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A WHIRLWIND



Ben Bastone

MSSD

A Whirlwind of Memories . . .



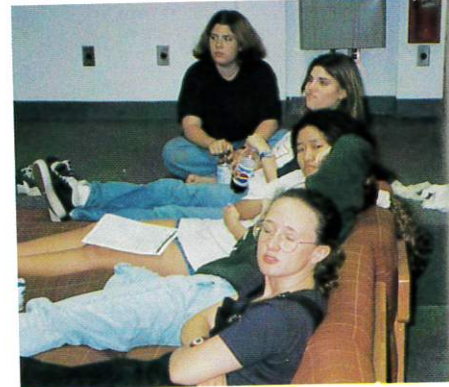
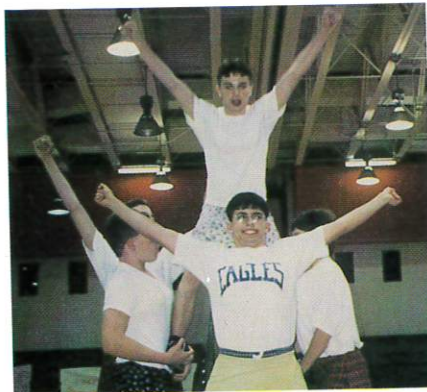
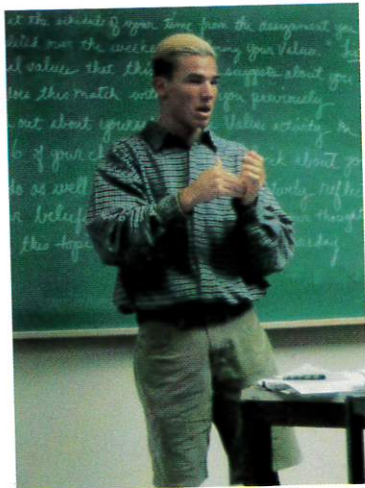
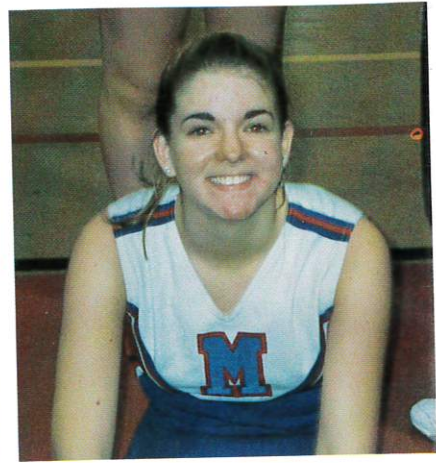
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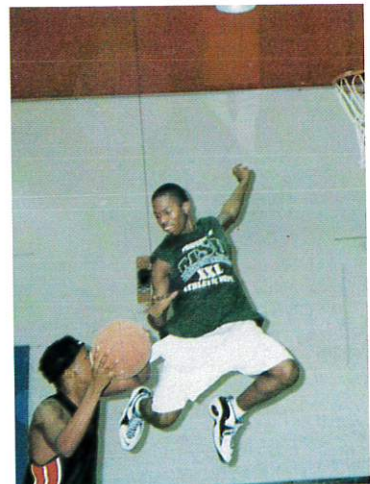
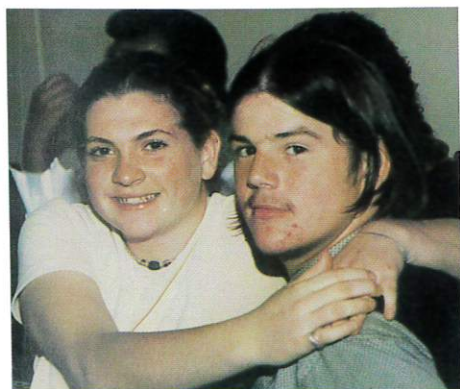
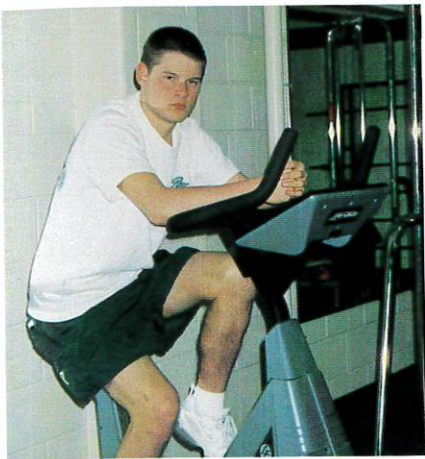
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Eagle Song

Hail to our mighty Eagles
Spirit and hail to our MSSD flag
Its colors Red, White, and Blue

All our enemies are afraid of our MSSD boys
because our MSSD boys give them
oppression, oppression, oppression, and
revenge, revenge

Challenge, challenge the world and its four corners
while fighting firmly to pull the group through
Even though our MSSD boys hit, hit
Frustrated, frustrated, slump, slump

What if our victory seems not possible?
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, our MSSD boys are
willing to fight the stubborn fight
from sunrise to sunset

So, hail to our mighty Eagles
Spirit and hail to our MSSD flag
its colors, well, of course Red, White, and Blue

Our boys lined up, ready to go
referees blows, boys hear??
NO! DEAF!

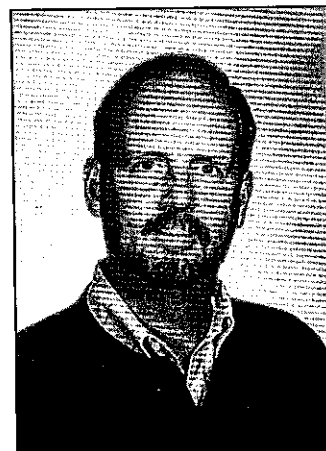
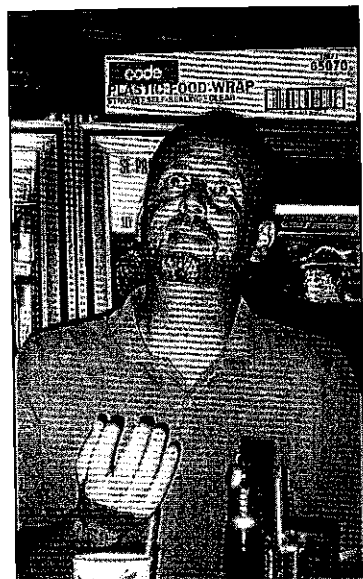
And yet we all cooperate, cooperate, cooperate
yell, yell, yell, to support our group through!

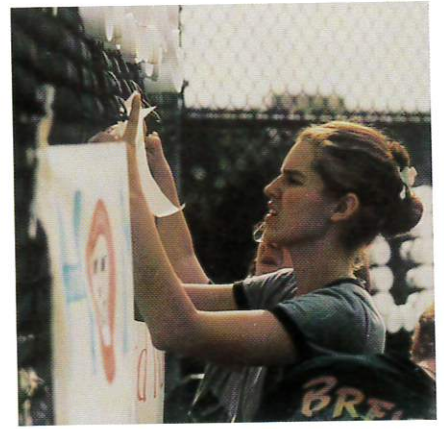
For nearly a decade, the Eagle Song has been a tradition at MSSD. Two cheerleaders would usually sing this upbeat song to the beat of a drum and involve the audience by having them clap along. This song has always been enjoyed by MSSD students at different events, such as football games, pep rallies, graduation, and more! Hopefully, this tradition will be carried on for many more decades to come!

Dedication



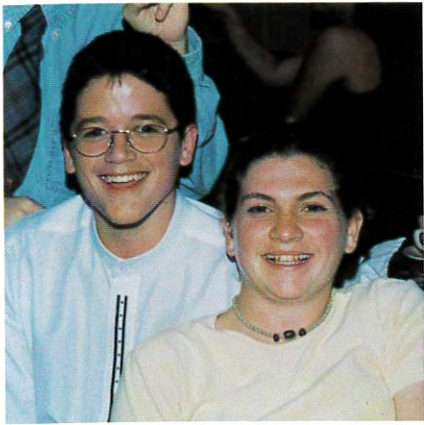
The Senior class of 1997 is proud to present the yearbook's first dedication ever to two very special people who have poured their hearts and souls into their work here at MSSD: Tim and Linda McCarty. These two have won the Senior class's hearts with their devotion and commitment in their work: Tim in Performing Arts and Linda in Social Studies. Both Tim and Linda have been a part of the MSSD family for many years and there's nobody else that we value more than Tim and Linda. Many students here have enjoyed Linda's energy when she teaches Social Studies; she makes the subjects come alive and she has arranged many creative projects to enhance our learning. It is always obvious that Linda loves Social Studies, even after 25 years of teaching, and she has influenced us to love it as well! Tim is a man of very few words but of many ideas. His mind is always creating new projects, new materials, and much more! For 21 years, Tim has worked to build a Performing Arts program which consisted of many of Tim's creations, such as spring plays and the MSSD Road Show. Those who have worked with Tim will never forget what he has taught them. The two of them are MSSD's greatest teachers and both have earned tremendous respect not only from the faculty but from the students as well. Tim and Linda reside in Maryland and they have two grown daughters, Erin and Kristin. Golf is one of Tim's obsessions, besides theatre, and Linda shares his interest in the sport. While Tim loves channel-surfing, Linda is an avid reader. A game of Bridge interests them once a month and they even have their own Bridge club which started 20 years ago! In the years to come, Tim and Linda McCarty's names will never be forgotten because they will always be a part of the MSSD family. We, the Senior class of 1997, are proud of them and we are honored to have known two such terrific people!





A WHIRLWIND of Student Life

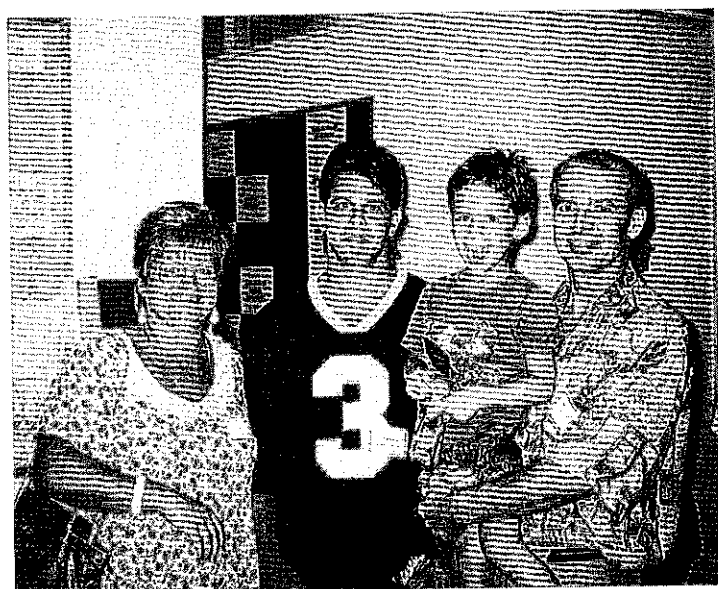




OF MEMORIES



New Student Orientation (NSO)



New Student Orientation was a success, helping new freshmen and transfer students and their parents sign in and get the necessary paperwork and registration done. There was even an orientation room where they went, to learn more about MSSD, to meet to their teachers, and to meet some of the administration.

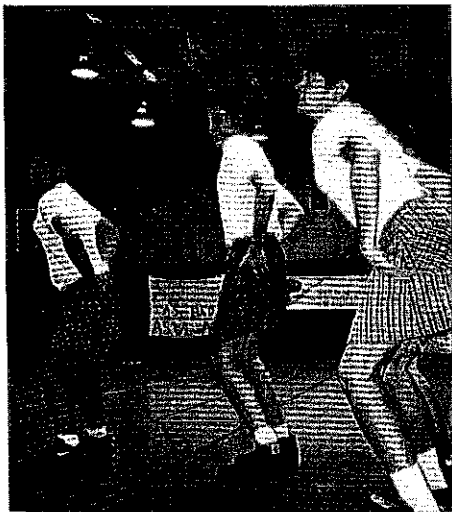
MSSD Peer Advisors played a part in helping during NSO as well. They did a "dry transportation run," showing new students how to get to Union Station, the Mall, and Georgetown. The students were encouraged to play games and get to know each other. It was a great time for all!



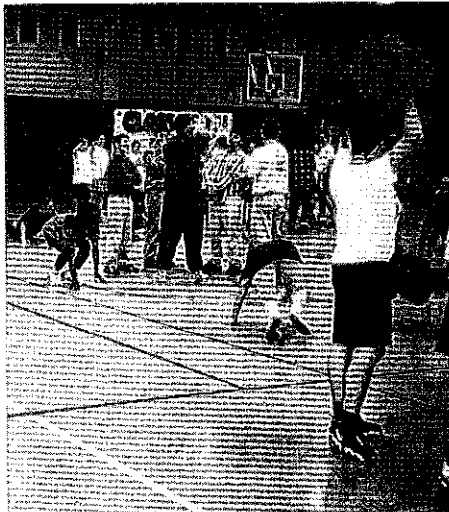
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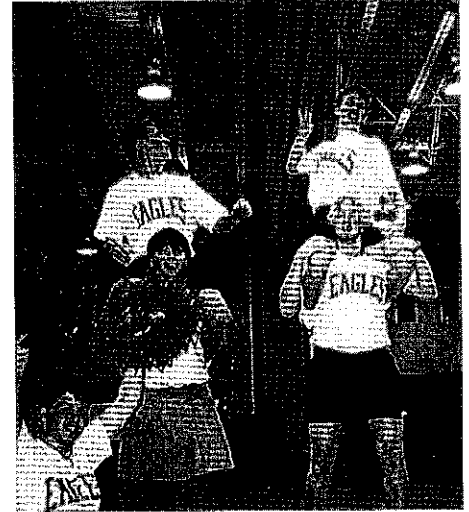
Homecoming Spirit Week was one of the best events that happened this year at MSSD. Students participated in various activities during the week. The Spirit Week committee worked hard to arrange fun activities for everyone, such as Movie Star Day; Blue, Red and White Class Day; and Hippie Day. Participants dressed with spirit and flair for the assigned topic for each day. There were physical activities such as the powder puff, the powder puff championship, a treasure hunt, a kick off, and boys' volleyball. There was also a lot of curiosity about who would be the Homecoming princes and princesses. All classes were very competitive and they all did well. The Class of 1997 placed first in week's competition.



"Hey! Whoop, there it is!"



"The Class of 1997 will last forever," said the cheerleaders.



"Whoa! Tough exercise for the senior girls!"

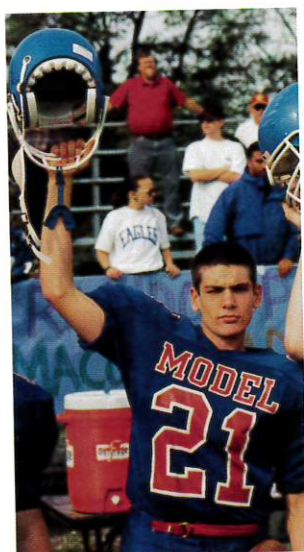
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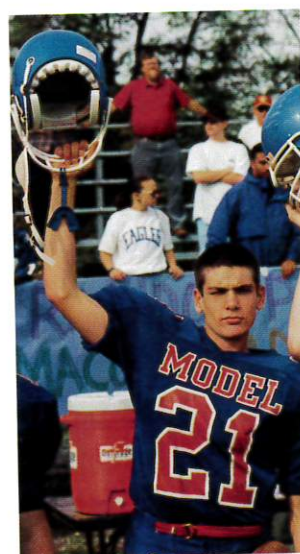
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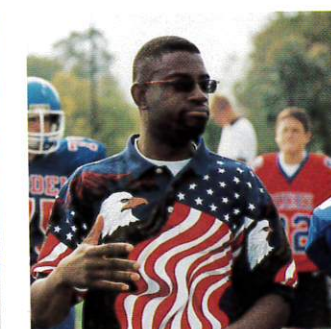
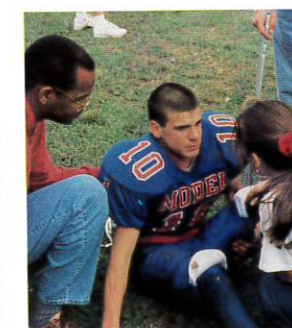
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HOMEcoming DAY

'96 Homecoming Dance



Homecoming '96, all agreed, was one of the best dances ever! Hugs, hairdos, and hustling dominated the evening as people tried to laugh, cry, and out-dance each other at the same time. It was a night for people to bond, rejoice that the food had a semi-normal taste, worship the King and Queen, put those flowers back in their hair, and do, of course, the Macarena.



La Fontaine Bleu is a beautiful place!

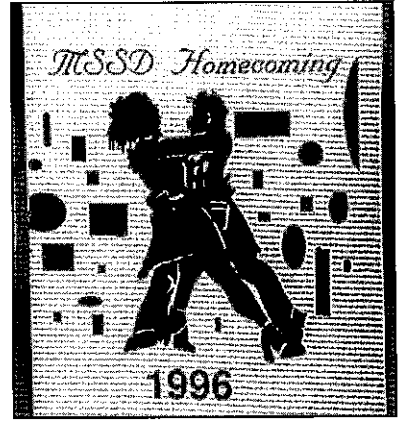
Tyese Wright and Marvin Bell, Homecoming Queen and King of 1996, strike a pose.

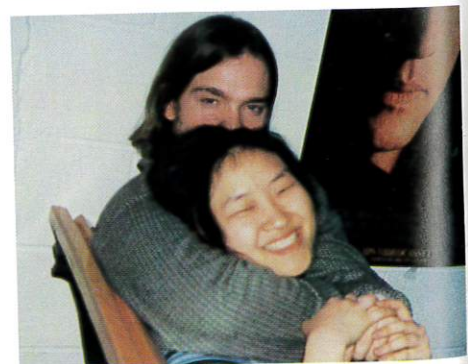
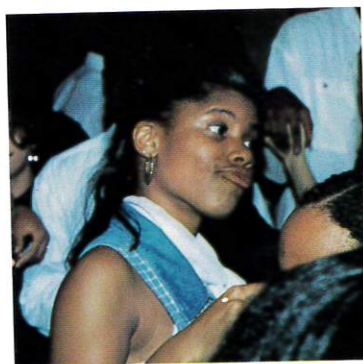
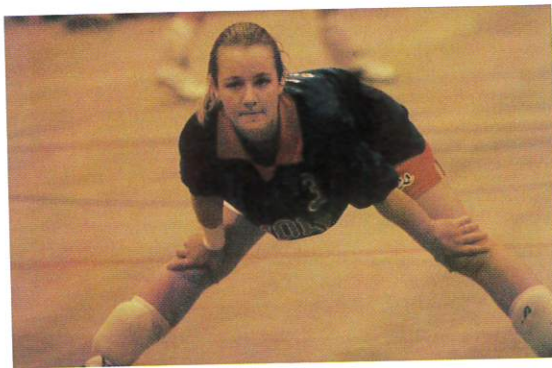
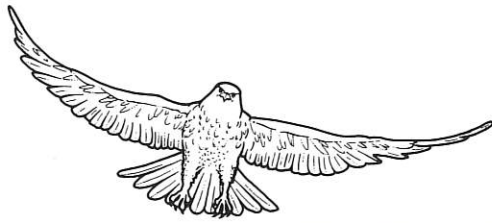


Chrissy and Pope are sweating hard, trying to out-dance each other, as are Alycia and Lamoni.



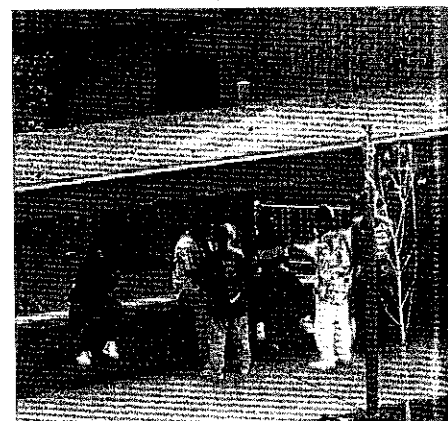
Everyone is having a BLAST time!!







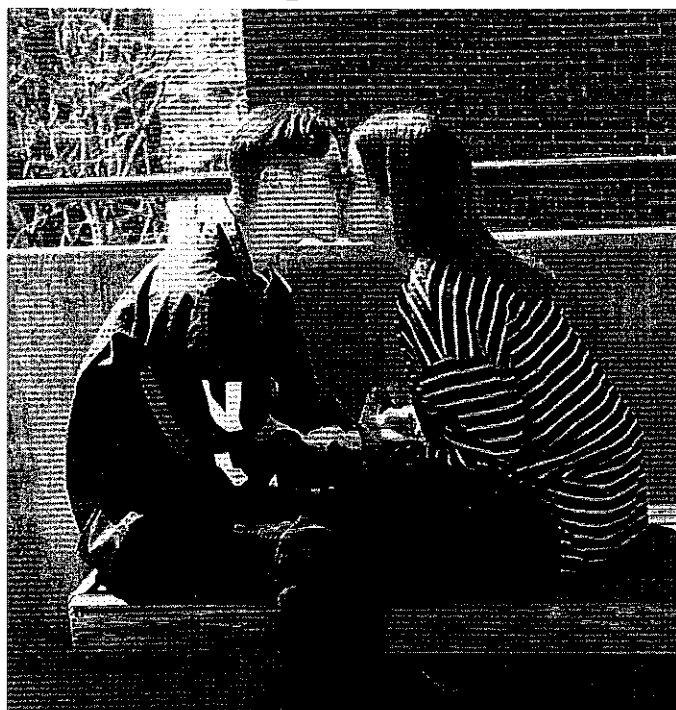
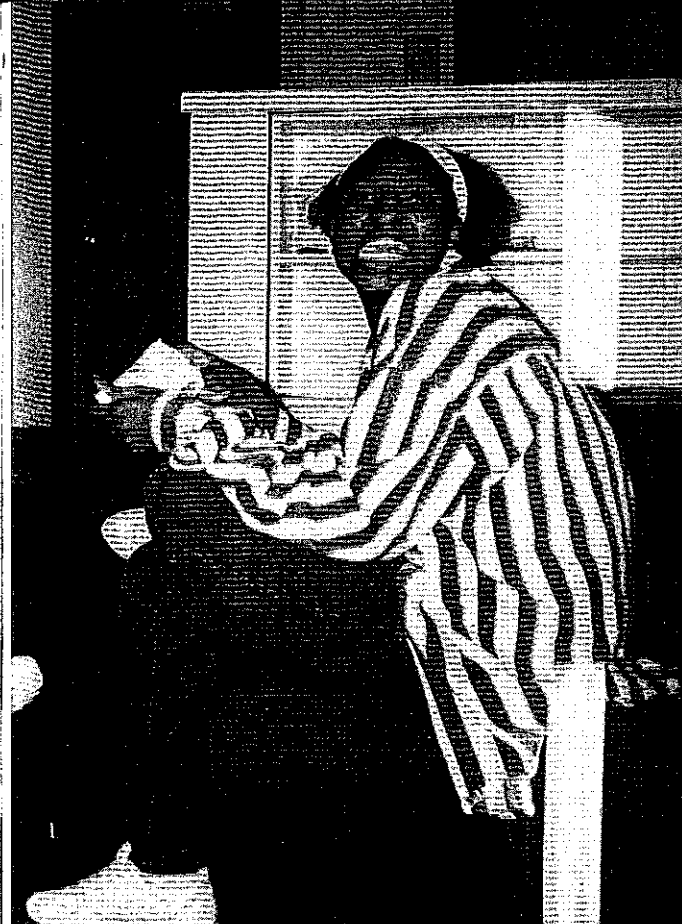
Dorm Life



Dorm life is fun. We do many things, like chatting with friends, watching television and movies, goofing on each other, and wrestling in the lobby. Every weekend most students tend to order food from different carry-out restaurants — trying to avoid that cafe food! Also on the weekends, everyone tries to go off campus — usually with one of the sponsored activities — or to get to Hobbs to catch up on their E-mail. Everybody's always looking to have a BLAST TIME!!!



Social Life at MSSD



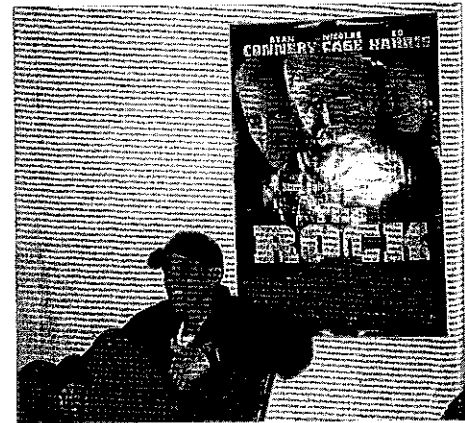
One of the best things about MSSD was the social life. As the year progressed, students got to know each other, hung out, had romances, clowning around and made life-long friends.

Eagle Center

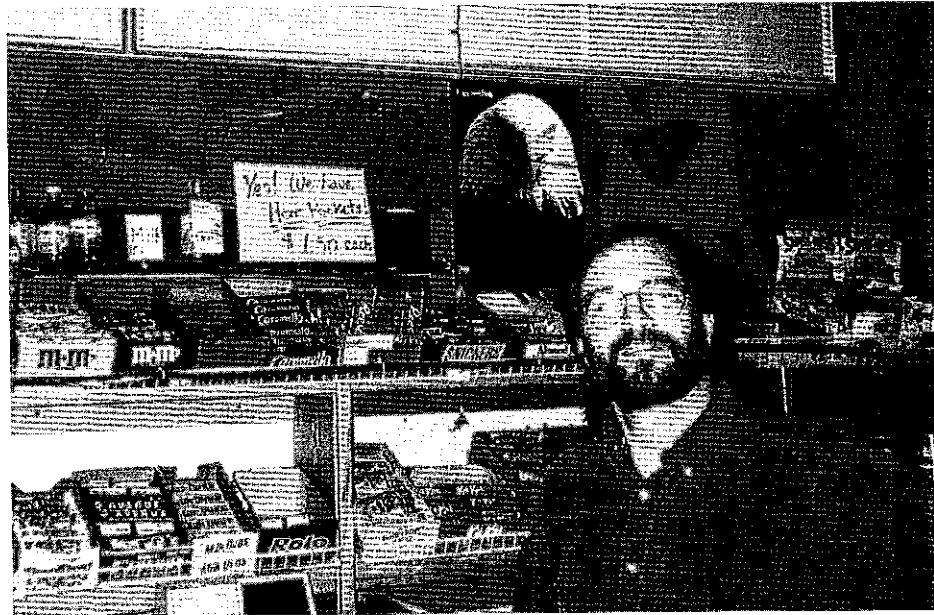


Students flock to the Eagle Center, run by Frank Turk, to take advantage of the large selection of snack foods offered, to play adventure activities/games, and to watch the movies provided. It is also the sign-up place for off-campus activities. Most of all, the Eagle Center is a respite from studying — a place the students go to relax and enjoy chatting with each other.

Jeffrey Roberts gives the movie behind him a "thumbs up."



Steve Gagton tests his skill at basketball in the computerized way.

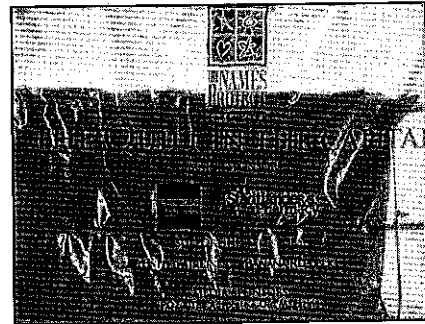
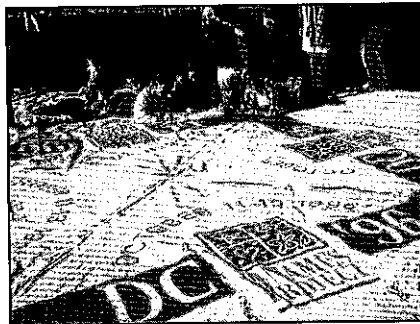
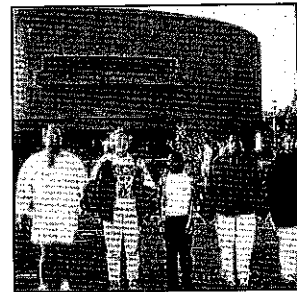


Marc Bowman says, "Hey, Antonie Robinson! Stop dreaming about your new girlfriend and let's finish his game!"

The AIDS Quilt

On October 11-13, 1996 the AIDS Memorial Quilt, with over 45,000 panels made in memory of people who have died of AIDS, was put on display at the National Mall. The quilt spread out from the Capital to the Washington Monument! On Oct 11 in the early morning, fourteen of our MSSD students participated in the unfolding of the quilt, along with many other volunteers. Later that day, the freshman and sophomore students arrived for a field trip to view the quilt and see the educational tents. This was a very memorable experience for us.

Diane Emmanuel





Whitetail, home of the Ski Club.



The Ski Club members.



Charlotte, Marc, Maria, Tommy, Renato, Ellie and Ryan prepare to ski the slopes.

Let's ski!!

For the first time, MSSD formed a ski club. This club consisted of fourteen members. We went to the Whitetail skiing resort in Merensburg, PA. It was an hour and a half drive from MSSD. Each Wednesday, we left right after the compressed schedule at 2:30 pm. Despite the lousy weather this year, we were able to attend the resort five times.

The purpose of this club was to allow the students to experience the joys of skiing. It was also to help students' abilities and skills improve. Some of us were skiing and snowboarding for the very first time! All of us had mastered some skills after each of the sessions.

Phyllis Brooks Maloney



The skiers are tired from skiing so they sit and chat, resting their feet.

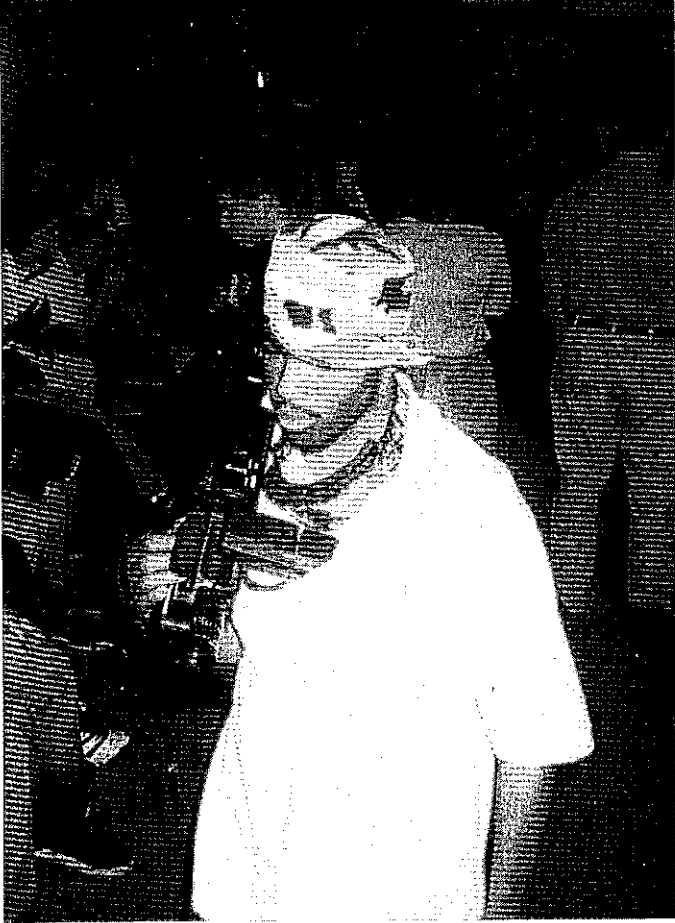


Photographer Keri takes a break for a picture with her snowboard, the "com."



Uff oh, Chris has fallen and cannot get up!

Valentine's Day Party



Valentine's Day is when people show their love to those they care about. This year's Valentine's party was hosted by the junior class. They provided kissing a booth, music, dancing, refreshments, and more! Everyone enjoyed chatting, dancing, and kissing in the movie room where the music was.

Thanks to the junior class for making the party fun and a great success!



Roberta, are you paranoid?



Micki warns the boys about the terrors about to befall them.



Hey, Benny Bunny! You are one scary-looking animal!

On February 28, the seniors sponsored this event in the Eagle Center. The Haunted House consisted of rooms representing different holidays — Homecoming, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. After a week of hard work making decorations and preparations, the seniors' Holiday Haunted House was a great success! Some students even came back for more!



GRRR! Ha! Underclassmen, you're next!



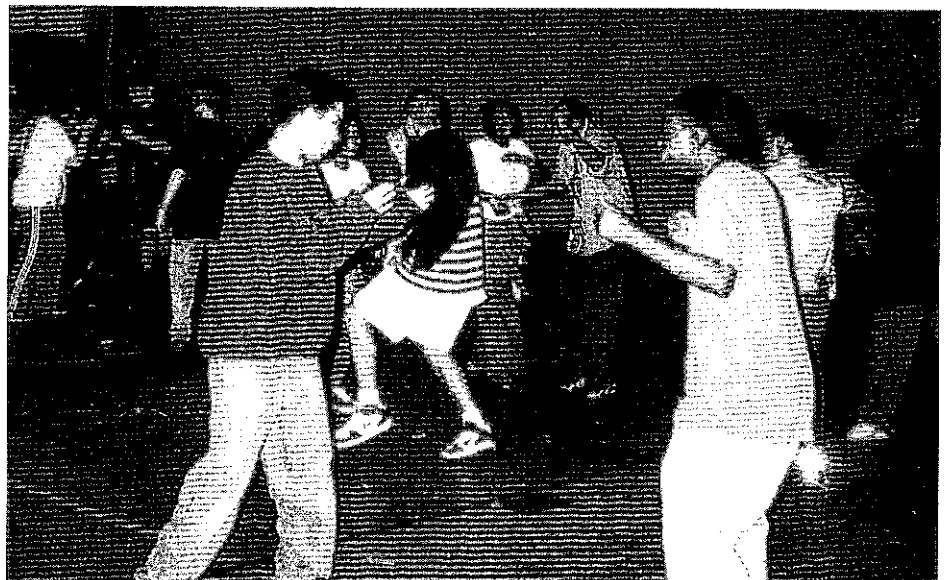
I told you not to come to 3H. Now it's too late. *thump*



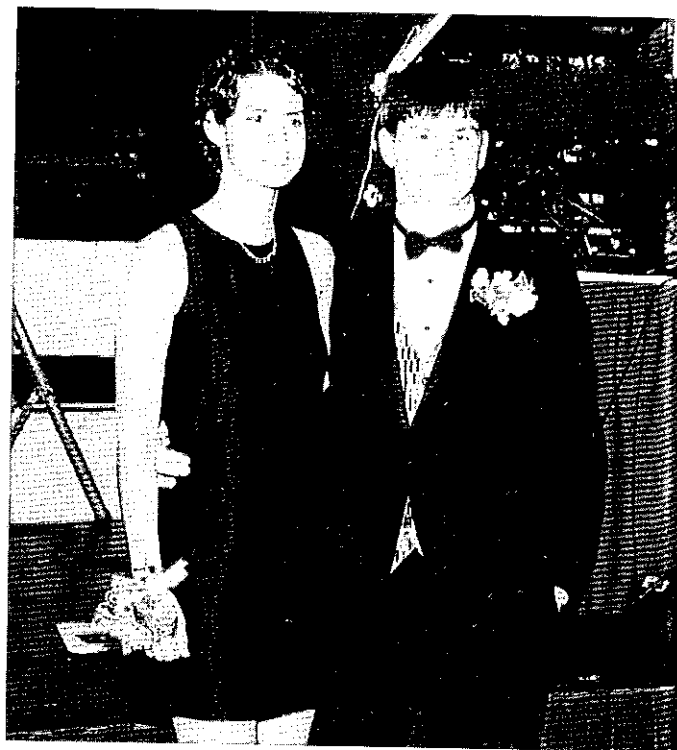
Which part of this don't you understand?!!



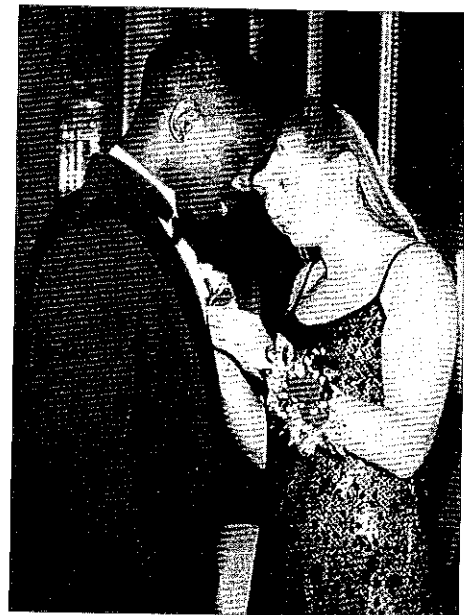
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



PROM MEMORIES



Prom night was an exciting and satisfying event, a fitting end to our 1996-97 experiences. Students decked out in their very finest danced the night away. Memories were made that will last a lifetime. Ben Bottoms and Lissandra Clark were crowned Prom King and Queen for 1997.





David enjoys dancing with Tekeisha Williams.

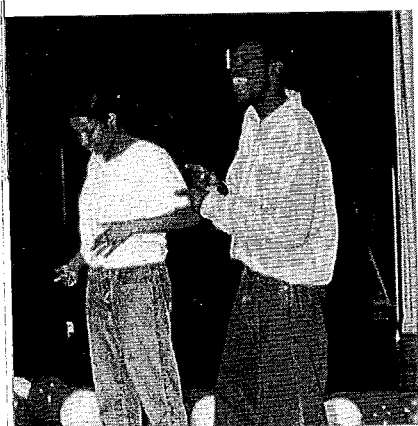
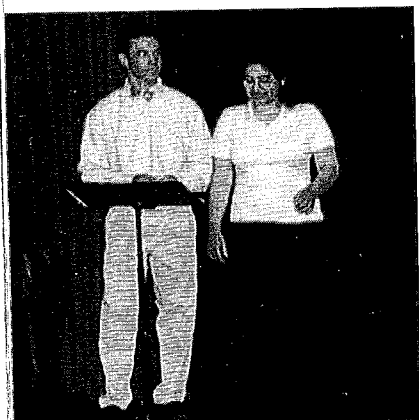
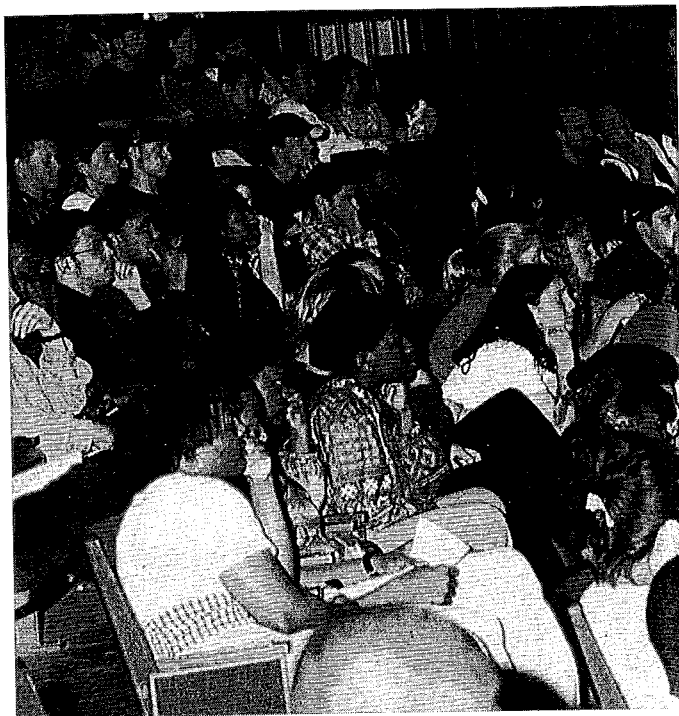


Sasha chats with Carla, while Laura checks out the dance floor.

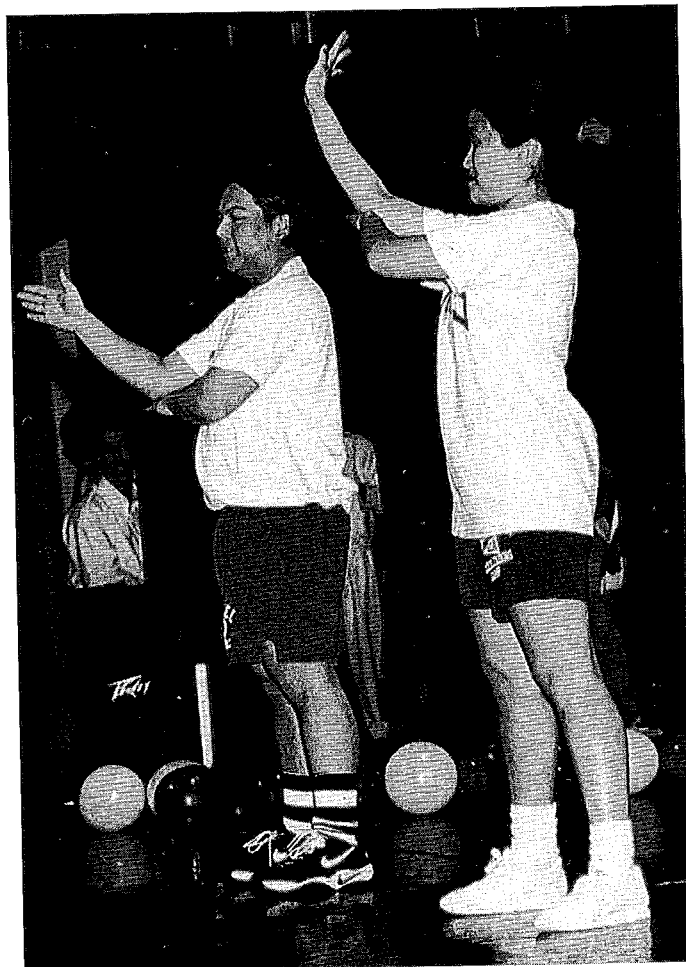
Mr. and Miss MSSD 1997

The Mr. and Miss MSSD pageant, hosted by Roberta Gage and Carol Nemecek, was held on May 12 in the Theatre Maltz. There were 23 contestants in this exciting pageant. Roger Kessler and Irina Normatov did superb jobs as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. The contestants competed in 4 categories: hometown clothing, talent, sportswear, and evening wear. During breaks, Nikita Williams and Deandre McCoy signed a song, "Candy Rain," which the

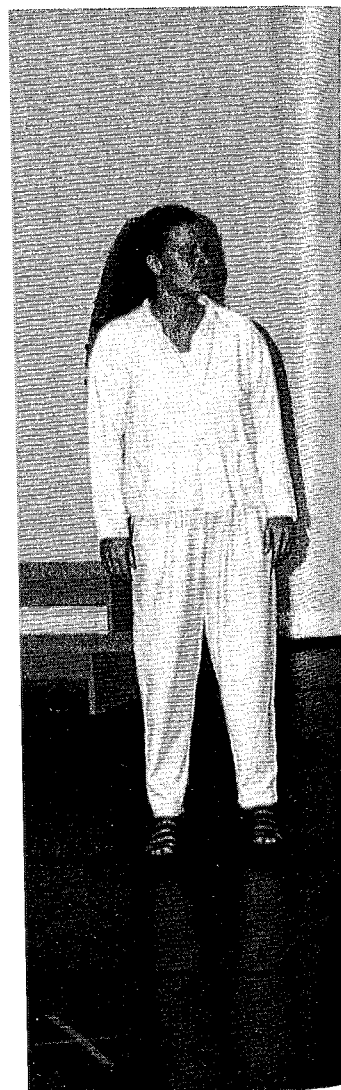
audience enjoyed. Tim Hile did an outstanding job doing the "Eagle" from A to Z in ASL. Fred Beam and Ronnie Bradley, of the Wild Zappers, entertained the audience with their dancing. The judges, Angela McCaskill, Kathy O'Brien, and Frank Turk, Jr. made some challenging decisions, helped along by the auditing of Chris Hamilton and Larry Pearce, and finally Chris Merritt and Alycia Brown were presented as Mr. and Miss MSSD.



Nikita and Deandre give their special performance of "Candy Rain."



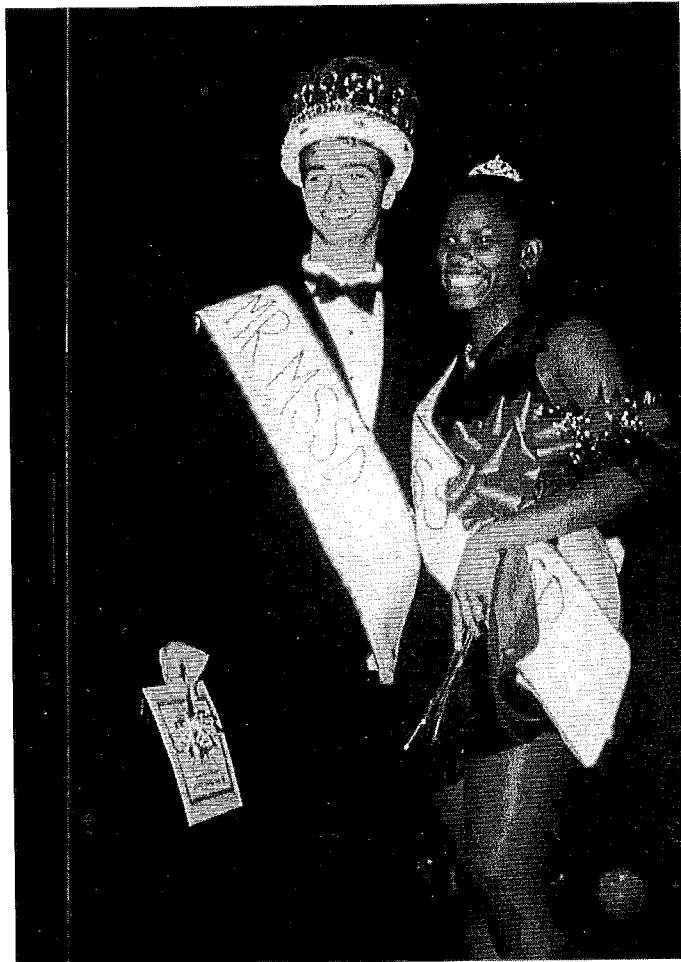
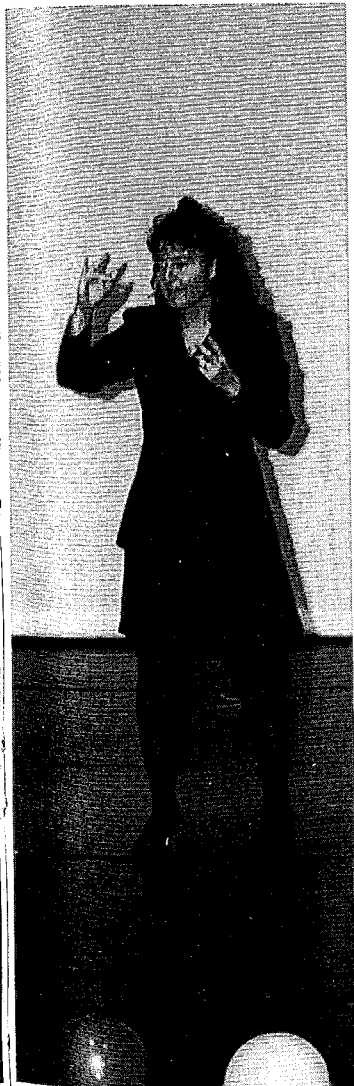
Alan and Stella team up together.



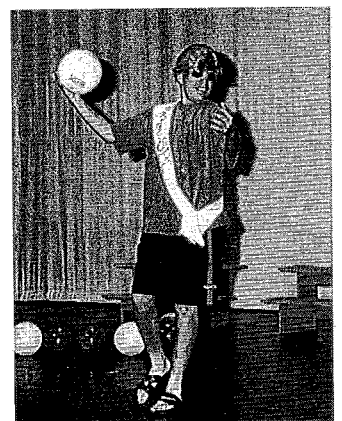
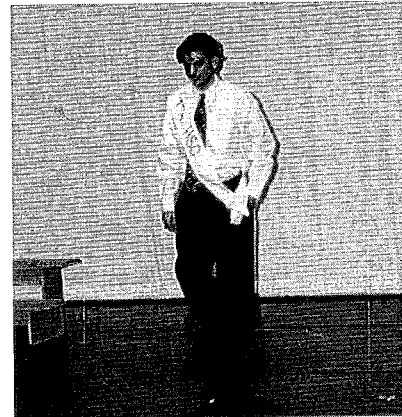
Roberta and Carol speak briefly to the audience.



The contestants take their turns answering questions given by Roger and Irina.



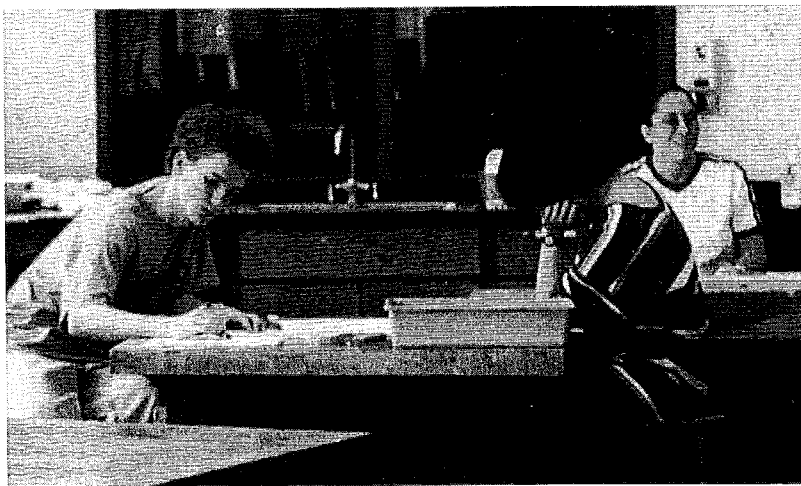
Congratulations to Chris Merritt and Alycia Brown, Mr. and Miss MSSD 1997!

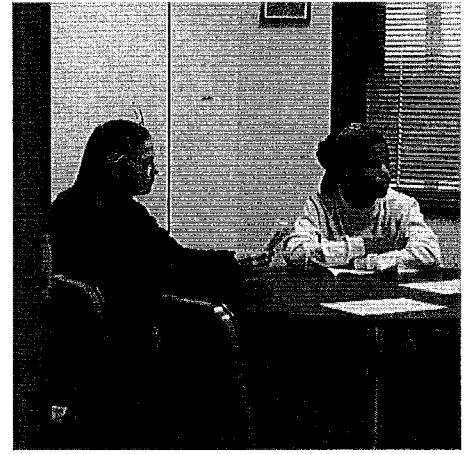
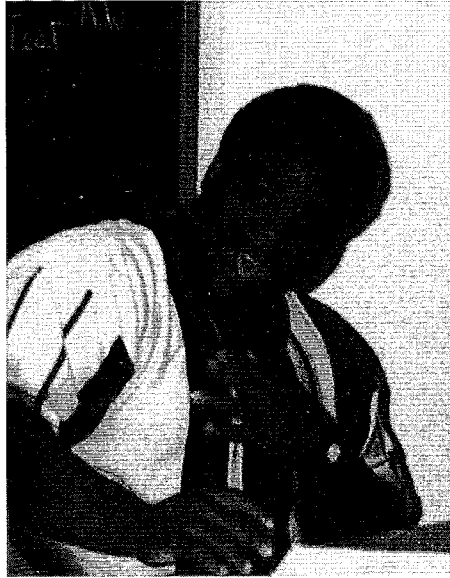
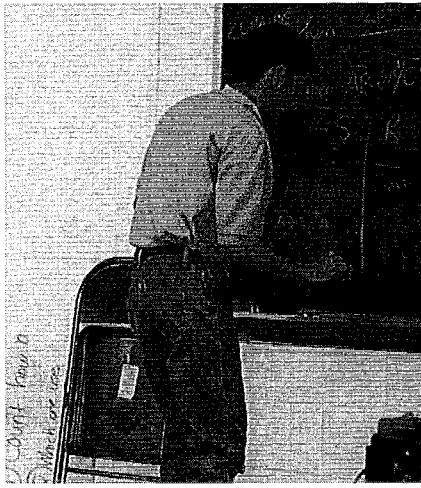


Mr. SBG, Nick, shows off his volleyball skills.

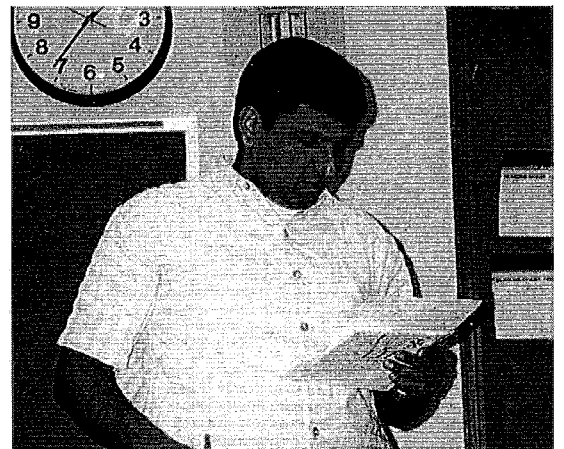
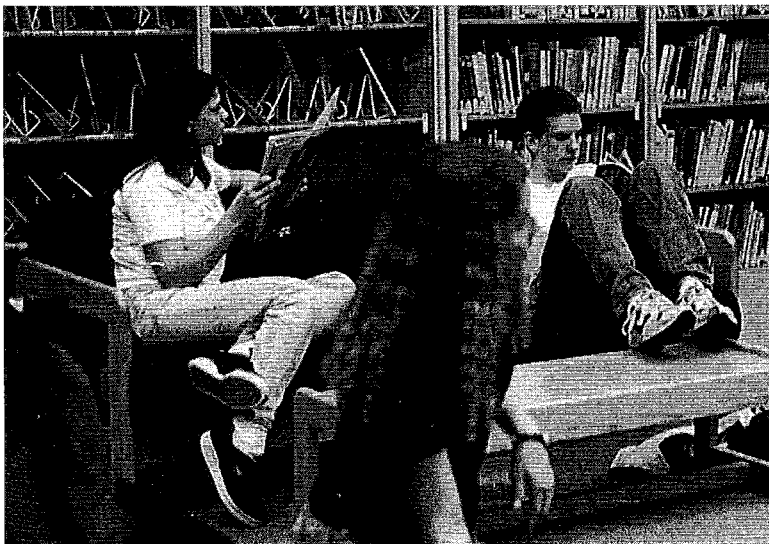
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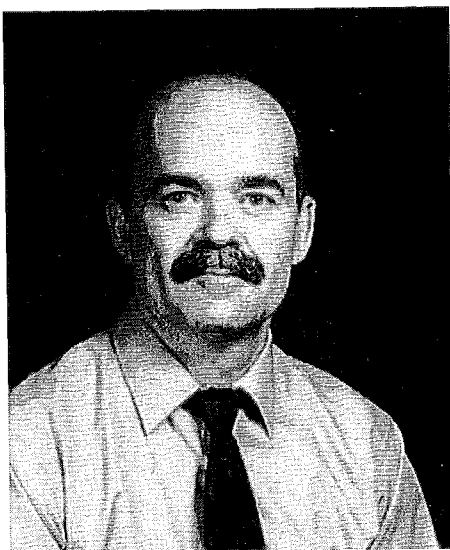
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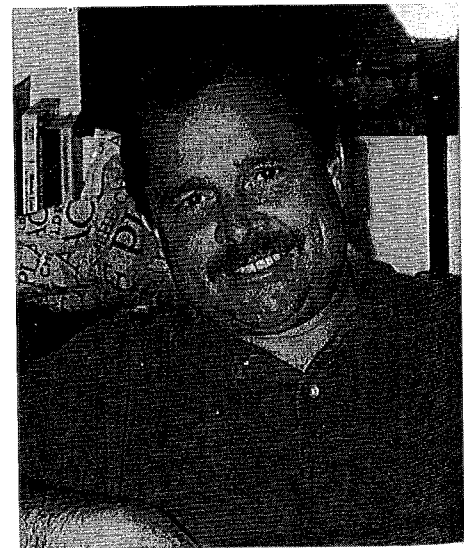
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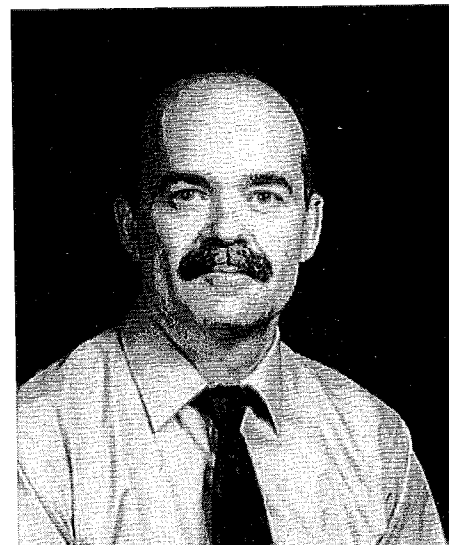
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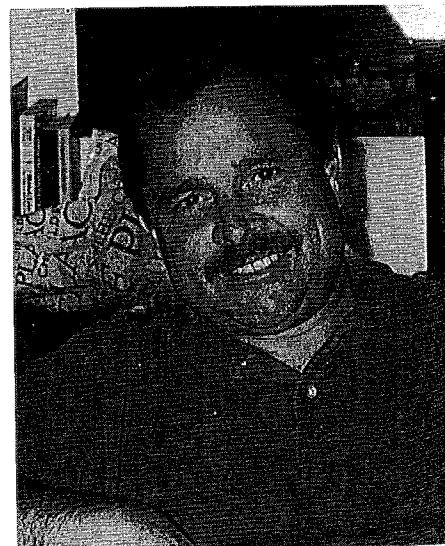
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Liaison, Sophomore
Brown, Frances — Instructor, Senior Team
Caesar, Brandon — Nurse
Campbell, Adrienne — Director's Office

Canlas Loida — Learning Resource Center
Church, Clint — Residence Ed. Asst. RHC
Cross, Lorie — Instructor, Freshman Team
Dobbs, Joyce — Instructor, Sophomore
Team
Doleac, Steve — Asst. Coordinator Co-
Curricular Activities

Ellis, Marjean — Director's Office
Ellsworth, Mary — Instructor, Senior Team
Emmanuel, Diane — Counselor, Sophomore
Team
Emmanuel, Marie — Instructor, Curriculum
Enhancement
Euline, Reba — Instructor, Sophomore Team

Ewan, Theresa — Mail Clerk
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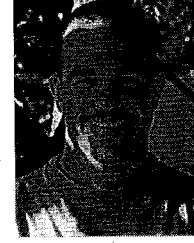
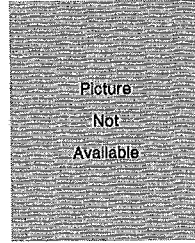
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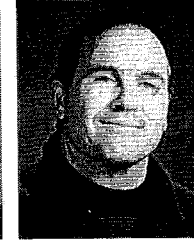
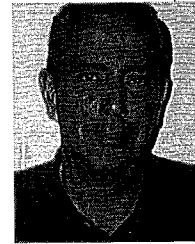
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Gordon, Claudia — Residence Ed. Asst. RHB
 Gray, Barbara — Instructor, Senior Team
 Gunn, Paula — Learning Resource Center
 Hall, Kevin — Residence Ed. Asst. RHE
 Hampton, Shirley — Residence Ed. Asst. RHB



Hanyzewski, Carla — Coordinator of Residence Ed. RHD
 Helm, Paul — Instructor, Curriculum Enhancement
 Hile, Tim — Residence Ed. Asst. RHC
 Hynes, Jim — Coordinator of Residence Ed. RHC
 Janda, Leslie — Residence Ed. Asst. RHB



Jilao, Heather — Instructor, Freshman Team
 Johnson, Iva — Coordinator of Residence Ed., Commuter
 Johnson, Rae — Instructor, Senior Team
 Joyner, Stephanie — Learning Resource Center
 Jusevich, Charmaine — Instructor, Sophomore Team



Kelley, Chuck — Coordinator of Residence Ed. RHB
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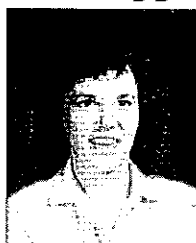
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 Maloney, Phyllis — Acting Head Residence Ed. Asst. RHB
 Mangrubang, Fred — Team Leader, Freshman Team



McCarty, Linda — Instructor, Senior Team
 McMullan, Jennifer — Deaf/Multicultural Spec., Freshman
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 Moore, Carl — Instructor, Junior Team
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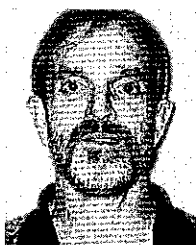
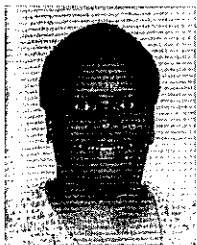
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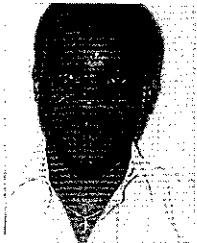
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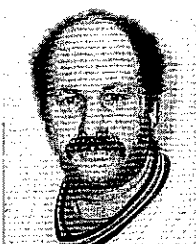
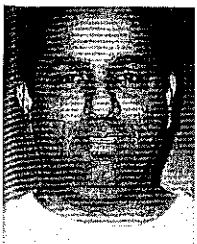
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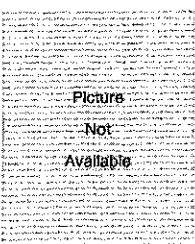
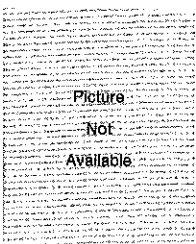
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Taus, Marcus — Instructor, Senior Team



Taylor, George — Instructor, Senior Team
Turk, Frankie — Co-Curricular Activities
Turner, Linda — Instructor, Freshman Team
Valcourt, Catherine — Residence Ed. Asst.
RHB
VanBoxelaere, David — Residence Ed. Asst.
RHC



Varthakavi, Mohan — Instructor, Senior
Team
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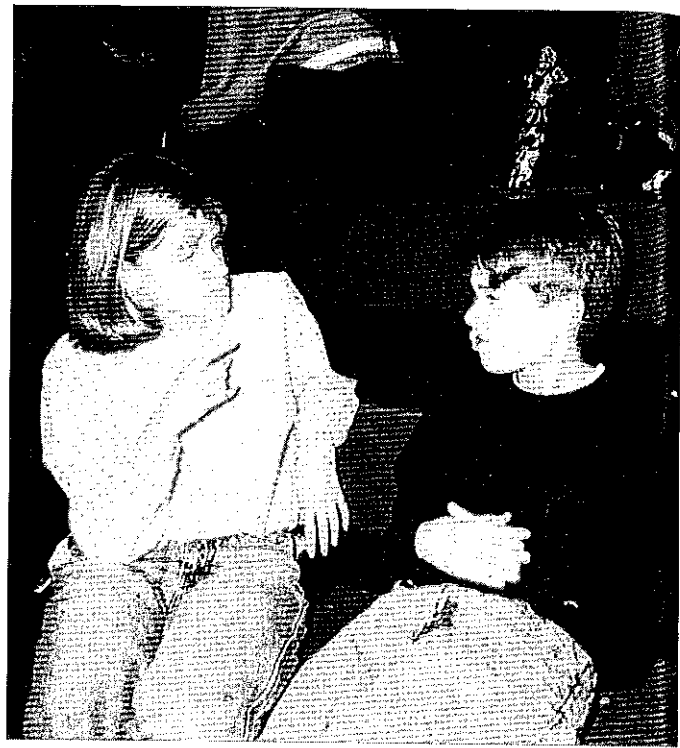


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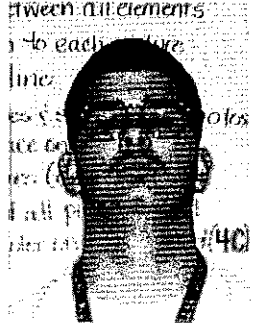
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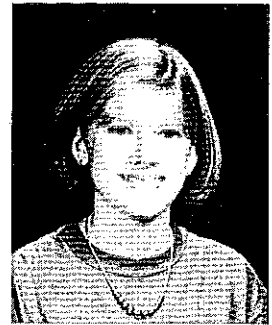
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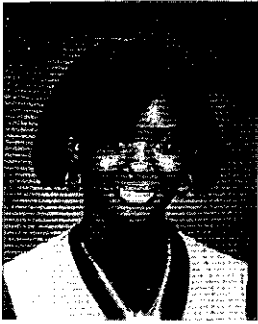
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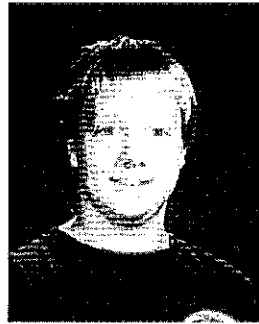
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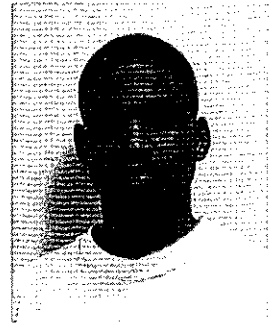
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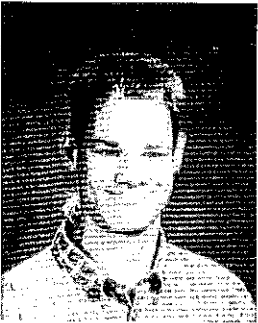
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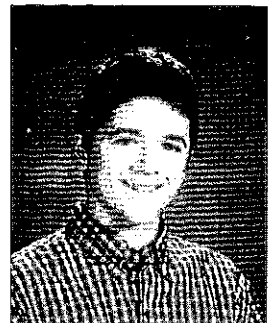
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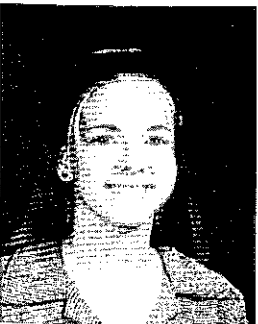
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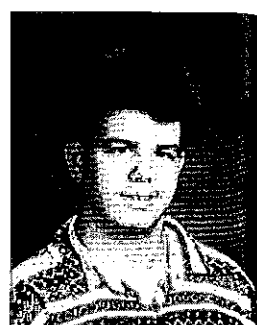
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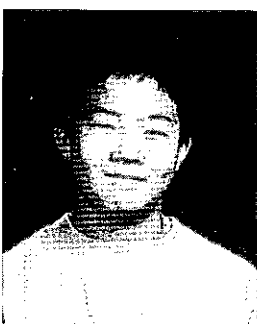
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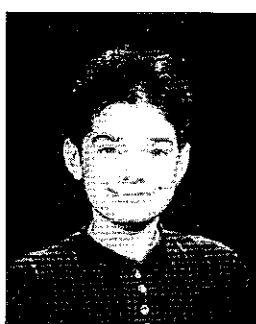
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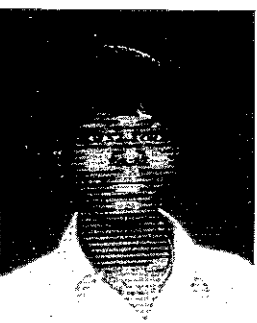
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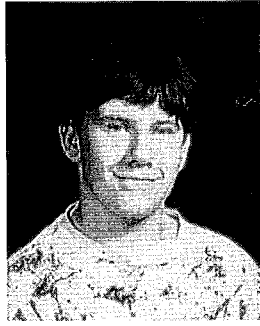
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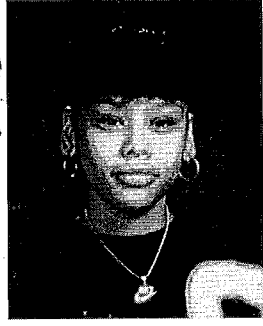
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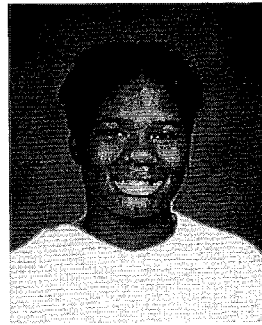
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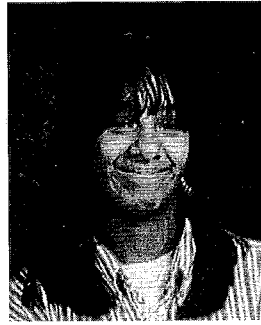
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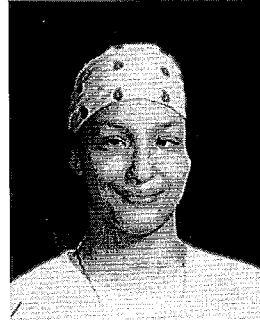
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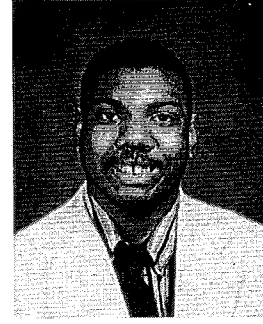
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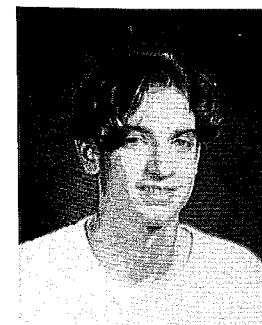
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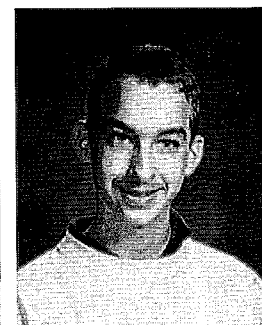
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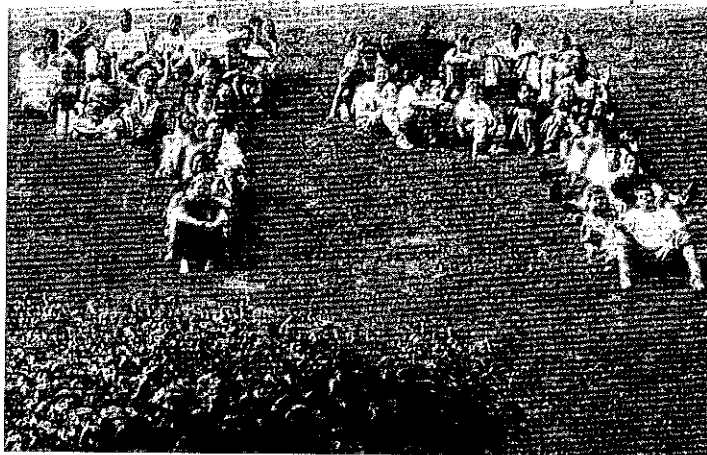


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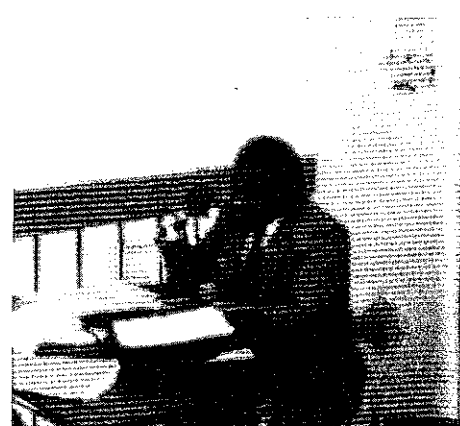


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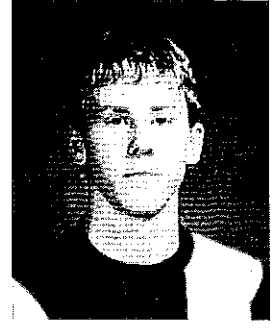
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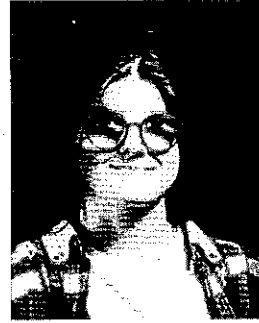
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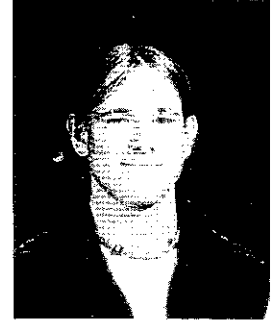
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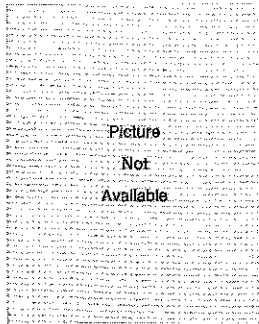
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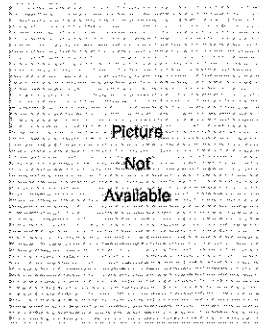
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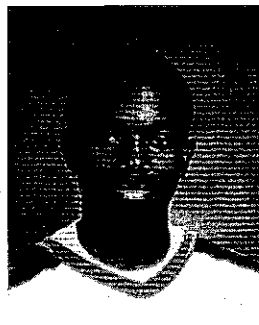
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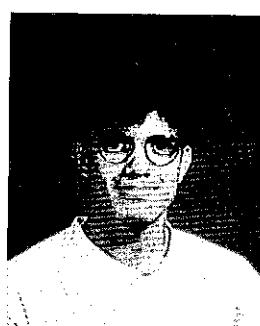
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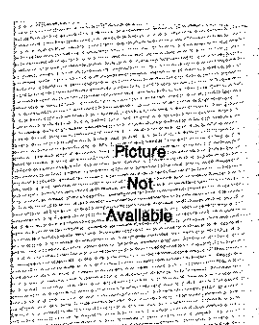
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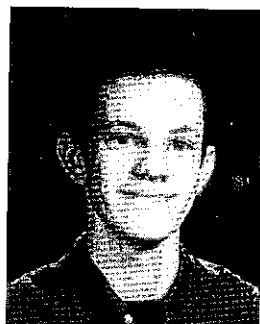
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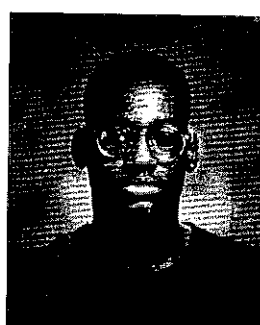
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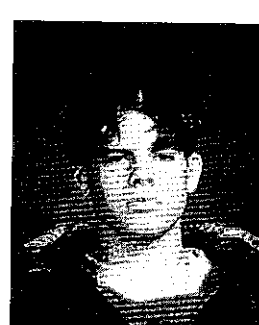
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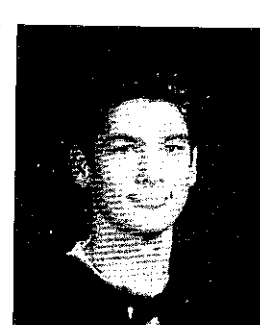
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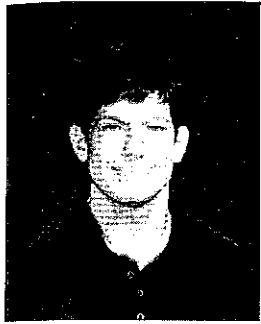


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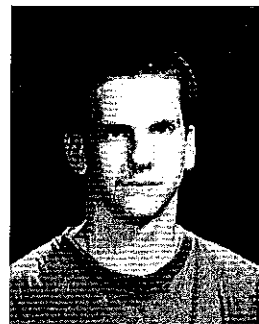
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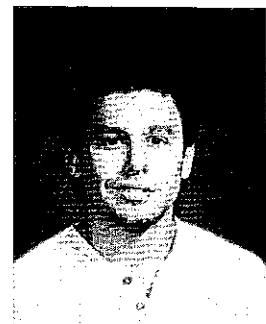
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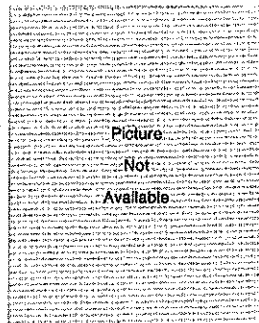
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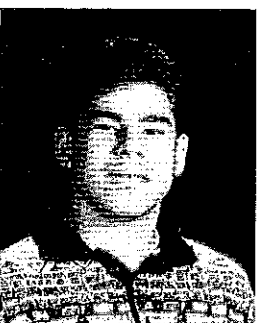
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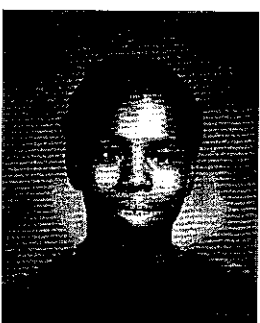
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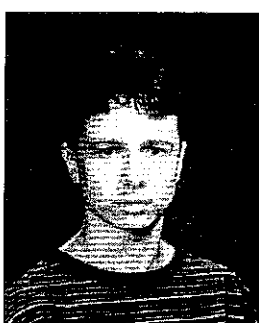
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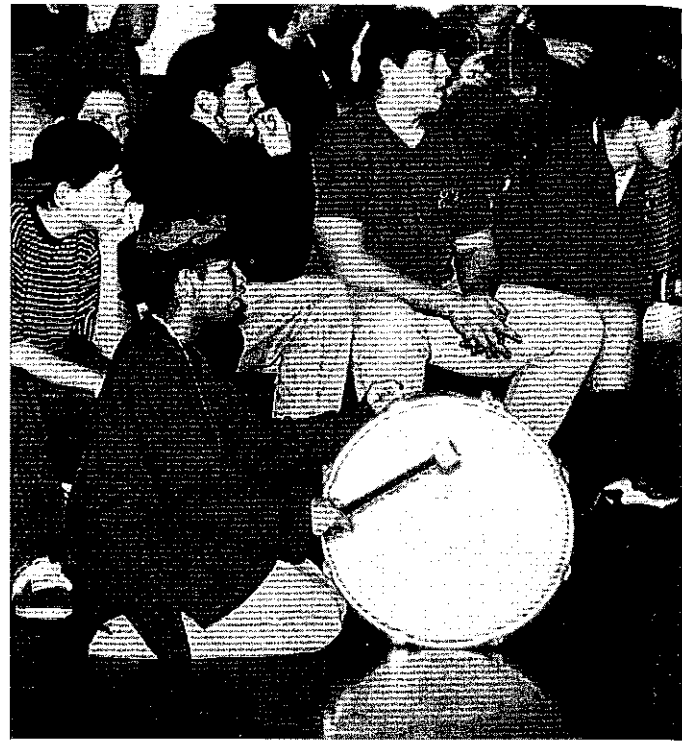


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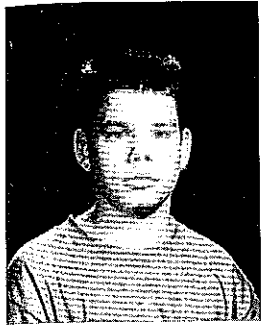
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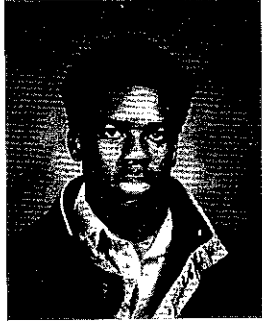
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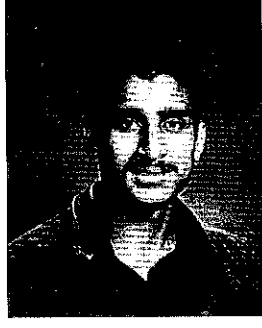
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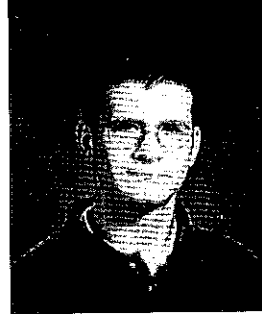
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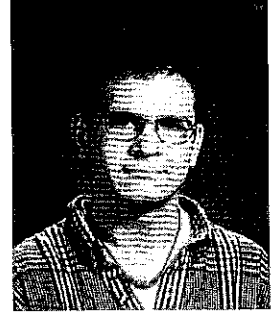
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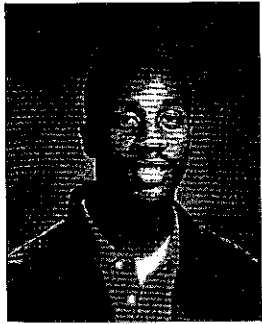
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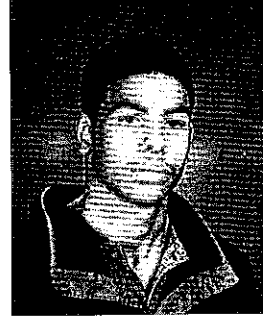
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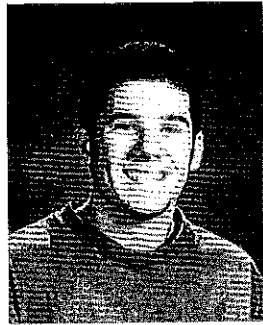
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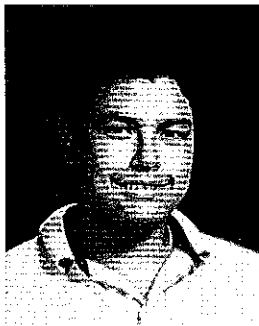


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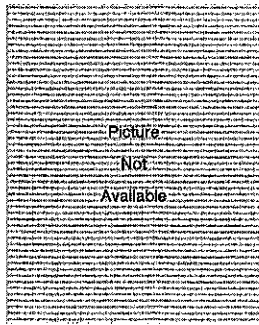
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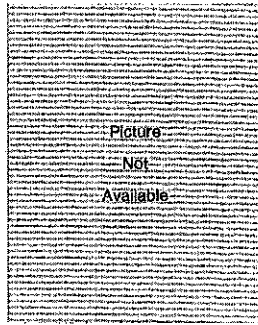
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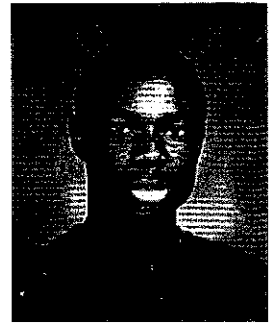
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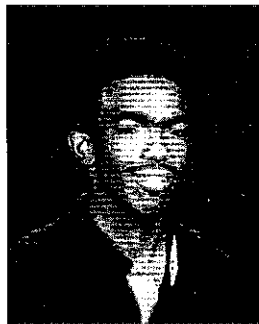
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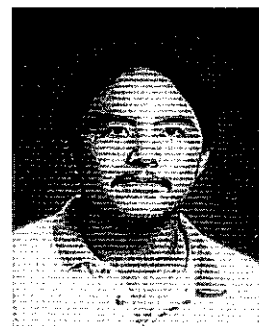
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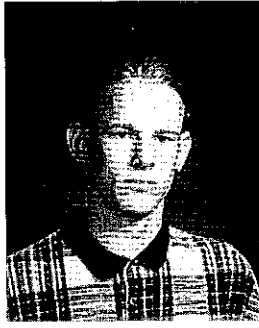
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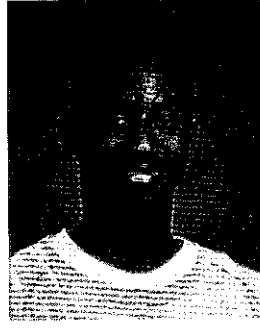
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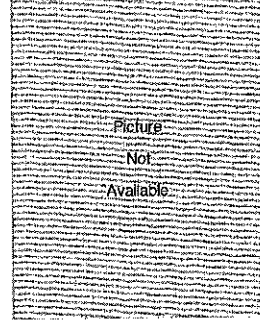
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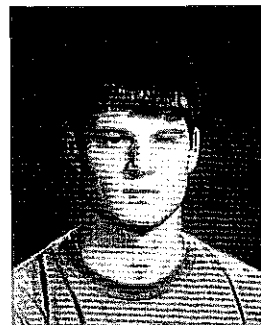
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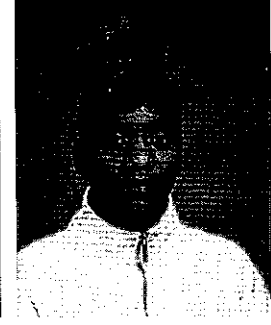
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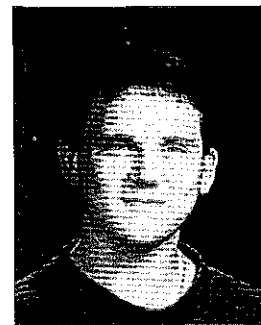
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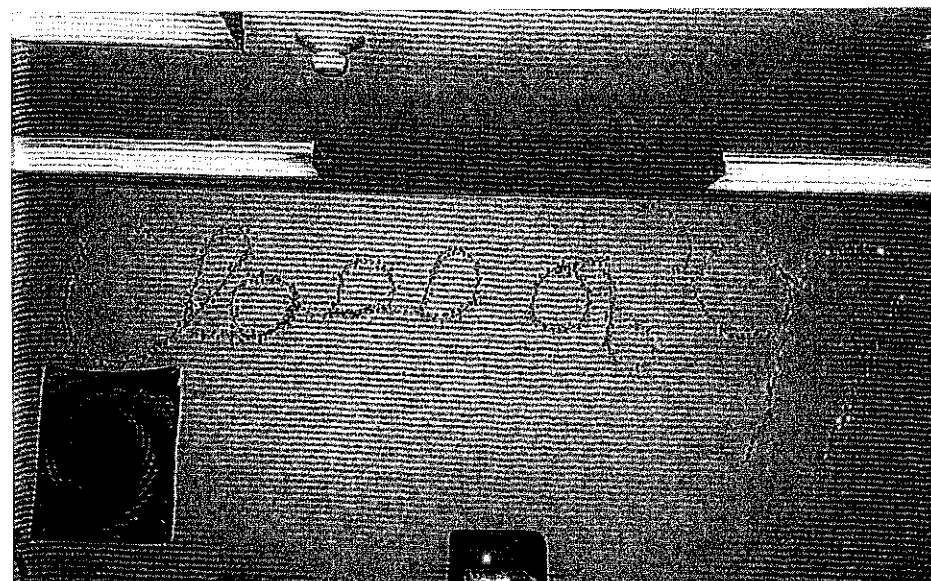
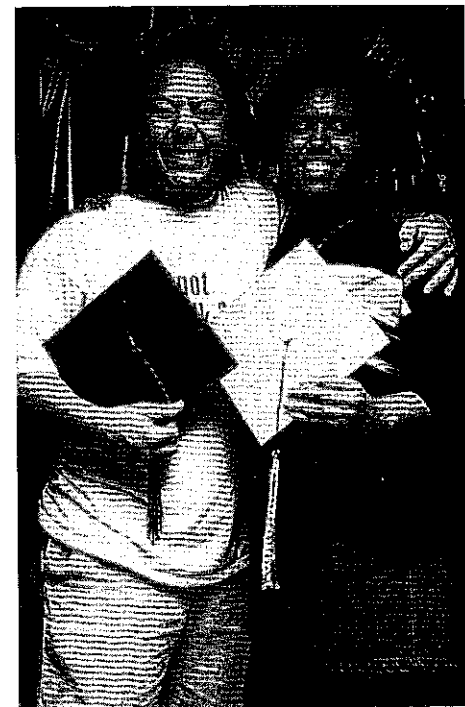
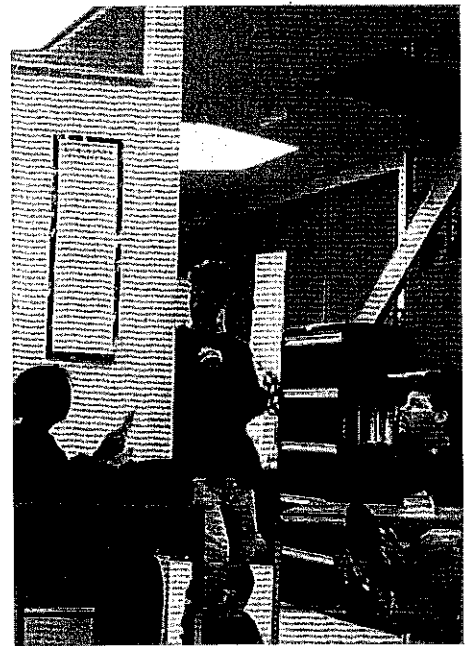


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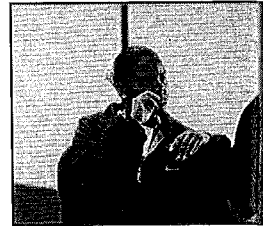
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Chiquita Aaron "Banana"

Was born on April 1, 1978...Hampton, Virginia is home..."Oh, my God!" "Nice try!" "So what?"...Likes listening to music, dancing, swimming, playing cards and skating with friends...Loves writing letters to friends and learning how to use computers...Most memorable events at MSSD include being with Kavin Walcott, hanging out with friends, and going off campus with friends...Wants to go to college and have a job...J.V. Basketball (2, 3), Track (1), Weightlifting (4), Movie club (3).



Helen Nkiruka Akunwafor "Keekee"



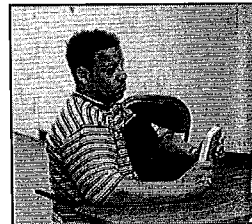
Born 3/2/80...Calls Spring/Wheaton, Maryland home..."Don't say it. Just do it"....Loves books and music...Sadly, has no favorite memory at MSSD...Future plans include CSUN (hopefully), but after that, who knows?...J.V. Basketball (3), Cheerleading drummer (4), Peer Advisor (4), SBG Representative (4), Jr. NAD (4), MSSD fan (3,4), Academic Bowl (3,4).



Gustavo Antonio Aponte Santi "Dear Bear," "G.A.S"



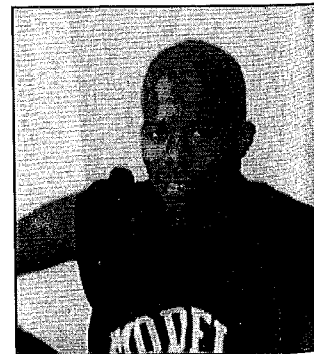
Was born on 11/13/77...Comes from Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico..."What's up?" "Not worry!"...Loves his family... Plans to go to NTID and study computer engineering...Peer Advisor (3), Weightlifting (2,3,4), Wrestling (2,3), Wrestling manager (4), H.S.O. Treasurer (3,4), Spring drama "Midsummer Night's Dream" (3), Hispanic Culture Drama (2,3), Honor Roll (2,3,4).



Marvin Deon Bell "Bell," "Keepin"



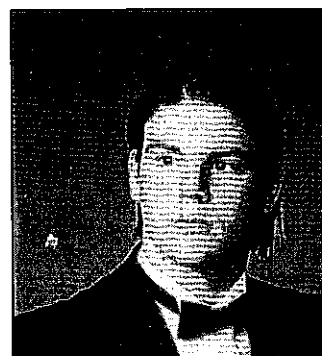
Was born on June 9, 1978...Hails from Lansing, Michigan..."Love you!" "What's up?" "Come on, man!"...Loves Jocelyn Richardson, wrestling with Samlu, and the wrestling gang group...favorite times at MSSD were when he got busted for doing something that he was not supposed to do, and having a good basketball season...After graduation, will go to NTID and be with his son, Marvin Jr...J.V.Basketball, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball.



Benjamin Elton Bottoms

"Ben," "Bunny," "Jim Carrey," "B2"

3/10/79 is his birthdate...A proud Pisces...Chester, Virginia is his home-base..."Eagles, I am going...perhaps it is best. I have tried so hard to do right. This is the last of MSSD, I am content."...Loves insulting and picking on friends and playing sports...Highlights of his years at MSSD included going to the Texas School for the Deaf, the 1996 Prom and going to OSD for a wrestling tournament...When it comes to his future, wait and see...Football (1,2,3,4), Wrestling (2,3,4), Baseball (2,3,4), Intramurals (2,3,4), Homecoming Committee (3,4), Prom Committee (3).



Leonardo Campillay

Born on May 7, 1977...Comes from Alexandria, Virginia..."Waste my time!"...Loves his teachers reading stories to him at Read Aloud time...Hopes to work at a good job and maybe go to training school...Weightlifting.



Wesley Chase Jr.

"Tenna"

Born 3/31/77...Home is minutes away, in Washington D.C...Likes teasing people...Loves his son with all his heart...Favorite memory at MSSD was his freshman year ('93)...Will go to training school, fix cars and work at the post office...Football (1), Basketball (2), Track (2).



Gina Maria Cirrincione

"Kid Circus"

A proud Virgo...Lives somewhere in Maryland..."There are two paths, one leads to your achievements and the other one leads to your risks; you have to choose which one you want."...Greatest passions include snowboarding, rollerblading and sports...Most memorable events at MSSD include 2/11/95, 2/11/96, 2/7/97, canoeing in Georgetown, and ALC... Plans to attend NTID/RIT and become a graphic designer...J.V. Volleyball (1,2,3), J.V. Basketball (1,2), Varsity Basketball (4), Softball (1,2), Jr. NAD (1,2), Prom Committee (3), Homecoming Committee (4), 3H Committee (4) Yearbook (4) Honor Roll (2,3,4).





Lissandra Maria Clark "Kanga," "Lissy"

Was born on April 17, 1977...Whately, Massachusetts was home, but now lives somewhere in Florida..."In God We Trust and In Space We Embrace"...Loves kangaroos, Airwalks, Sweet "T," seventeen and Stussy...Memories at MSSD include 2-24-95, VT Ski Trip '95, OC '96, 10-3-95, KMFSS sisters, CP3, MCAA, Halloween Night '96, 12-7-96, Jan. 10 '97, Mich '97, 5-31-97...The future holds college...Volleyball (2,3), Basketball (3), Jr. NAD (2,3,4), HC Committee (3,4), Prom Committee (3), HSO (2), VB manager (4), BB manager (4), Weightlifting (2), Study Hall (2), Fitness Club (3), Brother and Sister (2), Aerie (3), KMFSS (3,4).



Melissa Ann Deke "Deke," "M.D."

Born on January 3, 1979...A resident of Punta Gorda Isles, Florida..."Never know..."...Greatest passions are dolphins and sharks...Best memory at MSSD was NSO week...Future plans include attending college to learn more about marine life, then moving to Australia or Hawaii and scuba diving forever, as well as swimming with sharks (seriously!)...Cheerleading (1), Cake Club (1), Ceramics (1,2), Yearbook (2), Softball (2), Computer Club (3), Prom Committee (3), Cheerleading Manager (3), Movie Club (4), Halloween Committee (4), Honor Roll (1,2).



Roberta Belle Eaton "Robbie," "Whoopi," "Roro"

She arrived on December 28, 1978...Lives in Landover Hills, Maryland..."Make Love, Not War"...loves laughing with Micki, fiction books, sports and horseplaying with friends...will always remember #309 and rollerblading with Gina in G.T....Plans to go to Gallaudet or NTID...Varsity Basketball (2,3,4), Softball (2,4), 3H Committee (4), Prom Committee (3), Study Hall (3,4), St. Patrick's Day Committee (4), Jr. NAD member (4), Lock-in Committee (4).



Diane Marie Fleming "Seanie," "Black Squirrel"

Born on November 12, 1976...Comes from Washington D.C...."You got to expect the unexpected"...Loves the Road Show...Memories of MSSD include the '96 and '97 Proms...Will go to college or work (of course), be independent, and keep up with her friends...Honor Roll (1,2,3,4) Road Show (3), Ceramic Club (3), Spring Play Crew (3), Fall Dance Concert (3), Hobbs (1,2,3,4).



Kenyatta Shavon Fox "Kenya," "Foxy Lady," "Attagirl"



Born on October 10, 1979... Comes from Hampton, Virginia... "Stay out of trouble"... likes playing basketball, dancing African dances and hip-hop... Favorite memory at MSSD was when she and her friends were walking on the sidewalk. She felt something in her hair, and found out that a bird had pooped on her hair. Her friends laughed hard at her... Hopes to go to college, pursue a real career and have children... Hobbs (3), Performing Arts (3), Movie Club (3), JV Basketball manager (3), Senior Team Club (4), Drama (4).



Manuel Garcia Castro "Mr. Power Struggler"



Was born on 2/1/77... Hails from Bayamon, Puerto Rico... "Not Believe, No Matter"... Loves beach women and golf... best memories at MSSD were HSO, playing soccer and weightlifting... Goals include going to NTID and becoming an architect... President of HSO, weightlifting, wrestling, Hispanic Culture Drama, Honor Roll.



Dawniela Ann Halischak "Dawn," "Dewey"



Born 6/10/79... Comes from Columbus, Ohio... "Trying and failing is better than never trying"... Most memorable events at MSSD include the warzone, being the 1996 national deaf prep champions in volleyball and being with Mana Wynne, Jr... Will go to CSUN and then just follow the flow... Class Vice-President (1), Class President (1), Yearbook Staff (1), Weightlifting (1), Jr. Nad (1), Judicial Board (2), Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (2), Softball manager (2), JV Volleyball (2,3), JV volleyball capt. (3), Homecoming Committee (2,3), Prom Co-Chairperson (3), Student Trainer (3,4), Varsity Volleyball (4), Homecoming Chairperson (4).

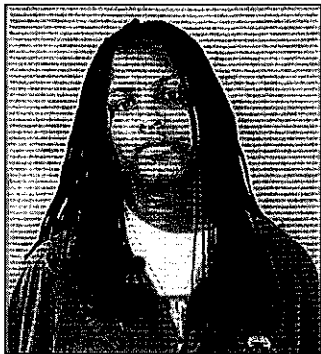


Renny Earl Harvard "Rex and Oreo"



Was born on July 7, 1978... Lives in Austin, Texas... "If you had neither doubted nor been afraid," "Come on!"... Too many passions to count... Most memorable event at MSSD was the MSSD football game against Texas School for the Deaf and Rex versus Sweet... Will work at McDonald's... Football (4), Basketball (3), Track (2), SBG Athletic Affairs (4), Room 109 and 209





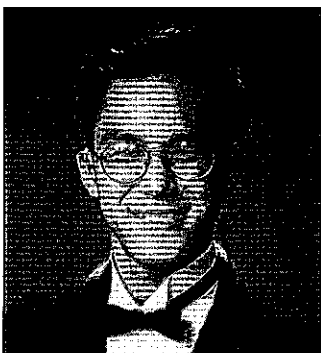
Deonna Hayes "Dee-Dee"

Born on March 12, 1979...Suitland, Maryland is home..."Whatever," "Laugh!"...Likes being with her friends and telling jokes...Everything at MSSD was memorable...Hopes to become a nurse, and fix other people's hair...Study Hall and Movie Club.



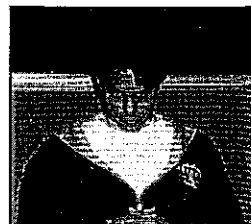
George Chun-Chi Huo "Air Jordan Jr."

9-15-76 is his birthdate...Comes from Farmington, Michigan..."Laugh all the time"...Loves using e-mail...Will remember the '96 Prom the most, along with burning the garbage can in the RHA bathroom...Would like to major in political science and computer programming...Study Hall.



Ty Keo Ishibashi "Tiger"

Born on May 23, 1976...Calls Las Vegas, Nevada home..."Be positive, be happy, and be yourself"...Loves his family and his loving girlfriend, Sara Stasium...Will remember most the teachers who helped him and the good friends he made...Will go to a community college, ASU, UNLV, become involved in NHRA or IHRA drag racing, and work in an auto body repair, as well as welding and cartoon design...Movie Club, Study Hall.



Gwendolyn Irene Jenkin "Gwen"

Was born on January 25, 1978...Comes from Henderson, Nevada..."You have to believe your own heart"...Likes Eugene Shih (I'm sick of you picking on me too much!)...Best memory at MSSD was when she saw her ex-boyfriend, Eugene Shih, make his teeth grow bigger during 1996 Prom...Would like to go to college in Nevada...Hobbs (1,2,3,4), Spring Play (3), Honor Roll (3,4), Movie Club (4), Study Hall (3).



Lakeisha Johnson

"Keisha," "Sweetie Taz"

Born 3/12/79...A resident of Jersey City, New Jersey..."You know that," "Yeah, Right!"...Most memorable time at MSSD was everything...Fall Dance Concert (2,3), Study Hall (1,2,3,4), Music Club (2,3), Track and Field (1,2).



James Ashleigh Jones

"Flames," "Mr. Bean," "Jimmy"

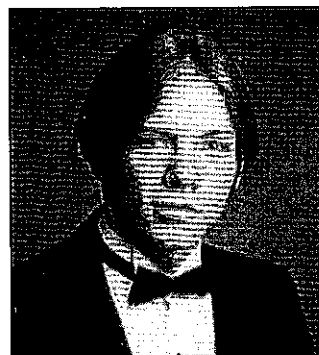
March 29, 1978 is his birthdate...Lives in Mendenhall, Mississippi..."Be yourself"...Loves his parents...Plans to attend NTID/RTT and major in computer arts... Yearbook, Movie Club, Homecoming Committee, Jr. NAD, Study Hall.



Christopher Eric Kaftan

"CK," "Doggie," "Wonder"

Sometime at the end of January, 1979...Home is the Peace Capital of the World (Woodstock, New York)..."Silence has its own meaning"...Passions include sports, history, friends, slacking, stargazing, dreaming and thinking...Favorite memories at MSSD include the '95 HC football game, TSD football game, PA Retreat, NAC, TTFN and B2=75 jokes...The future holds college, wrestling and Africa...V. Football (3,4), V. Football Capt. (4), V. Wrestling (3,4), Wrestling Capt. (4), Baseball (3,4), Class Vice-President (4), SBG Representative (3), SBG Secretary (4), Peer Advisor (4), THN Sports Editor (3,4), Honor Roll (3,4), Spring Play (3), Gonzaga (4), Jr NAD (3,4), NAC (4), Who's Who Among American High School Students (3).

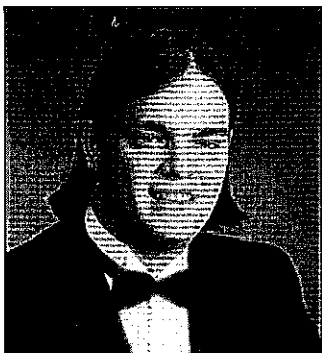


Sharvedh Kanaye

"Sharky," "Sharvy"

Born 2/24/79...Comes from Silver Spring, Maryland and Durban, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa..."Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get"...Loves cars, trucks, airplanes and England...Future plans include seeing the world and setting his feet on every country in the world...Yearbook, Computer Club, Commuter Club, President of Commuter Club, Ceramics.





Branic Timothy Keltz
 "Doughboy," "Killz Boy," "Keltz Boy," "Jello
 Boy," "Bud," "Sluppie's Boy," "Braniz"

Was born on 9/17/78...Skillington, Pennsylvania is home..."We have nothing to fear, but fear itself" - by Franklin Delano Roosevelt...Loves his girlfriend, Stella Lee...Memories at MSSD include flying to Texas with his buddy to watch the VB and FB games as a fan, and Valentine's Day back in 1995...Dreams of entering the business world, owning many business franchises and at last having his own hotel chain with his lovely wife and children...Football (1,2), Basketball (1), Track (2), Baseball manager (3,4), Weightlifting (1,2,3,4) Sophomore Class president (2), Junior Class treasurer (3), Prom Committee (3), Homecoming Committee (4), Peer Advisor (4), Jr.NAD (2,3,4), THN (4), SBG treasurer (4), Food Committee (3) National Visitor member (3).



Roger Allen Kessler
 "Mr. Perfect," "Roger the Rabbit"



November 29, 1978 at 3:37pm...Native of Brooklyn, New York..."You rest, you rust"...loves fighting with Rayni...most memorable events at MSSD were getting his head shaved by the Class of 95, getting involved in War Zone fights, and playing in MLID at Galfy baseball field...Wants to attend Gallaudet and GRADUATE!, Marry the woman of his dreams, and have children, Travel and become FILTHY RICH... Basketball (1), THN (1,2), Class President (1), Class Secretary (2), Baseball (3,4), Football (1,2), Jr. NAD President (2), Jr. NAD member (3), Computer Technician at KDES (2,3,4), SBG Representative (1,2), SBG Vice-President (3), SBG President(4), HC Committee (1,2,3,4), Prom Committee (3), Volleyball statistician (4) Basketball scorekeeper (4) Boys Club (4), Gossip Club (3,4).



Stella Jennifer Lee
 "Ste-ellla," "Lee," "Doughboy's girl," "Spelia
 Levis," "Sluppie"

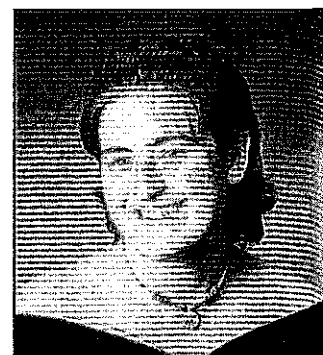
Rolled into the world on March 21, 1979...Calls Elmhurst, New York home..."Judge not by the eyes but by the heart"...Loves cheerleading, Branic, and picking on friends...best memories include starting to date Branic on Valentine's Day, February 11, 1997 at 10:45 p.m. with Michelle, February 6, 1997 with her math classmates Prom '96, saying the "b" word with MJ and playing with her hair...Plans to attend ASU and become an elementary school teacher...Fall Festival Showcase (1), Jr. NAD (1,2,3,4), J.V. boys Basketball manager (1), Track manager (1), Honor Roll (1,2,3,4), Sister/Brother Program (1,2) Judicial Board (2), HC Committee (2,3,4), Cheerleading (2,3,4), baseball manager (2), FEA (2), Close Up (3), Prom Comm. (3), Class V.P. (3), Hobbs (3), St. Patrick (4), VB manager (4), SBG asst. sec. (4), Softball Manager (4).



Micki Marie Lewis
 "God," "Mickey Mouse," "Mama," "O"



January 15, 1979 is her special day...Lives in Nowhere, Indiana..."Life sucks...but you gotta live it"...Loves her 6 babies, Pez, volleyball, flying vegetables, Sister jillian, Marlon and Raymonda...Highlights at MSSD include KMESS everything, Dambopolar, FOOG, Homecoming '95, September 8, 1996 *H.F.* and laughing with Woof...The future's censored...Volleyball (3,4), Basketball (4), Softball (4), Spring Play (3), Class President (3), Peer Advisor (3), KMESS (3,4) Cooleys (3,4).



Sam Duy Lu "Skunk Boy," "Blue Eyes," "W.S. Boy"



Born on September 10, 1978... Comes from Jackson Heights, Queens in New York City... "Serious!" "I don't understand why!" "Where is your respect?" "Come on, tell me!"... Loves Karla Marrero... Best memories at MSSD consist of playing and teasing Kirk and Marvin during CSSD '97, and Rayson's gutsy dare in the bathroom trash can... Plans to go to NTID and work as a sports manager, then marry (when??), after that, he can't predict... Hobbs (2,3), Weightlifting (2), Jr. NAD (3), Baseball (2), JV Basketball manager (3), Track and Field manager (3), JV and Varsity football manger (4), Varsity basketball manager (4), Varsity football and basketball head manager (4).



Keri Brooks MacFarlane "Kiwi," "Kerithania," "PITA"



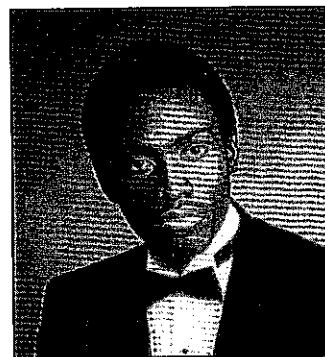
February 10, 1979 is her special day... Hails from Portland, Maine... "You may say I'm dreamer, but I'm not the only one!!!" Remembers freshman year with the "theatre crowd" and the MSSD Road Show tours... Will go to the University of Vermont and eventually become a child psychologist using drama and/or art therapy... Fall Cheerleading (1), SBG class rep. (1,4), JV basketball (1), Spring Play (1,2,3), Fall Theatre Showcase (2), Fall Dance Concert (2,3), THN (4), Yearbook (4), Jr. NAD (1,2,4), Computer Club (3), Road Show (2,3), Ski Club (4), Gallaudet Spring Play (4), Gonzaga (4), Honor Roll (1,2,3,4).



Deandre Morece McCoy "Doc," "Dre," "Pope"



Was born on 8/29/77... Lives in the Bronx, New York City... "Just be yourself; things will go your way later on during the upcoming time."... Favorite memory at MSSD was getting out of the dorm, sneaking out to the girls dorm with Stanley and Kevin and other friends and being missing from the dorm... Plans to go to college.

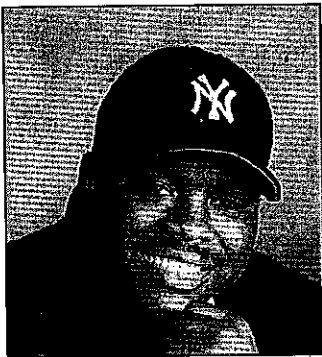


Christine Ann Morreale "Chrissy," "Daffy Duck"



Was born on December 17, 1978... Hails from Staten Island, New York... "What did you say?"... Loves cheerleading with a passion... best memories at MSSD were the Peer Advisor retreat, 2-11-95, 2-11-96, and 2-7-97... Would like to attend NTID/RIT... Fall cheerleading (1,2,3,4), Winter Cheerleading (1,2,3,4), Track (1), Track manager (2), Softball (3), Eagle Song (3,4), Peer Advisor (4), Homecoming Committee (3,4), Prom Committee (3), Jr. NAD member (1), Cheerleading Captain (4), 3H Committee (4), Jr. NAD Lock-In Chairperson (4), St. Patrick's Day Party Committee (4), Yearbook (4).





Waylon Neil Mullins "Ice Cube II," "Big Cool Man"

Born 9/24/77...Comes from Newport News, Virginia..."Hey!"...Loves football...Favorite memories were the Dorm A wars...Hopes to go to Gallaudet or NTID, and then work...Football (3,4), Wrestling (2,3,4), Track and Field (3), Weightlifting (2,3,4), SBG Representative (4), Intramurals (2,3,4), Peer Advisor (4).



Rebecca Sue Murphy "Becky," "Rabbit"

June 25, 1978 is her birthdate...Lives in Manassas, Virginia..."Always try to think positive, no matter what the situation is"...Wants to go to Gallaudet or work.



Tchabbi Yvonne Njie "Tchabbi"

Born 11/11/76...Comes from Washington D.C..."Love yourself and stay in school until you learn something"...loves drama and performing arts...Best memories at MSSD were playing with her friends and getting very good grades...Plans to get VR and go to college...Crew (1), Computer Club (1,2,3,4), Study Hall (2,3,4), Honor Roll (2,3).



Stacy Ann Nowak "Star," "God"

Graced the world with her presence on May 25, 1980...Calls Germantown, Maryland home..."I'm old enough to know better, but too young to care"...Greatest passions include sports, savoring life, creating mischief and sprinkling magic on those who deserve it...Highlights at MSSD include Volleyball '96, KMFS, 103, Homecoming night '96, Wet n Wild, stealing the enemy's clothes with Jill, the softball gang, and watching her lil' sister Kristy grow up...The future holds Gallaudet...and wherever life will take her...Volleyball (3,4), Basketball (3,4), Softball (3,4) Class President (4), Homecoming Committee (3,4), Prom Committee (3), Close-Up (3), Honor Roll (3,4) Homecoming Co-Chairperson (4), Jr. NAD (3,4), THN (3,4), Academic Bowl (3,4), Yearbook (4), KMFS (3,4).



Molly Eldridge Page

"Jade," "The Crow," "Movie Girl," "Turn the Page"



Born on January 5, 1978...Lives in Northampton, Massachusetts... "It can't rain all the time," "Life is but a dream on a way to death"...Passions are watching movies, renting videos, reading books and doing hard work to earn rewards...Most memorable event at MSSD was spending time with close friends and her love, she will love them always...Plans to get involved in the movie business...Study Hall, THN, Computer Club, Work Experience.



Sharra Tramaine Paige

"S.T.P."

Was born on December 18, 1977....lives in Saluda, Virginia.... "Most of the good news and bad news in the whole world own life!"...loves her mother, family and friends, as well as working with computers...Will remember her teachers for helping her out of situations...Plans to go to WWRC for VR support and bring her experience to work... Computer Club (1,2,3,4) , Yearbook (2), Movie Club (3,4), Birthday Club (1,2), Study Hall (2), Senior Activity (4).



Thomas Andrew Parker

"Tommy"



3/14/79 is his birthdate...Homebase is Woodbridge, Virginia... "Respect"...Loves skiing hard...Favorite memory at MSSD was cutting George Taylor's class and getting busted...Dreams of going to NTID/RIT, and other colleges and majoring in Aerospace/Electrical engineering...JV football (3), Homecoming Committee (3,4), Weightlifting (4), Spring Play (3), Winter Cheerleading (3), Jr. Nad member (3,4), Jr. Nad president (4), Computer Club (4), Valentine Co-Chairperson (3), Peer Advisor (4), Ski Club (4).



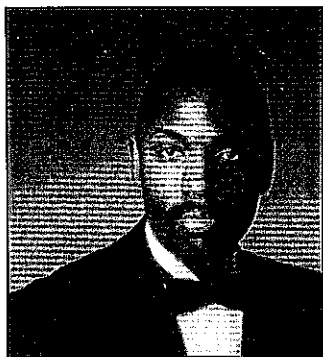
Tania Ann Patterson

"Sunnie," "Pangea," "TAP"



Brightened the world on August 12, 1979...Hails from Hershey, Pennsylvania... "Make love, not war," "Sunny brightens your day!"...Crazy about Danielle Steel novels...Best memories at MSSD were the War Zone, Social Studies with Michael and Jeremy, Homecoming '95, Prom '96, RH-B balcony, cutting George Taylor's class, and the KMFSS certificate ceremony, Volleyball '96...Gallaudet-bound...Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Cheerleading (1,3), Softball (1), Softball statistician (2), Jr. Nad member (1,2), Class Officer (1), Homecoming Committee (2,3,4), Prom Committee (3), 3H Co-Chairperson (4), Graduation Song Chairperson (4), Hobbs (1,2,3,4), Yearbook (4), Work Experience at KDES (4), Eagle Song (4,3), KMFSS (3,4).





Roland C. Pinkney

Born on April 26, 1977... Home is Oxon Hill, Maryland..."What are you doing here?" "You said that!"...likes wrestling, weightlifting, volleyball and boxing...Best memories at MSSD were going on field trips to museums, Quilt Day and shopping malls...Plans to work in Pentagon City stores...Wrestling (2), Music Club (2), NIT (1).



Rayni Elaine Plaster "Rain," "GOD"

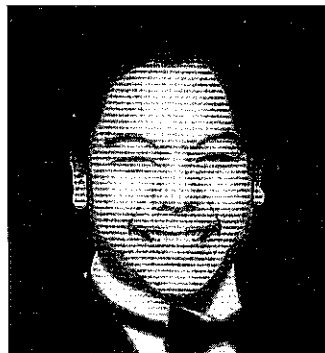


8/17/79 was her coming-out day...A proud citizen of Miami, Florida..."All I know is that I know nothing"...passionate about writing, PINK FLOYD and arguing with Roger...Highlights at MSSD were Junior Team, GOT protest, ALC '96, Homecoming Spirit Week '95, RHB 3rd floor Balcony and going BALD...Dreams of starting her own religion, RAYNISM...Student Trainer (3,4), Spring Play (3), Prom Committee (3), VB manager (3), SBG Vice-President (4), Graduation Song Chairperson (4), 3H Co-Chairperson (4), Softball (4), KMFSS (3,4), Jr. NAD (3), G.C. (3,4).



Alan Poon

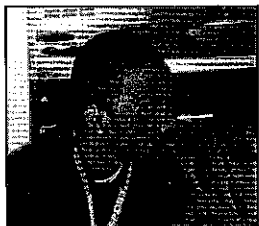
"Alpo," "A.P.," "Dog Food"



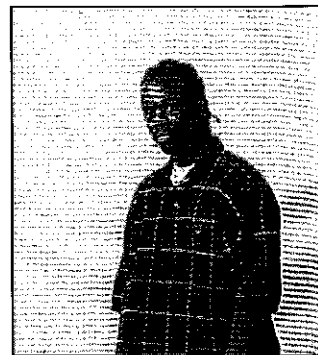
The world welcomed his arrival on March 17, 1978...Proud resident of Florence, South Carolina...Loves sports and socializing...Will remember the '94, '95 and '96 Homecoming spirit weeks and the social life...Dreams of graduating from college, marrying and having three children and a successful life...Football (2,3,4), Basketball (2), Baseball (2,3,4), Winter Cheerleading (3), Jr. NAD (3,4), Intramurals (2,3,4), SBG (3,4), Homecoming Co-chairperson (4), Homecoming Committee (3), Prom Committee (3), Graduation Co-Chairperson (4), Boys Club (4).



Neil Andrew Powdar "Cutie"



December 21 is his birthday...Lives in Brooklyn, New York and Atlanta, Georgia...Loves chillin' with his homeboys, flirtin' with girls, and Alisha Bryant (I miss you, and I'll always love you.)...Highlights at MSSD include watching Alex whimper to his teacher about his underwear that Alycia and Aisha had, and fights at Dorm A during junior year...Would like to become a car mechanic...JV football, Track, Wrestling, Study Hall (1,2,4), Weightlifting, Hobbs (3), Wrestling manager, Movie Club, African American Student Union Treasurer.



Tiffani Joy Richardson "Tiffy," "Boo Boo," "Tiffy Boo"

She bounced out on May 14, 1979...Suitland, Maryland suits her just right for home... "I know, I know!" "Come on!" "Get real!"...Loves dancing and chillin' with her boo, Ryan Chett...Best memory was during sophomore year, when she was in the Fall Dance Concert and her pants fell down while she was dancing African, and she kept dancing even though she was embarrassed. After the show, everyone congratulated her because she kept on performing. Her family sent her a dozen roses in support of her embarrassing moment...Dreams of attending college, getting a real job and marrying. African Dance (1,2), Hip Hop (2), Birthday club (1), Weightlifting (2), Computer Club (1,2), JV girls basketball manager (2), Dance club (2,3), Valentine Party Committee (3), Senior Class Activity (4), Winter Cheerleading drummer (4), Movie Club (4), African American Student Union Treasurer (4), Yearbook (4), Honor Roll (1,2,3,4).



Jose J. Rivera "Babycat"

Was born on 11/27/77...Calls Severn, Maryland home..."I have lost my greatest love that I ever had with a person when she got mad for what I did to her. I love you!"...Highlight at M.S.S.D was when, during his sophomore year, he decided to sneak into Dorm D and chat with friends and they never got busted...Might go to either Gallaudet or NTID...Basketball, Football, Weightlifting.



Jeffrey Alan Roberts "Jeff," "Jeffy"

3/21/79 is his day...A proud resident of Mabank, Texas..."We have nothing to fear but fear itself"-by FDR, "I get by with a little help from my friends"-the Beatles, "Carpe Diem"...Passionately loves poetry...will always remember the beautiful spring days spent playing on the football field and helping out such good friends...Wants to attend Gallaudet University and become a teacher or counselor...Football (3), Cheerleading (3), Wrestling (4), Baseball manager (4), Cooleys (3,4).



Kelli Alexandra Roberts

Born on February 1, 1978...Home is near, in Washington D.C..."What's up?"...Likes reading, watching basketball, and running...Will always remember King's Dominion, helping to decorate the Senior Bash when she was a junior, and Homecoming '95 & '96...Wants to go to training school and get a job...Senior Activity (4), Yearbook (2), Computer Club (1), Study Hall (1), Honor Roll (1,4), Homecoming (2), Birthday Club (2).





Takeisha Robinson "Keisha"

November 30, 1978... A resident of Washington D.C.... "Whatever," "So What" "Chilling," "Hands off," "I don't care"... Likes to go shopping... Most memorable year at MSSD was her freshman year... Plans on getting a job, becoming a babysitter, going to college and working in a business office... Basketball manager, Study Hall, Computer Club, Senior Activity, Performing Arts Crew.



Felicia Stacy Roll "Feisty," "Felsy"



January 30, 1979 is her special day... Hails from the Empire State of the USA, (Kingston, New York)... "Expect the Unexpected," "Take a 'Slice' of Life!"... passionate about creative writing and surviving the four years at MSSD... Memorable events include 4-28-95, the Blizzard of '96, and Dorm B wing shaving cream fights... Will attend RIT or ASU or just probably end up in California... Fall Play Showcase (1), Fall Dance Festival (2,3), Homecoming Committee (2,3,4), Prom Committee (3), Softball (1,2), Computer Club (3), Spring Play (2,3), Student Body Government (1,4), Girls basketball manager (2), Weightlifting (2,3,4), THN (2), Honor Roll (1,4).



Joseph Raymond Santini "Mouse," "Jumping Joey," "Joeray"

Bells rung when he was born on 7/18/79... Lives in Staten Island, New York... "To go wherever dreaming goes"... Loves looking for reality... As for his highlight at MSSD, you don't really want to know... Future plans include world domination... THN (1,3,4), Computer Club (1,2), Road Show (3), Spring Play (1,3), SBG (1,2,4), Jr. NAD (1,3), Fall Dance Concert (2,3), Theatre Showcase (2), Internet Activities (3), Aerle (1,2,3,4).



Shirley Jean Shaw "Bean," "Joy," "Strawberry Shirley"



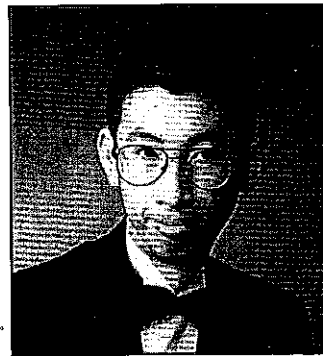
Was born on 10/13/75... Comes from Oceanview, Delaware... "I hoped for this event for a very long time. I'm glad to finally make it," "Go for it!" "Shut up!" "Word up," "Leave me alone"... The day she met Jared Nielson was very special. They shared lots of special things and she will never forget them. She will never let Jared out of her dreams... Has a lot of plans for the future, consisting of working with people and animals and being independent... Music Club (1,2,3), Birthday Club (1), Traveling Club (1), Study Hall (2), Senior Activity (4), Movie Club (4).



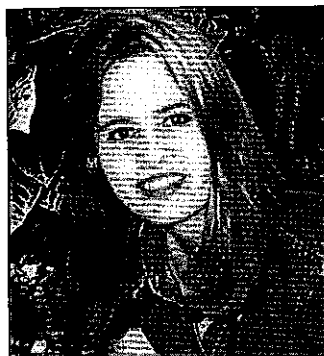
I-Chun Shih "Eugene"



6/15/1978 is his birthdate...proud resident of Oahu, Hawaii..."Don't worry! It will be solved!!"... Likes working for the yearbook and playing soccer and basketball... Best things about MSSD were being with his friends and teachers...Wants to attend a deaf university so that he can help his old country, Taiwan, by forming a deaf school... Yearbook (3,4),Computer Club (3),Weightlifting (3).



Maria Eduvigis Silva "Duvi"



Lives in Caracas, Venezuela...Best memories at MSSD were her sophomore year, the Summer European Tour '96, and the MSSD Performing Arts Road Show '94 and '96...Weightlifting (2,3), Road Show (2,3), Cross Country (2), Track (2), Study Hall (2), Fall Theatre Showcase (2), Computer Club (3), Tutoring (2), Ski Club (2), Movie Club (4), Yearbook (4), Honor Roll (3,4).



Elsbeth Leorra Sprengle "Ellie," "Monkey Girl"



Was born on November 14, 1977...Lives in the Orioles State..."Do not underestimate the Dark Side," "May the force be with you"...Loves skiing and hiking...highlights at MSSD were "Monkey Boy and the Gay Man," Whiteails '97, and socializing with friends...Dreams of getting a good job and living in Aspen, Colorado...Food Committee (2,3), Ski Club (2,4), Yearbook (2), Jr. NAD (2,3), Softball (2), Prom Committee (3), Student Trainer (3,4), Movie Club (3,4), Study Hall (2,3), Weekend Committee (4), Movie Committee (4), Secretary for the Senior Class (4).



Sara J. Stasium "Kyra," "Kat"



A proud Libra...Home is Sherman Oaks, California..."The truth is out there"...Worships computers and Ty Ishibashi. Ty is the greatest thing that has ever happened to her in her whole life!...Favorite events at MSSD were being with her boyfriend and friends ...hanging around and having a good time...College-bound, with intentions of traveling and becoming successful at whatever she does, and doing everything possible... Computer Club, Study Hall, Yearbook, Movie Club, Ceramics.





Christine Joy Taylor "Krissi," "Joker"

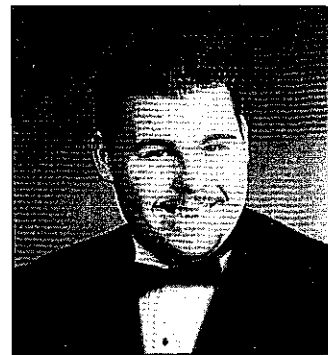
9/6/78...Homebase is Big Rapids, Michigan..."Smile!"...Loves cheerleading...Best memories at MSSD include going to Springfield Mall with Stella Lee and Adrean McCann during freshman year, getting on the wrong bus and having to go to the police and ask to be dropped off at the subway station...They got back to MSSD at 12:30 in the morning, and Big Sister (Krissi), Middle Sister (Stella), and Little Sister (Tyese)...Would like to major in either veterinary or zoology...Fall drama (1), Birthday Club (1), Spring Play (1,3), Cheerleading (2,3,4), Yearbook (2), Jr. NAD (1,2,3,4), Secretary of Class of '97 (3), Secretary of Jr.NAD (4), THN (4), Prom Committee (3), Homecoming Committee (3), Close-up (3), Computer Club (3), Halloween Party Committee (4), Sister/Brother program (1,2).



Michael Ryan Taylor "Darth Vader," "Mike," "MT"



9/16/78 is his special day...Hails from Malden, Massachusetts..."May the force be with you"...worships Star Wars collectibles, as well football and baseball...Highlight at MSSD was going to Texas with the football team...Will go to Gallaudet University and get a diploma in Film and Video...Football (1,2,3,4), Baseball (1,2,3,4), Basketball manager (4), Study Hall (2,3), Weightlifting (1,2,3), Prom Committee (3), Intramurals (1,2,3,4), Sergeant at Arms of SBG (4), Sergeant at Arms of Class of 1997 (3,4).



Jeremy Paul Tharpe "Chipmunk"

4/4/78 is his birthdate...Comes from Gallatin, Tennessee..."Stay out of trouble," "All for one, one for all"...loves being with Melissa Deke...Best memory at MSSD was sneaking out from the Gallaudet campus to do stupid things with Fatia Pomale...Wants to work with wildlife, forestry, and environmental management...Football (2), Study Hall (2), Weightlifting (3,4), Prom Committee (3), Baseball (3,4), Sergeant at Arms for SBG (4).



Regan AnnRae Thibodeau "Ratie," "RAT," "Thibby," "Nager," "Rags," "Elmo," "Little Bigfoot"

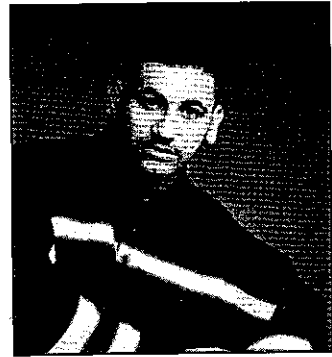


Was born on 11/14/78...A resident of Falmouth, Maine..."Live life without regrets" "Never but Always" "TLND"...Greatest passion is getting people confused and shocking them, Mars, children, adventure, and philosophy...Most memorable events at MSSD include first bust freshman year, sneaking to Gally with Keri at 5 in the morning, and being with Mario...Plans to major in landscaping architecture, join the Peace Corps, and start a family, but to live life first!...Spring Play (1,2), Road Show (2), Fall Dance Concert (2), Vice President (2), Yearbook (2), THN (4), Gallaudet Crew (4), Sergeant At Arms, Class of '97 (4).



Hassan Trad "Nike"

12/10/77...Lives in Alexandria, Virginia..."New World Order," "Top Dawg," "NWO"...Likes Fred Beam...best memory was when the blue team beat the red team...wants to fix cars...Weightlifting (3).



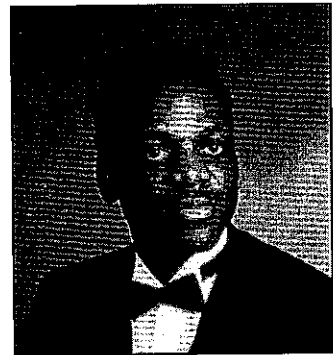
Yofiris Valle "Horse," "Betty Boop," "Barbie"

6/20/78 is her birthdate...Hails from Anasco, Puerto Rico..."What is that?" "I'm bored"...likes chatting with friends, candy, pinching boys, e-mailing and hiccuping...will never forget all those wonderful times she had with Jeremie when she loves very much, and the road show trip to Europe last summer...Hopes to go to college and get a job in Florida...Would like to study photography, psychology, and go to Australia...Peer Advisor (3,4), Road Show (3), HSO (2,3,4), Weightlifting (3,4), Study Hall (2,4), Hobbs (3,4), Spanish Dance (2,3), Fall Dance Concert (3).



Kavin Walcott "Little Hammer," "K.C.," "Lil Kemp"

Lives in Washington D.C..."Do the right thing; it's all good..." "STAY TRUE to yourself. Never let anyone tell you what you can or can't do. You are what can make you successful"...Likes dancing, playing basketball and being with his girlfriend, Chiquita Aaron...highlights at MSSD were the P.A. retreat, the Bullets game with a group and Homecoming '95...Will work, go to college, play college basketball or go into the music business...Varsity Basketball (3), IM Iron 8, Baseball (3), Performing Arts (2,3), Dancing (2,3), Varsity Football (3), Peer Advisor (2,3).



Angela Weldon "Angie"

Was born on August 19, 1978...Home is several miles away, in Washington, DC..."Try your best!" "I am serious," "Why are you looking at me?" "What is your problem?" "What are you talking about?"...Loves dancing African dances and basketball...Would like to get a job...Study Hall (1), JV Basketball (2), African Dance (1), Commuter Student (1,2,4), Jr. NAD (2), Computer Club (2).





Tekeisha Williams

Was born on June 4, 1978...Lives in Washington, DC...Likes to eat at McDonald's and get a lot of attention...Best memory at MSSD was the "Jump Rope" festival...Would like to work...Movie Club, Ceramics, Computer Club, Study Hall.



Latheda Wilson

"Laqueria," "Maria," "Mazy," "Mom"



Born on 7/19/76...Comes from Hyattsville, Maryland..."Stay in school and get smart"...Best event at MSSD was loving her boyfriend and teasing her friends...AP (1,2), Drama (1,3,4), Computer Club (1,2,3,4).



Tyese Dorn'e Wright

"Sugar Poo-Poo," "Little Pooh"

The world smiled when she was born on December 5, 1979...Calls Clinton, Maryland home..."There are no problems in life...only challenges"...crazy about talking on the phone...Highlights at MSSD include sneaking into Pope's room, water fights with her roomies at 4:00 am, wrestling and getting in water fights with boys, sneaking out with boys in Donn D, getting kicked out of our room by Tiffani, big sister Krisst, middle sister Stella, little sister Tyese, falling out of her chair in the cafeteria, mission news, Sweet-L...Dreams of becoming a teacher...Honor Roll (1,2,3,4), African American Student Union (3,4), Graduation Chairperson (4), Homecoming Queen (4), 3HHH Committee (4), Judicial Board (2), Sisters of Colors (2,3), Senior Activity (4), Hobbs (1,2), Prom Committee (3), Dance (1,2), Music Club (3), Study Hall (1,2), Valentine Party Chairperson (3), Food Committee (2,3).

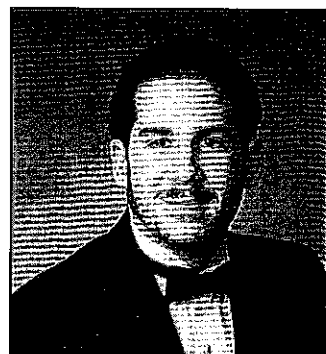


Michael Francis Mana Wynne, Jr.

"Mana"



He surfed into the world on May 24, 1979...lives somewhere in the U.S..."To be or not to be, that is the question!"(a drunken man once told him)...Passionate about waves and bodyboards...Most memorable events at MSSD include Clan Rodeos, Bell Taco, Clanmobile, Clanbump, Clanhope, Homecoming night '96, and watching his brother Marlon emerge into a man...Plans on attending CSLN and bodyboarding for life!...Varsity Football (3,4), Varsity Baseball (2,3,4), Varsity Volleyball manager (2), CLAN member (2,3,4), Spring Play (1), Spring Musical Concert (1), SBG (2,4), Jr. NAD (2), Homecoming Committee (2,3,4), Prom Chairperson (3), Class of '97 Freshman Vice President (1), MSSD football camp (2,3,4), Weightlifting (2,3,4), Honor Roll (2,3,4).



Senior Poem
by Stacy Nowak

They say it's so easy,
But to me, it isn't.
I'm the one that's leaving,
Not them...

They don't know what it's like,
I do,
And that's why it's so hard.
They just don't understand.

How do you think I'm supposed to feel?
No, I'm not desolate, just sentimental.
I'm taking my time. I can do so.

So much has happened here.
Ups and downs,
Rivers of tears and barrels of laughter.
Everything that has happened, happened here.

Friends made and enemies met,
Papers written and grades earned,
Late night forays made and hazing done,
Curfews broken and kisses stolen...

Four years of my life down the drain.
With a simple twist of the tassel,
My teenage years will end.

So don't you dare tell me to hurry up.
My childhood's past and my adulthood lies out there,
I'm in my prime, and enjoyin' it.

I'm taking my time,
Because I'm old enough to know better,
But too young to care.

Senior Superlatives

Most Stubborn



Jeremy Tharpe and Lakeisha Johnson

Most Hypeactive



George Huo and Lakeisha Williams

Most Curious



Ellie Sprengle and Sharvedh Kanaye

Most Mischievous



Alan Poon and Gina Cirincione

Most Gutsy



Jeff Roberts and Helen Akunwafor

Cutest Would-Be-Couple



Rayni Plaster and Roger Kessler

Most Charming



Tyese Wright and Marvin Bell

Most Down-to-Earth



Molly Page and Mike Wynne

Best Looking



Manuel Castro and Yofiris Valle

Most Lovable



Waylon Mullins and Tania Patterson

More Likely to be Rich



Branic Keltz and Melissa Deke

Most Creative



Sara Stasium and Ty Ishibashi

Best Athletes



Ben Bottoms and Stacy Nowak

Most Studious



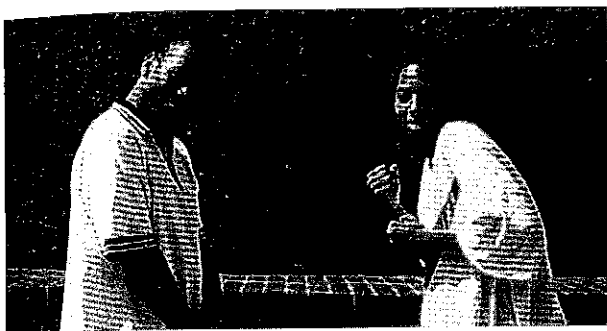
Stella Lee and Chris Kaftan

More Likely to be Famous



Joe Santini and Keri MacFarlane

Best Dancers



Kavin Walcott and Kenyatta Fox

Dreamers



Maria Silva and Gustavo Aponte

Laziest



Micki Lewis and Michael Taylor

Most Talkative



Chrissy Morreale and James Jones

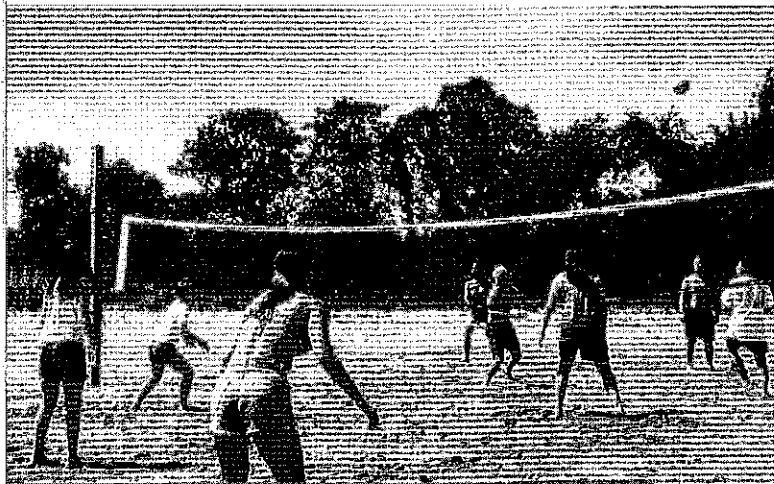
Class Clowns

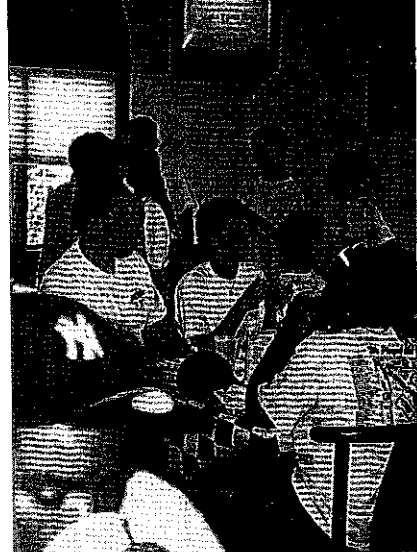


Felicia Rolf and Tommy Parker

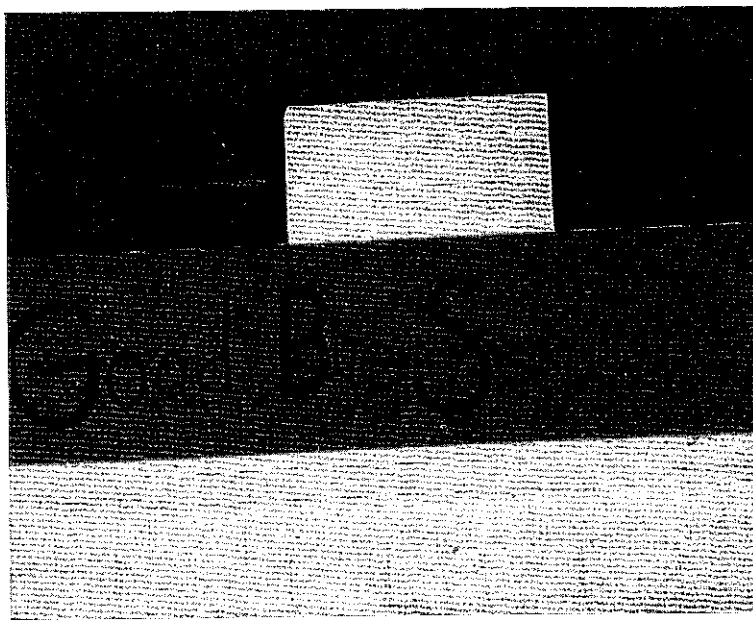
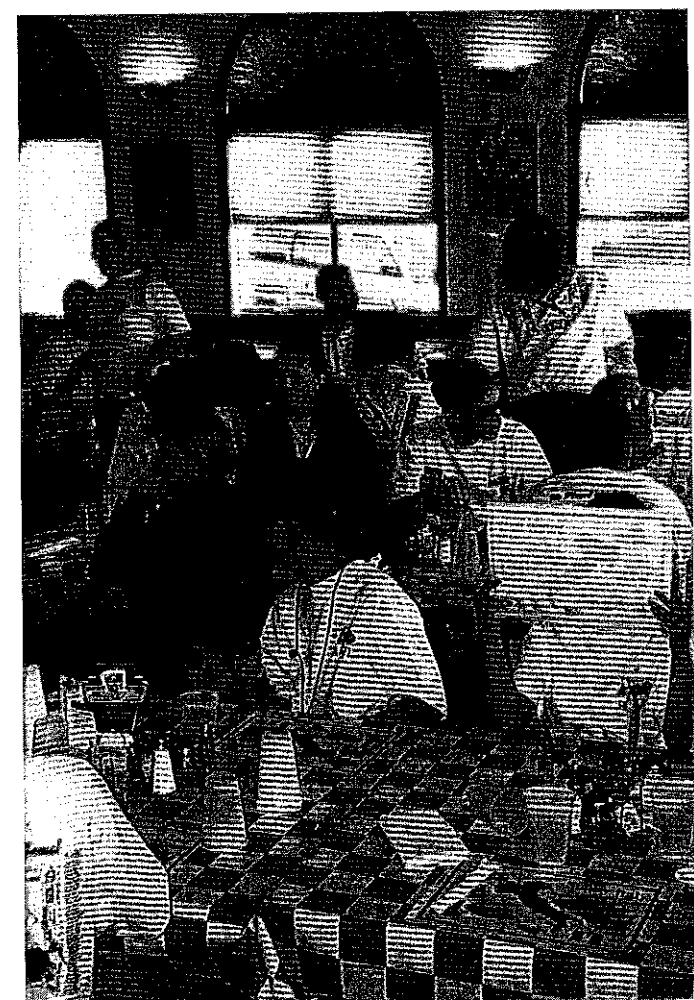


Senior Retreat
at Saint Point Bay, MD





Senior Farewell Party!



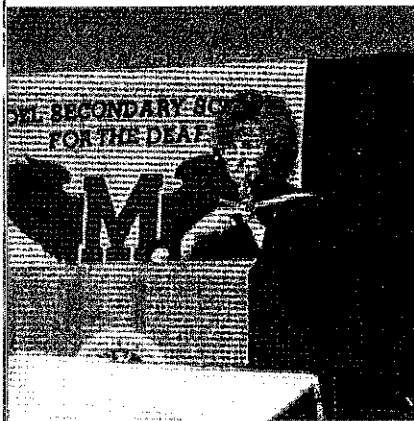
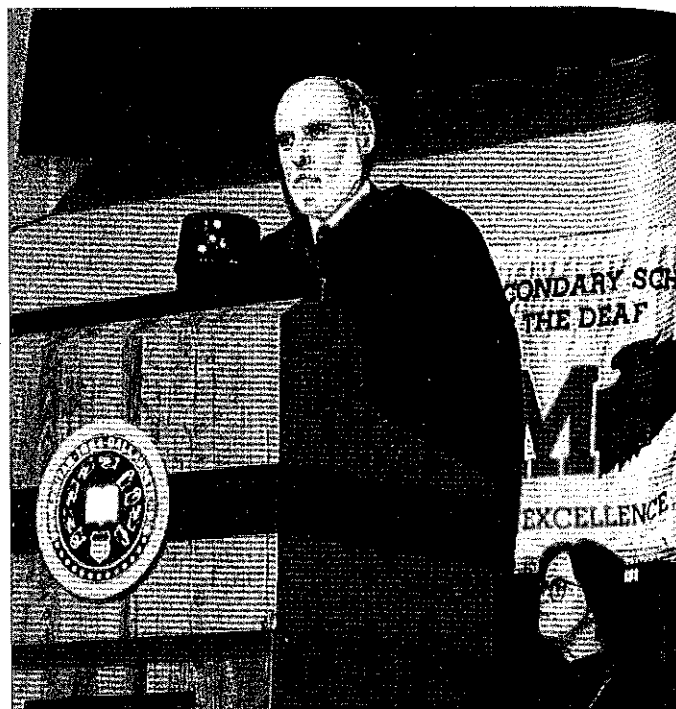


Graduation Day!!!

On May 12 in the Gallaudet Field House, in their glorious navy blue and silver robes, 69 MSSD graduates received their diplomas.

The National Anthem and the graduation song, "Reach," by Gloria Estefan, were performed by 12 members of the graduating class. The speaker for this 27th Commencement was Dr. Vinton G. Cerf, known as the "Father of the Internet." Salutatorian Michael Wynne, Jr. and Valedictorian

Stella Lee gave their speeches. The class poem was signed, and the yearbook was dedicated to Tim and Linda McCarty. Tyese Wright received the Principal's Cup award, and Joe Santini received the Peter B. Hobbs Award. The senior class presented their class gifts and the senior song was signed. When the graduating students finally marched across the stage, it was a proud moment for everyone.



Ben introduces graduation speaker, Dr. Vinton G. Cerf.



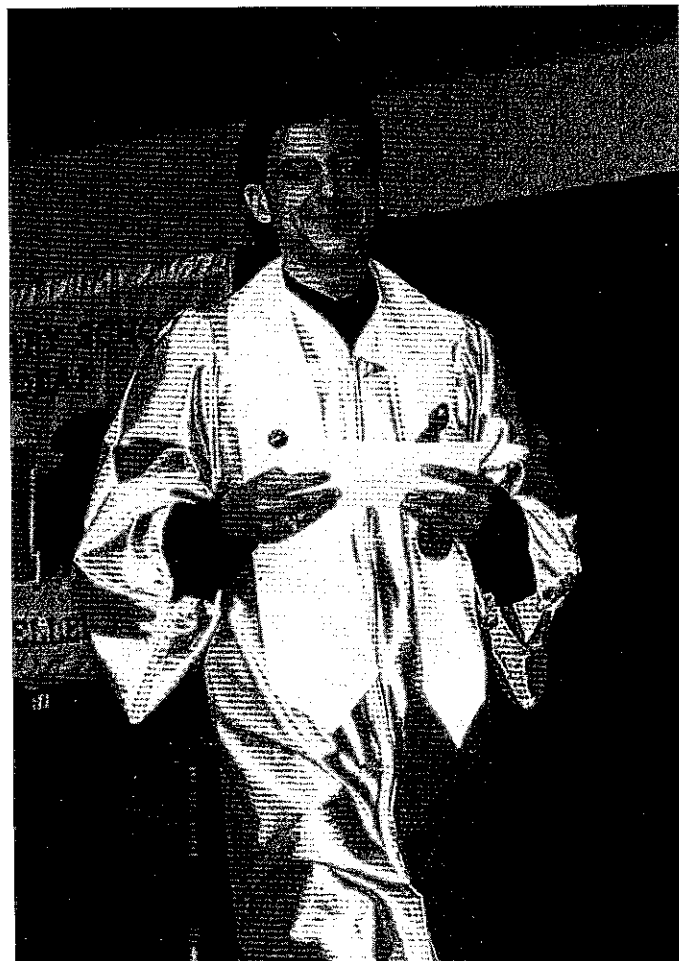
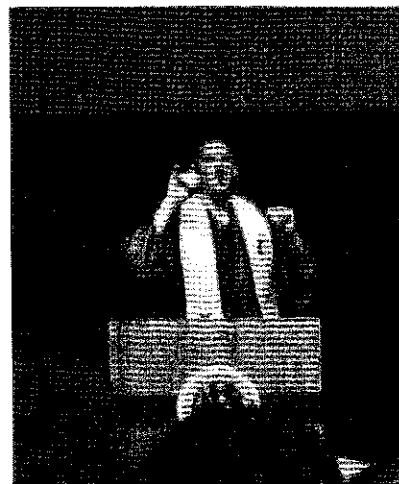
Stella Lee expresses that experience is the best teacher.

Micki and Tyese sign the class poem, written by Stacy Nowak.





Mike Wynne tells about life being a long, winding path.



Joe is all smiles after receiving his \$1,500 scholarship award!

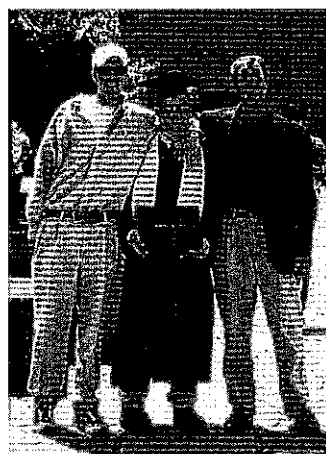


Kathy O'Brien receives a "thank you" gift for her work as senior sponsor.

Alan Poon and Chrissy Morreale perform the Senior Song, an adaption of the traditional Bison Song.



As the newly graduated filed out of the Field House, they were embraced and congratulated by family and friends. Tears flowed freely and pictures were snapped at every chance. The emotion was high as the graduates said their goodbyes to friends and staff, and went off to celebrate.



Senior Class Will

- I, Chiquita Aaron, bequeath my art skills to Victor Contreas.
- I, Helen Akunwafor, bequeath my attitude and rudeness to nobody.
- I, Gustavo Aponte, bequeath my weightlifting abilities to Jose Garcia.
- I, Marvin Bell, bequeath my basketball skills to Antonio Robinson.
- I, Benjamin Bottoms, bequeath my catching skills to my sister, Kitty Bottoms.
- I, Wesley Chase, bequeath my love of basketball to Lamori Lanier.
- I, Gina Cirrincione, bequeath my guts to Selina English.
- I, Melissa Deke, bequeath my love for Charlie Chaplin to Chris Chmaj.
- I, Roberta Eaton, bequeath my basketball skills to Jillian Donnelly.
- I, Diane Fleming, bequeath my love for the Road Show to Christina Dunams.
- I, Kenyatta Fox, bequeath my sweet personality to Susanne Martin.
- I, Manuel Garcia-Castro, bequeath my leadership in HSO to Karla Marrero.
- I, Dawniela Halischak, bequeath my leadership potential to Marlon Wynne.
- I, Renny Harvard, bequeath my talent in sports to Marlon Wynne, Nick Vita, and Lamori Lanier.
- I, Deonna Hayes, bequeath my jump rope skills to Alycia Brown.
- I, George Huo, bequeath my spying skills to Marc and Chris Chmaj.
- I, Ty Ishibashi, bequeath my friendship to Munir Bashir.
- I, Lakeisha Johnson, bequeath my warm heart, smile, and friendship to Aisha Smith and Nikita Williams.
- I, James Jones, bequeath my videotapes to Joe Williams.

I, Chris Kaftan, bequeath my athletic and academic talents to Stephen Farias, Nicholas Vita and Jeremie Selhouwer.

I, Sharvedh Kanaye, bequeath my knowledge about culture to everyone.

I, Roger Kessler, bequeath my smashing looks to Allen Arble and my endurance in arguing to Amber Marchut.

I, Stella Lee, bequeath my spats and flirtatiousness to Michelle Johnston and my boredom to Lynette Gouker.

I, Micki Lewis, bequeath my sense of humor to Darlene Tropp and Vinny Riccobono and my love of cutting classes to Eric Eliason.

I, Sam Lu, bequeath my good memories and friendship to Rayson Ashton.

I, Keri Brooks MacFarlane, bequeath my passion for snowboarding to Dan Ogrizovich and my soul in Theatre Malz in honor of Tim McCarty.

I, Deandre McCoy, bequeath my track skills to Lamori Lanier.

I, Chrissy Morreale, bequeath my cheerleading skills & leadership to Lisa Fishbein.

I, Waylon Mullins, bequeath my wrestling skills to Rayson Ashton and lineman skills to the Chmaj brothers.

I, Rebecca Murphy, bequeath my luck and wishes to Amanda Fant.

I, Stacy Nowak, bequeath my passion for competition and mischief to Jillian Donnelly and my love of poetry to Stephen Farias.

I, Molly Page, bequeath my tie-dyed hearts t-shirt to Carol Nemeck because she needs a heart and my friendship to Amber Marchut.

I, Thomas Parker, bequeath my love of airplanes to Jill Bianco.

I, Tania Patterson, bequeath my love for Danielle Steel novels to Melissa Kononenko.

I, Rayni Plaster, bequeath my insomnia to Vinny Riccobono, Ben Oliver, and the Chmaj twins.

I, Alan Poon, bequeath my mischief, guts, and toughness to my little brother, Takeshi Matosumoto and my chinese language to Sean Moore.

I, Neil Powdar, bequeath my lightweight wrestling skills to Rayson Ashton.

I, Tiffani Richardson, bequeath my true love to Ryan Cliett.

I, Jeffrey Roberts, bequeath my ability to mystify people to Jesse Woosley.

I, Kelli Roberts, bequeath my love of watching movies to Stephanie Rathburn.

I, Takeisha Robinson, bequeath my small and cute bear to Michelle Bell.

I, Felicia Roll, bequeath my friendship to Alex Lynch.

I, Joseph A. Santini, bequeath my motivation, music, and publications to Amber Marchut and Charlotte Lewis.

I, Shirley Shaw, bequeath my smile to Craig Tschida, Ari Gerten, and Marissa Massie.

I, Eugene Shih, bequeath my management skills to Craig Tschida.

I, Maria Silva, bequeath my English skills to Nora Agront-Blas.

I, Elspeth Sprengle, bequeath my skiing skills to Renato Souya.

I, Sara Stasium, bequeath my friendship to Melissa Kononenko and Charlotte Lewis.

I, Christine Taylor, bequeath my smile to Magdalena Bujak.

I, Michael Taylor, bequeath my bully attitude to Rayson Ashton.

I, Regan Thibodeau, bequeath my good food to the cafeteria ladies!

I, Yoliris Valle, bequeath my blue, flowered shirt to Damassy Carlo-Ortiz.

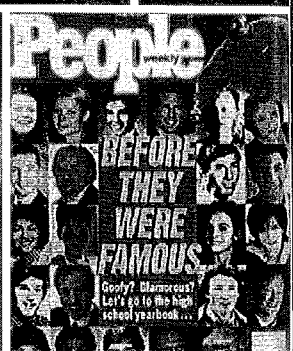
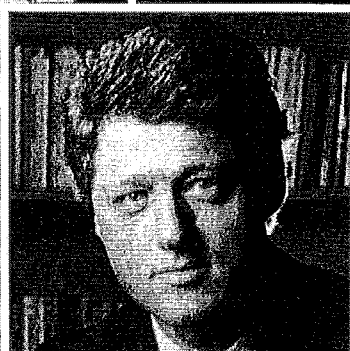
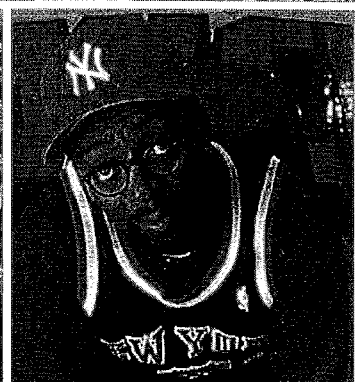
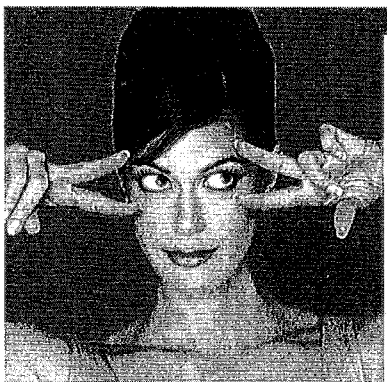
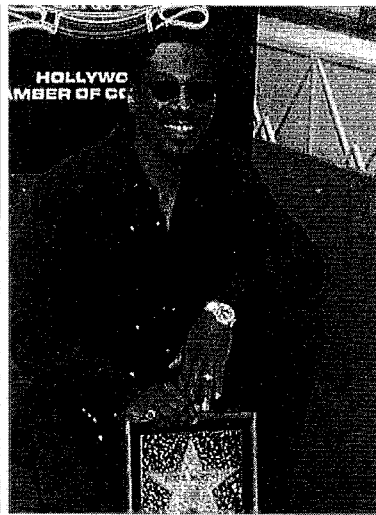
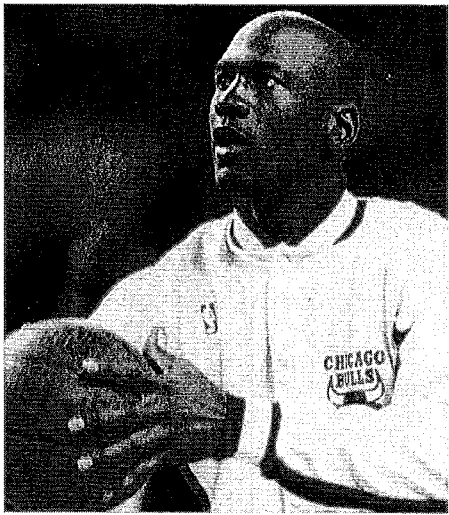
I, Kavin Walcott, bequeath my dancing skills and leadership to Alycia Brown.

I, Tekeisha Williams, bequeath my love of playing around to Janeeka Williams.

I, Latheda Wilson, bequeath my pictures to Earl Allen and Craig Tschida.

I, Tyese Wright, bequeath my book bag to Tina Soto, Victoria Benjamin and Shellea Brown.

I, Michael Wynne, bequeath my attitude to my brother, Marlon Wynne, and my sacred rug to Dominic Adams.





Oscar de la Rent it

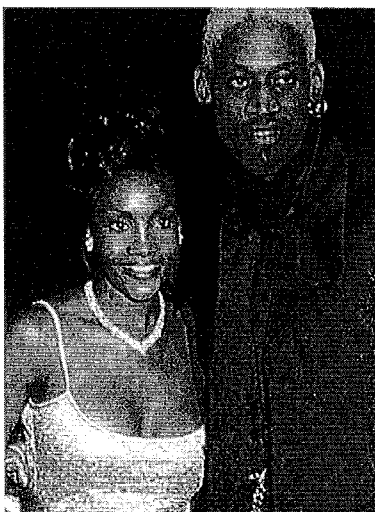
Academy-Award winners now on video



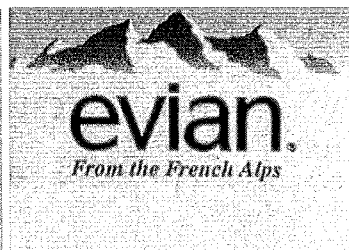
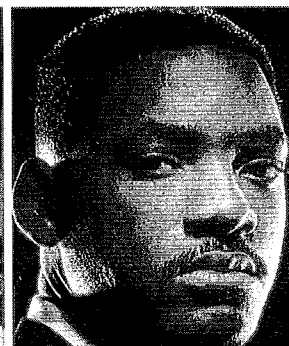
SLING BLADE Billy Bob Thornton won Best Adapter Screenplay for his story of a mentally challenged man. We reckon you'll enjoy it. Mmm-hmmm.



SHINE Geoffrey Rush took home the Best Actor Oscar for his dead-on portrayal of Australian pianist and jittery genius David Helfgott.



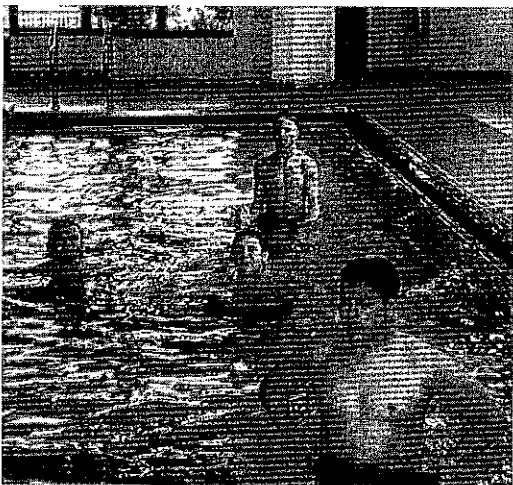
Tracy Chapman left, Jewel, below right, and Sara McLachlan join forces for Lillith Fair

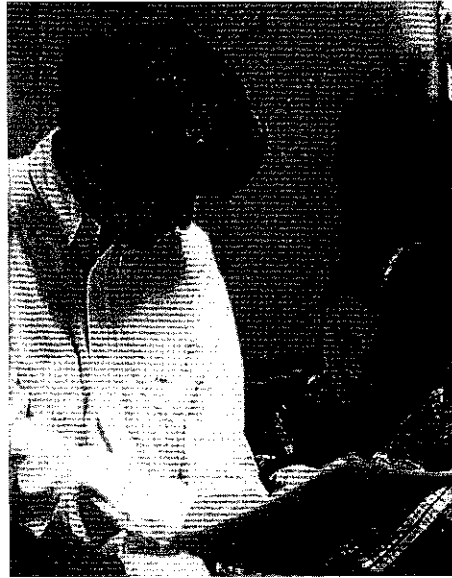




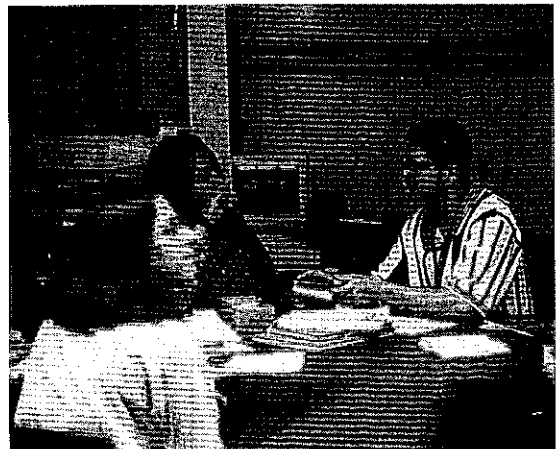
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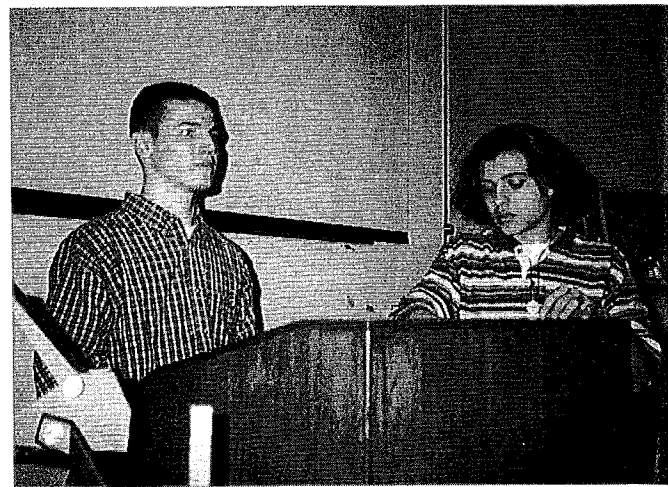
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Student Body Government

The 1996-1997 Student Body Government was led by President Roger Kessler and Vice-President Christopher Kaftan. Throughout the year, the members of the SBG committed themselves to improving many things at MSSD. With

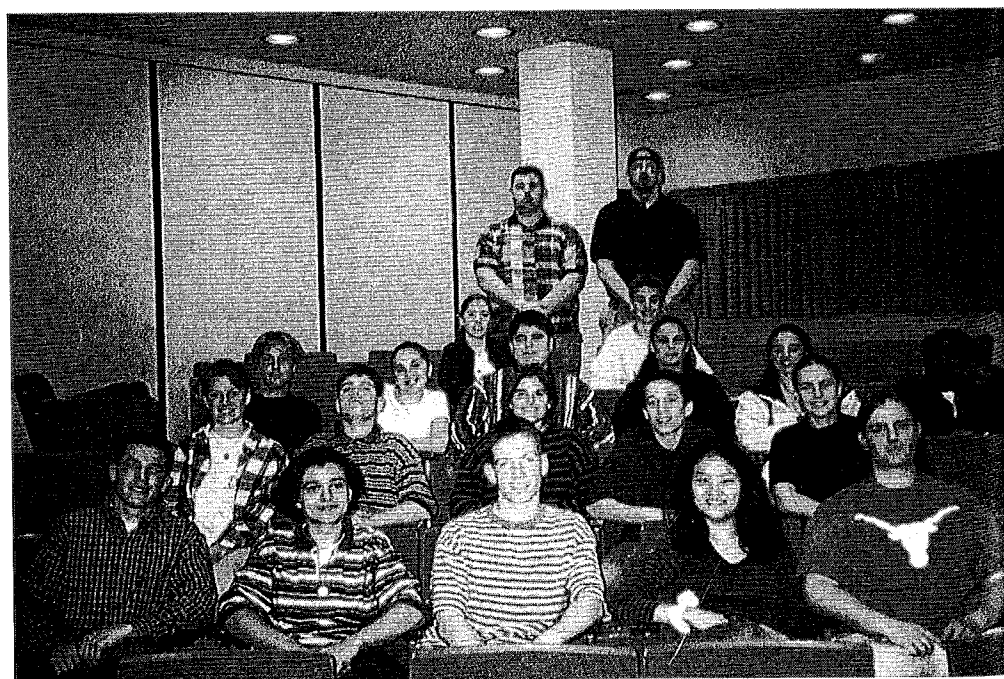
hard work by the officers and representatives, we showed the school that SBG means business, and that we'd do anything to improve the school and satisfy the students.



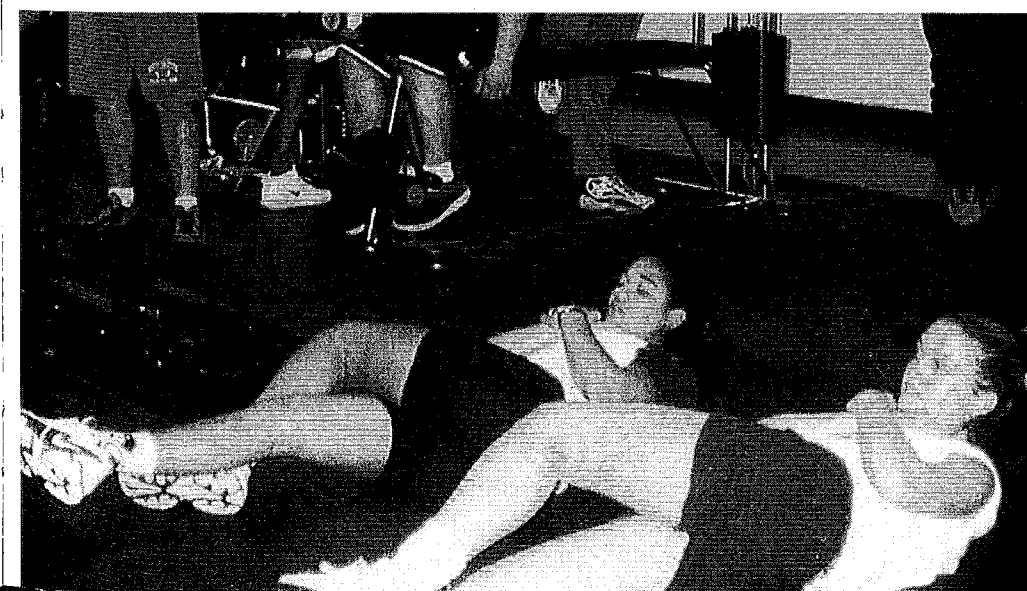
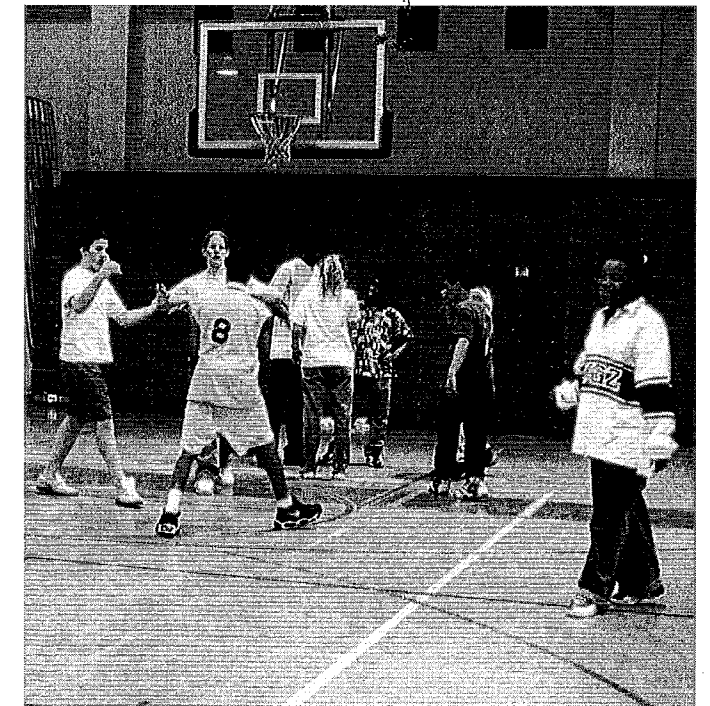
The representatives are spellbound by the debates of the SBG meeting.



First row: Roger Kessler (president), Joseph Santini (secretary), Christopher Kaftan (vice-president), Stella Lee (assistant secretary), Branic Keltz (treasurer). Second row: Keri MacFarlane, Dominic Adams, Felicia Roll, Vincent Riccobono, Jill Bianco. Third row: Aaron Brock, Raymond Azrelyant, Steve Gagnon, Melissa Seigert, Jillian Donnelly, Helen Akunwafor. Fourth row: Charlotte Lewis, Tommy Parker. Fifth row: Michael Taylor, Jeremy Tharpe. Missing: Renny Harvard, Alan Poon, Michael Wynne, Nikita Williams.

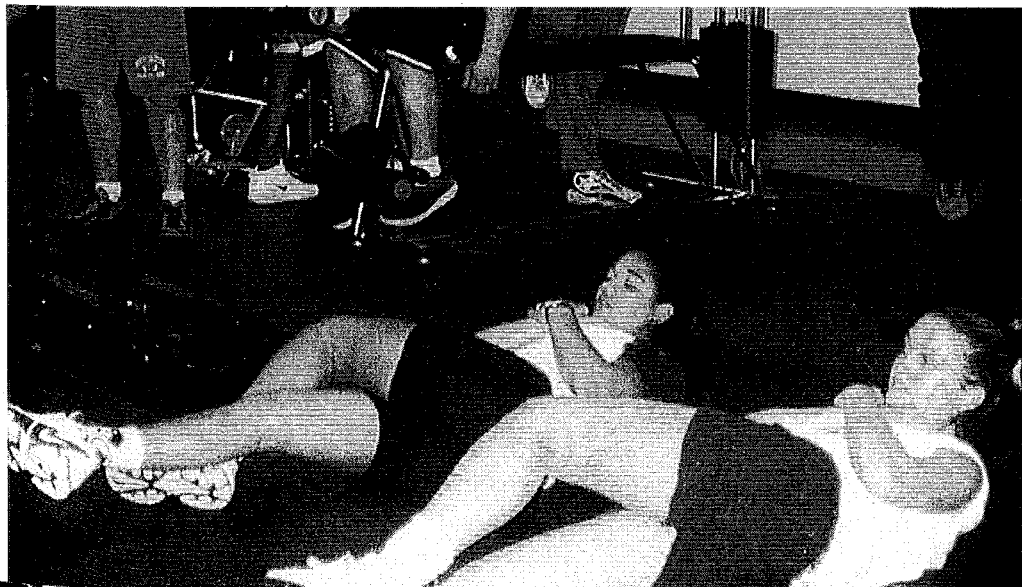
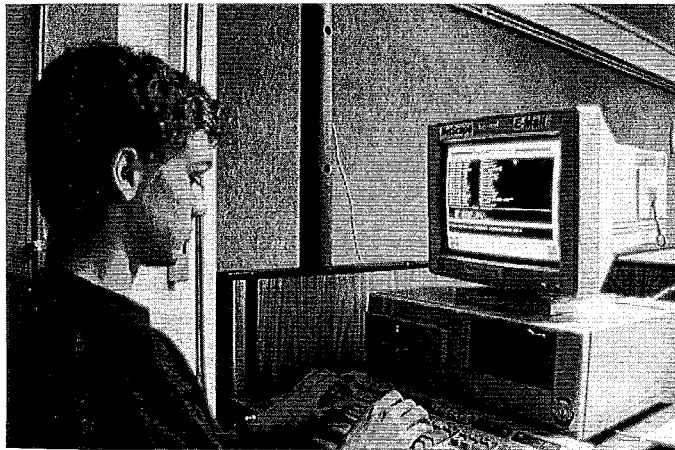
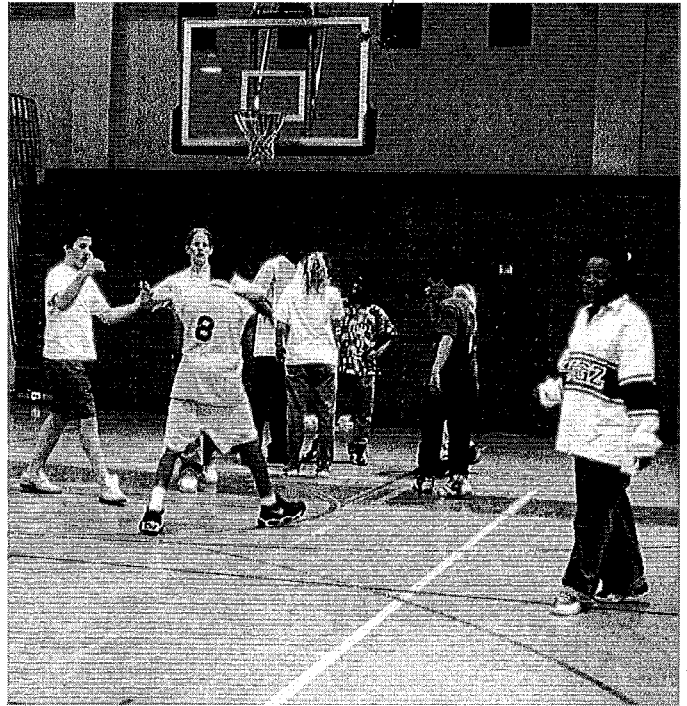


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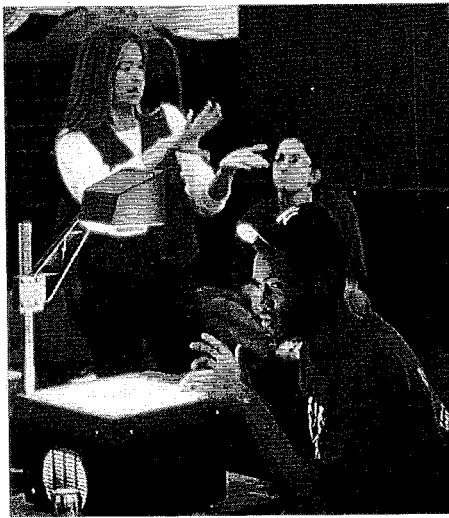
Making a Difference . . . '96-'97 Peer Advisors



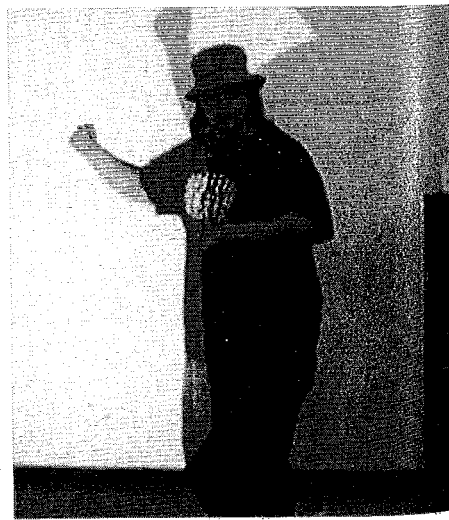
Back Row: Chris Nau, Waylon Mullins, Helen Akunwafor, Lakeisha Johnson, Tommy Parker, Deandre McCoy. Front Row: Kavin Walcott, Yofiris Valle, Chris Kaftan, Chrissy Morreale, Branic Keltz.



The students watch intensely, soaking up the information.



Carla explains the Peer Advisor program to the MSSD students.

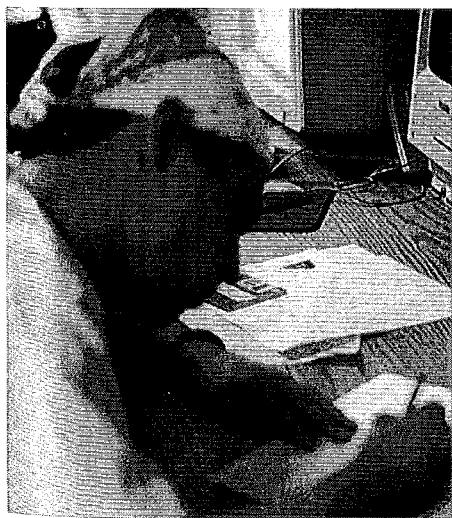
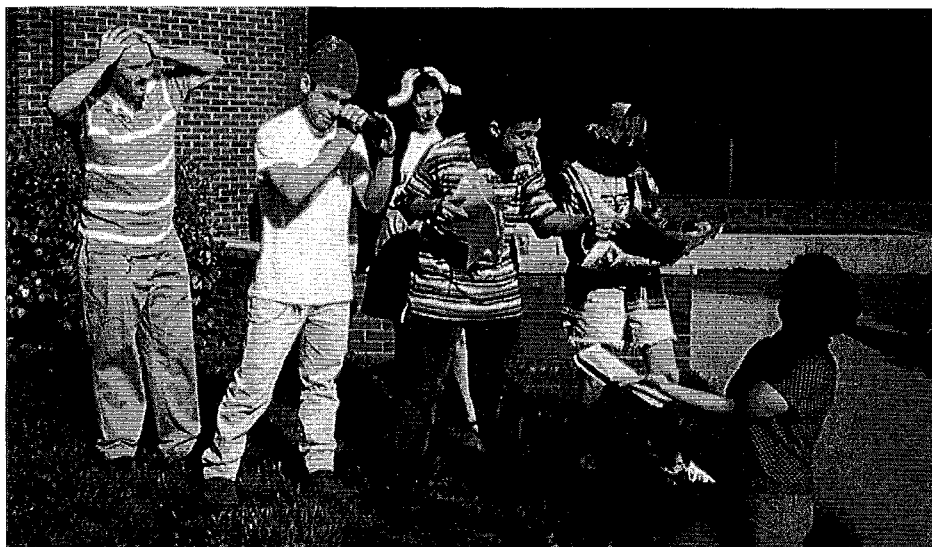


Branic gives a lecture, showing off his skills as a P.A.

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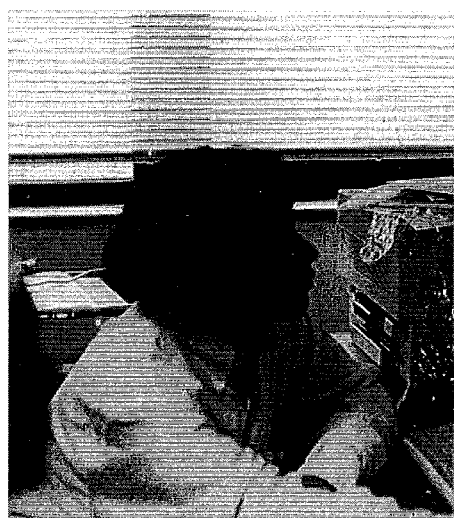
David VanBoxlaere (sponsor), David, Regan, Joe, Sara and Amber ham it up for the camera. Although THN ended somewhat earlier than expected this year, the staff did their best writing stories and taking pictures to keep the students knowledgeable about happenings on campus.



David is hard at work on one of his many drawings.

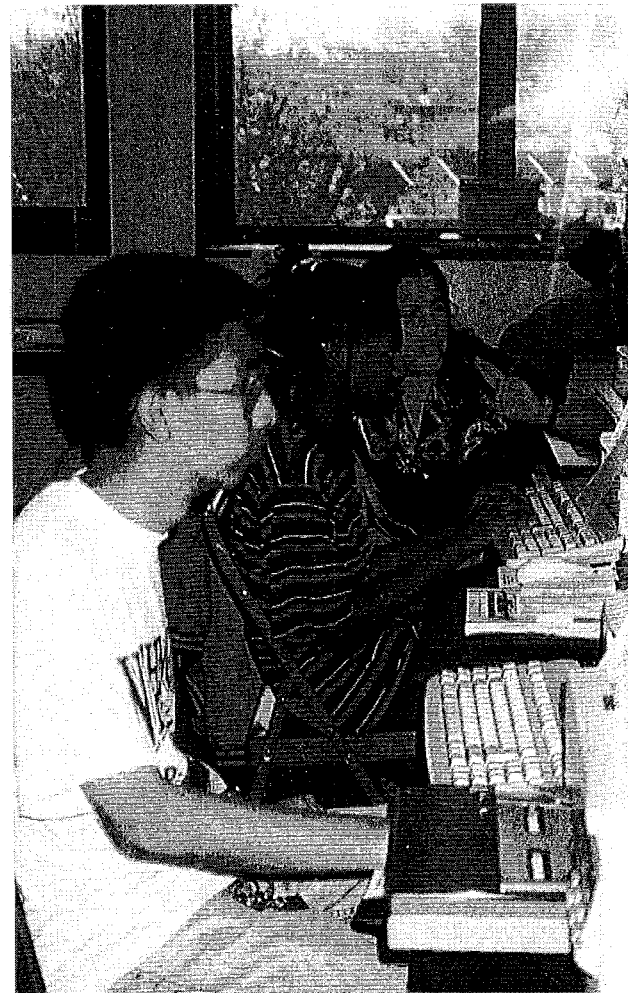
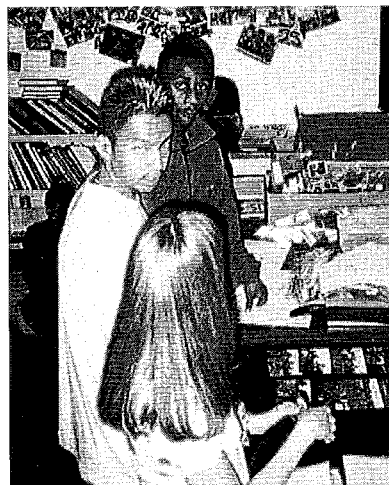


Keri searches for information in the THN files for a timely story.

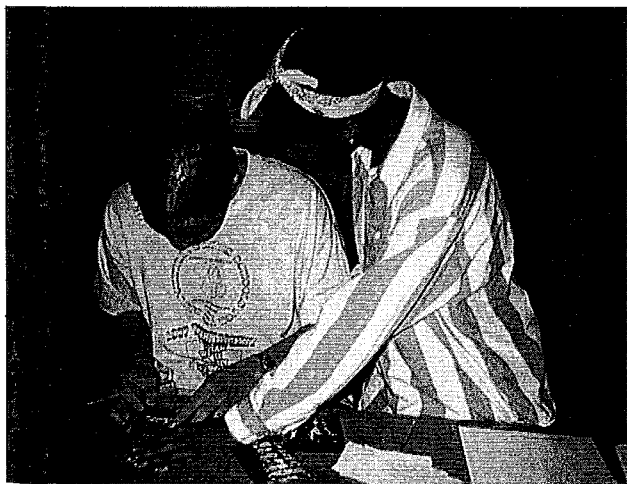
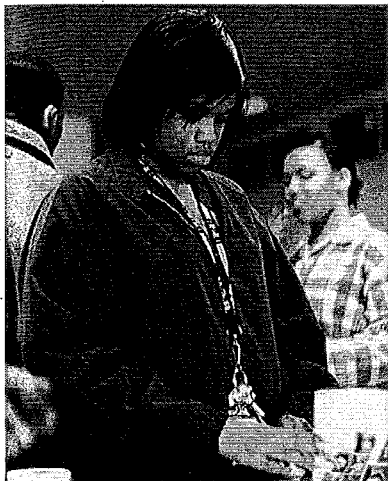
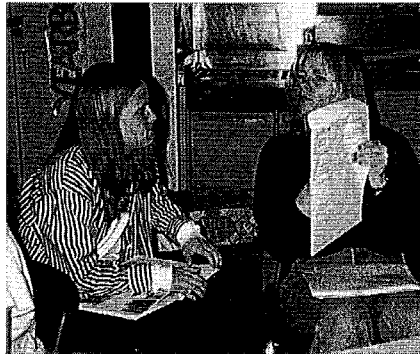
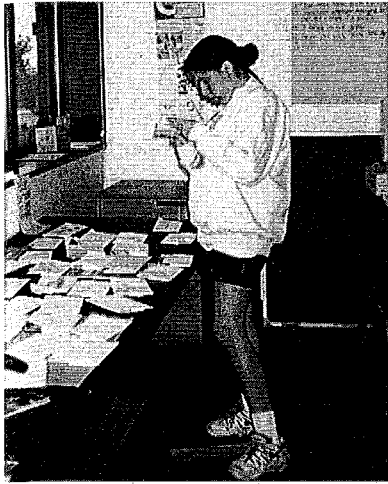


Joe works on the layout for the next THN issue.

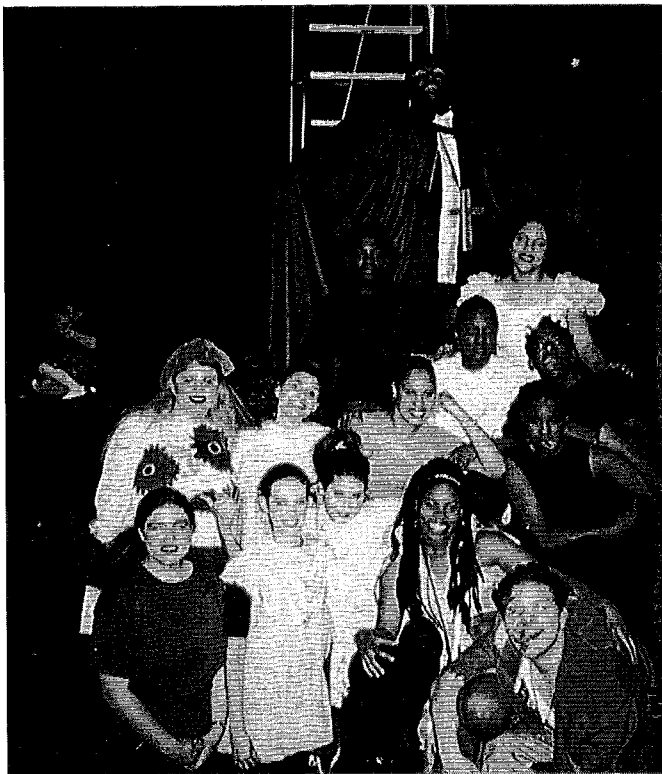
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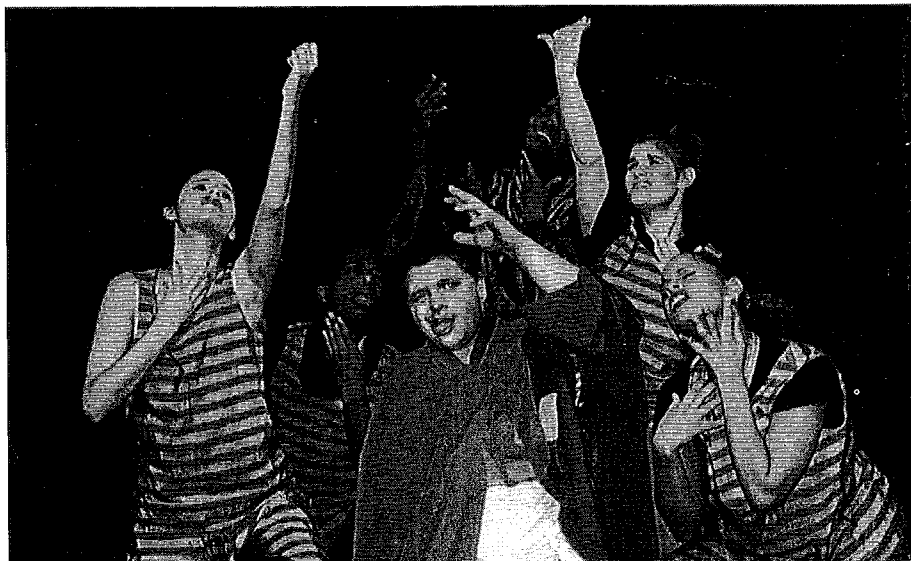
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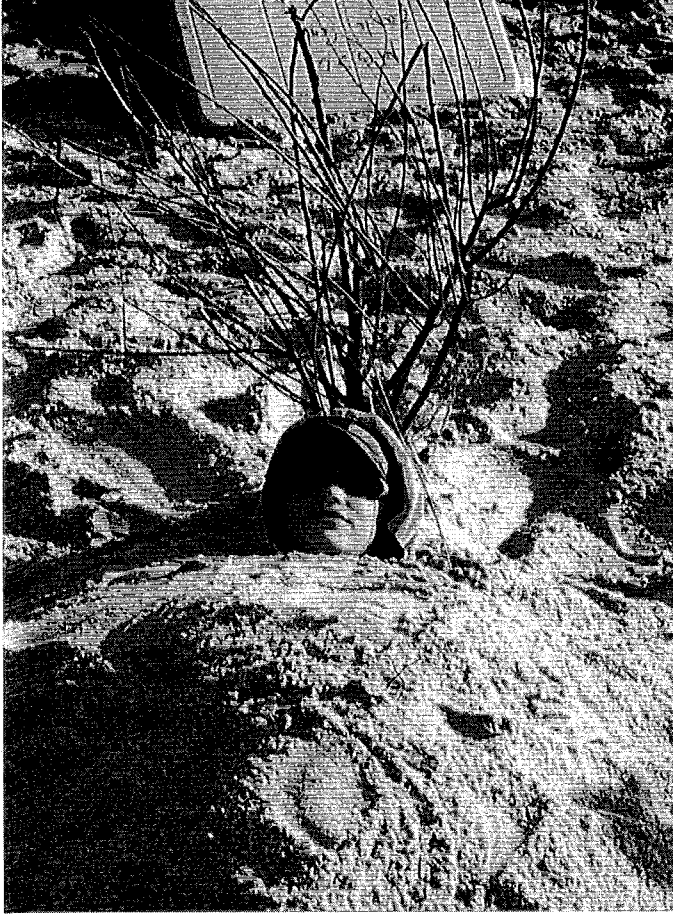
Spring Play "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"



"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," performed in the MSSD Theatre Maltz, was one of the best productions in MSSD history. The credit goes to the wonderful cast of MSSD students who worked hard to make this play possible. The cast had three amazing directors, Marcia Freeman, Angela Vogler, and Rita Corey. Using their knowledge and expertise, they were able to make this play accessible to everyone. Signing and voice were not used on this stage. The cast communicated their message through movement, dancing and gesture.



Ready for the Weekend!



When school's out for the weekend, it's time to cut loose and have some fun — something easy to do with so many weekend activities planned. Piling onto the bus for a trip to an amusement park, camping, or even just hanging out with good friends act as sure energy restorers.

Commuters



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African-American Students Union



Hispanic Students Organization



Homecoming Committee



Prom Committee



Academic Bowl

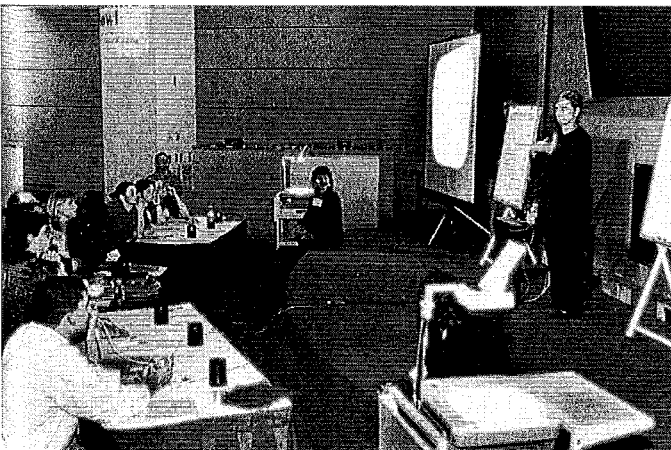
The Academic Bowl was hosted by the Honors Program at Gallaudet University. The five teams represented Gallaudet's four regions across the nation. MSSD won in last year's competition and was invited to compete again this year. Newton High School in Massachusetts won in the Northeastern region. North Carolina School for the Deaf represented the Southern region. California School for the Deaf, Riverside won the western region. Illinois School for the Deaf

represented the Middle Western region. They all came and competed. Each school sent four students. Stacy Nowak, Helen Akunwafor, Christina Dunams, and Dan Ogizovich represented the MSSD team this year. Even though the California School for the Deaf, Riverside won the Academic Bowl, the MSSD team always will remember that they won the first round against CSDR. Way to go!!



Stacy pals around with a CSDR team member.

Hugs all around after the closing of the Academic Bowl.



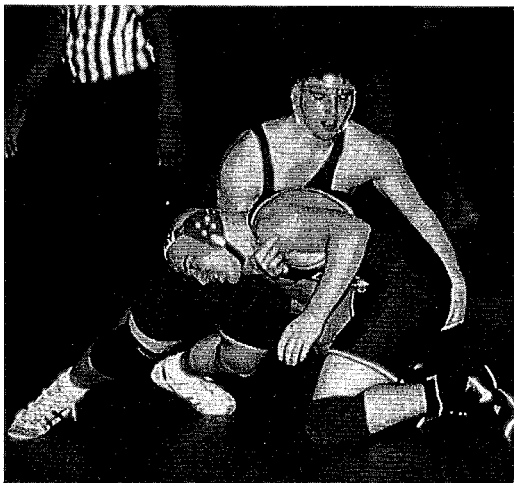
The teams eagerly await their next question.

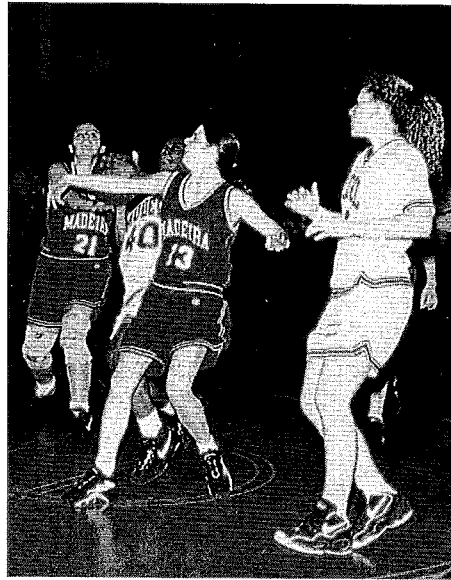
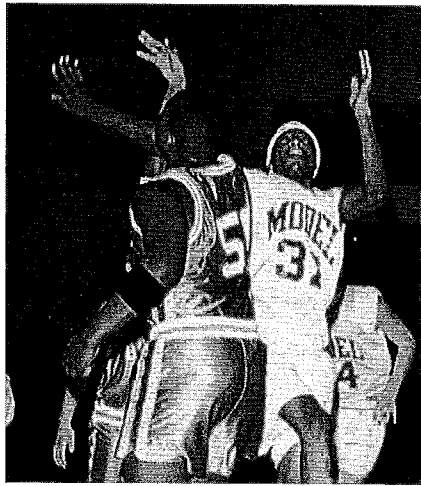


This team shows their enthusiasm!

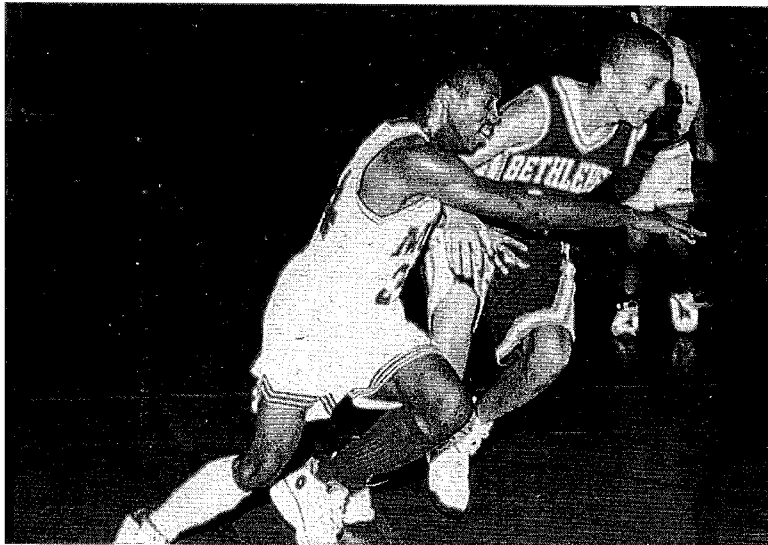


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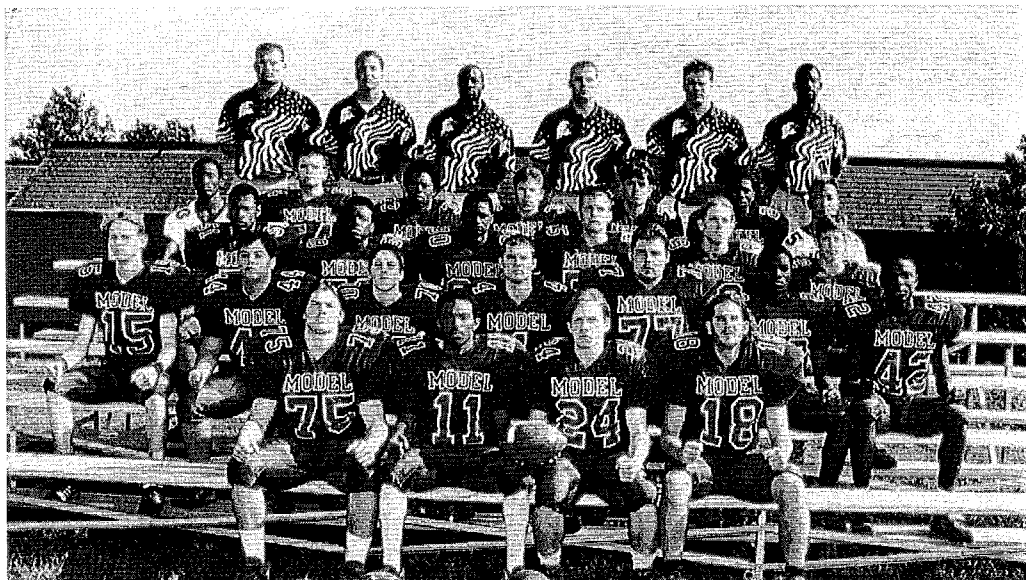




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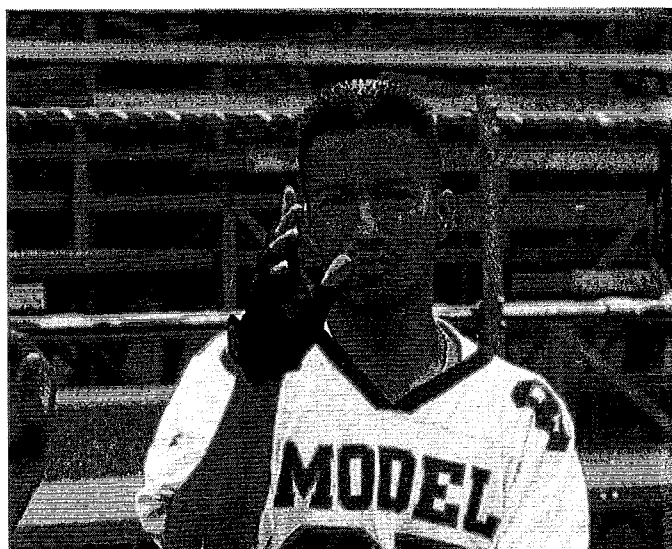
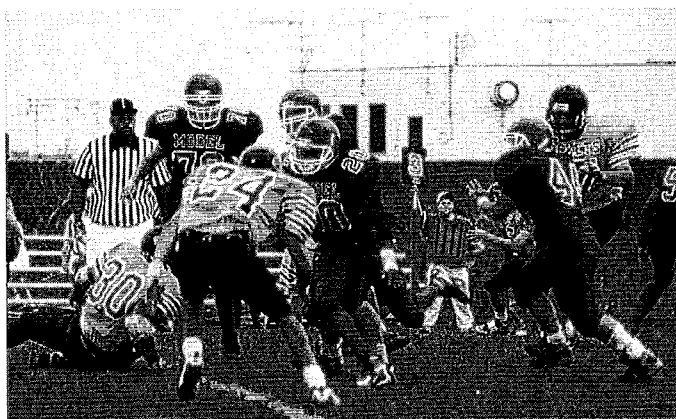


First row: left to right: Ben Bottoms, Lamori Lantier, Chris Kaston, Michael Wynne. Second Row: Ben Oliver, Alan Poor, Jesse Woolsey, Renny Havaril, Michael Taylor, Michael Eldridge, Kolade Kalejaiye. Third row: Vincent Jackson, Rayson Asfiton, Jamar Johnson, Chris Chinaj, Travis Bragham, Sean Moore. Fourth row: Deandre Pope (Manager), Marcus Chinaj, Marvin Bell, Nicholas Vita, Jose Garcia, Antonie Robinson, Sam Lu (Manager). Fifth row: Clark Brooke (Assistant Coach), Lenny Gonzales (Assistant Coach), Ayuk Ogork (Assistant Coach), Tim Hile (Head Coach), Matt Thompson (Assistant Coach), Dwight Alston (Assistant Coach).



Lamori, where's the ball?

"Hey! Who told you to take a picture of me? It's forbidden," says Sam Lu.



Get out of my way, fools!

Matt Thompson, assistant defense coach, asks Marvin Bell, "Where do you think you're going? Huh?"



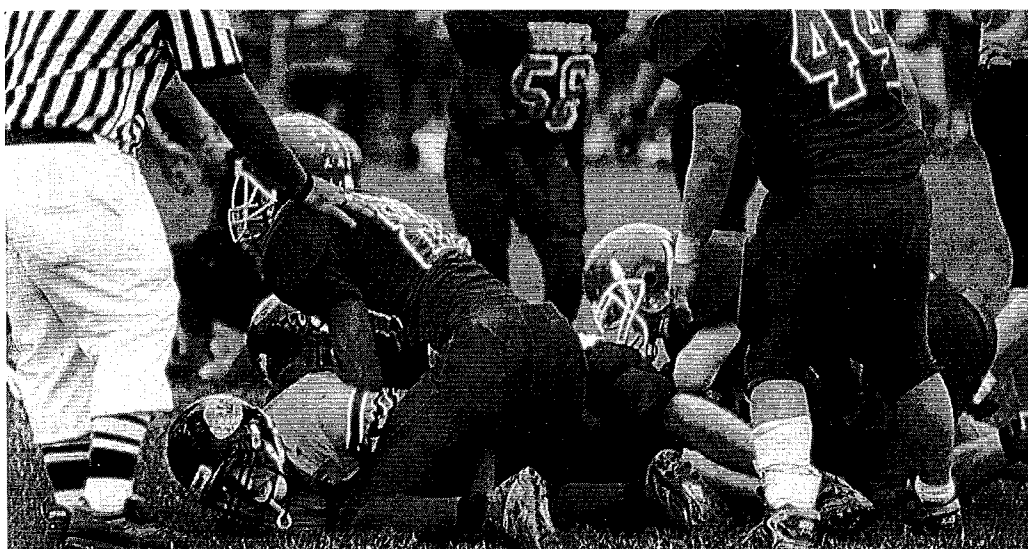


Varsity Football

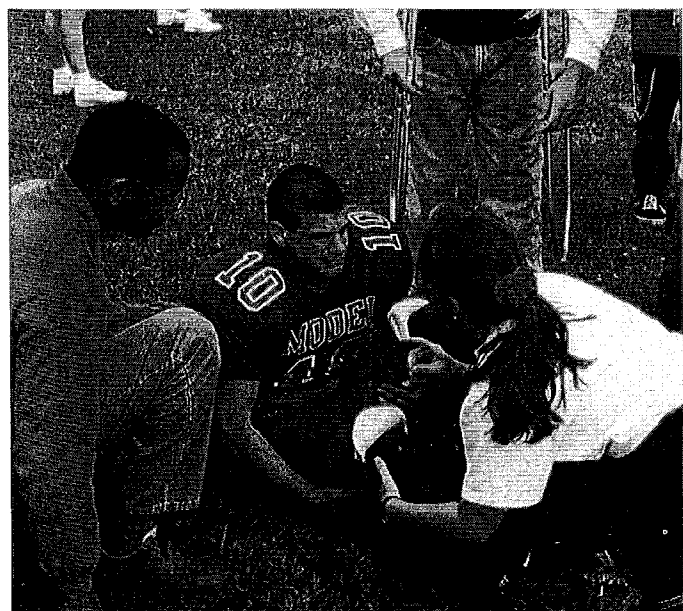
The MSSD varsity football team did its best this year, in spite of some hard times. Many players played more than one position due to injuries, and there was a lack of consistency. The seniors did great, and I am very proud of them. They

have proven what commitment is all about. I am very proud of my '98 football team for staying together and overcoming many obstacles. The most memorable experience we had this year was the Texqs trip.

Coach Tim Hile



Go Eagles! Go Mike! Run over him! You can do it!



Patrick gets some help after his leg is mangled during a play.

Coach Hile looks at the referee as if it say, "What are you smiling about?"

First row, left to right: Roger Kessler. Second row: Tania Patterson, Rachel Boll, Jillian Donnelly, Stacy Nowak, Jill Bianco, Tamara Suiter. Third row: Brian Bippus (Head Coach), Stella Lee (Manager), Micki Lewis, Dawniela Halischak, Melissa Kononenko, Lissandra Clark (Manager), Lynn Ray Boren (Assistant Coach).



Jill Bianco gets ready to set the ball in motion.

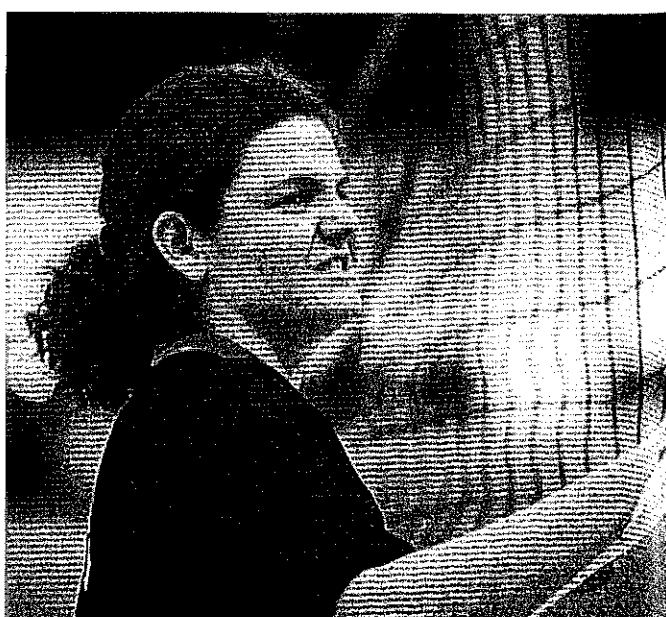


"Coach Bippus, you mean we're playing against THEM?"



Whoa! Stacy Nowak can jump just like Michael Jordan! Tamara Suiter stands guard.

Stacy Nowak practices her intimidation tactics on the other team.





Varsity Volleyball

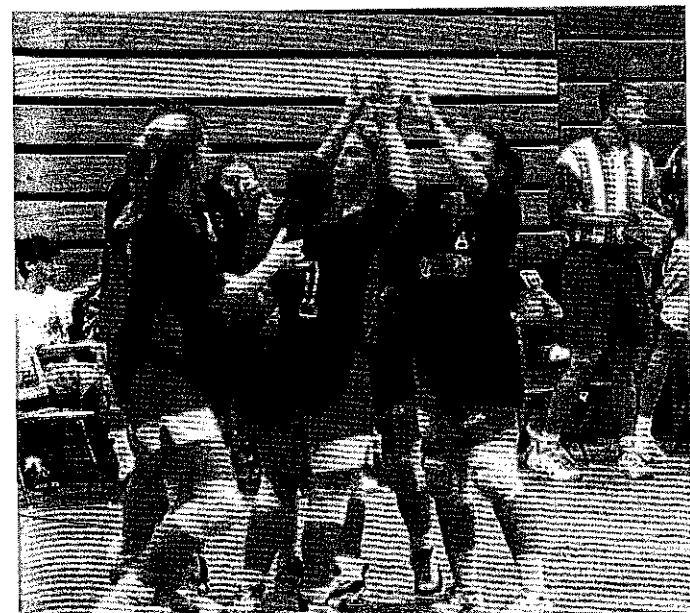
With four returning veterans, we aimed to improve our record and finish the year on winning note. After three weeks of training in August, we started well to stand 4-0 before losing the next two games. We made some changes that proved successful and we earned 2nd place at the Model Invitational. We continued to pile up victories and succeeded in making eight 'payback' wins. We set ten new records and tied two records to finish 7-3 in ISL.

The highlights of this year were: Market Miracle, the trip to Texas, beating NYSD, and becoming NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!! Stacy Nowak received the 1996 National Prep Player of the year honor and several other all-star awards. Jill Bianco and Jillian Donnelly received All-American recognition from Silent News.

We are looking forward to having five starters back next year and posting another winning season! Coach Brian Bippus



The players stare with disbelief at Coach Bippus as he explains the strategy he wants them to try next.



The players "fight five" and show their spirit.

Jillian Donnelly, Micki Lewis and Rachel Boll concentrate on blocking the on-coming ball.

Kneeling, left to right: Irina Normatov (Public Relations), Helen Akunwafor (Drummer), Roberia Gage (Assistant Coach), Cindy Hall (Head Coach), Regina Ramsey (Assistant Drummer), Kristen Denisiuk (Manager). Standing: Damassy Carlo-Ortiz, Nikita Williams, Saita Akrie. Top: Chrissy Morreale, Jennifer Denisiuk, Lisa Fishbein.



Let's funk!



S-P-I-R-I-T HUDDLE!



Chrissy Morreale leads a cheer to wow the crowd!

The cheerleaders proudly gather for a group photo during their trip to Texas, where they met the Rangers cheerleaders.

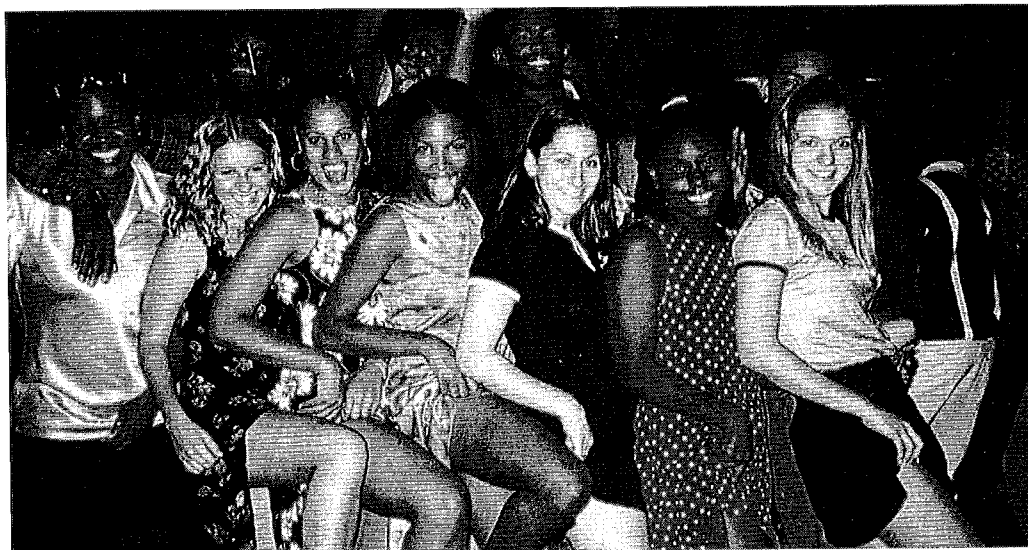




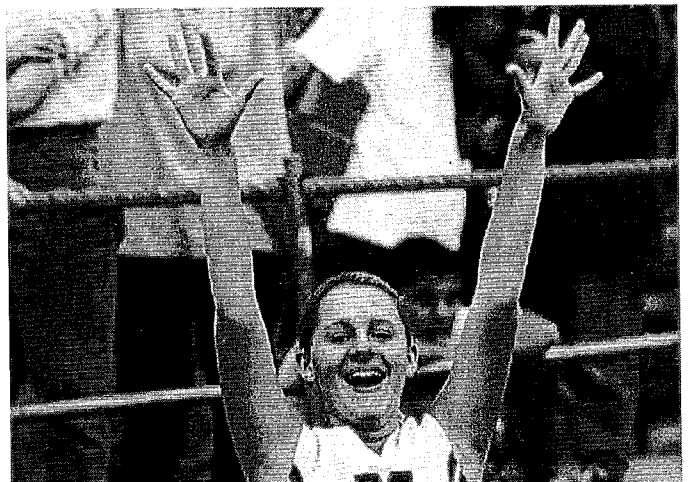
Fall Cheerleaders

I really enjoyed teaching routines to all the new cheerleaders and the veterans from last year routines. It was a great experience for me. The cheerleaders learned very quickly. We had a lot of fun during camp week, and during the season as well. It was an experience we will remember for the rest of our lives!

Coach Cindy Hall



The cheerleaders show off their legs to the crowd of admiring boys!



Coach Cindy Hall watches Chrissy Morreale's creative explanation regarding why she is late for practice.

Jenna says, "Raise your hands if you're sure!"

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The 1996 Junior Varsity football season was outstanding due to the players' excellent commitment to the MSSD football program. They dedicated their time, practicing hard, and demonstrating excellent attitude and skills in each of the games. They finished with a

big victory at the Vienna Classic, 21 to 16 against S.Y.A. The record this year is 4-4-1. It was a pleasure to coach them and I wish them the best of luck at their new level of competition next year.

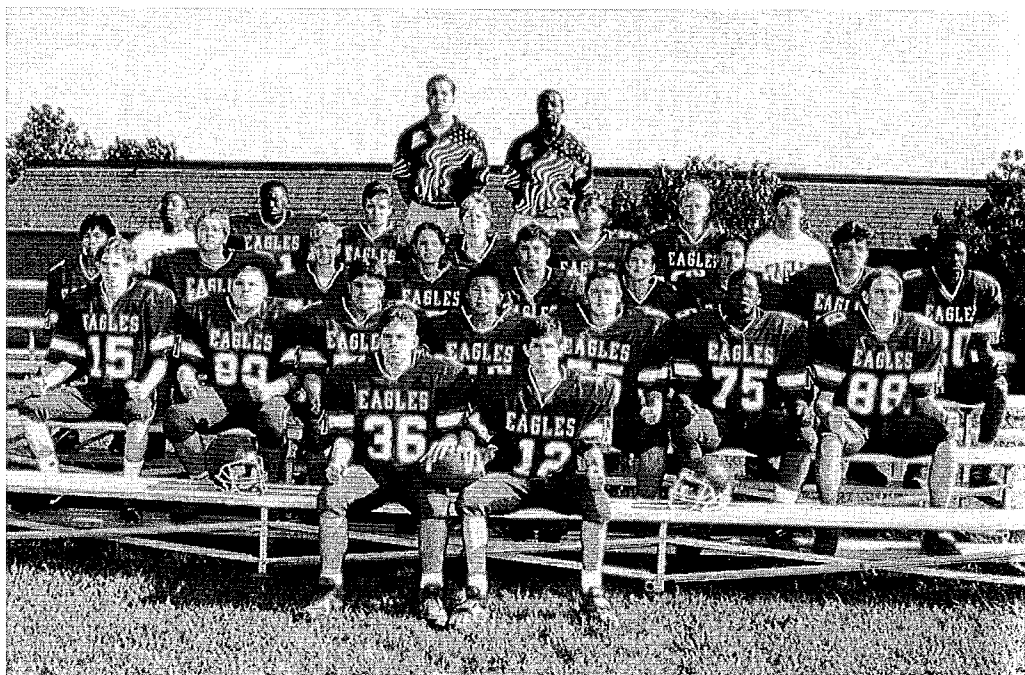
Coach Gonzales



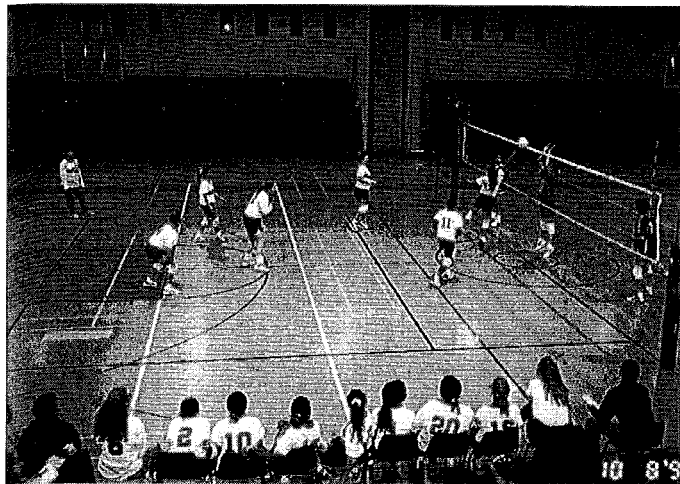
The boys display their Eagle spirit for the crowd, while the MSSD Junior varsity players prepare for the game.



First row, left to right: Nicholas Vira, Sean Moore. Second row: Marlon Wynne, Steve Gangon, Donnick Leto, Matthew Kofiasfil, Stefan Farias, Earl Allen, Travis Brougham. Third row: Takeshi Matsumoto, Aaron Brock, Nicholas Nau, Ryan Zarembka, Renato Souza, Kevin Flynn, Michael Fantini, Jose Garcia, Antonio Robinson. Fifth row: Elbert Joseph (Manager), Batangana Levongala, Mike Wolset, Brian Johnston, Thomas Milecznski, Christopher Nau, Allen Arble (Manager). Sixth row: Leonard Gonzales (Head Coach), Ayuk Ogorik (Assistant Coach).



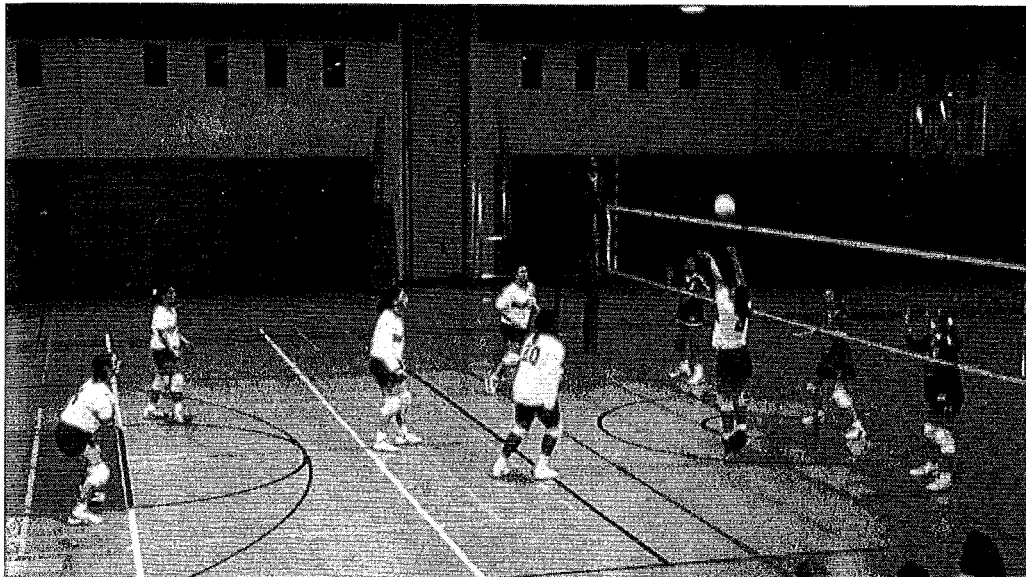
Junior Varsity Volleyball



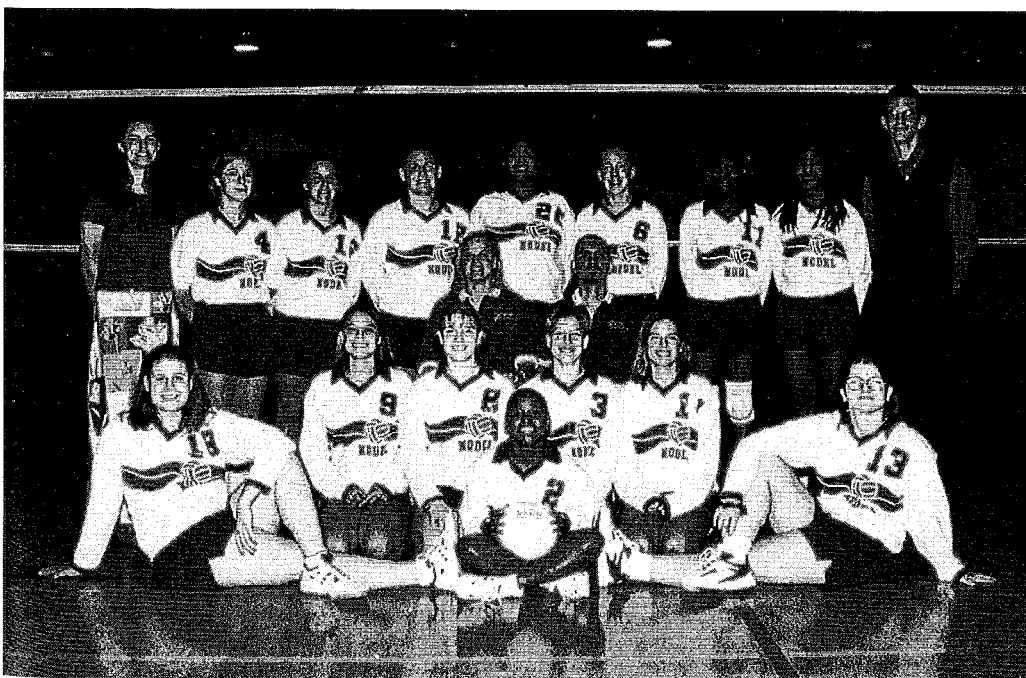
The 1996 Junior Varsity Volleyball team featured 16 first year players on its 3 wins, 13 losses, and 3 tie member roster, with only 2 returning players from last year's squad. We were rebuilding the volleyball program since five starters from last year's squad went to play for the Varsity Volleyball team. However, do not be deceived by the record, since they played some

outstanding matches against good competition teams and lost half of the games by close scores. The players really showed enthusiasm for the game and they improved a lot during the season. We have a lot of spirit and look forward to a bright future season, while becoming superior and unified players.

Coaches Morales and Janda

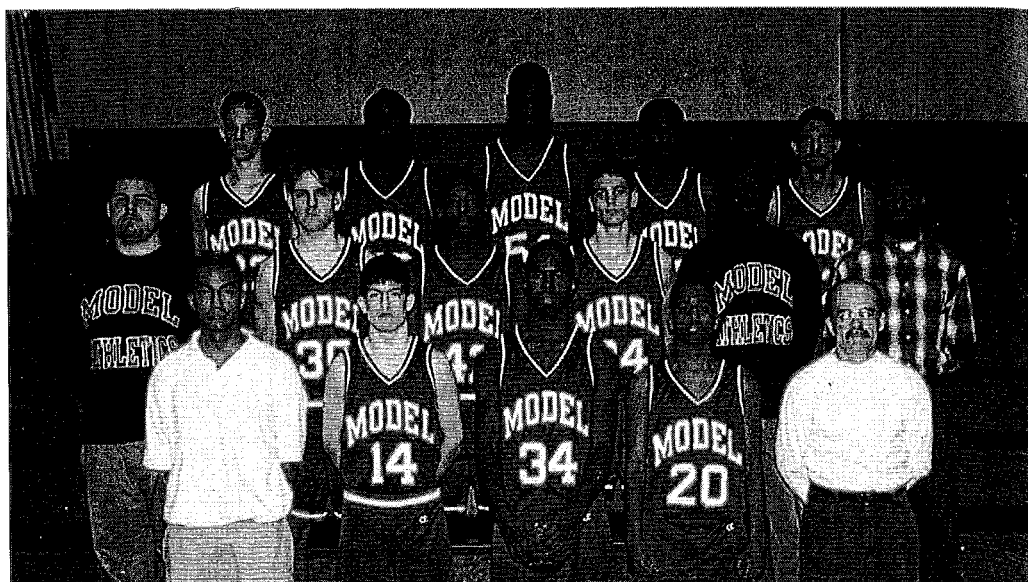


Yes, Yes, Yes . . . We made it.



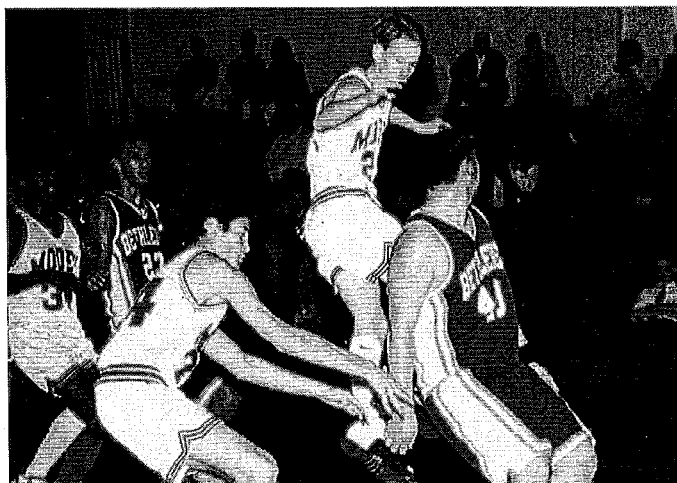
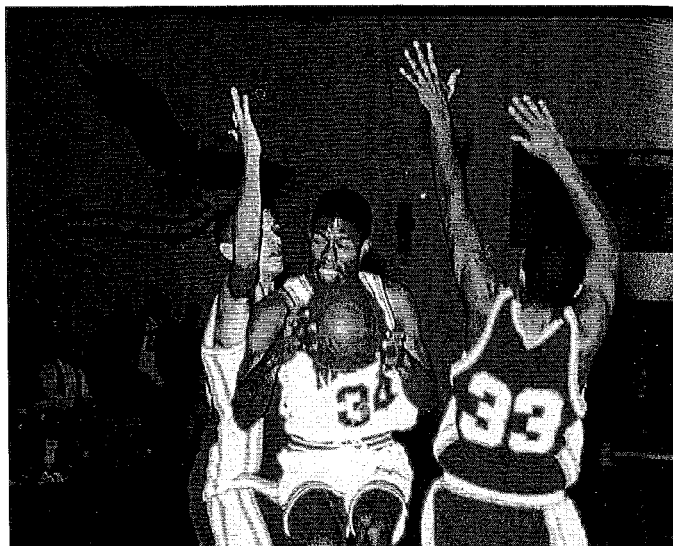
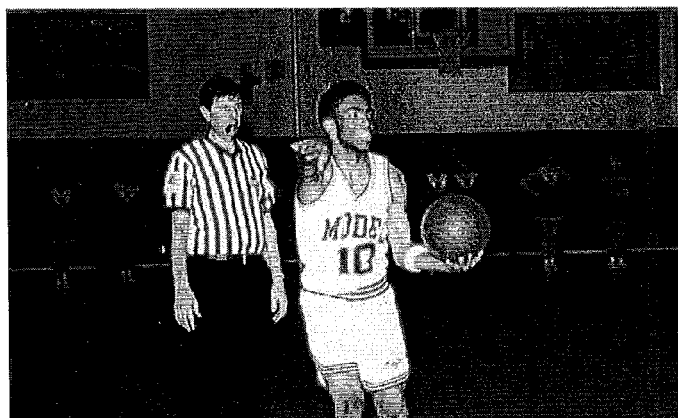
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First row, left to right: Sam Lu (Manager), Sean Moore, Marvin Bell, Juan Pina, Tim Frelch ('96 Head Coach). Second row: Michael Taylor (Manager), Travis Brougham, Marc Bowman, Tyler Milford, Kolade Kelejaiye (Manager), Dwight Akston ('96 Assistant Coach, '97 Head Coach). Third row: Ben Oliver, Kirk Benjamin, Antonie Robinson, Jose Rivera.



Lamori Lanier smiles, "move back to your position."

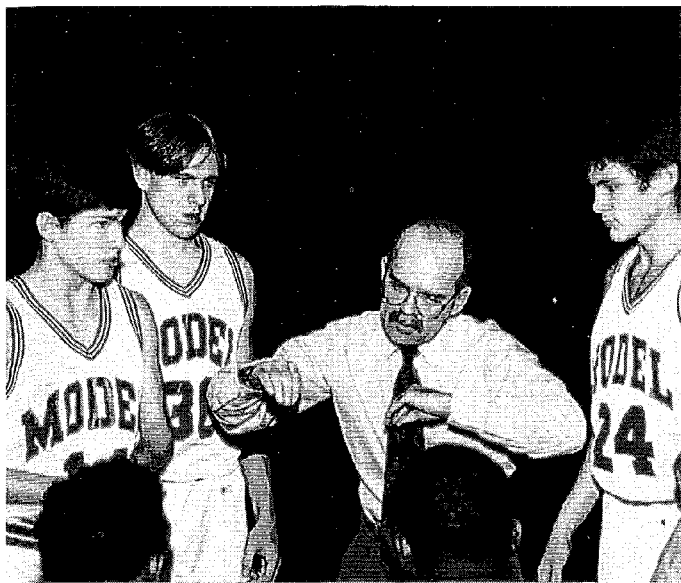
Wow! Marvin Bell thinks he is all that.



Ben Oliver goes airborne while Tyler Milford attempts to grab the ball.

Tim Frelch says, "You can pass around, then shoot to raise the score."

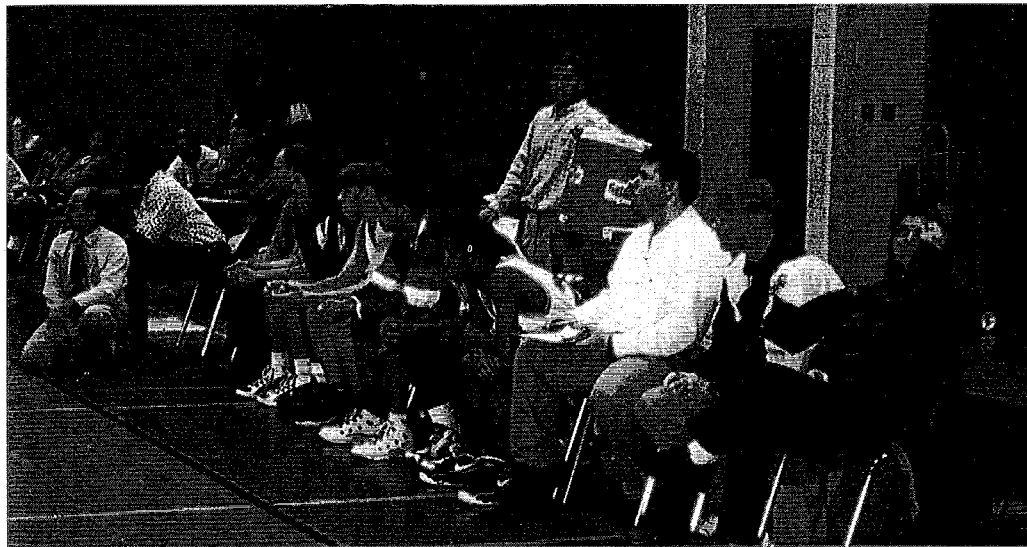




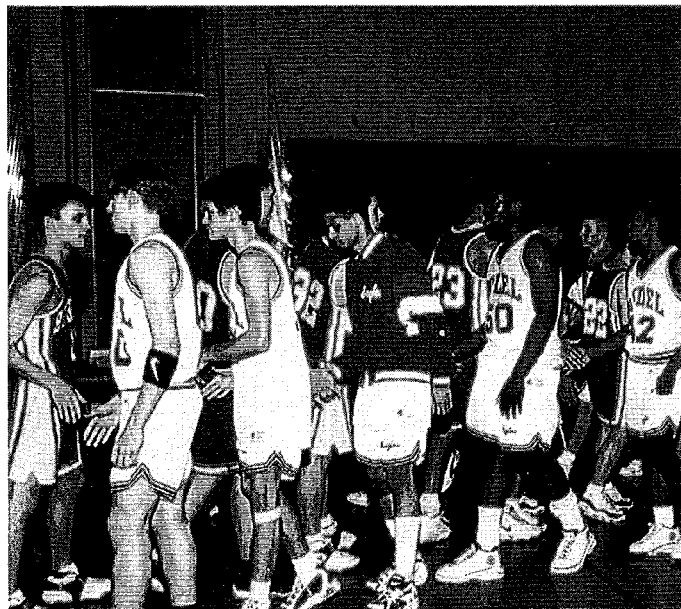
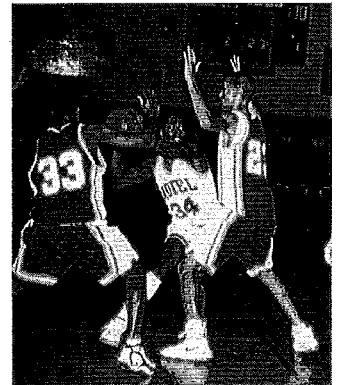
Varsity Boys' Basketball

The highlight of this year's Varsity Basketball team was our defense called the 1-3-1 zone. Opponents were having a difficult time scoring against our aggressive defense. It was the defense that kept us close in the game. However, we did have some offense support. Marvin Bell, senior, led the way for our Eagles for most of the year. He willed himself to do anything to help the team. He was an all-around player. Our team also got offense help from a youngster in

his sophomore year, Kirk Benjamin. Even though it was Kirk's first year in our program, he was an impact in our quest for victories. His ability to produce offensive rebounds helped give us a chance for points. Marvin and Kirk got help from a host of players this year. We had 8 or 9 players rotating in our system. The greatest positive about the Varsity basketball program is that we are expecting 10 players to return next year!



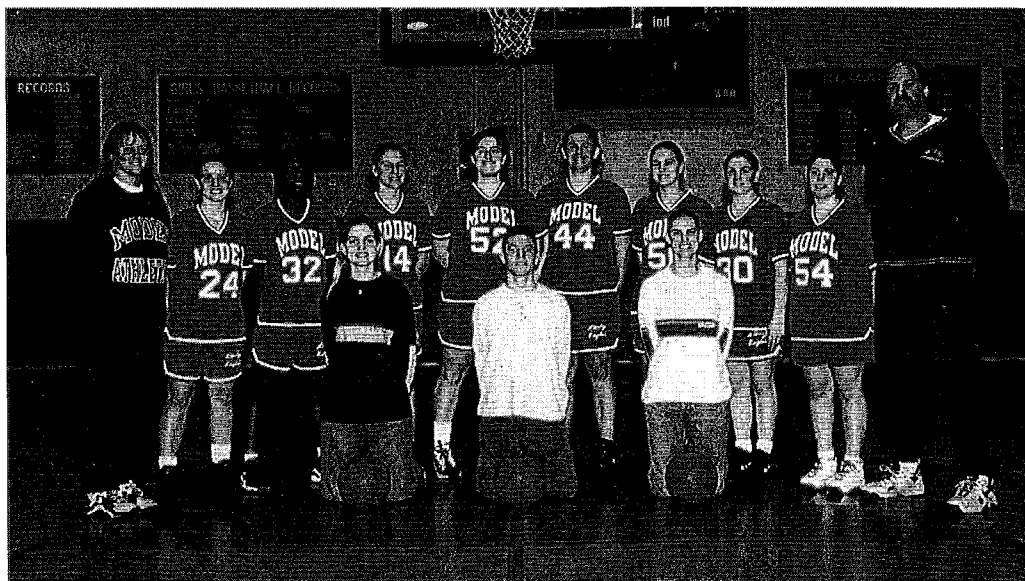
Marvin stopped and yelled, "HELP ME!"



The game is over!

Kirk Benjamin struggled to block the other team's ball.

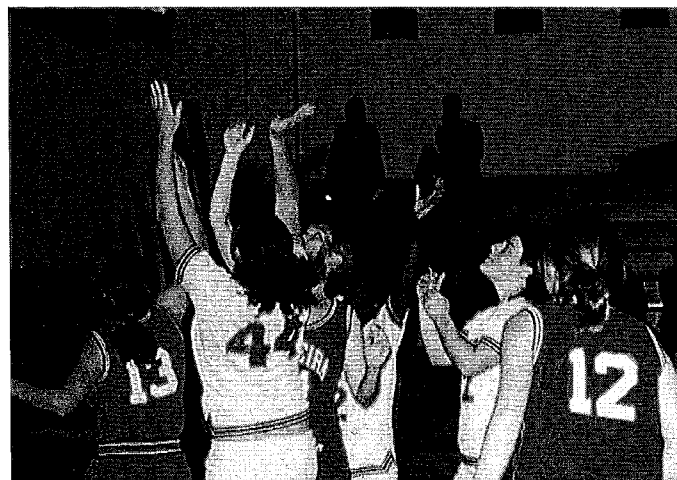
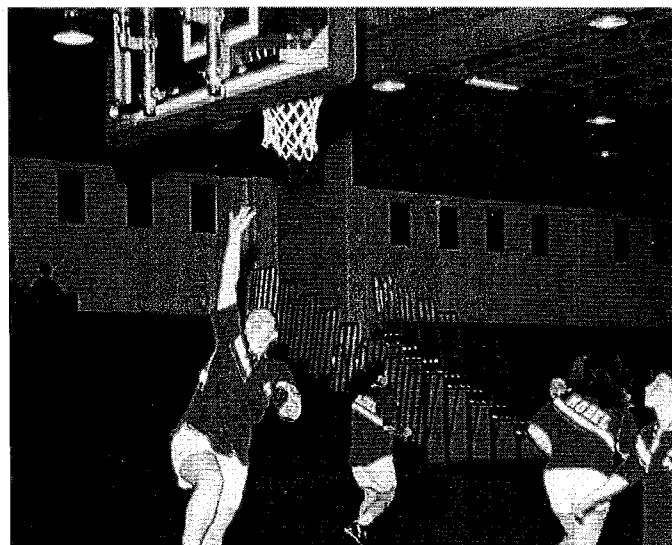
Front row, left to right: Melissa Kononenko (Manager), Roger Kessler (Manager), Lisandra Clark (Manager). Standing: Dawn Talmage (Assistant Coach), Jillian Donnelly, Aisha Smith, Micki Lewis, Stacy Nowak, Jill Bianco, Rachel Boll, Gina Cirrincione, Mike Weinstock (Head Coach).



Coach Mike asks, "Are you always this happy?"

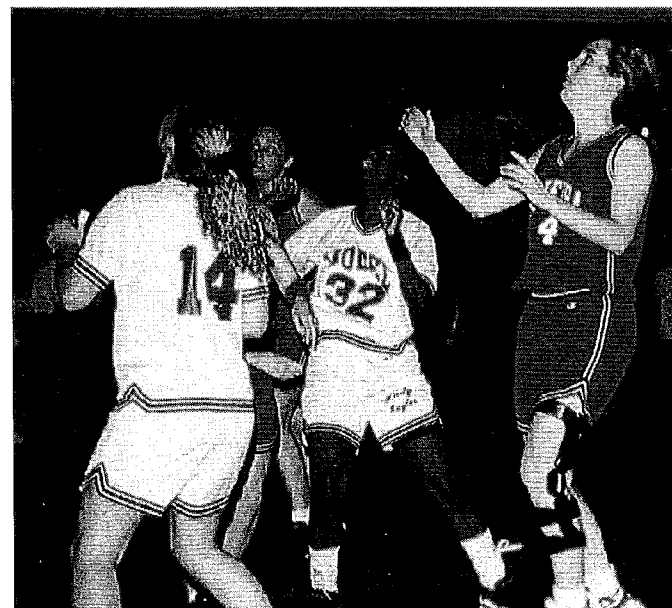


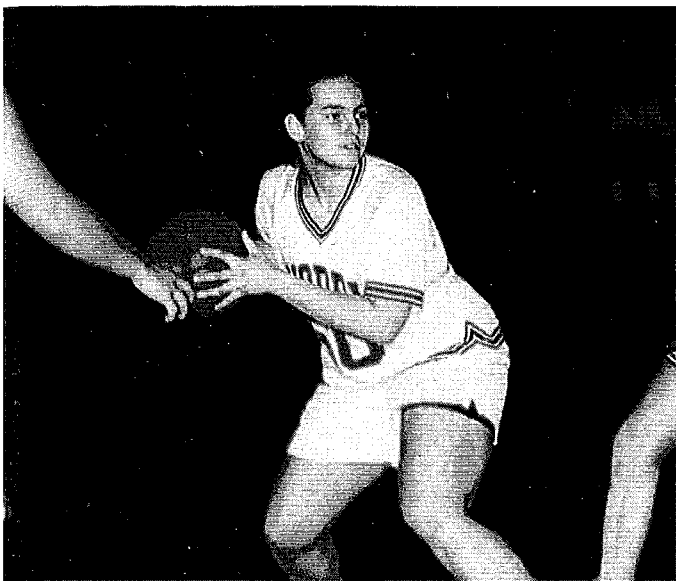
Jill hopes that she won't fall.



Stacy hopes that the ball will go in the basket.

Where'd the ball go?? It was there just a second ago!





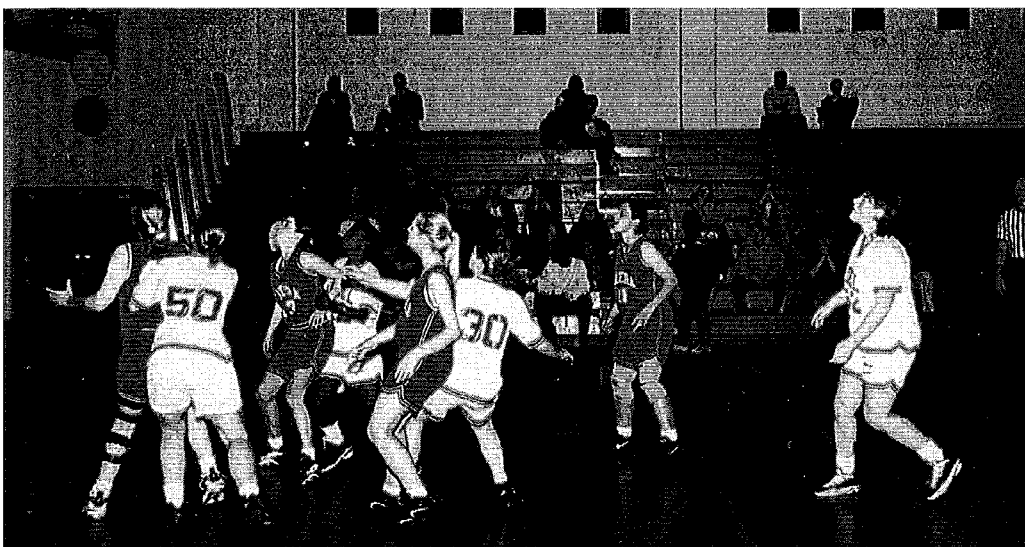
Varsity Girls Basketball

The Lady Eagles finished their season with a record of 13 wins and 11 losses. This season is rated as one of the most successful we've had. We improved tremendously physically and mentally.

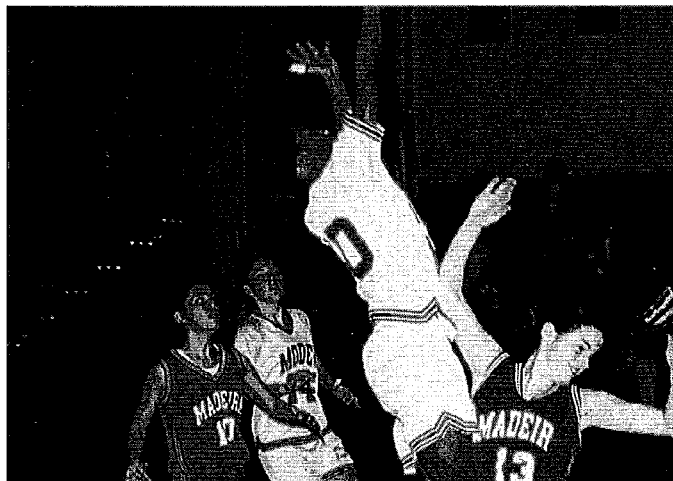
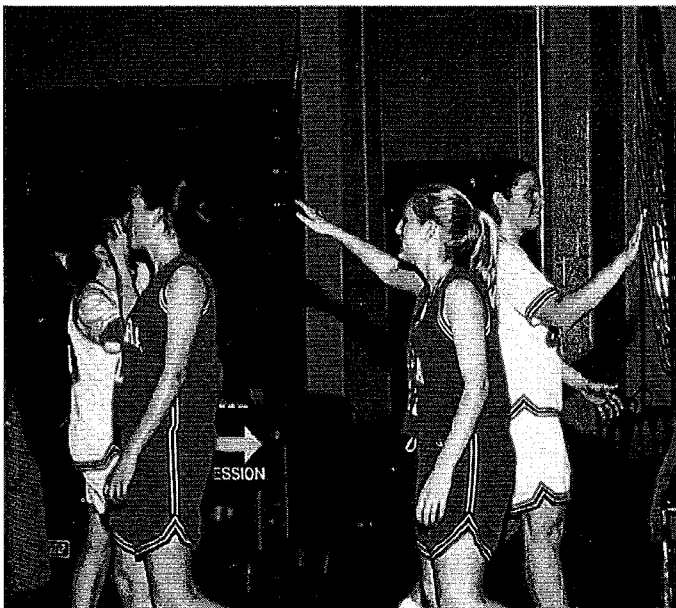
Seniors Stacy Nowak and Robert Eaton will be sorely missed. I want

to thank them for giving their energy and motivation to the girls' basketball program. We wish them the best of luck in the future. The team looks forward to another exciting and winning season this coming winter.

Coach Mike Weinstock



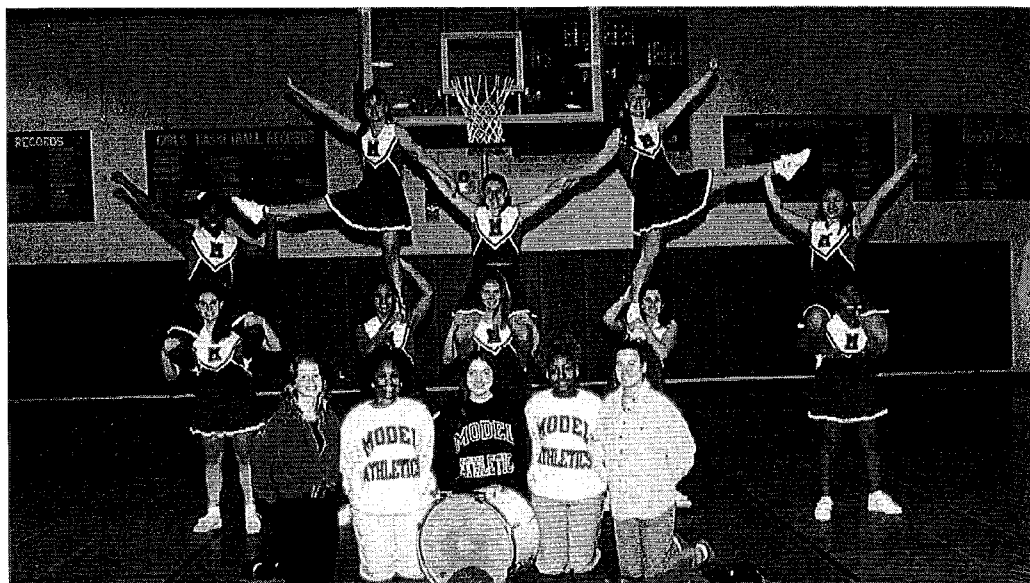
Micki scores 2 points!



MSSD shows good sportsmanship.

Roberta tries to jump like Magic Johnson!

Kneeling, left to right: Cindy Hall (Head Coach), Tiffani Richardson (Drummer), Reghna Ramsey (Signer), Shaheerah Williams (Manager), Roberta Gage (Assistant Coach). Standing: Krissi Taylor, Dam-massy Carlo-Ortiz, Lisa Fishbein, Chrissy Morreale, Alycia Brown. Top: Katrice Mag-ic, Sasha Pabon-Arce, Jennifer Denisiuk, Michelle Johnston, Stella Lee.



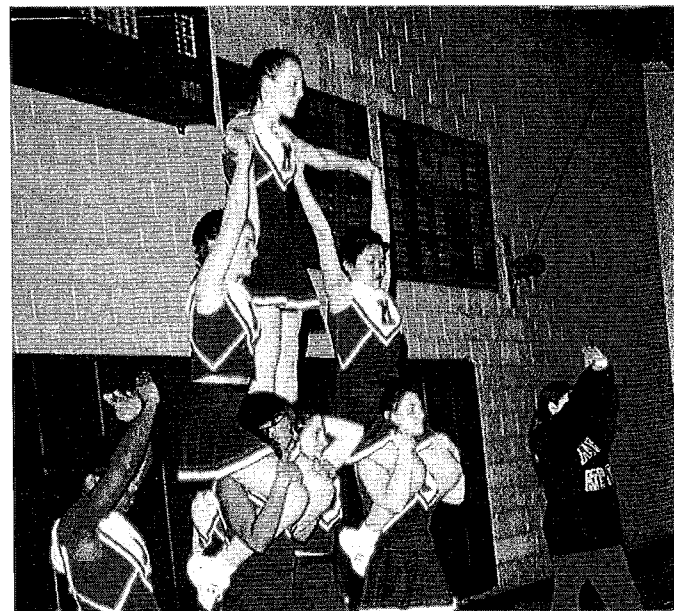
Aren't they dreamy?

GO EAGLES!



Fire-Up Eagles!

Michelle, "Are you afraid of falling?"



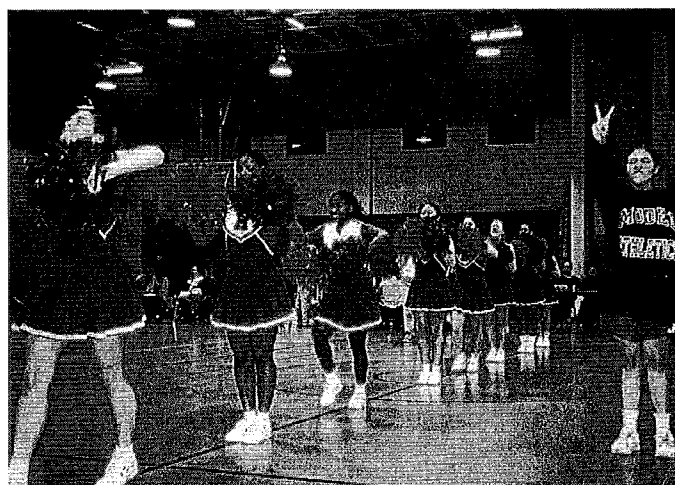
Winter Cheerleaders

I really enjoyed working with this group. They have great talent in cheerleading and they all learn from one another. The team's performance and team work was awesome! I am proud of Alycia Brown and Michelle Johnston for being selected as all-star cheerleaders at the C.S.S.D. tournament. They also went to the MD/DC Cheerleading tournament. They did an excellent job. They got an honor award. I also am very proud of Christine Morreale's marvelous job as Cheerleading Captain for this year!

Coach Cindy Hall



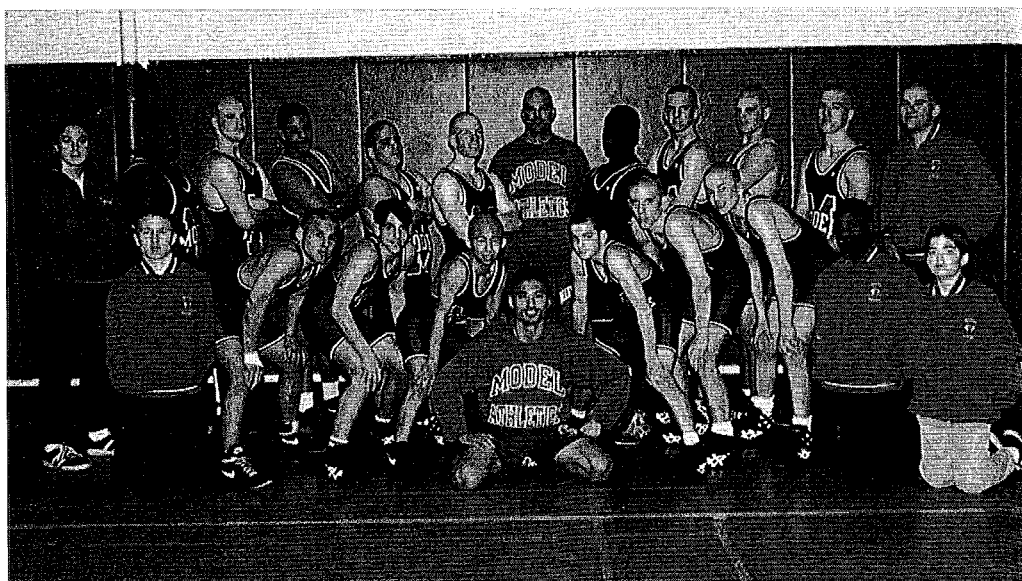
Let's jump!



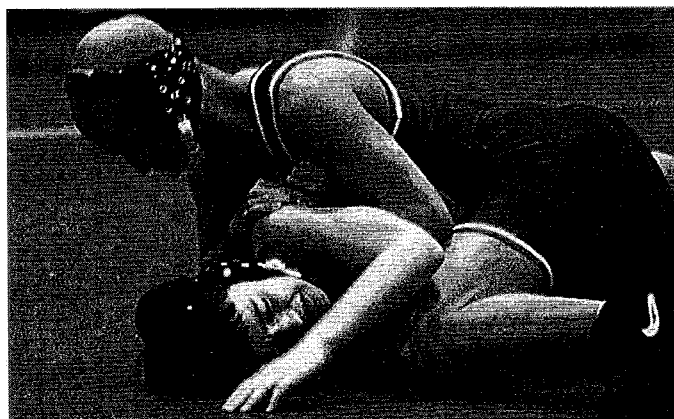
Let's go. Victory!

It's an airplane. It's superwoman. No, Michelle is flying!

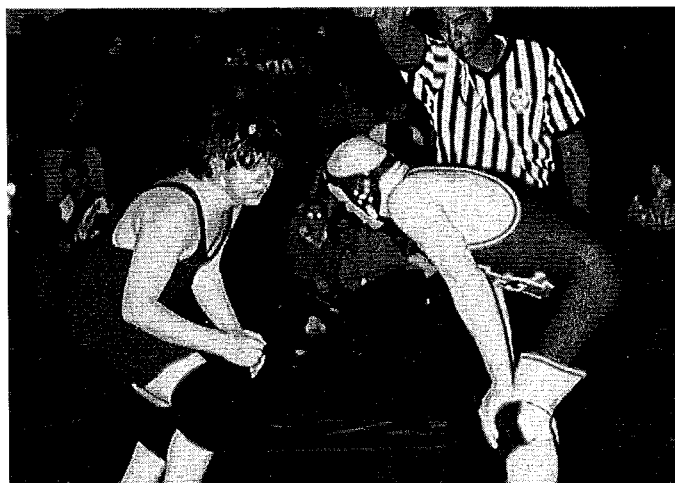
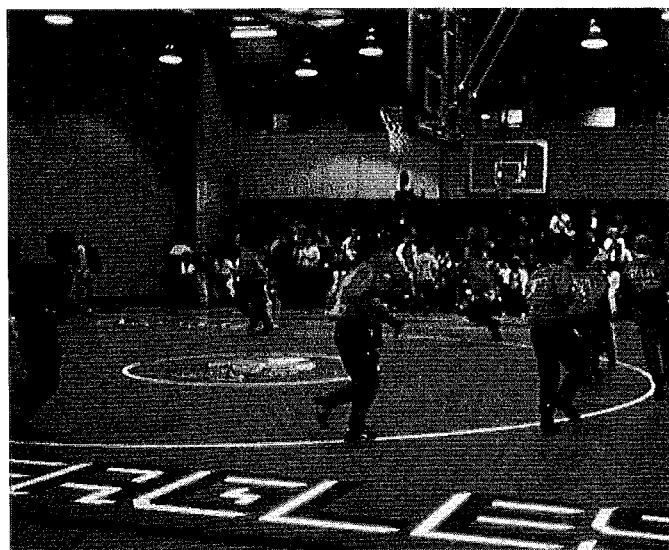
First row, left to right: Michael Jackson (Manager), David Putman, Michael Fantini, Takeshi Matsumoto, Antione Reminer (Assistant Coach), Kevin Flynn, Jeffrey Roberts, Vincent Riccobono, Neil Powdar, Justin Lasko. Second row: Maria Hammond, Waylon Mullins, Ben Bottoms, Jerome Artis, Dominick Leto, Chris Kaftan, Kevin Hall (Head Coach), Rayston Ashton, Matthew Powers, Thomas Milcznski, Daniel Ogrizovich, Eric Eliason.



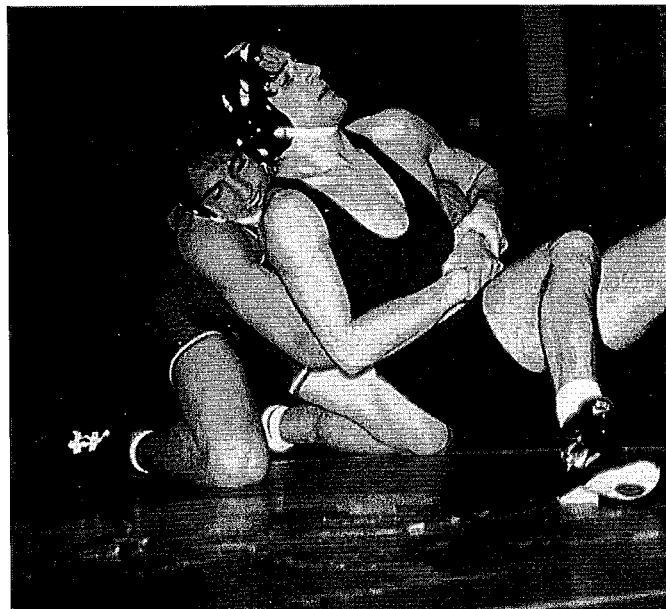
Takeshi wrestles with another player while he is asleep.

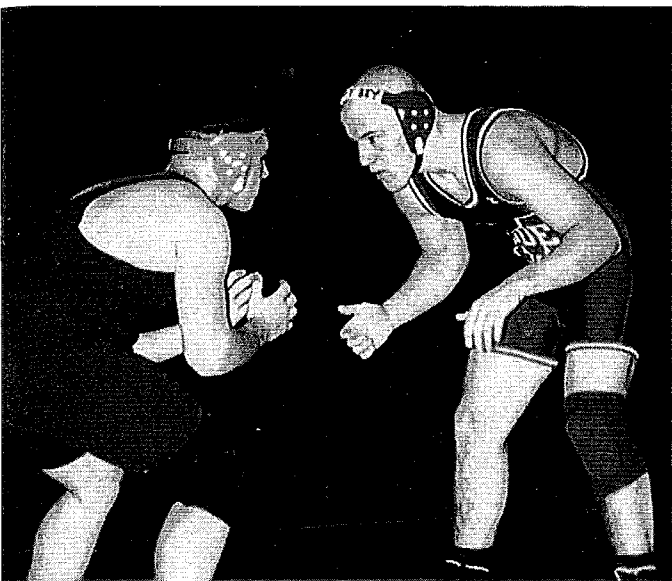


Running in circles . . .



"Are you ready to whip me?" asks Ben. Ha, Ha, Ha . . . I can make an arm chain.



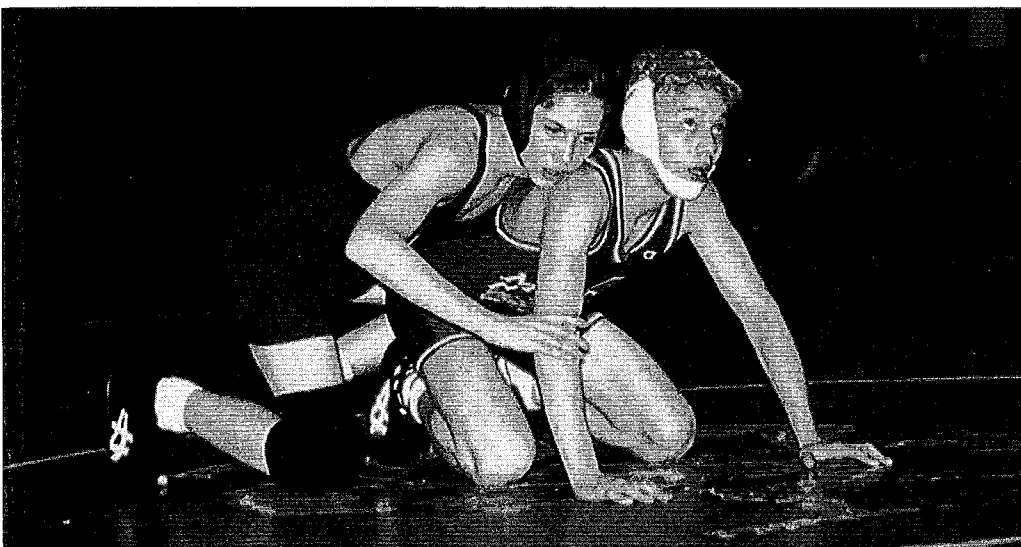


WRESTLING

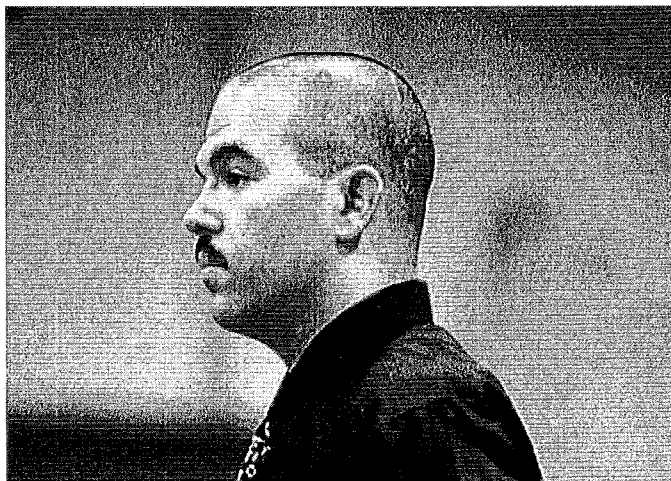
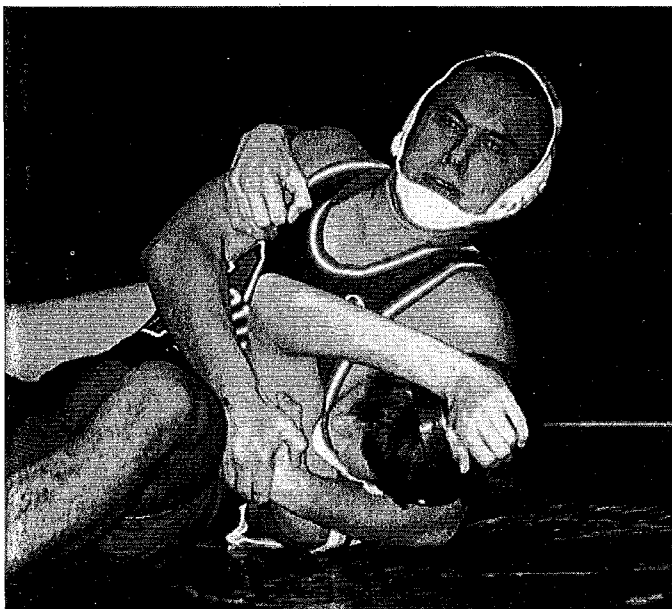
This was a pretty good year for our wrestling team. We finished with a record of 8-8. The team did a good job. With only three seniors gone after this season, and the team having many young wrestlers, we expect to be even better next year. Our younger wrestlers have already started getting ready. We will have an even better program because this is first time that

we will have wrestling practice and training in September. This is a long-term goal. I would like to see the wrestlers feel confident and good about themselves. I strongly believe that we will have a winning season if they work hard and believe themselves. They can do it! "Hey, wrestlers, are you ready for this?!"

Coach Hall



Vinny warms up before the match.



Oh, my gosh! David is breaking the opponent's neck.

Coach Hall is the picture of seriousness as he watches the match.

JV Boys' Basketball

As first year coach, taking over the helm, along with local club coach, Carl Denney to assist me, I didn't know what to expect from my charges. What I did was to install a motion offense, and teach the players how to develop consistency and teamwork. The team made amazing progress this year, becoming a good team with a chance to "go all the way." And they did. The boys JV won the

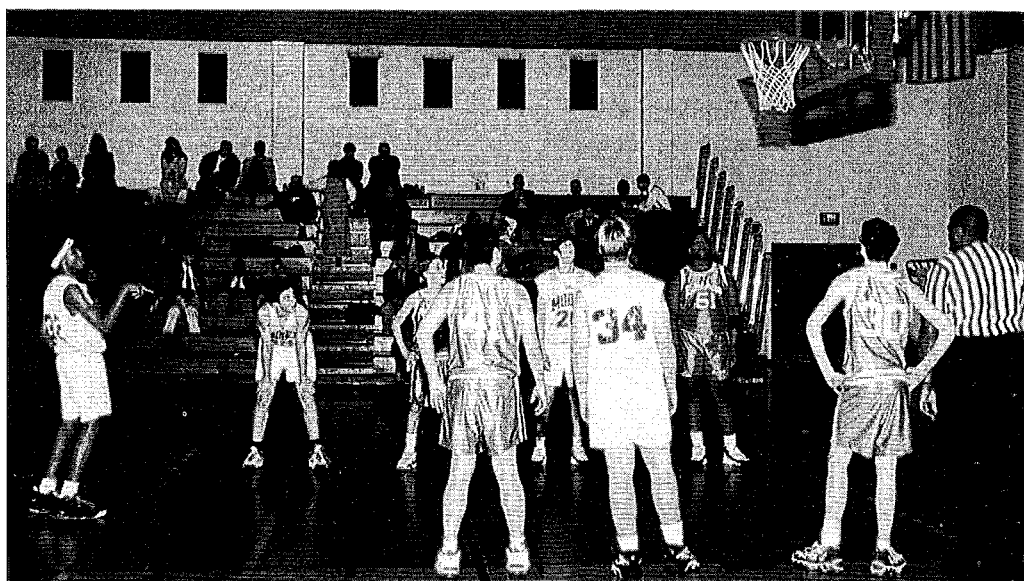
Tri-State Tournament Championship, which was the culmination of a roller-coaster season.

This is what the school deserves, as well as the students; a team to be proud of. Next year's team will have big shoes to fill, and I welcome the challenge of working with the remaining players and the new members of the team!

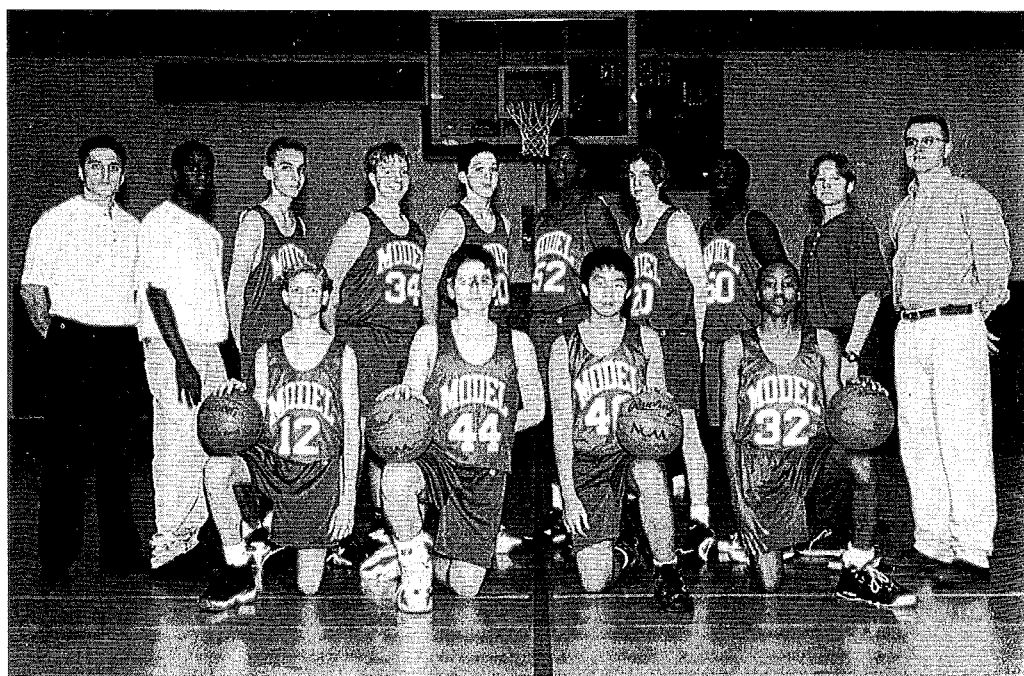
Coach Kutcka



Tyrone makes a free throw. Good shot!



Kneeling: Nicholas Nau, Stefan Farias, Matthew Kohashi, Tyrone Barnes. Standing: Joey Kutcka (head coach), Jeffrey Howard (manager), Timothy Yaw, Aaron Brock, Jesse Woosley, Earl Allen, Marlon Wynne, Batangana Levongala, Ryan Zarembka (manager), Carl Denney (assistant coach).



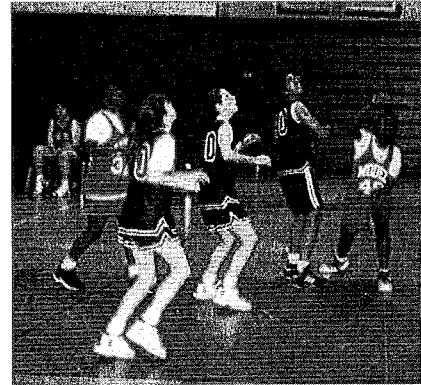
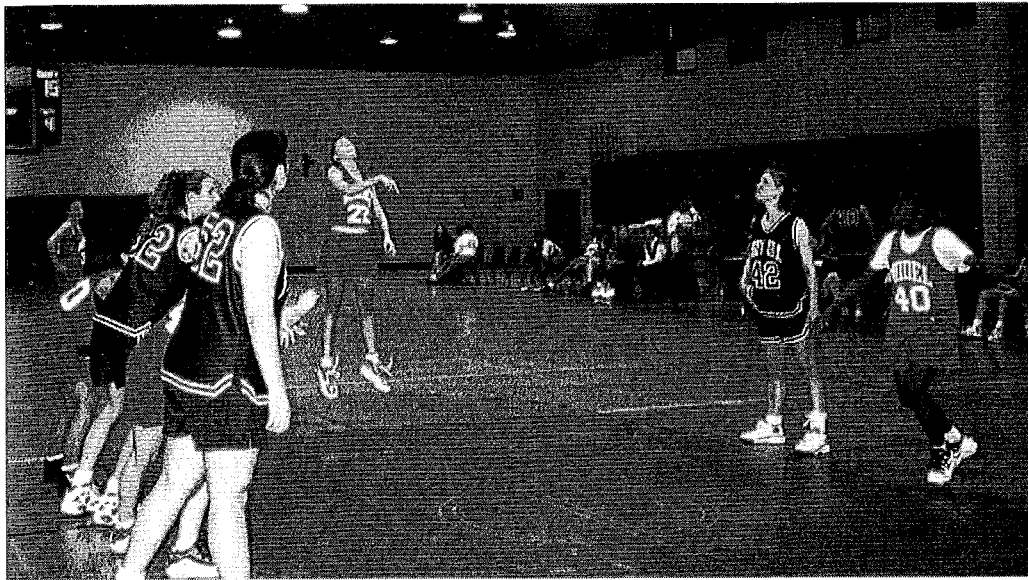
Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

The J.V. Girls Varsity Basketball season ended with a record of 3-15. The team was made up of six freshmen and three sophomores. All of the players were committed to their practices and improving their skills. They are all dedicated team players.

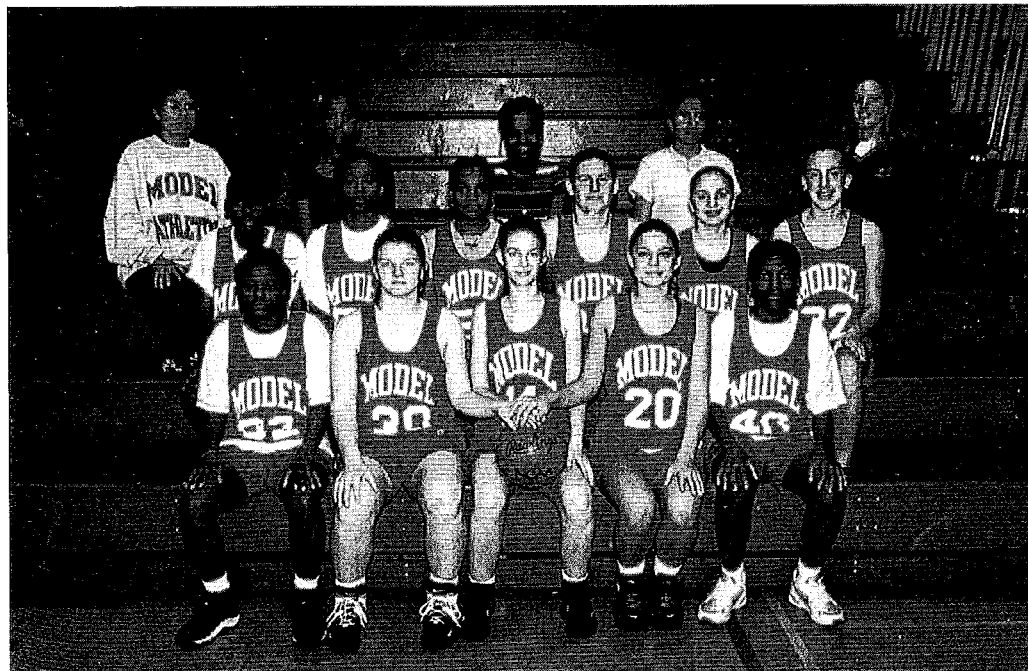
I have enjoyed working with this

team. They have been very enthusiastic. This J.V. team has a lot of potential and talent. These girls don't give up! I am very impressed with this team's sportmanship. They have worked very hard. I have been proud to have them as my team.

Coach Letty Perez

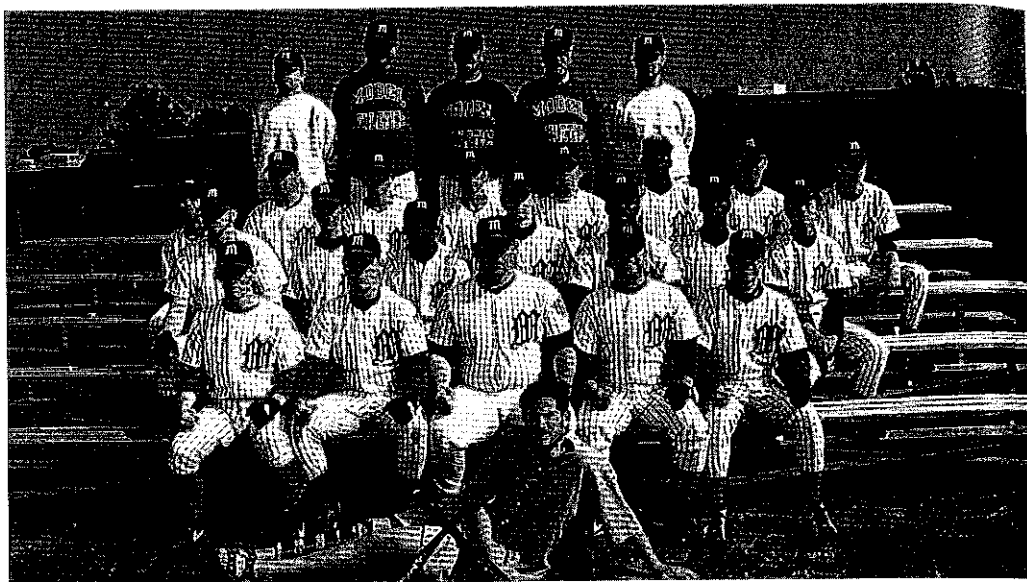


Looks like a beautiful shot by Ibukum.



First row, left right: Selena McKnight, Kitty Bottens, Pam Siebert, Melissa Sieger, Ibukum Odunlami. Second row: Melissa Graham, Rhonda Stevens, Tameka Dishman, Kristy Nowak, Raymonda Azrelyant, Darlene Tropp. Third row: Letty Perez (Head Coach), Michelle Bell (Manager), Cynthia Walton (Manager), Yecenia Alvarez (Manager), Leslie Janda (Assistant Coach).

Sitting: Mike Wynne. First row: Chris Kaftan, Ben Bottoms, Mike Taylor, Alan Poon, Roger Kessler. Second row: Jeremy Tharpe, Tommy Parker, Lamori Lanier, Ben Oliver, Marvin Bell, Juan Pina, Vinny Riccobono. Third row: Takeshi Matsumoto, Steven Janosi, Jesse Woodsley, Sean Moore, Nicholas Vita, Earl Allen, Ryan Zarembka, Marlon Wynne. Standing: Dominic Adams (manager), Dan Kelly (assistant coach), Sean Gill (head coach), Ray Rogers (assistant coach), Brantic Keltz (manager).



The players get themselves into their playing positions.

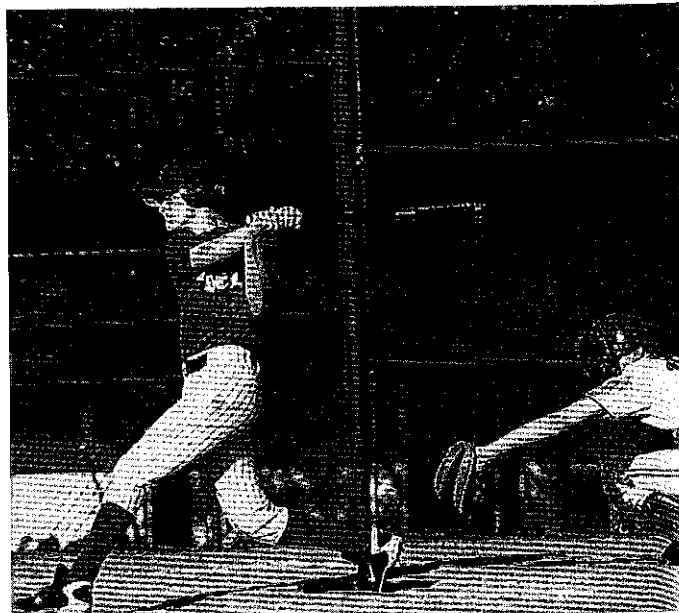


The players watch the field from the dugout, hoping for a winning game.



Ben gives Mike some pointers on hitting.

Ben Oliver gets a strike.

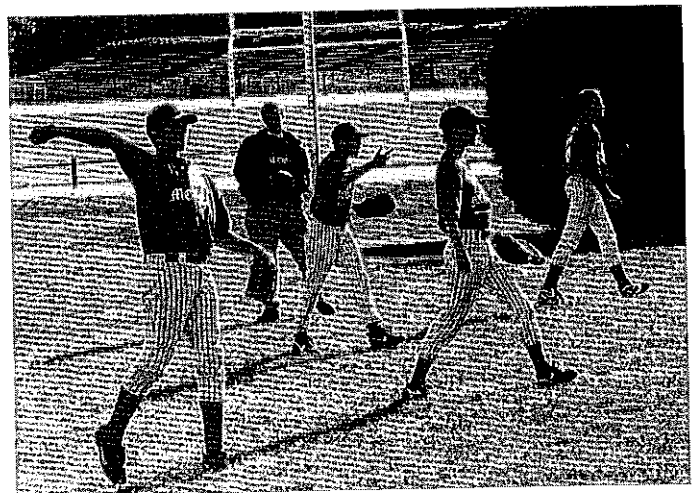


Let's Play Ball!



Jesse hurls the ball, hoping for a strike.

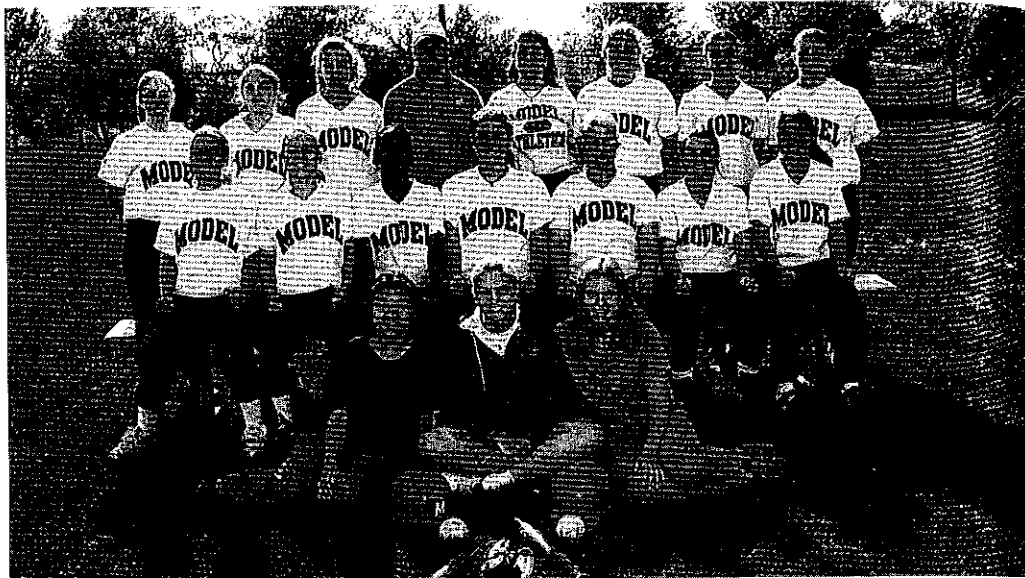
Head coach Sean Gill gives some pointers during a time-out.



Nicholas waits anxiously for the ball to come his way.

The baseball team prepares for the coming game on Gallaudet's field with a warm-up.

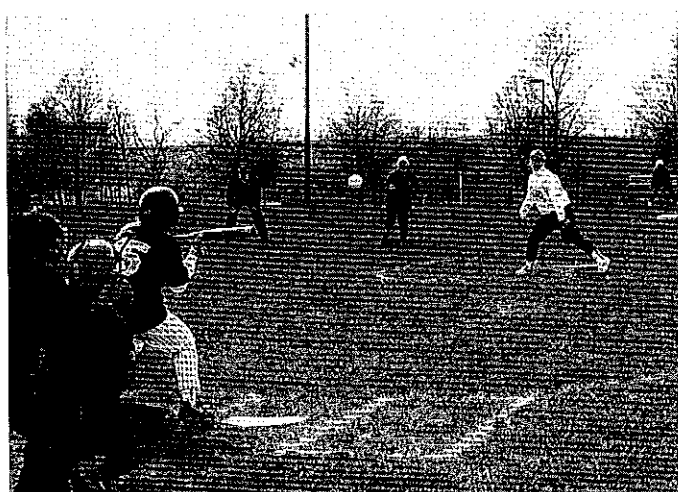
On ground: Stella Lee, Melissa Kononenko, Lisa Fishbein. Sitting: Jill Bianco, Michelle Johnston, Roberia Eaton, Stacy Nowak, Rayni Plaster, Jillian Donnelly, Natalie Gyori. Standing: Charlotte Lewis, Raymonda Azrelyant, Darlene Tropp, Ty Kovacs (head coach), Kristy Nowak, Tamara Suiter, Melissa Siegert, Kitty Bottoms.



The catcher always keeps her eyes on the ball.



Stacy and Jillian pal around after a game.



There's the pitch! Will she miss it??



Tamara smacks the ball!

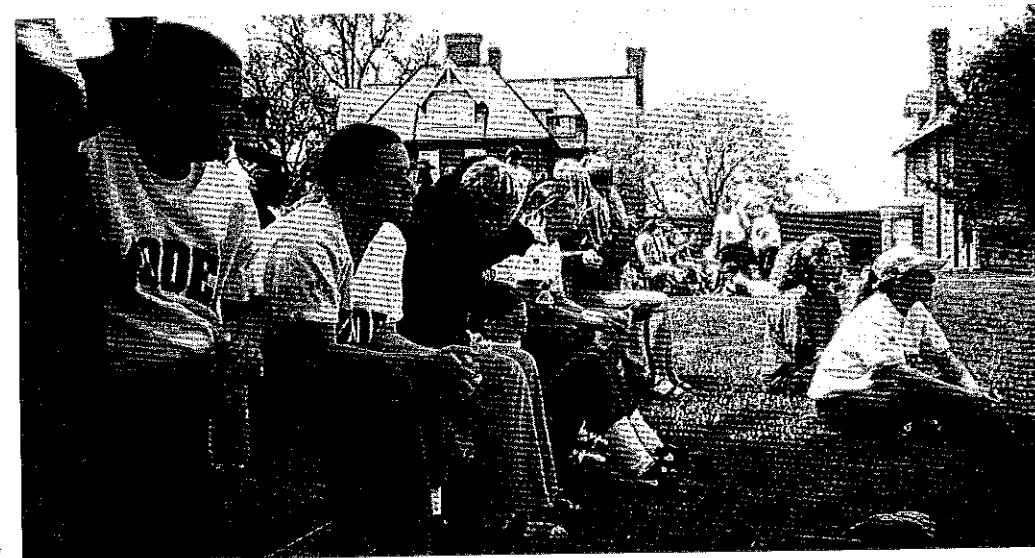
There's Nothing Like Softball!

The 1997 MSSD softball season has been extraordinary. The girls worked hard from day one and dramatically improved. There were several highlights this year. We won the I.S.L. Championship — MSSD's first time ever in that event! We played against California School for the Deaf, Fremont at Gallaudet, the first time that the west and east coast played against each other in any MSSD sports history. We boast the best

winning percentage in MSSD softball history, 13-4. We also won the National Deaf Prep softball title for the second consecutive year. Congrats to the first team all-stars; Jill Bianco, Kitty Bottoms, Jill Donnelly, Stacy Nowak, and Tamara Suiter.

It has been an exceptional year, and I am really looking forward to having a great next year.

Coach Kovacs



Jill runs for the ball.



Coach Ty Kovacs explains what he wants for the next play.

Catch it, Natalie! Make her out!

1996-1997 Athletics Award Recipients

	Most Valuable Player	Most Improved Player	Coaches' Award
Fall Cheerleading	Christine Morreale	Lisa Fishbein	
Football		Christopher Chmaj	Mike Wynne
JV Football	Marlon Wynne	Antonie Robinson	Sean Moore
JV Volleyball	Kitty Bottom	Kristen Frederick	
Volleyball	Stacy Nowak	Rachel Boll	Jill Bianco

Boys Basketball	Marvin Bell	Sean Moore	Travis Brougham
Girls Basketball	Roberta Eaton	Tamara Suiter	Stacy Nowak
JV Boys Basketball	Marlon Wynne	Jesse Woosley	
JV Girls Basketball		Ibukun Odunbami	Melissa Siegert
Winter Cheerleading	Christine Morreale	Alycia Brown	
Wrestling	Ben Bottoms	Takeshi Matsumato	Chris Kaftan

Baseball	Roger Kessler	Jotham Otterson	Nicholas Vita
Softball	Jill Bianco	Kitty Bottoms	Stacy Nowak

Every year, the various MSSD sports teams are privileged to acquire players who put their hearts into their games. They have spirit and flair, and they work for the good of the team. Each team member is important; however, there are always a few who give extra effort, who are even more dedicated to success, who "go the extra mile."

This year, it is these special players who are being recognized for all of their exceptionally hard work. We thank them and wish them the best of luck!

Players of the Year 1996-97

Rookies of the Year

Stephen Farias

Marlon Wynne

Manager of the Year

Sam Lu

Training and Conditioning Award

Steven Gagnon

Athletes of the Year

Ben Bottoms

Stacy Nowak

Student Trainer of the Year

Dawn Halischak

Un Sung Hero Award

Earl Allen

Athlete - Scholar Awards

Stella Lee

Matthew Kohashi

Stacy Nowak

Dawniela Halischak

Marlon Wynne

Christopher Kaftan

Michael Wynne

Ryan Zarembka

Raymonda Azrelyant

Earl Allen



Congratulations to Stacy Nowak and Ben Bottoms, MSSD's 1996-1997 Athletes of the Year!

Farewell to Our Senior Players!

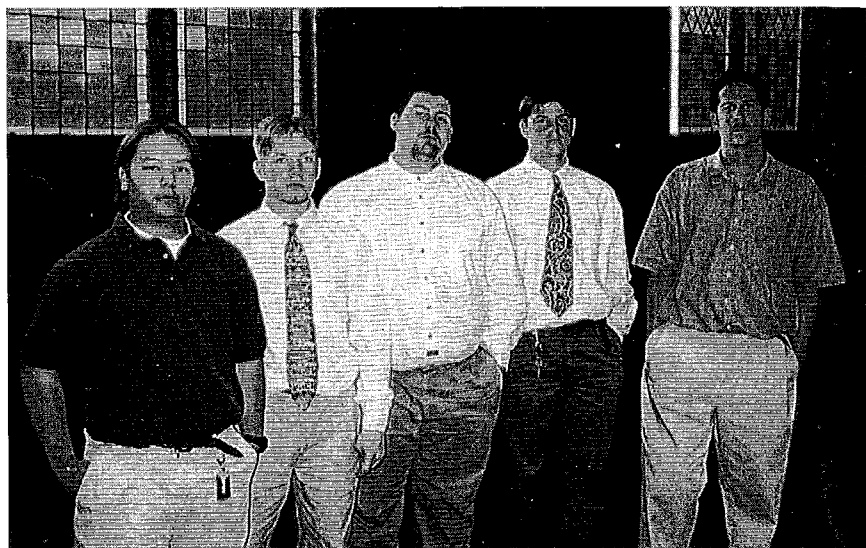
Volleyball

Dawntiela Halischak, Tania Patterson, Stacy Nowak, Micki Lewis



Football

Alan Poon, Chris Kaftan, Michael Taylor, Ben Bottoms, Mike Wynne

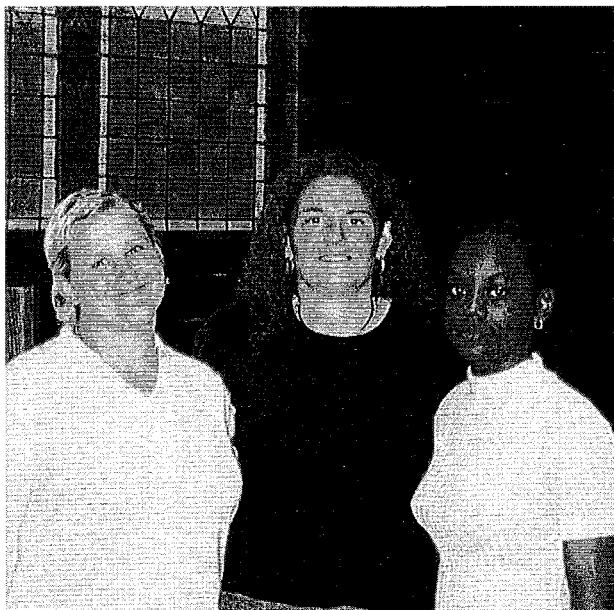


Baseball

Tommy Parker, Alan Poon, Chris Kaftan, Michael Taylor, Ben Bottoms, Roger Kessler, Mike Wynne



Softball



Rayni Plaster, Stacy Nowak, Roberta Eaton

Wrestling



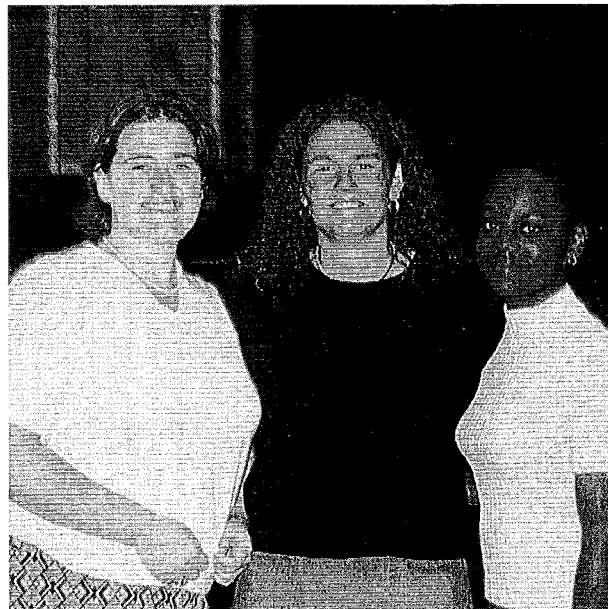
Chris Kaftan, Ben Bottoms

Cheerleading



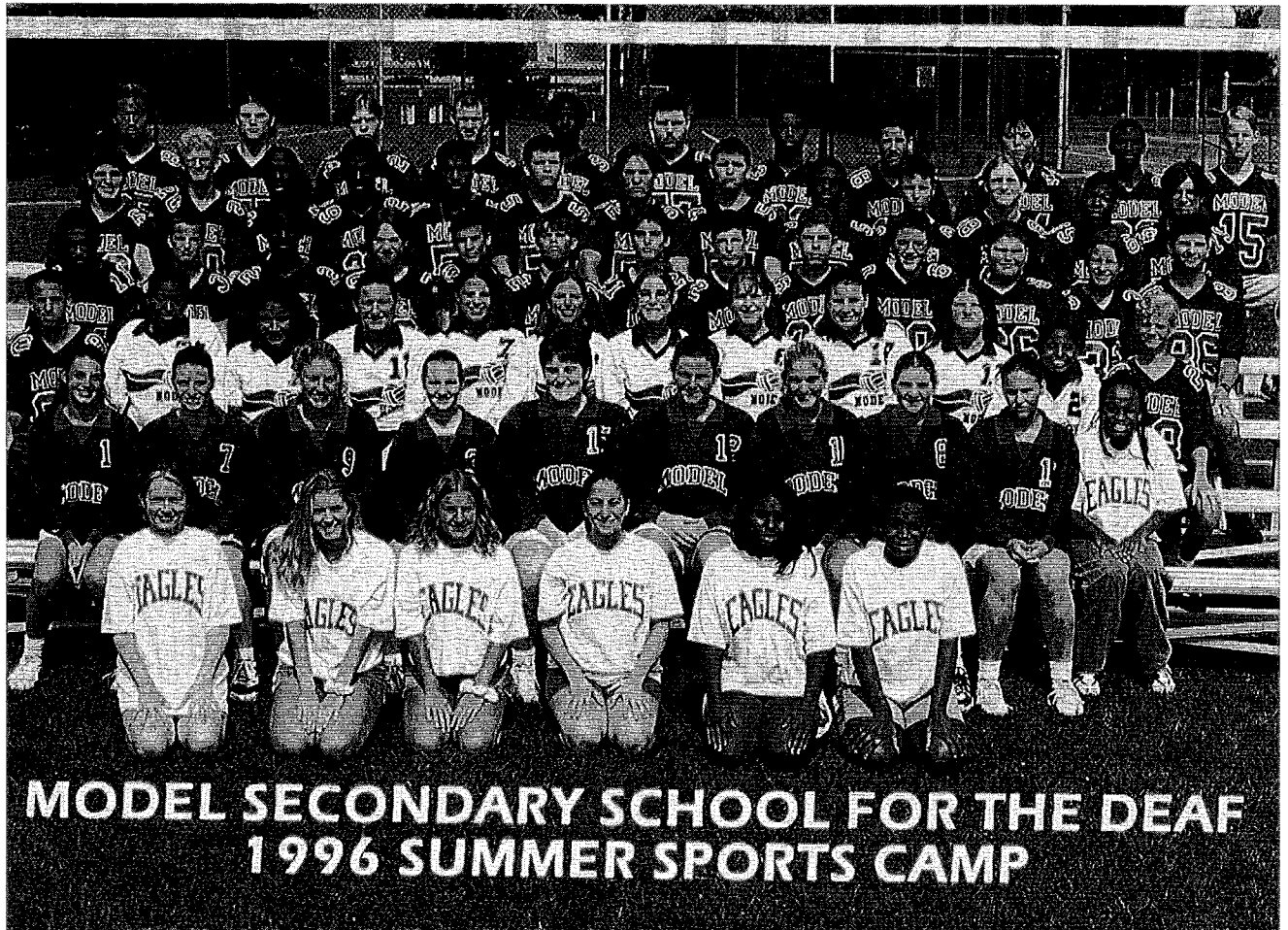
Stella Lee, Chrissy Morreale

Basketball



Micki Lewis, Stacy Nowak, Roberta Eaton

We are the Champions!



In our sports section, we've shown you the "after" — here is the "before." These football, volleyball, and cheerleading athletes went to sports camp to prepare themselves to give their sports their all. Although we don't have "preparation" pictures for all our sports, each team did their share of hard work to get ready for their seasons. Their efforts and dedication are an inspiration to us all! Way to go, MSSD athletes!

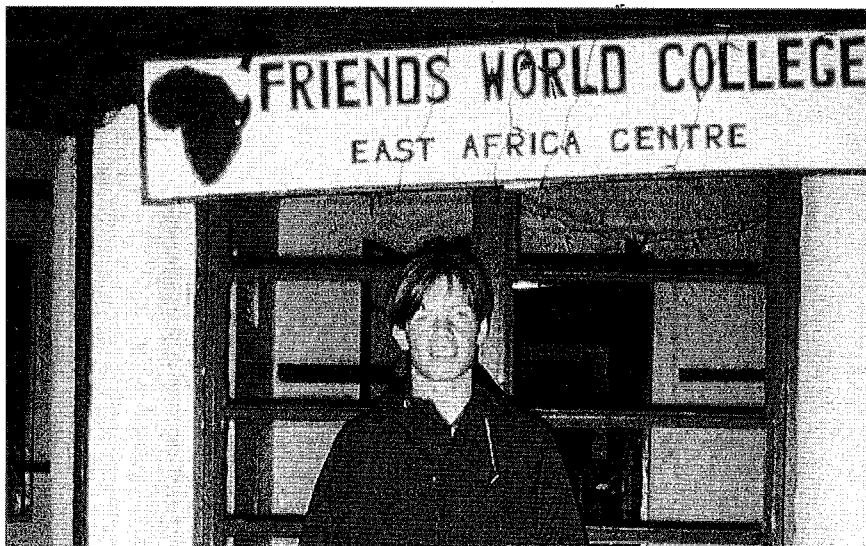
Cross-Cultural Experiences

Once you experience the real thing, you have experienced it all. This is true for my trip. In the summer of 1996, I went to Kenya, on the eastern coast of Africa. I spent June 29-August 3 doing many interesting things. My group had 18 kids, all hearing except for me, and two leaders. One of the biggest community service projects my group did was building a nursery school on the island of Lamu, in the Indian Ocean. We also had an orientation, where we learned about their cultures and learned Kiswahili, the common language they have. Jambol!

I also stayed with a host family for one week, with 5 older siblings and parents. I was the youngest and got very close to my brother, Muthengi (who was 18). After my stay, I went on a safari — the greatest thrill of my life! There were real lions, elephants, giraffes, all the real thing and so beautiful I wanted to touch them!

Leaving Kenya was hard for me. It was the summer I'll never forget!

Chris Kaftan

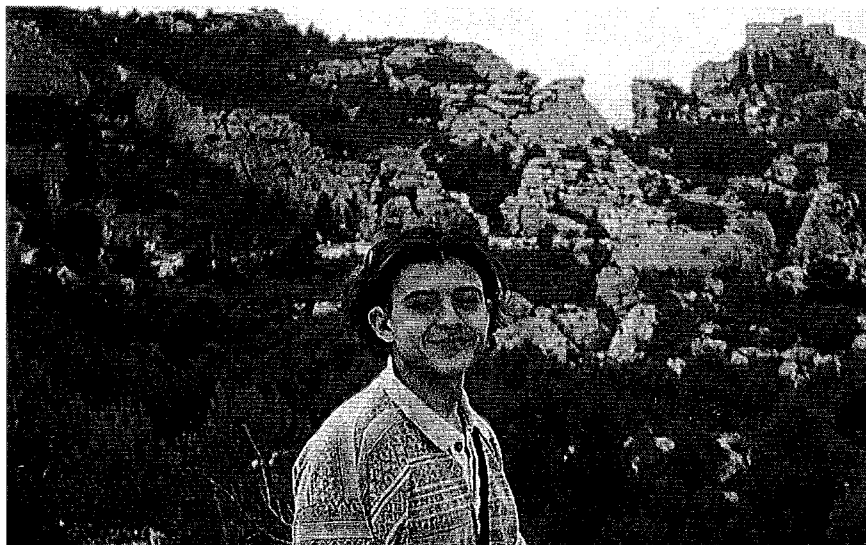


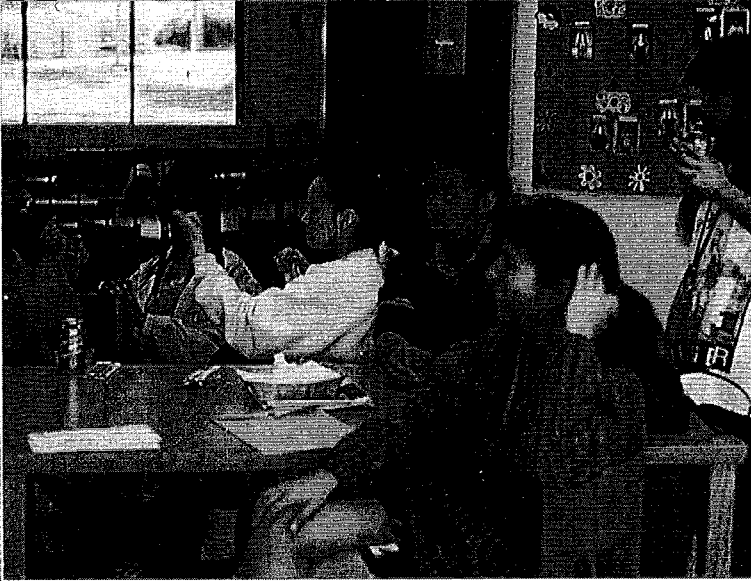
The Nether was the place where I stayed most during my summer program. I spent my days there as an international exchange student with the Youth For Understanding program. I lived with my wonderful deaf host family for 5 weeks, with a one week sailing trip up north to the Netherlands on the boat with American, Canadian and Belgium exchange students. We even slept on the boat! My host family treated me as one of their family. The food was delicious! Dutch culture was fascinating! There were a thousand places to visit. It was sure fun learning about Holland! I am definitely going back. This exchange program enriched my life.

Dawniela Halischak

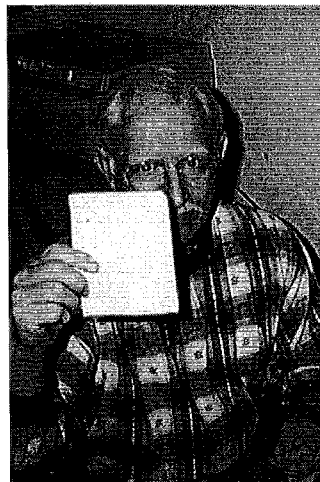
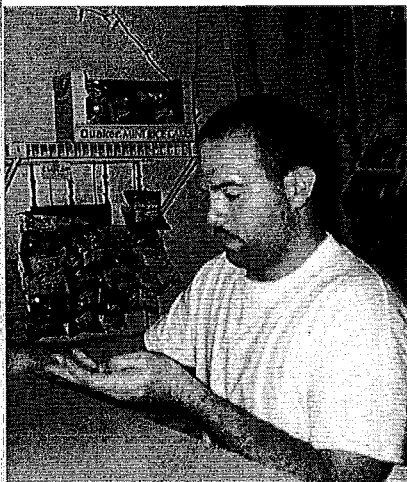
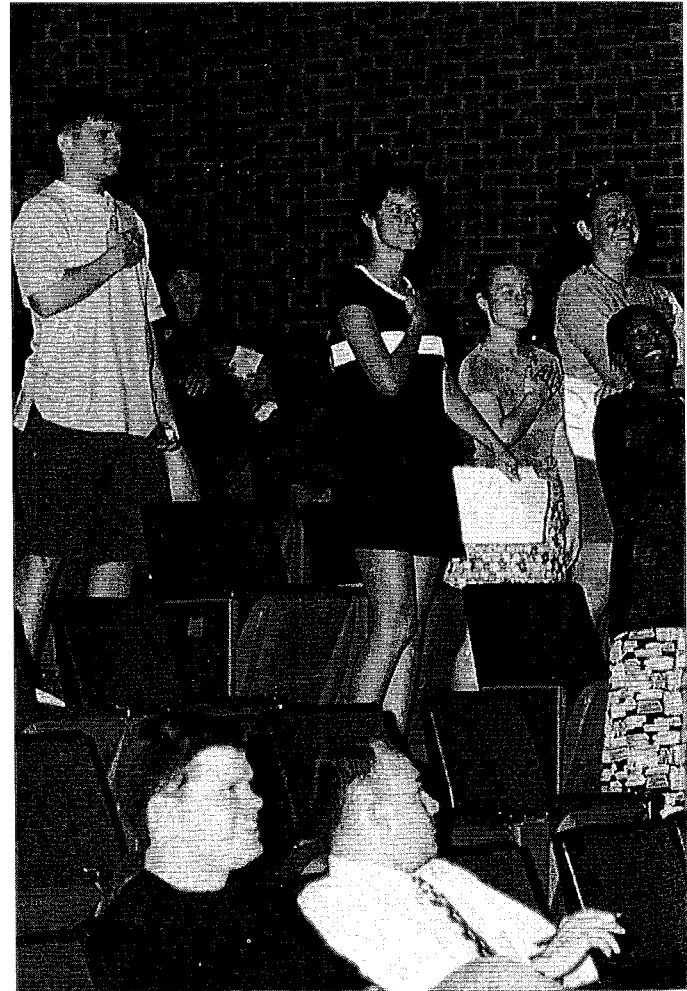
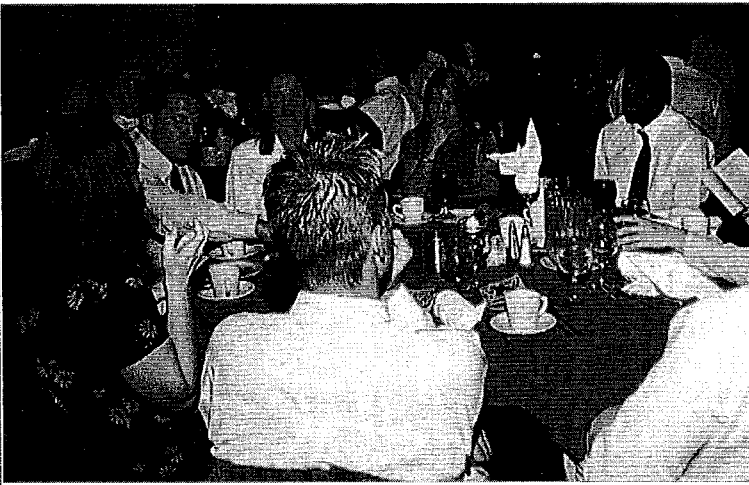
This summer I visited the Loire Valley, in France. I stayed with a family of four (mother, father, son, daughter). They lived in Blois, a small community in the middle valley. We were very nervous the first few weeks. They were all hearing, knew very little English and no sign. I knew enough French to get by. My family had a lot of traditions — we played French card games like "spoons," visited special chateaux, old French castles, and ate frog legs (that was scary, but they tasted good!). My host mother let me cook American food for them once — my famous grilled cheese! We did many things together; shopping, dancing, going to parties, and even a French zoo. It was the learning experience of a lifetime.

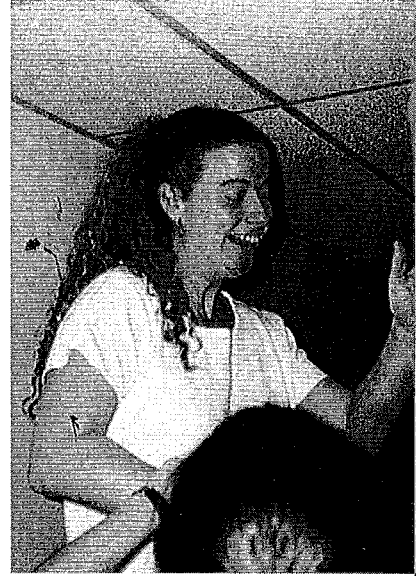
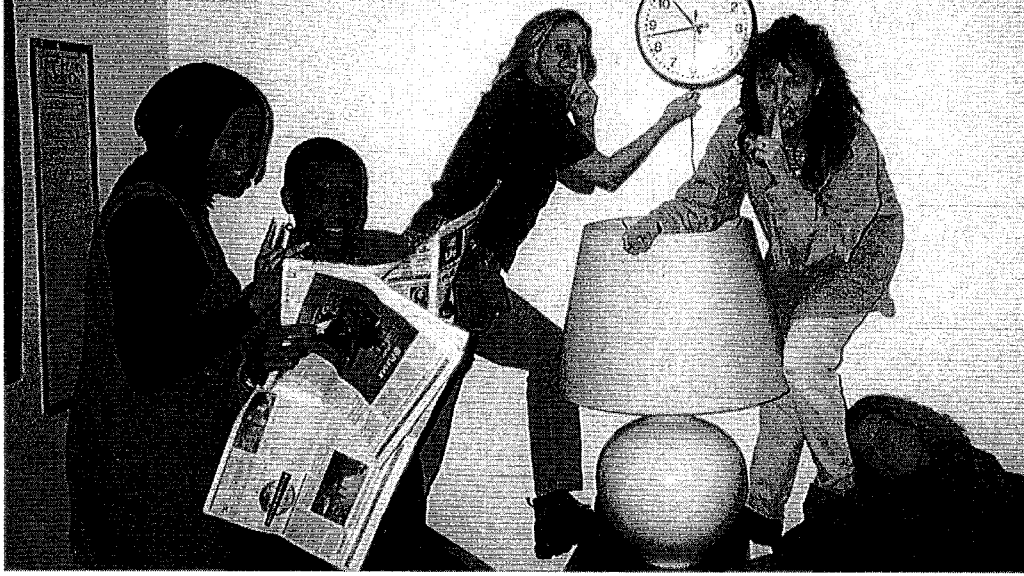
Joe Santini



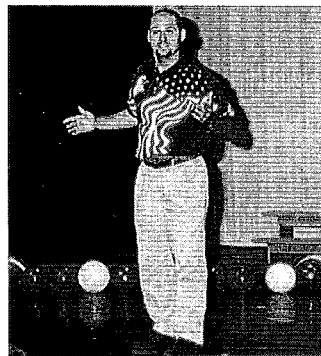


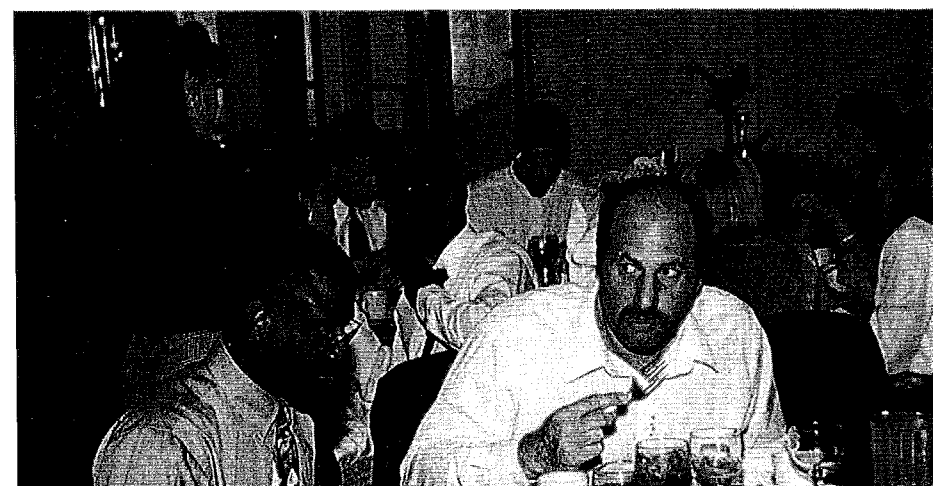
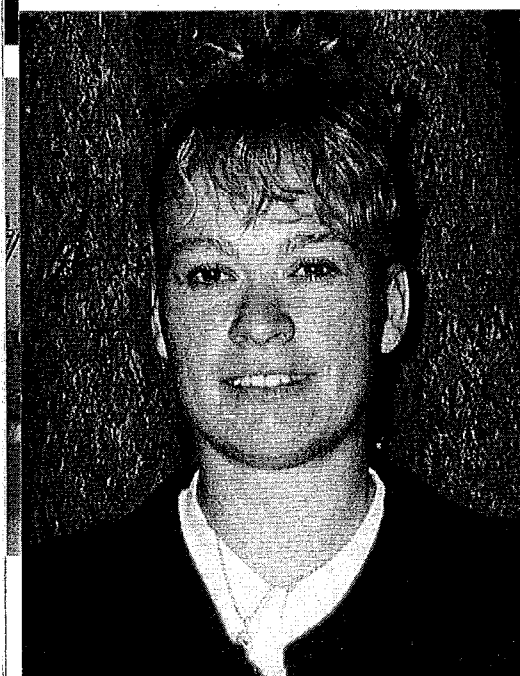
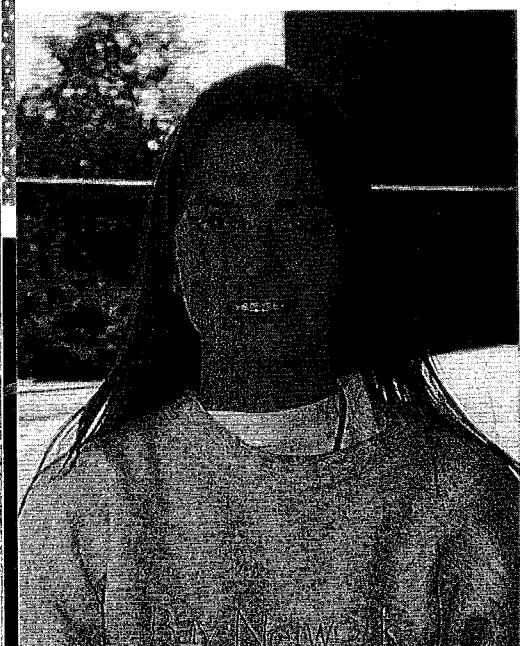
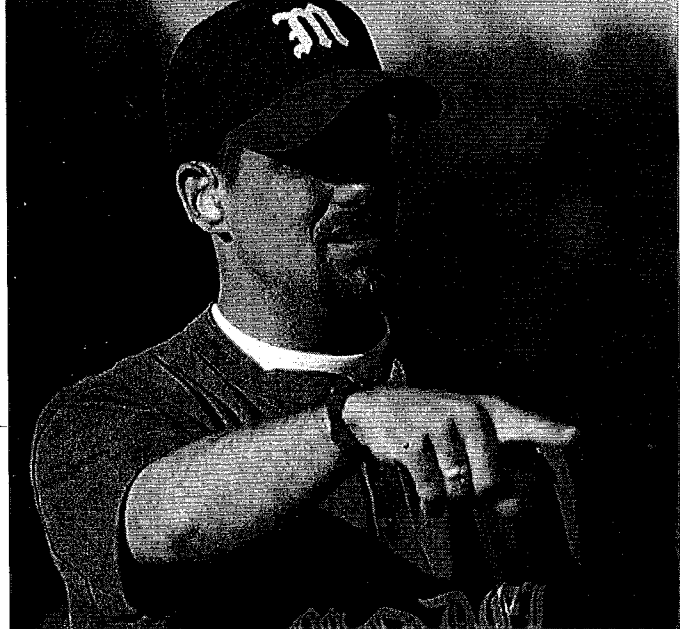
Hey, Dorn Staff!!





Do you know where your students are??







To Our Dearest Daughter and Sister,
Diane Marie Fleming, Class of '97
Congratulations!

Diane, you made it!
You are like a vibrant flower.
We are so proud of the way you have blossomed.
We know that whatever you do,
life will go all the way.
Keep believing in yourself.
You will always be my special sister.
WE LOVE YOU,
Mom, Dad, Nick Jr.



THEN: You were born and a
beautiful baby

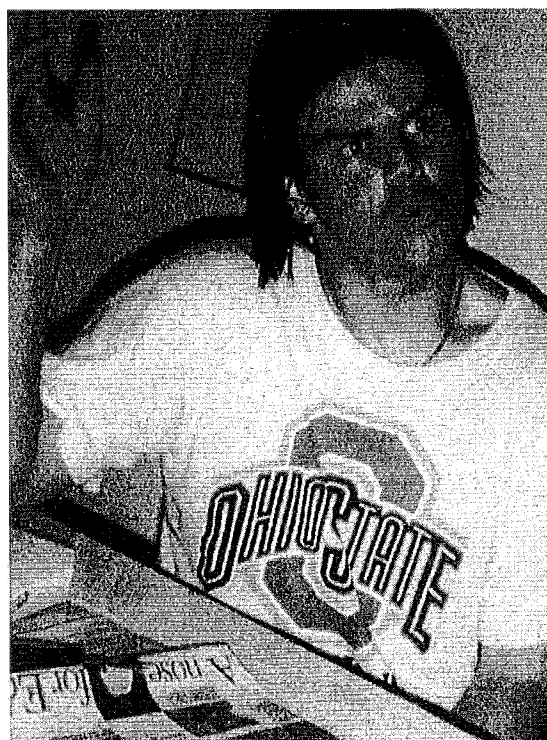


To our Love, Ben

Congratulations

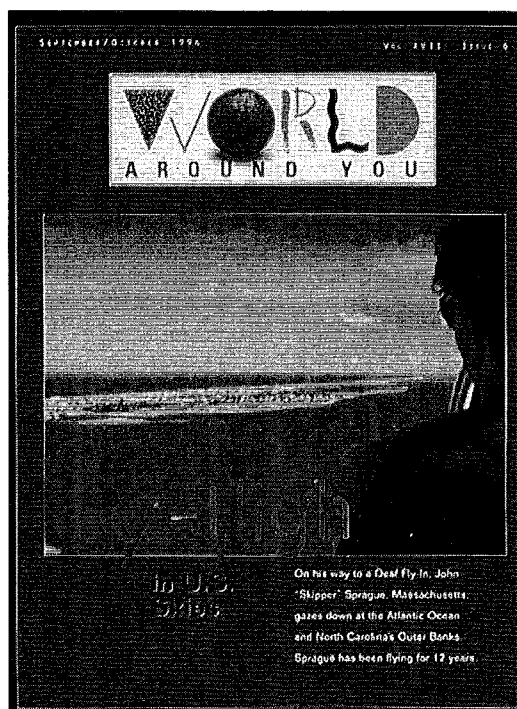
You made it
through four
years.
We are proud
of you

Love,
Mom and Dad

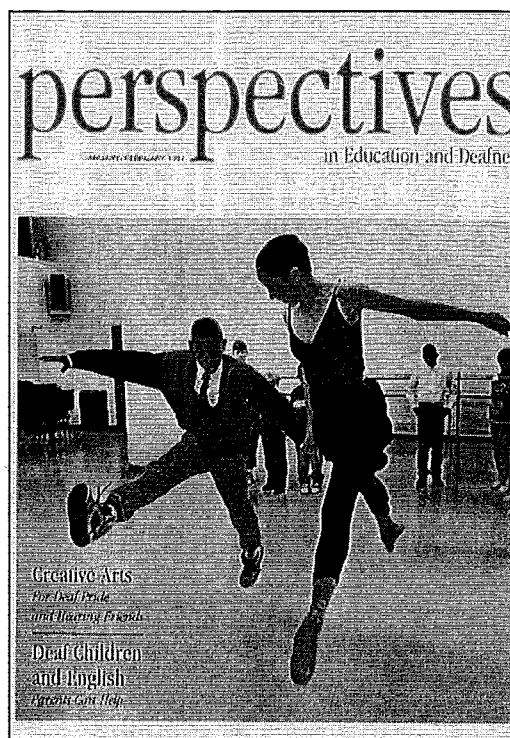


NOW: You are growing and stronger.

Congratulations to the Class of 1997!



World Around You



and
Perspectives

wish you the best of luck for your future!

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Congratulations, Chrissy Morreale!!!!



C is for the Charming young lady you have grown to be.
H is for Happy — that is what you have made me.
R ah rah, we Root for you — in everything you've done and do.
I is your Intelligence that's always served you well.
S along with your personality is what makes you so Swell.
S ugar is Sweet and so are you — everything in this poem is true.
Y ou know who we're describing, I am sure you have guessed,
so pick up your hands and pull down a YES!!

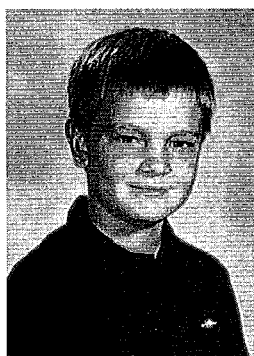


We are all SO PROUD of you!!!!
Love Mom, Dad, Robert, & Debbie



It's your world now, Ellie! We know you'll
make your place in it a beautiful one.
Congratulations!

Love,
Tom, Mom, and Dad



Congratulations
Branic!

May all your dreams come
true.

Love,
Mom



Kelli,

Congratulations on your special day,
May 31, 1887!

Keep believing in yourself and the world
is yours.

Love always,
Nana and Stanlie

Congratulations, Kelli, on your
graduation!

Love Aunt Anne

The 1996-1997 Yearbook staff wishes the graduating seniors
the best of luck in their futures.

Remember that you have it in you the power to make a difference in this world. You can become ANYTHING you want. Don't be afraid to "spread your wings and fly." Believe in who you are, and in your potential to reach your goals.

Congratulations!!!

Dear Keri,
 Seems like only yesterday
 I was bringing you home from the hospital;
 you were so tiny and beautiful.
 Like a novel, your life unfolded
 with surprises, both sad and glad;
 but through it all, you triumphed.
 I watched you as a young woman
 find your true self at MSSD,
 trying new and different activities.
 I cried tears of joy and pride
 watching you dance and act
 for the very first time.
 Your accomplishments are great,
 I couldn't be prouder;
 congratulations on your success at MSSD.
 I'd like to wish you a world of happiness
 as you venture into the next stage of your life;
 hoping all your dreams come true.
 Much love always,
 and especially on this momentous occasion,
 from your number one fan — Mom!

Congratulations!
Way to Go!

ROGER

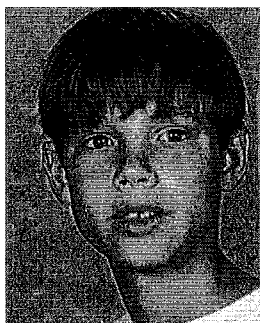
**You have made it through
 four years at MSSD.
 We are very proud of
 your accomplishments!**

Good Luck at Gallaudet!

**We love you,
 Mommy, Daddy, Scotty,
 Bo (arf) & Babe (squawk)
 Bonnie, James, Kyle, &
 Pearl (arf)**

RENNY HARVARD

Congratulations on your desire to attend and
 accomplishments at MSSD. I'm proud of you.
 Remember that I will always be here for you
 wherever you go. Love, Mom



You made it at MSSD. Good for you! Love, your bro. Russell

We are proud of you for your determination to attend the graduate
 MSSD. Good luck in the future.
 Love, Dad and Debbie

Yearbook staff!

A big "Thanks!" to all the
 people who put their time
 and effort into making this
 yearbook possible. You
 are very much appreciated!

Cathy Valcourt
 and
 Phyllis Maloney
 Yearbook sponsors '96-'97



Congratulations, Lissandra!!

It's been a long and hard journey starting with your first years at Clarke School and now MSSD, but you finally made it. We are very proud of you.

Continue working hard to reach your goals and always believe in yourself. Patience and commitment are the keys of success. Good luck at NTID! God loves you!

Love, Mama and Dad

*Congratulations,
Lissandra!*

We are glad you made it.

Love,

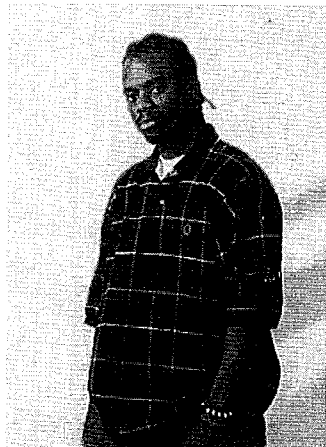
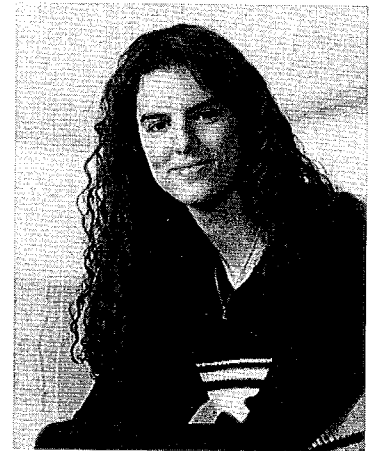
*Grandma Clark, Allen, and
Sedgewick Family*

Dear Lissandra,

*Congratulations on your
Special Day!*

We all love you,

*Sanchez Family (P.R.)
Buena Suerte (Good Luck)!*



*Congratulations,
Neil A. Powdar!*

*May your graduation be a beautiful and blessed
day for you. Today you are recognized for all
your hard work and accomplishments.*

*May life treat you gently, may your heart know
contentment, and may our father above fill ev-
ery tomorrow with joy and love.*

*We love you,
Neil!*

We are very proud of you! We love you!

*Dad, Mom, Vary, Compton, Desrion, Jamiel,
Ford, & all your relatives*



Querido hijo Manolo:

¿Que largo parecía el camino! Y ¿cuán duro fue! Pero . . . que hermosa recompensa recibes hoy . . .
 ¡Tu graduación de 4to año! Cuatro años de esfuerzo, sacrificios, tristezas, añoranzas, alegrías y logros. Aún recuerdo el día que Daniel y su mamá Amy fueron a casa a orientarnos sobre MSSD. Gracias a ellos llegamos allí.

Y cuántas personas que to aman y vienen a mi mente hoy por el apoyo y las oraciones que hicieron por ti para que todo te fuera bien en estos cuatro años; Tu adorado hermano José Manuel, abuelo Manolo y abuela Rosa, Padrino Victor y Titi Tere, Titi Tata, Papo y tus primos, Nechi, Silvia Guzmán, Lolín, mis compañeros de Marista y ahora en A.S.I., tus profesores de MSSD y Gallaudet — ELL, Barbara y Francisco Cordero, los consejeros, intérpretes y miembros del Staff del dorm. Y por último pero no menos importante a Jaime que ha sido un padre y vive como de él cada uno de tus éxitos en todo lo que te propones. Gracias a todos ellos y a otras personas que aunque no mencione ahora puedan haberte ayudado.

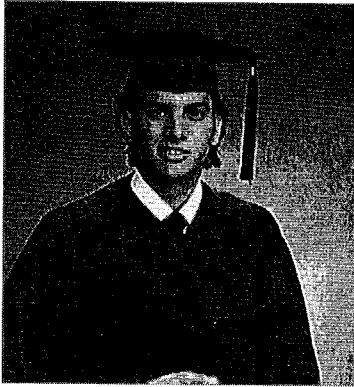
Tantas experiencias buenas y no tan buenas pero que te han ayudado a formar el hombre que eres hoy. Listo para enfrentar una nueva etapa llena de más ilusiones y ambiciones que seguirán moldeando tu "ser," que te darán aún más herramientas para enfrentar el futuro. Futuro que auguro de grandes éxitos y mayores recompensas.

Sigue hijo querido, con tu orgullo de ser hispano, puertorriqueño y lleva siempre como lema el "Trabajo fuerte" no desmayes, sigue adelante con tesón y verás que todo lo que sueñas hoy . . . será tu verdad mañana.

Te ama mucho y muy orgullosa siempre,

Mama

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Congratulations!!!
 Jeremy Tharpe

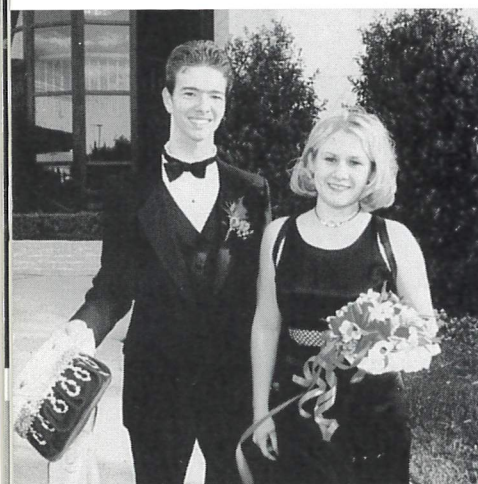
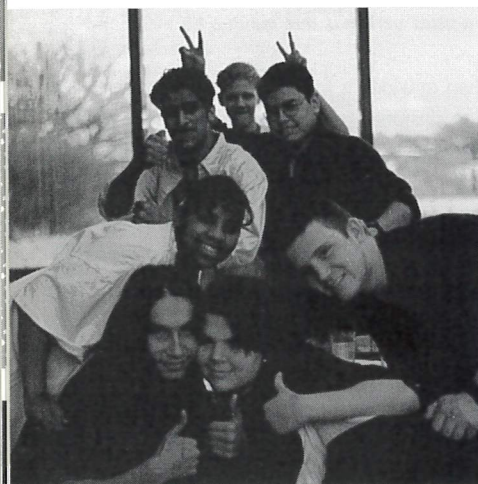
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Pepaw, Granny Franny
 & the Tiles By Fran
 Gang

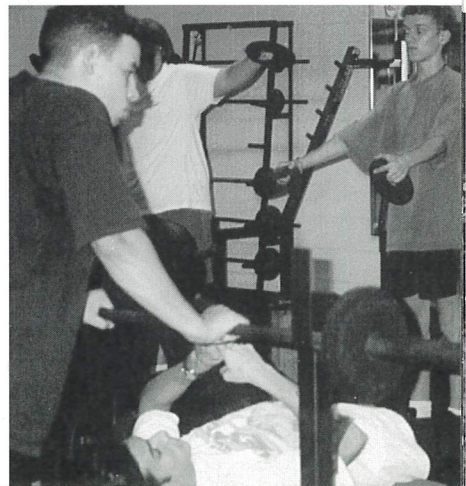
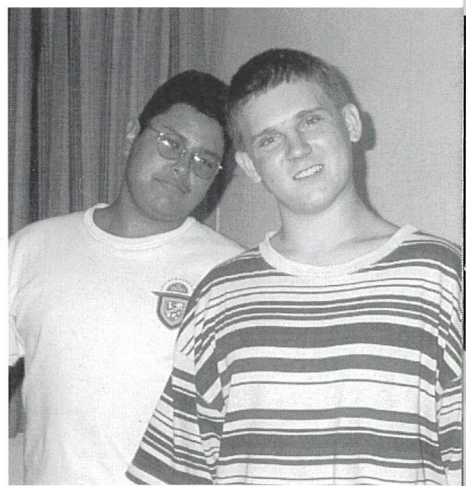
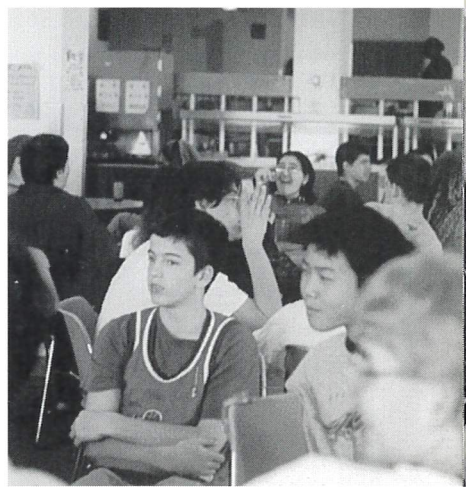
Melissa,
 Congratulations! We are very proud of you.
 Believe in yourself and you will reach your
 goals!

LOVE,
 Mom, Jay, Michael, and
 Muffy

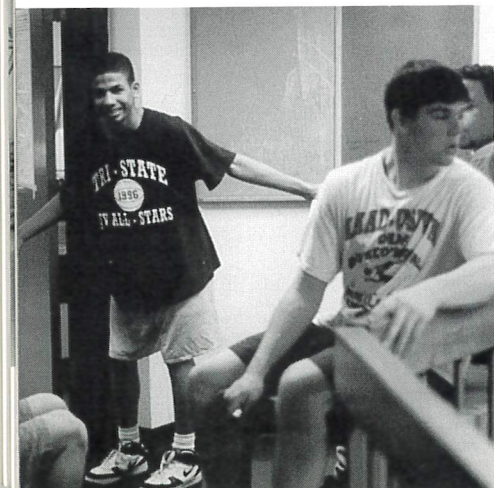
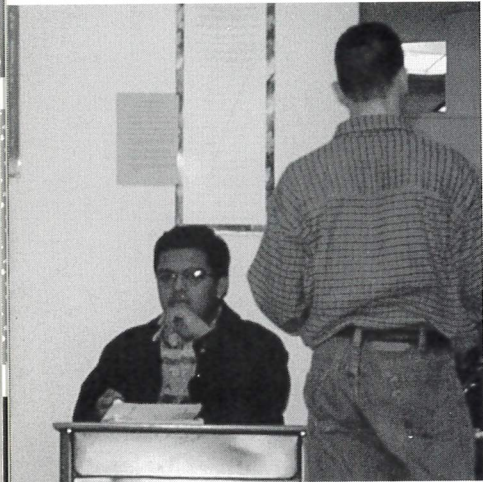
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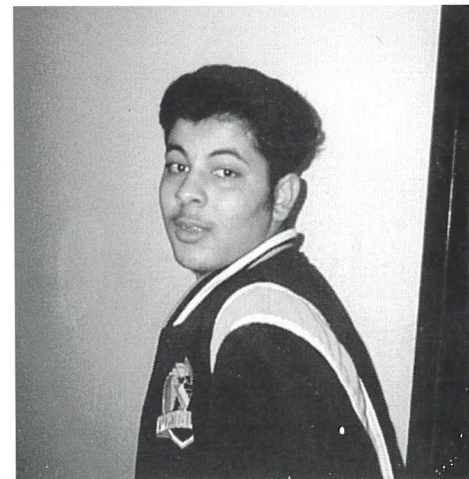
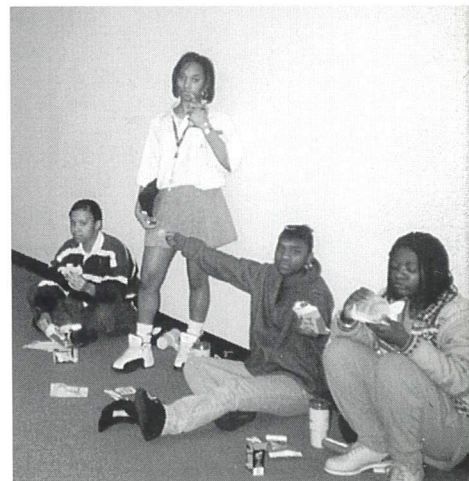
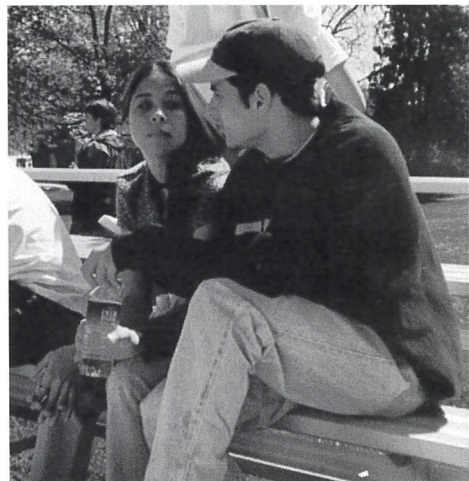
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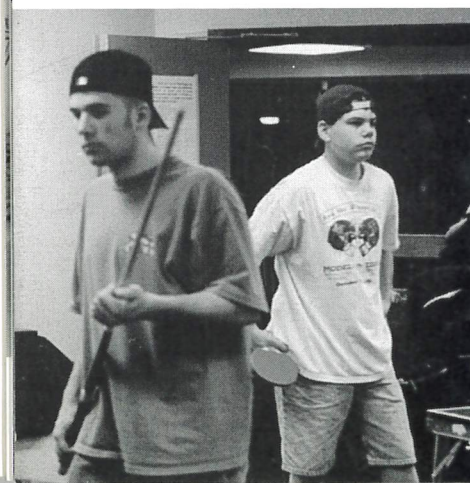
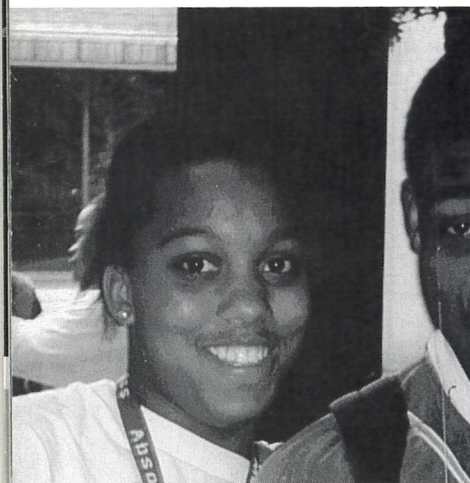
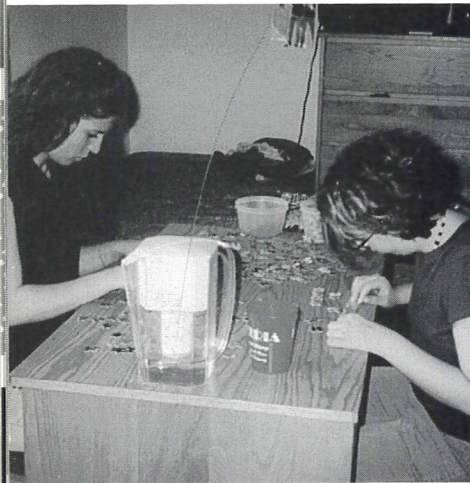
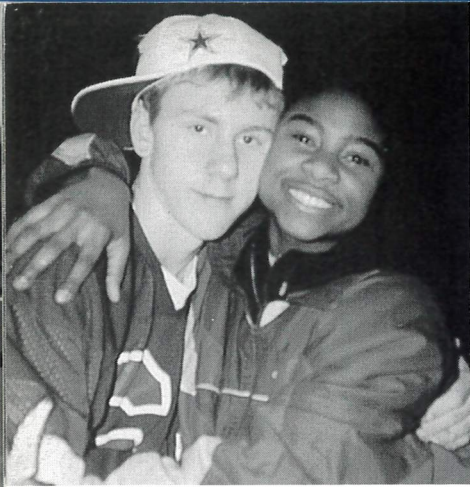
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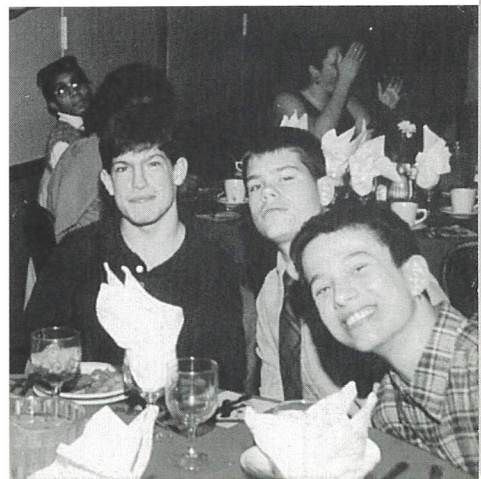
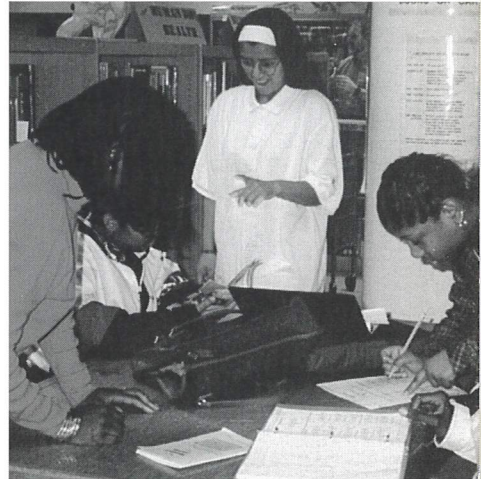
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As the winds of change move continuously through our lives, we will fondly look back on our 1996-1997 year.



"Dream what you dare to dream, go where you want to go, be who you want to be — LIVE!"