## MOUNTAIN TEET 1975







#### IN MEMORIAM



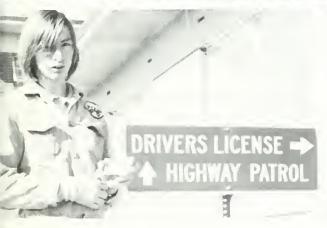
THOMAS W. SIMPSON 1927-1975











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#### **FOREWORD**

The 1975 edition of MOUNTAIN TECH is published to capture within its covers life as it is lived from day to day at A-B Tech.

Each of the graduating students came to this Institution with different ideas,

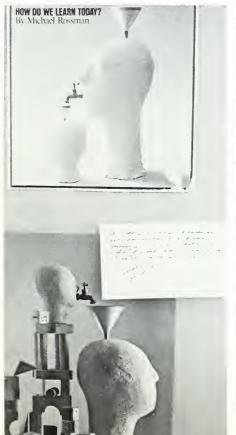
ambitions, and beliefs.

Little did these students know that Tech presented a challenge and an opportunity for achievement maximum in the varied curricula. A-B Tech, because of its competent instruction, has satisfied these students' dreams and wishes.

To capture the many nuances that occurred from day to day would be insurmountable; and, with that thought in mind, this book is intended to bridge the gap from a historical point of view from 1974 to 1975.

With these final words, we proudly present the 1975 MOUNTAIN TECH.







Some of the nicest memories that we shall take with us from A-B Tech will be of campus life - new friendships formed outside the classroom; playing cards in the lobby or the snack bar; playing intramural basketball, tag football, & volleyball; cheerleading; working on the Student Senate; being a member of a curriculum club; getting to know people in our classes who have different ideas and attitudes than ours; joking during class breaks; writing articles for the newspaper or newsletter; recognition for work well done. All of these experiences have helped us grow into more mature & understanding human beings. Within these pages we have captured a few of these rare moments in campus life.

















# SACT Y























In Class











In Class?





The Christmas Party was great.

Photo by: R.E. Morrell



Sooner or later you get bugged.



















































Who said the evening students had it rough?







MISS AB TECH TERESA THOMAS









Top: Linda Herzberg Bottom: Louise Levy

Top: Shawn O'Brien Bottom: Martha Scott

#### AND HER COURT



HOMECOMING QUEEN LINDA HERZBERG











Top: Martha Scott Bottom: Jo Ann Sisty

#### AND HER COURT

#### MISS AB TECH DANCE











#### HOMECOMING DANCE











#### SNACK SHOP











Left: Teresa Roscom Right: Ruby Maybin





Those above who made it in the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Jim McMillan, Donna Smathers, Sheila Nicholson and Dave Nicholson. In the picture below is Jan Calloway. All of the students due to their well-rounded activities achieved this honor. A combination of leadership, academic honors, participation in school activities, involvement in community and service programs contributed to their recognition. They have displayed present ability and future potential.

#### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

## PAT LECKEY EDITOR JEAN SHORTER — SHERRY RHODARMER TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

Thank you for belong us grow

#### ANNUAL STAFF DOES IT AGAIN!





Top Left: Mike Burnett, Editor
Top Right: Jim Drummond, Adviser
Middle Left: Cheryl Maney, Layout
Center; Rachell Arrowood, Photography
Middle Right: Clay Sorrells, Photography
Editor

Bottom Left: Angel Banks, Layout Editor Bottom Right: Eric West, Layout











Thanks go out to a lot of people who helped in all capactities. Such as Bob Morrell, Rick English, Mark Carpenter, Arrlie Fox, Linda Herzberg, Guy Caserta, and others too numerous to name.

FIELD DAY AND CA



SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT: Ron Caldwell; Shawn O'brien, editor STANDING LEFT: Norma Fulghum, STANDING RIGHT: Jimmy McMillan



Above: Bob Morrell, Technical Advisor Above Far Right: David Russell, Above Near Right: Ted Orr, Right: Jean Shorter, Celia Tauscher, Advisor









Here is a group that proved itself invaluable. Memories will always thrive on their basketball game against The Big Wise Owls. Heart Fund Sunday proved a successful drive. The golf tournament was much fun. Each end of quarter book store reflects their diligence. Their unselfishness will remain with all who came in contact with them.







President: Jimmy McMillan (SEATED LEFT) Vice-President: Dave Nicholson (STANDING RIGHT) Secretary: Shawn O'Brien (SEATED RIGHT) Treasurer: Eddie Holcombe (STANDING LEFT)

#### ALPHA PSI OMEGA

#### STUDENT SENATE ...

SEATED: Donna Smathers, President STANDING: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Kathy Wyatt, Secretary, Jan Calloway, Vicepresident; Jimmy McMillan, Treasurer

Missions accomplished this year by the Student Senate were the Blood Drive, two overwhelming efforts. The Christmas Party and the Carnival head the list too. Field Day activities were planned by our campus solons. Dr. Bruce Hilton's very informative lecture was sponsored by the Senate as was Dr. Stanton Friedman's on UFO's. They are to be commended. Very few politicians (?) such as them get as much done as they did. The Senate expresses appreciation to Mary L. Carpenter for her energies and sincere concern.













# ... WORKING HARD.











Christmas party photo by R.E. Morrell. Left of Christmas party photo is Dr. Stanton Friedman. Below it is Dr. Bruce Hilton.

























#### INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

#### Rachelle done it ya'all

Intramural football trudged onward again this year in the world famous ABT astrodome. Congratulations to the Drafting II team for their effort. It paid off; they won the championship.













#### BASKETBALL 1975



The 74-75 basketball season was a good one. Reflecting on some of the events, you realize just how far the Atomics went.

To start off by losing valuable players is not an ideal situation. Even more frustrating is regaining a lost cager and losing him again. These are reasons for any team to quit.

Evidently, our cagers know quitters never win because they never quit. As shown in some pictures, the team kept on trucking until they got to Heflen, Alabama. Just wait until next year opponents of A-B Tech and never forget this year.











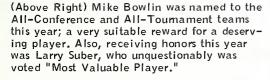
For a job well done and a season to be proud of, we have the following to be thankful for. Front Row: Lamont Wright, Larry Suber, Mike Linney, Dennis Gillespie, W.C. Hare, Coach Ken Driver. Back Row: Coach Jim Rhea, Mike Bowlin, Rick Ellinburg, Darrell Boone, Gene Edwards, Butch Robinson. The Atomics season record was 17-10 making a sure-fire winning season for the Victoria Road Cagers. All backing for this past season was the work of the many numerous fans. Without backing you cannot expect much performance.





The girls, in spite of injuries, did well. They ended their play with a 6-7 season. Not bad at all. We have a few players returning so there is hope for a prosperous season.











Charlie Wilson the "super cop."
This is almost literally his title. He is in this section of Mountain Tech because of the hours upon hours he gave to keep things behind the scenes together.

#### ALPHA PSI OMEGA VS WISE OWLS









Alpha Psi Omega's second annual benefit basket-ball game was staged to raise funds for the Scholarship Foundation. The Alpha Psi Omega All-Stars battled against the Big WISE Owls in a rollicking, rock-and-rolling game of very little skill, quite a bit of chance, and a whole lot of lunacy.



1975 Golf Team

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Craig Cable, Charles Henry, Tommy Davis, Dick Manion. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Jim Rhea, Henry Whitmire, Don Taylor, Coach Mike Holcombe











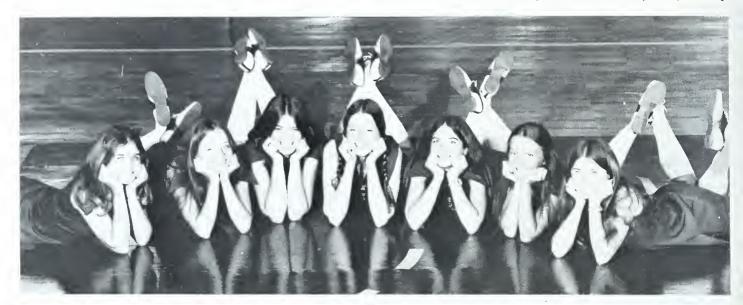
1975 Veterans Association Softball Team of A-B Tech.

On the pictures shown here, we get a glimpse of pure softball wizardry.

It was notables such as these seen here that led A-B Tech's softball team to the drunk tank, uh, would you believe greatness.

# CHEERLEADERS 1975

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jan Calloway, Sharon Bryant, Linda Herzberg, Martha Scott, Sandra Stepp, Veheda Hollifield, Cheryl Maney







Jan Calloway

Cheryl Maney

Martha Scott















Veheda Hollifield







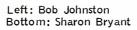






Linda Herzberg













### FIELD DAY 1975

With this year's field day activities along came the 50's nostalgia onto our campus. As many of the pictures following will show, pie throwing and the dunking booth also proved to be popular.

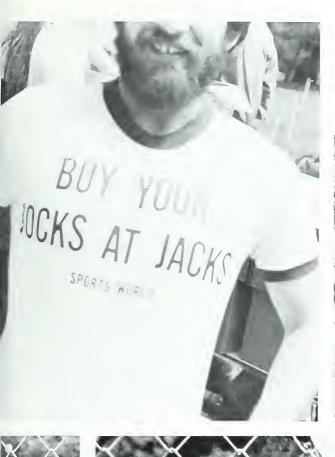








LEFT TO RIGHT: "Social Problem" (Bill Collins), "Teen Angel" (David Wolfe), "Red Baron" (Doug Nodine), How would you like to meet them in a dark alley?





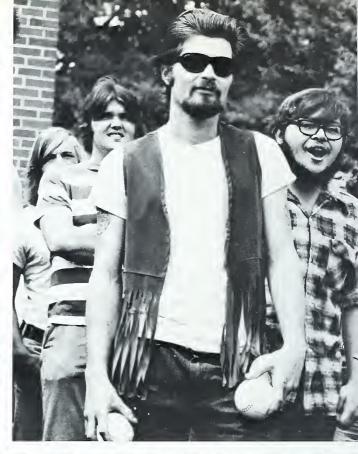


















#### CARNIVAL 1975

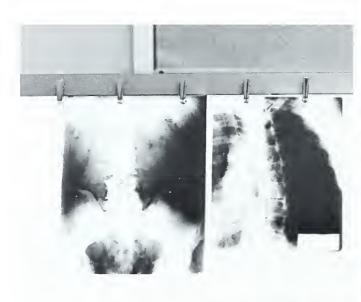
A carnival reveals a lot of things. For instance, the concern of the student senators who put hours into planning. Numerous days were spent building and testing booths. More than anything though it all was worthwhile when the event finally arrived. With the dedication of this page to the carnival, we thank the many persons who participated at all levels.









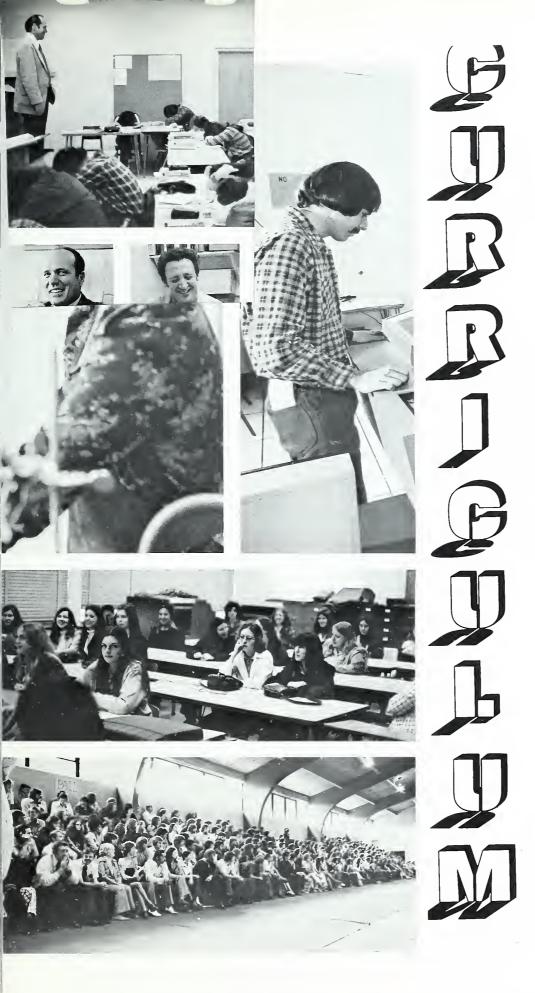












# DIVISION OF BUSINESS EDUCATION

Right: Olin R. Wood Director, Division of Business Education

Below: Howard N. Ray Chairman, Electronic Data Processing

Bottom: Richard White Chairman, Business Administration

Chairman, Business Administration Bottom Right: Sara M. Morris, Chairman, Office Education













# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION







Far Left: Albert Freeman, Instructor Center: Harold Ponder, Instructor Near Left: Roger Wolff, Instructor





































# ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING









Left: Garnet Pace, Data Processing Technician





# OFFICE EDUCATION





Near Right: Max Hutchins, Instructor Far Right: Sallie Graves, Instructor Right Below: Jewel McDaniel











# DIVISION OF HOSPITALITY EDUCATION

At left is Frederick Johnsson, Divison Director of the Hospitality Education Department.





Far Left: John Bolhuis, Chairman, Hotel-Restaurant Management Near Left: Robert Werth, Chairman, Culinary Technology







# CULINARY ARTS AND CULINARY TECHNOLOGY

Right: Ann Cooley, Instructor.
Bottom Center: Inez Faurot, Instructor
Below: Mr. Morton helps get it all together in the dining hall.



















# HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT







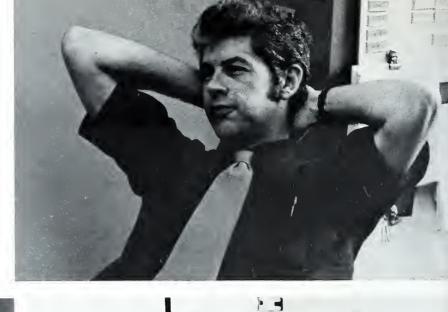






# DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH

David Wolfe, Division Director







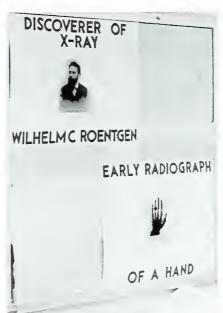






















TOP TO BOTTOM: Kathryn Daughton, Chairman Dorothy Aycock, Instructor Carolyn Poynter, Instructor









Estelle Nowicki, Instructor

Betsy Fridl, Instructor



Patricia Poret, Instructor

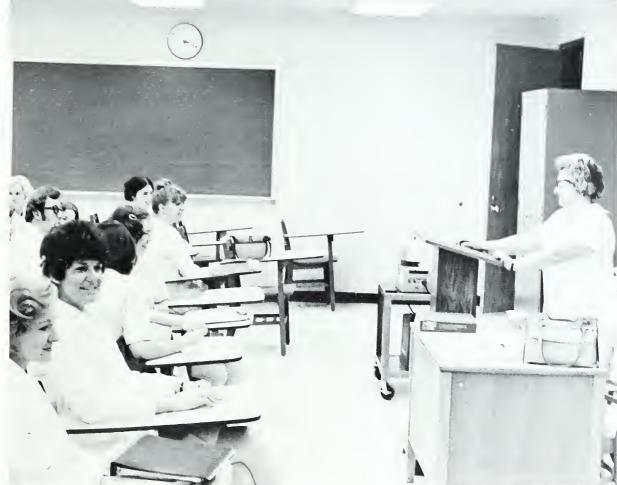


Metta Buckner, Instructor









### DENTAL HYGIENE









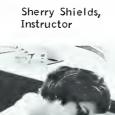


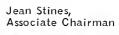
Top Left: Doris Cunningham, Dental Assisting Instructor/ Dental Hygiene Receptionist Top Right: Beth Seegars, Instructor

Above: Baker Hamilton, Chairman, Dental Curriculums















# DENTAL ASSISTING













Ann Evans, Associate Chairman

#### MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT

















Middle: Laura West, Chairman Bottom: Julia Bemis, Instructor

# PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION









Ruth Geddings, Chairman

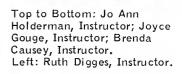
















### RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

















Maxine DeWeese, Instructor

















# DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Right: Stans Sluder, Chairman; Welding Lower Left: Albert Awald, Chairman; Tool and Die Making Lower Middle: John Woody, Chairman; Building Construction Lower Right: Robert Parker, Chairman; Air Conditioning/Refrigeration















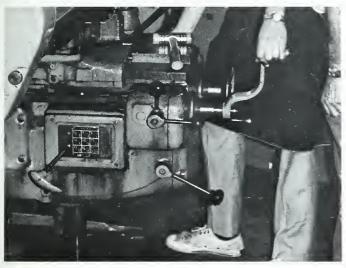


















Left: Robert Israel, Chairman; Diesel Engines and Hydraulics Right: Robert Swan, Chairman; Machine Shop





# AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION















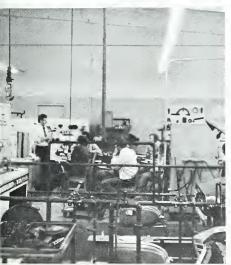


### AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

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### BUILDING CONSTRUCTION





















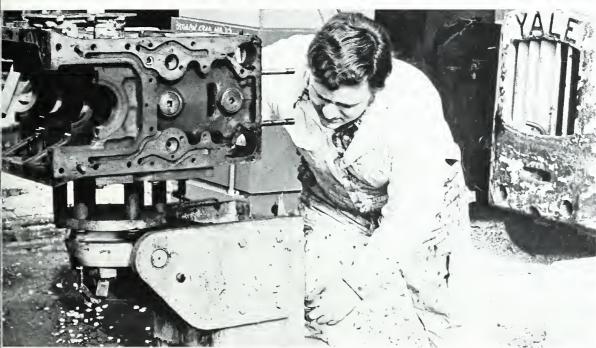
# DIESEL ENGINES AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS















### MACHINE SHOP



















### TOOL AND DIE MAKING

















### WELDING









# DIVISION OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY





Richard Croom, Division Director











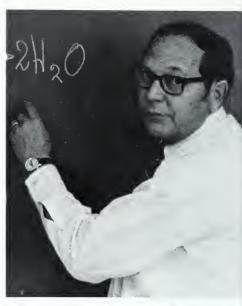




# CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Left: Carolyn Maye, Instructor Right: Robert Morrell, Chairman















# CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Left: Ken Driver, Chairman





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All of A-B Tech's graduates are to be commended. The group above however, is singled out because of its great perserverance. They represent the first evening Civil Engineering graduates. Gentlemen, congratulations.

# DRAFTING AND DESIGN

Left: Michael Holcombe, Chairman Right: Paul Keicher, Instructor Below: James Rhea, Instructor





















### ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

Far Left: W.P. Fisher, Instructor Left: G. Steve Creasman, Chairman

Middle Left: "This goes here, that goes there, or does it?"









# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

William Dickinson, Chairman











#### DIVISION OF GENERAL EDUCATION







Far Left Top: Thomas Gaffigan, Division Director Far Left Bottom: Paul Lentjes, Chairman; Physical Science Near Left: Maxie Welch, Chairman; English, Psychology, Sociology





Far Left: Joyce Parris, Instructor; English Near Left: Toby Shook, Chairman; Mathematics



Top Far Right: Faye Muse, Instructor; Mathematics Bottom Far Right: William Knight, Instructor; English Near Right: Celia Tauscher, Curriculum Developer



Far Right: Barbara Smith, Instructor; English Near Right: Ellen Price, Instructor; Reading





Far Left: Phil Paxton, Instructor; Mathematics Near Left; William Collins, Instructor; Psychology, Sociology



Left: Rex Blakeney, Instructor; Electricity



Far Left: Jo Marguerite Graybeal, Instructor; English Near Left: Barbara Smith, Instructor; Physics



Far Right: Doug Nodine, Chairman; Department of Natural Science Right: James Hurley, Instructor; English



Right: Robert Buckner, Instructor; Mathematics



Right: Roy Lance, Instructor; Physics

## ADMINISTRATION



Thomas W. Simpson, President



PRESIDENT'S **OFFICE** 





Top: Thomas W. Simpson, President Above Right: Jane Smith, Administrative Assistant Right: Judy Whitlock, Secretary



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Left: Herbert Coman, Chairman Below: (Left to Right) Dave Robinson, John Erichson, Jack Cox, William Morgan, Herbert Coman, Richard Wood, Edwin Higgins, Herbert Hyde, Joe Roberson, Gordon Greenwood, Ernest Mills, Howard Harrison.



### OFFICE OF THE **DEANS** AND AREA CONSULTANTS





Top Right: Harvey Haynes
Dean of Instruction
Right: J.B. Edwards
Dean of Occupational

Education

Below Right: Brewster Adams

Dean of Evening Programs

Below Left: Lowell Smith

Dean of Continuing

Education



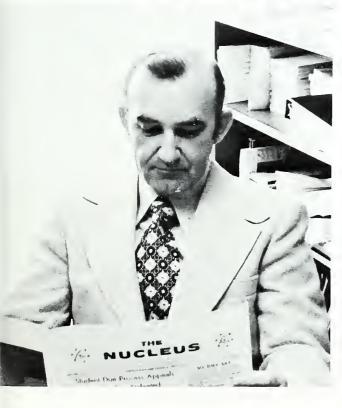














Left (Top to Bottom): Art Taylor, Director Adult Basic Education; Ray Sawyer, Director of Extension; Jay Canter, Area Coordinator Hospitality Education.
Right (Top to Bottom): Bob Poore, Area Coordinator, Industrial Services; Frances Roberts, Field Representative, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center; Faye Reeves, Instructor, Adult Basic Education.

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE**

Below Left: Nancy Griffin, Accounting Clerk. Carolyn Shotwell, Purchasing Agent.

Right Top to Bottom: Ray Bailey, Business Manager. Patricia Farr, Book-keeper. Jessie Goforth, Bookkeeper.













Left: Marie Pinner Switch Board Operator Below: Mrs. Iona McCurry Duplicating Clerk







Left: Rhonda West, Accounting Clerk Above: Rick English, Audio-visual Technician

# BOOKSTORE AND MAINTENANCE

The Bookstore is a place to get all your school supplies. Also, after you leave you don't have to worry about carrying around a lot of money.





LEFT TO RIGHT; Alden Chrisawn, Bookstore Manager. Another satisfied customer. Marie Farley, Bookstore Clerk.







Upper, Left to Right: Don Collins, Bobby Freeman, Coordinator of Physical Plant; Ivory Hunter, Lead Maintenance Man. Group, Left to Right: Cecil McCurry, John Davidson, Becky Murray, Lyman Brown.





#### **MANPOWER**

Top Left: Bill Shetley, Director Middle Left: Willa Bella Rowe, Job Developer Bottom Left: Hardy Mapp, Outreach-Counseler Top Right: Virginia Kirkland, Outreach Coordinator Middle Right: Burney Gardner, Instructor Bottom Right: Marilyn Bollinger, Instructor; HRD











#### STUDENT SERVICES









Top to Bottom: (Left) Glenn Anderson, Director of Financial Aid; Paul Hensley, Veterans Service Officer. (Center) Frances Johnson, Registrar; Mary Carpenter, Counselor. (Right) Tom Hansen, Director of Counseling; Jack Davis, Dean of Student Services; Jim Drummond, Counselor Assistant.







#### THE HAPPENINGS



On this page is contained another side of Student Services. For instance, Diane Freeman, on the left, is seen with her father's car, a 1934 Hudson. It's value is placed in the high price bracket and is one of only three in existence. Then, periodically, birthdays are planned, trips to the beach without even leaving the office, and occasionally we find our Veterans Service officer coaching basketball. The Bloodmobile would be in vain (pardon the pun), if not for Mary Carpenter.















TOP TO BOTTOM
Left: Fran Hensley, Diane
Freeman, Sharon Waugh.
Right Top (Left to Right):
Margaret Shope, Emma Pate.
Right Bottom (Left to
Right): Lois Angel, Jo Ann
Crompton.
Bottom Right: Connie Rice

#### SECRETARIAL STAFF























Top, Left to Right: Juanita Sluder, Eileen Shope. Center, Left to Right: Brenda Clemmer, Clela Watson, Susan Phelps. Left: Becky Latham

#### LIBRARY



Right: Shirley McLaughlin Bottom Right: Sandra Banks











Top Left: Donna Hawks Bottom Left: Billie Dalton Above: Moretta Kuykendall

#### LEARNING LABORATORY

Near Right: Ilka Mc-Dowell, Associate Laboratory Coordinator. Far Right, Top to Bottom: Katie Davis, Laboratory Coordinator. Emily Bergere, Evening Lab Coordinator.















### MUG SHOTS



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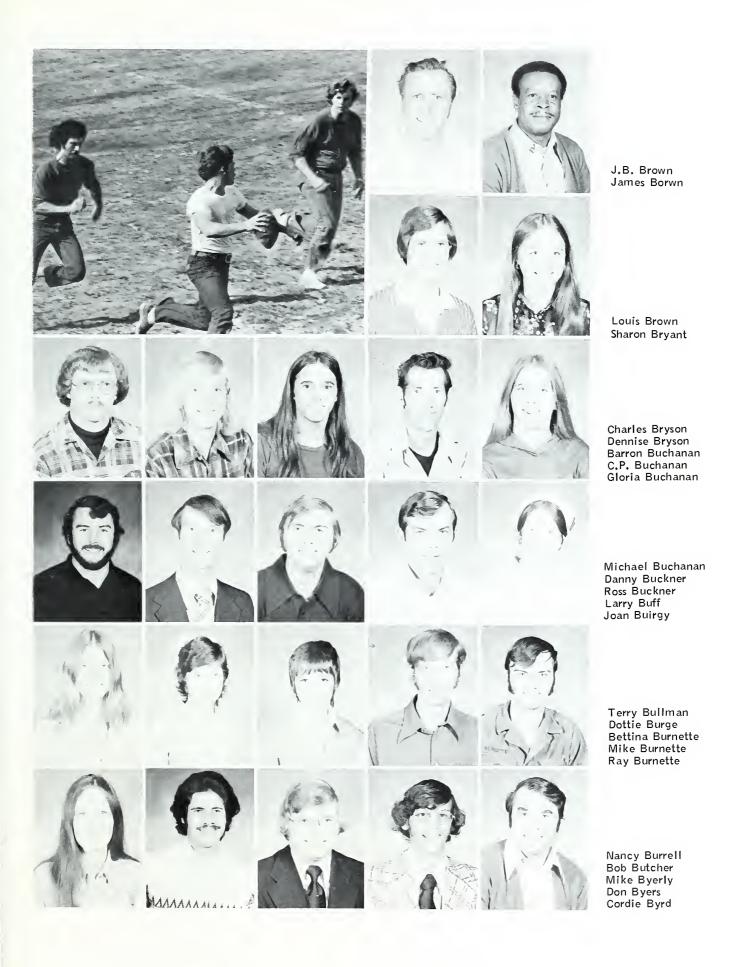
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Connie Dillon Allen Doster Cathy Dover

Pat Drake Carol Dreiling

Dale Ducker Karen Ducker

Phillip Duncan Bob Dunn Donald Dunn Sara Duval

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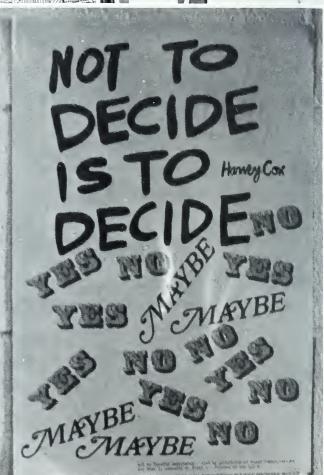














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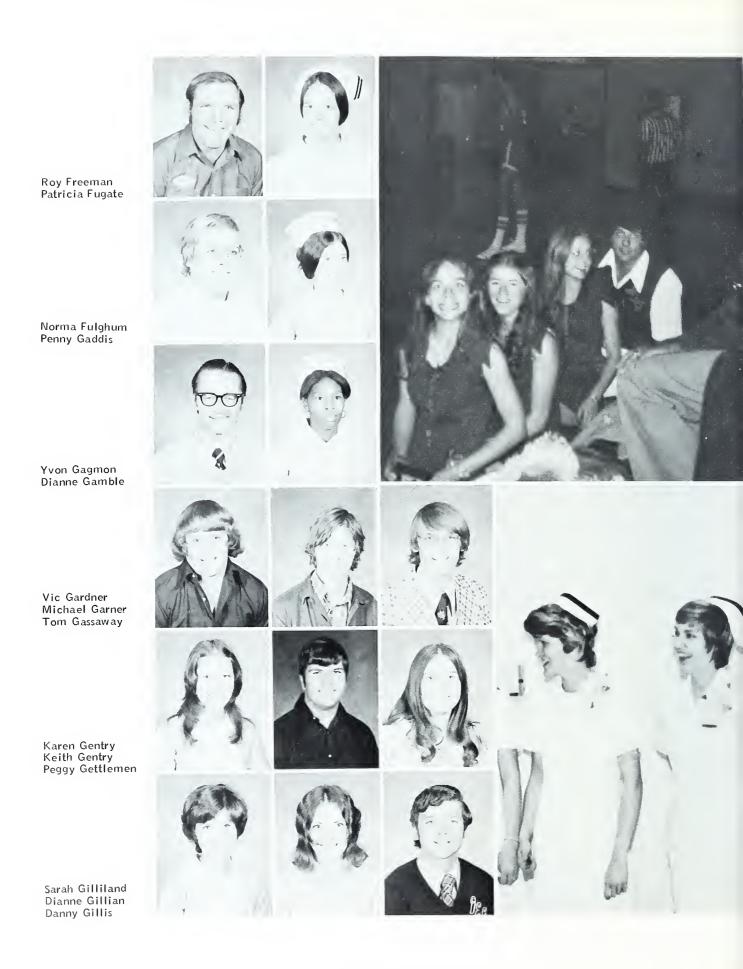
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Tony Franklin Roger Frazier Beulah Freeman Judy Freeman





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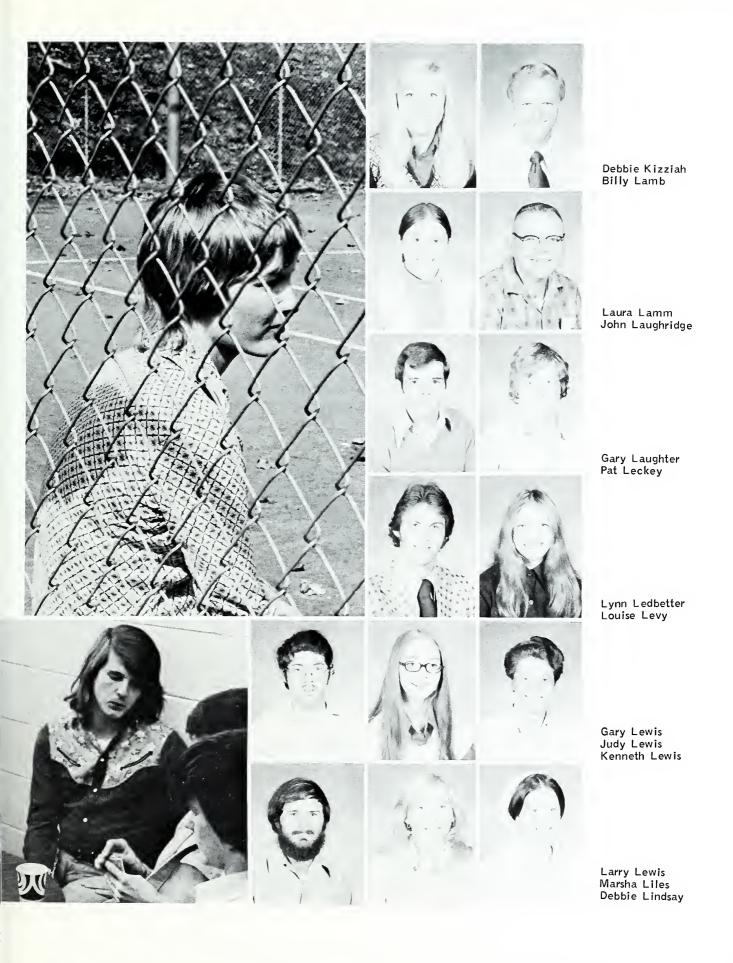


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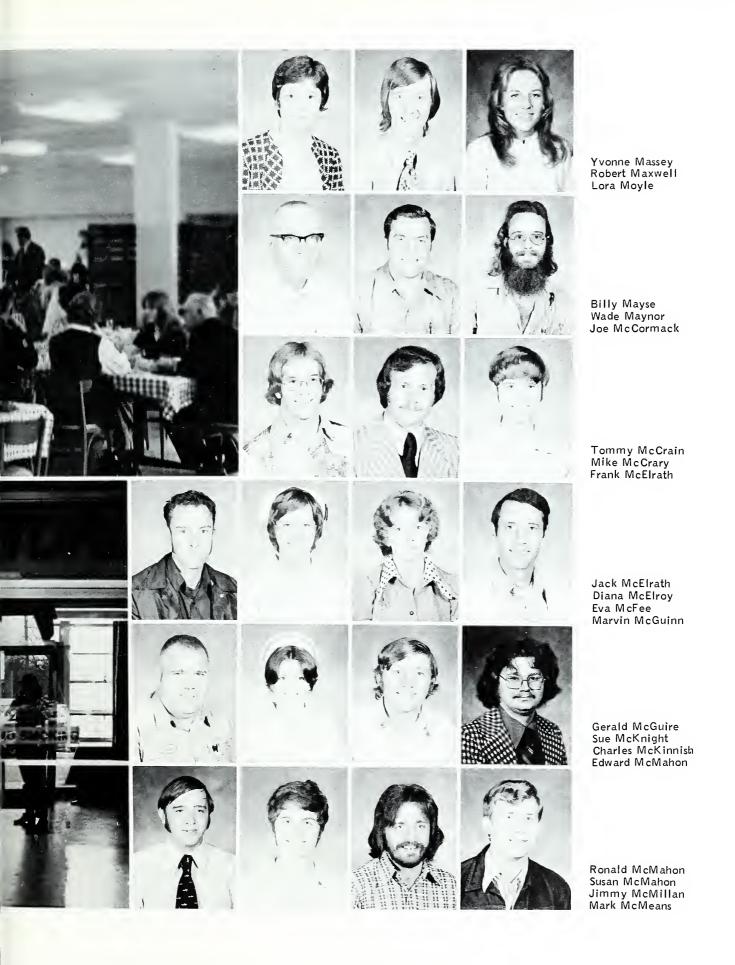
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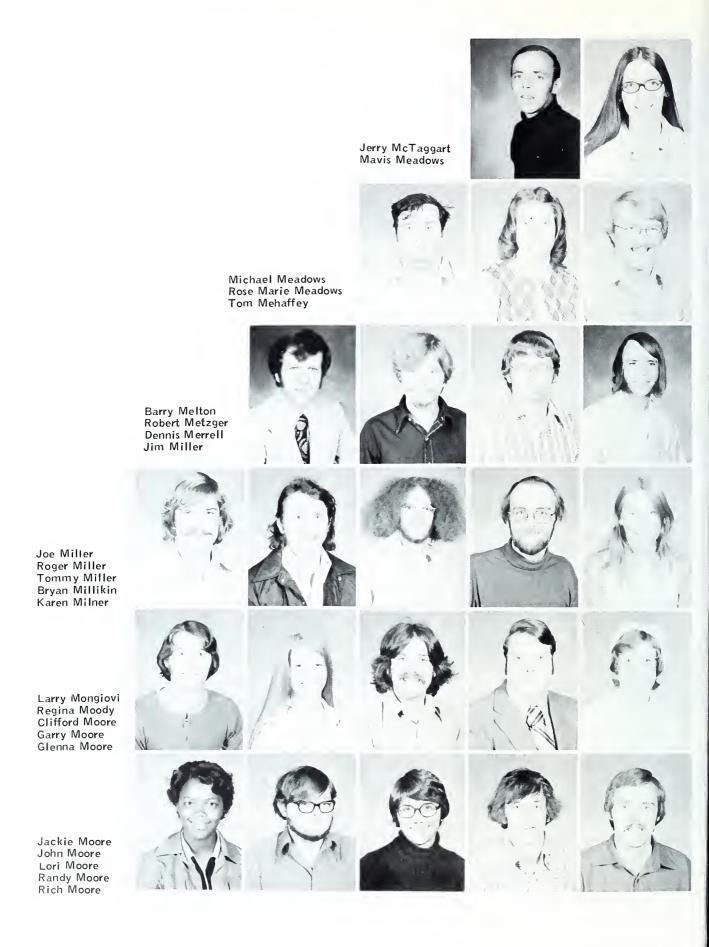
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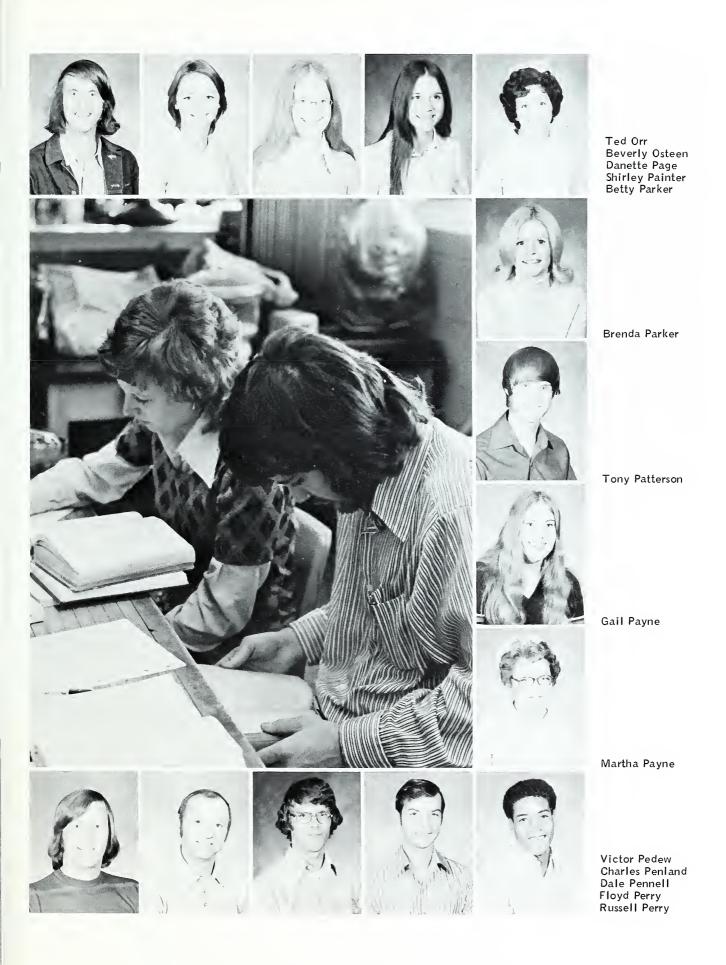


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Howard Pope Randy Porshia Phyllis Powell Hank Pressley Jane Pressley

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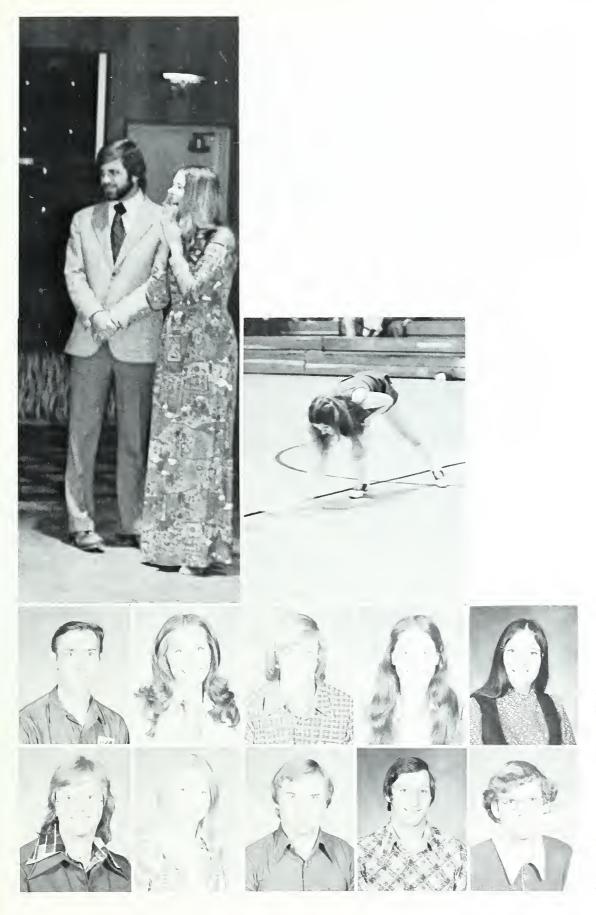
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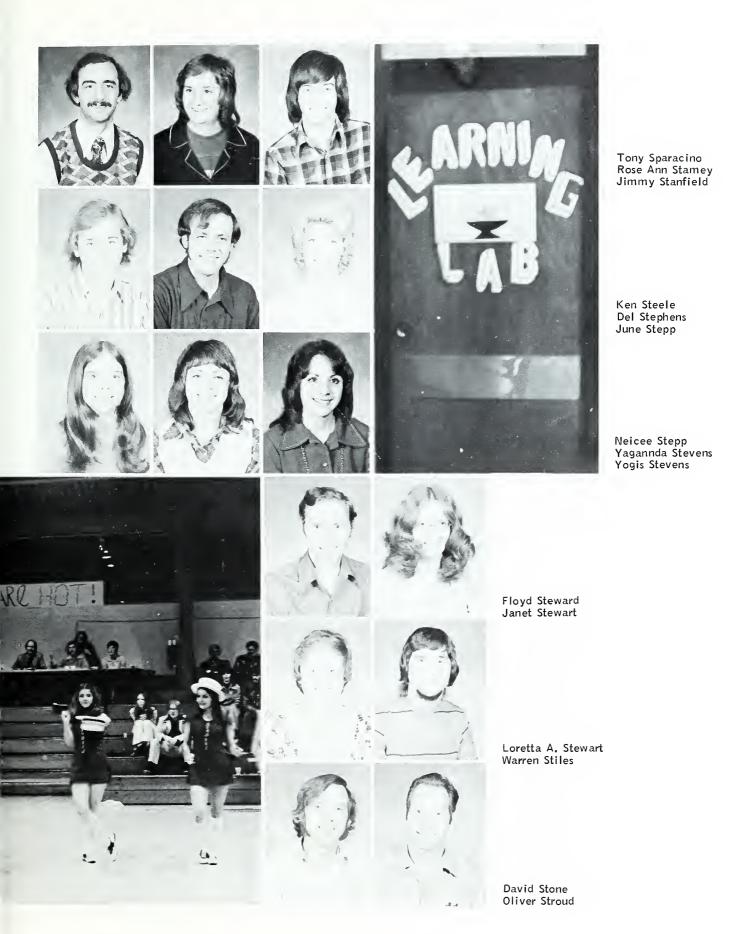
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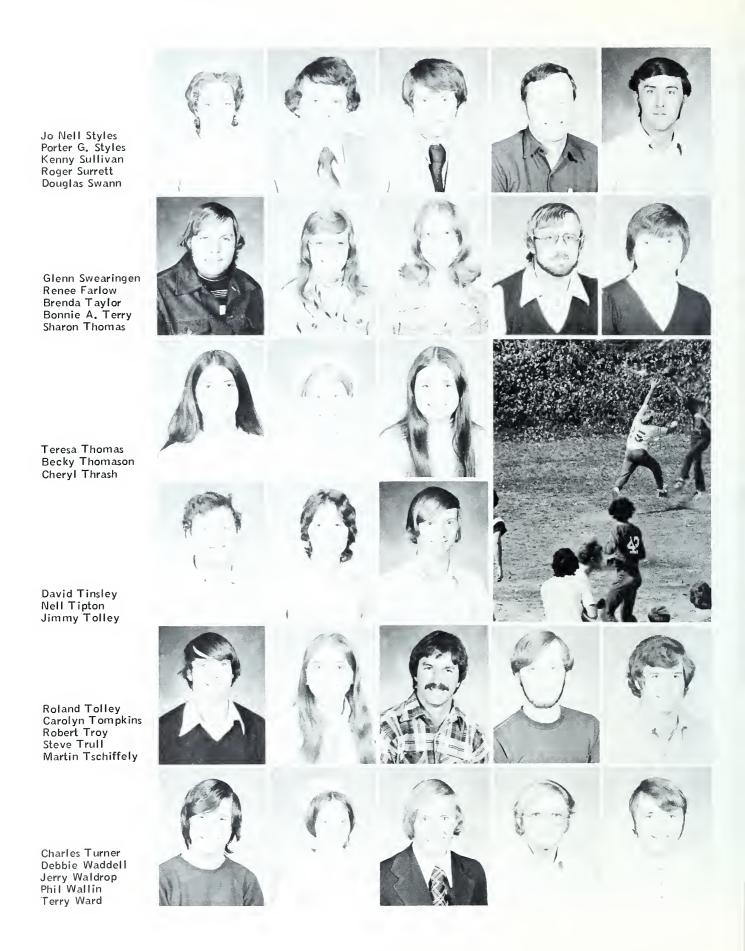


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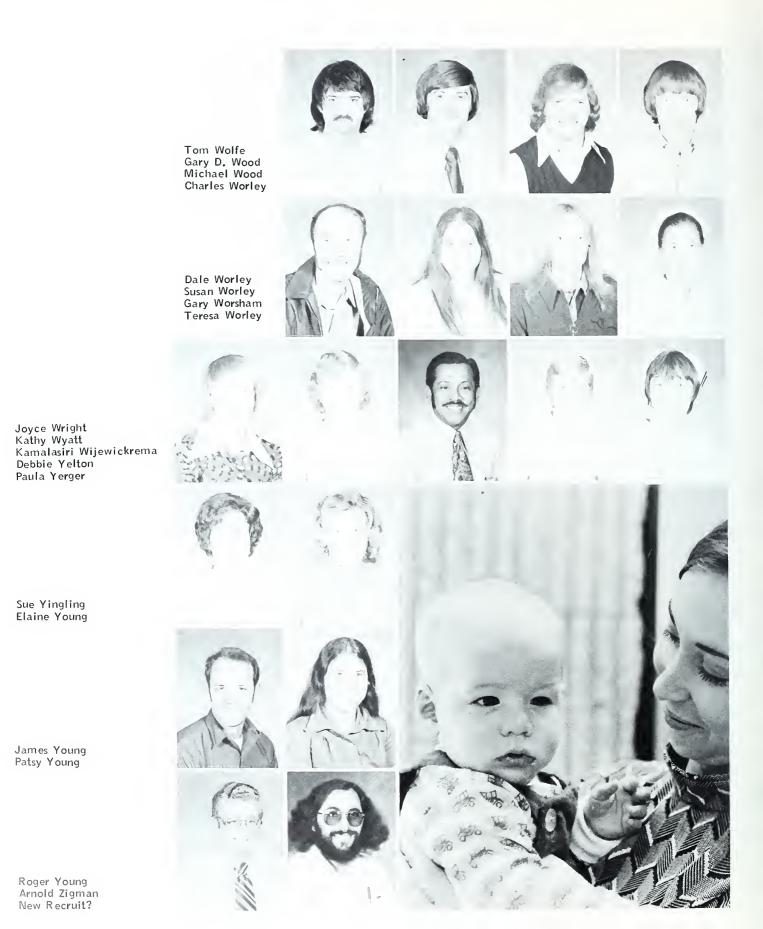
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Mary Wilkie Dee Williams James Williams

Marie Williams Margaret Williams James C. Wilson

Larry Wilson Loretta Wilson Velda Wilson



## IN MEMORY OF DOUG GIBBS

#### It's Hard to Lose a Friend

I read the other day that a friend of mine lost his life in a car accident. You say, "So what? Lots of people die in car accidents. What's new about that?" Have you ever lost someone you liked because of an accident on the highway or anywhere? Someone you knew you could trust with a deep, dark secret? Someone you could talk to and know that he'd

listen? Somebody--I don't know--somebody, you know?

A friend is a person who likes you because you like him. You get to know him through acquaintances at work, at church, at school, wherever. The bond of friendship comes together the first time you meet and strengthens as time goes on. When times are bad, a friend is the natural in a score of otherwise flat notes; someone who is never sharp unless it's necessary. A friend is the sunshine and warmth in a life of dark and cold; a smile, a wink, a pat on the back, an "Awright!" when you're a winner; and a "Shake it off, Man. You'll make it," when you're a loser. A friend is someone to be a friend to. He is someone you get down on your knees and thank God for at the end of the day. It's part of your life.

A friend for life is a friend forever. Having someone like that close by in a time of tragedy or in a time of real joy can be the ultimate high. You don't need Pot or Coke or

Pills or any type of drug. All you need is a friend. Period.

To a person who is lonely; literally with no one in the world to turn to, someone who he can call "Friend" can be like finding the pot at the end of the rainbow, Gold and all. It can be like finding a treasure trove, a gold mine, a bonanza. It's an ego builder. You think down deep inside that the world hates you and that you're inferior to all around. Then you find that there IS someone who cares. He might be the only one within a 100-mile radius; still, he's one person who respects you, understands you and helps you. That's a friend.

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easy to lose your life, but it's awfully hard to lose a friend.

Ron Caldwell

# THE PRESIDENT SPENIS

Each year sees new growth and greater opportunities at A-B Tech, and I am glad that this continues to be true. No viable institution can remain static and ABTI is no exception. As we have moved to make the newly purchased Catholic property truly ours, a master plan has been developed. Long-range educational planning was presented to the State Board of Education in a document prepared under the guidance of the Academic Affairs Committee with involvement of staff, students, and community representatives. The WNC Historial Association was granted a lease for the Smith-McDowell Home and has developed plans for making it an area cultural center. Institutionally, we have participated in efforts to alleviate unemployment by cooperating with the Manpower Commission in offering special classes. Fernihurst has been utilized for some of these classes, and others have been conducted in leased facilities.

All of these things are positive contributions to the community in which you and I live. I hope you are proud of being a part of the Institute and its growth.

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