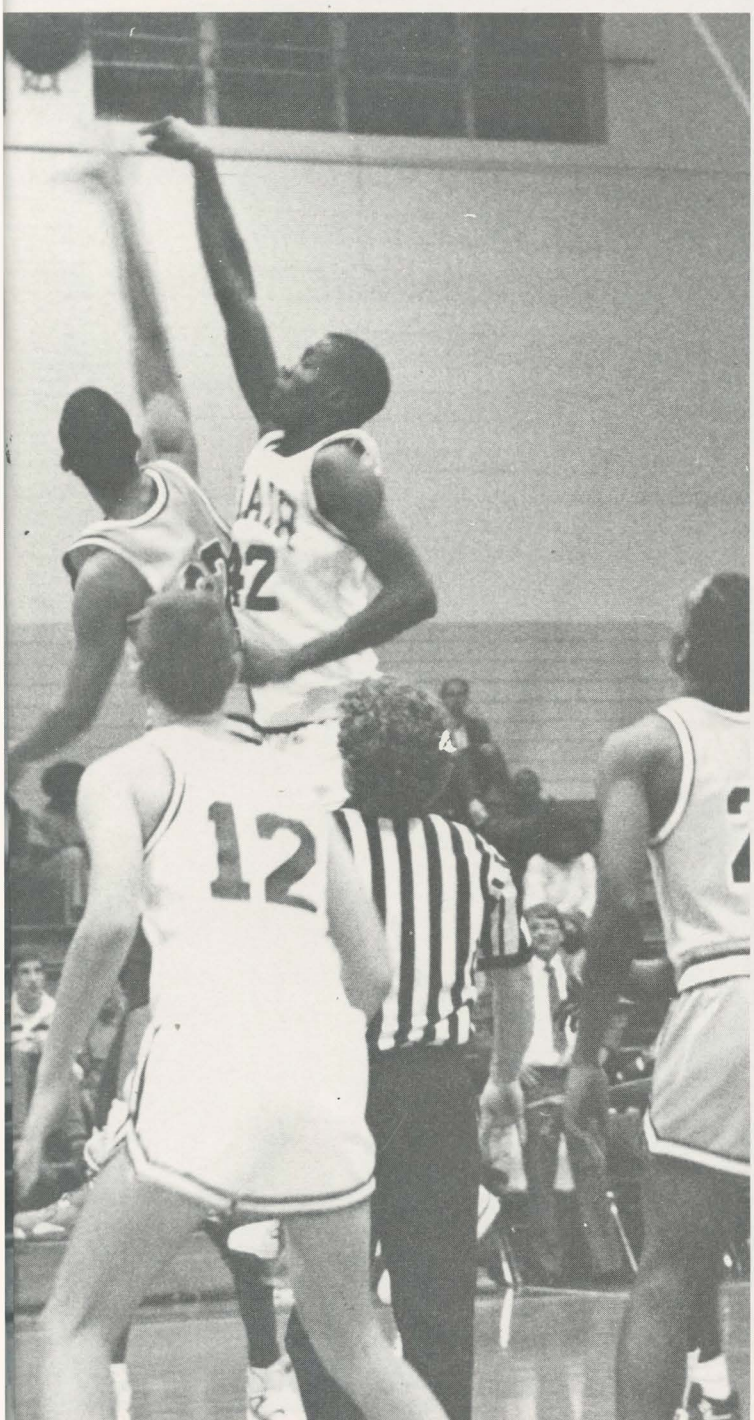


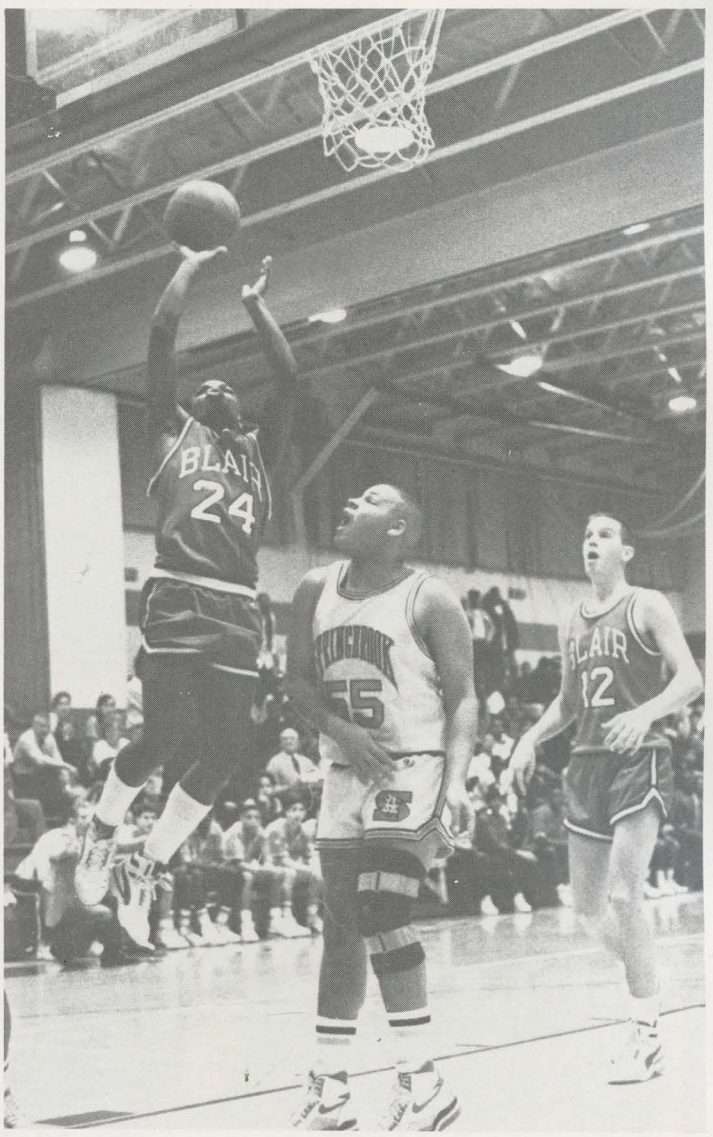
As senior Travis Holland goes after a jumpball senior Matt Schnackenberg and junior Earl Boyd prepare to take the ball and drive down the court. This year's players showed how important playing as a unit could be.

Boys' Varsity Basketball: Front Row: Chris Davis, Reggie Singh, Jeff Ambush, Mike Gordon, Earl Boyd, Eric Minus, Jesse Wilkerson, Matt Gannon, Shawn Clemons. **Back Row:** Dave Scaggs, (coach), Phillip Lionel, Rutheven Williams, David Vanterpool, Ted Ramet, Travis Holland, Matt Schnackenberg, Ian Blair, Ray Fisher, Len Martin, Brian Hinkle, (coach).

Blair		Opponent
73	Kennedy	64
59	Churchill	71
80	Richard Montgomery	57
74	Eintein	58
67	Quince Orchard	66
66	Holiday Tournament	62
74	Seneca Valley	64
75	Wootton	52
87	Gaithersburg	52
74	Walter Johnson	59
75	Springbook	85
62	B-CC	63
50	Whitman	66
91	Wheaton	61

won: 14 lost: 8





Demonstrating excellent technique, junior Earl Boyd leaves his defender as well as his teammate, senior Matt Schnackenberg, awe struck.

BASKETBALL

Shooting to Impress

Freshman and J.V. basketball were stepping stones to the elite Varsity. Freshman Basketball allowed the newcomers to impress the school and J.V. provided prospects for Varsity.

It was hard to get recognized as a newcomer, but the freshman basketball team helped underclassmen to show their skill. The team was loaded with prospects for Blair's higher teams. If they impressed the coach with skill, aggression, good attitudes, and good grades, they would probably proceed to the next level -- Junior Varsity.

Sophomores and juniors made up most of the Junior Varsity team. Most players had played on the freshman team and had proved to the coaches that they were good enough to play a higher level. Amani Roberts, a J.V. player, said "I think we could win the championship!" For this to happen the players need to concentrate on the games and want and expect to win.

High moral was evident through the season. This is needed to have a quality team. They had shown evidence of a championship team by beating top contenders in the county; Springbrook, Churchill, B.C.C., Kennedy, Gaithersburg and many others.

Since the Freshman and J.V. team provides players for the Varsity everyone tried to play exceptionaly well, which translated into exciting games and a winning season. --MM

Valiant Abiola Adeyemi leaps over two Devils to save the ball from going out of bounds. Hustling and playing aggressively were keys to the J.V. Basketball teams success.

J.V. Basketball: Front Row: Serge Signez, Craig Stewart, Kenny Sturek, William Cirrincione, Josh Evans. **Back Row:** Dave Scaggs, Larry Meadows, Chris Roberts, Richard Terry, Abiola Adeyemi, Jason Cambell, Amani Roberts, Matt Gannon, Mr. Hinkle

J.V. Basketball

Blair		Opponent
47	Kennedy	41
66	Churchill	53
57	Einstein	44
55	Quince Orchard	49
56	Seneca Valley	40
58	Wootton	54
49	Kennedy	42
61	Gaithersburg	48
66	Walter Johnson	48
67	Einstein	34
69	Springbrook	67
49	B-CC	50
51	Churchill	47
53	Gaithersburg	58
54	Whitman	60
38	Springbrook	52
63	Wheaton	53
72	Richard Montgomery	37
60	Seneca Valley	46
53	Wootton	60

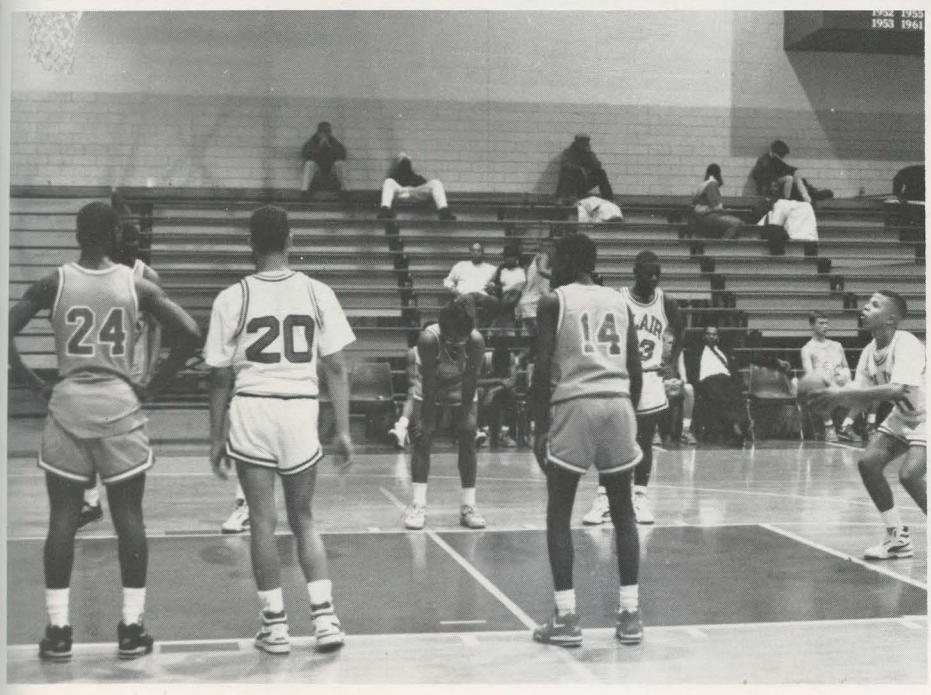
Won: 15 Lost: 5

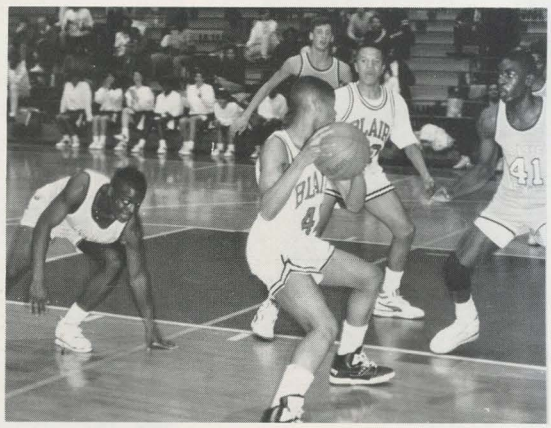
Freshman Basketball: Front Row: Jenny Panaseth, Alex Gomez, Hakim Williams, Anthony Herring, Issac Carter, Ivan Hernandez, Shanez Rahim. **Back Row:** Dale Lamberth, Kelly Curtain, Paul Turner, Juan Sempertequi, Kezon McNeil, Andrew Jackson, Felix Kwankam, Tony Applewhaite, Jonathan Golodze, Kevin Wilson, Dave Scaggs.

Freshman Basketball

Blair		Opponent
47	Quince Orchard	49
61	Paint Branch	37
50	Springbrook	66
45	Wootton	33
49	B-CC	23
61	Seneca Valley	43
74	Whitman	56
71	Gaithersburg	44
67	Watkins Mill	48
51	Churchill	49

Won: 8 Lost: 2





Going strong into the lane Chris Roberts plans to add two more points for the Blazers. Having this enthusiasm the Blazers had many exciting games and a winning season.

Concentrating, Amani Roberts begins to shoot his first foul shot. Every point counted, especially in close games, so anyone at the line needed to make the basket!

JV BASKETBALL

We Are The Champions

The true champions of girl's basketball rest here at Blair. The competition did not stand a chance against the Girl's Varsity Basketball team. Each game was won with a glorious demonstration of skill and talent. When praising the Girl's Varsity Basketball team the concept we come to the most is team effort. With the skill and ability of the group they led the county with a great winning record and lost only one inter-regional game against a DC team. "Team effort and positive attitude were primary factors that kept (the team) together and increased the competition," remarked coach William Lindsey. "With luck on our side we have a good chance at making the finals, and winning."

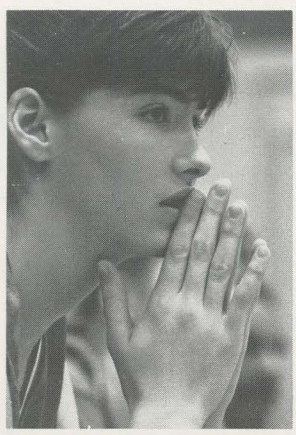
The team effort which proved extremely successful revolved around two players senior Tara Allen and senior Jenae Talton. Other players who were positive forces in making the difference between victory and defeat were sophomores Tamla Dunbar and Marla Wyche, along with freshman Maria Acevedo.

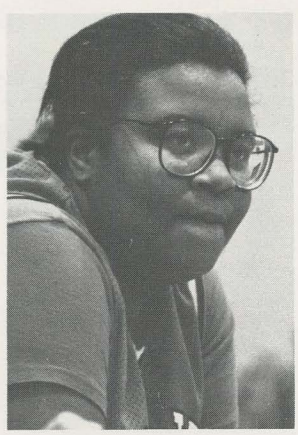
Coach Lindsey was specifically proud and satisfied with the performance of the defense. "If injuries do not occur, and the defense maintains itself, our winning streak will not be broken." The defense was a major asset to the team. Coach Lindsey was also quite content with the way the players had been keeping up their grades to prevent ineligibility.

With an incredible and outstanding winning record, the girl's varsity basketball team proved itself unbeatable and unstoppable. The team has truly earned its title of champions. --PD

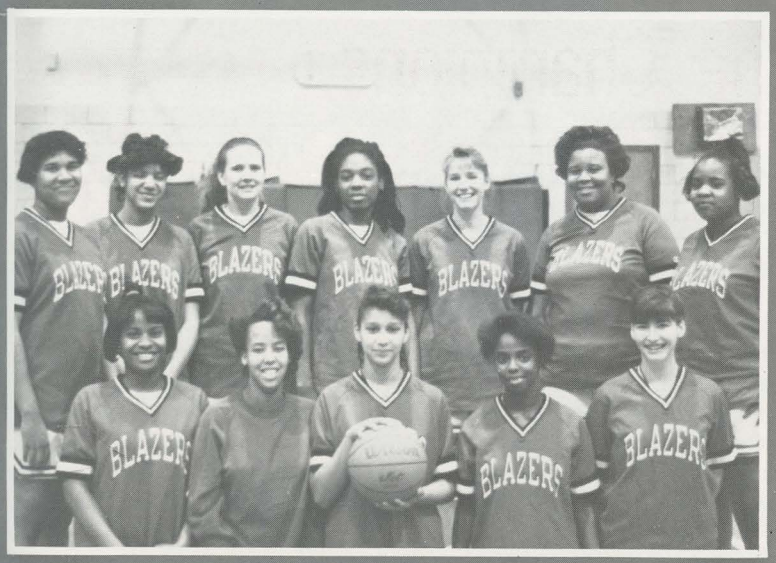
Anxious to pass the ball, senior Jenae Talton maneuvers around her offender. Talton was a dominant force on the successful team.

Watching attentively, sophomore Emily Blagg observes the moves of her team mates. Blagg was an avid player who had a long trail of experience to back her up.





Waiting for her play time, senior Teanna Abraham looks on to victory. The glory of victory could always be seen in the face of the players.

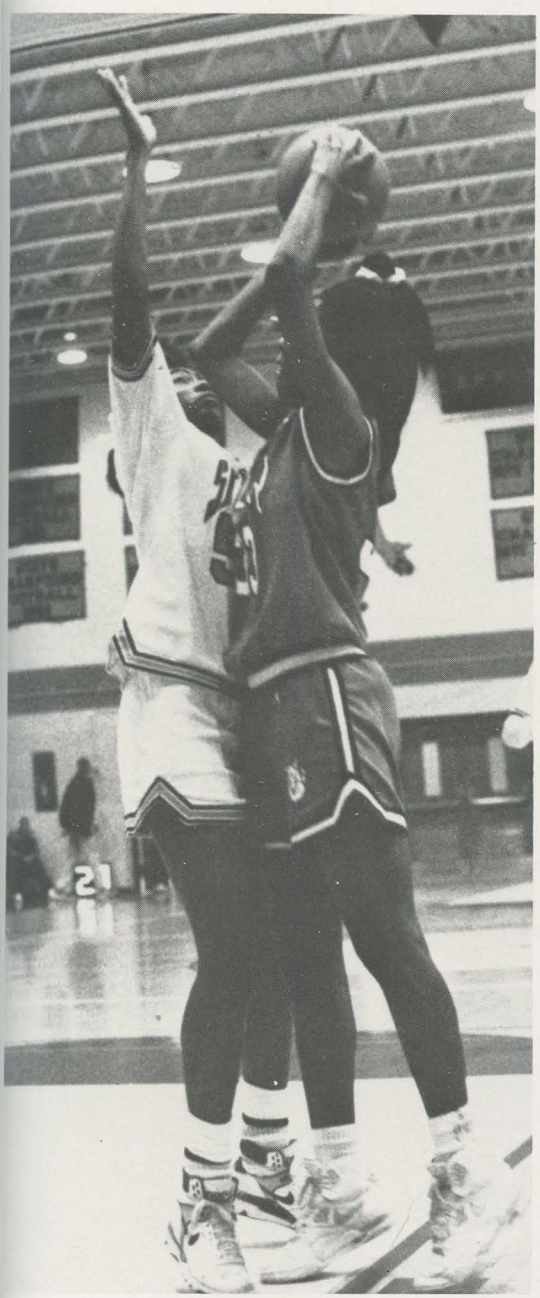


Girl's Varsity Basketball : Front Row: Jenae Talton, Teri Gilyard, Maria Acevedo, Tamla Dunbar. **Back Row:** Tara Allen, Marla Wyche, Dawn Allison, Tamiko Carrington, Susan Sydnor, Teanna Abraham, Chanda Taylor. **Not Pictured:** Kristen Nelson.

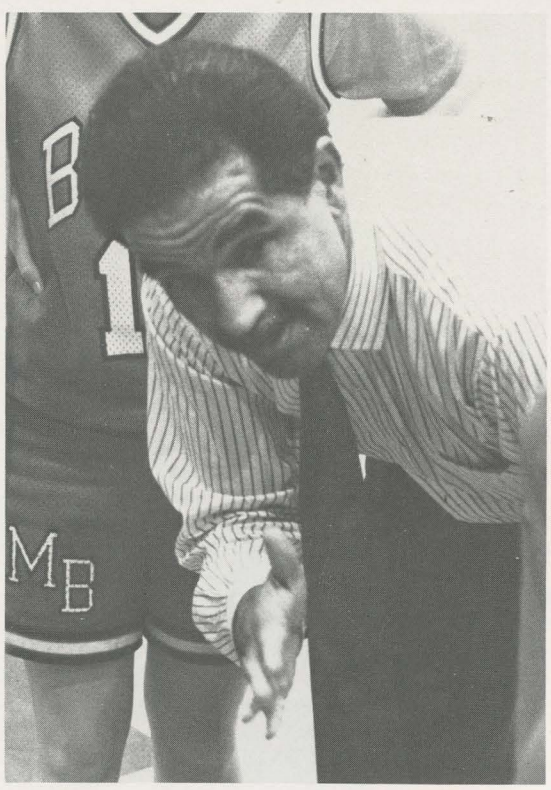
Girl's Varsity Basketball

Blair		Opponent
57	Kennedy	30
56	Churchill	39
65	Einstein	59
55	Quince Orchard	48
55	Seneca Valley	35
67	Wooton	37
61	Kennedy	36
55	Richard Montgomery	42
59	Gaithersburg	48
51	Walter Johnson	34
64	Einstein	62
55	Springbrook	53
56	B-CC	55
55	Churchill	45
51	Gaithersburg	40
59	Whitman	57
72	Roosevelt	22
46	Woodson	84
63	Springbrook	59
65	Wheaton	58
52	Seneca Valley	37
57	Wootton	44

Won: 20 Lost: 1



Aiming the ball, senior Tamika Carrington prepares for her shot. Carrington always found a way to get the ball over the competition.



After each victory, the team huddles to celebrate. With the team's winning record a good celebration was truly deserved.

Planning strategy, Coach William Lindsey takes time out to speak to the players. A pep talk every now and then was always a good push to victory.

Taking it to the Rim

School's out. The bell just rang and people are rushing through the hallway to get home. Well, almost everyone. If you were on J. V. Girls Basketball you were running to the locker room or the bathroom to change your clothes quickly so that you would get to practice on time.

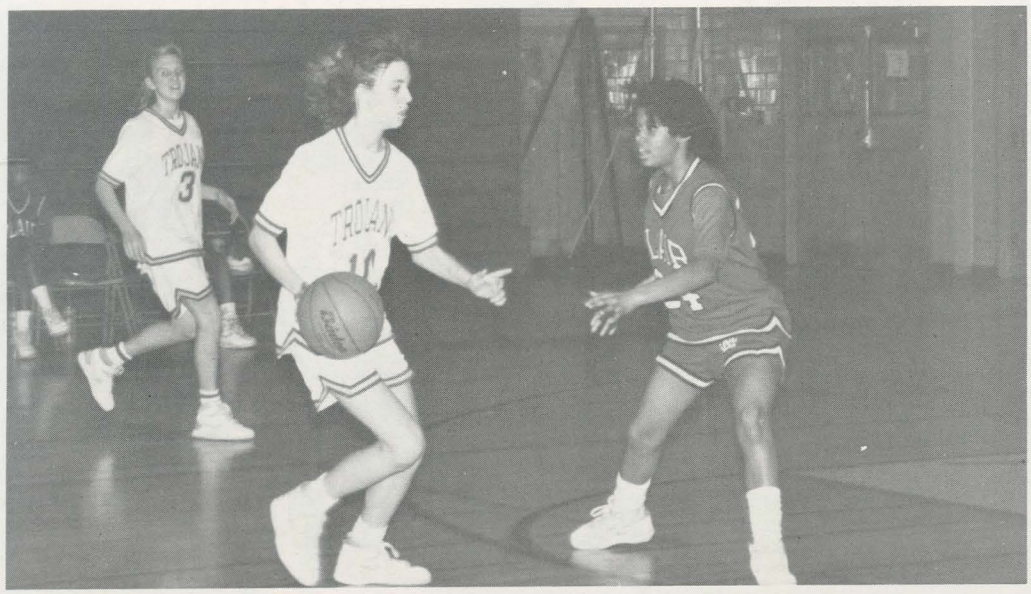
The girls' junior varsity basketball team was a strong team this year. The girls had a lot of fun once they got to know each other better. Ms. Linda Wolf, who has been coaching the girls' J. V. for five years explained, "Coaching J.V. is hard for a coach. You're pulling together two rival teams (Eastern and Takoma Junior Highs) and there is adversity between them."

Team member Pamela Laryea agreed. "Because we went to different schools it was hard to work with people not from your junior high school."

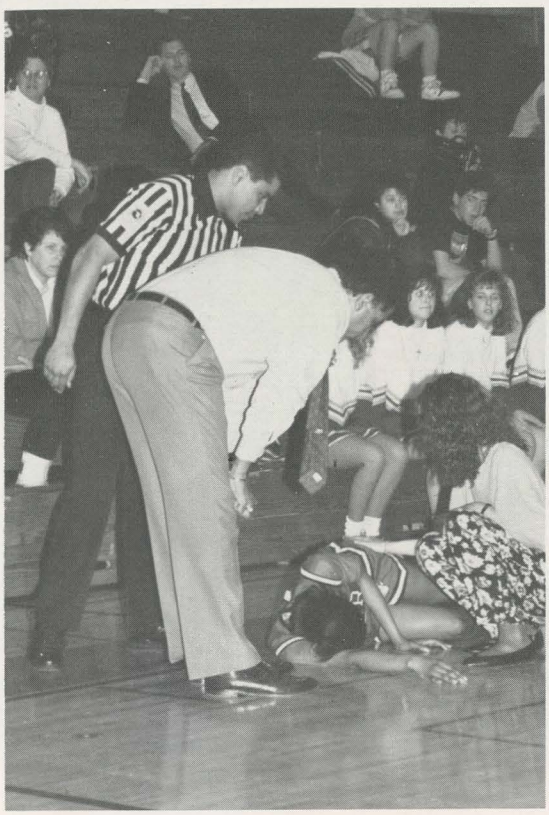
The girls' skills were strong but not refined. Wolf explained that more time was spent on working together as a team rather than focusing on individual improvement. She said, "You have to get a cohesiveness between the team members so they will work together."

To teach cohesiveness to the individual players was a long process. Wolf said, "It was difficult to teach them because they were also coming from two different teaching philosophies and that is another obstacle to climb."

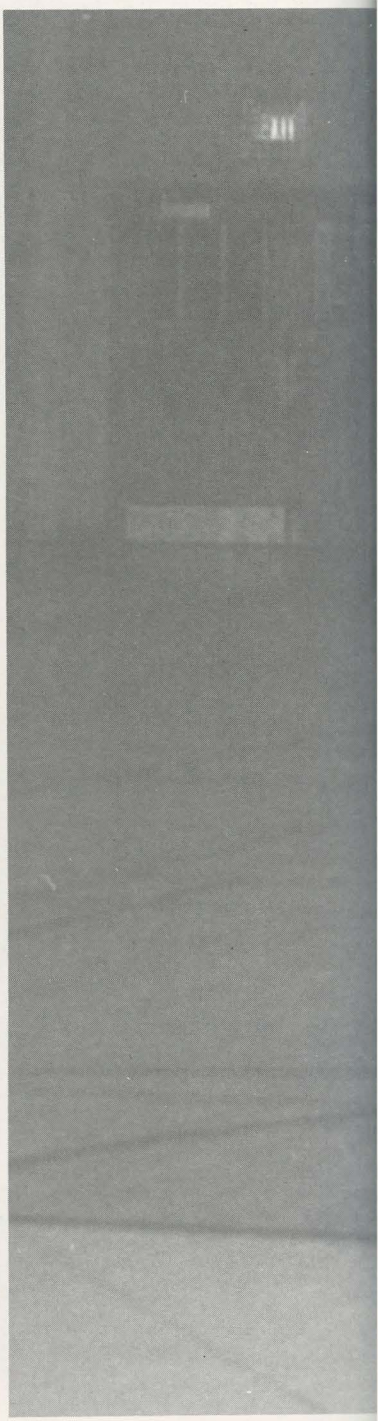
Because the J. V. worked hard and had a dedicated coach, they became a strong team. The Girls' J.V. games were exciting and packed with lots of suspense. They showed Blair a lot of potential for future basketball teams. --SPS



To stop the Gaithersburg Trojans from scoring, Nikki Parler blocks her man. Defense was another aspect of the game that the J. V. girls worked on.



In an accident freshman Patrice Davis hurt herself during a game. Injuries were few, but were always treated with seriousness.



Girls' J. V. Basketball: Front Row: Nikki Parler, Pam Laryea. **Second Row:** Vanessa Pratt, Caren Jahalal, Melissa Vanterpool, Camilla Murray, Columbia Imprain, Yooht Fikre. **Back Row:** Cemecha Lewis, Felicia Roach, Patrice Davis, Ms. Linda Wolf (sponsor), Wanda Heylinger, Leotta Lionell, Adebisi Ajala.

Girls' J. V. Basketball

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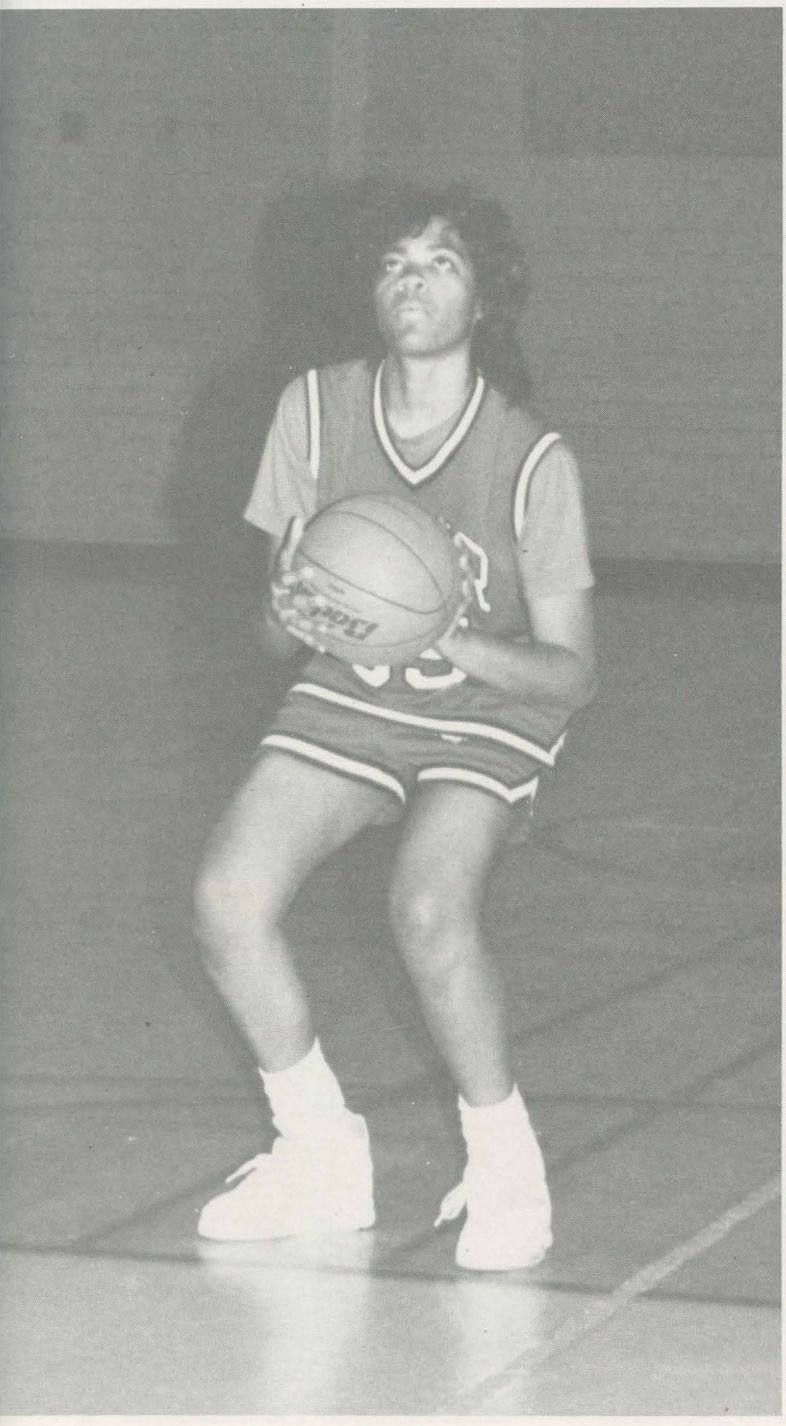


With confidence freshman Patrice Davis prepares for a foul shot. Good form was always worked on during the J. V. practices.

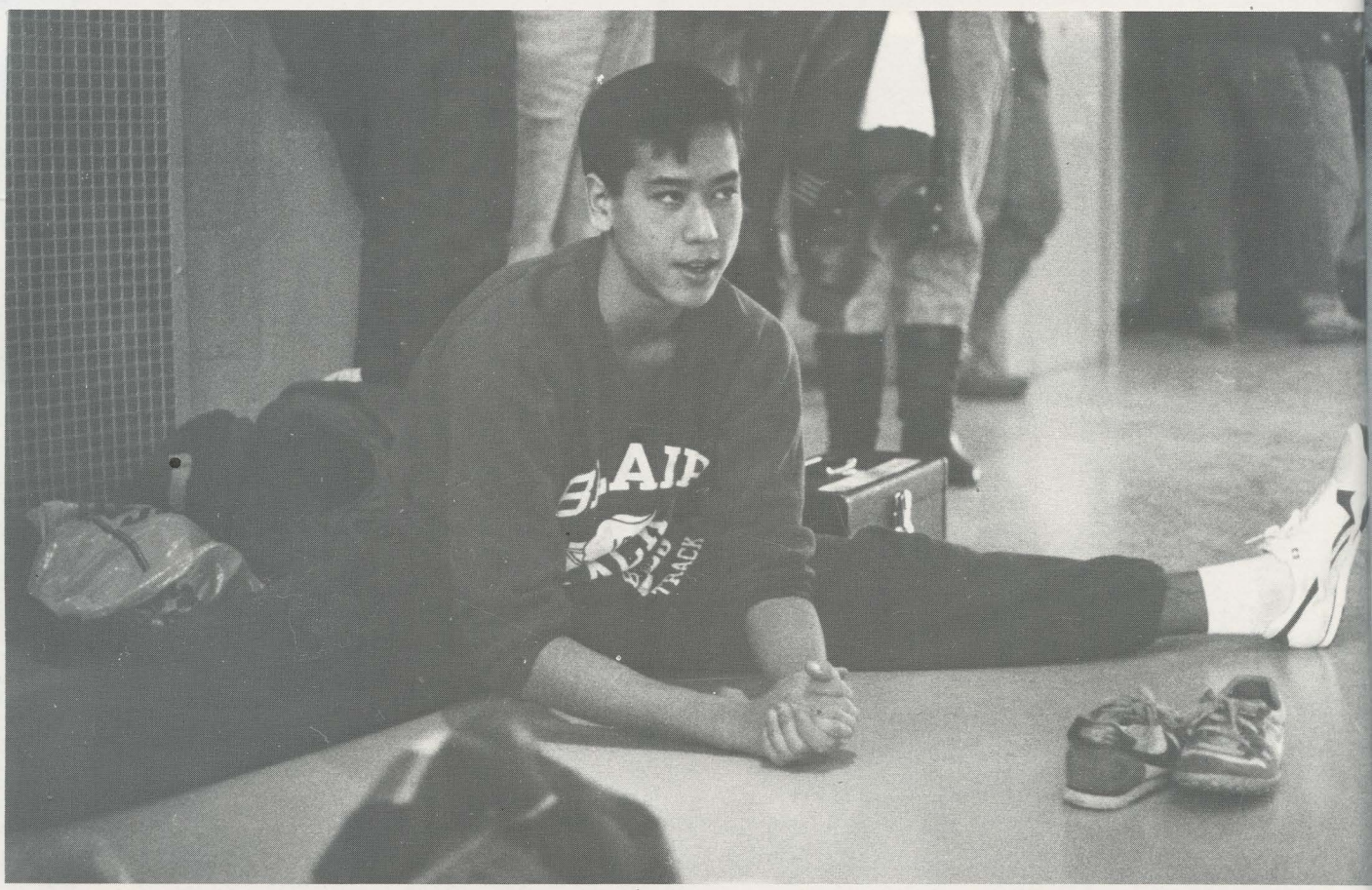
Skillfully, Nikki Parler looks for a good play before she starts. Thinking quickly was a skill the J. V. players were forced to acquire.

TRACK

Indoor Track: Front Row: Jonathan Devilbiss, Anne Rodding, Theona Salmon, Meddy Soeparta, Jennifer Wilson, Jessica Schultz, Judy Grunberger, Juan Aguierre. **Second Row:** Alicia Mayer, Pedra Altamirano, Peter O'Brien, Michael Bachman, Sophia Lin, LaJeane Murray, Cassandra Hindman, Nicole Hindman, Scott Silverstein, Amaka Iwugo, Deshuba Sheku. **Third Row:** Gregg Gochnour, Albert Moy, Malado Baluin, Eden Medhane, Brian St. George, Te Hong Long, Cindy Huang, Ignacio Tzoumas, Aaron Silverman, Jean Phatthanaphutti, Althea Vyfhuis. **Back Row:** Nick Pizzigati, Sergie Hebbert, Joann Lum, Dan Doherty, James Novy, Tim Snell, Jeremy Gordon.

Indoor Track

Towson State
Montgomery County Holiday Meet
University of Maryland
Gaithersburg
County Meet
Regional Meet
State Meet



Taking a moment to stretch his legs, sophomore James Novy takes a look at another race in process. Just as important as running the race was making sure that runners warmed up and cooled down properly.

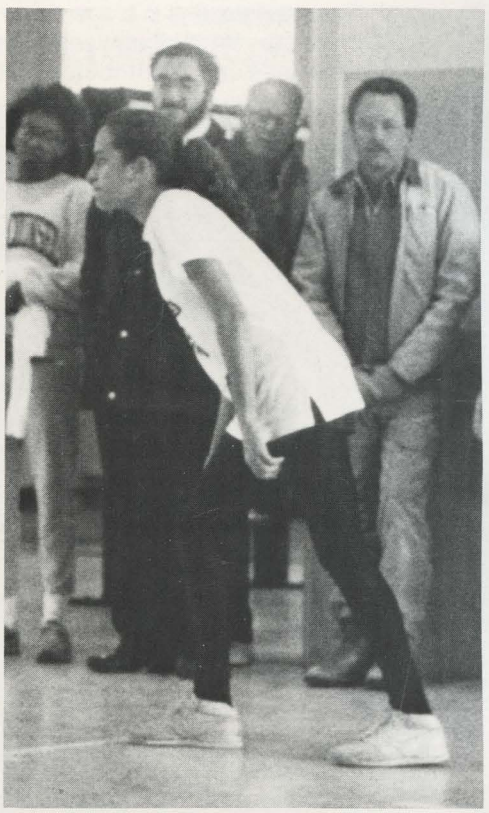
Feeling the excitement in the air, Althea Vyfhuis, Theona Salmon, Te Hong Long, James Novy, Micheal Bachman, Sergie Hebbert, and Pedra Altamirano listen to the results of the overall meet. Although as a whole the team did not place in the meets, several individual runners were medal contenders.

Running at Full Speed

It's your last lap and the physical fatigue begins to set in. You're breathing is hard, yet steady as you focus on the finish line. Pushing yourself to the limit, you break into a sprint towards the finish line. Whether you came in first place or last, knowing you performed to your greatest potential was especially important to the indoor track team.

Like Cross Country and Outdoor Track, Indoor Track was just as demanding in its quest to develop great physical stamina in each runner. Experience in running proved to be a vital point as coach Gregg Gochnour stated, "Teamwise, it was tough to place at meets because we were a young team. Freshmen and sophomore runners were usually at a disadvantage compared to other runners who had been running for two or three years. But we had some shining stars."

The team started on a disappointing note, with their first meet snowed out. Their second meet at Towson was just as disappointing for the team did not place. However, senior Angie Mitchell ran and jumped to victory, earning herself a first place medal in the 55m hurdles and a third place medal in the 55m dash. With cooperation, determination, and hard work, runners improved throughout the season. --LN



Waiting in anticipation for the gun shot, junior Cassandra Hindman concentrates on the race ahead of her. According to many team members, mentally preparing one's body for the race was just as important than the race itself.

Able to leap tall hurdles in a single bound, Cassandra Hindman shows off her jumping ability. Out of many indoor track events, hurdles proved to be one of the most difficut and challenging.

Watching the quickness and speed of his runners during practice, coach Gregg Gochnour keeps a close eye on new and raw talent. Afterschool practice was the best opportunity for a coach to determine which runners would do best in the different events.

Saturday Morning, Down By The Pool

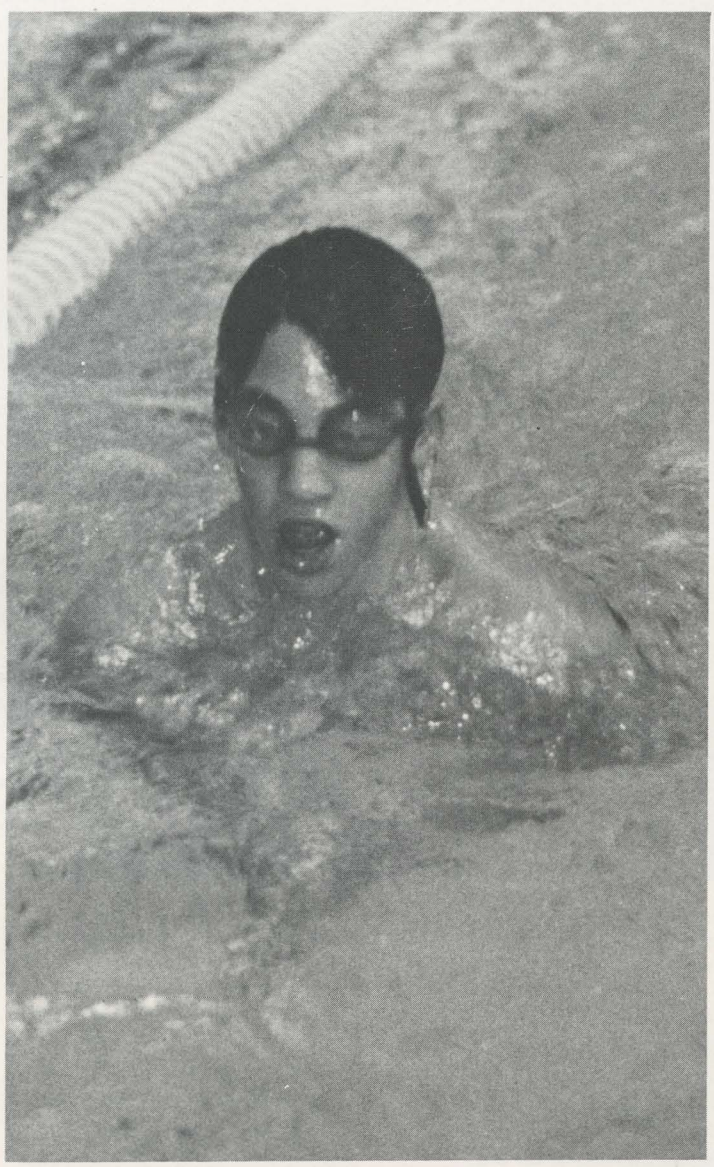
The swim team represented the school in a powerful and outstanding way. The team dedicated much of their time practicing hard at Montgomery College in Takoma Park. In addition to Blair's swim team practices, many of the swimmers, such as junior Doug Jelen, also practiced with other leagues. Giving an extra effort often improved their times drastically.

Sophomore Whit Saumweber felt that the team's unity contributed to it's success. He said, "The people had a lot of spirit. Even if you didn't get to swim in all the meets you could still get into it." This spirited team dominated every meet.

This year's boys' team looked impressive, even though there were many new swimmers on the team. Veteran swimmers sophomore Alex Berg and senior Pat Baker, contributed greatly to the outcome of the season. Jelen commented, "We seem to be improving each year because of good coaching and increased participation from recent years. I think we have a good chance at winning the divisionals for the first time in a while."

The Girls' team was taken over this year by powerful swimmers such as senior Kathleen Carey, junior Wendy Madigosky, and sophomore Melissa Poh. Junior Karen Sturek said, "I liked the swim team because we became close as a group throughout the season. The team looked good and diving improved greatly. Al, our coach, was easy to get along with."

Al Murry, the coach of the swim team since the seventies, helped motivate the team to improve and to strive for their best. --SM & MS



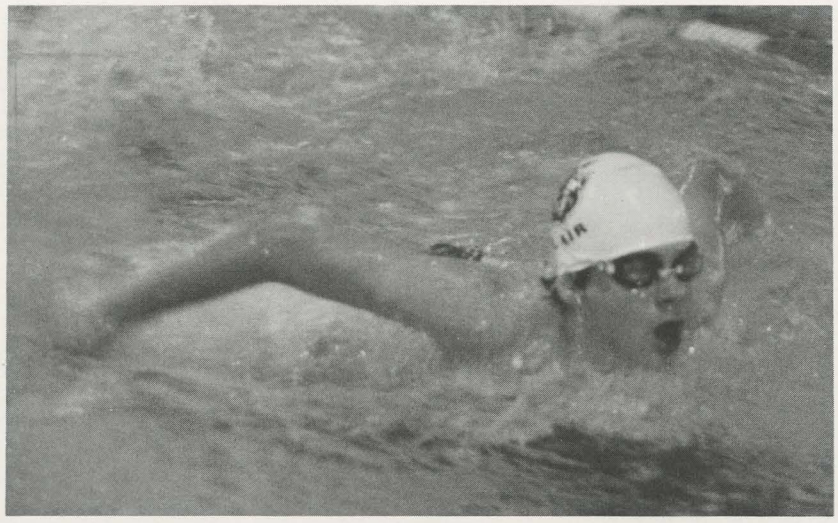
Demonstrating perfect form, Sophomore David Kraft pushes himself to the limit as he nears the finish line. The final sprint to the finish determined the outcome of many close races.

Swim Team: First Row: Tami Levini, Sara Rispin, Karen Keiser, Melissa Poh, Jackie Hogan, Micky Countee, Chellee Cepas, Carrie Jensen, Karen Sturek, Heather Wolfe, Jen Meagher, Scott Hykin, Mark Shay (captain). **Second row:** Terri Jover, Michael Smith, Mary McCarthy, Debbie Kreiser, Pia Campo, Amy Hilton, Jody Byers, Melissa Smith, Whit Saumweber, Mark Birmingham, Pat Baker, Ted Thrasher, Geoff Grace. **Third Row:** Al Murry (coach), Gordon Steenbergen, Chris Meagher, Shawn Moran, Matt Majeskie, Arther Taylor, Doug Jelen , Matt Greaves, Chad Marshal, David Kraft, Greg Johnson. **Not Pictured:** Kathleen Carey (captain), Wendy Madigosky, Maureen Harmon.

Swim Team

Boys		Girls
W	BCC	L
W	Magruder	L
W	Einstein	W
W	Wheaton	L

South Division Relay Carnival
Second Place
First Divisionals Third



Gracefully gliding through the water is sophomore Mark Birmingham. Although the butterfly was one of the more difficult strokes, many swimmers enjoyed it because of the challenge.

Always trying his hardest, Senior Michael Smith puts all he's got into the backstoke. The members of the swimming and diving team always gave it their all.

A perfect relay start is demonstrated by Junior Wendy Madigosky. Timing relay starts just right was important as one false start would disqualify the entire relay team.

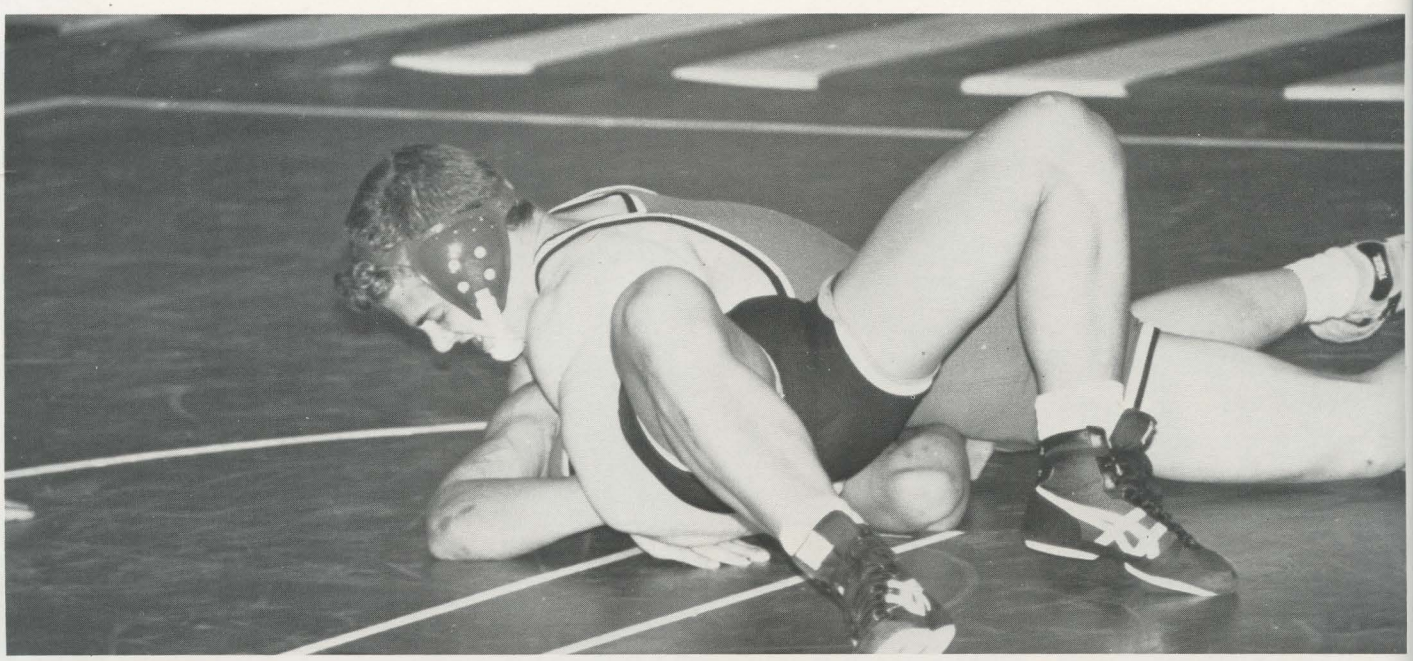
Blair Grapplers Go For It

Wrestling is an extremely demanding sport. Only a few dedicated Blazers had the strength and courage it took to be on the Montgomery Blair wrestling team. This past season the

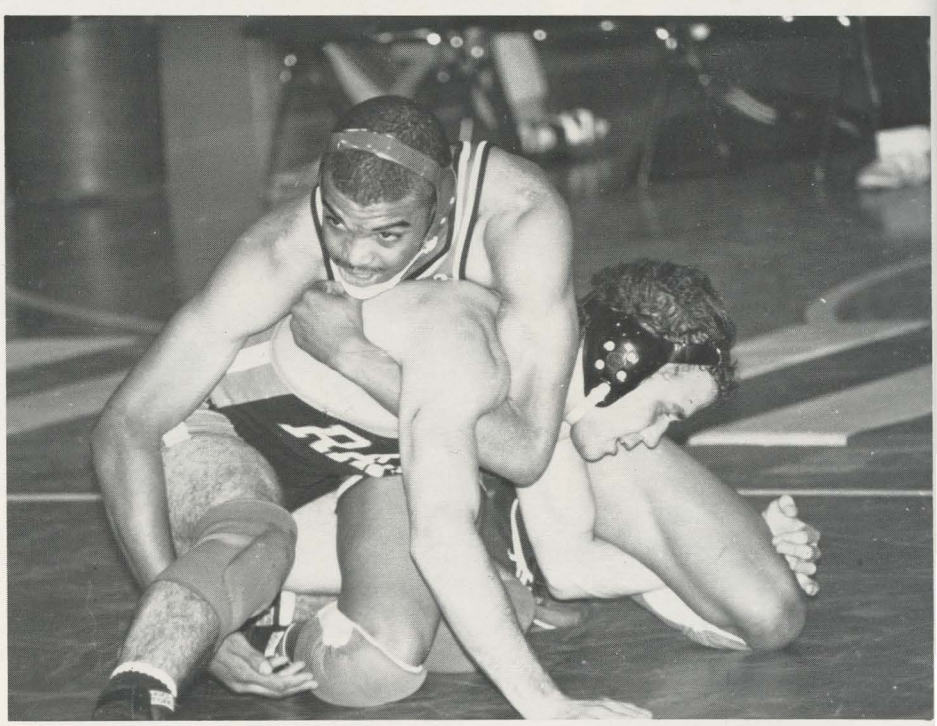
wrestling team underwent a transitional phase. Having lost most of the starters, the team had to concentrate on rebuilding from younger, smaller wrestlers. Senior captain Amin Littman, a three-year veteran commented, "The team was real small (in size) this year, so we had to forfeit most of the heavier weight classes; that hurt us alot as far as overall points were concerned."

Outstanding wrestlers from the '89-90 season included heavyweight Ruben Carson, junior Eyhab Jaber, and senior Cecil Henry. Other excellent performances were turned in by juniors Gilmore Andrews, Dody Achmad, Gabe Kierson, and sophomore Danny DeCasere who, despite their light weights, were able to perform well. The coaches were highly optimistic about the team's future. "If we can keep on working with the people we have with us this year, we will definetly be mo successful in the seasons to come was how coach Dale Miller felt abo this year's team. Littman, who had outstanding season this year, accum lating one of the best personal recor in the past few years. "I want to conti ue wrestling in the future. It is one the most exciting sports to participa in," was how Amin summed up h opinion on the sport.

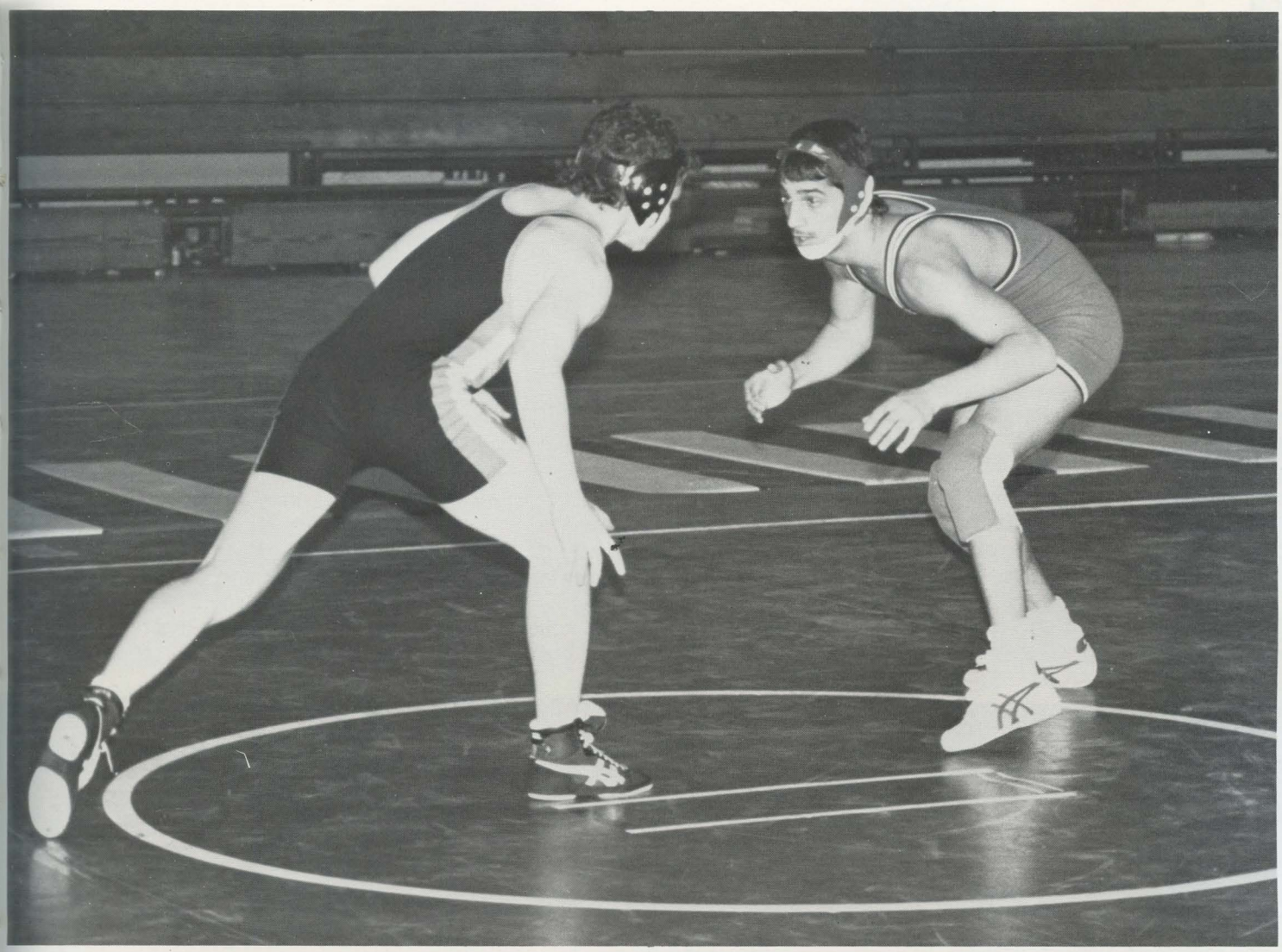
Though the season was not as r warding as it might have been, t wrestlers still had fun and could lo forward to a more successful future. PM

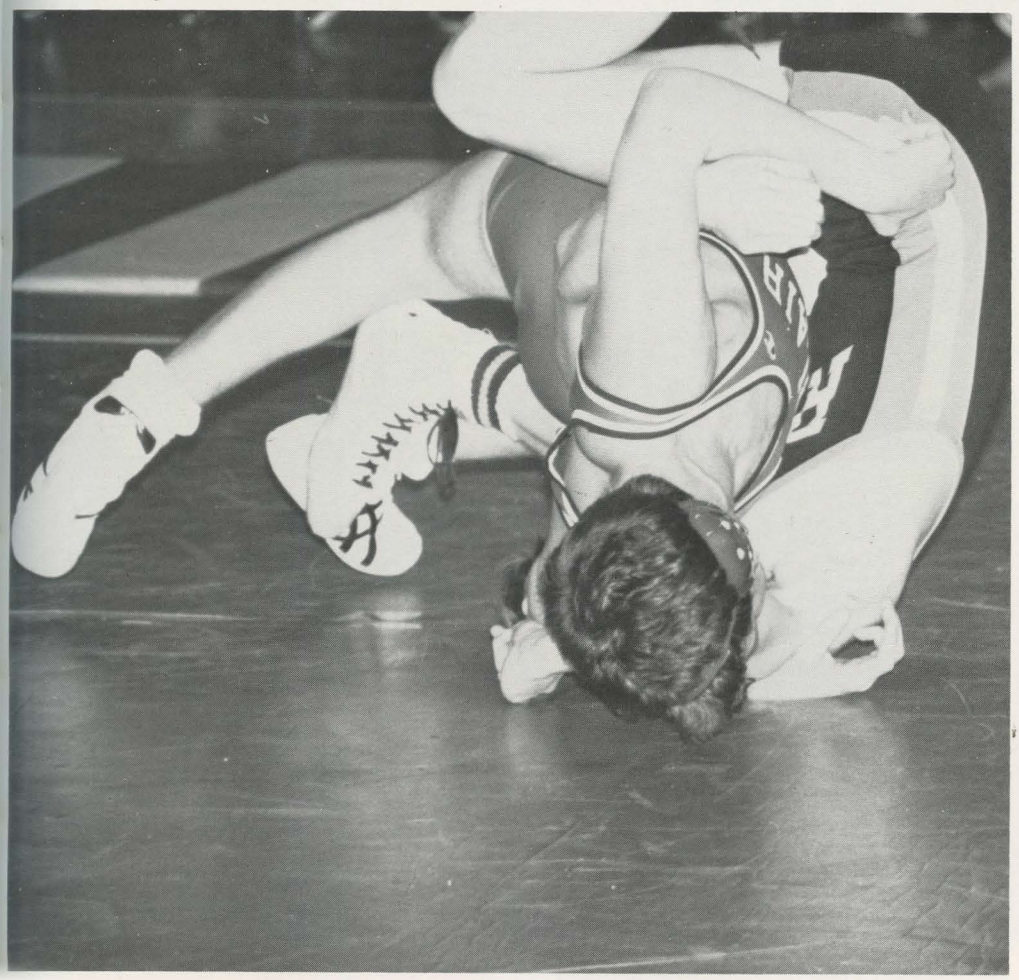


Senior Amin Littman holds his Rockville opponent down to the mat in hopes of getting a pin. A match could be won two ways; either by a pin, or by whoever accumulated the most points.



Junior Jamont Kilby struggles with his opponent to see which of them is going to be taken down for the pin. Kilby, a transfer student From Anne Arrundel High School, was a much welcomed addition to this year's wrestling team.





Junior Eyhab Jaber stands in the classic wrestling pose as he prepares to face his opponent. Although the wrestlers started standing up, they quickly fell to the ground and began the struggle for the win.

Junior Gabriel Kierson rolls his opponent over trying to lock him up in the posistion needed for the win. Winning a match meant having to maneuver your body in positions trying to pin your opponent down and win.

Varsity Wrestling

Opponent	
Damascus	L
Walt Whitman	L
Rockville	L
Paint Branch	L
Richard Montgomery	W
Gaithersburg	W
Sherwood	L
Wootton	L
Poolesville	L
Churchill	L

Old Game, New Rules...Baggataway?

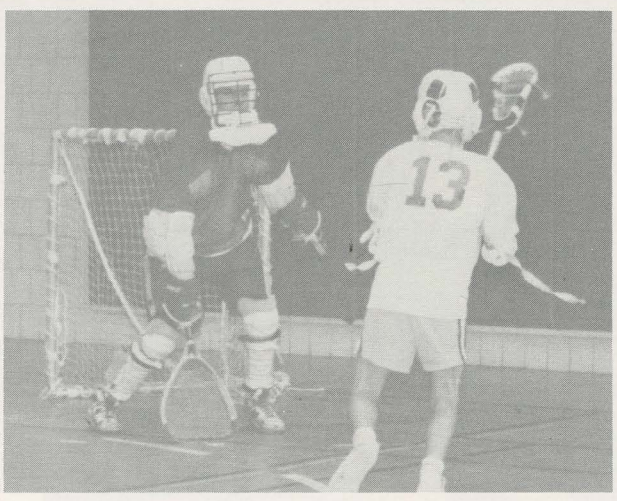
What game involved two teams with as many as 2000 players, goals miles apart and games that lasted as long as three days? "Baggataway", a Native American game known better as lacrosse, is played by men and women in places such as Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, the Republic of South Africa, and the United States.

With the change of the name came a change in rules and regulations. The game still involved stamina and endurance, but only one to two hours as opposed to days and a team size limited to twelve. The field was also much smaller and players used crosse sticks to throw the ball into the opponent's goal, instead of aiming to disable opponents. Senior Bill Jenne, who discovered lacrosse the summer before his sophomore year said, "Lacrosse isn't really violent anymore; basically it's pretty calm and safe." Jenne had tried many other sports but liked lacrosse the best because it combined the elements of games such as football, soccer and hockey.

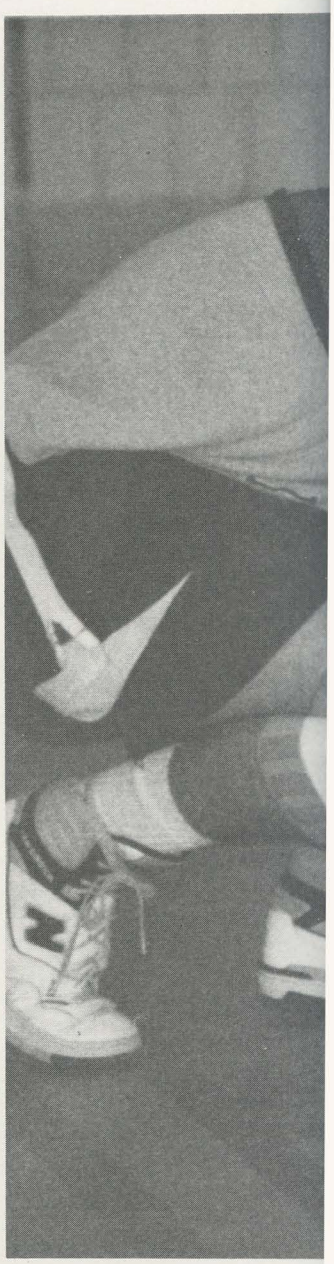
Senior Seth Krusa, another lacrosse player, liked the game because "it is fast, has a lot of contact, running, and it is exciting as well as challenging."

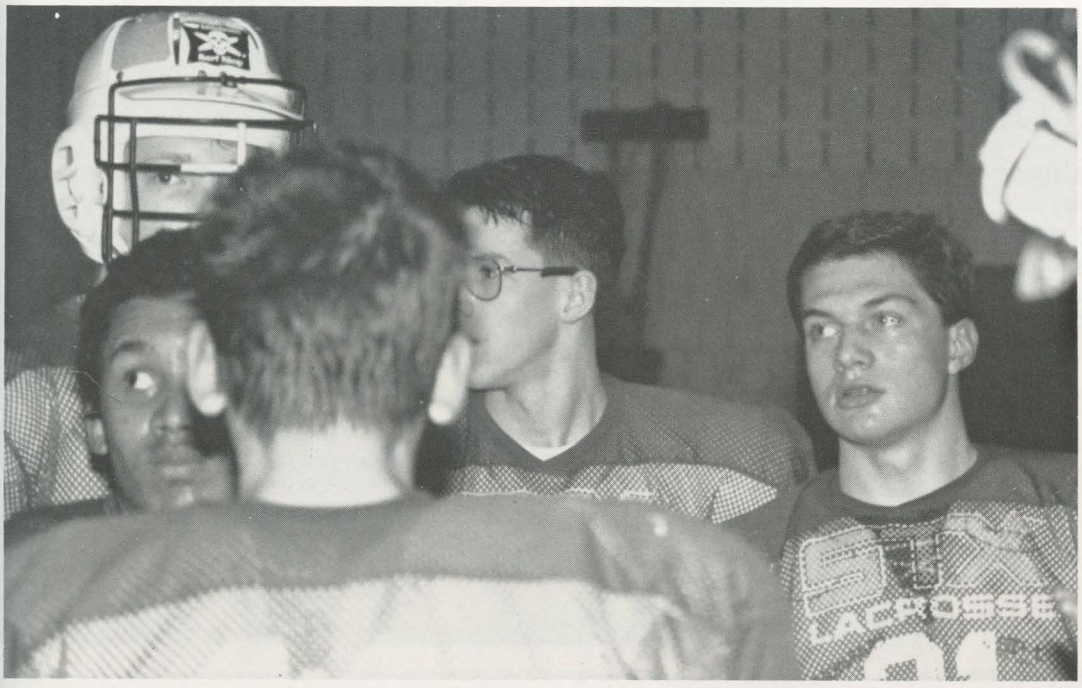
The fervor of these Blairites for this unique sport was not quite enough to get a team sponsored by the school, but that did not stop them from organizing a team. This past winter, Krusa and fellow players rented Pinecrest Gym at Four Corners for Friday nights through April to get together for games. During the spring and summer they usually played outdoors. Though there are varsity teams at Whitman, Paint Branch, and Churchill, it looked as if lacrosse would depart with the class of 1990, since most of the players were seniors. --MC

Lacrosse: Front Row: Kent Whalen, Vladimir Cvikula, Lee Berglund, Sean Wise, Arle Madrigal, **Back Row:** Andy Franck, Ivan Ingraham, Jon Phillips, Jamie Franck, and Jamie Gray.



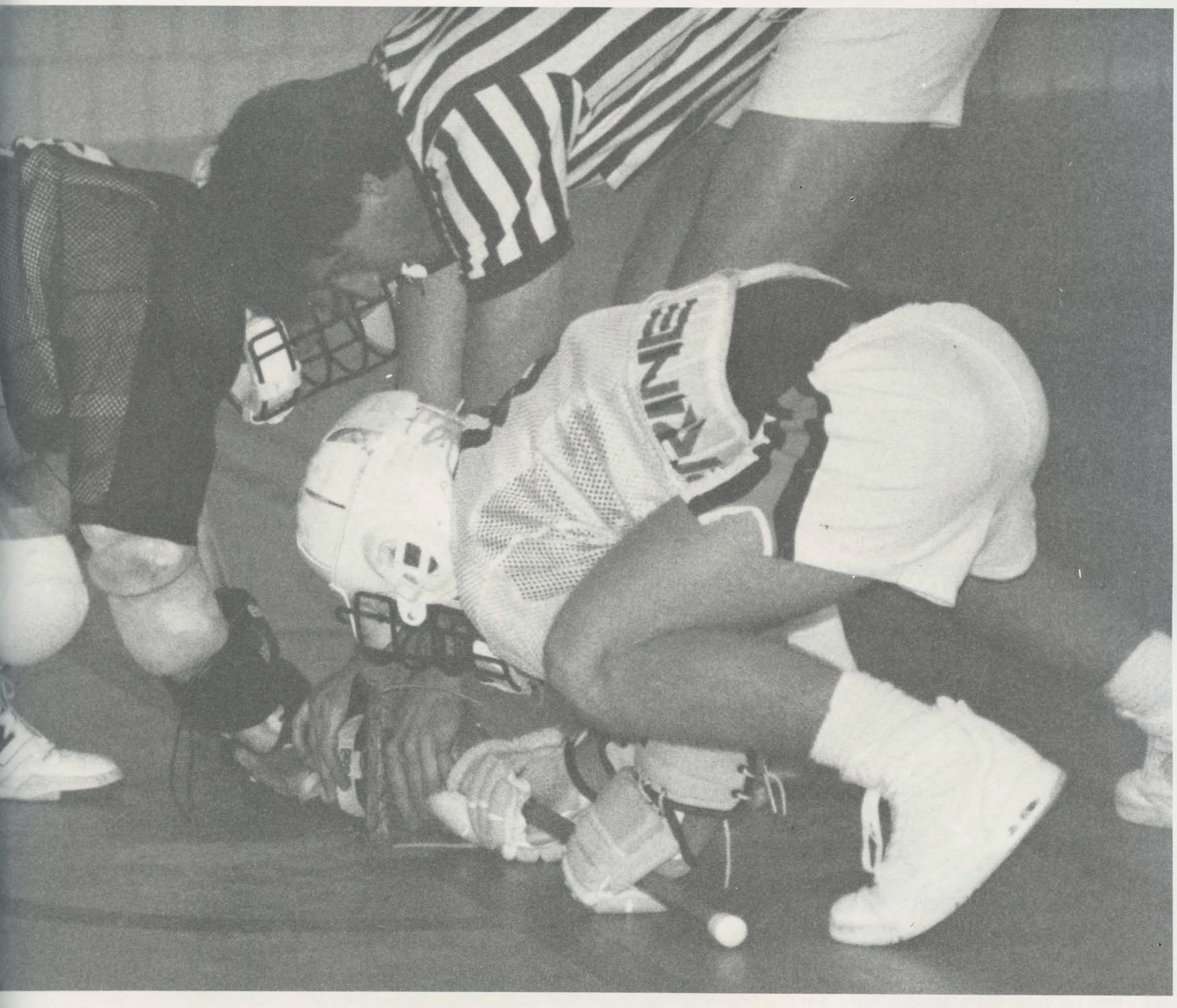
Preparing to block a shot, senior Sean Wise, faces his opponent head on. As a senior, Wise, has played goalie for three years.





Blazers regroup during a time-out at a game against Good Council. Anxious to play, seniors Andy Franck, Arle Madrigal, Bill Jenne and junior Lee Berglund plan their next strategy.

In a tough match against St. Alban's, senior Bill Jenne prepares to face off. This was a very close game and Jenne, on the left, was successful in getting the ball.



LACROSSE

POMS

Although it was windy, the Poms were in a straight line as they executed a ripple at the Homecoming game. Ripples were an eye-pleasing move commonly used at football games.

To relax after their routine, Hillary Schwarz and Sherry Stregack amuse themselves with the football game. Even when they weren't on the field the Poms stuck together during the football games.

Pom Pons: Front Row: Tara Gilyard (Co-treasurer), Darleene Patrao (Co-treasurer), Jennifer Combest (Captain), Lana Dover (Co-captain), Tania Potter (Secretary); **Back Row:** Angela Foster, Ekerin Shopsire, Hillary Schwarz, Su-Ping Lu, Vivian Wong, Mandisa Berry, Ann Chi, Sharon Lynche, Sherry Stregack, Cathy Herway, Julie Hill, Cynthia Carlson (Sponsor).

We Got the Beat

"Party people say now: Yeah-yeah yeah...." You could always hear a beat pulsating in the cafeteria where the poms practiced fervently after school almost every day. There they learned what working as a group and being friends was all about. "We bond together, work together. We're like a family -it doesn't take any effort -it just happens," said freshman Ekerin Shopshire of the new friends that she has made.

"We're all like sisters in a sense," said junior Darlene Patrao, who has been on the squad for two years and understands the meaning of working as a team.

The Poms started off the year early in August when everyone met at summer practice to begin learning routines for the football season. Many Poms from last year returned and the newcomers fell right into place and picked up where they left off the year before. One tradition that lived on was secret sisters. "Secret sisters is when you randomly pick a name of someone else on the squad and you give them little presents secretly," explained Tania Potter. "Getting stuff from my secret sister was just the greatest." The gifts ranged from lollipops to teddy bears, from earrings to little notes, but they were always nice whatever you got.

This year also brought a lot of adjustments to the squad when they acquired a new sponser at the last possible moment. Ms. Cynthia Carlson a new ESOL teacher jumped in and got the Poms moving. "I was a bit worried at first because I've never done this before but the girls took a lot of the responsibility and made it easier for me," said Ms. Carlson, relieved that the year got better and that everyone on the squad worked together to make the year fun! --SPS

Senior Liz Nash stands out as she dances across the field in time to the music. The poms tried to make their routines a combination of pom moves as well as popular dance steps.

Captain Jennifer Combest and Co-Captain Lana Dover lead the Poms at the Homecoming game. Marching with your head up and toes pointed is one of the first things you accomplish.

Making All the Right Moves

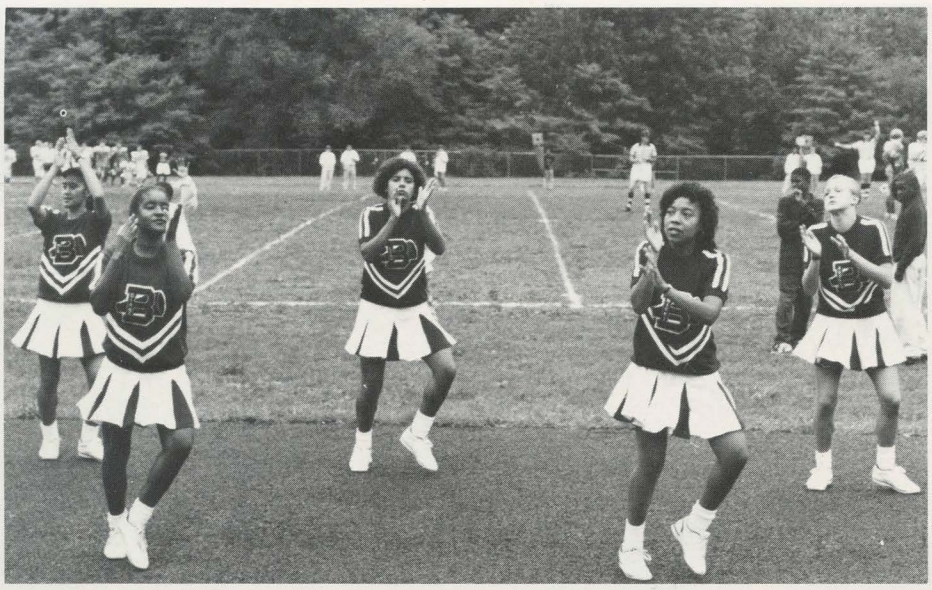
OK, so the football team didn't always win this year. This minor factor didn't seem to dampen the school spirit of the students. Why was this? Well, much of it had to do with the group of girls who made up the Varsity Cheerleaders. Throughout the entire year, they worked hard at perfecting cheers and routines to inspire students into chanting "GO BLAIR!"

Several days a week after school, these girls met with the main objective of representing our school in a fashion we could all be proud of. Compared to cheerleaders at other schools, one would never doubt that our cheerleaders knew how to get down and boogie.

Being a varsity cheerleader meant turning hard work into fun. Polishing routines until they looked sharp was only half of the job; the other half consisted of radiating enough energy to bring the crowd to their feet and cheer the team to victory. Their efforts truly shined through and made a big difference in the crowd's spirit and attitude.

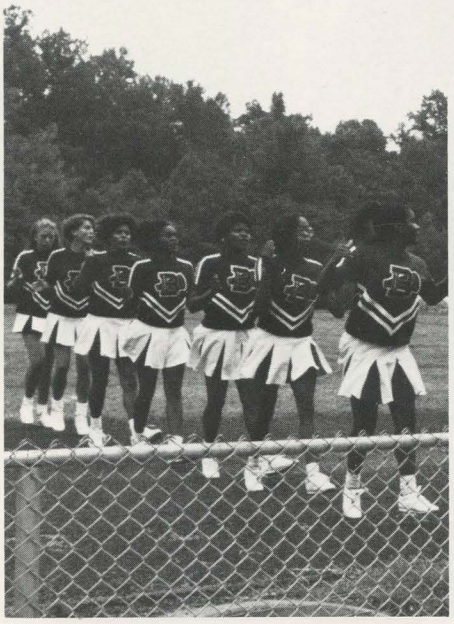
Cheerleading veteran Nikki Martin was a cheerleader for all four years. Nikki states that the reason for this was, "It's fun to work in a group to try and get people excited about the school, it was a blast! " The girls also enjoyed cheerleading for the personal satisfaction of being able to do something well. How many girls did you know that could do an "A" jump into a Chinese split? Many students respected and appreciated the cheerleaders' pep and unified routines. --DXP & AAP

Senior Nikki Martin and juniors Cheryl Tate, Rita Lee, Mia Soeparta, and Ada Ezeani participated in the homecoming parade with a great float and smiles to match. The cheerleaders were present at all school events.



Seniors Diane Hawkins, Leah Darring, Nikki Martin, Angela Novosel and Junior Mia Soeparta clap their hands and move their feet to the Blazer's beat. Their high energy routines inspired football players and got the crowd pumped up.

The cheerleaders line up to strut their stuff. The girls worked hard to "bust out" the other team's cheerleaders with more spirit.



The Varsity Cheerleaders this year were Ada Ezeani, Mia Soeparta, Cheryl Tate, Laura Zweig, Diane Hawkins, Angie Mitchell, Shannon Hughes, Maya Clark, Leah Darring, Rita Lee, Nicci Lewis, Nikki Martin, Claudia Mason and Angela Novosel.

Senior Diane Hawkins does an awesome "C" jump. Diane has been devoted cheerleader for her four years at school and contributed largely in the spirit with her renouned gymnastic skills.

Keeping The Spirit

Stomping and clapping their way into the hearts of many a Blazer, the 1989 J.V. cheerleading squad ignited into brilliance as they started off the year.

Even without a sponsor or a full summer of practice, the squad pulled together as they worked towards perfecting their cheers for the rest of the '89 football season.

Because of the number of freshmen on the squad, this question arose: Was it really important (socially) to be a cheerleader? "I was really nervous and excited when I tried out; but I didn't think, 'If I don't make it my life is ruined!'" remarked freshman Kelly Curtin.

Along with the freshman influx came a new sponsor, Carrie Reed, who joined the Blair E.S.O.L. department this year. The key phrase here was "Don't go by first impressions."

"She [Reed] was really 'surprised' when she saw our cheers and even offered to show us one of her own!" laughed sophomore Casey Goldthorpe, "I guess we were too loose for her."

On the flipside, they were not too sure about Reed in the beginning either; but now - "She's extremely cool and more like a friend than a teacher or a sponsor," added sophomore Mary De Lisi.

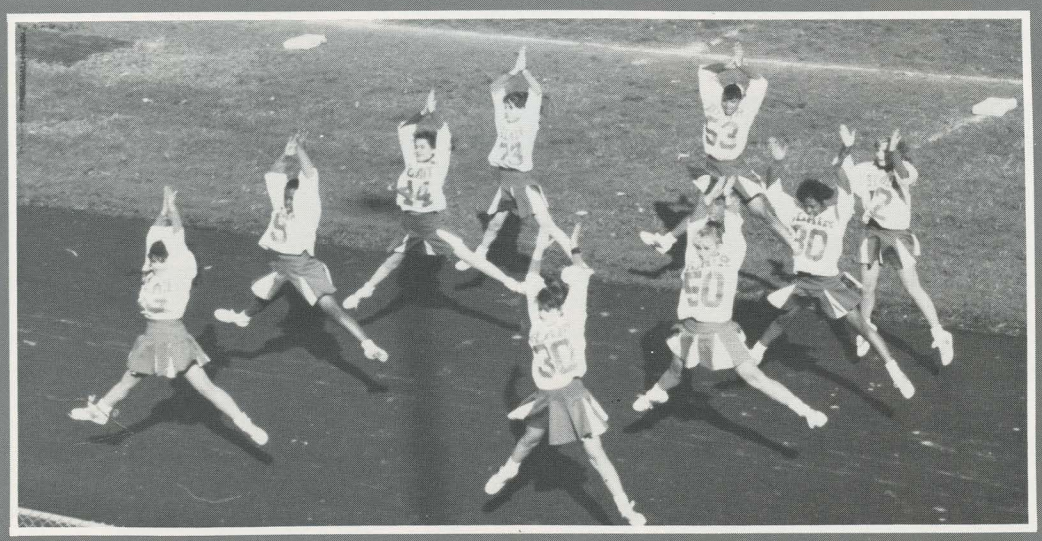
Because of assorted reasons, the J.V. squad was dissolved at the end of football season, and Reed held new tryouts before basketball season began. This didn't seem to bother anyone too much, though. Those that were dedicated to the squad went to tryouts and those who had had enough left the limelight to pursue other interests. It had been a memorable year for all. --HS

Sophomore Shanti Jones and freshman Vera Sahlyeh go over their next moves with each other, oblivious to the rest of the squad. Time out between cheers was a welcome rest period during a long pep rally.

Armed with welcoming cheers and big smiles, the squad greets the crowd. Experts agree that good vibes travel long distances.

Even though cheerleading can be tough, its nice to be able to fall back on an less demanding cheer like this one. Difficult moves are definite crowd pleasers; but for the cheerleaders it can be really tiring.

JV CHEERLEADERS



J.V. Cheerleading Squad: [Front To Back] V. Sahlyeh, S. Jones, K. Curtin, C. Goldthorpe, C. Morgan, C. Wakefield, M. Sheku, M. DeLisi, D. Sharpe.

Adding to the excitement, the squad jumps up and down to get the attention of the crowd. This year's squad fit the exact definition of "peppy".

All squad members help to build the spirit at this year's first pep-rally. Here they proved to the crowd that they really would fight for "...old Blair High...."

Drilling Away to Meet Major Challenges

Though they often didn't get the credit they deserved, the drill team and majorettes were an intricate part of the football games. They participated with the band in the often difficult job of entertaining and boosting the crowd's spirit during half time.

Both squads woked as hard as any team in their preparations for the games. Routines had to be designed to the band's music and the squad motivated to practice and perform the routines. "Getting organized can be one of the most difficult things," remarked Connie Zor, co-captain of the drill team, "Everybody is yelling 'I don't want to do that routine' and sometimes the only thing you can do to get them to perform is yell back."

"Making up new routines can be difficult," said drill team member Layce Reed, "But I just listen to the music and go with the dance steps I know."

During the games, the squads had to deal with the same problems that the cheerleaders and poms had to overcome, namely cold weather and mistakes. "One time I was twirling my baton and it was so cold that my hand became numb and the baton just flew right out of my grasp," said majorette Tricie Norman, "But when you make a mistake you just keep smiling and get right back in to it."

The drill team and majorettes were no different than any other squad or team and always managed to have fun even when they didn't get the recognition they deserved. They always came back, week after week to entertain crowds with fresh, new, exciting routines. --SS

Trying to perfect her form, majorette Vanessa Pratt practices her routine in front of a mirror. Many squad members spent long hours practicing; the day of the game was no time to be putting on the finishing touches. By then everyone had to be ready and perfect.

Majorettes/Drill Team: Front Row: Kristal Marsh, Stephanie White, Vanessa Pratt, Keshia Williams, Tricie Norman, **Back Row:** Layce Reed, Iteka Cuttino, Kathy Henry, Glenda Forrest, Connie Zor, Marsada Zor.

Drill team members Layce Reed, Nia Dam, and Gina Dorceus rock on to the marching band's pounding beat. Creating and performing a routine to the band's music was no easy task but the drill team always managed to meet the requirements and put on an impressive show.

"No matter what happens, the most important thing is to just keep smiling," said majorette Kristal Marsh. Coping with mistakes, cold weather, and cold feet was not easy, but the squads always pulled through by obeying this rule of thumb.

Majorette Tricie Norman prepares to catch her baton after tossing it up in the air and spinning around. Few majorettes could execute this difficult maneuver without mistakes but Tricie always performed it flawlessly.

Teeing Off To A Bull's Eye

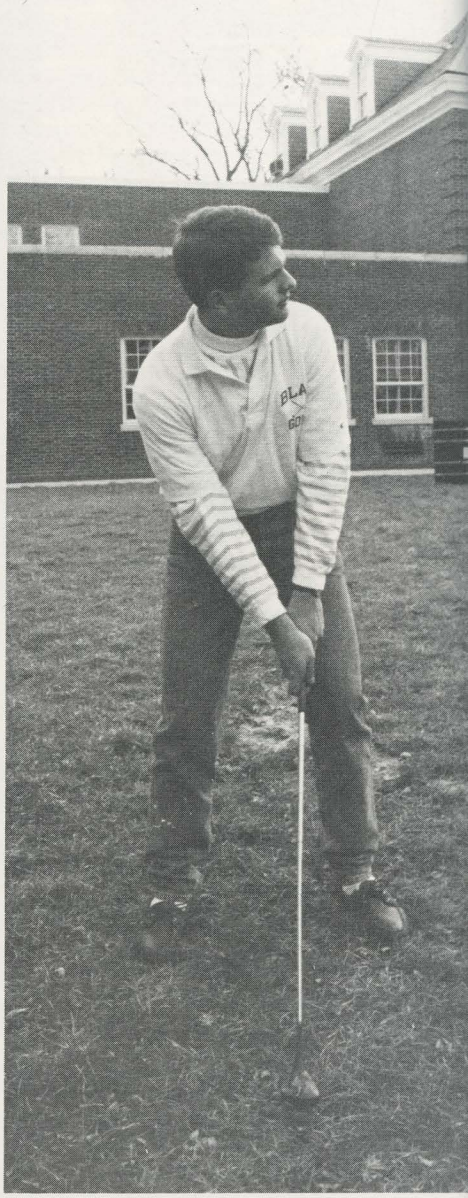
They say that one must possess a great deal of precision, steadiness, and extreme concentration. In one of the sports, the object is to swing a long metal pole with a metal head at the bottom at a small circular object and place it in a four and one-half inch hole in the ground fifteen-hundred feet away. The other sport requires one to have near perfect vision. This sport, played in wind, is known as a rifle shooting, the object being to place a small metal bullet in the center of a target or bull's eye. Welcome to the Golf and Rifle Teams, two sports which require not only disciplined concentration but a great deal of time and patience.

This year's golf team started off as a young and learning team. With only three returning players from last year's successful season, the group had to learn to work together and save every stroke. Although the team placed 14th place out of 22 teams in the District tournament in Poolesville, most members felt that it was a season to grow and mature. According to returnee senior captain Doug Jarrard, this was essential. "This year served as a developing year for most of our players. They improved their knowledge of the game, their "green-play", and their form."

The rifle team also had experienced players. In fact, sophomore Abigail Marcus played in tournaments across the country, and had won every national title in her age group.

The team shot rifles in the range in the basement of the school, and practiced with the heavy safety equipment including shooting pants, jackets, and boots. --SR & PC

Rifle Team: Front Row: Reuben Patterson, Abigail Marcus, Daniel Garcia. **Second Row:** Eric Salguiero, Mathew Houston, Juan Velasco, Bill McMurry (coach).



Senior Captain Doug Jarrard shows his expert form as he prepares with the club to the ground. This position is called the address.

Golf Team: Front Row: Joanna Aulick, Jon Velapoldi, Doug Jarrard (captain), Andy Walker, Jonathan Bloomfield, Marc Curran (sponsor). **Not Pictured:** Shane Benson, John Saloma, Dave Doherty, Dylan McGee, Mark Birmingham, Matthew Neimark, Viseth Nguay, Maya Carter.

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Golf Team

Needwood
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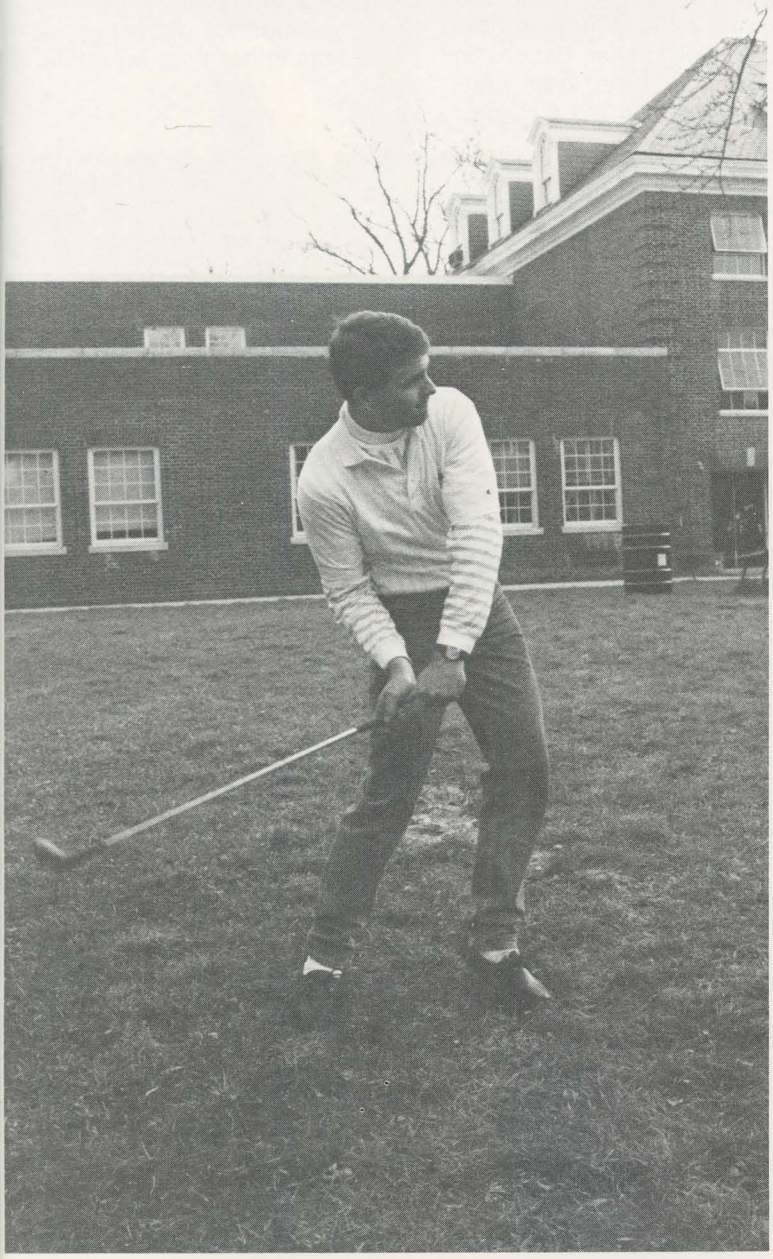
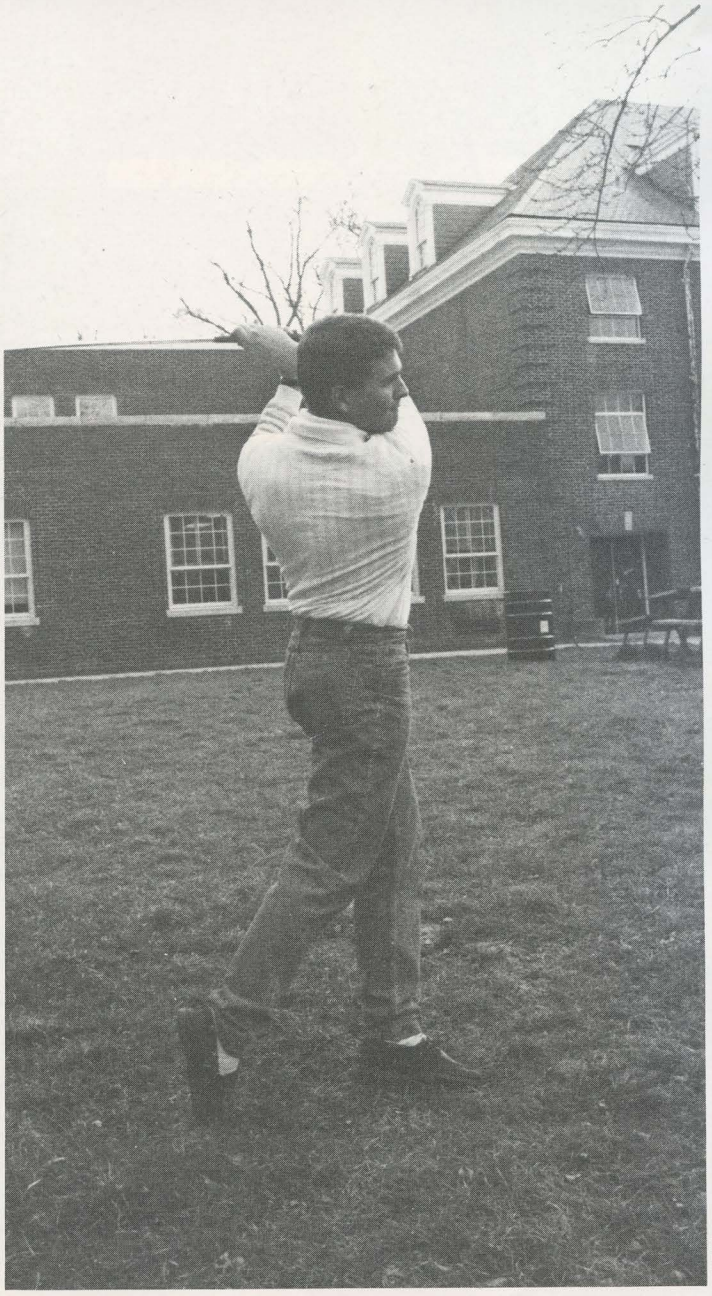
GOLF & RIFLE TEAM



With his eye looking towards the green, Jerrrard comes down on his swing with full force and concentration...



Twisting his body and giving the shot his all, Jerrard brings the club back up with the follow-up.

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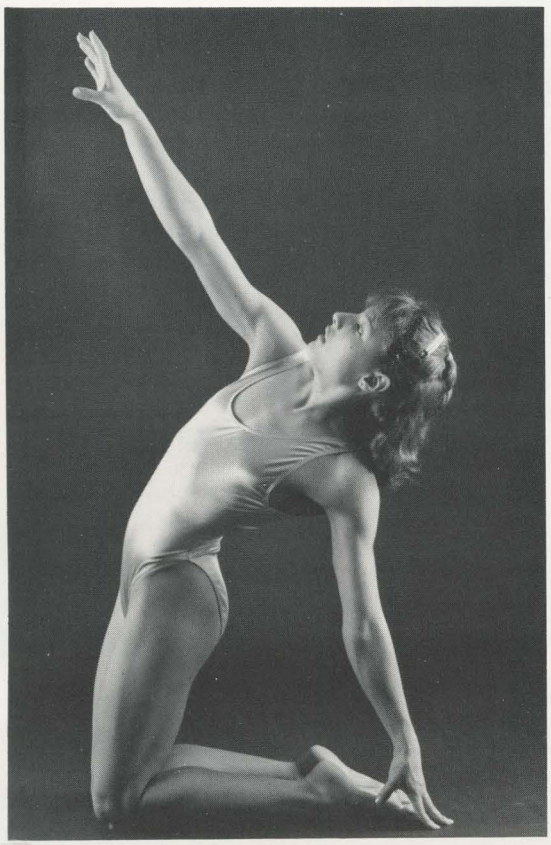
Beyond Our Gym



What does a girl do if she wants to learn Karate? Well, she could try to get a team established, or she could sign up for lessons at a local dojoung. At least that was what senior Yoli Leung did.

What do a group of students do if they want to play basketball but are not quite the same caliber as the varsity team? They could play on a random court, or they could sign up with the Department of Recreation. The Lorton All-Stars were seniors Pat Baker, Aaron Dabbah, Jason Hecker, Ari Mizel, Nitin Seam, Mark Shay, and Dave Weinstock. Pictured clockwise, from upper right are students who took advantage of activities available in the community.

Leaping into a spectacular lead in a horse show, senior Sarah Mess' horse does a double-hurdle. In addition to her own riding, Mess also teaches small children how to ride.

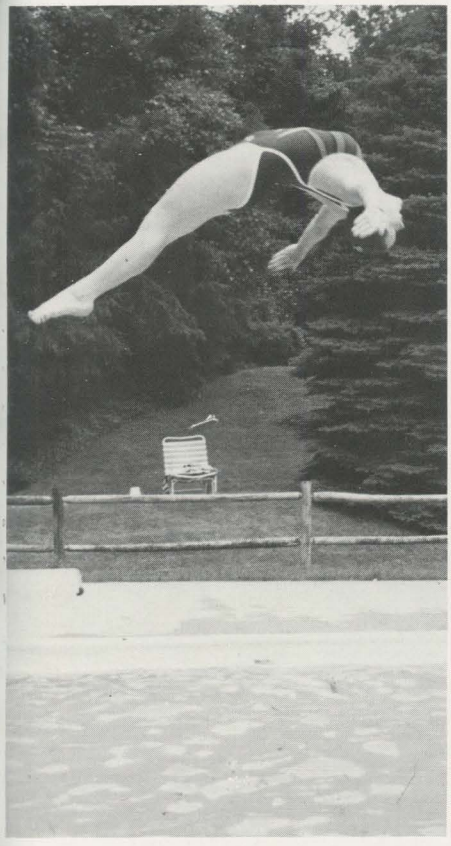
Senior Patrick Baker dances in "The Nutcracker Suite", with partner Diane Pierro. He did the show with the Rockville Civic Ballet. Baker has been doing ballet for nine years.

At Glenwood pool, senior Kathleen Carey does a back dive. Carey was an award winning diver and was also a source of winning for Blair's swim team.

First place is what senior Peter McCall aims for while taking a tricky turn. McCall was Maryland State Champion in "Cruiser Class" BMX bike racing. McCall said of his racing, "It's a little dangerous, but a lot of fun."

Senior David Byron races in a two-man boat called Albacore. He has raced since he was twelve years old. "I go all over the east coast, Canada, and England," explained Byron.

At a gymnastics contest, junior Karen Sturek does her preliminary stretching. Although she stopped competing this year, Sturek practiced gymnastics whenever she found time in her busy schedule. -- SK



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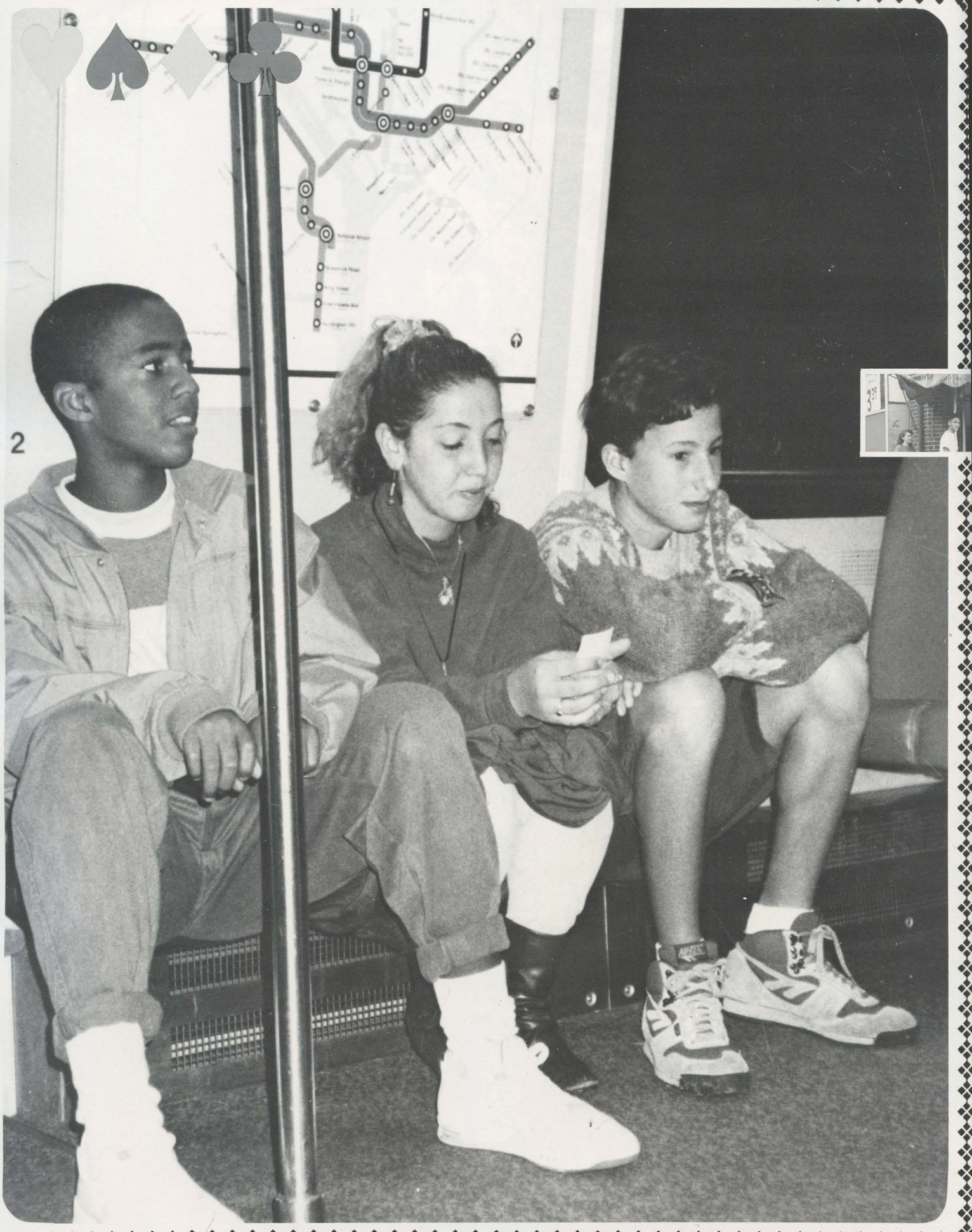
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As Students for Global Responsibility members freshman Chris Johnson, junior Debi Roemer, and freshman Jonah Cohen head for the "Housing Now!" march on the mall, they sit under the well-known Metro map. Students could take Metro from Virginia to Rockville to Washington, thus reaching the community was only a fare card away.

Fare CARDS

Within our diversity, we always had a sense of community. From the Takoma Park Folk Festival to the activities in our nation's capitol, different people took advantage of the wide range of cultural and social aspects of our community. We also got to see all kinds of scenery, whether it meant the parts of the city viewed while riding Metro or going to beautiful Washington Harbor on the Potomac. Thanks to open lunch, we ate in fast food restaraunts like Jerry's on Colesville, or if we could stand the grease, took our chance at the fifties-style Tastee Diner on Georgia Ave. It took all kinds of places to make up our community. We were involved in the community, whether it was volunteering, eating, shopping, or just plain having fun. --CH

As an alternative to going out to a fast food joint, Nick Williams hangs out with his friends as they choose to satisfy their hunger by going to Ertters. Although there were always long lines, there was still a lot of appeal to a roast beef sandwich and some chips.

Takoma Park Intermediate School hosted a fun-filled event which benefitted local youth groups. This was the 12th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival. The Festival offered over 70 brilliant and colorful acts which included a variety of music, comedy shows, magic shows, and theatrical skits. This year a new addition was made to make things even more exciting. This was the Jam Area, where visitors sang and played with the performers. A dance was also held the night before the festival.

Despite the hot weather, the festival was well-attended, totalling to at least ten thousand. As always, interested students were among this number to help keep the crowd satisfied and cool by working as volunteers at the event, or just for fun. The **Silverlogue** staff helped in the stomach department by selling sodas and food such as humous sandwiches. Other alumni were also present at the event either as observers or performers, like the basement rock band **One Word**. Overall, the event was a great success, reestablishing the area's sense of community and folklife. --PD

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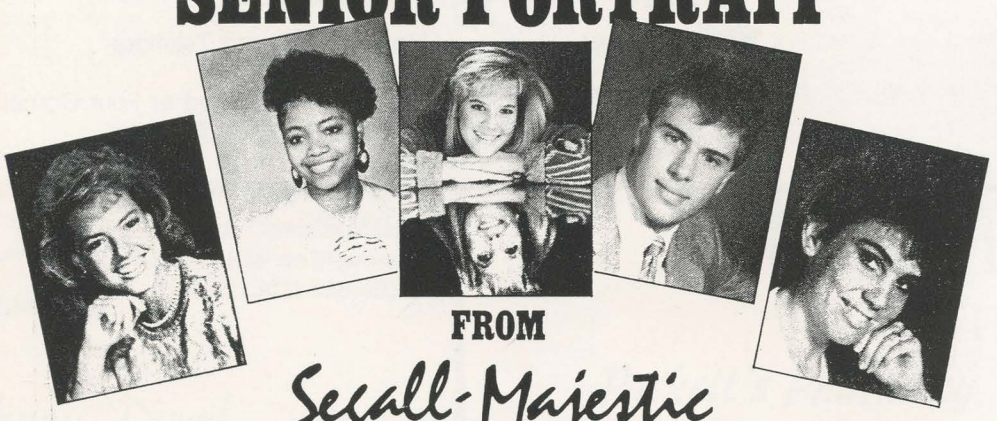

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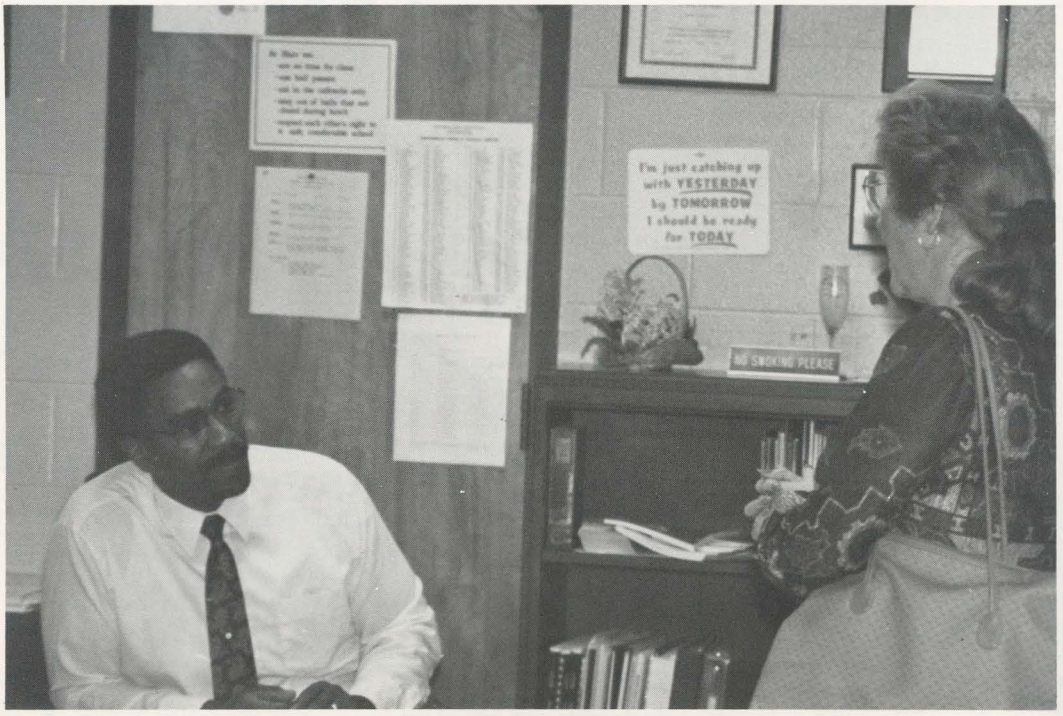
Seniors Simone Katz and Ceci Hyoun were asked by a citizen action group of Silver Spring to design a billboard which was displayed on Georgia Avenue. The billboard was composed of several placards that read, "Silver Spring is Cool," held up by several penguins similar to those hanging out at the Silver Spring Metro Station. The design was also used for letterheads, flyers, and other materials of PR to help increase pride in the Silver Spring downtown area. The Silver Spring Is Cool campaign was part of a campaign to revitalize Silver Spring.

Back-to-school Night was an opportune occasion for parents to meet the faculty and to learn more about the school and their children's courses. This annual event taught parents many things, including how to make their way around the school. Student Government Executives, Senators, and other student volunteers, took time out on September 27 to direct parents who assumed for an evening, their children's day.

The night started with an introduction by Mr. Philip Gainous about the staff and faculty and the relationship that should be maintained between teachers and students. He also discussed many school policies, emphasizing on attendance. Following the introduction, parents walked in their children's shoies, as they manuevered from class to class, learning about how the students were being educated in their courses. Finally, after the 7th or 8th period bells, depending on the schedule, the parents were dismissed, and back-to-school night came to a successful close. --PD



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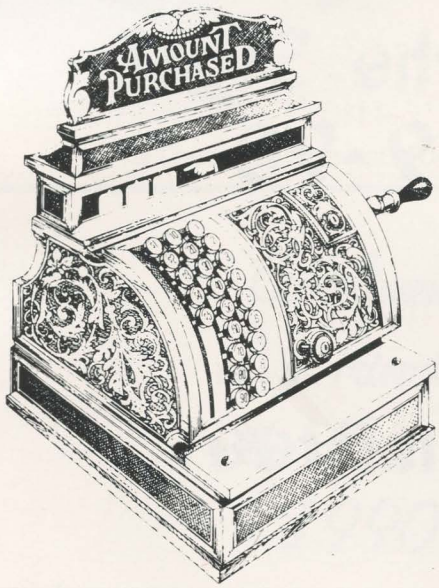

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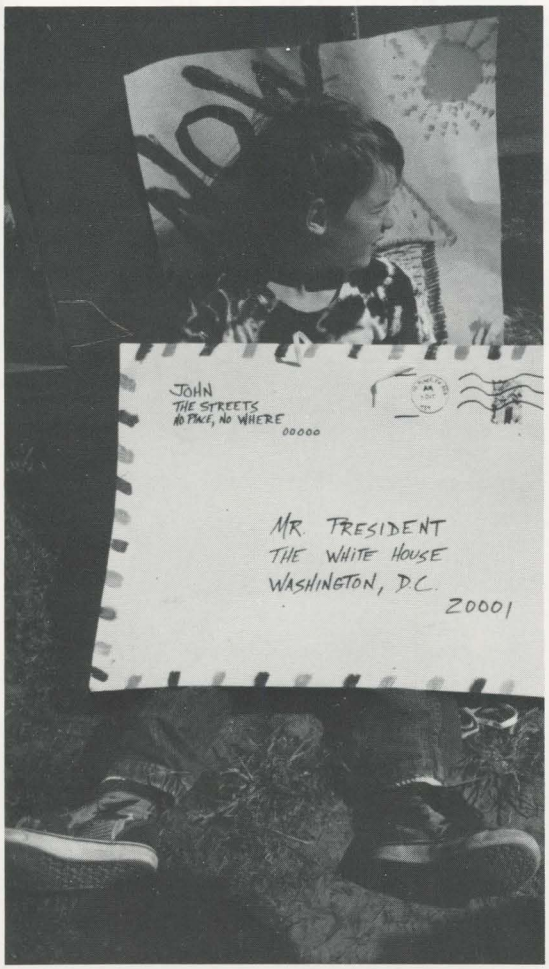

A group of "Housing Now!" advocates from Ohio stand impatiently waiting to begin the march from the Washington Monument to the White House. Thousands of activists from all over the country attended.

This youngster gets a headstart in political activism holding up a poster protesting homelessness in America. Students For Global Responsibility participated as well, representing the concerned students of Blair.

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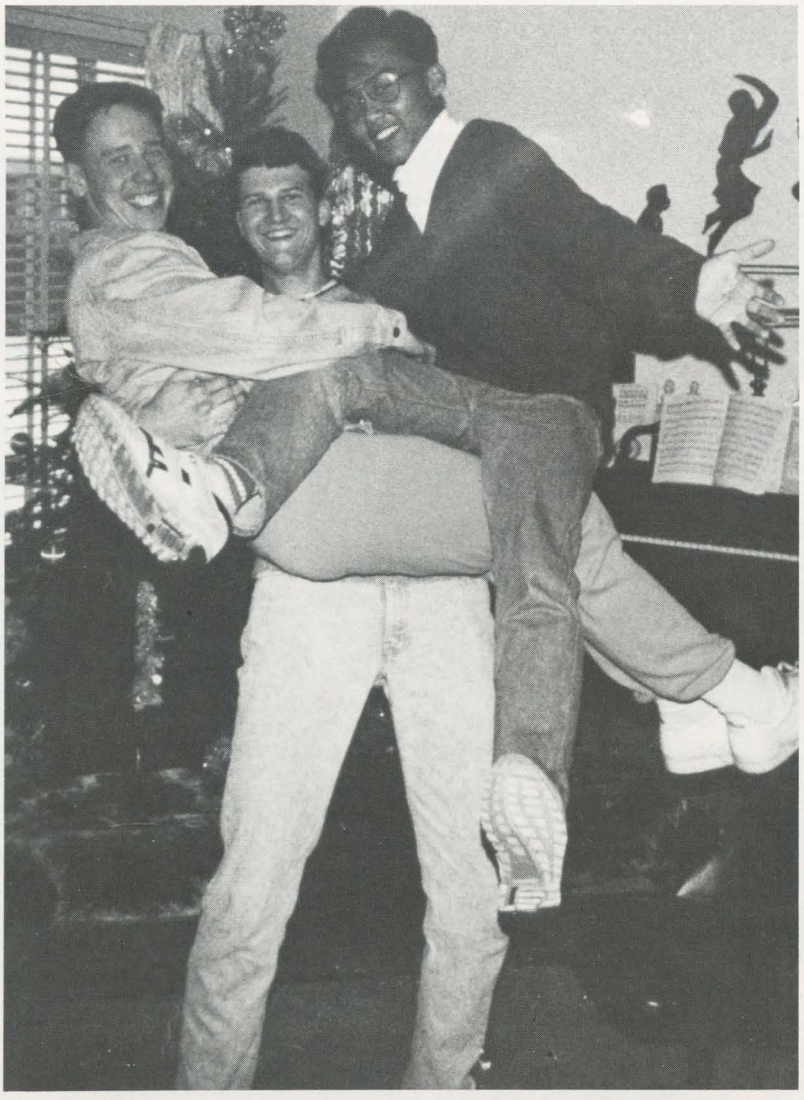
"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Can you imagine us years from today, sharing a park bench so silently? How terribly strange to be seventy." - Simon & Garfunkel

"Big old jet airliner, don't carry me too far away...because it's here that I've got to stay." - Steve Miller

"And so my fantasy becomes reality, and I must be what I must be, and face tomorrow." - Simon & Garfunkel

"If you want to be me, be me, and if you want to be you, be you." - Cat Stevens

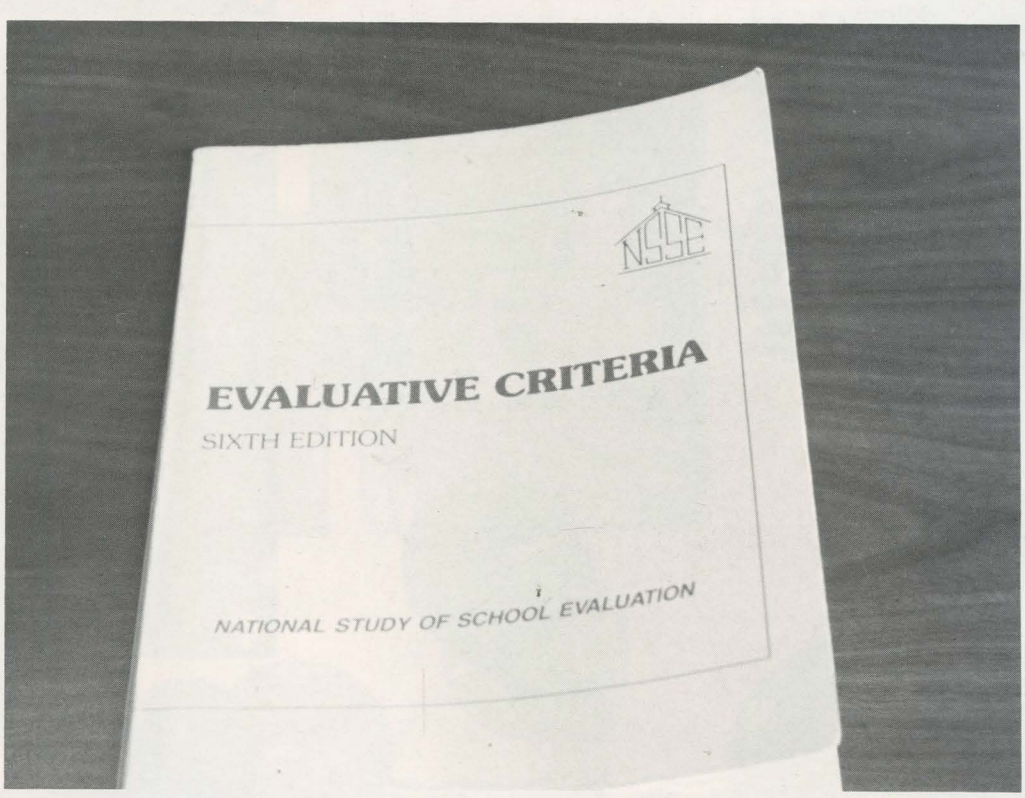


Good Luck Class of 1990!

From:

Doug Neal Jed

Middle States! That was what was on most people's minds this year as teachers and students prepared the school for the Middle States evaluation. What is Middle States? It is a branch of a nationwide accrediting assocation which evaluates the schools in Maryland every ten years. The process of evaluation has two parts. The first part includes a self-evalution of the school by the faculty and students. This year everyone was busy finding the needs of the school and making improvements. The second part of the evaluation will take place in the fall of 1990. A committee from the Middle States commission will spend three days going over every facet of school life at Blair. The committee will not only look at the self-evaluation, but also focus on students to get a clear picture of what goes on at Blair and where changes need to be made.



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1 Anti-communist protests flourished in the Eastern Bloc including Bulgaria where 50,000 people demanded the arrest of former Communist party chief Todor Zhivkov.

2 Hoisting their World Series trophy is outfielder Rickey Henderson, reliever Dennis Eckersly, Series MVP Dave Stewart and third baseman Carney Lansford.

3 Actor-comedian Arsenio Hall made his debut as a late-night talk show host on "The Arsenio Hall Show." Robert DeNiro, left, was among Hall's celebrity guests.

4 "I'm not finished yet," said Mick Jagger when the Rolling Stones embarked on a 36-city $70-million tour, the band's first in 10 years.

5 Paula Abdul, a former Los Angeles Lakers cheerleader, sang and danced her way to four MTV awards for her hit single "Straight Up."

6 Auto designer Mark Jordan unveiled a new classic, the Mazda Miata, which became one of the hottest-selling sports cars in the U.S.

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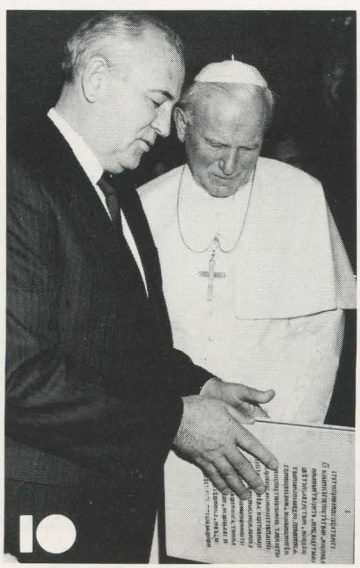

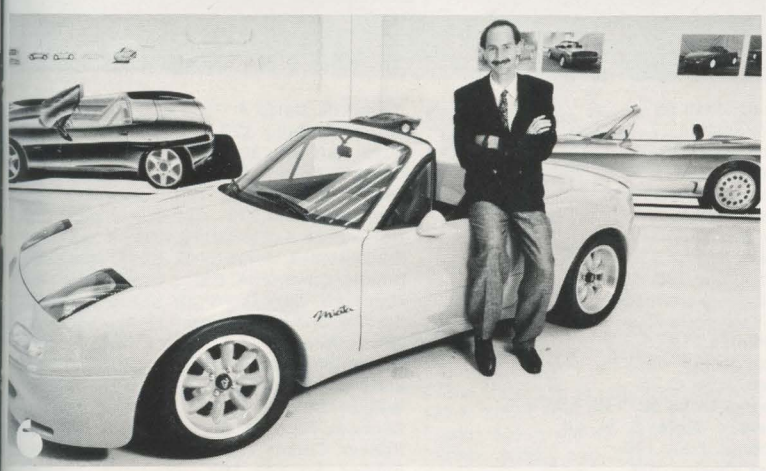

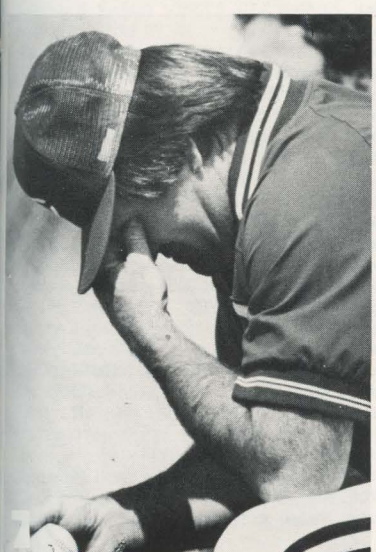

7 Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose was thrown out of the game for the last time after evidence revealed he placed bets on his own team.

8 Televangelist Jim Bakker waves goodbye for 45 years after being found guilty of 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy.

9 Douglas Wilder flashes the victory sign after capturing the Virginia governorship and becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history.

10 Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev promised Pope John Paul II the USSR had changed its attitude on religious freedoms during the first-ever meeting between a Kremlin chief and a pontiff.

11 Eleven-million gallons of crude oil swirled on the surface of Alaska's Prince William Sound after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground, creating the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

12 Hurricane Hugo ravaged the South Carolina coast in September, leaving $3 billion in property damages in its wake.

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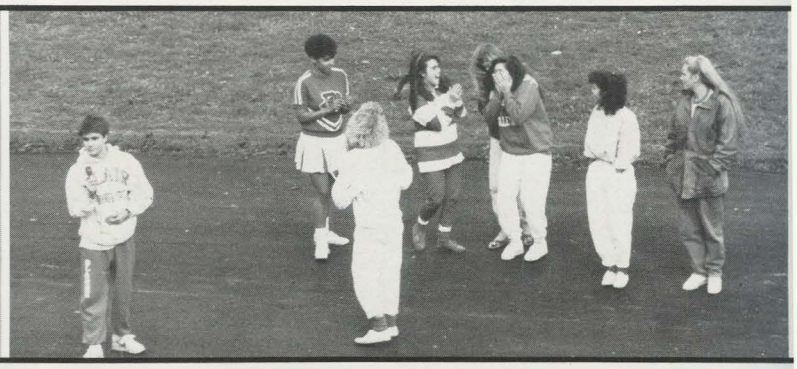
Soccer coach Alix Desdunes explains the next play to junior Mate Tokic. Thanks to Desdunes, Blair had a winning soccer team.

When the Homecoming Queen was picked at the pep rally, senior Carlota Bernal could not believe she was chosen. SGA President Mark Shay announced the reigning royalty to the nominees.



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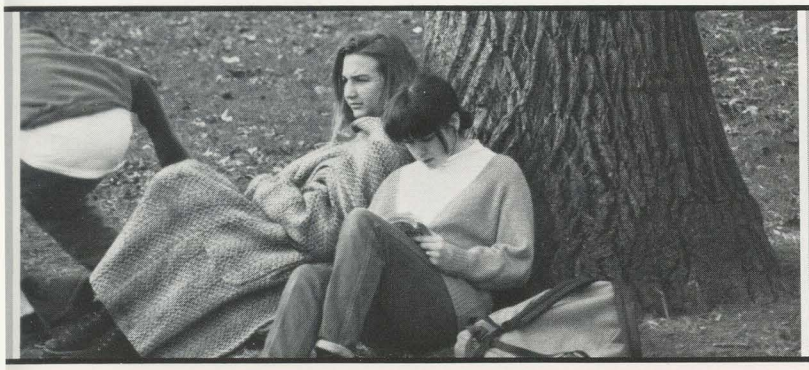

Enjoying their 45 minutes of lunch outside, freshmen Sarah Gordon and Evelyn Sempos relax before their sixth period class. Sunny days often brought the entire school outside to enjoy the fresh air.

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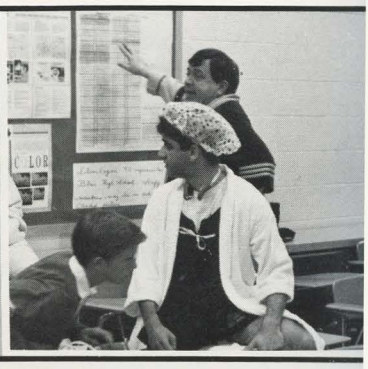
Seniors Nikki Martin and Leah Darring leave Blair on a sunny fall Friday at 2:15pm.

On pajama day, senior Pourya Dehnadi and Yearbook Advisor Mr. Norman Stant show their spirit by dressing in all forms of pajama attire. The day was relaxing because it gave students and teachers a good excuse to sleep in an extra hour.



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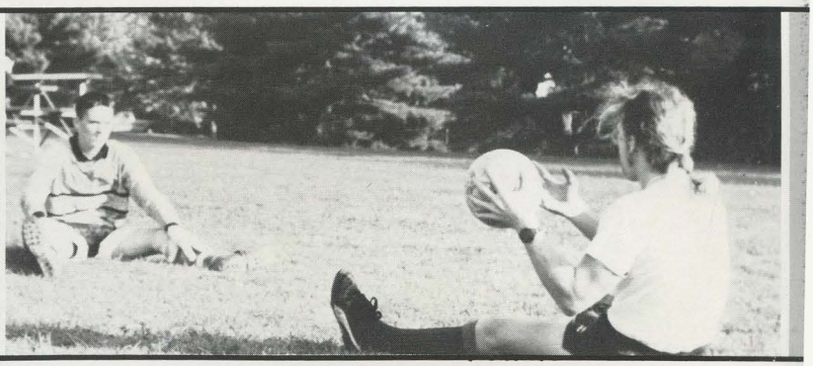
Let's play catch! Soccer sponsor and History teacher Mr. Robert Gibb practices goalie drills with junior Sean Stevens.



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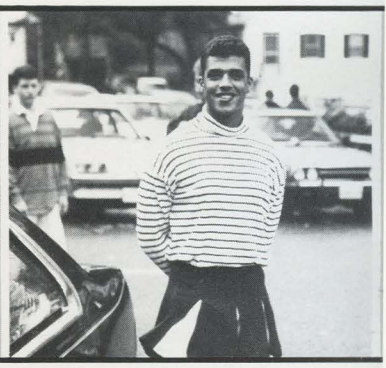
The newest recruit to the cheerleaders, senior Eymeris Acevedo, stands in ballet's second position. Anyone who qualified was welcome to be a cheerleader, as they did not discriminate on any basis.



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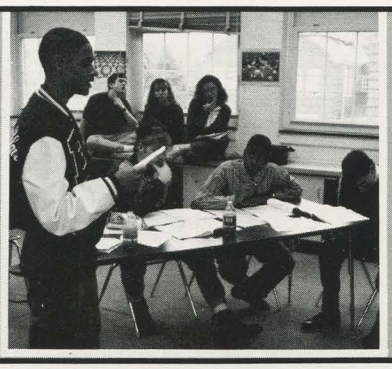
English teachers Judy Smith, Maria Tokic, and Silvia Trumbower gather in front of the Folger Theatre after seeing *Twelfth Night.* It was always a beneficial pleasure to be able to see the play at the same time it was studied at school.



Addressing his fellow teammate on mock trial, junior Jeremi Du reads the argument in his fin statement. Mock trial encou aged all future lawyers (and eve those just interested in law) participate in the foundation our country. The team won the first three trials.

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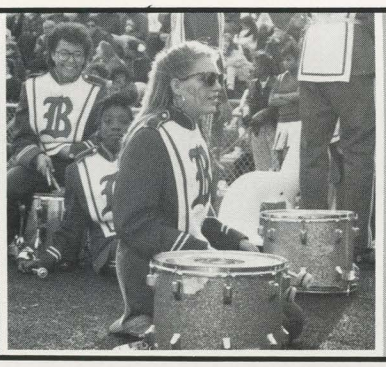

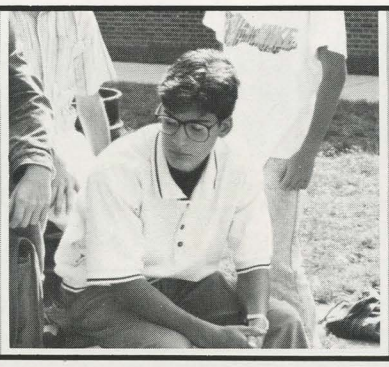

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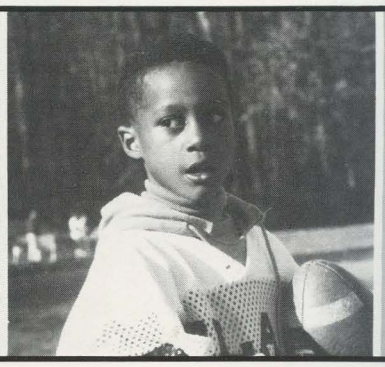
"Bravo, Bravo!" shouts the cast of thousands. Well, maybe it was only a few people, but the cheers showed that junior Lacey Gates and senior Blair Lackey definitely approved of the speech.

Rah! Sis Boom Bah! Number 25 goes for the touchdown. . .that is, in the year 1999. This baby blazer hopes to make the team.



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Seniors were not the only ones to leave in June. After completing thirty years of service in the county, WOC teacher James Johnson and art teacher Lee Klopp decided to slap on their caps and celebrate their own graduation.

A Random Day in June 1990

1:59PM Joey signs a yearbook
2:01PM Mr. Lee asks about summer plans
2:02PM Carlos says, "13 minutes left!"
2:05PM Holly jingles her car keys
2:10PM Oletha eyes the clock
2:15PM SCHOOL IS OVER!!!

The last days in June witnessed students leaving experiences that would remain only in their minds. Memories of the last televised morning announcements would mix with those of the revolutions in Eastern Europe and hopeful predictions of the Nineties, not to mention memories of our unique high school experience. The year came to an end, but it was actually just the beginning - the beginning of the Nineties and the rest of our lives. But the closing of the year left everyone with a new sense of the diversity that made Blair so unique, and the best kind of all...our kind. --SK

At the end of the day, the many faces of Blair walk down the A-building steps. The year's end brought memories of the unique experiences we all shared.

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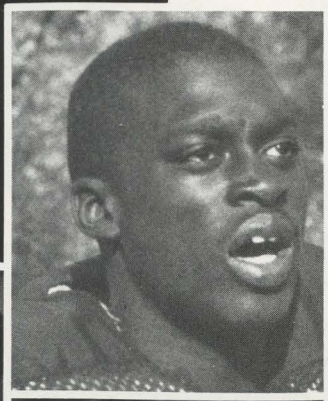
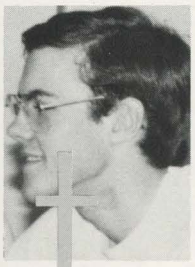
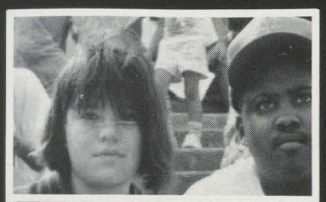
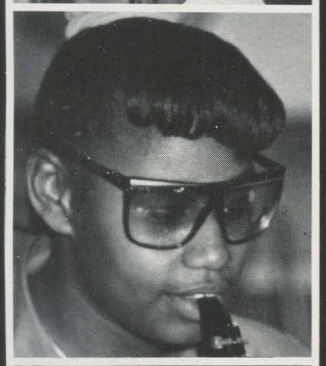
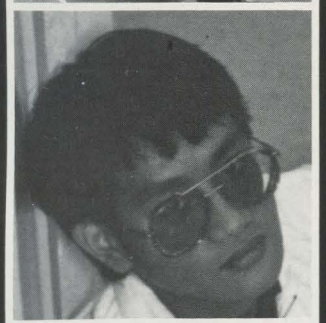

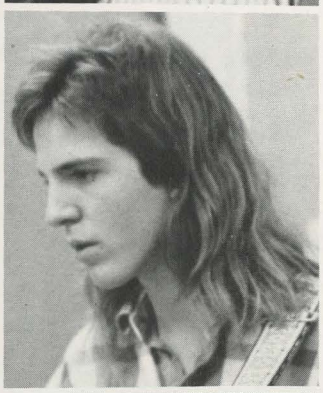

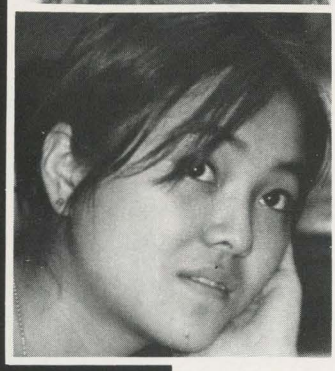

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