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In 1996 it seemed as though everyone had an opinion about the quality of life at West Orange High School. However, the opinion that counted the most was the one held by the graduating class. The class of 1996 was proud of its academic, athletic and interpersonal record. Hopefully, our yearbook will remind everyone of all that we accomplished.



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There's no doubt that Brandie Williams has the Senior Spirit!



It's all in the expression: football standout Ray DeCaro gets psyched!



Seniors are you with us? Mandi Dobrin, Nicole Pronesti, Albert Castro, Chris Colino, Jessica Cicalese, and Justine Oliveri, provide the answer-- YEAH MAN!





SCREAMING

Throughout the four years we had been cheering for the Mountaineers, Thursday, September 22 was the first time the annual Fall Pep Rally was held outdoors. Our painted faces and powerful voices displayed our enthusiasm for all of the teams as a shower of confetti rained down on our heads.

Moving the festivities from the traditional Friday night to Thursday afternoon originally caused some dissension. However, after scheduling conflicts were identified as the cause for the switch, students eagerly filled the seats.



The Marching Band opened the show with a rousing rendition of "On West Orange" and they continued to provide background music for the cheerleaders. The varsity squad performed their dance and led the student body in displays of support for the blue and white.

On our principal, Dr. Finnegan's, count, the Class of '96 proved beyond a doubt that we ruled the school! Our screams were deafening, and as a result, we were dubbed the most spirited class.

As the fall coaches called off the names of their athletes, the team members ran proudly through two rows of energetic cheerleaders. When the senior athletes were introduced, there were thunderous ovations for all of them, regardless of their sport or their respective ability. That afternoon we not only had **"Something to Say,"** we had something to scream!



Speaking

Our Minds

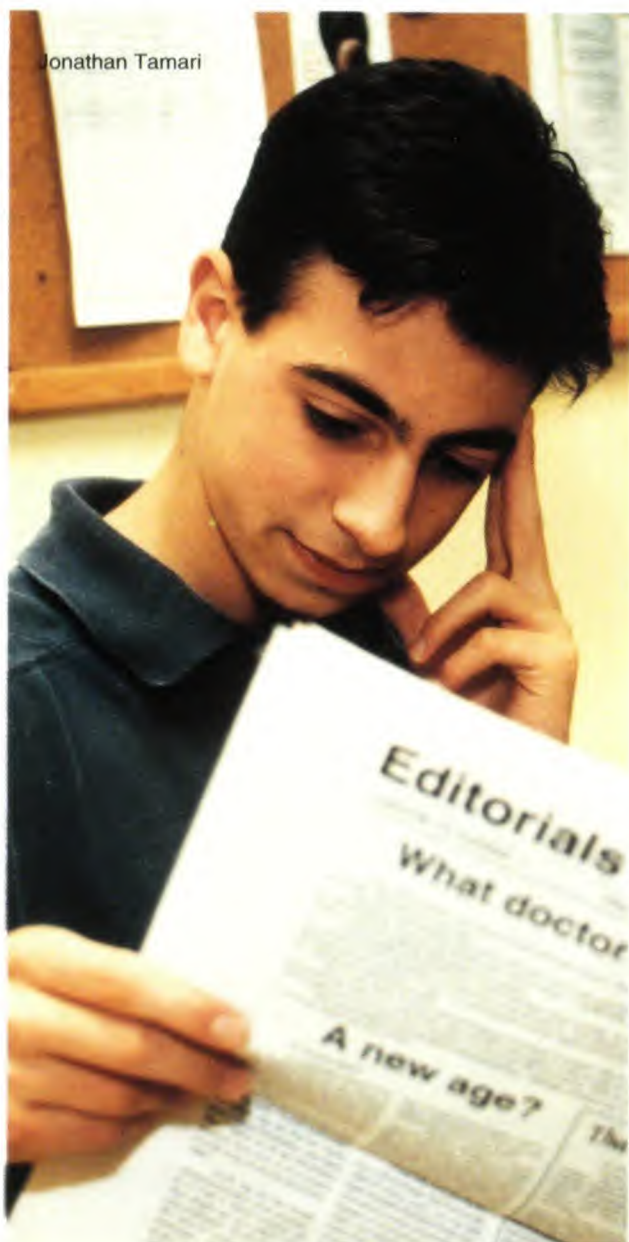
The adage, "Children should be seen and not heard," was definitely not applicable to the Class of '96. Throughout our high school years, we found various ways to remain not only visible, but audible.

Within West Orange High School, students questioned school policy at the Student/Administrative Forum, which was organized annually by the Junior State of America. The politically-conscious club also sponsored debates, which allowed students to speak about current topics ranging from affirmative action to euthanasia. By setting a strong foundation within the school, students were able to state

their beliefs off campus as well.

A group of student activists took the initiative to form Students for a Better West Orange, which established their voice in town issues. Band members, who would not be deterred by budget dissenters, played music at the polls in support of the school budget in May of 1995. These activists did not give up after the first School Bond Referendum went down in December, 1994; instead, they worked hard to try to pass the second referendum the following year. Many students were also commended for speaking out at meetings of the Board of Education and the Town Council.

We finally had reached the age when we could legally enter the adult world--voting age. For us, being 18 meant registering to vote and casting our first ballot in 1996. By supporting candidates for public office, including the presidency, we demonstrated that we had a voice in determining our future leaders. As a class of independent thinkers, we most certainly had **"Something to Say."**





Getting involved is half the fun. Matt Silverman runs for JSA Lieutenant Governor with the support of Josh M. Goldfarb and Tom Cortese.



Reporter Leigh Douglas solicits Aneesah Martin's opinion for TV 36 News.

Haleem Robinson displays **The Senior Stride**.



On What a Feeling!
Aubrey Garrison,
Tracie Goldman,
and Jennifer Ehrlich
leap for "Senior Jay."



Zoe Michael knows that one of the privileges of being a senior is writing your own absence note.

No more school bus or carpool for senior Geoff Schiller.





Shouting

Our Status

“Only 179 days left!” was the phrase uttered by some members of the Class of '96 on the first morning of our senior year. While the countdown to graduation was bittersweet for some and climatic for others, we all valued the finite time we had as the leaders of our school.

Not only had we earned the respect of the underclassmen, we had finally earned the respect of our teachers. We were trusted to run school clubs and be captains of athletic teams.

Our status was prominently displayed whenever we wore our senior shirts

and participated in exclusive senior activities. Other privileges extended to us included driving to school when we turned 17 and being allowed to sign permission slips and attendance forms when we reached 18. Also, as a result of two blood drives conducted at the school, we were able to donate our blood to the Red Cross. The proud expressions constantly worn on our faces told everyone that we were aware of our status as seniors.

Over the course of the year we braved the storm of college applications and warded off the dreaded disease of “Senioritis.” Still, we remained focused on the long-awaited walk down the aisle at South Mountain Arena in our caps and gowns. As our time for commencement drew near, we fondly looked back on our opportunity to have “**Something to Say**” as seniors.



Being ranked number one in the class certainly gives Nick Blitch, Florence Roggemann, Bijou Bose, Jared Strause, Ali Olszewitz, Scott Kupchick and Courtney Carroll extra status.



Our call for Unity

Wearing colored ribbons became a trend in the nineties; they were worn to make a statement. Even before lapel ribbons were popular, the Unity Club chose blue as its color to symbolize their effort to bring everyone together as one school community. Annually, on Unity Day, students were encouraged to put aside their differences and speak out against stereotypes, ignorance, prejudice, and discrimination.

While the blue ribbons were only worn for one day, what they stood for was meant to last throughout our lives.

It was the primary goal of the Unity Club to promote harmony among the diverse student body. With over 1400 people in our school who spoke 47 different languages, breaking down barriers was a difficult task. The approach taken by the Unity Club was to instill pride and cultivate acceptance through knowledge.

Celebrations comprised a large portion of the programming, including a first Thanksgiving for students new to the country, a holiday party, Chinese New Year and the Indian festival Holi. At these events everyone had the opportunity to learn about the distinct heritages and true meanings

behind well-known celebrations through games, food, music and dance. The festivities culminated at the International Dinner, which was held in conjunction with the World Language Department at the end of the year.

Additionally, the Unity Club played a key role in the development of programming for Black History Month and Women in History Month. They also planned activities for Holocaust Remembrance Week. Under the guidance of Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Shah, the club helped organize these important programs for the students.

All of their hard work did not go unrecognized. Our school was one of three sites chosen in the United States to participate in a documentary entitled "Histories Properly Told." Previously, we had been involved in an episode of a teenage television show called "In The Mix." Both productions focused on Unity Day and our diversity.

The Unity Club strove to achieve tolerance within the school, and their message was positive and reassuring. Through information and participation, they attempted to promote unity among all students, a goal symbolized by a simple blue ribbon.



Tezzita Melaku and Signe Hansen start the day by raising the Unity banner.





Nikki Yoblick helps Margarita Shmoys join in the Unity Day spirit by attaching a blue ribbon.



Dave Powers shows his support by purchasing a Unity tee-shirt from Sayiwe Mulagha and Tezzita Melaku.

Knowledge is Power! Monique Perry hands Kenley Mui a Unity pamphlet.

Welcome Back!

On the morning of September 6, the enticing aroma of breakfast wafted out of the cafeteria. Many seniors arrived earlier than usual to attend the Welcome-Back Breakfast.

The administrators stepped out of their official roles to help us to enjoy the meal. Mr. Miller traded in his walkie-talkie for an apron and served fresh bagels. Also donning the latest kitchen fashion, Dr. Finnegan and Mr. LaSapio dished

out pancakes, sausages and syrup. Orange juice, coffee and tea complemented the main meal, and the seniors left nothing on their plates.

Surrounded by friends recounting their summers, there was a palpable solidarity to the class of '96. Laughter and hugs were abundant. It was a great way to start off our senior year, in the company of our classmates, our friends.

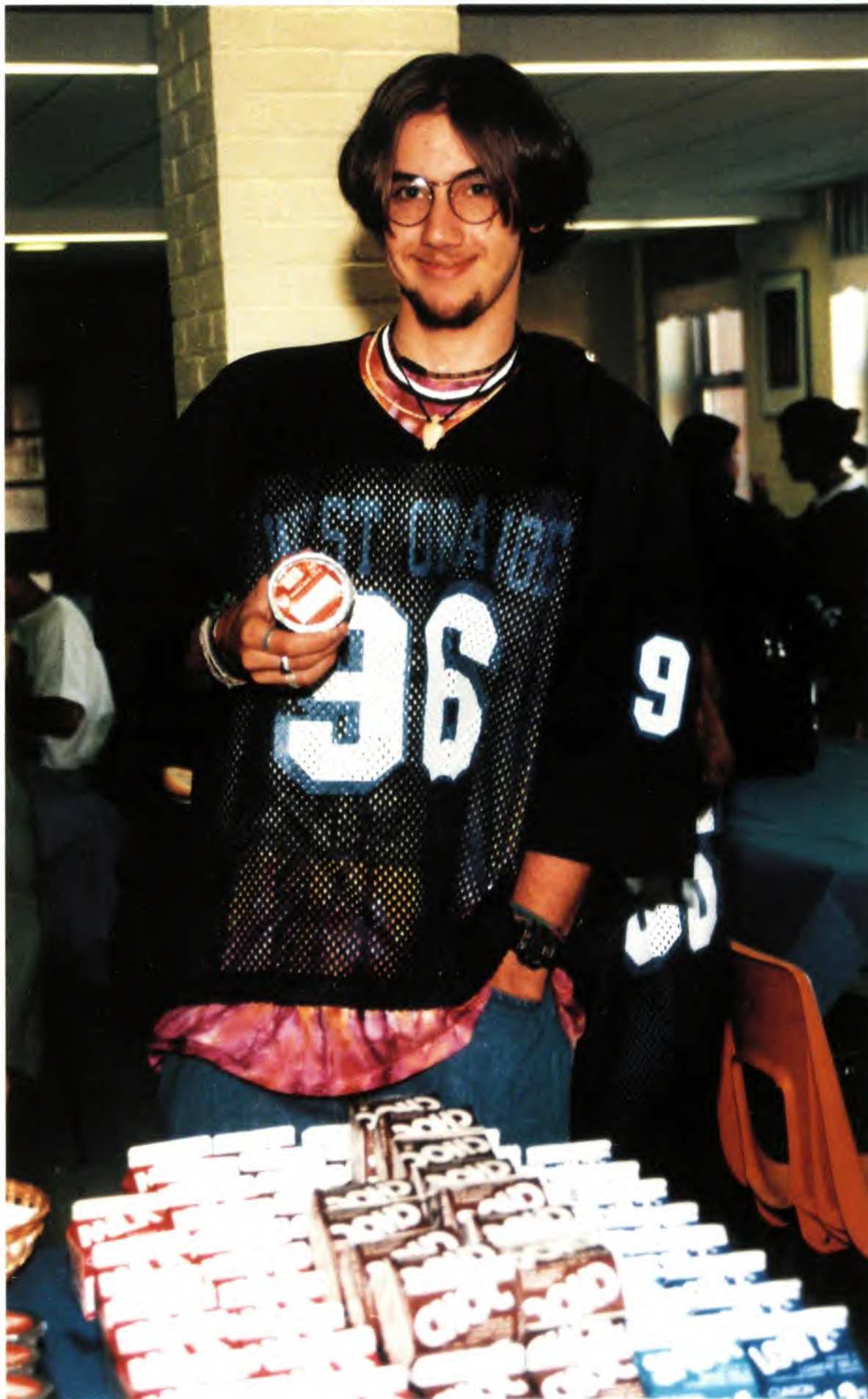
Wow, I'm a Senior Now! Beth Bromberg studies her newly acquired senior shirt.



These faces, screaming with school spirit, belong to Mikael McMillian, Stephanie Nesbitt, Aneesah Martin, Brandie Williams, and Alaythia Burkins.



Mr. LaSapio, Dr. Finnegan and Mr. Miller display their true hidden talents.



"Want a drink?" Harry Conay asks with a smile.

Dining Out

Parents often remark about the astonishing amount of food consumed by teenagers. Teens usually respond to these comments by claiming that they are still growing, and large quantities of nutritious potato chips, candy and soda are needed to keep energy levels high. Since we did not have an open campus, we had



few opportunities to eat outside of the crowded cafeteria. One of those rare occasions was the Senior Picnic.

Supervised annually by Mr. Prendergast and Ms. Damiano, the class advisors, and the senior class council, the picnic proved once again to be a successful feeding frenzy. Sunny Degnan Park provided the perfect setting for the festivities, which took place on Thursday afternoon, October 12. For a mere twelve dollars, we ravenously consumed three six-foot hoagies, numerous pizza pies, barrels of chips, and cases of soda. Tommy Donaldson's creative cake, a model of the football field and bleachers, won the dessert contest, but we enjoyed all the other baked goods as well. To top it off, 15 lucky participants got whipped cream all over their faces in the pie-eating contest, which was won by Joanna Kaplowitz.

Finally, when all of the food had disappeared and the sun began to set, we reluctantly left the park. Our appetites were satisfied, at least for awhile. Those teen cravings would return before long.



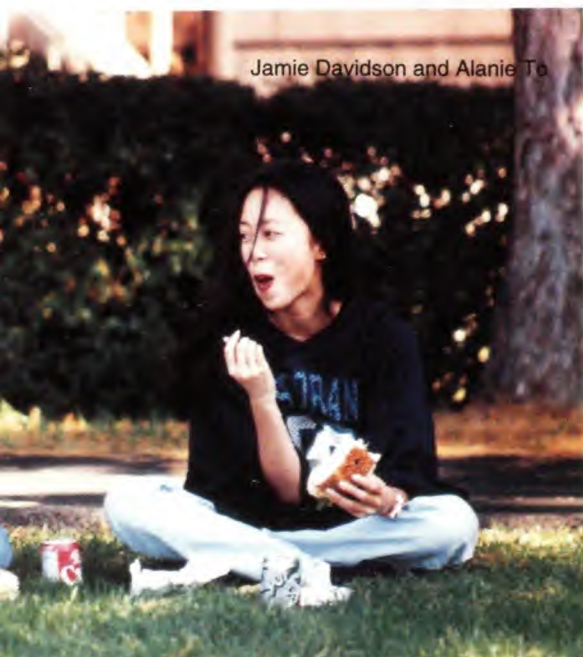


All this fun is hard work! Jamie Schofield takes time for a drink between events.

Contestants take their marks for the pie eating contest.



Stephanie Padakis



Jamie Davidson and Alanie To

"I knew I had to dedicate my time at the picnic to photography for year-book. I really wanted to capture everything that went on especially the determination of the pie eaters, the dance contest and the women-dominated tug of war. The senior picnic was an event that will remain one of the best memories of our high school days. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to photograph that moment in time."

-Stephanie Padakis







Stephanie Walczak and Ben Messing prepare for the TV36 News .



Strike up the Band! Nick Butch and Matt Rourke join in on Baritone Sax.



"Good Morning West Orange High School!" Rob Bertrand reads the morning announcements.



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There were so many things offered! Due to our diversity, everyone got involved.

- Brian Lieberman

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The Student Council built spirit by sponsoring activities for everyone.

- Lauren Ljubicich

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STUDENT LIFE

At 7:50 AM on September 6, Rob Bertrand's voice rang out, "Good Morning, WOHS!" Our senior year was off and running. While we applied ourselves to our studies during the day, when the final bell rang at 2:17, our second life began. By 2:30, we were engrossed in meetings of JSA, Unity, UMOJA, or one of the 25 other clubs available to us. At times, our schedules became quite hectic, especially with the new eight period day, but somehow we managed to maintain our intense involvement in extra-curricular activities. No matter what the agenda, we always had . . .

Something
to say



Spanning the GLOBE

"H_{ola}." "Ciao." "Yasou." "Shalom." These students brought their West Orange experiences with them of the Class of '96 were and shared their American perspectives abroad. In return they received a broader understanding of culture and a higher appreciation for different lifestyles. The exchange of community service projects, voices and ideas was beneficial while others journeyed to study or reconnect with their heritage. Whatever the indi-

"Here we are at the Colosseum in Rome. All we have to say is Vini, Vidi, Vici." - Jason Schwartz & Brian Lieberman





"Going to Greece the summer before my junior year taught me a lot about other cultures, meeting new people, and most importantly myself." - Joanna Kaplowitz

"My trip to Israel gave me the opportunity to replant the roots of my religion." - Ron Lagin



"While I was in Belize doing community service, our group took some time off to explore some Mayan caves. Here I am scaling the walls!" - Lilly Chu



QUEEN *for a day*

The final home football game of the 1995 season provided the time and the place for the announcement of this year's Homecoming Queen. The chilly weather did not deter the Mountaineer supporters, as evidenced by the full bleachers. The suspense that had mounted during the previous week reached its culmination during half-time of the November 4th game. Through an aisle of raised blue and red flags formed by the color guard, the homecoming queen nominees and their respective escorts walked across the field. When they reached the edge of the field, Homecoming Court members Joanna Kaplowitz and her escort Bryan Katz, along with Lusekelo Mbisa and her escort Scott Kupchik, were announced to the crowd. Finally, Homecoming Queen Alyson Berowitz and her escort Brian Lieberman were introduced.

The applause and cheers from the football fans, and parents, and alumni for the Homecoming Court rang loudly, as all of the members of the court stood shivering while countless photographers snapped away. The court members'

parents joined them on the field for hugs, kisses and congratulations.

The crowd reaction was only part of the special experience for the finalists. They shared a sense of accomplishment for their many contributions to the co-curricular program at the school. The ceremony was proof that their efforts had not gone unnoticed. Joanna was saluted for her participation in concert choir and TV 36, her involvement with cross country and football, and most importantly for her starring roles in the annual school musical productions. Lucy was applauded for her leadership roles in UMOJA and Key Club, as well as for her work on the faculty section of the yearbook and her efforts as an office aide. Alyson, a four-year member of the varsity tennis team, was recognized for her work as Senior Class Secretary and editor of the yearbook's senior section; she was also commended for her role as a student council chairperson and Key Club President. Perhaps the most gratifying aspect of this event for these three girls was the knowledge that the entire senior class had a chance to vote for someone whom they believed best represented their class and their school.



The Full Court: Lusekelo Mbisa, Scott Kupchik, Alyson Berowitz, Brian Lieberman, Joanna Kaplowitz, and Bryan Katz.

I was honored to have been chosen by my peers as a representative of the class of 1996. Each nominee, both for Queen and escort, was well deserving. I will always remember being part of a great West Orange High School tradition. -- Brian Lieberman



The beaming Homecoming Queen Alyson Berowitz and her escort Brian Lieberman.

Quotes From The Court

"I was excited and greatly honored to have been selected as the class of 1996 Homecoming Queen. Lucy and Joanna were just as deserving."

-- Alyson Berowitz

"It was exciting to be on the football field, as opposed to on the sidelines as I usually was as the football manager. I was honored to be chosen as a member of the Homecoming Court."

-- Joanna Kaplowitz

"I felt very honored to have been selected by my peers as a member of the Homecoming Court. The thrill of being a nominee was more than enough. I'll never forget that day."

-- Lusekelo Mbisa



Friends and Family: Bryan Katz, Joanna and Mr. Kaplowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Berowitz and Alyson, Brian and Mrs. Lieberman, Lusekelo Mbisa, and Scott Kupchik.



Mr. Michael, Sara, and Mrs. Michael



Mr. Dinnerstein, Andrew, and Mrs. Dinnerstein



Elizabeth and Mrs. Mondak



Mrs. Owens, Kristi, and Mr. Maeris

This Makes It All *WORTH* It!



Throughout the busy fall sports season, the parents of the marching band members, cheerleaders, and football players watched their children from the stands. Every Saturday for three months, regardless of weather, at home or on the road, they were there. These parents provided support and love, not to mention late night meals and a "taxi service", while their children received recognition and praise. Finally, on November 4, it was their turn to be recognized. Seniors had the opportunity to publicly thank their parents for all of their dedication and sacrifices at the annual Parents' Day ceremony, held at Schools Stadium. Before the Homecoming game, parents, guardians, and students lined up along the sideline, waiting to be announced to the crowd. As PA announcer Mr. John McCarthy called the names of senior band members, cheerleaders, and football players, their par-

ents or guardians proudly walked out onto the field sporting white corsages. The memories of up to four successful seasons came flooding back. For Mrs. Lisa Suss, "This was a very exciting occasion. This was the culmination of four years of service to the marching band for my son, and I was very proud. It was wonderful that parents had the opportunity to do something like this for the students." With all of the happiness and joy that Parents' Day brought, it was a bittersweet experience, for this was one of the last times parents could join their children during their fall sports season. Mrs. Ann Merin remarked, "Parents' Day was a very special moment. I was very proud of Sara and all the seniors who were honored. They have worked extremely hard to enhance the fall program and deserved the recognition." Even on their special day, parents deflected attention to their children.

Mr. Gibson, John, and Mrs. Gibson



"This might be our last year as parents of a West Orange High School student, but our memories of this day will last forever.

- Mr. Naeris

"I am going to miss all of the excitement of varsity cheerleading. The last four years at the high school have been incredible.

- Mrs. Morison



TAKE THE FIELD . . .

“West Orange High School Marching Mountaineers, you may take the field.” Responding to this announcement, drum majors Stephanie Padakis and Frank Pennisi led the Marching Mountaineers down the 50-yard line to a season of success.

The 72 member band, under the direction of Lori Kahan, began its season at band camp, where the band spent 13 hours a day learning the challenging drill and music. Once the school year began, the band practiced four to six days a week aiming for perfection. This year’s show music was taken from the Broadway musical *Les Miserables*, and included “At the End of the Day/Worksong,” “On My Own,” “Attack on Rue Plumet,” and “One Day More.”

Along with entertaining the fans during half-time at football games, the marching band took part in three regional competitions. The band competed at Ridgewood High School, where they took third place, at Trenton State College, where they earned second place, and at Hillsborough High School where again they placed third.

Although the season marked an end for the seniors in the band, it was also a time of many firsts. The new drill designer, Scott Tomlin, made their marching more difficult, thus contributing to their success. Also, for the first time in years, the color guard incorporated rifles into their routine.

These firsts allowed the band to achieve the greatest first of the season at their final competition, the U.S. Scholastic Marching Band Championships, held at Giants Stadium on a frigid Saturday, November 4. The Marching Mountaineers placed first out of 14 bands and became the 1995 Group 2A Maroon Champions. “When they announced that we placed first, I knew that my four years of hard work had finally paid off,” explained drum major Stephanie Padakis, “It was an unbelievable experience standing at attention during the awards ceremony trying not to explode from all the excitement.” The band became even more ecstatic upon receiving trophies for best music, best marching, best percussion, and best overall effect.

Boundless commitment allowed seniors to lead the band to new plateaus of success during the 1995-96 season. The marching band not only “took the field”, they surpassed it.



The drum majors lead the marching band onto the field at half-time.



Josh Cohen waits for the signal to burst into a stirring rendition of “Panama.”



With the power of unity, we made ourselves the champions. It was that feeling of unity that made the marching band a long, lasting memory within me.
- Lavina Chan

The best lesson I learned from marching band was how to discipline and focus myself, which allowed me to complete my favorite part of this year's show, the finale.
- Josh Goldfarb



Drum captain Dave Powers and junior Dan Bartiromo are featured in a percussion solo.



The great smile belongs to color guard captain Bijou Bose.



Hallelujah

The Wait is Over!

After three years of waiting, the musical groups at West Orange High finally had the opportunity to perform in the newly renovated state-of-the-art auditorium. The curtain rose for the first time on November 19, where, at a gala event, the talents of various West Orange ensembles and individuals were showcased.

Over 130 students had the opportunity to perform in the auditorium as part of the high school's instrumental music program. The wind ensemble, concert band, and freshman band worked with Miss Lori Kahan in order to bring difficult pieces such as "Concertino" to performance level. The orchestra studied under Mrs. Margo Sokolow. In addition to their regular music classes, some students chose to audition for the jazz band, a group which plays music that is not featured in other ensembles. Mr. Joseph Romano led this group in concerts and competitions, as well as in many performances for civic groups in town. The pit band, also under the direction of Miss Kahan, provided the music for the school play, *Evita*. With the exception of the pit band, all of these groups traveled to Quebec, Canada in early May and competed successfully in the Classic Music Festival.

The choral music program underwent significant change this year. The concert choir and chorus classes began a year of hard work in September under the direction of Ms. Denise Weber. The two groups as well as the chamber singers performed challenging pieces, such as *El Grillo*, at their December 7 concert. In the beginning of February, Mrs. Kristin Acker-Rund replaced Ms. Weber as choral director. Despite the sudden change, the choirs at West Orange delivered show-stopping spring performances.



Rob Suss plays his solo in "Suncoast Carnival."



The Concert Choir seniors perform "Flying Free" at the Winter Concert.



Junior Lauren Athay, Aubrey Garrison, and Beth Bromberg play "The Music of the Night" with the Clarinet Choir.

Our music program was amazing -- it was the only place where a bunch of strangers were asked to make random notes, sounds and rhythms come together into something beautiful. Its most remarkable aspect, though, was that somehow the people ended up coming together as well.

- Aubrey Garrison

The band room was a place where we could always go to express how we were feeling through music. I will always remember the many good times we had there. Our hard work and numerous accomplishments provided us with a lifetime filled with both personal and musical memories.

- Jennifer Ehrlich

Concert Choir really changed my perspective on musical education. Through it, I developed a greater understanding and love for music. I'll never forget the preparation we went through for our public performances. The numerous awards we received were a fitting tribute to our efforts.

- Veronica Castillo

Being involved in the choral music program for four years instilled in me a greater appreciation of the need for a group to come together in order to achieve excellence. In the beginning things were rough for all of us, but we learned to stick together, even through three changes in directors.

- Matt Serrano



Seniors Dominic Scaglione, Abbie O'Connor, and Veronica Castillo sing the final note of "Turtle Dove."



Lavina Chan and junior Patrice Ng concentrate on a challenging flute part in "Concertino."





I was extremely honored to serve my school in this capacity. I think that the Student Council brought about some new and different ideas and events, and I enjoyed it all. I had a great group of people with whom to work and that made it all worth the effort.

— Robert Bertrand



The activities we planned were always enjoyable and satisfying -- I just wish that my alarm clock and sleeping habits would have allowed me to attend meetings more often. Nevertheless, the other officers and I worked together to prepare all the events.

— Linda Lee



Lusekelo Mbisa and Raheem Townes on Disco Day.

While being a class leader has its own rewards, seeing people have a good time at activities I helped to plan was the most gratifying part of being a class officer. The positive feedback after a successful event always made it worth the effort.

— Jason Schwartz



The spirit of the class of 1996 was visibly strong all throughout high school, especially once senior year finally rolled around. It was amazing to see how close we became once we realized that we would be going our separate ways so soon.

— Stephanie Walczak



Greg and Marcia? No, it's Ron Lagin and Sara Michael.



No Government Shutdown ... Here!

Senior Class Officers

President: Brian Lieberman
Vice-President: Jason Schwartz
Secretary: Alyson Berowitz
Treasurer: Stephanie Walczak
Advisors: Mr. Prendergast, Ms. Damiano

Student Council Officers

President: Rob Bertrand
Vice-President: Lauren Ljubicich
Secretary: Linda Lee
Treasurer: Raheem Townes
Advisors: Mrs. Ward, Ms. Risse, Mr. Smeraldo

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Lucy Mbisa-Mulagha
Sara Michael
Jared Strauss



Senior Class Council: Alyson Berowitz, Jason Schwartz, Brian Lieberman, and Stephanie Walczak.



you HEARD IT HERE FIRST

If you wanted to find out what was going on at West Orange High School, all you had to do was read the most recent publication of the Pioneer or tune into the latest edition of the TV 36 news. They both had their fingers on the pulses of the students and staff.

The award-winning Pioneer had a surprisingly successful year, considering the newspaper had only one editor-in-chief, and the staff was smaller than in recent years. In an attempt to create a new look, the staff made some alterations in the format in order to enhance the paper's appearance. They also changed the page headings and focused more on the visual aspects of the paper this year than ever before.

Working on the Pioneer gave students the opportunity to experience the demands of producing a quality school publication. News Editor Courtney Carroll felt that "working on the Pioneer taught me about the responsibilities of meeting deadlines and doing whatever it took to get my page finished on time."

Mr. Ehrlich's vast experience and trusting nature as an advisor also aided the staff. "There was a strong sense of ownership on the part of this year's staff. They recognized that this newspaper was their responsibility," remarked Mr. Ehrlich. Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Tamari concurred.

The staff of TV 36 was also forced to make adjustments this year. The staff had to immerse themselves in the broadcasting process immediately, since there were only five veteran members returning. Rob Bertrand "could not think of a better way to work as executive producer than with a friend with whom you enjoy working. Marc Weinstock and I were able to combine our creative ability in order to produce a superior final product."

The staff of TV 36 relied on the distinct experience of their advisors to learn the basics of broadcasting. Mr. Kale taught the mechanics of editing, and Mr. McCarthy trained the on-air talent. "This year's class took broadcasting to a new dimension," noted Mr. Kale.

Whether it was writing articles or videotaping events, the participants in both the Pioneer and TV 36 recorded all the details we needed to keep abreast of student life at WOHS. Their professional caliber productions gave us tangible, lasting proof that our's was a year well worth chronicling.



Sports Editor Adam Tekel and Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Tamari proofread the sports section.



1996 Pioneer Staff



Co-executive producers Robert Bertrand and Marc Weinstock work with Mr. Kale to edit the news.



'Who is Jon Tamari?' My columns in the Pioneer answered that question; they each revealed me, my thoughts, and my personality to the entire school.
- Jonathan Tamari



The broadcasting class taught me about creativity, leadership, and responsibility. I will never forget staying late at the studio to finish the final edits.
- Marc Weinstock



Working on the Pioneer was an experience to remember. It was an incredible way for me to influence people and share my thoughts.
- Paul Marcus



1996 TV 36 Staff



MARK OUR *Words*



Students involved in the two annual, award-winning school publications, the Cobblestone literary magazine and the Mountaineer yearbook, learned about the intricate elements needed to create a successful finished product. In their own words, Jonathan Tamari and Karen Fasano, co-editors-in-chief from each publication, reflected on the process they went through.

According to Jonathan, "Senior year was a promising and inventive year for Cobblestone. Co-editor Dena Eben and I launched the publication with one year's experience managing the magazine already under our belts. It was also the first full year that Mr. Valgenti was our teacher/advisor. He brought many fresh ideas and an energetic, upbeat attitude to the magazine. Throughout our high school careers, the look of the book was standard, but in our final year, the magazine was made smaller and thicker. We also held the first Cobblestone "Late Bus Cafe", which featured the literary and artistic talent present in the school.

"Putting the magazine together required a lot of time and dedication before and after school hours. With the help of our hard working staff, we solicited work from the student body. After the general staff re-

viewed the submissions, the editors made the final selections using the staff evaluations. After choosing a cover, laying out the pages, and proofing the entire book, we took it to print."

Karen recalled yearbook as "an amazing experience for me. The course taught me about dedication, responsibility, and teamwork. I was fortunate to work with Lilly Chu, an excellent co-editor, our advisor Mr. McCarthy, and a staff of focused, diligent, and creative people. The friendships and memories we made while we created the book were as important as those immortalized in the finished publication.

"If you were to enter room 124 during 12th period on any given day, you would have heard Lucy Mbisa spell-checking names for the faculty section backwards and forwards, or Rob Suss hounding the staff to sell more business advertisements. Whatever the circumstances were, you would have seen staff members working feverishly to meet deadlines."

The high student response during the Cobblestone literary magazine sale and the faces of graduating seniors during yearbook distribution proved that the publications deserved first-place accolades once again.



1996 Yearbook Staff



Veteran advisor Mr. McCarthy confers with Co-Editor-in-Chief Karen Fasano.



Yearbook changed me into a proofreading maniac. I can't look at something without marking it up with a red pen.

- Lilly Chu



Being Co-Editor-in-Chief for two years helped me aid the Cobblestone staff in creating a more refined publication.

- Dena Eben



Cobblestone editors Florence Roggemann, Michelle Lee, Ruth Miner, and Jason Schwartz review previous editions for ideas.



1996 Cobblestone Staff



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Holly Larsen
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Andrea Marano
Jonathan Munoz
Vincent Onorato
Johanna Scaffo
Joel Silva
Advisor — Sandra Antonacci



CO-OP 1996



Johanna Scaffo shares an anecdote at Pampered Tot Nursery.

An Enriching Service

Many members of the class of 1996 gave tirelessly of themselves in order to improve the lives of others. The members of KEY Club, the Interact Club, and Lean on Me all participated in various community service projects with one goal in mind—to leave things better than they found them.

The KEY Club (Kiwanis Educates Youth), founded in March of 1995 by charter board members Alyson Berowitz, Lusekelo Mbisa, Ali Olshewitz, Karen Fasano, and Gina Erian, created a strong foundation for future members. Along with their advisors Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Luculano, the club provided many opportunities for community service to its members. They participated in "Walktoberfest," which was sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, painted a classroom at Stepping Stones, and decorated holiday cards for Green Hill Nursing Home. Several bake sales enabled the club to donate money to pediatric trauma units at local hospitals. One of the final events of the year was the annual "Kiss A Senior Good-Bye" fundraiser.

The Interact Club once again provided important services for the community of West Orange. Their events were a success due to the careful planning of advisor Dr. Rotonda and executive board members Tommy Donaldson, Ambika Ganesh, Andrea Christopher, Christine Granz, Katherine Willhoit, Colleen Roche, Sasha Tamarkin, and Michelle Lee. Members had the opportunity to be guides at Back-to-School Night, as well as volunteer tutors/entertainers at Pleasantdale Elementary School's after-school program. The club also sponsored a clothing drive for the benefit of the Salvation Army.

The members of Lean on Me provided direct services to the entire district. After attending orientation programs and signing their "wellness pledge," club members and advisor Ms. Wofsy were well-equipped to orchestrate student centered workshops and other awareness programs. Their training in peer listening and counseling allowed them to run a successful "Roles and Relationships" workshop for ninth graders. In their "Teens Saving Kids" workshops, they stressed conflict resolution and drug prevention to both fifth and eighth graders.

When the members of KEY Club, the Interact Club, and Lean on Me assisted the community, they found that by helping others, they were given the chance to enhance their own lives.



Ali Olshewitz and Lusekelo Mbisa prepare for a KEY Club bake sale.



Senior Members of Lean On Me



“I was really proud of all our hard work in establishing a KEY Club. It gave us the opportunity to help others while having a great time.”

-- Gina Erian

“The events of the Interact Club exposed me to many service projects and gave me encouragement to do more in the future.”

-- Tommy Donaldson



The KEY Club Executive Board



Michelle Lee, Tommy Donaldson, and Christine Granz set up the Interact cart.



The Interact Club Executive Board



Shared Visions

Langston Hughes, an African-American poet, advised, "Hold fast to dreams." In our high school, his words were taken at face value by the members of UMOJA. The club visualized a student body that practiced tolerance and acceptance of all cultures and creeds, and they worked tirelessly toward their goals.

UMOJA, which means "unity" in Swahili, was founded to give all minorities an outlet for solidarity and creativity. President Lusekelo Mbisa and board member Aneesah Martin, both seniors, led with knowledge and experience. When asked about the executive board, club advisor Ms. Rebecca Martin attested to their perseverance and dedication. The major event of the year was the eighth annual Black History Month Dinner, held on Thursday, February 15. Addressing the theme of the evening, "Perceptions of Black America," keynote speakers Rozlyn Spearman, the assistant director of admissions at Kean College, and Kendall Rogers, a junior, eloquently expressed their opinions. Entertainment for the evening included a play entitled "The TWOBIC Zone," in which the performing group Young Minds on a Mission portrayed "A Time Without Black Inventions or Contributions." Before

the main meal, John Bullock moved the crowd with an inspirational grace. In describing how the dinner was orchestrated, Lusekelo remarked, "The students came together independently in order to cooperatively display a positive attitude from start to finish." Later in the year, UMOJA held their annual fashion show, which featured student models in the latest styles. Although these

The students came together independently in order to cooperatively display a positive attitude from start to finish.

-- Lusekelo Mbisa

two events enjoyed the most notariety, UMOJA's most successful contributions to the community resulted from after school meetings and community service programs.

Every other week, club members gathered to discuss a prevalent issue in current events. Planned by the executive

board on the alternate weeks, these meetings usually entailed outside research. At a general meeting, a topic would be introduced, followed by an informational session with a video, reading, or guest speaker, and concluded by the group's questions and responses to the issue at hand.

With care and determination, UMOJA proved to be worthy of its name. Not only did the club members "hold fast to dreams" of the future, they equally focused their attention on important issues and community service vital to the present.



Members of the Young Minds on a Mission present a scene from "The TWOBIC Zone."



Mikael McMillian decorates the cafeteria in preparation for the UMOJA Dinner.



John Bullock



“Give guidance to the youth of today as they embark upon the new and challenging battles of the future. Let them not be discouraged, but rather encouraged, and full of hope, as well as perserverance.”

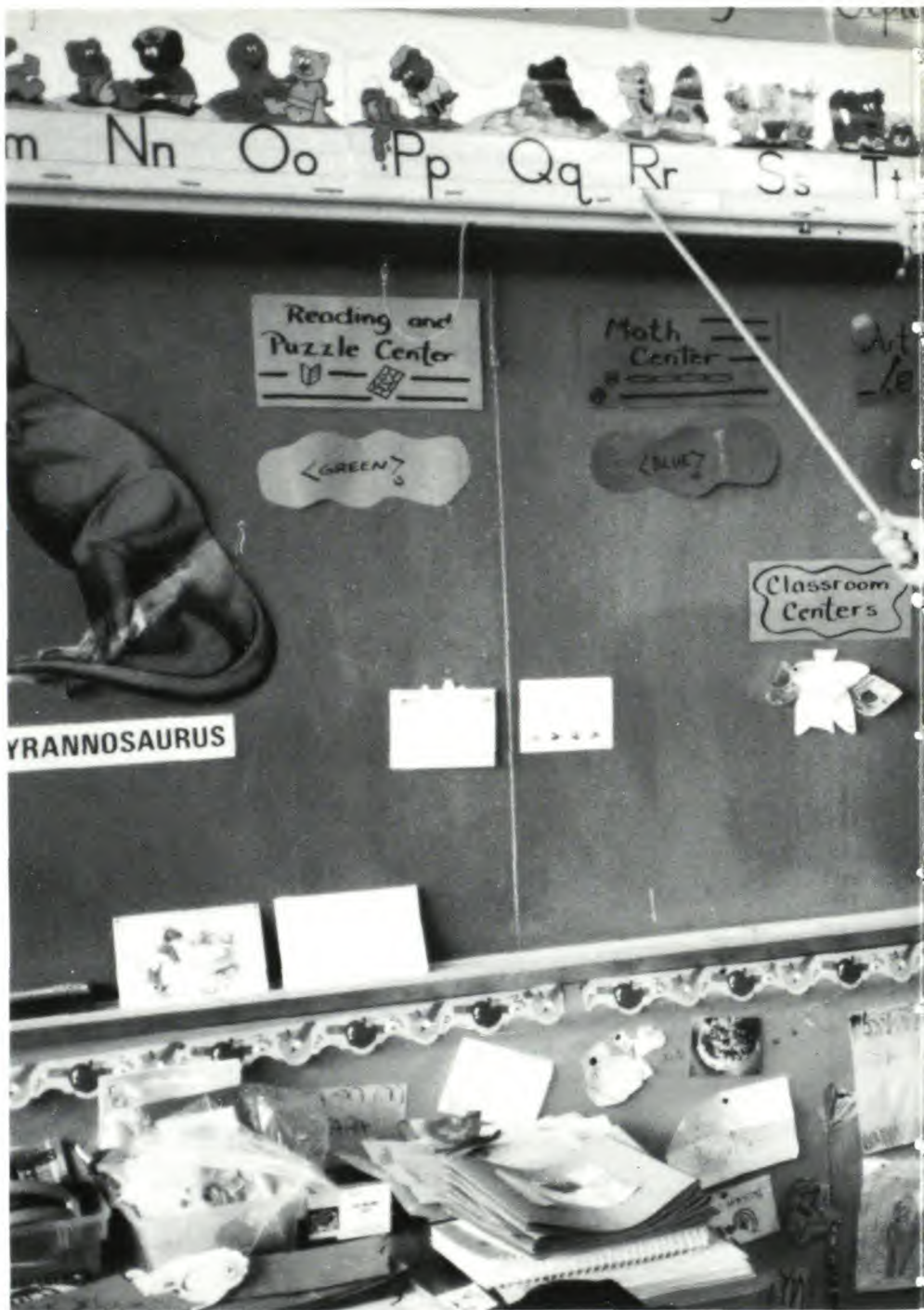
-- John Bullock



Lusekelo Mbisa and Kendall Rogers share ideas before their presentations.



"A..B..C" Stacy Kramer teaches kindergarteners French.



As a Spanish person, I wanted to dedicate my efforts, together with the rest of the club, to erase the cultural ignorance of many students. In doing so, we introduced students to the rich and colorful heritage that we have.

-- Carlos John Perez

I didn't realize how much of an impression our teaching sessions made on the kids until a few of my former students came up to me and said, 'Hey, I can still count to 10 in Spanish!'

-- Ambika Ganesh



French Club Senior Executive Board Members: Bijou Bose, Sara Merin, Tracie Goldman, and Sara Michael.



Three-year SALE teacher Lilly Chu instructs elementary school children in French.

Not Just A Matter of Talking The Talk

Aristotle wrote, "For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them." The students in the World Language program took this advice to heart. Their involvement with foreign languages did not end in the classroom. They devoted countless hours to the Spanish, French, and Italian Clubs, as well as to the SALE program.

Although the Spanish, French, and Italian Clubs were centered around different languages, they shared a common goal. The main focus of each of the clubs was to introduce students to the culture that surrounds their particular language. The Spanish Club, under the leadership of President Sunitha John, Vice-Presidents Latika Pandey and Carlos Perez, and advisor Mrs. Kalembe, began their eventful year with a Salsa Festival, which was followed by many activities, including a trip to Newark's *Santa Barbara* restaurant and a film festival, which featured a screening of *Mi Familia*. The club raised money for their events through breakfast sales, which featured Spanish cuisine such as *targaritas*. The French Club, under the guidance of advisor Mrs. Bolger, co-Presidents

Sara Michael and Sara Merin, Vice-President Lauren Athay, Treasurer Bijou Bose, and Secretary Tracie Goldman, also enjoyed a very satisfying year. The club's calendar included trips to see various Broadway musicals, a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a French restaurant, and their annual end-of-the-year picnic. A candy sale and monthly croissant sales were held by members to subsidize events and to support Binke, a child from Mali, whom the club sponsored. The Italian Club, under the leadership of advisor Mrs. Massari and President Gina Selpe, focused their attention primarily on one event, their widely anticipated annual dinner.

Another component of the World Language program was the SALE program. In 1996, the Student Alternative Learning Experience, or SALE, marked the 22nd year of WOHS students teaching French, Italian, and Spanish to elementary school students throughout West Orange. The SALE program not only gave elementary school students the opportunity to learn the basics of a foreign language, it gave WOHS students a first-hand look at the challenge of teaching.



Italian Club Members: Kim Ippolito, Gina Selpe, Jessica Bozzelli, and advisor Mrs. Massari.



Spanish Club Executive Board Members make plans for a breakfast sale.

Mind Games

The Academic Quiz Team and the Junior Statesmen of America (JSA) used their intellectual prowess to gain regional recognition during the 1995-1996 school year. Their efforts resulted in a year of unparalleled success for both organizations.

Under the sage guidance of advisor Ms. Arlene Pomar and captain Jared Strauss, the Academic Quiz Team began its year of unprecedented achievement in November, when they triumphed over Jonathan Dayton Regional on the television quiz show, **Challenge**. In their next competition, the **Knowledge Master Open**, the team placed sixth in the state of New Jersey. Never before had a group from West Orange done this well. In March, the quiz team participated in an annual contest run by St. Jude's Hospital, in which they raised money for cancer research. The Quiz Team ended its year of triumph in the spring in the **Knowledge Master Open**, where they again performed admirably.

The West Orange Chapter of JSA was one of the largest clubs at West Orange

High School, with a whopping 49 members. Their high membership was the direct result of much hard work by advisor Mrs. Deborah Dodds, President Jared Strauss, and the executive board, which consisted of Noah Gottesman, Jon Tamari, Rob Suss, Chris Gethard, Ben Messing, Josh M. Goldfarb, Matthew Silverman, and Bijou Bose. On most Thursdays, members of JSA could be found in room 131, participating either in debates or "thought talks" which ranged in topic from Affirmative Action to Halloween's place in today's society. The chapter also hosted a very successful mini-conference in late March on the topic of "Entertainment and Leisure." Involvement in JSA did not end with the 3:30 bus. The group also participated in three regional conventions at which they consistently won "Best Speaker" awards.

The Academic Quiz Team and JSA charted new ground during the 1995-1996 school year with their multiple successes. They both built upon winning traditions and had a year of unrivaled accomplishment.



Winter Wonderland! Rob Suss and Nick Butch brave the snow outside the Capitol Building.



Sara Merin argues for her bill in a committee session.



Rob Suss, Advisor Ms. Pomar, Jared Strauss, Bijou Bose, and Nick Butch are all smiles after a victory over Dayton Regional on TV 3's "Challenge".

Point of Inquiry! Josh Goldfarb questions the speaker during a Congressional Session at Congress '96.



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In the heart of snowy D.C., Matt Silverman, Noah Gottesman, and Nick Butch discuss political strategies.

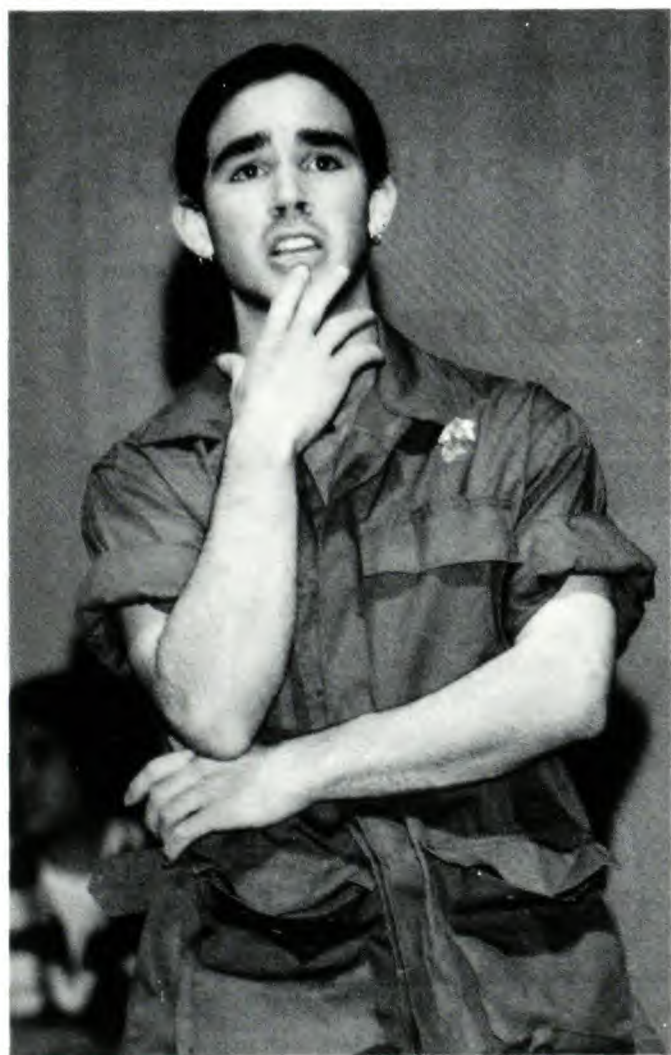
My continued involvement in JSA simulations, debates, and thought talks gave me a deeper appreciation of our government and others' opinions on a multitude of subjects.

- Noah Gottesman

JSA gave me the opportunity to explore a common interest with my friends. I enjoyed discussing diverse topics. When argument is encouraged, you can't go wrong.

- Rob Suss





Dominic Scaglione (Che) is 'a mere observer of this tasteless phenomenon'.



Joanna Kaplowitz and Mike Wolk, as Eva and Juan Peron, dream of "A New Argentina".

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TIM RICE

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Jamie Siegel Dipti Sheth Michelle Tingson

Choreography

Melissa Ehrich & Juliana Farrell

Orchestral Direction

Lori Kahan

Musical Direction

Steve Zackim

Vocal Direction

Kristen Acker-Rund

Lighting Design

David J. DaSilva

Sound Design

Martin Kale

Set Design

Tony Minni

Set Construction

John Worobetz

Costume Design

Joanne Russoniello

Make-up Design

Mayda Rosenberg

Student Producer

Samantha Lieberfarb

Student Director

Marc Weinstock

Stage Manager

Will Ortman

Directed by Leslie Potashner

Marc Weinstock as Magaldi



*"Don't Cry For Me
Argentina . . ."*



1996

According to the Chinese Zodiac, it was the Year of the Rat.

In the Summer of '96, the Olympics took place in Atlanta.

Surfing the Internet became a new type of recreational activity.

Got Milk? This year's ad campaign mixed the joys of milk with witty satire.



"We wanted to show the community of West Orange that the high school was not just filled with trouble makers. We had to Take a Stand."

--Matt Silverman, event organizer

"I'm free but I'm focused... and what it all comes down to, is that everything's gonna be fine, fine, fine..." -- Alanis Morissette, *Hand in My Pocket*



"Casey said, 'This guy is going to be better than DiMaggio.' It didn't happen. God gave me a great body and I didn't take care of it." -- Mickey Mantle, passed away Aug. 20, 1995.



Year In Review



"I did not, could not, and would not have committed this crime." -- O.J. Simpson

On the Simpson Verdict -- "Last June 13, 1994, was the worst nightmare of my life. This is the second."

-- Fred Goldman, father of victim Ron Goldman.



“To offer myself as a candidate for president requires a commitment and a passion to run the race and succeed in the quest . . . Such a life requires a calling that I do not yet hear.”

— **Colin Powell**



“He didn’t imitate anybody. He had his own style of thinking, his own style of life. And he played music for the music. He wasn’t in it for the money. He was brilliant.” -- **David Crosby**, a fellow musician on Garcia’s Death.

“I believe there is now a great change, and we must take advantage of it for those standing here, and for those who are not here -- and they are many. I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take a chance for peace.” -- **Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin**, addressing a peace rally Saturday before he was shot.



“I’ve spent almost a century doing what I love best.” -- **George Burns**, he passed away Mar. 9, 1996.



“They spent a lot of time away from each other, and both realized it wasn’t working out.” -- **A source close to Michael Jackson**, about the Jackson-Presley break-up.



“I won’t ever shy away from admitting that I did this. I’m proud. Damn proud.” -- **Shannon Faulkner**, the first female cadet at the Citadel, after she dropped out.

“Prime Minister Rabin gave his life to Israel, first as a soldier for its freedom, then finally as a martyr for its lasting peace. For his example, his friendship to the US, and his warm friendship to me, I am eternally grateful.” -- **President Bill Clinton**

etc.

September 1995, JFK Jr. uncovered *George*, a glossy new politics and pop-culture magazine.



Dallas became the most victorious team in the Super Bowl, with six wins, after beating Pittsburgh 27-17 in Super Bowl XXX.



Bill Gates along with Microsoft released the long awaited Windows ‘95. It became an overnight best seller.



“Everyone is open to everyone else's ideas. The deal here is, the funniest joke wins, no matter what.” -- **Matthew Perry**, of the hit show “Friends”



“Diana is aware that she will be in a much weaker position as the ex-wife. A lot of the substance, cachet and glamour will be removed. As the mother of the next-but-one king, she has to be treated with sufficient respect not to tarnish the crown, but that's all.” -- **Lady Colin**, veteran palace journalist



“Deep down inside, I knew I'd be back. I knew I would because I love the game so much.”
-- **Monica Seles**

“I beheld hundreds of thousands of black men gathering in a crowd that ultimately stretched from the Capitol back towards the Washington Monument...” -- **Glenn C. Loury**, writer from the *New Republic* while at the Million Man March.



“I wanted my son to see his daddy play. I'm kicking myself for not coming back sooner.”
-- **Magic Johnson**, on his return to the NBA.



- Trends -



After Rachel from "Friends" sported the new improved "shag" it became the popular hairdo in '96.



Teens across the nation turned to Tommy Hilfiger apparel making it "the" style in '96.



Disco Returns! A nouveau-retro style came into fashion with styles of the '60s and '70's returning.



"This is the true story of seven strangers picked to live in a house to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real -- 'The Real World.'"

-- MTV hosted a reunion for the four casts of the show, "The Real World."



"Politics has gotten mean-spirited. We shout now; we don't listen. Yet the ability to listen is critical to the legislative process, to governing well." -- Senator Bill Bradley, on his decision not to seek re-election.

"The anthology proves once again that no one compares to the Beatles." -- Ed Morneau, noted Beatles' fan.



On June 27, 1996 the West Orange High School Class of 1996 graduated.

"How do you say goodbye to your partner? The last Sergei saw was Katia in her landing position, which is everything they had worked for since they were children in Moscow." -- **Rosalynn Sumners**, a fellow skater about the sudden death of Sergei Grinkov.

"She believed in the good inherent in all people. She believed she was safe in Israel and no one could dissuade her from that belief." -- **Stephen Flatow**, father of Alisa Flatow. Alisa, a West Orange resident, died April 9, 1995 during a bombing on the Gaza Strip.



"It surpasses everything we have on record. This was historic." -- **John Williamson**, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, West Orange received a record-setting 74.8 inches of snow in the '95-'96 season.



"Our message is not Government shutdown. Our message is to balance the budget." -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole



Senior Class officers Jay Schwartz, Alyson Berowitz, Brian Lieberman, Stephanie Walczak, and their advisors, Ms. D and Prendo.



"What can I say?" Aneesha Martin knows that being a senior is 'all that'! No further explanation is necessary.



“
The class of '96 was tops in spirit! They bought the most senior shirts and were active all year.
- Prendo

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“
The seniors of '96 were fun! From the start they shared a cohesiveness that I have not seen in years!!
- Ms. D

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SENIORS

Whether expressing our spirit, or voicing our opinions, as a class, we consistently proved ourselves to be quite vocal. The response at the pep rally, the prom, and every senior activity in between, showed that as seniors we were rarely silent. There was a universal feeling that being a senior was definitely worth shouting about. It is no wonder that we set the all-time record for number of senior shirts sold. In the spirit of our outspoken nature, we asked the seniors profiled in this section to tell their own stories, since they certainly had . . .

Something
to say





SHIBU ABRAHAM

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in the person's determination.

— Tommy Lasorda



CARRIE ABRAMS

Life is a constant lesson . . . will I ever learn?



ANTHONY ACQUADRO



Ritesh Lakhan



SHAUN ADAMS

So long band-aid breath!

— The Monster Squad



DOMINIC ALLEGRINO

Rise up to the challenge of our rivals.



YAMILE ALVAREZ

We too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people.
— Ravel Howe



TARA AMELI



Yvette Batson



MOISES ARCEO

There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone.



**AIZZA EUFROCINA
A. ARCILLA**

What lies behind us and
What lies before us are
Tiny matters compared to
What lies within us.

— Emerson



KARINA ARDON



ELISE NICOLE ARTHUR

With dreams like these, who needs reality?



DANIELLE AULETTA

The paper may crumble, the ink may fade, but never the friendships we have made.



CHRISTIAN AYALA

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

— John 3:16



FARID BALAZADEH

If you believe it, you can achieve it.



GUSTAVO MELO BARBOSA

Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights. Get up, stand up, don't give up the fight.

— Bob Marley

Tommy Donaldson and Rachna Dewan





ROBERTO BARRETO

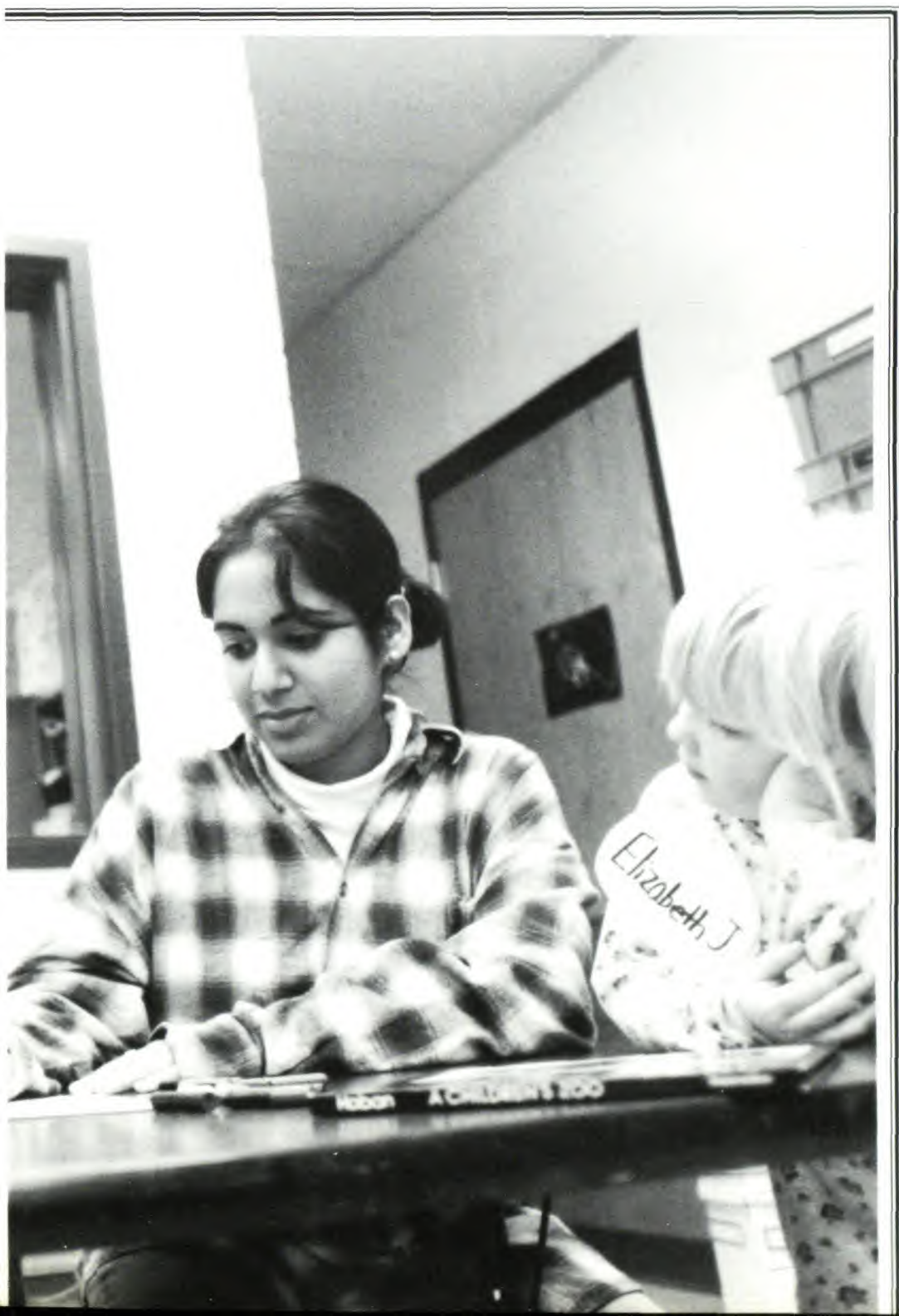


YVETTE BATSON



HIWET BEKELE

Truth will come to light..in the end the truth will out.
— William Shakespeare



DAVID BENAKSAS

All you need in life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure.

— Mark Twain



FABIOLA BERNALES



Boris Ioshpa



ALYSON BEROWITZ

Follow the yellow brick road, but always be prepared for a detour.

— The Wizard of Oz



STEVE BERREBI

Throughout life, you're constantly moving. This means that you're always looking for a new box.

— Jerry Seinfeld



ROB BERTRAND

Don't dream it — be it . . .
— "Rocky Horror Picture Show"



MARINA BEYNIN

One cannot have wisdom without living life.
— Dorothy McCall



BAUNDAUNA BOSE

Knowledge is power.
— Thomas Hobbes



JESSICA BOZZELLI

In order that she may be able to give her hand with dignity, she must be able to stand alone.

— Margaret Fuller



CARMEN V. BRANAS

The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.



GARY BRAUN, JR.

I'm much too young to feel this Damn Olde.

— Garth Brooks



En Garde!

by Erika Illyes

Ever since my childhood, I have been involved with fencing in one way or another. My mother has been fencing since she was seven years old and was the national champion of Romania prior to my family's immigration to the United States. As a child I attended numerous fencing competitions and practices, and I can remember how awed I was by the entire atmosphere of the "fencing world." My first memory of this world occurred when I was five. I went to New York City to watch my mother fence at one of the United States Fencing Association's national competitions. It was one of the largest competitions I had ever attended; I had never before seen what seemed like 500 people in proper fencing attire gathered in one place. That experience left an indelible impression on my young mind.

It was not until my freshman year in high school that the opportunity to fulfill my fencing dream arose. When I enrolled in a local public high school, Columbia, I quickly discovered the fairly popular fencing team. We practiced diligently from three p.m. until six p.m. preparing for the high school competitions. That fall, I competed for the first time. We arrived at seven in the morning, an hour and a half before the competition. The adrenaline rush I felt that day made me feel invincible; I was ready to win. Standing on the strip in my mask, plastron, jacket, lame, knickers, white socks, fencing sneakers, and glove, I faced my opponent, weapon in hand. I saluted my opponent, the director, and the audience, and the bout began. Unlike other sports, fencing is both physical and mental. One cannot have a set plan because, as Newton's third law states, for each action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Since there are 75 possible reactions, I had to be prepared to anticipate the move that would set my opponent up for the kill. Remembering to be aggressive and to keep my movements small, I tried not to give away my intentions. After accumulating five touches on my opponent, I won my first bout 5-2. By the end of my freshman year, I had made the fifth spot on the varsity team. At the end of the following season, I moved up to the third spot, but I missed qualifying for Junior Olympics by an eighth of a point.

For the remainder of my high school career, which concluded at West Orange High School, I fenced whenever I got the opportunity. Since I hoped to fence in college, I planned to pick a school with a respectable fencing team.





Liz Morison



BETH BROMBERG

Always be yourself, for you shouldn't know how to be anyone else. Always believe in yourself, for there won't always be someone to believe in you.



GREGORY J. BULLOCK

How to avoid criticism: Say nothing; do nothing; be nothing.

— Rob Gilbert, Ph.D.



ALAYTHIA C. BURKINS

I am not the woman I want to be . . . yet, but I'm not the person I used to be, either.

— Unknown



CARLOS BURNSIDE

You're a short time here, but a long time gone. Live and love a little.



NICHOLAS P. BUTCH

I admit that twice two makes four is an excellent thing, but if we are to give everything its due, twice two makes five is sometimes a very charming thing, too.

— F. Dostoyevsky,
Notes from Underground



FERNANDO CABANCHICK



ROBERT P. CACCHIOLA

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.

— Benjamin Disraeli



SUSAN CAFONE

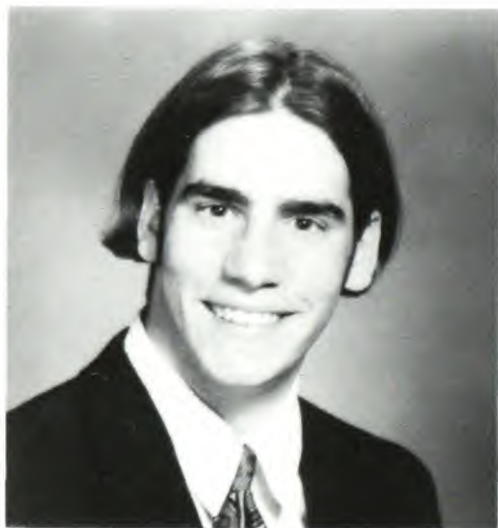
I just died in your arms tonight. It must have been something you said. I should've walked away. I should've walked away.



COLETTE CANFIELD

Think with your head, not with your heart.

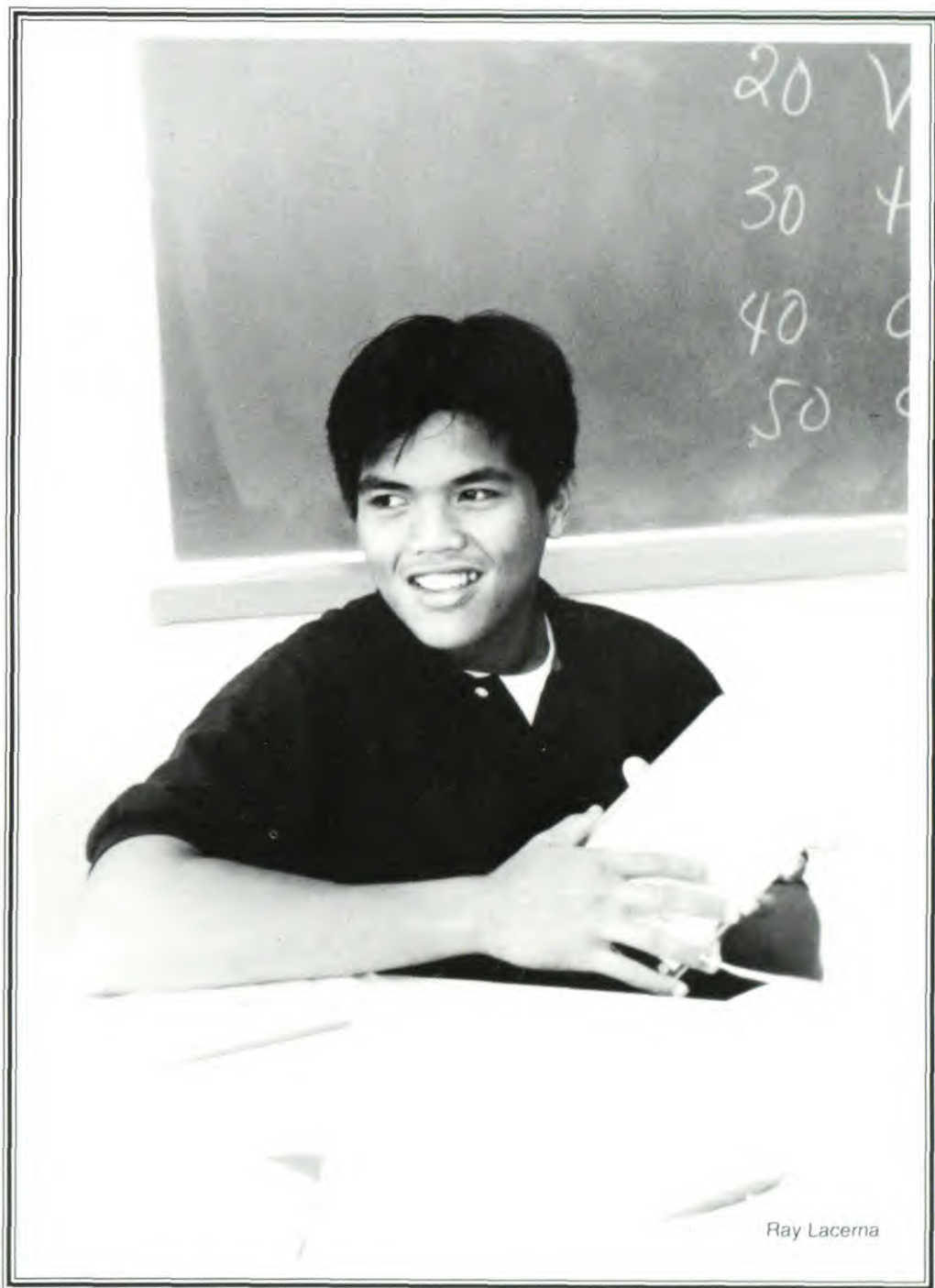
— S.T.



IAN CARAVELA

In a simple way — Though I be so wrong — Though I turn away — I know where I belong — And the Son will shine — And the reign won't fall — And I know inside — How he loves us all.

— Poor old lu



Ray Lacerna



COURTNEY ANNE CARROLL

I sometimes think too much but say nothing at all.
— Del Amitri



CHRISTY CARUSO

Do not walk behind me, I may not lead. Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow. Walk beside me so that we may be as one.

— Ute



VERONICA CASTILLO

Fashion is architecture; it is a matter of proportions.
— Coco Chanel



ALBERT CASTRO

How can somebody be so skinny and live so phat!!
— Beastie Boys



GIACOMO CATALANO

Being young only comes once in life. The trick is to make it last as long as you can.



**ALEJANDRA
VERONICA CHAGAS**

There are those for whom patterns are set. There are those who choose to follow set patterns. And then there are we who make our own patterns.

So Much
To Learn,
*So Little
Time!*



" $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, and I still don't know what it means."

— Walter Imbert



LAVINA CHAN

Good friends we had, or good friends we lost along the way. In this bright future, you can't forget your past, so dry your tears I say.

— Bob Marley



GRACE Y. CHAN

Every morning, we face the world knowing there's no place to hide.

— Joe Perry



Chris Colino



"ALWAYS tie your hair back before getting it ripped out by a metal buffing machine in Lapidary class."

— Florence Roggemann



"The eyes believe themselves; the ears believe other people."

— Martha Shafo



" $E=mc^2$ "

— Leo Fitzpatrick





CHERYLIN CHANG

All I want is a little more than I'll ever get.
— Ashleigh Brilliant



SAMUEL CHELNIK

A drowning man will grab the blade of a sword.
— Yiddish Proverb



DAVID CHEN

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

Jennifer Ehrlich





ANDREA L. CHRISTOPHER

Anyone without a sense of humor is at the mercy of everyone else.

— Unknown



LILLY CHU

I feel that I have on the whole conducted myself with the utmost decorum.

— Fran Lebowitz



LISA CHURCH

Success is like a kiss, you can't enjoy it unless you share it.

— Bernard Meltzer

Michelle Kopitman



ERIC CHUVÉN

I may have my faults, but being wrong ain't one of them!

— Jimmy Hoffa



JESSICA MARIE CICALEASE

If you have friends and you know them well, then your secrets you do not tell; for if your friends become your foes, then your secrets the world will know.

— Blood Oath



ON THE BEAT

by Shaheer Williams

My career as a disc jockey started off by listening to music and watching people dance. These things drove me to get involved in the music industry. I became a producer, a disc jockey, and an audio technician while creating my own music. Since I made music for various artists, I devoted at least five to eight hours each day to my work.

Ever since I was seven, I have been a disc jockey, and I have been a producer since I was 14. My many performances as a disc jockey have taken me to New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and overseas at various clubs. I have traveled to Canada, England, Italy, and Germany to perform. During my senior year, I had the opportunity to go to Spain, Iceland, and Japan. One of the highlights of my career occurred when New Jersey's Random Access Battle of the DJs, an annual contest, rated me first place two years in a row. After an audition I was judged on my style, my originality, and my overall "mixed abilities."

As a disc jockey, I was influenced by my family members and friends in the music industry. Tony Humphries, a DJ on Hot 97 FM, had an impact on my development. My interest in producing was sparked by two close friends, Derek Jenkins and Dawayne Richardson, producers from Atlantic Records, whom I met through a job at Movin' Records in East Orange. Also, Little Louie Vega of Masters at Work Productions, a dance music company based in New York, influenced my style.

I entered the music business primarily because I love music. The sounds and rhythms have always fascinated me. In order to be successful, I had to pay close attention to the mood of the crowd, and I always had to be able to think on my feet. Hard work and commitment to my art have helped me a lot.

I owe a lot to my manager because he was the key to planning shows. He also prevented me from getting ripped off by promoters, which allowed me to earn more money. As a result of my manager's work, I performed every weekend for about six hours.

I have already started reaching my goals with the establishment of two companies, Front Room Management and Back Room Music Productions. I have also started Flatline Records, and I hope to open a dance club. If I put my mind to it, anything is possible.



ROSEMARY CICERONE

I try to work hard and put in my time, then contribute when the opportunity comes. When you get a chance, you have to take advantage. I don't consider myself a substitute, I'm a player.

— Tate George



ROSE COBA

Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.

— Magdaline Bridges



JOSHUA COHEN

Anger . . . fear . . . aggression. The darkside of the force are they . . . Once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny.

— Yoda ("The Empire Strikes Back")



MIRIAM B. COHEN

The past is gone, the future yet unborn, but right here and now, is where it all goes on.

— The Beastie Boys



SERGIO COLICHESKI

As long as the world is round, there is nothing on the level.



Gillian Columbus



CHRISTIAN COLINO



RAMON COLON



NICOLE CUMBO

Remember the good times and not the bad.
Live for the future and not the past.





GILLIAN GWYNNE COLUMBUS

Our hopes, like towering falcons, aim at objects in an airy height; the little pleasure in the game is from afar to view the fright.

— Matthew Prior



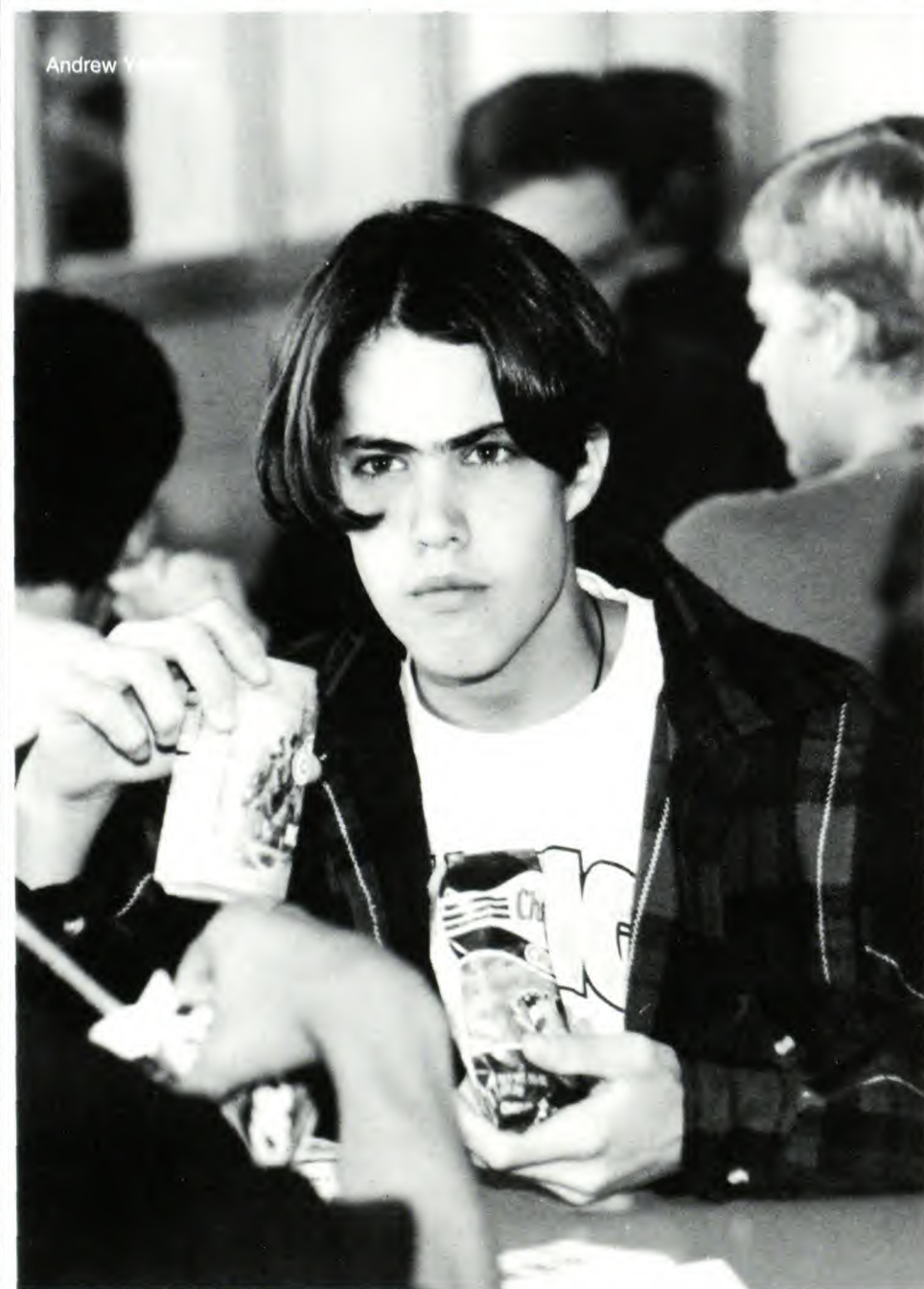
HARRY H. CONAY IV

Semper Fi, do or die.

— U.S.M.C.



JASON CONNOLLY



JOHN CONSIDINE

The Devils win the cup. The Devils win the cup. Oh my God, the Devils win the cup.



JENNIFER D'ALESSIO

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.



DIANE D'ALOIA



CHRISTINA MARIE DAHL

He who forgets shall be destined to remember.



CAROL DARWICHE

It's the good girls who keep the diaries. The bad girls never have the time.

— Tallulah Bankhead



JAIME DAVIDSON



ADRIAN DE ROSA

As you ramble through life, whatever be your goal, keep your eye upon the doughnut and not upon the hole.



Georgia Desilus





RAYMOND JAMES DE CARLO

And just a little more.

— MP



GEORGIA DESILUS

There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group. There is less competition there.

— Indira Gandhi



RACHNA DEWAN

You see things, and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were, and I say "Why not?"

— George Bernard Shaw

Behind the Wheel

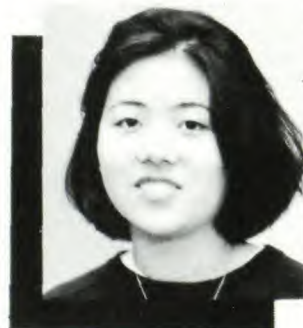


"I missed two consecutive toll baskets on the Garden State Parkway."

— Nick Butch

"While driving through a storm, I hydroplaned onto the Conforti Avenue soccer field. I got stuck and had to wait an hour until I got towed out."

— Josh Spector



"I was driving my parents' mini-van and it began to down-pour. The rain started dripping through the top of the windshield and I got a free bath."

— Julie Suh



**JACQUELINE
SUSAN DI BIASI**

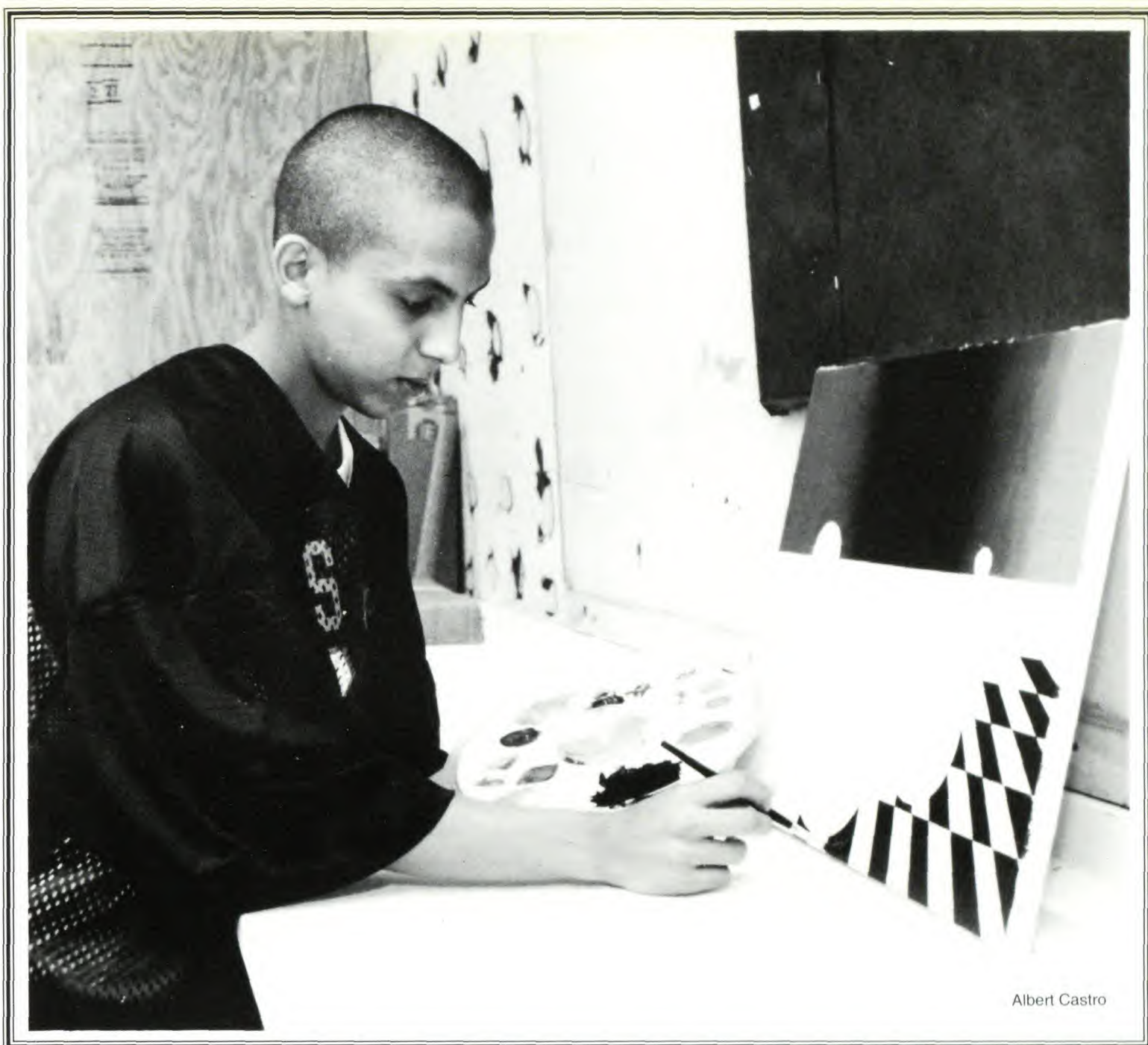
Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.



MARK P. DILLON

Ain't going down 'til the sun comes up, because I've got friends in low places.

—Garth Brooks



Albert Castro



PATRICK DILLON



ANDREW DINNERSTEIN

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

— Mark Twain



VIOLET LINDA DI-SENA

Don't judge a book by its cover.





Adam Tekel and Hope Pashalidis



JENNIFER D. DIZON

The most certain way to succeed is always to try one more time.

— Thomas Edison



MANDI PAGE DOBRIN

When one door of happiness closes, another door opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.



THOMAS JOHN DONALDSON

They called him tortoise because he taught us.
— Lewis Carroll



SARADGINE DORVILIER

It is wise to keep in mind that no success or failure is necessarily final.



LEIGH DOUGLAS

While most people are in dreamland — many stars shine brightly at night.

— Deee-Lite



DENA EBEN

Now — now I must say something more than words,
More dappled than color,
Something more musical than rhythm or rhyme,
Something a million people haven't already said.



SHAKIRAH M. EDNEY-MUHAMMAD

Dream great dreams. If you can conceive it and believe it, then you can achieve it! Today is the first day of the rest of our lives and every day in every way we are getting better and better.



JENNIFER ROBIN EHRLICH

Have you seen my childhood?

— Michael Jackson



Free Wheelin'

by Colleen Roche

Racing competitively on a track and field team never crossed my mind while I was growing up. However, when I reached high school, I became a member of the best all-around junior wheelchair sports team in the nation, appropriately named the Lightning Wheels.

In 1993, while recovering from surgery, my doctor casually mentioned that the hospital had a successful sports team that I might be interested in joining. I thought about it that summer and came to the conclusion that it would be an opportunity to actively participate in organized sports, rather than just watch them.

The team consisted of nearly 20 members, ranging from age seven to age 17, with various physical disabilities. As a team, we practiced once a week at Roselle Park High School for about an hour and a half. In addition, I also practiced at a local track at least once or twice a week, to improve my strength, endurance, and technique for upcoming meets throughout the season. Our season was full of various kinds of meets, including invitationals, sanctioned meets, regionals, states, and even nationals. These meets, for the most part, were very competitive and really a lot of fun. Whether preparing for a race or waiting to throw, there was always someone to cheer on or to talk to. It was also a great feeling when those same people I was just cheering for cheered me on when I crossed the finish line to win my race.

Overall, I love the atmosphere of being part of a team. I've made many new friends by traveling with the team throughout the tri-state area. I learned that no matter what physical capabilities a person has, there is an area of sports in which all of us can succeed.

For myself, one of the most rewarding experiences I have had with the team was the opportunity to compete in a national competition in Florida. Not only did I get to experience my first plane ride, but I also won numerous medals. This particular event was a wonderfully exciting way to culminate the season, and it made every minute of practice worthwhile.

As I completed high school and moved on to college, I hoped to continue to develop my athletic abilities in order to pursue my interest in wheelchair sports as a recreational activity throughout my life. Maybe I'll even try my hand at competitive racing on the adult circuit.





GARRIEL ELGIN

No matter how hard life seems, never give up. Refuse to lose!



EDWARD ENGINGER

Dream as if you'll live forever; love as if you'll die tomorrow.

James Dean



Mike Companion



GINA ERIAN

Been to yesterdays.
Lived through todays.
Looking on towards tomorrows ...
The calendar turns a page.
— Lee Bennett Hopkins



LILYETTE ANNE ESTANISLAO

... That is the best — to laugh with someone because you both think the same things are funny.
— Gloria Vanderbilt



TAMIYA EURE

Greatness knows itself!



PATRICIA-LYNNE FARLEY

Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get.

— Forrest Gump



JOHN FARRIS

Haven't you heard of the healing power of laughter?

— Joker



KAREN FASANO

If you keep growing and changing,
Life is an endless voyage of discovery.
The surprises never stop.
All that runs out is time.

— Erica Jong



DENNIS FASULO

When worst comes to worst, my peoples comes first.

— Mobb Deep



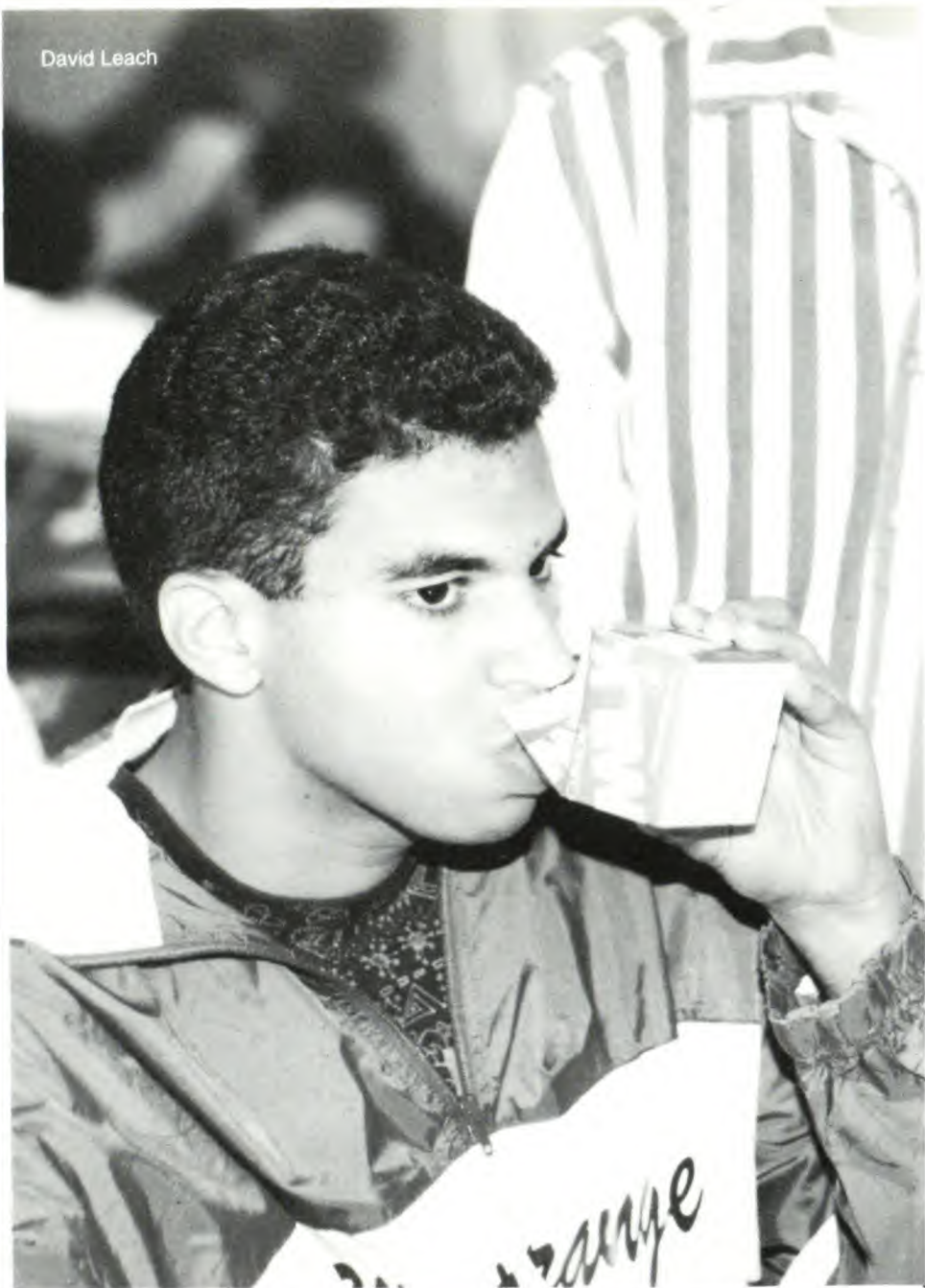
LISA ANN FERRARA

Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars.

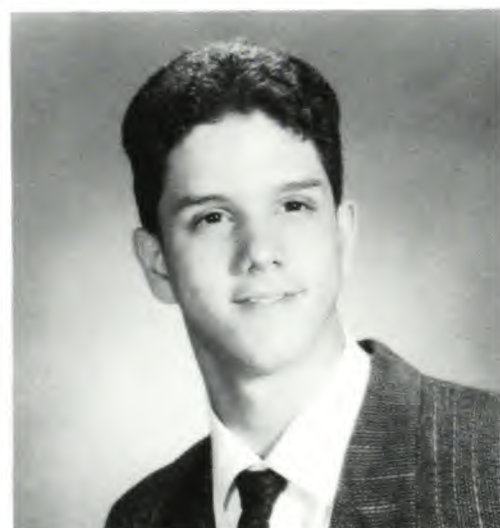
— Casey Kasum



David Leach



JENNIFER FLETCHER



GEORGE L. FORTIER III

The artist belongs to his work, not the work to the artist.



MARIE GRETHA FRANCOIS

Don't be just another member of society; be a living example of your dreams and goals.



RENAE FREGANS

I'm not giving in to superiority under pressure, I'm not giving up on the promise of adventure, I'm not giving out on implausible dreams. Experience to extremes . . . experience to extremes!

— Rush



GREGORY GALE
(W. SMITH-WATERS)

By analyzing the positive aspects of their rich, African heritage, black people in the diaspora can correct some of the myths and falsehoods perpetuated over centuries.

— L.S. Strachan



AMBIKA GANESH

Someday we shall recall these trials with pleasure.
— "Aeneid"



GABRIELA GARCES



ALBERT GARCIA



AUBREY LYNN GARRISON

Too much noticing, and I was too self-conscious to live.

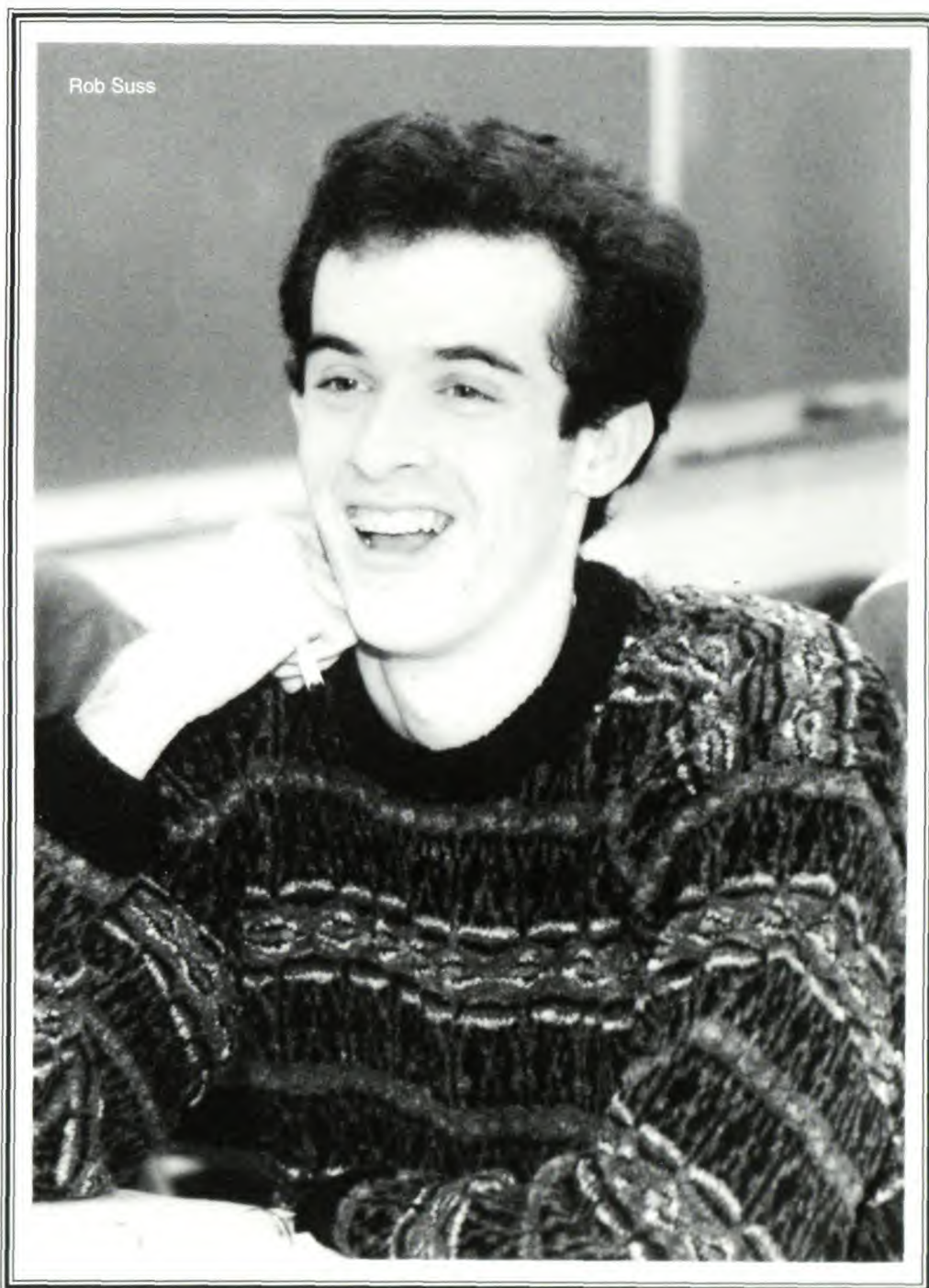
— Annie Dillard



MICHAEL GELLER

For long you live and how you fly, smiles you give
and tears you cry, for all you touch and all you see,
is all your life will ever be.

— Pink Floyd



Rob Suss



TV36 to MBC

by Liz Lee

The summer of 1995 was the most memorable and valuable summer of my life. That summer, I had the opportunity to work as an intern for a major TV network, MunHwa Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), in Korea. I worked for seven weeks as a stage manager on a program that's equivalent to "Star Search" here in America. This was a new show at MBC, so there was a lot of work, from brainstorming extra ideas to selecting the contestants for each show. I organized the contestants in the dressing room before taping, directed simple outdoor shoots, interviewed possible contestants, and edited clips from raw footage from outdoor shoots. There was so much work to be done that on most days I worked past 9 p.m. Sometimes I worked on Sundays, and occasionally the staff pulled an all-nighter.

I had been interested in TV broadcasting since I was in third grade after I visited a TV studio in Korea, coincidentally the same one where I interned. I never got a chance to experience anything in this field until my junior year, when I joined the Broadcast Journalism class and WOHS TV 36. Not only did the class teach me the technical aspects of broadcasting, it also helped me to learn about leadership and effective teamwork. When I got the acceptance for the internship at MBC, although I was nervous, I had confidence because of my work with TV36.

Fortunately, I speak Korean fluently, so I had no difficulty communicating with the people in Korea. Despite the minor inconveniences that arose from a hectic commute in Seoul, I had no problem adapting to the busy city. I became much more independent.

During the seven weeks I worked at MBC, I had to get to the office by 10 a.m. because the staff had a casual meeting almost every morning. Saturday mornings we had a quick reading of the script for the hosts of the show, and Mondays we taped the show. I observed the angles of the cameras, the segments of the show, and the monitors from the control room. Starting on Monday night or Tuesday morning, the editing of the show began. It was fascinating to watch scenes and clips that I had edited for the final edit tape when the show aired.

The seven weeks passed too quickly; I hoped to work a little longer. The internship at MBC allowed me to experience the professional world of TV broadcasting, strengthened my passion and enthusiasm towards producing, and confirmed my decision to major in TV Production in college in order to become a hardworking producer.



JOHN GIBSON

The man who thinks he can, and the man who thinks he can't, are both right.



GREGORY COLIN GILMAN

Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.

— The Measure of Man



JOSHUA M. GOLDFARB

Today is yesterday's future.



JOSH S. GOLDFARB

People say that your music is loud, and destructive, and lethal to mice, but I think you're the Beethovens of our time.

— Mr. McGree ("Rock'n'Roll High School")



TRACIE GOLDMAN

Solitude: A good place to visit, but a poor place to stay.

— Josh Billings



CHRISTINE GOODMAN

Everybody hurts sometimes.

— REM



NOAH S. GOTTESMAN

If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself.
If we are weak, words will be no help.

— John F. Kennedy



MAE LAURENA GRANDUSKY

It's not what is happening around you. It's not what is happening to you. What really matters is what's happening INSIDE you!!

— Dr. Gilbert Ph.D.

Jen Dizon





CHRISTINE GRANZ

Climb every mountain; ford every stream. Follow every rainbow — 'til you find your dream.
— "The Sound of Music"



KYESHA GRIMES



ALEXANDER GRUSKIN

I wanna find out how bad the losers feel, you know I take special pleasure in that.
— Howard Stern



MARITZA GUAYARA

When I'm good, I'm very, very good, but when I'm bad I'm better.
— I'm no Angel



PASQUALIPO GUERRIERO

Pawel Cholewicki



TONY GUTHRIE

One meets his destiny often in a road he tries to avoid.

— French Proverb



SIGNE HANSEN

Yeaah, it's hard to be a nisse.

— De Wattergale



ROBERT HART



I'm so hungry, I could eat . . .



"SNICKERS, 'cause it really satisfies."

— Rose Coba

"Shrimp and scallops in garlic sauce on fettucine with a little parmesan cheese."

— David Leach



"The tasty baked beans our school cafeteria makes."

— Veronica Castillo

"Bahama-Mama flavor Vita Pups."

— Rob Suss



MARK HEFTER

I put all my hope in tomorrow,
It's gonna be great I can tell,
But anyway. I see a new day dawning,
I like to sleep late, oh well,
But anyway. — Blues Traveler



CHASON HEINS



KEITH L. HEINZ

Let's don't wait 'til the water runs dry, we might
watch our whole lives pass us by.

— Boyz II Men (II)



KEVIN D. HIGGS

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

— Bill Cosby



RASHAD A. HOBSON

Hustling is the key to success.

— Fat Joe 95



Haleem Robinson



MAE L. HUNG

Never explain — your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe it anyway.

— Kraft



ERIKA A. ILLYES

What we call the beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.

— T.S. Eliot



WALTER A. IMBERT

It's not what you know in life, it's who you know.

— The S. Boys





BORIS IOSHPA

We're on a road to nowhere, come on inside taking that ride to nowhere, we'll take that ride feeling o.k. this morning, and you know we're on a road to paradise and we go . . . We're On A Road To Nowhere.
— T.H.



KIMBERLY IPPOLITO

Life is pure adventure, and the sooner we realize that, the quicker we will be able to treat it as art.
— Maya Angelou



JOE JACOB

When you leave this earth be sure to take your hat, coat, wings & cigars.



SEENA JACOB

Time can work for you and against you, depending on how you use it.
— David Ben Gurion



SHANTAL JAIKARAN

Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime. We'll take the best, forget the rest, and someday we'll find, these are the best of times.

Suhrtha Telesphore and Tezzita Melaku





SIMON JANG

Believe me, the secret of the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment of existence is: To live dangerously.

— Friedrich Nietzsche



SUNITHA SARA JOHN

When Humans stop moving their lips, their minds start working.

— Douglas Adams



JOANNA KAPLOWITZ

Dear God, make me a bird, so I can fly far — far, far away from here.

— Jenny ("Forrest Gump")



BRYAN KATZ

When I get the ball you're at mercy of whatever I want to do.

— Michael Jordan



TOINETTE KING

I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely, miserably, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

— Agatha Christie



Sunitha John



JOSHUA KLEEFELD

Humorists always sit at the children's table.
— Woody Allen



DANIEL T. KLIMEK JR.

Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run, there's still time to change the road you're on.

— Led Zeppelin



KIMBERLY KLITTICH

In an age of greys,
when wrong won't become right,
Let's lift the haze
and scale the heights.

— Harry Connick Jr.



MICHELLE KOPITMAN

I slept and dreamed that life was Beauty;
I woke and found that life was Duty.

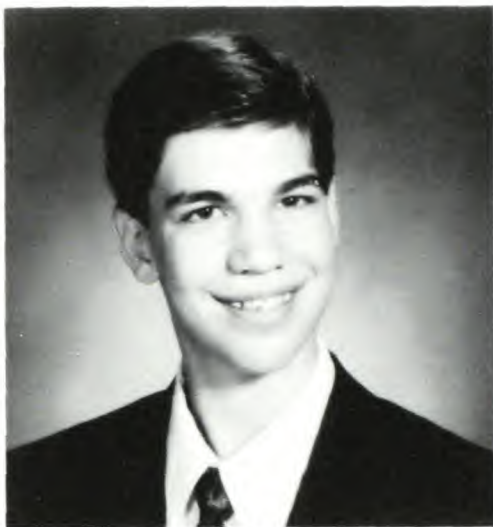
— Ellen Sturgis Hooper



STACY KRAMER

Time rolls on, people touch, and then they're gone.
We laughed until we had to cry, and we loved right
down to our last good-bye.

— St. Elmo's Fire



SCOTT KUPCHIK

Footprints in the sands of time are not made by sitting down.



MATT KUTNER

Don't ask questions when you know I am the shazz!
— House of Pain



RICHARD KWON



Serving With Pride

by Margarita Shmoys

In the summer of 1995, I decided to participate in Volunteers For Israel. This program was set up for teens who were going to be seniors the following year. The program lasted six weeks and included three weeks in the army and three weeks of traveling.

I first heard about this program from one of the social workers who works at the Jewish Community Center. This particular program interested me because I felt it was especially important for me to experience life in the Israeli Army and to see the beautiful land, which I had heard about from different people.

The army required two weeks of doing kitchen duty, working with cement blocks, making sand bags, and putting metal cages together with wires. The most difficult adjustment I had to make was getting used to the army lifestyle. We had to wake up at five a.m. and were given ten minutes to get dressed for an hour of exercise. At 7:30 every morning, we ate breakfast, and by 8:15 we either worked or had a drill with an M16. At night, we heard lectures about Israel and the army. Usually the lights were turned out by 10:30, but oftentimes our commanders took us out for a night activity in the desert. A free weekend was our reward for hard work.

Later that summer, I traveled to the Negev Desert, where I spent one week in actual military training. After spending three weeks in military service, it was time to tour. We traveled everywhere, from Eilat to Tiberias and spent three days in the Old City of Jerusalem, followed by one week living in the desert.

My attitude towards Israel and towards the various people who live there changed in a positive way because of this trip. I experienced life as a soldier and learned how hard and how important this job is to the state of Israel. It was obvious that their soldiers are given a lot of respect, and people appreciate them for what they do. Although the everyday lifestyle was different in every city and village, no matter where I went, everything stopped on Friday evening for Shabbat, the day of rest, and there were no cars driving on the street. All night I heard people singing and dancing, and this made me proud of my heritage.

In the future, I hope to go back to Israel to study and to serve the nation of Israel in the army. Ultimately, I would like to live the rest of my life in Israel.



RAYMOND LACERNA

Nobody likes you, everybody hates you, but if you're gonna lose, smile you . . .

— Bruce Willis ("The Last Boy Scout")



RONI JONATHAN LAGIN

This is the End, Beautiful friend . . .
And all God's children are insane . . .
Waiting for the summer rain.

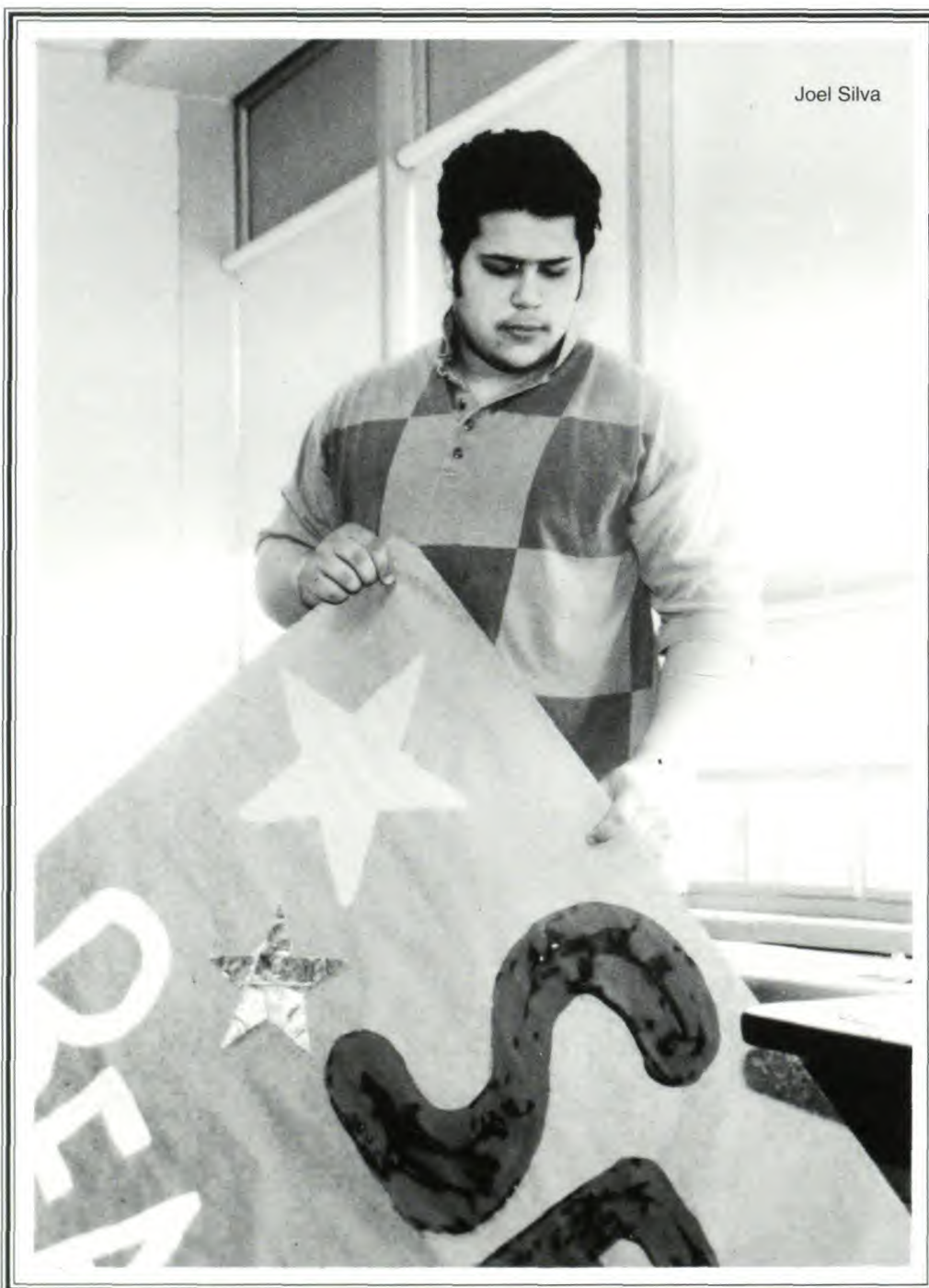
— Jim Morrison



RITESH LAKHAN

The man who treasures his friends is usually solid gold himself.

— Marjorie Holmes

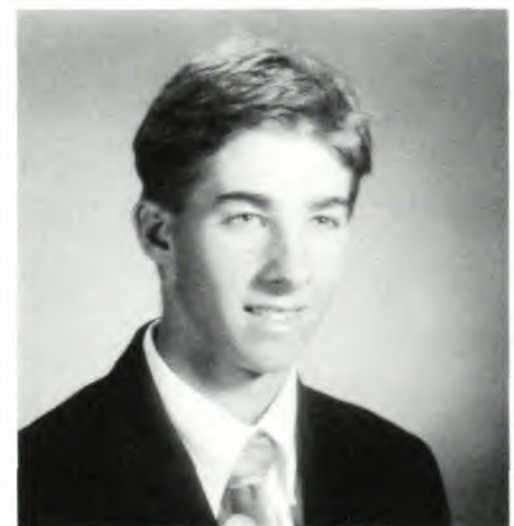


Joel Silva



HOLLY LARSEN

All this is over now!



KRISTOPHER M. LAUTERBACH

They wouldn't keep score if the object isn't to win.

— Rev. Graham Spurrier



JESSICA LAVOLPE

Her losses make our gains ashamed — she bores
life's empty pack as gallantly as if the east were
swinging at her back as every porter — knows in
vain to punish Honey, it only sweeter grows.

— Emily Dickinson



DANTE LAVORATO

Duece-Duece, I'm out.

— The Crew



STEPHANIE LAZAREK



DAVID N. LEACH

It's all good!!

— Notorious B.I.G.



ELIZABETH LEE

To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the
night and day, thou canst not then be false to any
man.

— Hamlet



Sebastian Patane





LINDA LEE

A cigarette is the perfect type of pleasure. It is exquisite, and it leaves one unsatisfied. What more can one want?

— Oscar Wilde



MICHELLE LAN LEE

We have to lose our minds to come to our senses.

— Dr. Frederick S. Perls



MATTHEW LEVINE

His struggle is man's struggle . . . he's a loathsome offensive brute, yet I can not look away.

— Seinfeld

Giacomo Catalano





BRIAN LIEBERMAN

Shades of grey wherever I go, the more I find out the less that I know. Black and white is how it should be, but shades of grey are the colors I see.

— Billy Joel



LAUREN LJUBICICH

Indeed, friendship is more necessary to the happy than to the unhappy; for happiness is multiplied by being shared.

— Will Durant



LEONARDO LOAIZA



RAMEVEL GARCIA LONGINOS

What is a friend?
I will tell you.
It is a person with whom you
Dare to be yourself.

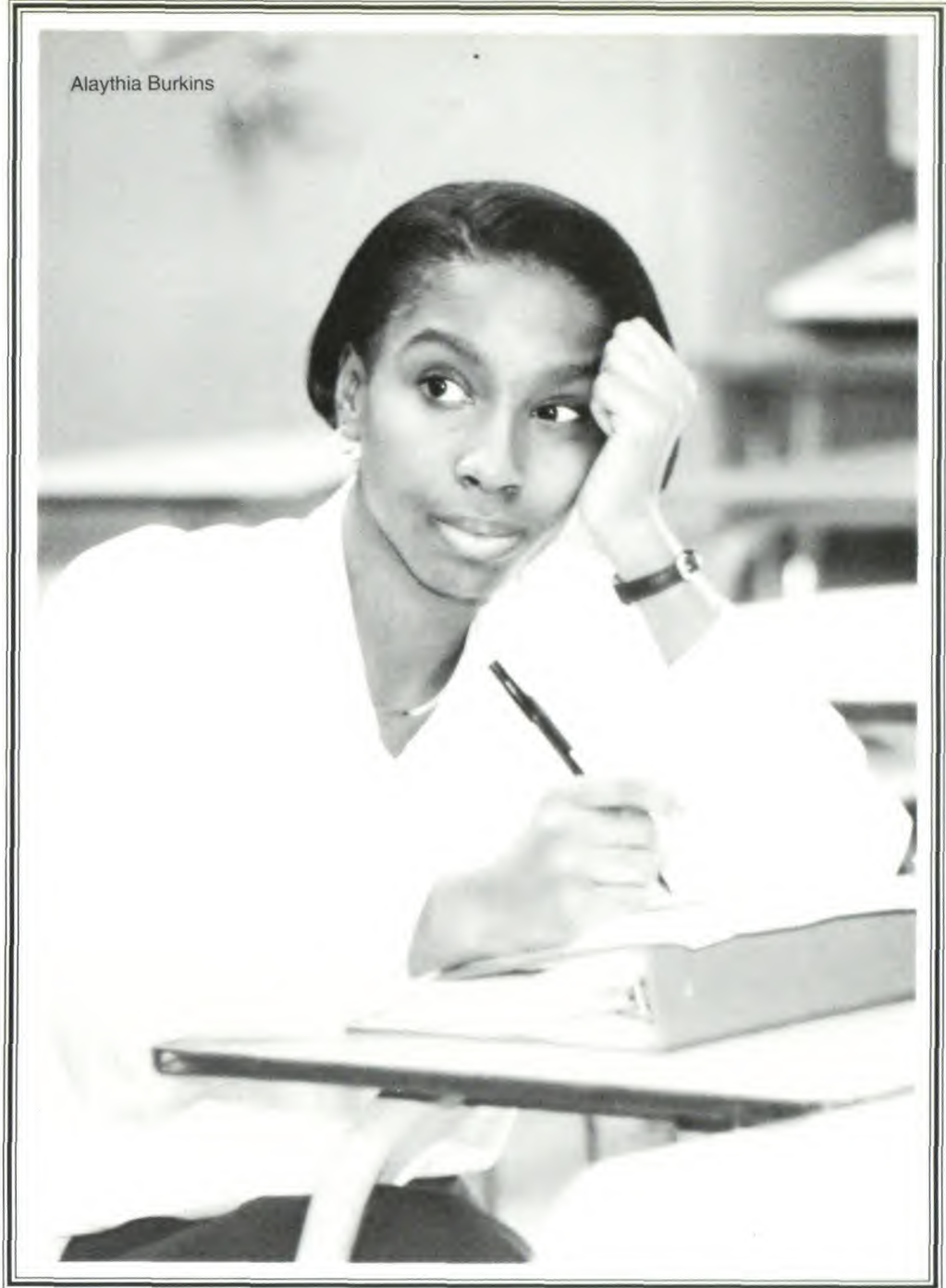
— Frank Crane



MARIA LOPEZ

Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, help to make Earth happy, like the heaven above.

— Julia Carney



Alaythia Burkins



KEEYA LUCAS

Hearing the Call

by Monique Perry

For most students it may have been just another morning announcement made by our former assistant principal over the loudspeaker. On the contrary, it became a calling for me. Mr. Mirandi requested that anyone who wanted to be part of The Essex County Prosecutor's Youth Advisory Board should see him by the end of the day. To my surprise only three people responded, but only one person was needed. Fortunately, I was the lucky one whose name was pulled out of the hat!

In 1993, I joined the Essex County Prosecutor's Youth Advisory Board and learned that the board was an organization designed for the youth of various towns in Essex County to voice their opinions, complaints, and suggestions to the prosecutor. At my first meeting, we discussed violence in the schools. I listened to people who spoke passionately of how they were required to walk through metal detectors everyday, while others stated that they had witnessed little violence in their communities. I came to understand that I could not assume that one town had fewer problems than another just because its streets and houses looked nicer.

Every Thursday for two years, I attended a two and a half hour meeting. Each time it was held at a different location in Essex County. Participating in heated discussions allowed me to regularly express my beliefs and experiences concerning issues ranging from teenage drug use to police brutality. In October of 1995, I attended a conference at which teenagers from throughout New Jersey, lawmakers, council members, mayors, and school principals were invited to ask questions and to hear the board speak on selected panels. My fellow board members and I studied and discussed the issues of racism, teenage pregnancy, and teenage violence for two months to prepare for this conference, which was designed to promote self-respect.

The other members of the Youth Advisory Board learned a little of what I believe, and of what I thought it was like at WOHS. The descriptive details and emotions that emanated from many discussions gave me a view of what life was like in Newark, Roseland, and Bloomfield. I took this knowledge and applied it in programs with the Unity Club in our school. I hoped my involvement on the Board would help create positive change and reform in the lives of teenagers throughout New Jersey.



MARGARETHA ANN MAAK

Once in a while you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right.

— Jerry Garcia



STEVEN MAASS

I don't wanna grow up, 'cause baby if I did, I wouldn't be a Toys R Us kid.



PASKALIS MAKRIANNIS



NESTOR ALEXANDER MANCIA

*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw high,
when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*

— Ecclesiastes 12:1



ANTHONY MANDERICHIO

*And as the days drip, drip into the future, I laugh a
little louder at the times that I was with you.*

— Heavy D and the Boyz



DOMENIC MANGIARELLI



SETH MANN

*People love and die,
They dream, destroy, despair, go mad
Fulfill their destinies and live out
The course of their lives.*



Jessica Bozzelli and Suzanne Phelan





Danylle Norman



ANDREA MARANO

Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

— Eunice Kennedy Shriver



TARA MARANO

It's life's illusions I recall. I really don't know life at all.

— Judy Collins



PAUL MARCUS

You can't be what you were, so you better start being just what you are.

— "Bad Mouth" by Fugazi



PAUL-RYAN MARIANO

A day without laughter, is certainly a day wasted.

— Charlie Chaplin



ANEESEH NADIYAH MARTIN

Remember to shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll be among the stars.

— Unknown



LISA MATTHEW

If you believe in yourself and know what you want you're gonna make it happen.

— Mariah Carey



DAWN A. MAZAL

You must stand for something or you'll fall for anything.



LUSEKELO MBISA

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.

— Jesse Jackson

*When I Wish Upon a Star ****



"I wish for a perfect driving record."

— Danielle Auletta

"I wish for my mom not to ask me what happened to the progress reports that never got home."

— Fernanda Montes de Oca



"I wish to be in a Finesse Shampoo commercial."

— Gabrielle Shallberg



"I wish for HAIR."

— Albert Castro





JOHN MC DONALD



**MIKAEL ALYSHIA
MC MILLIAN**

In complete darkness we are all the same. It is our knowledge that separates us. Don't let your eyes deceive you.



USHMA MEHTA

We should take care not to make the intellect our God; it has of course powerful muscles, but no personality.

— Albert Einstein



TEZZITA TEFFENI MELAKU

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

— Erica Long



VERONIQUE C. MELENCIO

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

— Proverbs



Melissa Salinardi and Nicole Nardiello



JANET MELONE

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to play and to look up at the stars.



ERIN MERA VI

The things that count most in life are usually the things that cannot be counted.

— Bernard Meltzer



SARA FRANCES MERIN

Can't you see, I want my life to be something more than just long.

— "Pippin"



BENJAMIN R. MESSING

Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time.

— Abraham Lincoln



DONALD G. MEYERS

You know the dream is like a river, ever changin' as it flows, and a dreamer's just a vessel that must follow where it goes. Trying to learn from what's behind you and never knowin' what's in store.

— Garth Brooks





Simon Jang



SARA K. MICHAEL

People say that things are impossible when they lack the determination to try them.

— October 14, 1995 SAT I (ETS)



ZOE MICHAEL

Live for the present, not for the past.

Life is too short, living too fast.

Love is the answer, time is a foe.

Love while you can, let the loved know.



MATTHEW MILLER

You only live life once, but if you live it right, once is enough.



DANIELLE MARIE MILLS

Children are innocent and love justice, while most adults are wicked and prefer mercy.



RUTH H. MINER

What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and

To walk humbly with your God.

— Micah 6:8



CARLOS MAURICIO MOLINA

The future has not been written yet, so make it a good one.

— Carlitos Brigante



FERNANDA MONTES DE OCA

I might get older, but I'll never grow up!

— Anonymous



JOSE MONTES DE OCA

Reality can destroy the dream.

Why shouldn't the dream destroy reality?

— Algernon S. Logan



Net-Working

by Rosemary Cicerone

Not many people have the chance to enter the work world in as exciting a manner as I did. I was only 12 when I started working for the New Jersey Nets basketball team. I have to admit I was a little nervous my first season, being around guys who were six to seven feet tall. However, after my first season, I became friends with most of the players. I was even given the nickname "Baby" by Rick Mahorn of the Nets. Before I knew it, most of the other players were calling me Baby.

I worked every home game that the Nets played at the Meadowlands Arena. There are usually 41 home games in an NBA season, sometimes more if the team qualifies for the playoffs. Before each game started, I was responsible for bringing all the players' tickets to the will-call window in the lobby for their friends and family. During the game, I sat along side of the court with the team and provided players with water, their jackets, or a towel if they wanted to dry off. Being with the team for five years, I got to know what individual players wanted before the game, during the game, and after the game. For example, Kenny Anderson (#7) and Rick Mahorn (#4) always had coffee before a game, and Mahorn had to have soda during the game. Derrick Coleman (#44) had to have two towels ready for him when he came out of the game, and I learned never to bother Chris Morris (#34) if he looked like he was in a bad mood.

I liked working for the Nets because I got to know the players. In the media, players can get bad reputations, and nobody knows how they really are off the court. When the players first came into the locker room, they joked around and were usually in a good mood. When they stepped onto the court, they focused on the game. If they were winning, they were happy and laughing on the bench, but if they were losing, they were quiet.

I really enjoyed working for the Nets and being around the players. My friends said I was lucky to have this job; I have to agree with them. My job was easy and I got to hang around with a great bunch of guys. As I entered my fifth season with the Nets, I hoped to continue my job in the future. No matter where life takes me, I will always find a way to come back to see the players. Most of all, I will not forget all the people I met working there. In truth, it didn't seem like work at all.





Anthony Manderichio



DANA MONTGOMERY

I cannot sing the old songs that memories gently bring. I cannot sing the old songs because I cannot sing.

— Herbert V. Prochnoro



ELIZABETH MORISON

It's all there in front of you, but if you try too hard to see it, you'll only become confused.

— The Tao of Pooh



KENLEY MUI

Good judgement comes from experience, and experience, well, that comes from bad judgement.



SAYIWE NDAGA MULAGHA

You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise.

— Maya Angelou



YEN CARY MUNOZ

Can you go back in time, to a place in your mind, to the ones who knew a part of you that you just couldn't find?



SHAKEEMAH MURRAY

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.

— Vivian Baxter



MICHAEL MURREN



KRISTI NAERIS

It may be madness to live in a dream, it is insanity to live without one.



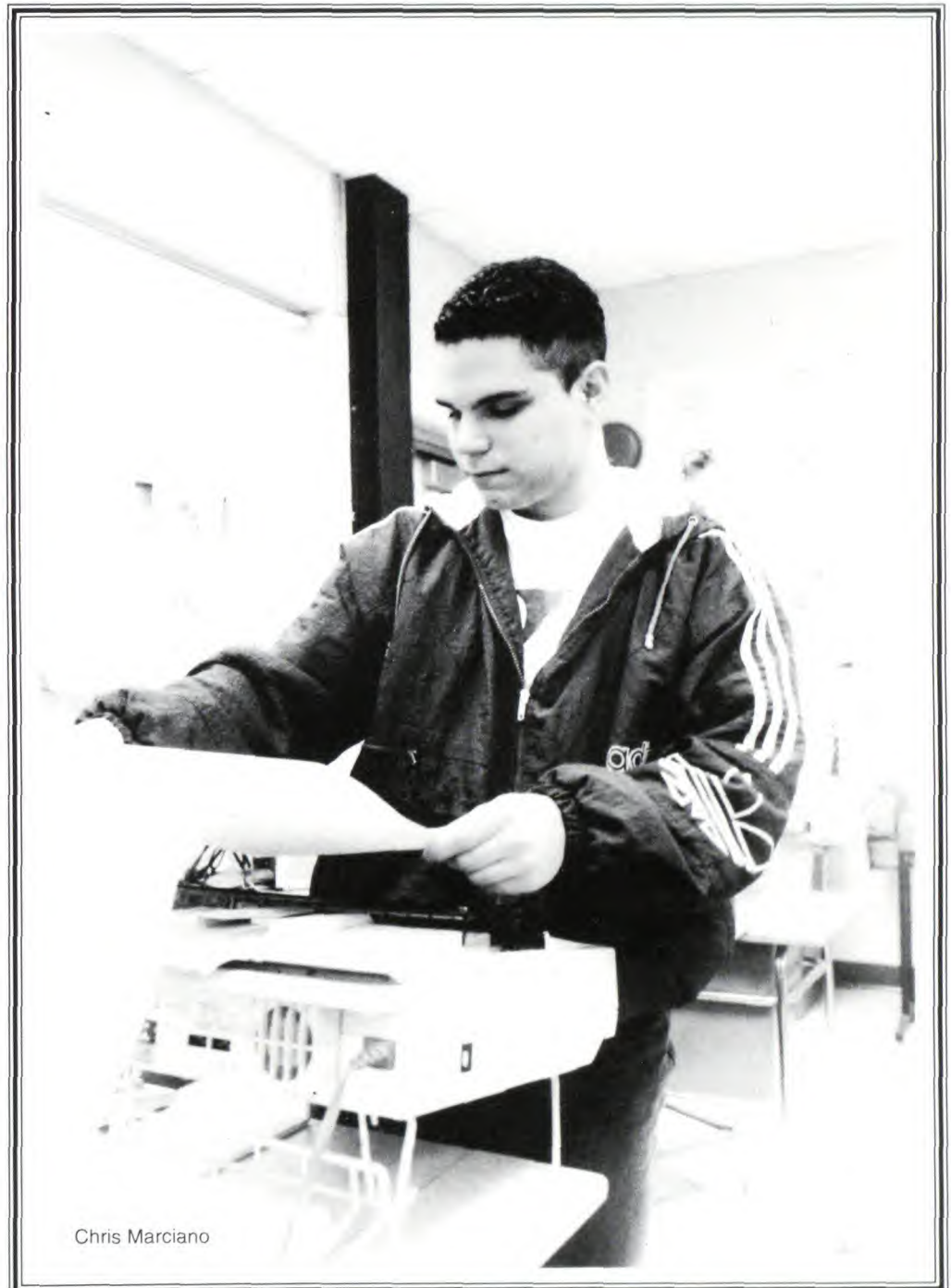
MICHELLE A. NAGLE

When I think of the hundreds of things I might be, I get down on my knees and thank God I'm me.

— Elsie Janis



GBEWAH NAMBE



Chris Marciano



NICOLE L. NARDIELLO

We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours.
— Dog Hamarskjold

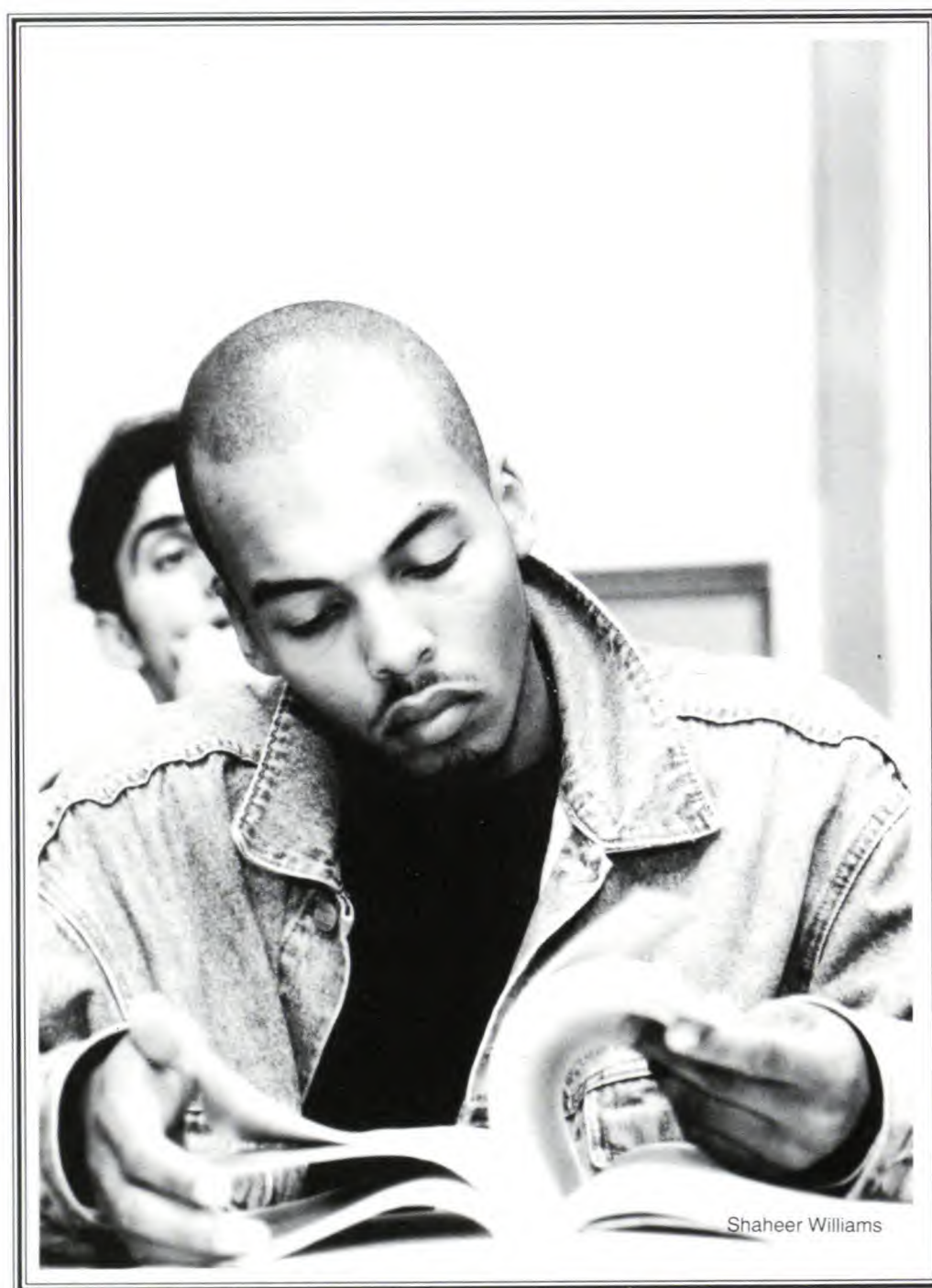


GARRET NATHAN

Made from the best stuff on Earth.



KARLA NAVARRO



Shaheer Williams



STEPHANIE LISA NESBITT

God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed.

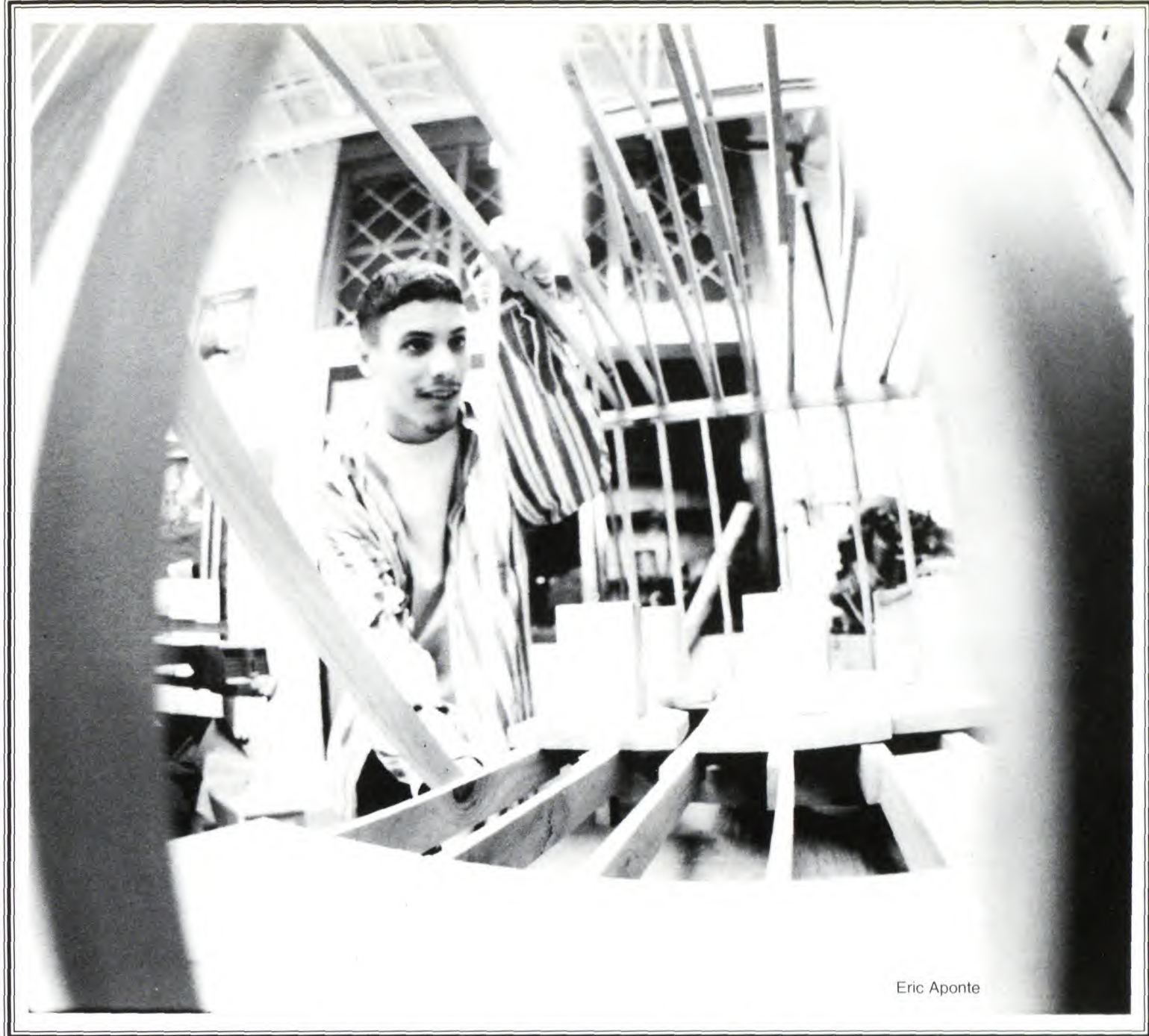
— African proverb



KIMBERLY R. NIGARA

Don't you lock up something . . . that you wanted to see fly.

— Soundgarden



Eric Aponte



DANYLLE NORMAN

Turns out not where but who you're with that really matters.

— Dave Matthews Band



ANTHONY NOTARIDES



SILVINA A. NOVAS

Just a little more loving and a lot less fighting and the world would be all right.





ABBIE O'CONNOR

Beautiful dreamer wake unto me, starlight and dew-drop are waiting for thee; sounds of the rude world heard in the day, lulled by the moonlight have all passed away.

— Stephen C. Foster



CHUKWUTEKW A. OKAFOR

All that glitters is not gold.



JUSTINE OLIVERI

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.



ALISON STACY OLSHEWITZ

It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.

— U.K.L.



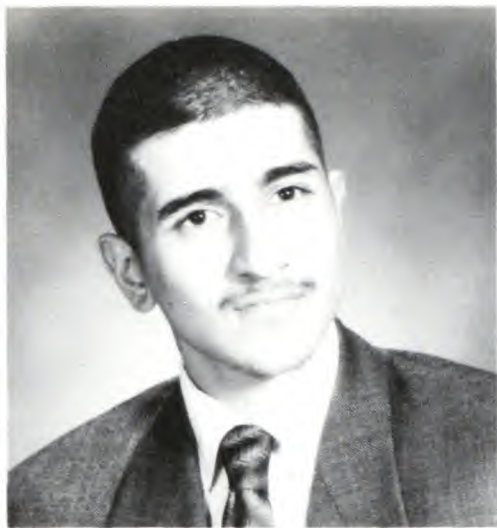
VINCENZO ONORATO

No phony pony (nitrous vin) never too late to speed. Top Gun Nitrous System. It will blow your mind not your engine.

— North Jersey Racing



Diane D'Aloia and
Oan Syed



DANIEL OTERO

I always tell the truth, even when I lie.
— Al Pacino ("Scarface")



SHARI J. OTTENSTEIN

The key to immortality is living a life worth remembering.

— Bruce Lee



STEPHANIE D. PADAKIS

On stage, people get to look you over and see your fatty bits, and you can't stop to give that flattering thigh angle, and that's depressing.

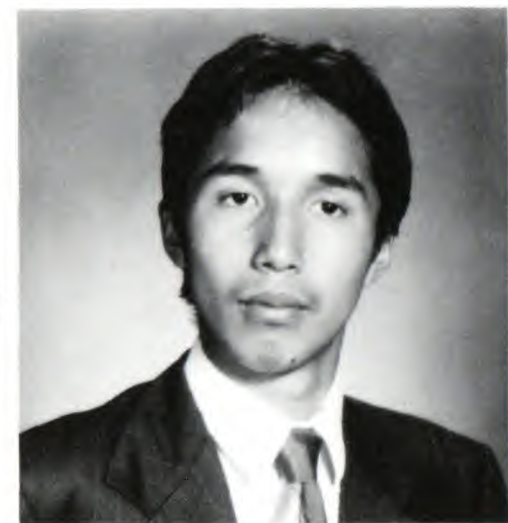
— Tori Amos



LATIKA PANDEY

Whatever withdraws us from the power of our senses; whatever makes the past, the distant, or the future predominate over the present, advances us in the dignity of thinking beings.

— Samuel Johnson



JOSE A. PAREDES

To be a team you must be a true player on or off the court, so be one always.





Securing Business

by Rob Bertrand

Some people are content to work for others, draw a salary, and have the headaches of business management. I am definitely not one of those people. I started my company, now called RBE Security Systems, the summer before my freshman year. Back then it was extremely small, with the name Robert Bertrand Enterprises covering everything from dog sitting, to lawn mowing, to burglar alarm installation. At that point, I didn't know what I wanted my company to do; I just wanted to earn some spending cash.

I had been interested in electronics ever since I was a little kid, and for some odd reason, I was especially intrigued by alarm systems. I even built an alarm system and installed it in my backyard clubhouse at my old house. When I moved after the seventh grade, our new house had an alarm system in it, so I took it apart and added to it. I never had any formal training; I just taught myself as I went along.

Since that first summer, RBE grew dramatically and established a fairly large client base. I worked in the field doing installations and upgrades every weekend, sometimes after school, and put in 40 hours a week during the summer. When I was not out in the field, I took care of the books, gathered new product information, wrote price quotes, designed systems, paid bills, billed customers, answered phones . . . you name it, I did it.

I worked alone most of the time because I couldn't afford to keep anyone on staff, since this was only part-time work during the school year. I'm not sure how I managed to keep my head above water while running a profitable business, co-producing the TV 36 News, presiding over the Student Council, and applying to college.

RBE enjoyed a reputation as a good, solid, dependable alarm systems installation company. In fact, the RBE system played a major role in uncovering an "inside job" for one of my largest customers.

Whatever happens to RBE, it was definitely an incredible and unforgettable experience. Whenever I need to look back on what I created as a 14 year old, I'll just replay my copy of the ABC News feature on RBE which aired during my junior year on network television. I can't imagine life without RBE — it would be too normal.



ELPEDA PASHALIDIS

It is hope which maintains most of mankind.
— Sophocles



SEBASTIAN PATANE



KETULKUMAR PATEL



RANDY PELA

Don't let your fears stand in the way of your dreams.



AMERICO MICHAEL PENNISI

It may be childish and immature, but then again so is high school.

— "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"



CARLOS PEREZ

A friend ought to be like the blood which runs quickly to the wound without waiting to be called.

— A. Perez



MONIQUE PERRY

The bright way appears to be dark; the way that goes forward appears to retreat; the smooth way appears to be uneven . . . the simplest reality appears to change.

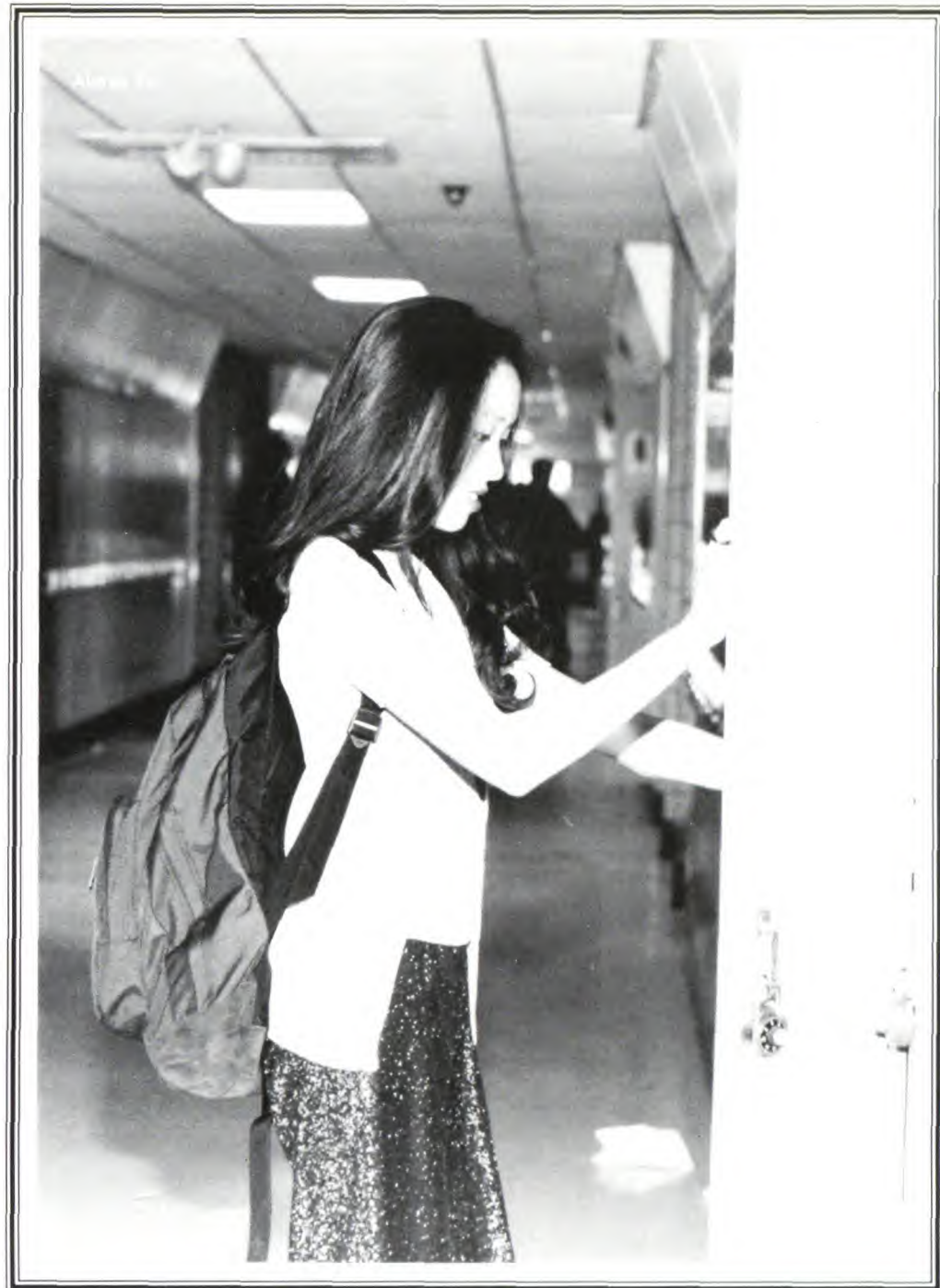
— The Lao-Tzu (te)



SUZANNE PHELAN

To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.

— Marquis de Vauvenargues





GABRIELLE PIERRE

If your mind can perceive it, and your heart can believe it, then your hands will achieve it.

— Miss America



DAVE POWERS

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

— Seneca



NICOLE MICHELLE PRONESTI

I speak what I feel.



JESSICA FIERRO PROVENZANO

Don't be afraid that your life will end. Be afraid that it will never begin.



VASILIOS RADEOS

Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone.

— Ella Wheeler Wilcox



MELVA RATTRAY

An intelligent enemy is better than an ignorant friend.

— Quotations Black



BILL RAWLEY

Every forward step we take we leave some phantom of ourselves behind.

— John Lancaster Spalding

**It's
Never
My
Fault!**



"There was a kitten in some lady's engine, so I helped her get it out."

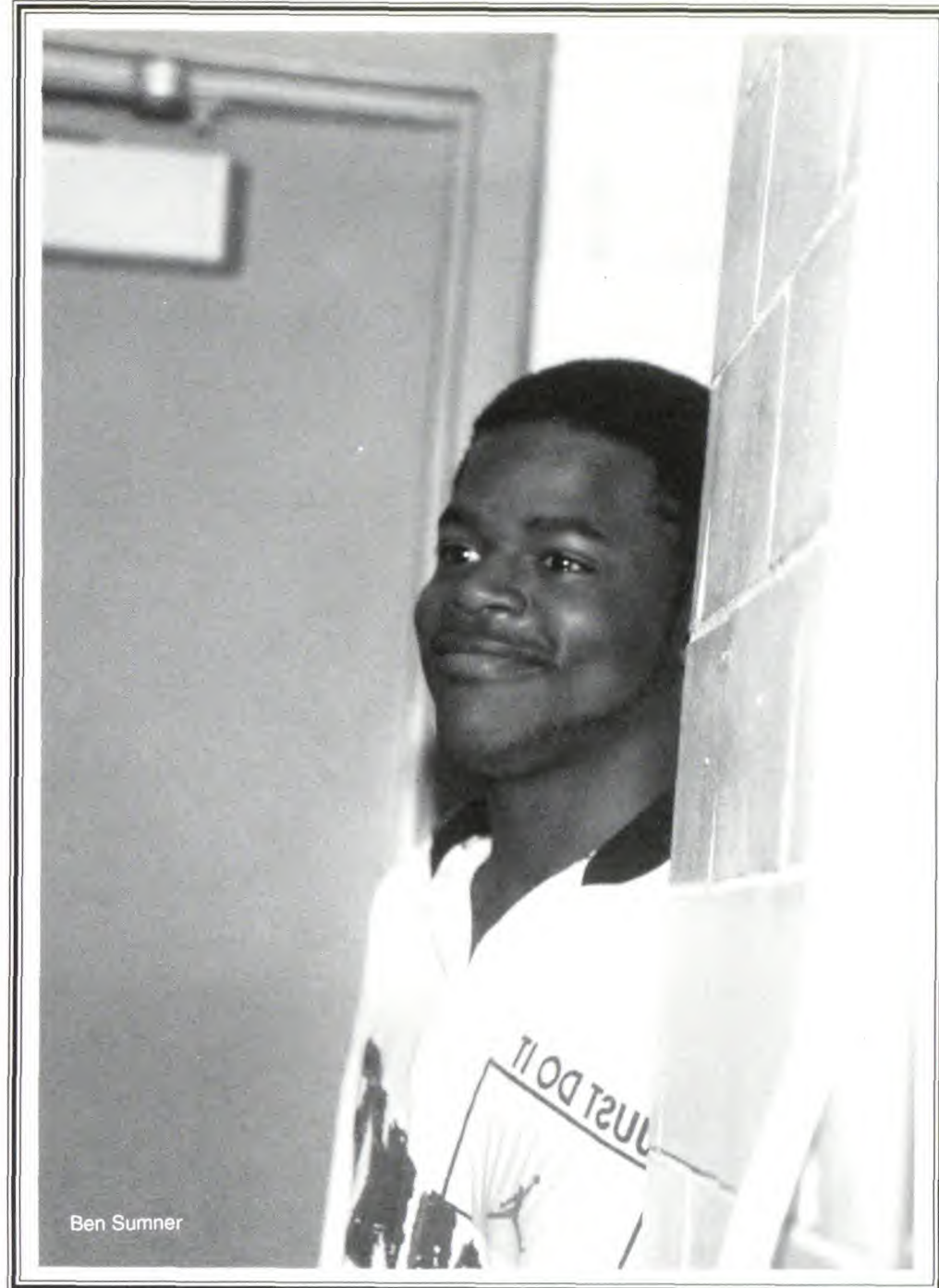
— Dante Lavorato



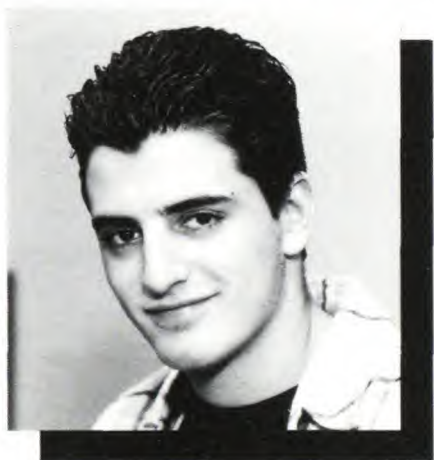
RICARDO RELLA



PATRICK RICHARDSON



Ben Sumner



"Burger King messed up my order."

— Anthony Vala



"Well, they messed up my order at McDonald's."

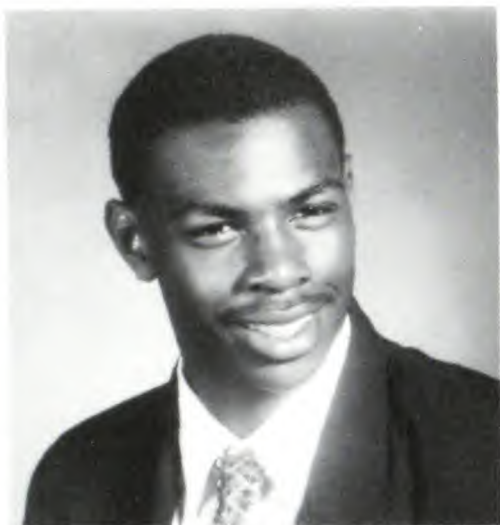
— Damien Batson



"My mom refused to write me a pass."

— Courtney Carroll





LEVAR RILEY

You better go and find yourself another brother. The one you mistook for yours turned out to be mine.

— Vespasian



SANDRA I. RIVERA

Most people remember you for what you have done wrong, not what you have done right.

— Unknown



STEPHEN RIZZOLO

If at first you don't succeed, lower your standards.
— "Tommy Boy"

Adam Manzor





KARLA ROACH



HALEEM RASOUL ROBINSON

Give what you get, and you'll get what you give.
— KRS-ONE



Ushma Mehta



COLLEEN ROCHE

Happiness is a by-product of an effort to make someone else happy.

— G. Palmer



PERSIA RODRIGUEZ



FLORENCE ROGGMANN

Stripe looked at each caterpillar filled with joy that there could be a butterfly inside. A crawler sneered, "We couldn't be butterflies inside! Make the best of it and enjoy caterpillar living!"



Ricky Rella



DANA ROTHMAN

The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed.

— Sebastien Chamfort



TARA MARIE ROTONDI

What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?

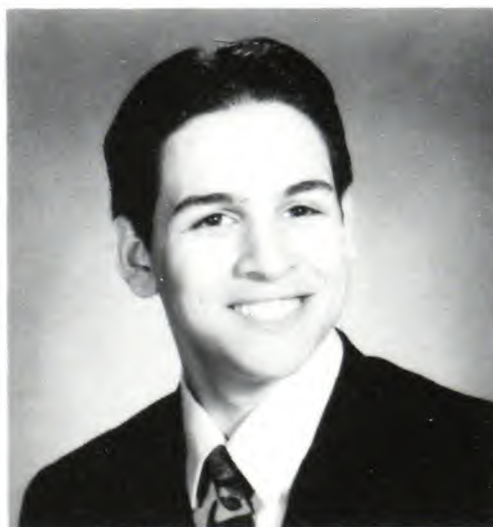
— Vincent Van Gogh



MATTHEW J. ROURKE

As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.



MATTHEW RULLO



LEONARDO SALESE

You are not a true man until you have conquered all other men.

— Julius Caesar



MELISSA SALINARDI

I'll not listen to reason . . . reason always means what someone else has got to say.

— Elizabeth Gaskell



BEATRIZ SANCHEZ



JOHANNA SCAFFO

The moment is for now, but the memory lasts forever, moving on, looking forward, but never forgetting the days gone by.



Nifty Deeds

by Sara Merin

Many people traversed the globe the summer before senior year. I, on the other hand, spent six weeks in New Brunswick, New Jersey as a participant in the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Urban Mitzvah Corps. It turned out to be one of the most unique and amazing experiences of my life.

NFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps was a six week long summer program in which reform Jewish teens lived in a communal setting and volunteered their time during the day. While at Mitzvah Corps, I volunteered as a counselor in Play SAFE, a parks program for underprivileged children, and I also volunteered as a counselor at the Daisy Recreation Program, a day camp for mentally and physically handicapped children.

I spent my first three weeks at the parks program as an arts and crafts counselor, but I also had the opportunity to work with children on an individual basis. Although I saw the despair that eats away at people who live in poverty, I also learned about the hope that lies within young children. My one goal was to help make at least one child's life a little better by caring for and believing in them. While working at Play SAFE, I was overwhelmed with emotions. At times frustration enveloped me because I felt that I couldn't help the children. Their problems seemed too big, and I was too small. The Play SAFE program gave me an education, I could never have received in school, and I learned that a little caring and concern can go a long way.

I spent the second three weeks of Mitzvah Corps as a counselor at the Daisy Recreation Program. My group consisted of five girls who ranged in age from 12 to 16. Each group had a few counselors, and the three counselors in my group were assigned to one or two girls each day. We helped them with their various daily activities. One of the greatest lessons I learned at Daisy was patience. I had never been in a situation in which I had to constantly explain things clearly and slowly, and personally, I found that aspect to be the most difficult. Despite their mental handicaps, they strove on through their mistakes. The girls at Daisy showed me the strength of the human spirit.

Mitzvah Corps taught me about a world that I rarely see. I realized that I am very lucky, and it is my responsibility to try to help those who are less fortunate.



DOMINIC SCAGLIONE



GEOFF SCHILLER

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice.

— William Jennings Bryan



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

— George Pettit



Mikael McMillian



JAMIE MARIE SCHOFIELD

I'm not confused, I'm just well mixed up.

— Robert Frost



JASON SCHWARTZ

It's all over the second we ride up Troy's bucket.

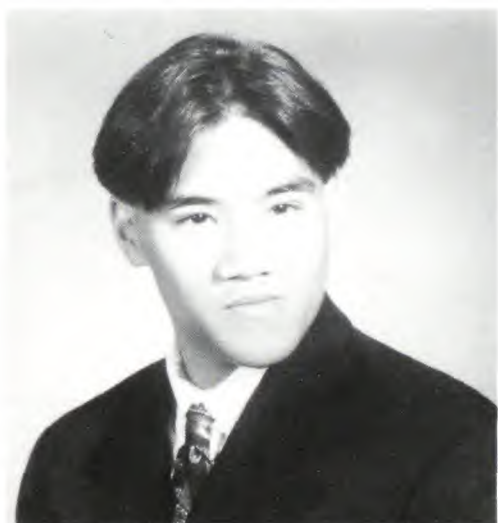
— Mikey



GINA MARIE SELPE

I learned that you can do something in an instant that will cause you a heartache for a lifetime.

— L.L.P.



MATTHEW SERRANO

Love ceases to be a pleasure when it ceases to be a secret.

— Aphra Behn



MARTHA T. SHAF0

We shall do so much in the years to come, but what have we done today? We shall give our goal in a princely sum, but what did we give today?

— John Bartlett



GABRIELLE ANN SHALLBERG

Stay in school, and get one edumacation!

— Bu La'ia



MARGARITA SHMOYS

The truth is a dark cloud
That won't go away.
It lives in the shadow
Of what we don't say.

— Daniel Lavoie



Dennis Fasulo





MATTHEW A. SILVERMAN

There aren't any great men. There are just great challenges that ordinary men like you and me are forced by circumstances to meet.

— Admiral William F. Halsey



ALBERT SIU

There's only one thing money won't buy, and that's poverty.

— Joe E. Lewis



ETHAN B. SNYDER

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

— Thomas Jefferson





JED SOLOMON

Without my sense of humor, I'd have no sense at all.

— Source Unknown



THOMAS A. SPARKS

When we are young, wandering the face of the earth, wondering what our dreams might be worth, learning that we're only immortal — for a limited time.

— Rush



JOSH SPECTOR

What you see is what you get, and you ain't seen nothin' yet.

— MCA

Don't You . . . Forget About Me . . .



"The girl who crashed up the driver's ed car."

— Grace Chan

"The girl with no eyes on the TV news."

— Stephanie Walczak



"Being on the intercom doing morning announcements, shouting, Good Morning, West Orange High School!"

— Greg Smith-Waters



TAHINA ST. LUCE

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.



JARED M. STRAUSS

There is no great genius without some touch of madness.

— Aristotle





Self-Portrait

by Linda Lee

Instead of growing up on Barbies and Spiderman, I was reared on Crayolas and Bob Ross. Ever since I can remember, drawing and painting were my favorite things to do — and they still are. As my artistic skill improved, my dependency on communicating and expressing myself this way continually grew. Art has become a significant and essential part of who I am, and has thus impacted and shaped almost all of my personal characteristics: my love of music and of all beautiful things, my cynicism and idealistic philosophies, and my absent-mindedness and procrastination, which are traits almost synonymous with the word "artist."

I come from a family where stick figures are the epitome of artistic ability. Fortunately, I have very sympathetic parents who supported my art career, both emotionally and financially. My mother enrolled me in my first art class when I was eight. My teacher was an elderly, slightly balding woman, with whom I studied and worked for throughout high school. But it was my school art teachers, Ms. Kuhlmann and Mr. Lindsay, who really taught me the essential techniques and principles that allowed me to develop and mature as an artist. Their personal involvement with my work and their commitment to helping me recognize my potential continually spurred me on to reach that potential. Their encouragement is something I will neither forget, nor be able to repay.

On weekends, I attended art classes, at Pratt Manhattan for four hours a day, in addition to working as an art assistant with children in my church and at a private studio. Weekly, I'd spend roughly 20 hours in an actual art class, whether it be in school, or at Montclair State University. In addition to that, I devoted seven to 12 hours at home, finishing projects, drawing, or sometimes even playing the role of 'supernerd' and actually going to the library to research an artist or a particular era. To minimize the cost of materials, I drew or painted portraits and sold them. After just one trip to Pearl Paints, my absolute favorite store, I literally became a starving artist, since I spent all of my lunch money on one or two paint brushes.

I have always felt that I was a Jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. Therefore, my career plans constantly change with my capricious whims. Whether I grow up to be a psychologist or a teacher, or maybe even a doctor, I will always have my art — I will always be an artist.



JULIE Y. SUH

The thing women have got to learn is that nobody gives you power. You just take it.

— Roseanne Barr



BEN SUMNER

Yesterday is a memory;
Tomorrow is a dream;
Today is the reality;
Make the most of it.



ROBERT SUSS

I hate the guys that criticize,
and minimize the other guys,
whose enterprise has made them rise
above the guys that criticize.

— J.M. Washauer



OAN SYED



JONATHAN TAMARI

I've decided I don't want to be famous. I figure I'm more the legendary type.

— Calvin and Hobbes



Toni King



ADAM TEKEL

Who knows how long this will last, now we've come so far so fast . . . Let me take a long last look, before we say good-bye . . . This is the end of the innocence.

— Don Henley



SUHRTHA TELESPORE

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.



P. ALANIE TO

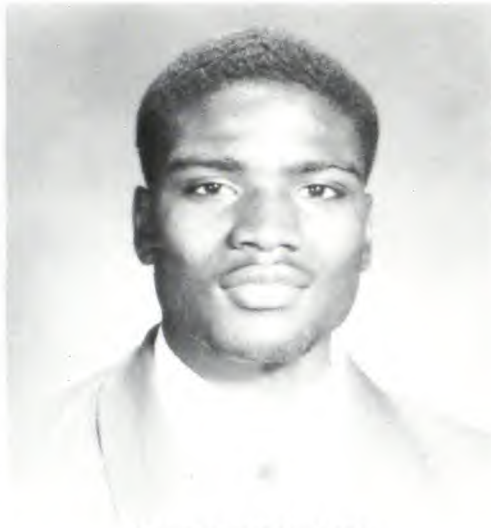
Many waters can not quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

— Song of Solomon, ch. 8, v. 7



JENNIFER TORRES

I hold it true, whate'er befall; I feel it, when I sorrow most; 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.



RAHEEM TOWNES

The reward for hard work is the opportunity to do more.

— Anonymous



PATRICIA M. TRIPP

Sometimes it is hard to live the way of the wise.



Dan Klimek



NICOLE TURCO

I'm the least bored person in the world . . . Even when I daydream my reveries keep me entertained.

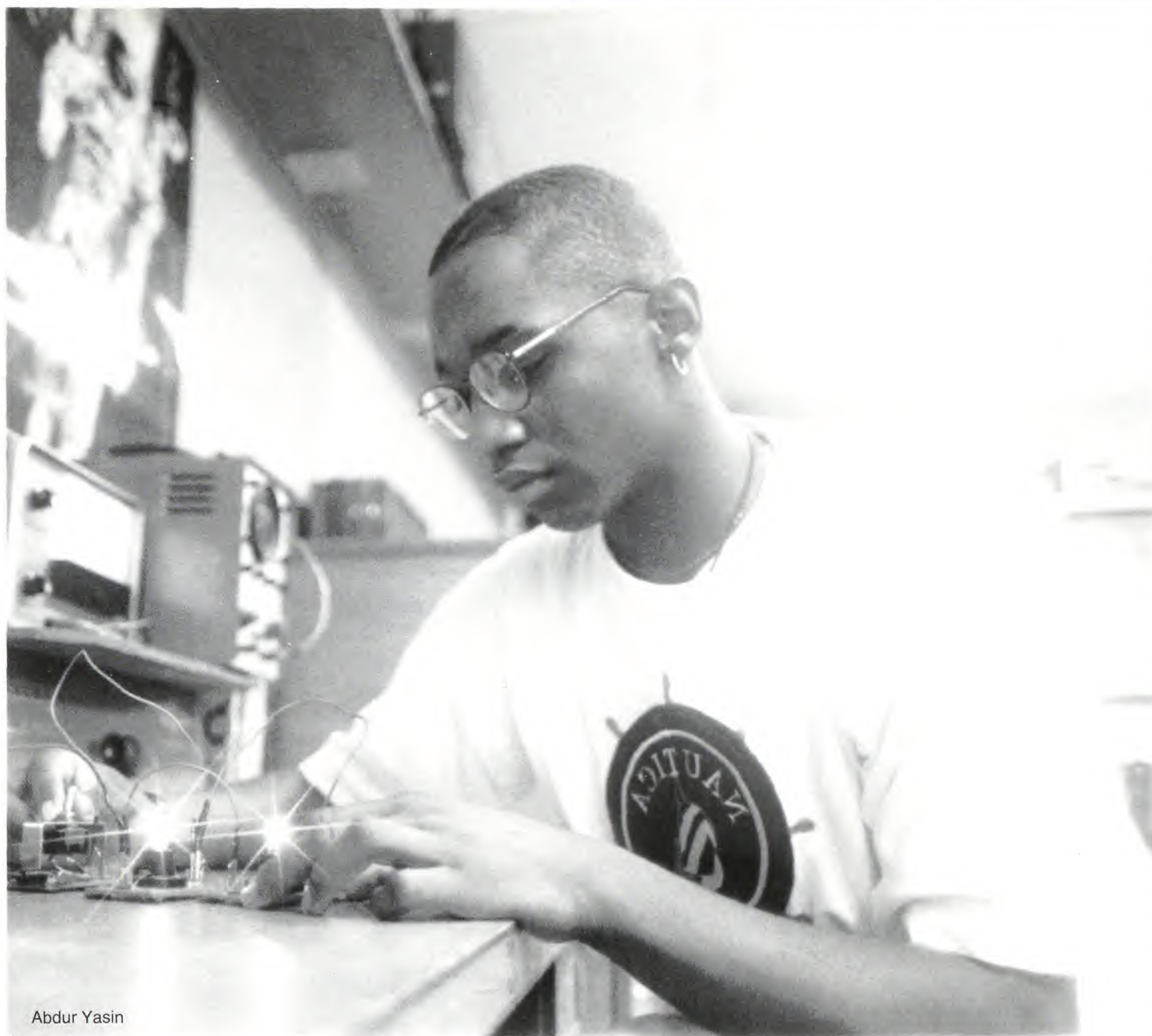
— Anonymous



ANTHONY SCOTT VALA

Knowledge is good.

— Faber College



Abdur Yasin



NICOLE VARANELLI

One good thing about being young is that you are not experienced enough to know you can't possibly do the things you are doing.



BLANCA FATIMA VENTURA

Life can only be what you make it.

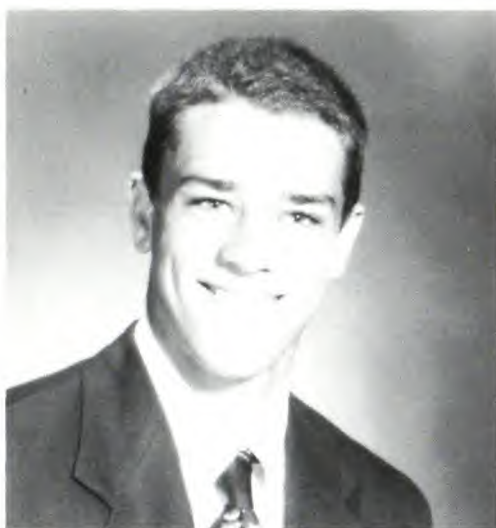


STEPHANIE WALCZAK

... if we never meet again in our lives I should feel that somehow the whole adventure of existence was justified by my having met you.

— Lewis Mumford





ANDREW WALK

I do not feel alone in a crowd, I just feel crowded.



APRIL L. WALKER

Criticism of you isn't the truth — it's just someone's opinion.



CHAD WATSON



MARC WEINSTOCK

Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around, you might miss it.

— Ferris Bueller



BRANDIE JANISE WILLIAMS

Stand on your own black feet and fight like hell for your place in the world.

— Amy Jacques Gravey

Andrew Walk, Mark Hefter, Walter Imbert, Lenny Salese



DARLENE WILLIAMS



LANA WILLIAMS

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice.



SHAHEER WILLIAMS



MICHAEL R. WINOWSKI

When the doors of perception are cleansed, man will see things as they truly are, infinite.

— William Blake

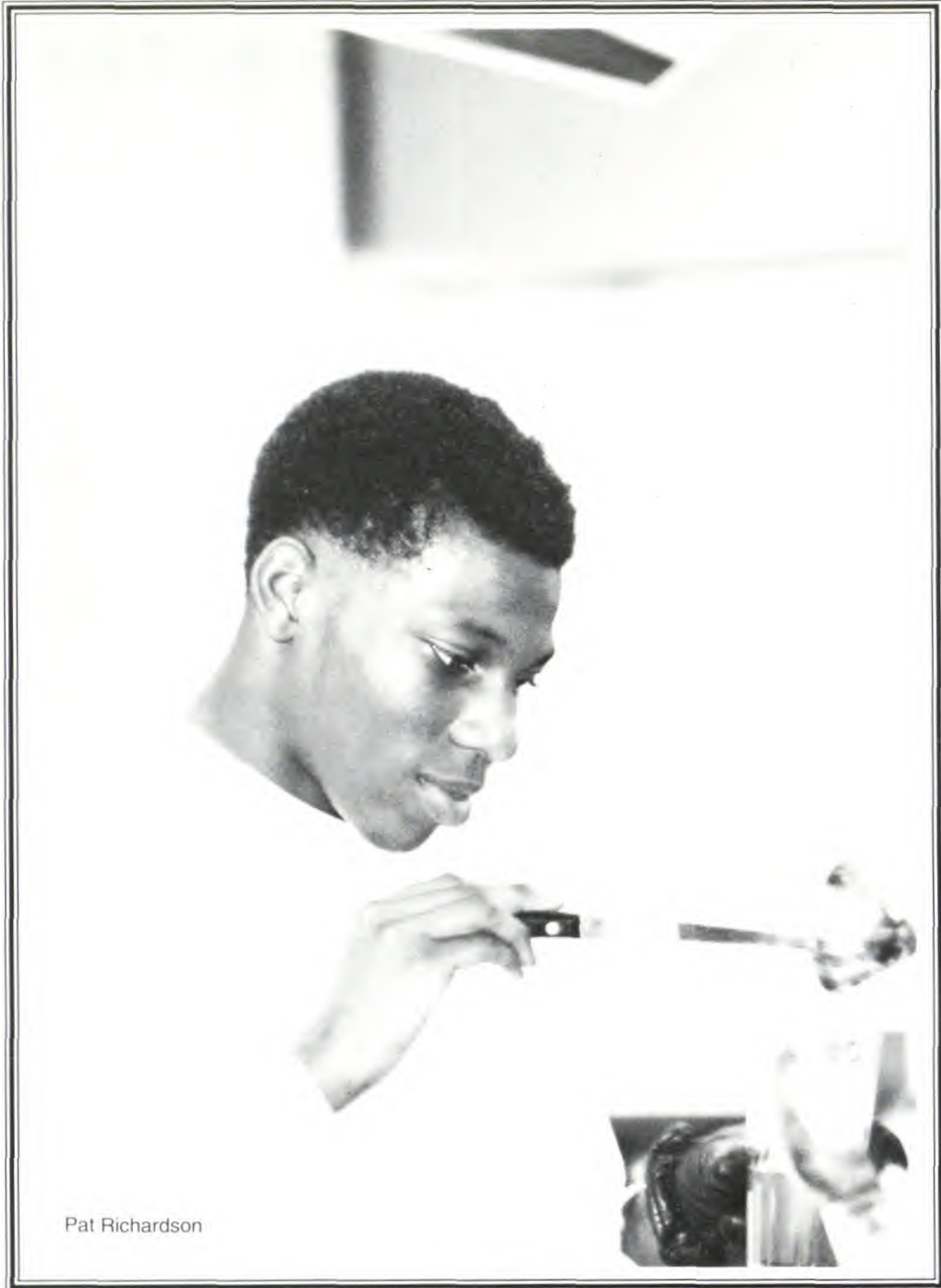


MICHAEL WOLK

... sweet dreams and flying machines and pieces on the ground.

— James Taylor ("Fire and Rain")





Pat Richardson



PAUL WOROCH

Never Flinch,
Never Weary,
Never Despair,
Carry On.

— Winston Churchill



PETER WOROCH

I have no fear in the future . . . Let us go forward
into its mysteries.

— Winston Churchill



ANDREW YANTORN III



ABDUR RAZZAAQ YASIN

You have arrived!

— "The Tuskegee Airmen"



DIANE YI

A word is dead
when it is said,
some say.
I say it just
begins to live
that day.

— Emily Dickinson



NICOLE MELANIE YOBLICK

The word "cultivated" is one of those Danish words that I've never been able to regard as anything but a linguistic truncheon to hit people over the head with.
— Peter Hoeg



RONNY YUM



STEVEN-MICHAEL ZAKI

The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives.

— Albert Einstein

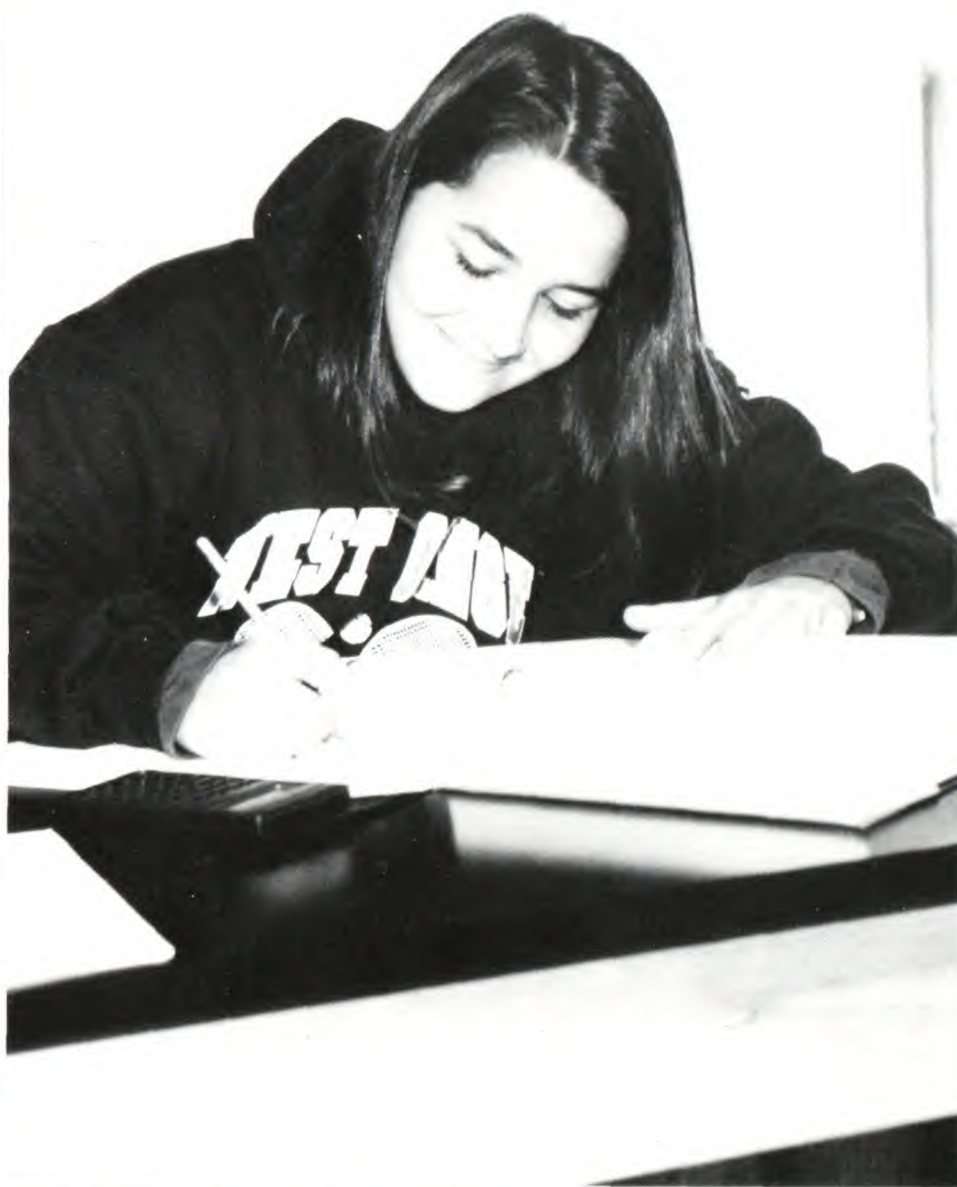


QUENNIE ZERNA

**SENIORS WHO DID NOT
SIT FOR A PORTRAIT**

Eric Aponte
Damien Batson
Alex Berezovsky
Pawel Cholewicki
Michael Companion
David Edmond
Sheronda Eure
Leo Fitzpatrick
Tamika Harmon
Adam Manzor
Chris Marciano
Jon Munoz
Karla Roach
Joel Silva

Ruth Miner



Balance and concentration are both evident in the play of Pat Richardson.



Sara Michael displays the dribbling skill she developed during her four year soccer career.



“
Sports are an
extension of a
good educa-
tional program
and build
confidence.
- Mrs. Kulik



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Desirable
traits such as
discipline and
self-control
are developed
through
sports.
- Mr. Diaz

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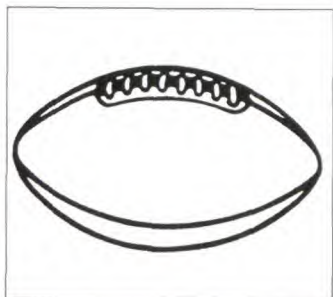
Much has been written about the value of athletics in a young person's life and the role sports play in the overall school program. Some believe that too much attention is paid to athletics, while others maintain that student-athletes contribute significantly to school life for the general student body, as well as for the athletes themselves. In addition to chronicling the triumphs and setbacks of all our teams as they competed in the Northern Hills Conference, the sports staff decided to offer coaches and athletes a chance to prove that they too have . . .

Something
to say

Quarterback Dom Scaglione uses a timeout to gather his thoughts on the sideline before returning to action.



Let the Games Begin . . .



Fall Sports



Record Alone Does Not Reflect A Winning Spirit

Merely looking at a team's won-loss record cannot accurately give someone a picture of a team's success. One must look at the work and commitment the team has demonstrated. This was especially true for the 1995 girls' soccer team. Their 4 - 12 record told nothing of the real story.

In short, this year's team was plagued by injuries. At any given time, two or more starters were sidelined due to injury; this directly affected the won-loss record. Despite this obstacle, the competitive spirit of the girls was evident throughout the season.

Although they did not often win, each game was competitive. "Last year, it was common to lose by five or six goals; despite not having all of our team healthy, we only lost by one or two goals in every game this year," remarked captain and four-year player Lauren Ljubicich.

One game in particular proved to be at least a "moral victory," according to Coach Welter. In the game against Lakeland, one of the best teams in Passaic County and a state-ranked team, junior Captain Megan McCormack combined with Kari Slaaen to score a

tying goal. Unfortunately, Lakeland scored in the last 40 seconds of the contest. This was an important game because although they lost, it was to a highly ranked team, and it was a painful reminder of what might have been.

There was a strong bond among these athletes to fight through the injuries in order to remain competitive. For example, before each game, the girls would get psyched by forming a "pep circle." "We would lay in the shape of a circle with our legs in the air and discuss previous games and how to improve," explained Ljubicich.

The team also worked hard during the off-season. In fact, several members of the team attended local soccer camps over the summer. Additionally, Captain Sara Michael, a four-year participant, and

Ljubicich were involved in a special summer program that allowed them to go to Finland to play soccer.

Though it was difficult to improve on the record of previous seasons, the Lady Mountaineers showed that their love for the sport and their commitment to each other could still produce a winning team, regardless of the final won-loss record.



GIRLS' SOCCER

ALL-CONFERENCE

Rosemary Cicerone
Mandi Krimmel
Sara Michael
Genevieve Zaragoza

ALL-AREA

Mandi Krimmel
Genevieve Zaragoza



Forward Lauren Ljubicich gains control from her defensive position.



I believe being involved in any form of competition helps build character and gives a person a sense of self-worth.

- Coach Welter



By participating in sports, I've learned a lot about responsibility, loyalty, and made lasting friends.

- Sara Michael



Participating in sports has helped me become a team player and a leader. I learned to be competitive while having fun.

- Rosemary Cicerone



Participating in sports has made me feel more involved in the school. Four years playing with the same girls made me feel at home.

- Lauren Ljubicich



Another diving save for Rosemary Cicerone. She registered 247 saves on the season.

Sara Michael displays proper heading form.



Best Season Ever Results From Shared Spotlight

The 1995 boys' team enjoyed the best season in Mountaineer soccer history. Each game presented a different challenge and each player had a chance to rise up and grab the spotlight. "Different players were able to step to the forefront in different games," noted Coach Fred Sisbarro. "No one player ever stole the spotlight. They worked together to make for a very satisfying season for everyone," he added.

The boys were able to reach two of their pre-season goals — they qualified for the state tournament, and they advanced to the semi-final round of the Essex County Tournament. Their 13-5-1 record included a remarkable ten shutouts. Their final ranking, third in Essex County, was the highest ranking any soccer team has ever achieved in West Orange history.

In a season of memorable victories, the game at Nutley stands out. In the only night contest of the season, co-captains Pat Richardson and Rich Schapiro led the team to three goals in the second half on the way to a 3-1 victory. Miguel Pereira, a star on the rise, also aided the cause. The Wayne Valley game also stands out in the minds of the players and their coach because this early 3-1 victory led the Mountain-

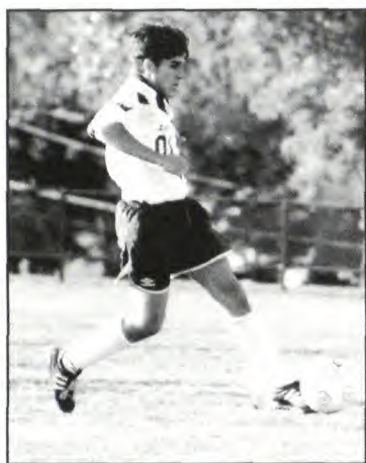
eers to a nine game winning streak, another school record.

The apex of their success occurred in the second round of the Essex County Tournament as the Mountaineers defeated East Orange, the top seeded team in the county. Dante Lavorato scored an early goal off of passes from Walter Imbert and Rich Schapiro. This goal was a confidence builder and the key to victory. Adrian

DeRosa and Roberto Barreto, who anchored this year's defense, played particularly well in this game. Intense second-half pressure caused East Orange to score in their own goal. The final score was 2-0.

The successful season was due in part to off-season workouts and team chemistry. The seniors attended training camp over the summer. "Success breeds good

morale. Leadership for the team came from the seniors," remarked Sisbarro. The seniors tried to lead by example. "We were in charge of the training camp," remembered DeRosa. Richardson added, "As a senior, I tried to lead the team by playing my best." Hard-work and endurance were the benchmarks of this team. Their talent and unity made for exciting games and set the standard for future teams.



BOYS' SOCCER

ALL-CONFERENCE

*Roberto Barreto
Adrian DeRosa*

ALL-AREA

*Roberto Barreto
Adrian DeRosa*

ALL-STATE RECOGNITION

*Roberto Barreto
Adrian DeRosa
Dante Lavorato
Pat Richardson*



AIRBORNE! Forward Dante Lavorato redirects the ball against Delbarton.



Sports help teach teamwork and prepare people to overcome future obstacles.

- Coach Sisbarro



Sports help me fulfill my potential as an athlete and as an individual.

- Ethan Snyder



Sports play an important role in my life because they keep me in shape and allow me to show school spirit.

- Leo Loaiza



Aside from keeping me in shape, sports provide me with a degree of discipline and satisfaction that school by itself cannot.

- Jason Schwartz



Tri-Captain Adrian DeRosa eludes an opponent. This aggressive defender had three assists.

Roberto Barreto dribbles past a defender.



Dramatic Finish Nets Co-Championship

The two constants for the girls' tennis team were balance and resiliency. As a result they ended the season with a record of 15-9 and surprisingly won a share of the Northern Hills Conference Championship.

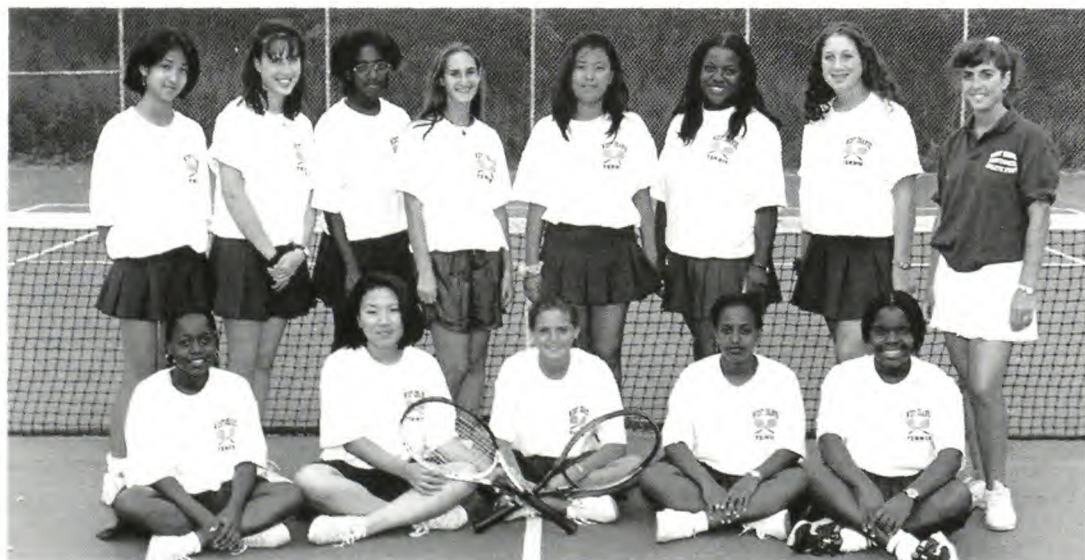
Head Coach Cindy Reuter was "very proud of the effort that all the girls on the squad made." Even though the team was relatively inexperienced, the squad benefitted from strong senior leadership. Senior Captain Alyson Berowitz, who performed at the tough No. 1 singles slot, finished with an overall record of 13-8. Reuter commented that she was "most impressed by Alyson's dedication to the game. She was one of only four girls from the local area who qualified for the NJSIAA singles' tournament."

Junior Ara Tucker and sophomore Heidi Nguyen, the other two singles performers, also made a significant contribution during the title run. Coach Reuter felt that Tucker would develop into a strong leader and an even stronger player in the years to follow. Nguyen clinched the conference title with her dramatic three set triumph against West Milford. The Mountaineers were also fortunate to have two strong teams competing in doubles. At the No. 1 doubles spot,

Sayiwe Mulagha and Karen Ayres posted a 13-9 record. Mulagha's experience at second doubles during her junior year gave her the confidence to move up. The No. 2 pair of Ruth Miner and Diona White also finished with a winning mark. "Ruth was one of the pleasant surprises for our team this fall," remarked Reuter.

At the Essex County Tournament, the squad quickly got over their loss to a tough Livingston team and swept past Belleville in the consolation tournament. "One thing that I saw and admired in my teammates was their determination. If they lost against a team, they wouldn't let it bring them down. They always came back with 100% effort to try to beat the next opponent," observed senior Lucy Mbisa. In the next round, held early on Saturday morning at Branch Brook Park in Newark, they lost to Caldwell 2-3 in the semi-finals.

They didn't fare much better in the states, losing to Montclair in the first round. Back to back losses didn't deter this team. They bounced back once again and held on to the top spot in the conference, losing only one match the rest of the season on their way to a share of the crown.



GIRLS' TENNIS

ALL-CONFERENCE

Karen Ayres
Alyson Berowitz
Ruth Miner
Sayiwe Mulagha
Heidi Nguyen
Ara Tucker
Diona White

ALL-AREA

Alyson Berowitz





As a coach, my job is to stress the value of team play, not just in tennis but in life.

- Coach Reuter



The fun I have had being a part of the tennis team has taught me to make sure I always have time for enjoyable activities.

- Ruth Miner



Being on a team has taught me to sublimate individual goals for team goals.

- Alyson Berowitz



Being on the team has taught me about working together for a common goal; it has also enhanced my overall team spirit.

- Lusekelo Mbisa



Demonstrating her strong backhand is Alyson Berowitz, a four-year starter.



Ruth Miner and Sayiwe Mulagha cover the net.



A solid forehand by Tezzita Melaku.



Unified Harriers Race to First Undefeated Season

Continuing past tradition, the 1995 cross country team again surpassed Coach Suriano's hopes by reaching perfection. Unblemished and untouchable are two words that come to mind when describing the boys' team. They finished the season undefeated with an amazing 17-0 won-loss record, the first-ever in West Orange and Northern Hills Conference history. They were also 1995 Northern Hills Conference Champions. The conference title and undefeated record were in jeopardy for a while due to some controversy with Passaic Valley. After a few weeks, a decision was made, and the title was rightfully given to West Orange, leaving P.V. with a 16-1 record.

The boys' team was led by seniors Ritesh Lakhan, co-captain and 1995 individual conference champ, Sam Chelnik, co-captain, and four-year runner Raheem Townes. Underclassmen Sam Gruen, Seth Weisel, Brad Docheff, and Tom Cortese added depth.

The girls were not as successful as the boys, but that was primarily because they were a very young team. Many of the team members had never run before, however, they showed promise for the future. The team was led all season by Captain Courtney Carroll, who ran her personal best at the conference championship at

Delbarton in her last varsity meet. Another bright spot on the girls' team was freshman Vanessa Scrivener, who received post-season honors.

What were the secrets to this team's success? "A benchmark of this team was their perseverance. They refused to quit; they realized the race was not over until they crossed the finish line," noted Suriano. Unity was also a major contributor. This year's team was a tight-knit group. They always supported each other. "The team members pushed each other to be better in order to defeat our opponent," observed Dave Leach.

The team also showed unity in other ways. The boys, for example, wore white gloves as they ran. The team also spent time together outside of training/competing. They had pasta parties to get psyched for meets. They "loaded up on carbohydrates and had a few good laughs," recalled Carroll. Being mentally and physically prepared, along with ample support for one another, allowed for yet another unforgettable season, a season capped off when Coach Suriano was selected as the All-Area Coach of the Year. This was a fitting tribute to a coach who established a tradition of excellence in cross country as well as in track and field.



CROSS COUNTRY

ALL-CONFERENCE

Courtney Carroll
Sam Chelnik
Ritesh Lakhan
Raheem Townes

ALL-AREA

Courtney Carroll
Sam Chelnik
Ritesh Lakhan
Raheem Townes



Closing in on a record time is Courtney Carroll.



Sports complement academics in the total educational experience. Sports give one the opportunity to grow in mind, body and spirit.

- Coach Suriano



Training prepares me for the real events. I train hard in life so I can meet the challenge that lies in the future.

- Dave Leach



Training has taught me a new sense of self-discipline.

- Raheem Townes



Training has helped me in life by forcing me to budget my time and become more regimented with my work.

- Sam Chelnik



Bill Rawley rounds the shed and heads for the finish line.

The Man! Conference Champion, Ritesh Lakhani.



Resilient 6-3 Finish Season Highly Ranked

The 1995 edition of the Mountaineer football team had a season of stellar moments. Though they did not fulfill all of their hopes, such as winning the conference title, or playing at Giants' Stadium in the State Playoffs, they rekindled fan interest in Mountaineer football. They started off the season 3-0 before closing at 6-3, which earned them a second place in the conference and a ninth place ranking in Essex County.

Along the way they also defeated perennial powerhouse Wayne Valley. This game stands out in the coaches' and players' minds because this was the first time they were able to defeat Wayne Valley in ten years. "We felt strongest at that point during the season," noted Coach Mike Pizzi. Like most successful teams, this team was led by the seniors. Tri-captains John Bullock, John Farris, and Matt Miller kept the team focused; however, all the seniors played a part in unifying and strengthening the team.

The only losses the team suffered were against Delbarton, Millburn, and Passaic Valley. "They came off their losses quickly and often won the next game which showed a cohesiveness; they just would not give up," commented Pizzi. They showed this perseverance

in their final game against Orange. After a tough 28-0 loss to eventual conference champion Passaic Valley, the team was motivated to end the season on a winning note. Despite playing in a constant downpour, they defeated Orange 32-6. Junior fullback Eugene Thornley scored on 35 and 25 yard runs. John Bullock turned the game around with an electrifying 85-yard kickoff return. Ray DeCarlo added a five-yard run to put quite a damper on the Tornadoes' Homecoming.



The defense was led by linebackers Matt Miller and John Farris and linemen Nick Makriannis and Gbewah Nambe. Miller led the team with 137 tackles, breaking the single game record with 26. He was considered one of the top linebackers in the conference. Ray DeCarlo and John Bullock

were also among the top ten scoring leaders in the county. DeCarlo might have been number one in Essex County had he not been injured and missed three games on offense.

The team was able to "enjoy a very rewarding season," noted Bullock. The Mountaineers were a winning team that worked hard. Miller hoped to have "changed West Orange football to one of the better teams in the area."



Football

ALL-CONFERENCE

John Bullock	John Farris
Ray DeCarlo	Gbewah Nambe
Nick Makriannis	Dom Scaglione
Matt Miller	

ALL-AREA

John Bullock	John Farris
Ray DeCarlo	Gbewah Nambe
Nick Makriannis	Lenny Salese
Matt Miller	Dom Scaglione



Eluding another tackler on the way to one of his 10 TDs is Ray DeCarlo.



Athletics are a microcosm of society. They teach social skills, citizenship, and family values.

- Coach Pizzi



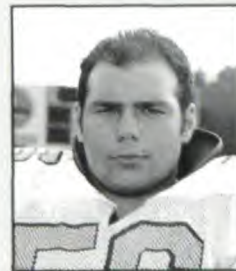
Athletics give me an opportunity to participate in an activity where I, as well as everyone around me, can succeed.

- John Bullock



Athletics are important to me; they have instilled in me respect for the game, my teammates, and my school.

- Lenny Salese



Athletics are important to me because they are partially responsible for making me the person I am.

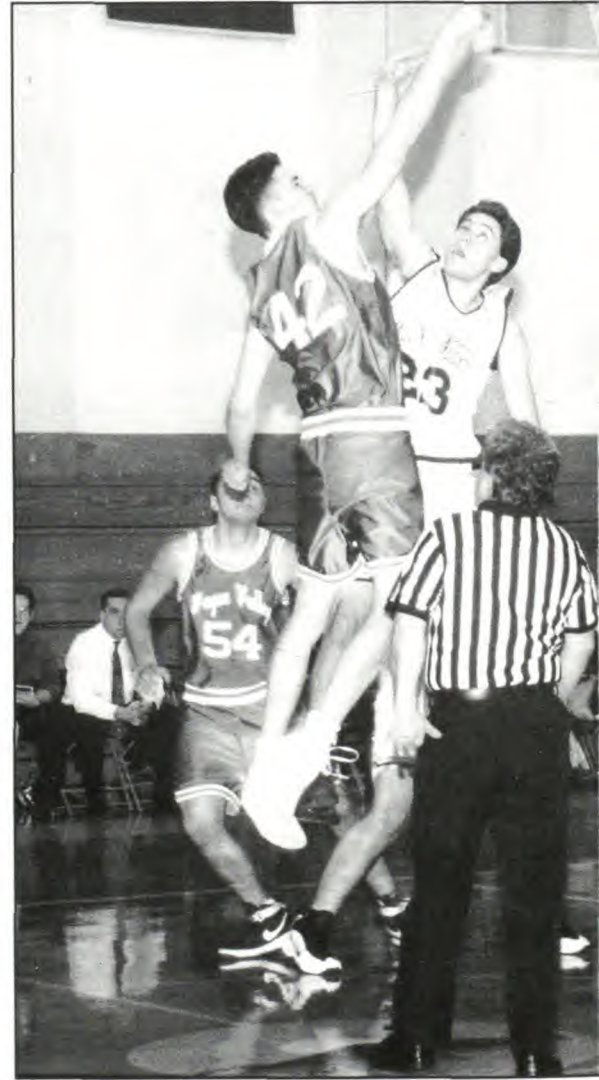
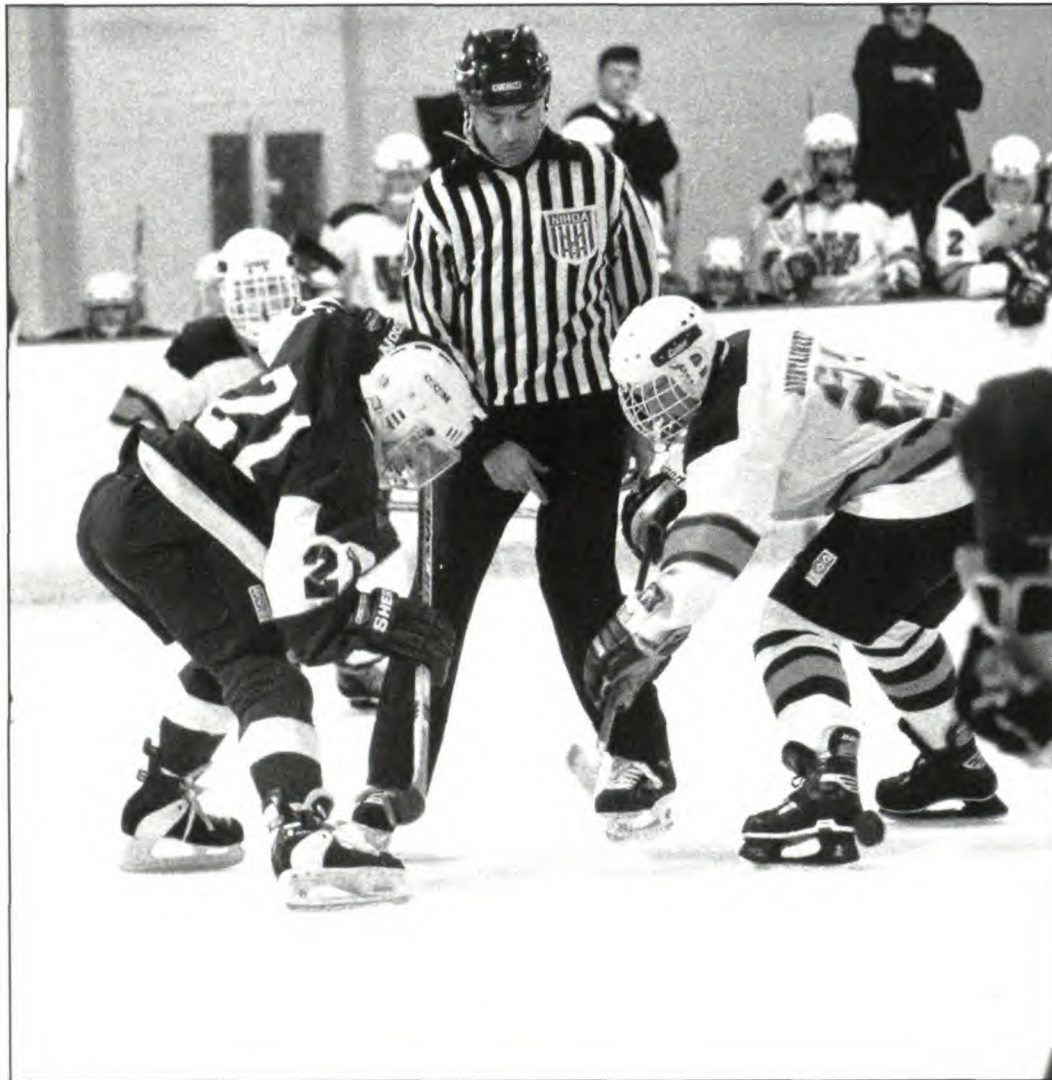
- Nick Makriannis



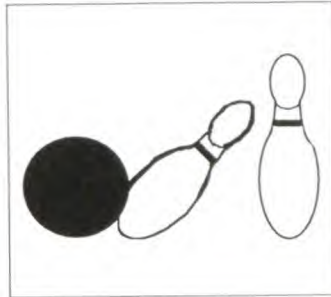
Another QB pressure for Gbewah Nambe. He had five sacks on the season.

Matt Miller celebrates after one of his 137 tackles.

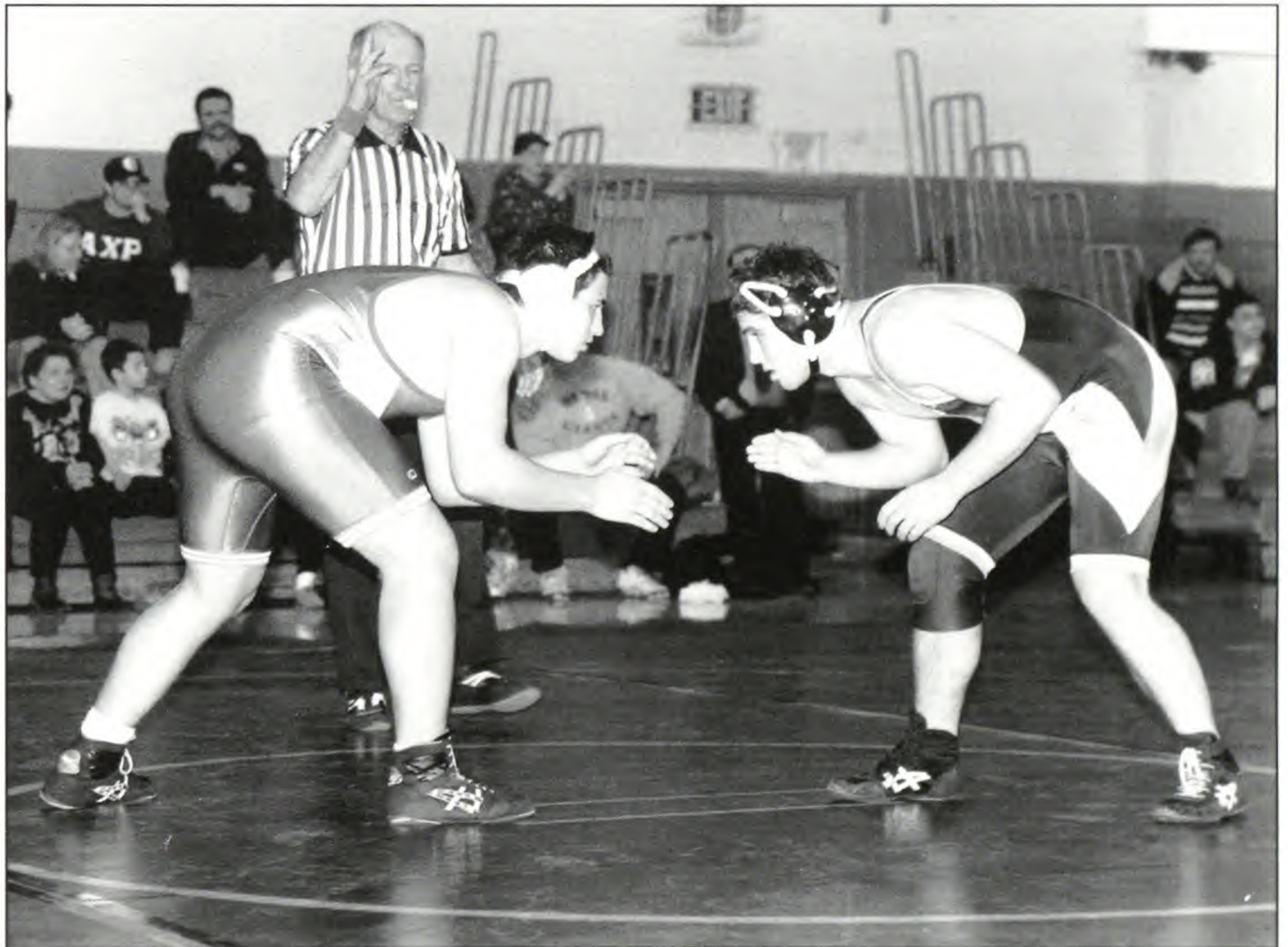




Let the Games Begin . . .



Winter Sports





Sports teach young people to carry themselves with dignity. They learn to respect both themselves and their opponents.

- Coach Emering



Sports teach lessons about life, such as teamwork and a strong work ethic. These are qualities needed for success.

- Matt Miller



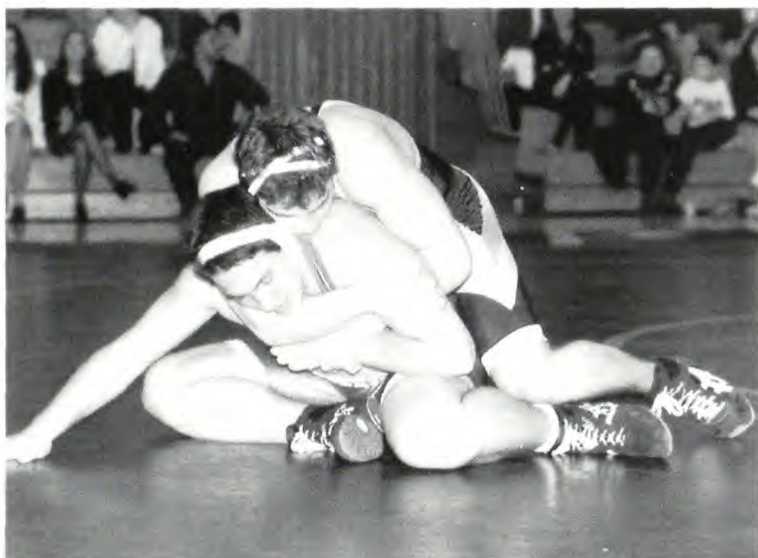
Sports play an important role in my life. I don't plan to play sports in college, but wrestling has better prepared me for the future.

- Bill Rawley



I like wrestling because it is fun and it keeps me in shape. It taught me teamwork and how to remain dedicated.

- Josh Goldfarb



Tri-Captain Matt Miller gains control points in a 215lb. match. Miller went on to win in the Districts and the Regionals.



Another victory for Tri-Captain Bill Rawley at 160lbs.



Securing a headlock on his opponent is Tri-Captain Brian Lieberman. Lieberman won 19 matches this season.

Wrestlers Remain Focused Through Emotional Season

ALL-CONFERENCE

Randy Abed
Brian Lieberman
Matt Miller
Mike Selpe

Few teams undergo the type of uncertainty the wrestling team did in 1996 and still maintain their focus. Thanks to competent coaching and strong senior leadership, the wrestlers were able to meet the many challenges they faced over a trying season. Over their four years they had to adjust to three different coaches. Despite this instability, and the void created by the graduation of several talented wrestlers, the team managed a 6-11 record and placed fourth in the district.

Coach Gene Emering, in his first year as varsity coach, demonstrated a unique style which instilled a confidence in the team that had been missing in previous years. "Primarily because of Coach Emering I felt like I could win every match. He is a really good teacher and motivator," explained Tri-Captain Matt Miller. Even though Coach Emering was distracted due to family health problems, he remained dedicated to the team. Tri-Captain Brian Lieberman recalled, "We went into the Passaic Valley match as underdogs, yet we knew we had to put forth an extra effort because Coach Emering's baby daughter had just been rushed to the hospital, so he was unable to be with us." The match against Dayton also

stood out in the team's mind. Coach Emering was again unable to be with the team, but the Mountaineers remained focused and defeated Dayton, just as Emering rushed through the gym doors. "He asked for our prayers and said he wanted to be with us. There wasn't a dry eye in the group," remembered Josh Goldfarb, a four-year participant.

Perhaps the emotional turmoil unified the wrestlers. "No matter what the outcome, we supported each other," offered Tri-Captain Bill Rawley. Consequently, they were able to produce stunning individual results. Tri-Captain Matt Miller placed second in the county and first in the Districts at 215lbs., and placed fourth at the Regionals. Lieberman finished third in the county and posted a 19-5 personal record. Ray Lacerna placed third in the District and junior Randy Abed was a district winner at 145lbs. He too, advanced to the Regionals.

The season was fittingly capped off when Coach Emering was selected District Coach of the Year. Emering reflected, "The best thing about being a coach is making a direct impact on kids' lives. I enjoy watching the kids feel good about themselves after they accomplished something that I taught them."



WRESTLING





Physically, swimming is an individual sport, yet emotionally we work and support each other like a team.
- Coach Reimer



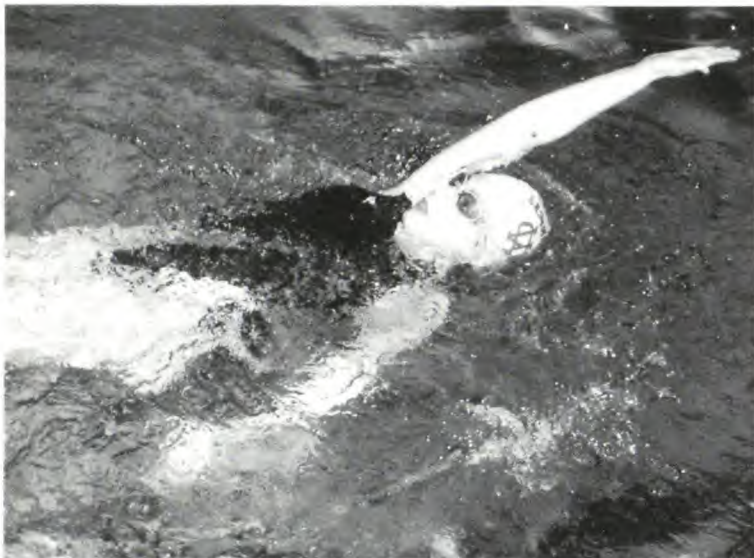
A swimmer strives to achieve individual goals while also contributing to the success of the team.
- Coach Budd



Swimmers individually compete but we need the support and encouragement of every teammate to be successful.
- Cherylin Chang



Swimming is both a team and an individual sport because we race against the clock and our competing team.
- Abbie O'Connor



Four-year starter Abbie O'Connor rips through the water with her backstroke.



Sophomore Chris Drakeford demonstrates his butterfly.



Cherylin Chang glides through the water in the 100m butterfly.

Swimmers Reach Goals In Transitional Year

SEASONAL BEST TIMES

Cherylin Chang	- 100 fly - 1:15
Chris Drakeford	- 100 breast - 1:12
Dena Goldstein	- 100 back - 1:20
Ed Manen	- 500 free - 6:45
Abbie O'Connor	- 50 free - 0:35
Khary Taylor	- 50 free - 0:25
Katherine Wilhoit	- 200 free - 2:41

The West Orange swim team faced a great deal of change at the beginning of the '95-'96 season. With only two seniors on the team, the younger swimmers had to fill the void left by the graduates of the previous year. In addition, they had to contend with weather conditions that continually interrupted their practices and meet schedule. The most significant adjustment they had to make, however, was to their new coach, Bill Reimer, and assistant coach, Natalie Budd, after the long and successful reign of Coach Jung.

According to Captain Cherylin Chang, "There was a definite transformation in the team's attitude. We started out a bit unsure of the coaching staff and of what to expect, but there was a complete turnaround to strong teamwork and solid efforts by every member of the team." This was a direct result of a new coaching philosophy. "Practices were harder, but we became stronger than we expected to be," noted Abbie O'Connor. This inexperienced team took time to mature and ended with a disappointing record of 4-11.

Coach Reimer, a former captain of the Rutgers University men's swim team, reflected, "I liked being given the opportunity to rebuild the WOHS swimming program and enjoyed instructing the members of the team in the proper skills and techniques of competitive swimming." The effects of their train-

ing became most visible at the Essex County Championships, where everyone either matched or improved their best times. Chang swam a personal best in the 100 butterfly; junior Dena Goldstein reduced her time by five seconds in the 200 individual medley. Junior Katherine Willhoit garnered a first place finish in her heat in the 200 freestyle, while sophomore Ed Manen took off nine seconds from his previous best in the 500 freestyle.

During the last meet of the season against Harrison, it was evident how united the team had become. "It was a very close meet; the win depended on the last relay," remembered Chang. Their support for each other proved to be the difference as the performance of the relay team, including Chang, sophomore Ed Manen, sophomore Tracy Belanger, and freshman Dyan Ferraris gave West Orange the victory.

The Mountaineers began their season with three goals. They hoped to improve their individual swimming, form a closeness with each other, and develop a relationship with their new coaches. At the last meet the team threw the coach into the pool as a symbol of victory. Coach Reimer emphatically stated, "I am enthusiastic about continuing to coach here. These kids have a lot of potential." Despite their final record, all three goals were realized.



SWIMMING





The discipline and time management that sports requires forces athletes to become responsible.

- Coach Ruggiero



My responsibility as a veteran skater was to set an example for the younger players on and off the ice.

- Steve Rizzolo



As a captain I owed it to my teammates to encourage them and lead the team to victory. At the same time, I managed to have fun.

- Matt Kutner



My responsibilities were to work hard at every practice and game and to stand up for my teammates, especially the younger players.

- Mike Geller



Avoiding a poke check is Steve Rizzolo. Rizzolo was known for his checking ability.



Anthony Vala awaits a scoring pass.



Josh Spector bears in on a Livingston skater. Spector was a major offensive threat.

ALL-LEAGUE DEFENSEMAN

Mark Hefter

LEADING SCORERS

Anthony Hudzinsky - 32pts

Anthony Vala - 20pts

Matt Kutner - 16pts

Josh Spector - 16pts

Mark Hefter - 14pts

Andy Scioscia - 12pts

New Coaches Spur Skaters to Lofty Goals

At the start of each season a coach usually sets goals for the team. The basis for these goals is generally rooted in the accomplishments of the previous year's team, the experience of the returning players, and the consistency in leadership of a program. With this in mind, no one could have faulted Coach Steve Ruggiero had he set very modest goals for the 1996 hockey team. After all, the 1995 team finished with a dismal 1-22 record, there wasn't much

experience returning, and it was his first year of coaching at West Orange H. S. Instead, he and his assistant, Scott Illiano, challenged the team to strive for a berth in the state playoffs. They stressed the need for teamwork and hustle on every play as the essential components of their plan to meet their lofty goals. "Our number one goal was to maintain discipline throughout the team over the entire season, and that was easily fulfilled," according to Ruggiero. This discipline was reflected in the team's play from the very beginning of the season and earned them a spot in the playoffs, which was their overall goal.

Ruggiero noted that, "Every senior played a key role in helping us finish 8-11-4." Their total of 19 points in their league was a significant improvement over the meager two points they earned the preced-

ing season. The primary leadership roles were shared by tri-captains Matt Kutner, Josh Spector, and Mark Hefter. "Their pre-game preparation and chant around the net inspired the rest of the team," observed Anthony Vala, who totalled 13 goals and seven assists from his forward position. Kutner and Spector were offensive-minded skaters who compiled 16 points apiece. Hefter, a more physical skater, earned all-league recognition as a

defenseman for his rugged play. Another bright spot was the development of junior Anthony Hudzinsky, who led the team in scoring with 16 goals and 16 assists.

The three most memorable games of the season came against their perennial rival, Livingston H.S. Their first encounter, a 5-0 Mountaineer rout, came in the Holiday Tournament. Their second meeting, a hotly contested match,

ended in a 1-1 tie. The most dramatic game was their third and final meeting of the season. Down two goals in the first period, the Mountaineers rallied to tie the score at 2-2. Vala's spectacular goal in the second period made it 3-2, and Mike Geller added an insurance goal for a 4-2 final.

Steve Rizzolo identified the reasons for the turnaround. "The key for us was that we kept a positive approach and worked more like a team than last year."



HOCKEY





Being on a team requires working together as a unit and using individual talent to achieve a group goal.

- Coach Theobald



My participation in sports has developed my leadership skills and taught me to work with others when things are good and bad.

- Rosemary Cicerone



Sports have helped me become a team player and learn how to take criticism without my anger getting the best of me.

- Michelle Nagle



Anyone can get on a court and shoot a ball, but only the team that's the most together and has the most desire will be remembered.

- Aubrey Garrison



You can't stop Rosemary Cicerone; you can only hope to contain her. Here she drives the lane.



Sophomore Latifa Jones pushes the ball upcourt.



Colette Canfield readies herself for a jump shot against West Side.

Overcoming Injuries Key to Remaining On Target

ALL-CONFERENCE

Colette Canfield
Heidi Kindel
Michelle Nagle
Rebecca Paul

The Lady Mountaineers generated plenty of excitement as they fought through injuries to attain a 14-8 final record. According to Coach Margaret Theobald, the team was made up of "remarkably hard-working players who continued to progress as a team and as individuals over the course of a demanding season." The team, comprised of a solid mix of seniors and underclassmen, had to overcome the loss of two of its tallest and most talented inside players when Michelle Nagle and Colette Canfield were injured. Mae Grandusky and sophomore Kristen Mindo, who also missed a few games due to a knee injury, filled in admirably for the two veteran starters. Nagle eventually returned to provide her usual strong defense and excellent rebounding. Canfield, however, missed the final five games of the season, including two consecutive tough losses to powerhouses Bloomfield Tech and Bloomfield in the county and state tournaments respectively.

The strength of the team rested with its perimeter players, led by junior standout Heidi Kindel, who led the team in scoring with a 19 ppg average. Theobald was pleasantly surprised by the play of sophomores Rebecca Paul, a deadly outside shooter, and Latifa Jones, a quick defender. Rosemary Cicerone also saw considerable time in the backcourt. Aubrey Garrison, a three-year

member of the program, contributed significantly to the spirited attitude the players brought to each game.

Despite the injuries, and the cancellation of two games due to heavy snowfall, the Lady Mountaineers orchestrated a solid 14 win season, matching the previous year's winning total. Three games stood out most in Coach Theobald's mind; two were victories and one was a loss. The two victories came against an explosive team from Clifford J.

Scott. On the road, the Lady Mountaineers prevailed in a nail-biter in overtime. At home, they held on to win by three points after trailing for most of the contest. Perhaps the most memorable game of the season was a loss to the eventual conference champion, West Milford. West Orange trailed by a narrow margin until the waning minutes, when they were forced to foul. The final point differential didn't reflect the close-

ness of the contest as West Milford, ranked number one in the state, narrowly escaped defeat on their way to the Group IV final.

Back to back 14 win seasons and a strong nucleus returning the following year painted a clear picture of the girls' basketball program as pointed in the right direction. Their third place finish in the conference and fifth place ranking in the county were proof that the girls' basketball program was on target for greater success.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL





Team members learn to motivate one another; they learn to sacrifice individual success for a common good.

- Coach Fess



Being on a team has taught me how to be a leader. It has also taught me that hard work and unselfishness are the keys to success.

- Bryan Katz



As a tri-captain on the team I have learned to be a leader and make sacrifices in order to help others develop.

- Raheem Townes



Being on a team has taught me about leadership. What you do is as important as what you say.

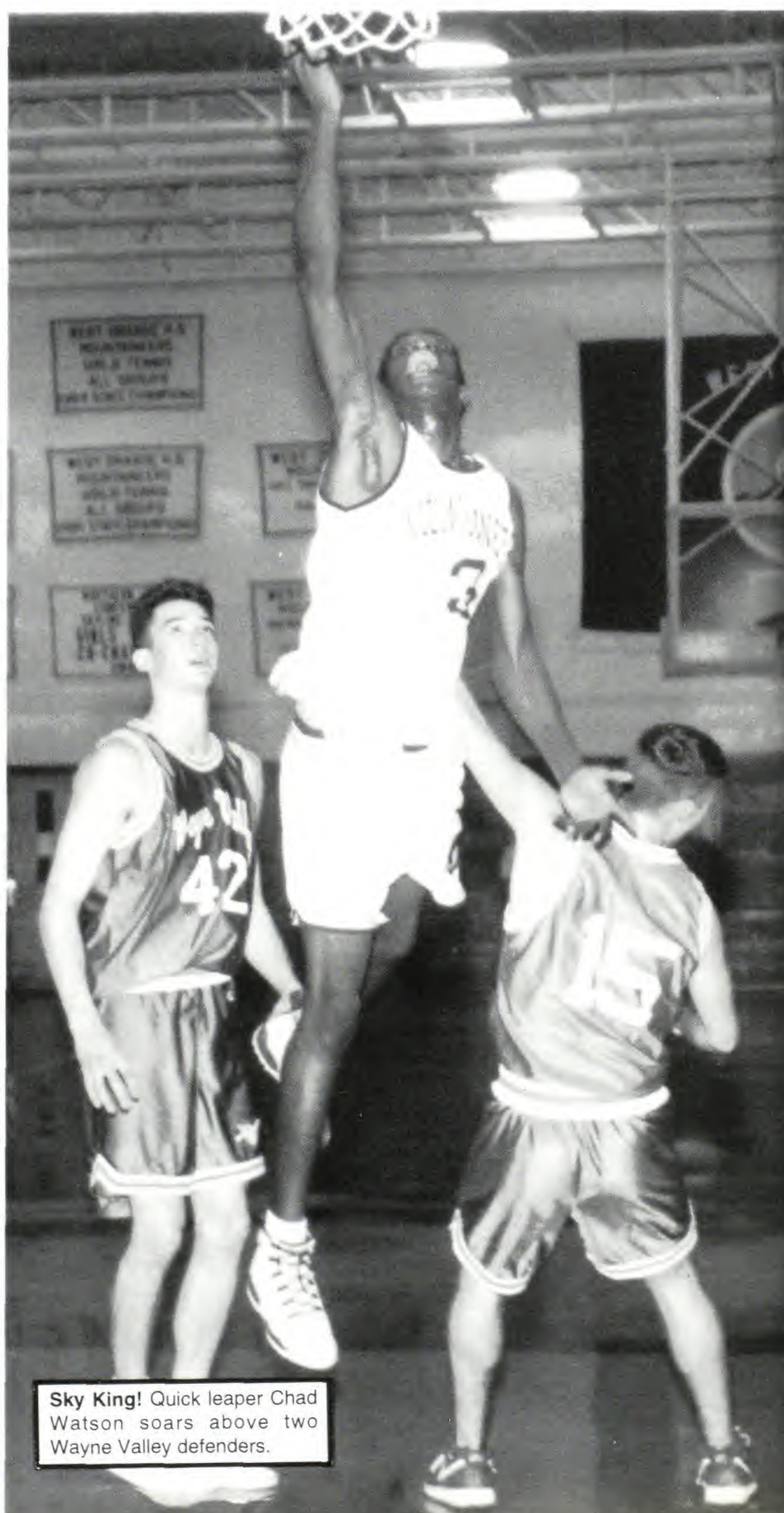
- Rashad Hobson



Point guard Haleem Robinson tries to avoid an Orange H.S. defender. Robinson led the team in steals.



Leading scorer Bryan Katz adds two more.



Sky King! Quick leaper Chad Watson soars above two Wayne Valley defenders.

Hoopsters Share Spotlight in A Big Rebound

ALL-CONFERENCE

Angel Aquino
Bryan Katz
Brandon Minde
Chad Watson

At the start of every new season, it's a common practice to predict what kind of year a team will have. Considering the fact that the boys' basketball team was coming off of an 8-14 season and would be without their top offensive threat from the previous year, no one could have imagined that this year's team would finish 15-9 and advance to the sectional semi-final of the state tournament. Their final record was even more impressive when one considers that six of the team's losses came against Clifford Scott, Orange, and Montclair, three of the top teams in the county.

According to third-year coach Michael Fess, "The strength of this team was the ability of the seniors to individually step up their game to assume a scoring role when the rest of the team wasn't shooting particularly well." Nowhere was that more evident than in the opening round of the state tournament against East Orange. With the Mountaineers trailing entering the second half, Raheem Townes took over the game. He connected on one clutch shot after another on his way to a career high 21 points as the team treated a packed gym to a thrilling come-from-behind victory. Chad Watson, who matured as a scorer towards the end of the season chipped in with 19 points. A quick leaper and deadly three-point scorer, Watson's top offensive perfor-

mance came against Montclair when he posted 23 points.

The team's defense was anchored in the post by Rashad Hobson and junior Angel Aquino. Hobson's superior vertical leaping ability allowed him to lead the team in blocked shots. His best game came against Millburn, where he scored 10 points and rejected four Millburn shot attempts. Aquino, known for his rugged interior play, led the team in rebounding.

The backcourt was capably patrolled by Bryan Katz, Haleem Robinson and junior Brandon Minde. Katz, the most experienced member of the team, had numerous outstanding games, particularly in the early part of the season while others were adjusting to varsity level competition. He earned MVP recognition in the Nutley Christmas Tournament. His best game came in a victory over Delbarton, when he

totalled 29 points. Robinson, the primary ballhandler, found the range for 19 points against Lakeland. Minde, a junior swingman known for his aggressive style, had his moment to shine against Nutley when he contributed 18 points.

By anyone's standards this team overachieved. Those who predicted a long season didn't take into account the determination of the individual seniors to make their final mark on the basketball program.



BOYS' BASKETBALL





A sport is defined as a game that requires "bodily exertion"—the stunt and dance aspects of cheering definitely fulfilled the requirement!

- Coach Pratko



Cheerleading is a sport because we compete for a place in our conference. We practice hard so we can achieve goals.

- Kristi Naeris



Constant practices, hard work, dedication and skill all combine to make cheerleading a sport like any other.

- Dana Rothman



Cheerleading is just as challenging as any other sport if not more demanding! It takes a lot of coordination and dedication.

- Melissa Salinardi



Lilyette Estanislao, Carrie Abrams, and Allison Caprio show their spirit while supporting the wrestling team.



Suzanne Phelan is supported in a chair-lift.



The Cheerleaders psych up the crowd during a basketball half-time with their cheer "Blue Bomp Bomp."

SEASONAL AWARDS

West Milford Competition
2nd Place Cheer Division

UCA - Cheering Camp
Superior Rankings in All Categories

A Spirited Squad For All Seasons

Most athletes understand the toll it takes on them to be committed to their sport throughout a long season. Imagine then what level of dedication it took to be a cheerleader, which required year-round involvement. Practice began in August, with heavy emphasis on conditioning and flexibility using aerobic exercises. During the fall, the squad practiced daily and provided strong vocal support at all home soccer games during the week and at football games every Saturday. In addition to their traditional sideline performance, the squad entertained the fans at half-time with their dazzling dance routine, which was choreographed by Dana Rothman, Liz Morison, and Nicole Varanelli.

The squad also kept busy organizing the highly successful Fall Pep Rally and attending night practices, sometimes until 11 p.m., in order to perfect their routines for the West Milford Competition. According to Lilyette Estanislao, "We were more than ready when we arrived the night of November 17." Before a large crowd, comprised of a large contingent of vocal West Orange supporters, the squad missed first place by a single point. "It was a very rewarding and fulfilling experience," for veteran coach Debbie

Pratko. "The fans made us feel like we were #1," noted captain Dana Rothman. "West Orange fans filled more than half the gym, and they were great to us," she added.

When the fall athletes turned in their equipment, it was time for the cheerleaders to switch to their indoor uniforms and bring their energy to support the wrestling and basketball teams over the course of their three month seasons. To keep their spirits up, Coach Pratko scheduled regular "Powwows," which allowed the girls to openly discuss their concerns in order to develop a closer bond. "We were as close as sisters," offered Carrie Abrams.

The spring signaled the time to prepare for participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Great Adventure Cheerleading Competition. The remainder of the year was devoted to teaching underclassmen the skills they needed for success in the tryouts for the following year's squad.

In retrospect, it was a year filled with demands on their time, strain on their bodies, and countless sacrifices. For the nine seniors on the squad, it was a year they'd gladly do over again. For their coach, it was difficult to say goodbye to nine very special athletes.



CHEERLEADING



Undefeated Bowlers Spare None

"The West Orange bowling team was the dominant force in the county and the conference this season," according to Coach Kevin Alvine. For the second consecutive season, they posted an undefeated record and then went on to triumph at the Essex County Tournament. They hold the honor of being the first team, since the consolidation of the high schools, to win a county tournament.

There was more than one player who contributed to the success of this team. Senior Keith Heinz, a first-year bowler, came through for the team and won the majority of his games. "My expectations were fulfilled because, like last year, we had a good team and were able to go undefeated," commented Heinz. Other contributors included Jon Kennedy, Joe Matullo, Frank Cicarone, and Brian Robertshaw. Robertshaw led the team with a 192 average per game. Matullo and Cicarone earned the pairs title at the Northern Hills Handicap Tournament. At the Essex County Championships, Kennedy came two pins short of winning the individual tournament. All six starters were awarded post-season honors.

At the beginning of the season, the bowling team's goal was to maintain the excellence achieved the previous year. Before each game, Coach Alvine reminded the team to "spare no pins." This motto shaped the Mountaineers into the team to beat. Not only did they surpass last year's standards, but the combination of their talent and competitive spirit enabled them to qualify for the state tournament.

ALL-CONFERENCE

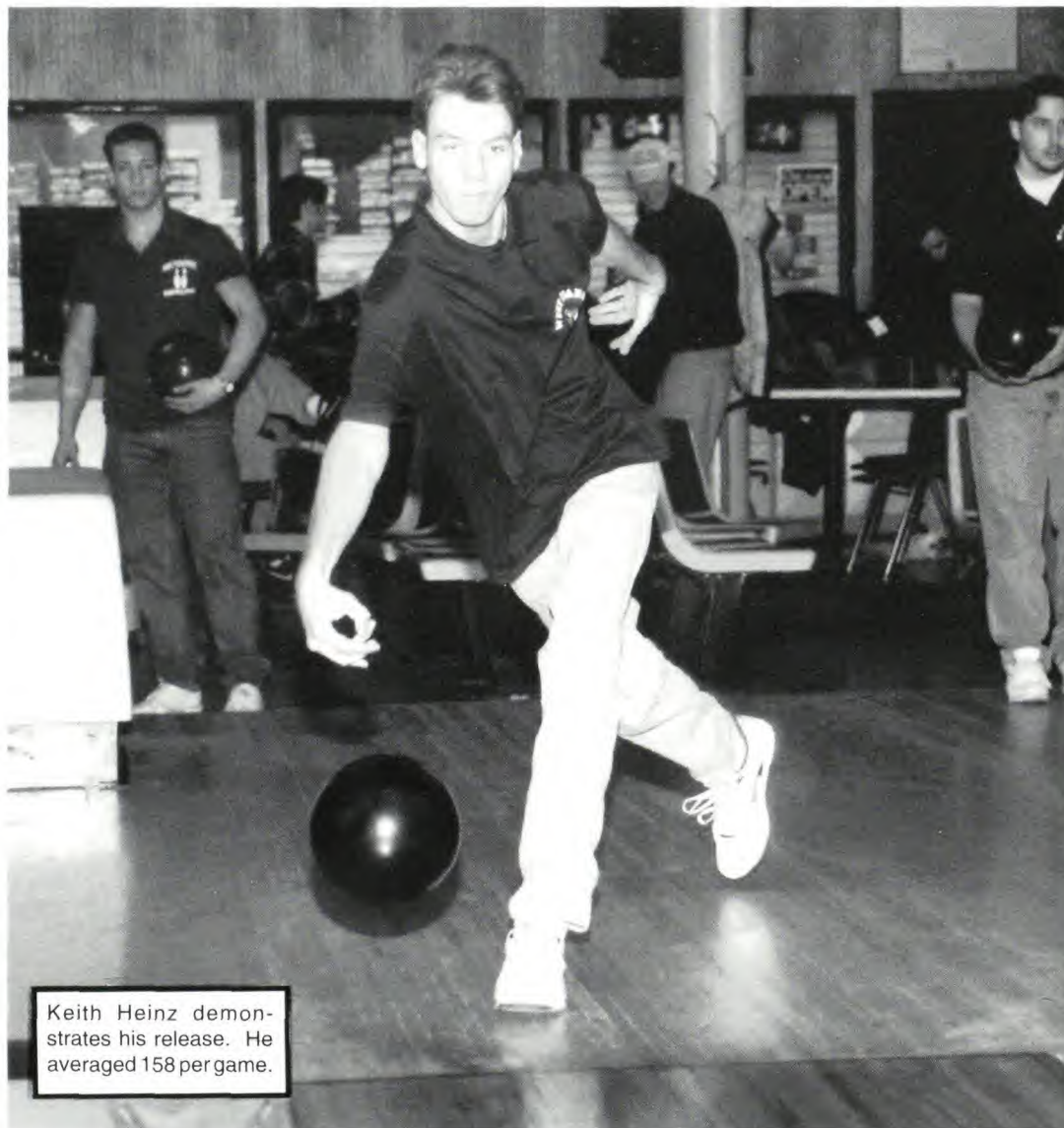
James Castoro
Frank Cicarone
Jon Kennedy
Anthony Mania
Joe Matullo
Brian Robertshaw



Bowling is a lifetime sport because it's one that you can play at your leisure throughout the course of your life.
— Coach Alvine



Bowling is a lifetime sport because it can be played by people of all ages, either competitively, or recreationally.
— Keith Heinz



Keith Heinz demonstrates his release. He averaged 158 per game.



BOWLING



Proper training is a perfect blend of discipline and determination that ultimately leads to success.



Through training for track I've learned to set goals in life and to strive to reach them no matter what obstacles get in my way.
— Beth Bromberg

New Coach -- **Same Pace**

Indoor track teams became accustomed to experiencing success under veteran head coach, Joe Suriano. In 1996, however, Mr. Suriano chose not to coach. Catherine Dean, a first-year P.E. teacher, stepped into the position and the indoor track team continued its winning ways.

Ms. Dean's goal was to assemble a small, yet competitive team. It was clearly evident that she accomplished this since, under her tutelage, the team returned with an average of five medals from each invitational meet. Her runners were not only dedicated and disciplined, they also proved to be versatile. "Going to the Holiday Relays with only six boys seemed discouraging. The distance runners were forced to enter the sprints," recalled Coach Dean. Despite this presumed limitation, each boy won a medal.

Leading the team was four-year runner Sam Chelnik. Chelnik, the team's miler, ended his impressive season as the conference champion. Beth Bromberg improved her times at the 55m and 200m and benefitted from the new coaching style. Junior Kelly Roche distinguished herself in the shot-put, where she medaled at every meet. Junior Marcus Washington and sophomore Danielle Hobson were also major contributors to the success of the team. Washington, the team's high jumper, placed fourth in the Eastern State Championships. Hobson won the conference championship in the 400 meters.

The squad may have been small, eleven total, and the coach may have been new, but the 1996 edition of indoor track kept pace with the winning tradition established by Coach Suriano.



INDOOR TRACK

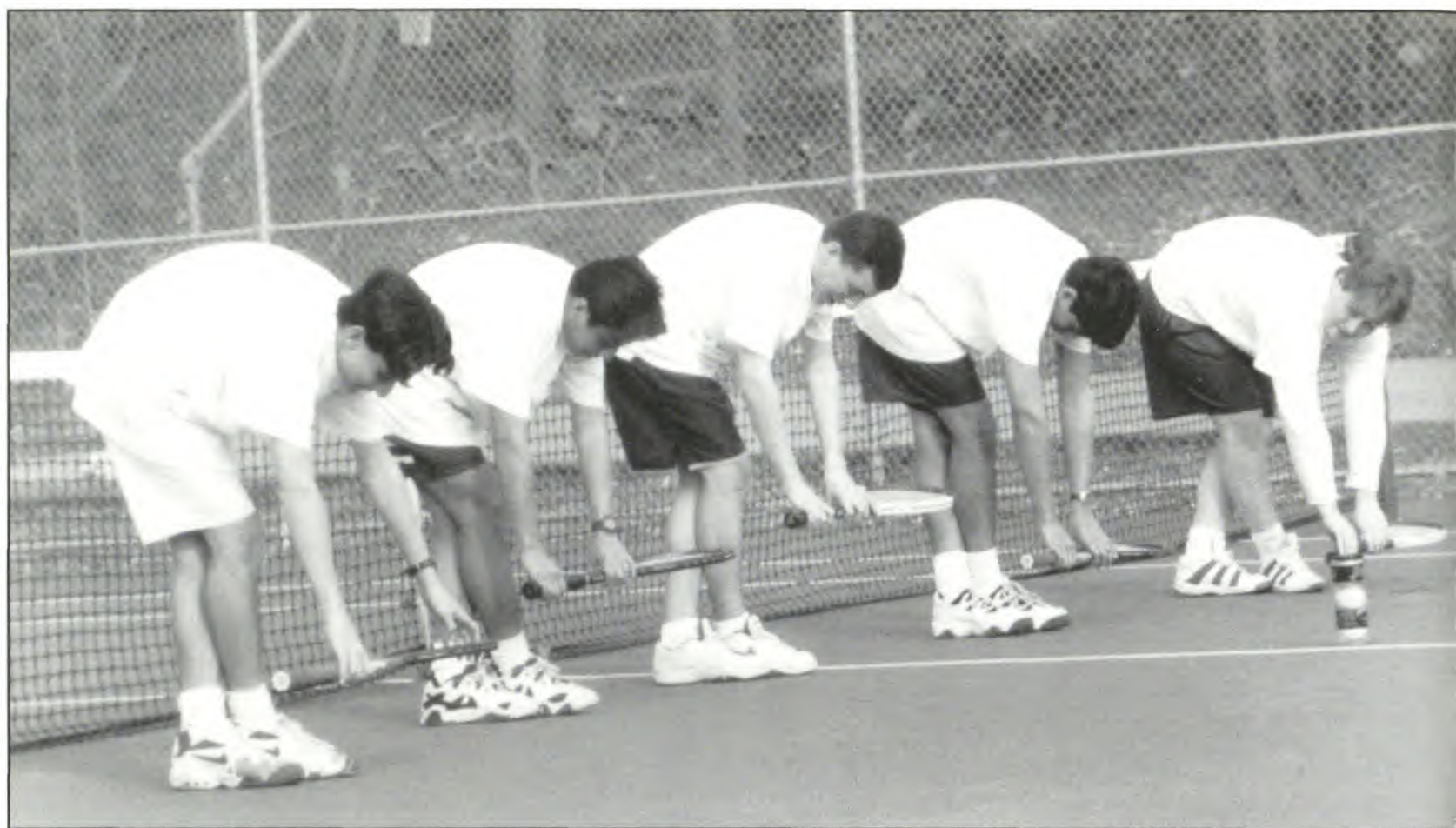
ALL-CONFERENCE

Sam Chelnik - Mile, 800m
Danielle Hobson - 400m
Kelly Roche - Shotput
Marcus Washington - High Jump

ALL-COUNTY

Sam Chelnik - 800m
Danielle Hobson - 400m
Patrick Richardson - Mile
Kelly Roche - Shotput
Marcus Washington - High Jump





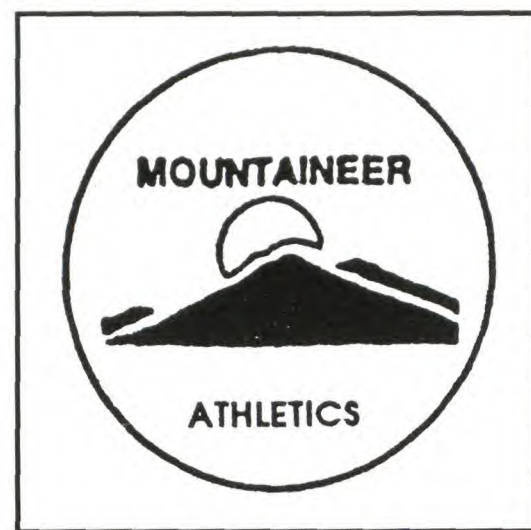
Let the Games Begin . . .



Spring Sports



Dedicated Professionals Work **Behind the Scenes**



Site Manager John Redmond discusses eligibility with Sam Gruen.



Coach Emering confirms busing in Athletic Director Carol Kulik's office.



Lilyette Estanislao receives medical attention from Head Trainer Ozzie Diaz.



My greatest satisfaction as Athletic Director comes from seeing as many students as possible participate in the athletic program.

- Mrs. Kulik



Out of season conditioning is extremely important because it will assist athletes in maintaining a high level of fitness.

- Mr. Diaz



Balancing academics and athletics should not be a problem for anyone who knows how to budget his/her time.

- Mr. Redmond



An athlete's health is his or her greatest asset. With good health our athletes can work their hardest to attain their optimal performance.

- Nurse Borkowski



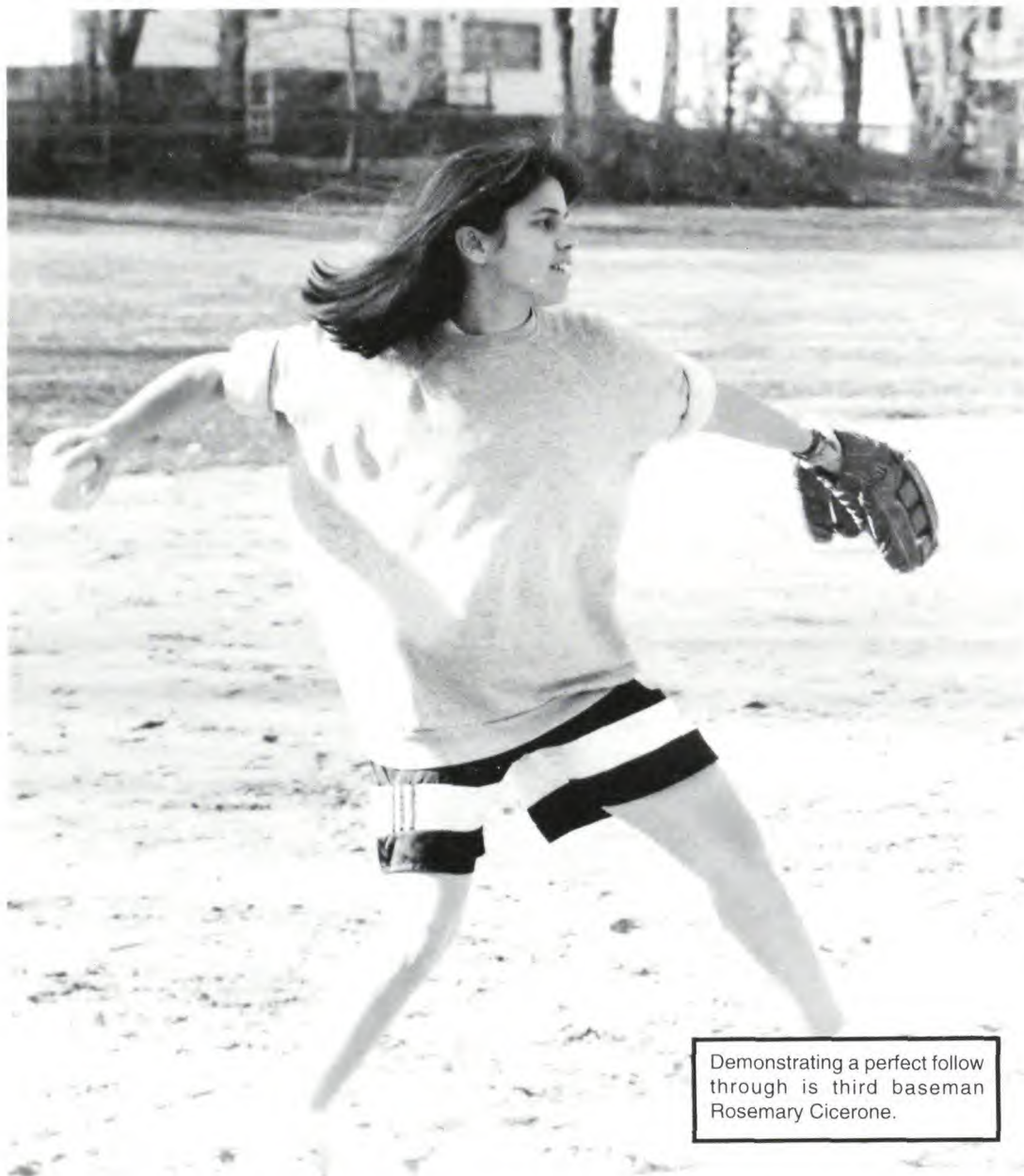
Nurse Christine Borkowski applies ice to the injured ankle of Eric Chuyen.



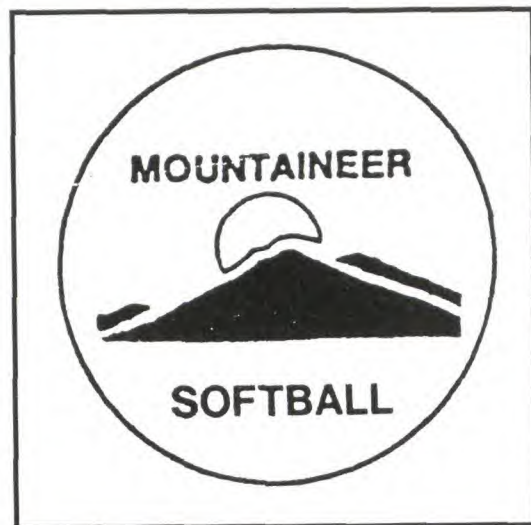
Taking advantage of weight-training is Ray Lacerna.



New Coach Uses Veterans
Around the Horn



Demonstrating a perfect follow through is third baseman Rosemary Cicerone.



SOFTBALL



Coach Theobald instructs juniors Mandi Krimmel and Erin Sciacchetano in proper bunting technique.



Girls' teams have a tremendous amount of athletic talent. Because of their talent, hard work, dedication and discipline they have become very successful

- Coach Theobald



Girls' teams are as competitive as boys' teams. We play with great intensity and a desire to win. We are very enthusiastic and have fun at every game.

- Rosemary Cicerone



Girls' teams are no different from any other team, in that they stress team unity, hard work, dedication, and an overall positive attitude.

- Beth Bromberg



Girls' teams have yet to receive the recognition they deserve after years of being overshadowed by the male dominated world of athletics.

- Lauren Ljubicich

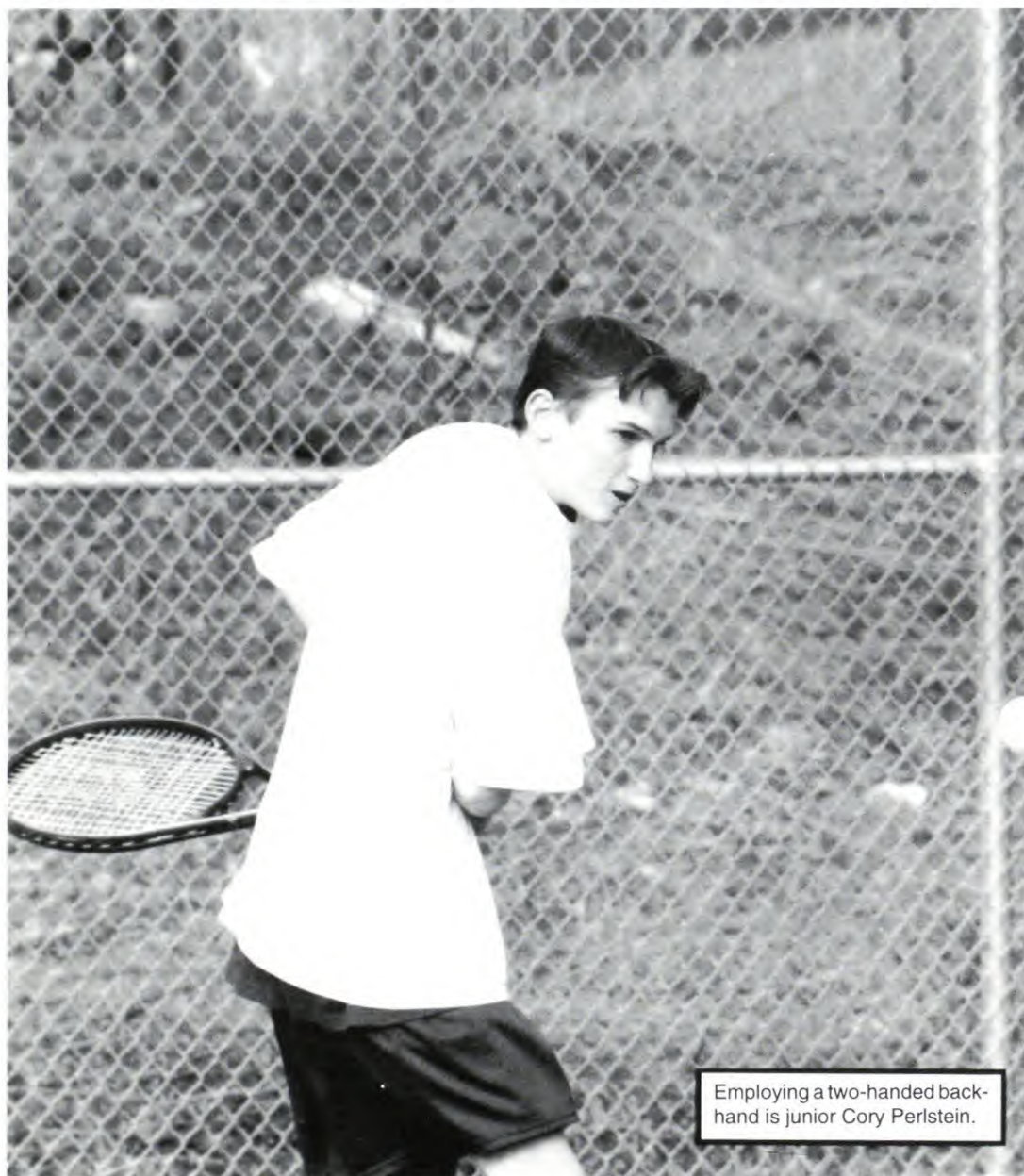


You're Out! Lauren Ljubicich applies the tag to a sliding Mandi Krimmel.

Beth Bromberg squeezes an outfield fly.

Players' Positive Attitude Produces

Net Gains



Employing a two-handed back-hand is junior Cory Perlstein.



BOYS' TENNIS



Coach Lesnik explains the proper forehand grip to underclassmen Mark Weinberger and Aaron Schwartz.



Not everyone can be an athlete. It takes motivation and the perception that you are equal in ability to your opponent.

- Coach Lesnik



Not everyone can be an athlete. It requires total dedication, so if you can't be one, give up and stop wasting time.

- Boris Ioshpa



Not everyone can be an athlete. To be a successful athlete, one should have self-discipline and be honest with him/herself and with others.

- Carlos Perez



An individual can be an athlete if he/she has determination, perseverance, and an optimistic attitude.

- Corey Palent



Carlos Perez smashes a forehand return. Perez competed at first singles.



Another ace for Captain Boris Ioshpa.



Suriano's Seniors Continue
Going The Distance



Lift Off! Raheem Townes works on his long jump technique during a practice.



Distance runner Sam Chelnik gets in some "road" work.



BOYS' TRACK



The Olympics represent the culmination of years of sacrifice and training. It is only fitting then that the finest athletes compete while the whole world is watching.

- Coach Suriano



Olympic athletes compete on a world-class level. It is tireless dedication to training which allows them to perform with such great skill.

- Pat Richardson



All Olympic athletes strive to win in order to represent their countries. I, on the other hand, believe that sports should be recreational, not strictly competitive.

- Dave Leach



Olympic athletes are a special breed of people. They exert the highest level of determination and skill. Their most important asset is heart.

- John Bullock



Pat Richardson easily clears another hurdle during a spring workout.



Picture perfect shotput form by Nick Makriannis.



Spring Storms Create
Major Hurdles



No hurdle is insurmountable for Tara Ameli.



GIRLS' TRACK



Coach Kuhlmann demonstrates proper shotput grip for County Champion Kelly Roche.



Female athletes: calm in the classroom, but unleash them on the playing field and you see the competitive nightmare that your mother never warned you about.

- Coach Kuhlmann



Female athletes are now able to express themselves athletically in the world of sports. They contribute greatly to our fine tradition of "Class A" athletes.

- Coach Minni



Female athletes share the same responsibilities and face the same challenges that male athletes endure. The physical demands are exactly the same.

- Tara Ameli



Female athletes gain a great deal of confidence from participating in sports because we are challenged with workouts that are just as difficult as those of the male athletes.

- Courtney Carroll



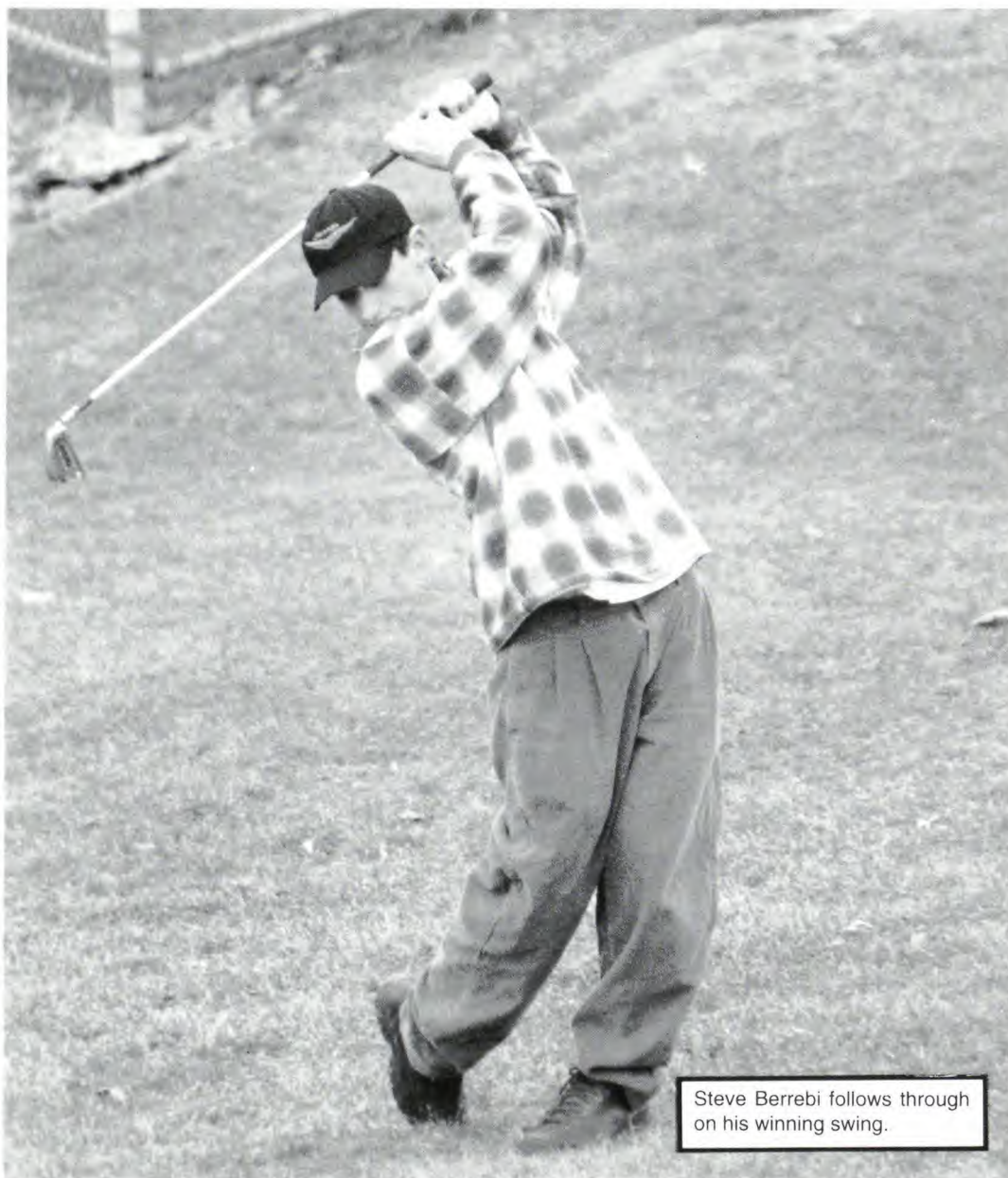
Junior Lisa Sellers catches air during a long jump practice.



Veteran miler Courtney Carroll works on her stamina.



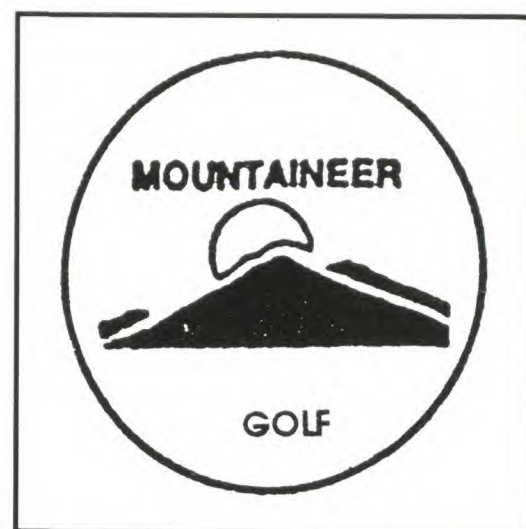
Consistency of Seniors Keeps Golf Program on Par



Steve Berrebi follows through on his winning swing.



GOLF



Coach Belcuore assists Andrew Walk with his grip as team members look on.



The real challenge of golf is hitting a little white ball with clubs better suited for stoking a fire.

- Coach Belcuore



The real challenge of golf, as I see it, is taking a serious game and trying to make it more enjoyable.

- John Gibson



The real challenge of golf is to keep focused on the game. There are many factors which can disrupt your concentration.

- Steve Berrebi



The real challenge of golf is to remain dedicated. If you don't practice, you will never succeed.

- Pat Dillon



Completing a full swing on an iron shot is first-year member John Gibson.



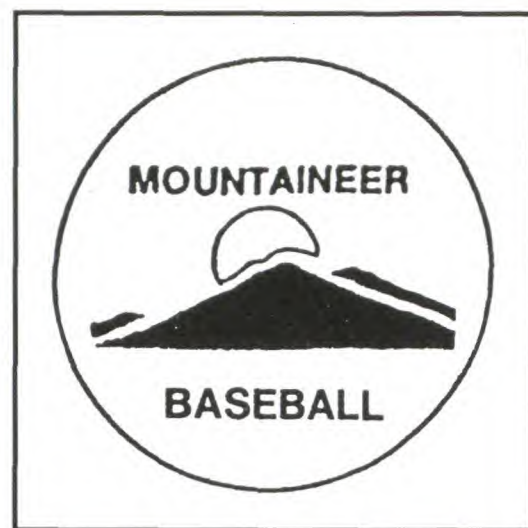
Checking the club shaft is Andrew Walk.



Senior Fielders Strong Up The Middle



Determination is etched on the face of third baseman Dominic Allegrino.



BASEBALL

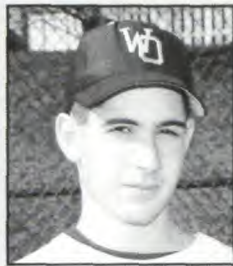


Coach Urbanski demonstrates bat control for Pat Carosia and Jimmy Wilkinson.



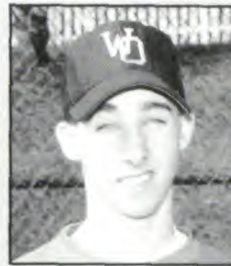
Baseball is America's pastime because everywhere you go, youngsters are playing it. All age groups are involved from Tee-Ball to the Major Leagues.

- Coach Urbanski



Baseball is America's pastime because it is still enjoyed by millions of people here in the US. Thousands of fans flock to the stadiums each year to cheer on their teams.

- Eric Chuven



Baseball is America's pastime because of the tradition that has endured since the 1890's. Baseball has always been held as a model for what America represents.

- Kris Lauterbach



Baseball is America's pastime. While it is true that different people like different sports, everyone likes baseball, especially during the World Series.

- Matt Miller



The DP Combo.
Kris Lauterbach awaits the toss from Eric Chuven.

Hip action at work for Matt Miller.



Doc Mora watches Andrea Christopher empty a beaker during a biology lab.



Mr. DelGuercio assists Ian Caravela with a drafting assignment.



Mrs. Dodds reviews a government manual with Lusekelo Mbisa.



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Our faculty is dedicated to supporting the dignity, worth and value of each WOHS student.

- Dr. Finnegan

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Our new teachers are the finest group that we have had the pleasure of hiring.

- Mr. LaSapio

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FACULTY

We knew where they went to college and what they majored in, but not much more. All too often we thought of them merely as fountains of information and sources for college recommendations. The faculty at WOHS were certainly much more than that. Twenty-four new teachers joined in with 132 veteran staff members to comprise a very diverse faculty, to whom we are deeply indebted. We decided to include a sidebar in the Faculty Section this year to share things they have wanted to say before, but were never asked, until now. The faculty at WOHS definitely had . . .

Something
to say





DR. THOMAS FINNEGAN
PRINCIPAL



SEBASTIAN LASAPIO
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

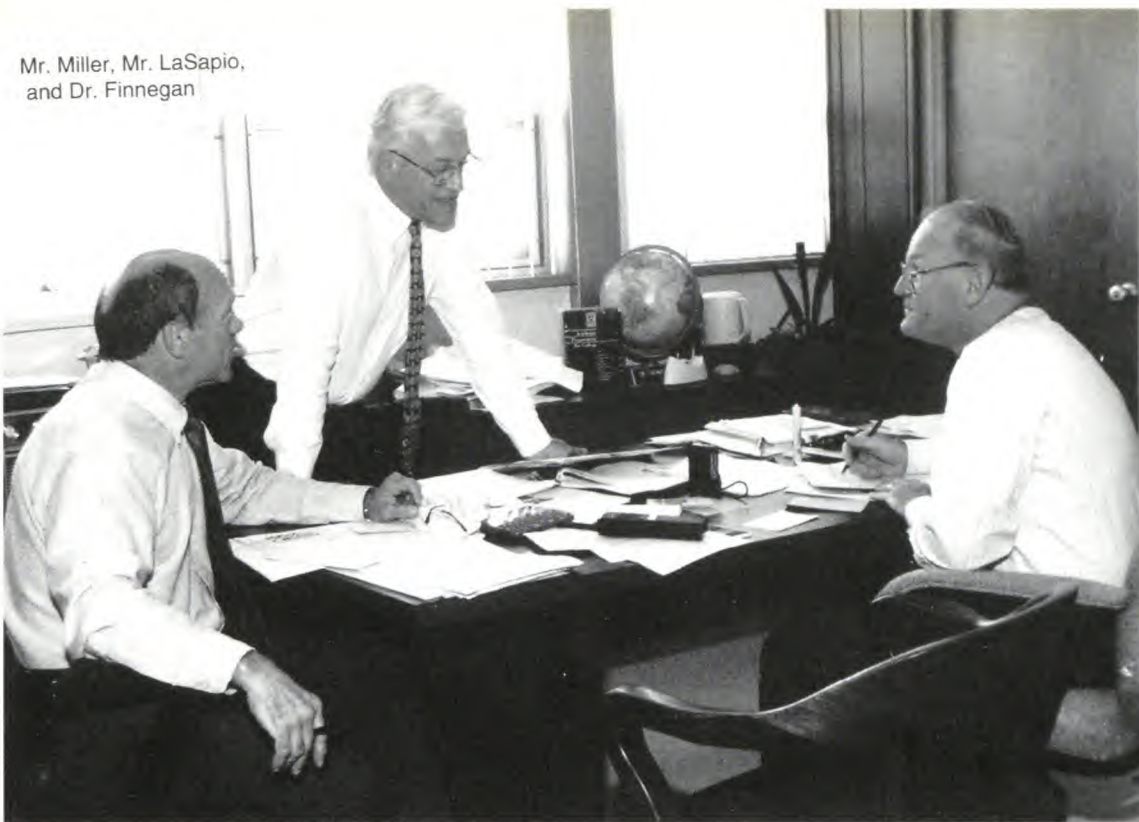


RONALD MILLER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mr. Miller and Gbewah Nambe



Mr. Miller, Mr. LaSapio,
and Dr. Finnegan



TEACHER TALK

What Do You Do When You Are Not Teaching?

MR. DICKEY

"My wife and I are 'dog lovers' -- We have three English bulldogs running around our house."

DR. FINNEGAN

"As many activities as possible with my family. I also attend many sporting events or watch them on television."

MR. LASAPIO

"I enjoy working out at the Y. My favorite hobby is gourmet cooking for friends and family."

MR. MILLER

"I enjoy watching all athletic events, particularly football. I also enjoy working out with weights, reading, and traveling."

MR. PETERSON

"Fishing, reading, gardening, and being Vice-President of the Diocese of Paterson Education Council and Leader of Song at the R.C. Church."

MR. TARNOFF

"I enjoy watching and participating in various sports and attending theater and concert productions."



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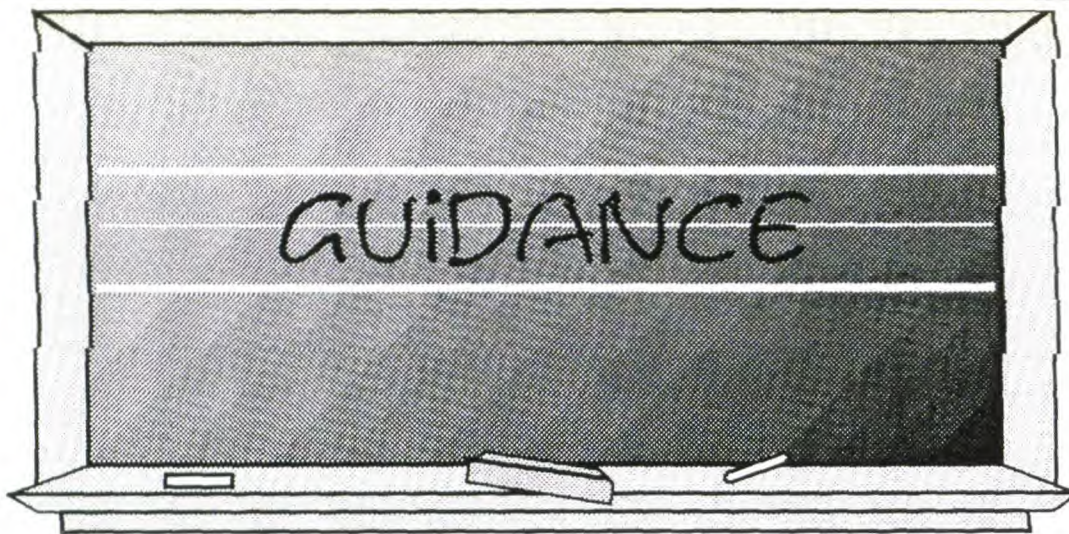


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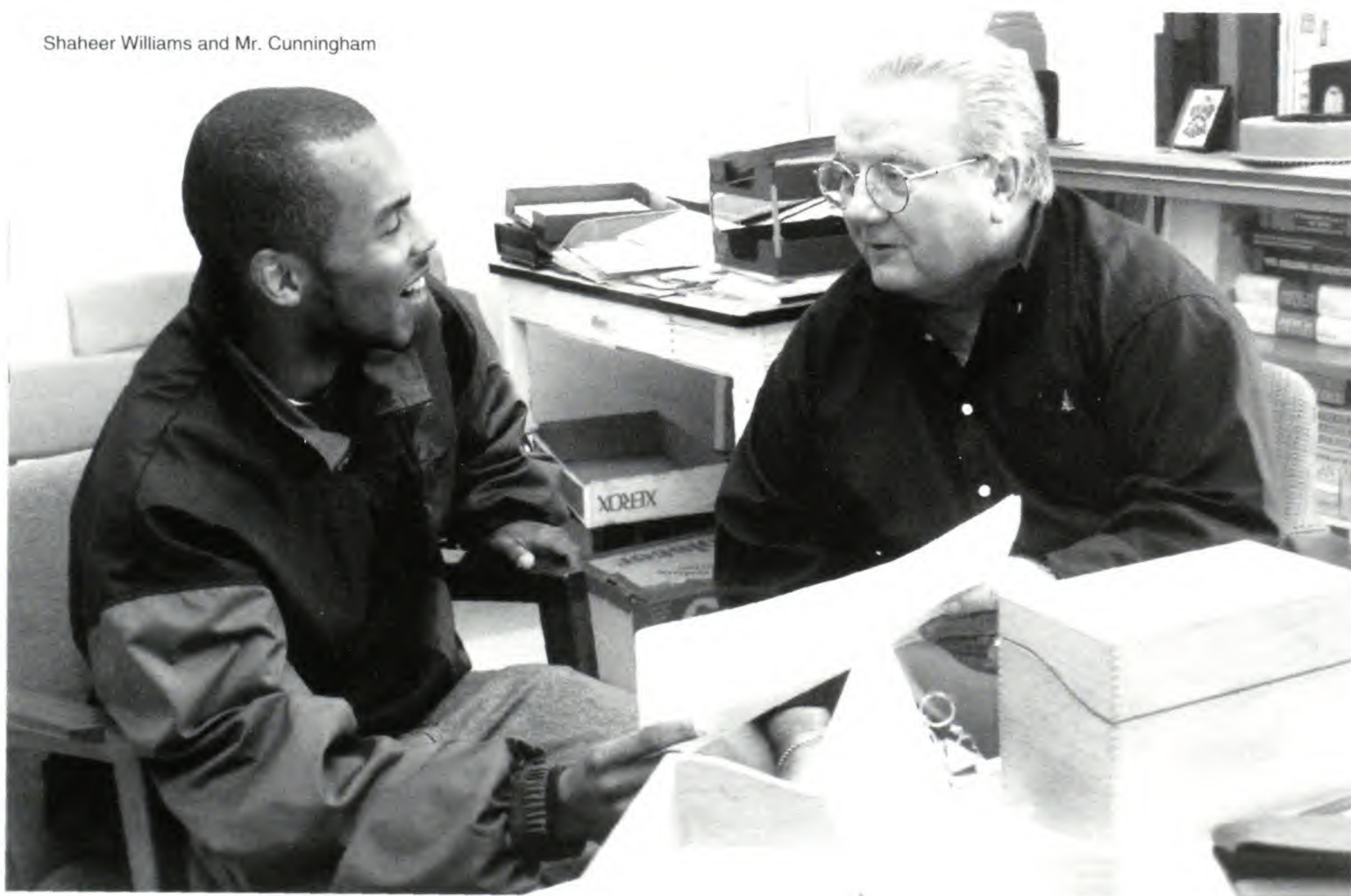


MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM



RICHARD D'ARIES

Shaheer Williams and Mr. Cunningham





TEACHER TALK

My Favorite Quote Is . . .

MRS. ANTONACCI

"To thine own self be true."

DR. BEARG

"Intelligence is what you do when you have been taught to do it."

MR. CUNNINGHAM

"I may not agree with a word you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it."

MR. D'ARIES

"The best laid schemes o'mice an' men often go a-stray."

MS. GARRETT

"To err is human, to forgive is divine."

MR. HILL

"If it's not broken, don't fix it."

MR. LORENZO

"Live freely today, fear and guilt rob you of life."

MR. SHEA

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country."



ELIZABETH GARRETT

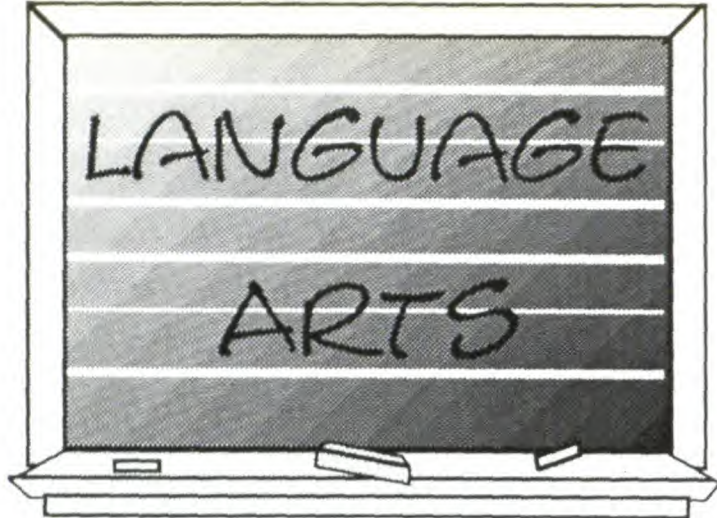


ROBERT HILL



MARTIN LORENZO





MICHAEL ROMEO
SUPERVISOR



GERALD DAVID



MELISSA EHRLICH



WILLIAM EHRLICH



KATHLEEN FLYNN KAY



WILLIAM HAUSLER



CARMELINA MCCARTHY



JOHN MCCARTHY



MARY ANN MCGONIGLE



MICHAEL PIZZI



ARLENE POMAR





LEE ROBINSON



PATRICIA SEBOLD



PETER SMERALDO



JOSEPH SURIANO



ROBERT VALGENTI



RITA WOJCHIK

TEACHER TALK

What Do You Do When You Are Not Teaching?

MR. DAVID

"Sea kayaking, woodworking, and writing."

MS. EHRLICH

"I love to sing. I love to dance & I love theater."

MRS. FLYNN

"I have two young sons who are fairly demanding in needing me for all sorts of things."

MR. HAUSLER

"Listening to country music, officiating soccer, baseball, and softball."

MRS. MCCARTHY

"Go to Florida, and go to soccer, baseball and even basketball games."

MRS. MCGONIGLE

"I enjoy living in New York City, and being a mom to a twelve year old son."

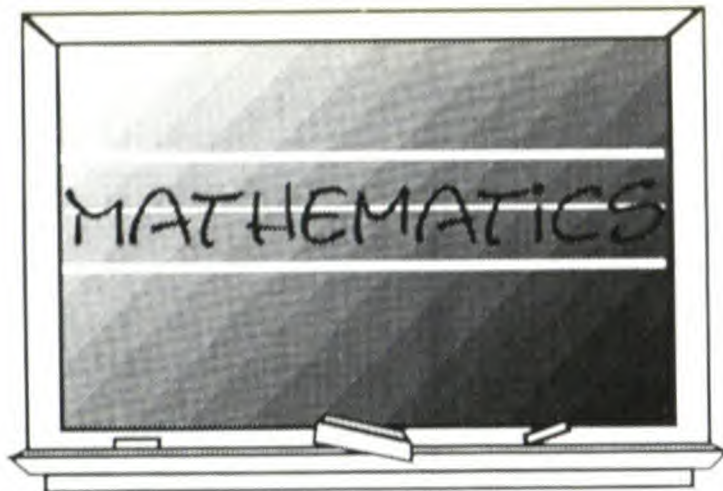
MRS. SEBOLD

"I serve as a Freeholder-At-Large for Essex County."

MR. VALGENTI

"Drumming, mountain biking, fishing, and facial hair consulting."





DAVID GLATZER
SUPERVISOR



MICHAEL BATTAGLINI



JUDITH BOYD



KAREN BURROWS



CAROLYN D'SYLVA



EUGENE EMERING



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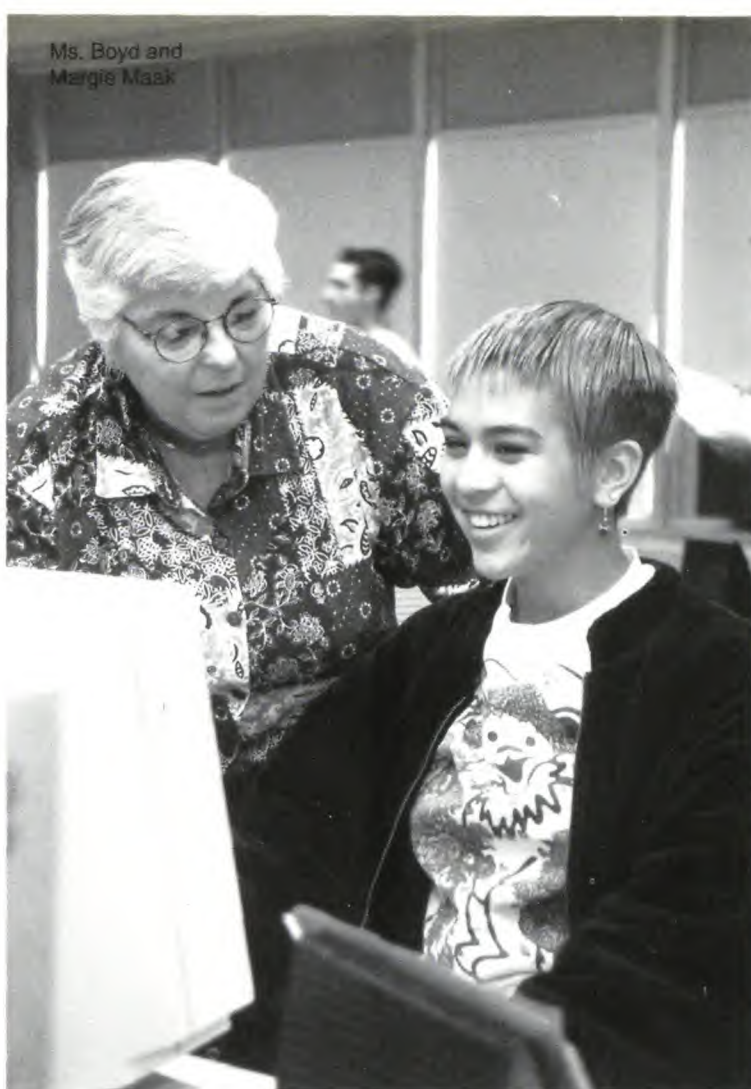
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THOMAS PRENDERGAST



CATHERINE WARD



Ms. Boyd and
Margie Maak



LURLEE SHUTKIN



HELEN THERIANOS



SUSAN WHITTY



HELEN YUSWACK

TEACHER TALK

My Nickname in High School Was . . .

MS. BOYD

"Jude -- it started after we read Jude the Obscure."

MRS. D'SYLVA

"Ziggy - my maiden name was Zweig."

MR. EMERING

"Spiderman -- the name grew out of my style as a wrestler."

MR. GAGLIONE

"Gags -- figure it out."

MS. KISELBURGH

"Hershey - because my last name is Kiselburgh and it stood for Hershey's Kisses."

MR. PRENDERGAST

"Tucker - my aunt used to sing me to sleep with that silly song 'Little Tommy Tucker Sang For His Supper'."

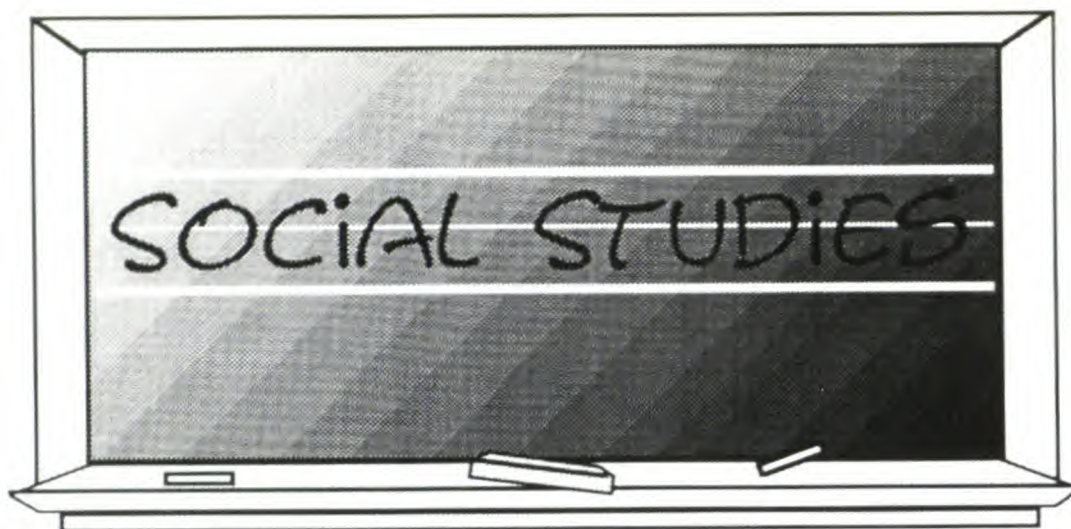
MRS. SHUTKIN

"Sugar Baby - my older sister called me that when I was an infant."

MS. WHITTY

"Lil - someone in my English class did a report on name origins and Susan means 'lily' (the flower)."





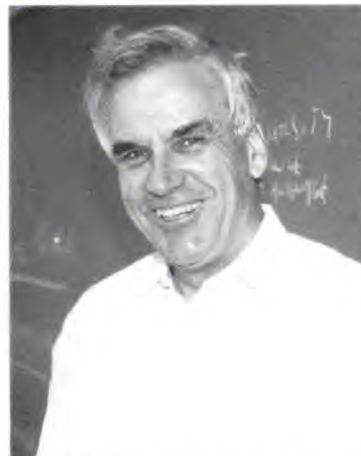
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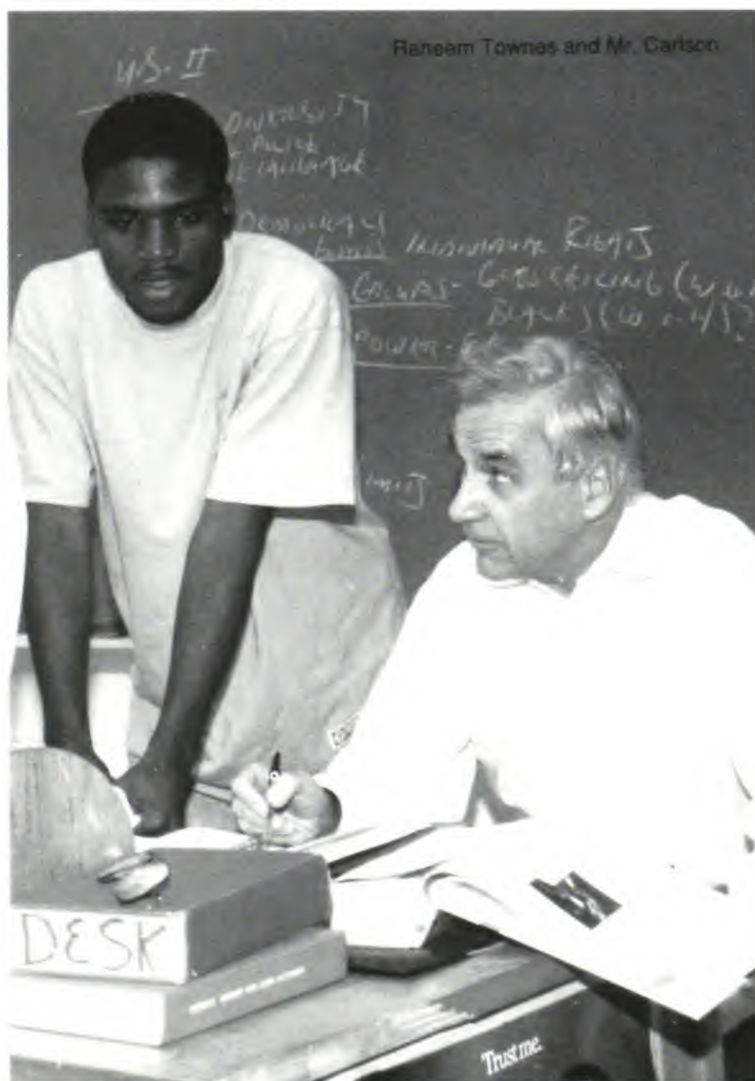
ARA BERBERIAN



CLIFTON CARLSON



MARIA DAMIANO



Raheem Townes and Mr. Carlson



DEBORAH DODDS



JULIANA FARRELL



CHRISTOPHER FEELEY



KATHLEEN GROTTTO



Ms. Damiano's Psychology class

TEACHER TALK

My Thoughts on the Eight Period Day . . .

MR. BELCUORE

"Too early to tell."

MR. BERBERIAN

"As of yet, I'm unsure. However, it has given students more classes from which to choose."

MS. DAMIANO

"We need more classrooms to accommodate all the classes that students must take."

MRS. DODDS

"Seems fine except for the teachers who have no idea where they are or when they are supposed to be there."

MS. FARRELL

"I have nothing to compare it to, but it seems to be working fine."

MRS. GROTT

"Smooth sailing!"

MRS. MANNING

"I believe the students benefit from being able to take a variety of courses."

MR. SCHWARTZ

"I like the idea because it gives students a chance to broaden their academic experience."



ELIZABETH MANNING



RALPH MINELLI



JOHN PARNOFIELLO



KAREN PERRY

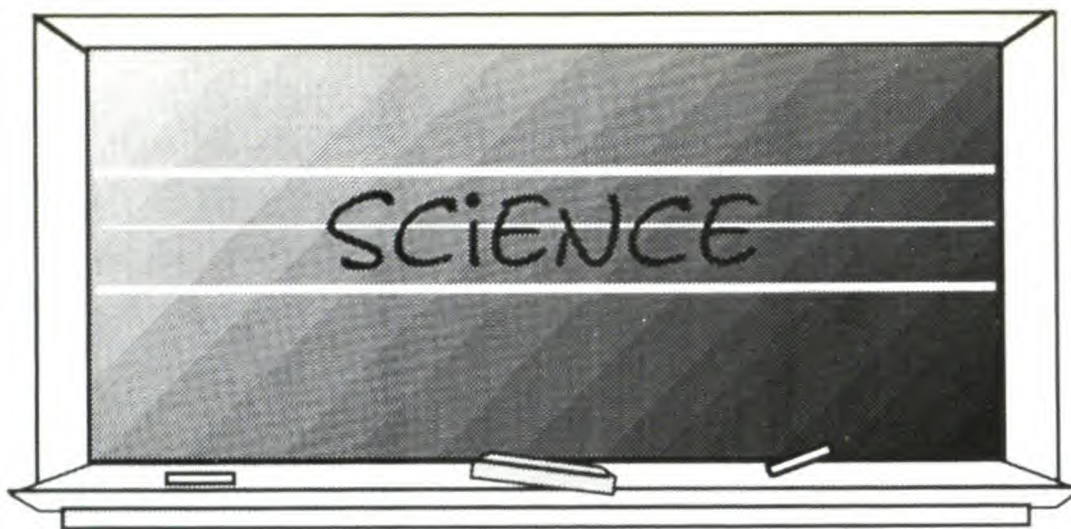


DR. WILLIAM SHAPIRO



ELAINE WERNER





SANDRA ANTOINE
SUPERVISOR



JOSEPH BONAVIDA



THADDEUS CASSERLY



Mr. Paganelli's Biology class



CLAIRE CELENZA



ROBERT CHANDA



MARIANNE DIGLIO



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TEACHER TALK

*The Most Interesting
Excuse For Being Late
I Have Heard Is . . .*

MR. CASSERLY

"A hurricane knocked a tree down on my house!"

MS. CELENZA

"I got lost: this is after twelve times of successfully making it there."

MRS. DIGLIO

"My mother lost the car keys and I was late for the bus."

MR. HUPPERT

"My house burned down."

MR. LAWRENCE

"I got a mark on my neck and I had to find a way to cover it up."

MS. MARTIN

"I dreamt I did my homework, but when I awoke I realized that it was only a dream & I hadn't really done my homework at all."

MR. MIDDLETON

"My house was on fire. -- As it turned out, it was the truth."

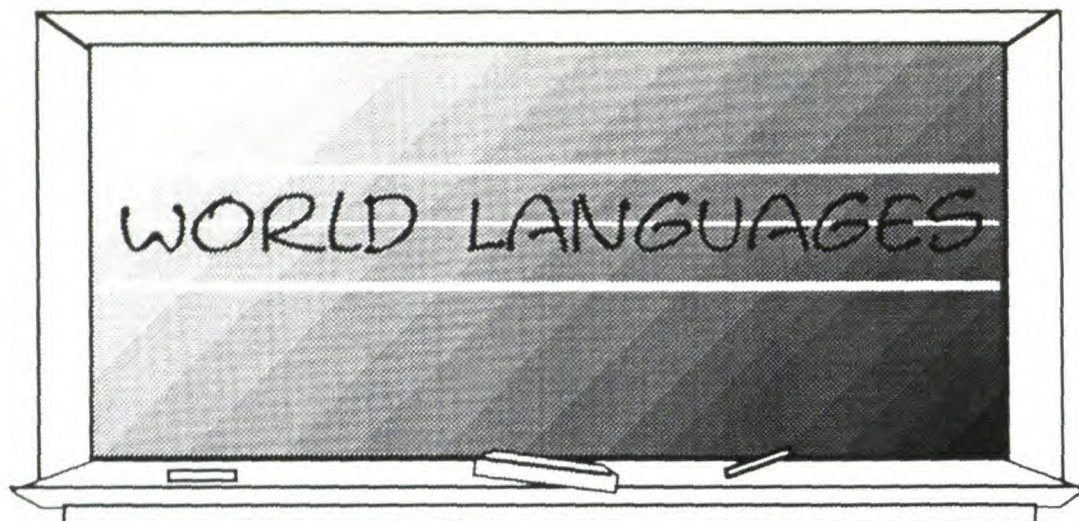
MS. POORE

"My cat walked on my radio alarm and pushed down the 'off' button."

MS. SHAH

"I had to beat up a skunk."





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TEACHER TALK

In High School I Was . . .

MRS. BOLGER

"I was a straight A student. I was also active in the French Club, and played the piano after school for a dance class."

MRS. CICCHINO

"Perfect . . . because I never got caught!"

MRS. MASSARI

"I was very smart & did not need to study much to do well. I always did my homework and participated in class & club activities. I was a perfect student."

MRS. MILLER

"Perfect in every way! Of course."

MRS. MONTGOMERY

"I was a good student. I played basketball, was a member of Future Teachers of America; I also sang in the school chorus."

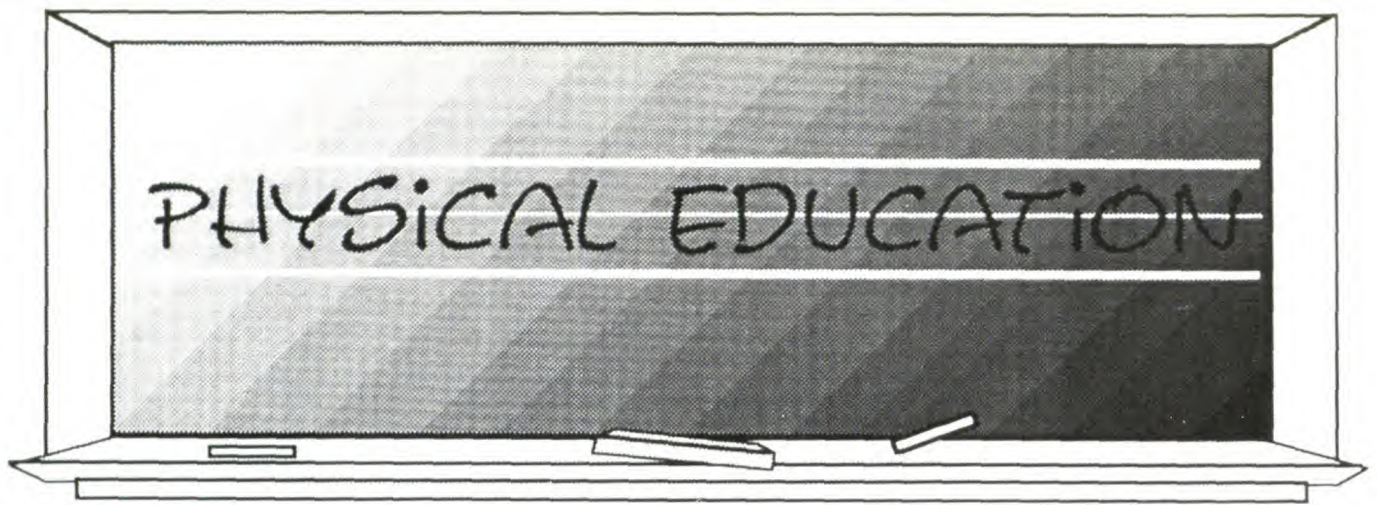
MRS. ROSIELLO

"I was basically a wall flower, but I actively participated in modern dance. I was a hard-working student."

MRS. SCHWARTZ

"The cheerleader type, spirited and involved."





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TEACHER TALK

*If I Weren't a Teacher,
I Would Be . . .*

MR. ALVINE

"A classic rock D.J."

MS. DEAN

"A personal fitness trainer."

MR. DIAZ

"A full-time athletic trainer."

MR. ERRICO

"A Club Med G.O."

DR. PETO

"A trauma nurse. I love dealing with emergencies and being right where the action is."

MS. RISSE

"A restaurant owner."

MS. THEOBALD

"In the floral business that my dad owns or sports management."

MR. URBANSKI

"A funeral director or a fireman."

MS. VLACICH

"An architect, an antique dealer, or a merchant."

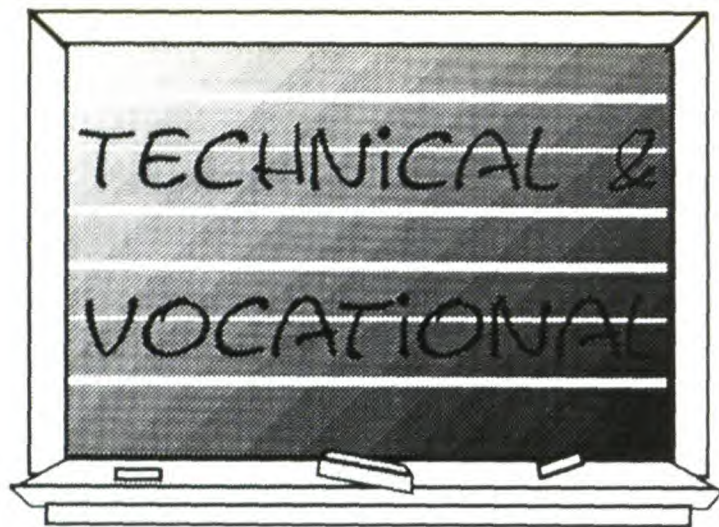
MS. WELTER

"A cruise line social director or travel agent."

MR. WENSON

"A carpenter."





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Cafeteria Food . . .

MR. DEL GUERCIO

"Some good, some terrible, mostly just adequate."

MR. HARRINGTON

"Government surplus!"

MR. IUCULANO

"I usually bring my lunch. However, I've tried the ice cream, and it was great."

MS. MANOS

"I've eaten the tuna & pasta salads. They were good."

MR. MULLIGAN

"Never had it!! Never will!!!"

MRS. QUEEN

"Most of it is really not very good. Salads and grilled cheese sandwiches are almost palatable."

MS. RYAN

"It is delicious -- I wish I could cook that well."

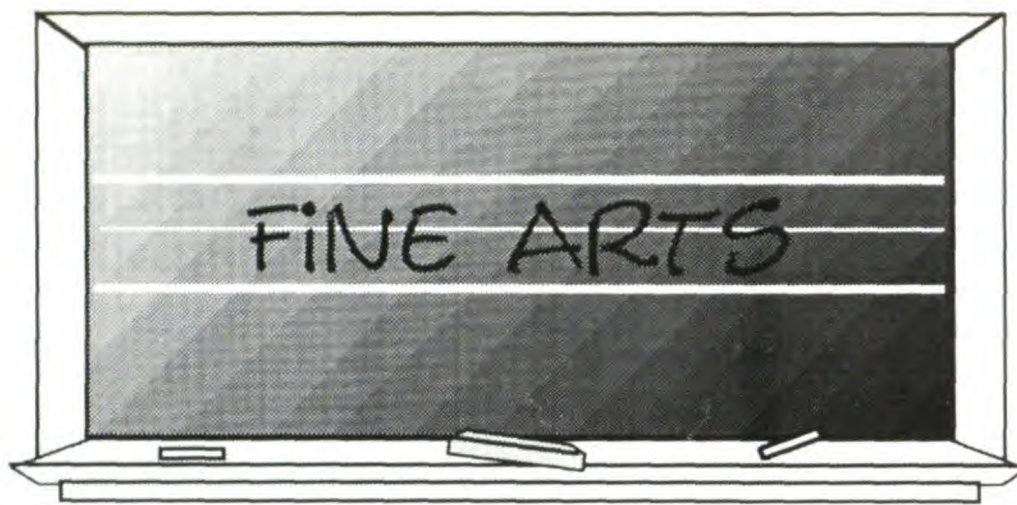
MS. SCOTT

"Sandwiches are good and so are the snacks."

MS. WONG-MACIAS

"For the hot food - high in fat. Salad bar - pretty good. Sandwich area - satisfactory. Snack Bar - sugar city!!"





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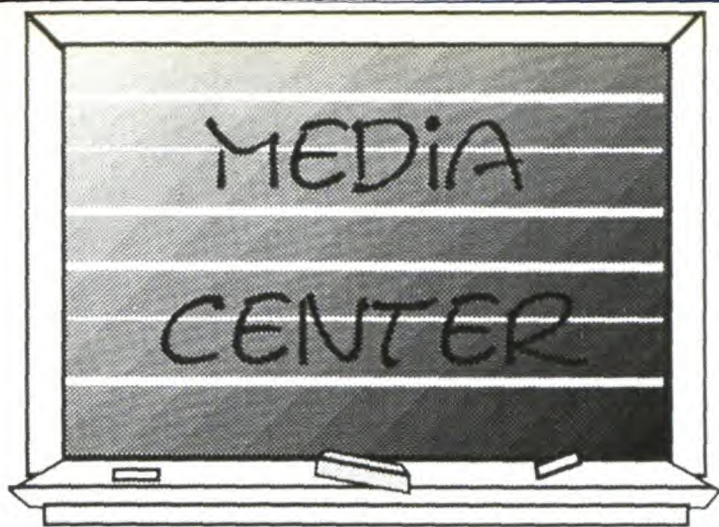
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DAVID DASILVA
MEDIA ASSISTANT



TEACHER TALK

My Favorite Artist is . . .

MRS. LINEHAN

"Jane Austen - I like her feminine insight into her times."

MS. KAHAN

"Barbara Streisand -- her soprano voice relates to a flute's voice and I am a flutist."

MR. KALE

"Winslow Homer -- he takes me places I've never been to before."

MS. KUHLMANN

"Georgia O'Keefe -- an American artist who paints nature. Few others had such success in their lifetimes."

MR. MINNI

"Jack Levine -- paintings contain many images of the same person or objects."

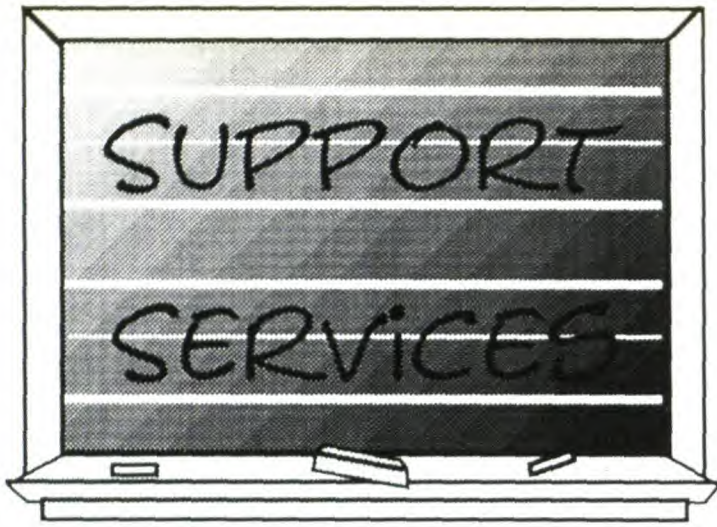
MRS. QUENAULT

"Picasso -- his style changed over a period of time, and he creatively varied his approach to a piece."

MS. WEBER

"William Faulkner -- I like his style & subject matter. His work is done in a Southern manner, and it reminds me of where I am from."





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TEACHER TALK

*In High School
I Was . . .*

MS. BLIND

"Quiet, a good student, and a mixer."

MS. DEPALMA

"Good student, liked by most, friendly, inquisitive, creative, and a step to the left."

MR. FESS

"A chameleon."

MR. GARCIA

"In high school I used to run with delinquents during the day and study at night."

MS. LIEBERMAN

"An observer."

MS. MADDELENA

"I was a 'goody goody'. I never had detention."

MR. ROMANO

"Athlete, a member of the football, gymnastics, and track teams."

MS. ROSENBERG

"A good student."

MR. SCHAUBLIN

"Hardworking student, member of the track team."

MS. ZOBITZ

"The 'prep' label would fit me well."



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*My Favorite
Quote is . . .*

MRS. BARRETT-COOK

"Deal with yourself as an individual worthy of respect and make everyone else deal with you the same way."

MRS. BORKOWSKI

"Nothing is going to happen today that the Lord and I can't handle."

MS. CONSTANTINIDES

"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar."

MRS. DANIELS

"Live and learn."

MRS. GOFFMAN

". . . Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

MRS. KURTZ

"The fault dear Brutus, is not with the stars, but with our silence because we are underlings."

MRS. MILLER

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why they call it the present."

MRS. VOGT

"No one has real knowledge if he fears new ideas."



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NURSE



LAURA CONSTANTINIDES
NURSE



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DANIELS**
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ESL TEACHER



Matt Levine serves Alyson Berowitz an ice cream sundae at Mark & Julie's.



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 We're very proud of you.
 Love, Mom, Dad
 and Michael



To **Rob,**

You are our yesterday.

You are your own today.

You are the world's tomorrow.

We love you. Congratulations
to you and the entire

Class of 1996.

Love, Mom, Dad, David '98
and Gillian '03

Courtney, "You're simply the best!"



Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Dan '89



Congratulations, **Jared!**
You have reached the summit
of many mountains. May you find
paths to many more. Remember
Algonquin. All of our love,
Mom, Dad, and Rebecca '99



To Our Son **Lenny:**

May all your
dreams be fulfilled
because you have
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so lovely. I joined in
the dance and my heart
could never
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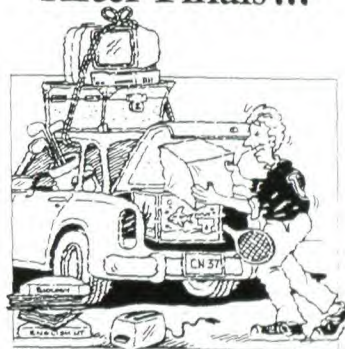
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Congratulations to **Sara**
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responsible, caring,
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love and support.
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All our love,
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Lynn & Matthew

Good luck

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Lilly

*You have made us very proud of you. You are the
very best. Wishing you a bright future filled with
success and happiness.*

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Love,

Dad, Mom, and Jeannie

Best Wishes
to **Rob Suss**
and
the Senior Class

Beth, Steven, Miriam & Mark Schilsky



Kimberly,
Each dream in your
heart lies within
reach if you just believe in
yourself. Congratulations
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Tony,
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and joy to us.
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best wishes for your
future. Follow your dreams,
God will take care of you.
Love, Mom & Dad



"Two roads diverged
in a wood, and I —
I took the one
less traveled by,
And that has made
all the difference."
With love and affection
to **Gillian**
—Mom, Dad & Erin



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so much better because you are a part
of my life.
all of my love and freakiness,
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as you are.
Love Mom & Dad



*To my sister Alyson
and the Class of '96
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Love,
Paulina '93*

Bryan,
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happiness and success now
and forever. We love you.
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 love and sincerity show
 off in all that you do.
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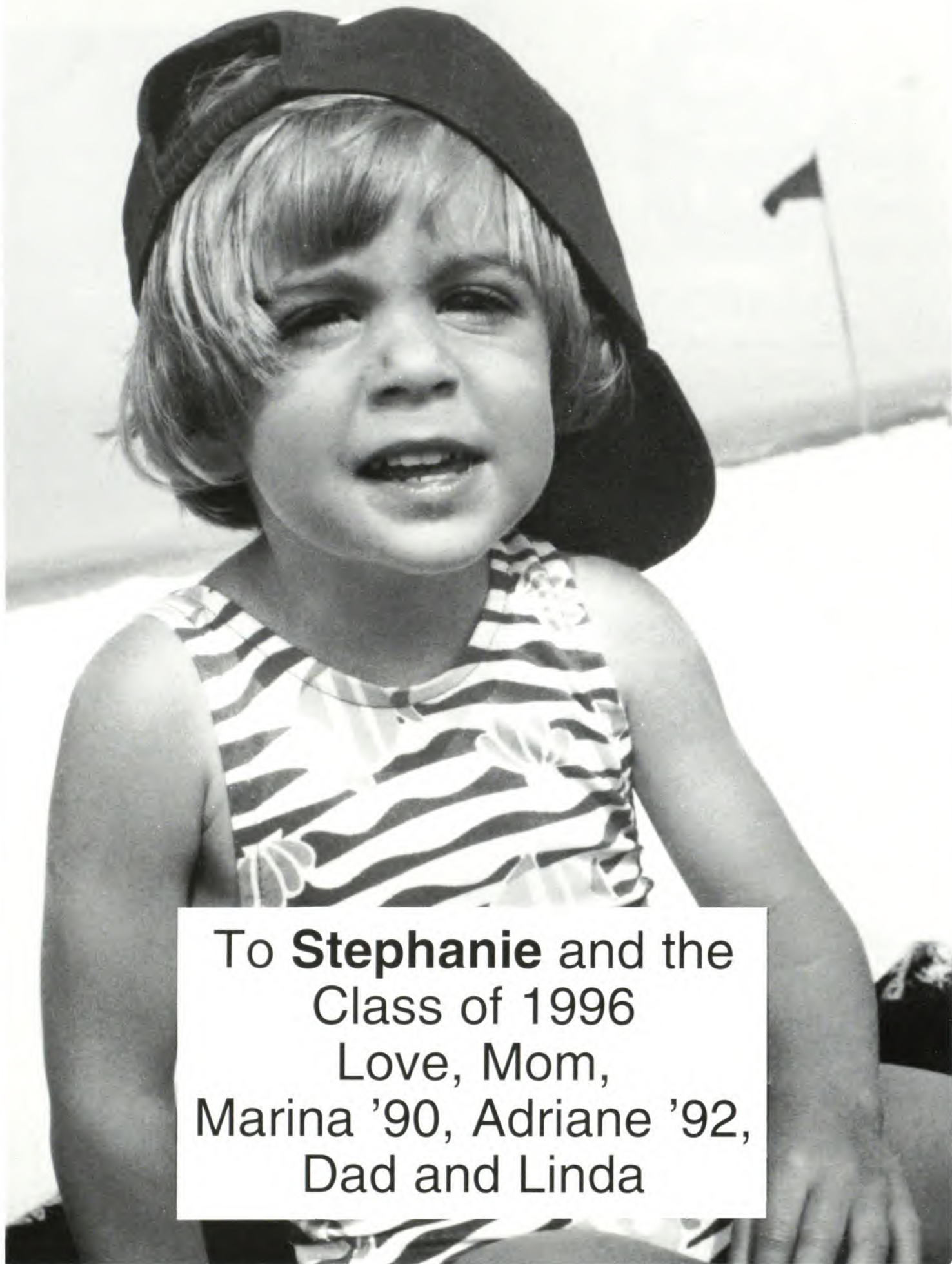


Kristi,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad



Dear **Gina,**
Congratulations to you
and the Class of 1996!
May all your dreams
come true. Just
keep believing in
yourself and have
faith. Whatever
your mind can
conceive and believe
you can achieve.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Paul



To **Stephanie** and the
Class of 1996
Love, Mom,
Marina '90, Adriane '92,
Dad and Linda



CONGRATULATIONS — **LAUREN!!**

We are very proud of you and your
accomplishments in school and at play.
You are your own driving force to success —
keep up the good work. May whatever road
you travel take you closer to your dreams.

THANK YOU, DEAR LAUREN, FOR BEING YOU!

We love you — Mom, Dad, Pete '93, Tiffany,
Spirit of Dewser, and let's not forget —
Bunny Long Legs (to which you brought life)



Nick,

We're proud of your
accomplishments and wish you
the best as you go forward
in life. Always remember
your family traditions.
Love Mom & Dad

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 There was a little girl who would grow to go too far.
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 Carry your dreams, let their light glow.
 Take care always, wherever you go.
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Dena —

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 Mom & Nann



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 it — in your own style.
 We love you and are so proud of you.
 Love, Mom, Dad & Corey



Joanna,
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Dear **Cherylin**,
From the moment you came into
this world, you filled our hearts
with love and happiness,
Throughout the years, we have always
been proud of you.

We hope what lies ahead
fulfills your dreams and makes
you happy.

WE LOVE YOU!

Dad & Mom



Eddie,

You were born and
we loved you from the
start, but little did
we know how you'd capture
our hearts! You make us
laugh, you make us smile,
you fill our hearts with
pride. Congratulations —
the best is yet to come.

We love you, Mom, Dad & Kristy '98



You're #1
Andrew, Marching
Mountaineers, and
the Class of '96.

Thanks for the
memories.

Ann & Lenny
Dinnerstein



April,
 Congratulations and
 Best Wishes. We're
 very proud of you.

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Michelle,
 Ray & Harriet



Congratulations, **Stephanie!**
 We love you very much. We are very
 proud of you and wish you much
 success and happiness in all your
 future endeavors.

Love,
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*Love,
 Mom, Dad and Paulina*



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Jennifer Ehrlich

and

The Class of 1996

Because they truly are
a breed apart!





Congratulations
Matthew!

We are proud of you
and your successes.
Onward to bigger
and better things.

Love,
Dad, Pam, Sam
and Helen

Patrick,

Congratulations and Best Wishes
We Are Proud of You

Love,
Mom, Dad, Greg, John, Dori and Brian

CVS/pharmacy

Congrats to **Margie** and **Maria**



Dear **Dominic**,
 Having you for a son
 has been one of the
 greatest gifts God
 has given us.
 For all you've been,
 for all you are, and
 for all you're yet
 to be . . .

We Love You Very Much
 Mom, Dad '63. Patrick '94
 and Christina '01



Matt,

We've watched you grow from
 our precious little boy into
 an exceptional young man.
 We love you and proudly
 watch as you take
 the next exciting steps
 into the future.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jodie '94
 and Sasha





To our niece **Cherylin**,
 From our hearts to
 yours, we wish you
 health, love, wealth,
 and life to enjoy it all.
 If you go where few
 have gone, you will
 find what few have found.
 You will always be
 our Dolly.
 Always
 With Love,
 Yoshi and Heydee



Grace,
 Congratulations!
 We are very proud of you.
 Good luck in the future.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad & Frankie

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to the

Class of 1996



Congratulations
Kevin!

We are very proud of
you and your achievements.
May you continue to
succeed throughout your
life.

Love,
Mommy, Sister &
Grandparents



Jessica,

From the little girl
who always made us
laugh to the young
woman who always
makes us proud.

We love you.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom & Dad

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Eric,

We've had so many great times together. Don't ever forget roughness, Diesel, Twin Day (honorable mention), waterworks, Brick Twp, 100 gram bars, Halloween, "The Fonz," Jr. Prom limo, whipped cream, baseball, cheerleading, "Nell," "The Brady Bunch," infinity + 2, & making up. As long as the stars shine bright, and most important, wise men say, only fools rush in, but I can't help falling in love with you. I love you so much and I will miss you.

Congratulations and Good Luck!
Love always and forever, Allison



Mae,

We have taught you all we can, use your head, your heart . . . most important be true to yourself & your dreams. We're proud of you! Love,
Mom, Dad, Mason '94
"Russell" & "Mr. Dunkin"



Kris,

Whatever the future may hold, always remember Ecco Andiamo.

Love,
Dad '69, Mom '71,
Lori, Jeff & Mark



Elizabeth,

Shoot for the moon, leaving time for fun, laughter and friends.

Our love and pride in you
never ends!!!

We Love You,

Mom, Dad, Scott '91

Kristy '87 & JR '86



Congratulations To The
CLASS OF 1996

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The Jewish Center of West Orange
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Hiwet,

Congratulations! We are
very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Sara & Daniel

Félicitations et

Bonne Chance à Toutes

Mes Elèves en Français 5

Bijou Bose Tara Marano

Mimi Cohen Sara Merin

Tracie Goldman Sara Michael

Stacy Kramer Ara Tucker

Lauren Ljubicich Stephanie Walczak

... Mademoiselle B. Timins

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to
Lilly Chu
and the Class of
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Janet, Wilson and May Lee

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to the
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Dear **Jia**,
Congratulations! Have fun in
college. Come home when you can
because I will miss you.
Good Luck! Love, Jeannie

**Congratulations
to the Class of 1996
From
The Senior Class Council**

President — Brian Lieberman
Vice-President — Jay Schwartz
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Treasurer — Stephanie Walczak



**Congratulations
Marc**

We are so very proud of you.
We Love You
Mom, Dad, Jeff '93 & Amy '00


Congratulations, Robert!



**We are really proud of all you have
accomplished and we love you very
much!**

**Dad, Mom,
Rebecca ('98), and Sarah ('05)**





Dear **Alanie,**

May you treasure the finer things in life and always remember the precious memories you and your classmates have shared together at West Orange High. I hope you will always take pride in all of your achievements because you deserve what you have accomplished.

Honey, as the future approaches I pray that together we can experience and share the many things life has to offer, side by side and hand in hand. You have always been there for me when life seemed to be taking a turn for the worse and that is why you hold that very special place in my heart and you have become the one thing that I treasure most in this world. I promise no matter how hard life gets and how rough things may seem . . . I will always be by your side.

I Love You, Alfred Riviera
Alfred Loves Alanie 2-17-95



Dawn,
 Your grace and charm
 have taken you far
 From a little girl
 to the woman you are.
 Don't lose sight of your goals
 as you set the world on fire;
 Your commitment to achieve
 will obtain all that you desire.

Congratulations to you and
 the Class of '96
 Love Always,
 Mom, Dad, Jason & Reina



To **Dante**, A Real Champ

You're our "favorite" son!

Congratulations!

Best Wishes,

From Mom and Dad

and the staff of Amici

*Giovanni
 Michael*

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Our wishes to
you for a
life filled
with happiness
and success.
Mazel Tov
to you **Adam**,
and the
Class of '96.
Love Mom,
Dad &
Erica '94



Congratulations
and best wishes always
to **Nicole Yoblick**,
my sweet little girl.
— Love Forever, Dad

Best of Luck
to **Danni**
and Her Friends

Love,
Mom, Dad, MomMom,
Terri '86, Jay, Rocco '88
Lisa & Frankie Jr. '91

Nicole Lisa

Checkity check it/Nic Red Light/Green-light/The other right/Potholes/Oops, I parked at Shari's/Nice shirt, is it new?/Harmon's deals/Caldor/Bev nice signature/Nice doggy/Baa-ark!/Bouche!/Why are you so fat?/Let me tweeze that/Morristown/Where are my Keys?/Crushed in J's Car/Asking for directions to get pecked by birds at a park/I'm not interested in your friend/Are you laughing at us?/Tongue cleft/Follow da braids/Who's this? Joe who?/Scoping the hotty at the bank/Roll up the window before the flobby comes/Sbarros closes at, um, 9:30/Ali's b-room, the shower curtain incident/Oh, what did you do?/Squishy/Things on my head/My boyfriend at videotown/What's this in my hair?/I went with my Grandma last night/Don't bother me during X-Files



How do you flush this toilet?/Surprise in your wallet/The bowl/What's on a banana split?/Chicken cutlets/2 diners in 1 night/Chocolate tootsie roll pops/Fruiteria/Cinnaburst/Paulsey in the face/Clot/Greased and Ret-To-Go/Get off my heel/Lunch/Box/Senior Cuisine/Stop playing the piano, or I'll cook your head with carrots and potatoes/Spawn Alley Action Play Set/A Partridge named Sally in a pear tree/It's 10:00, are you ready for bed yet?/In memory of my favorite Caribbean family at Christmas Time



We've learned more in this class than any other — ain't that the truth!/Posso andare al bagno?/mio male/On-line/Siena/Muzzi/Jo needs a man/dissed by 2 (C.C.)/welcome John/sleepover/swapping stories in the LMC/Reminiscing about RMS/Signora Guarino/palette/Doctoressa Anna/abita a Wayne & Toyota/original crew JK, DL, LC, JL, CC, KI, FR, AW, JD, MM, LS/scared of RB, JM/CC — 5 Lire/Ms. Greene/torta la zucca/key game/tu fai buccin?/scopa/schemo/Ms. Massari/crying/belonging in a circus/Friday "parties"/Ms. M hit by Jo/scatola/microphone/shoutouts — TD & AS/Eclipse/ride home/Cinema Paradiso/White Whale Shiek/E.T. telefono a casa/Enrico & Mandolin, dinner & fashion show/X-mas cards/Italian Club & SALE/Toga/Battito Anaimale/Rio de Janerio/tiramisu/final exams/trip to Nutley movie/W.T. w/RP on back of bus/Siena, Lookout/mazzo/24-7/yeast/work?/Goffball/Lubiner and Rosiello/I love speaking fluently/NYE stories/Mrs. Cicchino — Ti Vogliamo bene! You're the cool-est!/Final crew, close as ever:

Lisa, Kim, Joanna, Jess, Dante & John
ITALIAN V!



It's a Lil' Thing

"A hot fairy tale!!!"

WE'RE NOT TO BE HAD FOR THE WANTINGS



Look, I'm standing **CENSORED** before you...

Chu Lee Lee and Liddyette Estanislao. Did I ever tell you you're my hero? Gnarled and disheveled. Round = Us. Look at my nose and fear me! Toe-Fro. Puffy hair. Font Queen. Boxy Legs. It's burnt, I can't even sit on it. Psst, Lil, where are you? Big Feet-- don't look at 'em.. I hate you... I love you! Why you wanna be like me? I am not a rough neck. DELL...



To the death!!! NO!! To the pain!!! I'm sorry, your door seems to be malfunctioning. My, my how the tables have turned. You remind me of my sister...I hate you! Jerk! Unbeknownst to me. Puht-puhting along. Whatever. The princess WILL marry me. doot, doo, doo, doot....

HIT BY LIGHTNING! Two
W.O. Lillies are found in
the shape of an "L"



Aerobicized, Buns o' Steel. 200 sit-oops and 20poosh-oops. Drool. Where's the hair? Oh no, I over plucked-- I love it. I LOVE IT!!!! Band-Aid Bra/Moooooo... I like it berry much. Hold on, I gotta blow my schnoz. Gazunt. Thonkashane. De nada. Blue Note. It's time for the Percu-Put. Bubba-Bo-Bob-Brain. I just fluffed. No need to get testy. Stick 'em out 'em ears...oohhhh, gives me the chills. Totally Random. Fickle. Psycho Stalker in a Truck--Honk! 24-7-52-365! I'm twitching, the food's here. Helga, Norse goddess of wind and fire. Can I bite you? Grrrrr.... If I pull the arrow, will you suck the venom? That was so...BAD! Crutte de Chien, Hey you guys... I was Running... Two yuppies in a Beamer. BA-BEE. Suction vs. Baggies. Hold your nose and RUN!!!



This is craziness

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Aizza A. Arcilla

Jennifer D. Dizon

Ramevel G. Longinos

Veronique C. Melencio

Quennie Y. Zerna

"Best Friends... Lagi!"

(always)



*Our friendship is a
priceless gift that cannot
be bought or sold,
but its value is far greater
than a mountain
made of gold.*

*Sa lungkot at ligaya
hirap at ginhawa
kami'y magkakasama
sa habang panahon.*

*(During good times and bad times, we got each
other's back. yo! and that's what friends are
for.)*





“Who
wouldn’t
want to be
a wiseguy?”
— Lefty
Ruggiero



Joey “Yonkers” Diboni Don Tamari Southside Stevie



AKA Jason Schwartz AKA Jonathan Tamari AKA Steve Zaki



Kim
Leigh
Mandi



best
friends
forever

NPC victims/Fudgy wudgys/Roy who?/Mayapple saga/Reddi Wip/P-ton/Michael oh Michael/dressed up friend/FunDip/Bottle-top belt/Rob & lines/Tuckerton/persuasions/Schmeg/T&T/Crane Machines/Broken Hammocks/Caldwell attire/Lynne's theories/"Lego my Ego"/Butter knife/Brown V-neck/MMFests /Fuggers/Reality bites/lip prints/waking up to the search/coughing lady/PJ's mom's a dips--t/Skiing in the loft/our crying men/NC's ML/Table talk with Bill & the Boys/I Never/padded bras/Zeyhead/Love potion/country twang/Mandi dancing/27 yr. old stockbrokers/Is she one of those W.P.s?/Dangler ID's/Miami Vice motiff/sneezing on the truth/Best Friend Special/"One"/Gums in underwear/jailbait hicks/guts/Donna Summer strip tease/six-some/phonebone/Jenny/I love Lara/LV/PFLAG/"Oh, my hair/Do you girls want a be-a?/Tostitos/Mangia/Bed evidence/Sicily/Crowded sidekick/goodbye tap/lost car keys/youf house/Flowbee/table dedications/yellow biker shorts/bird resemblance/Common BOND/Edith my beavith, Crowdaddy, Melvin, Loaf, Chunk, Teaser, Gums, God's Gift, Scruff, Con, FOTD, Slimer, Loser, Padidle, Teeker. " You look like Leigh's neighbor/ check ya later/ ahh yeah/ CITH/ that's DIRTY-A/CLOSER I AM TO FINE /ohmigod/ nice to meet you Andy/ would you just do it & get it over with/ I just picture one big ball/ oh no you didn't girlfriend/ you know I will/ I like you a lot/ ssshut up/ okay greet/ we're going to eat gas/ rough one/ cyut one."

Kimberlito Starr & Chest Best Buds

" we always did feel the same, we just saw it from a different point of view."





Best Friends Forever 1988-Forever



Friendships
come
and go, but ours
will last for
an eternity.



— Memories —
Work . . .
Fun Times . . .
Despondent
Times . . .
Relationships . . . !!

Friends Forever
You're a friend who passes
Every warm and heartfelt test
For being there and being
true
And being the very best.

You're the one who hears my
thoughts
And understands my thinking
You're the one who senses
first
When attitudes are sinking.

You know all the strengths
And all the weaknesses of
me.
You know when I need sup-
port
And when to disagree.

You and I confide and share
The secrets of the soul.
You know when a friend
should help.

Or gently yield control.
You are where the heart finds
comfort,
Where the mind is free.
You are more than just a
friend;
You're more than company.
You are where the spirit rests,
Where tensions disappear.
You are where I find myself —
When life is hard, you're near.



We're joined in a friendship
That time cannot sever.
With bonds we have built,
We'll remain friends forever.

We're welded in spirit,
Attached by our hearts.
We're fused by the feeling
That friendship imparts.

We're tied by emotions,
Connected by dreams,
Reinforced by our hopes.
Unified by extremes.

No longer a function
Of time or of space,
Our love is a substance
That life won't replace.

No matter how distant,
We'll always endeavor
To sense the full meaning
of friendship forever.

THE CREW



She will never turn her back on her friends, she is always there to defend, she is the one in who we can depend, she is the one named Sailor Moon! Bradford... Gabriel ... Romance Novels. (Julie Garwood RULES!) Hello, is this Domino's Pizza-- Hey, Joey! Missed getting caught by a mutant hair. Elvis Stoiko?? AHHHHHHHHHH we almost died! Sah doo bee and pahboh. Speed demons without insurance. Odette... Odette... just to be at this historic *Ga-la...* to gaze upon these princesses on parade. Hey Bawldy, Don't go there-- oh no, you went there. He-he-he-he: Sing some Chinese opera for me. The Great Hunt for Red Bean popsicles (eiw, they don't look so good... is that mold?) Strange cravings.



Carpe Diem. 12:00 AM Mother's Day flowers. Where are we going JU--Lee!!! Psycho killer pulling us out of the sunroof. New Year's Eve in the snow '96. Dancing Queens (ABBA) Ohhh, it feels so good. (when we pluck eyebrows.) Why did you make me go first at Chu's Beauty Salon? Julie is that you? Migration from Incredible Coffee to Starbucks (yummy espresso-- ha, ha). Wanna go to the Office? Minivan / BMW adventures. Let's go to NYC (instead of school) Up and outta here. We love blading (UMPH... ouch... HELP...!!!) Carvel and Baskin Robbins. Chips and Dip + chicken's feet + kimchee + COOL BEANS + Buttunch = Asian Homies. We are not Asian Conformists. We're going to be spinster sisters moonlighting as pseudo Sailor Scouts forever. I LOVE YOU MAN!!! HEAR YA! We can *exhale* now.

JULIE and LILLY

Cape Cod/ Bombado/ Frosh year notepad/ Posers/ Mike and Shane/ Prom limo — "Mark, come back!" / "Can I come over?" / Selling rocks and pinecones/ Catnip/ Messing with JY at EK's/ The lagoon/ Down the shore with Adge/ Tonian parties on deck/ "I don't like sunshine!" / Childhood with Liz/ "I don't have



... The famous funny face/ The hickey incident/ Crazy palm reading lady/ Juniper-Shannon sleepover/ New Year's at FR's/ Home videos/ Bowling/ Mae and the trolls/ "Typical egg!" / Camp fling — SS and JK/ Coby on Ricki Lake/ "I laughed so hard, I threw up!" / The diner — let's find EK/ JY as Bob Marley/

Jarse and Chonker

cleavage, Rob!" / Playing pool — table 9/ Obsessions — Sandbox Tree and Mosaic/ KB at "Grease!" / Steph's surprise party/ Medieval Times/ Pif and Jarse/ The couch fall/ Sit down! (Coby sings "We are the World") / Hair nettie/ The lougie in the Chonker-mobile/ being harassed by cops ...



Chinese jump rope/ Fairview Lake/ 1st grade play/ Bologna on JY's arm/ Mushroom P/ Wax on, wax off/ Jess's Dad — "Aren't you two a little old to be ..." / Kurt: mystery man/ Mr. Pag is the best/ We love you: Scott, Coby, Mae, Jamie, Andreas, Dave, Sarah, Erin, Rob, Raji, Brooke, Gab, and Tonian.

Courtney & Cherylin



Sponge, Push Th' Little Daisies, What's Up?, squatting on floor, accomplice, innocent bystander, fateful spot, Polaroid moment, troublemakers, psychokid, our buddy, I'm "O!", the egg, Touch Tunnel, "I'm stuck!", Randy, guy on roof, guy w/ rifle, bouncin' on broken bleachers, freezin' football, signing petitions, Courtney blank Cherylin, T-shirt volleyball, bathroom troubles, ssshhh symbol, love problems, unstoppable bicycle guy, kitchen dudes--Are you sisters?, handslap-"Yeah!"-headbang



Playing horsey, animal noises, slap myself in the face, substitute janitor, N-no!, Cliffhanger, Puffing Pools, spit-talk-gum, rowboating--eat&run, fencing, wearing same clothes as in pictures, slick move, tomato on back, backwards caps on Judgment Night, cute door guys--"We're sophomores!", hide from camera, another conversation about spit, don't look, don't point, burping, Anti-prom party, Dimbo, shrinky-dinky, Wore-wore-wore!, vinyl, Nahleewah II, running thru woods w/ hot pink sleeping bag



Examining feet, delinquent bus, roller rink--GJM, skateguard, Warner Bros. again, Pith, quotty&sniet, stugly&upid, powerwalking, Pee dilemma, slap the glass, eyebrow raise, Prom95, back-tap, "His lip moved!", Seaside Hts., Spaceloop, tie-dye sunburn, waving at diner, chatty-gorgeous-rookie waiter--"Is he bringing us back change?", pool in the boonies, Jekyll&Hyde, waiter-dude, South St. Seaport, Timebomb, retard, bumping into each other



Biff, "I'm thirtdyl", chalkboard, DR mind games, hand in M.'s pocket, sick banana, bleah!, shut up symbol, "We are the REAL twins!", connected at the bun, dude-e=dud, dude+e=doodie, "Hey ugly!", silly at Golden Touch, Penfights, "Ooh, hiccup!", "Gear up!", cornhead, Echo!, baby, bird, jaws, ddlewis, buddy Jr., turtle, crud, potato, my love, Chia pet, crustylips, dorkmeister, bomb, blinky, oldmandude, bball, treetrunks, Bob, rabbitguy, massage, foulmouth, social security, rubric, Mike&Joe, crowbar, gag me, The same but different!

Double "C" Times 2





Shari

Nicole

Dawn

Boli's-busted-funky dancing — Cabana Club — Mole girl D.B. — "I'll get you a present!" — "Do I look fat?" — "Bye Sexy!" — Pizza guy — Zara's — Bio — Beasty Cluster — Beasty Ziti — Gavi Odor — One and only lagingag — Stub — Bleach — Shalom — Fruit Punch — Jamoo — Good Deal — Food and Fun For Humans — Obsessions — Millelli — Picker at movies — J.C.'s tattoos — Gavi and Odor burping — Nicole's stereo — Mixes — Phillips Beach — grizzle — Sweetie — Greezy tan — Great Adventure — "Oh Summer!" — "Oh Tony!" — Cocoa puffs, Clusters — popcorn — E! E! — dough from grams — Big boy — Mike — "Buddy boy!" — The Lion, phonecalls — Ritz — elf ear-Mackin' "He's a dushy!" — wassup — I swear by God — Kwaa! Hya! — Attend Hut-Red chest-bustier — Hold my hand — That's what I'm talking about — smelly feet — I wanna be a hmm but I'm not — busted ear nose boy — Mother Goose Liverwurst Bandits — chicamonkey — I don't like yucky girls thangs — N and D strike at Contempo's and Harmons — Bagok — Mmdah — poppop — space chairs — tuh — vicious booty — gutterboy — dyeheads — provolone head — fraternity cups — Sampson biting socks — comin to getcha — duck, here comes the radio — chewing like a cow — Gorillas forever — going to the movies (down the shore) — Wildwood — Let me in — Lemon drops — helping Jason — light 'em up — "Dawn, what did you do?" — word to the Motherland — Verona Park — Mario's jacket — Grove parties — love you Sheena and Delilah.

Beastmasters of '96 Forever!!!!
Peace Out!!

Karen Gina Ali Alyson

It all started in ninth grade
with the swim team...



As we look to the future
With tears in our eyes
We gather together
Not to say our good-byes
But to recall the memories
That lie in each one's heart
A friendship like this
Will never fall apart

...well at least we all tried

We shared so many great memories, sometimes we laughed
and other times we cried

In the city Joe drove us around

But when we showed up at Dean and Deluca,

Ali and Karen were no where to be found

At Action Park Gina went down without a mat

On Ali's Maria Tepache day, mint stealing
was where it was at

Gabe the babe taught us the skillz we needed to know

Behind the wheel, Ali really put on a show

Candy striping became our weekly routine

When Patsy lied, Gina thought she was so mean

We often times talked about eating at the Orange Circle Diner

But once we found sushi and Starbucks, what could be finer?

Ali started choking- Karen threw a bag her way

"Are you choking on saliva?" she just had to say

Philips Beach we could not find

But after Karen and Al got a ticket from a hottie,
they did not mind

After a day of Gunny's, Bob-Gregg, and Harmonica man

We came back to Mark and Julie's to show off our tan

Al's dance party was quite a sight to see

"It's good, it hurts," dance for us Ali

We laughed so hard when rooster was cooked by Gina's dad

Later dancing to nacho man was our new fad

At Ali's dinner party, the spaghetti was over done

Secret Santa at Karen's house was nothing
but NUF spelled backwards

Sitting at our kitchen tables, we never left our seats

We shared laughter, memories, pretzels, and rice krispie treats...





Peechou-peechou/ What are we doing tonight? Stagg?/ What happened to the "Goof Troop?"/ Summer time at the pool/ B-ball fights/ I'm hungry/ Racing in Phoon/ Paul W & McDougans/ Tetan! Tetan!/ Chops house/ Late night at G.P.I./ New Year's weekend at Marianos'/ Sony 24-7/ Bone Thugs/ Drapes, towels, fish floormats/ Buffalo wings/ Ros' riggs/ Who? Saquil-Olajuwon?/ Taxable items/ Rolly/ Football in the backyard/ Rob's roly socks/ Spy-Tech down the shore/ Jokes late night/ "Pete," "wash your car."/ Fighting weekends/ Rolling mob deep to "Avon" "throw me a Brisk"/ "Adrian," "need scratch-offs"/Trash-talking G.I. Joe Jadio/ "Get out you hoodlums"/ "where's D"/ My foot was down like spaghetti/ "Paul," "wanna play spades?" (Nope!)/ Who? Divacs?/ Big "S"/ Na like Nas/ Fauces/ Picky/ "Paul, you getting out?"/ Taco-Shtylin/ Lat one!/ "Want some Kilay-bas-say?"/ Analogies/ The Best/ The chase/ "and Dumb"/ "Paul, find your beeper?"/ Watch your step Rob/ Boones/ Thanx/ Voot-Poot/ "I gotta take my car to GMC"/ Tax sheet on door/ Uncle Fester/ "Feeling a little laquor"/ The "Bush"/ "Paul, wake up!"/ Jelly shoes/ Hydraulics/ Rza Razor Sharps/ Camry tow/ Truth or Dare/ Elmer Fudd/ Newark Airport/ Mary J. Much-Obliged/ Least/ Who? Batman?/ Hot Topps/ Bambi/ Ish?/ "Pete, done with your hair?"/ Kareochee/ Marianos drawings/ "Spot me?"/ Key to Lashas room/ Wuz it worth it? *Dedications:* Our families, Claudia, Gina, Goof Troop, Looks, DANTE (you should be part of this) Montes, Rob R, Narcs, Chris R, Deuce, MUCH LOVE TO ALL THE BOYS & LADIES

Friends till the End

Jessica — Johanna — Tara

Shantal — Zoe — Justine



Club CIC/ M. WK '94, '95/ L.D. '95/ 4-July '95/ J.R.P./ N.Y.E. '94, '95/ Jess-Jo's B-Day/ Stagg/ Mc D's/ E.G.' E.R.D./ H.I./ Chicago's/ J-F-A-E/ J.B./ P.C./ M.B./ A.H./ M.M/ F.O/ C.I./ R.R./ Pep Rally/ Senior Picnic/ Senior Parade/ Roos./ S-house/ M.M. parties/ chased by deers/ want a fork sweetie?/ hiking in the res./ Johanna, Zoe, Justine's Sweet 16/ TCBY/ ice cream/ pie fights/ Bingo/ B.B./ My A-Frame broke/ Other side of the road.

My Bad/ I can't believe I'm doing this/ cheeze x 10K word/ WHATEVER/ say what/ My father's Irish/ I'm the best/ Antifreeze/ Jo/ You can go/ Happy New Year!/ You know what I'm saying/ Everybody's sweatin/ Where you've been all my life?/ Ralphine/ I don't do friends/ Let it go/ Done deal/ Mr. Ed/ Make me laugh/ She thinks she's the cat's meow/ Guys, I can really drive/ Run, Tara, Run/ Shotgun/ Sike/ Cool like that/ Find me a honey/ I have the most common sense/ Goom.

We Leave:

Jessica — a later curfew
Johanna — gym, hairdye
Tara — water, men, license
Shantal — New York, gold card
Zoe — Fabian, shower
Justine — one man, pleather,
makeup

Where to Find Us:

Jessica — pampered tot
Johanna — sleeping
Tara — with Nicole or Justine
Shantal — New York
Zoe — on the phone with Fabian
Justine — Mall of Passaic





Best
of
Friends



MS

Margarita
schmoysenburger

EM

Erin
"Marsha"

DN

Danylle
"Dee"

NN

Nicole
BM I

DM

Dawn
BM II

SC

Sue
Sue

9th — softball with Mad, D on varsity, Freshman lunch, Rascals Comedy Night, Mr. B's class fights. 10th — Senior boys, Rez, Executives, 3AM breakfast at E's, softball, Pleasantdale Pizza, May Apple, Starlight, 7-11, MooJee, Bowling, 4X4 trucks, DINERS, pool, New Year's Amy's, loud music for my truck dancing, Seton Hall Prom, GC, JS, Flash, AA, PL, AC, AA, JM, our boys. 11th — MS drives, Wildwood '95, "Light 'em UP!" A broken door, Escort, Eclipse, Probe. Dawn at Contempo's, DN at the pool, MS at JCC, NYC in a limo at Dangerfields, SC house parties, misunderstandings, Go Bernie!!! NN Sweet 16, Word Processing, The Green Room, MS is in the Army Now! 12th — No more nails Dawn, Senior Picnic, MS at 7-11 too, Tug-a-War is for girls, I Love You charm, Pep Rally, The top of 6, NN a Geo! New Year's Slurpees, Houlihan's for dinner, taking showers, Harrison, Kearny, Jose, JR, MF, Boyz, Sign Painting, pool parties, Newports and quitting (hello!) Morristown Boyz, Hockey games, #19, #20, BR at a gas station, MS & NN bonding with Father of the Bride II, Day trips to the shore, Spring Break II, Senior Prom Madness, CPR small talk, All the fights, the good times, and memories will now be forgotten or lost. We finally made it, Good Luck to all and Congratulations Class of '96!

Lauren

Linda

Liz



Lauren opens up a salon called "Butchers." Ron is her slave.

Linda thrives as a starving artist on the desolate streets of NYC.



Sara joins a Coven and becomes high priestess.

Nikki uses her special talents to get ahead in life.

Liz prepares sushi for the rich and famous at "Keo-Liz"

Tara marries a wealthy Jewish lawyer.



New Year's Eve/ sleighriding/ Ron's bangs — or lack thereof/ Sushi bar-hopping/ Belly concert/ R.E.M. — "Is that the ceiling?"/ Valentine's Day/ Marisa & Corey/ Go Fish/ Guggenheim/ looting B&N/ "Is the camera turned on? No, but Jen & Kookie are . . ."/ Books/ Sara est un sale fille/ free ice cream at Baskin & Robbins/ Summer cottage in Miami/ Secret Agent Man — The Hammer Song/ Hiking through the Alps — what a weekend!/ Linda's massive appetite/ Fun with meat night/ late night swimming/ tinfoil excursions/ posing with Livingston cops/ Going to Pluckemin (where?)/ Everybody's tainted driving records, minus Tara and Lauren/ Liz's New Year/

"That was the BEST movie!!!"/ Personal ads/ chicken bones in bed/ Lauren and Tara's fight — "Give me your neck, grrr . . ."/ Kitty Treats/ Parasailing in Venice/ running in the rain/ Asian in the Cupboard/ Ron's active dating life/ The Canadi-

an/ Spanish guys/ "Did his Visa run out too?"/ Keo Ku/ Nikki majors in phys ed/ fried chicken, again?/ Who-Lee/ French — "Qui a quitte?"/ Digging toilets in Appalacia/ Seven-Up/ "Nikki, what's that written across your forehead?"/ Lizzy lives in sin/ Sara's horse/ Does Steve W. really exist?/ Dr. Kunux Splinknix/ dying hair/ Linda opens her backdoor/ We wouldn't be caught dead at Staggs . . .



Nikki

Ron

Sara

Tara





Stacy and Stephanie
"opposites attract"

shin-kicking over E.G. and B.A.'s party/ that freak-
ish dance/ territoriality — ooh, ahh/ goals/ mags
at SMA/ we only shared one/ partays/ vive la fr-
ance/ the Wolfman/ grasshoppers/ was he really
your bf on the carousel?/ I don't get it — I got it/
AP what?/ there's no film, stupid/ GS (dancing
with)/ NY — B&N — photos in the shack/ the
harasser — let go of my hand/ picnics/ roomies
in Pitts/ my first sting/ on a rock?/ how do you
pronounce that? (at the opera)/ all that male/ can
I borrow that?/ I get the bed/ holidays together/
sweatin' to the . . . / SC put in a pinch HITter/
where'd you put that tattoo?/ what a comfortable
scale/ where's TR — help me/ stand by me/
graphing calc code/ V's G/ what's chirping?/ not
in your hood/ hike from SMA/ check me/ ta-tonka
4 the good times/ mom/ A.F. 4ever — er shall
see/ EJ — definitely not cool/ buds like MC, AB,
AT, GS, KF, GE, BL, ME, ML, RB, AO, AB, JS,
JT, SH, LC/ deal/ bagels/ just talk to him/ snack-
wells/ red devil ties white lion/ use a 50 on me/
UF and TU — so see U/ mall marathons/ sorry
about blue chips/ 98'9 in P.F./ I love you
"love is what you've been through with some-
body"

— James Thurber



November 3, 1993
The memories we've
shared will last
forever. I'll love
you always.

Aubrey, Ben,
Beth, Bijou, Dave,
Jared, Jen

Let the shrine of friendship
never say die,
let the wine of friendship
never run dry.

Josh, Lavina,
Matt, Nick, Rob,
Sara, Tracie



Panama/ Captives in Lebanon/ Smitty & Goo/ Broom Wars/ Mal's World/ Band Camp Forever/ Tomlin will find a way/ Sunshine Day/ Waterfights/ How many more meals?/ Chicken Patties/ Bonfire/ Crazy Annie/ Breeze Break/ The EMTs/ COME ON BAND!! HOW DO YOU FEEL?/ James Earl Butch/ Ben, the Assistant Band Director/ I want to see your pearly whites/ Blinding sun at Trenton State/ The Home Stretch/ Giants Stadium



The Tunnel/ Style Plus — For Bands on the Move/ The Eyeglass Move (every year?)/ Death March/ Temporary Difficulties/ Flag Fighting/ Doo, Doo WAH Doo, Doo WAH Doo/ Jared at Attention (Stoic Boy)/ Chicks with Sticks & Girls with Guns/Astro-turf/ Want a Cookie?/ Holly/ Da Steelers/ Zyp-pi/ Bi-utch/ Windows '95/ Duke/ Nougat/ Party at Jared's/ Carteret Jazz Festival/ Hungry Man Burger/ Band Fags and Flaggits . . .

That's not an alto, that's a TOY!/ Snag the Bee!/ Nah, Yo!/ Spain/ Sparkle Ho!/ Rainbow Man/ Annapolis/ Boston/ Virginia Beach/ Eyes with Pride!/ 16 to 5/ Quebec/ Ben's Boat/ Dave's Dance/ Junior Plom/ Shear Madness/ Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon/ Nikolai's Communist Christmas/ Midnight Bowling/ Heave Ho's/ David Shaffer/ They're not Gay!!!/ Czar/ That's all right, that's okay, they're gonna work for us someday . . .!



Brian

Hebrew School/ Guys and Dolls/ Nathan and Benny/ Bant/ How I would!/ Mrs. Mouster/ Casper the ghost/ Aye Aye Aye!!!/ Maze/ You know you ate em — Onool/ Williamsburg — not allowed in water/ Ho! Bogtet/ The Pirates/ Gidda!/ I got these peanuts in my mustache — Happiness is standing 15 ft. away from Mr. Bernard. — Akbar ya stink! — Lee/ She changed you/ Klempt/ (knock) A yea!/ Frosh football 9-0 #80 & #76/ You look like a ra-coon/ 50 yards back/ Red Snapper — EM Aye!/ Shnoz x2/ How I would/ Da Hooff — We Luv/ Rat fink/ Lips/ Sophomore Year???/ M.M. I Luv/ Olive you. 11/10/93/ You know



what you can do/ Forget about it/ The Cask (pause) of Amontillado/ On Off . . . SJ/ Smell my nose . . . Aye!/ Brothers in literature and love/ Black & Decker Steamer/ Be careful! Glaciers. MM/ Brotha Rob . . . Ungh/ Great Adventure MW6x BL3x/ Ringworm — Toofless/ Ankles/ Belly/ DP & the Volvo/ Class of '95/ Jeff Lakes

Marc

— Gil "Alright Ryan-Hashley"/ Feron — wake up!/ RG Rich/ Dis . . . / Staff parties — HT shared/ Billy Joel ▲2/ Slauf in tub/ BG alove/ Samala Hiss/ SAT-Na!/ 1001/ RY Fat Chies/Driving — Freedom/ 103.5 Hick/ Anorexic/ Death Boy/ Down the Shore/ Hibernation/ Melrose/ Stop! For Golfers/ Much Luv to the Gazlione Elite 8/ KF/ GE/ AO/ AB/ ML/ Shooting Buffalo everywhere/ TP has no clue/ EGYPTIANS!!/ Craz▲2/ Expanan/ BL, "I didn't park there, I swear . . ."/ Israel Connections — DE&EI — Shabbas Shoes & Boots
Wesley/ Long Car Ride to UF/ 3 Packers/ Din How — Excellent/ Twins . . .

Machew & Lilz

Friends since diapers...

Hiding in the closet. Poisonous tree. Wedding partners (again). Let's put on a show or go on an adventure. Stop scaring me. Living together in Queens. Greentree & the pool.

ELECTRIC RUNNING RABBIT

Annual parties . never went. Let's go out. Movies? OK. We've seen everything. I'm Hungry. Let's eat peanut butter and jelly. Diner? Again? Helgo! Let's go bowling. Actually, I want to go dancing.

Village Vanguard and Lolo's house . a night to remember. I'm bored. Can I come over?

Lily... I have to tell you something... I have so many problems. You have 2&1/8; that's 100% more than me. I'm in love...again. Stop being me.



We're all practically going out.

You promised not to forget me when you become famous; we have a contract. 3:33! That's lucky for me!

I like to buy my men flowers. He's cute! Don't you think? Ewe! My ear smells! PEW!!! Sleepover; pool, TV. Please don't watch PBY. Hor-rat is still adorable. I love him. He likes you. Let's play dress up! What's that smell? You're real dumb, kid. Please don't cry; you'll make me. I love you sweets.

You truly are my best friend. Forever, Always.

Inner Peace => Inner groupie (I'm a silent member)

***Little 'circle': Goes-All-Ways, Double T's, Loving G, Candyman, and Flats.**





Brothas & Sistas

Gina MATT Karen Marc Ali Rob Alyson Brian

Ungh. bittaness... Genoveva... 8... so creamay, steamay, dreamay... the butler... puke on foot... night o' drifting... sleighriding at midnight... little women... Matt's leftover garbage... home office... stop for golfers... Bobby M... Mack&Shad... clipped wings... final editings... pyramid stalking... scavenger hunt... upsidedowners... curling iron and pasta burns... cute butt and pouting... tidal wave... viewing parties... golash...

pasta in the nose... interchangeable parts... infiltration... TH=D... the catacombs...hybanation...no joke... Xmas meal and Secret Santa... pajama pants... "cuot"... burlap sack... baby tashana and pic... Gina needs new glasses... scattergories... Uruguay... New Year's... how can he have two?!... retainer case... gator chomp... Tim Curry... LOL... Dusty... snapple lady waitress... not July June... styrofoam cups--mouth to eye--she's down... the root of all evil... vanilla--someone smells like cake... MM&J's... rumas...ringing doorbell 5X's at midnight... shooting buffalo... Motha M--love in literature... 5:3 ratio... public signs... Hoof--AP2... Rober el Presidente... "Are you two together? I'm totally OK with that."... Happy Birthday to me... Jacuzzi--regrets?... Greetings SUH... Rob & Ali partnahs... hangups... gag gifts... stapling... Din How... the CHAP... circle of power... Espana... shore... WOTUTS... the dinner series... 55378008... B&G... raiding B&N...gavones...

FAMOUS WORDS... "Now I can't paint!"... "Look it's snowing!"... "Ooh-ooh-ooh!"... "Nothing to say."... "I was in Ali's car at the time of the accident."... "Dah-nah!"... "Why am I always the last to find out?"... "I'm not a freak of nature. I'm just an Egyptian!"

OUR PHAT RIDES:

Grandpamobile... Brokenbronco... Hootaymobile... Pilgrim shoes... Tiffy(RIP)... Winged Altima... The Heartbeat of Nutley, NJ.

GO IN LOVE...



Mr. T./ "Is there a reason this doesn't work?"/ Rob, you reek!/ Moni/ Dusty/ Duct tape collections/ Drifter expertise/ In The Towns and Peggy/ "I'm hungry, go get us some mashed potatoes . . ."/ Rob's bed/ Rob, vacuum! Is this a hair?/ BS presentations/ The demise of Mr. T. and the trophy, "They were stolen?"/ 27 seconds baby!/ The thrill of victory, and the fame and glory/ Bennigan's and AMY/ Ethnic Diversity/ BK runs and Moni's closet/ "Ms. Shah, can we have a pass outta gym . . . chem . . . physics . . . pre-calc . . . english . . . lit . . . ?"/ LSC and junk theft/ LSC and Jen/ "SM, jealous? Nah . . . !"/ Quick thinking — \$12,000 plus 3 20" TV's/ We love MS/ "No, I can't go see Mr. Daum, I have . . . uh . . . softball practice . . . yeah, practice . . ."/ What time does Staples close?/ Ed Brakowski and the guy with braces/ "This knife'll be in your back before you'll get it!"/ "The important thing is how you feel now, not whether you win or lose . . . " — speak for yourself, I want money!/ Our oral presentation rocked/ Eggs & Twinkies/ When is our written report due? 5:00 today!?"/ "Sorry, you can't get on the bus without a teacher . . . " "I am the teacher" — MS/ George and smoker Rob/ Panasonic changes the rules to prevent us from winning — nice try/ Let's all run for Student Council offices . . .



Fern's Nautica/ Absolutely fun/ Jello cubes/ You are my destiny!/ Frozen bras and underwear/ mall days/ What's your sign?/ 12 inch hair/ Bus #4/ CHEETOS/ Nov. 6, 1993/ green-haired lady/ All righty then/ IHOP/ We just called to say we miss you!/ We are Siamese/ Where's my pickle/ I didn't ask for Jello/ human pretzel/ Le Cog/ Ronald Terrace Driveway/ mannequins/ tie it in a knot/ bathroom adventures/ "the stairway"/ Sauna/ We'll each remember the times with RaRa/ Julian & Jay S/ Hollywood Lights/ light bulbs or lima beans/ Laur-en/ el babysitor/ "just paint it orange"/ sliding down the stairs/ Put em on a plastic keister/ The Duck Walk/ Half-way down/ Pap & Francesca/ George Bush/ "Hi-C" Ties/ under the boardwalk/ clap on/ Fernanda & Co./ Una/ No matter where we go or what we do, we'll always remember the good times we had!



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We have become so close so fast.
 Times we laughed, times we cried,
 Times we shared side by side.
 Our memories together they'll never end.
 Always and forever, we'll be the best of
 friends.

All right, I'm bored, let's go/ freshman year at
 BL's house/ Valentine's party/ Stagg/ Roosev-
 elt/ Blue Summer man year turn for the
 Liz's MW Stealing federal of-
 get out the lars/ The comes out
 Taverns of thought would go
 Make up — who do want???

let it go — boiler front

lipstick/ after fresh-
 — Carrie's worst!/ dilemma/
 mail is a fense — binocu-
 truth at the Sun — who'd
 Kristi first?/ your mind y o u
 Places to Noah's room, the
 porch, McDonald's Pat's, the diner, Jorge's/ Batman
 Forever — Let go of my hand/ Seth's house/
 JR prom/ HC/ Jorge's house — South America/
 We love you Debbie and Lisa — sisters take
 after sisters/ Starting off senior year with a
 great football season but ah, what ever hap-
 pened to "Giants Stadium?"/ To 11 & 50 the
 victory parties were great. Lake Vit/ Hello, I'm
 home/ Who's the best driver, Carr or Jo —
 Eden Wok/ The freak is finally out/ New Year's
 Eve Jo finally cracked/ To our friends, you
 know who you are, we love you and we'll miss
 you. Never forget the good times we've had/
 As for us we'll all move on, but the memories
 and friendships will never be gone . . .



'Lanie, Hopey, and Lilsters

ALANIE and HOPE

HELLO! hello?/Loser/Palmer/
Let's dance/Montgomery/Gas
station/Speedracer/Twin cars
W-D/toll
buds/shp'n/cheapsters/
11-12 bio/wtrbd/BK's house/
Barnes-n-
Noble/Dialer/MKover/
Let's switch shirts/
X-talks/BLKout/testbks/
free pizza/comer call/streets of
Newark/?s/MntClair/We luv U
LE/parents/Nrd class/Open da
Door/Sing
along/orchArds/rocher/
pmMoney/reGgae/palaTHium/
aDviCe/notes.



JOSE and ESTAN

MojoStan in the house. Alanie &
Lilyette! ASN foundation! Only 2
dolla! HNKY. You're making me
drool. S&G. We got \$5,000! Oh! I
did not know that! BUFFY.
Montclair=BIG BLKout. Loot &
plunder! INTERTWINE.
Grindage! Kendall:dudette, babe,
chick? Strawberry Hill:Kally-Ali,
Alanie-bug, and Silly-Lily. Do
you have any? Bianca's chair.
ewe. Hey kiddo! Ladies! ASN side.
I oney did "dee." Big Al & Little
Al. Lily & Gene. We luv U HP.
ZANG!

LILSTERS and HOPEY

We've "grown so much." We don't
know what's going on. Dance with
me. Doo-roo-doo-doo-doo...A
shriveled raisin. I didn't do my
homework. Oh well. I'll make you
Greek. To pondiki efaye ta podia
mou. Photography - squeeze,
squeeze. Let's go get gas;Ant's the
coolest. You're the only one I can
talk to about "this." Overstepping
each other. *THE RING*. I'm so
excited! We luv U AT. Hey, Bryan,
guess what I did? Wild woman.

Say hey to Mary, Larry, Harry, and Sally. **THE VOICES!** Grotto's AP Hist 2: We were
the best: AT, HP, LE, CH, and JJ. Oh! I did? I'm gonna rip your heart out! Why is it so
hot in here? It was so dry! Girls' day out. BB w/ 1st graders. GPLs: scene of the crime. BK.
Hey! How are you? We're crazy. Friends 4-ever.

Ro Andrea Kim Rachna Abbie Danielle



We want to leave:

Danielle — directions to and from Middlesex High
School, an undentable car and carrots.
Abbie — A bumpersticker that says, "Danger, Dan-
ger, Danger," a munchkin doll and scrunchies.
Andrea — Twinkies, a road map and a straw.
Rachna — A Snicker's bar, blistex and lipliner.
Rosemary — A hairbrush, crutches and
med. insurance
Kim — Rollerblade gear, hairspray, and a
license to drive.

Where can we find???

Rosemary — At a Net's game.
Andrea — Counting her keychains or with Dan.
Abbie — Watching Inner Space somewhere, or
with Josh.
Danielle — Dunkin Donuts or with Adam
Kim — Eating Macaroni and Cheese.
Rachna — Stuck in a plastic fence.





*Congratulations to the
Class of '96*

and all of my old West Orange friends.

Wish that I could have spent senior
year with everyone, but I'm too busy
California dreaming . . .

Love, A.J.



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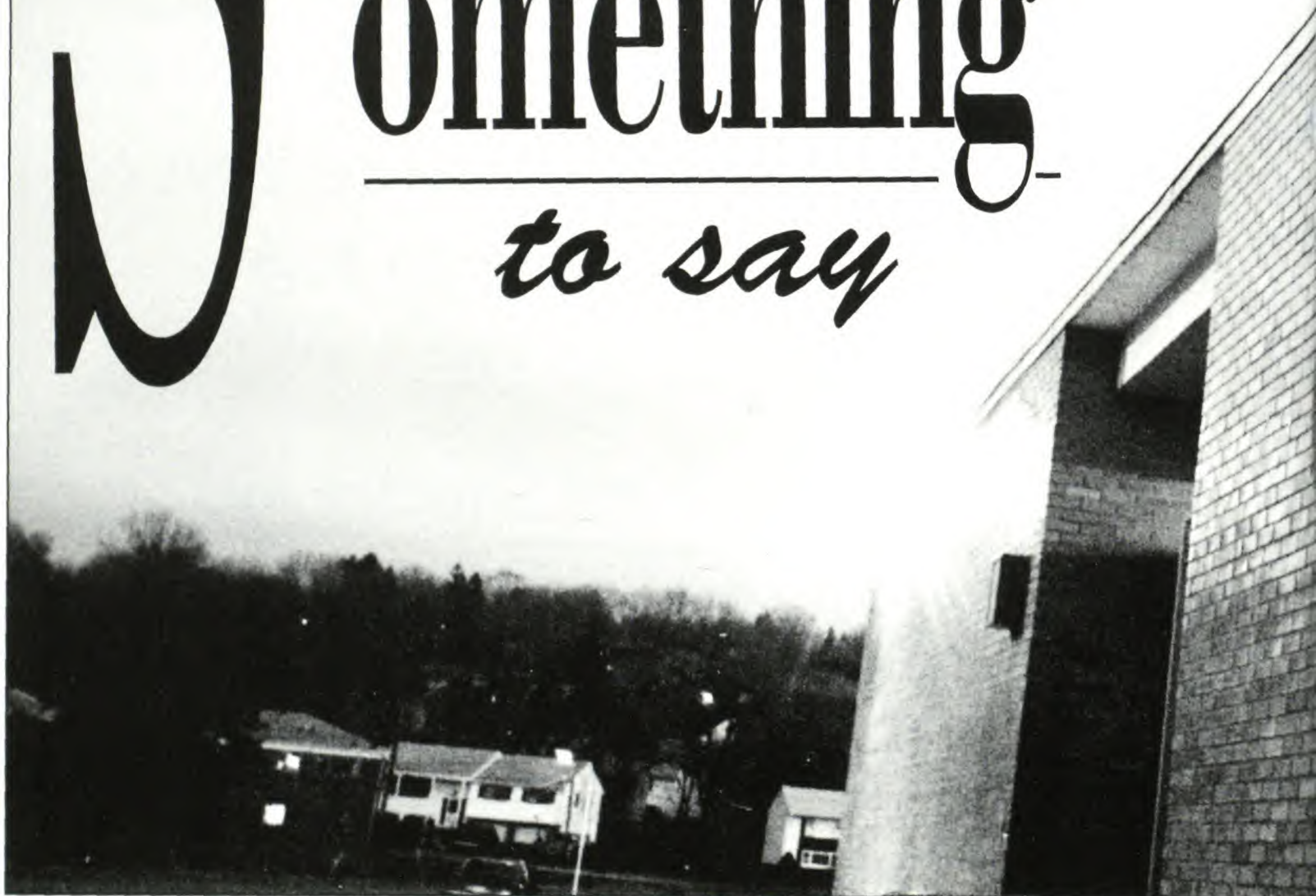
So that's it — we've had our (something to) say. The 1996 Yearbook staff worked hard to change the look of the yearbook. This year's yearbook was a massive endeavor, and we couldn't have made it without the help of many people: to Mr. McCarthy, who again went above and beyond as an advisor. His experience as well as his knowledge made things so much easier. Thank him for his support. To Isabel and Lora Inc. for helping us capture our memories. To Ms. Pratkanis, Mr. Paganelli, Mrs. Antonacci, Mrs. Kulik, and Mrs. Dalguaer for their help and to the entire faculty for allowing us to take all new photographs for the yearbook. A very special thanks to our Herff Jones representative Ellen Stahli. Her support allowed us to do things we never thought possible. Last, and most importantly thanks to the yearbook staff, particularly Matt Silverman, for all their dedication and time, and for creating a book that will make all of us proud.

As the year ended, we thought back to when we were just starting out and how we struggled to find the best way to characterize the Class of 1996. The one word that continually came to mind was KEN. That's why we included so many of your own words, in the form of quotes, in each section.

Now that we have said all that there is to say (actually, we would say more, but there is no room for this on the last page), we'll see you in ten years at the reunion. No doubt there will still be plenty to talk about.

See ya!
Lilly Chu and Karen Fasano

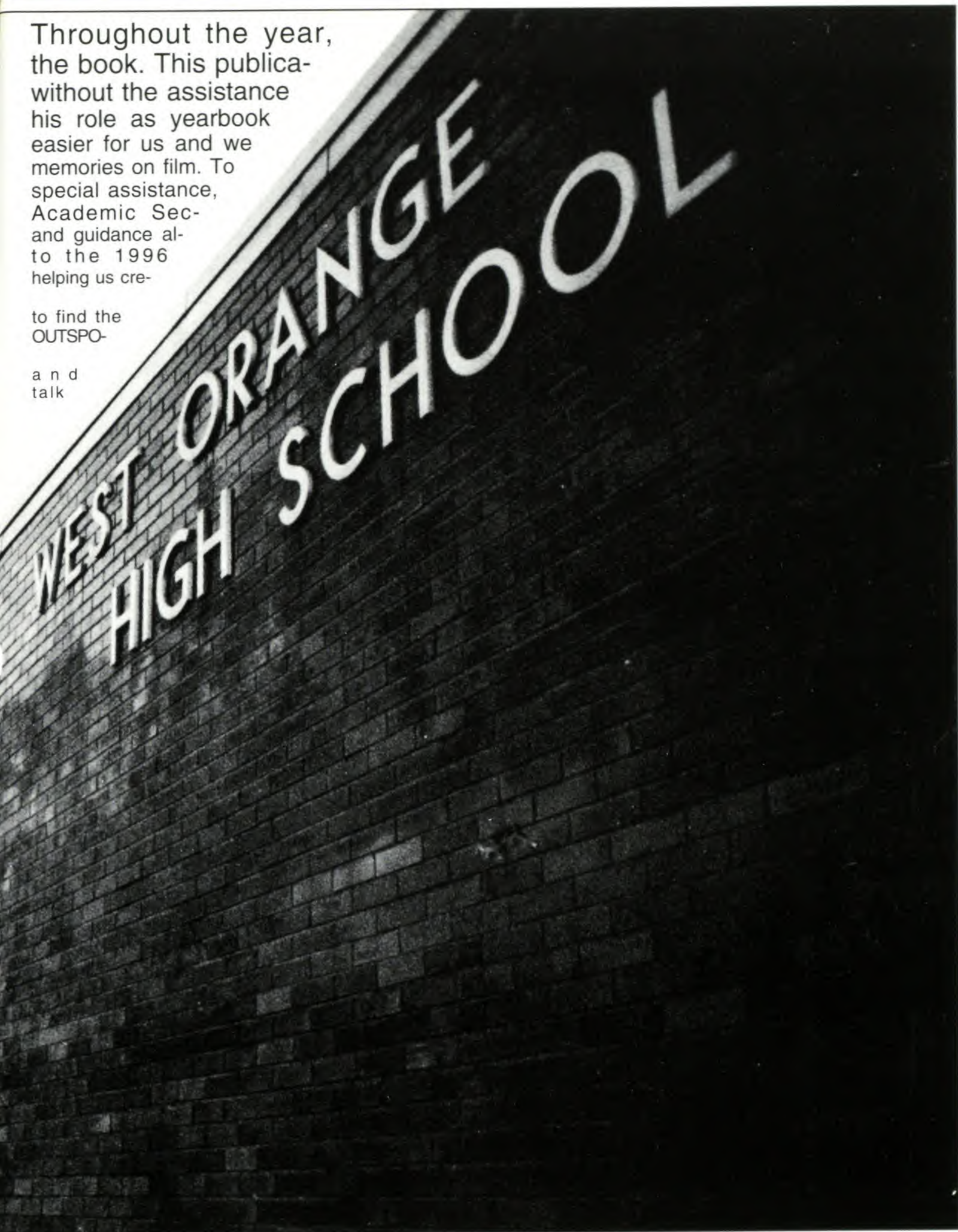
Something to say



Throughout the year,
the book. This publica-
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