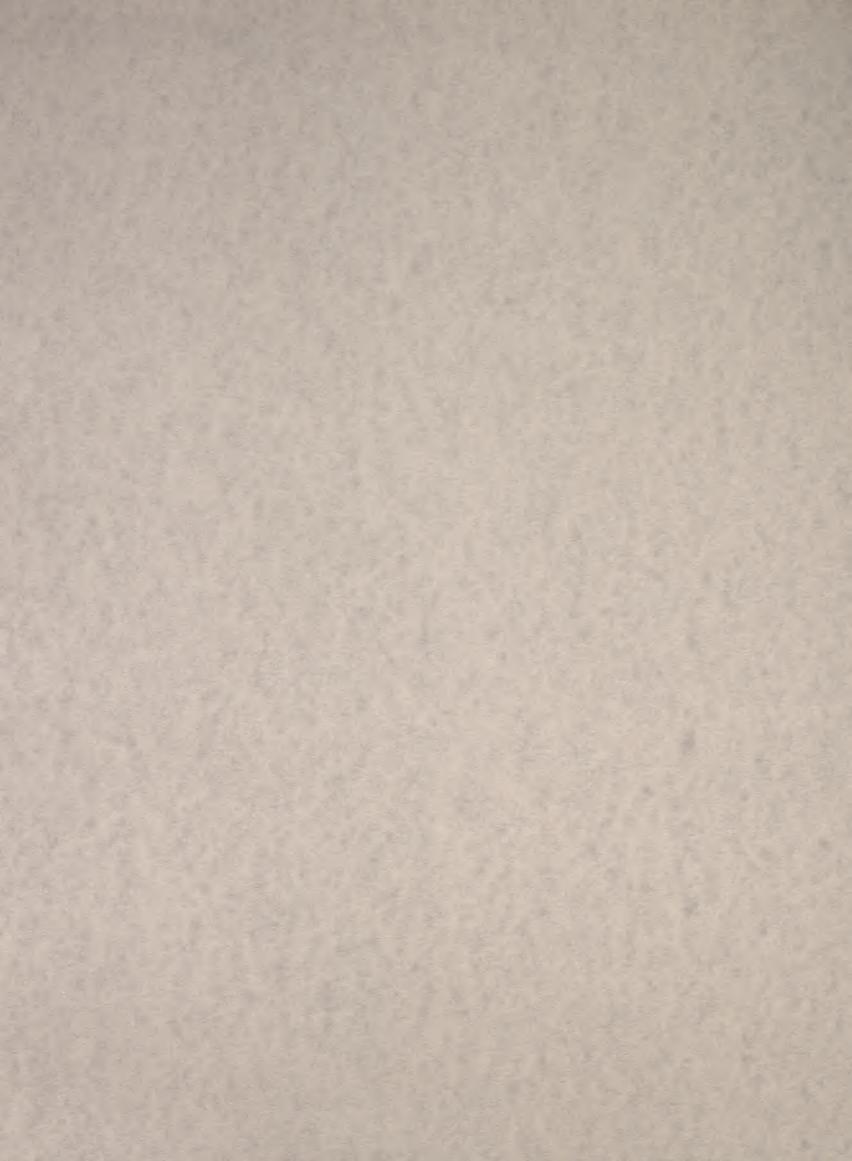
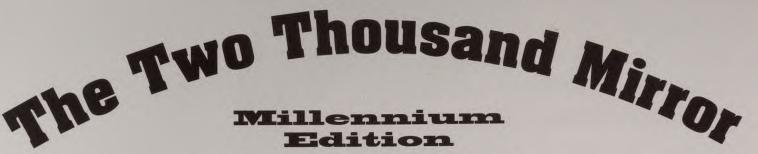
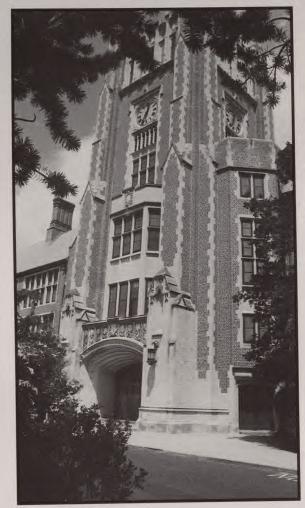


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Columbia High School Maplewood, New Jersey Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

> Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear;

Though as for that, the passing there Had worn them really

about the same,









And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

> I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

A Rock, A River, A Tree Hosts to species long since departed, Mark the mastodon. The dinosaur, who left dry tokens Of their sojourn here On our planet floor, Any broad alarm of their of their hastening doom Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages. But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully, Come, you may stand upon my Back and face your distant destiny, But seek no haven in my shadow. I will give you no hiding place down here. You, created only a little lower than The angels, have crouched too long in The bruising darkness, Have lain too long Face down in ignorance. Your mouths spelling words Armed for slaughter.











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rock cries out today, you may stand on me, But do not hide your face. Across the wall of the world, A river sings a beautiful song, Come rest here by my side. Each of you a bordered country, Delicate and strangely made proud, Yet thrusting perpetually under siege. Your armed struggles for profit Have left collars of waste upon My shore, currents of debris upon my breast. Yet, today I call you to my riverside, If you will study war no more. Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your brow And when you yet knew you still knew nothing. The river sings and sings on. There is a true yearning to respond to The singing river and the wise rock. So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew, The African and Native American, the Sioux, The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek, The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh, The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher, The privileged, the homeless, the teacher. They hear. They all hear The speaking of the tree.

I, the rock, I the river, I the tree

I am yours — your passages have been paid. Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need For this bright morning dawning for you. History, despite its wrenching pain, Cannot be unlived, and if faced with courage,

Need not be lived again.

Lift up your eyes upon

The day breaking for you. Give birth again

To the dream.

Here on the pulse of this new day You may have the grace to look up and out And into your sister's eyes, Into your brothers face, your country And say simply Very simply With hope Good morning. This is a place where the sidewalk ends And before the street begins,

And there the grass grows soft and white,

And there the sun burns crimson bright,

And there the moon-bird rests from his flight

To cool in the peppermint wind.











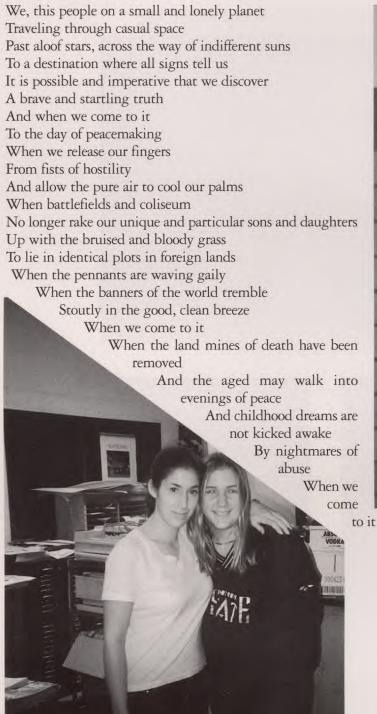


Let us leave this place where the smoke blows black And the dark street winds and bends. Past the pits where the asphalt flowers grow We shall walk with a walk that is measured and slow, And watch where the chalk-white arrows go To the place where the sidewalk ends.



Yes we'll walk with a walk that is measured and slow And we'll go to where the chalk-white arrows go, For the children, they mark, and the children, they know The place where the sidewalk ends.







Then we will confess that not the Pyramids With their stones set in mysterious perfec-Not the Garden of Babylon Hanging as eternal beauty In our collective memory Not the Grand Canyon Kindles in deli-By Western Not the Not the













cious color sunsets Danube flowing in its blue soil into Europe the sacred peak of Mount Fuji Stretching to the rising sun Neither Father Amazon nor Mother Mississippi who, without favor, Nurture all creatures in the depths and on the shores These are not the only wonders of the world When we come to it We, this people, on this miniscule and kithless globe Who reach daily for the bomb, the blade, the dagger Yet who petition in the dark for tokens of peace We, this people on this moat of matter In whose mouths abide cantankerous worlds Which challenge our existence Yet out of those same mouths Can come songs of such exquisite sweetness That the heart falters in its labor And the body is quieted into awe CC

Out of such chaos, of such contradiction We learn that we are neither devils or divines When we come to it We must confess that we are the possible We are the miraculous, the true wonders of this world That is when, and only when We come to it.



I walk the maze of moments But everywhere I turn to Begins a new beginning But never finds a finish I walk to the horizon And there I find another It all seems so surprising And then I find that I know

> You go there you're gone forever I go there I'll lose my way If we stay here we're not together Anywhere is

> > The moon upon the ocean Is swept around in motion But without ever knowing The reason for its flowing In motion on the ocean The moon still keeps on moving The waves still keep on waving And I still keep on going

> > > I wonder if the stars sign The life that is to be mine And would they let their light shine Enough for me to follow I look up to the heavens But the night has clouded over

> > > > No spark of constellation No Vela no Orion

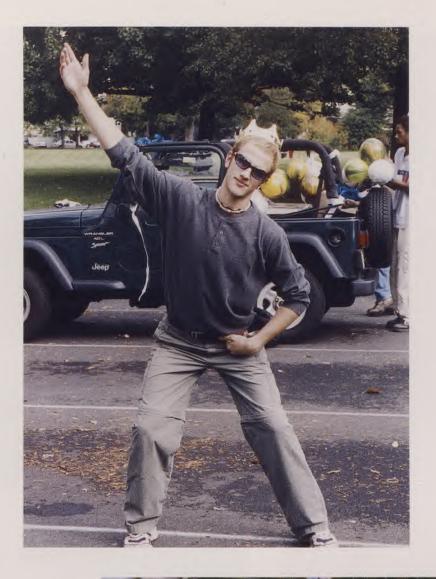












The shells upon the warm sands Have taken from their own lands The echo of their story But all I hear are low sounds As pillow words are weaving And willow waves are leaving But should I be believing

That I am only dreaming To leave the thread of all time And let it make a dark line In hopes that I can still find The way back to the moment I took the turn and turned to Begin a new beginning Still looking for the answer I cannot find the finish It's either this or that way It's one way or the other It should be one direction It could be on reflection The turn that I have taken The turn that I was making I might be just beginning I might be near the end

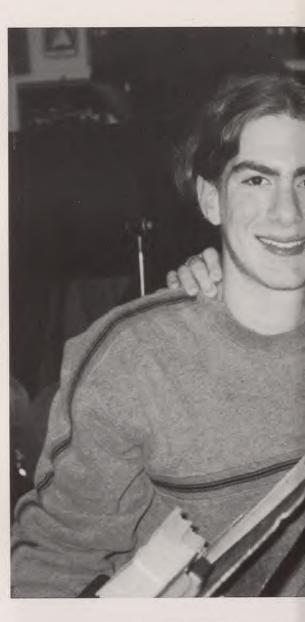






whether home ward, tward from the village, Or (chimes were ringing) churchward. He waited (they were strangers) Till they were out of hearing To bid them both be happy. "Be happy, happy, happy, And seize the day of pleasure."











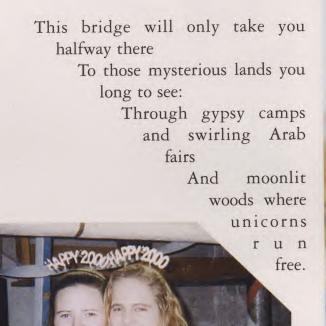




The age-long theme is Age's. "Twas Age imposed on poems Their gather-roses burden To warn against the danger That overtaken lovers From being overflooded With happiness should have it And not yet know they have it. But bid life seize the present? It lives less in the present Than in the future always, And less in both together

That in the past. The present Is too much for the senses, Too crowding, too confusing —

Too present to imagine.







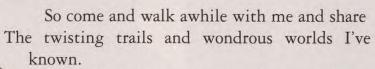












- But this bridge will only take you halfway there
  - The last few steps you'll have to take alone.





I wonder about the trees. Why do we wish to bear Forever the noise of these More than another noise So close to our dwelling place? We suffer them day by day Till we lose all measure of pace, And fixity in our joys, And acquire a lis-



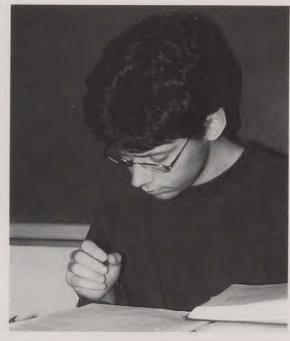








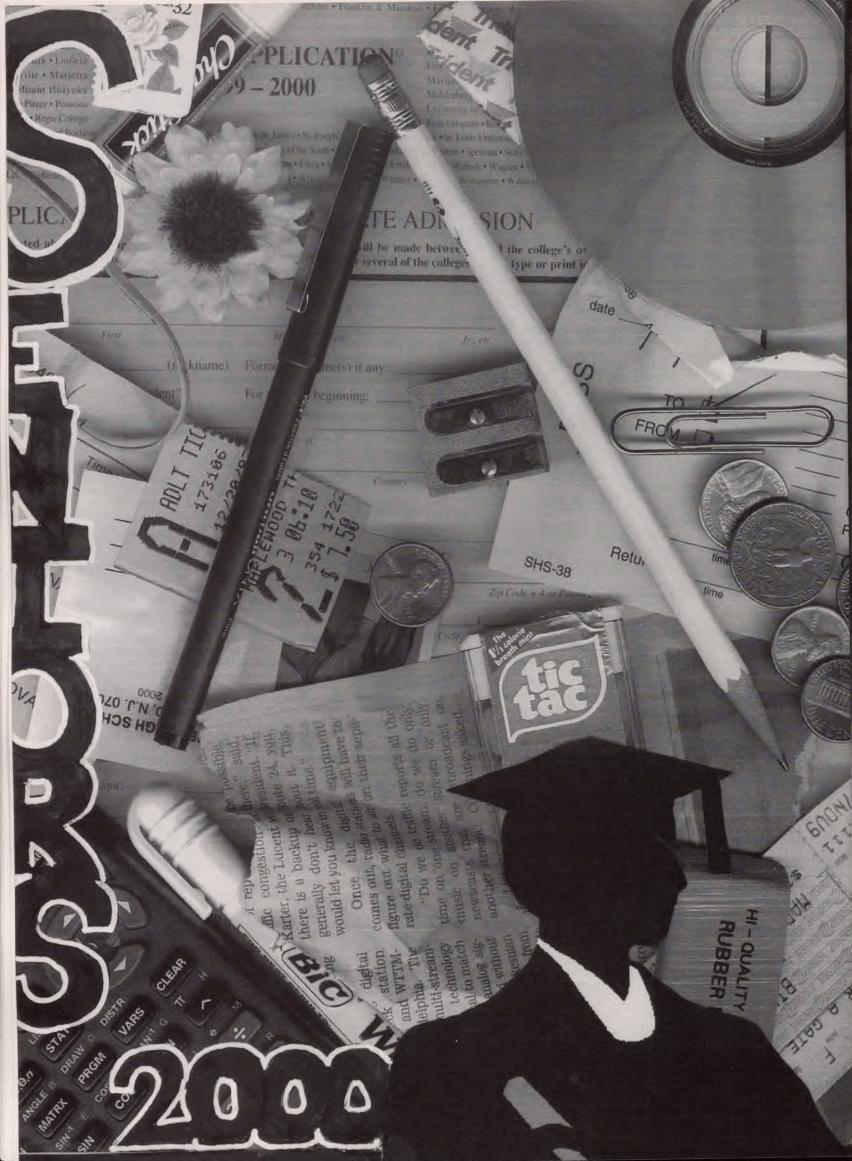




They are that talks of going But never gets away; And that talks no less for knowing, As it grows wiser and older, That now it means to stay. My feet tug at the floor And my head sways to my shoulder Sometimes when I watch trees sway, From the window or the door. I shall set forth for somewhere,



I shall make the reckless choice Some day when they are in voice And tossing so as to scare The white clouds over them on. I shall have less to say, But I shall be gone.





What are you looking forward to most about graduating from CHS? "Just leaving is enough for me." - Marcus Solomon - Shafequah Muhammad ... "Getting out and not looking back on any bad things that "Leaving and never coming back." happened during my four years." - Ericka Thomas ... "The college girls." - Brieem Towns .. "Getting out of here!" - San-"Entering the life of adulthood and meeting new people." — Yeneisha Johnson ... "Going out into the real world dra Merant .

so I can make money." --- Shari McRee ... "Going off to college to meet new people." -- Cortney Rolley ... "Going to college." -- Nawal Ezzouhairy, Jason Cummings, Theepika Navaratnarajah, Jessica Gould, Jamie Wang & Lindsey Rocchio "What the future holds ..." - Emilio Panasci ... "Going to college and partying all night long." - Jasmine Jack ... "Getting out of school." - Paul McArthur "Getting out of town!" - Tory Somers ... "Starting my career as a nurse. Shavon Garner ... "Being the best person in life that I could ever be." - Aasia Davis ... "Letting the gossip die; starting fresh with friends." --

Lauren Mondino ... "Starting over." - Rashida Garcia ... "Moving on to higher education and full-time employment with the experiences from CHS behind me." - John Furlong "Being independent." - Rebecca Robin ... "Starting out on my own at college and experiencing new things." - Sarah Pomerantz ... "Going to bigger and better things." - Ava Alton ... "Starting out on a career in print

journalism." --- Jacquelene S. Waller ... "the summer." — Michael Tobin "Finally going to college!" - Julie Stein "Taking that step forward to further own." - Melody Johansson ... "Moving toward my personal journey." - DeeDee "New people (and coming home again to ple :0)." — Amelia Branigan . . "Starting becoming an adult." — Sloan Baptiste and meeting new people." Shawn "Seeing what the world has to offer me. "Never seeing this place Damor Michele Cicchetto ... "Leaving the school equipped to face the 'real world'." Weatherly ... "Getting away from everymeeting new people." - Tracy Farrell be in class at 8 am, or just going to class

- Deirdre Parsons ... "Going to college and being semi-independent." - Rachel Staenberg ... "Continuing my education and being on my own." — Marissa Levine ... "Getting rid of my books and spending a summer having fun with friends and making money!" --- Fatima Garuba ... "It's been too long in one place." --- Peter Joseph ... "Becoming part of the 'real world.' I want to know what it's like to work from 9 to 5, come home, watch the 6 o'clock news or read the newspaper." — Akili Lynn ... "Leaving CHS! (and never coming back)" — Gabby Fredman ... "Progressing." — Madhavi Jatania .. Eric Gorman ... "Moving on to college and getting out of this rown." - Chris Alter ... "No longer having to wake up at 6:00 to get ready for school." -- Vanirl Mitchell ... "Warm Weather." -- Laina Erde ... "Being done with high school -- it's treated me pretty well, but I think I've had enough." - Avia Bearg ... What did you do this sumemr? "I was accepted into the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts for dance. It was a great program and a wonderful honor/accomplishment for me." - DeeDee Mayland ... "Practice for football." - Brieem Towns ... "Hung out with friends and went partying

every night." — Shavon Garner ... "Camp counselor, stuff ... saw friends before they went back to school." — Amelia Brani-"Worked." - Jason Cummings, Cortney Rolley, Paul McArthur, Jasmine Jack & Meris Stone ... friends." - Sarah Pomerantz ... "I trained for cross country." - Peter Joseph ... "I participated in two Girl Scout-related sailing excursions on the 112 foot schooner, the Ernestina, and on a small yacht-like schooner, the Brilliant. I also went to the Rochester Institute of Technology for a weekend experience of college life. Other time was spent taking trips to Boston and colleges; and learning how to drive. Akili Lynn ... "Worked and talked to chicks." - Marcus Solomon ... "Worked

40 hours a week, worked on my car, went out with friends, and saw Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" - John Furlong ... "Research on cells at Brandeis University." - Fatima Garuba ... "Sun bathed on the French Riviera, went to school and festivals in Germany, and snorkeled the northern most

reef in the world in Bermuda. Other than that, I relaxed Deirdre home." "Hung out best friends whom I Toronto for a couple amazing!" - Mad-Worked and went down the shore. Mike Tobin Went to summer school." - Shafequah Muhammad Worked as a teacher and teaching assistant at the Adult School Summer Program." - Avia Bearg ... "I was a camp counselor and I worked on my music (voice)." Jessica Gould went to Toronto with my brother and aunt Theepika Navarat narajah "Worked, chilled with my cousin, Kim, and went to

Atlantic City." - Ericka Thomas

"Leadership camp, beach, parties." - Laina Erde ... "Worked as a counselor and produced my CD." - Eric Gorman "Attended a summer business program at Lehigh University and was introduced to elite business organizations." --- Sandra Merant ... "I swam and worked." — Gabby Fredman ... "Worked two jobs so I could make money that I have already spent." "Worked, read, shopped, and went on vacation." - Ava Alton ... "I was in the fog." - Chris Alter ... "Col-Lindsev Rocchio .... lege program." — Rashida Garcia .... "Examined dead bodies (cadavers) at a medical forum in Chicago." — Yeneisha Johnson . Worked at pool, vacationed in Florida." - Tory Somers ... "Went driving, had fun, and met my husband." - Shari McRee "Camp counselor, lifeguard, went sailing." - Lauren Mondino ... "I went to Morocco for the whole summer." - Nawal Ezzouhairy ... "Went on a camping trip in Pennsylvania. I also went camping in (don't ask why) Wisconsin, felt a tornado's effect

from about 7 miles away. I also played ball, hung out, went shopping, and hoped September wouldn't come." --- Vanirl Mitchell "I was a counselor at a sleep away camp that I have been going to for 9 years." — Rebecca Robin ... "A lot of growing." - Sloan Baptiste ... "I worked with children." - Melody Johansson ... "Learned to Emilio Panasci ... "I went to Hawaii." -... "I worked at a daycare with kids that almost brought me to my death. Definitely questioned " - Jaquelene S. Waller

by ideas of being a parent ..." — Ivonne Salazar ... "Constructed buildings in Iceland." — Jamie Wang ... "I went to a lot of amusement parks, looked into some colleges and did a little research. - Aasia Davis ... "Taught little children gymnastics and went to Hershey Park with friends." Marissa Levine ... "Life guarded." - Tracy Farrell ... "I worked as a camp counselor at Kent Place in Summit." — Shawn Murphy ... "I went to England." — Michele Cicchetto ... "Worked at Willow Lake Day Camp." --- Rachel Staenberg ... "Worked and went to the beach every week-"Did a summer theater program and baby-sat." - Murlee Damor end." - Julie Stein ...

Worked and chilled out with my god sister, her boyfriend, and my boyfriend. It was a really good summer." - Danyelle Weatherly ... What do you do on Saturday nights? "Work on my car, work at Walgreen's, or hang out with my friends." - John Furlong ... "Go to the mall sometimes." - Cortney Rolley ... "Hang out with friends." - Melody Johans son, Marissa Levine, Laina Erde, Julie Stein, Shawn Murphy, Michele Cic chetto, Mike Tobin, Ava Alton, Tracy Farrell, Tory Somers & Jasmine Jack .. "If I'm not overwhelmed with homework or applications, I

chill with my friends - mall, movies, food (of course)." - Fatima Garuba ... "I usually just stay in the house, go out to see a movie or grab a bite to eat. Aasia Davis ... "Go to clubs or go skating." - Shavon "Chat online." - Murlee Damor ... "Go to the city hang out with friends." - Jessica Gould ... "Never mind. J/k. It's different every week." Emilio Panasci .

7-Eleven, movies, mall" - Meris Watch Saturday Night Live Vanirl Mitchell ... "Just chill my friends, go to parties or Sloan Baptiste . "I go to York City with my family." Theepika Navaratnarajah ... "My day Night Crew and I usually half of the time on the phone try decide what to do, then we usualup playing pool, bowling, skattaking trips to Barnes & Nobles other Route 10 stores," Deirdre Parsons "Make the cappuccinos in Maplewood (at work)." - DeeDee Mayland . "Warch T.V." - Rashida Garcia

"Can't say." - Marcus Solomon "Wish the next morning wasn't Sunday." - Eric Gorman ... "Pool night, baby! Everyone at my house to play pool." — Amelia Branigan ... "Go bowling." -Cummings ... "Hang out with Jordan and friends and play pool." - Sarah Pomerantz ... "Chill at home or go to parties with my friends." - Shafequah Muhammad

"Play pool - well actually, I tend to watch more than play ... or got bowling or rent a movie. Anything with friends." - Avia Bearg ... "You know, better not mentioned. - Chris Alter ... "Sleep or do homework." - Peter Joseph ... "Relax." - Jackie Waller ... "Drive around to 7-Eleven and baby-sit." - Rachel Staenberg ... "7-Eleven" - Rebecca Robin ... "If I'm not working I'm either at the movies or at home writing poetry about my life." - Danyelle Weatherly ... "My friends and I usually rent a couple of movies we haven't seen yet, order a pizza, make chocolately brownies and just chill out at whoever's house is avail-"Chill with my friends." - Brieem Towns ... "Depends." - Jamie Wang ... "Chill, hang out

able." — Akili Lynn . with my friends and do things that any other normal teen would do (skating, movies, bowling, etc.)" - Ericka Thomas . . ner, movies ... bowling?" - Madhavi Jatania ... "I usually waste the whole night trying to figure out what I'm going to do that night." — Yeneisha Johnson .... "Spend time with my boyfriend (husband)." — Shari McRee ..., "Drive too much, spend too much money and end up not remembering what I did the next day." - Lindsey Rocchio ... "Party, play cards, ..." - Paul McArthur Watch a movie, go to a party, or just hang out with friends." --- Sandra Merant ... "I either go out with friends or stay home and watch a movie with my family." — Nawal Ezzouhairy ... "Go to parties, work at Arturo's." — Lauren Mondino ... W do you think of the ACTs, SATs, and SATHs? "Hell." — Laina Erde ... "Horribly discouraging to many worthy people." Emilio Panasci ... "They aren't easy, but they're not hard either." - Marcus Solomon ... "&%#@\$" -- Gabby Fredman . "They don't show a person's intelligence, only how many vocab words he/she has studied and math problems he/she has practiced. If the SATs were real indicators of a person's intelligence, you couldn't prepare for them." — Lauren Mondino ... "The most ridiculous test in the world. They measure nothing about intelligence." — Tory Somers ... "The hardest test I will ever take." — Jasmine Jack ... "Been there, done that. Glad they're over." - Deirdre Parsons ... "I don't believe they reflect my

"The ACTs were easier!" - DeeDee Mayland ... "They're okay. I

Cummings ... "They take TOOO \$#\*% long!!" - Sandra Merant

true academic capability and pote tial." - Yeneisha Johnson ... "Challenging." - Nawal Ezzouhairy "Not horrible, not all that hard, not at all an accurate indicator of intelli Amelia Branigan ... "I'm gence.' just glad I don't have to worry about them ever again — too stressful!" -Madhavi Jatania ... "They're nothing but a headache. They require nothing but your undivided attention . "I HATE THOSE Ericka Thomas ... EVIL STANDARDIZED TESTS!" -Lindsey Rocchio ... "I think they test skills." - Ava Alton ... "Boooo!!!" Mike Tobin ... "I don't care too much for those tests because they don't reflect a student's true ability." -- Sloan Bap tiste ... "They were very hard." Theepika Navaratnarajah ... "They're hard and a waste of time." - Paul McArthur ... "I would like to make whoever designed that test eat my score report - twice!" - Eric Gorm don't think we need them." - Jason

.. "They're all stupid!" - Marissa Levine ... "I think it shows you that you've mastered subjects." - Shari McRee ... "It's a good assessment of how much a student knows about general subjects." --- Vanirl Mitchell ... "It was a waste of time and doesn't prove anything!" --- Murlee Damor .... "very hard and changes your life ... makes you think." - Peter Joseph ... "They prove nothing and are a total waste of money." - John Furlong "Stressful." - Tracy Farrell ... "I don't think that they reflect the student at all." - Rachel Staenberg ... "A waste of time and frustrating." — Fatima Garuba ... "Nothing but a big headache." — Aasia Davis ... "They are hard, but you really can't study for them." - Melody Johansson ... "They are a waste of brain cells and unnecessary stress to worry about." - Danyelle Weath-

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erly ... "They are a bad way to measure aptitude and should be eliminated!!!" — Meris Stone ... "Why even bother!" — Rebecca Robin ... "They're stupid and useless." — Michele Ciccherto ... "They were easy." — Shavon Garner ... "They all should burn in hell." — Chris Alter ... "Complicated." — Brieem Towns ... "The SATs are just another way for the College Board to profit

from the crazed mentalities of competitive students in our society, who are ultimately frazzled after the whole process is over." — Akili Lynn … "I wish they did not exist because they suck!" — Avia Bearg … "They are the worst way to judge a student. All they show is how well you take the test, and how well you did it that particular day!" — Julie Stein … "They are a waste of time and don't judge a person's intelligence." — Sarah Pomerantz … "I think they are boring." — Shawn Murphy … "Hate them all with a passion. They give too much anxiety and are pointless." — Jessica Gould … "They're stressful and I'm

pointless." — Jessica Gould ... "They're stressful and I'm glad they're over with." — Cortney Rolley ... "SATs weren't bad as I thought they'd be." — Jackie Waller ... "Doesn't measure my intelligence well." — Rashida Garcia ... "The first thing I did when I got my wheels was ... "I'm finally free!" — Michele Cicchetto ... "Drive to school." — Shawn Murphy ... "Learned how to drive it." — Rashida Garcia ... "Turned up the volume on my tape deck."

— Jackie Waller ... "Drove to an R-rated movie." — Sarah Pomerantz ... "Went back to school and then to CVS." — Rachel Staenberg ... "Drove down to the shore." — Marissa Levine ... "Drove to the Willowbrook Mall!" — Sandra Mer-

ant ... "Drove around for the hell of it, who didn't?" — Julie Stein ... "Drove." — Avia Bearg ... "Went through the village." — Tracy Farrell ... "Went to my best friend's house to show it off." — Cortney Rolley ...

"If I got some wheels I could probably answer this. Vanirl Mitchell "Clear out the turn signals (on the bumper), paint the Japanese characters for Honda on the bumper, add the red ACURA emblem to the hood, get a full tune up and spend every minute I can driving it." - John Furlong ... "Just drove around." Paul McArthur Went to the Bagel Chateau." - Rebecca Robin ... "Drove everywhere and stayed out all night. - Shari McRee ... went to temple with my parents." Theepika Navaratnarajah ... "Cruised hard as hell." Emilio Panasci "Rode around and chilled with my friends." - Ericka Thomas ... "Rode in them." -Ava Alton "I WISH!" Fatima Garuba "Went to the Bagel Chateau." - Laina Erde ... "Went to a party." - Jasmine

Mike A what die you finder (ad., for)?) — Elie Golman ... "Nothing because 1 have none yet." — Marcus Solomon ... "Rejoiced." — Gabby Fredman ... "Woke up, because 1 must have been dreaming." — Yeneisha Johnson ... "Who, me? Ha! That's pretty funny ..." — Deirdre Parsons ... "Went to 7-Eleven." — Meris Stone ... "Drove all day until midnight. I spent \$30 on gas that day." — Sloan Baptiste ...

"Drove around aimlessly." — Mike Tobin ... "I never got my license, but if I did get some wheels, I would go overseas and speed my &%\* off, or go to Canada." — Murlee Damor ... "I picked up two of my best friends and we drove around for a little while, then we went to Burger King." — Nawal Ezzouhariy ... "Go everywhere." — Jason Cummings ... "Wake up, stretch, yawn, and think 'wow, that was a nice dream ..." — Amelia Branigan ... "When I do get my wheels, I'm going to show them off and chill." — Shafequah Muhammad ... "I drove my family to Baskin Robins for some ice cream." — Ivonne Salazat ... "Called

everyone and told them, and went out with friends." — Jessica Gould … "I don't have any wheels." — Jamie Wang … "I showed it off to everyone on the volleyball team and I gave people a ride home after a victorious game." — Akili Lynn … "Ran over people and things." — Chris Alter ... "Went to my boyfriend's house and told him the good news." — Shavon Garner ... "I would go show all my friends the Lexus GS400 '95- 96 Edition my daddy just bought me. Refurnished with tight rims." — Danyelle Weatherly ... "Went cruising with my friends." — Melody Johansson ... "I'll drive to a special place." — Aasia Davis ... "I took

> my father's car without him knowing and J drove around town and it broke down on me. He had to come pick me up." — Brieem Towns …, What is one of your best memories of school (elementary — CHS)? "Having a locker with a bus nametag in first grade." — Meris Stone … "The Spaghetti Party in first grade." — Jamie Wang … "One of my best memories of school comes from track — my first race and the best friend J got from participating in track." — Fatima Garuba … "On the first day of middle

school, I fell in the middle of the cafeteria." — Mike Tobin ... "It would have to be when I found out that I made the softball team in the 10th grade. I was so happy that I made it, especially since I never played softball until a day before tryouts." — Nawal Ezzoubaity ... "My best memory at CHS is reaching my senior year of high school." — Aasia Davis ... "My best memory at

CHS is reaching my senior year of high school." — Aasia Davis ... "My freshman year. There were so many girls and you got away with anything." — Sloan Baptiste ... "The diversity in the friends that I have made." — Melody Johansson "All of the

> friends that I've made." Tracy Farrell . "There were o many, I can't decide." — Ava Alton ... "The eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. Cortney Rolley ... "Its a funny one: I was in the first grade. I woke up really late and I was in a rush to get to school on time the During school day, I went to the bathroom, and when I pulled down my pants I thought "I knew I forgot something!" It was my underwear."

Vanirl Mitchell "Being a freshman at CHS." Theepika Navaratnarajah "Playing UNO in the back of Mr. Wallace's classroom in second grade." Deirdre Parsons "Leaving each school." Lindsey Rocchio ... "Taking film making and working all kinds of insane hours on the final ourside of school." - John Furlong

... "A fight I was in in eighth grade: I knocked some kid out." — Paul McArthur ... "Homecoming and my first touchdown." — Brieem Towns ... "None, all bad memories." — Murlee Damor ... "The 8th grade dinner dance." — Jasmine Jack ... "

Middle school student council president."— Lauren Mondino ... "The special teachers I was fortunate to have." — Emilio Panasci ... "None." — Jason Cummings ... "Getting lost a million times as a freshman. I wasn't terrified. I had so much fun." — Yeneisha Johnson ... "Meeting J.R., S.L., and Erin." — Michele Cicchetto ... "Kindergarten nap time." — Madhavi Jatania ...

"Graduating from 8th grade and moving onto high school." — Ericka Thomas ... "Being in a warm atmosphere with friends and supportive reachers." — DeeDee Mayland ... "Meeting my best friend Mike Tobin." — Shawn Murphy ... "Getting to be the robot in the Marshall School circus." — Shawn Murphy ... "Getting to be the robot in the Marshall School circus." — Diackie Waller ... "The fun of 8th grade graduation and graduation rehearsals." — Jackie Waller ... "Being involved with my class and friends." — Peter Joseph ... "Meeting all of my friends, especially CeCe Chavious because she is so cool!" — Sarah Pomerantz ... "Growing up with such good, nice and friendly people." — Marissa Levine ... "Washington D.C. Trip, white water rafting!" — Sandra Merant ... "As of recent ... getting

ly people." — Marissa Levine ... "Washington D.C. Trip, white water rafting!" — Sandra Merant ... "As of recent ... getting into college. And starting high school." — Rachel Staenberg ... "The best memories are meeting my best friends. One I've known

High School Memories

This may be a challenge for some of you, but try to recall your first day of high school, whether it was here or elsewhere. Do you remember how you felt upon waking up that morning and realizing that your whole life was about to change? Do you remember how powerful you felt now that you had conquered middle school and were officially a "high schooler"? And do you remember how small you felt when you began to think about all of those intimidating upperclassmen? Wow, to think that that is all in your past now ...

Yet through those four years, quoting Dickens for a moment here, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times … " Do you agree? So, try to clear the cobwebs in your mind and pick out at least one good thing that happened during high school. Do you remember the first day of school, when we had to spell out "Columbia" on Ritzer Field and then take that picture for the Columbian? Or, how about the Model UN for World History? Or the Great Adventure Trip that we took for Physics to prove that physics really is "F=un".

Maybe some of you liked the Ellis Island trip for US History. Or maybe you liked the Music Department trips? Maybe some of you went to States. Maybe some of you won States. Maybe you sat on the sideline all year, and had just one moment of fame. Maybe a poem you wrote was published. Maybe you rebuilt your car engine thanks to the auto tech class you took. Maybe you got that job that you wanted. Or maybe you passed your driving test.

Did you experience any of those in high school? I bet you did ... And I bet you're reading over this list now thinking, "I could have done more," or "I could have done less." But don't worry, it's not over yet. In fact, the future is now and your life is just beginning. Just make a promise to yourself that you can find at least one great thing about high school, I'm sure your bound to find at least one. Even if you feel it's really not that big of a deal, you'll remember it for the rest of your life.

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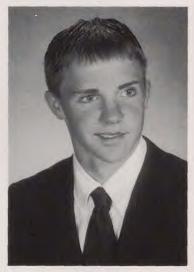
Aliyah Abdullah "He who walks in another's tracks leaves no footprints." — Helen Ottway 1 luv 2: My Momz and Dad, Mah Jerzey Flava Fam, and Andy. \*Cocoa\*



Tariq Alston



Esther E. Ackumey MamaRaiseAHellrazor!StresGetin MajorThankGodImFinallyOutThis School.ToAllMyFriends—ThanxFor MakinItBetta!!TKILoveUboo.Thanx2My Moms&Family.KeepaHeadUp—2000! Lata!!!



Chris Alter "Sometimes a winner is just a dreamer who never gave up"

"A champion is someone who gets up even when they can't" Thanks Family & Friends; You know who you are



Duval Antoine







Byron Acosta



Sussie Adoboe



Yaa Agyekum GodNeverLeadsMeWhereHisGraceCant KeepMe.ThanxLord4AlwaysBeingThere ThanxDadMomAfua Vu.TiffJoyEbJenK dogMarci VuLikeSistas.AWomanKnows ThatWithGodTheWorldIsHerPlayground



Clifford Allen



Ava Alton



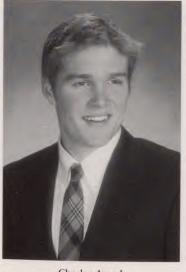
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Laura Amabile TrulyGrtFriendsRHard2FindDifficult2Lea ve&Impossible2Forget\*Tracy\*Rachel\*Reb ecca\*Mris\*<3MomDadRay\*YstrdayThe BeginningTmrrowTheEndInTheMiddle WeBecameBestFriends\*



Benjamin Andres



Charles Appel "I'm a firm believer in the philosophy of a ruling class ... 'specially since I rule" — (Clerks) thanks momdadjohnpeter RK #11 ... GONE ...



Juan Arrieta I WANT 2 THANK GOD 4 LEADING THIS "PAPI CHULO" THIS FAR MY PARENT'S MY BRO JULIO&MY BOYZ YA NO WHO YA ARE THANKS 4 ALL DA GIRLZWHO KEPT A SMILE ON MYFACEPEACE OUTCLASS2000



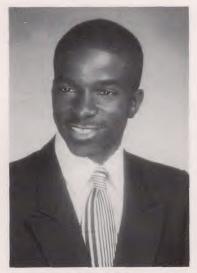
Adrienne Ashford To Shari, Annette & Amina, u r my Heart; much luv to Ffaubry, Koffi & Khemit; LB, CB, RS & the rest of The track fam; Kiwi PeachJellyBeans; RG, JF, & GBB; <sup>12</sup> SG: Farfle! <sup>13</sup>



## Koffi Avi Highschool,"It was the best of times,and the worst of times",to Help me through those times were God, my mom, Harknetts, AA,SM,AS,KB,FD,JF.A+Kforever!Ka. YingYang.

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Khemit Bailey "The flower of life blooms in the dawn of nothingness, and crumbles to dust in the eve ... "

The flower thrives thanks to KA, AA, JF, GB, AS. A + K forever. Ka



Owen Baker



Vijay Balasubramanian



Felyce Eboney Baldwin ThanksPHENOMENALMOTHER& FAM.,Gisselle,Kim&Fam,Kelli,Nad.& Shan., For being significant influences in my life.This is for you DADDY.RIP. And to my baby Doug.Loveyou4life.



Jordan Bar Am Between everything and nothing There is something. I love my aba, my ema, sarit, and Others who support me. RR



Ariel A.B. Bayer Life is what you make of it.



Avia Bearg YouKnowThatEveryYearIsASouvenirThat SlowlyFadesAwayAndSoItsTime ToChangeOurWays...ButIveLovedThese Days♥ToMyBuds:ARB.JL.JB,DP,GF,AH &LW—SpecialThanxToMr.KmusicIsLife &LifeIsMusic!



Brandis Belt

"Je m'en vais ... que d'amours splendides j'ai revees."Tofamilyfriends(AA,AJ,AL,AM, CE,CS,KD,KS,KW,RR,TM)-angels(Cohen, DeVita,Gavitt,Gulati,guidance,K,Peniston) and 00



Van Betta Onceinawhilesomethingmakesaprofound impactonyourlifeandthevigorthatisinstilledinyouisunbelievableonewordcanbeusedtoexplainthis.Inspiration. Eprpaspsdnbzbdkn



Dina Boateng ThankUJesusformy"FAMILY"&FRIEND Sluvuall.LifeisajourneyAndI'mdetermined toendmineAccordingly.Congratulations Classof2000.



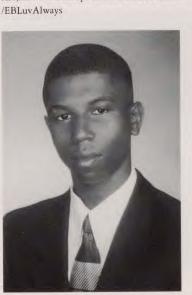
Raquel Jenny Octavia Bonneau The eyes are the heart to your soul 2LRL TRVMDMSARthanks4everything.2AllMy friends— SA,ASJ,EM,DM,ED,EA,VM,SJ, 2WPD.I'mblessed2haveya'llasfriends. Goodbye & Goodluck to the C/O'00 ...



Jaciyn Borrone There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow. I love U — Mom, Dad, Lauren, and Milly



LeiRaun M. Baldwin GodBless.MadLuvToMyBoysAndTTB Fam:BT(B-E-N-DOENUTS)YY,MT,WM, DR,FD,ME,MS,AW,SN,PJ,Wrestlers:MM, SL,MP,JC/DC/GTrackFam:BI,NS,MN,FG, AA,AZ/B.TrackRep/FBCheerleaders/Mom



Mark Benn I would like to thank my family & friends for helping me along the way. Love, DB, EB, IB, KB, J, N, D, & NA-NA "CLASS OF 2000"



Sloan Baptiste Thanx 2 all those who have helped me make it this far. Special thanx 2 family and friends.



**Rickson Benoit** 

Saturday Night Fever

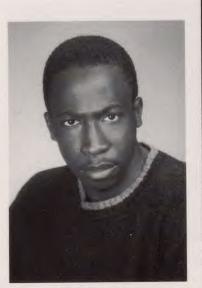
The last bell of the day rings and there's a mad rush for the door as everyone leaves school for the week. Everything else is pushed out of their minds as they head out into the oncoming weekend.

To what? Parties, music, dancing, sex? Drinking? Smoking? Maybe just hanging out at home, or in the mall, or just chillin' with friends. Working to save up for that car or those clothes or whatever. Studying for that huge test coming up or just checking out a new flick at the movies. A little tired, maybe they just plan to go home and sleep or catch up on their favorite shows. Whatever it is, everyone does something before they head back to the grueling routine of school life.

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James Bowen Live each day as if it wereyourlast Onelove tomymother,fatherandwholefam Also2G.E.,G.T.,V.M.,T.D.,A.A.,(SHPfinest) D.E.,R.P.,S.E.,D.S.,&M.S.(mydogs)also2 myteahers,Peace42000!



Parbai Bowen



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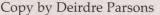
What Comes After Graduation?

Hurry! You have five seconds to tell us what you want to be when you grow up, who you're going to marry, how much money you're going to make and what color your front door will be? What?! You don't know the answer to those questions yet? What's wrong with you? You're going to graduate high school and you don't know the answers to those questions? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!?!

Okay, let's pause life for a minute ... It's really *okay* if you don't know what you're going to be when you grow up or whom you're going to marry, etc. Many people graduate high school not knowing what they're going to eat for breakfast the next morning. However, there are several options that have most likely been pounded into your brain of what you can do after June 25, 2000.

For instance there's the ever popular, they-even-pay-you method of going to work! Then, there are those people who choose to fight for our country and serve in the Military. These strapping young people are honorable and courageous, and much braver than I am. Or, there's always the fun and fancy-free option of traveling the world, seeing the sights ... You get the picture.

I'll give you another twenty years or so to figure out the first four questions above. Whatever you do or decide to become, enjoy it! That's what life is for, right?







Amber Boyle-King "Take a simple view of life; keep your eyes open and get on with it." ♥ and thanks to family and friends.

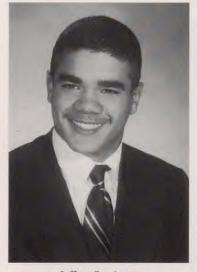


Amelia Branigan

And will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed! (98 & ½, % guaranteed.) *Kid. you'll* move mountains! ♥ to my pool people: AB,LW,JL,DP,& all those Before & after us. NoDayLikeToday! U



Daphney Cadet My thanks to God and Mr. Zampano. To my family thank you for your loving support. Thank you Mrs. Frederick to Mrs. Martin and all my teachers. To all my friends "I LOVE YOU".



Jeffrey Caminero



Xiomara Chavious Mom,Dad,James,Troy Luv U Always Thanx for the support. Leah,Kris,LenaLYLAS!All my buds, It's been good, it's been bad, But this is it, Let's go out w/a BANG!



Margaret Chernela



Nash Breen Prevent Falls NB PD JC NZ rIpped All over elMdog is too funny stop it mom dad genna thanx Earth rulez! Bye bye



Colin R. Brown "Always run through the finish line ... and don't forget to lean!" Track fam forever:AA FG KJ PJ AM SN LP RS AZ Our biggest fans: Dad Mom Kalea Kle Jay Lucas DC AK AL CS AT



Samuel Brown If u never take chances then u will never reach your full potential. Thank you Mom, Dad, Alex, Libby, and Ellie, I luv u. Good bye to all of my friends you know who you are.



Jennifer E. Butler Thanx2God&Fam(InMy ♥ Always)2All-Friends...xoxLu#5&therest Talent is a flame,genius is a fire &im feelin kinda HOT. *Kisses! imout!* —



Lindsay Cato

To my teachers gracias/Amigos:I luv U all&won'tforgetU/BFs:Cortney&Sandra we'll be sisters till Forever&A Day/Daddy, Mommy&JarrettW/out U I'm nothing! God bless!



PraiseGodForAllowingMeToGetThisFar. Mommy,ThanksForBeingYou.MuchLuvTo MyFamily;SqueakNikaManiNaPat.ToAll, "LifeIsButADream...SoDreamAPositive-DreamAndLiveAPositive Life."



Constant "CHAOS" Chanoine What can I say about Columbia, its been a trip now its finally over.Id like 2 give a shoutout 2 all my boys A.M. K.W. A.O. D.J. J.W. C.N. G.O. J.C. J.G. J.B. and my MOM peace.



Kimball Des Charles "Life is a journey, choose the right path, & you will live long&prosper." ToMyPeeps:NO,NE,LS,SH,SJ,&DaRest,U KnowWhoUAre,JustKeepItRealFo'Da 2000 y'all!! Peace!!



Michele "Hazel" Cicchetto RalphUrLikeMyBrother, And 2 The World, WeOnlyHave1Life, SoTake AdvantageOfItMakeTheBestOfIt WhileWe'reBlessed2BeHereNoMatterThe Situation, LP, RC, SM, EL, ILoveYou!Love Always, Hazel♥♥



Juanita Clark



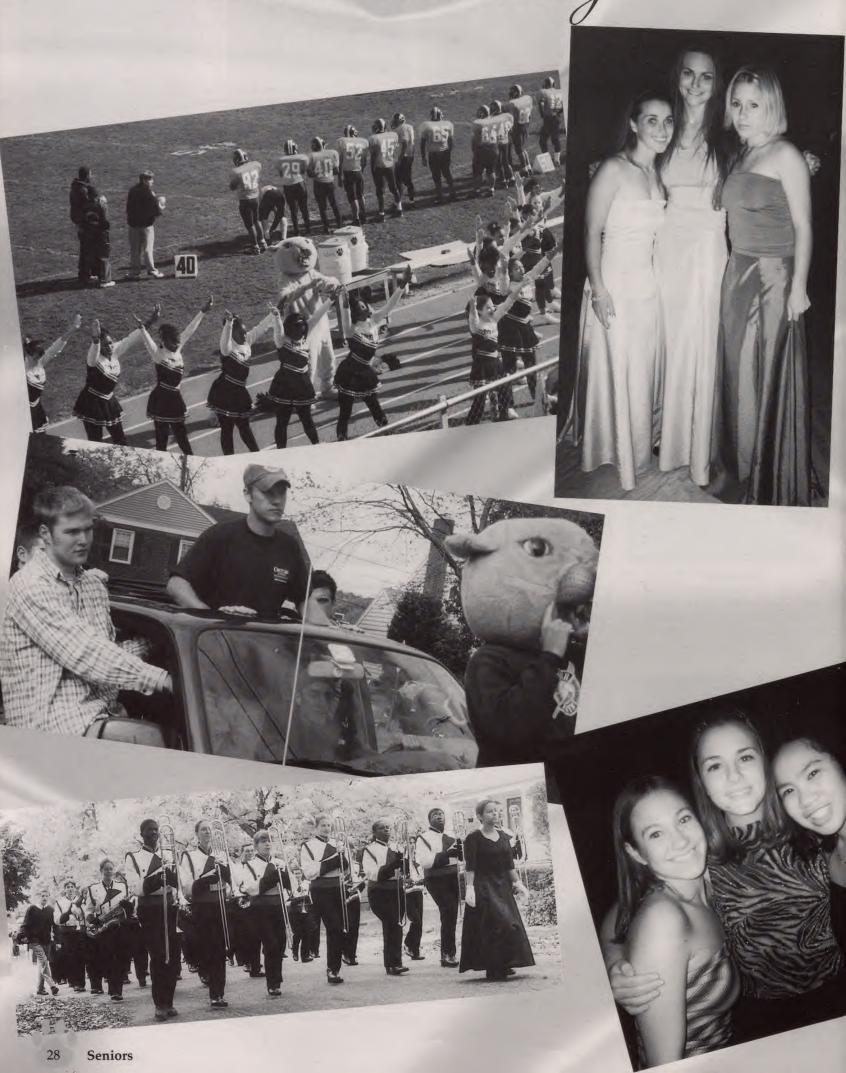
Brendan R. Connerty "If I leave here tomorrow would you still remember me?" — Ronnie Van Zant MaPaKiRoAsDpEgKsSp esp AkGdLpMFK And to all those who believed ... Thank you. "Peace out yo" — Rowdiness



Peter Joseph Connolly Thanks Mom Dad Mary Kristen Cathy Gram Uncle Vito MM MP & the rest of my family & friends

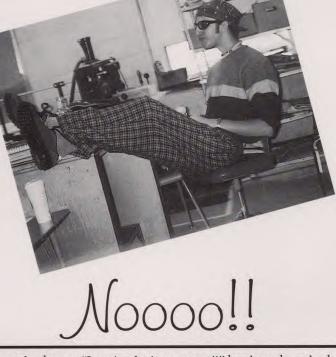
Live each day like it were your last & regret nothing from the past



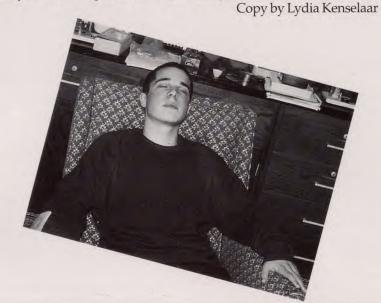




Homecoming



Recently, the cry "I can't take it anymore!!" has been heard echoing throughout the halls of Columbia High School. Seniors all over the school are beginning to crack under the pressure and the stress of just being a senior. The breakdown doesn't begin until college essays have to be written, and seniors have to seek out recommendations. Not only is more expected of them, but greater stress is placed upon them. Parents keep interrogating them, asking "So what are you going to do with your life?" And teachers won't stop nagging them about those \*@#% green slips. The tendency to spread oneself too thinly is only too common. Most seniors are participating in multiple clubs, sports, and extra curricular activities. All this just so they can write down their accomplishments on a piece of paper to show off to some snooty people who they'll probably never meet. So what, college is only a decision that effects the rest of your life! In addition, attendance rates have been dropping as more and more seniors claim to be stricken with senioritis. A rare disease that has been spreading (and oddly enough seems to coincide with essay deadlines ... )working its way through the senior class, taking down more each week. And when these students finally do recover from this debilitating illness, they appear more frazzled and stressed than before. This is something science cannot explain. And the only cure seems to be a heavy dose of sleep combined with acceptance letters.









Daria Nichole Coppock "Dreams Are Only Foolish To Those Who Lack Them." 2 Mom Dad Dani Devon AndAllMyFamThnxSoMuch,I ♥ Uall!Much ♥ 2MyGrlzShidaAndCarron!2AllMyFrenz —HoldOnToTheMemories.I ♥ UGuyz! ClassOf2000! — Peace



Xiomara Crespo



Dieula Corvoisier



Dustin Croston To Know, Is To Know, That You Know Nothing. And That Is The True Meaning Of Knowledge. Peer Counselors: Remember 9/29-30/99



Priscilla C. Davies ToEveryone WhoEverShowed MeLove Especially All MyFriends YouKnow Who You Are Thanx. Luv Ya And Never Forget Ya And ToTheFutureSenior Classes Of Columbia Enjoy It Cause Before You Know Ir. Its Over



Aasia Davis Live UR life 2 the fullest. Don't just go through the motion 7 times Daddy,Auntie, S.R.,B.D.,Rah,TW,Jeenah,Me-Me,Aja, Thanks4 the support. 2 My #1 ♥ U should know who U are.



Joaquin Cotler NothingToTellNow,LetTheWordsBeYours I'mDoneWithMineFareTheeWellNow,Let YourLifeProceedByItsOwnDesign\*Mom, Dad,andEz\*Hannah,SPFAndTheRoad GoesOnForever ...



Juaquadah Cox I FINALLY MADE IT !! Thank you to All my fam and all the people who helped me on the way. WZUP to my Dogs Nicole, Trista, and Sarah, And To all the HATERS, CLUCK YOU.2G!



Jessica Cozier SometimesICanLaughAndCryAndI Can'tRememberWhyButIStillLoveThe GoodTimesGoneBy I♥U MomDad

LaurAsh♥Shan&Laur♥♥JdEfLsDkJd

KsCcJcJmShNlJmJrCh—Jw—♥ForA

MomentThisGoodTimeNeverEnded



Jennifer Craig IDOMYTHING&UDOURSUGOUR WAY&IGOMINEBUTIFATTHEENDWER 2GETHERITSDIVINESPECIALTHANKS 2THOSEWHONEVERBLIEVEDINME BCAUSEUJELOUSYISMYMOTIVATION TOPY&JEN\*BFF\*I♥UTOPY♥UMOM — SIS4EVER



Eavan Cully "I'm a nut, but not just a nut." — Bill Murray



Jason Cummings



I ♥ U MOM, SCOTT, N GRANDMA BFF I ♥ U TFTHSCGWJVLBJKBSKP KHCM WE THINK WE'VE BEEN THROUGH IT ALL, BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE TO COME!!! WE CAN STILL PULL IT OFF! SUPERSTARS



Murlee Damor

I hate what I seefor I amgoing2live for eter nity/There is never a time2change,u need2cherish the day,for I will kiss ur soul&take ur breathaway The *Lord* Will AlwaysBeThere(Purple)



PJ DeCicco Come along take a ride across the sky for an hour leave your mind take your soul.



Cotton Delo "If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up someplace else." — Yogi Berra



Danielle Josette Delpeche I'dLike2ThankGod&Mom4gettingMe Here.W/oThemItWouldn'tHappen.2My FriendsMV,UNoWhoUR.Much♥.2My Sweet♥Jr.SHPThx4Standing ByMeThroughItallNothingBut♥2U. ClassOf'00,GoodLuck!!



Andy Demesier There's no luv without hate but don't hate on those that's loved. Luv and life is what u make of it life is short, but luv is eternal 1 luv to my fam,Aliyah,LJ,MV

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Rebecca "Becky" Denis "No weapon formed against me shall prosper" Mommy & Daddy I ♥ U ♥ Adrian ♥ Danie ♥ Tiffnay ♥ Aretha ♥ Toni ♥♥Nicole — thanks♥Becky Rules! Sorry ''



Junie Dessein



Juliana Diaz How Far We Travel In Life Matters Less Than Those We Meet Along the Way. ThanxMom, Tia, Abuelita, Matt4The GreatXs Erca\*FRIENDS\*AlthghIllTrvl FarIllAlwysHoldAPlace4UinMy♥



Jillian Dietzold How does it feel, to be on your own With no direction home Like a complete unknown, Like a rolling stone. Luv ya, M,D,J,J,G PK,LS,DK,JD,RW,KS



Chanele Douglas



Justin Drake



Cynthia Drouillard We all get what we try for! Thank u God for all! Shout out mom&dad,Fe&JDav&Ev! Mike, I Gotta Be!ClassychickSharry,Sis Kel,Dog Zel,Gina,DH,JB,SJ,EA,SA,VM, DACK, DEE, JON, luv u out!



Brian Duffy Find your inspiration, amend your situation, your whole life's ahead of you. I'm only this far and only tomorrow leads my way. Thanks.



Russel Edgar



Carla Beth Eisenstein Myron watched him out of the corner of his eye. He was a black bird with a pink breast. Myron had named him "Oddly." Myron had named him oddly. - Louis Sachar



Matthew Arno Eismann IF ind IAm So Excited IC an Barely Sit StillOrHoldAThoughtInMyHead.IThinkItIs TheExcitementOnlyAFreeManCanFeel. AFreeManAtTheStartOfALongJourney, WhoseConclusionIsUncertain.



Daniel Elie





#### Flore Dieudonne

I WANT2GIVEA SHOUTOUT 2ALL MY FRDS 2THE HAITIANS "SAK-PASSE" 2MY FAMILY THX 4BEING THERE KEEP IT REAL DECEP CLASS OF 2000 C O N G R A T F P S T M D J P S FRDEMDDNBNESNDB GOOD LUCK I'M OUT YHX GOD



Nancy Duleba

They who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

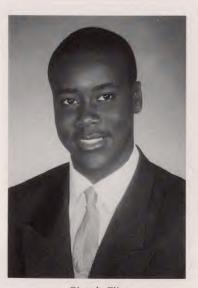
peace2wv,ks,kh,gm,jb,jo,kt,rj,bh,aj,cc,cs,a h,ls,jl ... 🖞 Luv ya! 🖞



Sharmane Digamber GOOD BYE CLASS OF 00 ITS BEEN WONDERFUL. REMEMBER JUDGE UR SUCCESS BY WHAT U HAD 2 GIVE UP THANKS MOM&DAD PD CD SD 1♥ABDUL 143 BYE AD DB&MY BFF MS PEACE



Leah Margaret Dungee MomDadandLyleUmeantheworld2meKris Sis4everKrisCeceLenaBFFtildeathKeep yourfriendscloseandyourenemiesCloser Alwaysrememberthegoodtimesnomatter whatmountainsuhave2climb



Girardo Elie If the color of a Man's skin makes no difference to a blind man, Then why is it so many sighted Men cannot see? One love to: JL,DE,ML,YA,JB,VM,SE,TD,RP,BD,YJ, LA



Nickeisha Ellis "It'senoughtohaveadreamandpursue itl'mthere.1luvtomymomanddadFrenz4eva, ShellyandNedia,Ruena "Steppa Gal"

#### Lab Daze

Walking through the halls with a previously transparent, yet curiously yellow lab coat tied to his frame, a pair of equally clean goggles up at his hairline, and a sullen look spread across his face, the lab student walks through the hall which acts as a temporary refuge from the double lab period in which he is engulfed. "Half way through ... " he mutters to himself, impressed with his own survival in the formaldehyde-reeking lab room, but dreading the foul-smelling surprises that await him.

This student is another victim of the common Columbia phenomenon, *Labitis* (labceyectis). Many students have come down with the strange virus, but few facts have been uncovered about it. It infiltrates the school during passing time, casting a pall on the normally bright and colorful halls of Columbia. Many science teachers have tried to combat it by lecturing during lab periods, but alas, the effects have only been more detrimental to the health of students. While the virus does not seem to have any substantial long-lasting effects, lab reports from the double period have been proven to increase procrastination tendencies, and create an above average amount of moans and groans.

*Labitis* is a serious virus and must not be overlooked. "When will a cure be found?" you ask. The school may never know.

Copy by Ethan F. Greene







Nardine Elysee Life is based on experiences. High School was good and bad. Thanks to the friends I have & had. I'll miss U good luck. Mom & Dad Love U



Sean Ennis Whyisitthatifsomeonetellsyouthatthereare abillionstarsyoubelievethembutiftheytell youawallhaswetpaintyouhavetotouchit tobesure?To my boyz andfemales.1loveand godbless!!!!!!



Megan Enright



Laina S. Erde DontBDismayedAtGoodbyes,AFarewellIs NecessaryBeforeWeCanMeetAgain,&Meeting Again,AfterMomentsOrALifetimeIsCertain 4ThoseWhoRFriends\*♥MomDadMV♥ TracyLindseyLaura♥



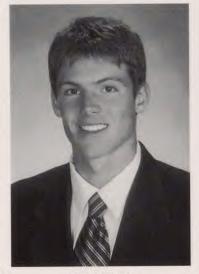
Steeve Eveillard



Diana Eze



Nawal Ezzouhairy Besmellah. AllahAkbur. IWould Like To Thank MyMom Dad Grandma All MyGreat Uncles And Aunts That Supported Me And Showed MeUnconditional Love. My Friends DDM. L M. DA. KS. \* CALI\*(S. R.)



Michael Farah "NeverPlayLeapFrogWithAUnicorn."Base ballSoccerStateChamps.IfIHadIt ToDoAllOverAgain,IdDoItAllOverAgain ThanksMomDadDKA.NeverForgetThe FunWeHad....N ByDaWay GONE...



Emily Maria Fiocca Ialwaysknewlookingbackonmytearswouldsome daymakemelaugh—howeverIneverknewlookingbackonmylaughterwouldsomedaymake mecry—\*4everBry\*JrTsEbPwTjRt\*Ilove youMom\*Swimmingrules



Marcus Fiore



Robert Flaxman Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. — Semisonic And we'll see you tomorrow

- Semisonic And well see you tomorrow night!



Suzy Flores Small is the number of them that see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts — Einstein Silence Kills the revolution — bsf thankyou FAMILY & tru friends





Catharine Erway Jack fell down and ate his crown and Jill came over for leftovers.



Marcus Cedric Evans To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly. To my peeps, my fam and a special thanx to my moms. Whamn! One luv.



Erica Farrand HeWhoBindsToHmslfAJoyDoesThe WingedLifeDestroy;ButHeWhoKisses TheJoyAsItFliesLivesInEternity'sSunrise ThanksMDWhitJul\*FRIENDS\*AlthghI'll TravelFarI'llAlwysHoldaPlace4UinMy



Tracy Farrell

Life Is A Series Of Hellos & Good by es I'm Afraid Its Time For Good by e Again \* Laura \* Rebecca \* Rachel \* Laina \* Sue \* Y strday The Beginning Tmrrow The End In The Middle We Became Best Friends Mom Da Bren Chris



Che Flowers



Tamara Fong ItlsBetter2AttemptGreatThings&FailThe n2AttemptSmallThings&Win.Because Some1WillAlwaysBBetterThanUButIt IsHowULiveThatCounts.Have2GoBThat Some1Thxs2GodMyF&NcCfTtDjAoLuv UMichael

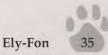


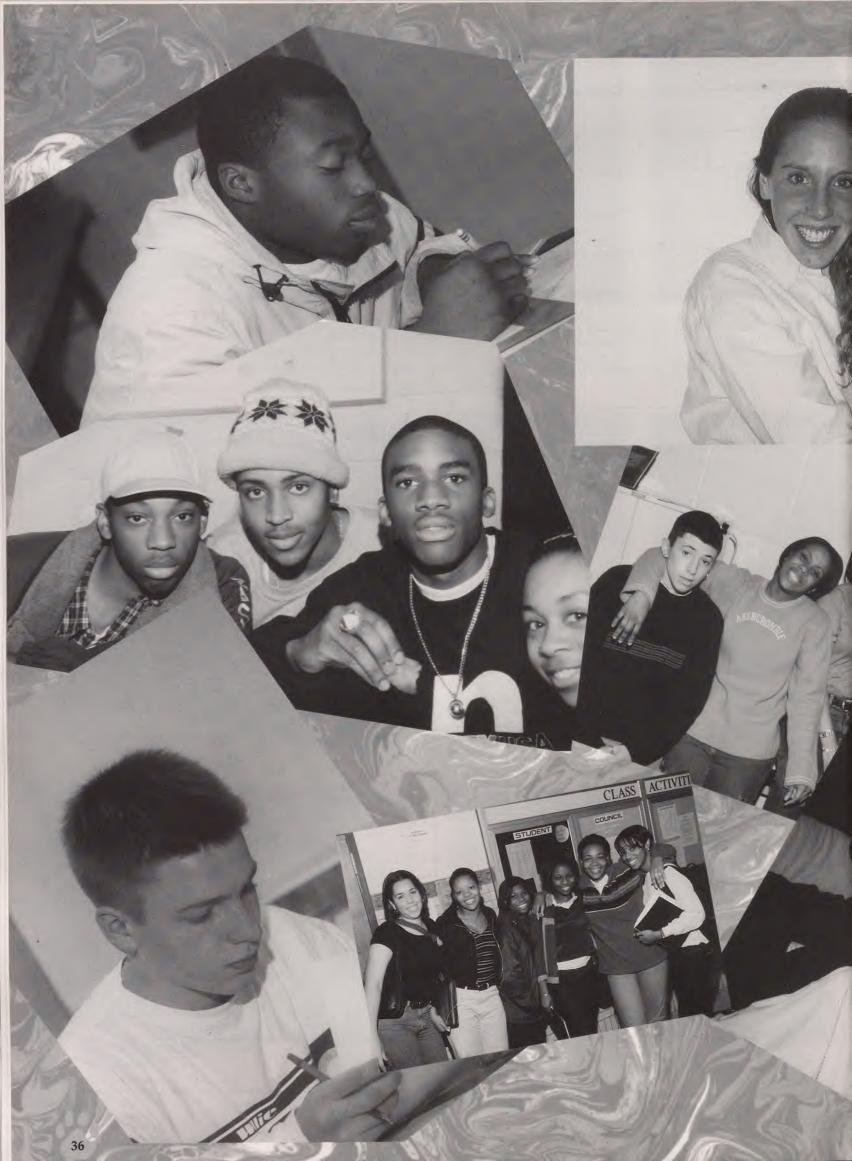
Have you ever felt like you were standing at the starting line, getting ready to run a relay with all the tests you've had to take this year? SAT I, SAT II, ACT, TOEFEL, AP exams, midterms, finals, and not to mention, all the added stress of regular tests and quizzes from teachers throughout the year.

The pressure from taking these tests can be indescribable. Everyone knows that they must do well on these tests or else ... How do they effect your future? If you score low, will you be a failure in other things that you do? If you score high, are you destined to succeed?

But relax; just take it all in stride. When you graduate, you pass the baton to the next person in line, and prepare for the next relay. Copy by Annette Shabouk











A senior standing outside of his counselor's office looks at his watch, "Geez! I've been waiting here for 3 *hours* already to see my counselor! If I don't get these papers to him by today, I'm not going to get accepted to college and then my parents will kill me and then that will be the end of the world!" Okay, so maybe he didn't say all of that, but it was basically what he was thinking. In fact, that's what most of the seniors are thinking from October to January.

If you thought that the counseling center was bad in September, stop by one day during college application time. Everyday the counseling offices are flooded with seniors, protectively gripping to  $11 \times 14$  inch envelopes for dear life. Everyone contests to the fact that their cause to see the counselor is much more important and will take the least amount of time than everyone else's, when, in fact, everyone's cause is the same and they all take the same amount of time.

"Maybe if I did my applications during the summer, I wouldn't have this problem now ... " states the senior. So, why didn't he? Why wait until the last minute to do something? "I dunno ... I guess Senioritis set in before I even wrote the application."

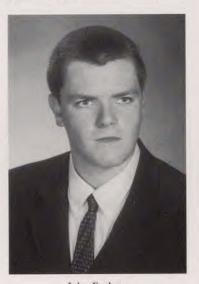
And how long does an application take to write? A month? A week? A year? "I thought I was done, but then my mom started picking at every single word, so that took about 5 hours," comments one senior girl.

Any advice for the underclassmen? "No, let them go through this agony on their own. Once you're done with the process you laugh and think to yourself, 'that was it?' " The guidance counselor's door finally opens and the senior begins to walk in, then adds, "It's not that bad ... kinda fun, rather."

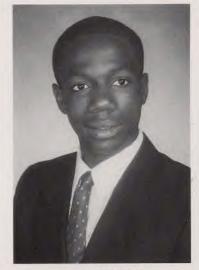
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Crystal Ann Fraticelli GodGrantMeTheSerenityToAccept TheThingsICannotChange,Courage ToChangeTheThingsICan,AndWisdomTo KnowTheDifference.ToMomMarshaPete TamaraAndMyFirstLove — NothingIs PossibleW/OutU



John Furlong PoweredbyHonda5L33PER1/4mAcura7-11 runs in the R is 4 racing was i asleep?had i been sleeping and then i ran some more OP IVY!! Somebody tell me how2 get there DHC



Jerrold Fredericks If we stand tall it is because we stand on the back of those that came before us. Peace2 those I knew especially AS,AA,SG, RG,DC,FD,KA,KB,AD,VM,SE,YY,G B-B and Castro



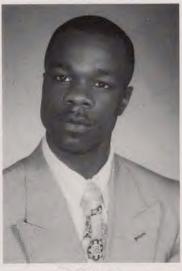
Rebekah Gale



Seniors



Fatima "Jellie" Garuba ThegreatestrevengeistoaccomplishWhat otherssayyoucannotdo;Flavaz.JG,KP,JP,AL ,KL,trackfam—luvU.Thanx2myfamI'll makeUproud—Icandoallthingsthrough Christ who strengthens me.



Frank Gedin



Gabrielle Fredman "Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." — Albert Einstein



Lauren Frese \*ItsHard To Believe That The Moment Which Once Brought Smiles To My Lips Now Brings Tears To My Eyes\* LUV U MomDadKateMeg♥Shan&Jess♥JrLsDk JmJfHkCm\*Trav\*



David Friggle Perhaps, IfIAmVeryLucky, TheFeebleEffortsOfMyLifetimeWillSomedayBeNoticed, AndMaybe, InSomeSmallWay, TheyWill BeAcknowledgedAsTheGreatestWorksOf GeniusEverCreatedByMan.



Christopher Fulda "I do today what others won't, so I can live tomorrow like others can't." Thanks Mom,Dad,Gram,James,and GOD.BASE BALL — #44; FOOTBALL — #40 "The World Meets No One Halfway!"



Gabriel Garbar "There's one word in America that says it all, and that word is, 'You never know'." Thanks mom dad jon and everyone else for everything. Baseball CF .... GONE ...



Rashida Garcia Thanx God: When I was weak, U were strong. To Neisha, Daria, Liyah, I love ya'll

"Carpe Diem" the ones u love the most are taken from u too soon



Sharifa Garcia Adrienne, Annette: BFF, thanx 4 the best 4+ years of farfle & whatever in my life. JS — only when u feel tru pain is it pure love. FD, JF. ¡Ay, misero de mi! ¡Ay, el sufrimiento!



Shavon "Shay" Garner ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS SUCESS\* THANKS MOM, DAD, NANNY&MY SIS ALEX \*1♥U! MAD ♥ 2 LEX &RASHOD\* MY SWEET♥ GEORGE\* MESHA&NIKKI WE MADE IT!\* QT'S 4 LIFE \*C/O 2000



Jean Gary Glemaud I'd like 2 thank the Lord, and my parents for all they have done 4 me. Special thanks to KW JU CJ AL MT Talking with all ya for life.



Patrick Glennon "There's nothing more that I can say, but on a day like today I pass the time away,and walk a quiet mile with you" — Iz. thanx.momdadjimmatt. chs soccer #13 ... GONE ...



Eric Gorman TimelessInnuendoes CallForWellDeservedGlorification. — TheSpeechlessUnite InASilentAccord — "Wait, what happened!?"



#### Jessica R. Gould Do what you know best; if you're a runner, run, if you're a bell,ring. Thank you to my family, Teachers + Friends for all of your love and support. I love you all very much!

Fra-Gou

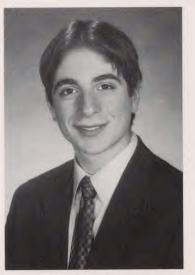


Clayton Graham

"To fear self expression is to deny one's own urges 2 B set free of the ordinary." Thanks to my family for your love & guidance & thanks to my friends, old & new, 4 the memories



Jett Greenberg "I regret not being able to sit in the stands and watch myself" — BB CHS — Soccer STATE CHAMPS '98 #6 Thanx to GOD —Mom—Dad—Mag——Ree—NowIt BeginsButIllNeverForgetGONE



Ethan Frederick Greene Stay civilized, time flies though incarcerating your mind ... alalgormnagyjoaq scalmtcbbcap♥ts♥much love momdadabraham



Shalanda "Shelly" Guscott Yes I did it mom Thank God. Along with my best Frenz Nikki, Nedia, bro Pete and cousins. To my Baby Rory Nuff Love



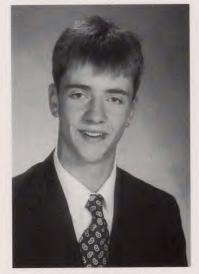
Ethan Hatcher



Harold Hemmings



Amanda Christine Hersh MusicIsLife&LifeIsMusic ≯ ThankxMF K&TPM&DSisKkVadersJsSfGL2♥SP ♥ PawViaJIDpAITsRtCICpArJr<sup>⊕</sup> Thx4theLaughs ThoughNo1CanMake ABrandNewStartNE1CanStartFrom Now&MakeABrandNewEnding UofKS



Robert Hildebrand "I am one of those who never knows the direction of my journey until I almost arrive." — Thanks for the help Mom,Dad,and the family.Thanks to my friends ... its been fun. Baseball #8.



Sheryl Hughes IveWorkedHardButNotPlayedHard—YETI'm BlessedToHaveAMother&SisWboLuvMe Unconditionally(LuvUToo)Thanx:\*Mr Camphell.MrsJ,MrD,MrStrother...Bye:DD,NE, Jackie-O,Kia,JSA,CHS...



Chituru Iromuanya ToMy#1G,GODMy ♥ 'ingMOM&DAD. Chidi,Oluchi,Ogechi,Nnamdi&Cyn Quit-RidenMy#1DogsLexis,Udi,Tif,Elena,Tiare, Tomi.TheRestIwaculatePeepsC/O99Tomika, NoiseBoysYouWantToSeeMeReadyTo CatchOne



Joseph Izzolino



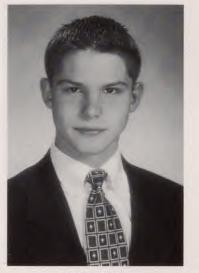
Jasmine LaReina Jack Thank U God 4 My Past, Present, & Future. ♥ 318911RAM318911 ♥ 4 Life. Much ♥ & Thanks 2 My Family, TTB, And All My Peeps. I'll Miss U All! CMOB "98 99 00 01 02" Yamina Loca!



Jeimmy Guzman



Connor Dean Hammond The Truth Hurts. Maybe NotAs MuchAsJumpingOntoABicycleWith NoSeat,ButItHurts.Thnx2allMyFriends& Ken&JessForAllTheYears. LuvUMomaDad Josh KT You Can't Con a Conman.



Jeffrey Holt "I don't believe anything I've ever done is wrong."



Kathleen Ann Holtz WeDoNotRememberDays, WeRemember Moments TogetherForeverKsEsMt NolansOceansOfLoveMomDadSanVic ChrisMoPaulLaura— IUsedToBeShy, You MadeMeSingWeAreTheMusicMakersAnd TheDreamersOfTheDreams



Carron Jackson First I would like to thank God and my family. To my parents I love you. To my bf's Michelle, Ava, and Daria. To everybody I forgot peace out.



Lena Georgina Jackson ThankUGod4everything + Fam ♥ U!My GirlsKrisLeCe + #1 Mo&AllOtherPeeps ♥ + MissYallShaBlingInRealLifeSoSorryAndy UNoThrowSneaker + StaySweetPeer Counselors 1Sem ♥ UeveryoneI4got ♥ U2!

You Know You're A Senior If.

10. You're house has been flooded with college brochures.

- 9. The underclassmen seem to have shrunken.
- 8. Your parents have heard you yell "I can't take it anymore!" at least five times.
- 7. The lines in Guidance are beginning to drive you up the wall.
- 6. When someone says the word "star" you tell him what color you have chosen and where you're placing yours on the board.
- 5. Teachers accept the excuse "Senioritis" for not doing home-work.
- 4. Your backpack no longer becomes a necessity
- 3. You compare the hideousness of driver's license photos instead of Student ID's.

2. You laugh at the words "SAT" and "ACT", saying, "Been there, done that."

And the number one reason ...

1. Your clothes have been packed and waiting by the door since the hour you received your acceptance letter. List compiled by Deirdre Parsons





Advice for the Little People

There is a pool on the third floor. Really! There is! Even with the structural problems that exist due to having a few thousand gallons of water on the third floor of our school, those genius architects back in 1926 came up with a way to get around it all. And even though you are underclassmen, I know that you don't believe that (please tell me that you don't believe me!).

However, there are quite a few interesting things in our school that you may not know about. See how many of the following you were aware of prior to this helpful little article here:

- We do, in fact, have 8 stories in this school. One of them is nothing more than a landing, but we still have 8 stories.

- We also have a second elevator, which I guarantee all of you have passed at some point but may not have noticed. Put it this way: it's very well camouflaged.

- We have a stairway to nowhere. I'm serious. There is one flight of stairs which goes from the ground straight up to a solid brick wall. See if you can find it.

- The citizens of Maplewood and South Orange were just as paranoid as any other community during the cold war. Check out the bomb shelter; there are signs for it as you enter the old cafeteria, as well. If you think fire drills are bad, try preparing for an air raid . . .

- There is a pigeon trap on our roof. A man comes to remove the pigeons in a valiant attempt to keep our school from being covered with birds and with, well, the results of birds . . .

- We have a catwalk going across the roof. If you can find it, this yearbook relinquishes all responsibility for the person who is ingenious enough to try it.

- There is an eerie little custodial cafeteria tucked away behind the lunch room . . . there are quite a few random rooms like that, which are cool to know about, but which I really wouldn't want to be in on a dark and stormy night.

- The stuff you will find in this school is amazing. A while back an entire stack of nearly mint condition World War I army posters were found in some random storage room. (Once again speaking for the intelligence of our staff, we sold them.) We still have stacks of tons of old stuff, though, from grade books to notebooks to custodians' lunches (eew).

- We have a pool on the third floor.

Fine. So maybe the last one is questionable. I vouch for the truthfulness of all the rest, at least. And for those of you feeling particularly adventurous, keep searching for that elusive pool. We have some weird stuff in this school. You never know.

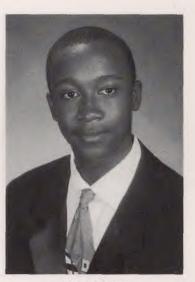
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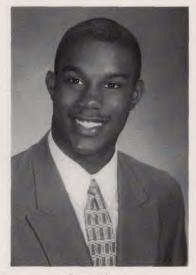
Joshua Jacobs



Venessa Jacobs



Adrian Johnson



Corey Johnson I'd like 2 thank God and my family. 2 P.M.P. JB.JG AM,KW,MT Like Pac said, Whenever you want 2 see me again, close your eyes + picture me Rollin. 2 YA Thanks.



Christina Jones



Sarah Elizabeth Jones Live your high school life to the fullest. Thank U to my parents, brother Ricardo & my family. All Laughs to Bista, Wiggs, Quadh, Michel, Dounutz. Cake anyone? xo





Rhode Jadone



Kyle Jasey "I've learned that a mountain of sugar is too much for one man. That's why God portions it out in small packets and lives on a plantation in Hawaii." — Homer



Madhavi Jatania ButOvercomeSpace, And AllYouHaveLeft IsHere.OvercomeTimeAndAllYouHave LeftIsNow.AndInTheMiddleOfHereAnd Now,Don'tYouThinkThatWeMightSee EachOtherOnceOrTwice? — Richard Bach



Melody Johansson



Stacy Johnson



Yeneisha Shakera Johnson Once a task has begun☆Never leave It until it's done☆Though the task B great or small☆Do it well or not at all Glory B2 God ♥Mommy, thanx 4 your Luv Strength & Support♥—



Deron Johnston YestrdayIsHistry2morowIsAMystry2day IsAGiftThatsWhyWeCallItThePresent GveEvrythngUCan2MakeThePresent PlesntBIGUPtheOTHER,LA.JL.AO.JW.C N.GO.CC.TF.SE.DJ.YJ.RJ.KJ.andmy babygirlTopy



Alana Jones d to dip. I got drer

Once I learned to dip, I got drenched without the fear of drowning.My ears can hear the sound and my eyes are OPEN and consciously aware of my surroundings.  $\Psi$  to all



Maggie Jordan WhatPointCouldThereBeTroublingHead DownWonderingWhatWillBecomeOfMe ButWhyConcernWhatWeCannotSee\*Jess \*Jul\*dljqcaemrkefenanrb M thanks MDL LerTheHoursRollByDoinNothin4TheFun



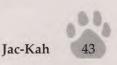
Peter Joseph Cash&Clothing That'sWhatEvery l Thinks Makes A Person. But What Really Makes A Person Is What ULearn In Your High School Experience LOVE ALWAYS Marsha&bfCrys, CHSTrack 4 Ever 2000: We Came As 1 & Left As 1

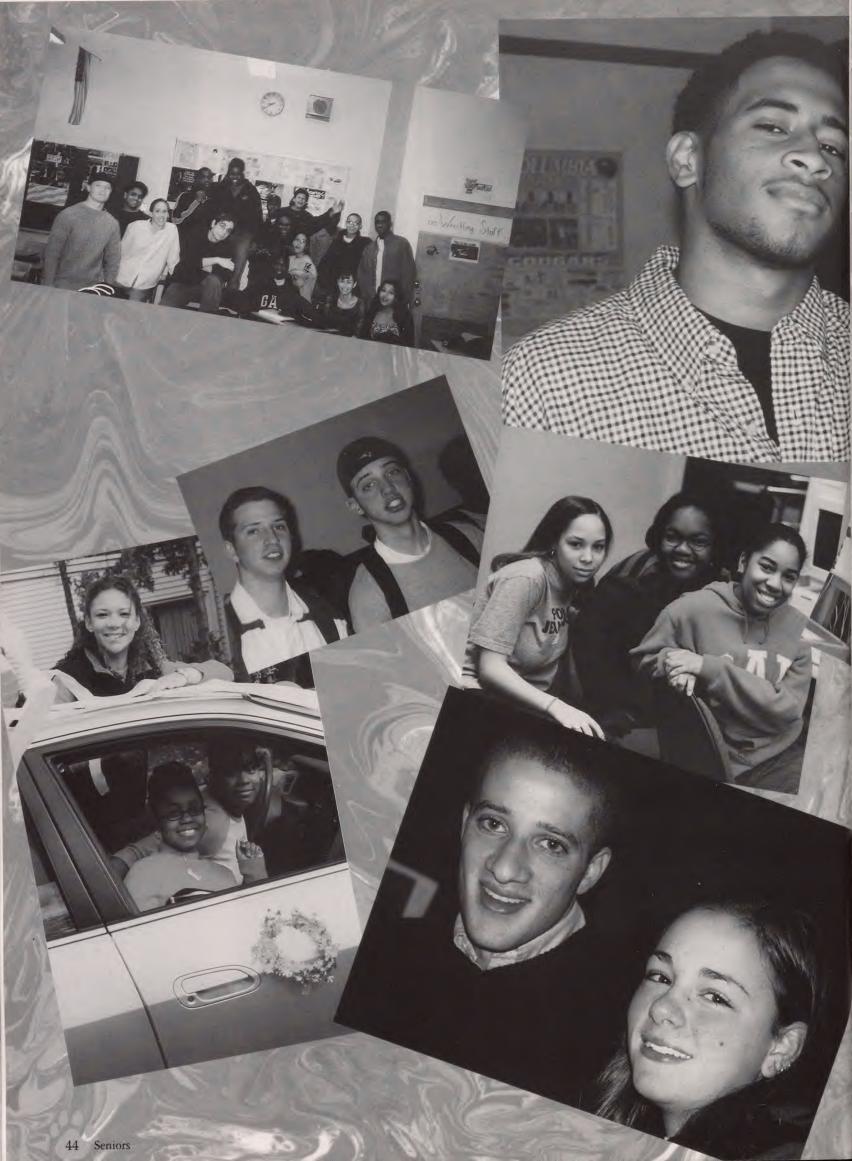


Yury Joseph I'M CUTE BUT NOT BUILT 2 SUIT A FASHION MODEL'S SIZE I'M A WOMAN.PHENOMENALLY.PHE-NOMENAL WOMAN THAT'S YURY. ♥2 MOM PEGGY CHAVISE COLA JU J SM AL & MY DOGZ THAT KEPT IT REAL



Jonathan Kahn









Joanne Karwowski When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen. *Ernest Hemingway* Thanx to Mom, Dad, Mark, Babcia, Magda, Jodie, and Areatha



Rachel Kaufman Everybody'sDancingInARingAroundThe Sun,ButNobody'sFinishedWeAin'tEven Begun.\*EM\*EN\*JP MK CA KS MT JM EF JD MomDadAdOd AlwaysLeaveThem LaughingWhenYouSayGoodbye ...



Sean Kearns



Deirdre Kelly

There is fate but it only takes you so far because once you're there its up to you to make it happen MomDadTaraShee♥Reg JillJesscShanLaurHelenSarahJessmLynds MelJessCa GS#14



Sam Kim



Nicola Kipp



Amriel Kissner " ... and nowhere is the dreamer or the misfit so alone." — Rush " ... and I still have a cheeseburger left in my pocket." — Brendan Rowdiness Connerty



Alex Klein Say your piece and get out I guess I got the gist of it ... But that was all I had to say. A I W I M L I T S A D W A G W W W I WAFTWIF Trick get off me



Sarah Kwiatkowski DanceLikeNo1IsWatchingSingLikeNo1Can HearLoveLikeYour♥CantBeBrokenLiveLike TheresNothing2FearSoccer#17 929Mark♥ MomDadLizMagCaitClosr2gethrOrMiles ApartFriendsAreAlwaysInYour♥



Serge A. LaMothe I want 2 thank my Family for the support ... and 2 my people I want 2 say thanx for being on my side.



Jordan Lee



Helen Esther Rose Leitner Somepeoplecomeintoourlives.leavefootprints onourbearts.andweareneverthesame\*JMKJ \*jeff\*fh\$sbgirls\*Keeptruetothedreamsofthe youtb1 love you mom dad meg wen





Amanda Kennedy

SomeDaysRDiamondsSomeDaysRRucks SomeDoorsROpenSomeRoadsRBlocked KimKTLisDan♥UMDColCakhWeNever KnowTheDirectionOfOurJourneyUntil WeHaveAlmostArrived ...



Andrew Klein Before you judge a man, you must walk a mile in his shoes. That way, you're a mile away, and you have his shoes.



Keria L. Keys IDon't Know The Key 2 Success But The Key 2 Failure Is Trying 2 Please Every body! IWant 2 Thank G.O.D. My Loving Parents & My Sisters& My True Road Dogs! 1 ♥ Ualways! And 2 Mr. Quick The Bet Is Still On! I ♥ U!



Marisa Knopman Nothing worth knowing can be Understood with the mind. — Woody Allen Mom,Dad,Jared,RK,EM,EN,MF,LR,OS, DG



David Leonardis



Jennifet Leonardis Music is life & life is music JustWhenIWasGettingUsed2Yesterday, AlongCameToday BestWishes&GoodLuckToMyFriends:RS, JK,PW,AR,B,AB,AN,AH,SpecialThanx2 MrK

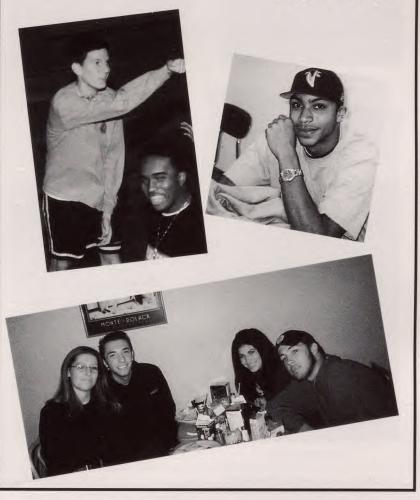
### Procrastination: a disease in all of us

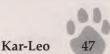
Hey, remember that time back in the beginning of the year when you worked really hard to get some work done a few days before it was due? Remember how it gave you all that extra time to be with your friends or catch up on some sleep> Of course you don't. It never happened.

This is all due to a rather virulent strain of procrastination which has infiltrated the bodies of every student at Columbia. You may ask, "What is the reason for all of this?" Well, I'll tell you. It could be the TV, whose hypnotically tantalizing images have caused inefficiency in all of us. Or it could be the result of wanting to do anything anything except work at that moment, whether it be checking e-mail, eating food, talking on the phone, or staring blankly at the wall. To put it simply, the phrase, "Hard work pays off in the long run, but laziness pays off now," has a special place in each of our hearts. If for some reason it doesn't, it just means that you're a weirdo, and you'll understand it next year.

The question that remains is how to solve this problem. The way I see it, the first step to recovery is to admit that you have a problem. After that is when it gets a little bit tricky, mostly because I've been too busy staring at the wall to come up with the rest. Whatever, I'll just do it tomorrow.

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### Will We Ever?

"Drink and dance and laugh and lie, Love, the reeling midnight through, For tomorrow we shall die! (But, alas, we never do.)"

— Dorothy Parker

Assuming that you are reading this, I can only guess that the world did not, in fact, come to an end on New Years, 2000, and that we are currently in the midst of the infamous Y2K. We have passed through all the computer mess that everyone anticipated. But we may or may not have passed through what Time Magazine called "PMS," or 'Post Millennium Syndrome': we're through the fun part of the whole millennium thing and are now stuck with the huge task of living up to our calendar. Two thousand years Anno Domini. The burden is huge. In the last century alone we've been to the moon, figured out how to blow each other up via atomic weapons, even invented pre-sliced bread. Granted, certain inventions which shall remain nameless (::cough:: cheez whiz, sprayable butter, SPAM ::cough::) have definitely counteracted a small percentage of the intelligence quotient demonstrated in the last century, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. What next?

There's the big stuff we might want to aim for, like intergalactic travel, and perfecting the use of nuclear power. There's little stuff, like making food come in capsules like on the Jetsons (very cool). For all we know, the WTO and NWO will become a single organization (hey, Jesse "the body" Ventura did it). How about here at Columbia? Will we ever maintain a steady principal (Please, Dr. Robins ... ), Will we ever have the ominous closed campus lunch? The fact remains that we have another whole millennium in front of us. Reaching the end of one was exciting; we've past that, though, and we now have to figure out what to do with the next thousand years until Y3K hits. Who knows what will come? We'll have to wait and see.

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Marissa A. Levine Whatever The Challenge Whatever The Test Whatever You Strive For ... Give It Your Best



Eric Lewis

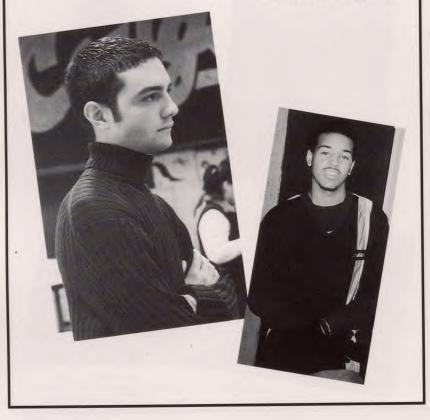


James Lucas



The best years of my life were the 4 spent at CHS, but its time 2 move on 2 bigger and better things. Thankx Mom and Dad. FS,FS,MJ,??,JM oh yeah PETE GAS.Mets

#1 baby!





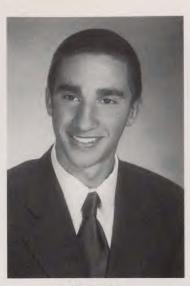
Christin Deanna Mayland Dee's Philosophy: Be Yourself! If U Don't Know Who U R, Who Will?**O \*@**: Mom, J, Nawal, Lauren Those who represent originality, the fam.,& mi amor, René



Leah McAllister It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain an idea without accepting it — Aristotle GOD,MOM,DAD,CHRIS, QUAN,MICK,DIORI



Jerry Lochard



Dan Lovitz I KNOW THERE IS A PLACE A PLACE WHERE I BELONG AND IF I FIND THAT PLACE ILL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT CAUSEIWONTBETHEREALONG MGESDUEY



Katusia Lundi In3words,IcanSumUpEverythingIHave LearnedAboutLife:ItGoesOn.I♥ You Mom&Dad,RickyTheRestOfTheFamMad ♥2MJ,AM,FG,SM,MV,KS,ADK,LM,TT, JerzeyFlavaRIPpp,gj,amj — LuvUntil it Hurrs



Akili Hiahni Lynn InAWorldFullOfCopycats BeAnOriginal NinaPendaWewe♥Mom&Dad— Amis Amigos—TeAmo—VB#14 — Hazlenut Flava-514SailOn!IamMovinUpOut& Beyond — CyaThere — IMayBeAfraidBut IStillMoveForward \*KIT



Taliah Manning



Suzanne Lorraine Mark "TheHardestPartAboutMovingForward INotLookingBack" Thanks Mom, Dad, Rob, Kev, Ty ♥2♥MM Friends4Ever TF,MR,MP,KA If UW ant The Rainbow UM ust Put Upw/Rain



Julio "Juju" Mathieu "Only make moves when your heart's in it, And live the phrase Sky's The Limit" - Notorious B.I.G.



Andria Danielle Matthews Just like moons and like suns, with the

certainty of the tides, just like hopes springing high, still I'll rise I♥YouMOM dadCALVINalexFRIENDS To the class of 2G — Siempre Adelante



Shannon McAndrews I Knew It Wouldn't Last Forever But I Never Thought It'd End So Soon LUV U - Mom&Dad ♥LAUR&JESS♥\*LsJmDkJdEfKsCcJcJmShNlChJr\*



Paul McArthur



Lauren Lula McCall "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Gandhi

ToMyFamilyAndFriends;THANKU JERZEYFLAVA, 514, CHAMELEON SCDH, MAD I LOVE U!!! BUDDASCOTH



James McGrady You never really lose Until you quit trying Thanks to friends family and others who made a tough four years a little easier.

Lev-McG

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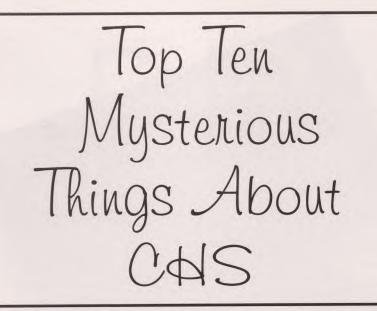
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# Calculus Party







During my past four years at Columbia, I've noticed some weird stuff. It's gotten to the point where I've had to say, "Ok, this settles it. I need to make a top ten list." So here's my list of the top ten weird/unusual/ironic things about Columbia:

10. We have a nuclear fallout shelter, but we don't have enough classroom space.

9. The period dropping schedule is almost in numerical order, but not quite. I've thought a lot about this, but I simply can't make heads or tails of it.

8. The C-Wing is in between floors.

7. There is a sign outside the gym which clearly prohibits "boisterous" conduct. Whoever designed that must not have ever envisioned a Columbia pep rally.

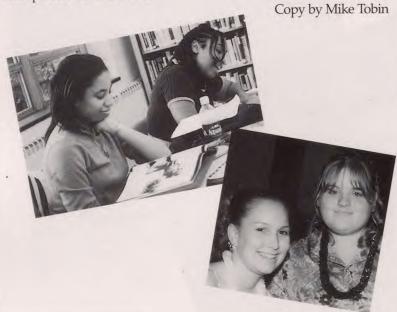
6. The D-Wing has different colored lockers for each floor, but I still have no idea what floor I'm on every once in a while.

5. The pool is eerily reminiscent of a dank dungeon. Coincidence?

4. On half days, homeroom lasts for no shorter than 4,387,568 minutes.3. People without a first period class don't have enough time to go to their lockers before homeroom.

2. I have had more principals than I have had classes on the first floor. Go figure. People without a first period class don't have enough time to go to their lockers before homeroom.

1. To specify a number one in this category would simply be unfair. Each student has that one memory of an experience at Columbia which could never be explained to anyone who hasn't experienced it. It is this memory that should live on in the heart of each student, and should be each person's number one.





Jessica McGrath "Everything in life happens for a reason." B-Ball#15 SoccerGK 9/29 Thanks 2 all the people that stayed true these past 4 years EMThanks MOMDAD,GILL\*10/19DM\* ♥MISS U GRAM♥



Allen McMillan



Shari "Ree" McCree J.C.LetNotMyEnemiesTriumphOverMe.2 myfamily.momdadw/oYalltheres no me my dogzMybrothersteeba,koya4ever. My Husband Greg I love you Always. Rip grandma, grandpa ... "2000" Later!!



Heartwill Mensah



Bryan Mills



Michael Mistretta 'We ain't got no place to go ... Lets go to the Punk RAWK show' — MxPx — Thanks to my parents, Nick and all my friends. PC MP JH SP AS AK\*PAW\*



Tamika Kaity McNair

There's a time for all things.Time for joy and a time for sorrow.Time to say hello and finally the time to say goodbye.BYE C.S.,K.O.,F.S.,S.S.,C.V.,C.T.,B.B.,R.S. WPB 4 EVER



James McNeil I would thank my mom who always been there & to all my friends. I see you later in the future. "2000"



Willie McPhatter IIILifes a journey ... enjoy the ride. Love 2:GodParentsC.N.G.M.T.Burnt Biscuit Wit ButterB.T. J.C. M.M.A.L.A.J. S.J. Y.Y. Bros, Sis To those I for-<br/>got2ELLWITU



Marcia Priscilla Meade 2 HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE NOT, U MUST DO WHAT YOU HAVE NOT DONE. VVVALL THANX BE TO GODVVV MuchLove2MyMotherAnd Fam4PersistentBeliefAndSupport&ToMy TRUEFriends1V



Sandra Merant "If U Can Imagine It, U Can Create It. If U Can Dream It, U Can Become It."Special Thanx&♥2MyFamilyForAllTheGuidance &SupportThroughTheYears.Much♥2Zani o,Lindsay,Cortner,&Kat!



Ari S. Metz For a time I wanted to be eight, But for the rest of my life I wanted to be eighteen again.I have TooMany Initials To Put In This Small Space. GettinJuicedUpBeyond Belief.



Jessica Miller For a moment this good time would never end\*MAR\*MAG\*EnRkEfJdEmMtMr\* ThanksMomDadLizOG\*I Love You\*And the goodbye makes the journey harder still.



Michael Miller



Vanirl Mitchell Enjoy life. Exceed expectations. "Remember: You're trying to fail if you fail to try! It's been great. Much luv to: the fam,JB,SE,GE,TD,JF,RT,KT,JR



Vidisha Mohabir Life is like a corvette just take it one day at a time. thanks to all my friends and family who have been there for me



Lauren Ashley Mondino "I'm not afraid of storms for I am learning to sail my ship" to my friends — Live life Feel love Laugh lots — I♥u.Mom,Dad, Meredith,Blair,A,Grandma — much love & thanks



Eugenia Mozoul MuchLove2God,myMother4Keeping MeInLine.ToMyFriendsForBeingThere WhenTimesGotHardEspeciallyShary.Mrs Levitt4BeingAGreatTeacher.MyCousin Stanley.ToRashod1Love.ImOut2000

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Shafequah "Sha-Sha" Muhammad All Praises to Allah! Thanx Ma Jai B And all my fam 4 Ya'll lov R.I.P. Auntie Has&Dav1luv Mike Thanx Luv&4my tru pep's&tru fam ZakBoeShaKya1LuvYJThose I4got Rnot for gotten!



Brian Mullan "Every boy likes baseball.If he doesn't he's not a boy"Gonna tear up the NCAA Thanx family for always being there, I love you Thanx friends for the good times+laughs ... GONE



Shawn Murphy "I replay the past. I know every scene by heart. They all went by so fast." — Bob Dylan



Erin Elizabeth Murray The days dwindle down to a precious few and these few days I'll spend with you.\*ER\*RACH\*MARIS\*KSJMEFJDJC Thanx MOMDADCLEO — DEAN — Always leave them laughing when you say goodbye.



Theepika Navaratnarajah I'd like to thank GOD, my family Who believe in me, trust me I'd like to thank Mrs. C.W.,Mrs.M.B.,Mr.J.K. Mrs. B.F. Mrs. D.S. I ♥ all my friends and the staff.



Eric Prinz Neher ManyOfUsSpendALotOfTimeDreamingOf TheFutureNeverRealizingThatALittleOfIt ArrivesEveryDayMDRH\*RACHerJESS\* KathMisJdEfKs\*RaRoJaAxNk\*Always LeaveThemLaughingWhenYouSayGoodbye ...



Kevin James Nelson I'd like to give thanx to my parents 4 being there 4 me also TIERRA and the rest of my friends U know who U are, K.R. M.R. L.A. G.A. and everyl I left out good bye Columbia



Tonja Nelums



Chris Nichol Class is how you treat people who Can do nothing for you. A man is Measured by the size of things That anger him. Much luv 2 Everyone who showed luv 2 me.



Joshua Nimaroff



Sherwyn Noel



Tamara Noelus I would like to thank God And my family for getting Me through high school. Especially my dad.IloveUPeaceClassof2000

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"True thinking grows into spiral knots that

can never untwist." And the road goes on

forever ...

Andrew Nathenson "Life's a gamble, but at least you play your own cards." Thanks to my parents, friends, and teachers. Lacrosse #21 GONE

Kevin Nervi ForMostOfUsTheDreamOfBecomingA ChampRemainsAFantasy,ButForASpecial FewItIsVeryMuchAReality.Athletes. Do or do not. There is no try. Yoda ThanksMom &Dad&Brothers&Friends



Anh Nguyen



John-Deane Nwafor To the class of 2000 I hope u all do your Thing in the future. To the people that gave me love when I came here I'll miss ya.



Gerard "G." Ohen Endless appreciation to the creator & Counselor of my life MOM, Lindsay Stay cute, My guidance is through The Memory of Frank Ohen I love you daddy, now watch my aggrandizement&&

School's over ... now urhe

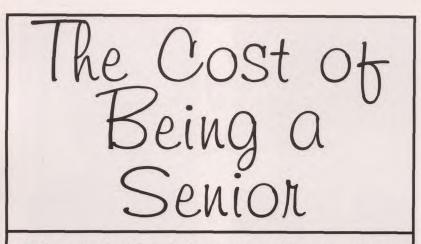
As senior year comes to a close, feelings of stress and fatigue over the whole college application process give way to other emotions: anxiety mixed with anticipation about leaving home and venturing out into the "real world." Now that it is June and we finally know where we are going, we can take a deep breath and smile as we picture ourselves in the role of a college student: no parents, no curfew, in other words — freedom!

There is no doubt that most seniors dream of staying out until the early hours of the morning, partying and having fun. "College to me is just having fun," says Girardo Elie. However, not all students think that parties are what make college life exciting. "I'm looking forward to extending my learning career and meeting new people," said Marissa Levine. Yaa Agyekum also looks forward to college because she feels that she will grow both personally and professionally: "Getting on with the rest of my life, meeting new people, and getting closer to achieving my goals." And then, of course, there are those who think that college will be an intense experience that mixes the parties with the studies: "I'm looking forward to day after day of hallucinogenic sleep deprivation, night after night of intense study, 80's movies and drunken friends," said Kyle Jasey.

Some students are more worried about the absence of the comforts of home, especially with rumors of how bad cafeteria food really can be: I am not looking forward to messing up my digestive system with the caf food," said Leah Dungee. Some feel that cafeteria food may be a problem of a totally different sort, gaining the traditional "Freshman 15" pounds.

There is no doubt that feelings of excitement of college life are mixed with fears of what that life may be all about. Those feelings are part of what "growing up" is all about.

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In the month of July before your senior year, you get a postcard in the mail saying "It's time to take your senior picture!" In your mind, you see your parents' checkbook with a \$200 in the debit column. School starts and it's time to buy your yearbook, another \$50. Get out your calculators — it's time to start adding up all the expenses that make up your senior year. Add another \$350 for your class ring, and now it's barely November, and you have already spent over \$600! Just as you come to the conclusion that you may need to find a third job, you get a call from your counselor: you need to send out your six college applications and have those SAT scores rushed. So \$330 later, you grimace when you realize that the school you get into is the first application you sent out, and you could have saved the \$250 for upcoming events! Once the acceptance letters come in, it is only natural to take a trip and make your final deci-sion. Of course, that will cost you plane fare, hotel accommodations and meal money. It might be necessary to spend hundreds of dollars just to LOOK at your possibilities for the future.

And then there is that mid-winter lull, just before your friends call you asking if your parents gave you the \$300 deposit for the shore house. The money pit opens up again. In April, prom committee bugs you about the first installment of your prom ticket payment. Also, you buy your dress or tuxedo for the prom, rent the limo and get a hotel room or shore house for prom night. You think you are done with prom payments, but when you walk into the prom, you are bombarded with offers for prom pictures, which cost you \$100, but you decide you have to have them, so you take the plunge. After all, who can really put a price on a memory? Let's just assume that when all is added up, the prom has cost around \$700 per person!

So it's June 22, 2000 and everything for the prom has been paid for, and now you can save money for college, right? WRONG. You forgot the fact that seniors have to pay for their own cap and gown and diploma, and then for Midnight Madness, a trip where you don't even know where you are going or what exactly you are paying for. The total cost for being a senior could add up to over \$2000, but before you decide to drop out, remember one thing. You may be broke and exhausted the day after graduation, but the memories that you will have experienced will last forever, even if the money most assuredly will not.

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Busayo Ojo First of all, I'd like to thank God Thank my mum, dad, brothers, sister Edwin, Funmi, Folake, Tope and all that knew me in CHS, I love you all I'm out y'all 2000



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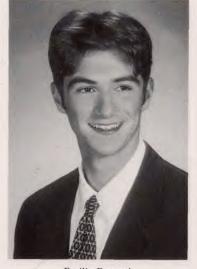
Andrew Olesnycky The only thing you can do easily is be wrong, and that's hardly worth the effort. — The Phantom Tollbooth. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Damian for your love and sup port.



Lloyd Ollennu Venni Vetti Veddi. Thanx 2 God, Dad and Mom 4 the support. Also a shout out 2 all my friends. Believe half of what U see and none of what U hear. Class of "2000" Peaceout



Michael Daniel Padilla "Don'tbelong!!!Don't exist!!!" PC MM JH AK SP AS MB JB No thx to padilla ice and lil pun thx mom and dad ... dave=ratm flour+water+AK=angrydrew



Emilio Panasci Thanks CHS, we are all looking forward to tomorrow. Good luck and good fortune to all. Even though there is no luck, Make it your ULTIMATE future ...





Chidima Okara



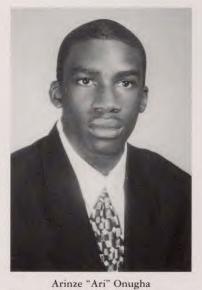
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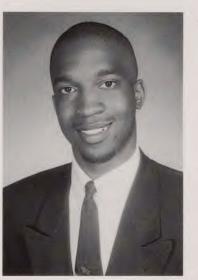
Fela Oki Asitallcomestoanend,soquickly,Our growthofbody&mindoccurssoswiftly TeenageyearswillalwaysberememberedMy futureaheadofme,iswhatIshallseeDoorsof opportunity,success,Iwillbe.



Victor Okonkwo 4 yrs went by fast That's what happens when UR with friends So much to say so little space.  $\bigcirc$ 



I am in infinite gratitude 2 those whose companionship & positive influences have created my being. MOM, DAD, TOBE, CHI and MEK'DON. Much luv 2 the queens & my clan.



Ngozi Onyema IloveSeniorLadies&GoodLuckSeniorMen Look4FuturesBestDon'tForgetYourPast"He WhoWorksLikeASlaveEatsLikeAKing"Power Equality Allah Sees Everything ThatMeans PEACE 2TheClass OF2G & CHS



Robert Onyemauchechukwu The year went so fast, but am glad I made it. Goodbye to all my friends and good luck.



Nadine Oscar

To the graduating class of 2000 Mayhappinesssurroundusall. ThanksMom,family& friends,IshallnotwalkaloneAslongasyouare near.



Matthew Pannucci The greatest thing a man can do in this world is to make the most out of the stuff that has been given to him.mikedittysloan meatybozweaslethecrew thanxMomDad JimSteveLes4thehelp



Deirdre Bradford Parsons Advice:try trust focus fraternize experience excel read reach dance do believe begin write work smile sing laugh love. Follow the heart — not the path. ♥momdad dougfriends♥



Mary Kate Parsons Sometimes the future comes before we are ready to give up the past HelJulLdKrLd JpLpKwNSnJtLvKpVick\*Stay with me till time turns over Thanks — Ilove youMom DadChrisDonMeg



Jamie Paster HL JS KR LP MKP KW, We have made a million memories each a shining diamond in my mind what i like about the future are the memories that we're gonna find







Amish Patel "Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness always pays off now."



Lauren Peach

\* A person who wants to lead the orches tra must turn his back to the crowd \* Argue for your limits and they will become your limitations thankyoutomyfamily friends&God



Charlie Allegra Penn "It's the arch of my back,the sun of my smile,the fire in my eyes,& the grace of my style.Im a woman phenomenally.Phenomenal woman,that's me!" Its all 4U Mom!PapaArn WanaNormJud ♥ U



Hang Percher You tried every trick in the book, but I read that book yesterday and yesterday's for fools and I won't play by yesterday's dumb rules. — SM á la 6ths



Evan Plunkett "When you're as great as I am it's hard to be humble." — Muhammad Ali \*GANOOSH\*\*GONE\*



Sarah Marie Pomerantz WeAreAlways WhatOurSituationsHand UsItsEitherSadnessOrEuphoria ThanksMomDadCarrierAndSmokey.Allmy friendsWPBforever!



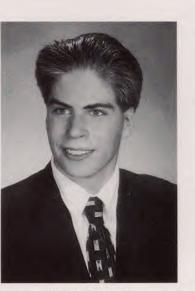
Kimberly Portee Children U spiton asthey try2change R immune 2 UR consultations aware of What they're going thru remember the Past they'll B 1st u'll B last ♥2myParents /REAL pepl & NICOLE♥



Joshua Posner my greatest strength is that I have no weaknesses thanks to family and friends for everything. Bad company till the day I die GONE ...



Marvin Randall Thanks to all who made me the best there is, was and ever will be



Jeffrey Raymond



Jennifer Rachel Redmore WeCan'tRunFromWhoWeAre,OurDestiny ChoosesUs♥MsEfHrLr♥HowFarThatLittle CandleThrowsHisBeams!SoShinesAGood DeedInANaughtyWorld — Shakespeare



Kellia Camille M. Reed Iwant 2 Give ♥ 2 God 4 Helping MeGet-ThruH.S.Much ♥ 4 MyFam&Peeps— Uknow WhoUAre4K.T.&F.B.myBFF,I ♥ U4Life& Iil'♥ 4B.R."UneverKnow WhatUGot, 'Till It'sGone"IIIHoldItAllInMyHeart—ImOut ... One.





**Reginald Permy** 



Jennifer Susan Perna A best friend is a gift from God. Melissa, your friendship is the greatest gift I've ever received. Mom, Dad, Lenny and Anthony — Thanks for everything! I love you!



Sam Prest "For every problem, there is one solution which is simple, neat, and wrong." ♥AH♥ JH VJ MM MP PC AK SJ AM AP Thx4theLaughs.



Kimberly Anne Ramones The Journey Between What UOnce Were And Who UAre Now Becoming Is Where The Dance Of Life Really Takes Place\*Sue Duff Ruba Head Naked Nude Exposed Nic Manda Katie Ts As Av Eb Egmomdoug brig dad\* Thanks



Kimberly Valene Reid Alpha:Union, for all the roadsIhave Traveled on my journey to adulthood Nonehave been the straight&narrow. Omega:Columbia. "And still I rise" Tomy Vingmom,dad,brothers &friends



Elizabeth Reina LifeCanMovePrettyFast.YouDon't StopAndLookAroundOnceInAWhileYou MightJustMissIt.Friends&FamilyHappy WeHaveMet,HappyWeHaveBeen,Happy LetUsPart,HappyMeetAgain.

License of Independence

The week before your 17th birthday is mentally and physically exhausting. At night, you are kept awake by fears that you will fail your driving test. And if fear doesn't make you lose sleep, then planning your driving itinerary that first day of your license surely does.

For many people, going to their friend's house to show off the instrument of their newlyachieved independence was the first item on the agenda. "I went to my friend's house, and he made me drive around the block to prove I wasn't a bad driver," said Justin Drake.

However, some people's hunger won out over their pride, and so they drove their friends to Burger King, McDonald's, Wendy's, White Castle, various pizza places, and the most popular establishment in Maplewood, Bagel Chateau.

Don't tell the attendance officer, but 8 out of 10 CHS licensed drivers take a few "extra" periods on the big day to exercise their right to drive. Getting to the mall in the past always meant a ride with someone's parents, but now with that driver's license hot off the laminating machine, the mall is the very place to head for. "I drove up to Willowbrook Mall to go shopping," said Sandra Merant.

Of course, one person who understandably wishes to remain anonymous, just said, "I got into a car accident."

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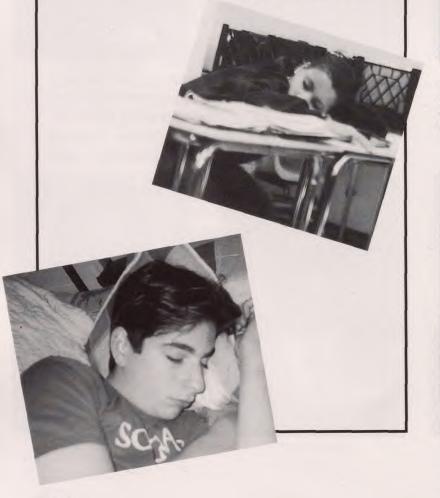




Since my freshman year, sleep has swiftly become one of the most important things in my life. When I was younger, and heard upperclassmen talking about this topic, I found it quite ridiculous, and felt that they were undoubtedly exaggerating. That would have been nice. They weren't though.

Ideally, we should all get eight hours of sleep per night. I know I don't, and if you do, it either means that you are failing out of school, or that you have just become my arch nemesis. Upon observing early morning classes, it is very obvious that there are many students who, if given the opportunity, could fall asleep again in the mere blink of an eye. A few of them actually do. Some students, however, are lucky enough to have a free first period, which I have decided is, in fact, the greatest thing ever. So, be sure to take a free first if at all possible. You'll thank me later. I have also found that a key to maintaining sanity after a few late nights in a row, is an afternoon nap. They are surprisingly refreshing, and work wonders. The only problem though, is that it usually means that you must stay up that much later at night. Oh well. I guess any sleep is worth it.

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Jude Renard



Kate Reuter WeAllMustLiveOurLivesAlwaysFeeling AlwaysThinkingTheMomentHasArrived ThanksDadMomLpKwJpJsMKp HIKrNsrJpNakedNudeExposed



Chavise Robinson It's better to aim high and miss Than to aim low and achieve. My True friends believe in me. ♥ u Mommy, family and friends for Knowing what real love is.



Lindsey Rocchio TimeIsShortButThatsAllRightMaybelll GoInTheMiddleOfTheNightTake UrHandsFromUrEyes,MyLoveEverything MustEndSometime♥2Frnds&Fam.IsThis RealOrAmIDreaming



Darien Roopnairine



Jarred Roth "And I know it will be an easy ride"— JM.Good times all the way.LOVE YOU mom,dad,dais— LFJC,SM,DK,SRAM,JF, E — Woyerp!All my other friends, Live life to its fullest!Class2000



Alexandria Reznikoff "Every hand extended another lies in the way so watch that one and anticipate" — Ani



Diana Reznikoff FreedomIsNotAChoiceBetweenLimitationsButTheSpontaneousExpectancy OfTheNew&TheUnknown!?MadProps ToTheDwing



Scott Richardson "Always remember that when you aren't training, somewhere your opponent is and when you meet in competition he will win." Thanks Mom, friends, and all the rest.



Rebecca Robin

ForTheChildrenTheyMarkAndTheChildrenTheyKnowThePlaceWhereTheSidewalkEnds.\*RACH\*TRAC\*LAU\*ASH\* baco/cnw♥mdkt\*YstrdyTheBeginning TomorrowTheEndInTheMiddleWe BecameBestFriends\*



Joseph Rocco



Romel Rodne



Linus Dave "Romeo" Rogers ThankUGod.ThankUfamily. To my 4F family much love. RV,AI,HA,LR,LR, DI,TP.4F 4 LIFE. High school was one portal In college my poems become immortal



Cortney Chirell Rolley Genuine happiness is found through Personal relationships with those you love and cherish.Lindsay&SandraURTrueFriends.Thanx MomDadAri&NikkiForAlwaysBeingThere. LOVE U ALL!



Jermaine Royster



Jason Russell



Megan Ruszala



Heather Lynne Ryan "And in the end it's not the amount of years you live, but the life within those years." — abe lincoln thanks for everything — mom+dad,mark,jay

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Illphise Saint-Louis



Ivonne Patricia Salazar To my family — Thank you for your love and support/To my true friends — Thank you for your time and ears/To my Abuelita — Gracias por tu amor/I learned about life from all of you.



Ari Samet



Ann Romaly M. San Juan You cant be in love and be wise at the same time.Thanks 2my parents & sister 4their support&love.2all my friends — DP,JE, JB,SA,MN,EA&everybodyGoodluck& never give up.WPB4EVER.XOX



Twanna Alicia Scoon When U think of yesterday w/out regret & tomorrow w/out fear, U are near real contentment. Fear of the future is a waste of the present. I thank my family 4 believing in me



Raymond J. Scudieri Jr. "It's Deja Vu All Over Again" Best Of WishesToAllMyFriendsJL,PW,QT,RT,PS& AspecialThanxToMyFamily!



Kaushika Sengupta Live as if you'll die tomorrow Dream as if you'll live forever. -James Dean



Belinda Severe



Shalonda T. Sholes Giving ThanksToGodForGettingMeThisFarIn MyLife&ToMyParentsForHelping MeThroughThoseHardTimesShoutOuts2:My Sweetheart ♥ FredJenkins ♥ LenaJ"Bling Bling"ToAllMyPeepsCHEER4LIFE!

Seniors



Rebecca Marra Shore TheOnlyLimitToOurRealizationOfTomorrow WillBeOurDoubtsOfTodayTo DreamOfThePersonYouWishToBeIs ToWasteThePersonYouAre\*MaggsLaur TorKfDfSayShySwim/XCI♥UMDLexIan



Kareen L. Simon I'd like 2 thank God,Papa,Mama,Christine &Mom, 4 pushing me 2 make it,2my bf Michelle&my f's, PD,NE,BS,MA much ♥, keep it real 4 the '00 & live life2 the fullest



— If All My Friends Jumped Off A Bridge Would I Follow No For I Will Be At The Bottom Of The Bridge To Catch Them When They Fall — ThankYouMomDad RenAndFriendsILoveYouAll





Emily Alexandra Savino "IfYouObeyAllTheRules, YouMissAllThe Fun"-K.Hepburn\*Kris\*Kate\*Shish\*Together Forever\*Jada\*♥Romaine♥MamaDaddy Sashy Weez I♥You-YouAreMyLife God Is My Strength



Edward A. Schroeder II I don't really like these things Everyone tries to write Something sentimental Anyway, here I go: "feelin'fine"



Annette Shabouk "In 3 words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on" BFF Shari&Adrienne-RG KA FD JF KB Thanx4soMuch♥/@(Farfle,Shari?)♥2 Friends NotNamed&♥2my Family!



**Fred Shandler** It's better to be disliked for what you are, than liked for what you are not. Thanks MomDad&Rian MJ, FS, DL, KS, JM-9/29 PC-



Alexis "LEX" Smith Thank God I made it! Mom Dad & Ron I♥Y'All. Madd♥Passion Shay&Rashod Mesha Nicole&Chitora My Dogs 4 Life My #1, I♥U Always. Hate me now! QT's 4 life. C/O 2000 ©



Jessica Smith And if you hold on tight to what you think is your thing you may find your missing all the rest I love u mdmcsmg ♥♥]H♥♥

## Who is your Super Hero?

As the class of 2000, who we chose as our role models shapes the future. At the age of 17, we look back on almost two decades of our lives and see our idols, heroes/heroines and role models. We all have different ideas of what a hero should be, and have different heroes. Regardless of who we chose, they are all important for one reason or another.

"Ain't lived forever, but I've lived long enough, learned to be gentle and learned to be tough. Learned there's two things that last 'till the end, one is your heroes the other's your friends."

"Tom Bainsley, a guitarist is my role model because he is incredible at what he loves to do, and he bases his whole life around his passion."

"I have always looked up to Paula Abdul. She is so cool, and she defined a decade...she also had to battle eating disorders and depression, but came out a better person."

"My mom is my hero, because she is a great woman and she went through a lot to get where she is today."

"Superman is my hero, because he saves the world everyday. He has such high morals, is so powerful, and everyone wants to be him."

"My Grandpa who was in World War II, was so brave, and whenever he tells stories from the past, he relives his glory days."

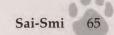
"Oprah Winfrey is a great woman. She has worked to get everything she has always wanted. I want to be just like her when I am older. I remember my spirit!!"

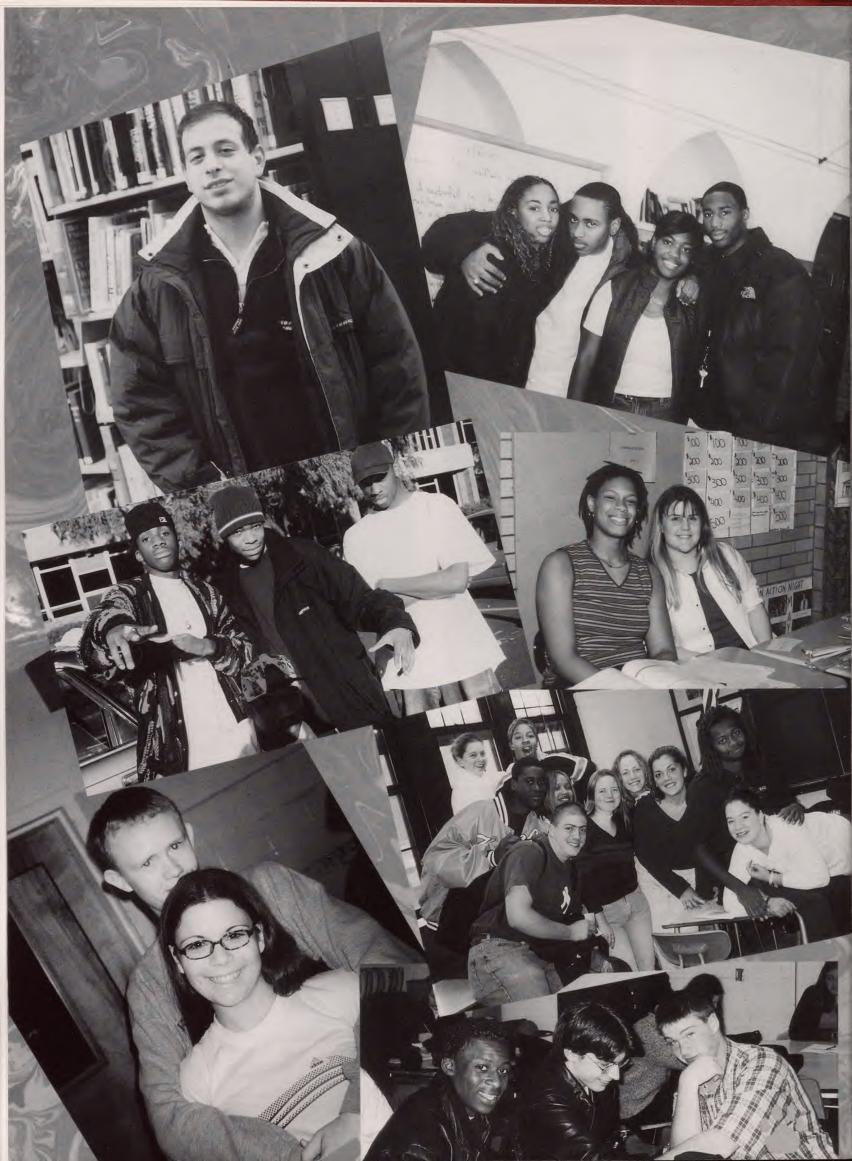
"My mom is my hero, because she raised 3 kids all alone, she loved us so much and she never once complained."

"Avia Berg is my hero, she is a real person, who is battling a deadly illness. She is so brave, and deserves to be looked up to."

"My dad is my hero. He's so smart, and he works hard everyday."

"My religious leader is my hero. I spend a lot of time at my temple, and he is a truly incredible soul. He helps everyone everyday, and has enormous faith."











Lueshawn Siomne Smith First an 4 most I like to thank God & my mother Shouts 2 to all my uptown Harlem World Kats Big Cin, kitty, & Boboie, peeps in CHS A.W., S.J. And all the Jealous Hoes & the Haters much Luv



Katherine Solomon "The most appropriate things are better left unsaid."



Toni Colleen Spencer The More You Criticize ♥ BPS The More Your Own Dies ♥ Peace And My Own Soul Solidifies ♥ 2 All So Feed Me Negativity ♥ My True And Watch Me Rise ♥ Friends



Frank Speranza Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you lost, and what you've taken for granted. Life's a journey not a destination. — PC 9/29 —



Camille Sterling



Dante Maurice Sterling It's not who you know when you go, it's what you know that matters. Don't look back; Now life really starts. Find Something To Smile For!



Marcus Solomon



Victoria Anne Somers Here I'm dancing on the ground Am I right side up or upside down Is this real or am I dreaming — DM Mike, EG, RS, JB, Alex<sup>2</sup>, KR, Becks, CMB2 ♥ Ethan ♥ Thanks Mom, Alex '97



Amanda "Diamond" Sonny Ain't no cats gon' shed blood 4 me But these dawgs got nuttin but luv 4 me: Baby K Baby B Wurni Baby T Belinda Da Fam Terrence. Yall Done Did Yall Part And Kept It Real. Right Here Dawg! SKITTLES 4 LIFE



Norma Zania Tamika Spence Its our innate human desire 2 achieve selfworth, happiness + stability. 2 Mom Norm Suz Yen J Sandi M Char P \*Andre Ms P + 2 all else that have helped me arrive @ the gates to the next level Good luck class of 2000.



Rachel Staenberg The Direction We Are Facing, Determines Our Destination. ♥ Mom Dad Aaron\*Laura\*Bec\*Tracy\*Ystrday The Begining Tmorrow The End, In The Middle We Became Best Friends



Magda Stanczyk Fear not for the future, weep not for the past. Many thanx to: Szn @ ki, Mom, Dad, Aggi, Darus, Asia & Piotrek



Julie R. Stein This Is The Time To Remember Cause It Will Not Last Forever These Are The Days To Hold Onto Cause We Won't Although We'll Want To. mk ph lj pl pk wj ljb Naked Nude Exposed Nic I Love U Guys! Mom Dad Dan Thanx



La-Keisha Stephens (Kiesha) 1st I'd Like 2 Thank God, RIP, Mom! I luve U! Thanks To My Fam, The Burton/Clare Fam, & Friends. I luv Yall, All! Special Thanx 2 KEV 4 Given Me Strength Mentally Amungst All The Phonies & Htaz, U, Know Who U, R!



Meris Stone

I've Spent My Life Searching 4 What Was There Sometimes It Will Be 2 Late Sometimes It Won't Be Fair But Its So Hard 2 Let U Go Now ♥ La Jr Lr Hr Aj ♥ Fate Has A Way of Changing Just When U Don't Want It to.



Christina Joanne Stopielo Ive Seen The Good Side Of Bad And The Down Side Of Up. Remember, Its Not What U Know When U Leave, Its Who U Know. Cruising Down Memorial. If UR Not Afraid 2 Die, Why Be Afraid 2 Live? <3 Mom Dad Mike Rob <3



Catherine (Katie) Stratakis & Though U Want It 2 Last 4 Ever U Know It Nvr Will & The Goodbye Mks The Jrny Hrdr Still MD JA MT I'll Nvr Fnd N E Body 2 Rplce U, I Guess I'll Hve 2 Mke It Thru ... Cc Jm Jg Rk Sm Lg Jc Jd Jm Sh Jc Nl Em En, Ian & Frnds



Kristen Amanda Stromko Truly Great Friends Are Hard To Find Difficult 2 Leave And Impossible 2 Forget Thanks Lm Jm Fs El Bm 9/29 Sometimes The Future Comes Before We R Ready 2 Give Up The Past\*KH MT ES\*Together FOrever Love UMD Smi-Str 69



Ithiopia (Topy) Success Today WellLived Makes Yesterday ADreamOfHappiness&TomorrowAVision OfHopeICouldn'tHaveMadeItThisFar W/OutTheLoveOfMyParents&Siblings TheStriveOfMyBoyFriendDeron&HelpOf MyBFFJenny



LaTasha DeNise Sweet

IwanttogivethankstotheLordandSaviormy momforbeingtherethroughthetoughtimes, toallmyteachersthatencouragedmeto achievemygoals.Mr.Dennisur#1NE,NO,N D,LR,TS,RS,SJ,TG,GW,DR,LR



Lyndsey Swidler

It takes a moment to say hello, but it takes a lifetime to say goodbye SmJcLfJdDk KsCcJmJcJmShNlChJrJr Ken LuvUMom DadKel InstdOfCrynCuzItsOvrSmlCuzIt Hpnd



Maria Tabia

And Somewhere Sometime From Now Together Again Somehow Allof The Waiting Will Seem Like a Moment And Then Well Never Have to Say Good by e Again\* Friends —thanky ouf or the memories \* Mom Dad Sarah — Ilove You All



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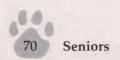
Marcel Taylor I can do all through Christ Which strengthens me. To the fellas CJ JG Ju Al KW. Thanx 2 my family. I♥U. U stuck through it with me. I can never repay you.



Qawi Kevin Telesford A slack hand brings poverty, but The hand of the diligent brings Wealth. (Pr 10:4) Thanks to family And friends for support. CR,Shaft, & Gumby the Pusherman



Courtney Thompson





Latoya Annekay Thompson The sky is the limit and you know you can have what you want,be what U want. Reach for your dreams,though It may be hard at times. ThankUGOD My FAMILY and pals."JamaicanDancer"



Tiffani "Wiffy" Thompson AwomanKnowsW/OgodSheIsAToy2Bplay dW/ThanxGoduShowdMeTheWorldIsMy Plygrnd♥ DaddyMommyFamilyLoveU Forever♥ ≌ YaaEbM&MKdogJMJoyFong &myboys ╩ I`mgoing4DIMESnow!haha ☺ C/o2000



David Tillman "So my fantasy becomes reality and I must be what I must be and face tomorrow."



Michelle Tan

WeKnewItWouldn'tLastForever,ButWe Didn'tThinkItWouldEndSoSoon.— JFK KrisKateEmTogetherForever♥Ant♥Ilove YouMom,Dad,Jen. And the Goodbye Makes TheJourneyHarderStill.



Stefan Tannenbaum Keep this year book. When I'm famous, It will be worth something.



Tiffany A. Terrelongue "You don't need a loud voice to be heard just something worthwhile to say" ♥u Becky,Age,Fatti,BigG,Messy-issa,Ki-Ki,#1Diva,TC,Tushy,G.C., Thanx Mom, Dad&God4strength&asmile



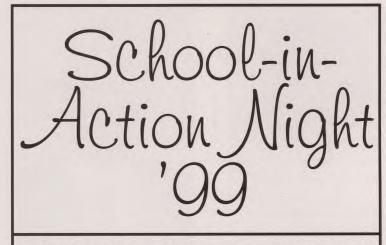
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Michael Tobin Sometimes the hardest problems Can be best resolved by the most Ridiculous solutions.



Alexander Toledano He who neglects learning in youth Has lost the past and is dead for the future.



CHS in-Action Night is an event in which both students and parents in the Maplewood/South Orange Community came together to celebrate Columbia's students' talents and dedication to extra curricular activities. Members of the community witnessed students exercising their talent through song, dance, and music. An assortment of Columbia's choirs and ensembles entertained the spectators, proving that the teenagers in this community are much more positive than originally perceived. Not only were song and dance showcased, but the dedication to various classical groups was also exhibited. The chess club, astronomy club and math league also displayed expertise in their fields. CHS-in-Action Night was a night everyone in the community will not soon forget.

Copy by Tiffany Terrelongue and Rebecca Denis



Sound Familiar?

#### Dear High School Senior,

You have probably received many letters from all kinds of colleges telling you why you should consider attending their institution. Many of these letters are accompanied by slick, glossy brochures which highlight their institutional strong points, while regaling you with showy photographs of their best buildings and brightest students. We here at The Truth Hurts Academy know that what you really want in deciding upon where you will spend probably the four most important years of your life is THE TRUTH. And the truth is what you will get.

As you can tell right from the start, our letterhead stationery is not a sophisticated creation of some public relations firm, but rather is printed on environmentally sound recycled garbage bags from your local grocery store. We have even skipped the wasteful recycling step, and you will see that these bags have been used. In fact, we here at the Truth Hurts Academy, do not ask for your SAT scores; instead we ask you to try and guess what was in these bags to begin with. We have found that the answers given on this kind of impromptu testing have been a truer indicator of future successes in life than any SAT scores we ever saw.

This excerise in creative thinking is but one of the many ways we challenge our students. In fact, as you can see from the attached map of our campus, all of our buildings are within a maze and none of them are clearly identified. Getting to class each day is a combination of Outward Bound and a Mensa qualifying exam. Our graduation rate for the surviving students ia almost 100%! However, we invite you to come and see for yourself. We have set aside a portion of the campus for guests, where you and your parents can be most comfortable. The area, enclosed by a barbed wire fence, ensures your protection from the late-night partying of most of the student body. (Which is what college is most about, anyway - they don't call us The Truth Hurts Academy for nothing!) As you can see, we provide nothing but the worst for our visitiors.

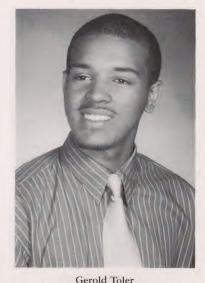
We hope you decide to take a few minutes to fill out the attached card which will enter you into an endless cycle of pointless college (including more information about the Truth Hurts Academy, of course.) We wish you luck in your college search, and hope that you don't get into any other colleges of your choice, and have no other choice but to come to the Truths Hurts Academy.

> Sincerely, Seymour Butt

#### Dean of Admissions

PS If you act now for no money down, we will send you a free complimentary beer along with a tee-shirt with our school motto, (and You Thought I Was'nt Smart Enuff To Get Into Collej!) for the price of only \$49.99.

Copy by Tory Somers



I would like to Thank "GOD" for Blessing me throughout All My Years. Also my Family, Church, and Friends For Supporting me. I love to Sing And I Love You Mom, Dad and Rasheen



Brieem S. Towns

Lord Thanks for the gifts you have Given me over the years. U blessed Me with great parents, grandparents, And my little sis. TTB4LifeY.Y.M.T.L.B.W.M.#33Cougars S.J.T.W.C.R.



Michael Tynes Thanks MOM and DAD for your love And support. To my #1 squad Dountz Prince,Trista,Beth,Smoke,LD,Che. To my love Ryan thanks for standing by me.



Wednesday Valestin This Time is NOW, We shall be FREE. We'll HAVE Success, You Shall SEE. I've Seen Friends Come And Go; You Know Who You Are: KS ND PW JL! Je t'adore, mon Coeur. I'M OUT!



Jamie Wang come my friends ... tis not too late to seek a newer world. for my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset ... to strive, to seek, to find ... and not to yield — carpe diem



Patricia Ann Warncke SometimesIsSeenAStrangeSpotInTheSkyA HumanBeingThatWasGivenToFly —Mom Dad&friends JIAhRsRtEfMfk\*Mm\*&The Rest — TheMemrysWillLive4evrInACrnrOfMyMind\*UgoUrWayIllGoMine&IllSe eUNexrTime\*





Kimberly Renee Ivy Townsend Thanks, ToMyFriendsAndFamilyWhoGave MeLoveAndHappiness.ILoveYou.Much-SuccessToClassof2000AndFutureGraduatesInAllThatYouMayDo.



Ralph Tucker Thanx to my parents, family and Friends for support and guidance. FOOTBALL#50, TRACK&LACROSSE. May your life be like toilet paper, ... Long and useful. PPN/BNR/P4L/LUV



Jason Turner



Kristen Turner CeKeShaLeYaaBffLeaGirls4Life♥UrEnemies BlessThemThatCurseUDoGood2ThemThat HateUPray4ThemThatUseU&♥ThoseWho ♥U...MomDadJayUMeanTheWorld2Me &2My1TrueLove U VSherwin V U



Michelle Vaval

lstand4most I wouldliketo thankGOD. I also wanna thank MOMDADN'PAM. I wannasaywhat'sup2mybf'sKareenCarronandAndy(mybro)KR,DD,Ava,DC,KL,BS &Ctevery1Iforgotclassof2thou I'mout



Brian Veale "MostPeopleOnlyTHINK'bout-What They Want NlifeOthers GoOut & Ge tlt:Thnx2GodShouts2Fam-MyNwkgirlsMonique&Lucy.MadLuvTo-Geena, T.F., Naimah, AL-Nisa, O, JSB-R.M.,D.G.&2mypeepsiLeftOut -ILove



Ian Venokur "You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." Yogi DadMomKar ... GONE



Jacquelene S. Waller I can attest that life is hard. YOU have to make the best of it. Thanks to Jehovah, Jesus, Mom, D.A., P.G., you were always there for me. Success? Living the REAL LIFE.



Trista Washington Now it's all said and done, high school was nothing but fun. Mom, Dad, T, T,&T luv ya! Beth, Wiggs, Quadah, Mitc, luvya2 Dountz is it U?I'm Out 2G.



Katherine Wasik "I took the [road] less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." — Robert Frost



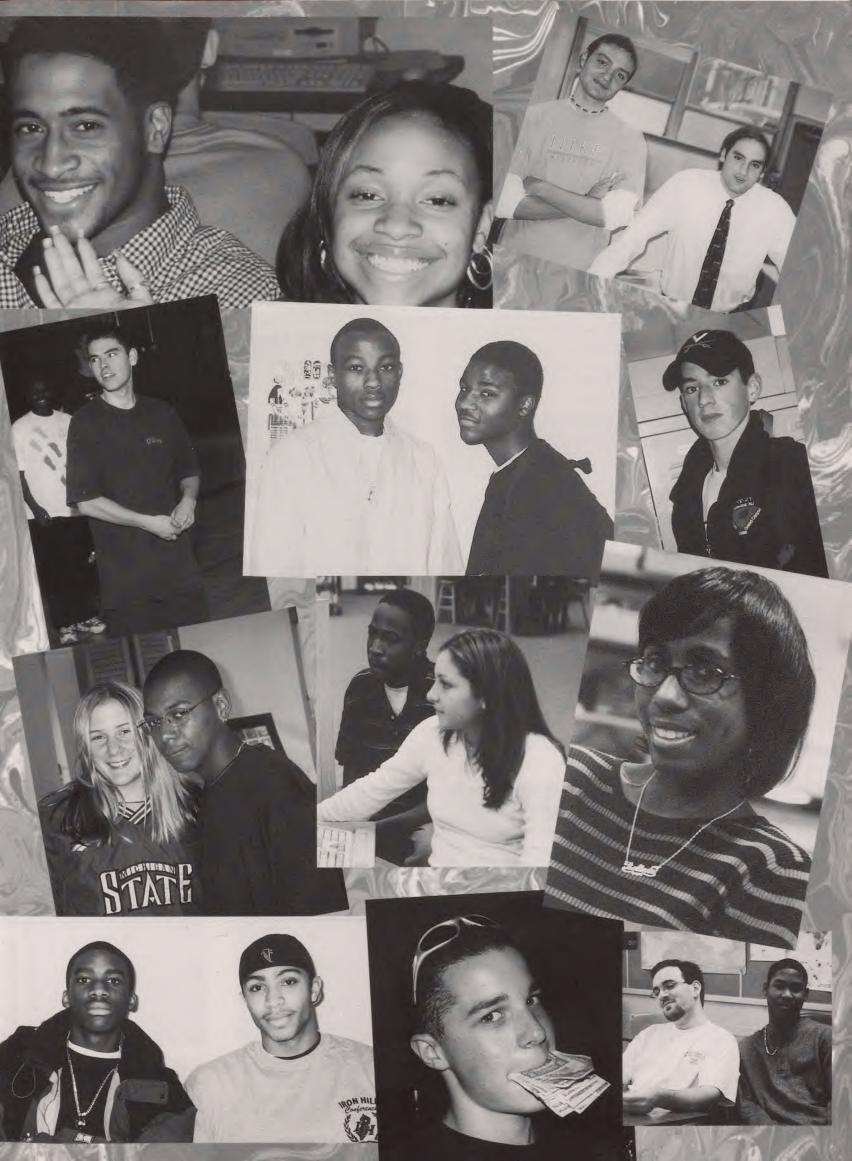
Michael S. Watford I will like to thank God for letting me live this long, and my mom and dad for all their support.



Emanuel Watson









Danyelle Weatherly



Khadijah White WeOftenHateMore4PointsOn Which WeDifferThanLove4ThoseOnWhichWe AgreeNoMatterWhereWe'veMetOrHow LongWe'veBeen2gether.IcallYouFriend. ILoveYouUFO! Thanks & Praise to God!



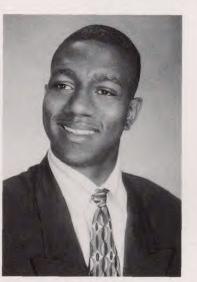
Mesha La-La Wickliffe BIGGEST SHOUTOUT 2 MY MOMMY LOVE YA THANK GOD & MY FAMILY FOR BELIEVING. 2EVERYBODY IN CHS KEEP YOUR HEAD^. NOW 2 MY P.I.C.'S NICOLE & JAK 1 LUV MY DOGS MYOSHI,JW,DAD,SHAY,2000 OUT.



Nicole Wiggs



Aretha Wilkinson "One never notices what has been done one can only see what remains" ♥Thanks to those who helped me get This far. I♥U!



Alonzo Williams



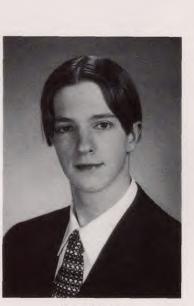
Elnora Rashida Williams THANKS GLS,FAM&FBC FAM&CHIS FRIENDS MAS, RIP MOM&SWC\* THANKU GOD4JESUS 4HELPING ME GET THROUGH.I WILL NVR CEASE TO PRAY FOR HEALTH SUCCESS&LUV Stand back im ready to unfold!



Tiffany N. Williams When in doubt the Lord will bring you out. Christ is the answer. Try him.



Edward Yealu



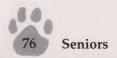
**Ross Yennior** 



Yasin York First I would like to thank God, W/O him none of this is possible. Thanx mom, dad and special 1 to mesha 2 my dog's Carter Donuntz Mike La-ron Live everyday as your last



The Idea of Greatness is Simple; Indeed to be Simple is to be Great GoodLuck&ThanksToMyFriends Love to MomDadMarkLizColleenTycoon — WOC Stealth — Just Keep Rydin





Jihad S. Wilder IamAmongAllMenMostRichlyBlessed,Thanks 2God, MyEntireFamily &Friends.ToAll Those WhoWantToSucceedInLife: Best Wishes!



Nicole "JIGGA" Wilkins UKNOWIMTHE THANX2GODI-MADEITTOMYMOM'S, DADDY, SAIN, WANNA, MS. P. THANX4BELIEVING-INMEMYP. I.C. MESHA&JAMY-DOGSSHAY&LEXMYPEPS. MYLU-VUCHE. HSSHPAULJ-HOVA, BO-BO FAM TILL WE D.I.E....



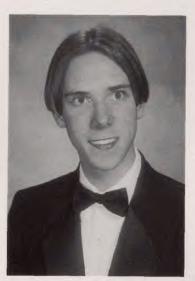
Laura Alexandra Wulach Now, if I look, I see you walking down the years, Young, and through the August fields. I would have liked to have taught you tears But most to have made you smile.



Jodie Yates 1st thank u GOD 4 thru u I am what I am today. Thanks 2 my family and friends 2 everyone lots of luck It was a great 4 yrs, I'll miss u guys & I  $\checkmark$  U



Amina Zohny HopeAndActionAre2DistinctCreatures.One Purrs.TheOtherRoars.MuchLoveToMy Family&Friends.ThanksForBelievingIn Me.ILuvU.KiwiPeachJellyBeansForever! Remember — IfYouLoveIt,It'sNotWork. "



Bret Mayer



Have you ever had to memorize 27 calculus formulas all using the x as a variable and f(x) as the function for a test that you would be having the next day? How ever did you survive?! Well, most likely you used a mnemonic with which your wonderful teacher so generously provided you! Either that or you have super powers that allow you to memorize 27 calculus formulas all using the x as the variable and f(x) as the function with no problem whatsoever ... So, we've gone to just about every department in the school and asked them what are the most preferred mnemonics that they will even remember when they're 92 years old in some nursing home. Unfortunately, most of them are not politically correct, but they're the ones that we remember best. So, here they are ...

1. I die if I do. (Physics)

2. For 1 and 2, use bo, bi bu. For 4 and 3, one a, five e's. (Latin)

3. In fourteen hundred-ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. (History)

4. King Philip Caught Our Family Getting Stoned. (Biology)

5. Hi ho di do. (Physics)

6. I before e except after c, and sounding like a in neighbor and weigh. (English)

7. Please Excuse My Dumb Aunt Sally. (Math)

8. My Very Excellent Mother Just Sat Under New Pines. (Astronomy)

9. Leo Says Ger. (Chemistry)

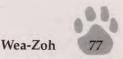
10. An Ox, Red Cat. (Chemistry)

11. I've Probably Messed All This Up. (Biology)12. In Dark Places Long Movies Always Last. (Music Theory)

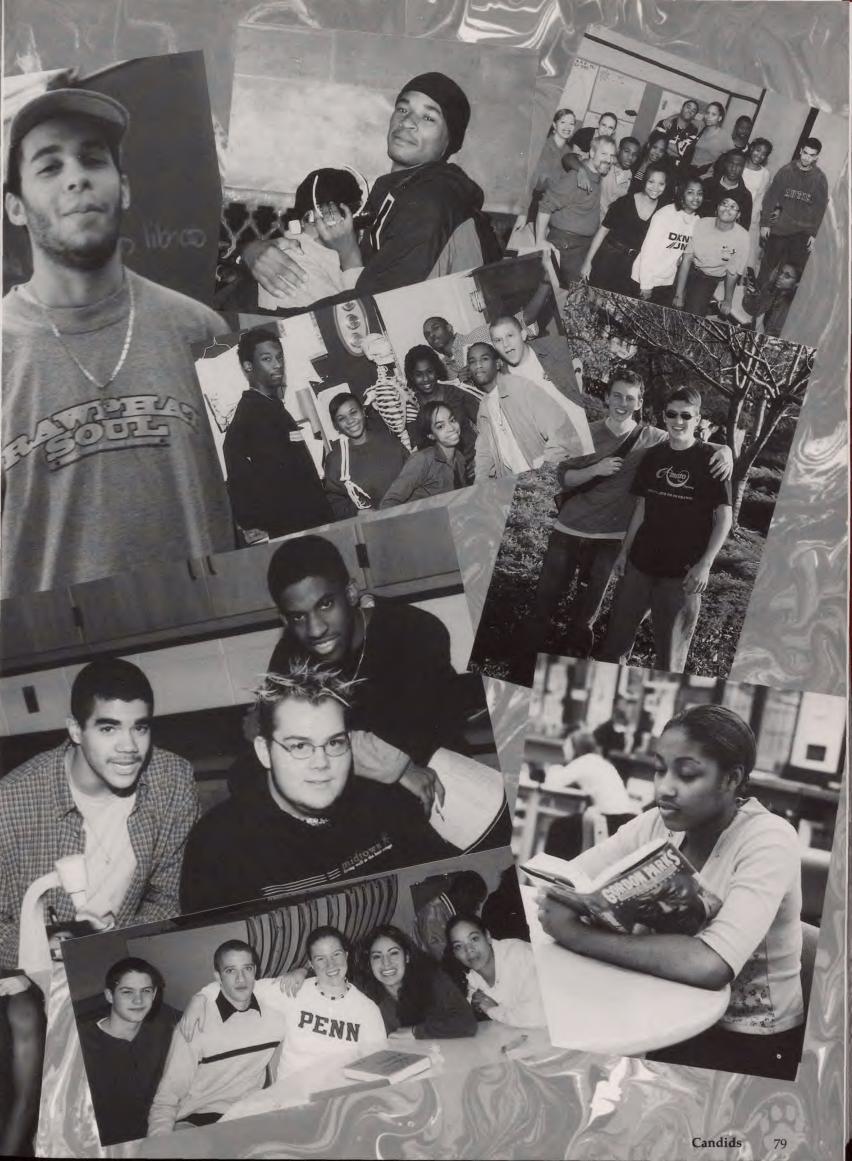
13. Freddie's Cow Got Drunk At Eddie's Barn. (Music Theory)

14. SOH CAH TOA. (Geometry)

15. Zorro cuts with a big gleaming épée. (Biology)











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Ryan Robins



Lindsey Rocchio



Amber Boyle-King



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Daria Coppock



Adrienne Ashford



Katie Holtz



Shawn Murphy



Laura Wulach



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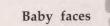
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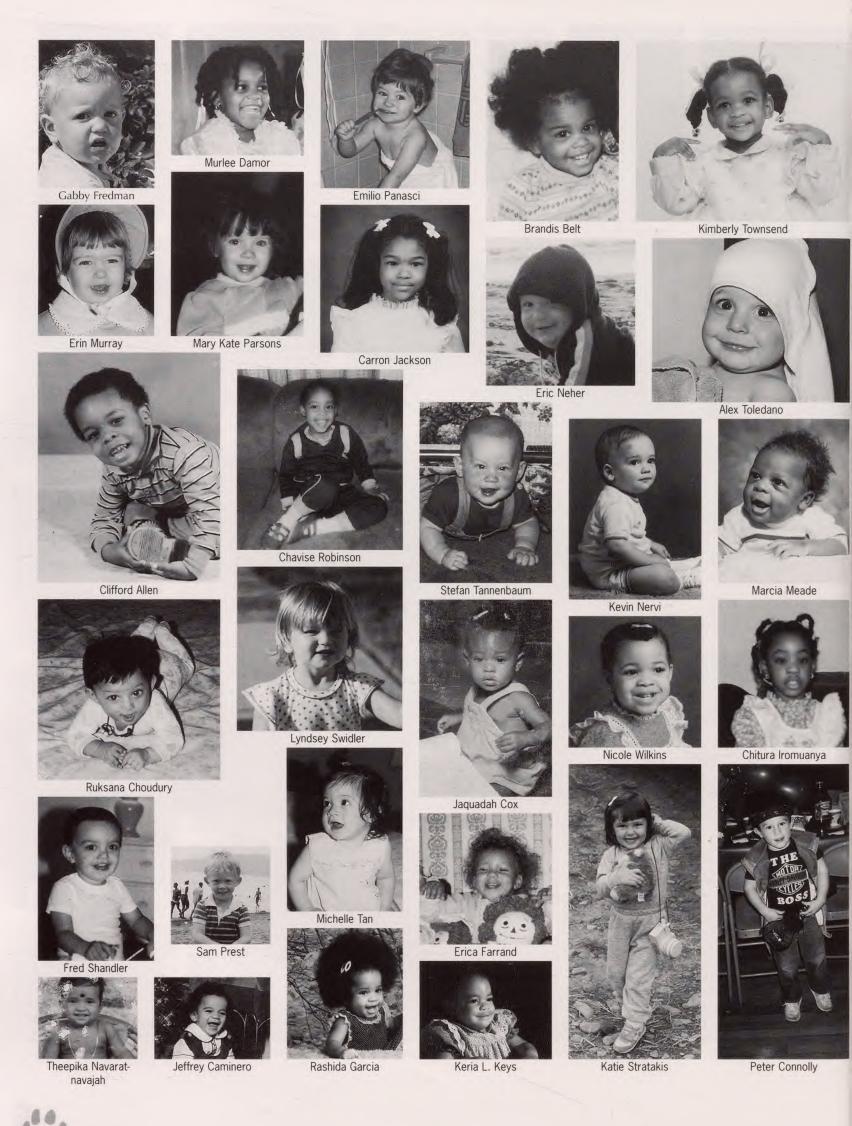


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Tiffani Thompson



Ivonne Salazar



Suzanne Mark

Baby Faces





Ariel Bayer



Tim Macintosh

Cully



Kareen Simon





Sandra Merant





Jamie Paster







Shari McRee



Bret Mayer



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Kristen Stromko



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Kyle Jasey

Paul McArthur



Ericka Thomas



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Keino Taylor



Julie Stein



Shafequah Muhammad



Katherine Wasik



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Diana Reznikoff



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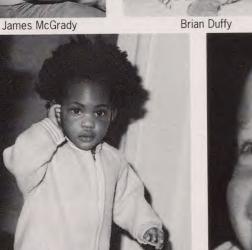


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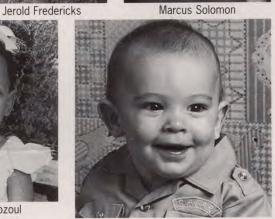
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for 3 years, and the other, I've known for 4 years." — Shari McRee — "Fun afterschool everyday at the Maplewood Stationers in middle school." — Chris Alter ... "Anything music related." — Avia Bearg ... "Pep rally senior year — it was the most amazing feeling to have your peers cheer for you on something you have worked so hard to accomplish." — Julie Stein ... "Had to be of eating lunch with my friends. Whether I was in 2nd or 12th grade, it has

always been fun." — Ivonne Salazar ... "Having those non-stop laughing talks at lunch." — Jessica Gould ... "Freshman year." — Tory Somers ... "All of the memories are the best because they were all stepping stones for me, even the bad ones." — Danyelle Weatherly ... "My 8th grade dinner dance, because it was nice to see all of my friends dressed up and having fun. I also was picked for the best dancer." — Shavon Garner ... "The fondest memories I have of my school

career are of my friends. Since kindergarten I have remained close friends with at least two people and ever since we declared ourselves "twins" and "best friends for life," the ball has continued to roll and as the number of friends and memories has grown, as I know it will in the future." — Akili Lynn ... What is your biggest life dream? "To be a doctor, and to meet Tupac Shakur." — Esther Ackumey ... "To go to medical school and to own my own doctor's

office." — Yaa Agyekum ... "To be the most successful venture capitalist." — Chris Alter ... "To own my own home." — Ava Alton ... "To get my PhD in medicine and to be an O.B." — Ludy Alverna ... "To live a happy life with someone I love." — Lauta Amabile

"To live long enough to go to college, become an instrumental music teacher, live a happy long life (getting married sometime) and, to invent a cure for cancer." - Avia Bearg "To serve God to my best ability, to stay loyal to TTB and to be a good father." Leiraun Baldwin "To become a billionaire, it does not matter what I do for a living." — Sloan Baptiste "To be a biomedical engineer and enjoy my job. I'd like to research diseases such cancer and AIDS." - Amber Boyle-King ... "To be the Olympic runner for the 800." - Colin Brown "To go into the field of medicine." Ruksana Choudhury ... "To marry my man and be happy." Michele Cicchetto "To be a prowrestler, to go to a Division I college and to study psychology or elementary education." -Dustin Croston ... To specialize in Peloponnesian dancing, or to be a physical therapist.

"To bowl in the PBA." — Jason Cummings ... "I want to live forever and rule the world. (Too long to explain.)" — Murlee Damor ... "To be a pharmacist and own my own pharmacy, and to accomplish everything I can be in life." — Aasia

- Eavan Cully .

Davis ... "To be an ambassador to the US or Colombia in another country." — Juliana Diaz ... "To be a marine biologist." — Nancy Duleba ... "To be a neurosurgeon." — Gilbert Dussek ... "To be successful, to make money, and to have a good job." — Daniel Elie ... "To be a software designer, or a federal agent." — Girardo Elie ... "To help people heal mentally, physically and emotionally, by being a doctor." — Nardine Elysee ... "To run my own CPA business, to have a family of four, and to major

in business management." — Sean Ennis ... "To help others who are less fortunate and to be famous." — Laina Erde ... "To be blonde." — Cathy Erway ... "I either want to have a good paying job in one of the Fortune 500 companies or to have my own law firm." — Nawal Ezzouhairy ... "To be happy with myself ... and rich." — Tracy Farrell ... "To be a pediatrician, and to get better at swimming." — Emily Fiocca ... "To be the CEO of an architectural firm." — Marcus Fiore ... "To be a television broadcaster." — Robert Flaxman ... "To work with inner city kids, and to be an architect." — Che Flowers ... "To be an anesthesiologist or a botinist in NYC, Boston, or a Costa Rican rainforest." — Gabrielle Fredman … "To be on the Comp Tech/Real Time Acura race team, and to race/repair Acura Integra Type R's." — John Furlong … "To be able to help people!" — Rashida Garcia … "To be a doctor: either a pediatrician or an EMT." — Sharifa Garcia … "To have the opportunity to explore many countries in the world, to go into the nurs-

ing industry in a children's hospital, to have three kids, to get married, and to be happy." — Shavon Garner … "To obtain happiness through education, to live comfortable and happy with God and my family. I also want to set up an overseas practice as a pediatric surgeon and make enough money to take a trip around the world, and to buy my mom a house and to be waited on hand and foot whenever I choose." — Fatima Garuba … "To be a music producer." — Eric Gorman … "To have a successful singing career, to go to college, and to become either a teacher or a marine biologist." — Iessica

Gould ... "I want to do something that will make my family proud." — Jeimmy Guzman ... "To take over the world with a laser, by shooting a hole into the ozone layer, or to be a pro-wrestler." — Connor Hammond ... "To be a rapper, an actor, and to play baketball." — Ethan Hatcher ... "To sing the "Star-Spangled Banner"

at Yankee Stadium on opening day." — Amanda Hersh ... "To be a loved wife and mother, and a respected lawyer and politician." — Sheryl Hughes ... "To be CEP of my own company." — Jasmine Jack .... "To become an actress, to be happy, and to go to college." — Lena Jackson ...

"To be the best person academically, religiously and personally; and to always smile." - Madhavi Jatania "To succeed in my future endeavors and devotion to the field of medicine." Yeneisha S Johnson ... "To be happy with

what I accomplish in the future." Melody Johans-"To be son ... an actress." Stacy Ann Johnson ... "To be a prosecutor. and a criminal attorney." Sarah Jones "To make it big in life and to come back and help the less fortunate in my community. - Peter Joseph "To help people, and to into the go medical professon." - Joanne Karwowski

"To be a rock star." — Amriel Kissner ... "To do m e d i c a l

research and to write a book about it." — Helen Leitner ... "To own a Ferrari." — Jen Leonardis ... "To be a

teacher or a physical therapist, to have kids, and to be a great a mother. Also, to marry rich and have someone support me." — Marissa Levine ... "To graduate from CHS, to do best in my work, and to be a computer engineer." — Jerty

Lochard ... "To be a corporate lawyer, a screen writer, or an actress." — Katusia Lundi ... "To live to see a day where there is no poverty, no hunger, no war or famine, just world peace." — Akili Lynn ... "To be a psychologist and to be rich." — Suzanne Mark ... "To be on the cover of 'SLAM' magazine, to be a self-made billionaire, and to be one of People's 5 Most Beautiful

People." — Julio Mathieu ... "Just to live! To always remember how happiness feels, and to never have any regrets." — Christin Dee Dee Mayland ... "To become a movie star." — Paul McArthur ... "To be a director, to work in the music industry, and to be an actor." — James McNeil ... "To be in the music business." — Shari McRee ... "To graduate from college and become rep successful." — Sandra Merant ... "To be a doctor, and to learn for the rest of my life." — Bryan Mills ... "To be happy with whatever I choose to do with my life." — Lauren Mondino ... "To finish high

whatever I choose to do with my life." — Lauren Mondino ... "To finish high school and to go to college." — Shafequah Muhammad ... "To live a healthy, happy life." — Shawn Murphy ... "To be a freelance artist, a graphic designer and the greatest human ever." — Andrew Nagy ... "I want to become an Indian actress." — Theepika Navaratnarajah ... "To leave the world something good when I'm gone and to keep progressing." — Emilio Panasci ... "To do FBI work, to be rich, and to have a part-time job in the WWE" — Matt Pannucci ... "To be fluent in 6 languages,

to have my music published and performed in Carnegie Hall, to scuba dive in Australia, and to work in the United Nations." — Deirdre Parsons ... "To just be sublimely happy." — Jamie Paster ... "To be a successful doctor, and to work in movies." — Amish Patel — "To have my own talk show like Oprah, to own a line of entertainment clubs and child psychology clinics." — Charlie Penn ... "To be the best Sarah Pomerantz I can be, and to accomplish what I ser my mind to." — Sarah Pomerantz ... "To go to college, to

be an FBI agent, and to live on my own." — Kimberly Portee ... "To be on yearbook staff." — Josh Posner ... "To be a pediatrician, and to open a child care center." — Kim Ramones ... "To be a role model for the world." — Jennifer Redmore ... "To be independently wealthy by saving the world." — Alex Reznikoff ... "To become the Princess of England." — Rebecca Robin ... "To marry a millionaire." — Lindsey Rocchio ...

"To be a dancer and a track star." — Cortney Rolley ... "To be the best father and husband and provide the best environment for my children." — Darian Roopnarine ... "To travel and see the world, to work in international business affairs, and to get my doctorate."

Twanna Scoon ... "To be pro-baseball player, and a sports commentator." - Raymond Scudieri "To be zoologist, a biologist, or a photographer." Annette Shabouk . "To be a pediatric nurse. Shalonda Sholes "To put an album out." Marcus Solomon

"To be rich and famous in Hollywood." -Tory Somers 'To have a great family and husband and kids." - Rachel Staenberg "To become a doctor of sports medicine, and to travel to Australia. - Julie Stein "To be a famous performer, preferably on Broadway. Dante Sterling "To work for a magazine." -Meris Stone To be a TV production guy, and to have the yearbook spell my name right on every page." -

Stefan Tannenbaum ... "To be an NFL Oakland Raider, and to have a family." — Jameel Taylor ... "To be a biomedical engineer." — Qwai Telesford ... "T become somebody. To achieve the many goal that mother couldn't accomplish."

somebody. To achieve the many goals that mother couldn't accomplish." — Ericka Thomas ... "To do something good." — Michael Tobin ... "I would just like to have happiness throughout my entire life." — Brieem Towns ... "

my entire life." — Brieem Towns ... "To go into photo journalism or elementary education." Wednesday Valestin ... "To live my life as a Jehovah's Witness, to find a fun job, to live in Massachusetts, and to live forever." — Jacquelene S. Waller ... "To have to career of my choice, to have a loving family, and to live a long life." — Parti Warncke ... "To become a fashion buyer for all the major depart

ment stores such as Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom's and Saks Fifth Ave." — Danyelle Weatherly ... "To own a restaurant, and to get my bachelor's degree in culinary arts and pastry baking." — Nicole Wiggs ... "To rule to world, and have money and girls." — Alonzo Williams ... "To play MLB 2nd base, to have a million dollars, with hotels and houses." — Ross Yennoir ... "To be healthy, wealthy, and wise." — Brian Zagar ... The Class of 2000's Last Will and Testament: A principal who stays with the high school for more than nine months ... a new swimming pool ... new locker rooms ... more parking spaces for Dean Brown and the future senior classes ... a winning football team ... cockroach repellant ... toilet paper ... a new football field ... a new computer system for the counseling center ... personal assistants for each

and every counselor to help them keep their sanity ... a new heating system ... air-conditioning for those sweltering hot days in May and June ... more anticipated snow days ... a P.A. system that works ... more staff development days ... more hurricane days that turn out to be bright and sunny after all ... the option to not take gym ... classes for teaching students the purpose of hallways (it's not to see how many people it takes to cause a staircase jam!) ... a yearbook with more color pages ... Verbum dies for Mrs. Sharo ... Percussion instruments that don't mysteriously disappear for Mr. K ... Wastie words for Ms. Wastie ... James

Blonde problems for Mr. Panek ... 20-page photocopied chemistry chapters for Doc ... Another lame health video (so she can make fun of ir) for Ms. Lobianco ... Highlighters for the driver's ed teachers ... Miras for Ms. McGowan and her freshman geometry classes ... More than one day to plan a calculus party for Mr. Palma ... Santa and space suits for Mr. Gulati ... Chocolares for Mme Minor ...

A music stand for Mr. Cotter ... A real tuner that works for Mr. Paster ... A class trip to space for Mr. Levin ... Dots for Mr. Cohen ... Castro's Cuba for Mr. Rodriguez ... Week-in-Review quizzes chock-full of trends for Mr. DeBiase ... A student's desk on which to sit for Mrs. Murphy ... A watch-

> tower so Mr. Brothers can really feel like a prison guard ... A Louise Erdrich story for Mr. Lasko over a Friday party ... Lessintimidating uniforms for the security guards ... an uncensored newspaper for Mrs. McGrane Students that respect the equipment for Mr. Mullin Krispy Kreme Donuts for Mr. Morrill ... A new Cannandale bike for Mr. Novemsky ... Abvd. wds. for Mr Sehringer ... A safe parking lot ... A class of non-salivating males for Mrs. Almario Sex. drugs, and rock 'n' roll for Mr. Gavitt A non-filtered Internet for the librarians . An outstanding cast with many more successful productions for Mrs. Lawrence .... A responsible stage crew for Special

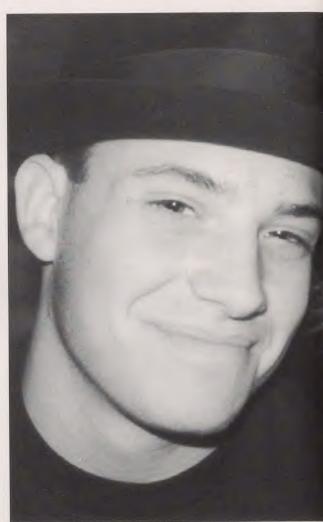
dance and the All-School Musical casts . Student names for Mr. Chezowycz ... A class full of non-gum chewers for Mrs. Petralia ... Studebakers for Mr. Sutherland . Honestly sick students for the nurses An AP class that shows up on-time for Mrs. Hershey ... Students who understand the meaning of "no, the class is full,"

for Mr. Brundage ... An explanaton of a "Shunk" for Dr. Young ... A grading system where an "A" starts at a 50 for Mr. DiMattia ... An undefeated quiz bowl team for Ms. Russell and Mr. Olsen ... Wrap for Mrs. Reynolds ... A list of reasons as to why you shouldn't talk about your personal life with your students for

Mr. Trias ... The answer to the question "what else?" for Miss Rooney ... Interesting weekend adventures for Mr. Henderson ... Students who don't write obscene programs for Mr. Binder ... A pillow to sleep in class for Mr. Strother ... A working email list for Mr. Carolan ... Tranquilizers for Mrs. Gomez ... A family album for Mrs. Politi ... A one-way trip to Hawaii for Mrs. Donadio ... A real retirement for Mr. Cross — we love you,

but LEAVE! ... Rolled "R's" for Mrs. Coe ... Lots of luck and aspirin for Mr. Dallessio ... A CLEAN school for Mrs. Daur ... To Mr. Tancredi — Ciao! ... Wassail for Mr. Knox ... A fanny pack for Mr. Grant ... Beautiful snow for Dr. Robins, but yes, it can be dangerous ... updated faculty lists every two weeks, to keep up with the times ... the memory that the greatest class ever has just graduated. This is the Class of 2000, signing off.















# Top 10 Songs of the Century:

- 'What a Wonderful World' — Louis Armstrong
- 2. 'Imagine' John Lennon
- 3. 'American Pie' Don McLean
- 4. 'Stairway to Heaven' — Led Zeppelin
- 5. 'My Heart Will Go On' — Celine5 Dion
- 6. 'Let It Be' The Beatles
- 7. 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' — Nirvana
- 8. 'The Dance' Garth Brooks
- 9. 'Rhapsody in Blue' — George Gershwin
- 10. 'My Way' Frank Sinatra









## Top 100 Events of the Millennium:

- 1. 1455: Gutenberg prints the Bible
- 2. 1492: Columbus discovers America
- 3. 1517: Martin Luther begins Protestant Reformation
- 4. 1769: The beginning of Industrial Revolution
- 5. 1610: Galileo learns that the Earth revolves around the sun
- 6. 1882: The Germ theory of Disease begins microbiology and immunology
- 7. c.1100: China develops gunpowder weapons
- 8. 1776: The Declaration of Independence is signed
- 9. 1933: Hitler comes to power
- 10. 1117: The Compass expands the boundaries of sea navigation
- 11. 1876: Edison invents the light bulb
- 12. 1509: Beginning of the New World slave trade
- 13. 1796: Vaccinations begin
- 14. 1928: Television's first broadcast
- 15. 1859: Darwin's Origin of the Species is published
- 16. 1945: Drop of the first Atomic bomb
- 17. 1908: Ford rolls out the Model T
- 18. 1095: The Crusades to Jerusalem begin
- 19. 1215: Signing of the Magna Carta
- 20. 1876: Invention of the telephone
- 21. 1348: The Black Plague kills 1/3 of Europe's population
- 22. 1928: Penicillin discovered
- 23: 1666: Newton discovers gravity
- 24. 1830: The world's first full steam-driven railway is built
- 25. 1901: The first radio wave transmitted
- 26. 1914: The start of WWI with assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- 27. 1903: The Wright brothers begin age of aviation
- 28. 1610: The beginning of the Tea Trade
- 29. 1211: Genghis Kahn builds his empire
- 30. 1947: The Transistor Age begins
- 31. 1900: Freud opens the door to psychology with the interpretation of dreams
- 32: 1895: The first movie created
- 33. 1969: Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
- 34. 1789: French Revolution sends 16,000 people to the guillotine
- 35. 1603: Shakespeare writes Hamlet
- 36. 1905: Einstein's theory of Relativity stated
- 37. 1826: The first picture is taken
- 38. 1844: Communism is introduced to world
- 39. 1537: Spanish explorers brought the potato back from Peru
- 40. 1848: Declaration of Sentiments signed at Women's Right Convention in Seneca Falls, NY
- 41. 1844: The Telegraph goes on line
- 42. 1866: Mendel cross-breeds pea plants, beginning study of genetics
- 43. 1722: Bach publishes Well-Tempered Clavier
- 44. 1674: The microscope is invented
- 45. 1917: Russian Revolution overthrows Czar Nicholas II
- 46. 1829: Water purification begins on the Themes River, London
- 47. 1859: Edward Drake strikes oil
- 48. 1812: The first canned foods appear
- 49. 1628: William Harvey demonstrates that the heart controls all blood circulation
- 50. 1088: The first university built in Bologna, Italy

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# Top 10 Movies of the Century:

- 1. Star Wars
- 2. Gone With the Wind
- 3. The Wizard of Oz
- 4. The Godfather
- 5. Braveheart
- 6. Titanic
- 7. Schindler's List
- 8. The Shawshank Redemption
- 9. Saving Private Ryan
- 10. Casablanca











### Top 100 Events of the Millennium

(Continued from page 96)

- 51. 1865: Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation
- 52. 1856: The first pendulum clock revolutionizes time keeping
- 53. 1834: The first artificial ice compressor is constructed
- 54. 1535: Tobacco craze begins in Europe
- 55. 1633: Comenius publishes The School of Infancy
- 56. 1120: The first restaurant opened in Kaifeng, China
- 57. 1914: Margaret Sanger publishes The Woman Rebel
- 58. 1839: Charles Goodyear makes rubber viable
- 59. 1609: The first newspaper is published in Strassburg, Germany
- 60. 1596: The toilet is invented
- 61. 1895: X-rays are discovered to see human bones
- 62. 1854: Henry Bessemer produces strong steel thanks to a blast of oxygen
- 63. 1867: Aldred Nobel invents dynamite
- 64. 1934: Mao Zendong flees the Khominteng forces with 100,000 troops
- 65. 1413: Filipo Brunelleschi creates illusion of infinity in art
- 66. 1325: Aztecs found most sophisticated city, Tenochitilan in South America
- 67. 1851: Isaac Singer invents the automated sewing machine
- 68. 1906: Pentecostalism begins its craze
- 69. 1543: Andreas Vesalius begins the science of anatomy with <u>Of</u> <u>the Structure of the Human Body</u>
- 70. 1962: Rachel Carson's <u>Silent Spring</u> sparks the environmental movement
- 71. c.1150: Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world, is completed
- 72. 1838: The first labor union is created and holds its first meeting
- 73. c.1350: Fashion becomes of great concern and importance for the wealthy.
- 74. 1821: Simon Bolivar frees South America from Spain
- 75. 1260: The Chartres cathedral is built
- 76. 1953: Watson and Crick unravel DNA's double helix
- 77. 1854: The elevator is invented
- 78. c.1450: Coffee becomes a crazed stimulant
- 79. 1061: England's Poor Laws mark the beginning of social welfare
- 80. 1869: The Suez Canal opens
- 81. 1545: Spain discovers silver in the Andes
- 82. 1886: John Pemberton introduces Coca-Cola to the world
- 83. 1008: <u>The Tale of Genji</u> is world's first extended narrative written
- 84. 1407: Casa di San Giorgio opens as world's first bank
- 85. 1169: Ibn-Rushd begins to translate Aristotle, transforming philosophy
- 86. 1947: India gains its independence and the British Empire begins to crumble
- 87. 1880: Artist Paul Cézanne transforms art and images
- 88. 1868: Japan begins the Meiji Restoration
- 89 1324: Mansa Musa treks across the Sahara on a holy pilgrimage to Mecca
- 90. 1907: Leo Baekland invents plastic
- 91. 1804: Toussaint leads Haiti to freedom from French rule
- 92. 1453: Mehmed Il Kahn captures Constantinople, giving rise to the Ottoman Empire
- 93. 1846: William Morton is first doctor to administer ether to patients
- 94. 1588: The British fleet defeats the Spanish armada
- 95. 1683: The Ashmolean is the first public museum built
- 96. 1605: Miguel de Cervantes publishes Don Quixote
- 97. 1896: Baron Pierre de Coubertin founds modern Olympics
- 98. 1799: The Rosetta Stone is discovered in Rosetta, Egypt
- 99. 1954: Elvis Presley teaches American teens how to rock 'n' roll
- 100. 1582: Pope Gregory XIII fixes the calendar













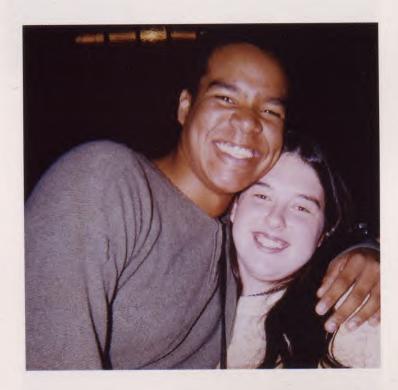




















# U.S. Every Day Life in ...

#### 1900

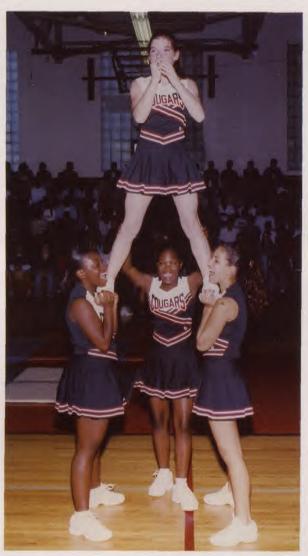
- 1 in 7 homes had a bathtub
- 1 in 13 homes had a telephone
- Camera: 1.00
- 1 lb. of sugar: 4 cents
- 1 dozen eggs: 14 cents
- 1 lb. of butter: 24 cents

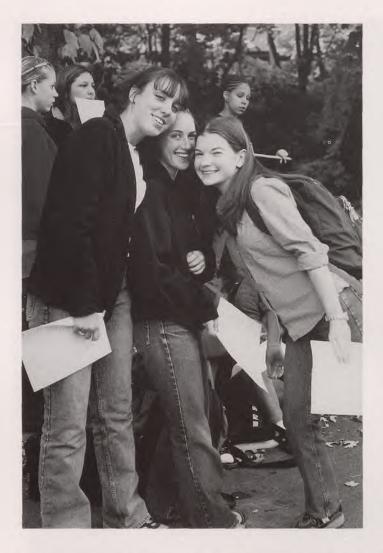
### VS. 2000

- 81% of the population has a VCR in the home
- there are 2.3 TVs per home
- 20% of the U.S. is connected to the Internet
- 1 lb. of sugar: 0.43
- 1 dozen eggs: 1.12
- 1 lb. of butter: 2.35

















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#### The 50 Worst Ideas of the Century

(in no particular order)

- 1. Prohibition
- 2. Michael Jackson's marriage to Lisa Marie Presley
- 3. Asbestos
- 4. The Designated-Hitter Rule
- 5. Barney
- 6. Crystal Pepsi
- 7. New Coke
- 8. Sailing the Exxon Valdez into Prince William Sound
- 9. "Mr. Simpson, Step Forward and Try on the Glove"
- 10. Rocky 5
- 11. Aerosol Cheese
- 12. AfterMASH
- 13. The Independent-Counsel Statute
- 14. Psychic Hotlines
- 15. The Red Sox's Selling Babe Ruth to the Yankees
- 16. Watches That Beep
- 17. Telemarketing
- 18. Vinyl Siding
- 19. Astroturf
- 20. Strip Malls
- 21. Michael Jordan, Outfielder
- 22. Swine-Flu Vaccine
- 23. The U.S. Metric Campaign
- 24. The Treaty of Versailles
- 25. Smell-O-Vision
- 26. Chain E-Mail
- 27. Hydrogen-Filled Blimps
- 28. Bush's Choice of Quayle
- 29. Videophones
- 30. Spray-on Hair
- 31. Infomercials
- 32. Theme Restaurants
- 33. Not Bombing the Fuel Tanks at Pearl Harbor
- 34. Novelizations of Movies
- 35. The Ugandan Space Program
- 36. Tie-Breaker Shoot-outs in Soccer's World Cup
- 37. Biosphere 2
- 38. Spandex in Plus Sizes
- 39. Mili Vanili's Grammy
- 40. The Jerry Springer Show
- 41. Installing a Recording System in the Oval Office
- 42. Mohawk Hairstyles
- 43. Fast Food
- 44. The Titanic
- 45. Heaven's Gate
- 46. Mood Rings
- 47. Breast Implants
- 48. Radium Cures
- 49. Thong Underwear for Men
- 50. That Teensy Decision That Led to the Y2K Bug

















#### Phonies & Frauds of the Century

1. Geraldo Rivera 2. Linda Tripp 3. J.R. Bob Dobbs 4. O.J. Simpson 5. Kenneth Starr 6. Laura Schlessinger 7. Rush Limbaugh 8. Howard Stern 9. Johnnie Cochran 10. Alfred Kinsey 11. Timothy Leary 12. J. Edgar Hoover 13. Jerry Springer 14. Bill Gates 15. Joseph R. McCarthy 16. Ayn Rand 17. Madonna 18. Don King 19. Uri Geller 20. Marion S. Barry









#### Top 50 Most Influential People of the Century:

(in no particular order)

1. Theodore Roosevelt 2. Vladimir Ilyich Lenin 3. Margaret Sanger 4. Mao Zendong 5. Winston Churchill 6. Franklin Delano Roosevelt 7. Eleanor Roosevelt 8. Adolf Hitler 9. Mohandas Gandhi 10. Sigmund Freud 11. Ho Chi Minh 12. Martin Luther King, Jr. 13. Margaret Thatcher 14. Ronald Reagan 15. Mikhail Gorbachev 16. Pope John Paul II 17. Nelson Mandela 18. Pablo Picasso 19. Igor Stravinsky 20. T.S. Eliot 21. Louis Armstrong 22. Charlie Chaplin 23. Marlon Brando 24. Rodgers & Hammerstein 25. Frank Sinatra 26. Lucille Ball 27. The Beatles 28. Bob Dylan 29. Aretha Franklin 30. Jim Henson 31. Steven Spielberg 32. Bart Simpson 33. Henry Ford 34. Charles Merrill 35. Walt Disney 36. Wilbur & Orville Wright 37. Bill Gates 38. Helen Keller 39. Jackie Robinson 40. Anne Frank 41. Rosa Parks 42. Watson & Crick 43. Oprah Winfrey 44. Marilyn Monroe 45. The Kennedys 46. Muhammad Ali 47. Pelé 48. Mother Teresa 49. Diana, Princess of Wales 50. Albert Einstein













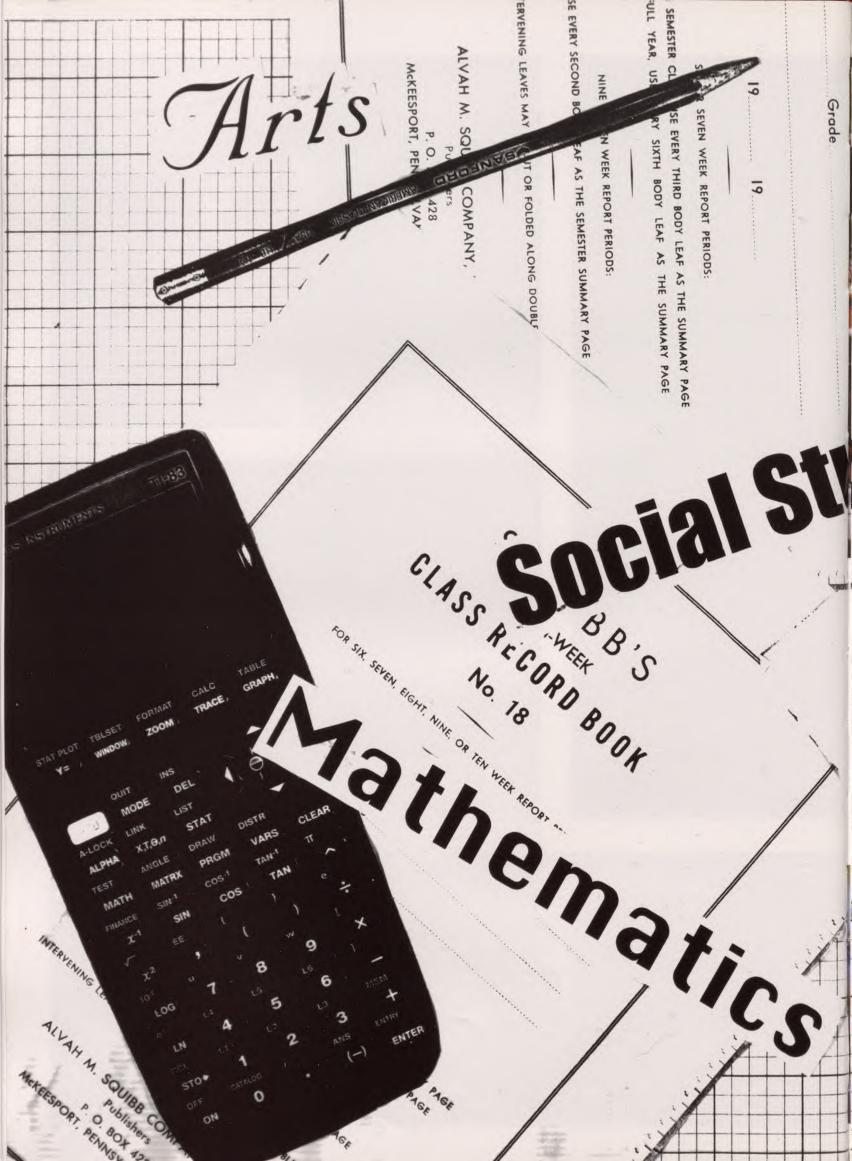














## Administration

#### **Principal Strike-Out**

Dr. Weiss, standing at home plate. The count is three and two. The student body throws the pitch and she's out of here! This anal-

ogy of principals coming to CHS and "striking out" is probably the best way to portray the principal flow of CHS. Since the class of 2000 stepped into the school, the first person we saw was Dr. Weiss. She left, then another principal came, and guess what? He left too. The pattern, of a new principal coming in, then leaving shortly thereafter followed for the next FOUR "batter-ups." Could the "student body team" be scaring off the "Principal team?" On a brighter note, the opposing team seems to have another player, Dr. Robbins. Her stats are hopeful for the miserable team. Perhaps she can lead them to victory and show the student body team who is boss. Good luck, Dr. Robbins.

James Bailey Charlene Baskerville Louis Brown Robert Curcio **Dr. Christine Robbins** 



Camera Shy James Memoli

## So, what do you think?

Who do you think is our principal ...?

"Dr. Robbins, duh!" - Freshman

"Hopefully, Dr. Robbins will be here to stay. She seems good enough, but look what's happened that past hundred times!" — Junior

"By what she's said so far, Dr. Robbins sounds like a lovely, qualified woman. I expect that she will do a lot to serve our school and improve its learning condition for all. I expect to see her here for many years to come!" — Faculty Member

"Well, we've had like five principals in the last two years or something like that, right?" - Sophomore

"Who knows, I've lost count!" - Senior

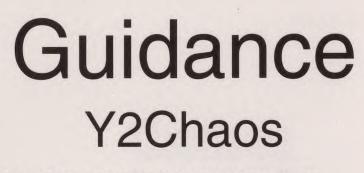












#### BEEEEEEP-BEEEEEEP-BEEEEEEP

"Quick! Everyone down in the bomb shelter! The Y2K bug is upon us!!!" - well, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but it's pretty close to the state of confusion in the guidance center a the beginning of this school year.

With the new Y2K-compliant computer system and addition and subtraction of staff members, the guidance office was in a state of total chaos. After the untimely resignation of Guidance Head Mrs. Benita Weber, Mr. Peter Cross came to the rescue. Revered as a god in some remote island nations. Mr. Cross, along with his bag of computer skills, saved CHS from other wise certain destruction. With his "guidance," life around the counseling center was restored to normal.

Although the school was saved, the majority of the student body still came running to see their guidance counselors after receiving their schedules comprised entirely of lunches, of every AP class offered, (none of which they qualified for). After hundreds of painful hours of corrections and student visitations, the guidance counselors were able to fix the eight math classes (or other such errors) originally printed on students' schedules.





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Jerry Dallessio. Cindy Espersen Barbara Fredricks Sara Gold LuElla Peniston Judy Pierson Nancy Tenenbaum





English



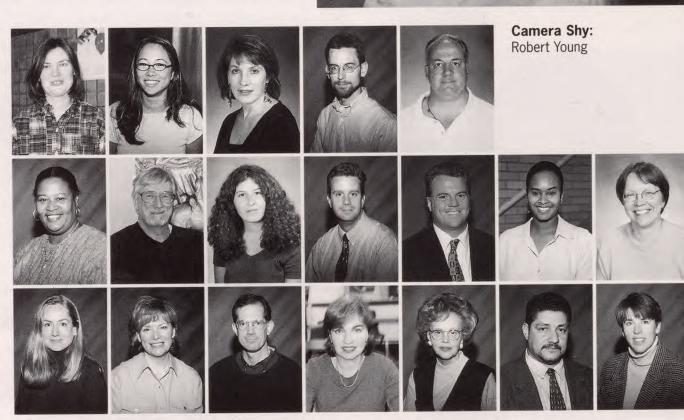
<u>The Columbian</u>, the school newspaper is issued several times per year. The paper is produced jointly by the Journalism English class and the Production Journalism Art class. <u>The Columbian</u> prides itself on its unique blend of content and design which has consistently won it much acclaim from many groups such as the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association. The addition of art and graphics is what separates it from a traditional high school newspaper.

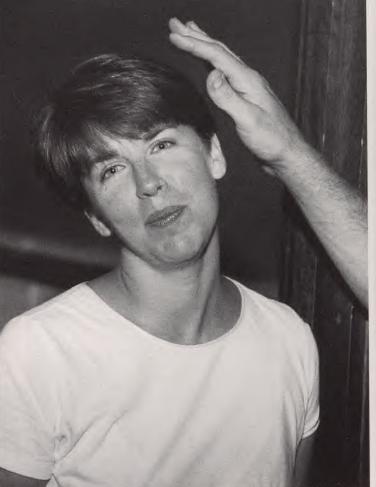
From the original conception of each paper to its distribution in homeroom, every aspect of <u>The Columbian</u> is completely student produced. This enables the newspaper to evolve slightly with each new group of students while it still maintains the aspects of it which have made <u>The Columbian</u> a very successful newspaper.

Janice Aldridge Jennifer Almario Janet Bustrin Benjamin Foley Michael Guzzio

Carolyn Johnson Donald Lasko Stacey Lawrence Joseph Lombardo Stephen MacPherson Tyniesha Maynard Janet McGrane

Jackie Patton Carol Petrallia Eugene Pollioni Rosemary Porpora Connie Trautman Nelson Trias Anne Wessel





## Mathematics



### Gather 'round

What draws math students of all levels to two classrooms after school? What attracts enough students to completely fill up B340 and B328 in less than ten minutes? Well, what *is* it, you're wondering? Many students would say that's simple — the math contests!

Once every six weeks or so, the New Jersey Math League holds contests after school, with six questions on varying levels, from elementary algebra to calculus. Any student is allowed to attend, and when the scores are tallied, the names of students who scored three or above are recorded, and kept on record, and the students who scored the highest by the end of the year win awards.

So why bother? That's easy for most students to answer! In addition to winning awards, students are awarded extra credit in their math classes for each correct response they give, in addition to a point for just going. Not only is it an excellent incentive, but as a result, Columbia usually has several top-scoring students in the state each year, who receive special awards and who are recognized in ceremonies at the end of the year.

Tracy Abar



Ruth Austin Carol Ayres Sue Bond Gail Bressman **Angelo DeMattia** Alice Donadio Roy Eismann

Chandar Gulati Gregori Klemer Sara Mastallone Janice McGowan Brian Mitchell Richard Moss Cathy Nardelli

Robert Palma Loren Quinn Roberto Reyes Patricia Renolds Kathy Rooney Rebecca Russell Earnest Sehringer



## Social Studies

## Me? work??!!

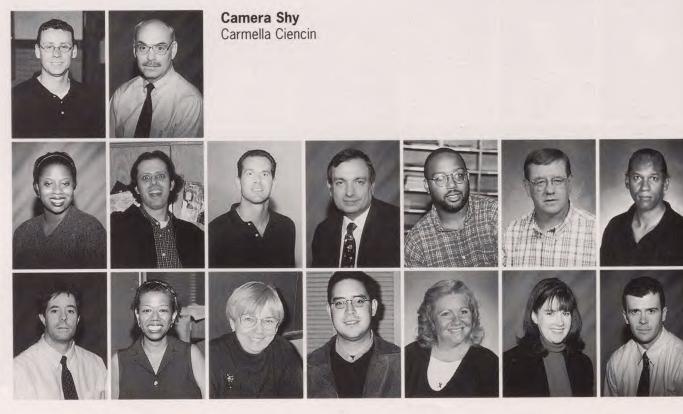
As spring approaches, there is only one thing on the minds of the World History II students: preparation for the model UN. Every year, the World History II teachers assign to their classes a task of monstrous proportions; in groups, they must research a country, and then represent it in a mock UN meeting. Among other things, they must research the country's economic, social, and political position with respect to the rest of the world. During the meeting, they will be presented with a series of questions, pertaining to proposed laws, and must discuss the possible position that their country might have on the topic. At the end of the day, they must select one group member to represent their country and deliver their response. Each country is allotted five minutes in which they must summarize the positions that they have on each issue. Then the votes are tallied and it is decided which law will be passed. As the numbers are being read, the students are on the edges of their seats, waiting in anticipation for the "winner" to be decided. It is something that the students look back upon and smile at, for it is a wonderful learning experience, and is a great way for students to really understand how the UN operates, and the complicated process of passing a law that applies to the entire world.



Brian Carolan Jon Campbell



James Knox Anita Mack Mary Murphy Adrian Rodriguez Lillian Schmaus Melissa Stelmasik Daniel Ward



**Social Studies** 





# The Truth of the Matter

"FROG FIGHT!!!" screams someone in your Bio class lab group. "HEADS!!!" they continue. You just sit back and relax, because this is typical of your once-aweek lab days you have in biology, and *boy* do you love it! Could there possibly be a better way for you to be spending the period in which you're *supposed* to be in gym?

As you watch the flying green slime animals whiz past your face, you wonder, "What *exactly* are labs for? What *do* we do during labs? Is there *really* a point to them?" Well, the answers to those questions are simple, if you're like many people.

"That's easy. We have lab periods so we can miss gym on Mondays!" explains one decisive Junior. "That's what they've been for the past three years, so that must be what they are for." Others, however, have a slightly different view on what lab days are supposed to be used for.

"We have labs to improve and enhance the quality of learning in our classroom environment," says a Freshman. "Plus," he adds, sneakily, "we get to miss study."

However, a science teacher who asked to remain anonymous, stated that, "students are assigned lab periods so they can complete projects which would normally take longer than the average class period. It's a necessity, in order to get things done around here. Otherwise, nothing would get accomplished, and the class would become blobs of useless brain tissue."

Although it seems as if there is some dispute over the ultimate reasons for lab days, one conclusion may be drawn. Most students agree that lab periods are good for missing those classes which you detest going to so much, because you *can* really live with missing a day on those exercise bikes.



Brian Brown Richard Cohen Sharon Daur Chandler Dennis

Jennifer Donnely Paul Gichuhi Matthew Hall Shlomit Haziza Robert Henderson Marian Hershey Bennett Hershfield

Alan Levin Michael Morrill Maureen Morse Guilefoyle Michael Novemsky Gregory Olsen Martin Panek Ozella Ries



## World Languages

# Where's the teacher?

In the newly completed language lab, four students sit around a table, flipping through notes and reviewing the previous day's lesson carefully, practicing for the most important phone conversation they will have that day.

This is typical of a Japanese student in Columbia High School, because these classes are not what you would call an average classroom setting. In fact, the Japanese I and II students have never met their teacher; they know him only through the videos they watch twice a week. Then, in order to reinforce the lesson, the students have a telephone conference with a Japanese instructor, based in Atlanta, Georgia.

The students enjoy their small classes, because it allows them to move at an accelerated pace. In addition, each class has a teacher supervisor who also participates in the course. "The students are doing so well, and it's wonderful that they have the opportunity to learn this language," says Japanese I supervisor Mrs. Roseann Sharo.

The Japanese students seem to agree that this is an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

> Camera Shy Carla DosSantos Audrey Kole Rodica Stanca

Barbara Anniballi Mary Bissinger Carol Coe Tina Gomez Loretta Graziano Lisa Ann Kashish Yvonne Minor

Cynthia Phelan Catherine Politi **Thomas Porto** Roseanne Sharo Connie Sitter Domenico Tancredi Christine Witter





## Arts and Music



## **Globally Gifted**

It seems as if the Fine Arts Department has taken a global approach to immersing Columbia's students. Both this year and last year, music and art students have traveled abroad to experience the arts first-handedly and to just have some plain ole fun.

The art classes traveled to Italy and Greece last year, where they saw many artifacts, building, etc. pertaining to the times of Ancient Greece and Rome. This year, in culmination with the World Language Department, a group traveled to Paris and Madrid during the February break. They visited art museums in Paris such as the Louvre, and the Musée d'Orsay. In Madrid, they saw the outstanding art museum Museo del Prado. "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," remarked one CHS student.

The music department took its annual trip last year across the boarder to Toronto, Canada. Several of Columbia's music ensembles placed first and second in their respective categories. This year, the department took its long awaited trip to Florida, where it also took a detour and spent a day on a cruise to the Bahamas. "There was nothing very musical in the Bahamas; we just went there because it was fun," stated one CHS senior. Who knows where the new millennium will take the Fine Arts Department? Africa? Australia? Mars? The world will never know.



George Chase Kathryn Cimis Matthew Krempasky Larry McKim

Thomas Paster Thomas Ricciardi Beth Schwartz Jay Seldin Onnie Strother Kevin Testa Mark Yolleck



**TV** Production



David Frick Frank Mullin

## Physical Education

#### A Bigger Playground

"Fall away!" you hear someone call, as you clutch onto the line. It is now your moment of freedom. It is your moment to fly ... so you do. You breath in and take one last look at your friends forty feet below, and remember that they will cushion your fall. Slowly, you open your arms, lift your toes, arch your back and TIM-BER!!

Welcome to Project Adventure. One of Columbia's hidden treasures, Project Adventure is a course that is offered as a gym class. Want to know more? Here's a typical class period:

Imagine yourself clinging onto a wooden pole for dear life, knowing that although you're attached to a rope, you only have two more pegs to climb until the platform. You ask the belayer to give you, literally, some slack. With your left arm hugging the pole, you extend your body until your fingers wisp one of the pegs. You can hear the encouraging cheers of your classmates below. You stare at the peg, and with one determined thrust, you heave yourself up to the next level.

After you've reached the platform, you have two options: turn around or continue. You opt for the latter. Your teacher then hooks you up to a new line. The only person helping you out now is yourself. You approach the edge of the platform, and dive off the deep end. The wind is now whipping at your face as you sail across Ritzer Field. You think that you're going to crash into the tree by Blimpie's, when you feel gravity pulling you back down. Class is dismissed.



David Brothers Daniel Brundage Vanessa Carney Eugene Chyzowych Lisa DeliSanti Viola DeLuca Nancy Ettinger

Patricia Hurley Judy LoBianco Toni Martinez Mark McCombs Mark Smith Robert Sutherland T. Charles Taylor







#### Reading and 'riting and 'rithmatic. What we really learn in school...

- •PDO
- FOIL
  I die if I do
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- •King Philip Came Over For Good Spaghetti.
- •Never B flat, sometimes B sharp, but always B natural.
- •My Very Educated Mother Just Searved Us Nine Pickles.

•Whether the weather is cold, or whether the weather is hot, there'll always be weather, no matter the weather, whether you like it or not!

### **Child Study Team**

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#### **Special Education**

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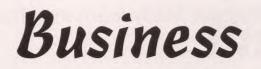


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Sandra Hanan Betty Holloway Lydia Yikon'a



The Faculty Has Its Moments, Too ...

"In 1966, while the boys were swimming naked in the pool, the girls walked in from the other side, and we had to keep screaming at them to back up!"

"On April Fools Day, some students set me up by telling me that one student had spilled soda all over the keyboard (they know how strict I am about food and beverages). I was nearly losing it, then they all screamed, "APRIL FOOLS!"

"During the Faculty/Student Quiz Bowl match, I finally buzzed in on one question, but it was wrong!"



Computer Services

Terrell Lampley Tom Marshall

Loraine Nelson Ama Omari-Walker





William Parker Philip Perello



Douglas Shotyk





## Nurses



Anne Marie Rabke Lynn Schwartz



### First Floor Escape

You have a math test second period, and suddenly, you feel as if you cannot go on. It must be the rare Malarian Flu that has been circulating recently. You can just feel your temperature rising and the spots on your face spreading. Who do you go to but the sympathetic, understanding, and overall wonderful school nurses. They'll take pity on me and let me call my mother (you say to yourself.) And as you skip down the hall, you have no idea what's in store for you. Upon arrival to the nurse's office, you must sign in, and wait your turn. Once your name is called, one of the nurses will ask you to describe your ailment. Once you spit out your pathetic excuse (not without a few contradictions and long pauses of course) the nurse kindly asks you if you would mind having your temperature taken, and sets about readying a thermometer. After it has been under your tongue for a minute or so, the nurse will take it out, and upon her discovery of your perfectly normal temperature (what a surprise) she will offer you the door and a pack of ice. Too bad for you our nurses didn't sleep through their med. classes and are skilled in the art of lie detection (not to mention their vast wealth of medical knowledge.)

Library

Deborah Cohen Joseph Fanning Nancy Holmes Patty Schuler



Camera Shy Mary Franklin Keith O'Sullivan Jose Ribiero



Margaret Dos Santos Italo Grasso Michelle Mitchell Stephanie Rose





# A Day in the Life...

At precisely 7:50 am, waves of high schoolers flood the halls CHS. You know that it won't be long before they get to you. They clutch their excuses in hand, and push and shove each other to be the first one at your desk. Before you know it, all hell breaks loose! "Please! Just one at a time!" you are forced to shout over the roar of chattering voices, "I'm only one person!" Student after student hands you a lengthy note from their mother. Each similar in content "Jimmy was absent from school yesterday because he had a stomach ache," or "Suzy couldn't come to school yesterday because she had to attend her Great Aunt Thelma's funeral." By the time 8:46 rolls around, the line to your desk doesn't look any shorter, but you can relax now, knowing that they'll have to come back another day. You heave a sigh of relief, fill out the last pass, and say: "You'll all have to come back tomorrow! Green Slip time is over."

If you think this is torture, it's only the beginning of a day in the life of a Dean's Office Secretary.

Sandi Blair



Camera Shy Linda Baron Nancy Coczza Sandy Facciponti Barbara Greene Patty Schuler Barbara Villani





"Every day at CHS is a humbling experience." — Jon Campbell

"When I was in high school, my worst subject was chemistry (ugh!)" — Roseann Sharo

## Security



Front Row, left to right: Marcel Wilson, **Ramona Turner**, Emma Williams, Derrick Barrett. Back Row, left to right: Channon Stafford, Jerry Peele.

"When I first came to CHS as a new teacher, it was so embarrassing to talk to someone whose name I couldn't remember." — Sandra Hanan "I would like to see all hands up, all the time." —Anonymous







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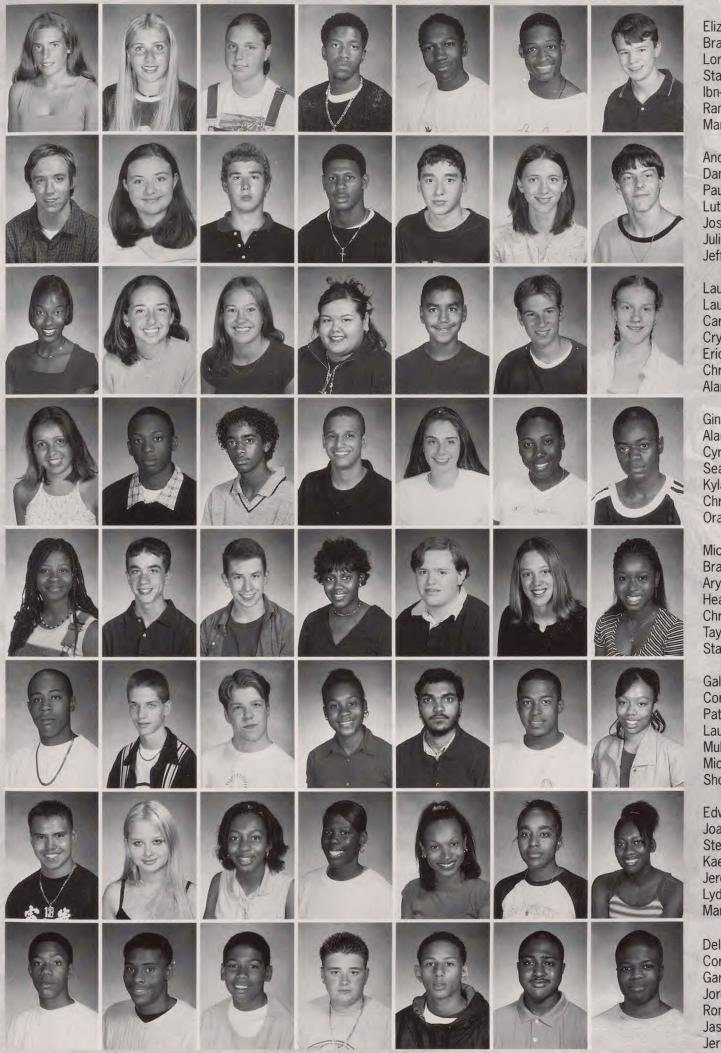
Another Test?

There are many things that characterize junior year, such as SAT's, starting to look for colleges, being an upper classman. For many, it's about driver's licenses, and more freedom. But time and time again, each fall, junior year is characterized by the PSAT's. The PSAT's bring mixed emotions through the school, those who live and die for tests stroll in on Saturday morning, confident of their National Merit status. Those who do not find tests to be as important, or feel that they are not good at them, live in fear of that classroom. Yet there are others, who have accepted their non-National-Merit-but-still-important status, and think it's a waste of time. One

student, has come up with a better means for measuring aptitude. "I think that it isn't very good but there has to be something besides GPA to measure by, maybe IQ tests would be better, but they would take about a billion times longer." Whether or not the PSAT's are important, or even valid, they are a characteristic of junior year, and we're just all happy they are over.

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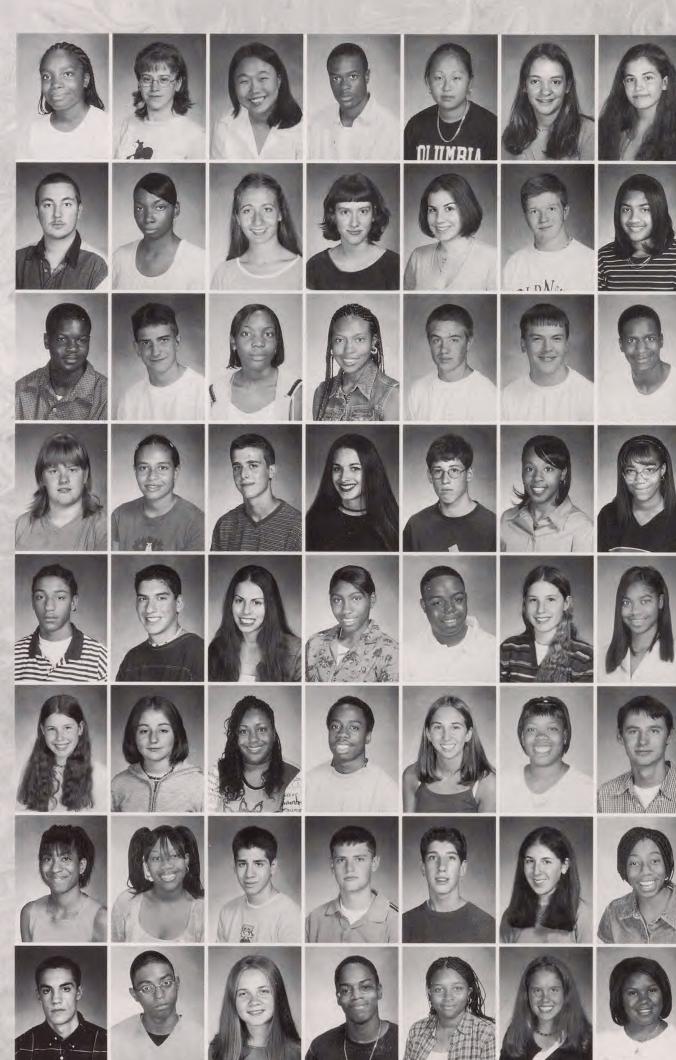
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#### Funiors Taking Action

This year, several CHS juniors have stepped up to assume roles of responsibility and leadership by founding three new clubs that promote diversity and social action.

The first of the clubs, Spectrum, Columbia's Gay/Straight Alliance, was created by Laura Weiland, Lily Hart, and Joyce Weng in order to encourage tolerance and communication among all sexualities. Spectrum members meet to hold discussions in a supportive enviroment. Club activities include a letter writing campaign to prevent discrimination against gays, events with gay/straight alliances at other schools, and sponsoring "Love Makes a Family" – a collection of portraits and profiles of happy families leading alternative lifestyles.

The second new club, Facing Race, also deals with issues of diversity. Run by Taylor Comaites and sophomore Amanda Reyes, Facing Race members hold small discussions about racial relations in our school and our society. Participants create activities for the school and the community to encourage inclusion and open lines of communication.

Kids-for-Kids, another new club, is run by co-presidents Rachel Spekman, Lauren Burrows, Maya Enista, and Vanessa Evans, and is dedicated to improving the lives of children in New Jersey. Members volunteer at nearby foster homes, and run fundraisers and collections to benefit underprivileged children. Kids-for-Kids' projects include two successful drives for books and toiletries, parties at foster homes, and pen pal letters to elementary school students.

All three of these clubs allow Columbia students to become active members of the community, using their dedication and sensitivity to help other people.

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#### Free Time???

How do the students of Columbia High School spend their free time? "What free time?" as one junior answered. Between academics, employment and athletics the students keep themselves busy, with very little leisure time. But when they find means to relax, students flock to the movies, the mall, parties, and the Maple village. "My friend works at the Maplewood Movie theater, so I get in free. I'm all about the Maplewood Movie Theater," commented one thrifty senior. Once a student is old enough to receive their license, a whole new world is open to them. But where exactly, driving or not driving, is the "place to be" for the students of Columbia High School? — The movies, the mall, parties, maybe bowling or eating — some would venture to say, anywhere but here.

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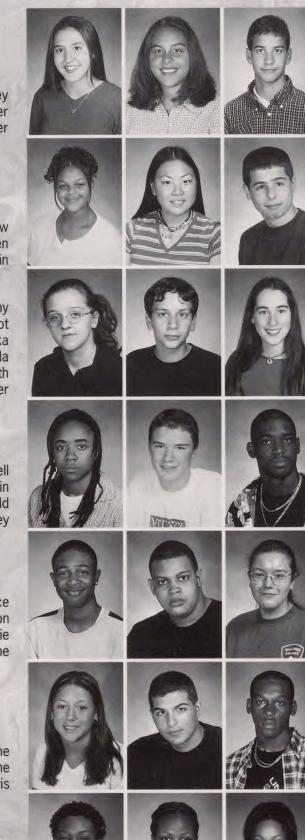


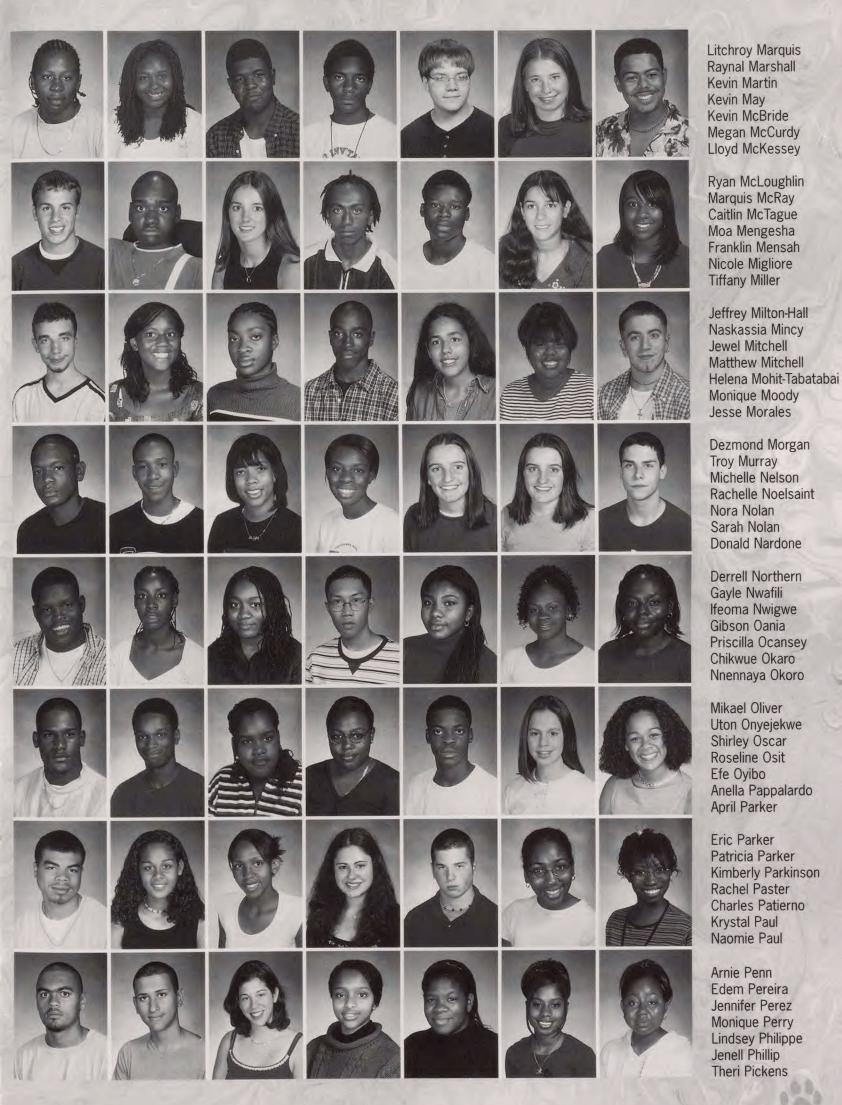
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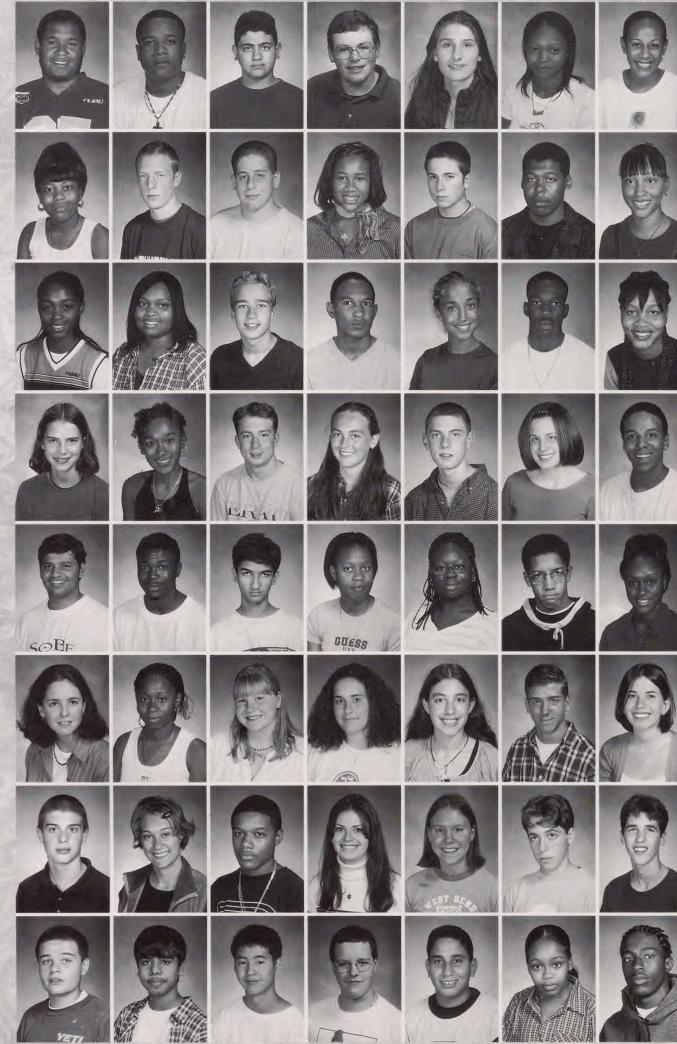
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#### Money? Sure! Work? Umm ...

From after school jobs at the Roman Gourmet to The Village Coffee Company to summer internships and lifeguarding, the students of Columbia High School keep themselves busy. Making money while keeping themselves busy has aways been an important aspect of the after school work experience, as many juniors had pointed out. From minimum wage, to these high paying party animals, money will always be a factor. While after school jobs obviously play a distant second to academics, many students are able to maintain jobs while maintaining a studious academic career here at Columbia High School. Here are what a few juniors had to say about the jobs they have, and the jobs they wished they had.

"I work for Party Animals. I get 10.00 an hour ... I like that. I don't like the fact that I find out a couple of days before I work that I have to work."

"I wish I had a job with as little work and as much pay as possible."

"I wish I had a larger salary compared to 7.00 an hour doing manual labor on a golf course."

"Well, I work in a doctor's office as a secretary. Whenever there's a problem, I'm always the one they come to. I don't get paid enough. No one else would sacrifice and work as hard as I do, for the amount that I get 6.00 an hour." "Work? Ha!"

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#### **Time to Drive!**

I got in the car and my instructor introduced himself as Mr. Abrasive Old Chain-Smoker. We drove to the DMV where I was to take my written exam, for which I'd been up late the night before, cramming.

"If you can't pass this test, you're a moron."

Thanks, Mr. C.

I passed. On the way back, my lesson began. Mr. C. would call out directions which I would follow. I drove him to get a cup of coffee, to pick up his mail, and to collect checks from other students. Along the way he would point to every single pedestrian we passed and say, "I taught her to drive, I taught her mother to drive, and I taught her son to drive. What're you doing? Keep your eyes on the road!"

Six hours passed surprisingly slowly.

Mom did the "imaginary brake pedal" everywhere we went. She'd made a promise, several times in fact, that she wouldn't open her mouth when I was driving. So instead she grunted if I came to a stop too fast, grabbed the armrest and threw herself against her door if I took a sharp turn, and pumped her right foot constantly, in a vain effort to telekinetically decrease the velocity of the tons of metal currently streaking forward at a disturbing rate of speed. I asked my dad to take me to my road test.

I passed the test to the wonderment of no one but myself (the test proctor in the seat next to me certainly could not have cared less). I suppressed a joyous yelp and shakily entered the MVS building ... and stood in line. And stood. And stood.

Finally, the forms were filled out, the checks were written, and all that was left was to take the picture.

"Siddown. Look to your right. That's it."

"Chee --" FLASH

It took about a month and a half to laminate the small identification card with the hideous portrait on it. But finally, the apathetic woman behind the counter placed the still-warm piece of plastic into my sweating hand. It was worth it. Oh, it was worth it all.

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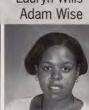












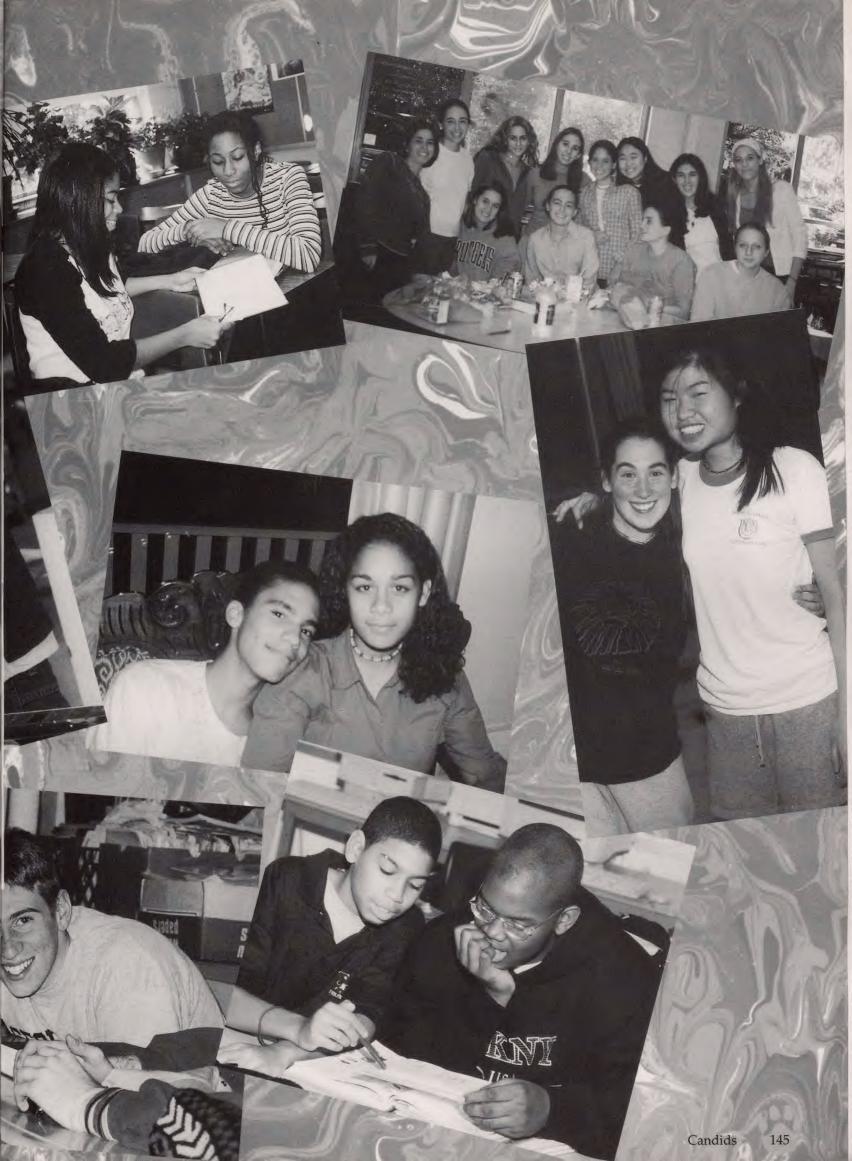












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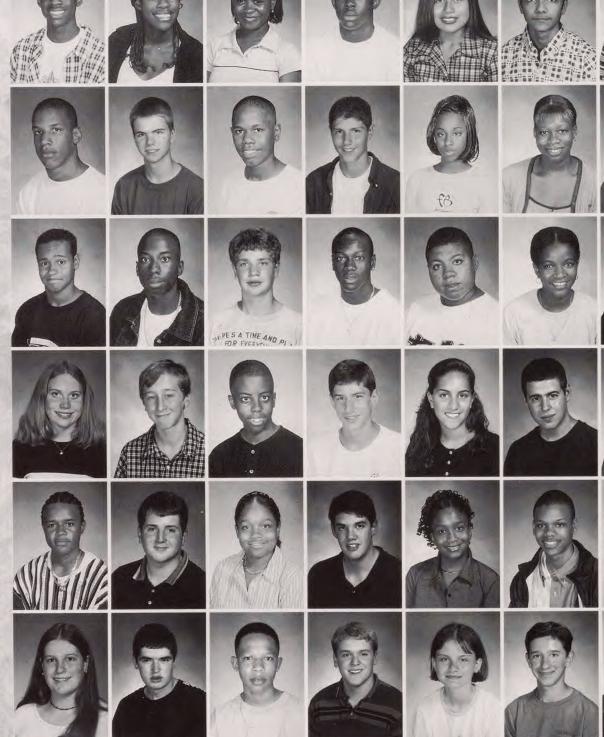
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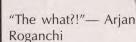
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#### What has Columbia Taught Us?

Hey, got a second? Do you know Columbia's Alma Mater? What? What's that you say? What do you mean you didn't know that Columbia had an Alma Mater!?! Duh, of course it does! But don't worry, you're not alone! When we asked people to recite the first line (you know, the one that goes, "O' Columbia, thou has taught us the path that we should tread ...) it was pretty pathetic to say the least. Anyway, lets see how you put Columbia to shame ...



"The Alma what? For who?" - Ed Smith

"I don't know, I wouldn't care, either." — Edgardo Parada

"The Alma what? For who's mother?" — Christina Kaneshige

"Isn't it, like, 'We Care, We work, We Succeed?'" — Jessica Sommer

"I bet the only people that would know it are in marching band." — Justin Ben-Asher

"Oh, I know. O'Columbia, thou hast taught us the path that we should tread ..." — Lauren Redmore























#### Lions and Tigers and — Goths?! Oh my!

What has wings, fangs, witch's hats, broomsticks, pig noses, and jester outfits? Why, it's the students and staff of CHS on October 31st! Yes, that's right, it's Halloween! Every year, Halloween is a major event in CHS, and as the years go by, although fewer and fewer people seem to be dressing up, the costumes that are seen seem to be getting weirder and weirder.



For instance, this year, people were greeted (on October 29th, a Friday) by a silver-haired girl dressed in black with a horn. Others saw a Goth girl with scars and long, red, braided hair. A few years ago, on Halloween, you could see babies, waiters and waitresses, chefs, Zorro, even bowls of cereal. People now, however, think that that

is changing.

"Everyone is getting so lazy now about what they do on Halloween. Some people only wear funny hats. They're just weird. Why not go all-out? And why are there those people who wear orange? I mean, you may as well just be a pumpkin or something. Go for it!" one Junior advised.

The teachers are always a fun part of Halloween, too. Everyone always loves seeing Mr. Dennis and his crazy costumes. And now, Ms. Russell and her odd apparel is making passer-bys whisper amongst themselves about the jester walking by.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with that, however. Everybody likes a little Halloween spirit! Go be a pumpkin! Go trick-or-treating! Go wear fangs! But please, don't be yourself!

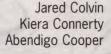




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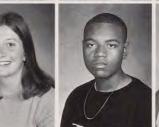










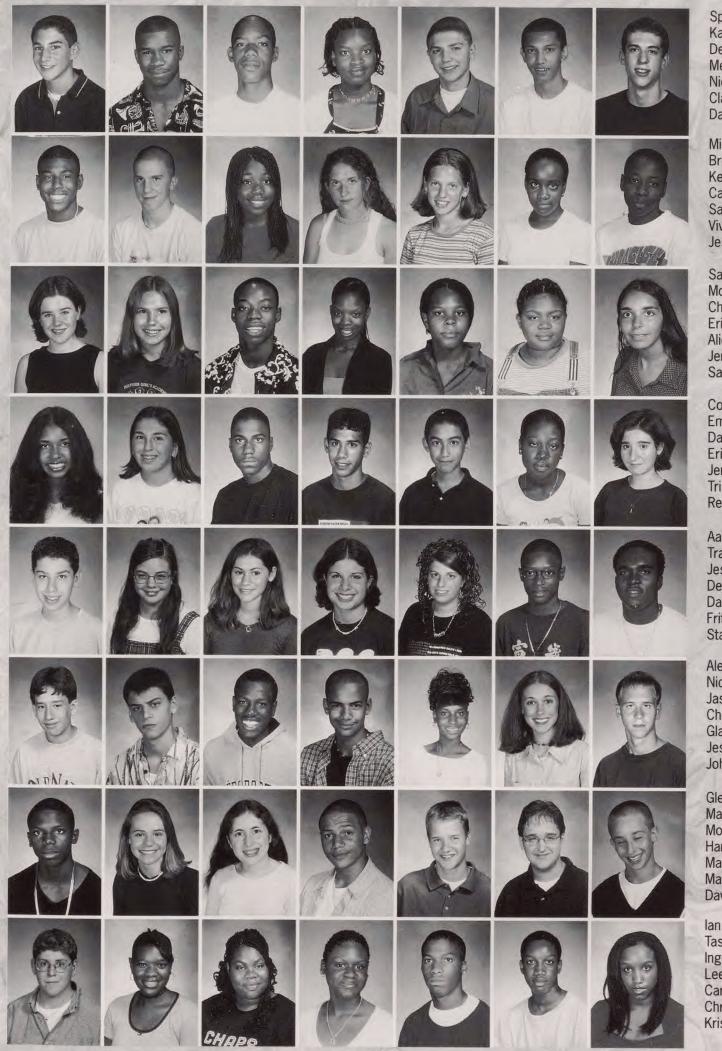












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#### Looking Back Columbia over the past century.



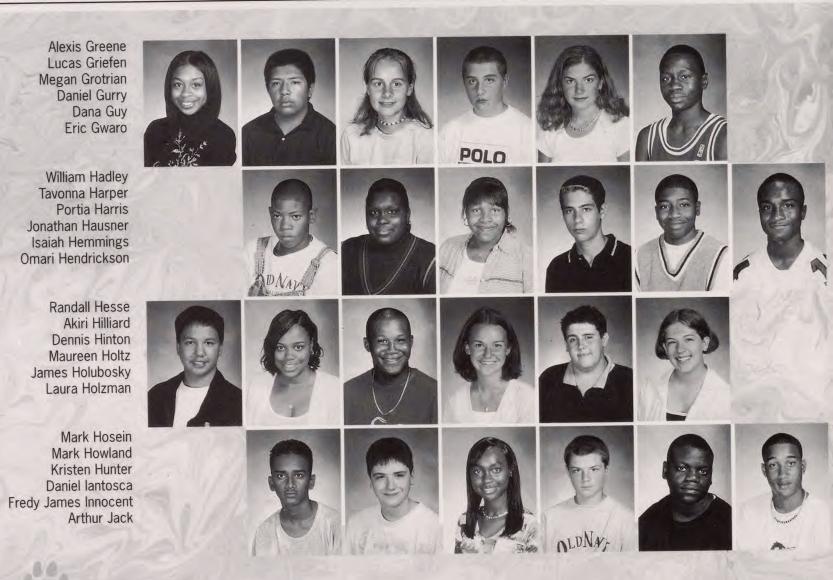


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The "Electrical Committee" of 1933. Now, this nicker-less group is known as the stage crew.



The honor students of 1920 pose at the front of the school.



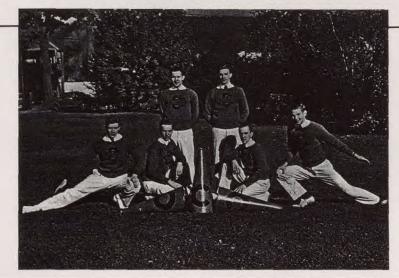
The Columbian Editorial Board of 1956. My, what stunning hair styles they sported!

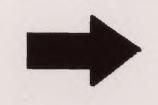


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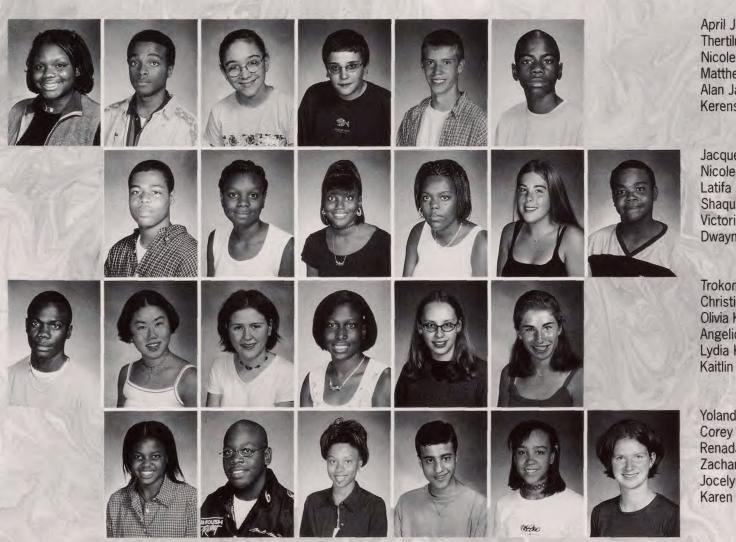


The \*All boys\* Cheer leading squad of 1944 strikes a pose.





#### See How We've Evolved ...



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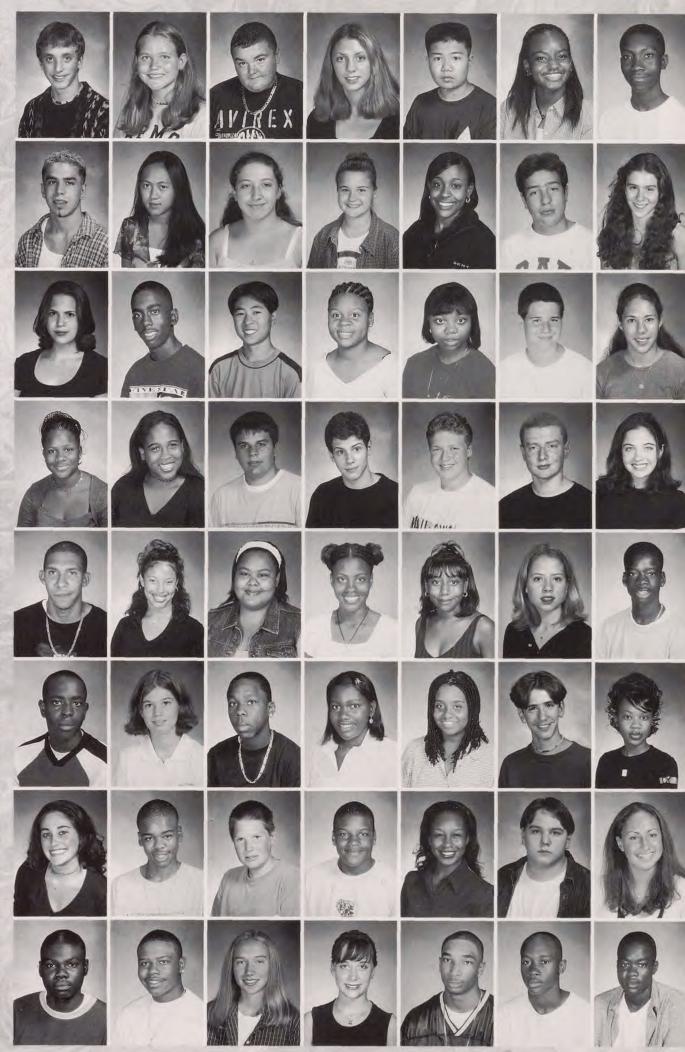
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#### **Out to Lunch**

Many people eat lunch inside the grubby, damp and sticky-feeling cafeterias. Freshman are confined to the Old (smelly) Cafeteria, while the upperclassmen enjoy the New (cleaner) Cafeteria. The Sophomores are especially excited to eat there because of their graduation from the Old Cafeteria to the New.

However, a good majority of the Columbia High School population, go out for lunch. "I usually go to Blimpies every day," said one Sophomore. This is a prime example of how the businesses and restaurants have strategically located themselves across from the school

earned their rewards. "I go to

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premises have already Mario's all the time. He ness from me, that's for sure!" exclaimed a junior. Students seem to like the idea of being free from the confines of the school for half an hour each day.

Another reason to eat outside is to escape from the sizzling, greasy smell that masks the cafeterias The

the cafeterias. The outside air is enjoyed by many, although

some take it to the extremes. "Last year, I ate outside every single day. In the rain, in the snow, and on the incredibly windy days like when the Project Adventure Course almost fell down. I was there," proudly stated one Sophomore.

It seems that every year, the school threatens to take away our open campus lunch privileges. But what's up with that? They know that there isn't enough room for everyone in the cafeteria, but they just don't give up. Week after week, there is one threat after another. "All freshman will be required to eat indoors!!" was one rumor that went around. "I heard that police arrested people for shopping loitering outside of A&P. Now I eat inside," explained a freshman.

Although we will never know exactly what is happening with this "open campus" rule, we all take advantage of it now, while we still can!





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## Free Time, What's That?

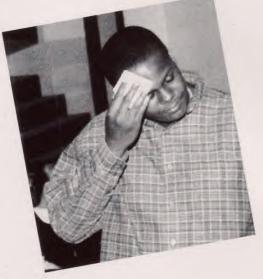
"I've missed two births, a wedding, and a Bat-Mitzvah since the school year started," complains one junior, "Between track, amnesty international, astronomy club, and my school work, I haven't had any free time. None, zip, zero, zilch!" Her story is not one unfamiliar to most students at Columbia. It seems that pressure from parents and teachers to be "well-rounded" has pushed them too far. This ambition (self-inspired or other) doesn't seem to kick in until the middle of fresh-

man year however. This is when one realizes: my god! I have to service! And if I real-

get in my 40 hours of community ly want to pursue that career in I'd better join the school paper! I'd be an embarrassment to the I don't make varsity next year! my math grade is falling. I tutor! Before long you've got staying in school until after 4 5 o'clock to see teachers, go meetings, and participate practices. We have to stop it really worth all this parents are always "high school is one of riences you'll ever how can we enjoy it when stantly being bombarded with home-

writing, And folks if And need a students and even to club sports in and think: is stress? Our telling us that the best expehave!" But we are conwork and have

practically non-existant social lives!? It's ironic how the same adults who tell us "carpe diem! Live life to the fullest" try to squeeze us into this "well rounded" mold that they have created. Many students in Columbia know what happens after school in some teacher's rooms when they make a pilgrimage for help. "Sorry, department meeting! I don't have time to see you now!" And sometimes, "Of course you can make up the test! But you have to finish by 3:14, my contract doesn't require me to stay past then anyway!" It is a puzzlement to most students how and why their teachers assign them mountains of work, and then don't hold up their end of the deal by being available to talk to. This unavailability problem is something 5 cups of coffee and a few precious hours of REM cannot solve. Students find themselves dreaming (often while they catch a few winks in study) of things that they could do if they had free time. Is this really the kind of generation you want to create, teachers and parents? Or are you surprised to see the dark side of "success?"





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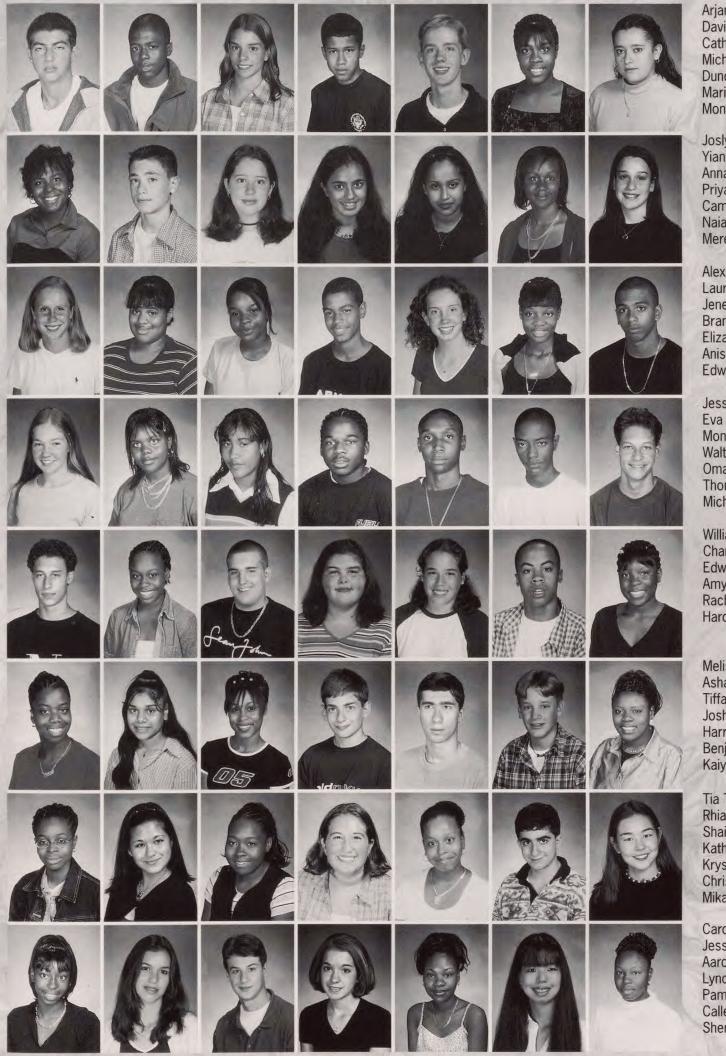








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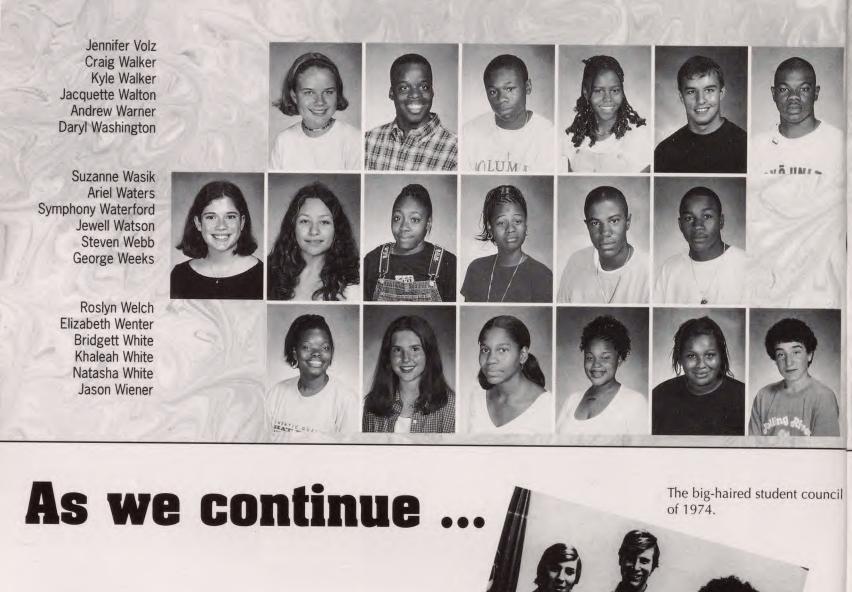
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Caroline Townsend Jessica Tuck Aaron Uslan Lyndsey Vadar Pamela Vaval Calleigh Vincent Sherley Vital



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Although the stamina of the cheer leaders hasn't changed, the hairstyles certainly have!

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Gregory Zelenka Meghan Zichelli Dominika Ziolkowska Mohamed Zohny Hannah Zurofsky

#### **Into the Future**





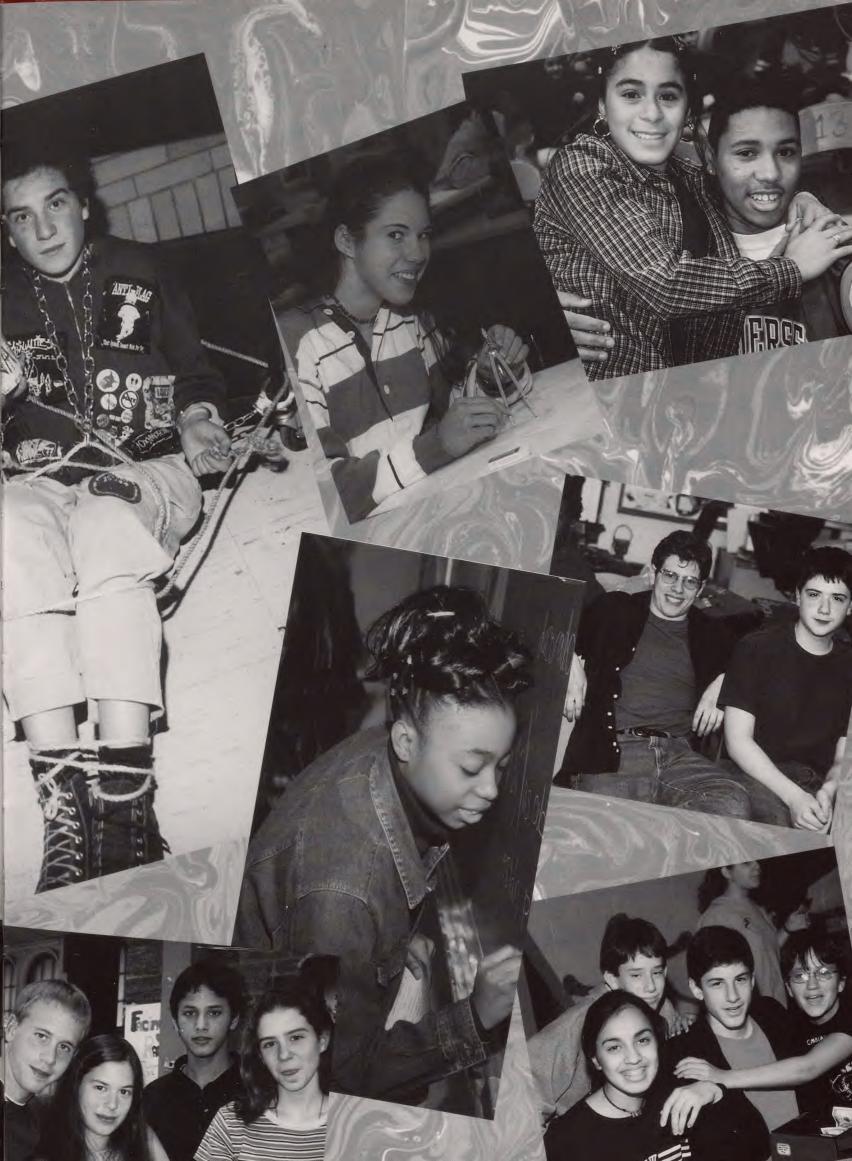
The big hair of the prom of 1983.

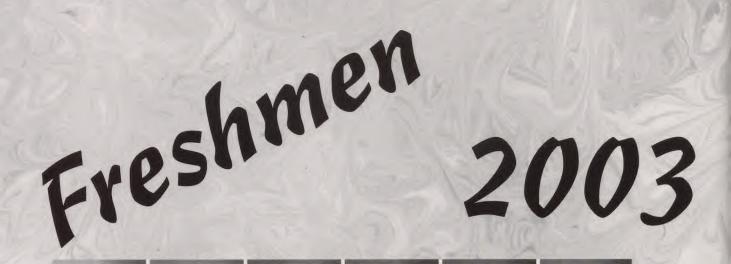
The hair just keeps growing and growing ...

And now even bigger and funnier hair in 1990!







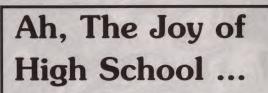


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> A. Evan Ayers Jamie Babiuk Matthew Baer Ashton Bailey Addrienne Baldwin Naomi Barrowclough



1. The collision between Maplewood and South Orange Middle Schools makes for new friendships. 2. Free at last, free at last! You find yourself to be a bit freer than the tightly constrained middle school days. 3. Sports go from the television to our own Ritzer Field with ourconstantly stellar teams.

4. There are more choices, so you don't get stuck making a sewing bag for home ec, when you really would have wanted to learn how to repair your car engine. 5. It's amazing how gorgeous some people are in high school!

6. The Musicals and music ensemble can actually play notes that sound rather harmonious and pretty, compared to the strident "toots" of plastic recorders. 7. Going out to lunch in the Village sure beats being

locked in the cafeteria. 8. The shorter periods comply well with our sometimes-short attention spans.

9. We are now seen more as humans by the adult world, thus we are given more responsibilities, which increases our student efficacy.

10.3 more years 'til we graduate, need we say more??

Other quotations include:

"CHS rocks!" - Elizabeth Goldfarb

"The Freshmen teachers are nice and supportive; I like that." - Yvette Griffith

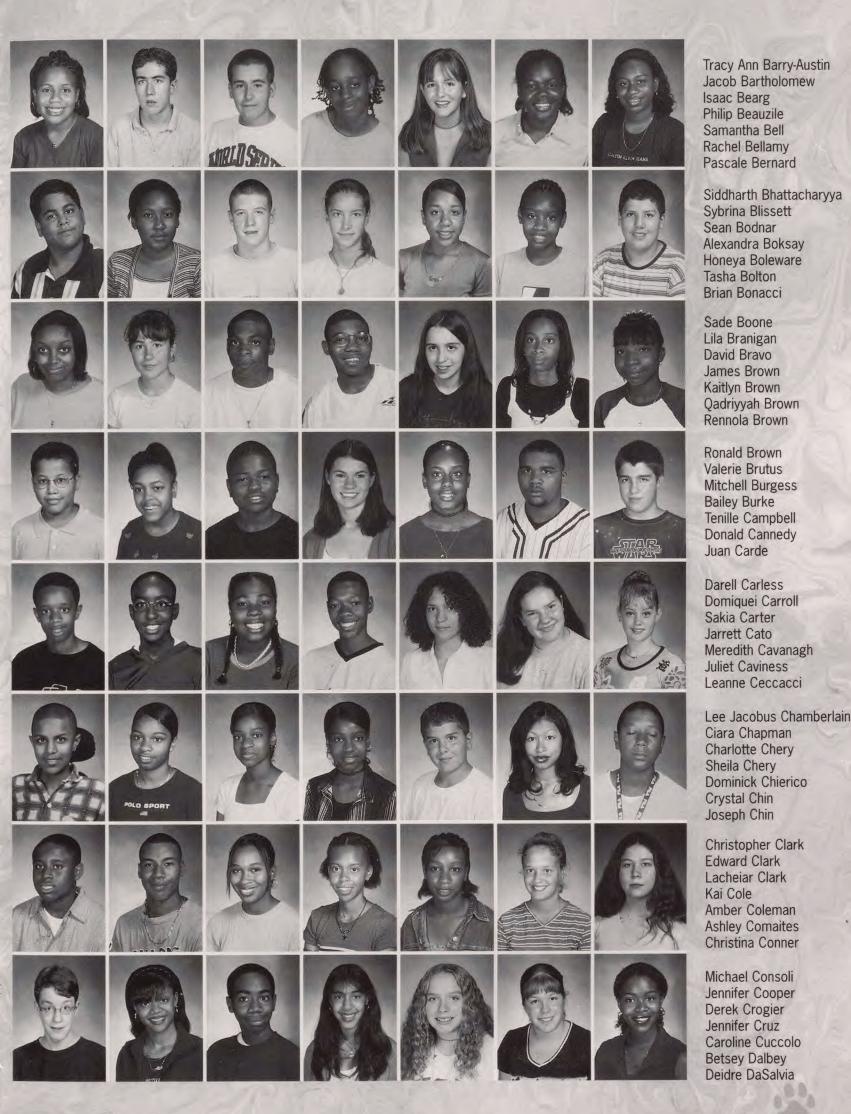
"CHS contains the future Einsteins of the world!" Joanna Odumewu

"The school has a great music department." Samantha Hersh

"I couldn't wait to leave middle school because I felt too old for it. When I arrived at Columbia, I fit right in." — Jamie Babiuk

"CHS is America combined into one family where diversity exists." -Joanna Odumewu

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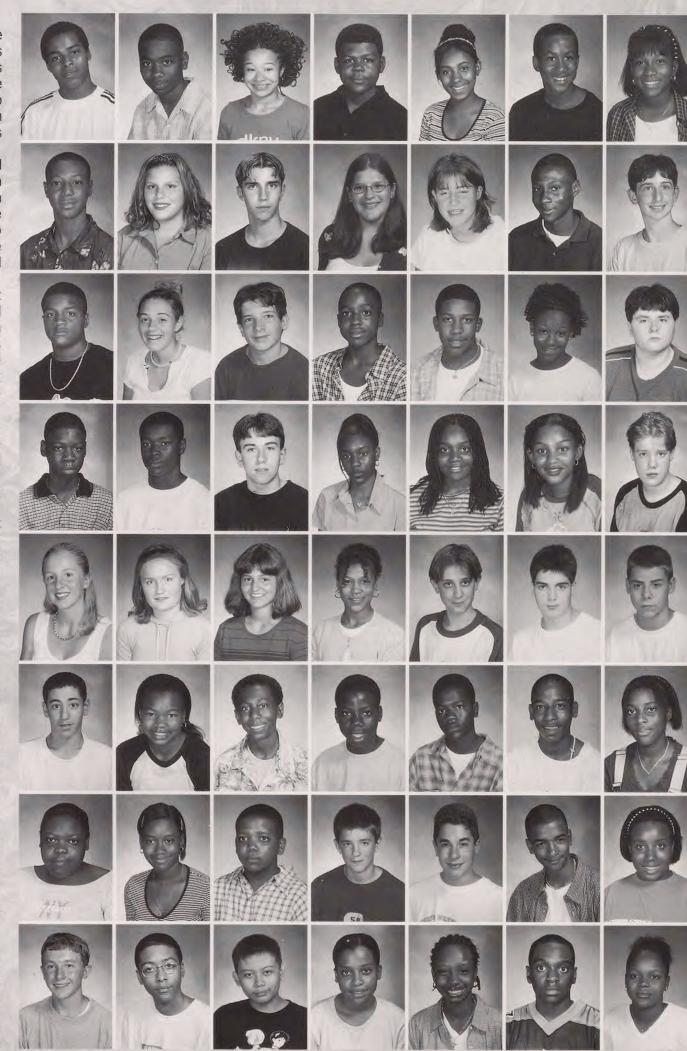
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#### **Scary Seniors?**

The first "real" day of school for freshmen can be a bit frightening, exciting, and nervous. But what no freshman wants to face is the scary "upperclassmen." One freshman said, "Upperclassmen can be extremely scary, no matter how big or small they are."

"The way some only carry one book, or just the way they walk, they seem to have this intimidating way about them!"

Seniors have the knowledge and experience in Columbia that the freshmen lack. With that, the seniors hold themselves in a way by which the freshmen are somewhat daunted. However, as the months go by, the difference in size and attitude tends to fade away, and becomes less noticeable for the freshmen.







#### What do you fear?

Freshmen around the school were asked what they feared as they entered Columbia from middle school. Here are the results:

- 1. Getting lost in a big school
- 2. Getting bad grades or failing classes
- 3. Being late to class
- 4. Have mean or bad teachers
- 5. The big, tough seniors

The same freshmen were asked what rumors they had heard about CHS. Shockingly, there were not too many. Some people said they'd heard that there was a pool on the fifth floor, others said they heard there were drugs all over the building! Some included the rumor that freshmen were beat up and thrown in lockers by seniors. 35% of the freshmen said they were afraid of coming to high school, but 65% said they weren't worried at all!

Liar, Liar

High School is a scary place ... or so we're told. The swimming pool on the roof, freshmen beat down day, lockers that could fit even the biggest teachers, and carpeting in all the classrooms all lies commonly associated with CHS. And each year the upperclassmen get increasingly creative in their freshmen intimidation tactics. Here are some of this year's favorites - The most believeable lies about Columbia - 00 Edition:

- The deans use corporal punishment
- Pool on the fourth floor
- You have to go to detention
- There is a third floor in the C-wing
- Freshmen have to stay in the freshmen cafeteria
- In school suspension is actually in a cage

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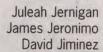






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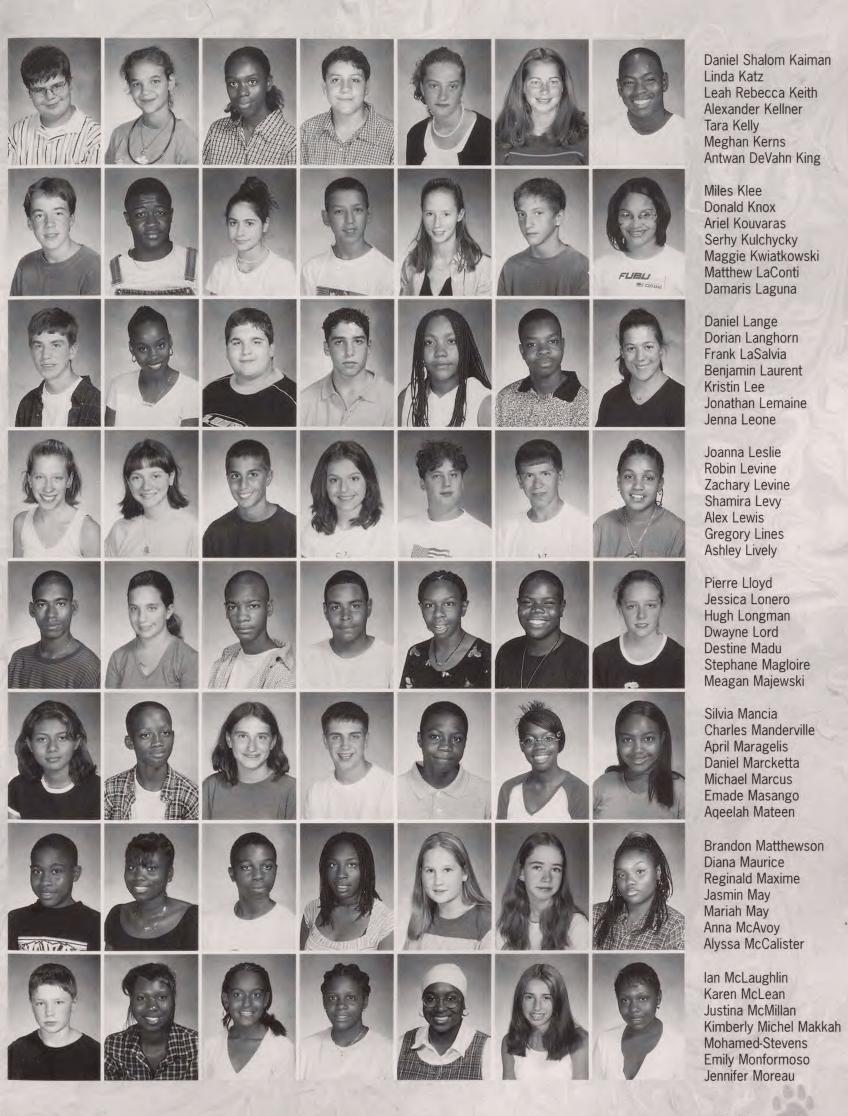








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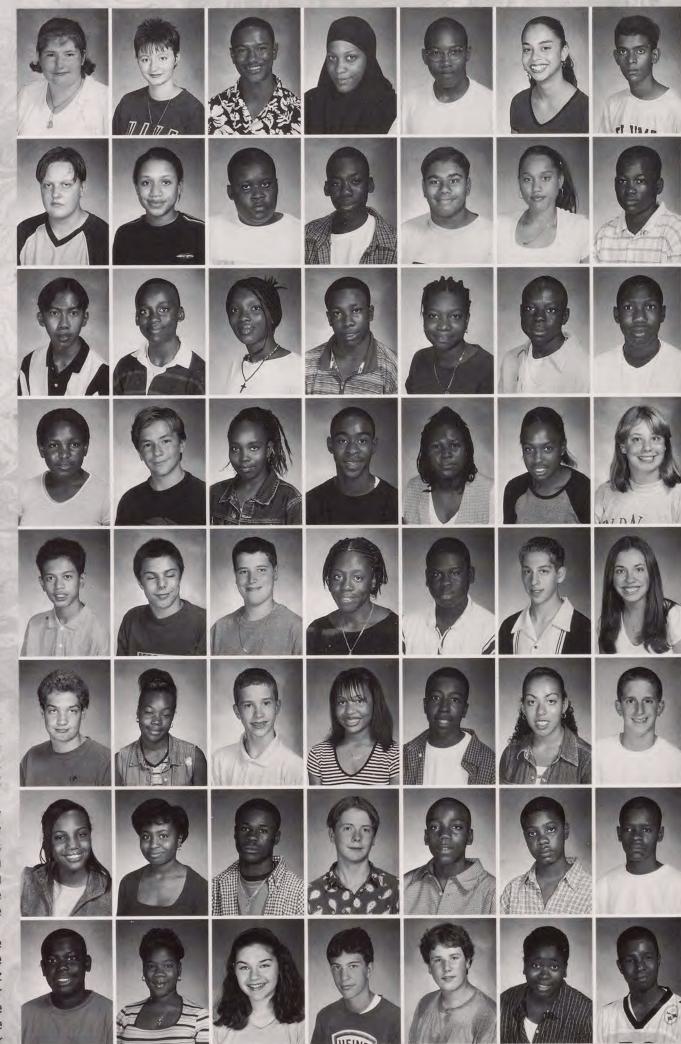
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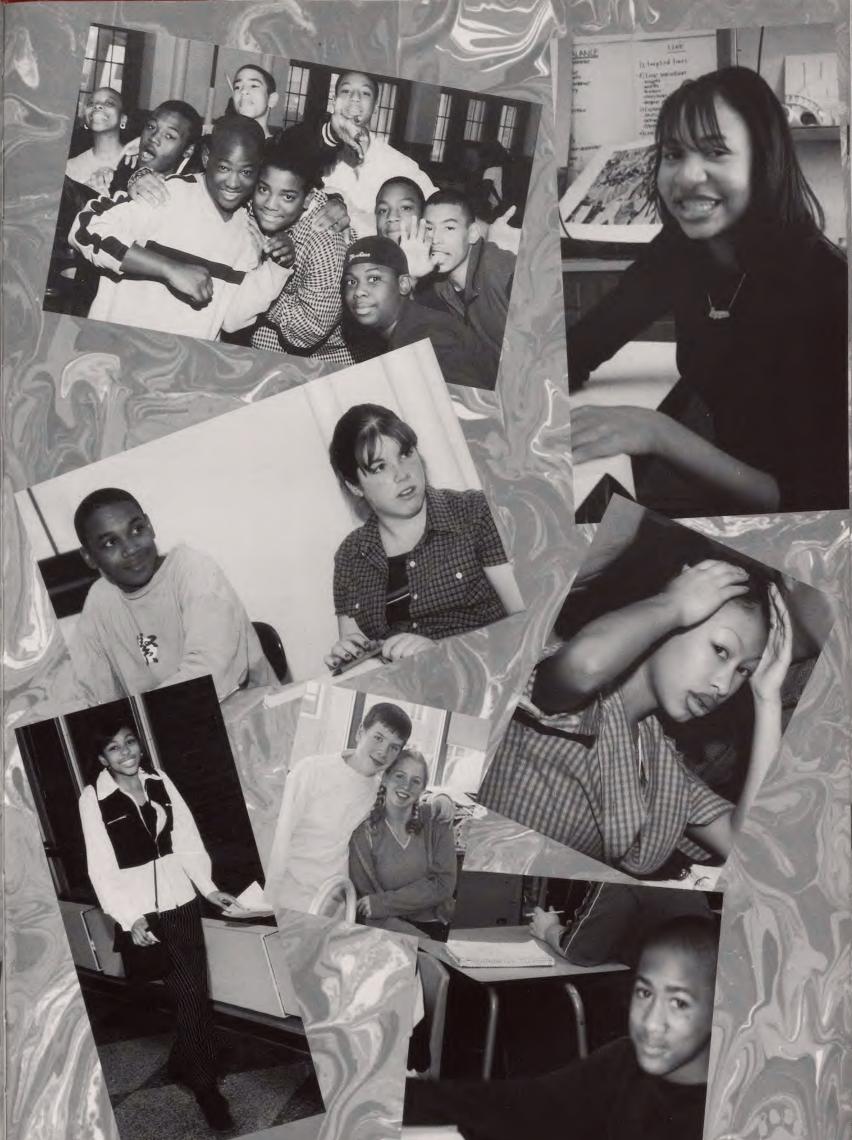
#### One Foot In Front of the Other

It is no easy task to travel from one side of the school to the other in the four minutes allotted for passing time. This being the case, the last thing any of us need are "roadblocks" in the hallway; the people who seem to take daily pleasure in making the trip from one class to the next feel like a project adventure obstacle course. These people generally come in two varieties: first of all, there is the "human cement roller," a spin-off of the traditional road block. These are people who walk at a snail's pace down the hallway, spaning from one wall to the other, causing assorted frustrated grumbles as the majority of the student body attempts to politely find a way around them. The second variety is the traditional blob-like immobile roadblock, the amorphous group of people who just stand there. If you are one of those people who are lucky enough to have consecutive classes right next to one another, I ask you to leave a clear path for the other, less fortunate students. Nothing is more annoying than standing behind either of these roadblocks, knowing that in seconds you're about to be labeled tardy by a much less lenient teacher than the sluggish student in front of you obviously have. Even though some of you might be accustomed to being late, the vast majority of us are not. So please, I'm sure we all know how to walk ...

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### **Beyond Frosh**

So, now that you've made it through the adjustments of a new school- you've got three more years ahead of you! For some, the thought of another three full years until graduation is slightly dizzying. However, most of us realize the advantages of movin' on up at Columbia; and there are many. Besides the obvious status improvement with the removal of the title of "youngest", future-sophomores and beyond gain a ton of new opportunities and experiences. Taking classes you actually want to take, deciding which activities are right for you, moving beyond the freshman teams to JV and varsity, meeting new people, all make the next years even more enjoyable than the first. Here are a couple of things freshmen say they look forward to the most:

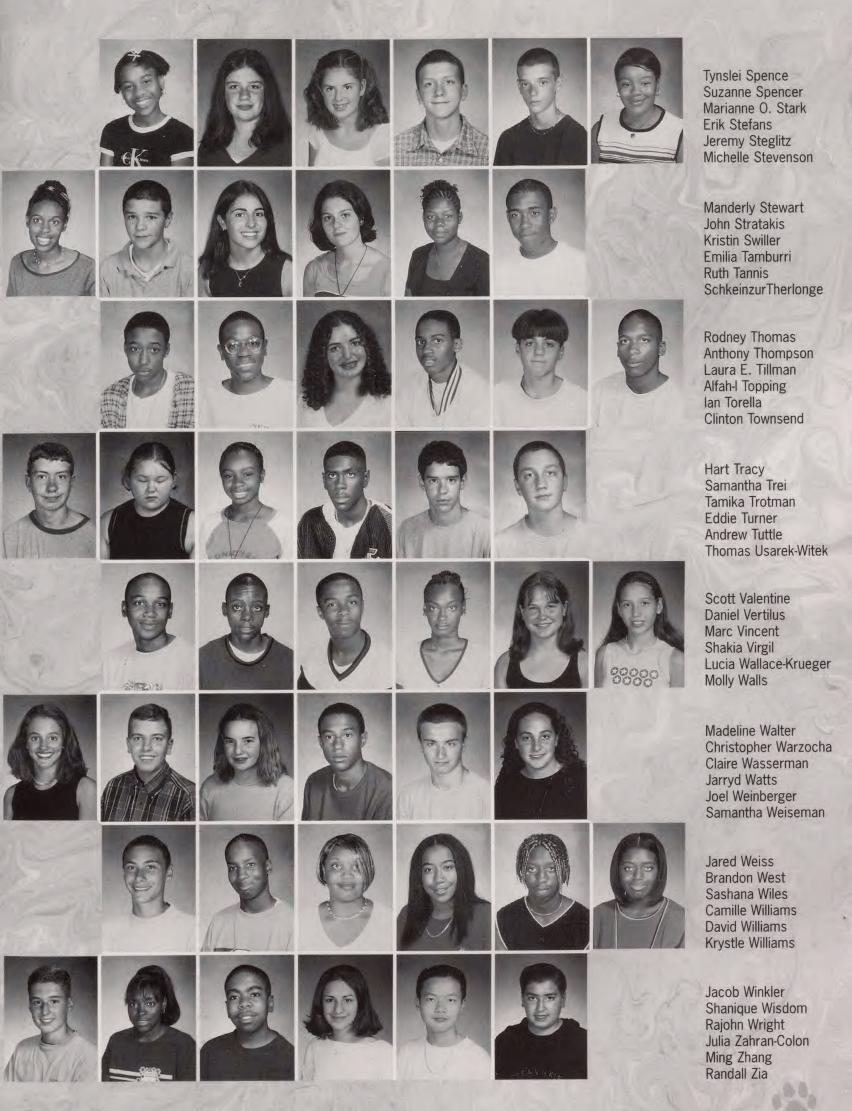
"Not being made fun of anymore!" - Lyle Dungee

"Going out to lunch" - Philip Beauzile

"Being able to pick what you want for gym" - Charles Penn

"No more swimming!" – Mary Raven Copy by Hannah Epstein





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## Gamera Juniors



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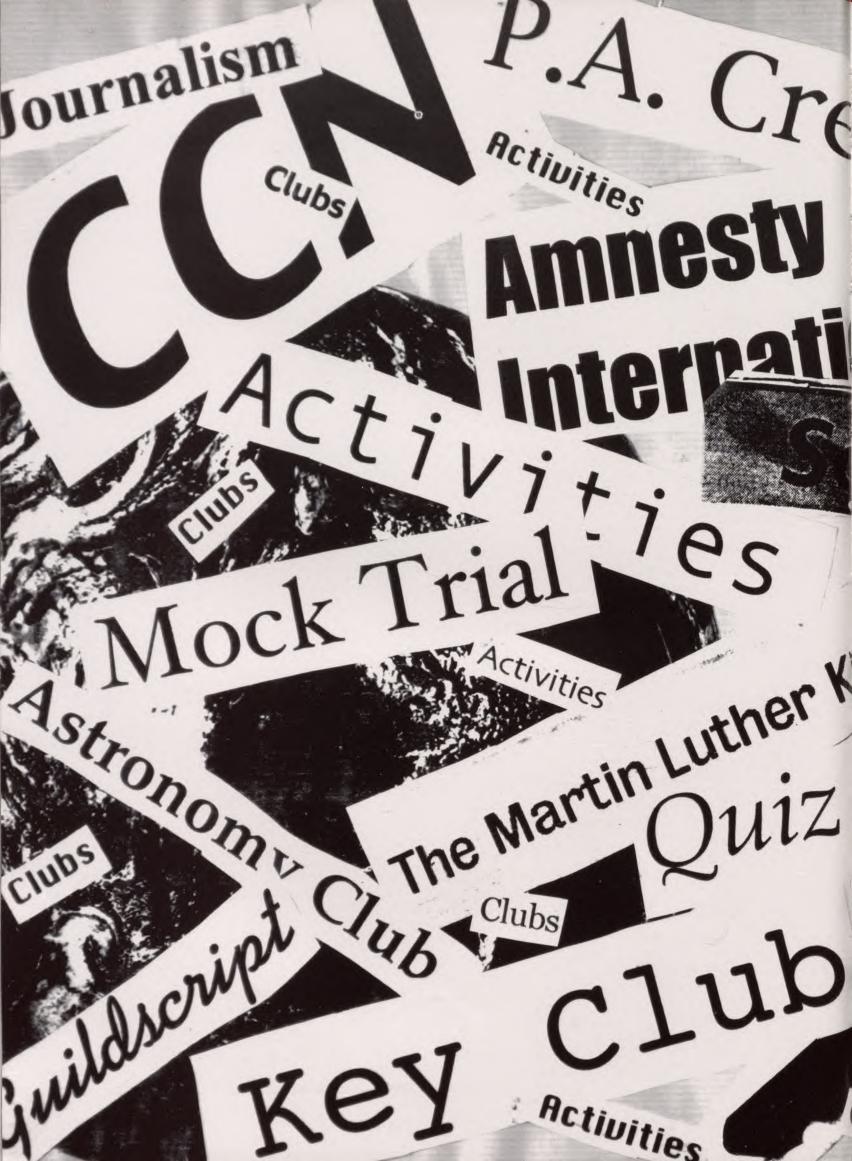
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## Student Council



President — Jordan Bar Am

(left) Advisor Mrs. Petrallia, Justin Ben Asher, Arvin Bautista, Nina Okoro, Meghan McRoberts, Jaclyn Green, Taylor Comaites, Lily Hart, Joaquin Cotler, Erica Farrand, Colin Brown, Alex Toledano, Rachel Spekman, Gene Schlesinger, Jordan Bar Am, Kyle Jasey



Advisor — Mrs. Petrallia



VicePresident — Kyle Jasey





Senior Class President — Joaquin Cotler

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Club Council Members — Jaclyn Green and Taylor Comaites





Senior Class Vice President — David Tillman



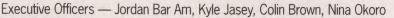
Junior Class President and Vice President: David Jeffries and Rachel Spekman



President Alex Toledano



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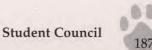




Student Council organizes a variety of different functions throughout the school year. It meets every Tuesday morning to discuss upcoming projects and to form committees to work on those ideas. Projects include Pep Rallies, Concerts, Volleyball Tournaments, School In Action Night, Hall of Fame, Date Auction, and social action events. Presidents and vice presidents run for their position, whereas the member at large is appointed by a committee.



L to R, STANDING: Hannah Edelman, Co-Advisor; Kyle Jasey, Alex Toledano, Gabby Fredman, Lauren Peach, Amelia Branigan, Carol Petrallia, Co-Advisor. SITTING: Nina Okoro, Lily Hart, Taylor Comaities, Jaclyn Green.



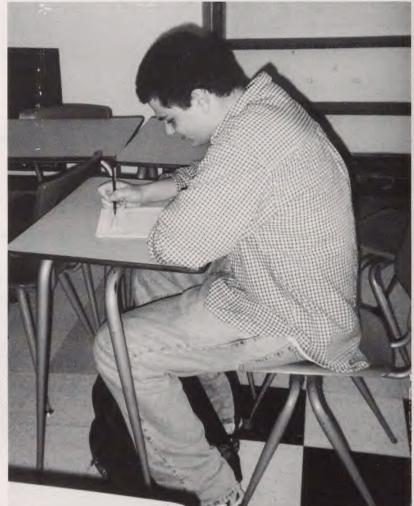


## Journalism

Through working on the Columbian, the school newspaper, students learn writing in both the context of the school and the outside world. The students work together to put the paper to press for distribution numerous times throughout the school year. Students study journalistic writing, editing, news gathering strategies, page layout, and desktop publishing.



Amit Simha, Zach Stendig, Amish Patel, David Tillman, Andrew Olesnycky, Maya Enista, Kate Vengraites, Jill Tromans, Jan McGrane (advisor), Bret Mayer, Terel Klein, Wednesday Valestin, Jeff Kerner, Megan McCurdy, Rachel Spekman, Sarah Nolan, Lauren Burrows, Allette Vayda, Jamie Wang, Eric Gorman





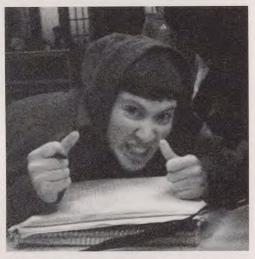


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## Amnesty International



Jenn Volz, Sam Zurofsky, Stephanie Jones, Elana Percher, Ryan Sciano, Zach Stendig, Molly Fair, Jackie Pollack, Allette Vayda, Olivia Kaufman, Liz Kushner, Kate Schoener, Sara Pidgeon



Amnesty Interantional members work together as advocates of human rights. Their activities include letter writing campaigns, benefit concerts, and discussions about human rights violations throughout the world.

## Guildscript



Don Lasko (advisor), Dan Arlien, Amelia Branigan, Carla Eistenstein, Rachel Spekman, Molly Fair, Jackie Pollack, Ariel Kouvaras, Jessi Flax, David Markel, Andrew Green, Aryeh Cohen-Wade, Jack Tamburri, James Marceda, Duncan Enista, Mika Tomzack, Lydia Kenselaar, Tasha Mell-Taylor, Rebecca Fest, Duncan Sahner, Fredrick Josephs



Guildscript is Columbia's literary magazine. Student writers compile original samples of poetry, essays, short stories, and free verse. Guildscript members then come together to decide what should be placed in the literary magazine of the current year.



#### Kids 4 Kids



Kids 4 Kids is a service organization designed to help less fortunate children throughout the community and neighboring towns. The Columbia High School chapter of this organization was organized by Lauren Burrows, Vanessa Evans, Maya Enista and Rachel Spekman. This year Kids 4 Kids has raised money for various causes as well as donated many hours of service to foster homes and underprivileged child care facilities.





Rachel Spekman, Maya Enista, Lauren Burrows, Vanessa Evans, Jaclyn Green, Rebecca Torisello, Nora Nolan, Dan Janow, Jack Tamburri, Anella Popalard, Trish Parker, Jeff Kerner, Lily Hart, Elana Jocabs, Liz Kushner, Liz Goldfarb, Crystal Paul, Julie Alen, Makkah Stavens, Jackie Pollack, Jean Crawford, Ryan Zia, Taylor Comaites, Chanel Lowery, Eric Gwaro, Justin Levine, Erin Kuhn, Susan Parot, Cameron Tillary, Kate Vengraites, Meghan Kerns, and Caitlin Kerns.







## Science League

Science League is a group of students who meet weekly to review and enrich their science knowledge. These students travel to schools in the area and compete in contest that are designed to test their strengths in the scientific fields of their choice.

Members: Nina Okaro, Matt Gline, Their Pickens, Alex Frankel, Julia Brenner, Laura Wullach, Rachel Pastor, Lauren Kitchen, Brandis Belt, Ranata Solon, Ari Steinberg, Andrew Green, Terel Klein, Annette Shabouk, Adrienne Ashlford, Amis Simha, Raju Prasad, Kadsia White, and faculty advisor, Mr. Cohen.



### Future Business Leaders of America

The Future Business Leaders of America, under the direction of Ms. Halloway, is a nonprofit educational organization of students that provides innovative leadership development programs to combine business and education in a working relationship. FBLA provides conferences, publications, and seminars on local, regional, state and national levels for its members.





Asha Suryawanshi, Jean Crawford, Kaersten Deeds, Mike Odemewu, Duncan Sahner, and Their Pickens





Chess Club

The Chess Club gathers frequently to play each other in chess, but also competes in several state, county and local tournaments. Under the direction of Mr. Eismann, the chess club has achieved fame throughout the community.

Members: Eric Caminero, Eric Freeman, Swaup Shah, Augie Schroder



### Martin Luther King ASSN.

The Martin Luther King Association is one of Columbia's most popular clubs, with over one hundred members. The club is a combination of song and rememberance of the great Martin Luther King, Jr. The club preaches Christian beliefs, though there are members who transcend religious, racial, and ethnic boundaries. The club performed at two school-wide assemblies this year: the annual holiday concert in December, and its very own assembly for Dr. King's birthday celebration.





The Production Journalism class is responsible for the production of the Columbian. They work with the Journalism class to produce the award winning newspaper.

The class consists of content editors as well as the design staff.



Editor-In-Chief Ethan Greene



Production Staff: Ethan Greene, Michelle Tan, David Friggie, Crystal Fracticelli, Lauren Peach, Alex Klein, Evan Plunkett, Meris Stone, Jet Greenberg, Tory Somers, Mike Tobin, Laren Wulach, Jessica Smith, Andrew Nagy, Jimmy Ali, Ari Meltz, Sam Prest, Meria Gottlieb, Michael Padilla, Monique Woodland, Matt Eisman, Suzie Flores, Dee Dee Mayland.

#### **Production Journalism**



The Foreign Language for Elementary Students program is an organization that involves juniors and seniors in advanced French, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. The members assist young students in mastering the basics of a new language. FLES is under the direction of Ms. Politi.





Kate Vengraites, Amber Boyle-King, Rebecca Torisel-Io, Hannah Epstein, Megan McRoberts, Adrienne Ashford and Molly Fair.

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Key Club is a voluntary organization dedicated to helping the community. The members deal with and attempt to rectify the problems of the community through fundraisers, giving aid where needed, and informing others of the situations.



President Ivonne Salizar





### **Key Club**



## Astronomy

The astronomy club, under the direction of Mr. Alan Levin and president, Gabrielle Fredman, was a huge success. On average, the club meets twice a month to observe planets and constellations. The astronomy club is known for its fun observations and relaxing atmosphere. The highlight of this year was the field trip to the Hayden Planetarium. It turned out to be a great educational and enriching experience. Let's hope for years of clear skies and fun times!





Members: Gabrielle Fredman, Ilana Percher, Raynal Marshall, Harry Taneilyan, Josh Symonds, Alan Levin (Advisor) Alex Frankel, Samantha Hersh, Duncan Sahner, Jefferey Raymond.



The Columbia Leaders of Environmental Action Network, under the direction of Ms. Daur, work together to provide clean environment conditions for the school as well as the community. The members are interested in teaching others about the importance of recycling, awareness, and various efforts to keep the community clean.













CLEAN





Members: Zach Klein, Gabe Kolodney, Pryah Shah, Eric Lindberg





#### **Fine Arts**



David Markel



Anna McAvoy



Andrew Nagy



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Cathy Erway

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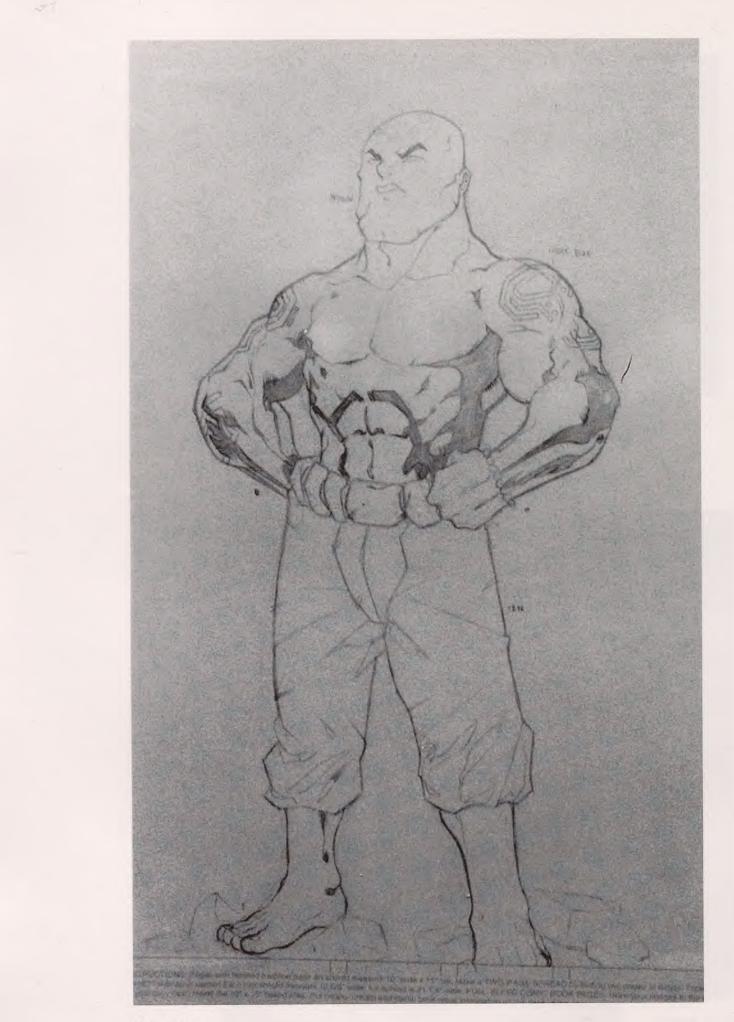


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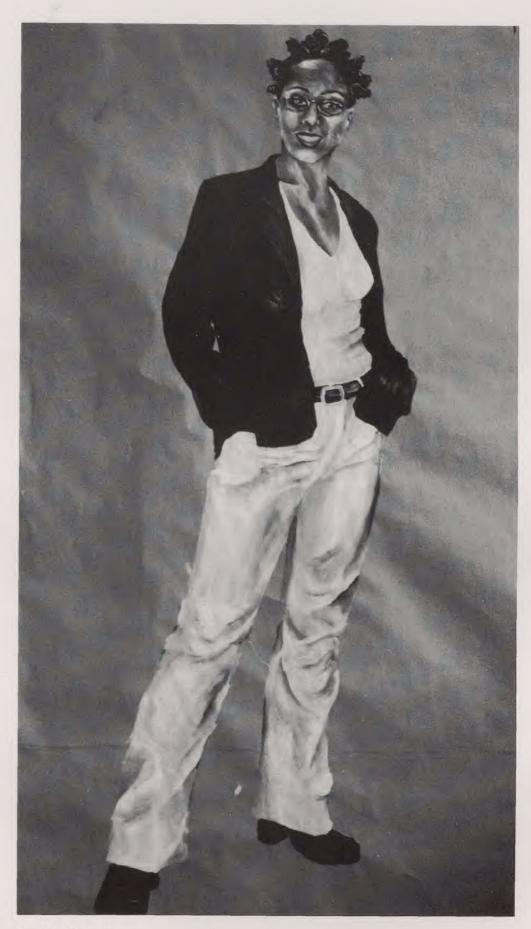
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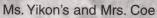
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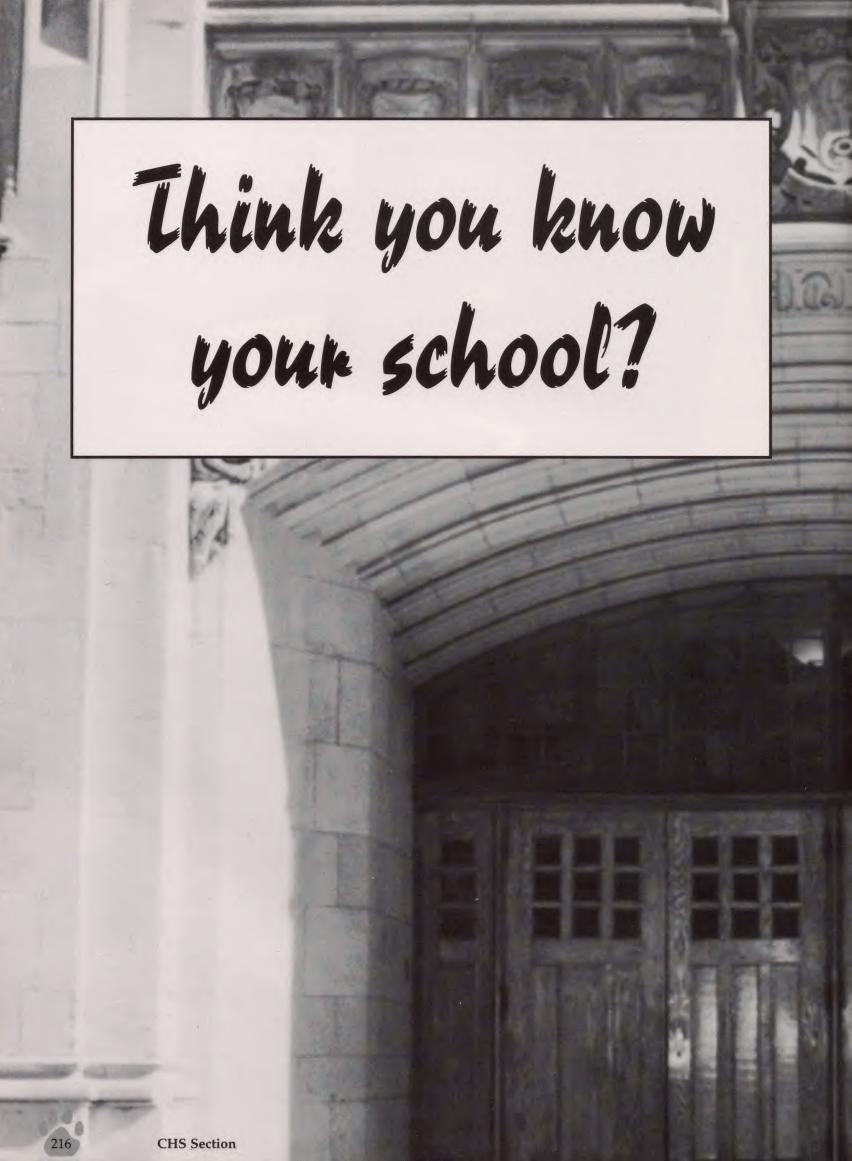
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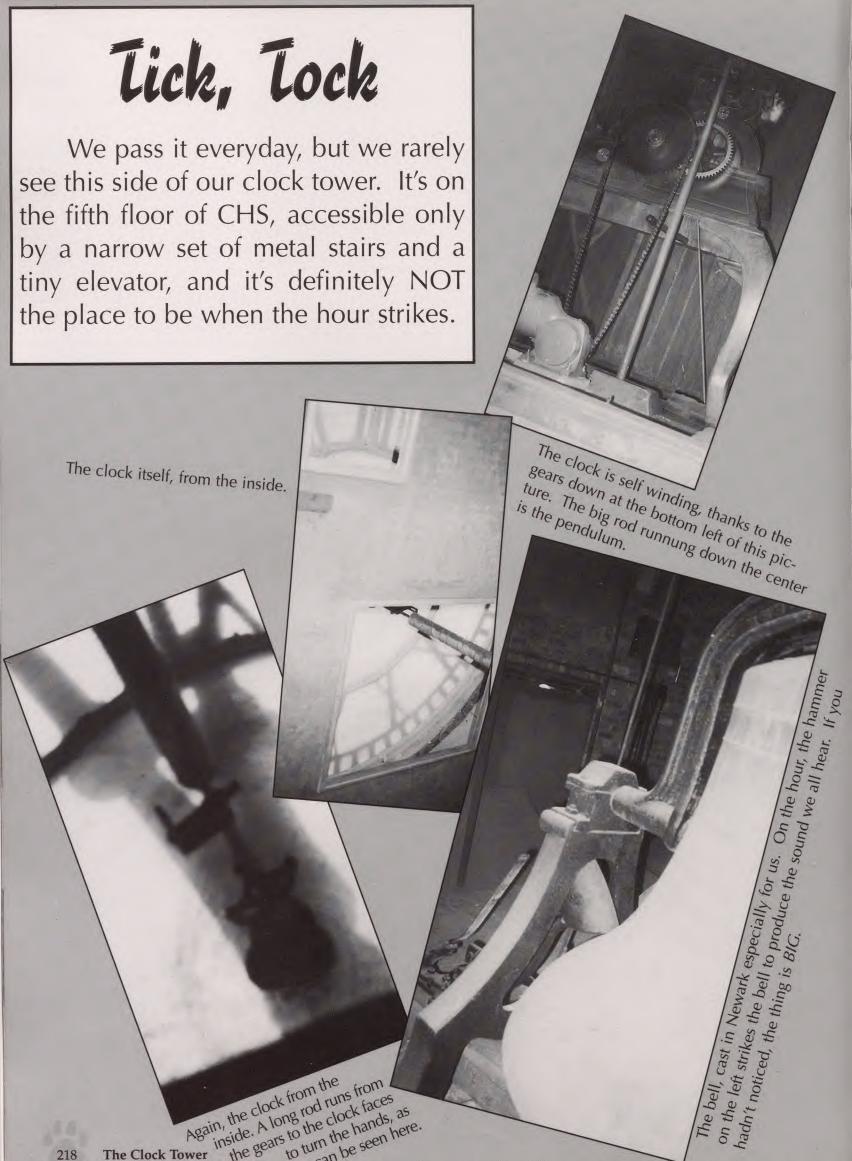


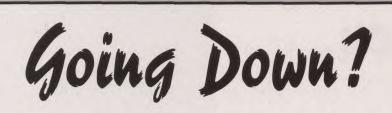




# Think again.

Columbia High School has been in use for 74 years, and that's plenty of time for little things in the school to have been changed, moved, or hidden. . .look through the next few pages and see what I mean. We have some pretty interesting stuff that the average student definitely does NOT see every day. Test yourself on which of the following you knew about prior to this section.





Our school has two elevators, but this one is pretty well hidden. It's first floor entrance is definitely well camouflaged, and the other doors aren't exactly in places you'd run into. Take a look, see if you recognize this.

ELEVATOR

The second floor entrance, with the lights on. Recognize

The elevator's motor and gears.

he inside of the elevator. The pictures were put up by the

Astronomy Club during their summer of '98 renovation.





Locker banks were rows of lockers branching off from the hallway, going back towards the windows of what are now classrooms. That's why the windows in those classrooms are so high off the ground. Cool, huh? Ever wonder why there no lockers in the A-wing? Well, see if you recognize these pictures. Although this set happens to be from the second floor, there are three sets of these indentations. Back before all the additions, when the school was only the A-wing, CHS students used "locker banks" to store their stuff.



The roof of CHS, from the inside.

closer view of one of the beams. That's

what holds our school up.

Rehind the Walls

These pictures are from a catwalk in CHS, running behind the walls from one of the third-floor classrooms to the front of the school. This is definitely not something many people are aware of, students and teachers alike.

and nicely contrasting the

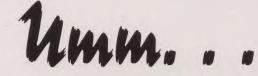
The original chairs used at CHS, stacked neatly

below the pathway mess up above.

> A view from one end of the catwalk to the other. The stuff belongs to Mr. Gavitt; complaints about the mess can be

Pipe Dream

Just a few pictures from down in the bomb shelter (oh, by the way, we have a bomb shelter!) Luckily, these systems are no longer in use.



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Yup, meet the backdoor of CHS. I won't say it makes sense to me, but I will say it adds character to the school, just like the rest of the sites pictured here. CHS may grow a bit monotonous after four years of walking the halls, but believe it or not, we really do have a pretty interesting school.

Section by Amelia Branigan





### Damn Yankees

Last year's run of musical performances ended with a bang when CHS put on the musical "Damn Yankees."

The plot opens when Joe Boyd (Robinson Renard) offers to sell his soul to the devil to help his favorite baseball team, the Washington Senators, beat the N.Y. Yankees. The devil, Applegate (Kena Onyejekwe), turns him into a younger version of himself, Joe Hardy (Rob Reyes), who becomes the greatest ballplayer ever to play with the Senators. However, Joe is planning to walk out on the deal to save his soul and go back to his wife, Meg (Liz Cavanaugh). So, Applegate sends his henchwoman, Lola (Sarah Style) to seduce Joe and make him stay. In the end, Joe's and Meg's love prevails and the Senators beat the Yankees anyway. Other lead characters: reporter Gloria Thorpe (Kendra Hayes), Senators' coach/manager Benny Van Buren (Dante Sterling), two featured Senators: Rocky (Eric Neher) and Smokey (Chris Cox), and Meg's friends Sister (Raina Ferenz) and Doris (Diane Drewes).

"Damn Yankees." was a tough show to pull off, but it ended as a huge success. It was also the first CHS show to be entered in the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award program. It was nominated for best choreography, best ensemble (the Washington Senators baseball team), and best pit orchestra.

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### An Enemy of the People

Dr. Thomas Stockmann (Robinson Renard) is a scientist who has made a fantastic discovery: The water in the local spa, which is the sole source of industry in his town, is polluted. At first his discovery is supported by his friends at the local newspaper, Hovstad (Ben Tannen), Billing (Duval Antoine), and Anderson (Khadijah White), but then the mayor, his brother Peter Stockmann (Willie McPhatter), points out the weak points of his plan to rebuild the spa and turns the entire town against him. Soon Stockmann and his whole family are completely ostricized by their friends and neighbors and struggling to survive in a world that will not accept the truth. Other lead characters: Stockmann's wife Catherine (Cotton Delo), his daughter Petra (Laura Holzman), his sons Morten and Ejlif (Uton Onyejekwe and Uchenna Anonyuo), and Catherine's father Morten Kiil (David Friggle).

"Enemy" had three phenomenal performances, and in January it competed in the STANJ Governors' Awards, a state-wide competition for high school drama programs. "Enemy" won first place for dramatic scene in the state, with Robinson Renard as best actor.

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Left to right, Back row: David Friggle, Jack Tamburti, Duval Antoine, Joaquin Cotler, Anten Robinson Left to right, Back row: Uton Onyejekwe, Miles Klee, Che Flowers, Cameron Tillery, Robinson Ling. Second to last row: Uton Onyejekwe, Miles Klee, Che Flowers, Cathy Erway, Molty Fair, Liz Kushare, Jane Hone Renard, Uchenna Anonyuo. Second to front row: Cathy Erway, Molty Gilana, Julie Alter ann, Lily Cates, Corton Delo, Willie McPhatter, Daisy Hobbes, Philippe Garcesto, Ben Tanan row: Khadijah White, Elenna Canlas, Megan Ruzsala, Rhiannon Teng, Molty Gilana, Julie Alter Statistical Statis

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### **Band Ten Hut!**

Whether it was sweating in 90 degree weather of August or shivering in the freezing temperaturs of November, the 1999-2000 Columbia HS Marching Band worked hard to get the most out of their season. Leading these 86 members were senior Drum Majors Tory Somers and Avia Bearg.

During six exhausting days at the annual Band Camp held in August, the band started rehearsing this year's show "Channel One Suite." There, the band began memorizing its music and was taught a good portion of their drill. Once the school year started, the band continued working hard practicing three days a week in addition to rehearsing before every football game or competition.

The wonderful musical arrangement of Channel One Suite, which was complimented by the challenging drill moves, sensational flag work, and fancy dance routines, helped the band to capture numerous awards through out the season, the most prestigious being their second place finish at Championships held at Giants Stadium. At this final competition of their season the band also received their highest score ever of 91.35, as well as the best percussion award.

Drum Majors Tory Somers and Avia Bearg



The Seniors: Eric Gorman, Ethan Green, Tory Somers, Michael Tobin, Andrew Olesnycky, Brendan Connerty, Gilbert Dussek, Laura Wulach, Solomon, Amelia Brani-Katherine gan, Tamika McNair, Ray Scudieri, Warncke, Patti Amanda Hersh, Avia Bearg, Nash Breen, Gerald Toler, Deirdre Parsons, Jen Leonardis, Rebekah Gale

Laura Wulach, Joanna Tromans, Amelia Branigan, Samantha Wieseman, Angela Scudieri, and Pam Soffer



Trombone Soloist Gilbert Dussek



Anthony Vanacore, Andrew Olesnycky, Charlie Patierno, Arjan Roghanchi, Doug Parsons, Thomas Shippy, and Sam Zurofsky

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Jake Platt, Ray Scudieri, Chris Pierre, Katherine Solomon, and Matt Casciano Matt Casciano

The Band Playing stand music during a football game

Pit Members Renata Sloan and Rachel Paster

# And the Flags Flew

The 1999 Fall season has brought much success to the Columbia High School Color Guard. The Color Guard are members of the Marching Band that bring out the 'color' in the bands' half time shows performed at varsity football games and statewide competitions. This also includes the championships at Giants Stadium, where the Color Guard placed 2nd with their highest score of the season. The Color Guard members spun, tossed, danced, and smiled their way through a Buddy Rich tune called, "Channel One Suite." Their hard work and dedication paid off in the end which made their season a big success. The Color Gaurd is under the direction of Lisa Rotondi, accompanied by Sherri Wisk, and led by the two guard captains, Peter Rose ('01), and Rebecca Thonet ('01).

Color Guard members in final set at Giant's Stadium Championships



Guard Members sitting in stands watching the football game

Co-guard Captain Rebecca Thonet

Guard members walking in homecoming parade

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# **On A Higher Note**

The 1999-2000 CHS Symphonic Band has been practicing every day 5th period, preparing college level repetoire to perform at the winter and spring concerts, the music marathon, and the spring trip (Destination: Mickey Mouse). Director Matthew F. Krempasky, in his final year at Columiba, has been pleasantly surprised by the raising talent exhibited by some of the underclassmen this year. Of the 30+ seniors in band, the majority of them have been a member of the band for all of their 4 years here, and a few of them plan on continuing their study of music in college.

Members - Flutes - Amelia Branigan, Elenna Canlas, Rebecca Feest, Matthew Gline, Bayyana Hill, Meoldy Johansson, Jennifer Leonardis, Jacquelyn Line, Amber McPhatter, Sarah Nolan, Ifeoma Nwigwe, Nina Okoro, Deirdre Parsons, Christina Peluso, Kate Schoener, Angela Scudieri, Renata Solan, Erica Thomas, Joanna Tromans, Allette Vayda, Patti Warncke, Samantha Weiseman, Laura Wulach Clarinets - Daniel Arlein, Arvin Bautista, Avia Bearg, Justin Ben-Asher, Anya Boboye, Alexis Bozzo, Josh Breitman, Matt Casciano, Brian Fullilove, Ben Galeota-Sprung, John Georg, Tasanya Gordon, Meira Gottlieb, Andrew Greene, Christina Kaneshige, Lauren Kitchen, Marquita Lucas, Megan McCurdy, Emilio Panasci, Erica Peterson, David Rabinowitz, Raymond Scudieri, Franky St. Pierre, Michael Stallsmith, Ari Steinberg, Rachel Steinberg, Katie Thompson, Ryan Zia Bass Clarinets - Julie Allen, Jennifer Perez Alto Saxophones - Russell Choudhury, Danielle Demming, Carl DePeine, Nancy Duleba, Chris Fulda, Lucas Griefan, Zach Klein, James Marceda, Lauren Mondino, Nia Rasool, Asher Stein, Qawi Telesford, Mike Tobin, James White French horns - Amanda Hersh, Caitlin Long, Akili Lynn, Alex Robilotta, William Stallsmith, Leah Wener Trumpers - Jaclyn Borrone, Ethan Greene, Alan Jameson, Jonah Kappraff, Helen Kearney, Alex Klein, Terel Klein, Shawn MacArthur, Ryan McLoughlin, Jamie Mittleman, Catherine Rotondi, Michael Rublin, Paul Salomon, Emily Savino, Augie Schroeder, Merrilee Snyder, Mika Tomczak, Jill Tromans Tenor Saxophones - Andrew Nathenson, Katherine Solomon Euphonium - Julia Brenner, Eric Freeman, Tory Somers Trombones - Shonna Ascher, Michael Bisberg, John Brown, Brendan Connerty, Gilbert Dussek, Jeff Holt, Tamika McNair, Afam Okoro Tubas - Jason Fredricks, Jake Platt, Chris Spencer, Steven Tuttle Percussion - Tariq Alston, Nash Breen, Aryeh Cohen-Wade, Ian Davall, Eric Gorman, Eric Gwaro, David Masessa, Andrew Olesnycky, Charlie Patierno, Arjan Roghanchi, Meredith Shifman, Cameron Tillery, Anthony Vanacore, Samuel Zurofsky

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#### Andrew Nathanson and Katherine Solomon

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Ethan Greene, Jonah Kappraff, Catherine Rotondi, and Alan



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Symphonic Band



# Come Toot Your Own Horn

The Freshman Band meets every day (except Wednesday of course) during 4th period. The band starts the year working on scales and other basic yet very important musical skills. After that they move onto music to start preparing for their winter concert where they perform as their own ensemble. After that they begin working on the very challenging upperclass college level music to preform at the spring concert, music marathon, and spring trip where they combine with the upperclass band and become one huge ensemble. Members of this years band are Flutes - Kai Cole, Nicole DiJulio, Laura Evangelista, Xiomara Francis, Matthew Smith, Pammy Soffer Clarinets - Naomi Barrowclough, Deidre DaSilva, Michael Donovan, Shana Fladger, Donald Goss, Nathanael Jean-Jacques, Leah Keith, Dwayne Lord, Jatin Nishawala, Tashera Perry, Patricia Riley, Ryan Scott, Latifa Sharif, Ian Torella, Randall Zia Bass Clarinet - Jacob Winkler Contra-Alto Clarinet - Madeline Walker Alto Saxaphones - Jarrett Cato, Lacheiar Clark, Aqeelah Mateen, Erika Palmaffy, Jack Reilly, Anthony Thompson Tenor Sax - Adam Johnston French Horn - Kyle Alesio, Alexandra Boksay, Ashley Comaites, Miles Klee, Christopher Siazak, Suzanne Spencer Trumpets - Isaac Bearg, Ross Diamond, Saheru Flagg, Alex Lewis, Kenneth Pamiloza, Alex Reyes, Ryan Sciaino Trombone - Samantha Hersh Tuba - Mitchell Reiman Percussion - Amber Coleman, Fred Fombrun, Alex Kellner, Jonathan Lemaine, Reginald Maxime, Doug Parsons, Michael Patierno, Randolph Pierce, Hilton Seibert, Thomas Shippy, Scott Valentine, Camille Williams Anthony Thompson, and

Amber McPhatter

Alto saxs counting measures rest at the music marathon

Jack Rieley



Entire freshman band



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Alex Lewis, Issac Bearg, Saheru Flagg Suzanne Spencer, Miles Klee, Christoper Slazak

Mitchell Reiman

Randall Zia and Ryan Scott Thomas Shippy

### Air On A What String?!

What would our annual holiday concerts be like without Columbia's finest orchestra? Pretty much non-existent, I'd say. This year the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Paster, has gone to great lengths to try to perfect its tone, quality, and musicianship. It has delved into playing selections from Bach to Gustav Holst, to show tunes, such as "Carousel." The orchestra performed in the annual festival at Millburn High School, in its two biannual concerts, and in Disney World at the Disney Magic Music Days Festival in April.

Junior Charlie Patierno

Seniots Patti Warncke i Jennifer Leonardis

Jonah Kappraff, Akili Lynn, and Caitlin Long

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### Whistle While You Work

This year marks the combination of the select choir and the concert choir. Select choir previously met once a week in the evening to reherse, while the concert choir was a class during the school day. Now, "upperclass" choir as it is called by many of its members, meets four times a week during period three. Mr. Paster has enjoyed the increase in rehersal time because it has enabled him to chose harder pieces for the choir to perform. Their performances included the Town hall concert, the Music Marathon, the music department trip to Florida, graduation, as well as at various festivals throughout the state.

Carla Kellner

Rebekah Gale and Liz Kushner

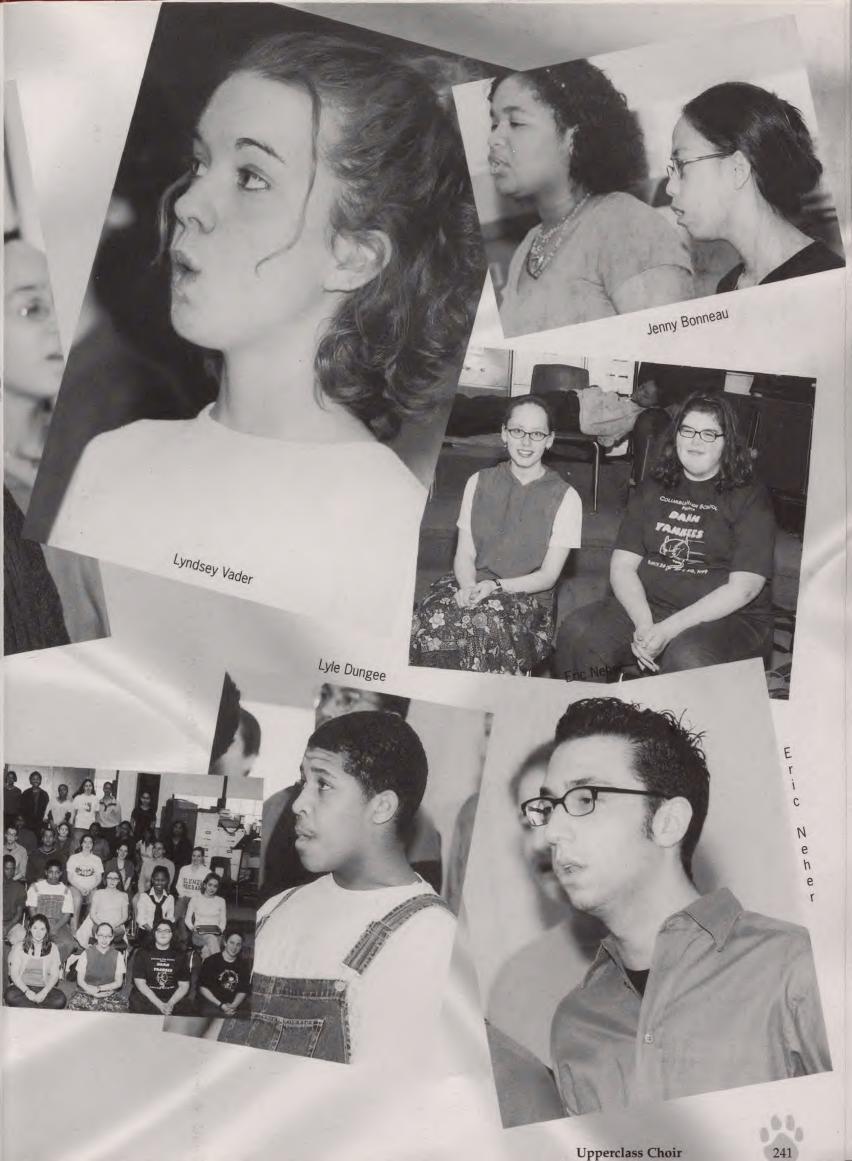


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Ben Tannen and Uton Onyejekwe

Dante Sterling



## Singin' in the Rain!

Mixed Chorus meets four times a week during second period. The group is made up of mostly freshman and some upperclassmen due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Paster is pleased with the growing interest of incoming freshman in being a part of the choir. The choir has participated in many concerts this year including the Town Hall concert and the Music Marathon, as well as with the select choir (for the first time ever) in Florida on the Spring trip.

The Fantastic 1999-2000 Mixed Chorus...







# **Lift Every Voice**

The Martin Luther King Association Gospel Choir of Columbia High School is a group that uses song and dance as a form of praise. We sing at school functions and various churches within the community. "I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; AND HIS PRAISES SHALL CONTINU-ALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

Jared Cato, Reggie Lampty, Mike Jasmine, Darell Northern

Uton Onyenjekwe, Robinson Renard, Lyle Dungee

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### Bustin' A Move with the Special Dance Company

Jessica Andrews Xiomara Chavious Jessica Cohen Leah Dungee Vanessa Evans Erica Farrand Sarah Gordon Melody Johansson Maggie Jordon Amanda Kennedy Dee Dee Mayland Lauren McCall Caitlin McTague Eric Neher MaryKate Parsons Kate Reuter Ivonne Salazer Cate Stallsmith Julie Stein Dante Sterling Lindsay Vader Patti Warnackle Kathy Wasik Jamika Wolfe Lindsay Wood



The Special Dance Company is a unique program at Columbia High School that offers all varieties of dance. The company is made up of selected sophomores, juniors, and seniors and is offered class periods six and seven. The program starts in the beginning of September and culminates at the end of the first semester with a dance performance for the school and general public. The Special Dance Company is under the direction of Trisha Mitchell and Toni Martinez.



Eric Neher and Dee Dee Mayland strike



Dance Captain and Senior Kathy Wasik

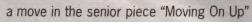


Dance Captain and Senior Dee Dee Mayland



Dance Captain and Senior Erica Farrand













### And All That Jazz

One of Columbia's most continually successful organizations has been the jazz ensemble. This audition-only ensemble participates in music festivals throughout the year including the music department trip to Florida. In past years, the ensemble has also performed at Governor Whitman's inauguration at NJPAC, the launch part of ESPN: The Magazine, and the NBC's Today New York Show, and has won awards at national and international festivals.

This year, the ensemble is made up of 21 of the best musicians in the school who play big band music ranging stylistically from swing to Latin. The groups achievements seem even more remarkable since the ensemble only rehearses for two hours on Thursday nights every week, and doesn't start until December. The accomplishments of the jazz ensemble can therefore be directly attributed to the hard work of the students involved, and this is what will continue to make the program so successful.



Shonna Ascher and John Brown

Eric Gorman

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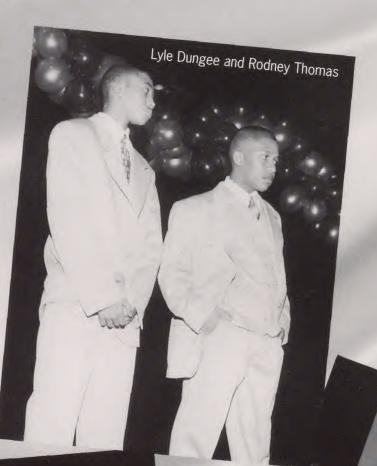
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# **High Fashion**





Kristin Gray



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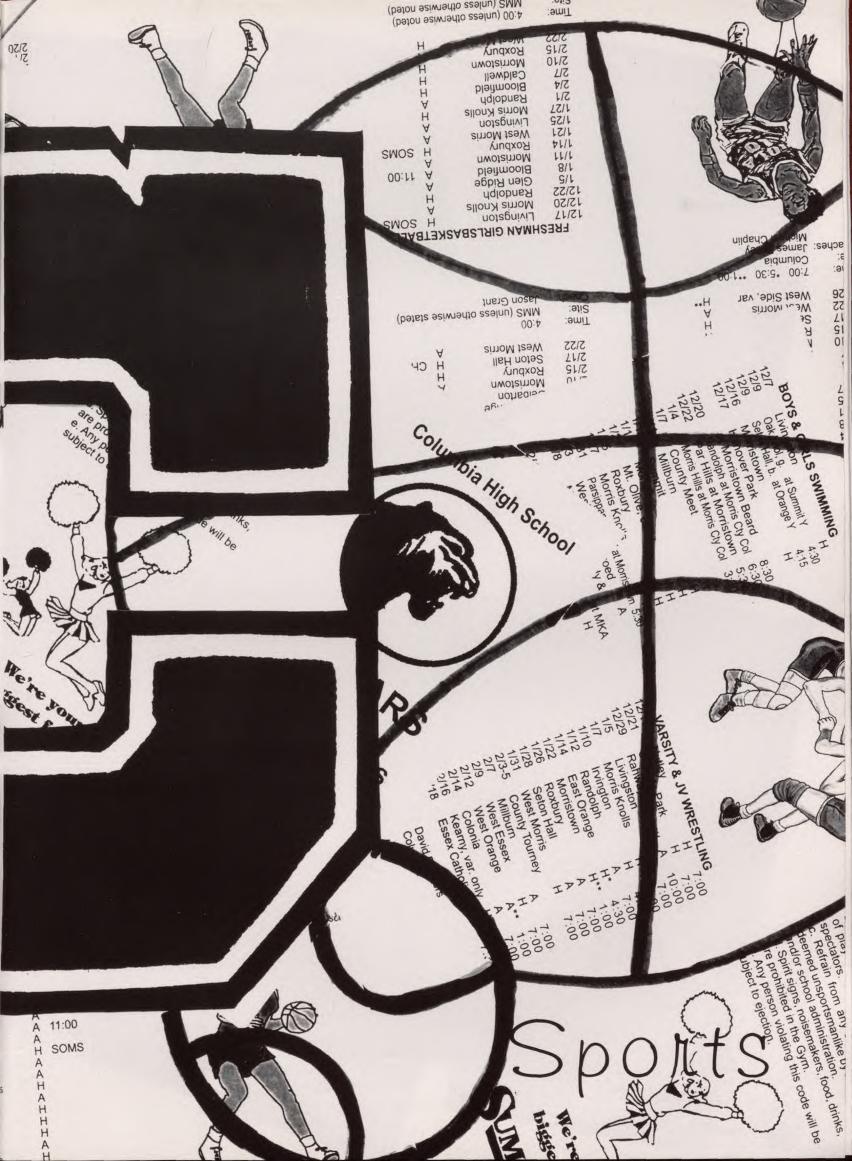
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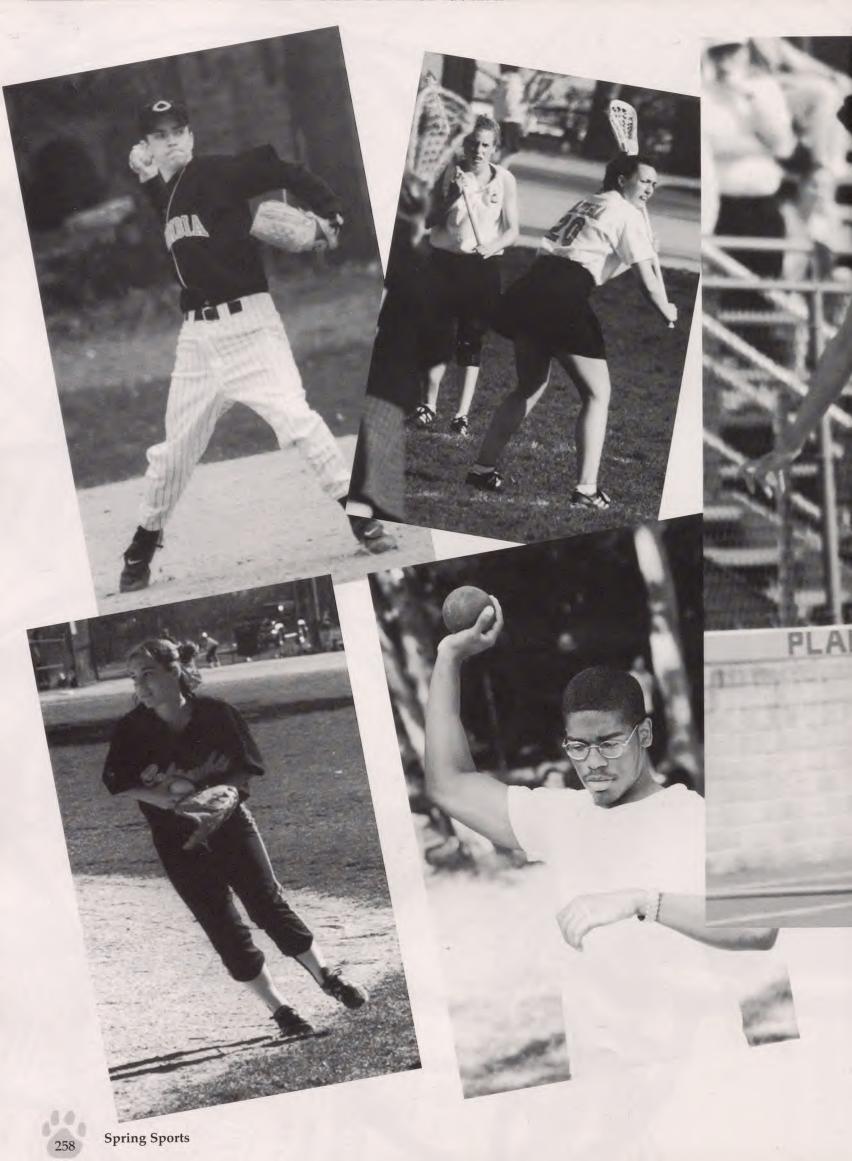


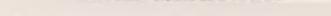














### The Big Hit Baseball

Although the 1999 Columbia Varsity Baseball Team was not as prolific as the previous season's Championship squad, the team was successful nonetheless. Led by Essex County Player of the Year Austin Lehn, '99 ace senior starters Matt Wenger and Adrian O'Connor, and speedy outfielder Jesse Boles, '99, the team competed in the Essex County tournament and played

strong baseball all season long. One of the team's greatest attributes throughout the season was its defense. Behind the plate, Bobby lantosca, '99, and Chris Fulda, '00, handled the pitching staff and anchored the defense. And the infield of Mike Farah, '00, Jason Untracht, '99, Jared Tomasco, '99, Lehn and Wenger also kept opposing offenses in check constantly. The teams' outfield defense was also solid all season long thanks largely in part to the efforts of Donald Glenn, '99, Pat Means, '99, and Boles. The team's offense was also quite important throughout the season, as virtually all of the players contributed in one way

The team's offense was also quite important throughout the season, as virtually all of the players contributed in one way or another. Though the 1999 team did not finish with Columbia's best record, they were very proficient and continued Columbia's strong tradition of baseball excellence, which has the prospects of being even more victorious in the 2000 season. Copy by Alex Klein



Standing: Coach Becht, Coach Mozolla, Jim McGrady, Dan Janow, Andrew Nagy, Joaquin Cotler, Alex Gold, Coach Allen, Kneeling: Mike Redden, Alex Klein, Bob Hildebrand, Chris Alter, Ray Scadieri, David Tillman, Sitting: Ben Sprung, Brandon Bailey, Justin Levine, Jermaine Royster.

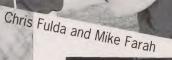


Ray Scudieri

Kneeling: Farah, Aaron Glenn, Jay Untracht, Pat



Alex Gold



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David Tillman



The Freshman Team

Sitting: Mr. McCusky, Mark Henry, Jesse Boles, Austin Lehn, Chris Fulda, Adrian O'Connor, Coach Battaligne, Bobby lantosca, Jared Tomasco, Mike Walker, James Abruzzo, Sitting: Donald Means, Matt Wanger, Jova Wycleff.

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Andrew Nagy



Justin Levine and Dan Janow



Baseball

## Playing Hard Softball

The 1999 Varsity Softball team combined the leadership and experience of the captains, pitcher Jenn Caviness and center fielder Carolyn Wolfe with a new team of talented players. Amy Picarell, Allison Frowley, Nora Nolan and Angela Scudieri played significant roles this season. Jill Tromans held the infield together and will play a central role in the upcoming seasons. Catcher Maria Tabia and first baseman Mary Kate Parsons contributed to this year's success and will take over as senior captions for the 2000 season. A key victory for the softball squad came when they defeated Livingston over 14 innings of play, 3-2. With the loss of several seniors this year, several new players will be incorporated into the already established team of underclassmen.



Jill Tromans

Helen Leitner



Back row — Coach Bodnar, Sarah Faugno (mngr.), Jill Tromans, Amy Picarell, Jean Kerkey, Allison Frowley, Monica Garrido, Coach Taylor. Middle row — Angela Scudieri, Mary Kate Parsons, Cynthia Gwaro, Helen Leitner. Front row — Jennifer Caviness, Erica Borsellino, Carolyn Wolfe. Angela Scudieri

Helen Leitner, Maria Tabia and Mary Kate Parsons

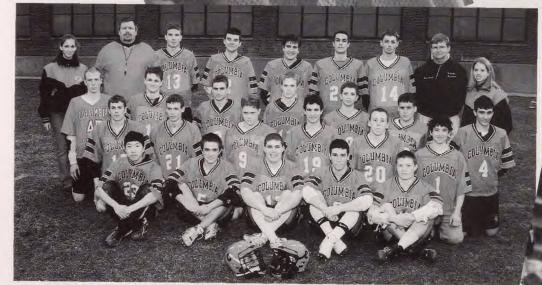
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Back row — Lauren Burnett (mngr.), Lena Jackson, Nawal Ezzouhairy, Taylor Comaites, Deborah Flores, Jasmine Jack, Coach Hurley. Middle row — Sarah Nolan, Nora Nolan, Sarah Pomerantz, Kiera Connerty. Front row — Sarah Duffy, Taliah Manning, Rebecca Thonet.

# **Boys Lacrosse**

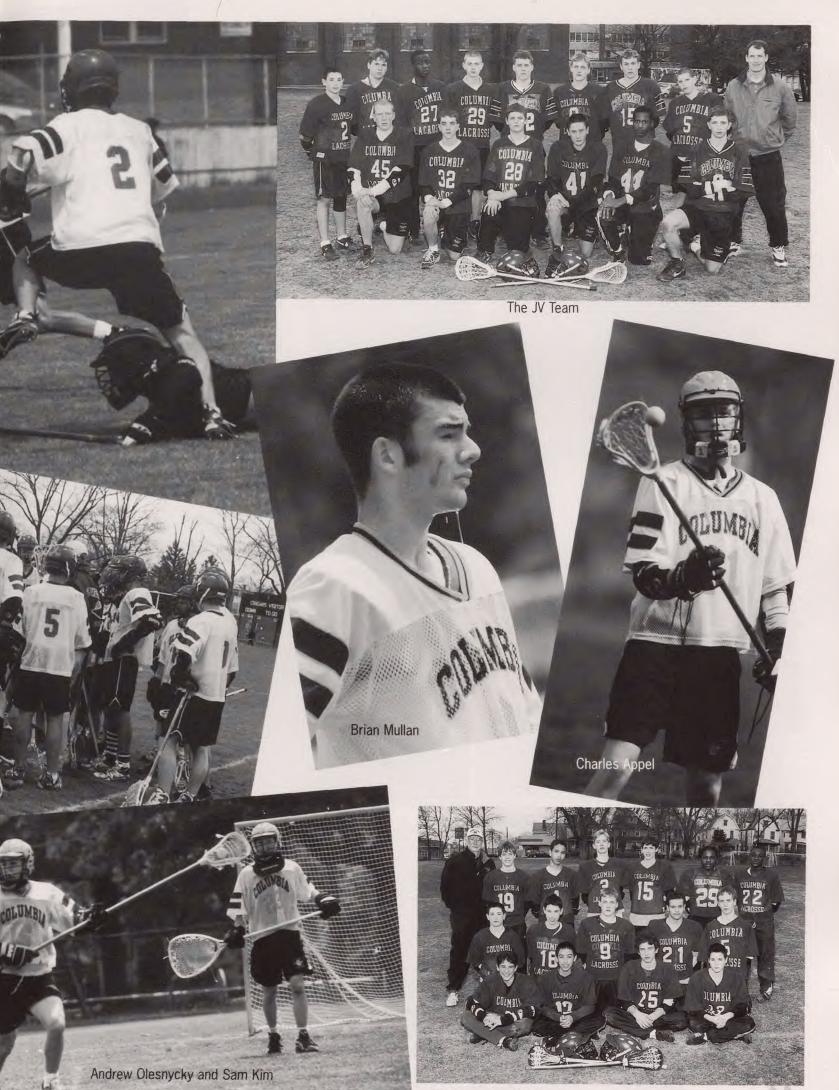
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The Varsity Team Back Row: Manager Emma Rebhorn, Coach Nann, Kenneth Lynch, Brian Mullan, Andrew Olsenycky, Jason Handrinos, Ian Cesarini, Coach Sutherland, Manager Megan McRoberts. 3rd Row: Brian Richardson, John Dynan, Jason Voskian, Charles Appel, Andrew Nathenson, Connor Hammond, Dean Handrinos. 2nd Row: Ryan McLoughlin, Phil Stern, Rob McCue, Dave Gomez, Scott Richardson, David Frankel. Front Row: Sam Kim, Joe Frankoski, Drew Delaney, Dan Gomez, Ian Venokur.

The 1999 Boys Lacrosse team enjoyed its finest season in five years, finishing with a 12-6 record, making it to the second round of the state tournament, and being ranked 5th in the state. The season was overall a huge success with the Cougars giving up losses to only teams ranked above them. The Cougars lost some heart-breaking games to Lawrenceville and Moorestown but also gained bragging rights with big wins over Livingston and Seton Hall. An addition to the 1999 Cougar's team was Seton Hall Prep transfer Brian Mullan. Brian only played in seven games last season but still managed to score fifteen goals.

Although the team lost ten seniors and seven starters, they are looking forward to another successful season led by captains Brian Mullan and Charles Appel. They have a strong returning midfield with Brian Mullan, Ryan McLoughlin, Joe Frankoski and Andrew Nathenson plus attacker Jason Handrinos and an equally powerful defense with Charles Appel, Andrew Olesnycky and goalie Sam Kim.



The Freshman Team



Jackie Borrone



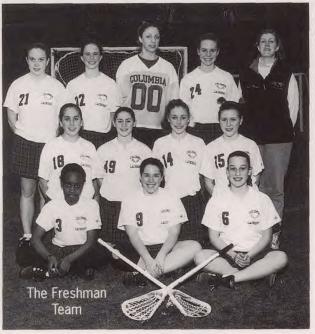
## **Girls Lacrosse**

The Girls Lacrosse had yet another successful season with a record of 14-4-1. The Team was led by tri-captains Maureen Sweeney and Ruth Huetz. The team reached the second round of states, which they lost to Pingry. Key players to the team were Jackie Borrone, Lauren Peach, Erica Farrand, Brady Beach, Lauren Burrows and goalie Sally Warner. With 8 returning starters, next season the girls look forward to another successful season.



Varsity team — Standing: Coach Amanda Becht, Maureen Sweeney, Lauren Peach, Megan McCurdy, Jackie Borrone, Jillian Dietzold, Lauren Burrows, Ruth Huetz, Coach Marguerite Dempsey. Kneeling: Carisa Calabrese, Serena Vayda, Patricia Parker, Lauren Frese, Sally Warner, Lauren Mondino, Alexis Shore, Manager Jenny Gordon. Sitting: Deirdre Kelly, Brady Beach, Erica Farrand, Nicole lantosca, Alison Wolfley, Juliana Diaz





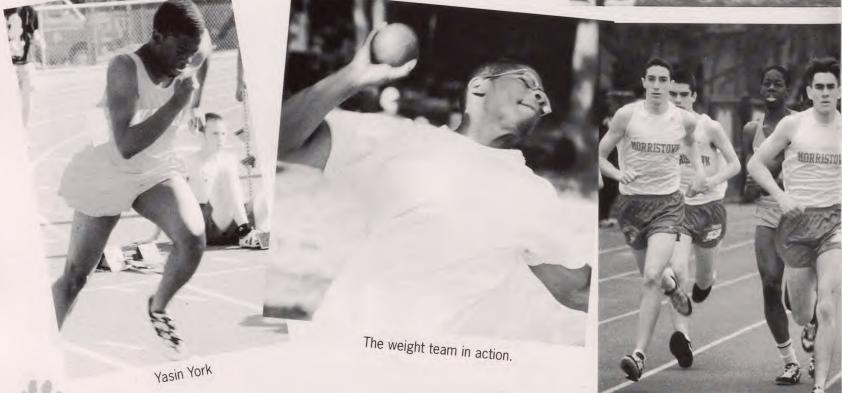
## **Boys Outdoor Track**

Led by seniors Jeff Fleurimond, Eddie LaPierre, Adrian Bennett, Gavin Smith, and Robben Baptiste, the 1999 Boys Outdoor Track and Field team produced another strong season. The high point of the season came at the Essex County Relay Championships where the Cougars beat out arch rival Seton Hall Prep to bring home the championship trophy. The Cougars also placed second in the Iron Hill Conference meet and also the Essex County Individual meet. The Cougars ended their season with a 7-1 regular season record with their only defeat coming against their other IHC rival Randolph. After having four juniors qualify for the Group four Championships last year (Leraun Baldwin-400, Sherwyn Noel - 400, Colin Brown - 1600, and Kyle Jasey - 3200) the Cougars hope to have a tremendous season in 2000. The Cougars will also look to seniors Peter Joseph & Yasin York and juniors Reggie Lamptey and Guy Antoine to power the team.



Top — Coach Ellis, Ed Smith, Osvald Fambrum, Troy Murry, Daid Jefferies, Matt Mitchell, Mike lantosca, Guy Antoine, Shawn Smith, Luther Bowen, Takpor Yealu, Mohammed Zohny, Daryl Washington. Second row — Sam Brown, William Hadley, Peter Connoly, Ralph Tucker, Darian Roopharine, Sherwyn Noel, Peter Joseph, Khemit Baley, Osarieme Omaregie. Third row — Jerry Lee, Lucky Coomaralingan, Chris Carter, Leiraun Balwin, Colin Brown, Edward Yealu, Mike Tynes, Fourth row — Gavin Smith, Chris Valentine, Robben Baptiste, A. Johnson, Egor Xavier, Shawn Acevedo, Charlie Pax, Jeff Fleurimond, Bottom — Yaw Boafo-Achampong, Adrian Bennett, Enyinnay Obi, Damon Mongell, Brenno West







Edward Yealu

Boys Outdoor Track

### "Ripping Up Tracks" Spring Track

The Columbia Girls Track team had quite a successful year. The team's record was 6-0-1. The team worked very hard and received their 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive titles for girls in Essex County. Bridgette Ingram, Amina Zohny, Rebecca Shore, Adrienne Ashford, Fatima Garuba and Nicole Crawley were all key performers for the team. The team is known by competitors as a dominating force in the Track and Field world and this year was no different. The girls maintained their reputations with hard work and strong effort.

Rebecca Shore

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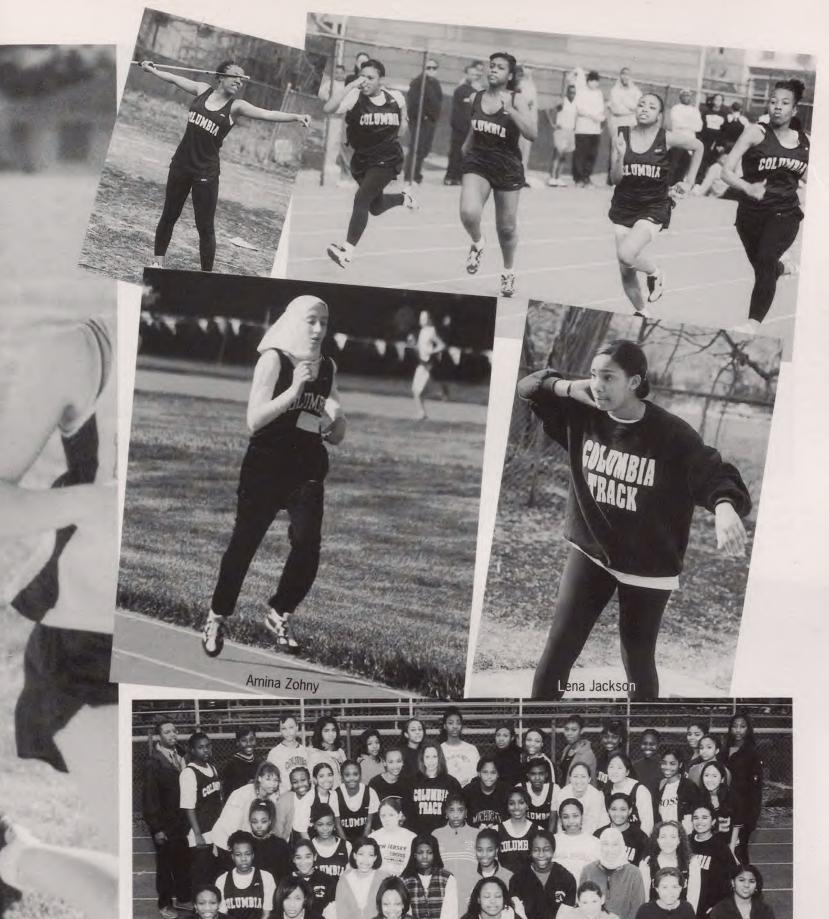
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Kellia Reed

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Standing: Coach Moss, Mariel Saint-Surim, Christine Clarke, Linelle Rogers, Destinee Folley, Krystal West, Michelle Rankine, Jewell Mitchell, Kimberly Foye, Dinise Simpson, Kia Sinclair, Kristen Hunter, Rolake Omoregie, Nicole Cannedy, Monique Perry, Kimberly Townsend. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Kellia Reed, Andrea Osei, Courtney Epps, Vaneskha Hyacinthe, Jere Defreitas, Anella Pappalrdo, Nakassia Mincy, Justina Asiama, Amanda Nelson, Kewana Gordon, Truc Le. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Stacey Johnson, Esther Ackumey, Gabrielle Fredman, Nedia Barker, Danielle Delpeche, Tiffany Terrolongue, Donique Pickens, Milena Caraballo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Allana Williams, Nicole Santiago-Rolon, Michelle Nelson, Nicole Crawley, LaToya Thompson, Fatima Garuba, Amina Zohny, Andria Matthews. 1<sup>st</sup> Row: Nnecka Offor, Joi Plummer, Bridgette Ingram, Malika Greer, Lauren Tharaud, Kasia Czechowicz, Bayyana Hill.

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## Making a Racket



Standing: Mike Garea, Ben Silverstein, Ari Samet, Andrew Greene, Calvin Matthews, Josh Posner, Marcus Smith, Coach Rutzky, Alexis Humphreys. Kneeling: Jett Greenberg, Alex Toledano, Ryan Zia, Barron Weir, John Hausner. Sitting: Asher Stein, Jeff Kerner, Dan Brown, Tae Egbert.

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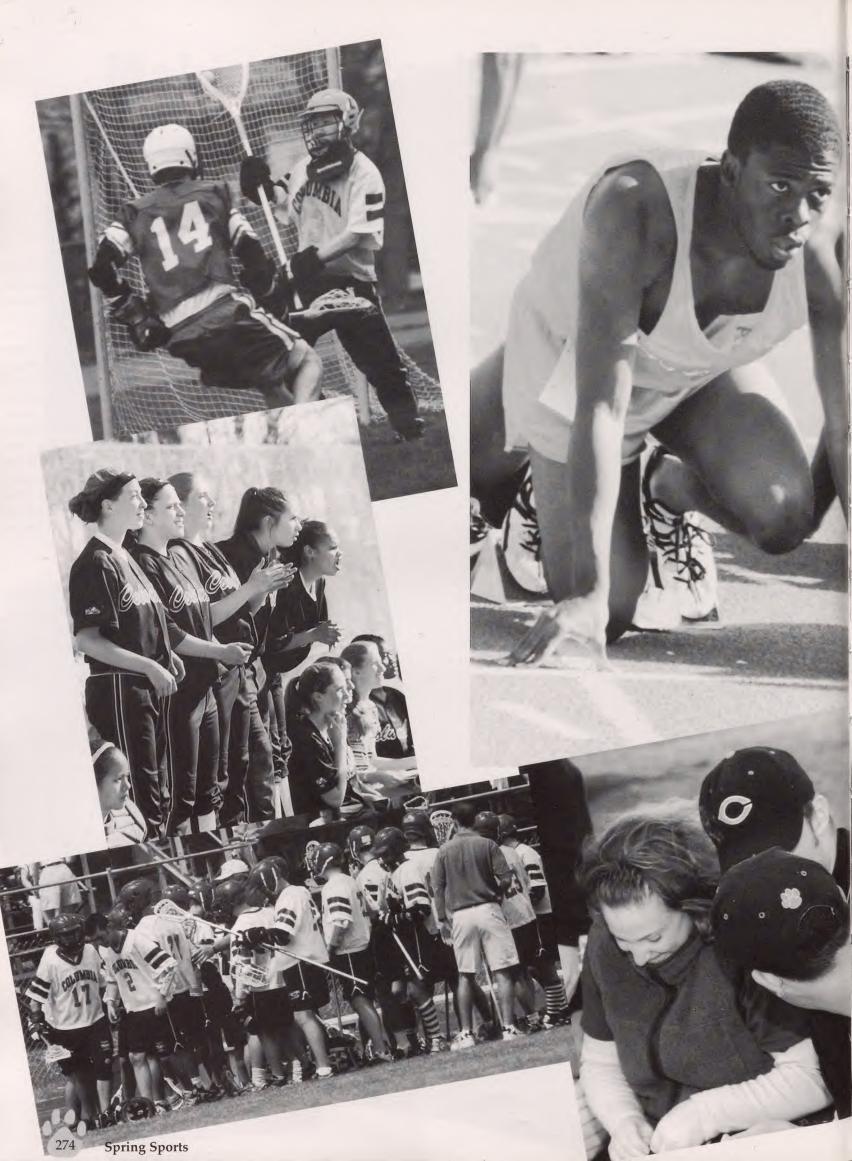
After the success of the Boys' Team last year, this year's team is poised to return as contender for the state championship. Led by six returning starters, the team hopes to improve upon its performance last year in the state tournament and repeat as the Iron Hills Conference champions. Three previous starting seniors, Alex Toledano, Josh Posner (1st doubles), and Jeff Greenberg (2nd Doubles), will return for their last year, seeking to set the standard for future Columbia Tennis Teams with a victorious season. Early last season, the team flirted with a Top 20 ranking in the state, but then fell back as time progressed. With the returning of six starters, including Juniors Barron Weir (1st singles), and co-captain Mike Garea (2nd singles), and Ryan Zia (1st doubles), and the addition of a few Freshmen, this year seems to be the best chance in the near future for the Columbia High School Boys Tennis Team to succeed.

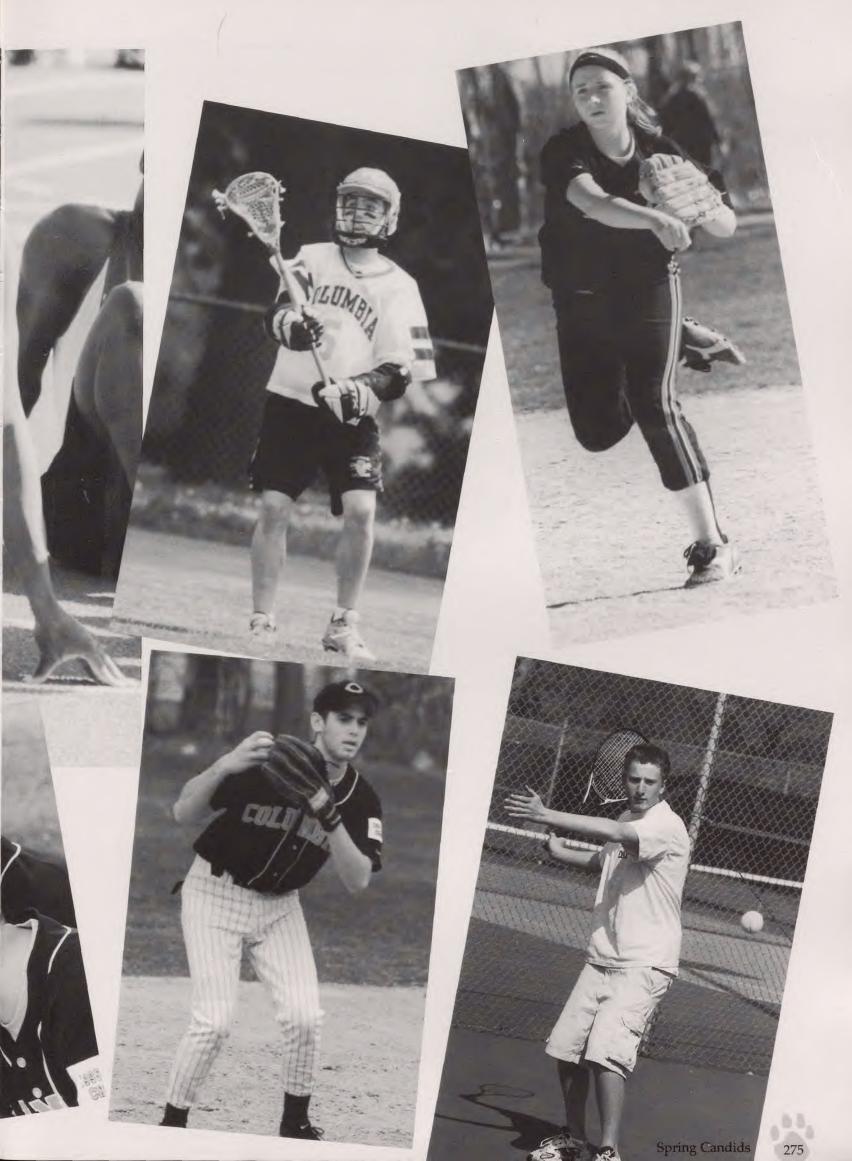
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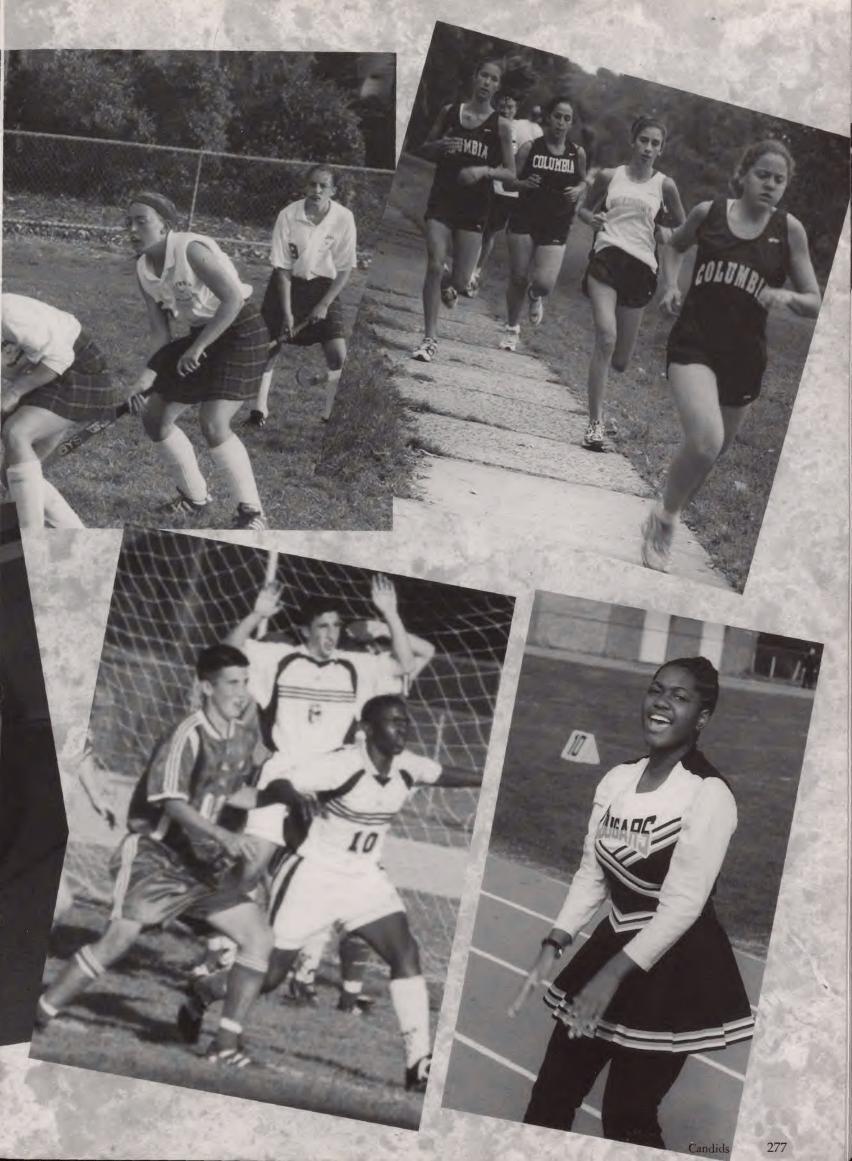
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Ari Samet









#### Unleashed at Underhill

Football

This season of football may not have looked as much of an accomplishment, but that's only to the outside eye. Yeah, the record was not one of the Courgars best, but major changes had been made, and for the better. There's no more losing mentality. New coaches, new plays, and new ways to do things. This year for the first time we learned more than just football. We learned how to carry ourselves as football players, and as respectable, intelligent young men. We also learned that respect had to be earned. It's never just given to you. To have pride and to know you tried your best. To go all 48 minutes and to hit, stick, and never quit. It was great to have coaches that we can relate to, talk to, joke with, and enjoy great moments with. They gave us this feeling that they really believed in us. They didn't only fill in the spaces as coaches, but almost as brothers, or even as fathers to some of us. If only they were here in past years, it

might have filled parts of our hearts that we feel are missing. Future players are very lucky and we encourage everyone to play in the future years. INTERVALS!!!!

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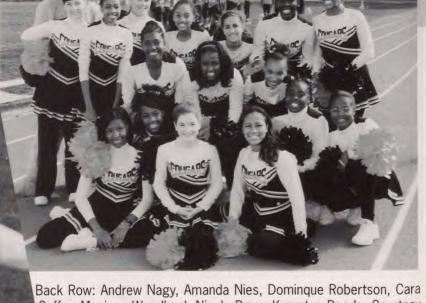
Luther Bowen



Julieian Brodie



Standing Coach Cooper, Mikael Oliver, Dennis Hinton, Corey Thomas, Hanri Glemaud, Andrew Warner, Curtis Pierce, Jameel Taylor, Mike Tynes, Brad Pennington, Faubry Dorvillma, Corey Johnson, Julieian Broadie, Kwame Williams, Anton Cunningham, Coach McCombs. **2nd Row Kneel**ing: Coach Tandy, Jason Fredricks, Darian Roopnarine, Kali Warren, Emeka Nwani, Steven Webb, Mike Curtis, Ricky Ragan, Mike Jasmin, Andre Reed, Marcel Taylor, Jean Glemaud, Lamar Baker, Coach Ware. **1st Row Kneeling:** Greg Batroni, Ed Smith, Deronie Cole, Brieem Towns, Leiraun Baldwin, Quereeb Muhammed, Erroll Thompson, Yasin York, Jermaine Clarke, Craig Walker, Rob Patterson. **Sitting:** Muhammed Weeks, Daryl Washington, Kevin Dees, Salaam Mitchell, Frank Geddin, Reggie Lamptey, Rajon Lewis, Luther Bowen, Matt Mitchell.



We Got Spirit!

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Back Row: Andrew Nagy, Amanda Nies, Dominque Robertson, Cara Soffer, Monique Woodland, Nicole Beno, Kaersten Deeds, Courtney Thompson. Middle Row: Kristen Turner, Leah Dungee, Jere Defreitas Front Row: Shalonda Sholes, Andrea, Melody Johansson, Xiomara Chavious, Ruth Acteclona, Leah Witter.

Fall Sports

Leah Dungee

There have been some outstanding and new adjustments made to the Fall Cheerleading Squad. First and foremost, we recieved yet another new coach. Mrs. Alice Bryant, who is also the Winter Basketball Cheerleading coach, stepped in and helped us create some of the new things that were seen out on the field. Along with brand new uniforms, we incorporated stunting and enforced brighter attitudes for this year's season, with help from Tri-captains Xiomara Chavious, Melody Johansson, and Shalonda Sholes.

Although not every game turned out for the best, all of the cheerleaders continued cheering though the rain, the freezing cold, and when people had given up hope. The smiles stayed on our faces and the cheers came with them. We always seem to remind everyone that Cheerleading was indeed just as much of a sport as football or soccer. Cheerleading takes hard work, spirit and dedication. When you're out there, you can lose your voice, have a bad fall in a stunt, and worst of all you must find enough spirit to continue cheering when your team is going through its hardest time. This is what Cheerleading is all about. Copy by Xiomara

Chavious

Andrew Nagy as the Cougar

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Xiomara Chavious

Sholes

and

Melody Johansson



### Down the Field and off to Victory ...

#### Field Hockey

The season started out on a hot sunny day in August. The girls were putting on their sneakers to do the annual timed run. This was for the coaches to see who had been working out during the summer, and who hadn't. There were girls who came in very quickly, and then there were others who were walking in slowly, with sweat pouring down their faces.

That hot week in August was a very long one. Everyone was really anxious to see who was going to make Varsity.

By the end of the week the Varsity Team was formed with eight seniors, eight juniors, and two sophomores. They were ready to begin their season.

The 1999 Team had skill, strength, determination, and never once gave up. Led by senior captains Maria Tabia and Helen Leitner, the Cougars ended their season with a record 8-7-2, which was an improvement from last year's 6-7-2. Each Varsity athlete played an important role in every victory. Individual standouts include Maria Tabia, who was named All Iron Hills and All Essex County First Team, and Helen Leitner, who was named Second Team All Iron Hills and All Essex County First Team. Also, Sarah Nolan was named Honorable Mention for Essex County.

The Cougars will be losing eight very valuable seniors, but the team looks forward to six returning starters. The talented underclassmen will ensure a strong and successful 2000 season.

Captain Maria Tabia

Varsity — Standing L to R: Coach Nancy Ettinger, Sarah Nolan, Rachel Kaufman, Kate Shoener, Mary Kate Parsons, Brady Beach, Nora Nolan, Katie Holtz. Kneeling L to R: Jessica Miller, Leighanne Vader, Megan McCurdy, Katie Hildebrand, Liz Reina. Sitting L to R: Helen Leitner, Alison Wolfley, Maria Tabia, Michelle Tan.

Field Hockey

Junior Goalie Sarah Nolan

#### Going for the Goal Boys Soccer

The Columbia Cougars Boys Soccer Team had yet another successful season. The team compiled a 17-5-1 record, while posting 11 shut outs. Throughout the season, the team scored a total of 42 goals while allowing only 20. Seniors Dan Lovitz, Pat Glennon, Mike Farah, Jett Greenberg, Matt Eismann, Chris Alter, Parbai Bowen, Jordan Bar Am, Juan Arrieta, Koffi Ayi and Brain Zagar all contributed to this great season. There are 12 returning varsity players to fill the roster for next years squad; among those twelve are Mike Garea, Chris Cariello, Mike Odumewu, and goal keeper Dan Protas. Next year's team looks as strong as the past two teams and we wish them the best of luck next year.

Dan Lovitz

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Pat Glennon

Chris Alter

Mike Farah

Jordan BarAm

The Varsity Team: Assistant Coach Laskowski, Brian Zagar, Koffi Ayi, Pat Glennon, Dan Lovitz, Mike Farah, Parbai Bowen, Matt Eismann, Juan Arrieta, Jett Greenberg, Chris Alter, Jordan BarAm, Coach Chzowych. Kneeling: Ball Boy, Julio Arrieta, Mike Odumewu, Moa Mengesha, John Allison, Jason Handrinos, Danny Protas, Mike Garea, Justin Ben-Ascher, Troken Bowen, Joe Frankoski, Chris Cariello, Keith Gross, Ball Boy.

Parbai Bowen

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Jett Greenberg



The JV Team

The Freshmen Team

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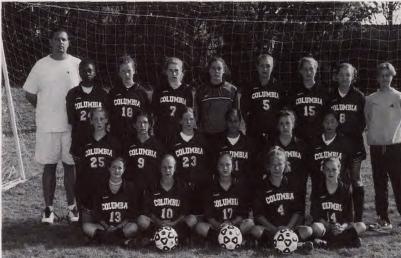
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#### Alive and Kickin' Girls Soccer

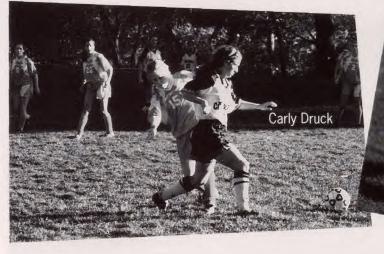
The Columbia High School Girl's soccer team had an exciting season with many exciting and battling memories. With a record of 13-6, they came out stronger and tougher than anyone had expected. The squad was led by senior captains Jesse McGrath, Sarah Kwaitkowski, and Jackie Borrone — who this season proved to everyone what incredible players they are. McGrath, one of the top goalies in the state, showed her potential in every game letting the defense know that she was always ready to shut down anything coming her way. Seniors Deirdre Kelly, Lauren Freese, and Heather Ryan were also big assets to the victories. The Cougar's most exciting victory was against rival Roxbury, where in the last 45 seconds freshman Meghan Kerns scored the winning goal making the score 3-2. These girls were not only in outstanding shape, but had incredible mental toughness as well as strength. Next year junior Helen Kearny and sophomore Alexis Shore will lead the team to what is hopefully another victorious season. With the help of returning varsity players Lauren Burrows, Trish Parker, Kiera Connerty, Carly Druck, Kaitlin Kerns, Ali Robinton, Meghan Kerns and Mary Rauen, the Cougars will definitely be strong and ready for what next year brings.



Team: *Top:* (left to right) Coach "Biggs", Lauren Daniels, Meghan Zichelli, Kaitlin Kerns, Jesse McGrath, Jackie Borrone, Meghan Kerns, Lauren Burrows, Coach Danielle Getchman

*Middle:* Mary Rauen, Carly Druck, Kiera Connerty, Trish Parker, Helen Kearny, Heather Ryan,

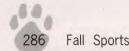
Bottom Row: Ali Robinton, Lexi Shore, Sarah Kwiatkowski, Lauren Freese, Dee Kelly

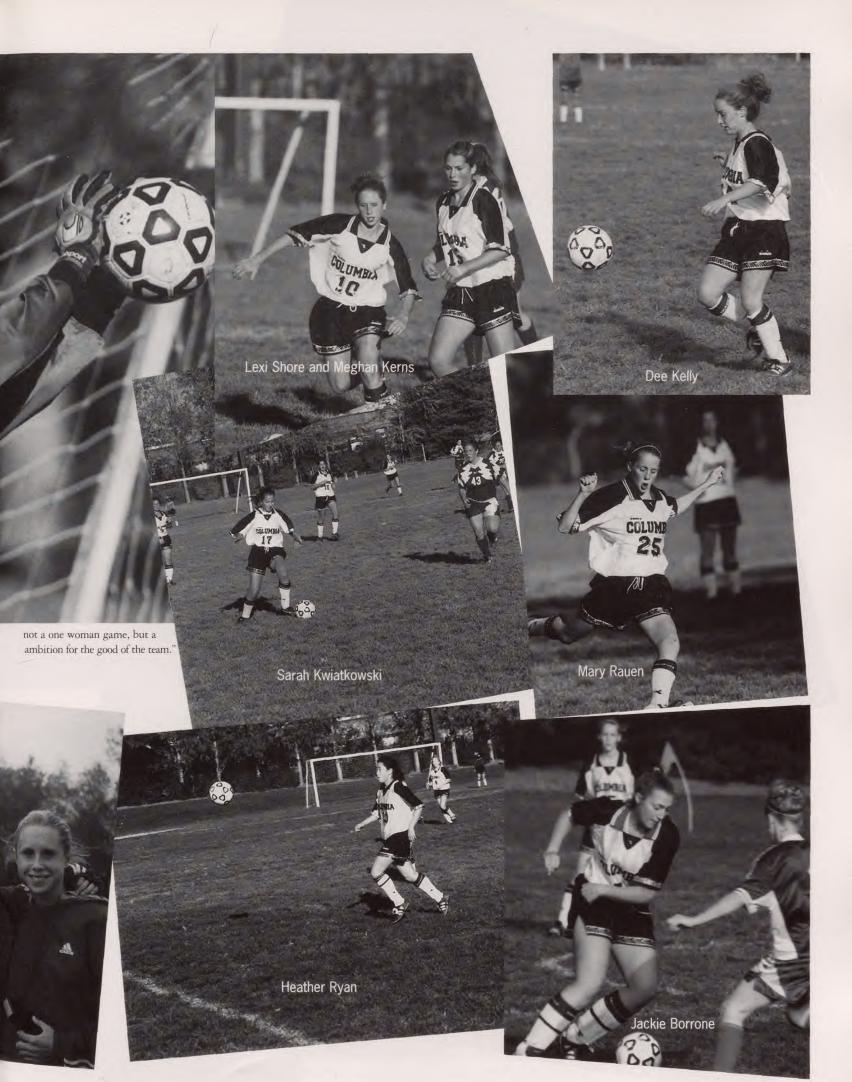




Quote: "Teamwork if absolutely essential to winning soccer games. Soccer is team undertaking a team endeavor. Each girl must be willing to sacrifice personal

Lauren Freese





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# Flippin' Out

Gymnastics

Despite the loss of Coach Carrie Spender and last season's talented seniors, the girls gymnastics team was still able to have a successful season under the direction of former CHS gymnast Shoshana Bannett. This years team, led by senior captains Kim Ramones, Kate Reuter and Julie Stein looked to underclassmen Nicole Santiago-Rolon, Sharona Mallach, Sarah Gordon and Erica Anzalone-Newman for strong showings in all four events. Competing in a difficult section, the team was still able to show a 5-6 record, and finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the Bulldog tournament. To finish off the season, sophomore Sharona Mallach and seniors Kim Ramones, Kate Reuter and Julie Stein represented Columbia at State Sectionals in Union.



Nicole Santiago

Rebecca Aronoff

Top to Bottom Left to Right: Julie Stein, Kate Rueter, Kim Ramones, Nicole Santiago, Sarah Gordon, Sharona Mallach, Jess Flax, Jen Gordon, Maritza Thomas, Erica Angloan-Newman, Rebecca Aronoff, Carrie Pomerance, Joanna Leslie.



**Gymnastics** 

#### Rippin' up the Court Girls Tennis

The 1999 Girls Tennis team had a successful season. Led by captains Amanda Kennedy '00, Rebecca Robin '00, and Priscilla Davies '00, the team ended at 9-9, which was a big improvement from the 1998 season. The singles line-up was powerful with Davies in first, Kennedy in second and freshman newcomer Naomi Barrowclaugh at third.

Rebecca Robin and Bari Rogoff '03 played in the 1st doubles position while Anella Papallardo '01 and Emily Cooper '02 played second doubles.

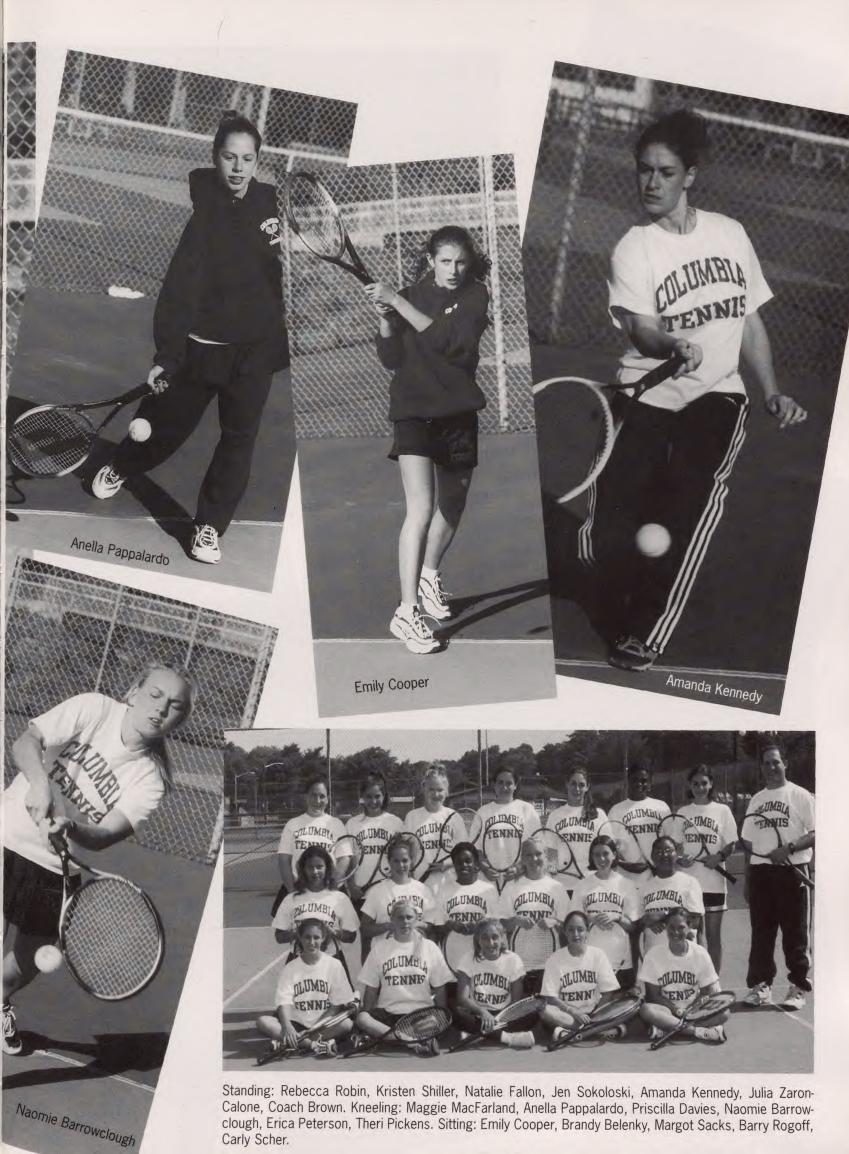
Due to an injury at the end of the season, the team had to bring up Natalie Fallon '03 to play in second doubles. With so many returning players, there is no doubt that the 2000 tennis team will be strong.

Rebecca Robin

The Captains

Priscilla Davies

Barry Rogoff



Calone, Coach Brown. Kneeling: Maggie MacFarland, Anella Pappalardo, Priscilla Davies, Naomie Barrowclough, Erica Peterson, Theri Pickens. Sitting: Emily Cooper, Brandy Belenky, Margot Sacks, Barry Rogoff, Carly Scher.

#### Running Wild Boys Cross Country

Do you like to run? Would you be able to run five miles every day and not be exhausted by the end of the week? Yes? Then, the Boys Cross-Country team wants you. Entering the 1999 season, the cross-country coaches known as "Steel" (Coach Lucas) and "J" (Coach Jackson) knew they had the two best runners in the conference, Kyle Jasey '00 and Colin Brown '00. They achieved an outstanding duel meet record of 7-1 as well as the county and state sectional title. It was due to the combined efforts of all the athletes that inspired and catapulted the team to achieve such distinction. The team captains were Kyle Jasey and Colin Brown.

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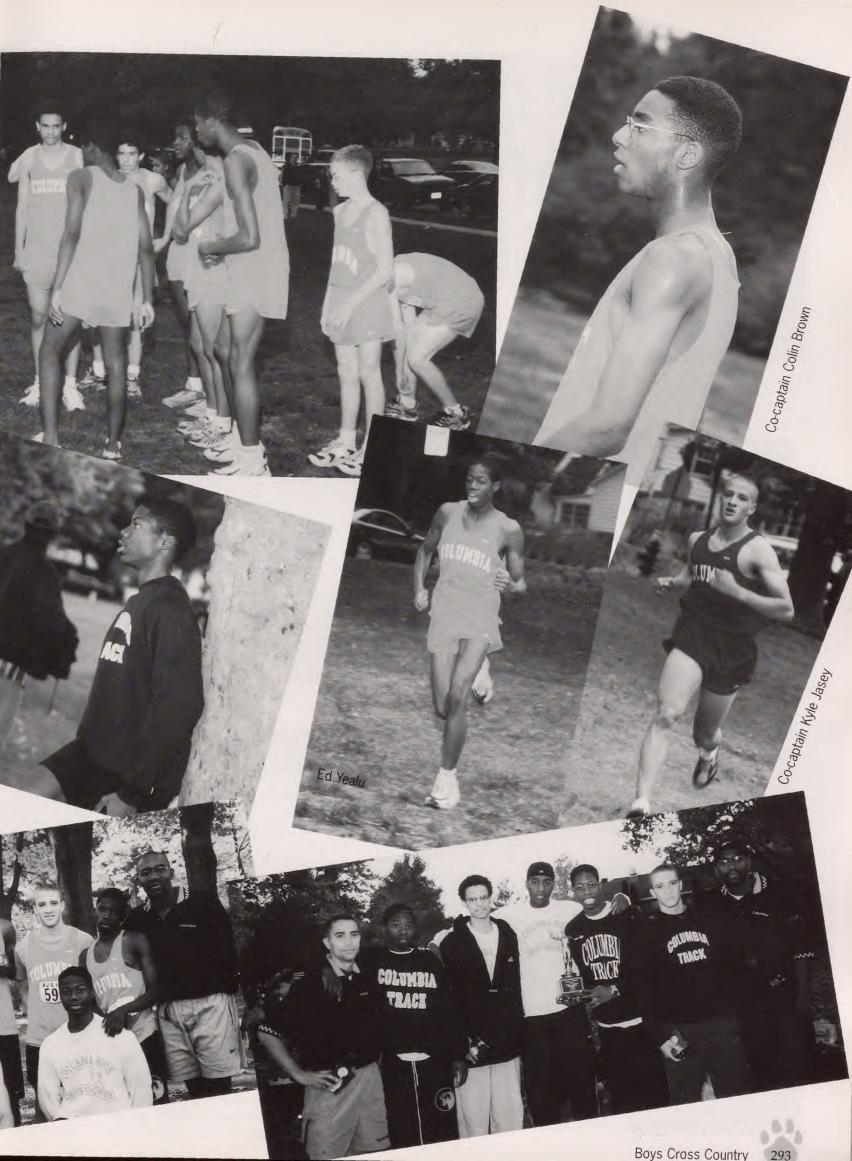
awn Smith



Top: Takpor Yealu, Guy Antione, Edward Yealu, Sherwyn Noel, Kyle Jasey, Peter Joseph, Coach Lucas. Bottom: Shawn Smith, Andrew Earlich, Joel Weinberger, David Jefferies, Say Flags. Missing: Colin Brown, Troy Murray, Kyle Alesto, David Jimenez, Donald Knox, Chris Pax, Andrew Tuttle, Adam Johnston.



Seniors at Rest



# Diamonds in the Ruff Girls Cross-Country

In early September Coach Lucas and Coach Jackson stumbled across some rocks (runners). They worked dilligently to polish, shape and form these rocks into diamonds. The 1999 women's cross-country team finished the regular season with 7-0 in dual meets, IHC champions, County champions, and finished the season as one of the top six teams in the entire state of New Jersey. The varsity team consisted of Amina Zohny '00, Rebecca Shore '00, Fatima Garuba '00, Lauren Peach '00, Gina Cespedes '01, Courtney Epps '02, Jessica Cohen '02, and Alex Boksay '03.



Courtney Epps, Amina Zohny, Fatima Garuba, Rebecca Shore

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Kelly Regan, Meira Gottlieb, Yolanda Kershaw, Lilian Obwige







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*Top:* Coach Lucas, Jocelyn Sanders, Alex Boksay, Kelly Regan, Lilian Obwage, Coach Jackson. *Middle:* Gina Cespedes, Jessica Cohen, Courtney Epps, Gladys Gabriel. *Bottom:* Shana Fladger, Yolanda Kershaw



Fatima Garuba, Andria Matthews, Meira Gottlieb, Rebeca Shore, Lauren Peach, Amina Zohny



**Top:** Coach Lucas, Fatima Garuba, Amina Zohny, Lauren Peach, Coach Jackson, Shana Fladger. **Bottom:** Courtney Epps, Jessica Cohen, Gina Cespedes, Meira Gottlieb, Priya Shah. **Missing:** Gabrielle Fredman, Andria Matthews, Rebecca Shore, Gladys Gabriel, Yolanda Kershaw, Lilian Obwage, Jocelyn Sanders, Alexandra Boksay, Kelly Regan



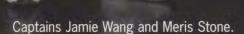
Rebecca Shore, Lauren Peach, Amina Zohny, Fatima Garuba, Adrienne Ashford.

#### The Joy of Sets Girls Volleyball

The 1999 Girls Varsity Volleyball team, led by co-captains Meris Stone and Jamie Wang started at a sluggish pace due to a late pre-season and a final adjustment to the fall season. Despite these struggles the team kept a good attitude and spirit throughout the whole season fostered by spirit captain Akili Lynn. This helped unify the team and encouraged hard work that lead to a final record of 12-7. While inexperienced players stepped up and developed the skills at a varsity level, middle hitter Alana Jones lead Columbia to be an offensively strong team. Other key players include Carla Kellner ('01) Camila Vilanova ('01) and Chikwue Okaro ('01), and Viviane Dussek ('02) who have much to look forward to next year.

Carla Kellner

Alana Jones



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Lauren Redmore, Jean Crawford, Meris Stone, Camila Vilanova, Jamie Wang, Viviane Dussek, Carla Kellner, Lisa Boelio, Coach Fordi, Jocelyn Knight, Emma Rebhorn, Akili Lynn, Chikwue Okaro, Alana Jones, Lauren Burke.

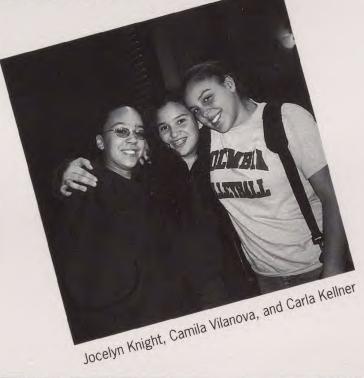
Camila Vilanova



Akili Lynn



Bottom row: Damaris Laguna, Lila Branigan, Laura Evangelista. Middle row: Johanna Perez-Fox, Katie Paster, Diana DePalma. Top row: Laura Tillman, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Tracy Barry-Austin, Aqeelah Mateen, Ayanna Peeples.

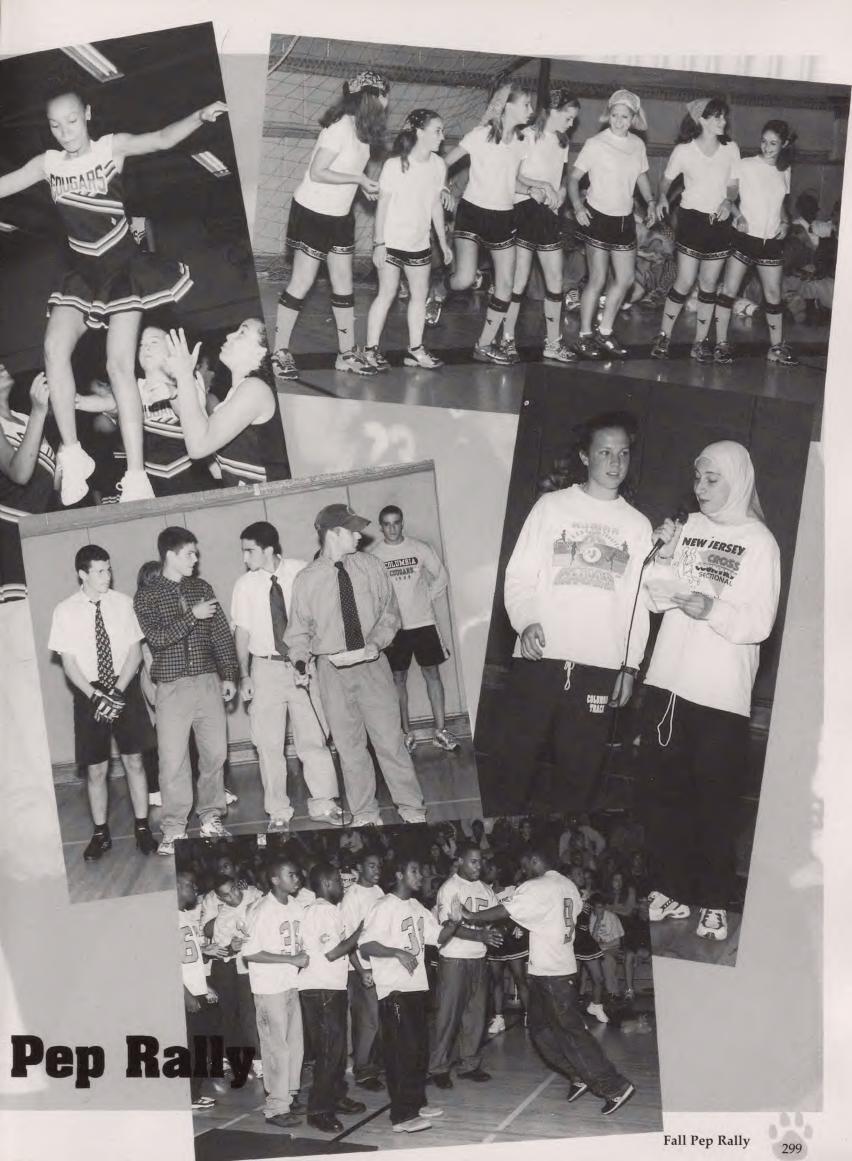




Team together for dinner at Tratoria

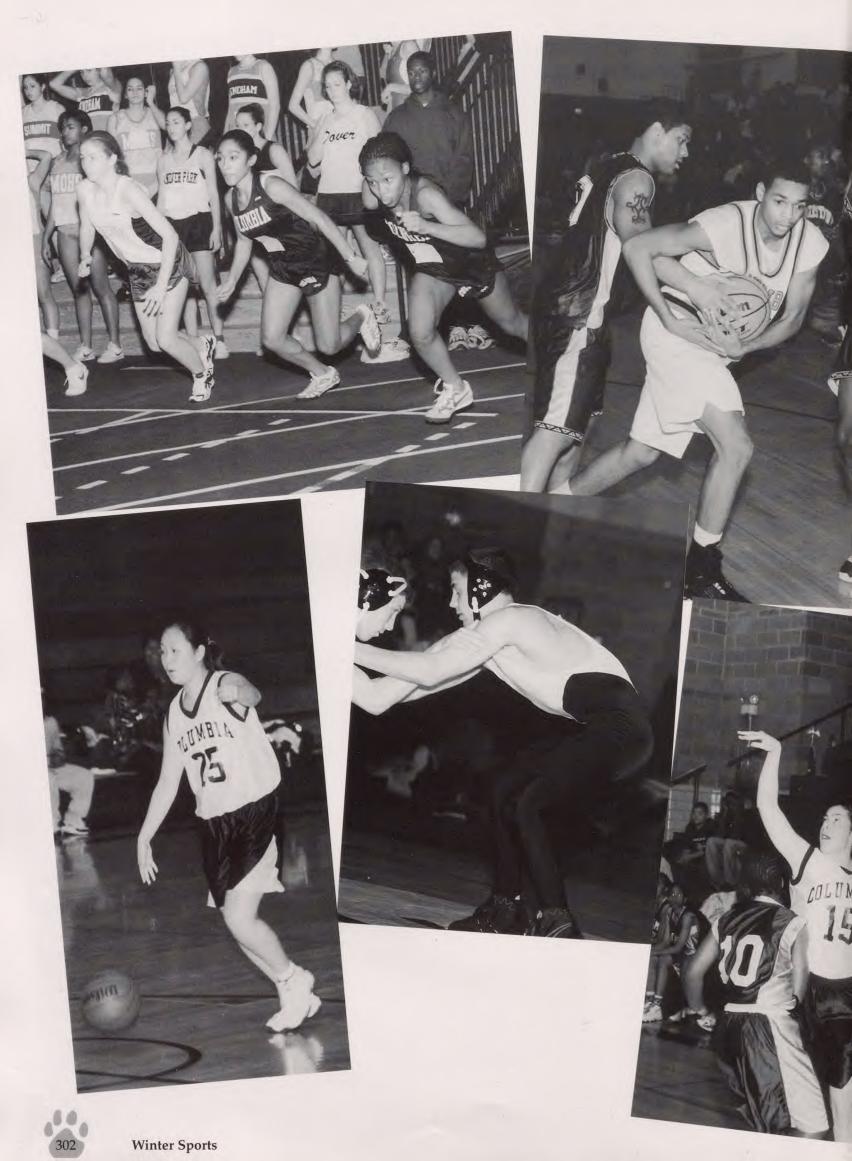


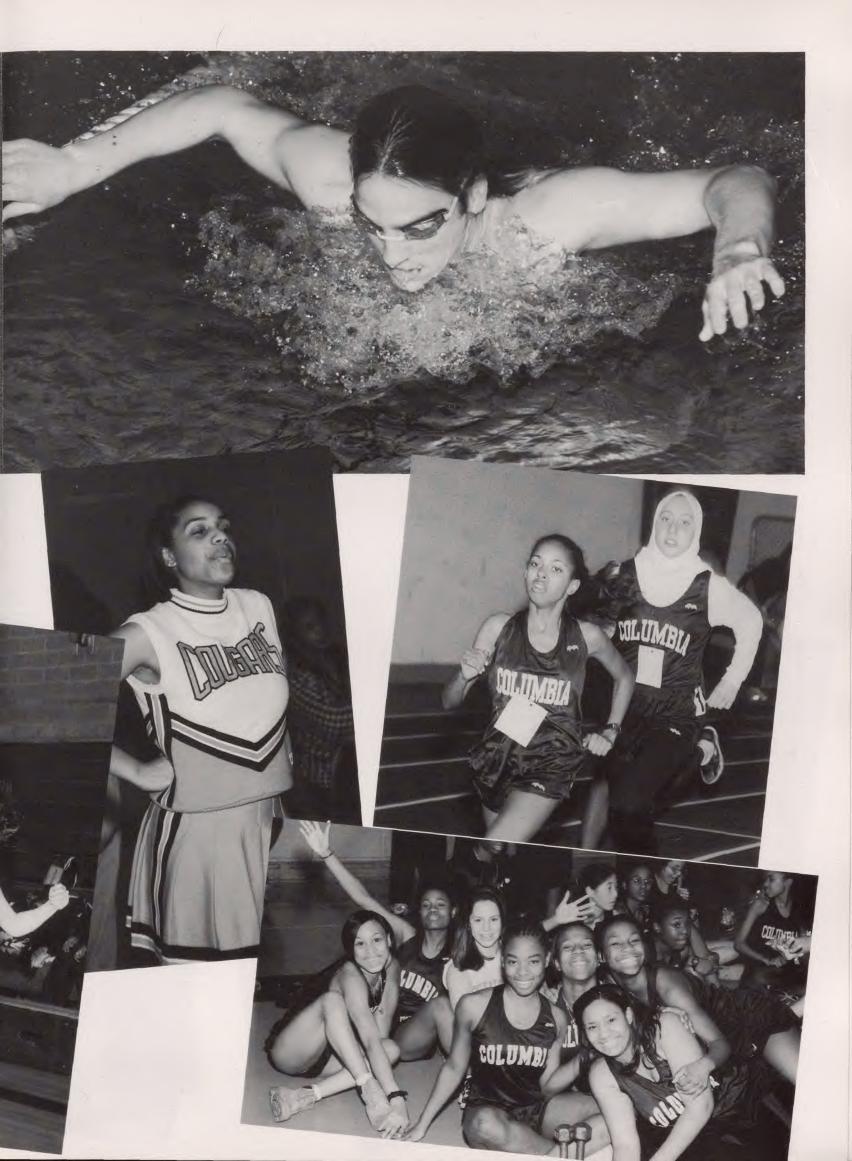












#### JUMP AND SCORE! Boys Basketball



Back row: Manager Ariel Bayer, Coach Bailey, Stanley Bernard, Gerard Ohen, Sloan Baptiste, Jonathan Arthur, Olakunie Olaslende, Harold Stephens, Darian Roopharine, Managers — Tiffany Thompson, Keira Keys. Front row: Luther Bowen, Michael Abdul-Qawi, Eddie Turner, Dezmond Morgan, Arnie Penn, Barron Weir, Kevin Martin



Back row: Coach Chaplin, Dajon Semidey, Norman Sherrif, Oladapo Arawhole, Omer Springfield, Fred Jenkins, Dwayne Jones. Front row: Doug Ruberstein, Matt Meade, Ramon Williams, Fritz Francois, Venix Nicholas



Gerard Ohen



The 99-00 Boys Basketball team started a rebuilding process this year. The Cougars were led to an 11-9 record by co-captains, Gerard Ohen, Olakunle Olasiende and Darian Roopharine. Columbia had to depend on the play of underclassmen, Dezmond Morgan, Stanley Berarnd, Michael Abdul-Qawi and Jonathan Arthur. With an unexpected first round loss to Union in States, the Cougars season came to a close.

Columbia looks forward to a tremendous season next year from a strong returning class of Luther Bowen, Harold Stephens, and Kevin Martin. With these players and coaching staff the Cougars look to surpass all obstacles.



Seniors of the team.

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Dezmond Morgan

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#### Shootin' Hoops Girls Basketball

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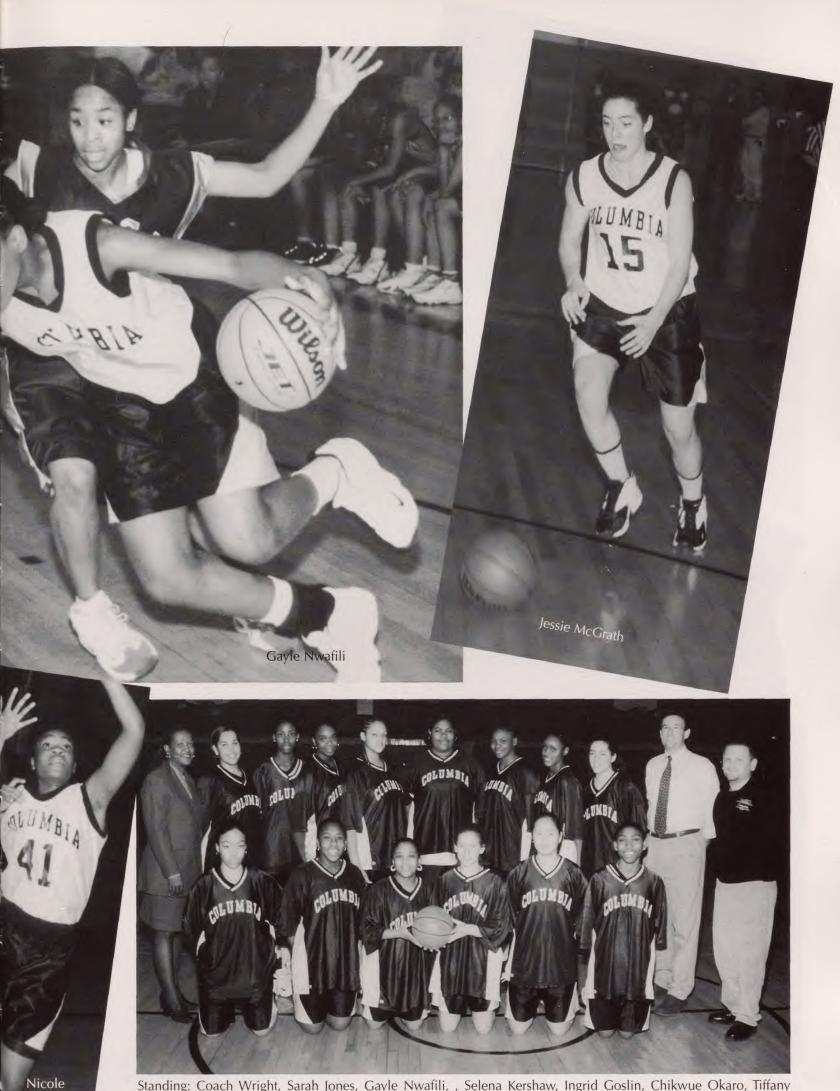
The girls Basketball team proved themselves worthy again in the 1999-2000 season. They went as far as the state section finals and captured the conference championship along Captains Jessie the way. McGrath, Sarah Jones and Gayle Nwafili brought the team through a spectacular season ending with a record of 21-5. With eleven returning varsity players, next year's team is looking forward to going all the way.

Chikwue Okaro

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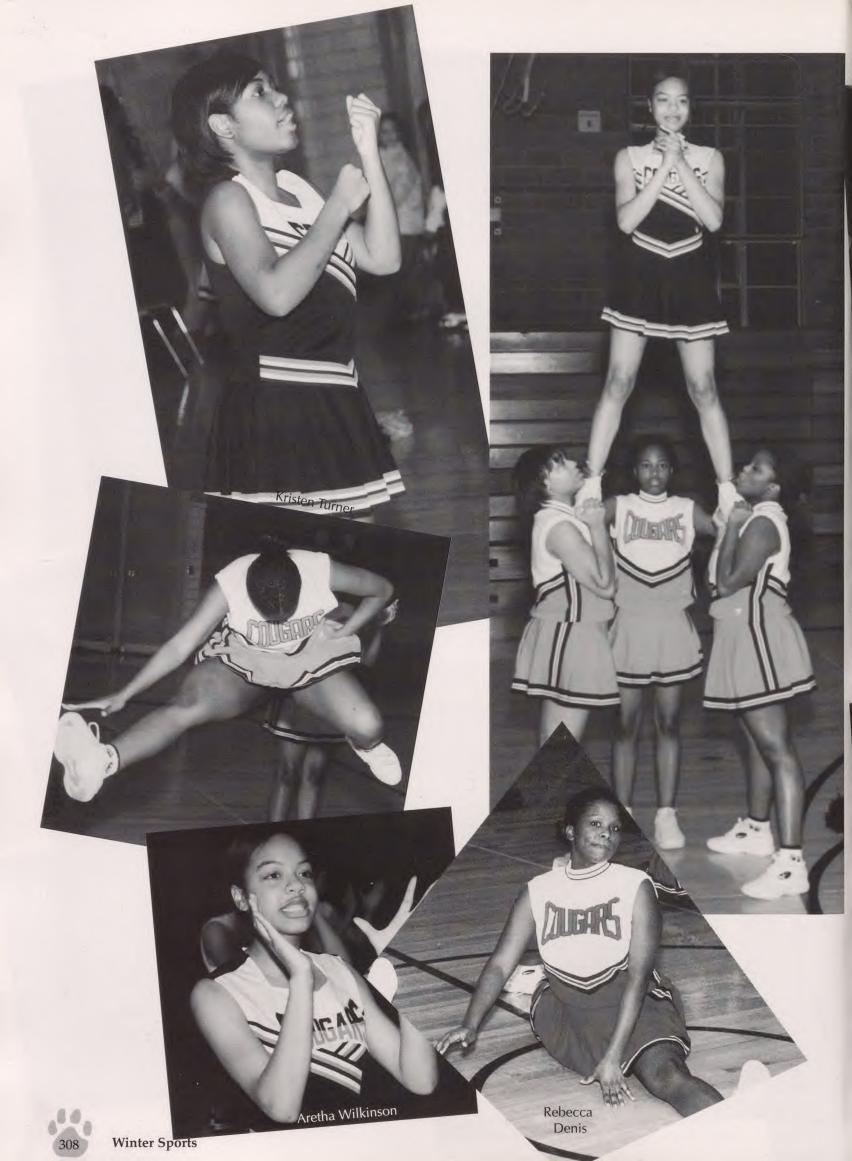
Sarah Jones, Gayle N



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Standing: Coach Wright, Sarah Jones, Gayle Nwafili, , Selena Kershaw, Ingrid Goslin, Chikwue Okaro, Tiffany Smith, Jessie McGrath, Jerry Paradiso, Anthony Cilenia. Kneeling: Shonda Davis, Lauren Burnett, Nia Rasool, Sarah Duffy, Button England, Nicole Gooding.

**Girls Basketball** 



#### Making Noise Winter Cheerleading

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Nicole Wiggs

The Winter Cheerleading Squad helped boost school spirit as well as encouraging the Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams through their seasons. Their performance at the Winter Pep Rally hyped the crowd as usual. The girls kept morale high and were an essential component to the victories of both teams.

Chanel Gabrielle



Courtney Rolley

Standing: Alexis Greene, Allia Witter, Jere Defreitas, Denise Simpson, Chanel Gabrielle, Amanda Nies. Kneeling: Jenifer Craig, Rebecca Denis, Courtney Rolley, Lena Jackson, Sholonda Sholes. Sitting; Kristen Turner, Wanda Taylor, Nicole Wiggs, Aretha Wilkinson.

#### Nothing But Wet Swimming

It was anything but short of an amazing year for the '99-'00 Columbia HS swim team. Both the girls' and boys' teams, led by a brand new coach, Beth Dalzel, accomplished so much in their seasons. Despite the small number of participants, the boys team had lots of talent and looks incredibly promising for next year. The girls' team had quite a number of outstanding participants, including Rebecca and Lexi Shore, Erin Sammon, and Nicole DiJulio. The girls' team placed Second in both Iron Hills Conference Championships and Essex County Championships. Not only did the team accomplish that, but Rebecca Shore won her fourth consecutive First Place finish in the 200 Individual Medley in Counties, and the team set the record for placing First in the 200 Free Relay for the 7th straight year in a row, with swimmers Rebecca Shore ('00), Lexi Shore ('02), Lizzie Singler ('02), and Nicole DiJulio ('03). The girls' team was led by Tri-Captains Rebecca Shore, Kristen Stromko, and Gabrielle Fredman.



Top row: Coach Dalzel, Mariah May, Catharine Rotondi, Ryan Shandler, Lauren Northet, Jillian Middlebrooks, Leah Dungee, Claire Wasserman, Amy Steinbauer. Middle row: Johanna Perez-Fox, Tara Kelly, Tiffany Leone, Nicole DeJulio, CeCE Chavious, Tori Johnson, Stefanie Egbert, Johanna Debinska, Uche Anyinwu. Bottom row: Emily Fiocca, Tory Somers, Gabby Fredman, Rebecca Shore, Kristen Stromko, Lizzie Singler, Lexi Shore, Jaclyn Green, Erin Sammon.





Kristen Stromko

Frank Speranza



#### En Guard Fencing

The Fencing Team had one of the most successful seasons in years. It was led by five captains, one for each event, Jenny Redmore, Anne Marie LeDonne, Stephan Tanenbaum, Andrew Klein and Qwai Telesford. The team lunged their way to the top capturing the district and state titles. The competitors at the state level were LeDonne, Redmore, Wednesday Valestine and Columbia's secret Weapon Maggie Jordan. Jordan competed last summer in Nationals and was awarded 4th in the country. Next year's team is planning on continuing the hard work and possibly capturing another state title.



Mika Tomczak

Nick Franklin



Standing: Maggie Jordan, Annemarie LeDonne, Mika Tomczak, Alexandra Boksay, Katherine Solomon. Kneeling: Laura Holtzman, Jenny Redmore, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Samantha Smolin. Sitting: Nina Okoro, Christina Kaneshige.





Girls Captains Maggie Jordan, Katherine Solo-mon, Jenny Redmore

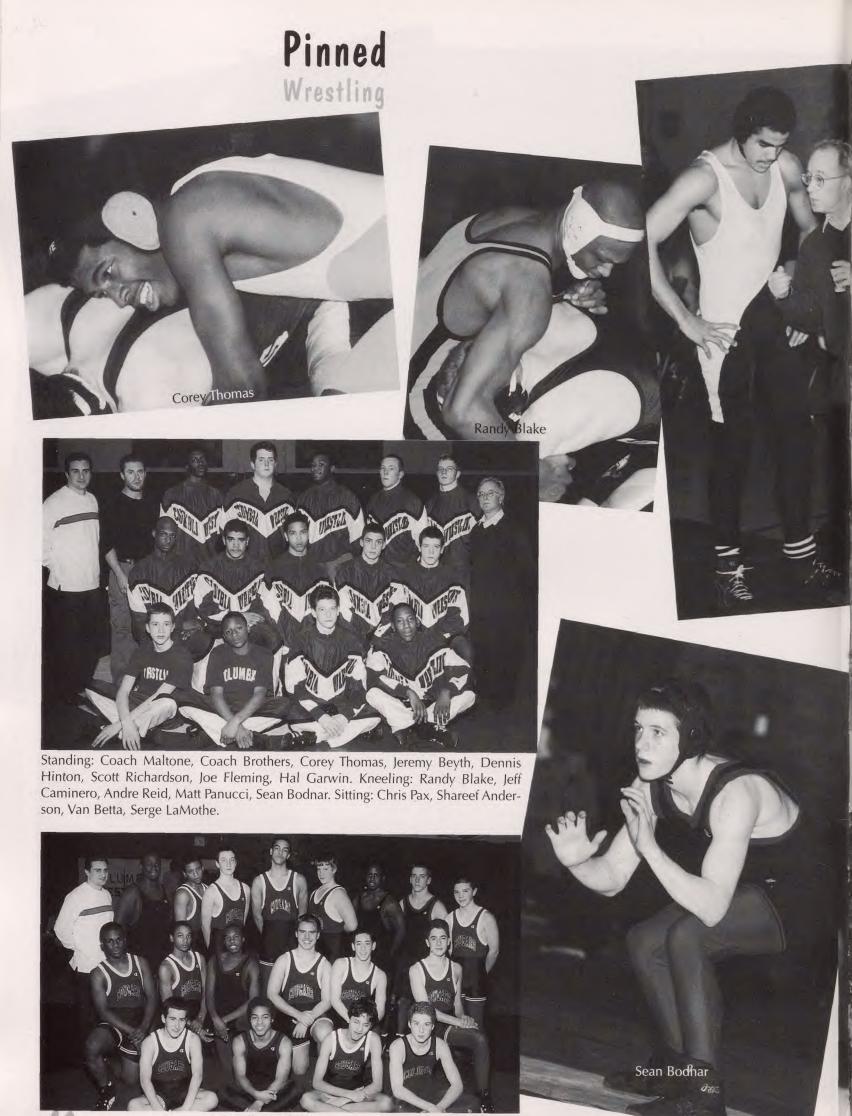
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Boys Captains Andrew Klein, Gilbert Dussek, Qwai Telesford



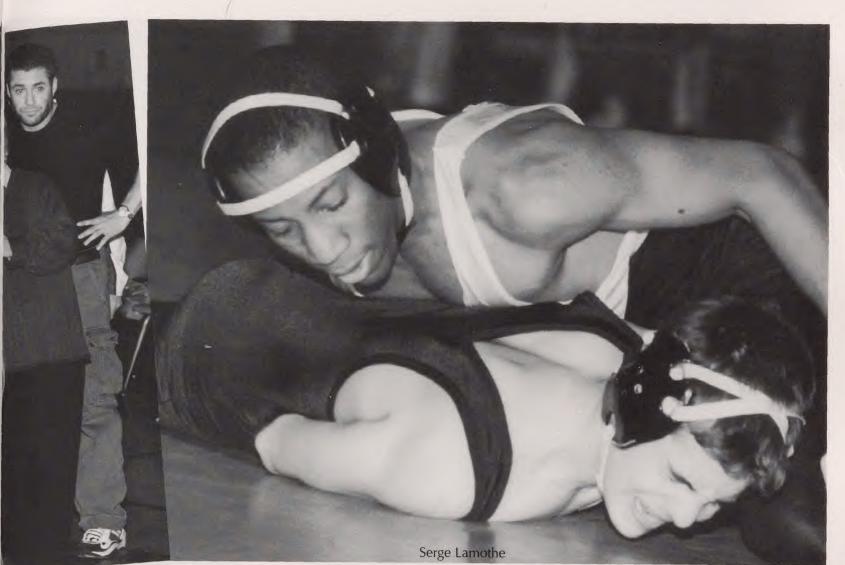
Standing: Jeffery Falgiani, Spencer Dennis, Brian Fulilove, Nicholas Franklin, Gilbert Dussek, Qawi Telesford. Kneeling: Andrew Klein, Devon Roderino, Brenton Martone, Matt Bowers. Sitting: Juliet Caviness, Helena Mohit Tabatabai, Betsey Dalbey. 20 ŝ.

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The JV Team



The 1999-2000 Wrestling Team was the last of an era, as head Coach David Brothers has announced that this was his last season with the team. Brothers along with Captains Serge Lamothe and Jeff Caminero led the team to a great final record. The key performers in this year's roster were Matt Panucchi, Van Betta, Scott Richardson, Caminero and Lamothe. Next year's team looks to be very promising with returning varsity players Corey Thomas, Randy Blake, Joe Fleming and Dennis Hinton all expected to be tough competitors.



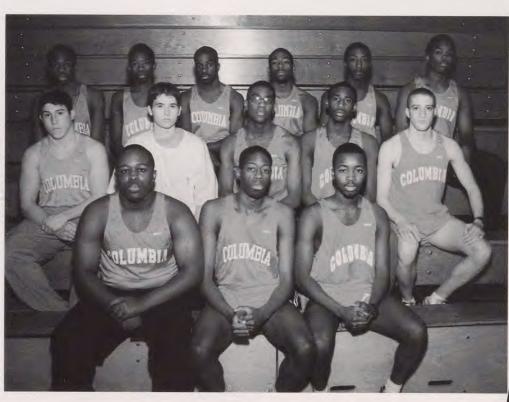


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## THE BEST OF THE BEST

Boys Indoor Track

The Boys Indoor Track team made some new year's resolutions and never looked back. Sweeping through the season as the Essex County Relays, Individual Champions and The Iron Hills Conference Champions. The Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team of Kyle Jasey, Takpor Yealu, Sherwyn Noel and Colin Brown qualified for the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships. Brown and Noel also qualified in the mile and 800 meters, respectively.



Michael Paton

Michael Fallon







Top: Coach Jackson, Stephane Magliore, Gerald Fredericks, Khemit Railey, Matt Mitchell, Leiraun Baldwin, Kali Warren, Reggie Lamptey, Andre Middleton, Coach Ellis. Top middle: Guy Antoine, Peter Conelly, Peter Joseph, Colin Brown, Kyle Jasey, Sherwyn Noel, Ralph Tucker, Carl Depiene. Middle: Manager-Nalva Mitchell, Mike Mistretta, Jarad Cato, Koffi Ayi, Takpor Yealu, Daid Jeffries, Mohammed Zohny, Quareeb Muhammed. Bottom: Rickson Benoit, Ed Yealu, Troy Murray, Shawn Smith, Jeff Pierre, Darel Washington

Ralph Tucker

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The weight team getting ready to defeat.

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### The Tradition Will Never Die!

Girls Indoor Track

The 1999-2000 Indoor Track season was a complete success. The girls team finished the season as Essex County Relay Champions, Essex County Individual Champions, and Iron Hills Conference Champs Runners-Up. The girls 4x400 team consisting of Michelle Nelson, Dara Stewart, Adrienne Ashford and Amina Zohny finished 4th in the state. While the 4x800 team consisting of Fatima Garuba, Lauren Peach, Amina Zohny and Courtney Epps qualified for the National Scholastic Indoor Track & Field Championship. All in all the track team has also had many other victories with the help and support of both Coach Jackson and Coach Ellis.



(r-l) Latoya Thompson, Adrien Ashford, Kellia Reed, Andrea Matthews, Heather Ryan, Amina Zohny, Lauren Peach, Fatima Garuba, Rashida Williams.



(r-l) Tiffany Sweet, Jewell Watson, Latoya Thompson, Adrienne Ashford, Andea Osei, Nicole Santiago-Rolan, Kellia Reed, Anella Pappalardo, Kai Cole (2-R) Lauren Daniels, Lauren Kitchen, Meira Gottlieb, Heather Ryan, Dominique Pickens, Marielle St. Surin, Cara Soffer, Pam Soffer, Desmone Perry, Deena Foster, (3-R) Nelva Mitchell, Alyson Mance, Gladys Gabriel, Kristen Hunter, Jamilia Pascall, Renada King, Amanda Reyes, Keena Driver, Lilian Obwoge, (4-R) Coach Steve Ellis, Courtney Epps, Michelle Nelson, Lauren Peach, Amina Zohny, Gina Cespedes, Lauren Wills, Andria Mathews, Rashida Williams, Fatima Garuba, Coach Jason Jackson.



(L-R) Courtney Epps, Amina Zohny, Fatima Garuba



Dara Stewart



Heather Ryan



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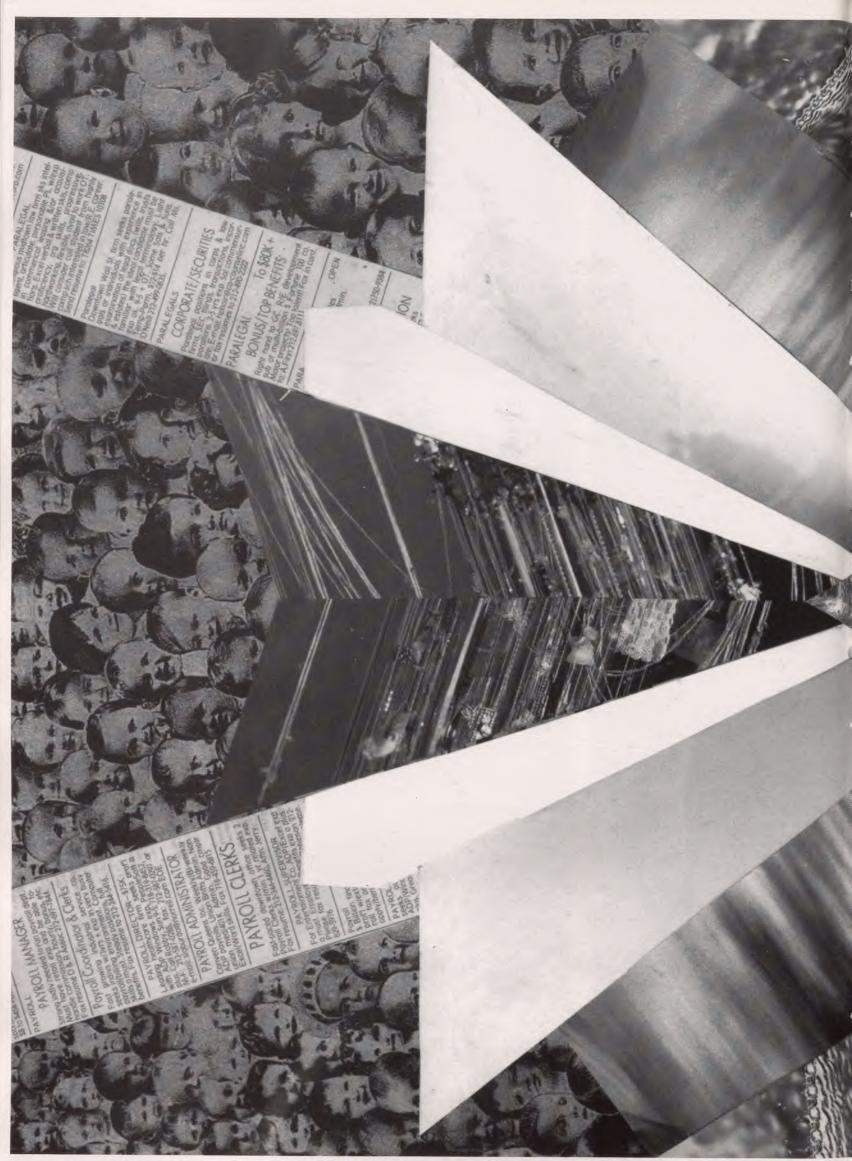
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Your commitment to school, community and church has been an inspiration to all.

You accepted each and every challenge without fear or trepidation, and your perseverance has earned you the respect of your peers.

You are beautiful both inside and out and we are so very thankful to God that we were blessed with a daughter as wonderful as yourself.

We love you and are proud of all your accomplishments. Mom. Dad. Calvin and Alex









## Christopher



It seems impossible that eighteen years have passed since you burst into our world. From very early on you made it clear that you were going places, never sitting still ... running, not walking; in a hurry everywhere. But most of the fun for you has always been the journey.

As you graduate and begin to make your way in the world, we hope that you continue to enjoy the journey, and to thrill at the destination.

We love you, Chris, and are very proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Tim and Michael







## To our Amelia

You've opened our eyes to all that CHS can offer ... marching band, a working dome and a world of growth and excitement. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and look with joy and anticipation to the wonders yet to come.

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Love,

Mom, Dad, Lila and Max

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## David, Congratulations!

## You Are Our Sunshine

You probably don't remember one of your first stuffed animals a little blue elephant that played "You Are My Sunshine." While we have all gone through some cloudy days along the way, You will always be our Sunshine!

> Love, Mom & Dad

Ps: A big thanks to the faculty and staff!



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Dearest Melody, no two parents could ever be more proud of their child. You have faced insurmountable peril and conquered it. Your strength and perseverance has shown us the importance of love, dedication and the beauty of life. In your eyes there is the strength of life and love few people can boast of or even imagine achieving. The love you have given back to us will never be out shined by any success we may ever achieve, for you are the greatest gift that any two parents could possibly hope for. We wish that your greatest hopes for the future and your dreams all come true and that all your goals are just a whisper away.

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Good Luck on all your dreams and goals. You have made me very proud and I couldn't do it without you by my side. Lot's of love.  $\P \P \P$ . I know you can do anything you put your mind to.

Love, Mom





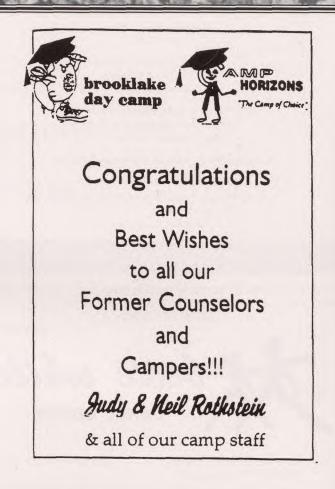
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We wish you success and happiness always. May all your hopes and dreams come true. Stay as sweet as you are.

Love

Mom, Dad and Ren





### CONGRATULATIONS, HOT SHOT!!

Always set your goals high and shoot for the stars ...

You've always made us proud, Ari!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Jordy and Maxine

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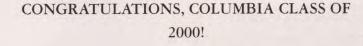
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Congratulations Jenny,

We're so very proud of you. May all your dreams and desires be fulfilled!

Love, Mom and Lauren



"The better part of happiness is to wish to be what you are." — Erasmus

We all love what you are, Helen!

Megan and Dion

Mom and Dad Wendy and Erin





#### Laura —

You have brought us joy and happiness every day of your life. We are so proud of you and of the young woman you have become.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." - Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your classmates in this new millennium!

> Love always, Mom, Dad, and Suzanne

#### Dear Emily,

Since the day you were born you have been the sweetest, most intelligent and loving girl. And you have only grown in all good qualities. Naturally, I could write a book about your life and all the fun and experiences we have had together as a family. We literally took on the world. And won! What a wonderful babyhood! You and I and Grandma were a small but a GREAT family. Those early Halloweens and costumes that I made for you were so much fun. We found the pumpkin patch and went on our annual hayrides. We were so cozy in our little house on those cold days. Grandma took you to preschool and the pool all summer long. That time really went by too quickly. Then you and I sitting in the airport. Never mind the long plane delays. You were never difficult. You took it all in stride. You were a better "man" than me! I have the picture in my mind of running for the train in Naples, you running ahead. You were fast but I had enough confidence in your good sense not to get on the train alone. Every time we went somewhere, you would leave the compartment and I would find you talking to someone. Nuns, men, women, families and children. And your new friends would always give me a compliment about you. You always made friends. Remember the first time I took you to school in Deliceto. You didn't speak one word of Italian and you cried. You didn't want me to leave you until the class started to do mathematics. Then you turned to me and said, "You can go now". But before I even left, the girl in front of you left her seat to come over and hug you. What a brave little girl you were! Of course, I also remember taking you to Our Lady of Sorrows kindergarten for your first day of school. Again, you were so beautiful and so calm. Grandma and I were excited but you were a trooper. And I am so happy that we have the movie of that experience for you to keep. I also look back with a smile on the summer we spent on the beach in Lavinio. It was like having two sisters for you and a crowd of great friends. You seem to spend a lot of time in water fights in the summer. I wish and pray that you have a future of all the happiness and contentment there is. I wish you good and true friends. I hope that you continue growing as the good person you are.

As you leave high school, you begin a new part of your life. But for you, this is old hat! All my love, Mom

Dear Em, The first time I met you was Dec. 7th, 1982. You were quiet and appeared to be assessing your surrounding and especially your Mom. Now it's been 17 years and you are still quiet and thoughtful, some things never change! When you look back on this time, I hope that you remember all the good things we've all done as a family. The Christmas Show, birthday celebrations, LBI, watching movies together, Thanksgiving with the family, and all our pool parties. We Love You, Aunt Terri, Uncle Larry, Rachel, Elizabeth, and Samantha.



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## BRI,

You are a miracle that God has blessed us with. In all that you do continue to acknowledge God first and he will continue to bless you. No matter how challenging things get always remember that all things are possible through God. In all that you do take god with you. Remember those famous word "stay up and never let any-one get you down." As you traverse the grid iron of life always let the lord thy God be your guiding light and protector. Always believe that he can do it and it will be done. Brieem, we know that you have hidden talents that you have not yet discovered. We only hope that we're around to see you realize your full potential. Son, remember to look up when you feel down and always know that when everyone else is gone we'll always be around.



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Love, Dad, Mom, Rebecca and Hilary



## Congratulations Katusia

We wish you luck as you face your future and hope that life will bring much joy and success. We have, will and always be proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Ricardo & the entire Family

#### Ivonne

From the moment we first held you we knew you were a very special gift, one we would love and cherish for the rest of our lives. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. You have a bright future ahead of you, make every day count! Love you always

Mom, Dad and Diane





#### To Lauren Lula

"Give me a task too big, too hard for human hands, then I shall come at length to lean on thee, and leaning, find my strength." Witt Fowler

You have grown into a very special young lady and our love and pride has grown too.

Reflect on your past and all great things you have accomplished.

Look forward to all wondrous things that wait for you.

And in these great moments, realize what a gift your life is to me and to all those who know you.

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#### \* Laina \*

Frosh \* We first meet and gossip about hot older find our that we are in the have one friend! Even



\* Soph \* 6th period lunch was always a blast, w/ our in depth convos a/b SBTB, PO5 & 90210.

Everyone goes on cruises, Laina goes to "Bermuda". AOL, Laina blocks all Email from Tracy b/c she sends too many Fwds. Lainas Bat Mitzvah w/ hot boys, and Danny and Josh Freeman! Keep in

up at FH tryouts freshman year guys. We are relieved when we same homeroom, at least we though we didn't talk in HR,

'can I have

\* Tracy

To Our Beautiful Daughter, Xiomara

This is the threshold of an amazing journey. Dance like the wind and let it carry you where **<u>400</u>** want to go. You are as beautiful as a butterfly, spread your wings and fly! Our love and prayers are forever with you.

Mom & Dad

\* Junior \* The year it all began! English class made the year, Ms. Loncar, Gemmy, Ariel, REG-GIE (dirtbag), eddie (sandels and socks all year long), jay (It's CRUNCH time), jarred (daisy), Pico, Laina and Tracy of course ... The back row. Jay hitting on Laina (cold clammy fish), and Reggie . "Are you nervous?" Road trip to Woodloch, we meet up with Keith and Eric with everyone . "Are those drinks virgins?" Our secret crushes on dirt bag come out. "Id defiantly do it" Back to English, and someone's shoes begin to smell, while their lower lip starts to grow

touch ... pager number. You have to use a coaster on the glass table Laura.

that water bottle?" ... anything for him! Constant fights over the window everyday. DMB concert was a blast, Laina and Rebecca were gone the whole time trying to get bevs, Laina gets attacked by random boy. Night out at Tracys, we get silly, Eddie gets something on his neck Laina waits outside all night for "someone" who doesn't show. Jay insists that Laina tried to lure him upstairs she says no way! Tracy goes on her cruise, now Laina gets to sit next to Reggie ... are you nervous? Laina wishes Tracy would get back already! The guys all want Ms. L. Trips to the Dark begin, so do boys lax games. Laina comes to see Tracy every day in photo, to help stalk out AS. Party at Tracys, the night all hell begins. Not one, not two, but 3! Tracy flips out when she finds out that dirt bag was one of them, he then lures into den, but she gets up and leaves. Monday back at school . don't want to think about it. Parents mad, wheres the freaking CD man? Two weeks later its Lainas turn, fun times. Who slept over??? B/c of us, the whole classes seats get changed in English, no more smelly next to us, but he did move over to Tracy every day. Going for walks ... or stalks starts. School ends, Tracy is awakened by Reggie and they "hang out" the basement. "Oh my god I hooked up with him". Laina gets harassed by KP at pool. LBI was fun, lets take off our watches! More parties at Lainas, big big mess. Tracy and the pool girls have a fun night w/eggs at Lainas ... horrible . the phone call at the pool ... "we hooked up with Reggie" too bad Tracy refuses to take part. Joyriding in the minivan before Tracy gets her license ... party at RM's!! we get totally caught Seniors \* Trips to the gym and bagel. Laina runs away ... to tracys house. Tracy imitates CH to Laina, she believes it, and gets him MAD! Rough times ahead. A month later, when we start speaking again, go figure, its all about Rw. Laina and Tracy get new cars ... who doesn't? 711 trips, and stalking in Irvington, seen the outside so many times, but one day we actually get to see the inside of "his" house ... and meet Shelly. Many fun times had, many more to come



#### \* Rebecca \* Laura \* Tracy \* Rachel "Best friends too were once strangers"

#### Frossoh ...

Bec and Rach rescue T from freaks on corner of yogurt sexually T gets same color slurpees as RB, KS over there wants your pic". AT looks like Corey L thinks Bec is mean, the feeling is mutual T, L, and is wierd, Rach gets the boot. Janice sits T and L togethhas a hairy back and L is obtuse. T and Rach together in Rach get accused of stealing KG's pic, Rach spies on T, LP calls L about ME, ME gets rejected, with a few



Blimpie 6th lunch, they eat w/ Bone Thugs and learn to eat gets T RB's pic Bec and T get Rach RB's pic. "our friend Matthews in his pastel shirts ... Bec and L meet up in TVP, Rach meet in FH, T thinks Rach is a "close talker" and L er in math BIG MISTAKE, T and L have math w/RM, T CC's class, talk about AC/DC Nirvana and ponytails. L and KG 9th. ME and L talk ... ALOT and pass notes through nicknames to go along with it. SOPH ...

T and Bec are reunited in English class ... not that he wore the same pants and shoes 180 days in a row or anything ... Bec brings in camera and ges pic of IV, gives copy to T Did DJ ever come to class? he did "give" I his # though. Bec gets the boot from old friends, T L and Rach pick her up to complete the quad, trips to the mall begin. L Bec and T have lunch together, talks about SBTB, 90210 and AOL everyday. Rach is all alone, but finds herself eating chinese w/EF. Rach has Physics w/ DM, they quickly become BFF, isn't she lucky? Bec gets injuries in tennis, finds herself chating w/ AM and MG at trainer Bec asks MG to homecoming *things* he says yes, WRONG! she lives and still supports soccer. KS comes through again and hooks L and T up with EL's pic, they loved him. L becomes VERY friendly with EL in study, they agree friends, everyone thinks they hook up. Rach and Bec go to confirmation class, LE tells Rach she is "the best" singer. L meets Shony 12 on AOL, gives Bec and T his S/N, they harass him and get blocked. T Bec and L meet up with Shony 12 at DMB, along with BLowe and "beau-t-ful" SUMMER '98

Bec goes to CNW, Rach goes to UMC, T and L stay home w/ MI and JK. T and L call Bec at "Gay-Rage" regularly surprising her w/JB, he brings up MG, Bec hangs up. T and L visit Rach at UMC, Silent Car Ride ... "You're friends are cool" ... T's infactuation with PG begins ... IUNIORS

T, L, Bec back together in lunch, R alone AGAIN. T Rach and L are together w/ Ms DoNELLy and Big \_ G23, they learn how to cook chicken w/ryan & Caitlin, Tye Dye and cook brownies, but remember, if you stomp your feet you get sent to the back room rach. "TII let you girls know when there's a JCrew Sale". Rach L and T bust out of gym early to visit Bec in her "allstar" latin class w/PG KJ BZ & \* JBA \*. DMB concert again, Bec and LE spend the whole time getting beverages, girls meet up with Shony 12 AGAIN. Feb, Bec gets her license finally, the first of the group, Rach then pushes her down the stairs CA laughs, but feels bad. Drive bys and trips to 711 begin. Rach and Bec ship out to Israel, Yisrael the bus driver loves them, Rach can't sleep, Bec yells, Bec starts obsession w/ JBA, but she can do better. L is obsessed w/The View, drags friends w/her, gets VIP seats b/c L stalks MV. Every weekend either drive bys, 711 or baking parties, still sit around kitchen tables eating and gossiping. T constantly beeps at PG's house, Bec streams and floors it. T has a party L and Rach b/c they are babysitting. AO falls down stairs, but then so does Bec ... she thinks ... LE becomes haughty, not 1, but 4!!! T kicks her out of the house, but she doesn't leave ... Bec lets DH & JD drive her car, and loves every second of it ... T's BFF comes with some wierdo ... "who IS that girl???" T and Bec "sleep" w/ PK. 2 weeks 18er LE tries to be cool and has 2 parties ... to bad the cops came ... girls sleep over ... along with DH ... WHO KNEW??? T and L in drivers ed, discover NB ... what a cutie!! trips to kings begin then. L still loves ME, but ME has a gf. Bec, L and T go to soccer game on "spectator bus", watch CC get sick, girls get soaked. "Give it to me baby". Rach sees Ms Donelly @ Target w/ caitlen. Whip. Shick. Le-nard. nox. felicity. G. Beeping at the hot security in town, then Bec smashing her car in front of JBA and Flip-Flops. Summer 99

Bec goes to CNW, what else is new? Rach and Joy are bff. T at pool with \* JF \*, L goes to the view a few more times and becomes a bookworm. Rach and L redo L's room. T gets w/ RW finally. Bec w/ Matt and Josh. T takes LE to shore ... big mistake. Rach goes for driving test "you need more practice" (rejected) T and L pass w/flying colors. Bling Bling working at Emacks ... AG gets T his schedual ... Senior

# Rach finally gets license! T and L have forensic w/ NB, Bling Bling, and ME. Rach T Bec take econ ... w/ late Mr. Devita ooh boys, PG DL and even KN! MF raves. Venerial sits in back of the room. Lunch problems arise into late October, ditch LE & go to secret door ... caught Red Handed. Constant EMails, experiments & name calling ... Superficial?!? No one likes who?!?! Homecoming: NB looks hot, dancing on the block w/ BZ, AO in his intergalactic apparel. Get rejected from Ca's house, No fear, Sage in pj's lightens the mood. When did Bec leave? Next Big adventure ... DUMP DAY(S) 99 decorating lawns and cars in minivan ... woops didnt mean to intrude on EP and mysterious girl in the library parking lot ... foggy windows ... "SOMEONES IN THERE!!" ... hope CH liked the painting, EP liked the pillow, and NB sure got a load ... coffee anyone? Giddyup and stroller. Bling Bling go water your lawn w/ your new watering can, CA hope you like your new rug. Bec is too cool for Sports n Games. Great discount b/c of Rach ... thank Gabe! Playing laser tag w/20 10 yr. olds "we're on the same team arch!" T. L. Bec, Rach make their appearances at every boys home soccer game "GET YOUR PIGSKIN OUT OF MY LIFE!" Bec gets whacked w/"pigskin". T L and Bec give JG a little treat on his windshield one day. Halloween ... Back to the 80's, then to L's kitchen, what else is new?. Go on a Lauryn Hill hunt ... Candyman? "Who Dat? Who Dat? Who?" Mstrybddy and NB start to talk ... that ends quickly. Dont worty, new stalker comes soon, you think he'd catch on! Abercrombie?? Rd Hd in the cabrio?? Trips to 711 and Emacks start to dwindle. T says bye bye to the Beep Beep Whos Got The Keys To The Jeep, and then trys to "one up" L. "T you cant park here, the colors clash' Bec needs a carwash. Rach and her discounts ... Midnight cowboy for everyone! along with many accessories. T Bec and Rach are the 3 S's ... Stalking Smoking Stealing. Hooch Boots. Secret Santa. not a secret anymore! Prom Trauma already! Lists begin, nerves rattle! T Bec & Rach swing

Laura, Rebecca, and Rachel — you are my very best friends, you are the best. You have helped me through the good and the bad, and I love you for that! I will miss you guys so much next year, you are so great! I love you (3 Tracy

Tracy, Rachel, and Laura — I know I tell you this all of the time, but you truly are my best friends. You were there for me when I needed you the most, and I can't even begin to thank you. Next year will be hard when we all are apart, but we will always be close at heart! I love you guys! <3 Bec

Rebecca, Rachel, Tracy — I know that we will be I can never find 3 other people who could ever comnext year!! I love you!! <3 Laura

Laura, Rebecca, and Tracy — I am so glad that we be able to find such great friends. I want to thank each myself. There will always be a place in my heart for love you!! <3 Rachel



friends forever, because to me you guys are the best, and pare to you ... I'm going to miss the 3 of you some much

all met each other when we did. I know that I will never and every one of you guys for making me feel great about you guys. I really am going to miss you guys next year. I

The most Beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart

To Twanna: Girl, you know that I just don't know where to start. I suppose that I'll take it back to Maplewood Middle School. Since the sixth grade we've been best friends and we've had almost every class together. You have been my phone buddy for the last eight years. Every single phone that I have owned has had your telehpone number on the first memory button. No matter what was going on in my life I knew that you were just a phone call away. And, for that I thank you. We've gone from canteens to dances, to homecomings, and now to prom. We've gone from baggy jeans and Filas to right jeans and Nine West boots; from book bags to handbags; and from lip gloss to lipstick. I can remember when certain people (a couple of east orange residents) really just got us down, but we were always there for each other. I'll never forget the endless laughs that we've shared as we've made our way back and forth to New York (Queens), and lets not forget East Orange. The weekend ski trips to the mountains and the college tours to Georgia and Washington D.C. Speaking of Washington D.C., remember our eighth grade trip to Washington, it seems like just yesterday we were happy little girls excited about high school and about growing up and now were almost grown up and the time has just flown by. I remember when you used to run from cameras and now we can't take enough pictures. I know that you'll never forget my phone curfews and my no snacks after school rules. Whether we were laughing or crying we were together, and I am proud to say that we are still together. We've endured so much and come so far. When no one else was there for us, we were there for each other. Remember all the nights at your house with the movies from blockbuster and chinese food from Tung Tin? Not to mention the fact that you always fell asleep before we could even finish the movies. How many times have we hooked each other up with that guy that we swore was the one? How many times have we been shopping for holiday sales, or cute little Hallmark cards for our "special guys" on certain occasions? More times than I can count girl!! And not a time too many. Every moment that we've shared has been and will always be precious to me. There are no words for the special bond of friendship that we've created. YOU ARE THE MOTHER THAT I LOST, THE SISTER THAT I NEVER HAD, AND THE BEST FRIEND THAT I WILL LOVE FOREVER! I don't need to wish you the best in the future because believe me, I know that you will have it! When you get to George Washington (which I know you will) and I go off to Spelman, you better remember every life lesson that we have ever learned together, and use them. Oh, and don't forget, you can't go too far because you promised to raise my kids. You are my other half, and I love you! Always remember that we will become the "Phenomenal Women" that Maya Angelou speaks off and that is something that will remain true. As I have looked around at almost every other friendship that we've encountered and watched them all fall apart, I know now that you and I are the true definition of Best Friends and what we have is unreachable. Friends and guys have come and gone but you've been here to stay. For that Twanna, I thank you and I will never ever forget these last eight years that you have made the best! Even though I'll be all the way in Atlanta just know that all those miles that we're apart mean nothing and spiritually we'll never truly be apart.

To Charlie: where in the world should I start the present, the past or even the future. I know you probably think I can't believe she got the quote done, But Girl I did it — two months ago!!!

**Future:** I just wanted you to know how proud I am to say that I have my best friend going to Spellman College. I realize this year that I was going to miss all of the little things that I took for granted such as calling you on the phone to cry, rejoice, or in need of some serious advice in the middle of the night. But with the world advancing in technology I am sure that I can e-mail you all hours of the night. You have been there to listen to all of my problems from all of my family and friend crisis, and I don't know where I would be with out you in my life. I know we will achieve all our goals — Because we are phenomenal women.

Present: I look back at seven years and I realize you are more than a best friend you are a Scooner, and you know I mean that. Who else can come to my house any hour and cry, rave, or even laugh with my family. Now that we are a part of your life you can not get rid of us — We're here to stay. Think about all the events that we have gone to (Vanessa Sweet 16 (and all the others), Jajuan's B-days and expressions (Sexy!) to his birth in the ninth grade — auntie Charlie, X-Mas, New Years, Summers (trips to the city — Queens memories no one can ever take away — Can I have 10 extra minutes? Please (Jeff), Ski trips, workin @! *Illuminations* — Need any candles? and Cotillion or even the sad memo-ries — Jon, Jamil, Luis, Pedro, Chris, Jason 1 & 2, Jeff, Kane, DAME, G, Jamar, & Brian (I could go on forever). With these memories I hope we never forget them and only add to them.

Past: I will never forget the sixth grade and team 6C at MMS; I hated you and would have never thought I would have rold you my darkest secrets, such as my favorite summer going into the 9th grade, but you were there and listened never judged me on my actions. I guess this would be the quality I admire most about you no matter how bad thing get your there to give advice (GOOD advice), which keep me from not going crazy. Our friendship is very special its like an apple tree we started from nothing, and grew into big trees, surviving the winter storms, spring thunder showers, summer heat wave, and the fall air and throughout time we might not be close because of distance but I know that will not effect our friendship. I am proud to call you my *Best Friend*. You are the sister that I never had (not including Temeka), and you know me almost as well as Temeka. You remind me of my goals and keep me on track. And I have come to realize that in a life time I will only meet at least three people who really understand me and can put up with my mood swings and my stubbornness. And you are one. I know all good things must come to an end I just wanted to thank you for being there for me for the past seven years and for the future. I

just wanted you to know that you are the sister I need, the daughter of my parents, niece of my aunts and uncles, and granddaughter of my grandma. You have always been family and I wanted to remind you that no matter where you are you can always call us.

## **Rachel and Laura**

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In the Beginning ... Ray & Aaron were friends in Mrs. Kaplans kindergarten class. Little did we know that this would become the beginning of a great friendship. From Mr. Ralph'a art class, to Mrs. Kaplan's kindergarten class, to Mrs. Greenberg dance class, to Ms. D'Amico second grade class, Elementary school was a blast. Through middle school we stayed close, with things to keep us busy, Rach was always part of some drama experi-



ence, & Lau kept her time studying math with AC. If anyone needed to find Rach, they could just look in Mrs. Romeo's office, making ice bags. Even though we didn't have classes together, we still carpooled to school, and stayed friends, & Lau always managed to call up Rach to see what she was up to after school. "What are you having for a snack? Wanna come over & play paper people?" "Sure, what kind of food do you have?" Playing teacher as well as paper people kept us busy after school & on the weekends. Middle school ended with Rach missing graduation to go to camp, & another summer of Lau staying in Seaside. FRESHMAN — We started off with no classes together, except for T.V. 9 with Frank X. Matr the bat & Dave the rave caught our attention. Smell your jeans, memo 9. Then Rach realized that she was semi-related to DTR, & Lau & MTB hit it off ... even though not in the same group as them, MD gave us some laughs. "Lets do a film about the environment, like your shirt" BRETT DIAMOND ... JTD and MTB found & attraction & that ended it for Lau. "It's script time Brrr ... Rach kept herself busy in the notebook w/ the scripts & she also put them on audio for Lau. HOLD UP. Staenberg and Amabile, stay after class. Could it be a picture of KG we were receiving ... NOT. We didn't steal that picture. HI Mrs. Ries! Halloween came along & we found ourselves on Great Hills. "A little too old girls?" "Where's Kenny" BRUCEY ... Hey Mon ... Lori, you look good as blonde ... Summer came quickly, and Rach went to camp, & Lau stayed at home. SOPHOMORE --- Once again no classes together, but we still found time to chill. Lau finally started to take "Bussy." Rach found herself a new love, in physics. DM. "Um, can I borrow your fleece?" that she did, but was too embarrassed to wear it to the airport to pick up her bro. In study, Lau found EL, Rach came to visit, & ate her enormous lunches. Mr. KIEM. Lau and Rach found filmmaking the only class they had 2gether. We had many laughs with JB, SA, & PJ. Hey there Tracy Fatrell & Dan Lovitz. Mr. Chase accepted our bootleg film, & gave us a B. SA cracked us up w/ his shaved evebrow, & PJ w/ his INSTA-FRO. Mildred Pierce became our rainy day favorite, while Wallace & Gromet stayed Mr. Chase's. There were those days when we were threatened to warch SAILING. JUNIOR YEAR - Rach found herself in MTB's film class, until Lau told her about DL in hers. More fun times on Bussy, with Craig & Brenton. Aren't you supposed to get your license? Lau & Rach found themselves washing RJ's hands & asking when they could go to the Hotel, RJ tells Rach she's not classy enough to go ... but ske kept getting classier and classier, while Lau wrote a commercial a/b Class Cream. Rach & Lau catch up with Tracy in Jennifer Donnelly's "Chem" class, baking brownies, tye-dying shirts, & they also learn how to make bombs. We had a blast in that class with GERARD. Stomping your feet is not the best way to get the teachers attention. Lau & Rach found themselves w/ senior buddies. MARIE & MARISA in English w/ Ms. Doobie. We were always entertained by Kaola & Mart's flirtatious remarks. GAS-GUZZLER. Marie was able to get Rach a great discount at Gap ... while Lau got bread and bakery goods from Marissa at Sonny Amsters. Summer came around & Rach failed @ the DMV ... next time. Lau was so nervous, but she passed. SENIORS — no more Bussy for Lau of Filmmaking. Rach hitches a ride in the morning, and goes to her independent study with RJ. Lau becomes buddies w/NT, she finds herself there everyday. MR D. is helpful to Rach, but CE keeps her interest. Rach applies to 8 schools, & Lau 2. Rach finally gets her license, but isn't allowed any passengers Rach starts to talk to NB, in many different ways. Lau falls for L.F. on the retreat, & Rach swears she saw him @ Chans. Rach gets into College, but is still waiting ... As our friend Sarah would say, "I will remember you ... will you remember me, don't let your life pass you bye, we live for the memories.

Rachel — Well, we have been friends forever. I can't believe that next year we will be apart. We've had our disagreements, but we always seem to work things out. I'm going to miss you so much next year, you are the best! <3 Laura

Laura — I would like to thank you fo r12 years of being one of my best friends. I know that I will always be able to count on you, and you on me. Next year will be hard, but I know that we will stay close. I can't believe it is the end of an era. I love you!

<3Rachel







#### MIAGE aka Nawal

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I want you guys to know that I love you both. You are, my sisters. Whenever I needed someone to talk to or needed a shoulder to cry on, I could always count on you. You guys were always there for me. Whenever we are together I know we will always have fun. From Pizza Hut, Steak-ums, whatever; we always had fun! You are the greatest friends anyone could have. I know we will always be best friends; nothing can ever tear us apart in spirit. I love you now and forever.

#### SWISS aka Lauren

To Dee — continue to believe, Continue to change, Continue to be the Dynamic, Artistic, Original person you are. To Nawal — Your Strength and humor I admire. Your wit and smarts are what make you, you. Continue to be strong and always let your morals prevail. I love you both as if you were my sisters and to me you are! Always remember the pizza, the wigs, the clothes, New York, birthdays, BOYS, and most importantly eachother!!!

SMB Forever I LOVE YOU



#### BUGSY aka deedee

Relationships, In my mind are the toughest aspects of life's journey. Some last long, while others are short. Some are great, and some are miserable. Throughout all of them, one can only learn. During my 2.5 years @ Columbia, I've met a lot of people, tried new things, and have been different places. However, one thing never changed: the love I share for my sisters, Nawal & Lauren. Ladies, thanx for being there when we needed each other. The laughs, the cries, the memories will always last even when we are apart, which I am reluctant to admit is becoming a reality. Stay focused, surround yourself with positively, and enjoy this one shot at existence.



/ISS Lauren

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## ♦ KATIE ♦ ♦ SHAN ♦ ♦ JESSIE ♦ ♦ LYNDS ♦

"A true friend is someone who knows everything about you, and loves you anyway"

## SURVIVORS OF THE MILLEN-

finally friends. Finally realizing the K meet up in Schwartzenager. ence, opening the door with the Happy Holidays. Laser light bowlinto candyke and steve's mouth. JC L busts her a\$\$. Chillin at the

for 3 months



NIUM!!!!! Senior year, we're meaning of true friendship. S and BARFER! First bonding experislip. Merry Christmas and ing with BSB. Throwing skittles break dancing after every strike.

Morales str8 —



FaShAnA!!!!! Being serenaded. Birthday parties, one after the other. Broke as a joke. Black light, hole in wall. Jess and Jason attack can thru the wall. ROCKWILDER. Amaya strikes once again. DRAMA. Sykeeeee, OoOOoOOOoOOOOOOO Tears on the sidewalk as K and can chase L and S



down Parker. The NOTORIOUS AV. The Pleasure Zone! Jeopardy on Nintendo. Abuela yells answers and runs. BAD A\$\$! Itsa Me MARIO! Crunchies on your beard!!! Justin's girlfriends. Hagen Dazs every night. If it's free, it's for me. AMAZING! SMUGGLERS!! Coco Trix: Skittlzz, Reese's, Hershey Kiss, Tootsie Roll. Coon aka Katie, Lisa Simpson aka Jess, Goose aka Shan, Olive Oil aka Lynds. HUNKA BUNKA! - Jessie gets crunched (ragdoll). Candyke eats glow stick. No more white tongue, now neon green! Smuggled N'Sync poster. THUGG APPEAL!!! Tims and baggy jeans. Trip to Great Adventure. Steve and Jess splatter paint the bathroom. Bungee swing is conquered. K, S and J sing "Sometimes". The whole park applauds! McDonalds, White Castle. The Halloween from HELL !!! Christmas at Rockefeller. S gets yelled at for screaming for Justin. Candyke gets trampled. RIOTS!! Splitting up in Penn. The snake! Nate with the belt. Maurice's party. I'll trix wanna step. There's some \*\*\* in this house ... if you see them point 'em out. K and J take a trip to the tanning salon. LOBSTERS! Shan is no longer s-boogie, she's now CRASH! Gulati>purple wrinkles, skipping every test. Trips to 7-11 and seeing nanny. Guzz>Corey touches crunchies on katie. Shan gets told off. Wacky words. The finger (it's going back at the end of the year!) Carolyn>infamous crush, after school convos, "shut the door" Henderson> no one else comes close. Henderson ayi ayi ayi!!! Mash in the library, HOO HOO HOO! Dance party at David's - K & L get crunched! At Jessi's house - Striptease!! Lapdance from hell! Footsies under the table - BS! The Dutch - JUST THE 2 OF US! Timmydong - Macindong! The Rock's house - Alize & Henny, Chicken Holiday, cock the hammer - the overwhelming playouts to Tae. Katie, Lynds, Ken and Ian in da parking lot where we like to spark a lot - GESTURES! Tap dat azz! Mr. Meth-TICAL ... time is running out - Project 2000! Officer Naughty — whose got da billz?! Kevin's — K & J escape to the bathroom — come out rubbing noses! The flood in Bennigins - NO it's not Shan's fault!! Who left the water running?! Going to Applebee's - damn J what did u eat? Bs to the left of me, jocks to the right, here I am stuck in the middle with you. Natchies we're out. \*\*\*\*LOVE YA\*\*\*\*

## <3 we love you<3

LF, MB, AB, CC, DK, JD, JD, EF, EM, RK, EN, JM, MT, JM, JG, BM, MF, EF, JM, AS, AO, CA, IV, JP, JR, CH, JH, PG, DT, JB, JM, JM, JC, SH, NL, RP, MP, KL, IC, JW, JV, RM, RW, DG, DG, KS, JD, DH, MJ, PK, AM, SM, AW, MS, RI, SS

"Your memories unforgotten, a past not thrown away, looking forward to tomorrow, to look back on today. I can't erase the yesterdays, or wipe away the years, but here I am, so take my hand, and wipe away the tears"







# Rachel and Rebecca



## \*Back together again, and I'm never gonna lose you as a friend\*

1987 — bec & rach meet in hebrew school, little did we know we would become friends 10 years later. 1996/1997 — Still at hebrew school. R and B are in tv together. Don't talk to each other much, but boy the gossip never ends in lunch. R teaches B how to eat yogurt sensually, and meet up with the thugz. "B-b-b-bone bone, see you at the crossroads." Hiding out in the bushes by the pizzeria, we aren't stalking, just eating lunch.

1997/1998 — Confirmation class brings R and B together. B tries NFTY stuff with R. B falls in love with BF and R with MK. B and R try to bring NFTY songs to CC, but they are quickly vetoed. "Hey R, wanna keep it down, you CANT sing!" says L. R sings louder. Obsessions with SBTB begin and CC chants "Go Bayside!" ... obviously started by B and R. Off to Bunny's ... what a long walk that was. Sleepover fun begins with "money — cash money money" B off to camp and R to Mitzvah Corps. Lose touch, but find themselves back together.

1998/1999 — B brings R to US OPEN w/ cousin David during a tornado. R is by herself in lunch and B cuts study EVERY DAY to sit with her. STISY retreat @ Bryn Mawr. Naps turn into sleeping bag dancing. R learns to cheer "My name is Raquel!" B gets her license and R has a surprise. "R slow down, I just fell down the stairs and think I broke my arm. And by the way CA is laughing at me!" B and R go to Israel with JBA and Perry. "B, I cant sleep" "Ugh, just try!" "I have been" "R, just close your eyes and go to sleep!" Trouble starts at the hotel trying to stop any hooking up ... umm butterfly clips?! R finds an elephant egg. GROSS. Israelis hit on us "You have ...!" R and B quickly fall in love with Yair. Wait, there are coyotes in this kibbutz. MG sees B naked. Yisrael gives R and B necklaces. Just for "his" girls. PEDAFILE.

"It's gonna look like there's a chimney on her!" discoteching. We love pamellos. Toby the Toblerone bear is spotted at the airport before our 14 hour ride back. R and B fall hard for hebrew boys; GR, BR, AB, JW, SETH, RUSSELL. Things become shaky in friendship, but R and B make up. R stays home all summer and B goes away again.

1999 — Peer Counseling brings R and B to bff. English w/ Rocky Balboa and Mr. Bo Jangles. Did you know he is a GIRL! Sophie's nails before school. 3 thumbs and 1 stumpy thumb down! "Guys when I FINALLY get my license I am not driving through the village!" haha. Trips to see BZ and NB at night after 7-11 and starbucks and emacks. Homecoming R and B get their groove on ontop of the block! R drives B's beemer. B wants to drive Bubby's car. JPLee's for a quick bite to eat and then to the mall. R "purchases" vapor at Sephora for everyone. R, B, and AB go to the city. B gets id from Ohio. R and AB flip out in the tattoo room. Take bff around the block. "Can I tell my friends I scored???" R finds that AOL can ABSOLUTELY addicting. B "Welcome to my world!" New Years eve brings R and B to Toast. It wasn't TOO scary. HAPPY NEW YEAR bff! When did we call him?? R got into Manfield and B

into Indiana, but are waiting for more. B and R are still in hebrew school where it all began.

\*People say true friends must always hold hands, but true friends don't need to hold hands because they know that the other hand is there\*





# **MERIS & JENNY**

TOP TEN TV/M = 1) BILLY C. 2) ANGEL 3) PACEY 4) ANDREW 5) BRIAN 7) OZ 8) BRAD 9) ROBBIE 10) MR. DARCY HG = 1) J.I. Mug boy 2) N.B. 3) A.S. 4) Junior BagBoy 5) Chris Sidwa 6) Tamer 7) Yellow BookBag Boy 8) Max's Cafe 9) Scott english boy 10) Daniel] It all started in fifth grade with manheim and kornhouser. (pause seventh grade) then in eighth grade the all mighty trip. spaghetti factory mmmm good. who has the spoon? where is it? what was that? There



goes the table AND the glass. (E and S) i know i know! And who could forget the first concert Shawn Colvin. Jerry he's so FINE he's so FINE he's so FINE he blows my mind hey Jerry — works @ Marty's P., likes to go to Sports N' Games, Hot22, take long romantic drives in the I.mobile and will not go dutch. M — Thanks I love that mug/Hey B.N. what Jenny is your "love slave?" So what did you guys do this weekend? What are you bringing to the party? Oh yeah your HOT SEXY BODY. J — what's his name? What does he look like? he looks like C.S that kid with the red hair, does not have a prom date you should ask him out, why didn't you ask him out! A VOLLEYBALL STUD. Oh yeah that's A.S. Woodstock Sweet 16 - Max's Cafe, Aero, Whatchamacalit, Molly, Abercrombie, Music Man, Adidas/Are you bitter? No I don't think so! 5 mths going strong! Ugly makeup 2 mths and going strong! hold a grudge much? TRL got to go to the Doctor. KNOCK KNOCK who's there? 98 DEGREES. Jenny chase them down grab onto the bumper! First Drive! Applegate's where are we going, OH I KNOW A SHORTCUT, oh where are we, E.O! everyone lock your doors. The 7/11 slurpee run. Meris, there is slurpee all over me — we need like 200 napkins; you get them, no you get them. Memo to M: do not USE cup holders! J has the best ideas about things to do at night: let's go hang out at the RESERVATION or the empty parking lot. DIP - what's that? wow, oh never mind. using I.S.'s V.CARD, what a bum late fee my a-... Who is that fleece boy? what is his name. he looks hot from behind - tailgating him in the hallway. Party Party who likes to party!!! 1b 2b 3b 4b, then I met J.I., lets not say more. Good food weird people at the one and only big C!!! Attn J: There is a SALE @ the Men's Shop. Customer satisfaction guaranteed. lets go to Bagel, no even better Tratoria, i love Chicken Cutlet subs, esp. the middle school boys. Excuse me what is your name, how old are you? M. can i have a ride home? — A.J. you should meet this nice Yiddish boy named A. GO BACK, go back he needs a ride, i don't think so! BUFFY - kick boxing Queen in the spring J+M. Always looking good no matter who comes along. DILF DILF DILF !!! What Once I Again has the hottest dad and the weirdest daughter --- (music stops) MY NAME IS GRACE MANNING !!! loser. I can't believe that i missed my chance to be a soap star. i want to be a LOPEZ-FITZGERALD, but then I can't hook up w/Luis! TIMMY thinks that fluffy is evil. Tabitha Timmy is a dork, timmy does not like fluffy. Teresa — stalking is illegal in all fifty states, but if you want to learn from the best call J+M!!!!! SHOUT OUTS -Little Red you are the biggest dork that i have ever known. Bubble dog bubble dog in a craze, how many people did you make laugh today!!! Who's bigger, I'm bigger, your bigger, no B.B. is bigger!!!! Bec - mall bud Ann Ann who's your man? Howie and AJ! Viv. Vivvles, Vivala, when is your growth spurt coming? keep A.N.

close. Hey *Heather* how is your boy A. — just because ain't so good. lets get candy canes, J wants to celebrate Hey *Sue*, why don't you get a job @ Sports N' Games Mark would approve. *Little Bo* — "I want to be rebel!" — don't reflect, do. *Lura* — Youth Group GuRu going strong-Gucci underwear is always a must! Ring ITS BEEN GREAT, BEING FRIENDS. NOW H.S. THERE 'TILL THE END! LUV YOU All. J&M



he stalks you doesn't mean that things can't work out. *Liz* that hot chocolate x-mas. *Spencer*, flex for me? How's your new cup workiing out? XXL I'm sure. your there every other second. *Pete* how was detention? I don't think Ftr. You think you could take me but your too ditzy. Turtle — need a ride? *Che* met your honey/5th we became friends<Louis, Gheghan, Lov, Bat, LF>still ring hey L. this is Jenny can I have a ride? <u>THANKS!</u> ITS BEEN GOOD, MUST END, BUT NOT THE GOOD TIMES, FOR TRUE BLUE'S ARE



# \*SHAN\* \*JESS\* \*LAUR\*

"A Best Friend is the Sister Destiny Forgot to Give You"

The three of us will never forget September 4, 1993, the day we became best friends. From that day on, it has been nothing but smiles, tears and memories that will last forever. Always remember: Hammertime HOHO-HO! Jumping off logs at Jefferson! Huck Finn — what's that smell? It's following us — IT'S ME! The accident! Your breath smells HO! Jumping off logs at Jefferson! Huck Finn -- what's that smell? It's following us



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FROM SHANNON: TO LAUREN — Can you believe it? After 11 years of great times and amazing memories, our childhood is coming to an end. We're growing up and I'm glad we get to experience this change together. You have been the best friend to me, and I can never forget or replace your smiles, laughs, jokes and tears. We've been through so much together, and you have proved to me that you're a true friend. You always make everything fun, whether it's a family vacation to Nantucket or a simple trip to the mall, we always come out laughing. You have an amazing gift — you have the gift of laughter. Someone once described you as the type of person that you could sit in a toom alone with for three min-utes and come out completely in love. You're truly a wonderful person. I could never have gotten through the past 11 years without your jokes, your advice, your concern and con-stant support. I will miss you so much next year while we are at college, but a friendship like ours will never end, we will be friends forever. You and I both know that we can go to each other for anything. I am here to offer you someone to laugh with, so dry your tears, a shoulder to lean on when you need support. I'm writing this to you to thank you for a great past and to welcome a great future. You are my best friend and I love you. TO UBEEL Where do I beerig? Mu beer firend and I love you.

each other for anything. I am here to other you someone to laugh with, so ary your tears, a shoulder to leaf of when you here support. This writing this to you to thank you for a great past and to welcome a great future. You are my best friend and I love you. TO JESSIE — Where do I begin? My best friend, my sister, my soulmate. From the instant we met there was a connection. Unlike anything I'd ever felt before — I came to realize that the eyes I was looking into for the first time were the eyes of my best friend. We have been through more than our share of good and bad times, but through it all you have been there for me. Through thick and thin you while you're sick, chill with you when you're bred, calm you down when you're margy, stick up for you when someone hurts you or is bored, calm you down when you're hargy, the you when someone hurts you or my life by just being my friend, and I thank you for that. It's hard to imagine life without you, and I honestly never thought the day would come where I'd have to. But it has, and I know that no matter how far apart we may be, our souls will always be together. I will never forget you, you mean the world to me. You are my best friend and I love you. **FROM LAUREN**.

# FROM LAUREN: TO SHANNON — Where should I start? We both know that it was first grade in Ms. Scopotulo's class where we became instant best friends! I knew that there was something that would last. An unexplainable bond. From then on I have had some of the best times of my life with you, all the way from searching for my overalls that somehow managed to get thrown off the balcony to just looking at each other telling each other how "pretty" we are! Everytime that I ve needed you, you have been there for me — even if it *uas* a shoulder to cry on. You have shown me a side of a person who I don't think that I will ever find in anyone else and have a place in my heart that no one will ever be able to fill. Like every friend-ship, we've had our ups and downs and our petty arguments, not to mention physical fights, but somehow we manage to fix that by a simple 5-second phone call telling each other that we will get revenge, or by the "ugggh" groaning noise followed by hitting our forearms against one another's! I know that we'l always have our special bond, and that we will always be there for each other to make us die laughing with maybe even our hideous faces or our corny comebacks. I can't imagine not being in school with you next year. I've taken for grant-ed having you five blocks away from me all this time, because next year I don't know what I'll do with you being a phone call away as opposed to a walk. But I want to tell you that our friendship means the world to me Shan, and I love you with all my heart. I'm gonna miss u so much! Thank you for sharing the best times of my life with me — I'll never forget you'l Best Friends Forever. Best Friends Forever.

you: Dest Friends Forever. **TO JESSIE** — Jess, 2nd grade you were a guest on the green bus, and as soon as I heard you talking about Duck Tales I knew I had to be your friend. It started with the play dates after school, and eventually managed to move its way up to doing everything together and having the best time. You're my best friend and I can't thank you eough for all the great memories that you have provided me with. You've always been there for me in the past, just like I will always be there for you in the future. I know our friendship will last a lifetime and that this is not goodbye. I love you soo much! **PROM UPSILE**.

### FROM JESSIE

FROM JESSIE: TO SHANNOM — Shan, I cannot even express what your friendship has meant to me. You have been my sister, my best friend and my soulmate. You are one of the greatest sources of love and support in my life. You have always been there when I needed a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen and a hug to bring a smile to my face. You have brought me eternal happiness and laughter — and for that I thank you. I couldn't imagine what my life may have been like without you in it, and I'm grateful that I have found a forever friend. Even though many miles may come between us, I know we will always be in each other's hearts, souls and minds … I love you. TO LAUREN — Laur, ever since I met you my smile has been a little brighter and my life has been better. You have brought me complete happiness. You always knew how to make me laugh, whether it was by telling a joke or doing a dance. You'll never know how much you have meant to me over the past years, you have brought me joy, tears, and laughter. You will always have a place in my heart and we'll be friends forever, I love you.



"Truly great hard to leave, From east to the



friends are hard to find, and impossible to forget"

west, we are the best,



LAUR, SHAN and JESS



First of all I I'm getting wanna thank without her



wanna say thank god out of this school. I also my mother because help and support my high school years would have been harder than they



were. I also wanna thank my daddy for being there for me. To my sister thank u for loving me so much and wanti-

happened between us was not worth our friendship. I still got mad love for you, good luck in life. Melissa Rose Austin (and little Timek) darn girl it's been a long time, since 3rd grade, and here we are still cool as hell. We've been through our share but the fact that

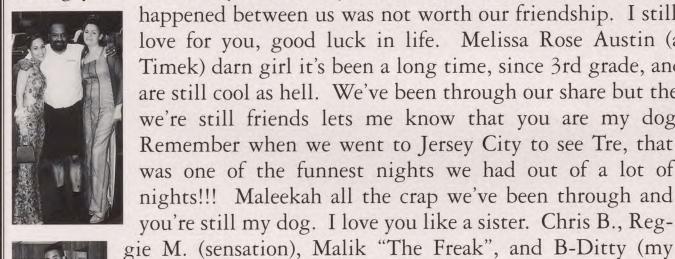
Remember when we went to Jersey City to see Tre, that was one of the funnest nights we had out of a lot of nights!!! Maleekah all the crap we've been through and you're still my dog. I love you like a sister. Chris B., Reg-

cousin in law) ya'll \*\*\* get on my nerves every other day but I love ya'll to death. Ya'll \*\*\* will never change. Omar, Anwar, Kevin, Ju-ju, Jimmy B. and last but not least Spoon (I love you). Al I'm always thinking about you and you're always in my heart. Gareth you are like the brother I never

had or wanted but I love you. What's up: Kareen, Marty,

ng the best for me. You've looked out for me for a long time now and I love you for that. And finally to my bubba (Carl). Shorty, even though you annoy me I love you and will do anything for you. Don't get caught up in Columbia life when you get here, once you're in it's hard to get out !!!!! Now I have to say what's up to all my dogs: First of course Dwayne T. Cross, my brother, yo \*\*\* I love you as if you were my real brother and I'll never forget all the times we've just sat around and got bent. Especially at Al's house that night. Alexis, I'm looking past the thing that caused us not to speak to each other this year and letting you know that you were my friend since 7th grade and what

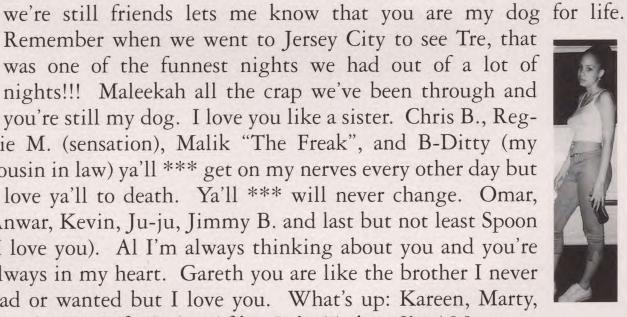








Mark J.W., Brandin K., Lafe, Sasha, Afiba, Jade, Turkey, Shari M., Sha ? Shavon and Tamara? And Katie (dirty bird). Kifano: I love you with all my heart and always will. You will always be my monkey man. What's up with the dank? I'm out Columbia and i wish i was never here. Peace 2000





# \*Lindsey and Laina\*



Middle school - LE at SOMS, LR at MMS - thats ok we didn't know each other anyway 9th grade - field hockey enemies, LR plays LE manages. School starts, both have Haziza for bio. At each other's throats all year until Jared Leto makes common ground. LR meets RW and starts the 16 mth rollercoaster. LE has 1st kiss, 3 more to come. Year ends as acquaintances. You lived in Brooklyn before? Me



10th grade: Lunch and math w/Donadio together. Lunch topics; aol, real world, hotties, cruises (but no cruise for LR or IE), Dan LaJaramuchei, road rules, animal, RT, retreats, real camp (LR will have no part), FH camp (LE will have no part), LR switches out of LE's math. LR has secret seven, but wasn't secret except to RW. LE meets PSG. LRs initiation to filmmaking dark w/NB. LE has batmitzvah, LR meets love of her life (Jason). LR runs track, but soon quits to work at Roman Gourmet. LR gets pager stalked by Berk Hghts Boy (too many 143's for this taken woman). LR shares BH boy stories at lunch. Then switches out to end up with ditzy dogs (w/friends like that who needs enemies). LR gets w/RT (1 time thing or is it). LR occasionally visits Dan LaJaramuchei. Summer wastes away with RW for LR, but LE has best summer of life at Mitzvah Corps, meets Ross. Wait you lived in Brooklyn?

11th grade: Math together (nice clothes), LE and LR in back w/Keino and Ralph, period is spent writing notes, "sizing up with rulers", breakfast club, and LR playing calc games. LR breaks up w/RW ("stalking aint my thing"), complains while LE stresses over Ross. LR quickly moves to GG, while LE finds love in Contemp. Lit. LR and LE in photo, LR is introduced to dark dark room (MJ). One sweet month later, GG is out, LR moves onto MM and RT. LE has NFTY guys and Jeff from LI. LE and LR get caught leaving math early every day to stalk. January - LE "LR your such a sl.. and you need to cut your hair". LR has fearsome 4some, MM (real mike), RT, JB, DM (fake mike). End of jan, LR settles down w/RT ... LR's belly button ring gets torn by pants of RT ... Countdown to J.P. Incompletes in math. LE obsesses over LR's soft hair, then forgets. Only lax game fans. March — Amer Lit love turns into LE's dark dark initiation. TF has party, LE has fearsome 4some, MJ, HRW, KL, Hulk. Belly buttons pierced next day (LE your such a sl) Same tank top same day, pencil prizes never received. Trip to RU, lost jackets, henna tattoos. 2 weeks later, LR gets license! Happy B-day party at LE's. Mem. Day Wknd. LR goes to B-day dinner w/RT, leaves LE to AM, scary! Come back, RT leaves LR to flirt w/ghost of drkrms past (MJ). DH sleepover bagel 4 breakfast. DF scares LE, Sonja saves day next night. GROUNDED. TF where are your manners. LR has BH mike for a fun night. SUMMER!! LE at camp, LR working w/RT at camp. LE home LR guess what! Come to the pool. NO. (DF & HW again LE). LE - beach w/TF, LR away RT. LE & MJ. LE "staying w/LR" party at LE's. Power out, tap gone, come home, LR drives JW and RT to get cards, card games (LE and LR layer up the clothes). "Oh well I showed them to them anyway" LR. LR can't remember driving at all. LE - RW, hulk & JH needs lessons. RT leaves LR to fend for self again. Am — cleanup. Fix car, save fish, bagel chat, next day movie, 7-11. Recollections of DM bugging LR and LE asleep. Next day prty again kids go out, come back to see show, LR and DM in LE's bed, MJ and LE, \$2 for admission. PK eats fish that LR saved. Then LR + MJ go for a ride ... Memories. LR's car dies 1 day after when LR and TLF drive to BH. Clean up, LE leaves LR gets grounded, LE comes home gets grounded till senior year. Riding in LR's explorer, EF, JM, AS pull up with water balloons "SHUT THE MOONROOF!!! ...

SENIOR YEAR: at last, LE can't drive yet, can't go out either. LE's friends think better off w/out her. Mr Mitchell - love of LR's life. Drives to school EMINEM! Lunch together. LE gets mad when she sleeps at LR's and she won't get off phone. LR goes to New Orleans; too many beads to have been a good girl. LR and RT break up, day later LR at JW's house. Laina - Good girl! LR not such a good girl, College guys come home, refresh LR's memory. LE still thinking of Ross and Phil. LE steals candy from LR. LR and LE in accident, dead mans curve. SSS of CHS, LR founding member. You lived in Brooklyn? LR h/u w/JW, GG, Russ, RT and best buddy fill december up quick. LA can drive! Ghetto Superstar. 7-11, homecoming, BNL !!! JD & LR pick up LE, "That guy is going the wrong way on a one way!" Flashing lights JD & Dave on way to Randolph. LR won't talk to JD. Randolph party, LR can't remember much, falls out of car on lawn. TULANE laina! LR spits water on Dave while LE holds her up. Wheres my purse!! Driving around, we can park! LR — "I have a backup prom date but im not telling who". Soph SI (SD) moves in on LR's leftovers. LR is a bad girl anyway (sticking to buddy system). Massages as JD's A film class. LE w/secret 2bkept. JR falls in love yet again w/BW when he picks up lil' bro at her work. JR hooks LR up! (w/BW) One egg wonders. LE's car burglary - here's our pics! Looking forward to leaving, yet missing each other already.

## \*YOUR LOVE IS MY LOVE AND MY LOVE IS YOUR LOVE\*

To SI#2 — For four years we have had our ups and downs, our victory's and defeats. But our friendship has always stayed strong through the tough times. I can't believe we have to say goodbye when it seems we just said hello. College won't be the same without someone to complain and brag to, but out of sight will never mean out of mind. Love Sl#1(LR)

To Sl#1 — I would never have thought that you would wind up being one of my best friends, but after all of the things we've both been through, you have been there for me. I will

ing each other names, stalking, & be here for you! Love Sl#2(LE)





always think of the fun we've had callremembering summer-fun. I'll always

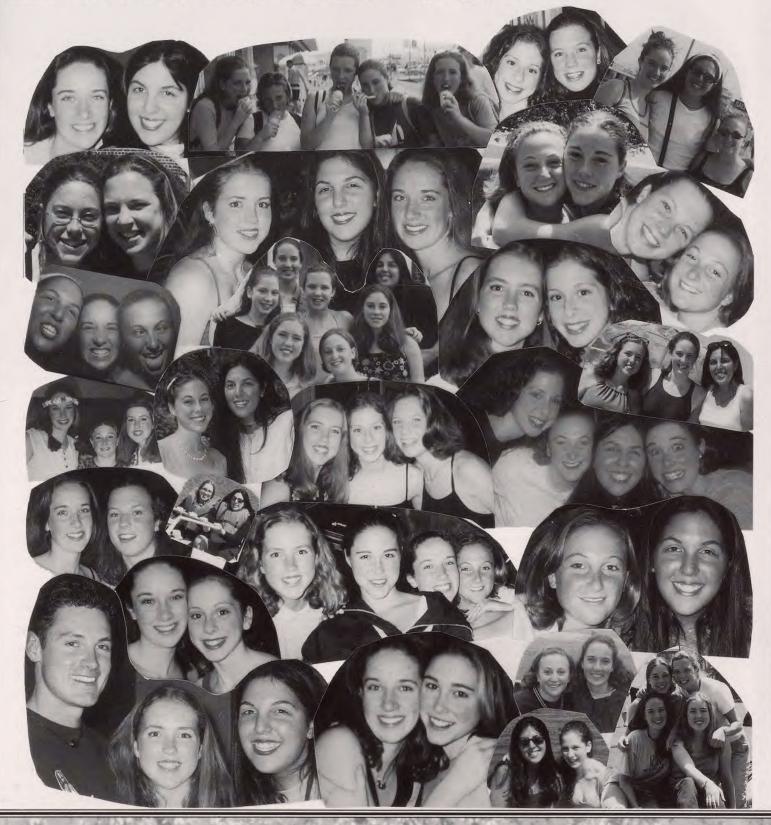


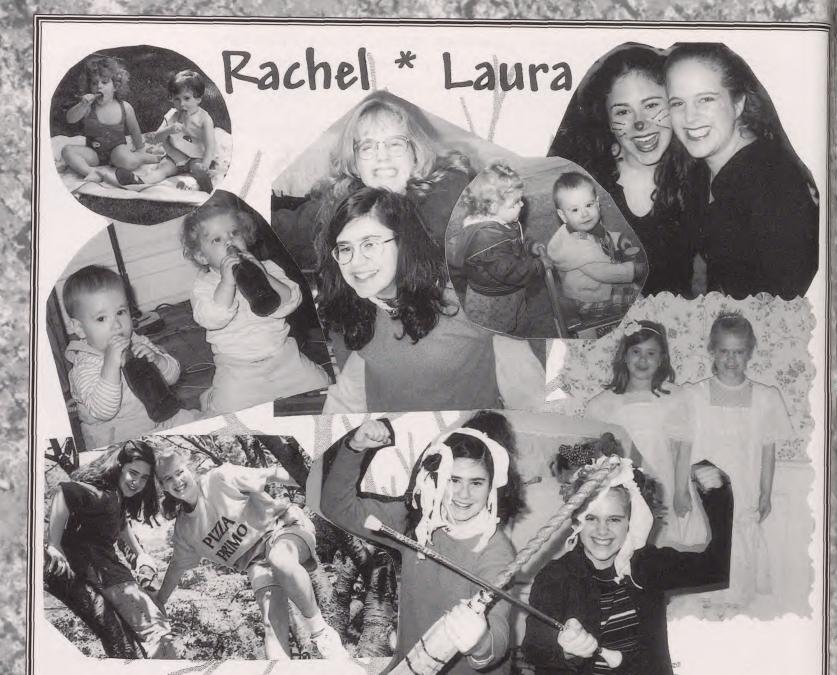




## \*Helen, Jamie, Julie, Kate, Kathy, Lauren, Mary Kate\*

The mag 7 came together sophomore year even though many of us had been friends since long before then. We've had so much fun together. Sleepovers, beach trips, concerts, our sweet 16's and bowling. Not to mention Can't Hardly Wait, our SNL video, special dance and the "special dancers", and of course just hanging out. Together we've shared exciting brushes with fame; Nathan, Janet, Ian, and Savion, Barbara, Eric, Macauley, Hanson, and Anne. Rent is definitely a favorite and some of us have seen it way too many times. We've even vacationed together, Florida, California, the Poconos, New Hampshire, Boston, and Vermont. The fun and laughter we've shared over the years will always be very special to us, and we hope that it will never end. In a nutshell ... good times. — The Mag 7, 2000





From the time that Laura set on Rachel's head, matching dresses they were given and beer bottles fed. "Let's Get Eogether," they sang constantly, while balancing Harvard spoons oh so gracefully. They danced under mushrooms in the rain, and obsessively wished for "the farm" in vain. BONSAJ Rabbi Rachel, England or France? Selling tinfoil and napkin creations fat chance. Laura could never spel, but Rac\_el

can, writing 26 page E-stories to read, oh mant

Your face looks like adulterated BRJC-oh dissss! They spent hours throwing Cheerios, but they'd always miss! Waving at people from the way way back, collecting smelling soaps, and buying lipstick from MAC. The Plays from hell and Village Coffee Co, High Holiday Exchange Programs and a fort made of snow. If you get drunk off of Manischewitz, "the problem falls in your tap," they will always be Sharon and Susan from the Parent Trap!

Two is twice as nice as one, we'll always share the laughter, tears, and fun. This Is The Time by Billy Joel "Did you know that before you came into my life it was some kind of miracle that I survived? Someday we will both look back and have to laugh. We lived through a





Amanda & Sam

"No one had ever understood the bond between us. I'm not sure that we did. But it was, and will always be, there." — Mary Ellen Klee

We don't know what changes lie ahead, or where our shared path will lead ... but what I do know is that I'm here for you today to listen or talk, to applaud or console ... to want, need ... and to love you with all my heart. — Paula Finn

## Amanda,

I would like to thank you. For our friendships. For teaching me to open up; for getting me a job. For giving me a place to go when things were rough at home. For talking about the future. For all the little things. For letting us turn into something I never thought was possible. For loving me, I will always be grateful. ♥, Sam

## Sam,

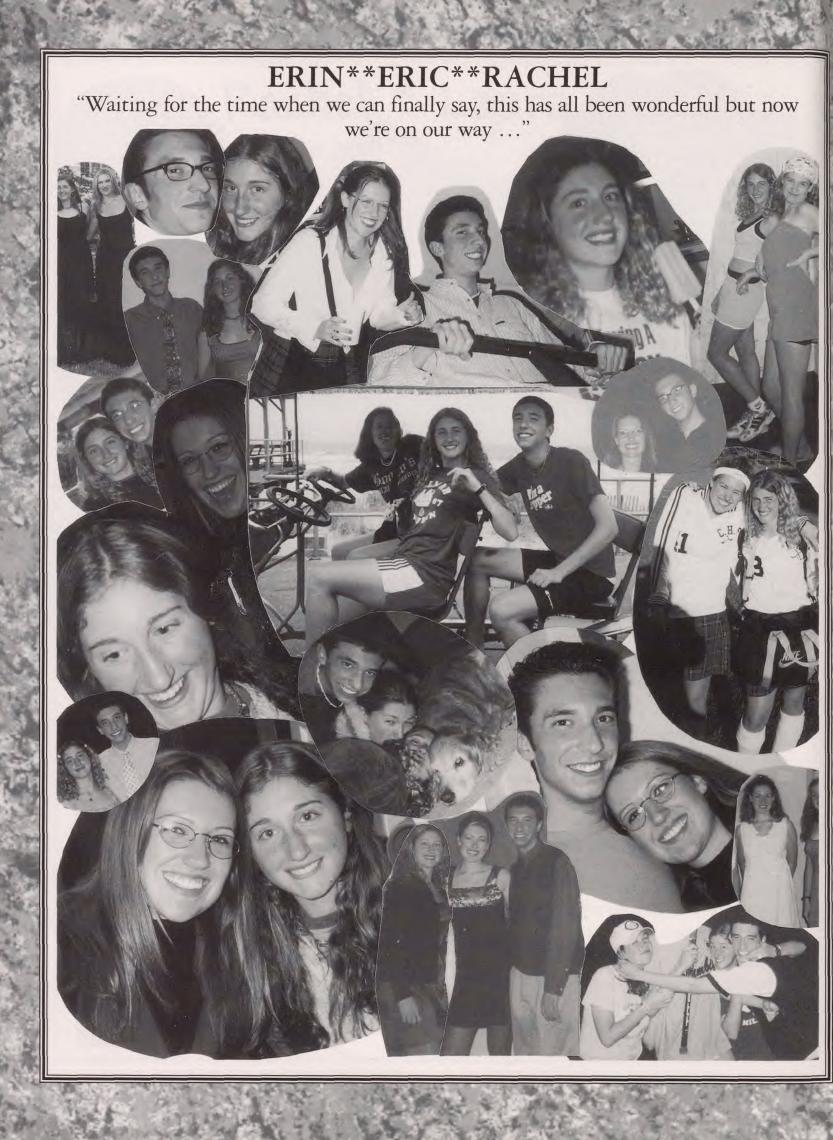
From the beginning of our friendship, to now, and into the future, you've meant more to me than I can possibly explain, more than I could've imagined. You've always been here for me when I needed you, and even when I didn't. You believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. You taught me so much, like how to pay attention to the effect I have on others, and even close to impossible stuff like physics, pre-calc, and parallel parking. Together we've been through the good and the bad, the rain and the rainbows. =) Thank you for being my shoulder to cry on, the arms I could go to for comfort, and the smile that brightened all my days. I'll never forget you or our love ... our perfect, unconditional love.  $\P$ , Amanda

"And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is better to hold hands and stick together."

- Robert Fulghum

from All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten





# \*Maria and Jess\*



"It's late in the evening, we're wondering what clothes to wear, so we put on our makeup & brush our long brown/blonde hair ..." So ... what do you want to do tonight? I dunno ... etc. M & J meet for the first time at BC in the summer of '96. M throws out her retainer, J thinks she's weird, she's wearing an Eskimo joe tee. Little did they know they would become best friends. That's when the fun began! The two meet again at freshman FH tryouts. J & M have 7th lunch. 1st joke over counting the number of times they tripped each day, 1st phone conversation about BC. They still talk about it to this day. They are forever amused by Gabe & Josie. J choked on OJ thanks to Er. M & J go to the RG where they encounter the striking SC in

an Eskimo Joe sweatshirt. J & SS. To avoid a sticky situation J hums to herself at EM's, M has no such luck. Speaking of J's humming, it helped her ignore B at C's house, & helped M get to her "doctors appointment." "My name is E, I'm a maaain guy, i'm wearing a khaki hat, I brought the br." 1 fateful Saturday they run into LL at Alive-N-Kickn which set the tone for the greatest night of their lives. M & J are disturbed from their nap b/c the real D calls. M & J call a taxi who swindles them for \$18. J & D exposed in the pool, M is being carried off by "sure-footed" P. KC comes to the rescue to take them home. There is an "accident" & its a good thing a nurse lives on M's street. "J had too much Mexican food." M fabricates an incriminating story. At the end of the summer their love L must leave them. What should they get him as a parting gift? Plane tickets to Paris, a varsity jacket from another school, an action figure, or one sock? They resort to making puzzles with his picture while listening to Wonderful Tonight. It's a good thing they snagged 2 pairs of boxers before he said his goodbyes ... Sophomore year & still no classes together. M finds JB. J again hums at his house. So begins J's role as third wheel. M looks for love in all the wrong places until she meets DH. J & M love going to sports park aka DH's, esp. playing lax with a tomato. Trips to the city for dinner with D&S. D is kind enough to let both of them drive, too bad M hits a car. Still another uneventful evening, the 4some goes to Jschool. J & S do some exploring. This place would soon become an important haven for M & J. FN tells J that "thumb rings are sexy." F again shows up at EM's sweet 16 where he comments on J's appearance. M sleeps over J's & they go crazy over the comment. J goes running and receives a bird from a certain man. 1 half-day at D's, J falls out of love when she notices something under S's sleeve, it was dark & unpleasant. Soon M & J discover a new passion, shopping, GC is ransacked 5 days in a row by M & J (Smith's jeans) Summer is pretty uneventful until they "run into" their longlasting love, MR. Their timing was flawless & still is to this day. Not only does he drive them to the movie but he pays for both tickets. M & J are roommates at FH camp where they have their first minor dispute lasting only 10 mins ... Another school year begins, Upperclassmen. Still no classes. Lunch together, pizza every day, until M gets her license & minivan. Unfortunately M & D's relationship ends. The shopping continues to a sick extent & they meet Lazarini. Soon enough M finds another J. J fairy is a different story though. M really appreciates his fashion advice & never forgets to fill J in. M, J, MJ, JD go to Dave & have a blast ... 10 ft away. M & J meet up with MR. Perfect timing yet again. M & J sit by the phone at Jschool & do their thing until MR finally calls. They are ecstatic when they're invited to DO's. M leaves J for the other J in her life. J is left alone with the guys. J is speechless in Jds car. The summer comes, soon J returns from PR. New passions: keylime pie ice cream, cruel intentions, & cherry slurpies. M & J get jobs 2 doors down from each other. There are many trips to Jschool where M & J could always talk about anything. M & J find themselves at several gatherings. M gets into trouble, yet no one but J knows. Their last FH preseason. M, J, & RK have Ps's to look forward to ... Senior year begins. Still no classes for Courtney & Emily. M & J both get pink dress. Halloween comes, M & J dress as Seaside. Another fun night comes along for JD & EM's 18th. There is an Officer Naughty & all find themselves "under arrest." M, J & EF go into NYC for the perfect date, look at the tree & skate & newly engage couple. Millenio comes, best part of the evening occurs in M's room involving a black light & Barry White. AT 12 pm all are in M's car, crying. It's now a new year & there's more fun to come ...

#### Thanks for the memories:

Mags, EN, RK, EF, JD, JBA, KH, ES, MT, EM, KS, AW, MK, EA, LM, HL, MK, NN, SN, MF, LS, AS, AOC, JC, MF, and to all the GUYS ... We love you! Mar: I can't believe we've only been friends for 4 years. It seems like you have been a part of my life forever. Together we've made a lot of choices both good and

bad and through it all you have grown to be a person I really love & admire. We have laughed & cried together & I don't know what I would have done without you. I know in my heart we will always be friends. (Don't forget that you promised to be a bridesmaid at my wedding.) Love always, Jess

Jess: To my dearest Jimbo, Garth, my best friend. I still can't believe that after only 4 years we've come this far. Whenever we're together, my day is automatically brightened. I always have so much fun with you. Through the years we've had our share of rocky times, yet our good memories far outweigh the bad ones. I can always count on you whenever I need a shoulder to cry on, an ear to talk to, or just a good "punch in the back." I don't know how I could've survived these 4 years without you. I love you to the moon and back! Love Maria

\*These are the moments I'll remember all my life\*



#### \*- SUE AND TRACY ----



"I will be walking one day, down a street far away, and see your face in the crowd, and smile — knowing how you made me laugh, hearing sweet voices of you from the past; I will remember YOU."

To my little pie, where should I begin? Hmmm. We have shared so many unforgettable times in the last seven years. We have pretty much seen each other through some of our most ugly times, and I mean that literally! We have watched each other grow from the ugly duck to the hottest girls on the street. And first lets get something straight my sweat suits were RED. Now on 2 the time u cried when u got a hangnail or a bad test grade in Mr. Smith's class. How about that lovely perm? And we cant 4get ur black spandex and ur moms KEDS. The time we were playing chase in gym and we fell right over each other. MR EBBIE! And how ur mom always tried 2 give me used bras. Haha "Hey Michelle ur mommy's fat!" yes this is Aunt jemima talking to mac daddy. The time u ripped my picture of LEO "fine we both won't have it ...," "Don't bring smelly feet Amy"

the best part of our friendship was the corny movies w/lazy eye girl. Smelly boy, big nose and Albino girl. And the time we got in trouble at church. Which brings us 2 yoyo and Mary w/her high tops, and high socks, which I think u have. "but oh well right?" Sorry that I live on the good side of the tracks and that I don't have a traffic light at the end on my street. BK every day. So how about those permanent marks? Can we say gross? "tin tin make a wish" U have a beaver nail, "oh sorry" Our trip 2 Florida was great, and u are a Quasimodo look-a-like! Bryan S. day! Summer parties! Oh girl what am I gonna do w/out u next year, it makes me sad but I will remember how beastly u are and smile, go 2 sleep and have The Good Son dreams. Lets go 2 my bedroom suite. Ewww lotion. Jewda the maca bee and the rats in my x-mas tree. Life guarding at hotels and being played out by back-street boys. "Are tooth brushes free? ok we want one of those" "Bobby we never just talk anymore!" Don't ever forget that girl drowning in the training pool and how ugly she looked, and the many other ugly kids we met. (our friends w/3 fingers) "Open that door right now!" Well Trace, I have no idea how I'm gonna make it next year w/out u to call a million and one times a day, ("Dee what up?") I guess I will take all these great memories w/me and be on my way ... w/out u. Can u believe it that we are GRADUATING? It seems like yesterday we were in 5th grade and u were calling me a snob. We have stood by each other through the good and the bad, I will never 4get how I could call u up and scream and cry about my parents, boys and the many other things we have faced. You r my best friend and I love ya, but u are a SNOB ... hehe "not even I mever said that" It's okay and I have learned to deal w/u. TIl always remember driving backward at 60mph in ur jeep ... that was a bad idea, why did u let me do that? Well iris times like these that make saying goodbye so hard, but I'm lucky it's so hard to say goodbye ... we have come a long way and will continue

To Suzie Q — so we're graduating … wow feels like just yesterday I met you in 5th grade, Mr. Smiths class, you in your PINK sweat suits and matching glasses, me with my buckshots, and it's alright that I cried over a 65 on a test or a hangnail, cause you ripped your book in Ms. Hunts class and got in trouble, just because you got to sit with philip doesn't mean anything … Sixth grade was great, even though i got screamed at by Ms. Grehl when i busted into your advisory Ay Michelle your mom is fat, thats why your mom tap dances on your forehead, my mom has no legs, thats why your mom paddycakes on your forehead. Hey, wanna go to Burger King and get a Kids Meal, we could walk there since its right down the street from me … ok i guess that proves that YOU live on the rich side of town. Always remember, when going downstairs to play super nintendo … do not fall down the street light? Sue I lost my retainer! "Ha, what goes around comes around you stupid … aah mine fell out too!!", I didn't have black marks on my teeth, i sweat! I had a dream last night … ya know, the Good Son? ever see it sue? with who?? Yeah but oh well right? Just dont bring smelly feet amy, "… Sue I I could see your face right now," … Tracy Hang up the phone, Hang up the phone" anyway … "Di whatup" haha that was way harsh Ty. Fun times sleeping at that hote lone night, too bad i almost died from like poisoning, and those Randolph boys played us out, SIKE we played them out! How funny was it when we were babysitting, and we at all that ic ream, and then you went out to hunt for deer with your visor, hook and carrots, and I locked you out ther "open that doo!" So let me just apologize for a few things … 1) im sorry for telling you you were a nob (which you though you could just go and steal that like you stole my walrus? i dont think so! "fine then neither of us will have it", phase, bur we still went to Florida and had a blast together, whoever wound up with that bag of chips? crazy man. "Welcome to my bedroom sweet" Oh gosh, how could we forget t

up with that bag of chips' chazy han. Wetcome to my bedroom sweet. On gosh, now could we longer the time that wag of starked at bulger King by the mark with d swimming at the pool, and I told you that you got your period in the water! ha ha! OR when you were going to jump off the second tower w/Bryan S and you took the ladder down! We had fun times this summer, getting soooo gross at eddies that one night ... don't worry, i didnt see you fall off that chair! Getting caught speeding around the parking lot in the jeep by Roger was an experience too, "A little fast for a parking lot ladies" woops!! Thanks for lying for me when i totally got caught skipping work, too bad they made me cry the next day, I really enjoyed being the second laziest one at the pool, you being the first! So "Basically" I am going to miss you so much next year Sue. "Just listen, just wait, just listen just listen" We have been friends through thick and thin, the good and the bad, and of course the UGLY! You are seriously one of the best friends ever, you have always been there for me when I need help or anything, and even though we are going off to college, you better still be there for me cause ill be there for you! I am going to miss our 10 million phone calls every day, our corny movie watching (yes with lazy eye girl) and our silly fights. There is no one else in the world like you, we are the biggest brats alive Sue, no wonder no one can stand us! But thats alright because we are cool, and I love you Suzie! I'm Outtie!





## \*KATIE\* and \*RACHEL\*

"A friend is forever, their lives never end, if anything's eternal it is your best friend"

Remember when?!?!?!? First day of 5th grade. Mrs. Anderson's class. Katie and Rachel unite. Puffy paint at R's birthday party. Giving barbie a haircut. Mmmm BALLET!!! Synchronized swimming in the

pool. Lets skip over middle school. K transfers (FLOATER!!!) Hell with ps. Meeting up with megan in the woods. R can't take it. Barfs in the village. Some random guy brings her coffee. Uh oh R lost her flip flop, blockhead goes back to the woods to search. K and Meg toss R in a cab and send her on her way. R climbs the trellis and busts through the window. Whatta night. Allman Bros. Show. R and meg almost get kicked out of the Beacon. K and meg are seeing trails. The fat man tries to physically assault eric. K kicks him in the stomach. oh god!!! K gets over PS and spends some intimate time with a SAN CRISTOBAL stand regular shopper. The key ring. TEVAS!!!! noooooo. The meet in the village. K and R go off to their respective houses. K gets annoyed with Bubbles! Rachel is disgusted by Fred Flintstone. Specially made shoes are not her thing! The AMISH way of life! Question for the month of Oct. Is R going to ask NK



to homecoming? R drives a horse and buggy through Amish country. A party ... R and K both disappear. R to the side of a house with an unknown FRINK. Meanwhile K finds a magic white dog while barfing in a forest. Too much hanging out on "The Porch" offends someone and Rachel ends up with another cartoon character, SPEED RACER!!! Katie decides to adopt a lost puppy dog. K loves the dog pound, but he only has one in mind, the other dog. Finally K comes to her senses and realizes a lot about I. Luckily he got a caesar haircut and he is now acceptable. Too bad K loves I in a closet. R turns 16. Are her and K's curfews extended?!?! K and some skater hang out tim 4 am, but J has to wait in line behind others for K. In line is a thick necked beast, one of many (perhaps a twenty-five year old). R must like thick necks too or just Fred Flintstone lookalikes cause she got two of them that night. R gets a ride home at 4 am by one of adams friends. K and R decide that all bad things happen after midnight! K is

gaining a newphew and R gains some weight! K and R plan to raid the money drawer, then head for Florida! That sounds like a good plan. Haha. Once again the theory is proved. Nothing good happens after 12. K and R get read their rights. They stay home every weekend from then on. Katie continues to feed Caesar pizza on her front steps as Rachel drives 10 mph down the "s" curves. K and R become psychopaths. Their days consist of sneaking out for meals and exercising. "Terrycloth is for bathrobes not baby tees" SI. K and R's new HOBBY! Big Trac and Tob leave the entire sweet sixteen up to us. R hates the cake and we have to take it back. Ted decides to lay fake grass around outside. K and R's worst nightmare, Jerry rose "how about rubber duckies?" HELL NO!! Rachel takes a hellish trip to UVM. E is too cool for her. Smelly roommate from hell. SLIM JIMS! K slips a sweet success into the refrigerator as R pops in another



workout video. Thanks to everyone for the great memories! Never forget!

"When time who steals years away shall steal our pleasures too, the memory of the past will stay, I'll always remember you." What can I say? I met all of you six years ago in the crowded classrooms of SOMS. Now, after all this time, I'm finally realizing how much you really mean to me. I've learned so much from each of you. Khadijah, you have taught me to never be afraid to speak my mind, Akili you have taught me to always have a big heart, Alana you have taught me to live without regrets. Brandis you have taught me to embrace change instead of fearing it and Fatima you have taught me that a woman has infinite strength. And now, as I begin my journey beyond the walls of CHS, these jewels will remain with me forever. My friends are my sanity ... and I'd like to give thanks to those who have been with me through it all. GOD, Mom, Dad, Alex, Calvin, Capujitos, Cha-Chas, Lauren, Aliyah, Katusia, Max, Toni, Colin, Keino, Ivonne, Langston, and all those I've forgotten ...



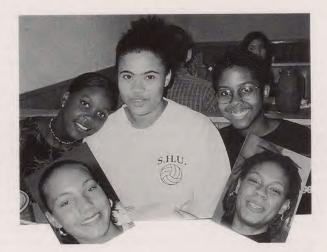
Now it's Alana's turn. Thanks to all of my friends for making these past four years the best of my life. I know that between the four of you, I'll always have someone to talk to, a place to stay, Cheez-its to eat, and inspiration to receive. Thank you all for putting up with me. I'll never forget what it means to have true friends.

## Andria\*Khadijah\*Alana\*Brandis\*Akili



A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.

A real friend expects to always be there for you.



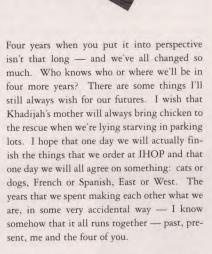
Words from KLW — I guess I would first and foremost like to thank my family for raising me. You taught me about God, about faith, and most importantly, love. They say it takes a village to raise a child — so aunt deb, uncle reg, uncle guy, nana, aunt pearl, aunt rece, aunt cece, daddy charles, and the rest of my village — I love you. Mommy, throughout the years, I have admired your strength and your beauty, but most of all your willingness to provide whatever you could for your children. Thank you, and never think that my love for you has ever dwindled. Leah — you'll always be my best friend. Ra - I love you. Now, to my friends from middle school and beyond ... Andria, we have had lots of laughs, and lots of tears. I will always remember letters and keepsakes. Brandis, there have been so many times that I needed to hear your voice and get your advice for fear of losing my mind. You've kept me sane, and I'll miss you. Akili, who could live without you. You were always there, ready to have a good time, or bring me chicken soup when I was sick. You've made me smile, and more than that, laugh. Alana, of all my friends, your name inspires thoughts of relaxation and ease with one's self. I will always remember Chem class, and your ability to make Colin behave. To all my friends (esp. KL AB, Aliyah, Toni, Lauren and Luis — you will always be my baby) — Never forget the slumber parties, discussions, girls nights out, boyfriends (Khadijah when you make mad loot), or just hanging out!! I guess my idea for surrounding myself with people whom I respect really worked out. You have all made me who I am, a better person than I started out. Thank you for your patience, loyalty, and, most importantly, love and encouragement. I know God sent you all to me, and I couldin't thank Him enough.



"In a world full of copycats ... be an original!" I thank everyone for allowing me to express my individuality freely, even if it seemed like I was crazy rather than original! To my best budz — thanx for making these four years fly by. I don't know what I would have done without the laughs, the movies, brownies, parties, sleepovers, cookie dough and venting sessions that made life less stressful and more worthwhile. Anytime will always be a good time for IHOP and Nutella, Brandis. Dijah, I am not now, nor will I ever be YELLOW! I am just a lighter complexion than most people. Andria, don't 4get all the fun we've had partying in your basement until all hours of the morning or Taz postcards from Martha's Vineyard. Alana, aka 'A' bka Medusa — thanx for always being a person I could look up

to — not just in the literal sense. Alrite smarties ... its time to go on to bigger, better things. Hopefully, when we look back on this thirty years from now we will have more pictures to cut and paste onto the covers of our yearbooks with memories and stories to match. LYLAS (love ya like a sister) now and always — Ki





From Brandis To: My family (Doug, Sheila, Rabia, Kellen, and Kori, Aunt Viv, Eric, Dear, Aunt Carolyn) and friends (Lauren, Katusia, Rajahn, Ray, Chris, Kat, Carla, 'mika, 'tima and all who I've forgotten)

## \*Laura\*

\*\*I will gain and lose many things in my life, but never the memories with friends\*\*



\*Tracy\*

\*\*A best friend is the sister destiny forgot to give you\*\*

\*Freshman Year\*began with field hockey and Janice. T and Dare always together, L and Rach, T thinks L talks WAY too much and L thinks T looks like Dare. School starts, T and L have math together, and by chance sit next to each other "I guess you can't die from talking too much" Seats get changed, L with JN T with middle of the week "hey are you wearing lipstick?" "yeah, a very light shade". L sits in front of RM, T is very jealous, he tells L she is "obtuse". T and L trade witch boots and wooden dress ... not to be returned until the end of senior year. New seats again, T sits next to HR and gets told to stay after class in the middle of a test, thats what you get for cheating. L asks for T's number, T says "no then you might call me" L starts talking to ME, L passes notes through ME to T, L later on rejects him ... boy won't she regret that in a few years. Summer begins, T and L go to FH camp, everyone is obsessed with ROB. L makes funny noises in her sleep, T thinks she is wacko. T and L get asked to go to bed by Betty Logan ... nice hat ... next stop LBI. L hitches a ride with T's dad ... It's hard to say what it is I see in you ... Beep Beep Who's Got The Keys To The Jeep Vroooom. How many times can you walk around Bay Village in one night?

\*Sophomore Year\*Project Adventure w/ Mr. T, Holly, Stacy, Felix the Cat, Parbai, and of course Bobby. T supplies the lotion to cover BH in. T and L find a senior buddy and go to pizza primo for lunch, they feel cool, thanks for the ride SA. Basketball w/ Mr Brothers, T and L never did a thing, and gained a third wheel. Mr. B wanted to give T and L D's, but thanks to KS they got B's. Health with the dirtbag in the back of the class was always fun. The best was Volleyball, T on a team with Rich Gil and AW, and L with the animals who can't keep their hands off her. T, L, and Rach become buddies with Bec ... "doesn't her dad look like Dan Lovitz?" What to do at Bagel when you don't get your bagel. L has study with Eddie, T and L form BIG crushes on him. L steals pens from E for T. L and E become good friends, everyone thinks they hook up ... do they? T has crush on CA, L gives her a lifesaver of his, she saves it. All I have to say is ... "thats why you have fungus on your lip" Mr Heenan comes, uhh your fly is opened. MIEK MIEK MIEK ... L becomes friendly with MI, he wants her bad. L and T find ways to stalk him online ... Papajoey 17 "take that earring out of your ear" Lunchtime was a blast discussing SBTB "Im so excited" 90210 and DC ... the girls at the table decide to give themselves a name after the many boys they stalk. T gets highlights, they look awful, L makes fun of them and T hangs up on her. DMB comes, T L and R go to concert along with Blowe ... "wanna lick of my lolly" T and L are good babysitters, L is abusive, trying to check the babys labels, and hits his head on the coffee table while shes at it ... T then tries to make him sick by giving him a cold bottle ... Juuiiiceee and his bagel with cheese. T loses her wallet at Abercrombie, she gets it back with half of the money missing. Summer starts off with Michelle from "Minnesoda" coming ... "so cuute so cuute". 11:45 at T's house, MI and JK come over, they wait on back deck until T and L get back from Hot Dads. T, L and "cuute" show up at Dopseys ho

\*Junior year\* ... Ms. DoNELLy! I dont really remember who picks their zits and eats them. Lea-nard (LA Smith) and his "whip" How can we forget the Brownie Lab YUCK! Tye-Dying, always getting our seats moved away from each other, but ending up next to each other the next day. Gerard. "Girls when there is a JCrew sale, I'll tell you" "Next time you see me im gonna be thinner than Laura!" T's obsession with RW starts, L's with MTB once again. Our obsession with Nash starts in Drivers Ed ... nice windshield wipers on your poster. T and L sweat their siblings friends, T saves piece of trainers bro's shirt, and L "holds up caller ID" Romeo Romeo!!! Many stories with Franklin, all three of them! Eddies little story involving <3Trainer Pat<3 and BB....Harriet the Spy. Gym was fun....Ping Pong w/Rach (who got caught sneaking out).Jesus, and Nash and T's "best friend" enters the picture. EL makes sure that T & L and Sue get in their Scranton Applications so all the "Farrell sisters can go together. T's parents "fly the coop" so people come over...."Eddie is giving away free kisses" LE harrases RW, then waits impatiently outside, he never shows! L gets the chocalate bunny, "when are you going to crack it?" LBI with the annoying house guest. T begs L to take her home, but L refuses. More endless laps at Bay Village. L and T get their licenses FINALLY!

\*Senior Year\* BLING BLING....T and L have a class together with BLING BLING and MTB, Ariel and NB. T sits w/L's boy, L w/T's. "I should charge you \$50 a question" T gets jealous b/c L goes to WWF w/AB, in the minivan.... "dont worry i brought you home his caesar salad" you have M&M's??? We have all the same teachers....just different periods! T has class with PG and DL...lucky her. T & L are back on the benches at soccer. T goes to VA and sees Mr. Werth and gets another her hug....L goes on retreat and falls for LEO, L becomes buddies with the hot guy from the gym...Tom. L makes everyone put a certain "parkway" on their buddy list. Dump Days begin....R and Bec better thank us for getting involved with NB. Putting random pics on boys cars...thank god he's still alive. Incognito in the old jetta to stalk a certain dead end..."thats his brother!!!" L gets a cell phone, T is jealous. L and Sue take T to EH for an exciting evening.... "do you smell like smoke?" T gets job at Pottery Barn, but decides never to go in. L finds Kenny, and places him on T's car...a neverending cycle....JG also gets a little something on his car. L and T find themselves going to Kings randomly to make chocolate covered strawberries "what are you doing tonight?" "eating". T & L make a "bet" a/b EL...Bec wants to know what it is a/b. T sweats L's hot cousin hardcore... "when did you guys see Election?" L gets a giant gingerbread house....someones going to



be jealous!

Rachel & Rebecca-what can we say, you're our bestfriends! We're going to miss you so much next year, the past few years together have been unforgetable. We'll be back for some more Dump Days next year! Love ya! Sue-We will miss you next year...and so will East Hanover! Thanks for the fun times!

Eddie-Oh you have taught us so much, because of you we are great spies....even better than you. Don't worry, we'll fry some "meat" up for you soon! Christa and Kitty-Sorry to let you guys know, we're better than you!



\*Keep smilin, keep shinin, knowing you can always count on me, for sure...that's what friends are for. In good times, in bad times, I'll be on your side forever more....that's what friends are for\*







