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SIDE

Numerologists believe that numbers play a large role in our personal destinies. To them, the most significant numbers are the year an individual is born. Imagine what a field day they would have with the startling coincidence that the members of the class of **1997** were born in **1979**. In '79, our parents scurried to the stationery store to get birth announcements; in '97, they frantically requested extra graduation tickets. In '79, we were totally dependent on them and basically restricted to our home environment; in '97 we craved total independence and were rarely home at all. Our purpose in this yearbook is to provide some perspective on the changes that occurred over the course of those 18 years. We'll show you the changes that took place in and around West Orange over that time period, as well as highlight the events that made the year **1997** so special for us. Even those who are skeptical of the science of numerology will hopefully enjoy our look at the **THE FLIP SIDE** of the year we were born.



MOUNTAINEER 1997



Class President, Alexis Vena, welcomes everyone to the Senior Breakfast.



Tara Higgins and Jill Dunst with 'the' senior car.





*There's only one way to walk when you're a senior. Angel Aquino demonstrates the 'Senior Strut' after being introduced at the pep rally.*

# Invisible Freshmen to . . . **INVINCIBLE SENIORS!**

When we entered the high school in 1993, it didn't take long to understand the hierarchy from lofty seniors to lowly freshmen. We sat in our classes on the first day of school, looking out of the windows at the festively decorated cars cruising in the Senior Parade. As they rolled past the Pleasant Valley Way entrance with boistrous seniors honking their horns, we were painfully aware of the lowly status to which we had arrived. Freshmen, we soon understood, were to be unseen and unheard. That year, we learned to perfect the "Freshman Walk" (eyes directed down, shoulders slumped, hugging the walls). The morning bulletin was a painful daily reminder of all the great things that were happening around school, for others, but not for us.

From freshman year on, we watched quietly as the classes of '94, '95, and '96 left their mark, waiting patiently to get our chance. Slowly, we were assimilated into the

culture of the school with each passing year, but it wasn't until September 4, 1996, that our metamorphosis was finally complete. As we boldly walked into our Welcome Back Senior Breakfast, we were filled with anticipation of an exciting year to come. We proudly sported our Class of '97 shirts as we strolled through the senior hallways on the Conforti side of the building. This time we were perfecting a new walk, a much more confident walk, the "Senior Strut" (eyes directed forward, shoulders held high, walking down the center of the hallways), letting everyone know that 1997 was officially our year. WOHS was now our school; we would be seen and heard everywhere! The memory of our humble beginning in 1993 was forever erased by the sounds of *our* horns honking, as the Class of 1997 rolled into the school parking lot on the first day of senior year, and **THE FLIP SIDE** of our high school career began.

*"Are we really eating breakfast at school?" Yes, Claudia, Melissa, Fran, and Kelly, you are.*





# Girls Turn **BUFF** In Powder Puff

It was a beautifully clear day at Schools Stadium; the sky was a perfect shade of blue. The aluminum bleachers reverberated the raucous cheers emanating from the WOHS football fans. As the new mascot was unveiled, the opposing teams came charging onto the gridiron, thirsting for victory, but this was not a typical football game.

There were no helmets that day, nor were there shoulder pads, elbow pads, or hip pads, only mouthpieces. No blue and white jerseys were visible on the field. Instead, there were blue and white tee-shirts decorated with paint. The calendar read June 13, not November 13, and perhaps the most striking difference was in the team roster, where names like Jymmi Taylor and Thomasine Cardone replaced those of Jimmy Wilkinson and Thomas Reed. This was not a regular football game; it was the annual Powder Puff game, a winner-take-all, females-only battle for bragging rights between

the Class of '96 and the Class of '97.

The competition was intense, with both teams proving that weeks of intense practice in stifling heat paid off. The traditional roles were reversed this time, with Jimmy Wilkinson, Joe Vitarello, Eugene Thornley, Dave Roselle, and Keith Giorgio coaching female players in a bone-crushing contest for number one. Led by a ferocious defense, the girls of '97 certainly held their own against the class of '96. In a fiercely competitive performance from the supposed "weaker sex," the Class of '96 escaped with a 9-7 victory. However, the scoreboard didn't nearly reflect the dedication and heart of the Class of '97. By the time the game was over, all that was left of Schools Stadium was a torn up turf, chewed-up mouthpieces, a myriad of bumps and bruises, and even a broken nose. The Class of 1997 showed that **THE FLIP SIDE** of football isn't for "powder puffs;" it's for athletes.

*No one can take that ball away from a determined Stacy Perlstein as she charges toward the goal line.*



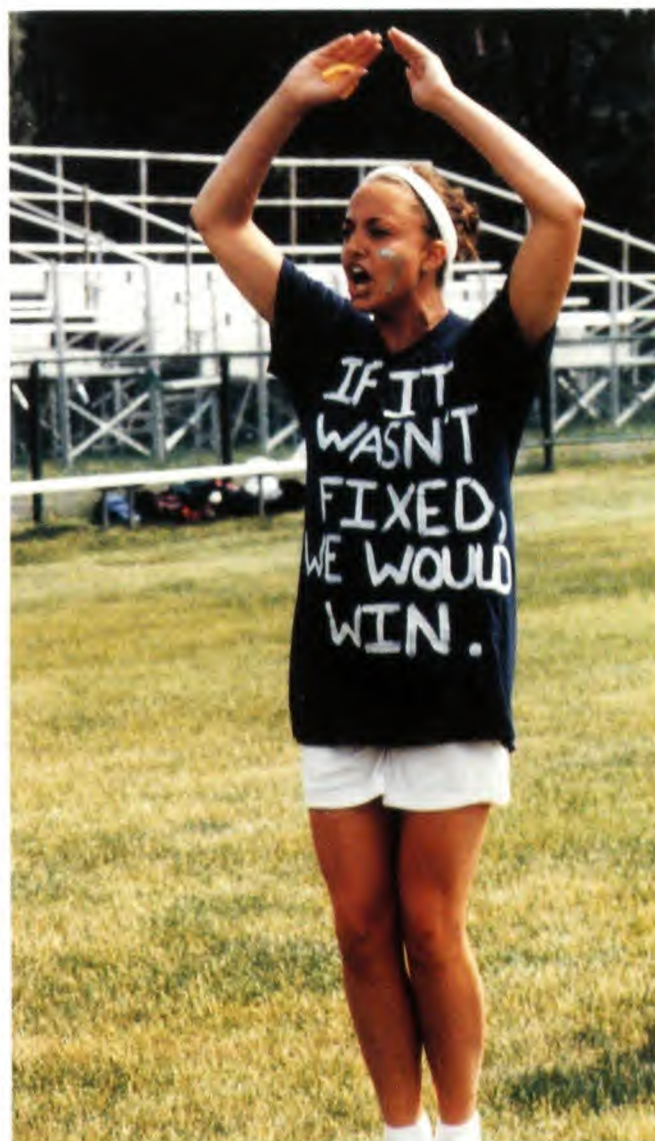
*The blistering heat gave Tom Reilly a chance to display his support for the '97 team.*







The shirt reveals the competitive fire of Thomasine Cardone as she leads pre-game exercises.



Coach Wilkinson explains a play to Ayanna Davis-Small.



Short or long? Vicky Coppolo and Katherine Willhoit reflect the variety of styles available to women of the 90's.



Casey Marucci and Vivian Lekkas in classic attire.



# GRUNGE goes Glamorous

*In her stunning full-length evening gown, Satra Browne is ready for her glamorous evening.*

Remember waking up for school each morning at 7:15? Donning the jeans you wore so often they could stand by themselves and walk to your bed, then putting on your favorite tee-shirt or sweatshirt and being out the door by 7:30? Remember waking up on "Blues Day" each Friday at 7:25 because all you had to do was throw on your senior shirt, football jersey, or cheerleading uniform and you could be ready even quicker? Comfort was key; we were seniors and we didn't need to impress anyone. We set the styles, and they were as diverse as the student body, with body piercing, hair tinted to match every color of the rainbow, and ripped jeans worn nearly every day. As seniors, we fashioned the dress code of school; we didn't need to conform.

However, that didn't mean that we couldn't turn a few heads when it came time to wear more formal clothing. Remember the spring fashions we sported at our

National Honor Society Induction? Who knew that these guys actually owned suits? They looked ready for GQ magazine.

We also showed our keen fashion sense when invited by Mr. Tarnoff to speak at the Rotary luncheons. And who can forget that "One Moment in Time" when we discarded our common, everyday wear in favor of elegant evening gowns and classy tuxedos. On that glittering March night at Mayfair Farms, stepping out of a stretch limousine was a welcome change from our daily routine of stepping out of our cars into the numerous potholes in the senior parking lot. Hours spent in fitting rooms, at the hair dresser, and at the nail salon were all worth it. We all have photo albums to prove that we "cleaned up" quite nicely.

Whenever a formal occasion presented itself, we demonstrated that we understood that there was a glamorous **FLIP SIDE** to the "grunge" look.

*NHS Inductees  
These well-dressed  
individuals are  
smart, too!*













# The Spirit of '97



*The point is, Frank Cicarone appreciates the thunderous ovation he receives as he is introduced.*



*Part of the spirited senior section is showered with confetti.*





"Yeah Man!" Bryna O'Neill roars her response to the cheerleaders' question: Have you got spirit?

Jen Garrity encourages the crowd during the "Blue and White" cheer.



No wonder seniors won the class spirit designation with Becky Rullo and Claudia Lombardo in full voice.



Ajoke Adesanya gets a taste of victory after winning her round of the pie-eating contest.

Brandon Minde and Jason Marcus try to edge out Paul Nicoli and Soto Apostolopoulos in the three-legged race.



Coke and Friends. Rachel Bertoldi and Sandra Rodriguez.



# Seniors Invade Degnan

*To the Victors!  
Craig Lieberman  
and Charles Kim  
celebrate the  
boys' victory in  
the tug-o-war.*



*"Ahoy There!"  
These smiling  
seniors take to the  
tranquil waters of  
Degnan Pond.*





# Something for Everyone

When the bell sounded each day at 7:50 a.m., students could be found scurrying to their first period classes, ready to face yet another school day. While many people rushed to get to their Chemistry class on the second floor, an equal number headed into one of the various technical education or home economics classes located on the first floor. In addition to the core curriculum required at WOHS, many interesting and innovative electives were offered, from Broadcast Journalism to Wind Ensemble to Senior Cuisine. Pick an interest and it was likely to be represented in some form or another in the WOHS Course Guidebook.

For those interested in hands-on activity, there were numerous programs. The Cooperative Learning Program gave students an opportunity to attend school for half a day and receive on-the-job training in the afternoon. The first floor housed an array of classes dealing

with subjects ranging from auto mechanics to interior design. It was not uncommon for students enrolled in these classes to create practical projects that they could take home and use. Each year, journalism students churned out eight papers, while yearbook students devoted their time to putting together an award-winning book. Broadcast Journalism students used state of the art resources available to them in order to produce a bi-weekly news show. The Macintosh computer lab provided a more than ample setting for computer science courses.

Whether it was Co-Op, Band, or Foods, there was no shortage of things to do at WOHS. The curriculum was as diverse as the student body, and there was certainly something for everyone. When the bell rang at 2:17 p.m. signaling the end of the day, many students stayed after in order to finish a project they started, rather than hurrying home.

*Those skillful hands on the sander belong to Tara Grivner. How's that for equal opportunity?*



*Katherine Willhoit puts the finishing touches on her feature for the TV 36 News.*







Concentration is the key to creating a masterpiece for Bilal Muhammad.



Nino Bras tries to impress Lauren Rowand with his artistic talent.







Lori Kahan  
in '79 as a  
member of  
the band.  
In '97, Lori  
Kahan Alter  
as the  
marching  
band  
director.

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In 1979, the year most members of the class of 1997 were born, Lori Kahan was a member of the Mountain High School Marching Band. The band wasn't very large because the enrollment in the school, like that of West Orange High School, then located on Northfield Avenue, was starting to decline. At that time, the bands from both high schools played at half-time of their respective football games and performed for the last time at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. There was no such thing as a marching band competition. The student body was racially and ethnically homogenous at both schools, and their co-curricular program, while broad in scope, reflected little change from the previous years. The activities that seniors enjoyed most were Halloween Dress Up Day, the Senior Breakfast on Thanksgiving morning, and their mid-winter trips to the Poconos. The rest of the students could follow their interests in a variety of clubs, including the photography club, the ski club, the gymnastics club, and the International Thespian Society.

In 1997, the year we capped off our education in West Orange at the consolidated high school, Lori Kahan Alter was the marching band director, and the band competed in several competitions, most notably the championship at Giants Stadium. The student body was now culturally diverse, and the co-curricular program was constantly evolving. Clubs like the UNITY Club and UMOJA attempted to promote respect for people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Seniors had a chance to enjoy themselves at the Welcome Back Breakfast, the Senior Picnic, and midnight bowling. The rest of the student body could gain personal satisfaction through participation in one of our award-winning publications, such as the Pioneer, the Mountaineer, the Cobblestone, or one of our many service organizations, such as Interact, the Health Careers Club, the Key Club, or Lean on Me.

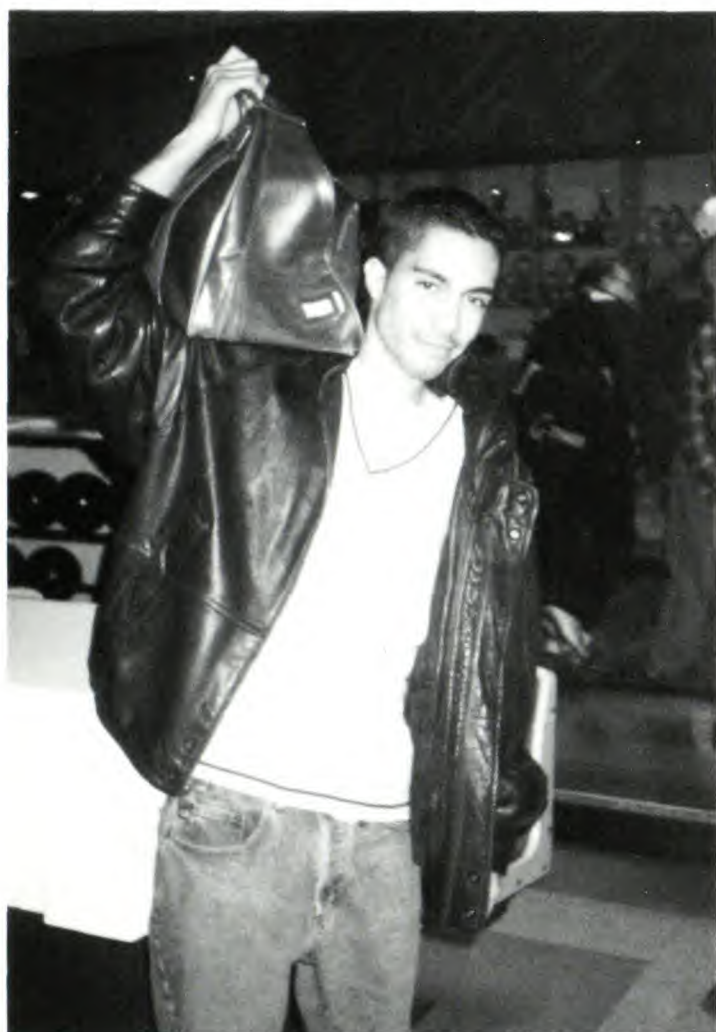
In 1979, people in West Orange began to see that a declining enrollment would one day necessitate a merger between the two high schools. In 1997, there was a \$21 million bond referendum proposed to alleviate overcrowding. How's that for THE FLIP SIDE?

STUDENT LIFE



Melissa Russoniello and Erin Sciacchetano have a ball at Senior Bowling.

Even at the bowling alley Carlos Rodriquez is stylin' with his matching leather jacket and bowling bag.



"Please!" Dena Goldstein pleads for a strike.





# Seniors Strike

When the clock struck twelve on Friday, January 30, the night was only beginning for the Class of 1997. The doors opened and the seniors descended upon Eagle Rock Lanes en masse. The revelers were given 2½ hours to kick back, eat, dance, and of course, bowl. Sporting the ever-so fashionable bowling shoes, the hordes of seniors filled all 26 lanes in no time. While the standard mode of dress for the evening was casual, some seniors rummaged through their parents closets and came up with vintage 60's attire. Vivian Lekkas and Jill Dunst sported psychedelic shirts and pants, while Alexis Vena went for the industrial bowling league look with the Coca-Cola uniform shirt.

With the D.J. blasting tunes and the laser lights spinning about, senior spirit quickly filled the air. The dance scene was dominated by Angel Aquino, who obviously had not noticed the "No Dancing On The Alley" signs. Perhaps his vision

was clouded by the group of ladies surrounding him. The overhead monitors displayed less than flattering scores with only an occasional strike or spare. "I never realized how many bad bowlers there really are in our grade. I, on the other hand, bowled a 143," offered Tara Grivner. Ms. Maria Damiano, co-advisor of the senior class stated, "I was impressed with the amount of seniors who participated. For the most part, I think that the kids had a great time. They also acted in a responsible manner." George Antonakos added, "I never thought bowling was fun before. It was a great opportunity to hang out with my fellow classmates."

As the second hand of the clock closed in on 2:30 a.m., the crowd slowly trickled out. While a number of exhausted seniors ambled home, the die-hards made their way to the Eagle Rock Diner to spend more time with their friends. As dawn approached, the last of the seniors wearily made their way home.



George Antonakos displays an unusual bowling style.





Paul Tica, Becky Rullo, and Nicole Suriano prepare their holiday meal.







# Bon Appetit

From a simple appetizer to a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast, the Senior Cuisine classes were always hard at work creating culinary masterpieces. Formulated especially for 12th graders, Senior Cuisine was designed to teach college bound students how to cook for themselves. "Next year when I go to college I'm going to want to know more about nutrition so that I can continue to lead a healthy life," observed Jen Spendlove.

Divided into two half-year courses, Senior Cuisine students progressed from the basics of cooking to gourmet meals. Senior Cuisine A placed strong emphasis on nutrition by utilizing various herbs and spices to make salads and other basic dishes. Proper sanitary methods for the preparation of food were also discussed as an introduction to the culinary world. "Senior Cuisine A

provided me with a general knowledge of how to cook independently," remarked Josh Cederbaum.

Senior Cuisine B continued where its prerequisite left off. Concentrating on more regional cooking within the United States, recipes were altered to improve their nutritional value. The focus of the class included the preparation of complete meals as well as the exploration of careers in the culinary arts. "Learning how to prepare and cook homemade pasta was my favorite part of the course because I know it will be valuable in the future," concluded Becky Rullo.

Facing the reality of living on our own and having to prepare meals was intimidating to most of the members of the class of '97. For successful graduates of Senior Cuisine, that would not be a problem. The rest of us will have to learn how to make reservations.



George Yonitch takes the shortcut and heats his meal in the microwave.

Adriana Arancibia helps Marla Eichenblatt move cookies to a cooling tray.



Mrs. Suriano, Nicole, and Mr. Suriano



Mr. Osterman, Dahlelle, and Mrs. Osterman



Mrs. Ng and Patrice



# A THANK YOU LONG OVERDUE

Throughout the fall sports season, no one supported the senior marching band members, cheerleaders, and football players more than their parents. Overlooking rather harsh weather conditions, the parents went to the games and competitions, home or away, every Saturday for three months. The routine was always the same. However, on one Saturday, it was finally the parents turn to be recognized for their encouragement and support.

As P.A. announcer John McCarthy called out the names of the senior band members, cheerleaders, and football players, their parents or guardians joined them, walking proudly onto the field, wearing white corsages. In no time at all, four years' worth of memories filled the stadium, and emotions welled up in the eyes of many.

For the seniors, Parents' Day served as an appropriate tribute to four years of grueling practices, games, and competitions, regardless of weather conditions. The years of in-

volvement with the music and athletic programs strengthened friendships that grew closer with each challenge met.

For the many parents of the West Orange High School seniors, this day was their first opportunity to stand alongside their children and be applauded for supporting them throughout their high school careers. The ceremony recognized four years of driving to away games, cheering their children on, and being at their children's side when things did not go in their favor. Mrs. Dunst, varsity cheerleader Jill Dunst's mother, noted, "Today celebrated four wonderful years of cheerleading. We will truly miss the seniors of this year's squad."

Parents' Day was one of the few opportunities in which both the seniors and their parents shared the spotlight, and even though this day was in their honor, the parents still focused their attention on their children.



Mrs. Everswick, Kirk, and Mr. Everswick



Mr. LaManna, Anthony,  
and Mrs. LaManna



# Crowning Glory

November 16, 1996 was not only the day of the final football game of the season, it was also the day set aside for the annual crowning of the Homecoming Queen. The tremendous support of the enthusiastic Mountaineer fans was not in any way hindered by the frigid weather. With the echo of the fans cheering them on in the background, the nominees, Thomasine Cardone, Stacy Perlstein, and Alexis Vena, and their escorts Corey Palent, Fabian Ochoa, and Frank Pennisi, made their way across the field. Finally, Homecoming Queen Thomasine Cardone and her escort Frank Pennisi, were introduced to the fans.

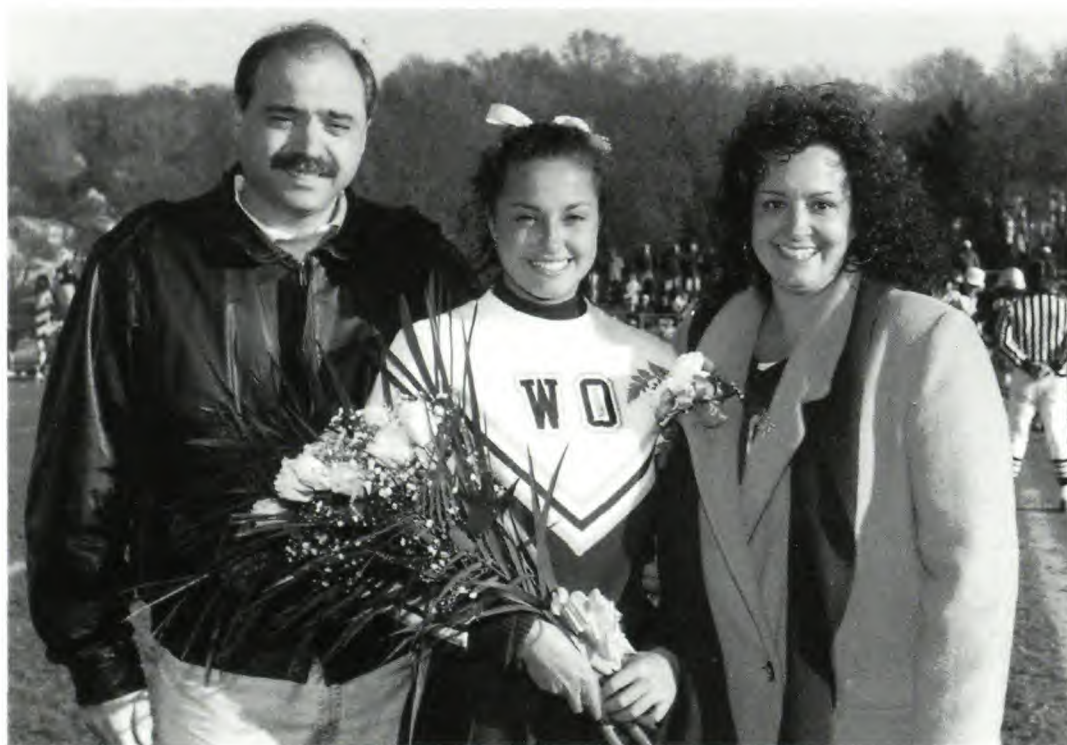
The cheering of the fans resonated throughout the stadium as the members of the court posed patiently while the photographer's camera snapped away. Soon after, Mr. and Mrs. Cardone joined Thomasine on the field to congratulate her and pose for a few more pictures.

Immediately following the pictures and the presentation of flowers, Mr. Prendergast drove the queen and her court around the track in a red Mustang convertible to give

the crowd one last look at these deserving young ladies before the second half of the football game started.

The ceremony was proof that their efforts had not gone unnoticed. Stacy was applauded for her involvement with the school as Copy Editor of the yearbook, treasurer of the Student Council, and co-captain of the cheerleading squad. Alexis was recognized for her hard work as the Senior Class President, co-captain of the girls' varsity soccer team, and as the Associate Student Life Editor of the yearbook. Thomasine, a dedicated co-captain of the cheerleading squad, was acknowledged for her work as the Layout Editor of the yearbook, and the Senior Class Secretary.

Undoubtedly, the most gratifying aspect of the afternoon for all the nominees was knowing that the entire senior class was able to vote for only three people whom they felt represented their class. Palent observed, "I am close to all three of the girls, and I know how unique and special each one is. It didn't matter which nominee won; they all deserved the recognition."



Mr. Cardone, Thomasine, and Mrs. Cardone

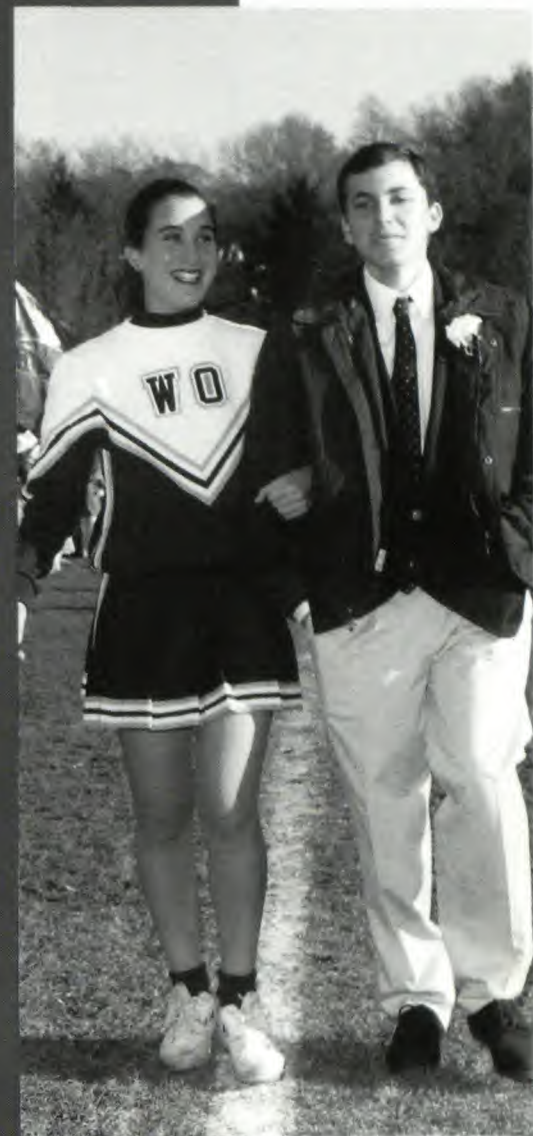


Escort nominees, Corey Palent, Frank Pennisi, and Fabian Ochoa



Stacy Perlstein, Homecoming Queen Thomasine Cardone, and Alexis Vena.

Nominees Stacy Perlstein and Corey Palent held their heads high as they walked across the field.



### What did you enjoy most about the Homecoming ceremony?



*"Laughing at Frank's jokes as we made our way across the field."*  
— Thomasine Cardone



*"The best part of the ceremony was being driven around in the Mustang by Prendo."*  
— Alexis Vena



*"Waving to the Delbarton players as we passed by them in the car."*  
— Stacy Perlstein



The way Frank Pennisi gyrated atop the drum major's platform at the half-time shows of the football games, it was only logical that he'd lead the band at the world capital of animation in Orlando, Florida. From the dog days spent under the blazing August sun at band camp, to the glare of lights at Giants Stadium for the CMBC Championship, to the neon street lights along Main Street USA at Disney World, Pennisi's dance during the "Swing, Swing, Swing" number typified the enthusiasm of the Marching Mountaineers under the direction of Lori Alter.

Beginning their season with five fun, yet exhausting days at band camp, the band worked on committing their drill to memory, improving their music, perfecting their flag and rifle routines and executing proper marching techniques. Come Sep-



tember, practice was held three times a week until 6:00 p.m. There were additional practices, half-time shows at the football games, and competitions on the weekends. Improvements in their show were evident each day. Everything from the marching to the music was improved with each successful performance.

Featuring a variety of selections from John Williams, including the theme songs from

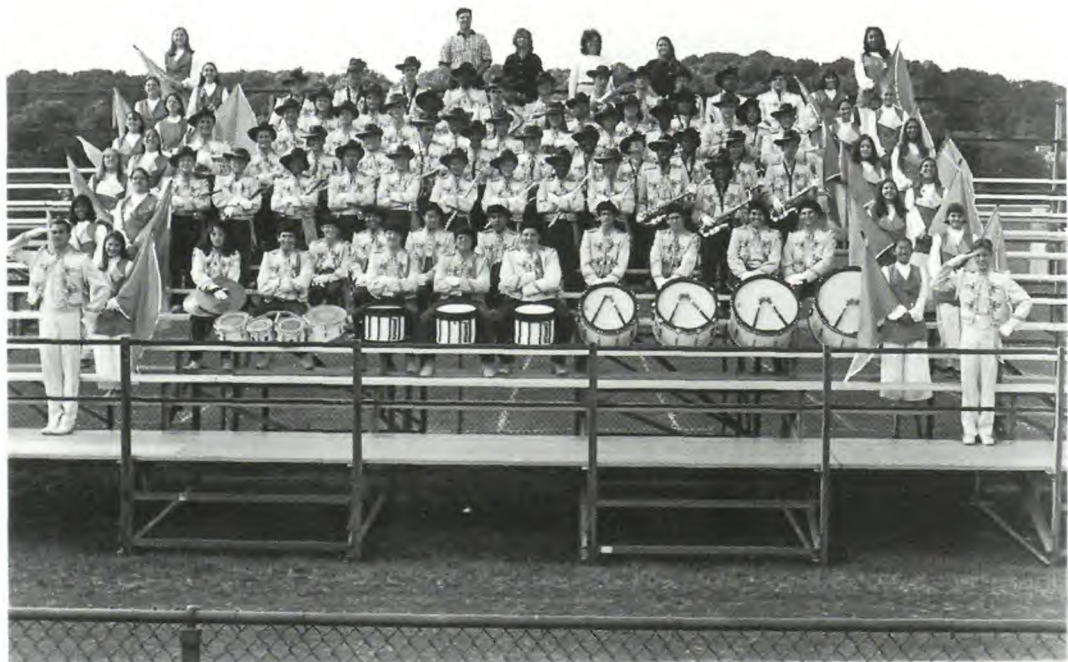
"ET", "Far and Away", and "Jurassic Park", as well as the big band sound of "Swing, Swing, Swing", the Marching Mountaineers were able to produce an award-winning show. With a second place in the Verona Competition and a high ranking in the CMBC Championship, it was no wonder they were always introduced as the "Award-Winning Marching Mountaineers."

"When we began the season we had a more difficult drill and selection of music, as well as a more challenging flag and rifle routine than we'd had in previous years. We knew that our work was definitely cut out for us, but when the crowd went wild during our performances, especially at Giants Stadium, we knew that we'd more than succeeded," noted colorguard captain Vicky Coppolo.

"Animated" was certainly the best way to characterize this year's band. Whether it was Kirk Everstick dancing along the track with the cheerleaders to "Orange Cadence", Samantha Stack leading the colorguard in their unique dance coordinated for "Louie, Louie", or Jon Pogash racing around to position himself for his drum solo, this group of performers covered a lot of ground taking their show on the road.



Mary-Ann Cerulo strikes a pose to "Jurassic Park".



1996-1997 Marching Mountaineers





Drum Captain Jon Pogash bangs out his percussion solo.



*"This year's show definitely was my favorite because of its outstanding music and challenging drill."*

— Jessica Germaine



*"I enjoyed this year's show because it allowed the band to express a full range of musical emotions."*

— Jacob Messing



*"I enjoyed this year's show because the crowd really got into it and fed off of the energy of the band."*

— Sue Rauch

# SENIORS CHOICE





Patrice Ng and Sharon Cohen



# Ending On A Good Note



Who would have thought that the early years of orchestra, band, and choir, beginning in the third and fourth grade, could have possibly brought some students to where they were in 1997? For one class period each day, the musically inclined were able to use their talents in the orchestra, band, and choir classes taught by Ms. Margo Sokolow, Ms. Lori Alter, and Ms. Michelle Podesta respectively. The highlight of the year was when the jazz band, chamber orchestra, and the chamber choir were chosen to perform at Walt Disney World in Florida over Memorial Day weekend.

"The Instrumental Program has taken many strides during the 1996-97 school year. Almost 200 band students performed with the various ensembles offered by the music program. The seniors achieved remarkable accomplishments during their four years at WOHS. Their outstanding musicianship, self-discipline, dedication, and commitment to the program have had a most positive impact on West Orange High School," stated band director, Lori Alter.

"The two performing string groups have grown tremendously in the past five years. They have increased from 12 students to two groups. The Chamber Ensemble had 26 students, and all of them began orchestra in third grade," remarked Orchestra Director, Margo Sokolow.

Music students at WOHS epitomized love for the fine arts. The knowledge they gained by being a part of the instrumental and choral programs will be a foundation for their lifelong involvement with music.



Pete Simon, Kirk Everswick, and Scott Hansen.



Band Director Ms. Lori Alter



# Making the 'Flip Side' Work

"Did anyone else notice that we were born in '79 and we're graduating in '97?" With this simple question, asked by Jill Dunst in June of 1996 at the first yearbook staff meeting, the theme for the 1997 Mountaineer was born. The staff was comprised of 23 students, who under the veteran leadership of John McCarthy, the yearbook advisor, started to learn the time-consuming process of putting a yearbook together at the end of their junior year. Not long after that first meeting, Thomasine Cardone and Leigh Nelson spent a week during the summer at a yearbook seminar in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania learning yearbook fundamentals. They returned in the fall to teach the other staff members how to draw layouts, select photographs, and write copy. Under the weight of having to match the success of previous yearbooks, the staff tried to create a yearbook with a meaningful theme, unique layouts, vivid photographs, catchy headlines, and clever captions. Through the month of January, Senior Editor Vivian Lekkas, along with her associate editors, Kelly Skeffington and Mimi Im, feverishly checked

and rechecked the names of the 329 members of the Class of '97. This task was diligently performed to insure complete accuracy of the senior section. Business Editors, Lesley Grossman and Luanne Centrella began back in June of their junior year finding patrons and sponsors to offset budgetary expenses of \$35,600.

The staff's work was made easier by Ellen Stahl, their Herff Jones publishing representative, who was an invaluable source of inspiration. Faculty Editor Allyson Cooper stated, "Ms. Stahl's guidance was extremely helpful. Her corrections put the final touch on each section."

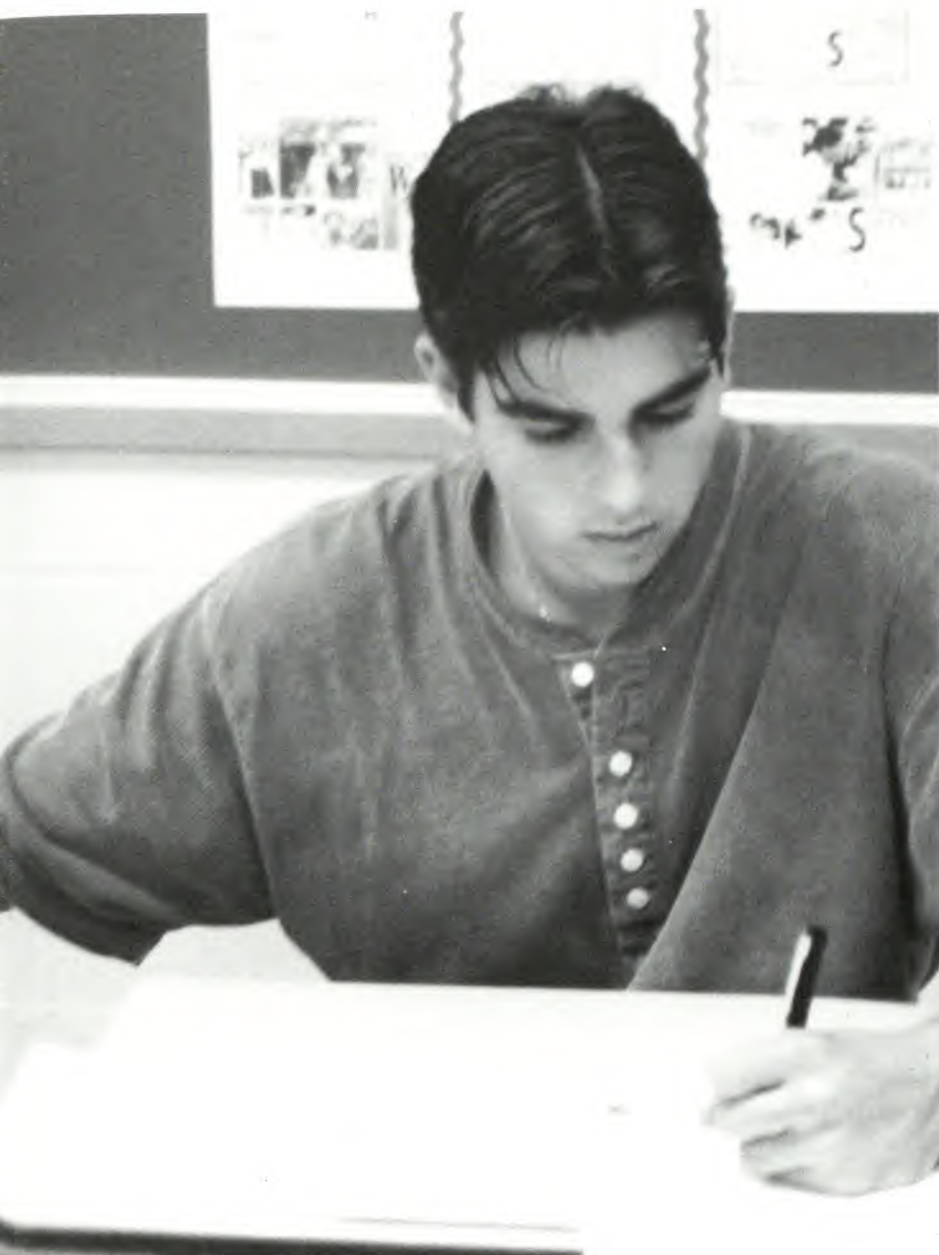
As with any publication, the yearbook staff was confronted with meeting deadlines. Editor-in-Chief, Corey Palent, along with McCarthy and Cardone made sure these deadlines were met. In fact, the work was often completed a week in advance. The pressure of making these deadlines eased only after the final product was completed and 'The Flip Side' became the latest in a long line of quality yearbooks at WOHS.



1997 MOUNTAINEER YEARBOOK STAFF







Sports Editor Brandon Minde finalizes copy for his section.

Senior Editor Vivian Lekkas carefully checks the spelling of each senior name.



Advisor John McCarthy reviews the opening section with Editor-in-Chief Corey Palent.

Jill Dunst prepares film for processing.





“ This year’s staff required minimal direction. ”  
— Mr. Ehrlich



“ It hardly felt like work because we had so much fun. ”  
— Dena Goldstein



“ This year we created a Cobblestone website. ”  
Mr. Valgenti



“ Cobblestone was lots of fun with a lot of great people. ”  
— S. Chintrajah



1996-1997 PIONEER STAFF



# HOT off the Press

Most high schools feel special when they can claim they have an award-winning student publication. Imagine the pride felt at West Orange High School, where annually there were three! In addition to the yearbook, the school newspaper, *The Pioneer*, and the literary magazine, *Cobblestone*, garnered national acclaim.

Under the guidance of Mr. William Ehrlich, editors Dena Goldstein, Katie Graham, and Suzanne Rauch worked diligently to produce a newspaper each month which drew praise from the American Scholastic Press Association. The staff was cited for outstanding layout and newswriting. *Pioneer* readers could always expect an interesting center spread, a timely music review by Fran Dolan, a captivating feature by Dean Chrysosvergis and a comprehensive sports summary by Rich Schapiro or Sean Farrell in each issue. It's also worth noting that the *Pioneer* celebrated its 10th year of in-house production in 1997. Few schools in the state submitted their work in "photo-ready" condition to their printer, and still fewer received consistent first-place rankings.

The *Cobblestone* continued its tradition of hosting a "Late Bus Cafe" in 1997, and once again it was a rousing success. The publication, which was also rewarded with a first-place by the American Scholastic Press Association, was driven by the dedication of its editors Sharon Chinthrajah and Payal Maniar. A compilation of the best original pieces of prose, poetry, and artwork, the magazine served as the creative centerpiece for aspiring writers, poets, and artists. The task of harnessing all of those creative energies fell to Mr. Robert Valgenti, who in his second full year as advisor to the publication, raised the bar of excellence to new heights.

In a time when the public scrutiny of education was at an all-time high, it was deeply satisfying for all those connected with West Orange High School publications that their work was held in such high regard.



Mr. Valgenti and the senior editors of the 1996-1997 *Cobblestone*.



Mr. Valgenti, *Cobblestone* advisor, with co-editors Sharon Chinthrajah and Payal Maniar



# News Show 'Ayres'

## Bi-Monthly

Casey Marucci and Advisor Martin Kale

Did you ever see Karen Ayres, Executive Producer of WOHS TV36 News without a camera in tow or microphone in hand? Ever see Dena Goldstein, Associate Producer, not busy signing out equipment or assisting groups? Probably not. That's because under the tutelage of Mr. John McCarthy, Mr. Martin Kale, and Mr. David J. DaSilva, the class, which consisted of 23 students, was continuously busy trying to produce their bi-monthly shows.

"Creating a final piece is a long process. We began each show with brainstorming, followed by choosing a feature, formulating outlines, taping footage, and then finally editing to cre-

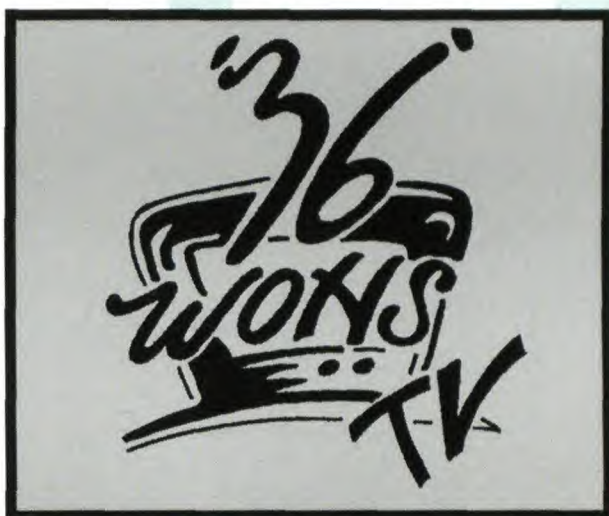
ate a final piece — all in a time span of a week and a half," noted Kelly Skeffington.

Part of the benefit of being on the TV staff was the increased notoriety throughout the West Orange community for TV36 reporters, such as Alison Brafman, Allyson Cooper, Lesley Grossman, Ara Tucker, and Katherine Willhoit. Thanks to a wide viewership, the two most recognized faces in town probably belonged to co-anchors Vicky Coppolo and Corey Palent. Making sure that all reporters and anchors were in proper focus were cameramen Dave Ehrlich, Casey Marucci, and Dean Chryssovergis. Ten underclassman rounded out this talented staff.



Karen Ayres and Dena Goldstein





TV 36 STAFF





This year's co-op group was friendly and responsible. They worked hard to successfully meet their goals of obtaining a high school diploma and a valuable job readiness.

— Mrs. Antonacci

Cooperative education relies on a partnership between business and education. Co-op employees are one of the main ingredients for students to gain a head start in the world of work.

— Mrs. Berman







## SHOW ME THE MONEY!

### 1996-1997 Cooperative Education

Jessica Ambio  
 Michael Burger  
 Angel Camacho  
 Jason Colatrella  
 Andrea Etcheverry  
 Patrick Gaynor  
 Anthony Giuliano  
 Franco Marini  
 Emanuel Marques  
 Brian Morella  
 Michael Parker  
 Olga Petrosian  
 Taliah Roach  
 Roque Rodriguez  
 Andrew Romano  
 Brian Rothman  
 Melinda Smith  
 Brian Whatley  
 Maya Williams  
 Andrew Yantorn  
 Elizabeth Zembilis  
 Pete Ziakos

Advisor — Sandra Antonacci  
 Advisor — Karen Berman



Mr. Peter Ricci and Michael Burger



Lending a hand was a top priority for many students at West Orange High School. Whether participating in school or community activities, students were quick to help in any way they could.

West Orange High School's **Interact Club** was one of the most popular activities. A subdivision of Rotary International, this club functioned as a service organization not only for the schools, but for the entire West Orange community. Students involved with the club, advised by Dr. Anna Marie Rotonda, served as ushers at school functions, delivered holiday gifts to children at the West Orange Community House, and visited camps for the disabled. They also participated in the first-ever "Students Helping Seniors" program, which involved students helping West Orange senior citizens with their spring cleaning and other small household chores.

**Lean On Me** focused more on well-being through positive examples. Supervised by Ms. Barbara Wofsy, students worked with one another to expose the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and gambling. The club's members also attended a state-wide peer leadership/wellness seminar for a week. There they were trained to help their peers who were in need.

West Orange High School was also home to another club which emphasized helping both the school and the community. The **Key Club** raised money for the Iodine Deficiency Disorder for the UNICEF. Members also got together with Livingston High School's Key Club to help raise money for charities. Additionally, they walked in the Walktober Fest and visited the Green Hill Retirement Home. All of the activities they participated in helped them to socialize with people from surrounding towns.

As volunteers, the students in these three clubs had the opportunity to give back to their community. Through participation in these organizations, students gained a sense of self-respect and self-worth as well as a great feeling of being appreciated by others.



The Interact Club co-vice presidents Asha Luke and Amy Danzig along with Brigitte Joffe and advisor Dr. Rotonda discuss future plans.





Key Club president Tara Higgins along with the other officers.



Lean on Me advisor, Ms. Wofsy, and senior members prepare schedules.



# United We Stand Divided We Fall

All one had to do was walk through the halls of West Orange High School to see that we had a very diverse student body. Clubs like Unity and UMOJA helped to celebrate the individual, cultural, racial, religious, and ethnic differences. This resulted in a year of improved inter-student relationships.

Forums for growth and knowledge were created by **Unity Club** advisor Ms. Monica Shah through weekly executive meetings. This year the club sponsored Unity Day, holiday parties with multi-cultural foods, movie viewings, and discussions. All of these activities provided both an enjoyable and educational experience for the many participants.

Additionally, the Unity Club started a new, annual tradition by conducting a game of "Jeopardy" after school. Senior executive board member Ara Tucker stated, "The idea of Jeopardy came up during an executive meeting. Initially we were going to use the old-fashioned posterboard method to construct our gameboard, but when it came to our attention that a member was proficient in Power Point, we decided to take advantage of its technological capabilities. It proved success-

ful when we had an attendance of approximately 30 members, all actively participating. We hoped that this would be an annual event in the future."

For both Ms. Rebecca Martin and Mrs. Nancy Donnelly, the **UMOJA** advisors, and all of the UMOJA members, a year full of successful events reached its peak on February 27 at the annual UMOJA dinner commemorating Black History Month. This special dinner, whose theme was Generation X, was dedicated to the memory of the late Ronald Brown. The evening's activities included a keynote speaker, ethnic food, dances, music, and a performance by the new West Orange High School Drill Team. The dinner provided students and faculty with a festive setting to promote their heritage.

West Orange High School students certainly worked hard throughout the year to give everyone the opportunity to experience, and learn about, the various unique cultures that they encountered on a daily basis. Throughout the year, the Unity and UMOJA clubs provided our diverse school community a chance to understand and appreciate our differences.



Unity Club advisor Ms. Monica Shah and the executive board.







All the colors of the heavenly  
rainbow can be found throughout  
every nation.

But when all of these colors were  
blended, you became my great-  
est creation.

Written by RuNell Ni Elbo

Read by Leigh Nelson

Kendall Rogers, president of UMOJA, reviews the agenda of UMOJA dinner with club member Marcell Whitehead.



The Executive members of the Unity Club and their advisor, Ms. Shah, make plans for their next meeting.



# Heads of *OUR* Class

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President: Alexis Vena  
Vice-President: Corey Palent  
Secretary: Thomasine Cardone  
Treasurer: Katie Graham  
Advisors: Mr. Prendergast, Ms. Damiano

## STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Satra Browne  
Vice-President: Rike Ojedian  
Secretary: Greg Mitterman  
Treasurer: Stacy Perlstein  
Advisors: Mrs. Ward, Ms. Risse,  
Mr. Smeraldo

## STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### Assembly

Alison Brafman  
Theresa Langer  
Malika Omawale

### Curriculum

Keta Patel

### Election and Exchange

Karen Ayres  
Julienne Irons  
Fatimah Phillips  
Sue Rauch

### Liaison

Michelle Christian  
Erin Sciacchetano  
Diona White  
Danielle Hobson

### Publicity

Stacy Allen  
Laquanda Franklin  
Dena Goldstein  
Katherine Willhoit



The Senior Class Council at the Senior Picnic.





Student Council members hold an after school bake sale.

Student Council officers: Rike Ojediran, Satra Browne, Greg Mitterman, and Stacy Perlstein.



Student Council President Satra Browne and Advisor Ms. Risse go over plans for the volleyball tournament.



Senior Class Officers: Alexis Vena, Thomasine Cardone, Katie Graham, and Corey Palent.



# ‘ ‘ ANYTHING GOES ’ ’



WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL  
presents

## Anything Goes

(Beaumont Theatre Version)

Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter

with

KRISTY ENGINGER FRANK PENNISI SAMANTHA LIEBERFARB  
CHARLES COBB CHRIS GETHARD CLAUDIA LOMBARDO  
JON POGASH LESLEY GROSSMAN

Ibn Blanford Mike Evariste Jessica Feinberg Matt Fitzpatrick  
Laquanda Franklin Milton Guerrero Henry Kirk Will Ortman  
Malika Omawale Melissa Russoniello Erin Sciacchetano Kirk Solano

Stacey Allen Rebecca Bertrand Jenna Bleeke Alison Brafman  
Megan Canter Victoria Coppolo Rachael Degenshein Kelli Definis  
Leigh Duddy Melissa Goldfarb Theresa Langer  
Kate Lauterback Christina Ryfa Jaime Siegel Regina Smilyansky  
Felicia Soto Michelle Tingson Katrina Weiner

Choreography

Melissa Blevins & Juliana Farrell

Orchestral Direction  
Lori Altier

Vocal Direction  
Michelle Podesta

Musical Accompanist  
Steve Zackim

Set Design  
Tony Minni

Lighting Design  
David DaSilva

Sound Design  
Martin Kale

Costume Design  
Joann Russoniello

Set Construction  
John Worobetz

Make-up Design  
Mayda Rosenberg

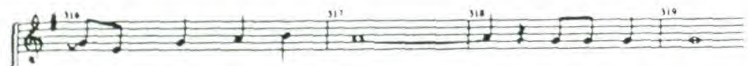
Stage Manager  
Katie Walczak

Asst. Stage Manager  
Dean Chryssovergis

Director  
Melissa Blevins

Producer  
Juliana E. Farrell

Music and dialogue for this presentation of *Anything Goes* has been furnished by  
Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022



Erin Sciacchetano, Melissa Russoniello, Kristy Enginger,  
Dena-Marie Nourse, and Malika Omawale.

“Hallelujah, they’ve  
seen the light!”





"... and if you want to go walking dear ..." Frank Pennisi asks Samantha Lieberfarb.



"Marry me and I'll turn this tub into a private yacht for you," Jon Pogash promises Lesley Grossman.



# Outlook '79



Mother Theresa accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the poor. She is the founder of over 700 shelters and clinics.

Terry Bradshaw, MVP of Super Bowl XIII, helped the Steelers capture a 35-31 win over Dallas.



Vietnamese troops seized control of Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, toppling the pro-Chinese government.

A flaw in an American Airlines DC-10 caused the plane to crash, killing 273 people, the worst accident in U.S. history.

In an 8-1 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that a minor could have an abortion without parental consent. This decision was later reversed.



The Shah of Iran, after ruling for 37 years, was forced to leave his country and was exiled to Panama.

Egypt and Israel made history by signing a peace treaty between the two feuding nations.

Station wagons were the hip cars in '79.



The Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series in the fifth game over the Baltimore Orioles.

# '79

## movies

1. Kramer vs. Kramer
2. Allen
3. Rocky

## music

1. My Sharona
2. 52nd Street
3. I'll Never Love This Way Again

## prices

1. Postage Stamp-15 cents
2. Minimum Wage-\$2.90
3. Gas Per Gallon-86 cents





Margaret Thatcher became Europe's first woman Prime Minister. Her Conservative Party won a decisive victory in Great Britain's general election.

Muhammad Ali, considered one of the greatest boxers ever, announced his retirement from the sport.



Lou Brock set a Major League record, stealing his 938th base.

Radiation emission at 3-mile Island caused the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history.

Soviet forces invaded Afghanistan to dismantle rebel Afghani forces.



Halston set the trends in the 70's with his designer dresses and gowns.

Sigourney Weaver starred as a space traveler battling a beast that likes to nestle in one's in-nards in "Alien."



Small town values and tight-knit America aired weekly on "The Waltons".



1,045 people were arrested at a Wall St. rally for protesting the nuclear industry.

# '97

## movies

1. Independence Day
2. Jerry Maguire
3. Romeo & Juliet

## music

1. Killing Me Softly
2. Don't Speak
3. Unbreak My Heart

## prices

1. Postage Stamp-37 cents
2. Minimum Wage-\$5.15
3. Gas Per Gallon-\$1.37



# Outlook '97

Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Beck, and Celine Dion each took home two awards at the annual Grammy Awards.

Evander Holyfield, former heavyweight champion, upset Mike Tyson to reclaim his belt.

The Material Girl turned maternal as Madonna gave birth to her 1st daughter, Lourdes. A few weeks later she nabbed a Golden Globe for her leading role in "Evita".



1st grader, Jonathan Prevette, was sued for sexual harassment for kissing a classmate on the lips. The suit was eventually dropped.

The King of Pop, Michael Jackson, married his dermatologist's nurse, who later in the year gave birth to their first child.

Alanis Morissette became the top-selling female recording artist ever for her album "Jagged Little Pill".



O.J. Simpson, after being acquitted for the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman, was found liable for their deaths and ordered to pay \$33.5 million to their families.

The Macarena, the latest dance craze, swept the world from baseball games to political conventions.



Boris Yeltsin, leader of Russia, underwent successful surgery for his failing heart.

## 1996 Summer Olympics



Muhammad Ali, weakened by Parkinson's Disease, lit the Olympic torch in the opening ceremony.



Michael Johnson won gold in both the 200m and 400m races, the 1st ever to do so.



Amy Van Dyken captured five gold medals in swimming, the most by any woman.



The women's gymnastic team captured the first team gold medal ever in U.S. history.



A bomb exploded in Centennial Park, the main tourist attraction of the Summer Games.





Tupac Shakur, 25, was murdered in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Exactly 6 months later, the Notorious B.I.G. was gunned down in a similar fashion.

President Bill Clinton won re-election over Republican candidate Bob Dole.

#### Presidential

How the nation voted:

<b>Clinton</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Dole</b>	<b>41%</b>

How New Jersey voted:

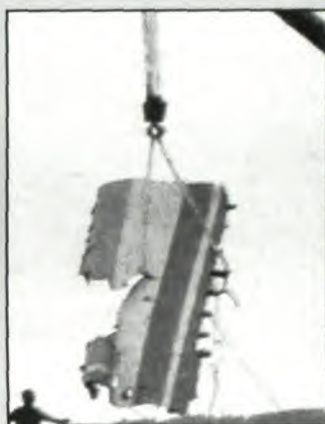
<b>Clinton</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Dole</b>	<b>37%</b>

#### Senate

<b>Torricelli</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Zimmer</b>	<b>44%</b>



Considered by many to be the world's most eligible bachelor, John F. Kennedy Jr. finally tied the knot to Carolyn Bessette at a private ceremony.



TWA flight 800, en route to Paris, crashed, killing all 230 people aboard.

The Star Wars Trilogy was released for its 20 year anniversary.

A new television rating system was established as a way for parents to censor what their children watch.

The Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl XXXI over the New England Patriots by a score of 35 to 21.



Tiger Woods, after winning three consecutive amateur titles, turned professional, winning three of his first ten tournaments.



Liz Taylor underwent surgery for a brain tumor the size of a golf-ball behind her ear.

The NY Yankees won their first World Series in 18 years, beating the Braves in the 6th game by a score of 3 to 2.









*At the Pep Rally in '79 and '97, senior spirit was always at its best.*

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S•I•D•E

In 1979, seniors could often be found gossiping underneath the gym at West Orange High School or in the parking lot at Mountain High School. A good deal of their socializing centered around school activities such as dances or spirit nights. On the weekends, they would hang out at Stagg Field, McDonald's, South Mountain Reservation, or at Mayapple Hill. The Class of '79 came from very similar socio-economic backgrounds, and the majority of them went on to four year colleges. Not many of them held down part-time jobs while they were in high school.

In 1997, seniors congregated outside the Conforti entrance to the consolidated high school after the bell at 2:17 p.m. Friday, and Saturday evenings were ironically spent at the same places as in 1979, with the addition of Executive Drive, the Eagle Rock Diner, and the Grand Palace Inn. It was not uncommon for seniors to venture into New York City in search of entertainment, particularly at clubs which featured dancing. There was greater cultural diversity than in 1979, and some graduates elected to go to junior college or entered the world of work. Roughly 60% went on to four year colleges. Working part-time became the rule rather than the exception.

In an attempt to represent the theme of our yearbook, the senior staff elected to do something unconventional, which to our knowledge has never been done by any high school for as long as yearbooks have been printed. We decided to give those people at the end of the alphabet their chance to be first after all those years of having to wait to hear their name. How's that for **THE FLIP SIDE?**

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SENIORS





Becky Fullo



**DOMENICK ZUPPA**

Life. I wonder, will it take me under? I don't know.  
— NAS



**ELIZABETH ZEMBILIS**



**GENEVIEVE ANNE ZARAGOZA**

You can destroy your now by worrying about tomorrow.

— Janis Joplin



**ALEXANDRA ZANABRIA**

The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, and a hell of heaven.

— Cirano de Bergerac



**GEORGE YONITCH**

Some things are worth fighting for.

— From the Rocky Soundtrack





**REGINA WIMBERLEY**

We walk alone in the world, friends such as we  
desire are dreams and fables.  
— Emerson



**REGINALD WILLIAMSON**



**MAYA LATOIA WILLIAMS**

And I will leave my corner of the world a little  
better than I found it.



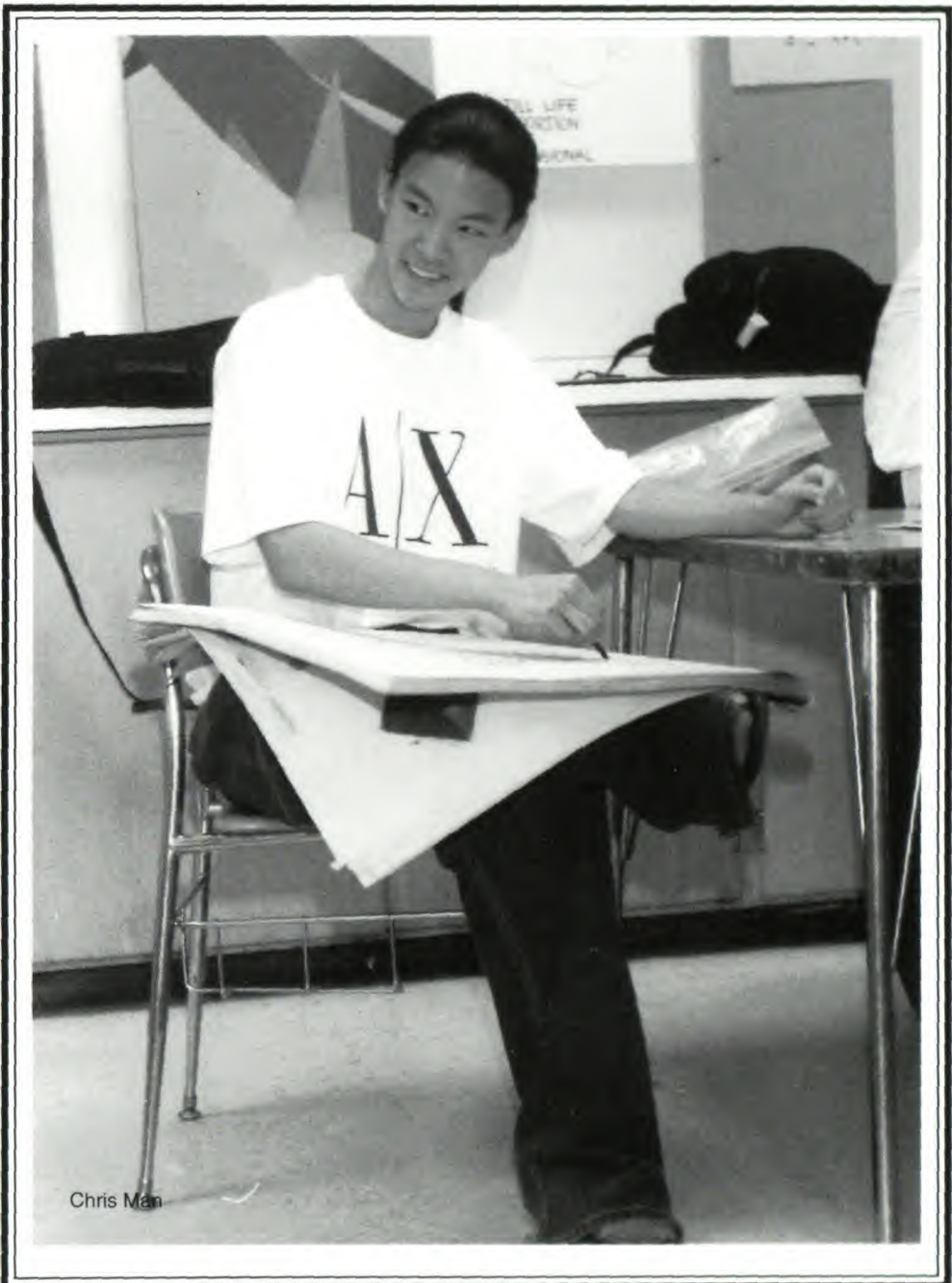
**DANE WILLIAMS**

If there is no enemy within, the enemy on the  
outside can do you no harm.



**KATHERINE WILLHOIT**

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot  
see the shadow.  
— Helen Keller



Chris Man





**JAMES WILKINSON**

The breakfast of champions is not cereal; it's the opposition.

— Nick Seitz



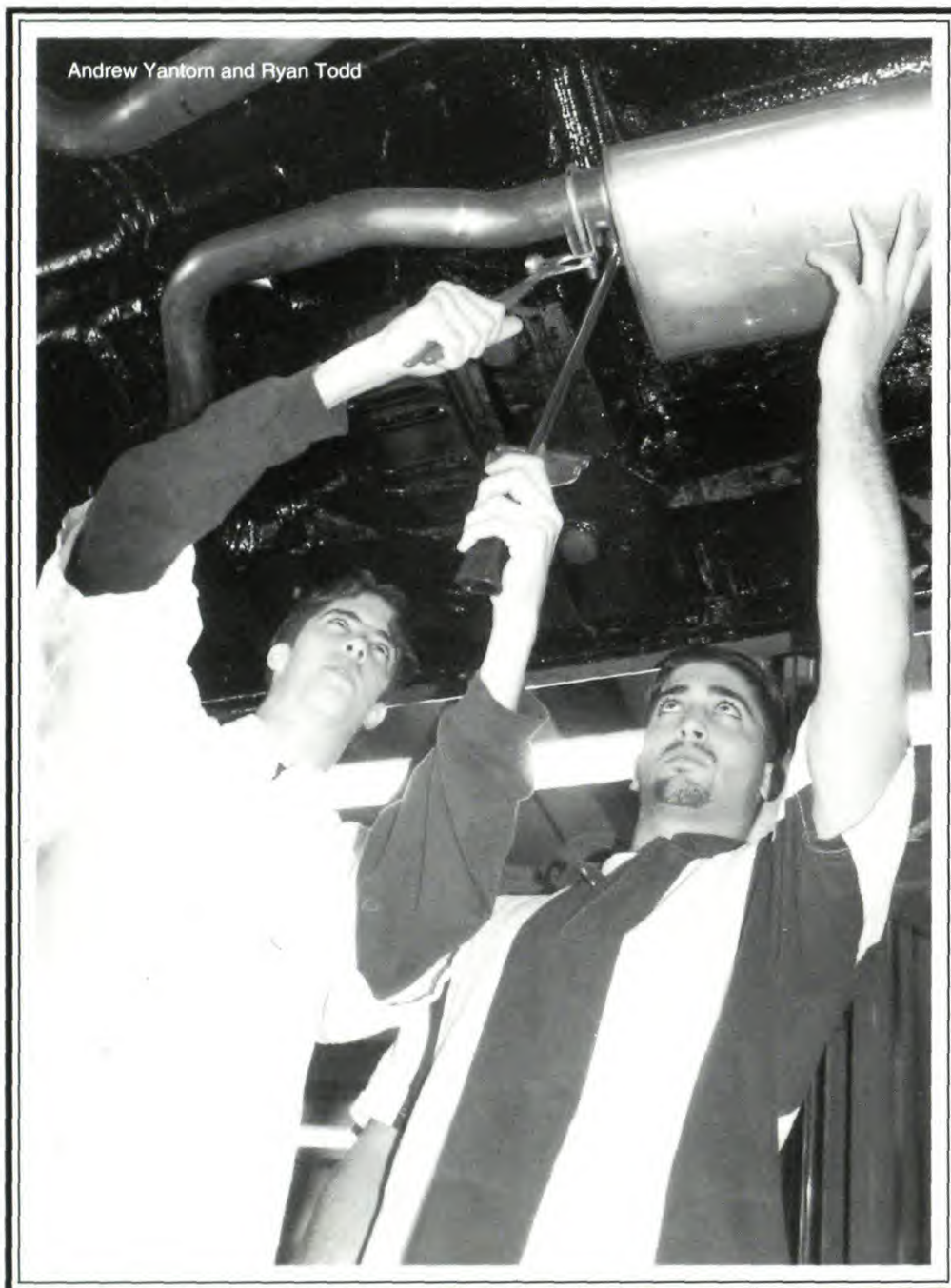
**MARCELL WHITEHEAD**

What was will be, what is, will be no more.

— Ghostbusters II



**EDWARD WHELAN**



Andrew Yantom and Ryan Todd



**BRIAN WHATLEY**



**SETH WEISEL**

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

— Abraham Lincoln





**KATRINA WEINER**

It will take 100 years to tell whether you have helped us or hurt us, but you certainly didn't leave us like you found us.

— Will Rogers



**MARK I. WEINBERGER**

I never let school get in the way of my education.

— Mark Twain



**MARCUS WASHINGTON**

If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence you have won even before you have started.

— Marcus Garvey



**LAN VO**

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.



**JOSEPH VITARELLO**

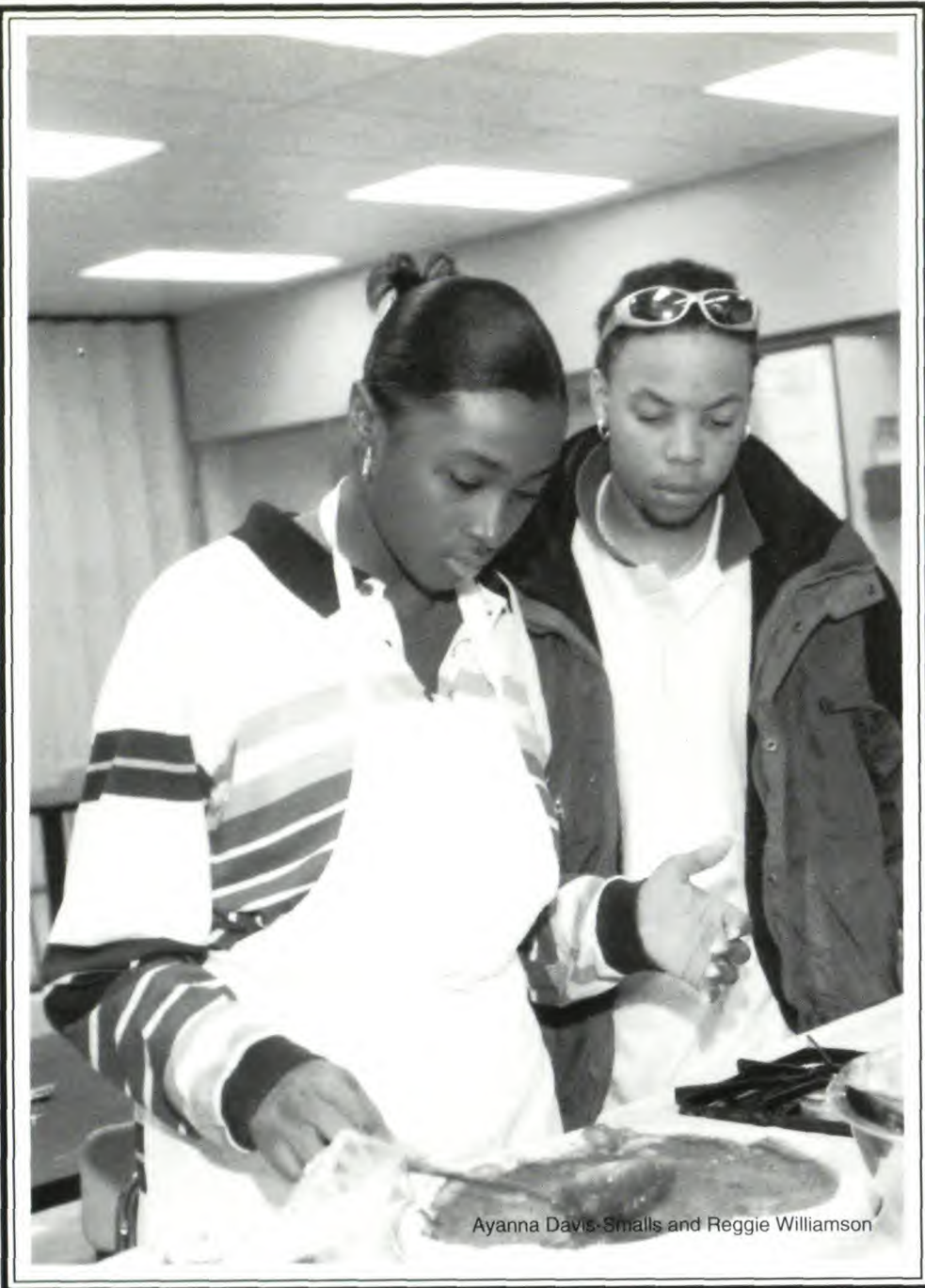
To win, you have to have the talent and desire — but desire is first.

— Anonymous



Patrice Ng





Ayanna Davis-Small and Reggie Williamson



**ROSALIN VILLAVICENCIO**

Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from every hour and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence and back without regrets.



**ARTURO VERA**



**CECILIA VENTURA**



**ALEXIS J. VENA**

You have a brain in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

— Dr. Seuss



**CINDY VARELA**

A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.

— Arnold W. Galsou





**CHRISTIAN VARELA**

After silence, that which comes nearest to  
expressing the inexpressible is music.  
— Aldous Huxley



**STACIE CHRISTINE VARANELLI**

You've got to try to turn the negatives into  
positives and there are plenty of negatives.  
— Derek Jeter



**STEVEN VAN DUYSEN**

To me, fair friend, you never can be old.  
— Shakespeare



## Steve's Secret Identity

Each year, the community eagerly awaits WOHS home football games. Normally, people were excited about the array of choices they had to watch: the football team, the marching band, or the cheerleaders, just to name a few. During the 1996 football season, however, that list was expanded with the introduction of a new attraction for fans of all ages: the West Orange Mountaineer. Stephen Brennan was given the opportunity to become the first ever mascot for West Orange High School, and he eagerly jumped at the chance.

"The Student Council asked me if I would be the mascot a few days before the first home game. Looking back on the experience, I definitely think I made a good decision, despite the hours of free time I dedicated to preparing myself by weight-training and running." Brennan, who cited the San Diego Padre Chicken as his inspiration, attended each home football game of the season. Dressed in his rustic brown overshirt and raccoon cap and carrying the mighty Mountaineer axe, Steve helped the cheerleaders lead the crowd during chants and dances. "Steve really helped us lead the fans in cheers, especially during the tough games, like Lakeland and Passaic Valley, noted Vivian Lekkas, tri-captain of the varsity cheer-leading squad.

Steve, who cited West Orange's whopping 27-11 victory over Wayne Valley as his favorite game, also found the narrow overtime loss to Lakeland exciting, despite the outcome. "Obviously, I enjoyed it more when the team won," Steve commented, "but the crowd was completely into the Lakeland game, which made it fun."

In a season filled with stiff competition, the dedicated West Orange fans continually encouraged the 1996-1997 Mountaineers during an outstanding 6-3 campaign. Throughout the hard-fought victories and heart-breaking losses, the Mountaineer mascot could always be spotted on the sidelines, cheering on West Orange High School. Steve Brennan enjoyed the distinction of being the first mascot and set the precedent for future years. "I loved being the first mascot," concluded Steve, "I looked forward to being able to pass on the axe to the next deserving person."





**KATHRYN VAN NATTEN**

I give myself very good advice; but I very seldom follow it. That explains the trouble I'm always in.  
— Alice in Wonderland



**JAKE VALESE**

You don't win second place, you lose first place.  
— Dan Marino



**PAUL VALA**

He who lives without discipline dies without honor.



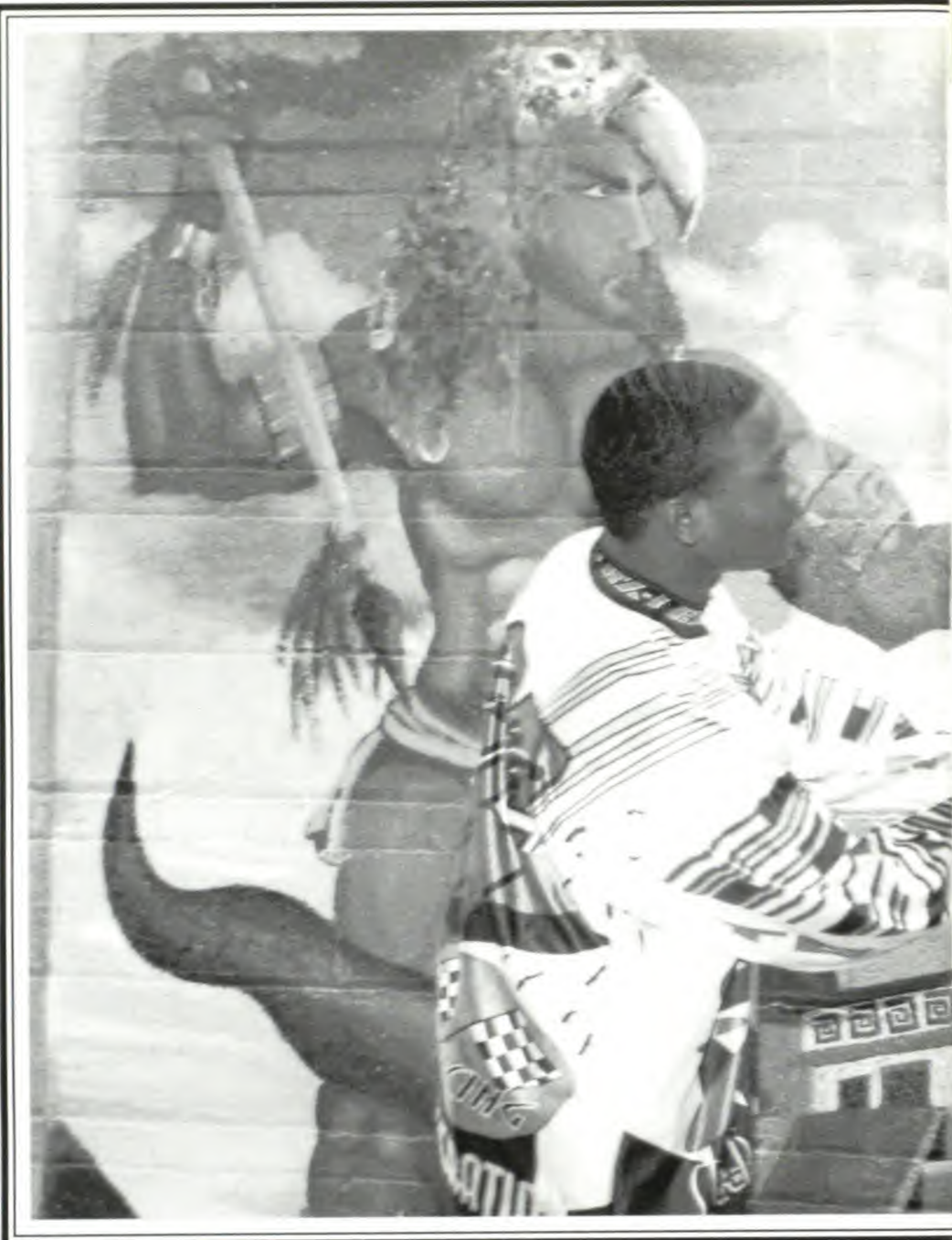
**PRASANN VACHHANI**

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.  
— Gen. George Patten



**SUZANNE TUCKER**

Look down and you see worse, look up and you see better; but look straight ahead and do the best you can with what you are given.







Thomas Reed and Marcus Washington



**ARA TUCKER**

I used to think, I can't be mad, because nobody's put me away; therefore, I'm a genius.  
— John Lennon



**GIANLUCA TORRETTI**

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.  
— John F. Kennedy



**RYAN TODD**

You cannot have the success without the failures.  
— The Observer



**CESAR TIOSECO**

When Caesar says 'Do this,' it is performed.  
— Shakespeare



**RICARDO TILUS**

Life is short!  
Make it a good one.





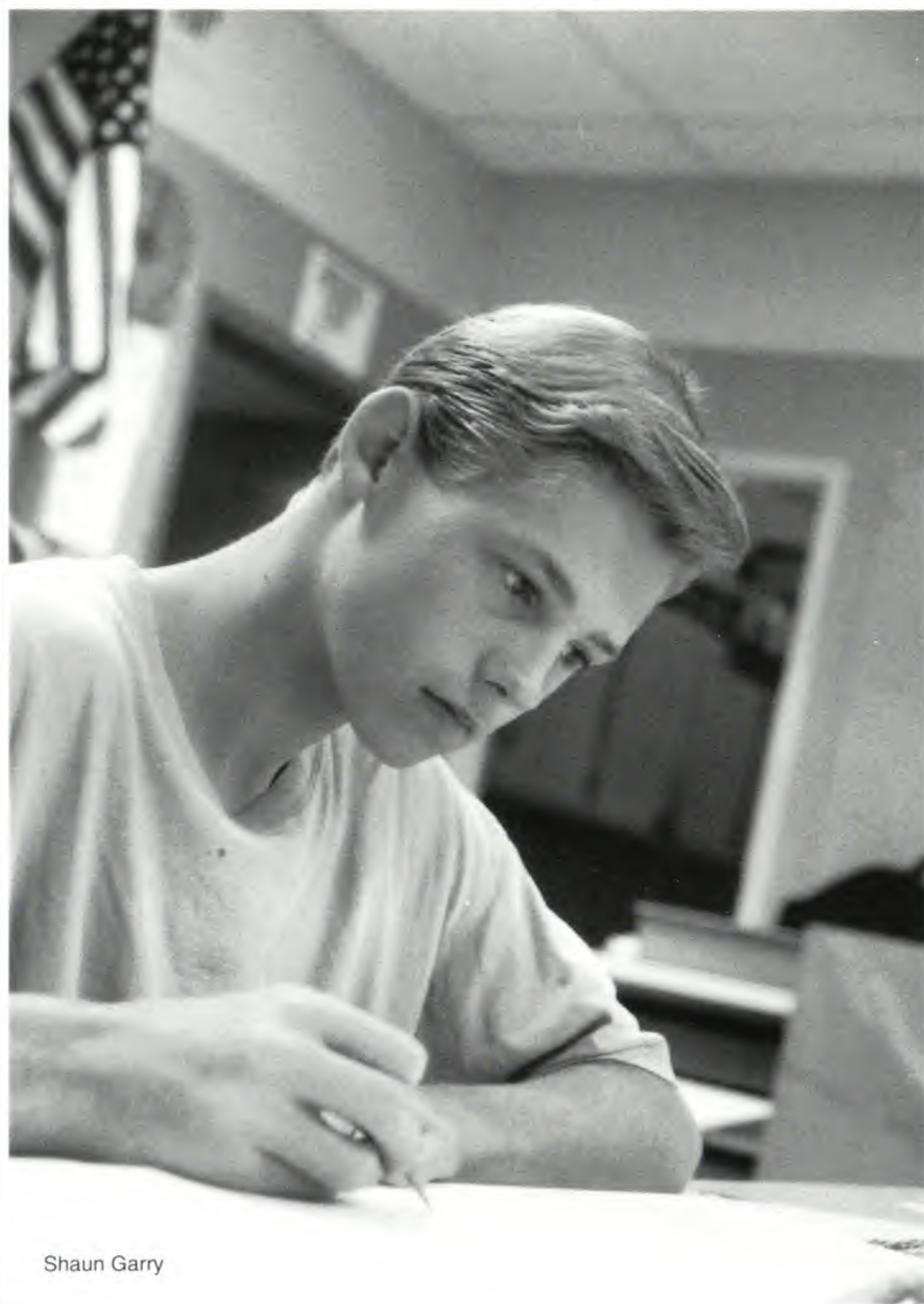
**PAUL TICA**

'Cause there's always tomorrow to start over again, things will never stay the same. The only one sure thing is change.

— Paolo Artazu



**EUGENE THORNLEY**



Shaun Garry



**JASON THOMAS**



**STANLEY THEODORE**



**KATIA THEODORE**





**MICHAEL TAURO**

Who is more the fool, the fool himself or the fool who follows?



**SEAN TAURIELLO**



**HEATHER A. SUTPHEN**

Women have dealt with offensive men for over five million years, why should hockey be any different?  
— Manon Rheume

# The Class We Really Need Is. . .

*"a dance class to go along with chorus class."*

— *Melissa Russoniello*



*"Internet 101."*

— *Mark Barron*

*"a Party Class where the teacher is a D.J. and plays records while everyone is dancing and partying."*

— *Karlo Ontalan*



*"a class for slackers so I can finally get a good grade."*

— *Fran Dolan*





**NICOLE SURIANO**

Sometimes the best way to figure out who you are is to get to that place where you don't have to be anything else.

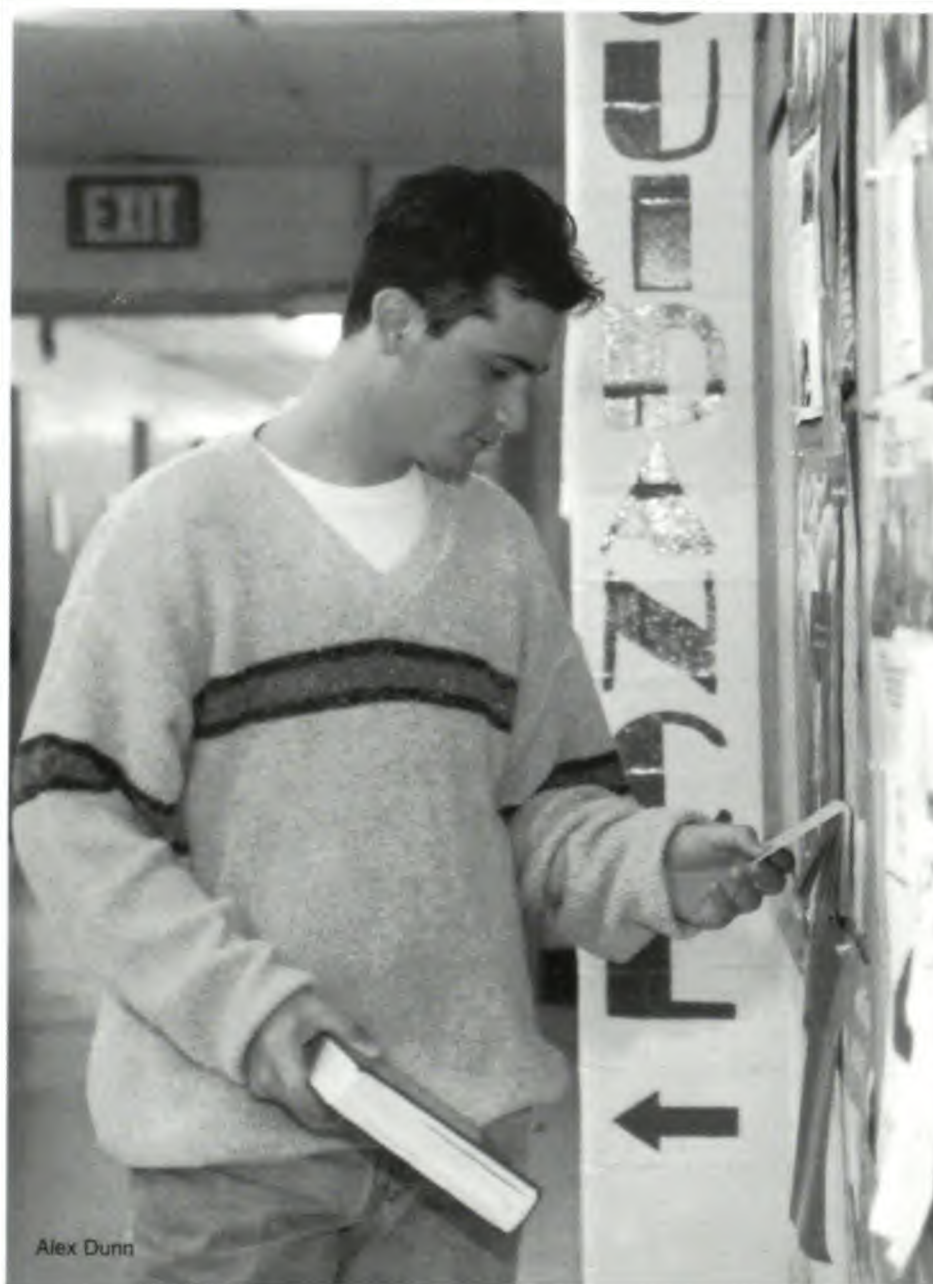
— Anonymous



**JOHN STAWSKI**



**JENNIFER SPENDLOVE**



Alex Dunn



**MATTHEW F. SPANO**

For every dark night, there's a brighter day.

— 2 Pac



**WILL SON**

Beware when the great God lets loose a thinker on this planet.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson





**MELINDA ANN SMITH**

May you be in heaven a half-hour before the devil  
knows you're dead.  
— The Uncanny X-Men



**KEELY ALEXIS SMITH**

In the quickness of our haste it seems we forget  
how to live. The oldest blueprint no longer  
manifests itself as the correct way to exist.  
— Gwen Stefani



**KELLY SKEFFINGTON**

Got to move on sometime, this town will drag you  
down.  
— JD



Joe Vitarello



**JAMIE SIMS**



**PETER SIMON**

Much madness is divinest sense —  
To a discerning Eye —  
Much sense — the starkest Madness —  
'Tis the Majority  
— Emily Dickinson





## Michele's National Stage

Many children grow up flipping off of swings in the park and climbing on the jungle gym, however, most tend to leave the acrobatics behind once they leave the playground. Michele Athay was not one of those people. She took her childhood experiences to a new level, literally.

Since the age of 12, Michele actively competed on a team at the South Mountain YMCA. In 1996, their team, dubbed the "Aces" in competitions, was ranked 25th in the nation. Michele practiced with her team, and individually, a total of seven hours a day, six days a week. Her rigorous schedule included training in many areas, including strength, flexibility, and endurance. Since practice spanned the course of the entire year, Michele did not have time to participate in extracurricular activities, however, she had no regrets. "I lost countless hours of sleep, and sometimes stayed up until 1:00 in the morning to finish my work, but I wouldn't have changed a thing about my high school years!"

In addition to competing, Michele also taught aspiring gymnasts. "I love coaching little kids because it's great to see the smiles on their faces after they accomplish a new feat." Along with the gratification, Michele also developed a sense of responsibility that helped her to mature. The experience she obtained proved helpful, both inside and outside of the gym, because she hoped to teach elementary-aged students after graduating from college.

Under the coaching of Ed Bell, Michele won three national medals, as well as numerous state awards. "My coach inspired me to work hard and reach my full potential. He has been a huge influence on every part of my life, not only within the realm of the gymnastics mat." In 1996, Michele suffered a career-threatening injury when she dislocated her elbow, however, after extra hours with her coach, intense rehabilitation, and tremendous support from her family, friends, and coaches, she went on to win two medals in the Nationals, which were held only two months later.

Michele planned to continue her gymnastics career both as a competitor and a coach at Miami University in Ohio. Beyond her college years, Michele plans to continue with her gymnastics, passing on her knowledge to her own children. "Gymnastics has been a very rewarding aspect of my life. I know that the skills I have gained and the lessons I have learned will stay with me forever." Whether in competitions or in practice, Michele proved that she had the determination to accomplish what most other 17-year-olds only dream of — competing at the national level. That's quite a leap from the playground!



CHRISTINA SHAW



BETH SHAFERMAN

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by experience in which you stop to look fear in the face.

— Eleanor Roosevelt



LISA SELLERS

I don't have to be what you want me to be. I'm free to be who I want to be. The real enemy of my people is right here. I made it, but the struggle still goes on.

— Muhammad Ali





**ANDY SCIOSCIA**

Nothing is said that has not been said before.  
— Terence



**ANTHONY SCIARELLO**



Kirk Everswick



**ERIN SCIACCHETANO**

And that's the way it is.  
— Walter Cronkite



**RICHARD SCHAPIRO**

God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or  
diplomas, but for scars.  
— Elbert Hubbard



**ANDREW SCHAFRANEK**

He who digs a hole for another may fall in himself.  
— Russian Proverb





**ELVIS SAVINON**



**JOHN RYAN**

Without a fair chance to fight back, well, I'll be right back.



**MELISSA A. RUSSONIELLO**

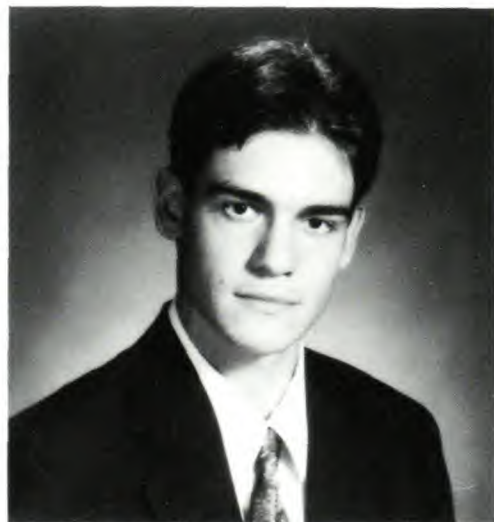
Believe in yourself right from the start; you'll have brains and you'll have a heart. You'll have courage to last your whole life through, if you believe in yourself.  
— Then 2, Believe in Yourself



**REBECCA S. RULLO**

Two roads diverged into one wood and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

— Robert Frost



**VADIM RUD**

If I am not for myself who will be for me? If I am only for myself — what am I?

— Ethics of the Fathers  
1:14 Haggada



Sintya Falero and Pablo Sosa



**LAUREN ROWAND**

You don't get to choose how you're going to die.  
Or when. You can only decide how you're going to  
live. Now.

— Joan Baez



**BRIAN ROTHMAN**

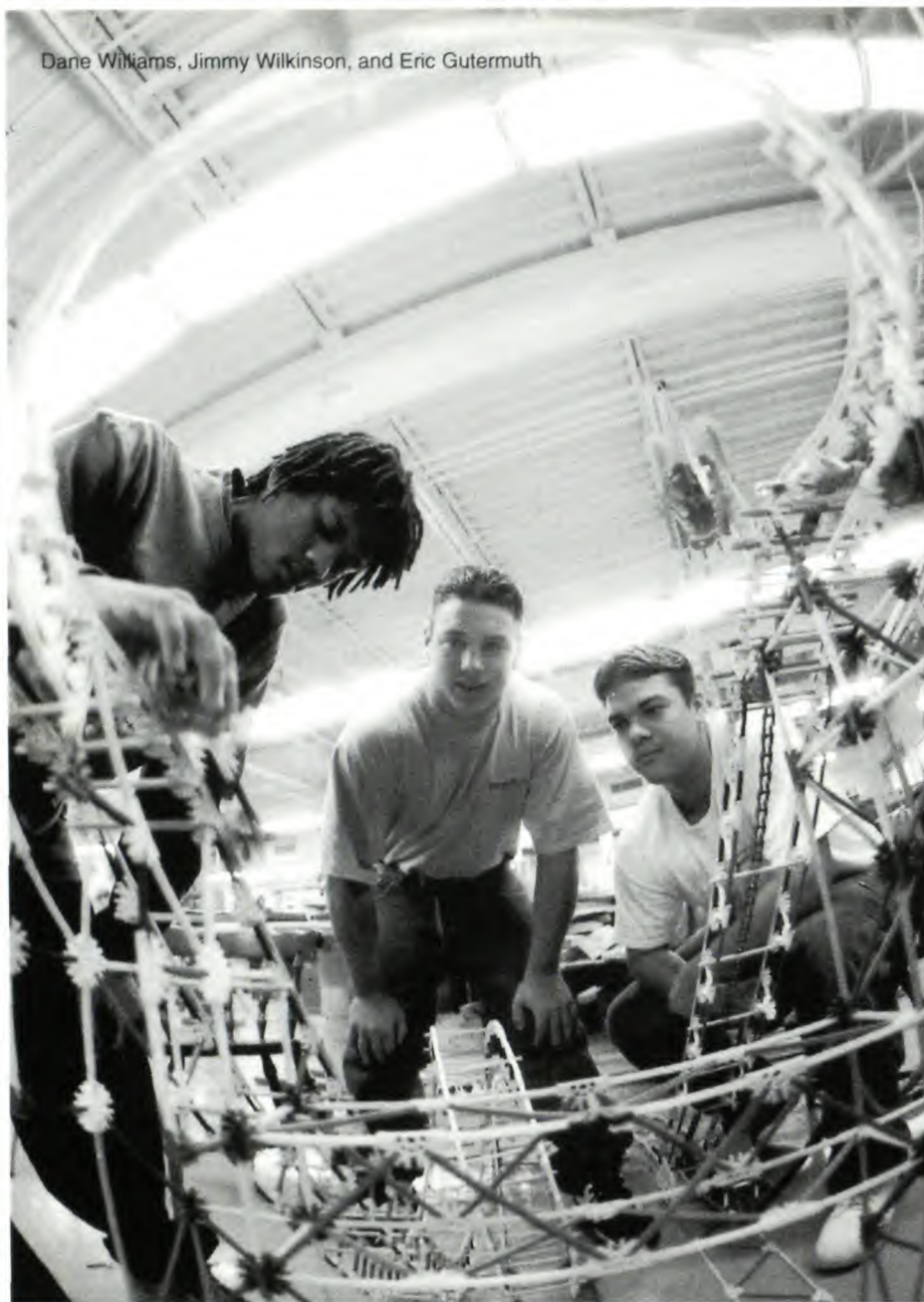


**JAROD ROTHBART**

Sweet is the sound that the forest sends through  
me. I never thought that I could be rooted as a  
tree yet light as the flight of stars.



Dane Williams, Jimmy Wilkinson, and Eric Gutermuth



**DAVID ROSELLE**

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

— Abraham Lincoln



**ANDREW ROMANO**

If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all.

— A Bronx Tale



**DIANE ROLLIN**

I think knowing what you cannot do is more important than knowing what you can do.

— Lucille Ball



**KENNETH MICHAEL ROGERS**

Livin' in virtual insanity.

— Jamiroqui



**KENDALL JASON ROGERS**

Take most people, they're crazy about their cars. I'd rather have a horse. A horse is at least human for God's sake.

— J.D. Salinger

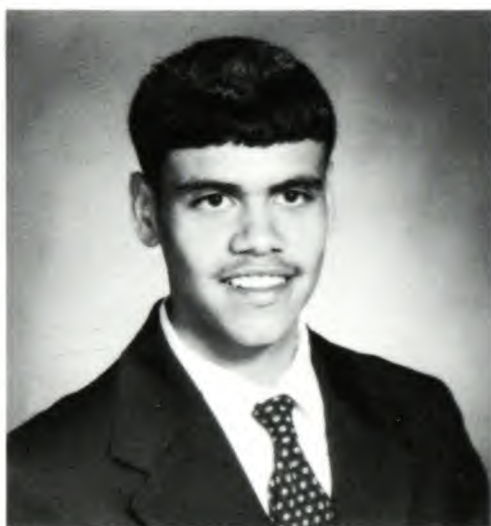




**SANDRA RODRIGUEZ**



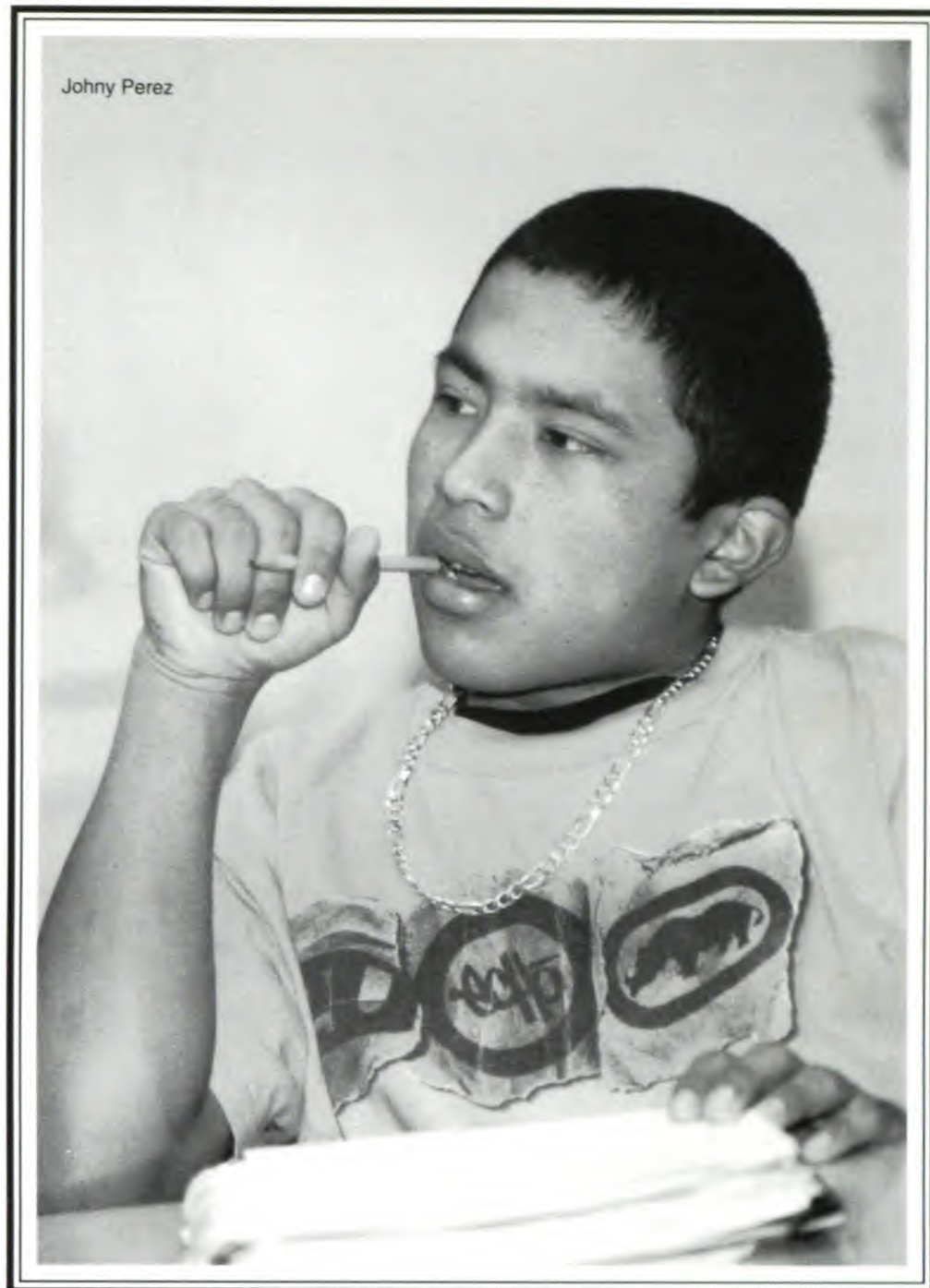
**ROQUE RODRIGUEZ**



**ROBERT RODRIGUEZ**

Hard work never killed anyone, but why take the chance?

— Charley McCarthy



Johny Perez



**CARLOS RODRIGUEZ**



**ANDREA ROCKEFELLER**

Isn't it ironic . . . Don't you think?

— Alanis Morissette



Nino Bras



**KELLY ROCHE**

Smile when you want to, cry when you need to.  
Laugh whenever possible.



**ELKIN ROBLES**

An open mind and heart, plus the desire to greatly  
enrich one's life, are all you need to prepare  
yourself for some rather startling and truly  
marvelous results.



**BRYAN ROBERTSHAW**

For the best men choose one thing above all the  
rest: everlasting fame among mortal men.  
— Heraclitus



**TALIAH ROACH**

And still I rise.  
— Maya Angelou



**NICHOLAS RIZZOLO**

The game of life is not so much in holding a good  
hand as playing a poor hand well.





**THOMAS P. REILLY JR.**

And she'll have fun, fun, fun 'til her daddy takes  
her T-BIRD away.  
— The Beach Boys



**EILEEN PATRICIA REILLY**

I have no concept of time other than it is flying.  
— Alanis Morissette



**KAMILLE REID-ANDERSON**

The easiest person to deceive is one's own self.  
— Edward Lytton



## Chuck's Political Position

Usually, when discussing politics, the major parties are mentioned; one is either a Democrat or a Republican. Chuck Karczag, however, did not affiliate with either of these parties. He professed to being a member of the less recognized Libertarian Party.

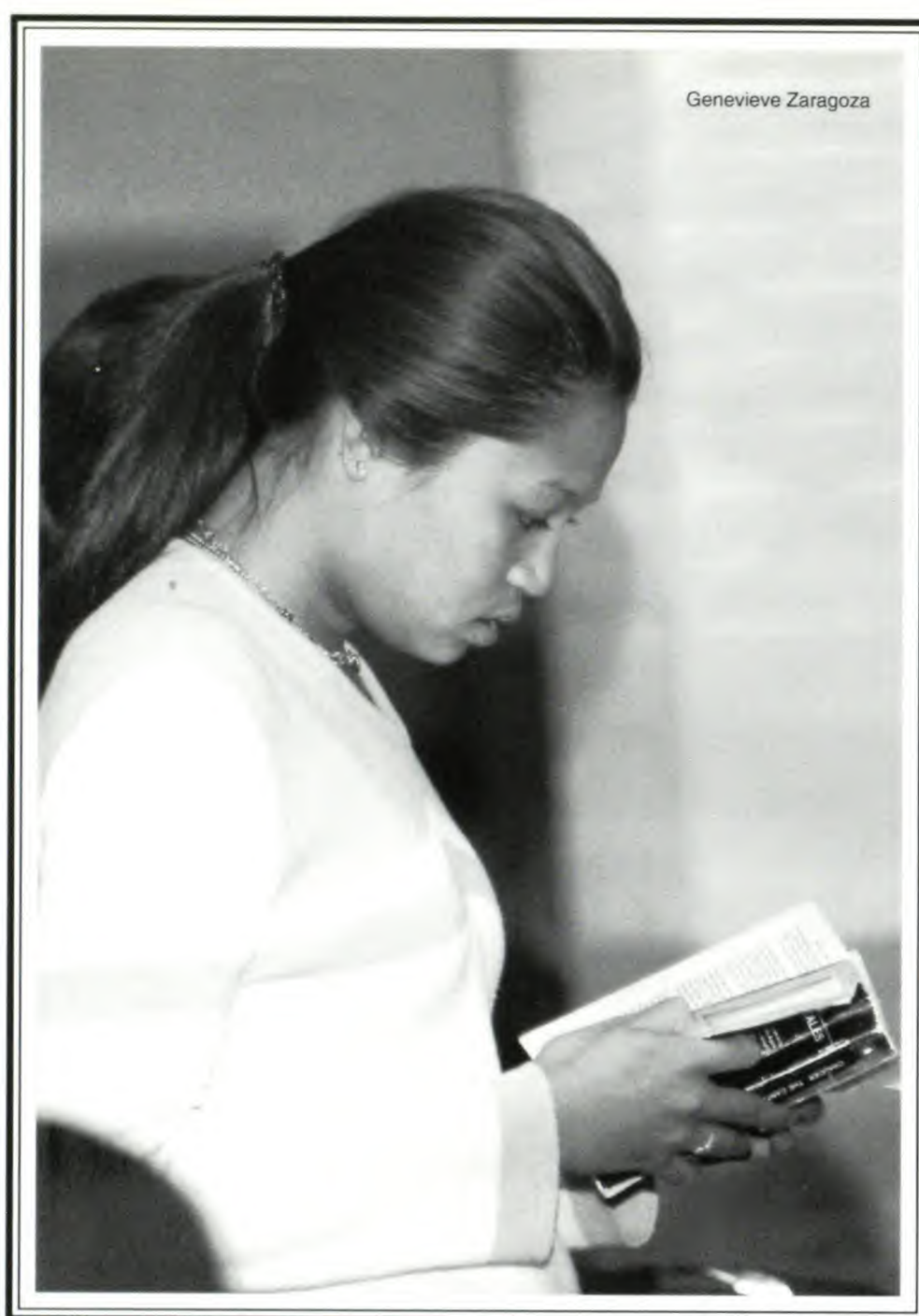
Chuck, a dedicated member of the Libertarian Party, attended monthly meetings held in the basement of the Sir Speedy's on Route 10 in East Hanover. He participated with the local organization by designing, photocopying, and distributing his own flyers for Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate for President in 1996. "I would encourage kids who are interested in politics to get down to their local party headquarters and help do something," Chuck advised. "Politics may seem like the constant mind-numbing drone of middle-aged suits talking about the Consumer Price index, but it really has more to do with everyday life, like whether West Orange High School gets new books or if taxes are going to increase."

Within West Orange High School, Chuck was an active member of J.S.A. (Junior State of America). During his senior year, he served as the chapter Director of Debate, and on the state level, Chuck served as Secretary of State. While Chuck enjoyed student politics a great deal, he was itching to get involved in the real thing on a local or national level.

Although some people regard political work as often fruitless or uncertain, Chuck harbored plans to write about politics. He envisioned himself on an op-ed page or on a shelf in a local bookstore. "The most important thing about politics is principle," noted Chuck. "To me, it matters a whole lot — more than publicity, more than compromise, more than statesmanship."

According to Chuck, people should get involved in order to avoid being dependent on government. Instead, he believed people should be free to do what they want with their own money, their own bodies, and their own lives. "It is very important that we begin relying less on government and more on ourselves," Chuck concluded. "People working independently or in cooperation with the government generally make the best decisions for themselves."





**GILBERT RAZZOUK**



**SUZANNE RAUCH**

The deepest truths are best read between the lines, and for the most part, refuse to be written.  
— A. Bronson Alcott



**SUMBAL QURESHI**

The grand essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

— Allan K. Chalmers



**MICHELLE PYNE**

A new moon leads me to woods of dreams and I follow. A new world waits for me, my dream, my way.

— China Roses



**JONATHAN B. POGASH**

Life moves pretty fast — if you don't stop to look around once in awhile, you could miss it.

— Ferris Bueller





**CAROLINE G. PINDER**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor demons, present nor future, nor any powers . . . or anything else, will separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.  
— Rom. 8:38-39



**OLGA PETROSIAN**



**CELESTE PERROTTA**

All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.  
— Walt Disney



**STACY PERLSTEIN**

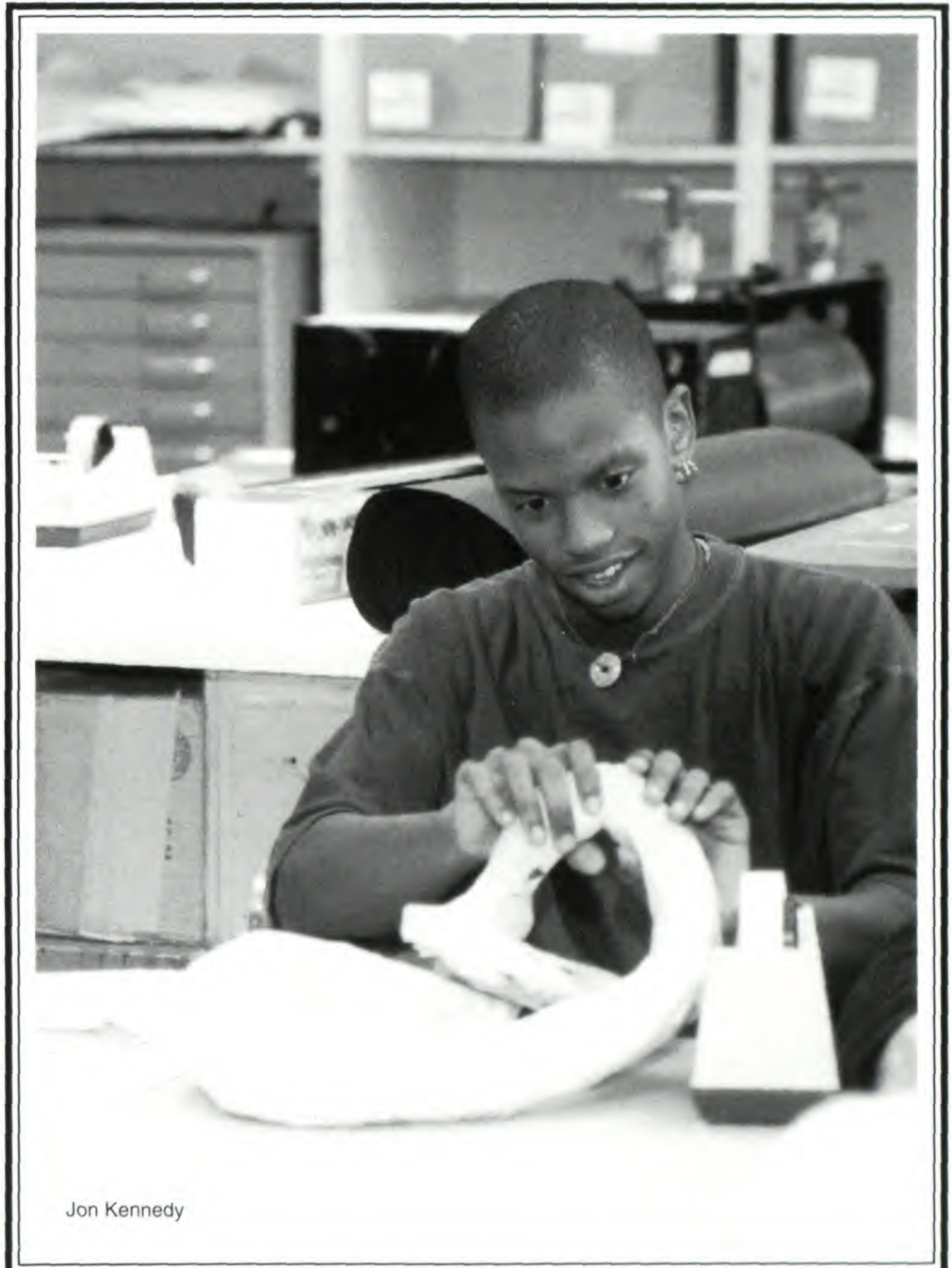
Your heart will always make itself known through your words.



**CORY PERLSTEIN**

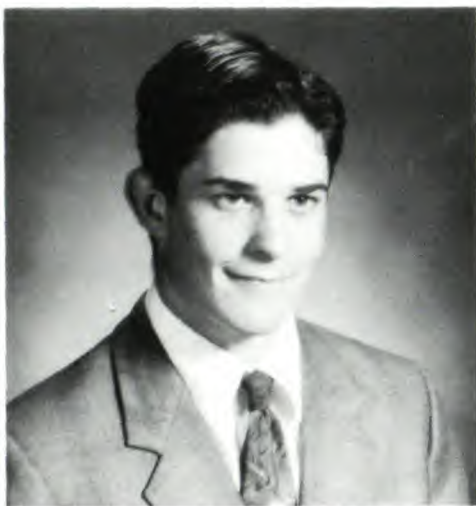
Take as much as you think you ought to — give as much as you can, don't forget what your failures have taught you, or else you'll have to learn them all over again.

— D.F.



Jon Kennedy





**DAVID PERLMUTTER**  
A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.  
— Yogi Berra



**JACOBO PEREZ JR.**  
Without struggle there is no progress.  
— F.D.



**FRANK PENNISI**  
I Can't Control — My Destiny.  
I Trust My Soul.  
My Only Goal — Is Just To Be.  
— Rent



**CARLOS PENALOZA**  
Every man dies, not every man really lives.  
— William Wallace



**STACY PEARLMAN**  
Of all our inventions for mass communication,  
pictures still speak the most universally  
understood language.  
— Walt Disney



**RAHUL VINAY PAWAR**  
In matters of style, swim with the current; in  
matters of principle, stand like a rock.  
— Thomas Jefferson

# Our One Moment In Time



*"My favorite part of  
the night was going to  
the Hard Rock Cafe in  
NYC with my friends."*  
— Dave Ehrlich



*"I'll never forget seeing  
my best friend fall on the  
ice while walking down  
the path to the limo."*  
— Joe Carolonza





**NEHA PATEL**

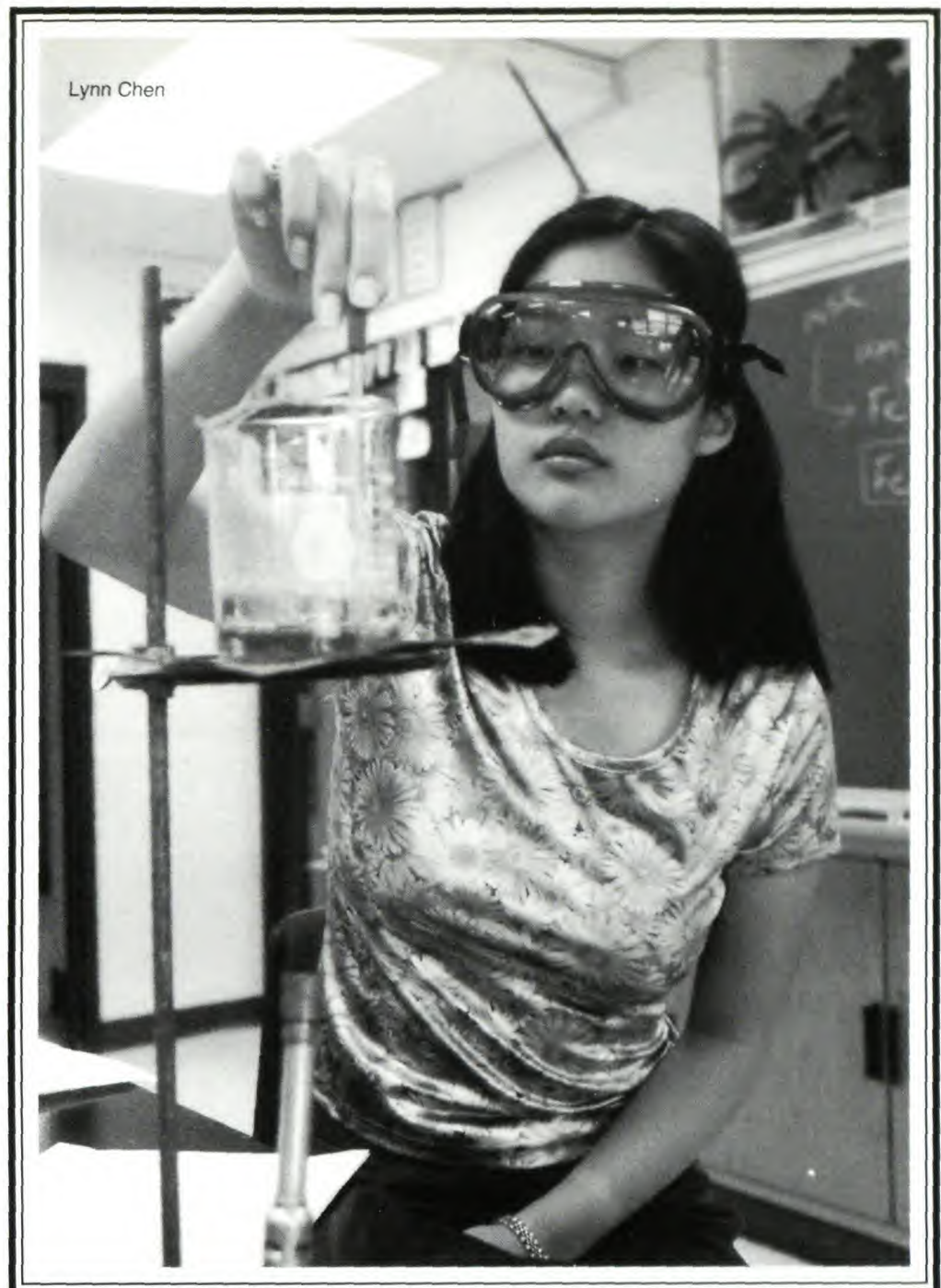
Whatever!

— Clueless



**KETA PATEL**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me show love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.



Lynn Chen



***"I'll always remember getting my hair done on prom day with my best friends."***

**— Tara Meyers**



***"Imagine seeing Dr. Finnegan doing the macarena at our prom."***

**— Lesley Grossman**



***"I remember trying to buy socks at 12:30 a.m. so I could go bowling."***

**— Erica Manen**





**HENA PATEL**

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your inspiration with others.



**MICHELE PARIS**

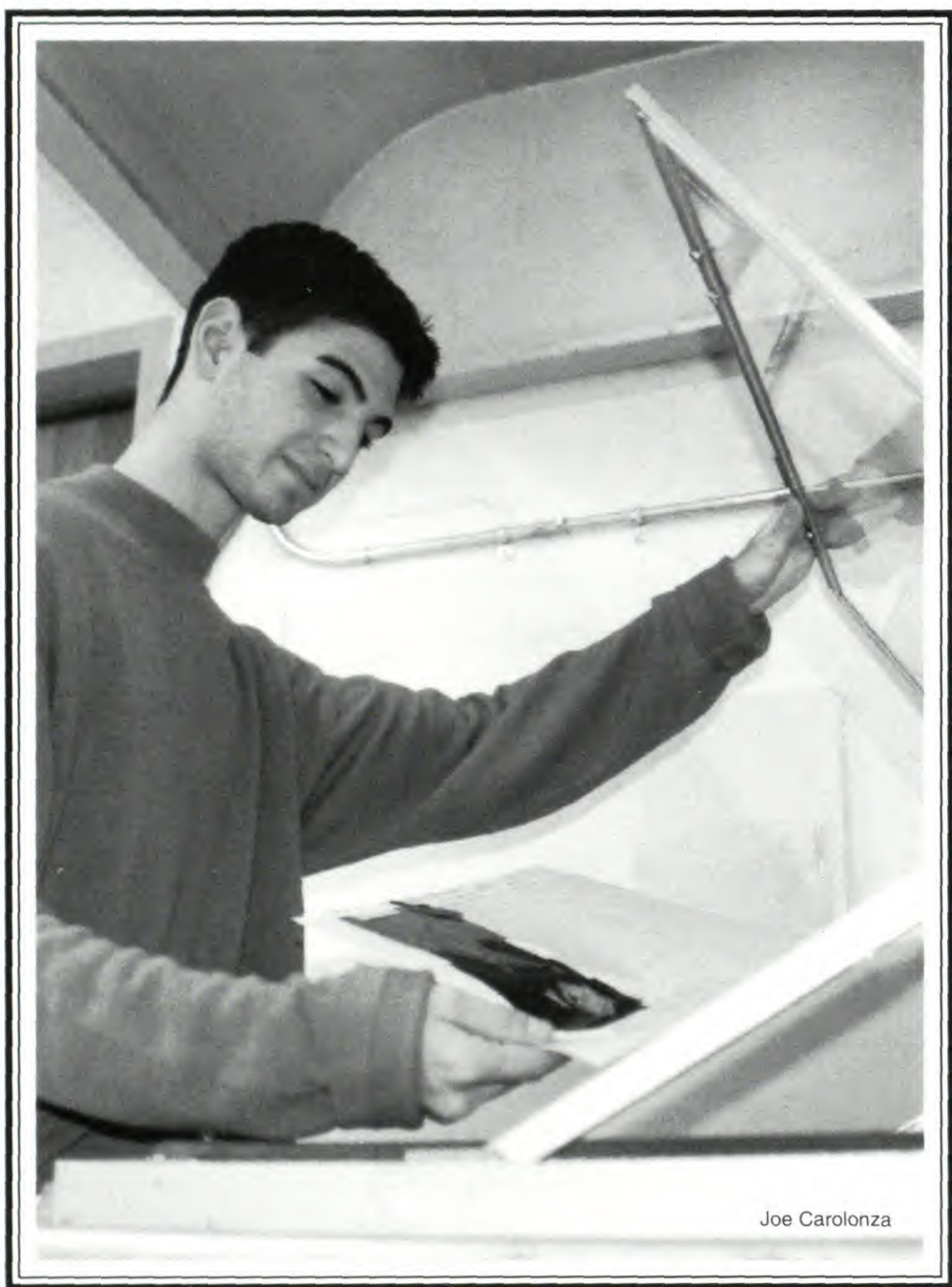
I always knew looking back on the tears would make me laugh, but I never knew looking back on the laughter would make me cry.



**COREY PALENT**

You can't run away from trouble . . . there ain't no place that far.

— Anonymous



Joe Carolonza



**URVI PAJVANI**

"Oh bother," Pooh said to himself. And as he searched and searched for dear little Piglet, he realized that good friends are well worth having.

— Winnie-the-Pooh



**KRISTEN PAGLUCCI**

I don't care what you say anymore — this is my life. Go ahead with your own life, leave me alone.

— Billy Joel





**DANIELLE OSTERMAN**

We're flying high;  
We're watching the world pass us by;  
Never want to come down;  
Never want to put my feet back on the ground.  
— Depeche Mode

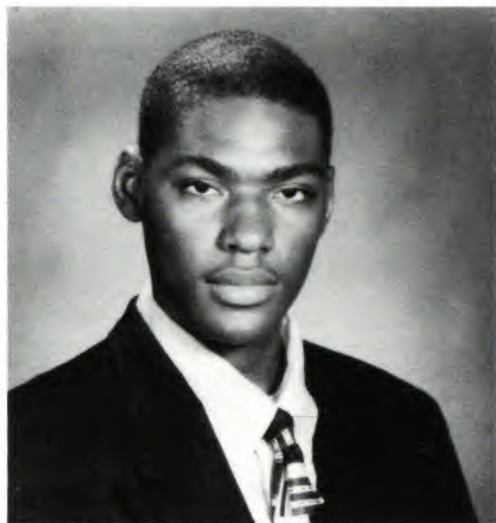


**MONICA OSORIO**



**JEROME ORTEGA**

Cash rules everything around me!  
— Method Man



**LUIGI V. ORIOL**

America doesn't respect anything but money . . .  
What our people need is a few millionaires (I'm on  
my way up there) — Hungry men have no respect  
for law, authority, or human life. (Politics as usual. . .)  
— Madame C.J. Walker and Marcus Garvey



**CHRISSY ORIOL**

Education is that which remains when one has  
forgotten everything he learned in school.  
— Albert Einstein



Olga Petrosian





## Pete Fights Back

It's not an uncommon phenomenon for someone watching a kung-fu movie to fantasize about being a black belt. Who wouldn't want their hands registered as lethal weapons? For most, this is a dream; for Pete Simon, it was a reality.

In 1996, after ten years of climbing the ranks, Pete became a black belt. He progressed from white belt to yellow, orange, purple, green, and brown, before finally gaining the coveted black belt. Many things went into being successful in his chosen sport. "It's not just about karate," explained Pete, "but also about skill, character, time put into it, and perseverance." Pete learned a lot about perseverance during his freshman year in high school, when he encountered a tremendous obstacle. In a hockey accident, he broke his wrist and tore several ligaments in his knee, rendering him wheelchair-bound and unable to practice or compete for six months. "That experience was very difficult for me because I missed doing karate," Pete recalled.

Although Pete only competed about three times a year, he spent four hours a day, three days a week, practicing at the Jundokan International School of Montclair. Twice a week, he taught children, from beginners through advanced, before training himself. He practiced Okinowan Gojo Ryu Jundokan, a traditional style of karate recognized not only in Okinawa, where it originated, but internationally.

Karate has been a large part of the Simon family; at some point or another, each member of the family had participated. "My father and my youngest sister took lessons for awhile, my younger sister still practices the sport, and my mother was forced to quit because of a back injury," Pete commented. He competed at state, regional, and national levels from 1993-1995 and won the state championship twice. Despite his success in competitions, Pete enjoyed karate more for the personal benefits he received. "It keeps me in shape, both mentally and physically, not to mention the determination, concentration, and ability to fight I have learned."



**ANNA ORGACKA**

Imagination is more important than knowledge.  
— Albert Einstein



**KARLO ONTALAN**

Genius is the capacity of evading hard work.  
— Elbert Hubbard



**MALIKA OMAWALE**

I hate quotation. Tell me what you know.  
— Emerson





**FABIAN OCHOA**



**BRYNA O'NEILL**

I didn't inhale.

— Bill Clinton



Sandra Rodriguez



**JASON O'LEARY**



**DANIEL PAUL O'DEA**

It is considered genius when the ideas of society change with those that one puts forth, but any change where society does not follow is considered madness.

— Anonymous



**OSCAR NUNEZ**





**JILL NOBLE**

Good ideas do not drop into closed minds.  
— Anonymous



**BRYAN NIEDERMAN**

Is it too much to ask for the things to work out this time, I only ask for what is mine, I wanted everything, I got it, now I'm gonna throw it all away, I'll throw it away yeah.

— Blink-182



**PAUL NICOLI**

Mary-Ann Cerulo and Almir Kureshepi







**PATRICE NG**

In the end we shall have had enough of cynicism  
and skepticism and humbug and we shall want to  
live more musically.  
— Vincent Van Gogh



**LEIGH ACCALIA NELSON**

The road of life is rocky and you may stumble too;  
so while you point your finger, someone else is  
judging you . . .  
— Bob Marley

Ricardo Villalba



**HARRISON MUNOZ**



**BILAL MUHAMMAD**



**BRIAN MORELLA**





**CHRIS MORALES**

There's more to life than what you see.



**MARYANN MONDALTO**

In our life there is a single color, as on an artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art.  
It is the color of love.



**EUSTACIA N. MOFFETT**

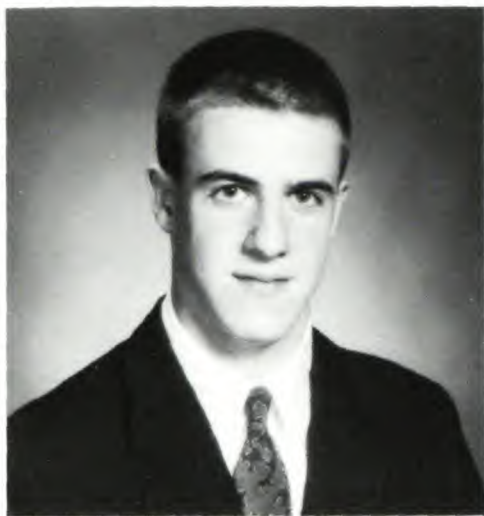
We cannot become who we need to be by remaining who we are.



Anthony D'Amore and Mike Delaney



# In the year 2007...



**GREG MITTERMAN**

If my answers frighten you, then you should cease to ask scary questions.

— Jules Winfield  
Pulp Fiction



*"I'll be a rich dentist living in Bel-Air."*

— Aaron Maltz



**BRANDON MINDE**

Strength is not nearly as important as desire. I don't think you can teach anyone desire. I think it's a gift. I don't know why I have it, but I do.

— Larry Bird

*"I hope to be teaching at an elementary school."*

— Jennifer DeRiggi



*"you can find me living on the Upper East Side of NYC, married, and driving an Infiniti Q45."*

— Lynn Chen



**TARA ANN MEYERS**

Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue, but never forget to remember those that have stuck by you.



**JACOB RALPH MESSING**

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

— Robert Browning



**JONATHAN MERA VI**

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to someone else.

— Will Rogers





**AVO MEGUERDITCHIAN**

There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who don't know what is happening!



**ANDRE D. MC LAUGHLIN**

To be successful you must always be better than the rest, and never stop working to become the best.



**MEGAN MC CORMACK**

I invented nothing, but set everything on fire.  
— Lenny Kravitz



**JASON MATHEW**

This is when hope and desire collapse. The arc of the dream descends into despair, when innocent lovers dance like angels on fire . . . and the only absolution accepted is a legacy of brutality.



**CASEY MARUCCI**

I had a friend, I lent him ten. I haven't seen my friend since then. I'm not worried about my ten. I'm worried about my friend. He may need another ten.  
— Pop







**DOMINIC MARTINEZ**

No man's knowledge can go beyond his experience.



**FRANCO MARINI**

Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable.



**JASON MARCUS**



Dmitry Kulinich and Andrew Yantom



**LINDA MANUS**

If we were to wake up some morning and find that everyone was the same race, creed, and color, we would find some other causes for prejudice by noon.



**PAYAL MANIAR**

I have great faith in fools; self-confidence my friends call it.

— Edgar Allen Poe





Gilbert Razzouk



**ERICA MANEN**

Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.



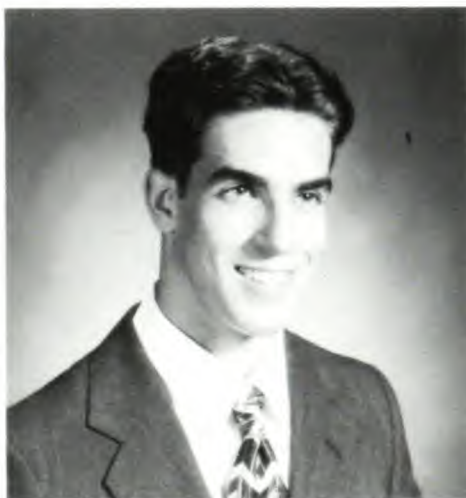
**EDWIN MANCIA**



**CHRIS MAN**

Time is the best teacher. Unfortunately, it kills all its pupils.

— Hector-Louis Berlioz



**AARON MALTZ**

Never do today what you can do tomorrow. Something may occur to make you regret your premature action.

— Aaron Burr



**HEATHER DEE MALARIK**

'Till you make your peace with yesterday, you'll never build a future.

— Natalie Merchant

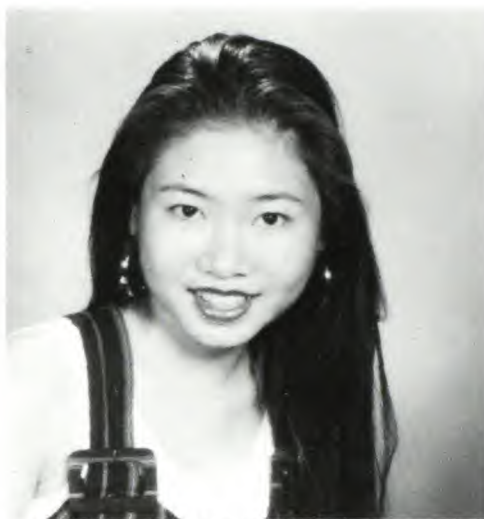




**ELENI MAKRIANNIS**

Now that my ladder's gone, I must lie down where all the ladders start, in the foul rag-and-bone shop of the heart.

— W.B. Yeats



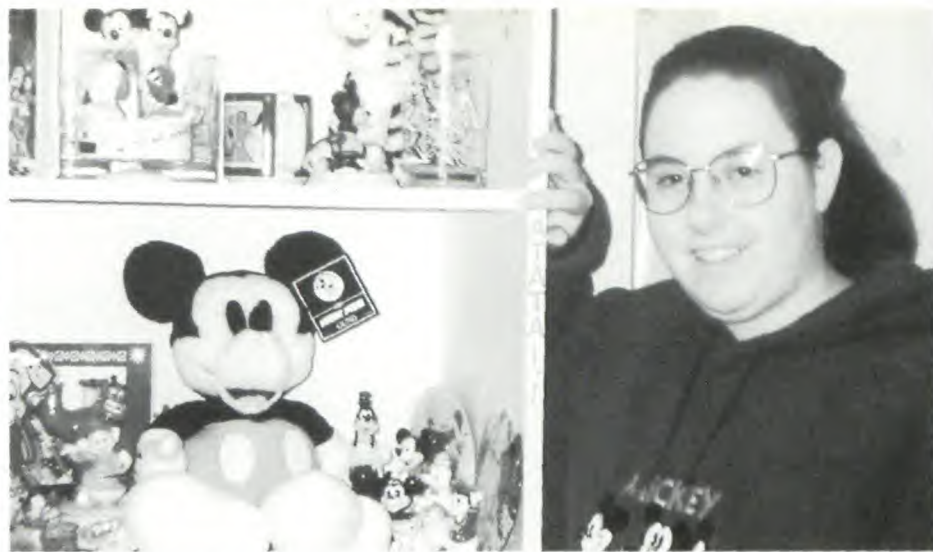
**TRUC NGOC LY**

If you like what you have, you have to work to keep it. If you don't like what you have, you have to work to change it. Either way you've got to work.



**JANELLE LUK**

Experience has taught me that the only cruelties people condemn are those with which they do not happen to be familiar with.



## Stacy's Animated World

While some people have a hobby that they actively pursue, Stacy Pearlman turned her fascination with Disney into a way of life. Her room is full of memorabilia from each Disney movie she has seen. Stickers, pens, figurines, coloring books, and even band-aids adorn the shelves of the shrine to Disney which she has created.

Stacy's fascination with Disney began with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first movie she ever saw. Her first trip to Disney World proved to be a very positive experience for her family. Influenced from then on by her father, a devout fan of graphics and animation, Stacy studied the ways in which the figures were drawn, concentrating carefully on lines and shadows. When her father passed away when Stacy was in the sixth grade, her interest in art grew, as did her dedication to her work. She decided that art was to become a major part of her life. "My father was a large part of my life. He always enjoyed making people smile. His influence became the reason for my interest in wearing Disney clothing. I like to make people smile when they see me."

The Pearlman family trips to Disney World did not stop after the death of Stacy's father. Her family made every effort possible to continue their annual trips to Disney World. Stacy used those visits to learn more about the art of animation, the people, the figures, and the history. The summer before her senior year, however, Stacy's fantasies of animating at Disney turned into reality. "Visiting the Disney Institute was a major wish of mine," Stacy noted. "So one summer, my mom and I decided to go there." At the Institute, a resort where a vacationer can take numerous classes, ranging from cooking to outdoor adventure, Stacy and her mother chose to take as many animation classes as possible. Their schedule consisted of Character Sketching and Development, Creating an Animated Character, Computer Animation, and Stop Motion/Clay Animation, where they created a five second clay animation film for "The Oprah Winfrey Show." "We got to meet Ward Kimble, one of the nine original Disney animators, which was a highlight," Stacy recalled.

Since only one out of 10,000 college students is hired by Disney, Stacy was not limiting her future plans. "Even if I can't animate for Disney, it will always remain a huge part of my life," as will her father's influence.





**ULTRIDE LOUIS**

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.



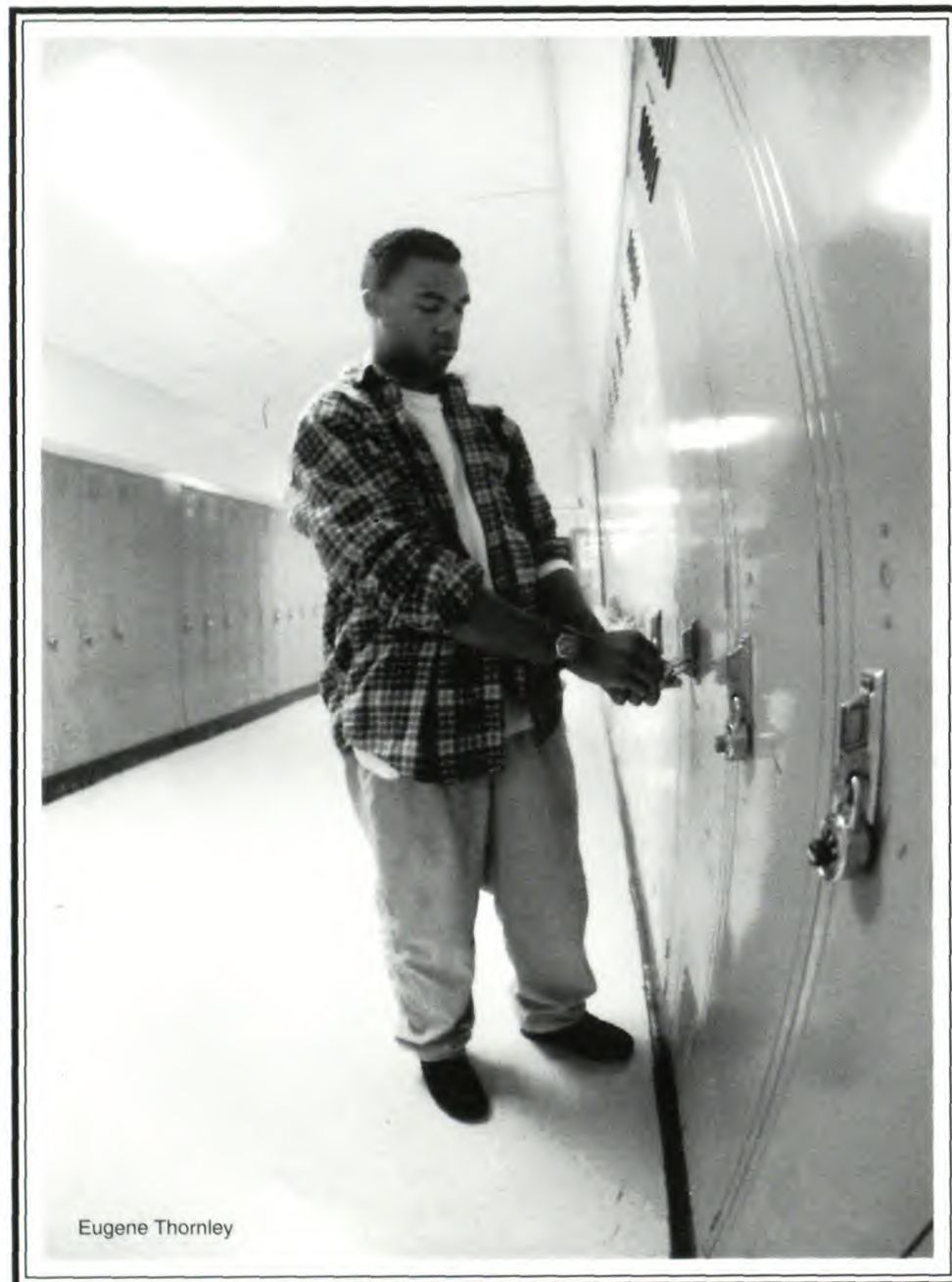
**CLAUDIA LOMBARDO**

Inside this room all of my dreams become realities, and some of my realities become dreams.

— Willy Wonka



**NANCY LLQUICOTA**



Eugene Thornley



**CRAIG LIEBERMAN**

God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. At the rate I'm going, I'll never die.

— Calvin and Hobbes



**SAMANTHA LIEBERFARB**

I am but the humble handmaiden of creative genius.

— Adrianna Lecouvreur





**LISA LEWIS**

There was never a person who,  
Did anything worth doing that,  
Did not receive more than he gave.  
— Henry Ward



**VIVIAN LEKKAS**

Always walk with a smile. People will wonder what  
you've been up to.



Hena Patel



**KATE LAUTERBACK**

Doesn't it always seem to go, that you don't know  
what you've got 'til it's gone.  
— Joni Mitchell



**ANTHONY LA MANNA**

Keep your friends close, but keep your enemies  
closer.  
— Al Pacino



**CHRISTOPHER LALANCETTE**

To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life  
are already three parts dead.  
— Bertrand Russell



Elizabeth Bauerle and Angela Finelli



**MIRLYNE LACOSTE**

I believe that everything you do bad comes to you,  
so everything that I do that's bad, I'm going to  
suffer for it, but in my heart I believe what I'm  
doing is right, so I feel like I'm going to heaven.

— Tupac



**FRANCES RENEE LACCITIELLO**

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.



**ALAN HOMING KWOK**

Work is the only dirty four-letter word in the  
English language.

— Abbie Hoffman



**CHRISTOPHER KWAN**

With talent, you can do what you like. With genius,  
you do what you can.

— Jean Ingres



**ALMIR KURESHEPI**

If camels could fly, I'd probably never walk under a  
tree again.



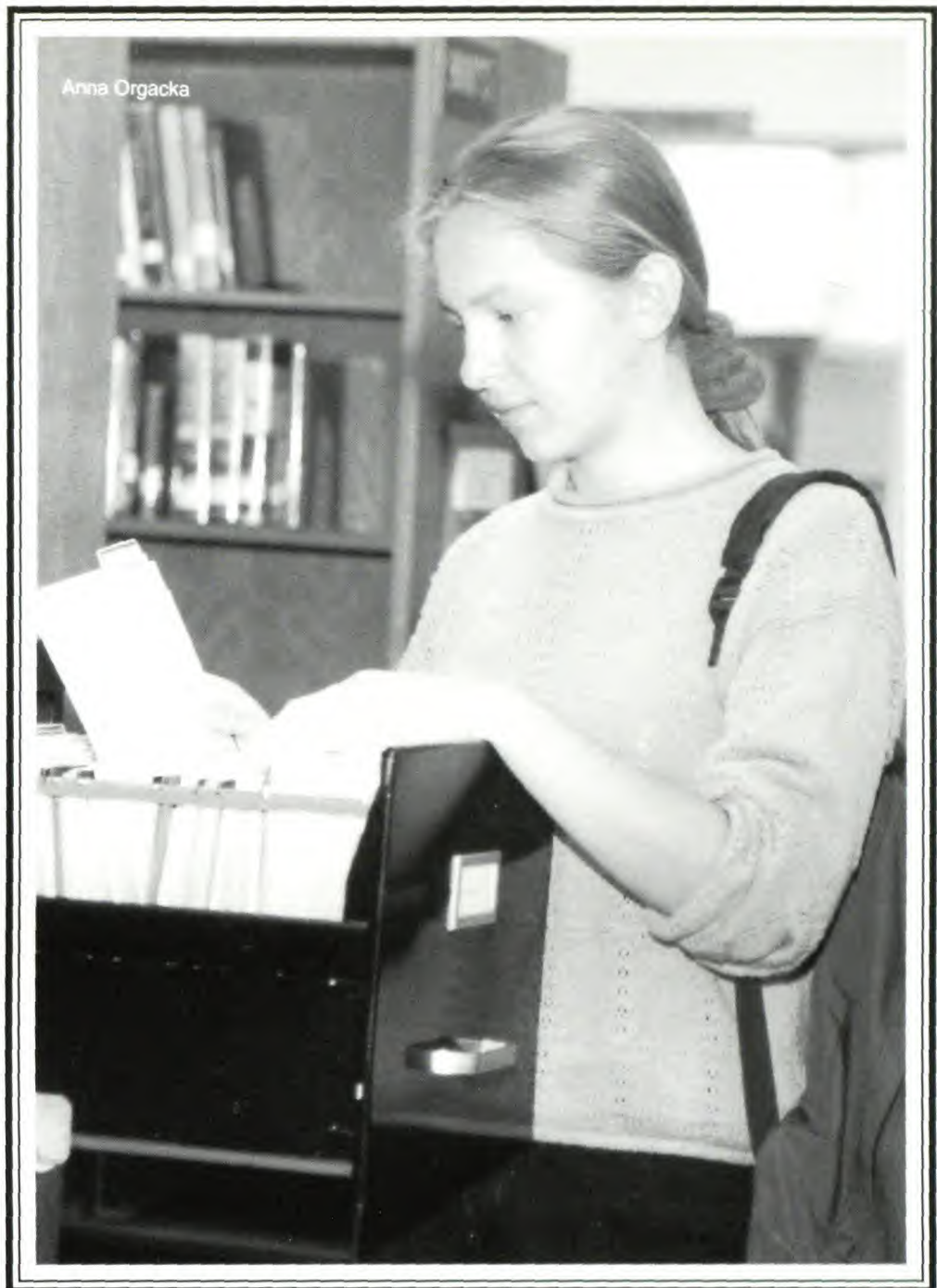


**DMITRY KULINICH**

Teenage angst has paid off well.



**MIKAEL KRISTOFFERSON**



**AMANDA KRIMMEL**

The first step which one makes in the world, is the one on which the rest of our days depend.

— Voltaire



**MICHAEL KOPKO**

What becomes of the future is what we make of the present, and what we make of the present is what we have learned from the past.



**MICHAEL KONRAD**

When you think you know the whole, you don't even know the half.

— Guru





## Ara's Coming Out

Mention the word "cotillion" and most people conjure up visions of Southern belles wearing Scarlet O'Hara — type gowns. Ask the majority of the senior class if they knew a debutante, and the response was a blank stare. That's because most of them didn't realize that West Orange High School had its own resident debutante, Ara Tucker.

Ara was chosen to be a debutante in the Essex County Links' Emerald and Ivory Second Debutante Cotillion. In order to be selected, she had to submit an application to the Links, including a teacher recommendation, a transcript, and an essay. Once selected, the debutantes, escorts, and their fathers had to attend weekly dance sessions to learn professional routines, choreographed solely for the cotillion.

"The reason I wanted to get involved in the cotillion was because I thought it would be a unique experience that would be enjoyable and special," reflected Ara. "I also thought that using the proceeds from the cotillion for community service projects was a wonderful idea." Although the cotillion was only a one evening affair, it took approximately six months of planning to pull together. From the moment Ara was selected as a debutante, she and the other girls were schooled in the art of social etiquette. They learned how to do everything from setting tables to speaking well in public. "While I learned many interesting and practical things, I also found out a lot of funny things that I think very few people learn anymore, such as where the shrimp cocktail fork goes, and how to sit with a long skirt, as opposed to a short skirt."

Ara gained much more from her experience than social etiquette; however, she interacted with many outstanding young women from Northern New Jersey and learned how large-scale events, such as a cotillion, are planned. "I enjoyed learning social etiquette that many think is archaic, and I loved the idea that my escort would do things for me that are generally forgotten in our society, such as holding the door and pulling out my chair," Ara commented. "I also liked being a part of something beneficial to the community. It was nice to be able to help people who are less fortunate."



**HEIDI KINDEL**

Some people dream of being something; others stay awake and are.

— Anonymous



**DAVE KIM**

Don't put something off 'til tomorrow when you could put it off 'til the day after tomorrow.



**CHARLES KIM**

No one means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean. For words are slippery and thought is vicious.

— Henry Adams

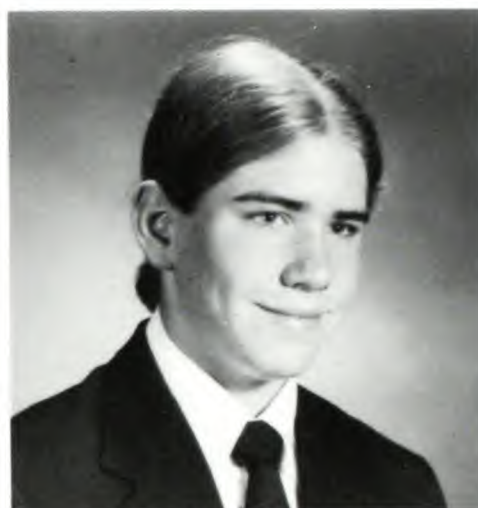




**JONATHAN WILLIAM KENNEDY**

Maybe a great magnet pulls all souls toward the truth or maybe it is life itself that feeds wisdom to it's youth.

— K.D. Lang



**LUKE KELLY**

... and justice for all.



Colleen Corum



**CHAIM KARCZAG**

... there was even an anarchist or two among them ... who aspired to a world in which there would be neither master nor slave.

— Will Durant



**SERGIO KAPICH**



**SHELLEY JONES**

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade.

— Tom Peters





**CHAVONNE JONES**

Nothing can stop power, or recognize power, but power.

— Tupac Shakur



**VINU JOHN**



**ANKUR JETLEY**

By the time you realize your father was right, you have a son that disagrees with you.



Celeste Perrotta



**IKEEF S. JENKINS**

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

— Bill Cosby



**TIFFANY IRBY**





Eugene Thornley, Heather Sutphen, and Tara Meyers



**MINI IM**

Be yourself . . . the world worships the original.  
— Ingrid Bergman



**HEE CHUNG HWANG**

You can either count the days or make everyday count.  
— Banana Republic



**ANTHONY HUDZINSKI**

If you can't skate, you can't play hockey.  
— Wayne Gretzky



# Lies, Lies, Lies



***"I broke curfew because I was offered a part-time job and had to fill out the application right away."***

**— Edwin Mancia**

***"One night I snuck out without my key, so when I got home, I undressed and claimed I was sleepwalking."***

**— Megan McCormack**



***"Mom — I swear her parents were playing a long card game, and they couldn't pick us up."***

**— Tara Higgins**

***"I would have been home earlier but McDonald's had a long line."***

**— Beth Shaferman**



**CHRISTINA HUDSON**

So prepare for a chance of a lifetime. Be prepared for sensational news. A shining new era is tiptoeing nearer.

— The Lion King



**EMILIE J. HORN**

Keep breathing.

— Sophie Tucker



**TARA HIGGINS**

Some say it's holding on that makes you strong. But sometimes it's letting go.

— TEC





**CARLADEE HARRIS**



**SCOTT HANSEN**



Chris Morales



**DARREN HAMBERLIN**

A great catch is like watching girls go by. The last one you see is always the prettiest.

— Bob Gibson



**PATRICK GUTHRIE**

Time is not money and money is not time. Money can be replaced, time cannot.

— Benjamin Franklin



**ERIC LEE GUTERMUTH**

When I grow up I want to be a little boy.

— Brian Aldiss





Jeffrey Bean



**DAPHNE GUERRERO**



**SAMUEL ALLEN GRUEN**

Do or do not; there is no try.

— Yoda



**LESLEY GROSSMAN**

Maybe my perspective is a little different than yours, but I don't think you should be offended.

— Conan O'Brien



**TARA MICHELLE GRIVNER**

There's a lesson to be learned in every painful experience.

— Mary Timberlake



**TYEESHA JANNETTE GREENE**

Carry a big stick and speak loudly.





**KATHRYN GRAHAM**

The most effective way to ensure the value of the future is to confront the present courageously and constructively.

— Rollo May



**DENA GOLDSTEIN**

Come and walk with me and share  
The twisting trails I've known.

But this bridge will only take you halfway there —  
The last few steps you have to take alone.

— Shel Silverstein



**ANTHONY GIULIANO**



## Rahul's Religious Retreats

During the month of November, in 1996, Rahul Pawar and his family decided to take a vacation. This was not a typical vacation, however. They traveled to India to celebrate Diwali, the primary Hindu festival. "It's kind of difficult to celebrate the holiday in the U.S., because the main part of the celebrations is the fireworks that explode for five days," Rahul remembered. "In India, it is legal, but not in the United States."

Diwali is a six day celebration honoring the destruction of the demon Narakasura by the goddess Durga. Each day has its own significance and honors a different god. "It was necessary to travel to India because during Diwali, families are expected to join together for the ceremony, regardless of how far they live from each other," Rahul noted, "which is why we travel to India as often as possible."

In addition to having traveled to India on numerous occasions, Rahul also attended the Vivekananda Vidyapith Indian School of Philosophy and Higher Learning for five years. The school, which held classes on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. helped Rahul "gain a tremendous amount of knowledge about the Indian culture." Six hundred people attended the school, with the older children present on Saturdays and the younger ones on Sundays. There, Rahul learned to write Sanskrit, the language of his culture, in which prayers are written.

Although Rahul wasn't always thrilled having to attend another school, in addition to going to public school, he slowly learned to like the idea. At first, he was forced to go, but eventually he decided to continue by his own choice. "I enjoy being able to learn about my culture as well as learning about other religions and their philosophies," Rahul professed, "and I hope to be able to continue with my Indian education through college."



Kate Lauterback



**KEITH GIORGIO**

People strive to be one of the many; I strive to be one of the few.

— Anonymous



**ADIA D. GILYARD**

If knowledge is the key, then show me the lock.

— Q-Tip



**KATIE GILLEN**

This is your world now. No one can chase your fears away. Fight for your world. Now trust in your heart to lead the way.

— Richard Marx



**MINERVA KATHY GHAMLOUCH**

Don't tell me what I'm doing wrong. Tell me what I'm doing right.



**JESSICA GERMAINE**

I do not want to go until I have faithfully made the most of my talent and cultivated the seed that was placed in me.

— Kathe Kollwitz





**PATRICK GAYNOR**



**JOHN PAUL GAUER**

Life can be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.



**SHAUN GARRY**

It's not the fall that kills you. It's what waits upon impact.

— Damien Hobgood

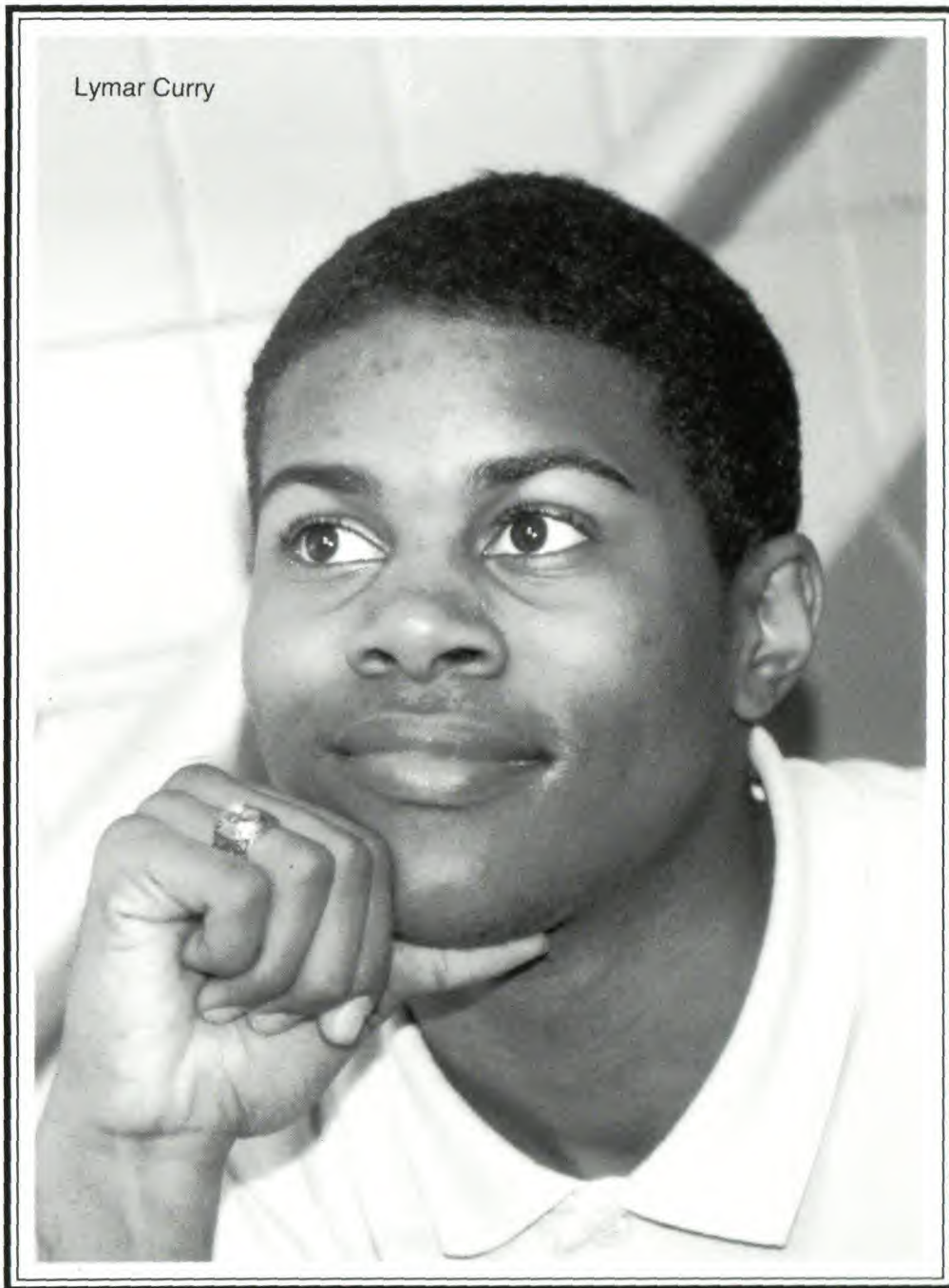


**JENNIFER GARRITY**



**DANIEL GARDNER**

A boy has two jobs. One is just being a boy. The other is growing up to be a man.







**EDWARD GARCIA**

You cannot cause a shadow to disappear by fighting it, stomping on it, railing against it, or any other form of emotional or physical resistance. In order to cause a shadow to disappear, you must shine light on it.



**LAQUANDA FRANKLIN**

One truth we gain from living through the years, fear brings more pain than does the pain it fears.



**KINTESSA FORT**

We don't have eternity to realize our dreams, only the time we are.

— Susan King Taylor



Caroline Pinder



**ANGELA FINELLI**

Hard enough to believe in myself when I know they don't believe in me. Unwilling to change for society, I'll be who I wanna be.

— Life of Agony



**RINA FIGUEROA**





**RYAN FENNELL**

A loud voice cannot compete with a clear voice,  
even if it's a whisper.



**SEAN FARRELL**

We rocked and rolled, we were jaded and  
innocent, but most of all, we were dazed and  
confused.

— Dazed and Confused



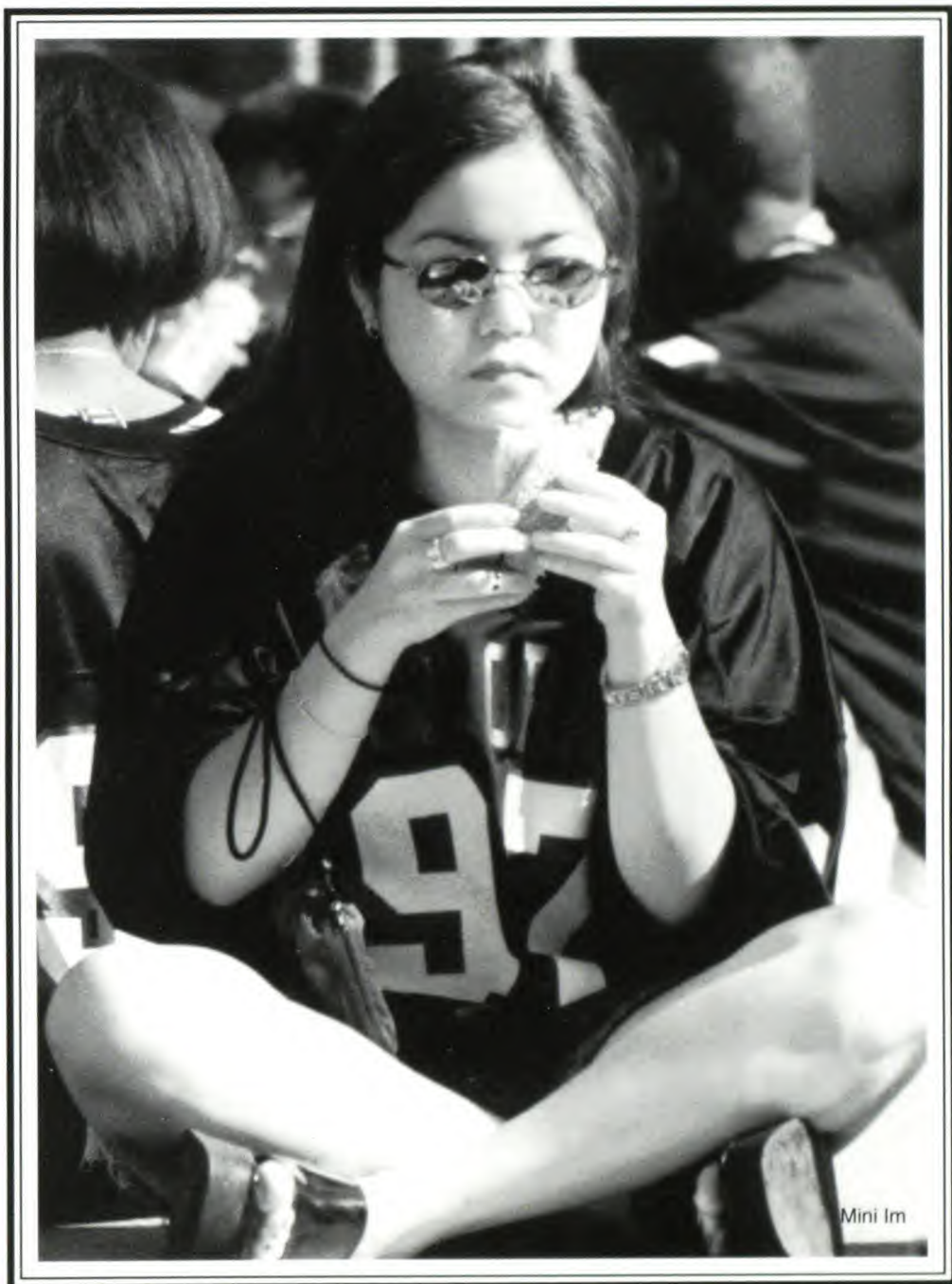
**BOBBY FARAJI**

'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to  
have loved at all.

— Alfred, Lord Tennyson



**SINTYA FALERO**



Mini Im



**TANOSKY EXANTUS**





## Samantha's Inner Voice

"When I got a part in *Evita*, I studied the meaning behind each word and watched my facial expressions in the mirror," Samantha Leiberfarb confessed. "I knew I only had one song and three minutes to prove myself." For Samantha, an accomplished singer, pianist, and violinist, knowing the song was essential to her performing the show-stopping number, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall."

Samantha was born into a very musical family. Her interest in singing came from her mother, an opera singer. Her grandfather, a violinist, was her inspiration for taking up the violin. She began playing the piano at age three and continued with her lessons, winning numerous awards in the 11 years she played. In second grade, she began playing the violin and attending violin camp each summer. Despite her numerous instrumental talents, Samantha preferred singing. Although nobody thought that she could sing because of her high-pitched voice, Samantha would often stay home and sing along with "Snow White" or "Mary Poppins." Upon realizing how well she could read music, Samantha was encouraged to audition for the Junior Region Choir, which led to the beginning of her singing career.

Samantha, who has also tried her hand at the xylophone, and the guitar, possesses an "insatiable urge to know every word to every song of every musical work." Her room has always been filled with a huge collection of musical theater albums, momentos of the various Broadway shows she has seen. A dedicated artist, Samantha hid her interest in singing from her mother, practicing only when alone at home. She also taught herself how to accompany her singing on the piano.

Samantha maintained a strong inner desire to continually improve, not for anyone else, but in order to feel a quiet sense of personal achievement. Ironically, despite her quest for improvement, Samantha never took a voice lesson, partially because she doubted herself. She managed to overcome her fears, however, and performed on a regular basis with numerous community and school groups. "When you perform a song, it becomes yours, which is a great accomplishment. After you come off the stage, you know you did a good job. You can't remember a thing you did, but your inner voice tells you that you did it well. To me, that is the best feeling there is."



**KIRK EVERSICK**

Tragedy is when I cut my finger; comedy is when you walk into an open sewer and die!

— Mel "Ela" Brooks



**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**

Do not build up obstacles in your imagination.



**BARBARA ESPINO**

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

— Frank Crane





**MARLA EICHENBLATT**

How did it get so late so soon?  
It's night before it's afternoon!  
My, oh my, how the time has flown,  
How did it get so late so soon?

— Dr. Seuss



**DAVID EHRLICH**

Whatever doesn't hurt you only makes you stronger.



Janelle Luk



**JILL DUNST**

I may be getting older, but I refuse to grow up.  
— Adam Sandler



**ALEXANDER C. DUNN**

Our yesterdays and todays are the blocks from which we build.



**TEDDY DRIMONIS**

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men.

— Willy Wonka





**LATISAH DREW**

Mad, bad, and dangerous to know.  
— John Deans



**FRANCIS XAVIER DOLAN**

I'm not laughing with you.  
— Heckle



Stephen Brennan and Ryan Fennell



**RAUL DIAZ**

Long live the race.  
— Cesar Chavez



**JENNIFER A. DE RIGGI**

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and  
some days you're the statue.  
— Roger C. Anderson



**MICHAEL T. DELANEY**

Survival of the fittest . . . only the strong survive.  
— Charles Darwin (Mobb Deep)





**AYANNA DAVIS-SMALLS**

If I ruled the world, I'd free all my sons!

— NAS



**PRANVERA DAUTI**

Anything you can do I can do better.

— Ibid



**AMY LOREN DANZIG**

Good words are worth much, and cost little.

— George Herbert



**ANTHONY D'AMORE**

I made it like that, I want it like that, I'm livin' like that.



**LYMAR A. CURRY**

The reason why I am what I am today is because I am myself and not the person most people want me to be on the outside for everyday I live my life.

— Tyson Beckford





**MALIKAH CRAWFORD**

You better watch them people that be close to you and do what you supposed to do, because you know they be thinking about getting you personal now a days, it's the way.

— NAS



**COLLEEN KELLY REESE CORUM**

The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dreams is you.

— Tom Bradely



**DIONY CORDOVA**



**VICTORIA COPPOLO**

I cry for the past. Undeserving heroes on pedestals stand for our young to worship. Too high for reality. Freedom, Liberty, Empty meanings swirl through my mind on the six o'clock news.

— Poetry Corner



**ALLYSON NICOLE COOPER**

If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you have tried to do nothing and succeeded.



**ANDREW COLGAN**

To oppose everything is to be alive. To live by the ways of another is to forfeit your right to exist — freedom is not a privilege.

— Anonymous



**JASON COLATRELLA**

Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?

— Animal House

Back In  
My Days



**"My friends and I battled the '94 snowstorm by walking across town to get home."**

— Jill Dunst





**SHARON COHEN**

From birth to age 18, a girl needs godparents; from 18 to 35, she needs good looks; from 35 to 55, she needs a good personality; from 55 on, she needs good cash.

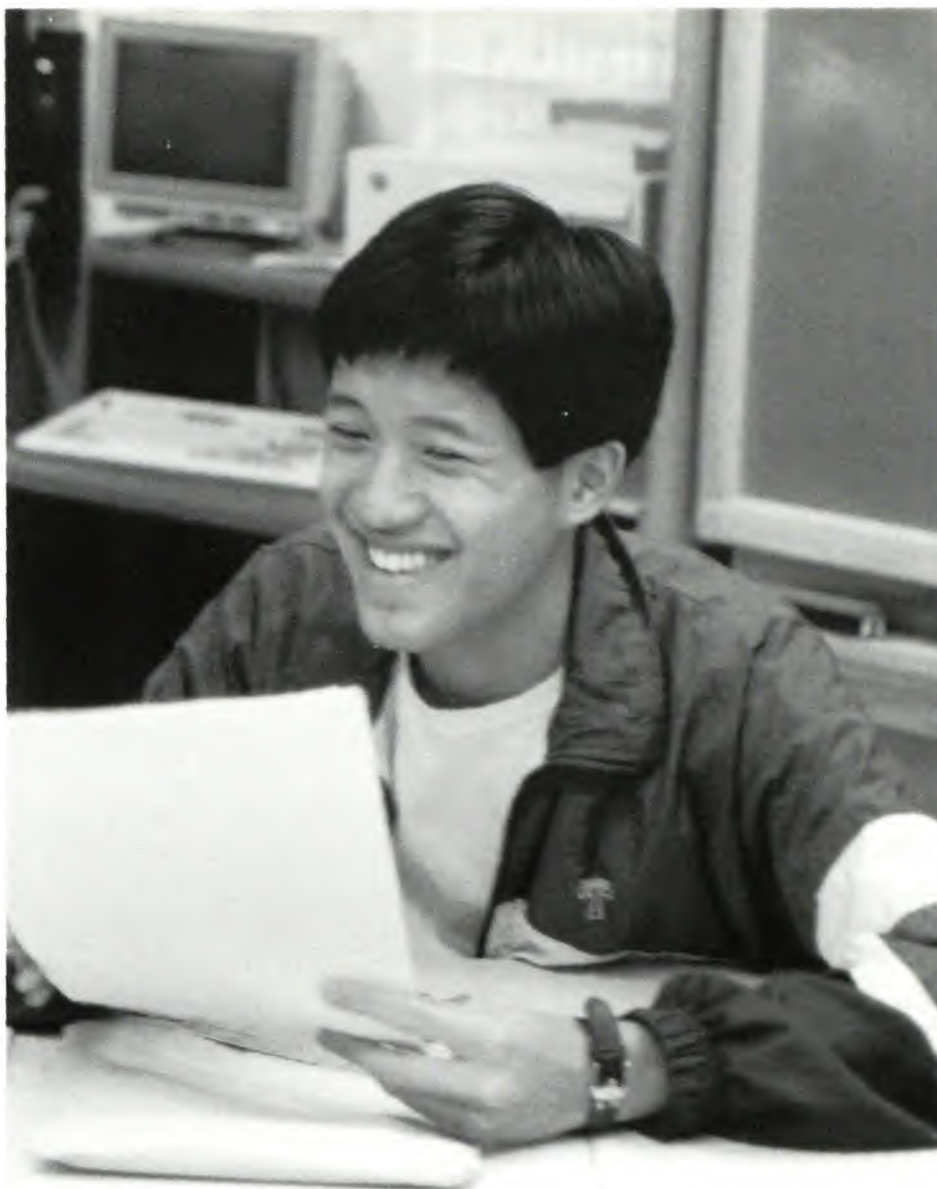
— Sophia Tucker



**FRANK N. CICARONE**

I probably couldn't play for me. I wouldn't like my attitude.

— John Thompson



Alan Kwok



*"I forgot my locker combination the second week of freshman year and remained lockerless for the rest of the year."*

— Stephen Brennan



*"Mr. Peterson ripped a phone book in half and then autographed it for a classmate."*

— Katie Graham



*"I was always shorter than everyone else."*

— Alexandra Zanabria





**DEAN CHRYSOVERGIS**

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else and not your own lips.

— Proverbs 27:1 + 2



**SHARON CHINTHRAJA**

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

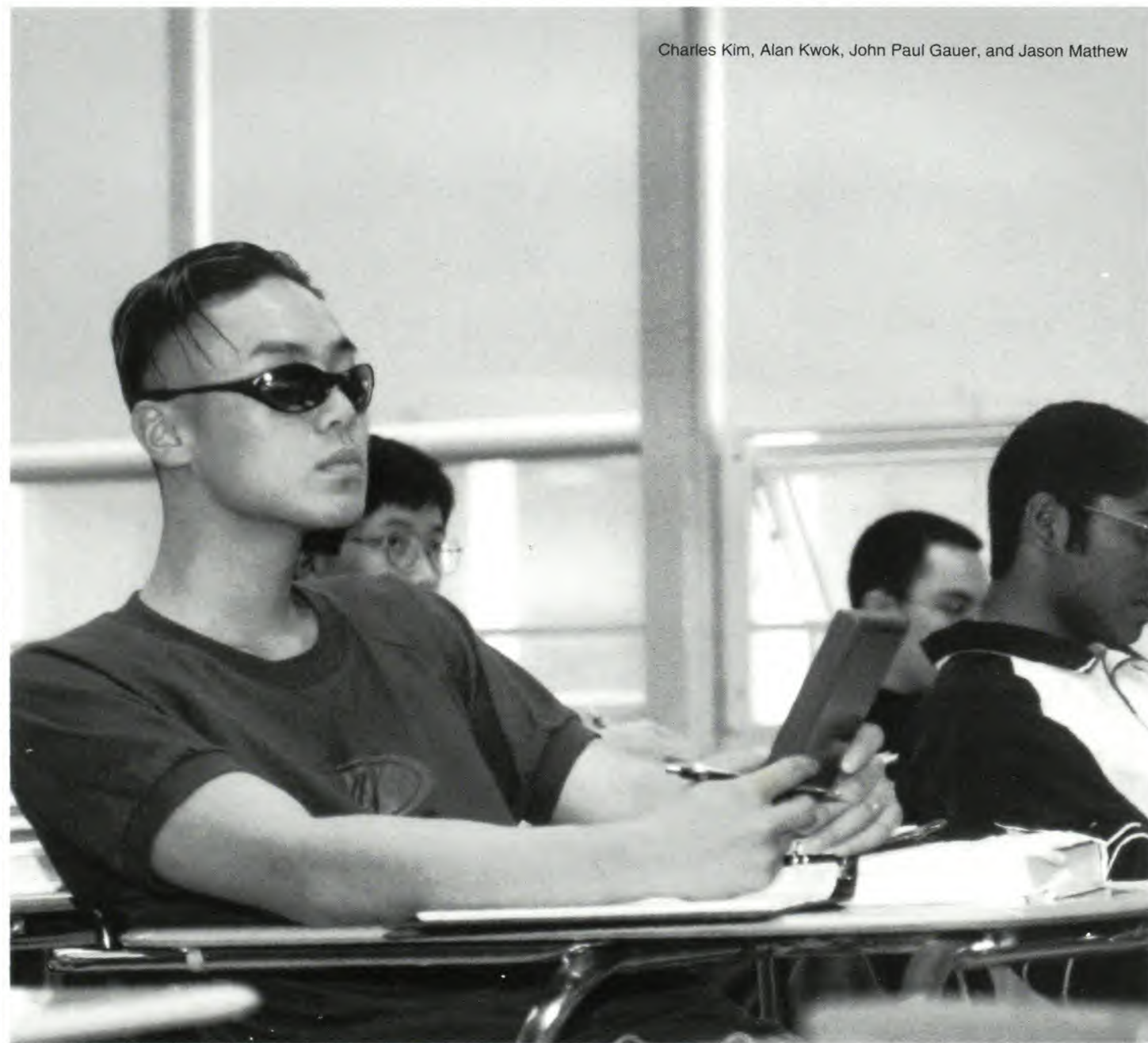
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



**LYNN CHEN**

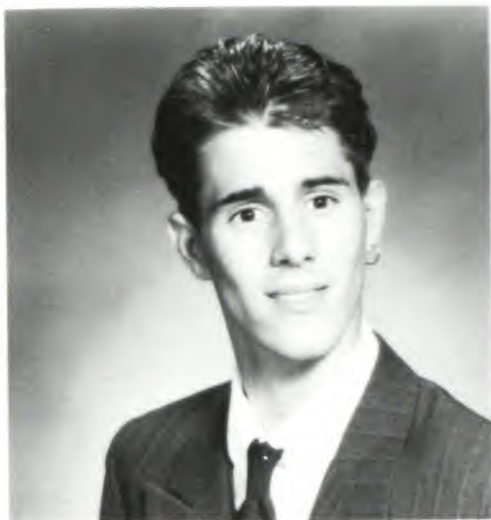
Man made the truths himself, and each truth was a composite of a great many vague thoughts.

— Sherwood Anderson



Charles Kim, Alan Kwok, John Paul Gauer, and Jason Mathew





**JOSH CHELNIK**

Everyone is born to live and everyone is born to die; so live your life the way you're supposed to live it.



**MARY-ANN CERULO**

Hakuna Matata! What a wonderful phrase, Hakuna Matata! Ain't no passing craze. It means no worries for the rest of your days. It's our problem-free philosophy. Hakuna Matata!  
— The Lion King



Urvi Pajvani



**LUANNE CENTRELLA**

It takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere, you must run at least twice as fast as that.  
— Lewis Carroll



**JOSHUA CEDERBAUM**

I am what I am.

— Popeye



**NATHALIE CAUVIN**

To love is to admire with the heart; to admire is to love with the mind.



Mike Konrad



**PATRICK CAROSIA**

Oh, yes indeed it's fun time.



**JOE CAROLONZA**

Live your own life, for you will die your own death.  
— Latin Proverb



**NANCY CARLSON**

To be old and wise you must first be young and stupid.

— Anonymous



**THOMASINE CARDONE**

What young adult wouldn't give anything to mingle with such people for a single day, as I have for all these years?

— Lou Gehrig



**ALLISON MARIE CAPRIO**

You're never fully dressed without a smile.  
— Annie





**MICHELLE LYNN CAPORIZZO**

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly;  
what is essential is invisible to the eye.

— Antoine de Saint-Exupery



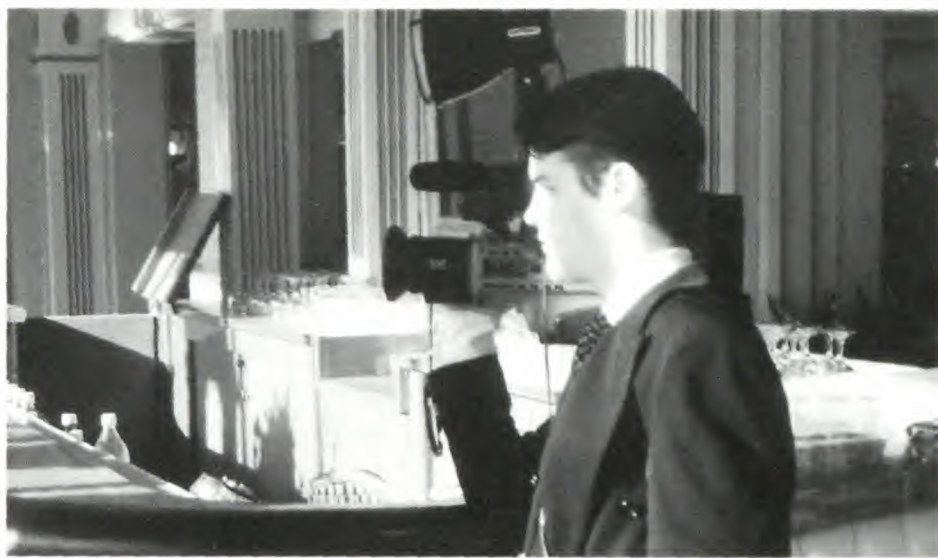
**ANGEL CAMACHO**

Why mess up a good thing . . . and that's that.

— Casino



**VERONICA CALDAS**



## Casey's Main Focus

During our senior year of high school, photo opportunities abounded. From the Senior Breakfast, to the Pep Rally, to the Prom, there were many "Kodak moments" waiting to be captured. Luckily for the class of 1997, Casey Marucci was always there to get that perfect shot.

Casey began taking pictures at the age of 11, when his father bought him his first camera. "It started out as a hobby," he revealed, "but when my dad asked me to work with his company, Marucci Video Productions, it grew into a possible career choice." Casey took pictures and videotaped weddings and other parties. Working every weekend, Casey accumulated years of experience using a camera. Eventually, he developed enough skill to edit film for his dad.

In addition to his after school job, Casey created a portfolio of the pictures he took. The portfolio consisted exclusively of black and white photos because he preferred them to color photos since there is less light to take into consideration. Once he finished shooting, Casey developed his own pictures in the darkroom he created in his basement. He taught himself how to develop film in order to "have complete control over the outcome of the pictures, the light, the focus, and the size."

Casey was also a prominent figure in WOHS media productions, both as a cameraman for the TV 36 news and as a photographer for the yearbook. "Casey took advantage of every opportunity available to develop his photographic skills," commented Mr. John McCarthy, advisor to both the Broadcast Journalism and Yearbook classes. "He knew what he wanted and he went after it."

In his free time, Casey traveled to New York City to obtain shots of random scenes and different people. He chose these shots, as opposed to staged shots, in order to get the true expressions of people. "I like photography and cinematography because I enjoy being able to be proud of the finished product. For me, it's a means of self-expression," he concluded.





**MICHAEL J. BURGER**

It is better to be hated for what you are than loved  
for what you are not.

— Andre Gide



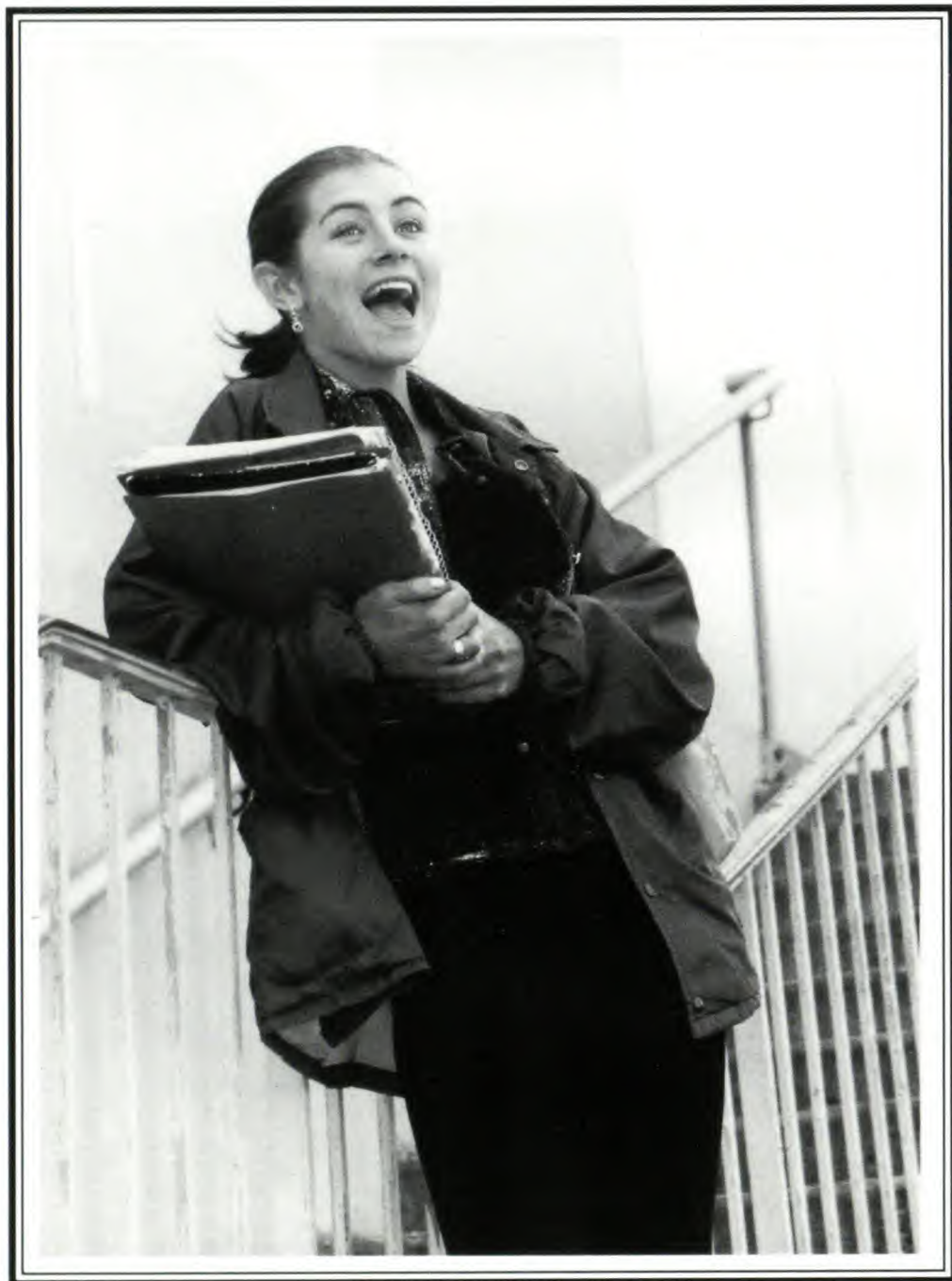
**SATRA BIANCA BROWNE**

We crucify ourselves between two thieves —  
regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow.

— Anonymous



**MARCELLUS BROOMES**



**ERIC BROHM**

Any dream worth having, is a dream worth fighting  
for.

— Professor Charles Xavier



**JAIME BRODERICK**

Heal the past, live the present, dream the future.

— Anonymous





**STEPHEN BRENNAN**

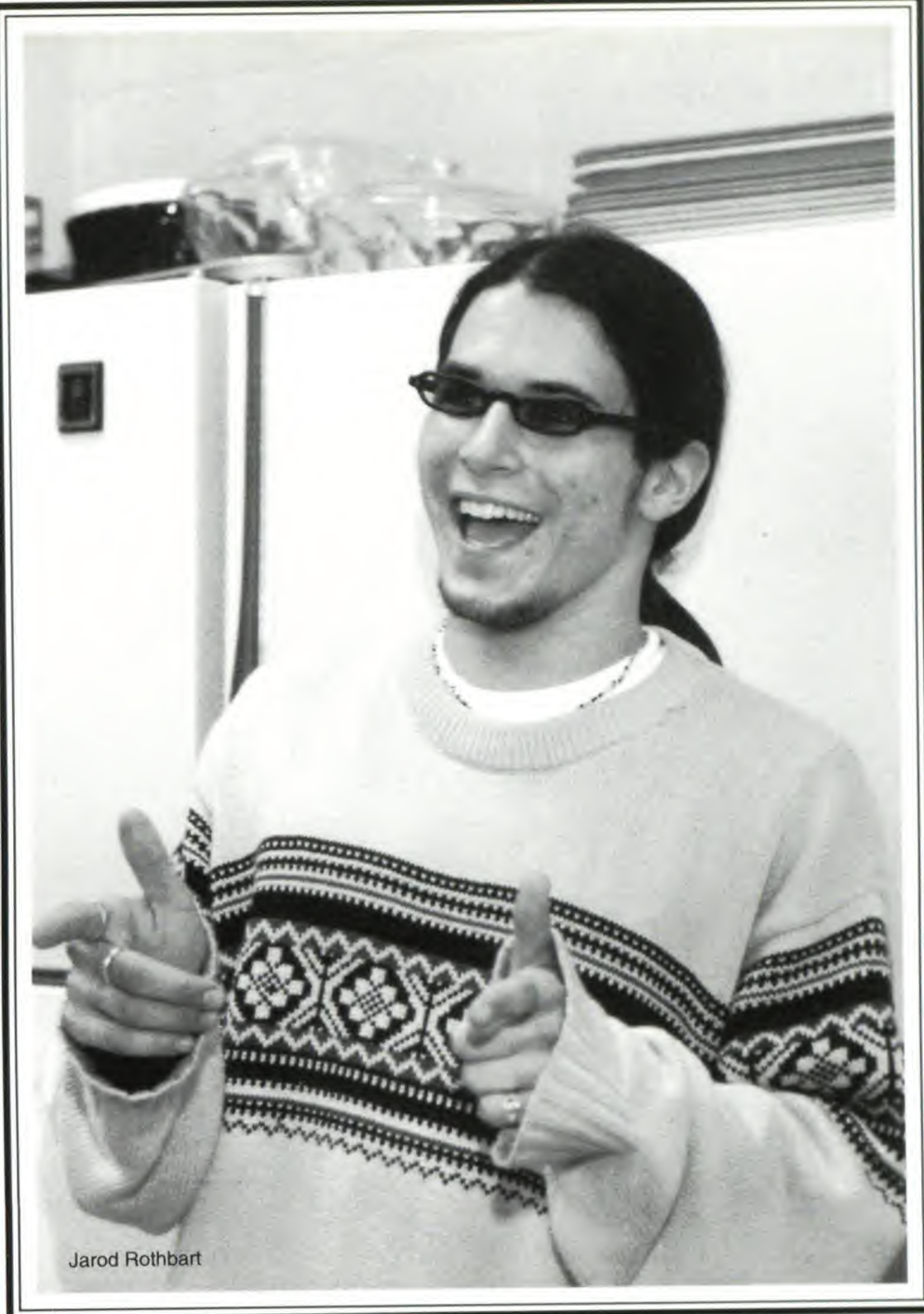
It's not a lie if you believe it.

— "George" (Seinfeld)



**NINO BRAS**

If you never tried it, you'll never know, but  
sometimes it's better that way.



Jarod Rothbart



**ALISON BRAFMAN**

... do not long for that which you have left behind.  
You are destined for a better fate.

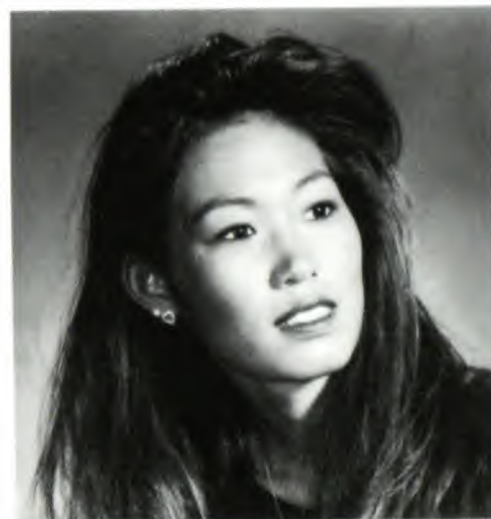
— Beauty and the Beast



**LATRICE BOWIE**

Always remember to forget,  
The troubles that passed away,  
But never forget to remember,  
The blessings that come each day.

— Anonymous



**LAURA BORG**

Give me fashion or give me death.

— Donna Karan





Karla Bateman



TAKUYA BOGAR



NICK BLAND

Keep it rockin'.

— Vibe Magazine



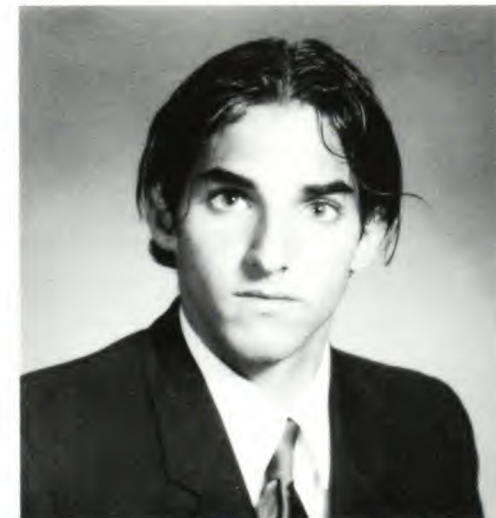
KARENINA BLAKE



GREGORY BINIUKOW

The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall.

— Vince Lombardi



GIUSEPPE BIANCHINO

Sometimes fear makes you go back, when the only way out is to go forward.





**RAECHEL LEIGH BERTOLDI**

A little truth helps the lie go down.  
— Italian Proverb



Max Howard



**NASHEDIA BENTON**



**CASILDA ANA-CELIA BENIFIELD**

Unfortunately, we seem powerless to stop whatever it is. We are the only ones responsible for what goes on in our lives. We must have the courage to say STOP.



**JOE BELANGER**

Full of misery is the mind anxious about the future.



**ELIZABETH BAUERLE**

It is better to listen to the quiet words of a wise man than to listen to the shouts of a ruler at a council of fools.

— Ecclesiastes 9:17





## Jacob's Musical Mornings

At 6:00 each morning, Jacob Messings's alarm woke him up, not to get dressed for school nearly two hours later, but to practice the violin. "I make my best music in the morning. I like to practice then because it's like a little bit of heaven in the beginning of the day," he professed. It was a good thing he preferred morning practices, because his hectic schedule would not have allowed for anything else.

Although Jacob was busy with many activities during his high school career, he always dedicated an extensive amount of time to his violin. His interest was certainly helped along by violin virtuosos such as Gil Shaham, Itzhak Perlman, and Isaac Stern. Watching these performances live, he was able to really appreciate the difficulty of the violin, dubbed by most musicians as the hardest instrument to play because of its changing octaves. "Playing the violin is like a science. The physics involved makes it very difficult. It is for that reason that I take pride in playing, because as one progresses, the standard of excellence increases," Jacob noted.

The summer before his senior year, Jacob took his interest in the orchestra to a new level. He was chosen to participate in the premiere season of the Rockland Summer Institute, where he was first out of nine violinists. The program, a four week camp consisting of endorsement classes, chamber music, and solo lessons, was directed by Dr. Edward Michael Gold and Professor Oscar Ravina, a Julliard graduate. "The fact that we were able to work one-on-one with members of the Philharmonic, Met Opera, and NYC Ballet gave the camp a very personal atmosphere," he believed. The group performed in six concerts with Jacob as a violin soloist. In addition to their daily routine, at night the group obtained backstage passes to Concerts in the Park at Central Park. "The entire experience was great," Jacob concluded. "I learned a lot, not to mention the fact that I had the time of my life doing it."



**DANIEL BARTIROMO**

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

— Henry David Thoreau



**MARK BARRON**

You should go to a pear tree for pears, not to an elm. You can't put the same shoe on every foot.



**TAPOSH BARI**

This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

— Churchill





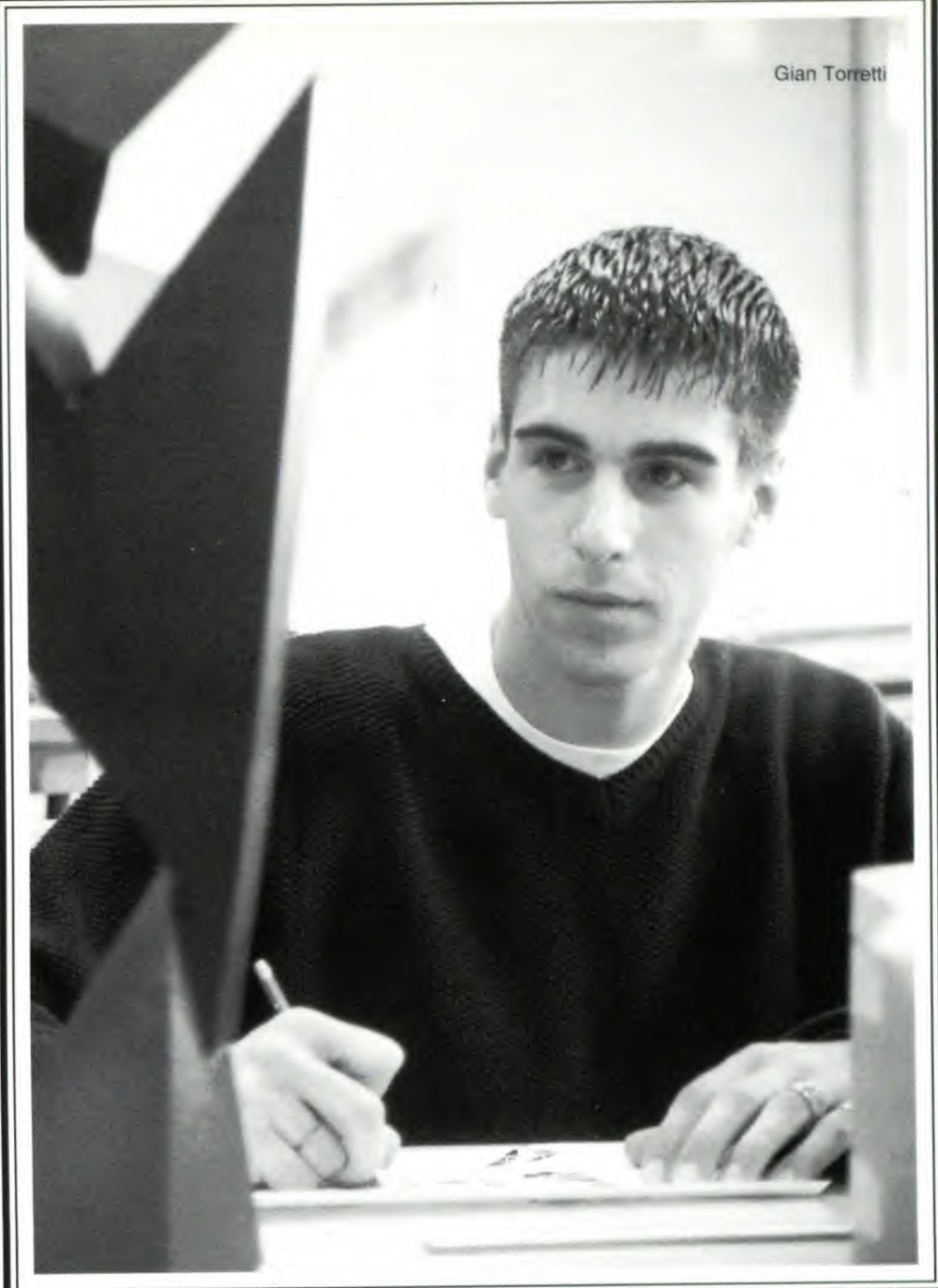
**DEMETRIOS BARDIS**



**KAREN M. AYRES**

Desire motivates, spirit animates, and reason guides.

— Plato



**SUNJY AUGUSTE**



**MICHELE ATHAY**

Fifty years from now it won't matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.



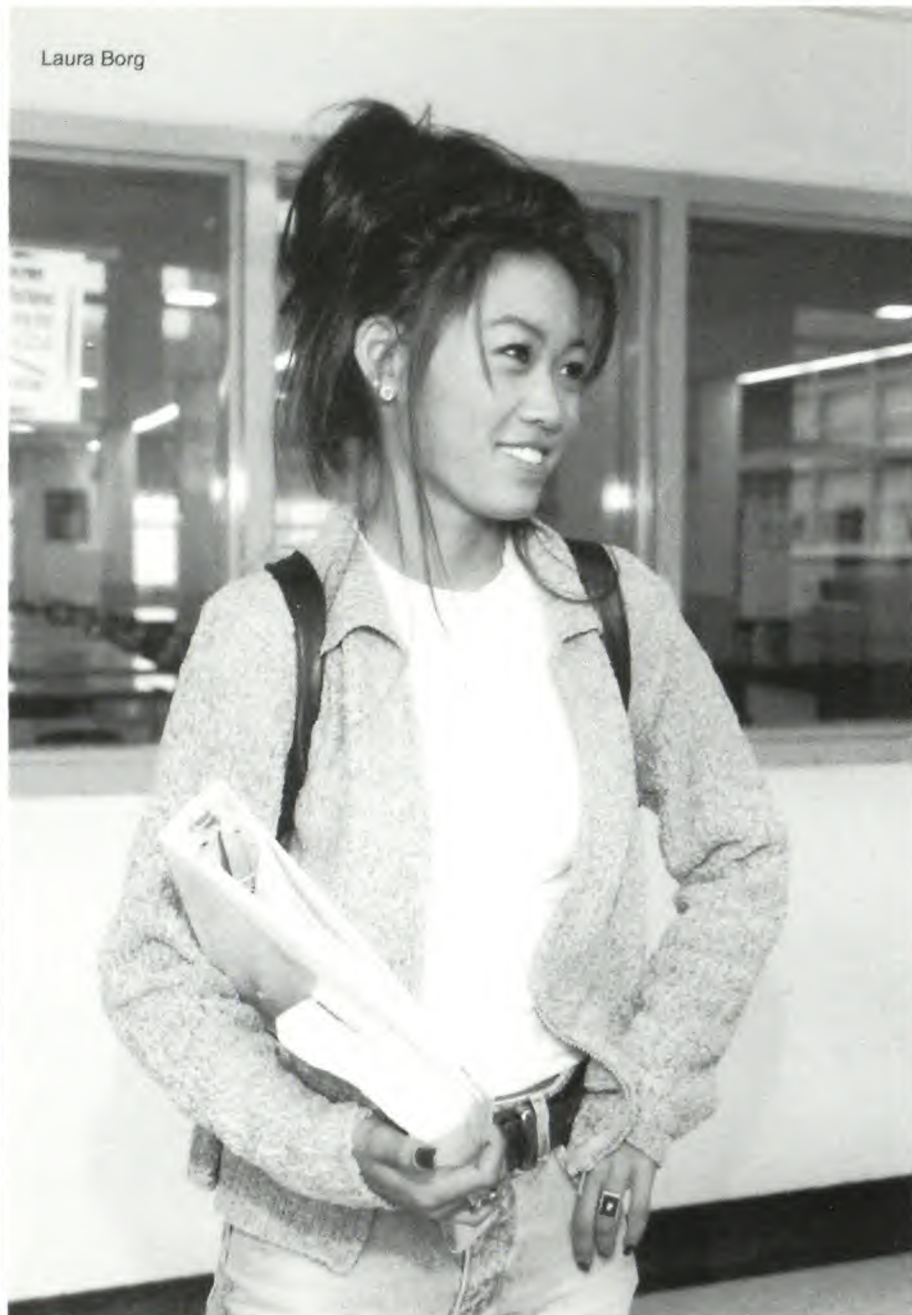
**LAUREN ATHAY**

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, then he will meet with a success unexpected in the common hour.

— Thoreau



Laura Borg



**KATHY ATHANASOPOULOS**

We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

— Theodore Roosevelt



**PATRICIO ARTAZU**



**CAROLINA ARTAZU**

Some of us fall by the wayside, and some of us soar to the stars, and some of us sail through our troubles, and some of us have to live with the scars.

— The Lion King



**ADRIANA ARANCIBIA**

You see that I'm ferocious, you see that I am weak, you see that I am silly and pretentious and a freak.

— Madonna



**ANGEL AQUINO**





**JOREL APPOLON**

Remember that most people, despite their confident appearance and demeanor are often as secure as you are and as doubtful of themselves.



**SOTIRIOS APOSTOLOPOULOS**



**GEORGE ANTONAKOS**

It's like being crazy when you're already nutz.  
— Jimmy the cab driver

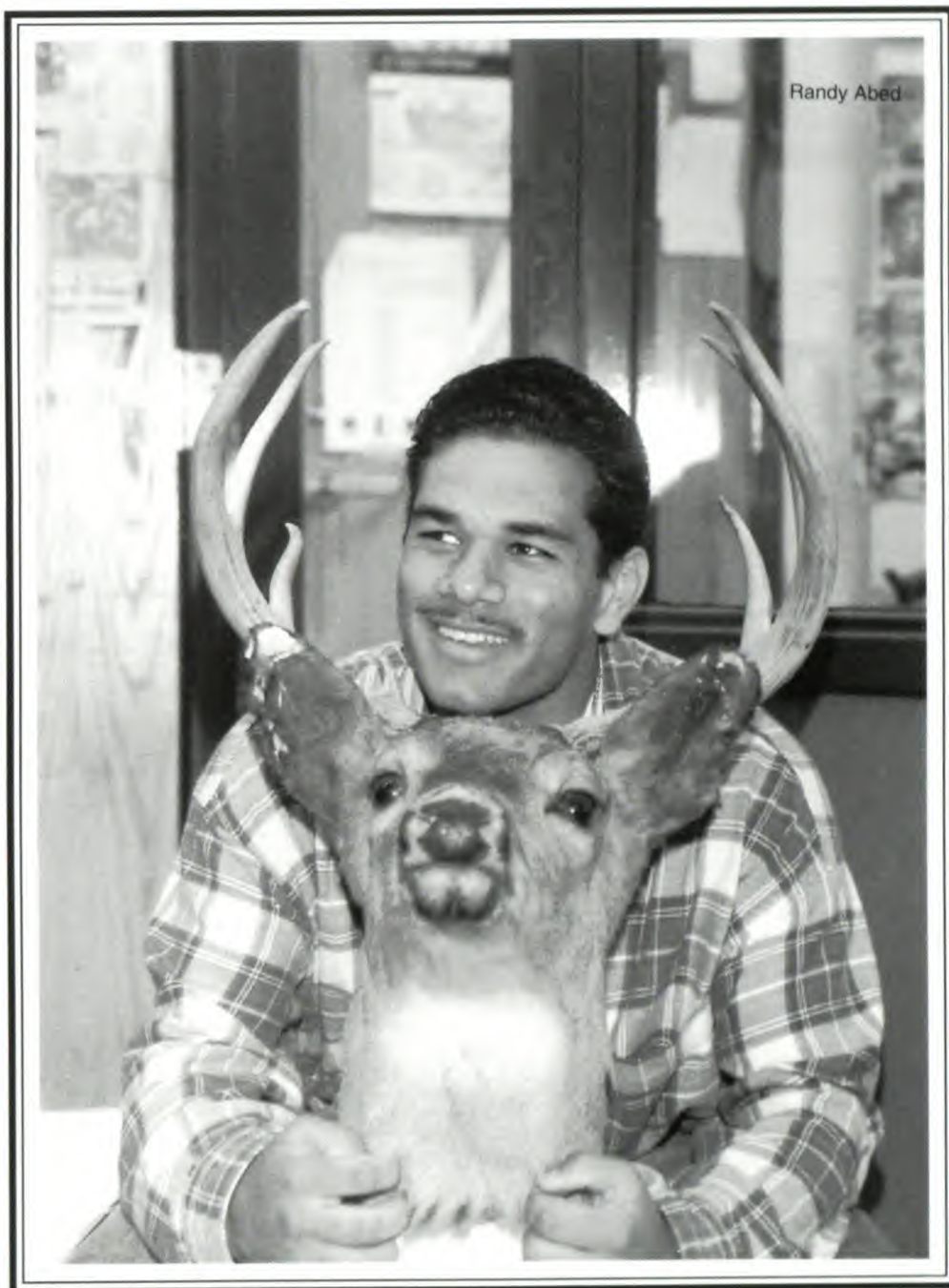


**AMANDA ANNOS**



**JESSICA AMBIO**

We soiled on together, we drifted apart, now here you are by my side, so now I come to you with open arms.







**VIVEK AJVALIA**

The best way out of trouble is through it.  
— Anonymous



**KRISHNA AJVALIA**

The calmer we are and the less disturbed our nerves, the more shall we love and the better will our work be.

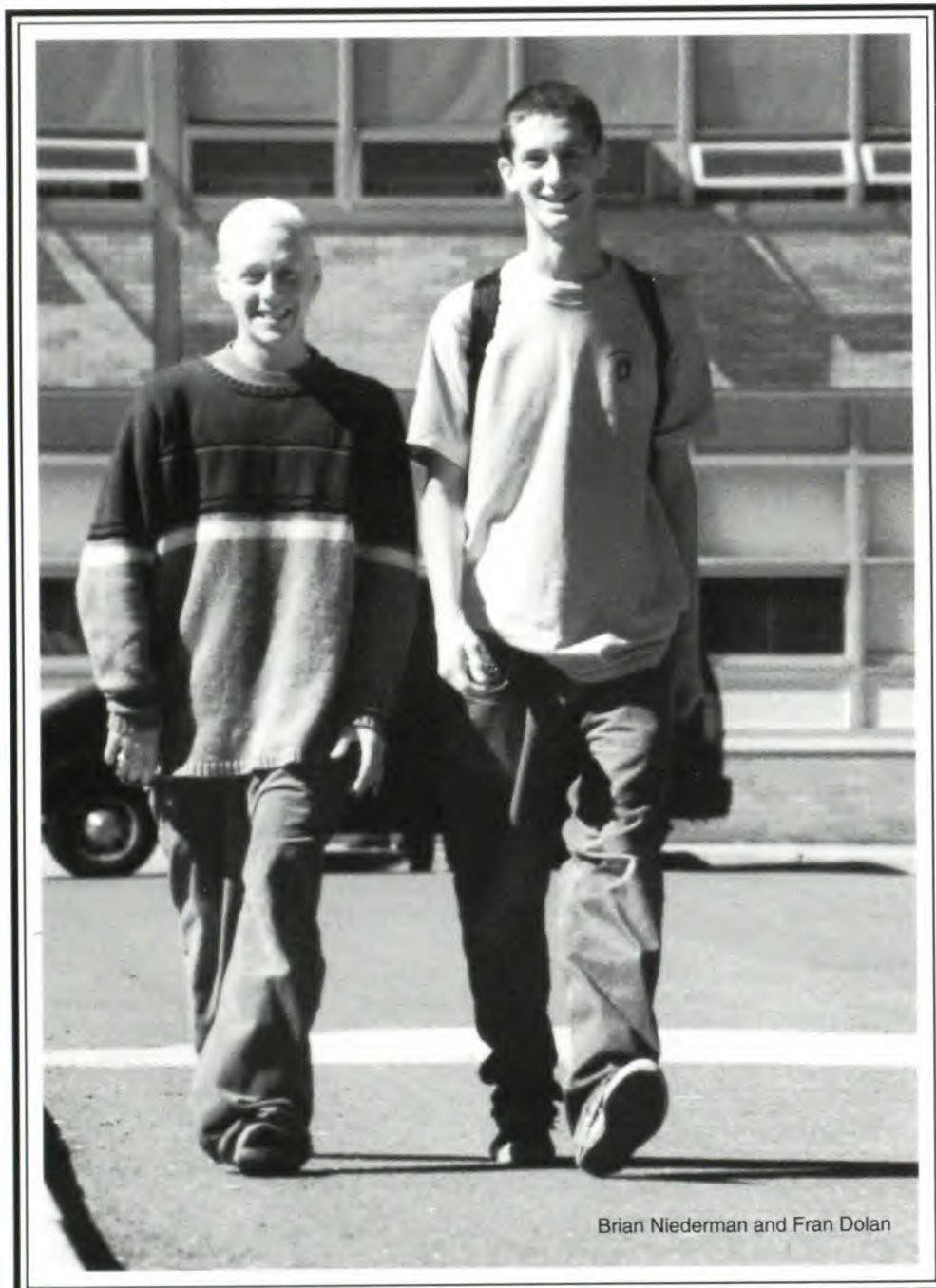
— S. Vivekananda



**AJOKE ADESANYA**

Just listen to the teacher, I know it sounds sordid, but you'll be rewarded when at last I'm given my dues!

— Lion King



Brian Niederman and Fran Dolan



**PETER ACEVEDO**

Victory at all costs, victory in spite of terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.

— Winston Churchill

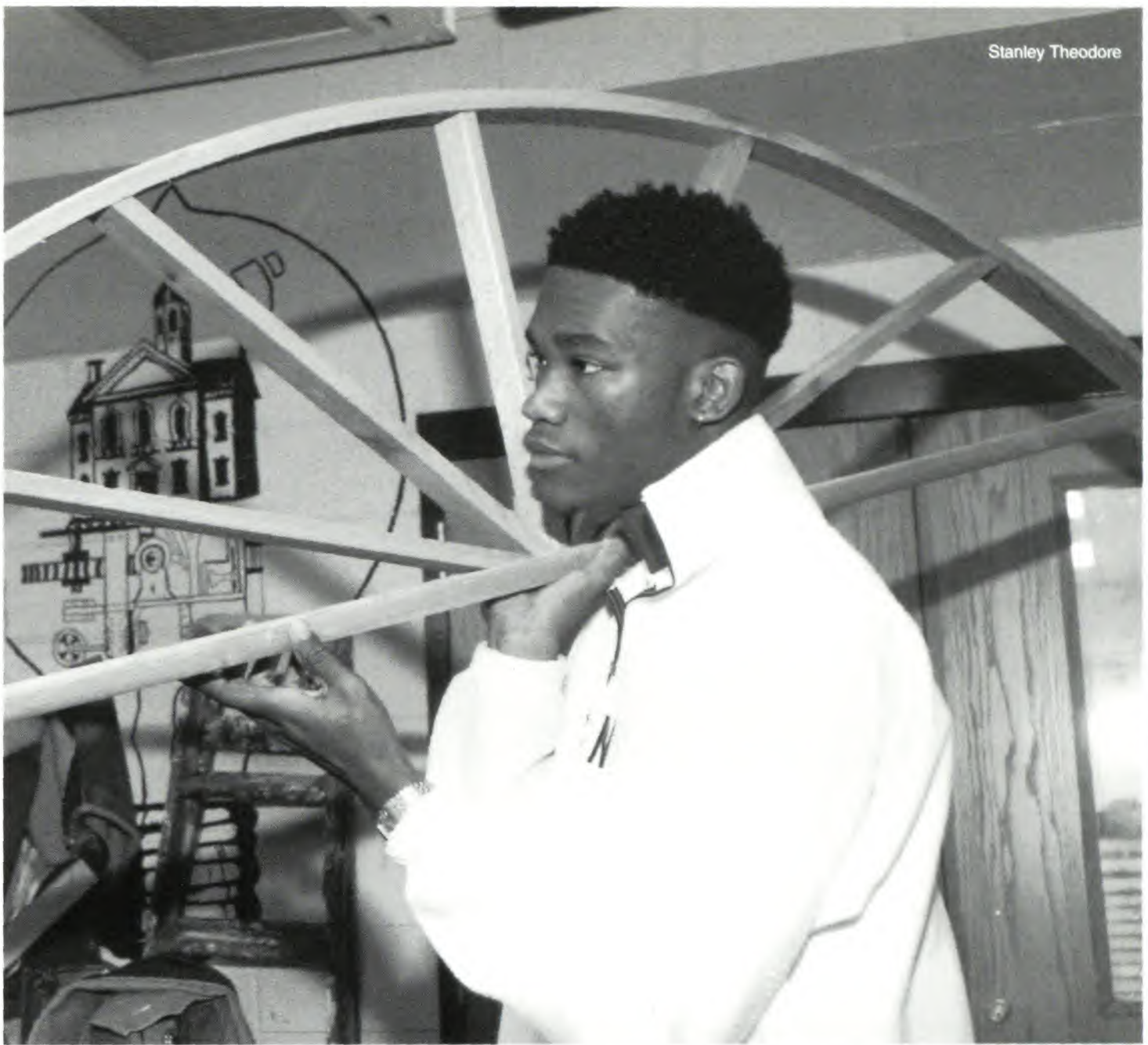


**KARIN ABRAHAMIAN**

Human life is but a series of footnotes to a vast obscure unfinished masterpiece.

— Vladimir Nabokov





**RANDY ABED**

The world is a better place because of me!  
— Anonymous



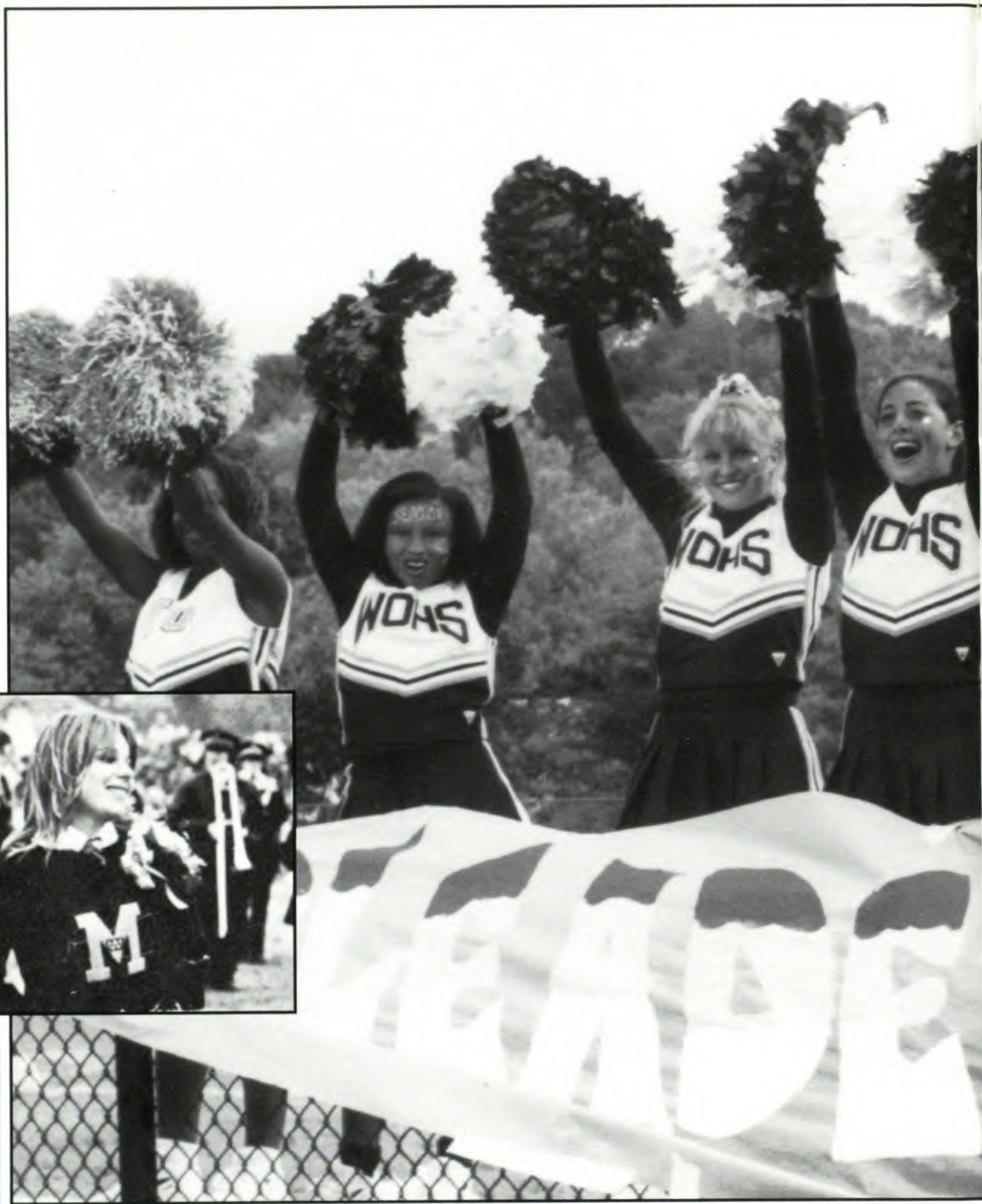
**RAMSEY ABDALLAH**

When I look in your eyes I see success, courage,  
happiness, and most important I see my reflection  
and boy do I look good!

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

Ricardo Villalba  
Johny Perez  
Zeenat Pereira  
Urvil Patel  
Michael Parker  
Emanuel Marques  
Jeffrey Jean  
Max Howard  
Andrea Etcheverry  
Karla Bateman  
Kwest Bagot  
Michael Anderson







*The biggest change from 1979 to 1997 was the increased respect for cheerleaders as athletes.*

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In 1979, the Group II West Orange Cowboys competed in the Suburban Conference. Their major rivals were Verona, Caldwell, and New Providence. The Group III Mountain High School Rams, meanwhile, competed against Livingston, Columbia, and Randolph in the Iron Hills Conference. Both conferences were very strong, with several schools ranking in the Top 20 in the state in each of the 10 varsity sports. One of the more successful teams at WOHS was the football team coached by Ron Miller. Assisted by coaches Bill Lutkins and Robert Chanda, that squad amassed the highest victory total in 35 years. The major setback to the athletic program at WOHS that year was the death of legendary coach Matt Lombardi. One of the winningest schoolboy coaches in New Jersey history, Lombardi succumbed to leukemia at age 51. The most notable achievement on the sports scene at Mountain High School was a second place finish in a highly regarded conference in boys' soccer. Under the leadership of Coach Fred Sisbarro, the boys compiled the best record in Mountain's soccer history.

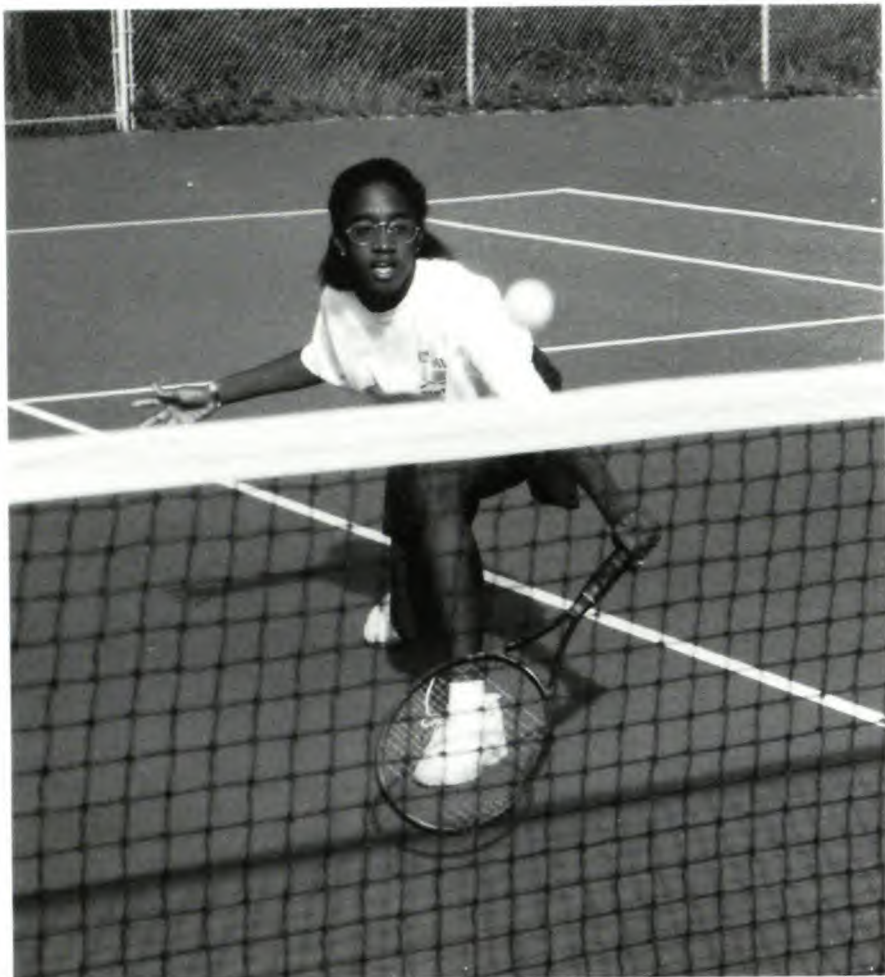
In 1997, the Group IV West Orange Mountaineers competed in the Northern Hills Conference, Skyline Division. In addition to local rivalries with Clifford Scott, Orange, and Millburn, the Mountaineers endured long bus rides to compete against inter-county opponents West Milford, Lakeland, and Wayne Valley. Our athletes benefited from having a full-time athletic trainer, Ozzie Diaz, a tireless athletic director, Mrs. Carol Kulik, and an expanded weight training facility for off-season conditioning. The Mountaineers, among the conference elite in boys basketball, cross-country, tennis, bowling, golf, and cheerleading, also provided their fans with an exciting football season. Coach Mike Pizzi's squad raced out to a 6-1 record before finishing at 6-3.

The declining enrollments in 1979 made it tough for the two separate high schools to field competitive teams. With an enrollment of over 1,400, the Mountaineers were able to position themselves at the top of the conference standings in several sports. How's that for **THE FLIP SIDE**?

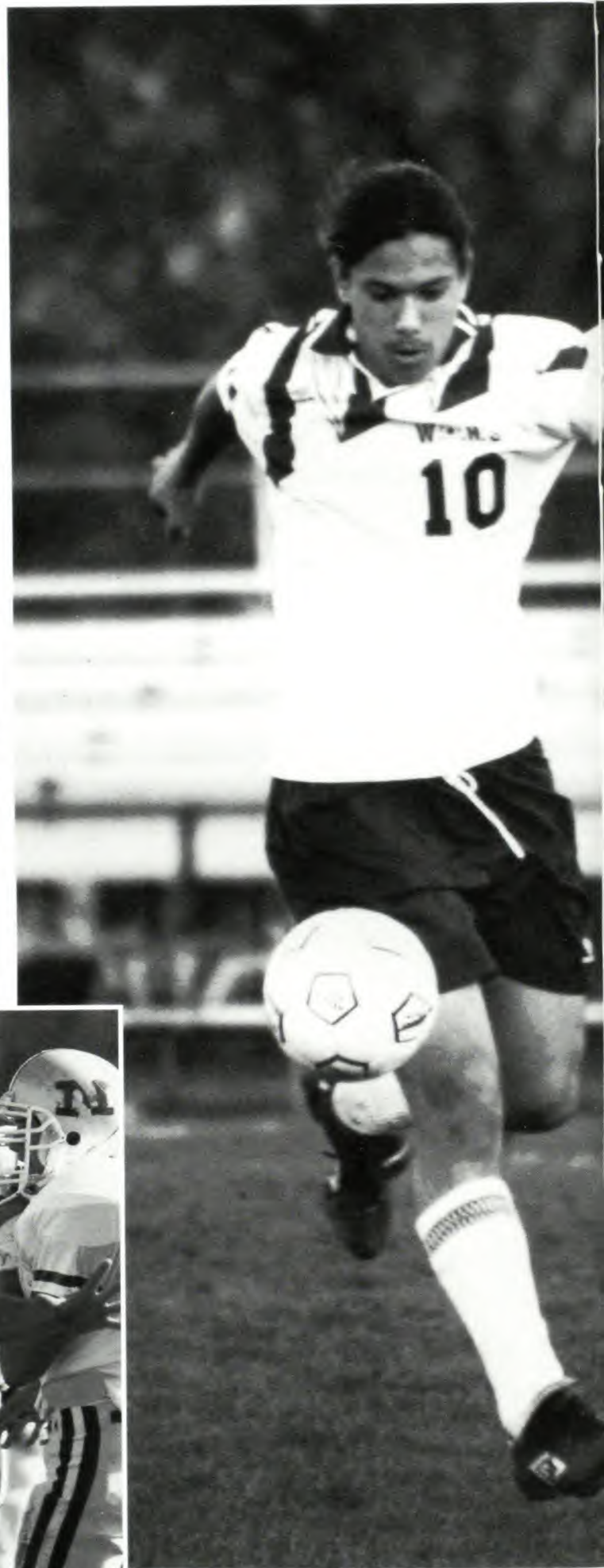
SPORTS



Tucker victorious,  
boosts West Orange



Kapich  
W. Orange



Wilkinson carries  
W. Orange to victory





propels  
soccer



McCormack's two  
goals lift W.O.



W.O. harriers race  
out to a quick start



# Fall Sports



# Senior Stars Produce Solid Soccer Season

Although the soccer team's performance did not live up to the players' expectations, they still managed to post a solid 10-6-3 record. Led by co-captains Richard Schapiro and Sean Farrell, the squad demonstrated a great attitude and solid work ethic, game after game. Coach Fred Sisbarro noted, the co-captains "led by example all season."

Despite tough losses to Irvington, in the county tournament, and Clifford Scott, the squad nevertheless played some memorable games. Probably the most exciting of these contests was their 3-3 tie against Nutley. After playing 62 minutes of intense, hard-fought, yet scoreless soccer, both teams rallied late in the game. After a late 15 minute flurry of back and forth scoring, West Orange found itself down 3-2. Finally, in the 77th minute, West Orange knotted the score on a penalty shot. This goal allowed West Orange to retain the Friendship Cup Trophy.

Along with Schapiro and Farrell, the team was led by forward Sergio Kap-

ich and defender Bryan Robertshaw. Schapiro, a first team all-area and all-county selection, acted as the focal point of the team. He was the quintessential team player, dishing out 18 assists. He was also a stellar ballhandler. Sisbarro asserted, "Rich just got better and better every year he was in our program." The defense was led by the 1-2 combination of Farrell and Robertshaw, first and second team all-area selections respectively. It was Farrell's tenacity, along with Robertshaw's consistency, that gave the defense the reputation of being one of the best in the conference. Leading the offensive attack was Kapich, a first team all-area pick, who led the team in scoring with 14 goals. He also added ten assists and came up big in a number of West Orange victories.

In an up and down season, which never saw the team establish any rhythm, there were no team conflicts. Sisbarro observed, "The biggest improvement the team made this season was learning to play as a cohesive unit, instead of playing as individuals."



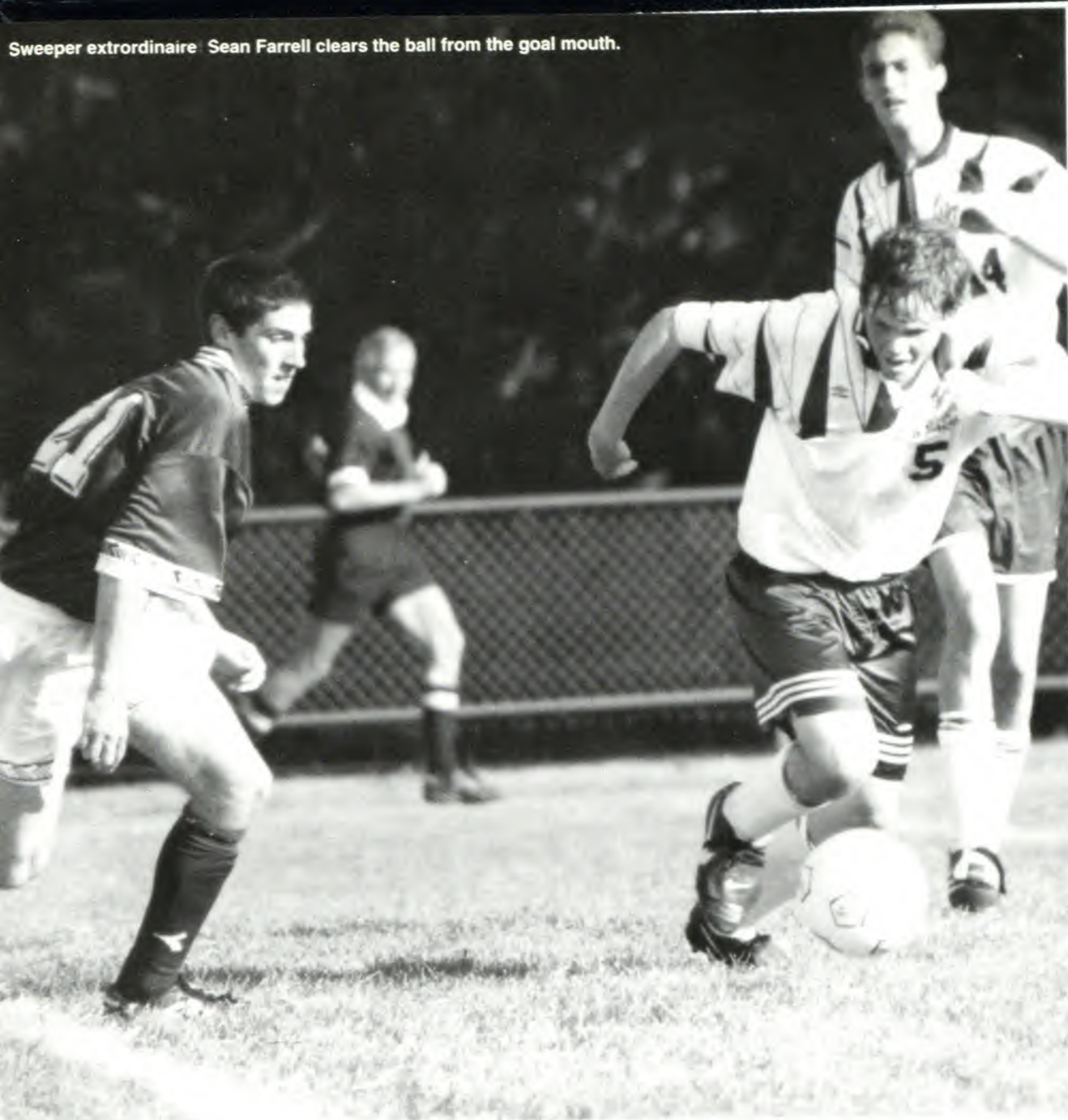
Aggressive tackling was a trademark of Bryan Robertshaw.



Defenders tried everything, including holding, to try to stop midfielder Rich Schapiro. Schapiro was a four-year starter and a conference and county all-star.



Sweeper extraordinaire Sean Farrell clears the ball from the goal mouth.



## BOYS SOCCER

## SIDELINES



*Coaching allows me to deal with students in a unique situation.*

— Coach Sisbarro



*Soccer provides a form for my self-expression.*

— Rich Schapiro



*I decided to play soccer to challenge myself and have fun.*

— Dave Ehrlich



*Soccer is an activity that keeps me out of trouble.*

— Sean Farrell



# Strong Finish Follows Adjustment To New Coach

Very often in sports, a slow start can disillusion a squad for the remainder of the season. For the girls soccer team, their slow start only further motivated them. It was this motivation that led the Lady Mountaineers to rebound, and finish with a respectable 6-9-3 record.

Much of this late season success was due in part to the eventual adjustment to first-year Coach Greg Marchesi, a teacher at St. Cloud Elementary School, and a former boys soccer coach at Ranney Prep, who brought many techniques and tactics to the girls team. "These strategies took some getting used to," noted the coach, "but once the kids got our system down pat and they understood what we were trying to achieve on the field, then the good results began to flow."

These late-season results were no more evident than in their first Essex County Tournament game against Mount St. Dominic. Following a team dinner the night before, the girls played an intense contest, and in the end, upset a highly regarded squad, 4-1. Even in a quarter final loss against Columbia, the premier team in the area, West Orange still managed to demonstrate both their

heart and desire. Another impressive game for the Mountaineers, was their 2-2 tie against Wayne Valley, the eventual Passaic County Champions.

Although the entire squad showed tremendous improvement, it was the seniors who persevered and finally got the season turned around. Game after game it was the seniors who showed their leadership. Marchesi could always count on the veteran players like center-halfbacks Lauren Rowand and Megan McCormack, forward Alexis Vena, full-backs Kelly Skeffington and Mandi Krimmel, midfielders Sharon Chinthra-jah and Katie Graham, and first team all-area sweeper Genevieve Zaragoza.

Not even a slow start could get the girls soccer team's morale down. They practiced and played hard. Even though the girls could not fully appreciate the fruits of their labor until the end of the season, they were nevertheless very pleased with the results. Coach Marchesi was pleased as well. "Sure, we struggled in the beginning, but I was quite pleased with what we were able to do down the stretch. I think this group laid down a good foundation for the future of girls soccer at WOHS."



Sweeper Genevieve Zaragoza clears the ball.



Two-year captain Megan McCormack dribbles past a Millburn defender.



Forward Alexis Vena beats a defender to the ball.  
A co-captain, Vena led the team in scoring.



## GIRLS SOCCER

## SIDELINES



*I enjoy teaching  
fundamental skills  
and strategies.*  
— Coach Marchesi



*The greatest aspect  
of soccer is the  
rush after scoring a  
goal.*  
— Katie Graham



*I decided to play  
soccer for the ex-  
citement of the  
sport.*  
— Mandi Krimmel



*Soccer lets me ex-  
press myself and  
be creative.*  
— Lauren Rowand



# Talented Trio Take Runners to Near Perfection

The strength of the 1996 edition of the boys cross country squad can be characterized by one word, depth. After putting together an unblemished 17-0 record in 1995, the boys were able to provide an almost perfect encore, finishing at 16-1 in '96.

The nucleus of the team, the three senior captains, Sam Gruen, Gian Torretti, and Seth Weisel, led the way, literally, with all three finishing first for the team in at least one race. "We had all been running together for such a long time, and we knew each other's running habits so well, that we knew when one of us would have to step up for another," explained Torretti. Torretti and Gruen placed eighth and 10th respectively in the conference championships. The team concluded an outstanding season by placing sixth at the Section 2, Group 4, State Sectional.

Their remarkable performance was a result of a team effort, according to veteran coach Joseph Suriano. "I have to give a great deal of credit to the group we had this year. We were so tough because of our great depth. In

any given race, one of a number of kids came through for us," noted Suriano.

The girls squad was also able to put together a respectable campaign. With few experienced runners, the team was still able to post a 6-9 slate, with two losses coming by three points. Following the leadership of seniors Luanne Centrella and Suzy Tucker, the team demonstrated hard work and desire, week after week. Other keys for the girls harrier squad this year were juniors Laura Neilan and Jackie Anokute, and sophomore Shaphaly Pandey.

The strides that the runners were able to make were quite evident, with some runners bettering their times by two or three minutes. "Our runners were determined and competitive. At practices and meets, the seniors took charge and set the tone," asserted Suriano. That hard work proved to pay off as 43 of 48 runners posted their best time in the last meet of the season. "It was great to see how all these kids improved week after week," commented Coach Suriano.



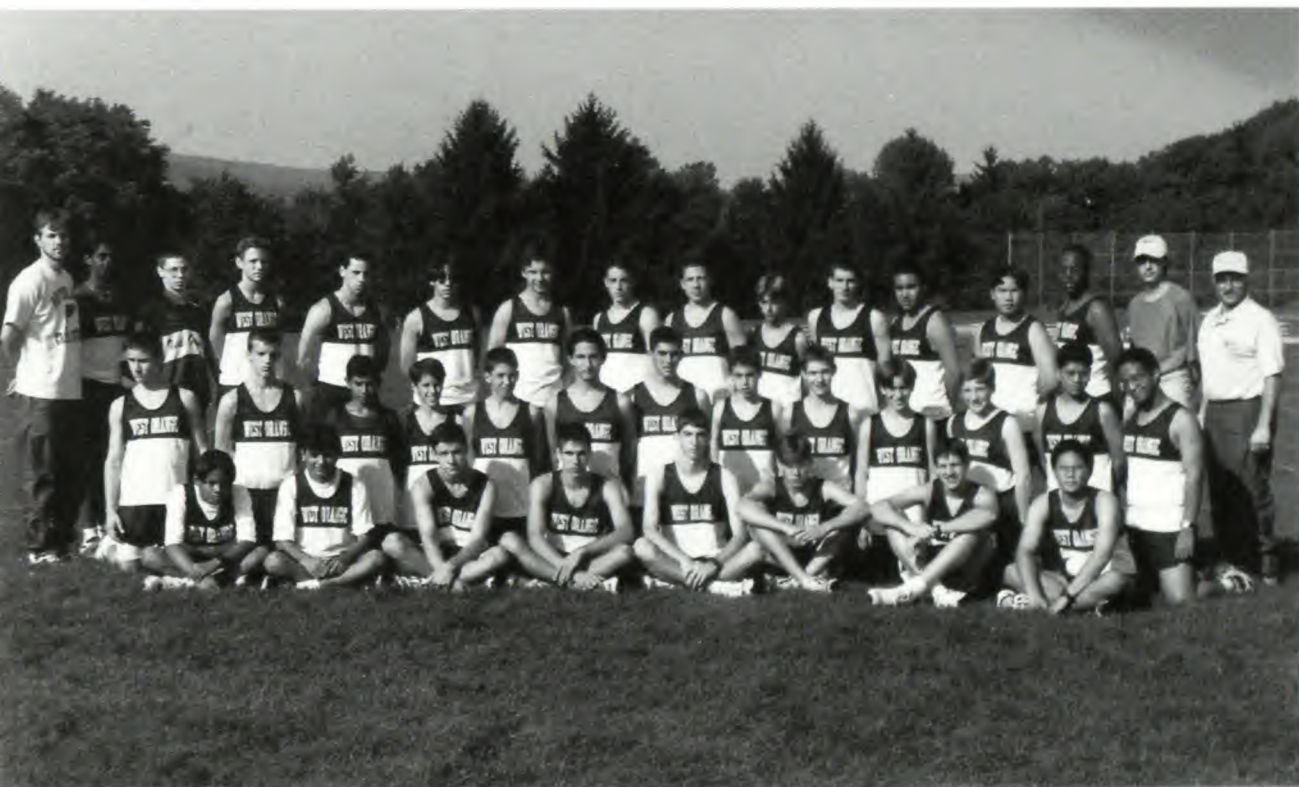
Katie VanNatten prepares to overtake her competition.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



In Full Stride, Tri-Captain Seth Weise closes in on another win.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SIDELINES



*Cross country runners possess tremendous self-discipline.*  
— Coach Suriano



*The greatest aspect of running is the challenging competition.*  
— Sam Gruen



*I decided to run so I could experience the feeling of victory.*  
— Gian Torretti



*Running enabled me to set goals and accomplish them.*  
— George Yonitch



# A View From The Top Tennis Team 'Threepeats'

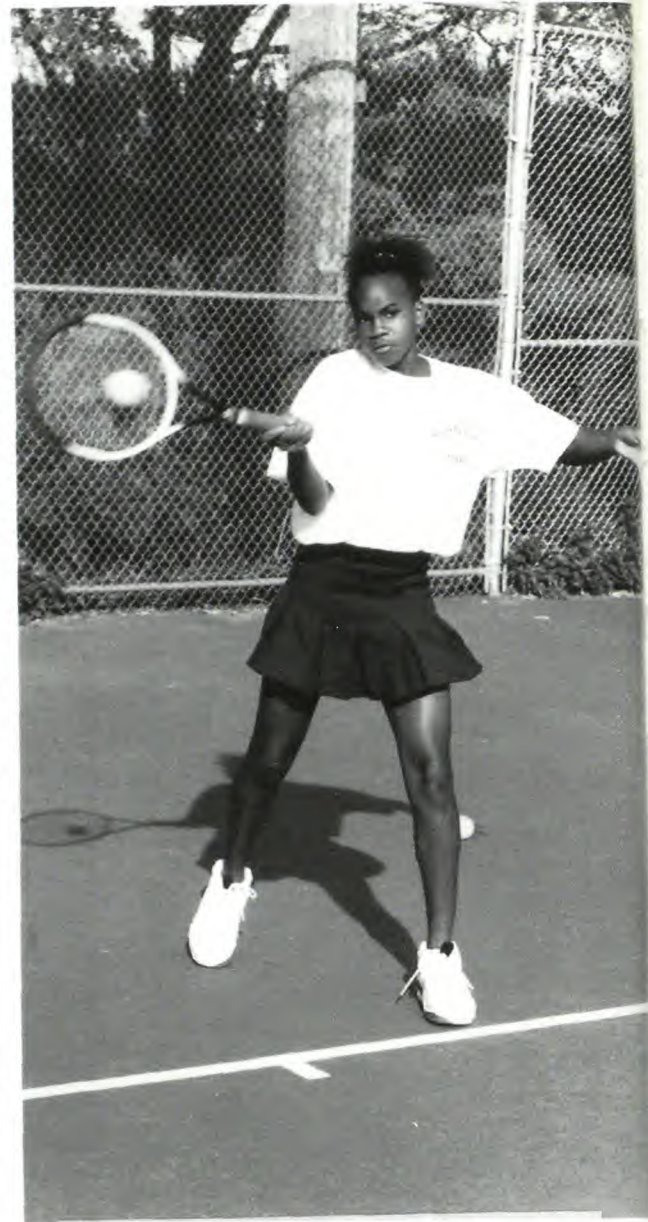
Consistency is the trademark of greatness in any sport. After attaining conference championships in both 1994 and 1995, the West Orange girls tennis team was on its way to being considered a consistently great program. However, it was after the 1996 season that the squad truly reached their plateau. Led by Coach Cindy Reuter, the team won its third consecutive conference championship, and ended with an impressive 15-8 record.

The team was led by senior captain Ara Tucker at second singles, the first doubles tandem of Karen Ayres and Diona White, and freshman sensation Bianca Browne. Tucker started slowly due to an injury, but recovered nicely as the season progressed and finished with a 10-9 mark. The four-year starter was a second team all-conference selection, who acted as the off-court leader throughout the season and managed to get the squad fired up for many of its big matches. Ayres, a senior, and White a junior, were superb all season at first doubles. They finished with a 15-7 record and were awarded first team all-conference and all-area recognition. Their dedication to work-

ing hard in practice paid off dramatically with a victory in a three set match against Millburn. Browne, only a ninth grader, started at first singles. She finished with a 16-6 record, and was recognized by the **West Orange Chronicle** as the area's top performer.

Although the season was filled with many great performances, none were more significant than the victories over Montville and West Milford, both considered powerhouses in the conference. Against Montville, the Lady Mountaineers dominated the match and were victorious 4-1. Their second big match against West Milford was even more impressive. In a match which came down to the final set, the gutsy Mountaineers prevailed. Their 3-2 victory clinched the conference championship.

This year's squad measured its phenomenal success in more ways than just the wins and losses. Tucker stated, "My four years on the tennis team not only gave me discipline, they gave me a sense of what it means to be part of a team." Part of a consistently excellent team that made history, one might add.



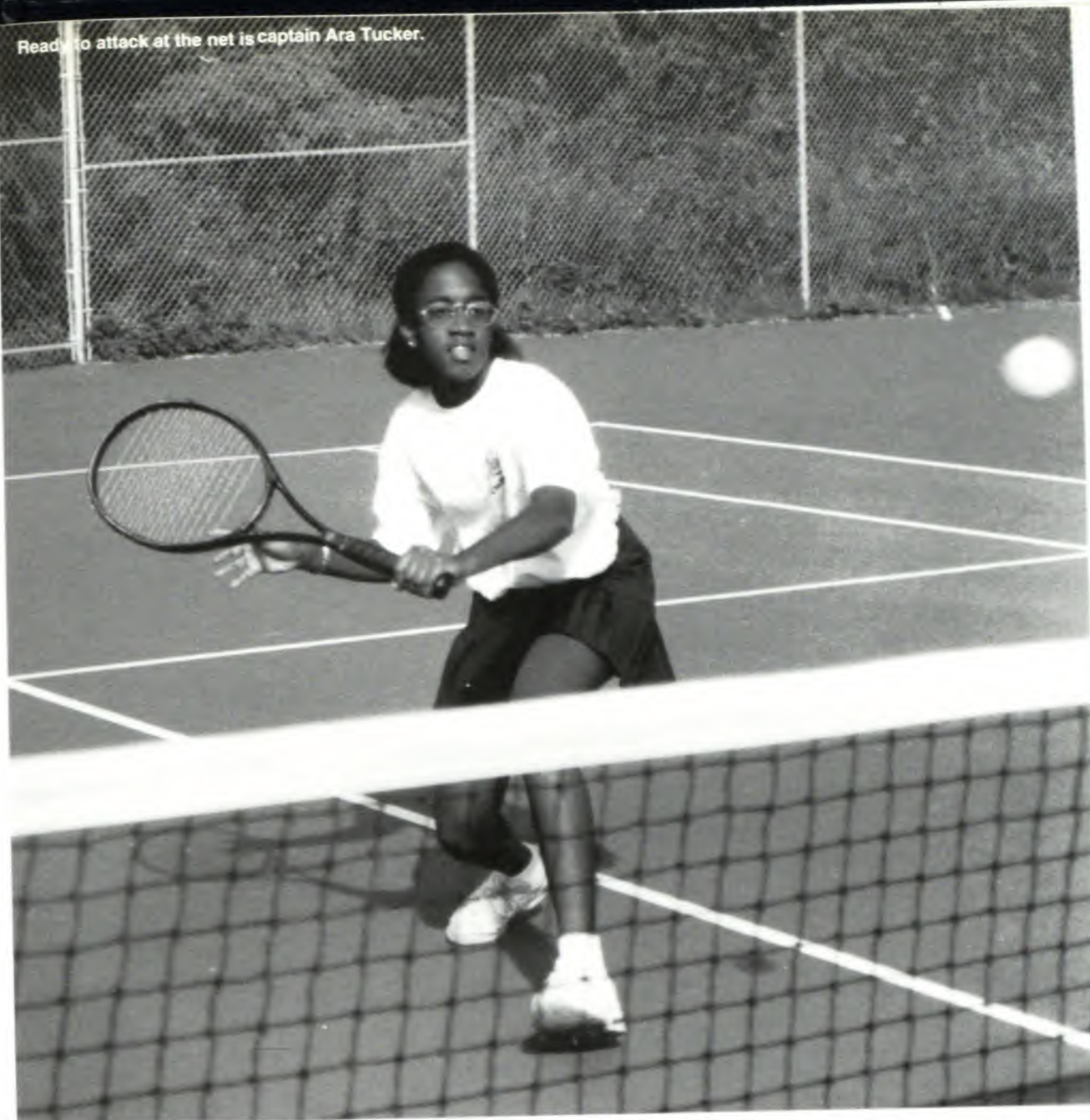
Working on her follow-through is Heidi Nguyen.



One of the major strengths of the team was the stellar doubles play of Karen Ayres and Diona White.



Ready to attack at the net is captain Ara Tucker.



## SIDELINES



*I enjoy coaching because it is exciting to see improvement.*

— Coach Reuter



*The greatest part of the season was snacks on the bus.*

— Ara Tucker



*I decided to play tennis to enjoy a team and individual sport.*

— Karen Ayres



*The encouragement of the tennis team helps me to succeed.*

— Heidi Nguyen



## GIRLS TENNIS



# Confidence Carries Gridders Through Exciting Football Campaign

The Mountaineers brought two generally divergent aspects to the gridiron this season, hard work and fun. While combining the two, they were able to rack up a solid 6-3 slate for Coach Mike Pizzi. Each loss came against an opponent which qualified for the state play-offs. Led by co-captains Jimmy Wilkinson and Joe Viturello, the squad provided their fans with exciting action every Saturday.

Getting off to a 3-0 start, they developed a confidence that carried them throughout the season. The seeds of this confidence were planted during the second week of the season. Playing a tough game on the road at West Milford, the Mountaineers found themselves down by a touchdown. Junior Bryan Marchewka reached paydirt on a 65-yard punt return. Once West Orange got the ball back, Wilkinson plunged over from the one, giving West Orange the 14-10 lead, and the victory.

Another big win for the Mountaineers came against Millburn at Schools Stadium. After losing to Millburn during the 1995 season, the Mountaineers dominated the action this time around. Millburn was held to only 64 yards rushing as senior linebacker Frank Cicarone had a superb game, coming up with 14 tackles. The offensive attack was led by

fullback Eugene Thornley, who gained 97 yards on 18 attempts in a 13-6 victory.

Even in defeat, the Mountaineers showed competitive spirit. In a home game against a Passaic Valley team that was ranked in the Top 10 and played in the Group 3 Final, the Mountaineers dominated the first half against the powerful Hornets before falling 35-20. The Mountaineers were led by tight end Viturello, who tallied two touchdowns in the first half. Until that loss, West Orange had been in contention for a Northern Hills Conference, Skyline Division Championship, and a berth in the Section 2, Group 4 state playoffs.

Linebacker Wilkinson and tackle Angel Aquino spearheaded a defense that was the strength of the team. This unit also received strong contributions from Cicarone, Dave Roselle, Mike McManus, and Kendall and Kenneth Rogers. On offense, quarterback Jake Valsele relied heavily on Thomas Reed, Keith Giorgio, Ikeef Jenkins and Randy Abed, in addition to Viturello and Thornley.

Coach Pizzi affirmed, "I was very proud of this team. They were a bunch of hard working, hard hitting kids. They gave us their all. Our seniors were key to our success."

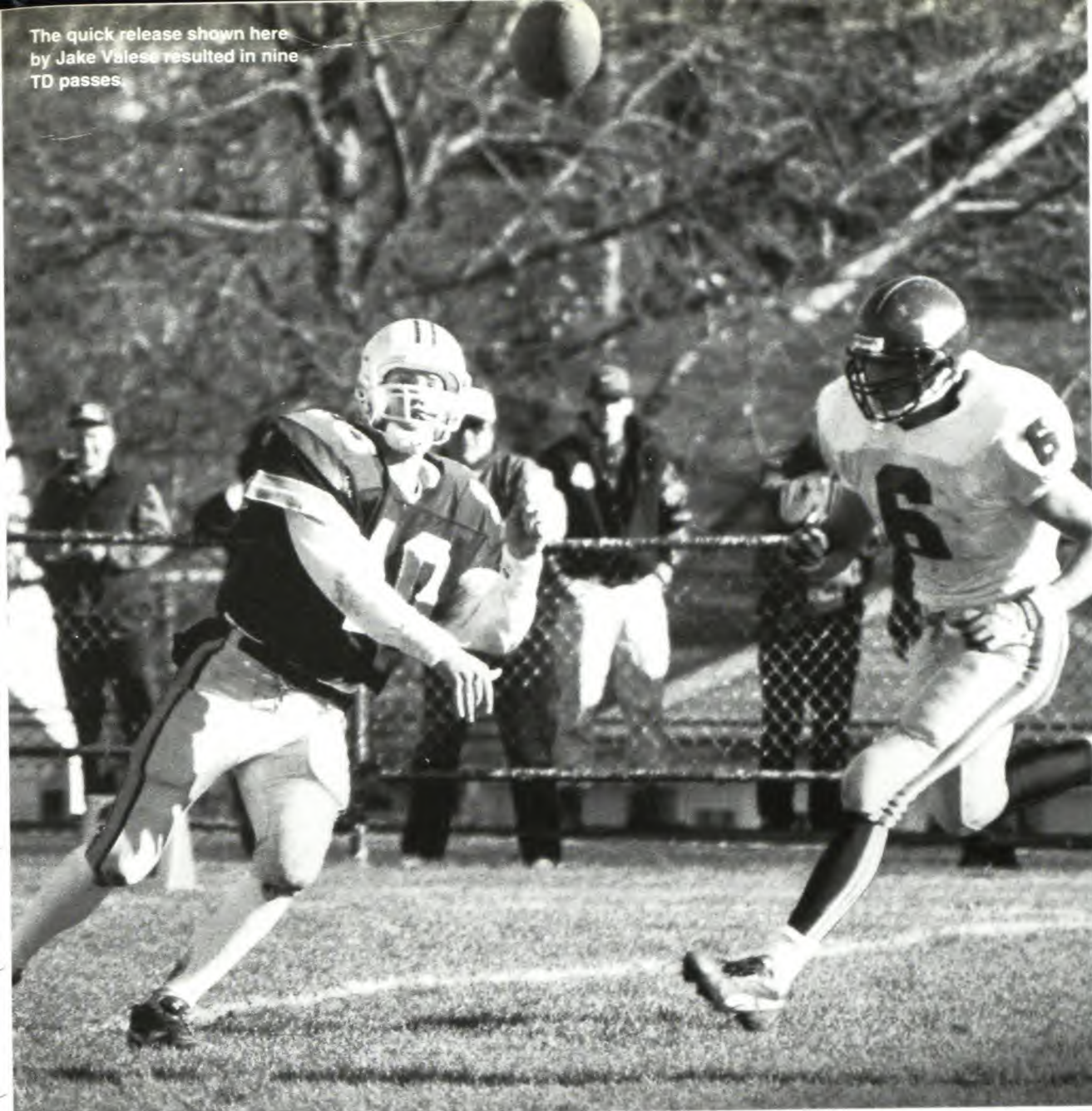


Leading rusher Eugene Thornley covers up as he hits the hole.

On his way to one of his seven touchdowns, Jimmy Wilkinson eludes a Delbarton defender.



The quick release shown here  
by Jake Valesc resulted in nine  
TD passes.



## SIDELINES



*Football requires  
work ethic, team-  
work, and commit-  
ment.*

— Coach Pizzi



*The greatest part of  
playing was when  
our team united and  
won.*

— Angel Aquino



*I decided to play  
football because I  
knew they do not  
make cuts.*

— Kenneth Rogers



*Football is impor-  
tant to me because  
of my love for the  
game.*

— David Roselle



## FOOTBALL



Vala valiant in goal  
for WO hockey



Kindel surpasses



Sims soars in  
State Sectional





1000 points



Goldstein clocks  
personal best



Roche registers  
record toss



# Winter Sports



# Hoopsters Fueled By Love of the Game

After losing five seniors to graduation, it was anyone's guess how this year's boys basketball team would respond. Following two setbacks to begin the campaign, the squad adjusted nicely and finished with a solid 13-10 record and a state tournament appearance.

According to fourth-year coach Michael Fess, this year's club "had players who enjoyed basketball and enjoyed competition. They never quit and gave an honest effort each time out." It was this "honest effort" which characterized the team throughout the course of the season. It proved no more apparent than in the squad's state tournament victory over Barringer. Going up against the seventh-ranked team in the county, the Mountaineers were seemingly overmatched. Nevertheless, they came ready to play. The Mountaineers kept it close throughout the first half and then broke it open in the third quarter behind the defensive tenacity and offensive prowess of senior co-captain Brandon Minde and junior Sean Devore. This duo led a balanced attack in a 69-55 victory.

Two other highlights of the season included the Mountaineers fourth straight Holiday Tournament title and a Senior

Night win over a talented West Side squad. In the tournament, Minde was on target against Livingston and Nutley and walked off with MVP honors.

According to Fess, "The seniors on the team showed leadership both verbally and by example. Their preparation and readiness for each game set a good example for our younger players." Leading the team were seniors Jamie Sims, Angel Aquino, and Minde. Minde led the team in scoring with a 16 points per game average. He was the quintessential team player who came to play every night. Sims, a co-captain, led the team in rebounding with an 8.1 per game average and registered double digits in the scoring department on many occasions. Aquino was a force defensively and was an intimidating figure in the middle. Senior Nick Rizzolo and juniors Steve Katz and Devore also played major roles this winter on the squad. Rizzolo's season was severely hampered by a preseason injury.

Some teams get flustered by a slow start. For the Mountaineers, their slow start only fueled their desire. According to Fess, "As the season progressed, the team improved its shot selection and understanding of each player's role within the team concept."



Jamie Sims shields the ball from a Passaic Valley defender.



Putting back a rebound against Millburn is the rugged Angel Aquino.





"Mr. Hustle" Brandon Minde takes flight.



*I enjoy coaching because I like to get advice from Coach Ehrlich.*

— Coach Fess



*The greatest aspect of basketball is creating havoc across the land.*

— Brandon Minde



*I decided to play basketball because I love the game and the excitement.*

— Jamie Sims



*Basketball is important to me because of the comraderies I've developed.*

— Nick Rizzolo



## BOYS BASKETBALL



# Squad Spells Success

## In Record Number of Competitions

Teamwork, energy, and vision were the driving forces of the 1996-1997 W.O.H.S. varsity cheerleading squad. The season began in June of 1996 when the squad was selected to represent the North All-Stars in the annual North-South football game held at Rutgers Stadium. The girls' energy continued through the summer, with the title of Camp Champions awarded to them at the U.C.A. summer camp.

Under the leadership of coach Deborah Pratko, and tri-captains Thomasine Cardone, Vivian Lekkass, and Stacy Perlstein, the squad had a terrific year. Aided by the West Orange Mountaineer mascot, the girls led the fans in cheering their teams on to victory. After practicing for months, the squad was able to showcase a professionally choreographed dance at football and basketball games.

They started the competition season with two third place trophies and one second place finish in the Fifth Annual West Milford Competition. Their success continued with strong showings at both the Parsippany Holiday and Harrison Blue Tide Invitation Competitions. The highlight of their season

came in December with a victory in the cheer/dance category of the Northern NJ Conference Competition.

Coach Pratko attributed the success of this year's squad to their athleticism and positive attitude. "The seniors possessed an everlasting spirit which filtered down to their teammates as well as the other levels of the program," Pratko continued, "They led by example, instilling a strong sense of value, pride, and honor to our cheerleading program."

This attitude was shared by all 17 members of the squad. "This year's squad was different than in previous years because we all really wanted to achieve our goals," stated Jill Dunst. "As a result everyone worked hard and we were able to accomplish everything we set out to do. We were even able to organize the first-ever Winter Pep Rally."

Whether supporting one of the many athletic teams at W.O.H.S., leading the student body at pep rallies, or representing West Orange in competition, the 1996-97 varsity cheerleaders were an integral part of the athletic program.



Stacy Perlstein celebrates after a touchdown.



The squad performs their original "Go Big Blue" cheer at the Harrison Invitational Competition.





CHEERLEADING



*Coaching has allowed me to develop special relationships.*

— Coach Pratkanis



*The greatest aspect of cheering is hearing the crowd's reaction at games.*

— Vivian Lekkas



*I decided to cheer because I enjoy throwing others in the air.*

— Thomasine Cardone



*Cheering is important to me because it has made my four years enjoyable.*



# Individual Standouts

## Medal at Every Meet

Individual standouts, combined with a solid program, proved to be the key to success for the 1997 indoor tracksters. Under the leadership of second year head coach Cathy Dean, the Mountaineers were able to return from every meet with a medal.

West Orange enjoyed a fine campaign this winter, thanks to a nucleus of consistent athletes. Seniors Seth Weisel, Ed Garcia, Marcus Washington, and tri-captain Kelly Roche all contributed stellar performances to the team. "The great thing about our squad this year was that it was a young team that was successful, not only individually, but as a whole," stated Roche.

Along with Roche, junior captains Brian Marchewka and Jackie Anokute ran daily practices and provided guidance and leadership during meets. They led the team to an outstanding showing at the Northern Hills Conference meet in early February. While Marchewka and Washington returned victorious, junior Rike Ojediran's performance highlighted the competition when she established a new meet rec-

ord in the shot put with a heave of 35 feet, 7 inches. Anokute and Garcia also came up with sterling efforts for the Mountaineers. "Performing well at the conference meet was definitely the highlight of the season," stated Coach Dean. "Each athlete gave their all, and we placed well as a team."

Another memorable moment during the season was the county meet at Seton Hall University. The boys placed seventh and the girls finished fifth at the prestigious competition. Senior standout Washington took the gold in the high jump with a leap of 6'6". Ojediran and Roche took first and second place, respectively. Marchewka placed third in the 55-meter high hurdles in this highly regarded meet.

With all times improving and a total of over 40 medals won, the Mountaineers proved to be a strong force by the end of the 1997 indoor track and field season. "The success of the indoor squad can be attributed to the hard work, determination, and competitive spirit displayed by each and every team member throughout the season," concluded Dean.



Edging ahead of his opponent is Seth Weisel.



With room to spare, Marcus Washington easily clears the bar in the high jump.



Determination is etched on Ed Garcia's face as he clears another hurdle.



## INDOOR TRACK

## SIDELINES



*I enjoy coaching because I love the sport and I want to share it.*

— Coach Dean



*The greatest aspect of running is learning your limits and breaking them.*

— Seth Weisel



*I decided to throw shotput because it was never available to me before.*

— Kelly Roche



*Track is important to me because it defines for me "going all out".*

— Ed Garcia



# Stability Eludes Senior Swimming Trio

With only three seniors to help lead the team and the third set of coaches in three years, the swim team had a rough season. However, their 3-9 record did not accurately portray exactly how hard this young team worked.

The daily practices, held under the supervision of first-year coaches Beth Dalzell and John Vogler, were held at the Orange YWCA. The swimmers began each session with a ten minute warm-up, followed by practicing various strokes to prepare them for the upcoming meets. When pool time was not available, the team compensated in other ways. They performed land drills while waiting for the bus and stretched while on the bus. The swimmers also worked with weights after practice. Senior co-captain Dena Goldstein remarked, "We did not get to spend a lot of time in the pool, but we tried to make the best of what little time in the water we did have."

Despite the lack of adequate practice time, the team, which consisted of only three seniors, was always prepared to compete. Coach Dalzell was proud of the team's efforts. "Some swimmers gave their heart

and soul. When we needed to, the team really pulled together."

With many swimmers who were new to the team, it was imperative that the returning seniors set the right example. It was four-year swimmers, and senior co-captains Katherine Willhoit and Goldstein, who along with senior Beth Shaferman, showed their leadership throughout the season. "We tried to help our younger teammates adapt to the competition and the pressure that goes along with swimming in meets," stated Willhoit.

The Essex County Championships, held annually at Seton Hall University, proved to be the most significant meet for four of the team's leading swimmers: junior Chris Drakeford placed third in the 200 IM, sophomore Keshawn Harris earned sixth in the 100 meter fly, and freshman Marc Navata took second in the 100 meter breaststroke. These three also combined with sophomore Khary Taylor to break the school's record in the 200 free relay.

The team was not looking for medals that day, they had less tangible goals in mind. Despite the relative youth of the team this season, several West Orange swimmers managed to make a big splash this winter.



Rising out of the water in the butterfly is Beth Shaferman.



Brian Dolce rips through the water in the freestyle.





The gracefulness of the backstroke is demonstrated by Dena Goldstein.



*I enjoy coaching because it gives me the opportunity to beat time.*

— Coach Dalzell



*The greatest aspect is competing as an individual and as a team.*

— Dena Goldstein



*I decided to swim because it allows me to constantly challenge myself.*

— Katherine Willhoit



*Swimming allows me to have fun with my friends and stay healthy too.*

— Beth Shaferman



## SWIMMING



# A Year of Firsts — County and District Winners

What do Passaic Valley, Millburn, North Bergen, and Kearny high schools have in common? They are all generally regarded as wrestling powers in North Jersey. In 1997, they all had something else in common. They were all defeated by a West Orange High School squad which finished with a 10-8 record, and placed several wrestlers in the districts and the regionals.

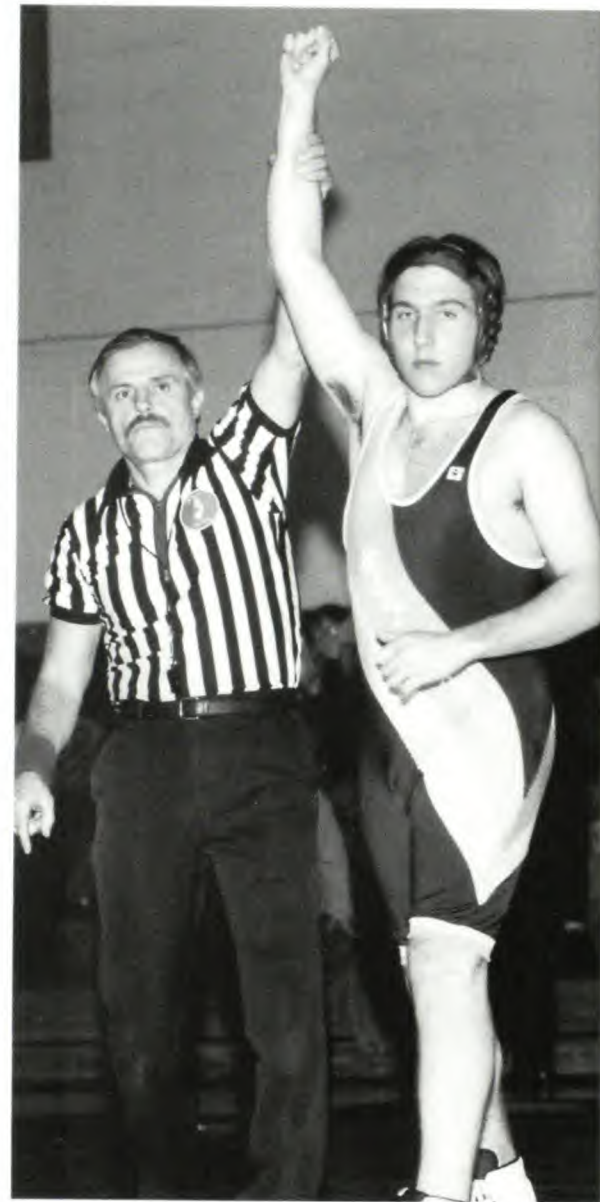
Coach Gene Emering guided the young and inexperienced Mountaineers to a third place finish in the 1997 District 13 competition. The squad was led all season long by senior Randy Abed, and fittingly the season was highlighted when Abed became only the second wrestler in school history to win the Essex County Tournament. He also had a fine showing at the districts. Wrestling at 152 pounds, he captured his second district championship. Also leading the way for the matmen was junior Jared Thompson, who won a title while wrestling at 125 pounds.

Four other wrestlers were also able to make it through the districts and earned a trip to the regions. Freshman Chris Carsillo and junior Frank LaManna

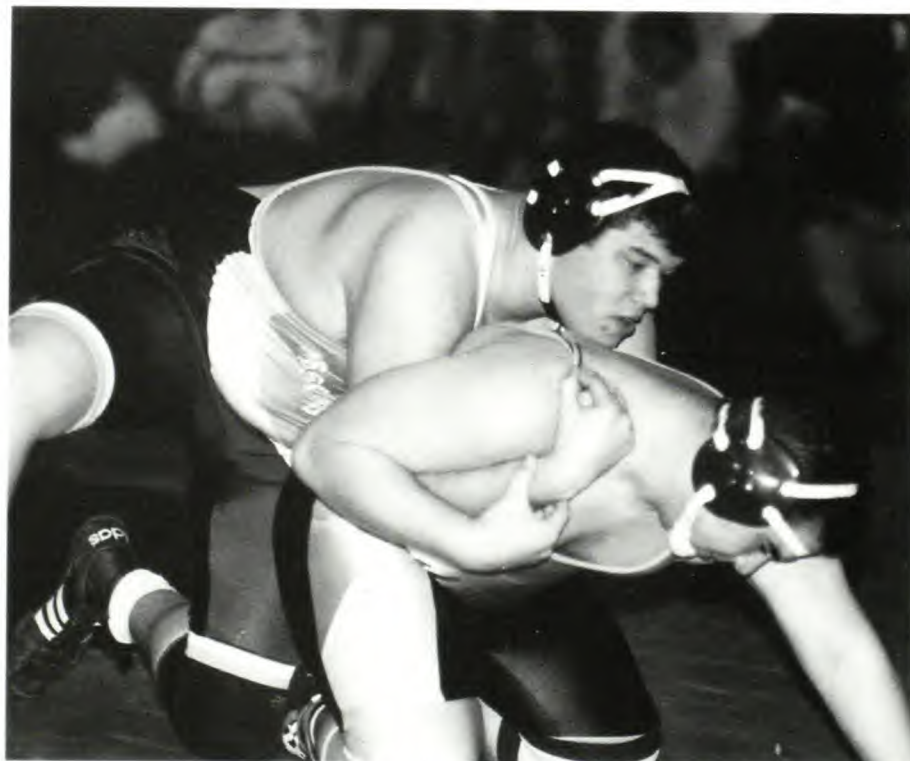
earned second place finishes in the districts, while wrestling at 103 and 189 respectively. Qualifying for the regions with third place finishes were sophomore Mike Selpe at 119, and senior Keith Giorgio in the heavyweight class.

The grapplers were able to string together a number of great victories. The team defeated a strong Passaic Valley squad for the first time in school history. Another big win for the team came in capturing the third annual "Mayor's Trophy" wrestling match against Seton Hall Prep. West Orange was led by wins from Carsillo, Thompson, Abed, and Giorgio. Seniors Dan O'Dea and Anthony D'Amore also played important roles in a number of West Orange victories.

Although there were several fine wrestlers, this year's team did not have captains. "Leadership by deed, not word, was an area that we continually addressed," expressed Emering. Judging by the number of victories and the post season tournament success that the Mountaineers enjoyed this season, that leadership was obviously enough to produce the first winning record in many years.



Anthony D'Amore sets up his opponent for a takedown.



Heavyweight Keith Giorgio gains full control.



## SIDELINES



*Coaching allows me to teach and model valuable traits.*

— Coach Emering



*The greatest aspect of wrestling is that it made a man out of me.*

— Randy Abed



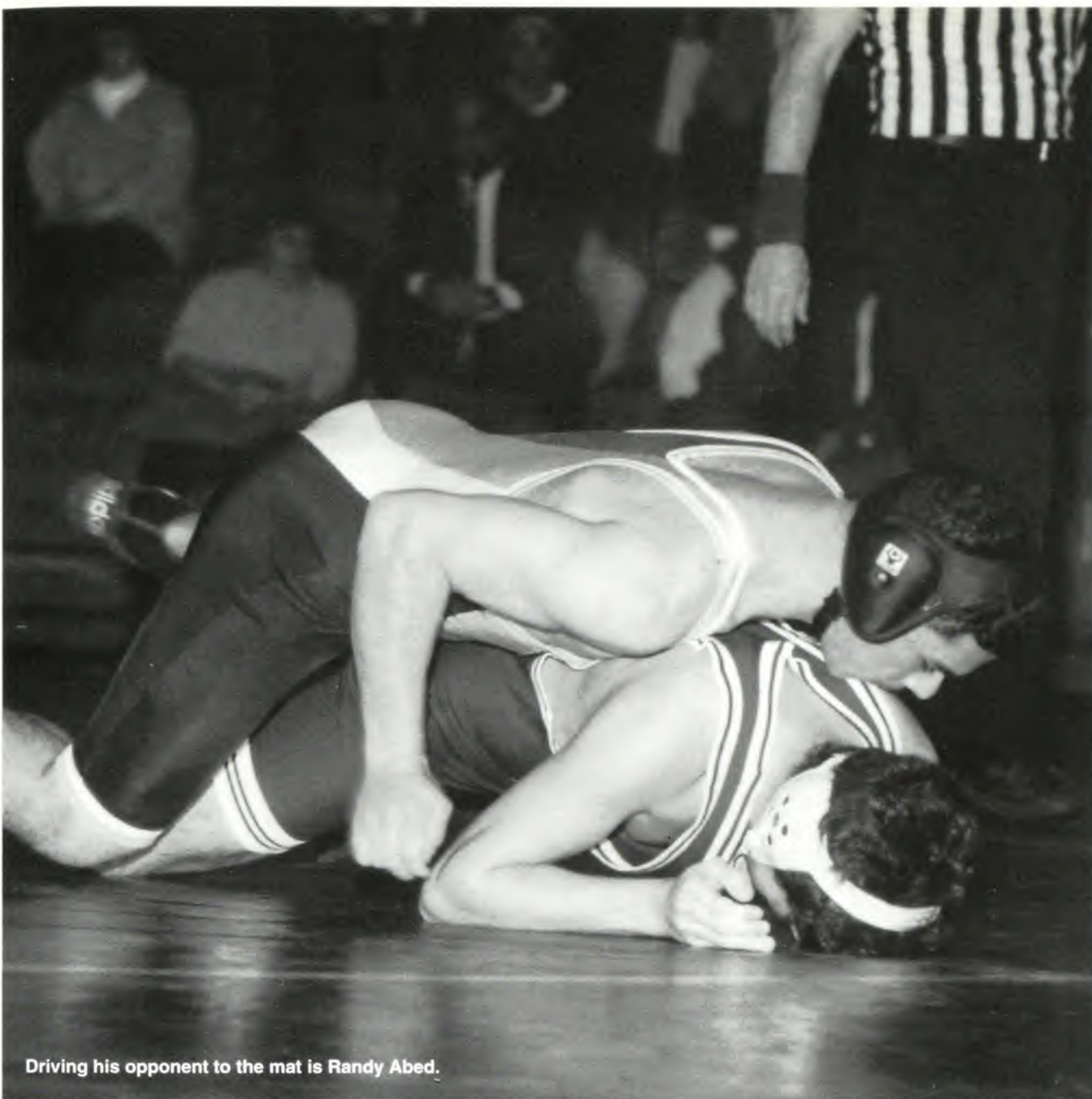
*I decided to wrestle to test my skills against other wrestlers.*

— Keith Giorgio



*Wrestling has taught me the true value of hard work.*

— Dan O'Dea



Driving his opponent to the mat is Randy Abed.



## WRESTLING



# Bowlers Roll On — Back to Back Titles

One of the toughest things to do in sports is to rebound after defeat. So, after the bowling team suffered a setback to Millburn, ending their 30 game winning streak, Coach Kevin Alvine could only wonder how the team would react. Twelve straight wins and a second consecutive Essex County Championship later, Coach Alvine got his answer.

This year, the squad was primarily led by seniors. Bryan Robertshaw, a four-year starter, was a key contributor to the team throughout the winter. "Bryan led by example all season long," claimed Alvine. For the second straight year, Robertshaw posted the highest average on the team. His 194 pins per game topped last year's average by two pins.

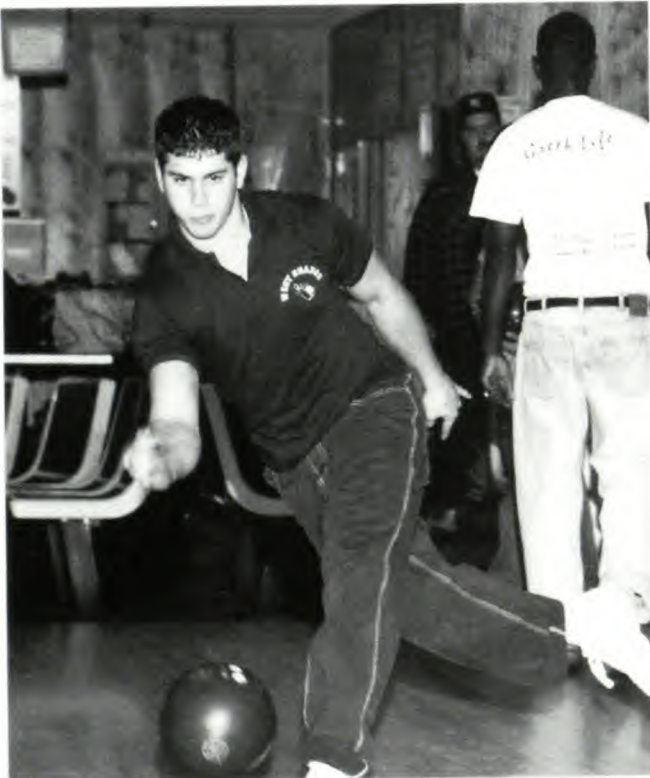
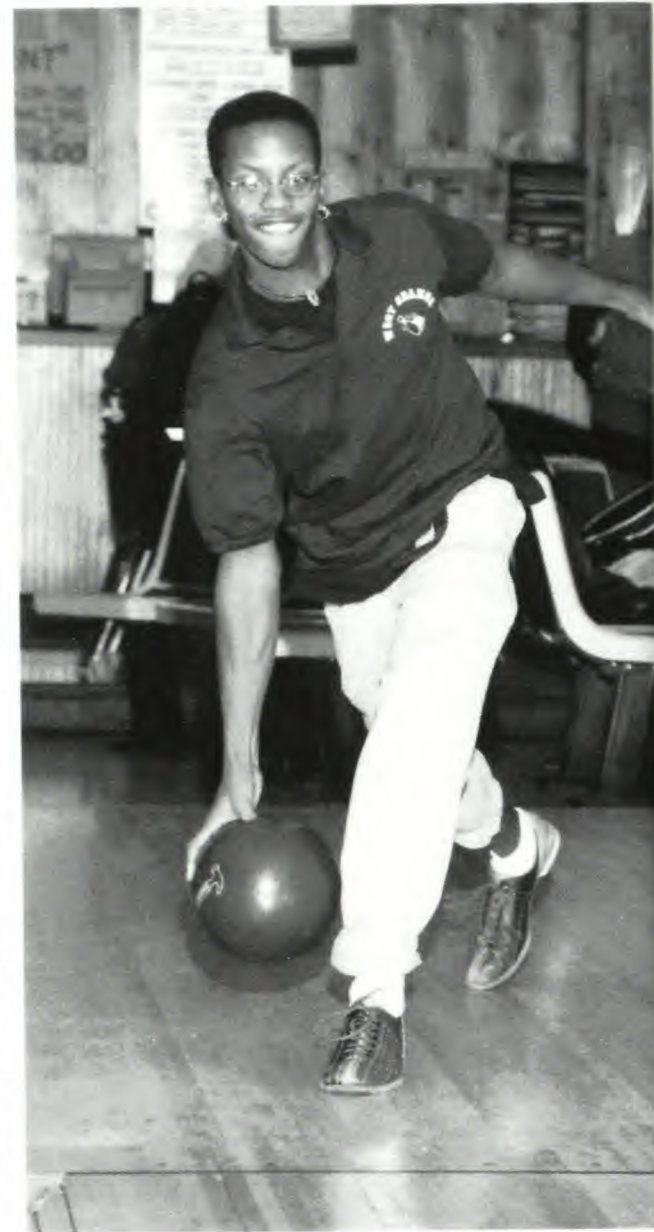
Seniors Jon Kennedy and Frank Cicarone, another four-year starter, also played large roles in the success of the squad. According to Alvine, "all three seniors did an outstanding job. They really stepped it up when the team needed them to." In addition to the three seniors, junior Joe Matullo also played a critical role in the success of

the team. Matullo finished second in average and had many clutch performances throughout the season.

It was in the Essex County Tournament that the team shined the most. In three games, the Mountaineers rolled no less than an 873 to outscore Nutley by 25 pins and win its second title. Kennedy, Robertshaw, Matullo, and James Castoro teamed up for West Orange, which accumulated 2,700 points to Nutley's 2,675.

The ultimate revenge for the West Orange bowlers came at the end of the season. They were able to defeat Millburn, avenging their lone loss of the season. "It was a perfect conclusion to the season," reflected Robertshaw.

The Mountaineers won their second consecutive conference and county championships. However, according to Alvine, the team would not have been so successful were they not, "a group of student athletes who really take bowling very seriously." Their mental approach was the key that enabled the bowlers to roll to victories throughout their near-perfect season.



Frank Cicarone follows through on the way to his high game.



Junior Joe Matullo congratulates Frank Cicarone on their ECT championship.





*I enjoy coaching bowling because it is a competitive, lifetime sport.*

— Coach Alvine



*The greatest aspect is watching all ten pins shutter before they fall down.*

— Bryan Robertshaw



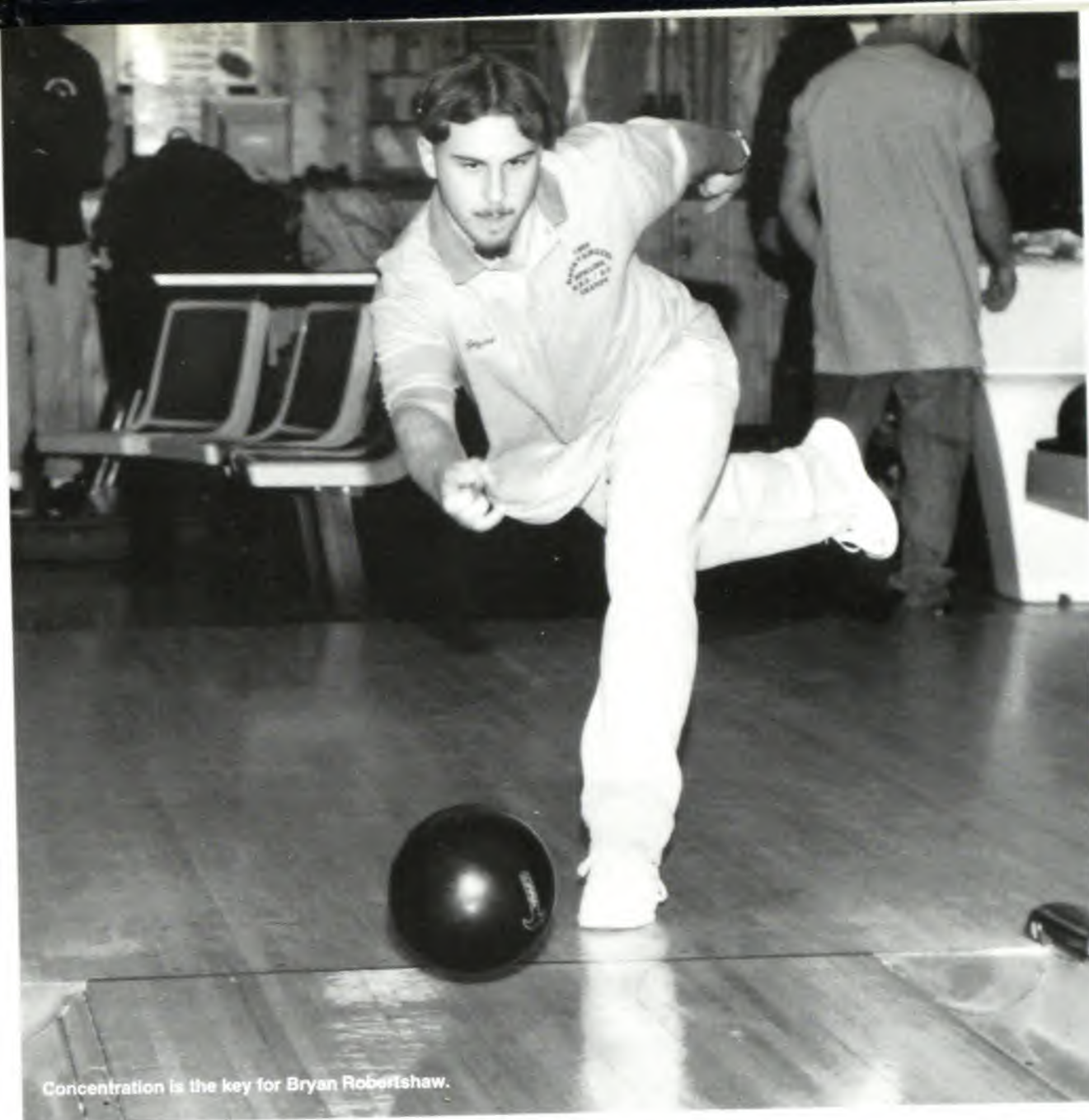
*I decided to bowl because I enjoy it and find it satisfying.*

— Jon Kennedy



*I enjoyed the challenge of the game and being coached by Mr. Alvine.*

— Frank Cicarone



Concentration is the key for Bryan Robertshaw.



## BOWLING



# Girls Rebound After a Tough Break

When any team is confronted with adversity midway through their season, it is often easy to just give in and wait for next year. On the other hand, the team can take on the challenge, and sometimes even feed off it. Such was the case for the '96-'97 Lady Mountaineers after the team lost all-county guard Heidi Kindel to injury during the season. Despite the loss, the team was still able to finish with a 9-12 record.

With only six returning varsity players from the previous year's squad, this year's team was very young. Having five freshman and one sophomore playing major roles this year, it was imperative that the leadership was stepped up. This responsibility fell squarely on the shoulders of senior co-captains Mandi Krimmel and Kindel. According to coach Marge Theobald, both showed their leadership in different ways. "Mandi showed it more on the bench and in practice by helping the younger players adjust. She always had a positive attitude. Heidi showed it more on the playing floor. She was the leader and everyone looked at her as a role model."

Before Kindel was sidelined, she was able to record her 1000th varsity point. This milestone was achieved

during a 52-44 victory over Randolph. The sharpshooter was leading the squad in scoring with 14 points per game before she injured her ankle. Junior forward Kristin Mindo led the team in rebounding, pulling down seven caroms per game. Juniors Rebecca Paul and Latifa Jones were also major contributors who helped the team bounce back after the loss of Kindel. Paul recorded eight points per game, while Jones led all players with 49 steals.

With their star out, it was important for the rest of the team to play up a notch. Freshman Katie Wall stole the spotlight temporarily when she put in a buzzer beater off an offensive rebound to lead the Lady Mountaineers to a victory over Montville. They later surprised everyone, knocking off an 11-3 Lakeland squad, posting a 38-31 victory. Theobald attributed that win to excellent team defense.

"The team hit a roadblock when Heidi got injured," explained Theobald. "When we found out she would be out for the rest of the season, we knew that we had to make some adjustments. It took a couple of weeks for those adjustments to work, and then we saw the improvement with each successive game."



Applying defensive pressure on the press is Mandi Krimmel.



Kristin Mindo dribbles baseline for two against Lakeland.





Rebecca Paul tries to read the West Side zone defense.



*I enjoy coaching because of the different strategies used daily.*

— Coach Theobald



*The greatest aspect is outsmarting your opponent for the victory.*

— Heidi Kindel



*I decided to play basketball to be with a team that works together.*

— Mandi Krimmel



*Basketball is important to me because it ignites my competitive side.*

— Janelle Luk



## GIRLS BASKETBALL



# Skaters Held in Check

## During Difficult Season

The 1996-'97 campaign for the hockey team was somewhat disappointing. Despite having many skilled players, they failed to click together. As a result, the squad ended with a 6-16-1 record for second-year coach Steve Ruggiero.

The team was led by senior co-captains Anthony Hudzinski and Andy Scioscia, who shared time at center for the team's offense. In one of the brighter moments, Hudzinski took over in the final period of the team's 5-4 victory over Livingston in the consolation game of their Holiday Tournament. Down 4-2, Hudzinski came through with a goal and two assists in the final 30 seconds to pull off the win.

In another memorable contest against Red Bank Catholic, the Mountaineers were trailing 6-3 going into the third period. West Orange scored six goals in the final period, before bowing to Red Bank 10-9. "Everyone gave a good effort, but we just did not get the results we were looking for," stated Scioscia. He led the team in that game with a goal and four assists. Scioscia registered 13 goals and 11 assists for the season.

Another player who led the Mountaineers was assistant-captain Ben Block. Block, a junior, tallied 13 goals and 13 assists for the

season. Senior assistant-captain George Yonitch, and senior Taposh Bari, also contributed to the team. According to Ruggiero, "The seniors led the team on and off the ice with positive reinforcement toward the younger players."

Despite many tough losses this winter, the team played well on several occasions. In the first round of the McInnis Cup, the Mountaineers faced a strong Johnson Regional club. This was the same team that West Orange faced in an 8-1 season-opening loss. They put up a good fight the second time around, before bowing 4-1. Senior goalie Paul Vala was outstanding in this contest, recording 46 saves. "The frustrating thing in that contest was that we were very unlucky because we hit the post a few times," observed Hudzinski.

Although the team did not finish with as many victories as they would have liked, the season was still a success according to Ruggiero. "The team changed as they grew together each game. The players pushed each other throughout the season." With 15 returning players for the following season, and a season-ending 4-1 triumph over Mendham, the Mountaineers had reason to look forward to a brighter hockey future.



George Yonitch closes in on the puck.



Goalie Paul Vala readies himself for one of his many saves on the season.





Sending the puck up ice is captain Anthony Hudzinski.



## HOCKEY

## SIDELINES



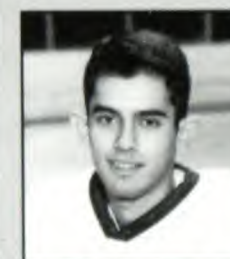
*I enjoy coaching because I love working with kids and I love the game.*  
— Coach Ruggiero



*The greatest aspect of hockey is scoring a goal and winning it all.*  
— Anthony Hudzinski



*I decided to play hockey because it is a real collision sport.*  
— Jon Meravi



*Hockey is important because it is a very competitive and exciting sport.*  
— Taposh Bari



Paglucci produces  
at the plate



Carosia comes through



Pawar powers tennis  
team to the top





in the clutch



Centrella covers  
quite a distance



Torretti takes on all  
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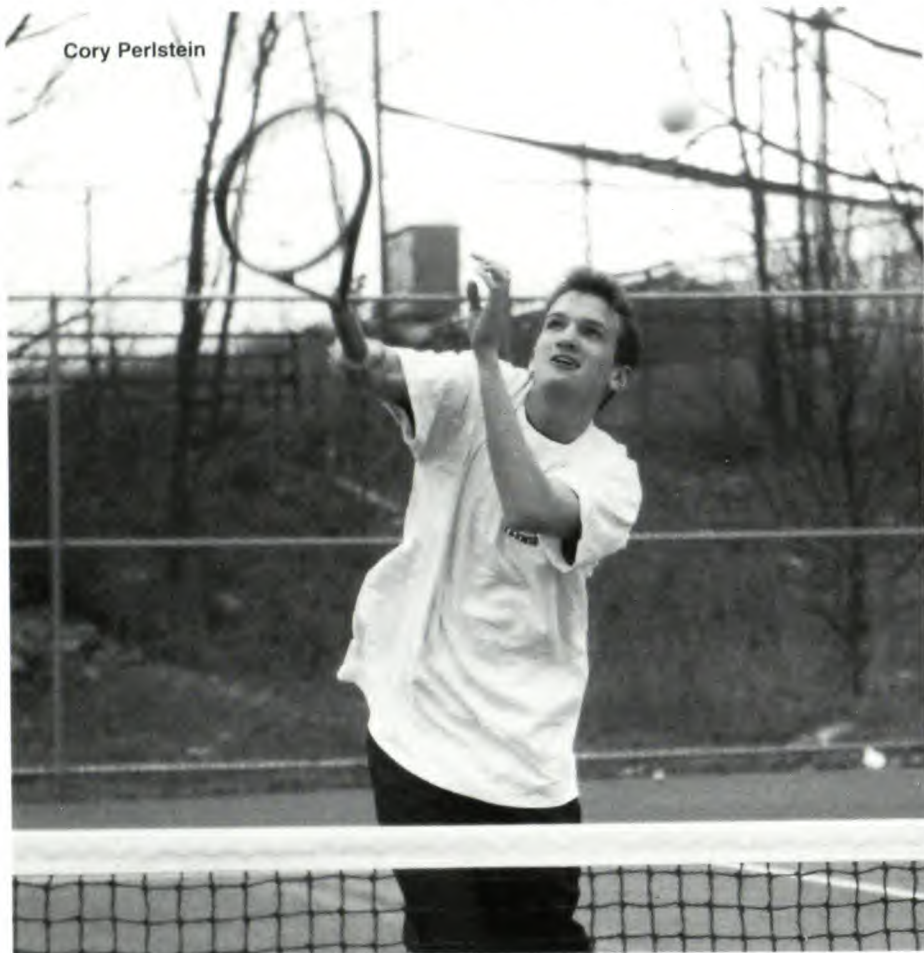


# Spring Training



# Seniors Serve Team Well In Title Hunt

Cory Perlstein



The smashing overhead of Rahul Pawar.



Second singles Mark Weinberger demonstrates a forehand volley.





Corey Palent

## SIDELINES



*Coaching allows me to spend time with great kids in a sport I love.*

— Coach Lesnik



*The greatest aspect of tennis is succeeding as a team.*

— Mark Weinberger



*I decided to play tennis because there is no varsity rowing team.*

— Chris Man



*Tennis is important to me because it keeps me from despair.*

— Chaim Karczag



## TENNIS

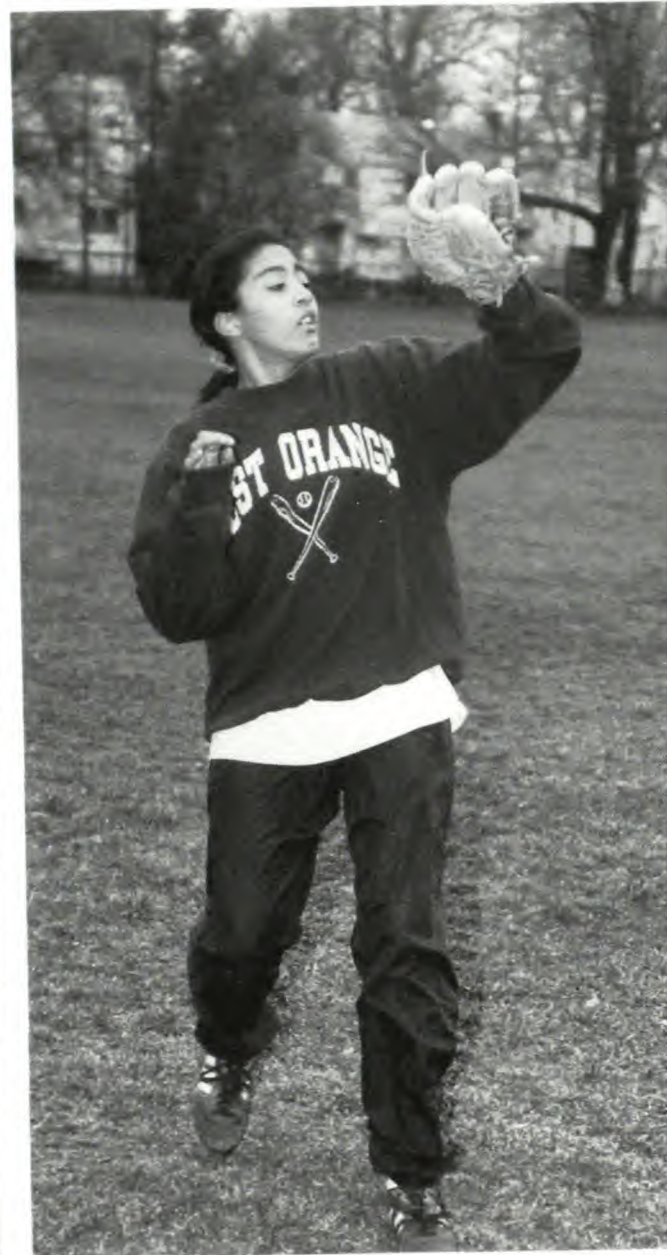


# Covering All The Bases

## Seniors Anchor Infield



Mandi Krimmel sets to throw out a runner at third.



Newcomer Heidi Kindel readies a tag.



Veteran first baseman Kristen Paglucci stretches for a throw.





Second baseman Stacie Varanelli turns a DP.



## SOFTBALL



*I enjoy coaching because it allows me to share my knowledge.*

— Coach Theobald



*The greatest aspect of softball is the personal satisfaction gained.*

— Stacie Varanelli



*I decided to play softball because I wanted to be a part of a team.*

— Nathalie Cauvin



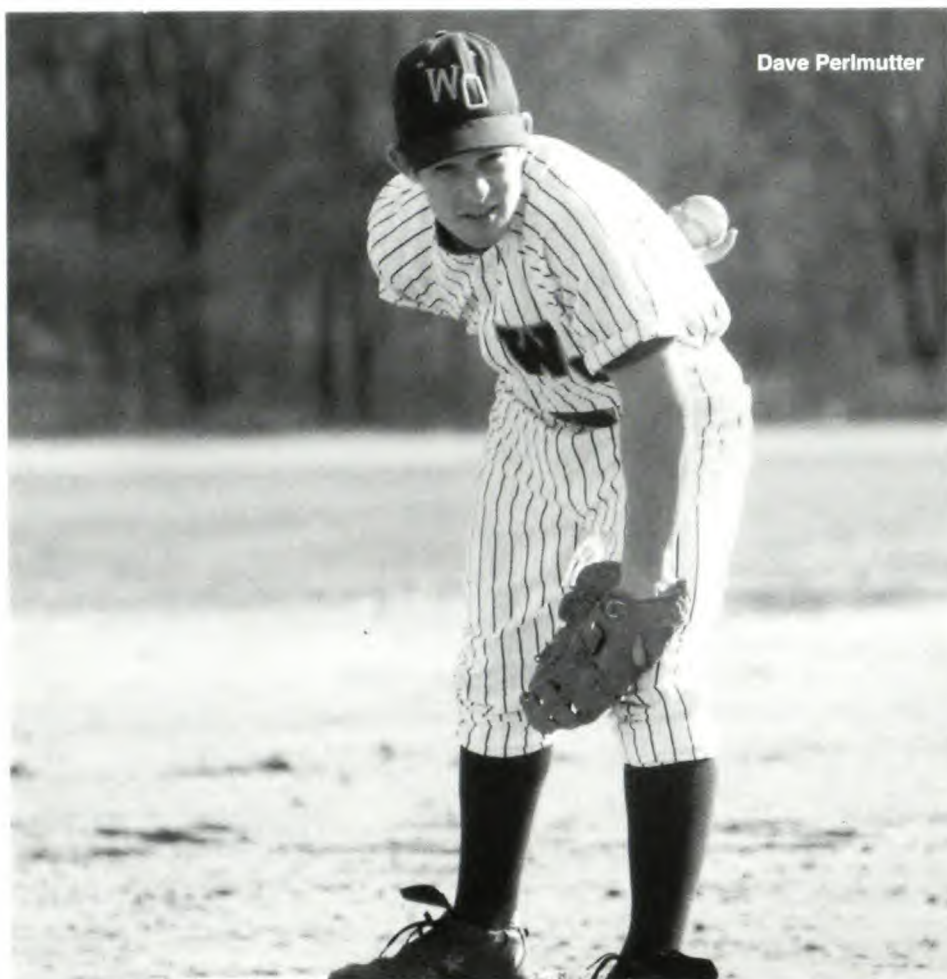
*Softball is important to me because I play hard and get dirty.*

— Kristen Paglucci



# Pitching Gems

## Vital To Diamond Fortunes



Dave Perlmutter

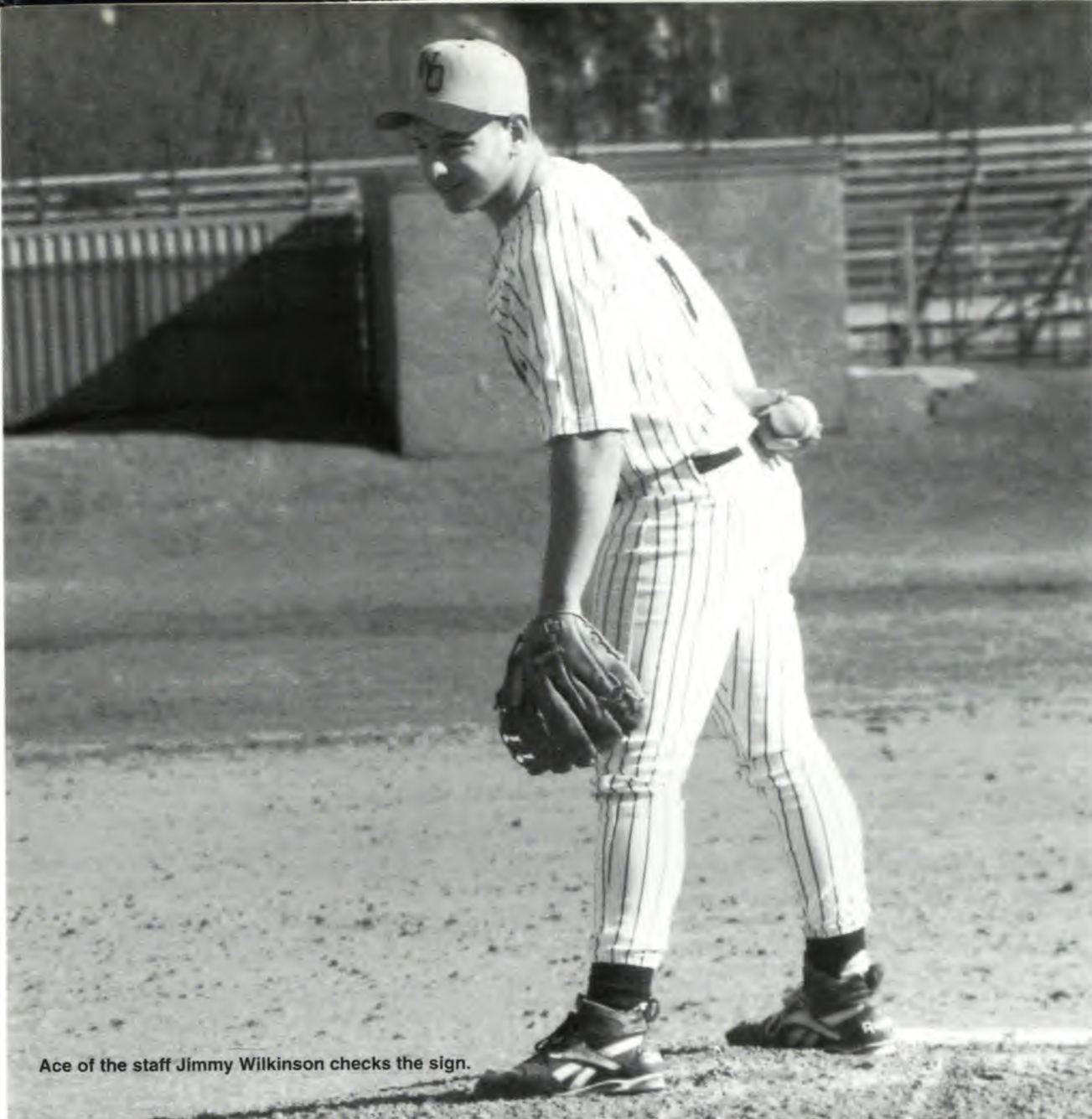


"Heat, Away!" Joe Matullo calls for a fastball on the corner.



John Stawski fields one at the hot corner.





Ace of the staff Jimmy Wilkinson checks the sign.



*I enjoy coaching the proper way to play the game of baseball.*

— Coach Urbanski



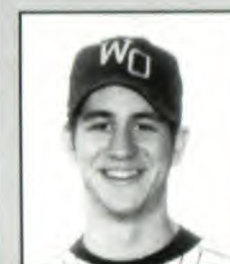
*The greatest aspect is having fun playing the best sport.*

— Darren Hamberlin



*I decided to play because I always found it interesting.*

— John Stawski



*It is important to have leaders to show followers 'how' to win.*

— Pat Carosia



## BASEBALL



# Balance Of Talent

## In Both Track & Field



Kelly Roche



Hurdler Genevieve Zaragoza displays proper form.



All-state performer Danielle Hobson builds leg strength.



Early season roadwork for Luanne Centrella, Bryna O'Neill and Suzanne Tucker.





*Coaching is the art and science of teaching through sport.*

— Coach Suriano



*The greatest aspect is the competition and the team's unity.*

— Genevieve Zaragoza



*I decided to run track because it always kept me going.*

— Suzanne Tucker



*Track requires mental as well as physical conditioning.*

— Luanne Centrella



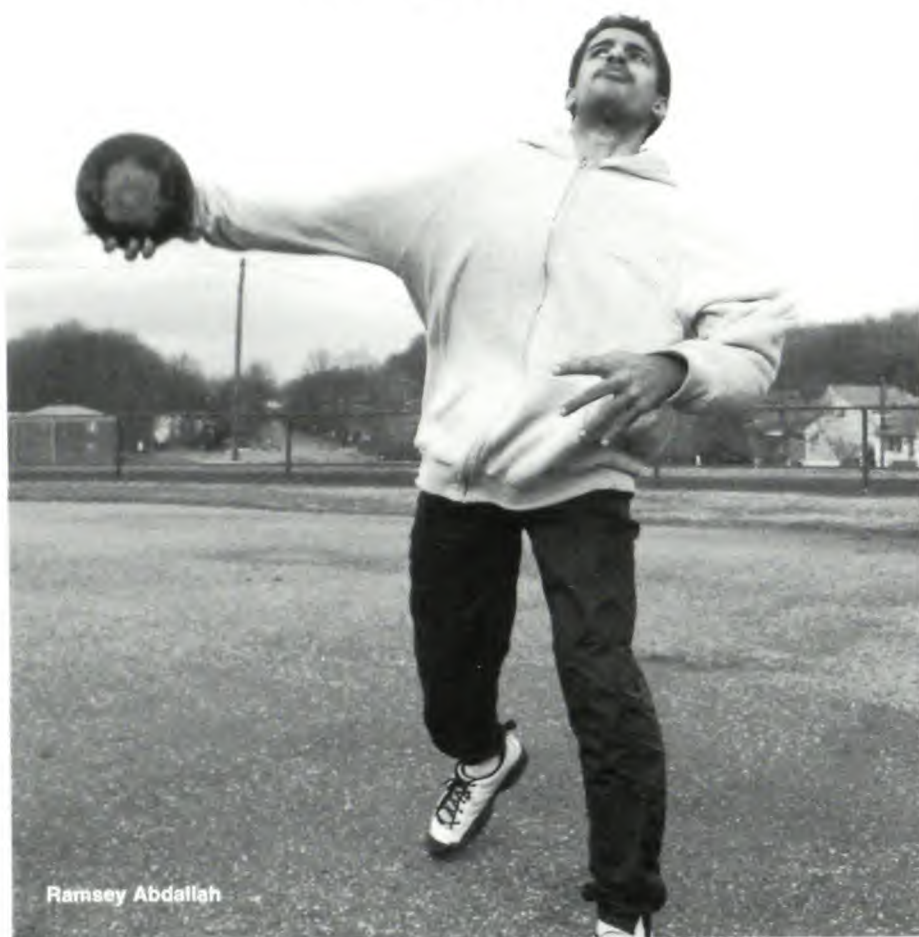
## GIRLS TRACK



# Spring Fling —

## Throwers Aim For Recognition

High jumper Marcus Washington works on leg extension.



Ramsey Abdallah



Dave Roselle prepares to put the shot into orbit.



Distance specialists Gian Torretti, Sam Gruen, and Seth Weisel work on building stamina.





Junior Brian Marchewka clears another hurdle.



*Coaching gives me the opportunity to be a part of a victory.*

— Coach Minni



*Coaching track is a carnival of events with a variety of athletes.*

— Coach Kulhman



*I decided to run track because I love the competition.*

— Eugene Thornely



*Track allows me to run in circles and still get somewhere.*

— Seth Weisel



## BOYS TRACK



# Keeping Things In Place Backbone Of Sports Program

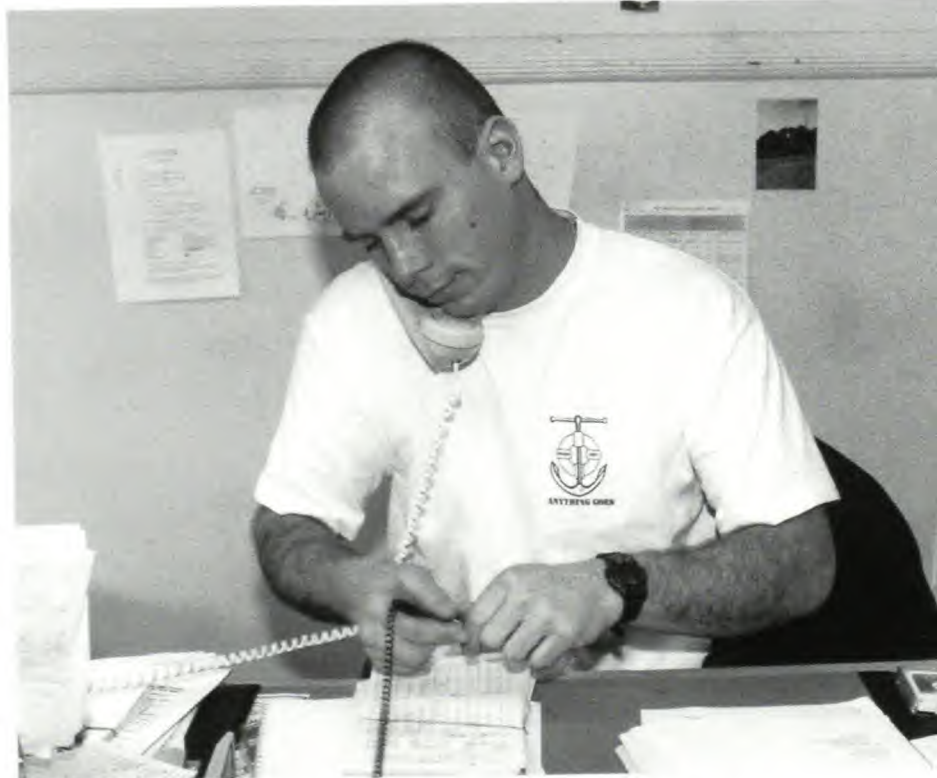
Trainer Ozzie Diaz assists the wounded.



Ms. Dean spots Andrew Gilmore.



Mrs. Palardy works on the bus schedule.



Site manager John Redmond reschedules umpires after a rainout.





*Our conference offers athletes challenging experiences.*

— Mrs. Kulik A.D.



*Proper conditioning is important for preventing injuries.*

— Trainer Diaz



*The spring season signals the arrival of outdoor competition.*

— Mr. Redmond



*The weight room provides students an opportunity to train.*

— Ms. Dean



Weight training instructor Cathy Dean displays proper lifting technique.









*From  
history in '79  
to Guidance  
in '97, Mr.  
D'Aries  
maintained  
his friendly  
nature.*

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SIDE

In 1979, there were fewer than 900 students in Mountain High School and under 900 in West Orange High School as well. Most of the classes were quite small, and several of the upper level courses, especially in languages, had to be dropped due to insufficient enrollment. In

other departments, several elective courses had to be dropped from the curriculum. Joseph Tylus was the principal of West Orange High School; there were 83 teachers on his staff. The staff at Mountain High School totaled 114, and was led by Principal Jerry Tarnoff.

In 1997, the consolidated West Orange High School had over 1400 students and 160 staff members. Enrollment increased every year since the merger in 1985, and several new classes had to be added to meet these new demands. Additionally, students could receive college credit for taking AP courses in English, science, and math. Jerry Tarnoff was appointed the Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Thomas Finnegan became the principal. An extra period was added to the school day to allow students to take more courses, as the number of credits needed for graduation increased to 135. Planning was also being finalized for the 'Schools Within A School' concept which Dr. Finnegan introduced. The objective of this reorganization was to provide students with a stronger background in their chosen field of interest and aptitude.

The size of the school had changed, but the commitment to provide the best possible educational opportunities remained the primary goal of the Board of Education and the staff. Many of the teaching staff we came to depend upon so heavily in 1997 were already on the scene back in 1979. We thought you would enjoy seeing what some of them looked like back then, so we included a few photos of them as they looked the year we were born. It's a good thing they finalized our grades before they saw their old photos in our yearbook. In the ad section, they get to see what we looked like as babies. How's that for **THE FLIP SIDE**?

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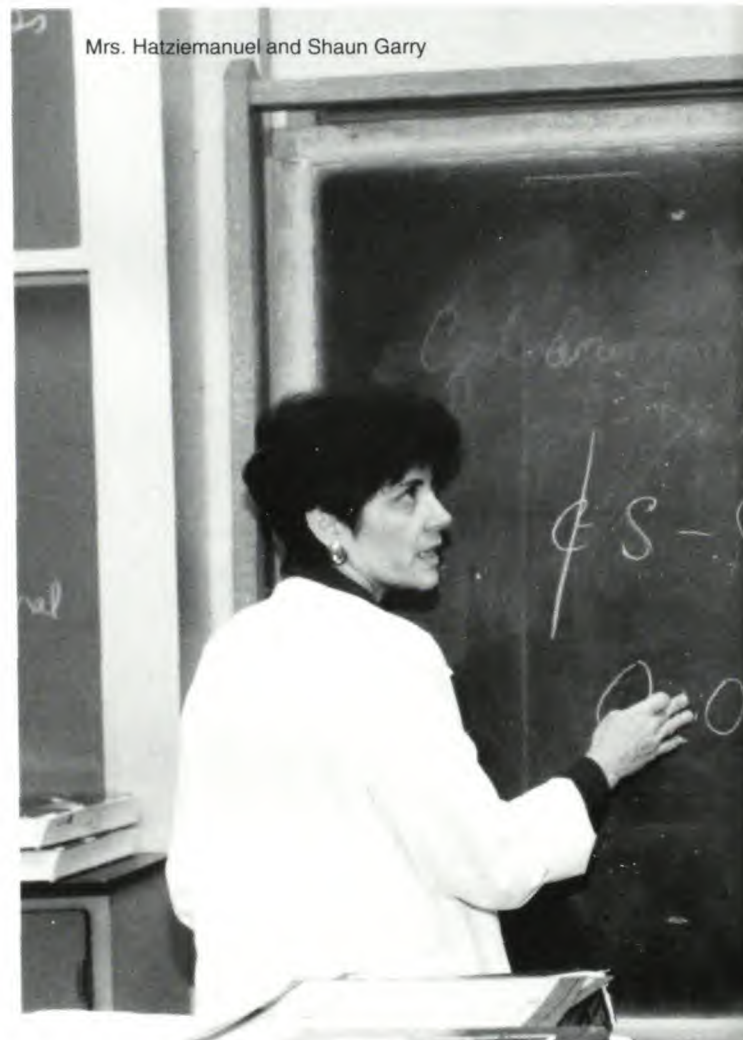
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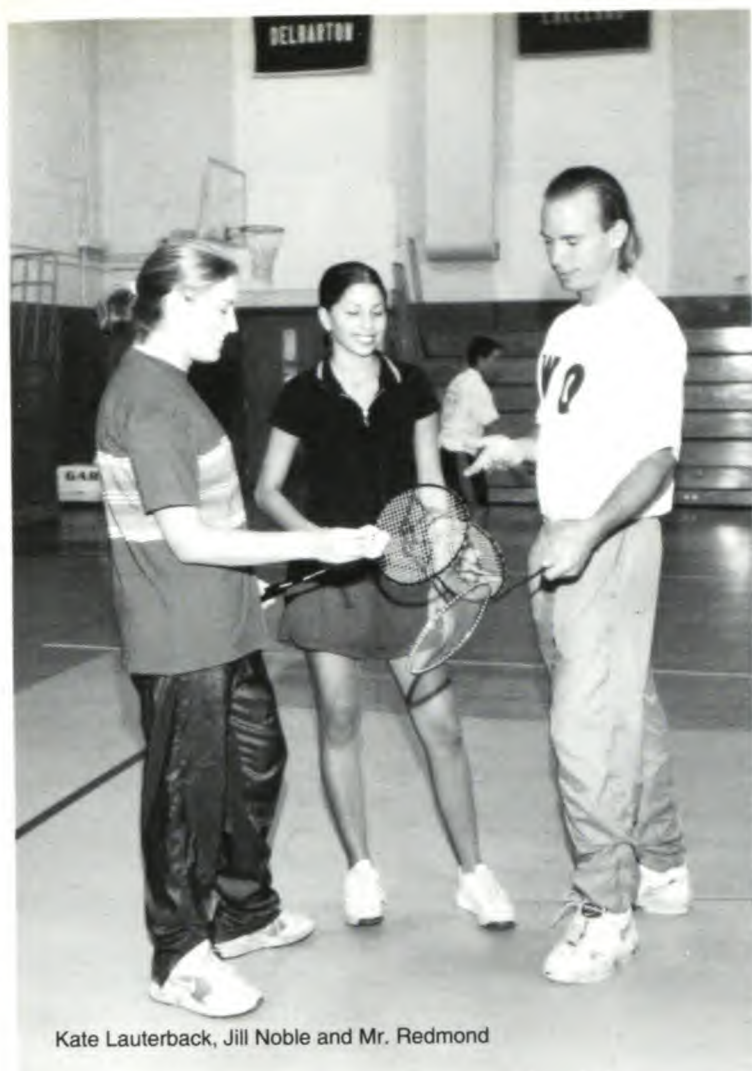


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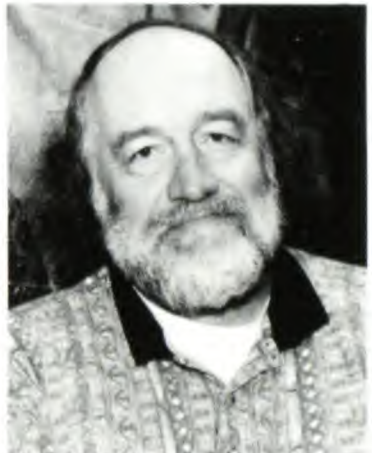
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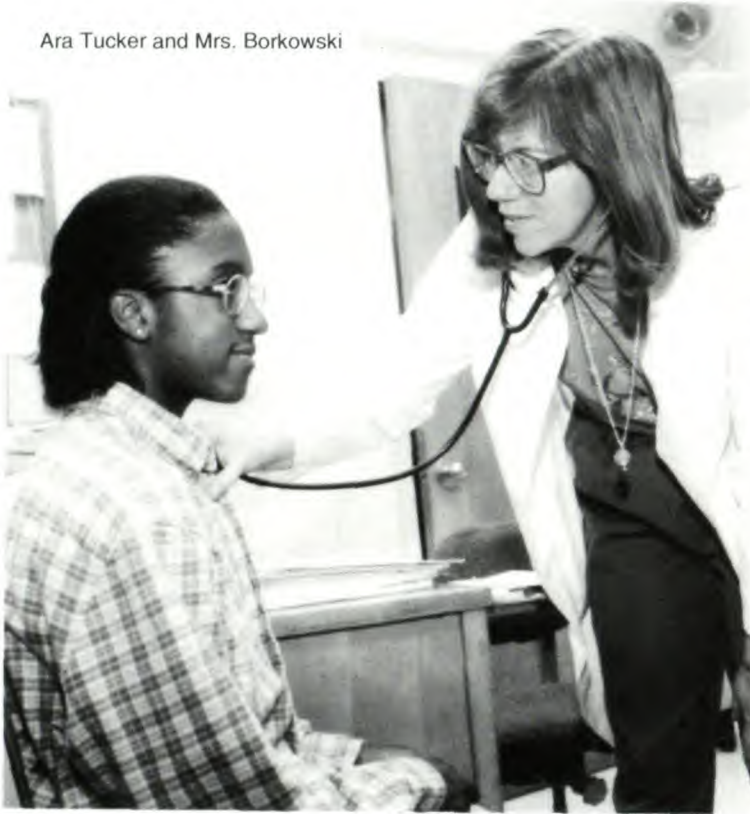


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*The Texaco station on Northfield Avenue, like us, was much improved 18 years later.*

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SIDE

In 1979, Aries, the Mountain yearbook, contained eight pages of ads, and no senior pages. The West-Oranger yearbook had a mere 18. In 1997, after a phenomenal growth in real estate development brought about an increase in the number

of families and businesses moving to West Orange, there was a dramatic economic growth in the business community. This growth was reflected in the expansion of the business section of the Mountaineer yearbook, which exceeds the 40-page mark and was used to defray the production cost of \$35,000.

Local businesses, eager to help out the school, generously contributed ads. They did this not just for charitable purposes, but because they realized community support for local education was good business policy, since the yearbook sold 450 copies.

Ad placement was not limited to businesses. Parents and friends also supported the graduating class. Their ads are filled with words of congratulations and encouragement. The baby pictures are greatly appreciated by the staff; we're not too sure how those seniors whose photos appear felt.

Students in the graduating class also did their part by buying pages. Here, seniors had an opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about their friends and their days spent at WOHS.

The "then and now" aspect of all this is evident in these next pages. Not only are there ads from previous loyal supporters, but also from new businesses and new patrons.

We thank everyone who placed an ad in the 1997 yearbook. Knowing that an entire town supported our class made leaving WOHS that much easier but also that much harder. How's that for THE FLIP SIDE?

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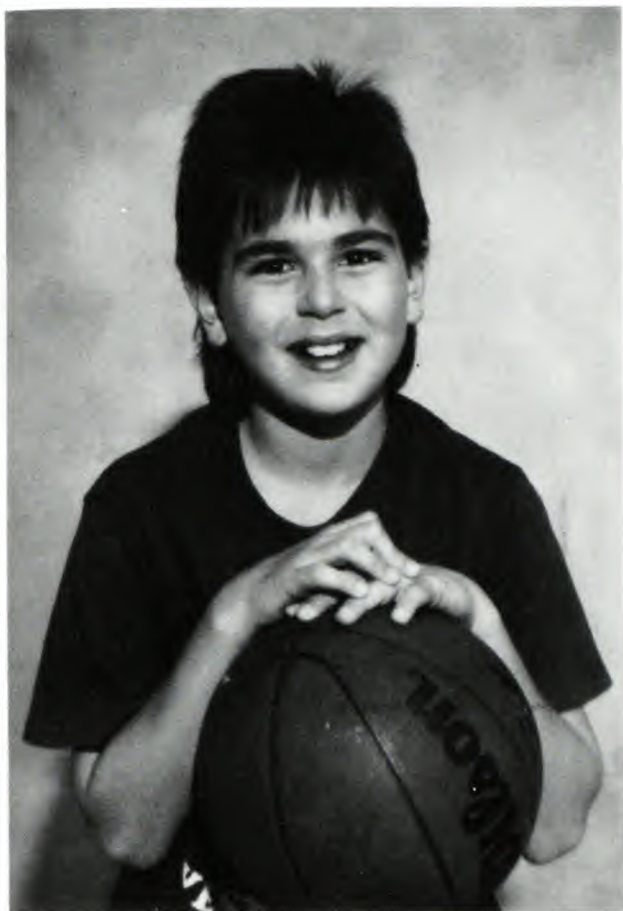
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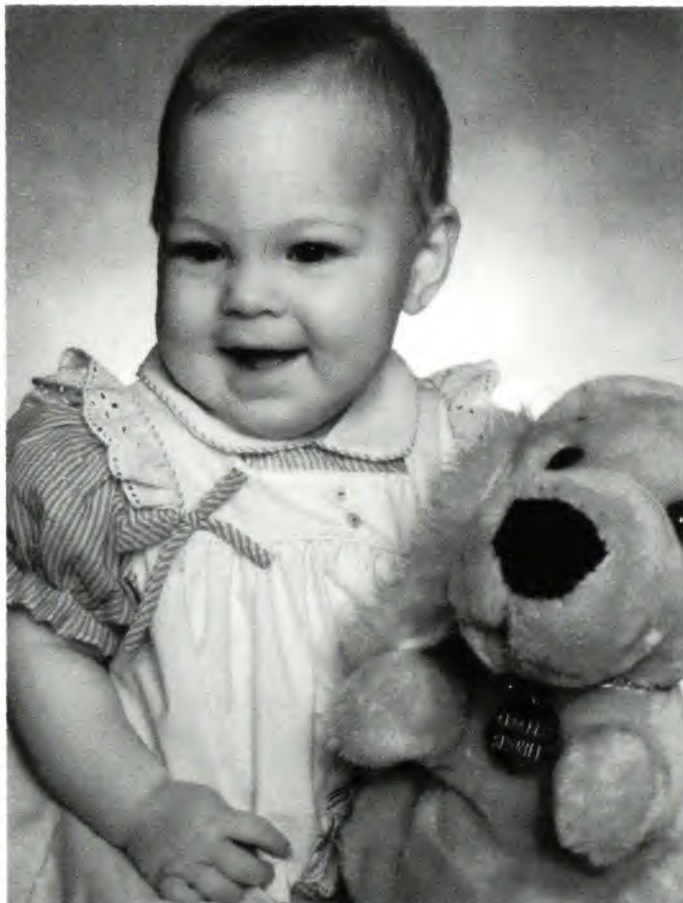
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"May today be all  
you hope for,  
May tomorrow be all  
you dreamed of."

Dear Allyson,

Choose the path you wish to take  
Take the turns you wish to make  
Cherish each moment no matter how hard it seems  
Reach out, walk on, to achieve your dreams.  
For there is no limit to what you can do.  
And always take our love with you !!!

All Our Love Always,  
Mom '68 & Dad

Dear Allyson,

Congratulations & Good Luck!!!  
I hope you achieve all your goals in  
life. The best is yet to come.

Love,  
Jason '00

Dear Allyson,

I've been so lucky to have a granddaughter  
like you. I cherish our closeness and neither time  
nor distance will ever change the loving bond we  
share. My thoughts and love will always be with  
you. May all your dreams come true. I love you!

Grandma Sylvia

P.S. You'll always be my special little girl.

Dear Allyson,

May you have sunshine days and  
rainbow tomorrows. We are soooooo  
proud of you and your accomplishments.  
Best wishes for much continued success.  
With All Our Love, Kisses, & Wags,

Uncle Bernie, Aunt Linda,  
Jonathan, David, Michael &  
Winston ( I won't jump too high )

Dear Allyson,

From my heart I wish you the best in life - -  
mazel, success, and happiness. Papa and I have  
always had nachas as you've grown to become the  
beautiful and wonderful girl you are today. I'm very  
proud of you and always here to share in your  
bright future.

Love Always,  
Grandma Harriet





**Leigh,**  
 Congratulations! We are all very  
 proud of you and are looking  
 forward to great things in the  
 future.

Love always,  
 Your Family

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Dear **Katie**,  
We're so  
proud of your  
accomplishments  
and the person  
you've become.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Chris

To **Patrice**,  
A very special daughter and  
sister.

You have always made us  
proud. We wish you and the  
Class of 1997 the best of  
luck, health, and success in  
all your future endeavors.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Pamela,  
and Priscilla '92





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JB.....  
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS GOOD AT DIRECTIONS YOU ALWAYS  
KNEW HOW TO GET THERE . . . WHEREVER "THERE" WAS  
YOU IMPATIENTLY WAITED TO GO IT ALONE, AND ONCE YOU WERE  
ABLE, YOU TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY  
DON'T STOP NOW!  
SET YOUR COURSE  
MAKE YOUR TURNS WITH CAUTION  
WATCH YOUR SPEED  
PAY YOUR TOLLS  
DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP  
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AND TWO HANDS ON THE WHEEL  
BE SURE TO SEE THE SCENERY  
BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY THE RIDE  
CONGRATULATIONS AND LOTS OF LUCK TO JAIME AND ALL OF OUR  
OTHER "KIDS" IN THE WOHS CLASS OF '97  
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AND WE LOVE YOU,

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Dear **Gen**,  
May your  
tomorrows be  
filled with  
unfailing happiness  
and may the good  
Lord always  
protect and  
bless you!  
Congratulations  
and good luck!

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Paul, and  
Carla







To our son  
**Paul,**

Congratulations!  
You always make us  
proud. We hope you  
fulfill your dreams.  
We know you can.

Mom, Dad, and Fernando

Congratulations **Keith!**

You did it! We knew  
you could. We're so  
proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Heather, and Kara



**Vivian,**  
Congratulations  
Best of luck!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Paula

Dear **Ara,**

Your written word has the power to cause order to come forth  
from disorder. Words can also heal the broken spirit of nations  
following tragedy.

We honor you and other writers because you most often say  
so well and so profoundly what we think that causes us to  
pause and reflect.

Ara, many of your writings include clarity of subject, focus on  
time and space and a vision of the future that requires our  
collective talents to realize changes for humanity. We thank you  
for what your words have meant and encourage you to continue  
to write about those subjects that speak to us as individuals and  
responsible members of the human race.

Love,  
Uncle Willie, Aunt Pat and Terence



## Ara Amira Tucker

We have watched you grow and develop into a thoughtful and caring young lady with numerous achievements.

We are so proud of your accomplishments, but more proud of your courage and character . . .



Remember you are courageous when you dare to grow, to change, to accomplish your dreams or strive to enable others to fulfill their dreams.

Congratulations!

We love you

Mom and Bernard, Dad and Sheryl  
Ariana, Ashley, Alexis





You've come a long way  
and the best is yet to  
come. Congratulations, **Chick #23**

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Joseph, and Spike

**Congratulations  
Graduates!**



Jill Dunst  
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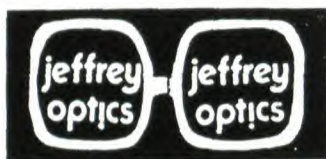
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Love,  
Mom, Zayn, Grandpa Lane, and Betty

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**Alison,**  
Even back  
then, we  
were  
inseparable.  
We'll miss  
you!  
Love,  
Elise and  
Carolyn



**Alison,**  
We're proud to  
say you're our  
daughter.  
We Love You,  
Mom and Dad





Our point being . . .

. . . **Dena**, you're  
great!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and  
Jessica '94

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Congratulations

**Laura!**

We love you.

Dad, Louise,  
Margo, and Alex

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**Elizabeth,**  
We've watched you  
learn to crawl, then  
walk, then run. Always  
curious! You've grown  
into a lovely,  
intelligent young  
woman. We're so  
proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Alan, Mimi,  
Pete, and Tonnie

Congratulations  
**Satra Bianca Browne!**



Our shining **star**,  
you have got it **all**.  
You are **talented**, **radiant**  
and your **accomplishments**  
are great.  
We are extremely proud of  
you.

Love always,  
Mom, Dad and Stacy '95



**Congratulations Class of 1997!!!**





To our **Joshua**,  
We are truly blessed to have  
you as a son and a brother.  
May all your dreams come true .  
. . Joshua, you are forever loved.

Mom, Dad, Eric, Smootch,  
Samantha, Oliver, Winston,  
Footsie, Bianca, Casper, and  
Simon



Dear **Caroline**,

"Let your light shine before men that  
they may see your good deeds and  
praise your Father in heaven."

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Best Wishes to our loving granddaughter  
**Stacie** and lots of luck in the future.

Love,  
Grandma and Grandpa



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Jaime Lynn

Grandma Harriette

Lisa

Christine

Katelyn

Jessie Rose

Johnny

Aunt Joann

Jen

Keren

Congrats and Love —

Aunt Ellen and Uncle John

Grandma Jessie

Uncle Mike

I love you — Bill

Grandpa and Debbie

Aunt Ray and Uncle Jerry

I love you — Uncle Bill

Michelle

Ruth

Sean



**David,**

We are so proud of you. Congratulations  
on a great four years.

Love,  
Mom and Anthony

Dear **Amanda,**



You make my heart sing!  
Take time to work,  
It is the price of success.  
Take time to think,  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to play,  
It is the secret of perpetual  
youth.  
Take time to read,  
It is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly,  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to love and be loved,  
It is the privilege of the gods.  
Take time to share,  
Life is too short to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh,  
Laughter is the music of the  
soul.

Love,  
Mom





Dear **Nicole**,  
Congratulations  
to you and the  
Class of 1997.  
We are very  
proud of you and  
wish you a life  
filled with love,  
health and  
happiness. We  
love you!

Dad,  
Mom ('67)  
Stephanie ('92)  
and Casey







**Satra**



**Malika**

Anhour and a half-  
Its time to get off  
short man dance...late night  
inspiration dances...evil looks...  
chups...the sun is rising...  
Menkerios...uhp  
almost missed Road Rules...  
Like Scarlett O' Hara I swear  
...KFC...that was a great day  
in America... what, 99c...  
Robert looks like he just got off  
a horse...I just lost my I.D....  
showers of blessing...  
Harambe dance troupe  
We just came from the Limelight...

You're living dangerously,  
Someday man, someday we'll get  
to UNIS...actually I will be settling...  
Uptown comedy club... the afterparty...  
2- 4- 1 movie deal... White Castle  
---- cause we felt like it...  
I wanna go home...hmp... Is a CON-  
spiracy... The Gordon Elliot Show...  
Kiddie tickets and beverages at the  
movies with Chiara Cecchini!- D.C.  
and weird coincidences... I'm still  
going to Cancun... Satra...  
what are you talking about...  
their kind of wyne... yeah I could  
handle that...discotheque...

# Tara and Megan



Where it all began: In the house, peep it. Bans — should we do it? It will never be the same. Friendly's BR — Can you feel it? Good times in gym (Why is S. laughing, he's not even there?) Long talks, worst pain ever. Fights — I got you no matter what. McDonald's — it's been a long time. Phish tapes — this one looks different — "I'll cheat if he looks good" our men — Caught in MM's room — "I swear I was only sleeping". Where's the Shadow Hubcap? How do you change a tire? Green Day (We should have moshed) St. Joe's, Cedar Hill (Don't go there with that on) I want a piece too "Girls are no fun" The Obsessions: Lisp, Brillo Head, Shark Teeth — The 2 brothers, Big Boy, the S. Man, Little Rod, Jose. A shout out to all the girls — GSW TK — we love you. We swear, neither one of us touched JR. We can't look back and say it wasn't fun.





Megan,

Pool hoppin', Lenn K, Horde City, San Genero, Dancin', Expo, Limelight, Obsessions, etc., Another World, "This is the best", xman, JS Raven, "What language is he speaking?", picnic, oops I fell, crazy fun and laughs, prom, SO's the best, talk 'til sunrise, F.F.M.C.G. — drag queen, almost fight — freestyle — as long as we had each other we had the best time, crazy, need a ride?, stop spades, dali uruguay, erin go braugh, go cart/car accidents, ocean breeze, we lived our relationship to the fullest, min golf, corkey, droopy, Mariposa, bathroom. I'll always love you. You were always there for me. I'll never forget you. You're truly the best. Bye babes with a tear. Te amo!

Love always,  
Fernando



# Jessica Stacie



CH.CH.NUT\*PINKYS\*  
DOUBLEWHAMMY\*F.F\*  
F.N.\*AHH\*WAKE'EM  
W/A HIGH Eb\*DIOS  
MIO, WAS\*POWER  
OF SOCKS\*PEARL&  
GERM\*44\*BIG LUG\*  
FAZULES\*SORRY, SO  
SORRY\*KIDDO\*TACO  
BELL\*DECISIONS\*



FLOOR AT CLIENT\*  
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CJ POOL\*TRUNK\*TLT  
SHOES\*TFC\*WBALL\*  
JA\*TOGO?\*FNFS\*DMS\*  
MILE IN GYM(NTJ)\*  
GYM10\*OHLILY\*BILL&  
HARRY'S\*COKE\*THE  
STREETS\*BFF!!!!\*



# Slow Stop





# Lesley Karen Luanne

Stuff/body crackings  
burn the bacon/lock your door  
don't make me turn this car  
around/  
Will you make a snowangel/Kiran/  
JACK/shotgun/powerbars/  
I don't want to hear that word in  
my car/the night Karen met gravy  
fries/  
Did you bring Billy?/it doesn't  
shake until you hit 82mph/goood  
Cressida/  
give him a strong disapproving  
look/  
the diner/hate  
dogs/CVS/Parsippany/  
Frosty Fruit Shakes/Friday night  
at 9:40/malls and movies



Driving Mike's car around  
Rockaway Mall/orange light=  
GGGGG0000000/I need some  
coffee/11:00 call to mom-we're not  
having fun/summer at the  
beach/Noah Wyle/Who buys a  
BLT or water?/I'm  
cold/sunglasses-sunglasses II/Nice  
and Easy #106B/road kill/New  
Year's Evex2/Junior  
Prom/Conan-NYC/the  
Reservation-my contact!/Drew  
Carey/the letter(WO  
Minute)/Tom/The Long Island  
Bagel/Laurel Ave/Don't put  
anything on the floor/I would like  
to make a personal  
statement/Starbucks

# Sharon & Patrice

J.P./make-up class/ Mad free  
samples on the 50/ "it de-  
pends on the quality of the  
shoe"/ wired mouth/ Phillipine  
girl/ "Are you sisters?" F.W.  
band song/ dumplings without  
meat/ meatless wontons/  
matching wardrobe/ Nieman  
with tic tacs/ folded in the cot/  
Tomato freak/ dry skin/ Little  
red riding hood/



search for umbrella/ over-  
brushing hair/ "Am I okay?"/  
9-6/ fighting to pay/ A.B./ eti-  
quette/ London/ Paris/ Cos-  
mic level/ down blanket/ blan-  
ket houses/ corner & pillow  
people/ straw predictions/  
"The sky looks so fake"/ 15  
years/ Peaches.



# HEE CHUNG\*\*LAURA\*\*MINI\*\*\*\*TKC

Mimi, Kionna, Chung\*  
sisters\*Rt.10-rain\*Duh!\*  
SM parties\*fest97\*Hey  
you!\*mokey-mok'sleepin'  
in closets\*tres bizarre\*kf  
belly'lard\*the boy\*finally  
got 'em\*get w/the program



wanna piece\*whatz up  
whatz up?\*sleepyheads\*  
d-less Dave\*takin' off  
mailboxes\*Mock 1-W\*  
tarthead\*endless roads\*  
play dress up\*RU gonna  
come?\*can you help me out?



GIGGLES\*SKINNY Mini\*  
ROOTS\*PERSONAL  
CONSULTANT\*MODELS\*  
SQUEAK\*ANALOGIES\*  
PLAY HORSIE\*LAUGHING  
BED\*1-4-1\*MEAT  
MARKET\*BEAUTIFYING  
SESSIONS\*DEAD END\*  
MIRROR IMAGES\*CAN'T  
FROWN\*FRECKLES\*  
MISSING WORDS\*OVER  
RAILROAD-UP WE GO\*  
SEE YA AT TIFFANY'S!

if i RULED THE WORLD\*  
RIKER HILL\*TT2\*MONEY  
IN METER\*2:00 AM\*  
HARDCORE\*PD SHOWS\*  
'MOKE FEST '96\*  
MISSING CAT BOWLS\*  
SAM\*DUO PEREZ\*  
PARKWAY BMW27\*  
ETERNAL FLAME\*  
OUR UP\*WE BE  
SPRAYIN'...\*  
BLOOMINGDALES\*  
PLEASANTDALE CHIC

YOU WANT THIS\*  
KING, BEAR\*i DON'T  
GO 2 HIGH SCHOOL...\*  
1-40-5 MIN\*IT'S A  
HYPOCRASY\*  
CYPRESS HILL...ERR\*  
FEET\*NO, THAT'S  
THE G\*MIDNIGHT  
'MOKE BREAKS\*  
MUSHI, MUSHI\*  
PRONTO\*RAT\*  
NED\*GAP BAG\*  
TIGHTY\*THE EXPERT



*Sometimes I don't thrill you, Sometimes I think I'll kill you, Just don't let me mess up, will you?  
Cause when I need a friend it's still you.*





#### Dazed & Confused

KH — BT — Rodie — Glen — NM — JB — JT — AE — FP —  
 AA — CHx2 — PV — BN — BK "JB Fight" Valentine's PV —  
 Trolls — HM's Party — KB — Manhunt — "The Baby" It's a Sign  
 — Ice Skating — Seagull — JK & NC Parties — AA & MK — DP  
 — HJAKR — Crawlspace — GPI — Italy — RF — Ray — Nick  
 — Capri — Francesco — Sweet 16 — Driving 2 am — New Years  
 — Champagne — Reggie — AC — B-Day Houlihan's — AC  
 Party — JG — Prom HELL — GZ — AC — KW — BG — B-  
 Day's — License's — KH's house — Glen Disney 17 hrs. —  
 Splash Mtn. — LBI — Miata — Passport — UB — AJ — JR —  
 SL — Tolls — Silver Shoes — Elmo — Tweety — PUPPLE —  
 Beetle, Saturn, Tracker — British — Racing Green Miata — 13-  
 23 — I Swear — Boppin Red Head — Lock Ins — Turning Point  
 playing cards CJP & MK — sleepovers — Lighthouse Curve —  
 AB — Dave Matthew's — New Year's CJP — SBreakfast —  
 SPicnic — "MK Fight" — Excel 12 pd. — CD — 9:00 pm — JB,  
 MK, RF, NYC — 1979 — 1997 — countdown to SB — EH — FR  
 & MK? — TT 1/26 — Softball Days — JB's New LUV — Injuries  
 to FR — DB — CC — RD — We Love You!  
 To CJP: We'll miss you and always love you. Remember the  
 Good Times.

**Mandi & Jaime**



## KATHERINE & GENEVIEVE



So many crazy adventures . . . skiing, beach, sleepover at GZ's. Cruzin  
 4 hotties . . . 3 accidents, Officer Marcheutz, KW U R the JINX . . . JW's  
 Hottie BF . . . 3 years English, ripped paper . . . Jr. Prom (W.O. & Liv.)  
 . . . Texaco . . . smelly car . . . be home at 11:30 . . . I like your hair red  
 . . . shave in car . . . almost killing dude driving KW home . . . Brett &  
 Co. At mall . . . U R going to Union — aren't you?? BH (Ultimate Hottie)  
 .. STH, CH, SK, SG . . . SHP crew . . . NO HS . . . Alvin flippin' at Dyan's

. . . backwards baskets, cherry coke . . . slurpees . . . Hard Rock Cafe . . . KW — U have a stalker, Mr. Monelli  
 . . . Glider . . . I gotta head rush . . . can't get you outta my head . . . Quebec, walking thru the ghetto, lock  
 the door!!! . . . Disneyworld . . . gum chains . . . wandering eyes . . . swim team, Vilhelm, Yellow Goggles, fist  
 fight . . . watermelon basket . . . Got Milk?? . . . KW's B-Day dinner,  
 poncit . . . horror movies . . . I luv Gavin . . . Trenton & Rutgers trip  
 . . . M & JW & C & DZ chillin' . . . home from seaside in 30 minutes  
 . . . Let's talk about Max . . . nail polish . . . soccer . . . CL's note  
 and rose . . . Bird . . . pixie sticks . . . what up B?? . . . Chili's . . . 9  
 peeps & a basil . . . body piercing . . . New Year's Eve . . . Obses-  
 sions, Viv, bouncing down Rt 10 — 10 MPH . . . ice . . . tres cool  
 — way crazy . . . grounded again?? . . . NEVER FORGET THE  
 GOOD TIMES WE HAD !!! LOVE YOU LIKE A SISTER!!! I get by  
 with a little help from my friends!! AC, JB, MK, DR, DG & KG





# Allyson and Genevieve

Physics - AM/MM talks... nails... GA - Jack/Lily... Union - BH/CA...  
 B-HOT!... walk... \$10 blue stuff... Nosey-DD... park/break/blind spot  
 lessons... why won't my car move?... over curbs/ hit cars/ cutoff... "we  
 have to have a talk child!"... Mendham-big mistake... MD-obsession?...  
 lost in woods... mln\$house... Roxbury - wanna go to a party? follow us...  
 should have gone... Springfield - Amoco or Exxon?... Diner on Rt. 22...  
 DG is cool... The Guyz-neverwill AC forget anything... RD was the first  
 one AC met - need more be said?... AD - kinda scary!... AC's phonecall 2  
 RD(everything changes)... new group-AC/RD/GZ/AD... Brian's parties  
 cast party best4AC... one that didn't occur-took PJ to Mike's... CHwalks  
 AC to car - what happened?... GZ calls every 10 - come!... PL/JK/JH/TP/  
 MM/LL/MM/LH/RH... With RD/AD almost every wknd-breakers-frolic  
 intherain... GZ'shome... Freak'speak-lost... runfromcops... blanket?...  
 RD drove AC's car (notgood)... last good night for AC/RD... bowling - not  
 enjoyable... talk in car(never happened)... DunkinDonuts... Blockbuster -  
 back to GZ's (not fun)... why is he hugging me?... at Music Factory - AD  
 showsoff... AC/RDdancing-180theremuch?... what happened... AC/RD-  
 meet-good-bad-good-bad... GZcalls(5/22/96)... "Idon'tknow"... what's  
 happening-nobody knows(notevenus)... 2 months-silence... 2 bad nights...  
 1 unexpected night... call to PA... it'sallgood... gorgeouseyes... flirting  
 neverstops... "closerthanevernow"... wrestlingmoves(1/18/97)... Bloom-  
 field-endlesstrips... alwayslate... GZleftatpark... #Friendly's... minigolf:  
 gostraight... GZ/SG-5th/8th/11th... BLONDIE... tellhimorIwill... flirtmuch?... APBIO12th... Frat Party-ACmetCH... whatparty?...  
 flattire... circles/gasstationmuch?... AC/CH-response... GZflashes-Angelosees... GrtAdvntr-girl/boy/car... Melissa's illness...  
 Johnhitguardrail... AD/MMlost... AC/MMbond... Livingston-AuntLinda's... rugelah... SandM... CC/ES-1/13/96... IWannaBe  
 WithYou/YourLovingArms/KillingMeSoftly/LoveYaBaby/ILoveYouAlwaysForever... MY/JB... Obsessions-guyslatchon... guyinTommy  
 shirt... Walter/Ivette... StheH... RJ's:anotherRyan... Beachwalk/talk... AC/SK-sum'96-"nothing'shappening"... GZ/CL:note/rose...  
 Finally:GZ/CH-makesnosense!... "Can'tbealone!"... JrProm-???... talks-GZ's... ByramTnsp... SrPromPredictions-AC/RD/GZ/CH... BFF...



Born "Twin A and B of a Multiple birth"  
 as the doctor told my mom,  
 Eight minutes apart and shortly joined  
 in the arms of parents Bobbi and Tom.

We learned to crawl, walk, talk  
 and play with one another,  
 and we always joined forces to double-team  
 our older brother.

We grew up together, moved together  
 dealt with things together and more,  
 laughing, playing, crying, and sleeping  
 behind the same bedroom door.

Years of "which one are you?" "Are you twins?"  
 and people mixing up a name  
 Countless questions about being twins and  
 comments of "you look exactly the same!"

Playing tricks, changing classes  
 and fooling a neighbor or friend,  
 As twins we always have special advantages,  
 that will never end.

As we grow we are finding different interests  
 and following a different dream,  
 Some day one will be a psychologist or school teacher,  
 the other heading a top medical team.

Even though we may be parting  
 as we pursue where our own paths lead,  
 Our relationship will only grow stronger,  
 as each other we'll always love and need.

As identical twins we're always together,  
 even when physically apart,  
 For we share something unique,  
 a special bond from the heart.



**Lauren and Michele Athay**







It started way back in our freshman year w/ an elevator & a 3 minute dance . . .

PB&J Sandwich w/oDaPB ♦ Blimps ♦ CP-individuals ♦ BrandyMinde ♦ Jam ♦ PizzaParty?

Sometimes practices got a little boring, so we decided to liven things up . . .

I'llGetTheWater ♦ FBFieldFights ♦ LateNightFights ♦ WhereDoIPutDaFoot? NS&JD

Along with our full year of cheering, we also shook a pom during the summer . . .

TagTeam ♦ WaterStunts ♦ OYE! ♦ Sunburns ♦ PartyAtPratko's ♦ EscapeRoute2Houlihan's

Saturday mornings we relaxed with a nice, calm breakfast before the game . . .

OHOP ♦ ParkDiner ♦ PinPomOnPratko ♦ IWannaHaveSomeFun ♦ Summer♥in' ♦ 15marshmallowsTC ♦ Parading ♦ She's too cool ♦ SHPstops ♦ Hydraulics

Once game time arrived, it was time to get serious-but we didn't always do it . . .

JVHalloween ♦ Rambo ♦ JDSquirtedAtDB ♦ S-P-I-R-I-T ♦ GoSpartanCheerLDRS ♦ OrangeWriting ♦ Blue&WhiteHeeey ♦ Flyin'HighInStunts

Home games were fun, but we always represented on bus rides & in other towns . . .

Lifting at the Y ♦ DJ T & the SHOW girls ♦ Bom-Chica-Bom's ♦ Fright Fest

Instead of trying out for cheerleading, we should have joined the chorus . . .

Fuego ♦ LeanOnMe ♦ HeadOverFeet ♦ MyBoo ♦ TiAmo ♦ It'sAllComingBack2MeNow ♦ PassDaTP ♦ We'reGoing2KT ♦ ElevateYourMind

We loved to cheer for the Mountaineers, but the post-game celebrations were even better . . .

Dom'sHouse ♦ PVSurprisePty ♦ Jimmy'sHomecoming ♦ Dave'sPoolParty ♦ LaManna's-name that tune

After the parties there were stories & rumors-at times it was tough to tell them apart . . .

FistAntenna& Pillow ♦ JG FallsHeadOverFeet ♦ Everyone'sCryin' ♦ Where's SP's BathingSuit? ♦ TootsieRoll ♦ ImaginaryMen

What we said didn't always make sense, but that just made us say it more . . .

WeRHere ♦ Hey Man! ♦ OnDeck ♦ MyMother, Uknow the . . . ♦ YesDrillSergeant ♦ WhateverTrevor/Hector ♦ We'reLikeGoing to Giant's Stadium ♦ AceVentura ♦ Later Fungal ♦ Tellin'DebbieAboutDebbie ♦ SweatyG-line ♦ Prak-cheese ♦ An-ta-ney

Our JV & Varsity years were filled with competitions, but they didn't always go as planned . . .

JV-GAMessed† ♦ GoldCoins ♦ HereWeGoAgain ♦ W.Milford Fans ♦ W.Milford '95-2ndInCheer ♦ W.Milford '96-2ndInCheer/3rd in dance & Cheer/Dance ♦ Parsippany&Harrison 2-3-3 Again ♦ Lakeland's Trippin' ♦ Curse Is Broken - Montville Champions 1996

We've been through a lot together with the help of our friends . . .

ZA, BC, AG, KH, LL, LM, JM, & RP - Thanks for the good times, keep the S-p-i-r-i-t alive next year-We♥you! ♦ TG, SB, DO ♦ Football Players-Thanks for the great weekends, parties, flowers, support & friendship ♦ Mr. D -Thanks for your ice packs & exercises ♦ Russ & Curtis ♦ Ms. Manos, Ms. Kulhman, Ms. Bauer, Linda-Thanks for all your expert advice ♦ Ms. Pratko-Thanks for the best four years of our lives, always remember us, 'cause we'll never forget you!

Together we shared all the laughter,  
And wiped away each other's tears.  
Our cheerleading days may be over,  
But we'll always cherish these four years.

1996 - 1997 Varsity Cheerleaders-  
We Did It With A Bom-Chica-Bom!!!





**Memories...** GoofTroop//chillin'w/ P-Quad/Stagg/ClubRez/GPIAgain?/Slammin'Saturday/PhatFriday/Whatever/Stuff/LikeWeDidLotsOfStuff/JSSsRappin'/OhNoYouDidn't/WeRtheParty/UBNight/JeanJacketGirls/IGotNoBFIGotNoMan/LiquidLekkas/Pranking/I'llBoxHerHeadIn/JrProm96/ChaCha's/ItalianPros./TheLongFinger&St.Pat'sDayParade/Rascals/150&SHNarking/PkDinerJumpin'@3/4thOfJuly 95 & 96 doing the usual/L a b o r D a y W k d 9 5 & 9 6 /NewYears96&97/Dunkin'DounutSigns/MemorialDayWkd95,96,&97/TheBomb/Ad.WJumpin'/Summerof96/Ps y c h o B o y s / 7 - 1 1 2 4 - 7 /PartyOn2ndAve/ShoreCops/XS/Stamps/Rich's&ST's...Like we're right/Lockdown/WhenIWas17 it was a very goodyr./WhoStoleOurStuff?/Midway&Marucas/BermudaByMistake/Senior Parade/Our Bridge/Senior Picnic/Sailin' Across Degnan/Golden Guido/Curly or Straight/Halloween96/Monster Mash Narkin'/MPs Xmas Party/ Breaking boxes/Superbowl97/SeniorBowling/SeniorProm97/Graduation97

**Last Will & Testament...**

**THOMASINE**- Candles & A Later Curfew

**MICHELE**-

24hrs2GetReady&Dinner'n'A Movie

**VIVIAN**- Boxing Gloves & One Hair Color

**MELISSA**- Something Purple & A Sheep

**FRAN**- A Fight & A Radar Detector

**ELENI**- Food & Clothes

**CLAUDIA**- Singing Contract & A Ticket to DR

**JEN**- Boys & A Rapping Contract

**NICOLE**- A Water Bottle&One Guy

**Dedications...**DHCBoys/P-Quad/Nutley Guys(ThanxForTheMemories)/Senior Gals: KS JD MM LB MI HH TH TG AC KV BR DO/Zoice/Our Boys: Paul, John, Dennis, Frank, Casey, Carlos, AllOfNSsBoys,DD/Our Families/We Love You All!!!!



**There's No Reason To Cry...**  
**We'll Always Be Together**



Essex Green Pyramids  
 Keep On Rockin' Me Baby  
 Steve Miller  
 7-22-94 Full Moon  
 We Won't We Did  
 Daisy Dukes  
 I Want You To ...  
 NYC  
 New Year's Eve-Losing Car  
 Bonzi  
 I Look So Good People Follow w/ Cars  
 287-Dead Bodies  
 Flying Off Seasaws  
 Korean Alarm Clock  
 Looking Good As A Hood  
 I Need Some...  
 I Don't Think I Did But I Can't Remember  
 Call Me When You Get Bored  
 Queen Megan/Peasant Hee  
 Never Caught



**MEGAN**



#### DID YOU REALLY SAY THAT

"Can You Get Tan From A Fire?"  
 "Where Do You Keep Your Money?"  
 "Did PQ Really Buy The Abandoned House?"  
 "Where Did KS's car keys ever go?"  
 "Who's Paddy?"  
 "Is Collin Demsy A Real Person?"  
 "Can You Lite A Mok From A Lightbulb?"  
 "Can You Walk On That Wire?"  
 "Who's Muhammad Ali?"

**HEE**

Tom's Diner  
 Forest Hill Blue Men  
 Andrew 40 Old Indian  
 Rosa's swims  
 Dancing On Pool Tables  
 The Best Part Of The Night...  
 Sleeping In Backyards  
 PERSONAL VENDETTA  
 Under Tables At GPI  
 Are These My Donuts  
 We'll Do It For Johnny  
 No Joke  
 Copa Cabana  
 SHP Girls/That Party  
 25 Hang Ups One Night  
 Can I Call/Beep One More Time  
 Special Klan/ X-Files/ Tricks  
 Bloody Noses  
 Little Davy Jr.  
 Latino Thursday Nights



**KELLY**



## Fleffinger & Lola

"Going to Morrocco"--the bike trips of death--spiked beebies--the fight with dentist tools-- midnight waterguns w/Shelly--Secret Underwear Elves--Katie's fire alarm (tea)--W.O.B.A-TEA,junior(we were cool)--Williamsburg-teachers vs. us--Hoolywood Lights--fire at Burger King(who did it?)--GSB's-Bog, A-look (and the stalk),PCBro,our Royal Rumbles on the softball bus--SARYDAJO--sleeping at Gregory & in Ryan's garage--Wildwood &the pajama run-trying to be singers- eggs (mmm!)--twins--"the night on the track"--parties &regrets--adventures to & from S.O.(a bottle pf hairspray & a pen to protect us)--sneaking out of Rashanda's house--markers--CHAWKEE(yep, it was us)-- Ryan gives us away to the cops (thanx Ryan)--"I think it's your turn"-- nice limo,too bad there's no lights--Arizona?party time-- Freaks of Nature 1&2--krazy card games

**7 YEARS OF CHAOS!!!**



## The Chaos Began In 1984 . . .



Kindergarten ♥ St. Joe's ♥ Stealing  
Pocketbooks ♥ PC our 1st BF ♥ 1st Grade  
Perm ♥ Gail's Dancing ♥ Recitals ♥  
Chillin' In The BR B4 Class ♥ EH  
Class...Ewwe ♥ Star Cards ♥ High Heel  
Taps ♥ Pastina & Eppys ♥ Becky  
Gilbertson ♥ Heiml ♥ Pretty Girl ♥ Friday  
Night Skiing ♥ Staying On The Lift ♥  
Freezery ♥ Purple Monsters ♥ The Woods  
♥ Pranking ♥ The Master Parister ♥ My  
Last Name Is Really Parisi ♥ Pool Days ♥  
Geekola & Nondaroo ♥ AuntVi ♥  
Candle Lit Breakfast ♥ Tootsie Frooties  
♥ 500 Rum ♥ T-Money ♥ Jay & Marlo's  
Party ♥ Manlooking ♥ Winning Teddies ♥  
Staff & AA ♥ Under The Board Walk ♥ 1st  
Kiss ♥ XS Obsession Began ♥ Surf Club ♥  
Slam ♥ Kong Fu Fighting ♥ You Know,  
My Cousin ♥ Chicago Tape ♥ StevieB ♥  
Together Again in WOHS ♥ Alladin &  
Abu ♥ Staggy ♥ TIAMO ♥ Rascals ♥ TC  
Went w/ Him...MP's Big Lie ♥ Go Flex ♥ I  
Want To Poke'em ♥ Sweet 16's ♥ Who's  
Coming 4 Turkey? ♥ UB Night ♥ The  
Retarded Monkey ♥ Christmas Shopping  
♥ Punchin' Bky ♥ Shamu ♥ Emotional  
Marks ♥ Diners ♥ Jr. Prom Date  
Catastrophe ♥ Rock On ♥ #1 On The  
Rug ♥ The "Bomb" ♥ I Burned Myself w/  
the Curling Iron ♥ He Bit Me ♥ All I Want  
Is Candles ♥ Sr. Events ♥ Graduation



**... And It Will  
Last Forever !!!**

## OPPOSITES ATTRACT!!

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Sebold per.1: Journalism 1: S. Groin; Juices:  
Lyle; Hamburger; Double A story; Red vs.  
Black; Mr & Mrs. Click; Spark Plug; Go Go  
Power Rangers; Frog Fights; Don Prez; 1:32  
p.m.; Adrian D.; Clifford; Rx-Boy of the Jungle;  
Our Picasso Museum;  
Lady in Red; MDC;  
Fribbles; black wardrobe;  
DG-Depressed Much?; I  
Want Gum!!; Bl'elvis &  
Bl'onzie; Where's  
Marvin?; Sweet Sixteens;  
AB-endless camp stories;  
FP-the Bald Spot that  
isn't; rain dancing; Tekel  
the Tickler; 70's  
Pocahontas; Dumper; Sea  
Reefer; Psych Degree;  
CK1; Collages; La Mela;



Prom Hell; KG-should you drink that?: Basic  
Instinct; Matt=Sleeping Beauty; Broadcasting  
Blues; Bitterness; AARGH; Just Ducky; CP-  
Just Kidding; Gym Wedgie; Graph Paper; Boy  
Wonder; ES-Doc Katz; Ally/Katty/Genny; Big  
Daddy E; Powder Puff; Din-  
ner Party; Witches of  
Eastwick II/ Triumverate;  
The S-Mobiles; Guinea-T  
Boy/Cannons; Broobs;  
BCC pens; Humorous; Jeff;  
Verona Woods; Rob & Ro-  
man; Calendar Girl; Miss  
Movieca; Sleepers Saga;  
"Naked"; Slacks; Lodi;  
New Year's party hopping;  
Tag-Team Wrestling;  
Fudge-Licking; Sailor Boy;  
Allen Ginsberg...BFF!!!

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# JILL, KELLY, MEGAN



THE PAST TEN YEARS HAVE BROUGHT THE THREE OF US MANY MEMORIES TO SHARE "BREAKING LIGHTS" "BLIZZARD WALKS" "OATmeal CHIPS" "BALCONIES" "DITCHES" "BRICK WALLS" "ONLY 10 AND ROPE" "LAUGHING GAS" "BOTTLE BREAKING" "EGG TOSSES" "IT SMELLS LIKE..." "SUN POISONING" "GREEN HEADS" "6 FAMILIES" "GRABBING FRY" "SKEEF PARTIES" "GETTING CAUGHT" "DOGS" "JAIL" "PSYX CONVERSATIONS" "PALACES" "STOONS" "HE'S DEAD" "WEDGIE" "BODY VIDEOS" "POOL HOPPING" "FRONT DOORS" "CHRIS, WALTER, WALTER, CHRIS" "IT'S NATURAL" "CAPICKETS" "GREEN WORMS" "GATES" "CHACHAS LOST" "DELAWARE RIDE" "44-22-17" "I FIRST TO GO" "CHEATERS" "5-0" "BEACHERS" "WOODS" "BATHROOMS" "FUY" "BLADDER PROBLEMS" "DB GAME" "SHOWER W/ CLOTHES" "PROMS" "SERIOUSLY, FAKELY? ICE CRUSHING" "NOSES (3X)" "CAB DRIVER" "FORREST GUMP AND JOY" "SUPER BOWL" "3-2-1" "PIE THROWING" "DEGNAN POND" "BABY POOLS" "ACE NOSS" "MSPHISH" "ROSA" "NYC" "ONE FOR THE MONEY" "BURNING HAIR" "MICHAEL JACKSON GLOVE" "MUHAMMAD ALI" "STEVE NILLER CONCERT" "KEEP ON ROCKIN ME BABY" "WEEA O" "CAUSE YOU WANT ME" "WT. FUS" "MR. MACHO MAN" "IOE" "THE PRINTER MAN" "BURP-SNOOT-ROLI" "INTERCOM" "WHERE ARE WE GOING TO SHOWER" "THE BEST PART OF THE MOVIE IS... IT'S TIME FOR A TEA PARTY!!"

NEW YEARS EVE...  
'94-WALK IN THE SNOW  
'95-10-KV'S PARTY  
'96-FINAL IN 3D  
'97-NYC DOING OUR OWN THING

IN 20 YEARS...  
JD-MARRIED TO A PLUMBER  
KS-BY THE POOL BEING SERVED  
MM-LIVING IN THE WOODS W/ 40 LIVES-AS LONG AS SHE'S HAPPY

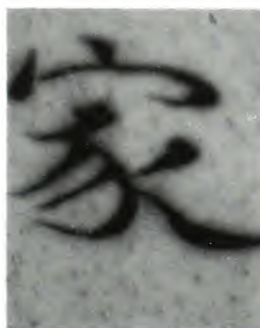


WE'VE SEEN THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD, BUT IN ALL YOU KNOW WE'RE GLAD, THAT WE STAYED FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS TO SHARE THE LAUGHTER AND THE TEARS, AND THOUGH WE ARE ALL GOING PRETTY FAR AWAY, WE'LL CORRESPOND IN EVERY WAY, YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE, MY BEST FRIENDS WILL ALWAYS BE YOU!!!





A Family . . . Tommy's car, senior bowling . . . dips in the ocean, Verona Nights . . . TEC . . . double team . . . JD . . . Josh's first . . . Casey's arc . . . high school campouts . . . Nutley Rules! . . . JM . . . Da Wood Man . . . Where's Rico? . . . Get out of my car . . . NYC . . . Mayapple . . . Casey's Mess . . . private island . . . led-foot Josh . . . hood of the Daddy, Dirt's phone skills . . . Class of '98 . . . breaking bottles . . . kiwi-strawberry . . . could easily mess your hair . . . who's changed?, T-bird's notorious brains . . . sleepin' at Rich's . . . What's up, Chip . . . the rock . . . knockin' out trees . . . girls, psycho boyfriends . . . ball, anyone? . . . Casey's stalker . . . Dirt's eight-head . . . Philly skills . . . Josh, the bank . . . it's the bacon, move the marshmallows! . . . Jerry . . . Leather . . . the bus man . . . wanna make a run? . . . Casey, stop . . . adventures . . . not great? . . . Double date . . . gum in your hair . . . flat soda . . . hat man . . . why did she get sick? . . . sittin' by the fire . . . game nights . . . CP's cabinets, he owes us! . . . dark room . . . ok, JR . . . silent Josh . . . MF's mess, morning lifts . . . 3 down, 2 to go . . . Tommy's couch . . . FOREVER!







## Katherine & Vicky



Back when Katherine cried (a lot) & Vicky was really tiny, we were forced to avoid the smell of stinky BL & play house in K-R. Brownies & GS's was a treat w/ lip syncs, the oval, & camp ins at the Ramada. Thundercats & spying were our fave games. Kat dressed up as Crest Toothpaste & Vic was Mint Choc. Chip ice cream 4 Halloween parades.

(Stay Puff) but loved NKOTB. Luckily Vic wore neon pink pants w/ her NK Tshirt so at the concert Kat could spot her. Debbie Gibson & Electric Youth perfume blinded SC, but it went nicely w/ the make-up he wore in his sleep. Crazy sleepovers w/ alligators entertained us many nights. RMS began & so did Backyard camp w/ the owl & Hammie.



Red Cross taught us about Mae Tuck, & babysitting. Magabrat & Ribbit always attacked, but Fred, Mommy #1 & 2 saved us. 4 our B-days we exclaimed, "A butter churn- just what I always wanted." Never 4-get Medieval times when SC called the waitress. WOHs arrived along w/ Marching Band & trips to Boston, VA, & Quebec that gave us great pictures, fights w/ HS & the Chuckleheads & Vic wore crazy clothes. For shows we had to wear puffy headbands, ugly bowties, potato sacks, & topsy tails all while drooling over AB, MC, & esp. Scotty T. Kat swam but Vic almost drown. We discovered the power of the lima & pixie stix while we waited for the Pizza Boy (VA). Dyed our hair (sorry 'bout the mess). Worm boy terrorized us, but Kat used her butchness to stop him. TV 36, Yearbook, AP Comp & Physics w/ Thad made us laugh. Quest 4 mad hotties will never cease. 13 years filled our hearts w/ Memories. Luv Ya!

Back-packing through Europe/  
Plan F-Retest please!/  
Hugs and kisses/  
Spree Madness/  
Puyo Puyo/ "Who did the homework?"/  
the Yellow Beach/  
Famous Amos/  
IHOP-Luanne:  
"Excuse me that waiter was rude!"  
NYC: Bargain!/  
Pamela's Cafe-No, but waiter!/  
Antique Boutique/  
Able from Atrium  
Tears, Funny Man,  
George, Froglet,  
Peter, Johnny,  
CVS,  
Southern lover,  
Aime Elle, Star  
Gazer, Yo Yo  
Francis

## Brown-eyed Girls



Remember:  
Lynn: headlights on = dead battery/  
Wake-up/ Cookies and Cream/ Chill Bisquit!  
Neha: The Flip/  
Clueless/ Spoiled Payal: Bubba/  
BOB!!!/ Poke, poke Sharon: Melk/  
Outbursts/ Boston accent/ Dixon #2  
Alex: I am an honest Catholic girl/ \$20 CKs/ he is not my son  
Luanne: Floating down PKWY/  
longest torso/  
Fisherman's Friend  
Urvi: pseudo-hood/  
It was on my paper- I swear! Oh my Gyod!

Sha la la la la la la la la-a ti da! La Ti Da!!!



## ✿ Best Friends Forever ✿



*13 years and counting*

### *Hena & Erica*

*Friends for Life*



1 day while takin pics, H & E were hijakd! E will visit H in 9/10 on weds. The lunchtable posse saved them. Evry1 danced in Bio. H was hyped, E is crazy. They went to LHS in the African Savana bcuz TGALC they're not! They found statewide parties at Spindletop. "Hi Homing & Keta!" "We're gonna roc tonite!" if U gimme sugar. E & H dont want orbitz or fudgelite. Evrywhere they go in babydoll guys, guys, & more guys! Whats Ms. M got 2 say about that? Life is good. They're all happy, Batman. Go Bowling. Sit in a diner. Hena & Erica-Best Friends Now and Forever! Luv Ya!! Never forget our years at WOHS or as buds!



# JESSICA AND STEPHEN

## 5-5-96

## TO

## FOREVER

He'd do Anything for Love, and she's Head Over Feet, No. No. Pooh baby, Star Wars Baby, Street Hockey at 1:00 in the morning, Miniature Golf and the Range, Going to see every new movie possible, a Snoopy Snow Cone maker, Felix the Cat and Tigger the Tiger, Chinese Food and Taco Bell every weekend, a Charlie Brown Christmas Tree with M & M Candy lights, M & M stuffed animals in every color possible and the four foot Winnie the Pooh, the movie Independence Day, Peanut. The Love we have will never die. 5-5-96 to Forever.





It all started Band Camp '93 (but guys I wasn't there). The crazy new girl. She's dangerous with a flag. "Put your drums back on and leave the guard alone." Pete's skating accident. IPS. Those good old' band trips. Boston '94- Salem and the witches. "I don't read palms." Jon cursed the band. How many of us were awake at the symphony? Virginia Beach '95- Dan scales the wall. The egg-EW gross (what was really in that?) Hot wax at the candle making shop. Quebec '96- Jon our translator, we couldn't have survived without you. Self-serve Chinese. Ummmm Shrimp. Happy Birthday? Disco revival. Theresa's Dance Fever. Disney '97- Let the fun begin. Will Jon ever find a local girl? Dan what's it like to know you've dated 1/2 the guard? Shortest relationship 2 hours. Football games, football games and more football games. Vicky is taken hostage at band camp, again. Plague. Giants Stadium '95- We are the Champions & '96 We're still the champions (if it weren't for those judges.) All nighters at Vicky's. Prom and Bowling what a combination. Eagle Scout reception- "you have cute legs in that uniform." (I wasn't giving her dirty looks, I just always make that face.) Jon and Dan show up in the middle of the night. "My car won't start." It's been a great four years, sometimes a little *Dazed* and a little *Confused* but we've survived with thanks to each other. "When I get to college all I'm going to do is. . . Check ya later."



**Dan**

**Vicky**

**Pete**

**Jon**



NEWS



The Senior Class Council takes matters into their own hands as they lead the Class of 1997 out of WOHS and off to conquer the world!!



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