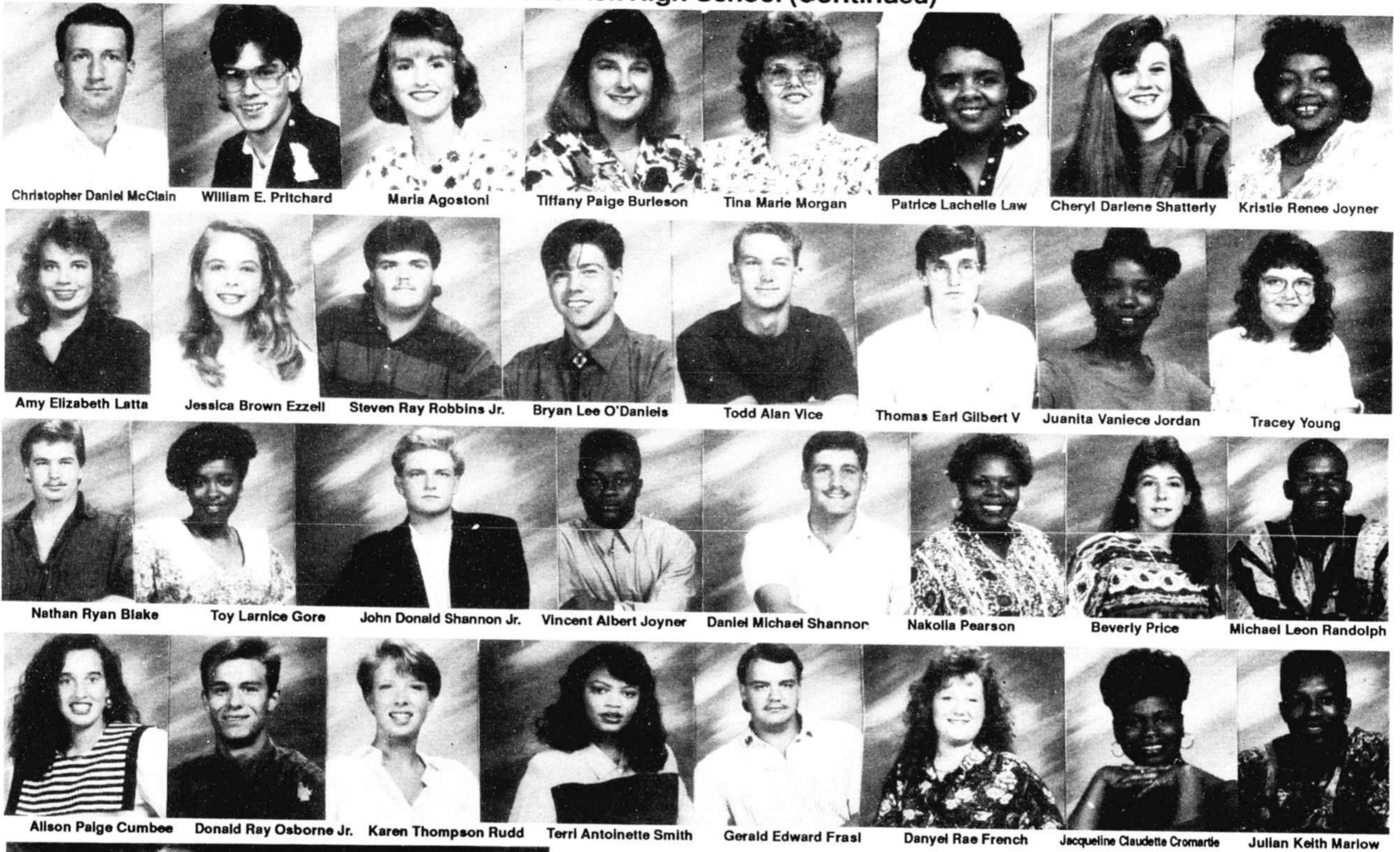


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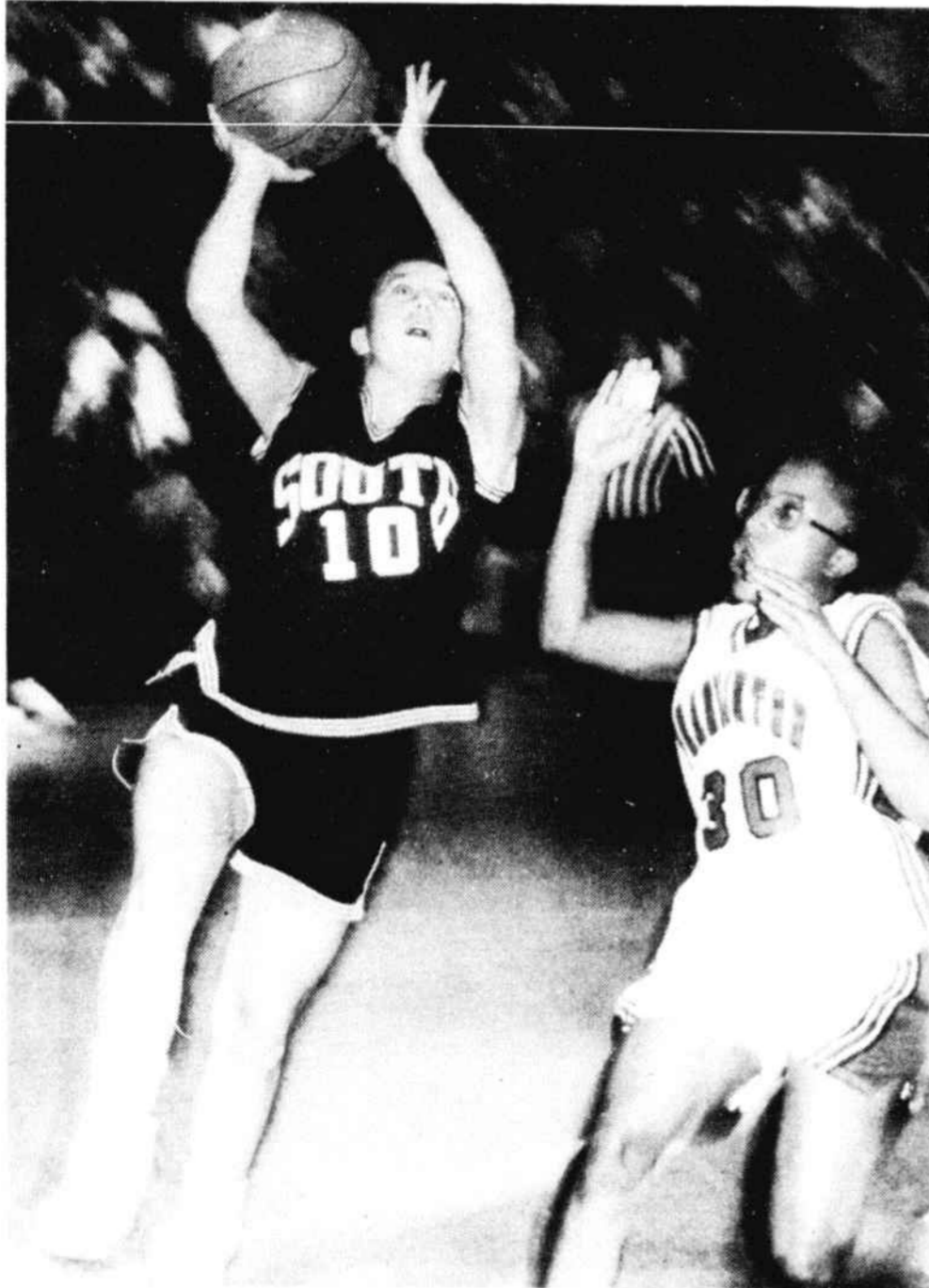


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ALISON CUMBEE (10) drives to the hoop during a basketball playoff game last season against Franklinton.

South's Cumbee Got Start Shooting Hoops With Mom

BY DOUG RUTTER
Allison Cumbee got her start in organized sports like a lot of kids—by shooting hoops in the yard with her mom.

She was just a sixth grader at the time. And when she made the middle school basketball team the following year, there was no stopping her.

The 17-year-old daughter of Greg and Pam Cumbee of Southport graduates from South Brunswick High next week after an outstanding basketball career.

In fact, Cumbee has also made a pretty good showing as a member of the tennis and softball teams the last two years.

The compact, energetic brunette actually got started in athletics in the fourth grade when she took up karate.

Cumbee earned her black belt as a 10th grader, and says the experience has been a big help throughout her high school career.

"It helped me get in shape, and it got me interested in being active instead of just sitting around," she said. "It teaches a lot of discipline and I think it's good for your self confidence too."

South Brunswick Softball Coach William Hargrove said Cumbee ex-

udes self confidence, and is a dedicated and sincere person.

"She brings a very positive attitude to the squad," he said. "She's very coachable. Anything you ask her to do, if it's in her power she'll do it."

Cumbee, described by her coach as a good defensive player with a lot of speed, played short field and emergency second baseman for the Lady Cougars.

She was the top player on the girls' tennis team her senior year, and was also a major reason behind South Brunswick's success on the basketball court the last two years as a sharp-shooting guard.

High school hasn't been all fun and games for Cumbee. She served as class president her junior and senior years.

The honor society member earned a spot on the honor roll every grading period her last two years at South Brunswick.

She said she's always been a good student. The privilege of playing school sports has been a good incentive to do well in the classroom.

Cumbee said one of her favorite people at South Brunswick is Jack

Brown, who was her physical education teacher all four years.

"He's helped me out a lot. He's really been nice," she said of Brown, who coaches the varsity baseball team. "Whenever I didn't feel like playing he would say something to cheer me up."

Cumbee is an active member of Southport Baptist Church and is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the fall. Cumbee hasn't chosen a major field of study yet, but knows she wants to go to college at least four years.

She said she'll wait to see how her grades are the first semester before deciding whether she'll get involved in college athletics.

"I might try to walk on the basketball team but I'm not sure yet," she said. "I'll definitely play intramural sports there."

Cumbee says she'll miss her friends and teachers at South Brunswick and the one-on-one instruction she received in high school.

"I've had a wonderful time at South Brunswick," she said. "I can't believe it's over with, but I've had a great time."