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Byrd Hall was erected in 1928 and named in honor of Senator Harry Byrd. In recent years Byrd Hall underwent extensive renovations to modernize it, including the installation of an elevator. Byrd Hall reopened in 1989 and now serves as the elementary classroom building. It also houses the offices of the principal and a myriad of support services.

## **ADMINISTRATION**



SUPERINTENDENT Mr. Melton



EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR Mr. Menefee



SECRETARY TO MR. MELTON, Thresa Lindsey



**SECRETARY TO MR. MENEFEE, Joy Elmore** 



BUSINESS OFFICE Karen Mecum



BUSINESS MANAGER Larry Craun



BUSINESS OFFICE Estelle Mays



BUSINESS OFFICE Sara Lamb



BUSINESS OFFICE Clerical Aide Amy Ralston



BUSINESS OFFICE Debbie Howdyshell



HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR Nancy Bowman



PRINCIPAL Tish Turner



SECRETARY TO NANCY BOWMAN Marty Porter



CLERICAL AIDE Carolyn Maxwell



SECRETARY TO TISH TURNER Donna Daugherty



CLERICAL AIDE Leslie Wagoner



CENTRAL STORE
David Buchanan and Karen Moore



NIGHT CLEANING L-R: Rudy Zwecker, Tina Bosserman, Phyllis Starrett, Doris Mawyer



DAY CLEANING
L-R: Richard Fitzwater, Melissa Tate, Charlene Kester,
Mildred Burns, Carolyn Bowers, Sandra Collins, Frances
Brooks, Daisy Cason.



L-R: Rick Davis, Jim Bryant, Richard Bishop, Mary Wood, Pat Hariston, Don McFadden, Greg Boyd, Joyce Lassiter, David Lassiter, Maxine Woodward, Donna Sheffer, Louise Crawford.



MAINTENANCE L-R: Gene Harmon, Ralph Simmons, Jim Lyle, Roger Perry, Clay Backs, Junior Wolf, Woody Cason, Tom Staton, Robert Cason.



INFIRMARY L-R: Irene Rexrode, Jane Alberico, Lillian Cason, Jule White, Barbara Gough.

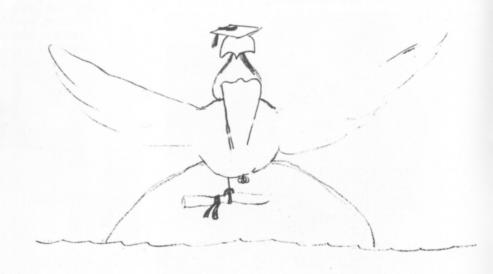
### **SENIOR CLASS OF 1990**



Front Row: Sherry Spradlin; Second Row (L-R): Brian Rogers, Kelly Noell, Barbara Smith, Kenneth Hall, Hedy Taylor, Mrs. Bobbie Dietz; Third Row (L-R): Mr. Jim Robertson, Stephanie Clark, Christopher Collie, Kevin Thompson; Fourth Row (L-R): Greg Boyd, Stacy Mitchell, Marvin Johnson, Michael Branham, Brenda Catlett, Darryl Oliver.

#### SENIOR CLASS MOTTO

Today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

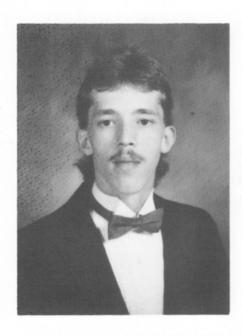


SENIOR CLASS COLORS Maroon & Gold

SENIOR CLASS FLOWER Rose

Go Out Into The World Hedy Daylor

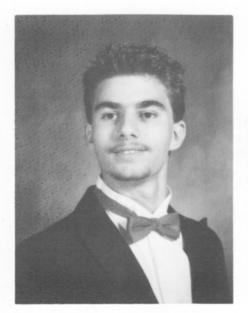
## **SENIORS**



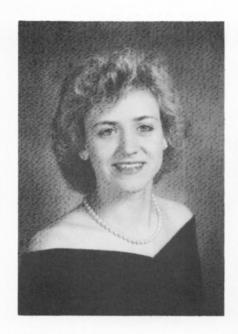
NAME: Michael Branham BIRTHPLACE: Lynchburg, VA FAVORITE SAYING: None of your business. FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza ORGANIZATIONS: Senior Class, Junior Class, Varsity Basketball (1 year) FUTURE PLANS: Job.

NAME: Stephanie Clark BIRTHPLACE: Charlottesville, VA FAVOR-ITE SAYING: So What! FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza ORGANIZATIONS: Varsity Basketball (3 years), S.C.A. (1 year), C.L.C. Vice President (1 year), Track (1 year), Junior Class, Senior Class FUTURE PLANS: Job or College.



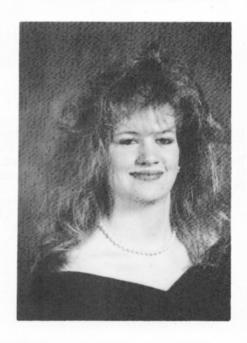


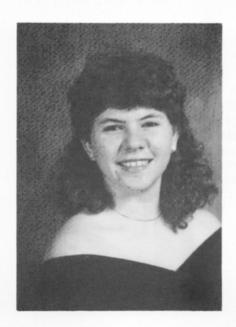
NAME: Christopher Collie BIRTHPLACE: Richmond, VA FAVORITE SAYING: I know you can't do it. FAVORITE FOOD: Tacos ORGANIZATIONS: C.L.C. (4 years), President (1 year), S.C.A. (2 years), Vice President (1 year), Jr. VAD (2 years), L.L. Football (2 years), Varsity Football (3 years), J.V. Basketball (2 years), Varsity Basketball (4 years), Junior Class, Senior Class FUTURE PLANS: Attend Gallaudet University.



NAME: Stacy Mitchell BIRTHPLACE: Woodstock, VA FAVORITE SAYING: What's wrong with your mind? FAVORITE FOODS: Pizza and Jalepanos ORGANIZATIONS: L.L. Cheerleader (4 years), J.V. Cheerleader (1 year), Basketball (4 years), Track (2 years), C.L.C. (1 year), Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class President FUTURE PLANS: Job.

NAME: Kelly Noell BIRTHPLACE: Lynchburg, VA FAVORITE SAY-ING: I don't care. FAVORITE FOODS: Tacos, Pizza, Spaghetti & Sub ORGANIZATIONS: Cheerleader (1 year), Girls' Basketball Manager (2 years), Girls' Basketball Scorekeeper (1 year), Boys' Basketball Statistician (1 year), Track Manager (1 year), Junior Class, Senior Class, C.L.C. (1 year), Jr. VAD (1 year), Computer Club (1 year), Spirit Club (1 year), Drama Club (1 year) FUTURE PLANS: Attend Gallaudet University.





NAME: Barbara Smith BIRTHPLACE: Maryland FAVORITE SAYING: No! FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza ORGANIZATIONS: Senior Class Treasurer, S.C.A. (1 year), Cheerleader (4 years), Girl Scouts (2 years) FUTURE PLANS: Job.



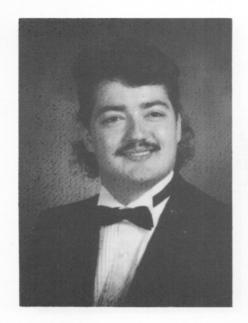
NAME: Sherry Spradlin BIRTHPLACE: Lynchburg, VA FAVORITE SAYING: I have no idea. FAVORITE FOODS: Pizza, Tacos ORGANIZATIONS: Drama Club (2 years), S.C.A. (2 years), Girls' Basketball Manager (2 years), Junior Class, Senior Class FUTURE PLANS: Job.

NAME: Jenny Sutton BIRTHPLACE: Hobart, Tasmania, Australia FAVORITE SAYING: I love gum! FAVORITE FOOD: Scrambled eggs on whole wheat toast ORGANIZATIONS: Choir (1 year), Drama Club (Vice President - 1 year), Jr. VAD (Secretary - 1 year) FUTURE PLANS: Attend RIT/NTID.





NAME: Hedy "Hedi" Dee Taylor BIRTHPLACE: Richmond VA FAVORITE SAYING: My friend Donna Brown. FAVORITE FOODS: Pizza, Corn Dogs, Pop Tarts, Sweet Tarts ORGANIZATIONS: Brownies (4 years), Girl Scouts (2 years), S.C.A. (2 years), Computer Club (2 years), Girls' Basketball (5 years), Girls' Softball (1 year), Drama Club (1 year), Jr. VAD (1 year), L.L. Cheerleader (4 years), Junior Class President, Senior Class, Spirit Club (2 years) FUTURE PLANS: Attend Gallaudet University.



NAME: Kevin Greg Thompson BIRTHPLACE: Fairfax, VA FAVOR-ITE SAYING: Bad, bad. FAVORITE FOODS: Pizza, Italian Sub OR-GANIZATIONS: Jr. VAD (3 years), Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Boys' Treasurer, Spirit Club (2 years), J.V. Cheerleader (1 year), Computer Club (1 year), Girls' Basketball Scorekeeper (1 year), Boys' Basketball Scorekeeper (1 year), Vocational Club (1 year) FUTURE PLANS: Job in South Carolina.





#### **RETURNING SENIORS**









Greg Boyd Brenda Cattlet Kenny Hall Marvin Johnson





Darryl Oliver Brian Rogers

**JUNIORS** 









Benny Cottrell Loretta Dennis Jerod Harris Keresha Jackson





William Lewis Ricky Taylor





William Woodson Jia Zhang

#### **GRADE 10**









Tom Cook Dewey Lloyd Charity Morris Allen Moubray







Lisa Nemith Jennifer Puffenbarger Kenny Richardson

**GRADE 9** 









Stephanie Covington Keith Hagy Andy Haussling Terry Mott







Eduardo Palabrica Brian Stephens



Jake Wayman Ricco Williams

### **GRADE 7**









Benji Abbitt Brad Geffert Rodrith Hairston Devin Hamilton

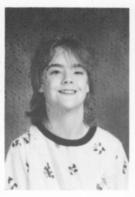




David Keller Gary Taylor

## **LINDA BLEHM'S CLASS**









Beth Hershey Shirley Stevens David Taylor Bonita Wimbush

## **UNGRADED**







Steven Engleman Kevin Lewis Kenneth Looney



## **ELEMENTARY**

Travis Allicott John Anders Belinda Anderson Jamie Bourne

Brandy Buchanan Latoyer Cabell Denise Castillo Brooke Chastain

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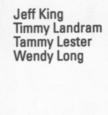












**ELEMENTARY** 









Wendy Morris Shaun Moton Justin Phillips Beckley Poff







Charity Reid Carroll Rexrode Joey Sensabaug Anthony Small









Buddy Strickler Allen Thomas Amy Walters Tamkia Walton







William Whitfield Scottie Wilfong Amanda Wright

#### **HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS**











Rachel Bavister, English Linda Blehm, Special Class Alice Frick, English, Reading Wayne Frick, Math & Computer Richard Koch, US History, Geography & Government



Don Kraus, Science

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**









Rick Snyder, Athletic Director Curtis Harrell Bobbie Rosson Shirley Werner

### **ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**











Janice Couch Tanya Faidley Barbara Ferguson Mike Marzolf Jamie Morris









Dede Norder Andrea Panella Margaret Robison Shirley Wray

## **VOCATIONAL TEACHERS**











Bobbie Dietz,
Food Services
Wayne Dingledine,
Business Education
Berkeley Harner,
Printing
Jeff Lawson,
Woodworking
Frances Marzolf,
Basic Living Skills





Norman Nelson, Work Relationship & Functional Academics Ruby Sebrell, Basic Living Skills & Sewing

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**











Kate Allison,
Elem. Comm. Skills
Nan Brown, HS
Counselor
Race Drake,
Career Ed. Coun.
SSI & Work-Study
Coordinator
Bettie Gilbert,
Functional Math
& Resource Tchr.
Kurt Metz,
Behavioral
Management











Casey Morehouse, Audiologist Kim Overstreet, Psychologist Pat Pettigrew, Elem. Coun. Jim Robertson Media Specialist Diane Stenz, Media Specialist







Not Pictured: Diane Bryant, LD Resource Teacher Stephanie Garber, Elem. Orientation Instructor DaWayne Werner, BLS, Work Adjustment, Ind. Living Apts., Lunch Duty Coord. Belle Yates, Librarian Cindy Saile, Counseling Intern from Gallaudet U.



#### **VOCATIONAL CLUB**

Front Row L-R: Sherry Spradlin, Stephanie Covington, Keresha Jackson, Keith Hagy, Brian Stephens, Mrs. Ruby Sebrell, Mr. Jeff Lawson, Ricco Williams, Andy Haussling, Benny Cottrell, Dewey Lloyd, Terry Mott; Back Row L-R: Loretta Dennis, Kevin Thompson, Stephanie Clark, Jia Zhang, Jerod Harris, Chris Collie, Barbie Smith, Eduardo Palabrica, Michael Branham, Brenda Catlett, Allen Moubray, Thomas Cook, Stacy Mitchell, Marvin Johnson, Darryl Oliver, William Lewis.

#### **BOY SCOUTS**

Front Row L-R: David Taylor, Tony Maley, Joey Davis, Freddy Foster, Joe Cook, Allen Thomas, Joey Farmer; Back Row L-R: Sponsor, Mr. Wayne Frick, Jia Zhang, William Whitfield, Rodrith Hairston, Andy Haussling, Shaun Moton, Lavard Cosby, Devin Hamilton, Kenny Richardson, Terry Mott, Benji Abbitt, Sponsor, Mr. Norman Nelson, Gary Taylor.



#### S.C.A.

Front Row L-R: Jia Zhang, Chris Collie, Hedy Taylor, Stephanie Covington, Stephanie Clark, Eduardo Palabrica; Second Row L-R: Jennifer Puffenbarger, Sherry Spradlin, Kevin Thompson, Keresha Jackson, Jerod Harris; Third Row L-R: Kenny Richardson, Andy Haussling, Terry Mott; Back Row L-R: Sponsor, Mrs. Alice Frick, Mrs. Linda Blehm, Mrs. Regina Kidd.



**COMPUTER CLUB** 

Stairs L-R: Hedy Taylor, Kelly Noell, Jia Zhang, Loretta Dennis, Chris Collie, Keresha Jackson, Brenda Catlett; Standing L-R: Ricky Taylor, Gary Taylor, Devin Hamilton, Jerod Harris, Stephanie Covington, Greg Thompson, Charity Morris, Sponsor, Mr. Frick; Kneeling L-R: Terry Mott, Andy Haussling, Rodrith Hairston.

JR. VAD

Front Row, L-R: Charity Morris, Ricky Taylor, Stephanie Covington, Jerod Harris; Second Row L-R: Eduardo Palabrica, Keresha Jackson, Sponsor, Mrs. Marzolf, Hedy Taylor; Third Row L-R: Loretta Dennis, Kelly Noell, Sponsor, Mrs. Yates, Sponsor, Mr. Marzolf, Kenny Richardson; Fourth Row, L-R: Jia Zhang, Lisa Nemith, Brad Geffert, Chris Collie; Fifth Row, L-R: Greg Thompson, Brian Stephens.





**DRAMA CLUB** 

Front Row L-R: Charity Morris, Keresha Jackson, William Lewis, Hedy Taylor; Second Row L-R: Lisa Nemith, Loretta Dennis, Kelly Noell, Stephanie Covington; Third Row L-R: Sponsor, Mrs. Panella, Kenny Richardson; Fourth Row L-R: Eduardo Palabrica, Brian Stephens, Keith Hagy, Sponsor, Mr. Drake.



#### **CUB SCOUTS BOBCATS**

Front Row, L-R: Michael Jenkins, Justin Phillips, Jeremy Middleton; Second Row, L-R: Jeff King, Scottie Wilfong, Russell Grimsley, John Anders, Chris Johnson; Back Row, L-R: Sponsors, Mrs. Marzolf and Mrs. Couch.



Front Row, L-R: Belinda Anderson, Brandy Buchanan, Bonita Wimbush, Alissa Conover, Charity Reid, Sponsor, Ms. Stenz; Back Row, L-R: Sponsor, Ms. Pettigrew, Wendy Morris, Tammy Lester, Hope Johnson.



#### **SPIRIT CLUB**

Front Row, L-R: Hedy Taylor, Keresha Jackson, Charity Morris, Barbie Smith, Sponsor, Ms. Dietz; Second Row, L-R: Stephanie Clark, Stephanie Covington, Sherry Spradlin, Dewey Lloyd; Third Row, L-R: Kelly Noell, Jia Zhang, Loretta Dennis, Kenny Richardson; Fourth Row, L-R: Kevin Thompson, Stacy Mitchell, Christopher Collie, Jerod Harris; Fifth Row, L-R: Brenda Catlett, Ricky Taylor, Eduardo Palabrica.



L-R: Mr. Harrell, Mrs. Werner, Ricky Taylor, Keresha Jackson, Jia Zhang, Kelly Noell, Jerod Harris, Mrs. Rosen, Chris Collie.





#### **HALLOWEEN PARTIES**



L-R: Amy Walters, Belinda Anderson, Alina Henry, Jowanna Gordon, William Whitfield, Mr. Marzolf.



L-R: Jeremy Middleton, Anthony Small, Latoyer Cabell, John Anders, Michael Jenkins.



Ms. Ferguson, Beckley Poff, Ms. Norder, Jerimiah Ferrell, Latoyer Cabell, Anthony Small, Justin Phillips, Jeremy Middleton, Ryan Moats, John Anders, Chris Johnson.



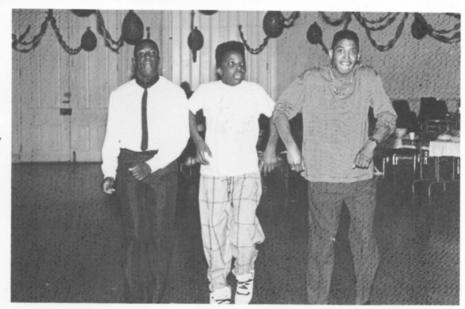
Kenneth Looney

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**



Everyone is curious to see who will receive the next gift.

Brian Rogers, Rodrith Hairston, and Darryl Oliver rapping.



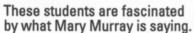


The Elementary students had their own party.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE - 1989**



VSDB had a float in the December 2nd Christmas parade.







The students are waving at the end of the parade.

## **OPEN HOUSE 1989**



Richard Goode is talking to Mrs. Deanna Taylor. Sue Browning, the Outreach Specialist for the Dept. for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is pictured at the left.

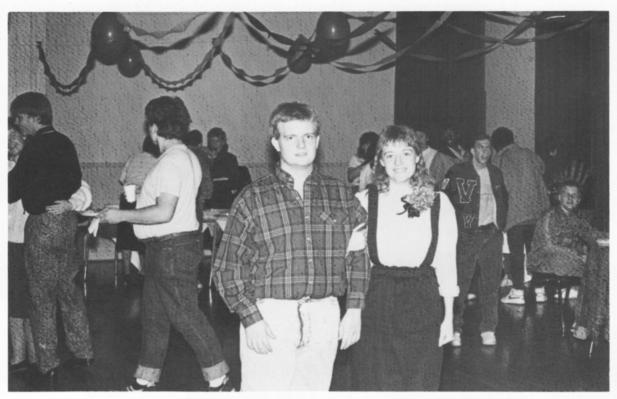


Mr. Melton is speaking during the Open House program.

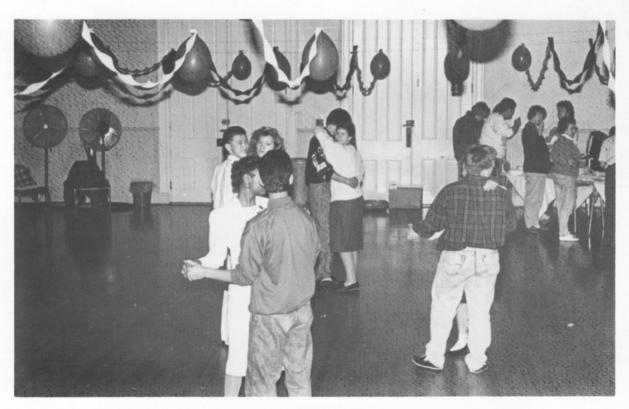


Mr. Rosen and the winner of the clock hold the clock that Mr. Rosen made.

## **HOMECOMING**



Senior Princess Hedy Taylor and her escort, Ricky Taylor



The Court dances.

## **HOMECOMING**



The night before the game, the students enjoy a bonfire.



Superintendent Melton crowns the queen, Kelly Noell. Jerimiah Ferrell was the crown bearer.



Former queen Pam Barlow congratulates Kelly on becoming the new Homecoming Queen.

### **HOMECOMING**



Queen Kelly Noell with her escort Jia Zhang.

The Homecoming Court - Keresha Jackson escorted by Kenny Richardson, Kelly Noell escorted by Jia Zhang, Hedy Taylor escorted by RickyTaylor, Charity Morris escorted by Brian Stephens.





Hedy Taylor gave the winning art certificate to William Whitfield for the best homecoming art work.

## **BOYS' BASKETBALL**



Front Row L-R: Eduardo Palabrica, Jerod Harris, Christopher Collie, Jia Zhang, Ricky Taylor; Back Row L-R: Assistant Coach Stanley Byers, Marvin Johnson, Darryl Oliver - Manager, Keith Hagy, Brian Stephens, Kelly Noel - Statistician, Michael Branham, Andy Haussling, Dewey Lloyd, William Lewis - Manager, Kevin Thompson - Scorekeeper and Coach Curtis Harrell.



Jia Zhang scores for the Cardinals.



Finally! We beat Maryland!

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**



Kneeling L-R: Sherry Spradlin and Stephanie Covington, Manager; Back Row, L-R: Coach Werner, Jennifer Puffenbarger, Loretta Dennis, Stacy Mitchell, Stephanie Clark, Hedy Taylor, Keresha Jackson, Charity Morris, Assistant Coach Bonnie Honaker.



Stephanie Clark is ready to get the rebound.



Hedy Taylor shoots toward the basket for the Cardinals.



Hedy Taylor is dribbling toward the basket.

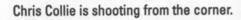


Loretta Dennis gets off a good shot.

## STAFF-SENIOR BASKETBALL GAME



A senior has just made the shot.







Dingledine shoots toward the basket.



Twin Fountain's Staff First Row, L-R: Charity Morris, Dewey Lloyd, Jia Zhang. Second Row, L-R: Ricky Taylor, Tom Cook, Loretta Dennis, Lisa Nemith.

Students showing their craft work. L-R: Gregory Boyd, Kevin Lewis, Kenneth Looney, Kenneth Hall, Steven Engleman.





Stacy Mitchell, Brian Rogers, and Mr. Werner in a skit demonstrating how the Independent Living apartment system is run.



Cheerleaders Hope Johnson, Denise Castillo, Charity Reid and Amy Walters show their spirit.

Cheerleaders Beckley Poff, Brandy Buchanan, Alissa Conover, Latoyer Campbell, Belinda Anderson, Alina Henry.





The elementary students are waiting for their gifts.

#### **VSDB TIME CAPSULE**



S.C.A President Jia Zhang speaks about the time capsule. Virtually all current students and staff are there.

The time capsule awaiting burial. It will be opened in twenty-five years.





Mr. Melton delivers an address about the time capsule, watched by Jia Zhang and Sherry Spradlin. Mrs. Dede Norder is the interpreter at the ceremony.



Making scarecrows.





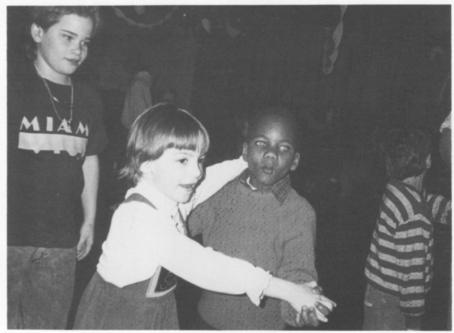


The teachers are talking with their old friends.



Hedy Taylor speaking about present activities in our 150th year of existence.







Stephanie Covington during a Rescue Squad demonstration.



New High School Students: Lisa Nemith, Benny Cottrell, Thomas Cook, Kenny Richardson (top), Jason Smith (bottom), Ricco Williams, Jake Wayman.



New Elementary Students: Tony Maley and Denise Castillo.



Children in the Parent-Infant Program: Carroll Rexrode, Jamie Bourne, Katie Ellinger.



Soil Testing for our future swimming pool.

#### **SPIRIT WEEK**



The Spirit Club (L-R): Hedy Taylor, Sherry Spradlin, Stephanie Clark, Greg Thompson, Stephanie Covington, Devin Hamilton, Gary Taylor, Stacy Mitchell.



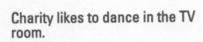
For each day of Spirit Week, the students were asked to dress a particular way.

Monday - clothes were to be worn inside out Tuesday - crazy socks became the rage Wednesday - the school was run by punks Thursday - many students wore mismatched clothes Friday - our school colors, red and black, were common all over the campus.

Stephanie Clark and Greg Thompson



Mike and Jennifer eat during the Valentine party.







Our fortnightly ritual of loading the buses.

#### **HOUSEPARENTS & SLO**



Night Houseparents: Front Row (L-R): Joyce Rexrode, Jean Robertson, Bonnie Honaker; Second Row (L-R): Tracy Elmore, Mary Guffey; Third Row (L-R): Lynn Fogleman, Hilda Persinger, Pat Lewis.



SLO - Eva Whitley



Day Houseparents: Front Row (L-R): Regina Kidd, Gary Mullis; Second Row (L-R): Donise Davis, Ric Bowles, Sonia Gonzales; Third Row (L-R): Cheryl Siron, Stanley Byers, Kathy Hughes; Back Row (L-R): Ramona Bunn, Pam Johnson, Kim Akens.



SLO - Betty Snyder and Janet Buchanan



SLO - Ann Rosen

## WHITE COLUMNS STAFF



L-R: Jenny Sutton, Mr. W. Dingledine (Sponsor), Hedy Taylor, Kelly Noell.

The 1989 - 90 Yearbook was prepared by the students in the 8:15-9:10 Business Education class under the guidance of Mr. Dingledine.

We hope you enjoy the selection of pictures found here for many years to come. They were chosen to remind you of many of your favorite events, activities, and people.

Farewell!

The yearbook STAFF

THE YEARBOOK STAFF