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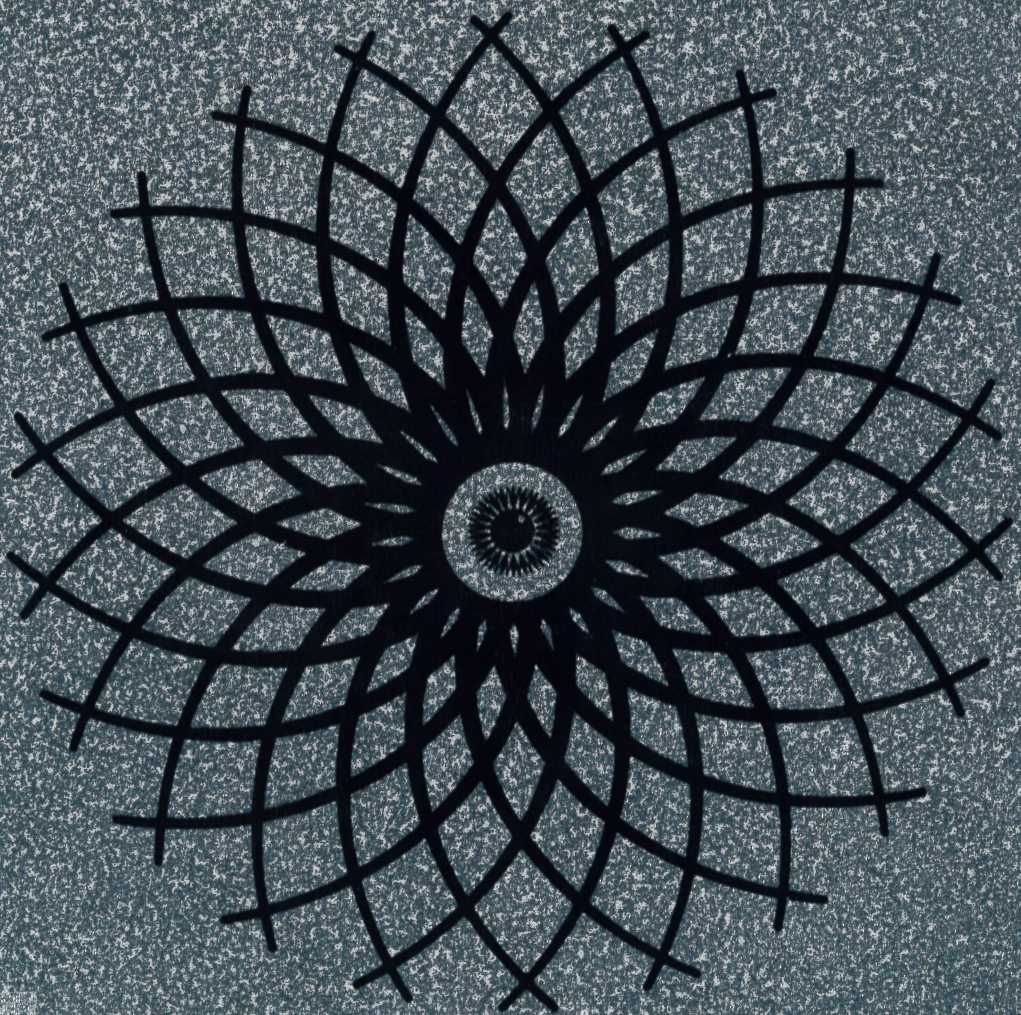

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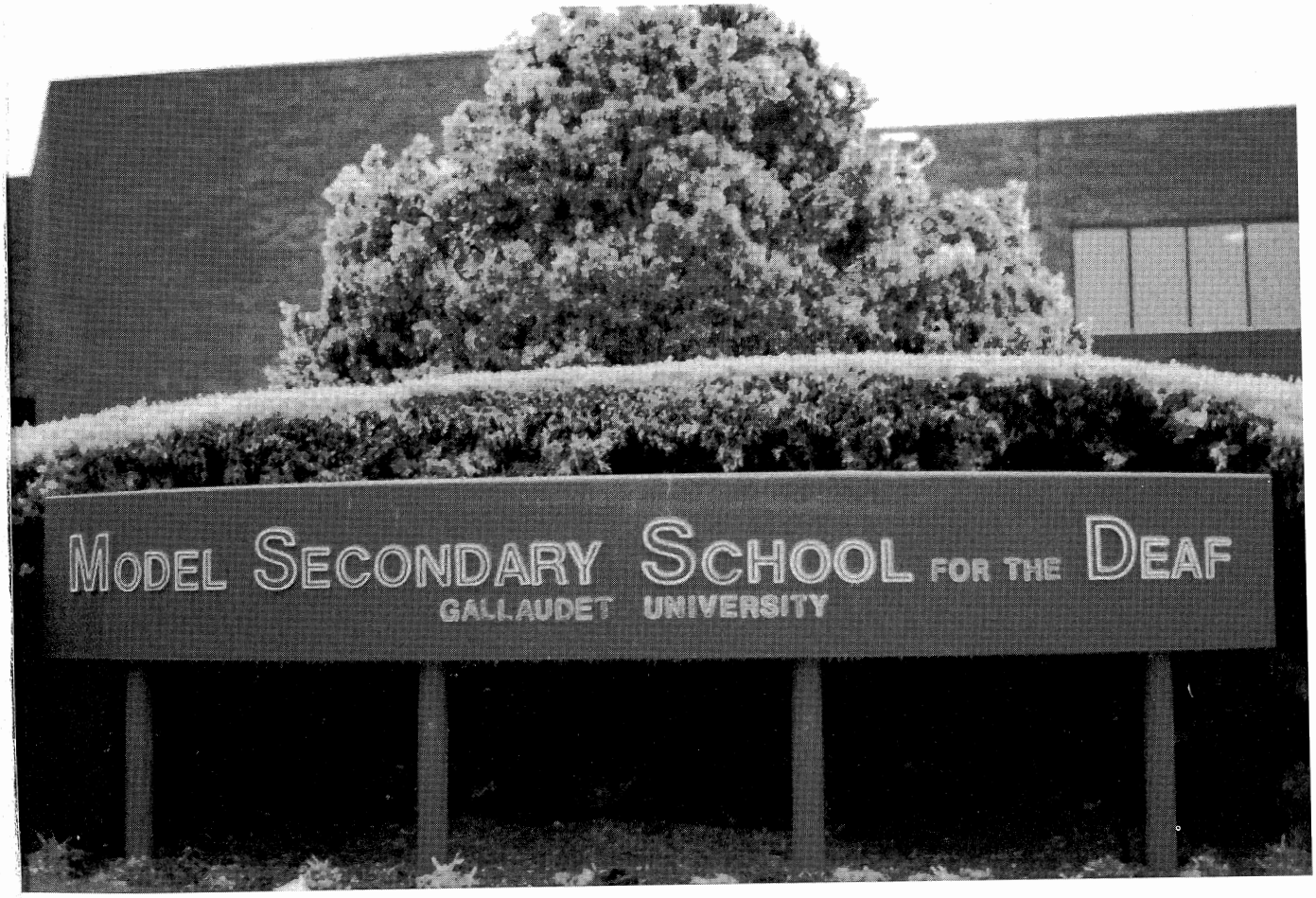

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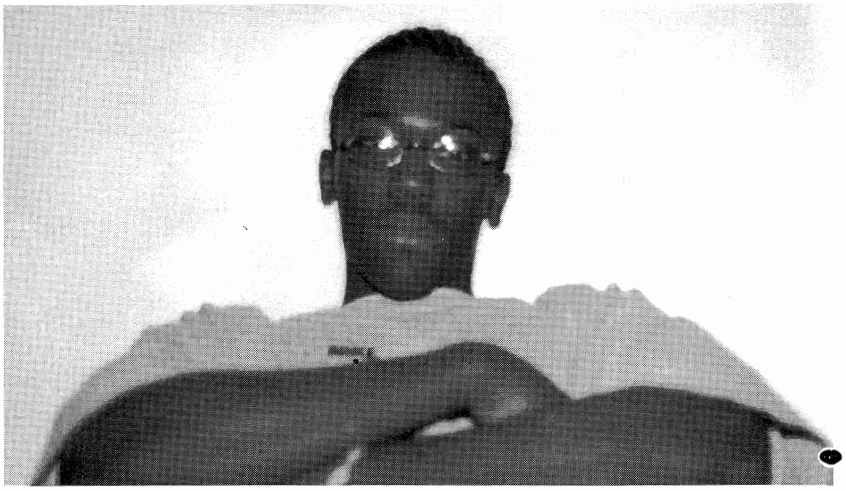

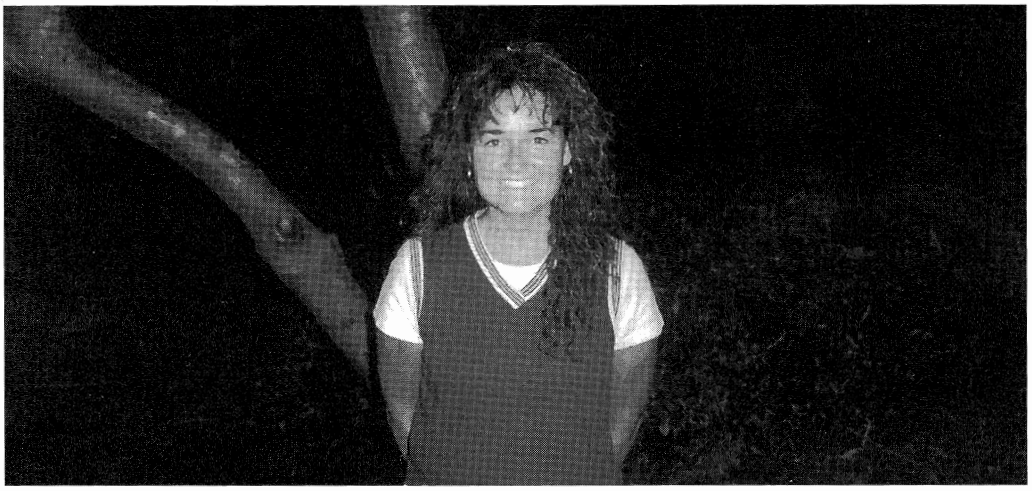

Carol Nemecek, Yearbook Sponsor

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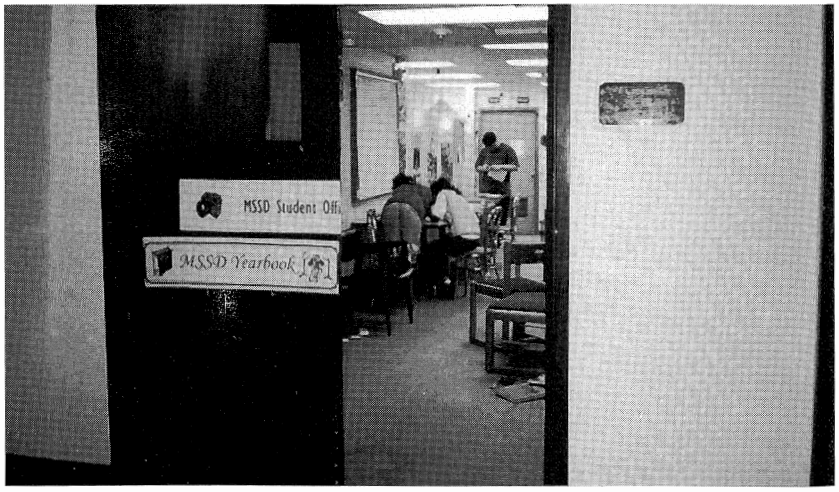

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Dear Graduating Seniors:

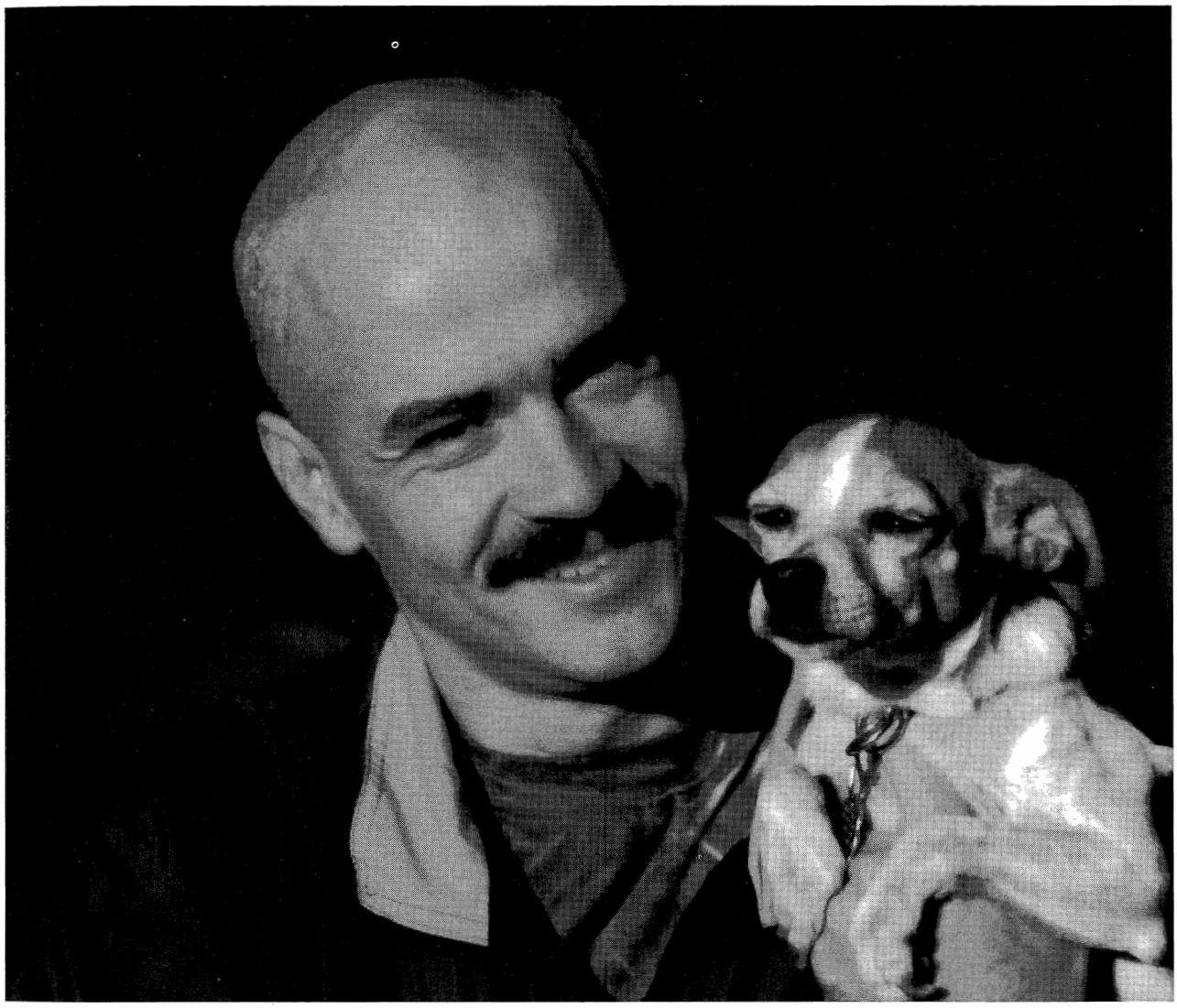
CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2000! The beginning of the new millennium marks the beginning of a new era. It is truly a special time for millennium graduates. Not only are you entering a new era, but you are embarking on a new phase of your life. You are on the threshold of major changes in your life. As you take on the new challenges that will come your way, take with you the valuable tools you have received from your education at MSSD. The education you received at MSSD has not only given you a strong foundation in academics, it has given you the opportunity to enrich your interpersonal skills, communicative competence, physical well-being, and the resources to plan your future life. As you begin a new phase of your life in this new era, use what you have learned well. As the new millennium represents change, do as Mohatmas Gandhi advises, "be the change you want to see in the world."

Graduating MSSD Eagles, go forth and SOAR as high as you can to achieve the changes you want to see in then new millennium!

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Jankowski, Ph.D.
Director

Dedication from the Class of 2000



David VanBoxlaere

The class of 2000 would like to dedicate this yearbook to David VanBoxlaere. He served as Senior sponsor for the Class of 2000 and we would like to say, "Thanks!" He has demonstrated so much encouragement and energy in making this year the best for the seniors. This support has taken us through good and hard times and helped the senior class prepare ourselves for graduation. He has done many things including planning and managing the senior activity retreat and fund raising. We really appreciate what he has done for us. We know we'll miss him and wish him the best in the future.

Eagle Song

Hail to our Mighty Eagles
Spirit and hail to our MSSD flag
Its color, Red, White, and Blue

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

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

What if our victory seems not possible?
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, our MSSD boys are
willing to fight the stubborn fight
from sunrise to sunset
So, hail to our mightly Eagles
Spirit and hail to our MSSD flag
its colors, well, of course, Red, White, and Blue

Our boys lined up, ready to go
Referee blows, boys hear??
NO! DEAF!
And yet we all cooperate, cooperate, cooperate
Yell, yell, yell to support our group through!

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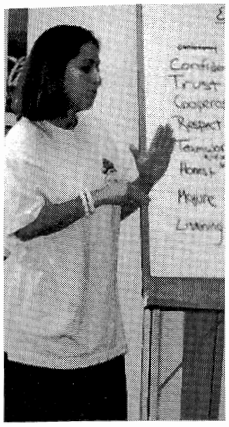





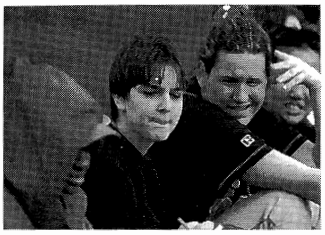



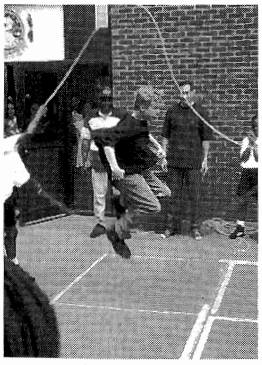

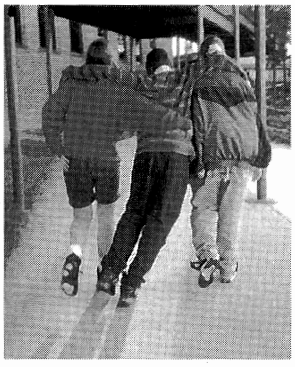



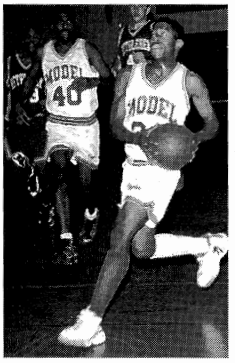









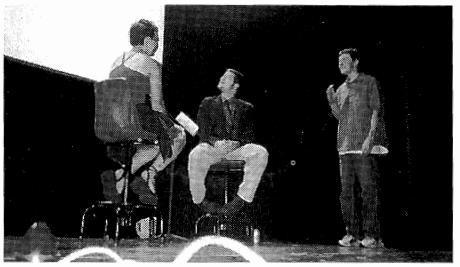





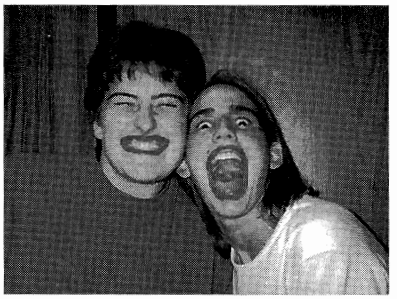

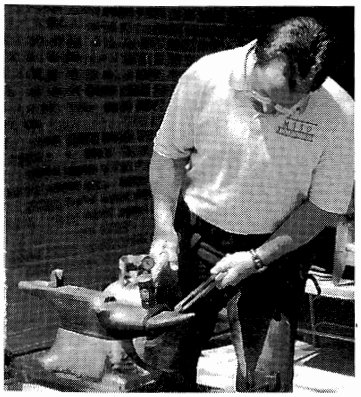







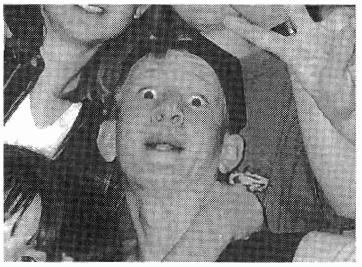

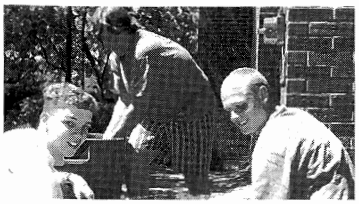



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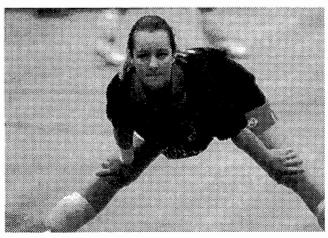



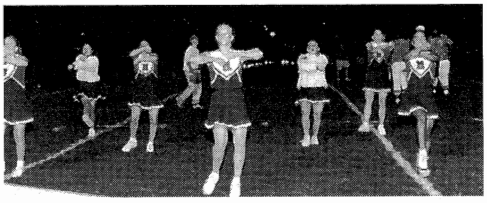
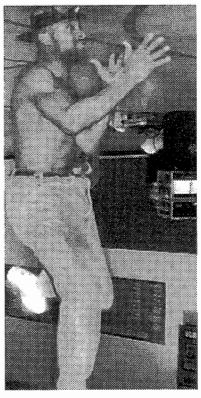
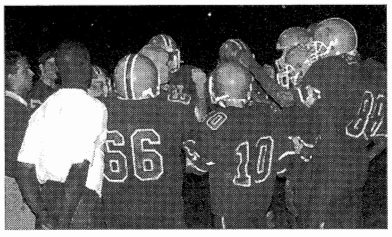

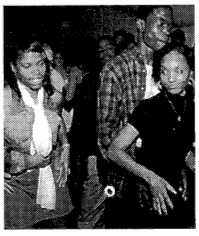
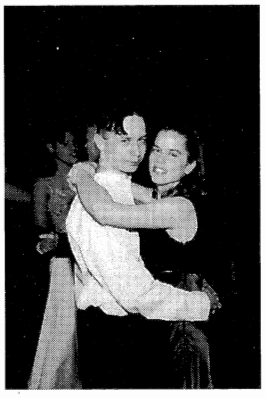
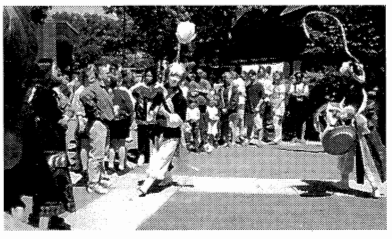
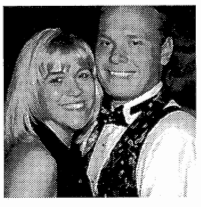

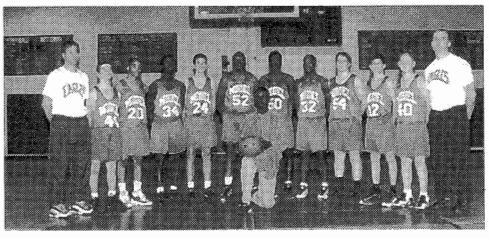
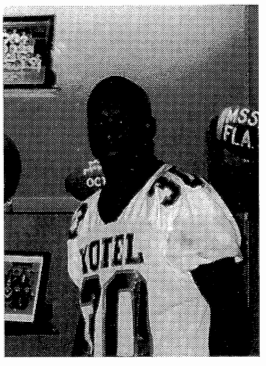
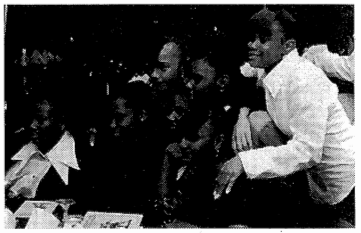
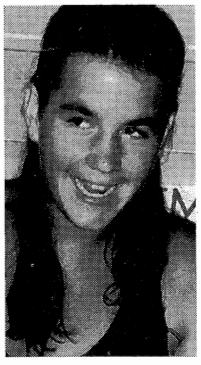

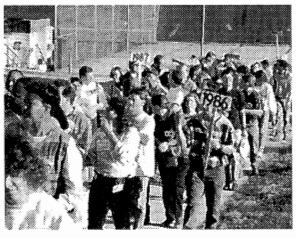
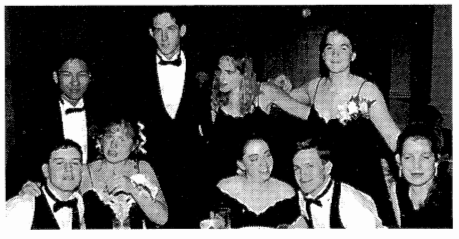

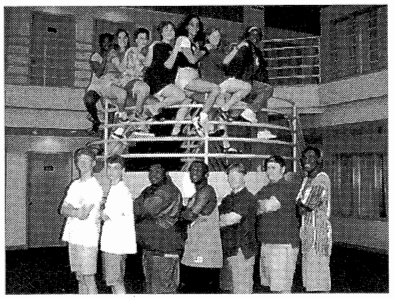

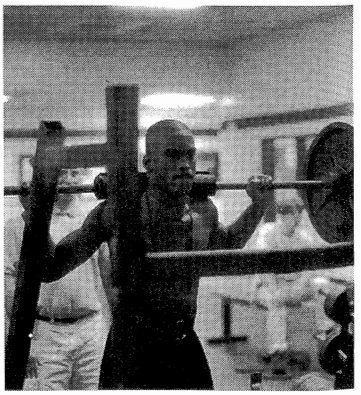

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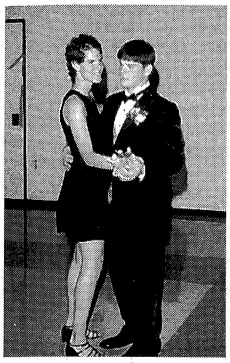

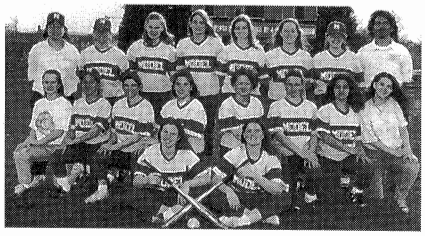
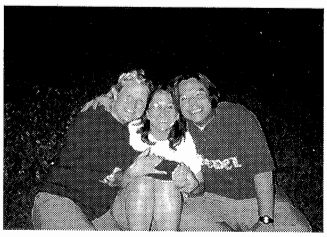



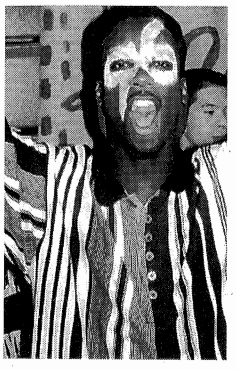

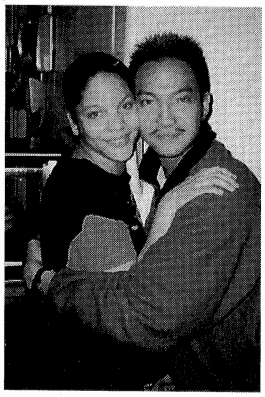



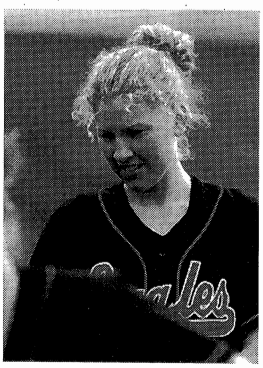
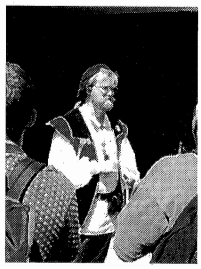





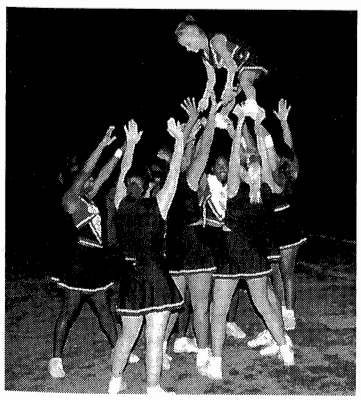

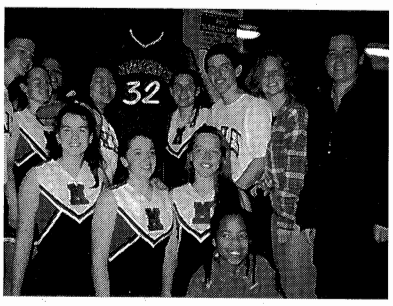
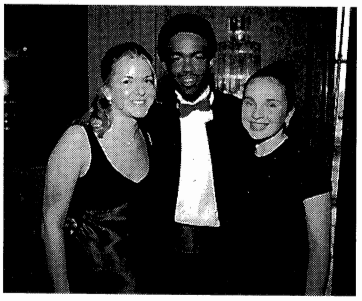

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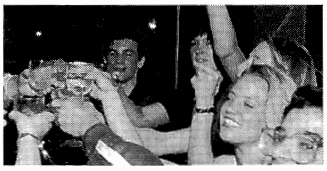
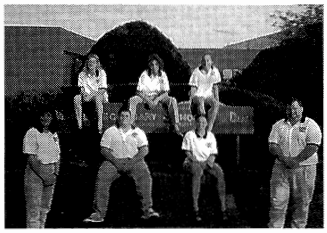

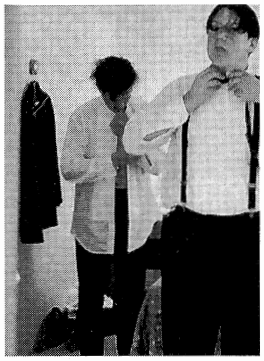
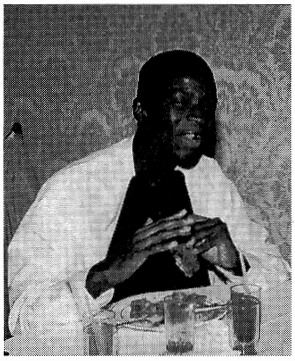

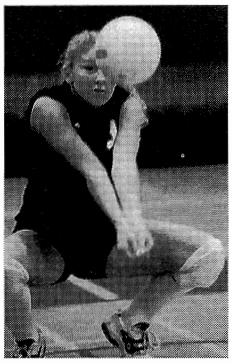
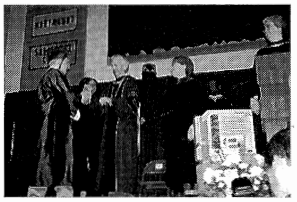

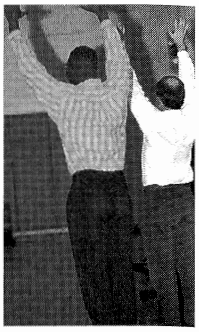

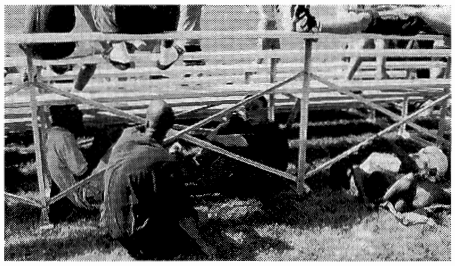
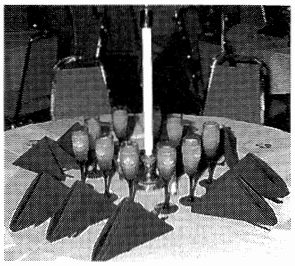

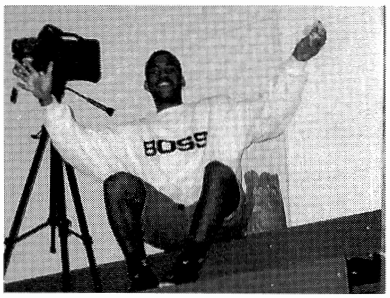
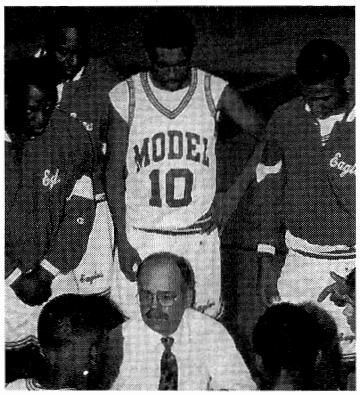
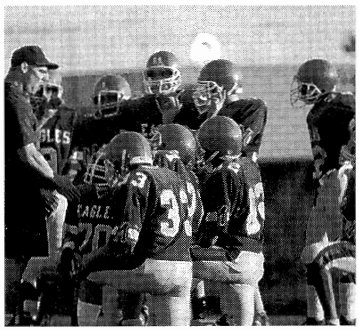

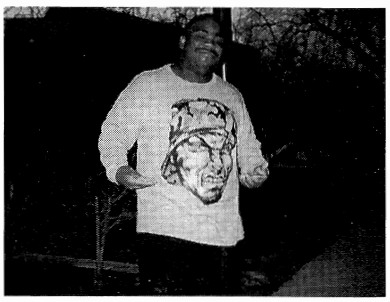


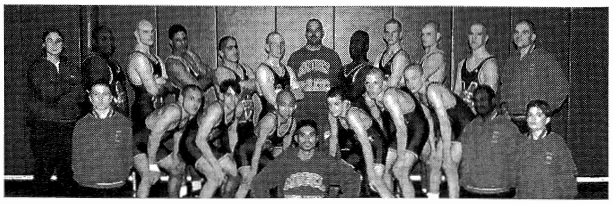


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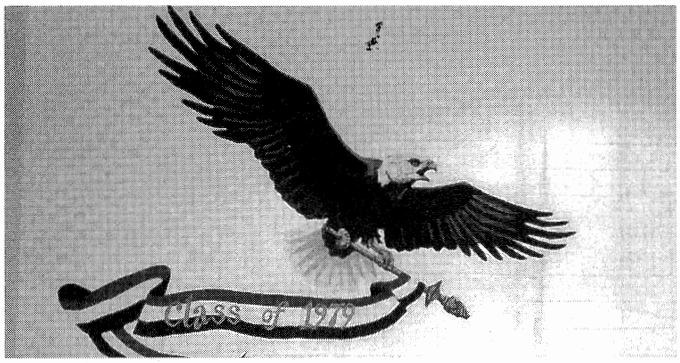
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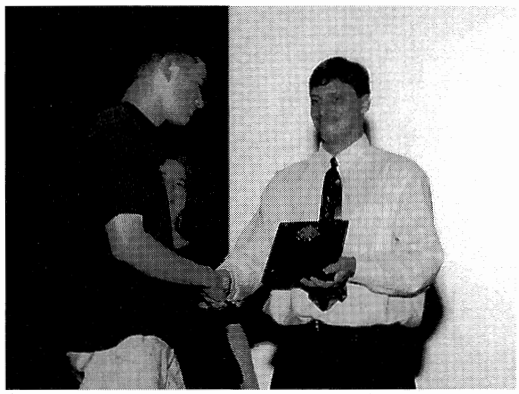

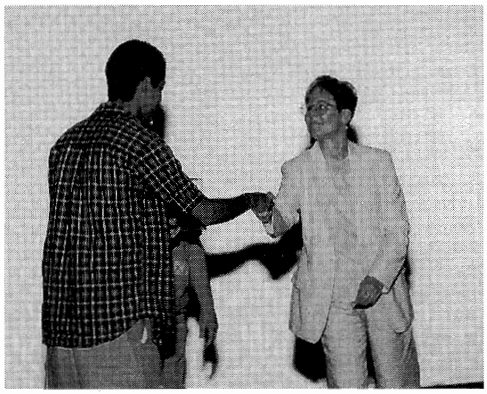









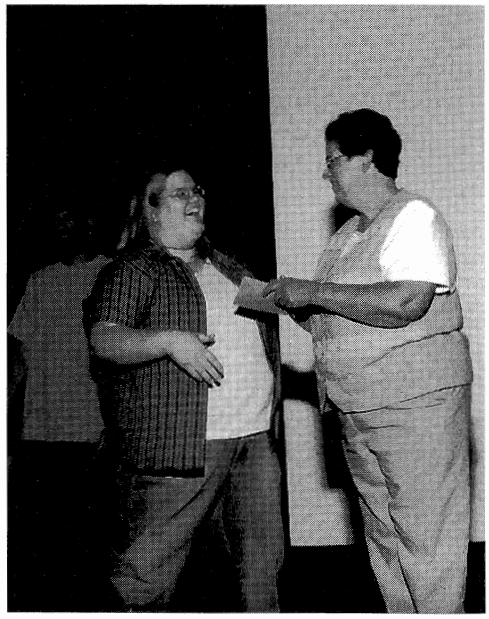


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Academics

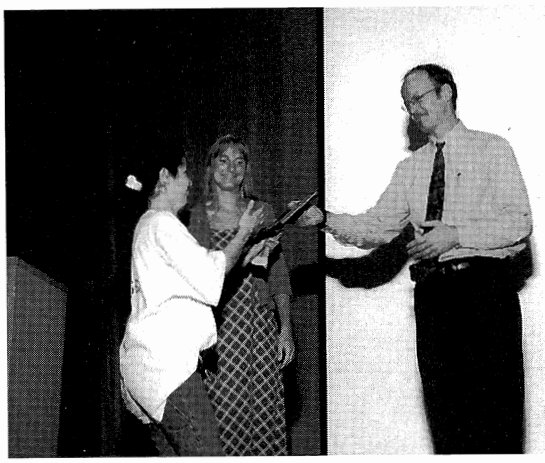
MSSD Academic and Student Life Awards



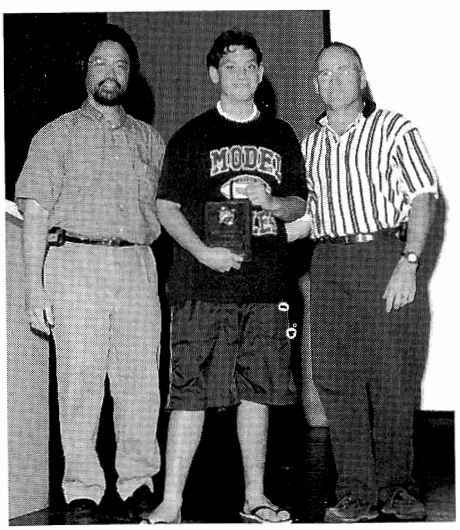












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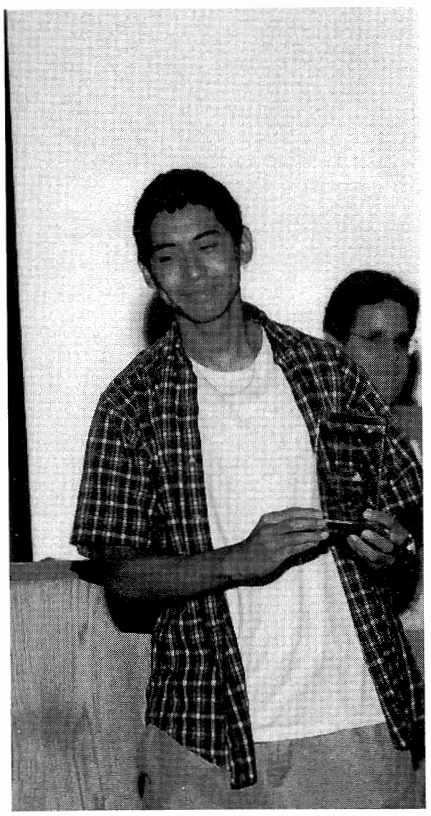

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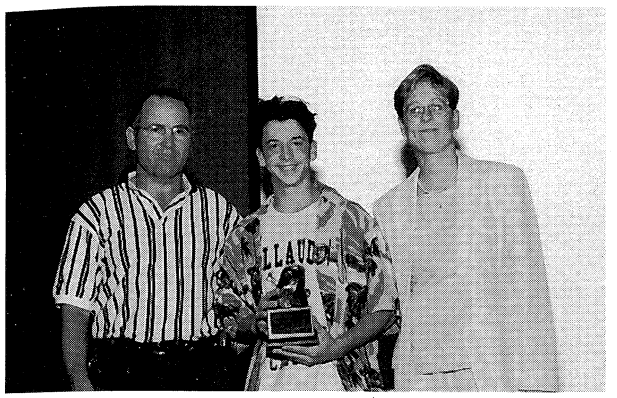



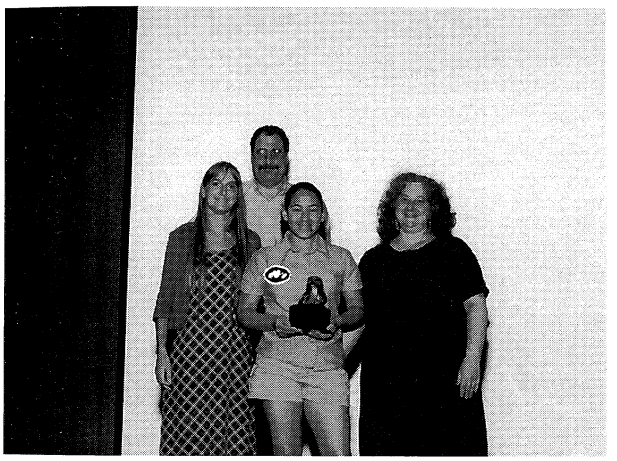



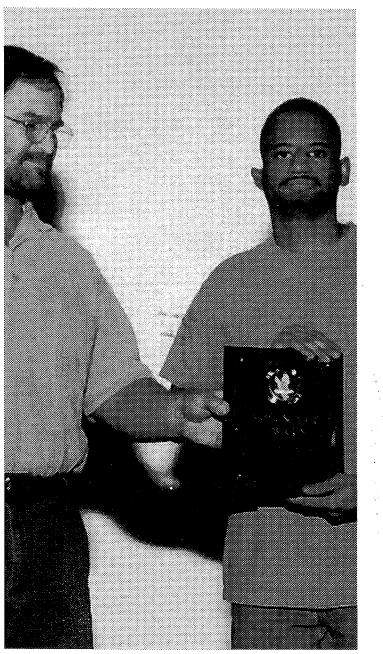



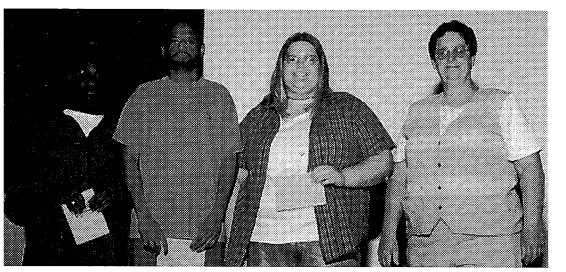



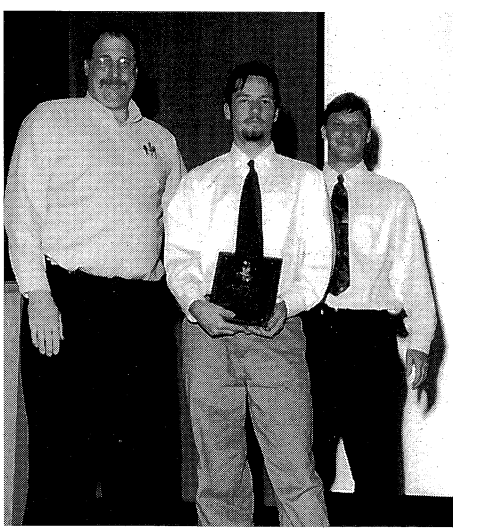

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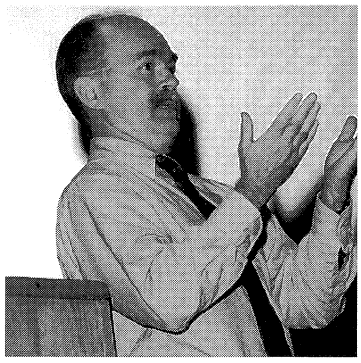

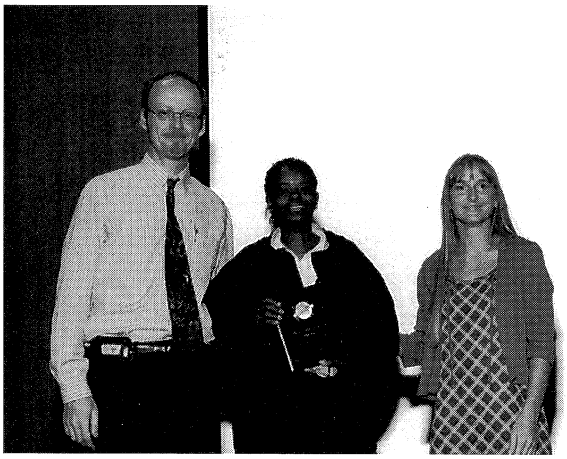

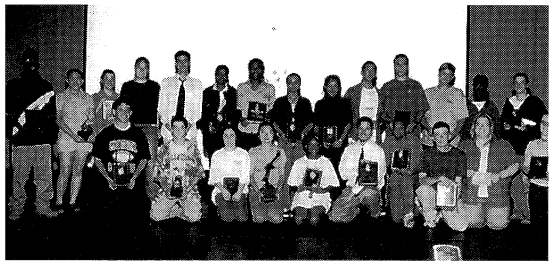

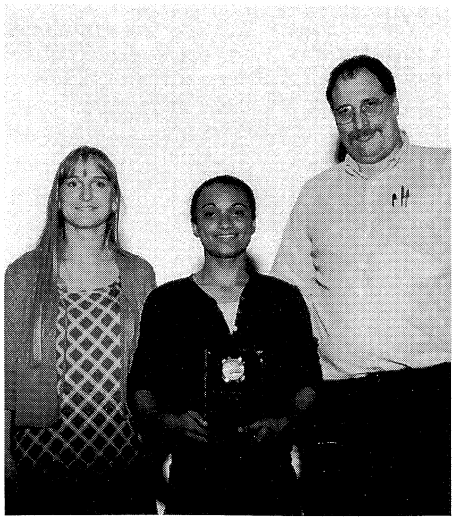

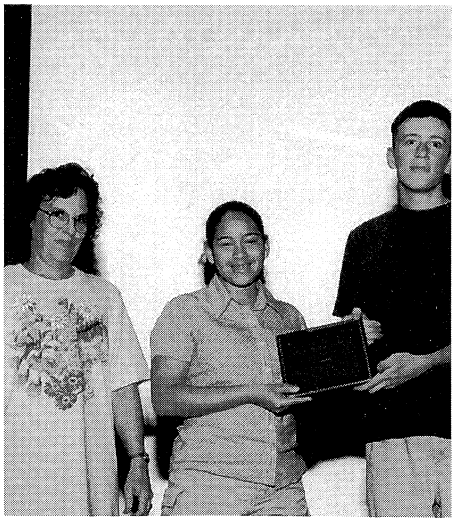



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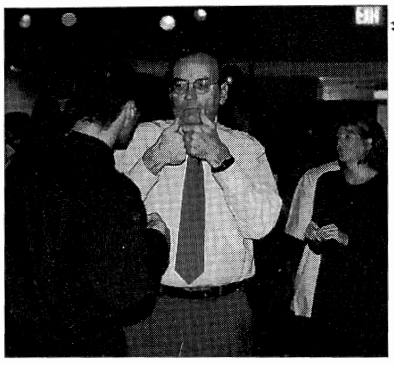





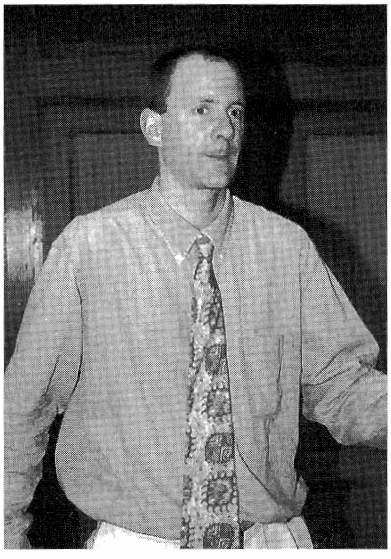



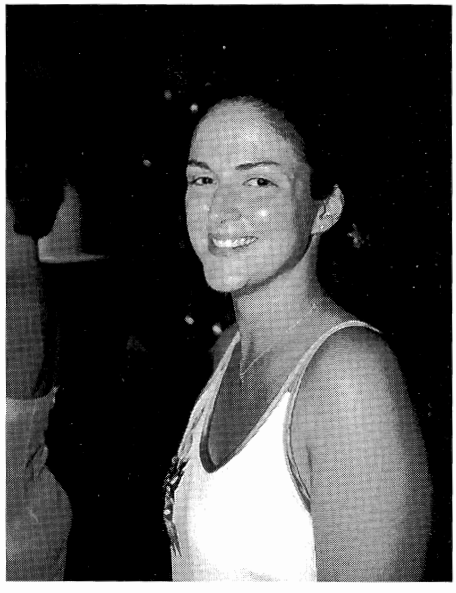



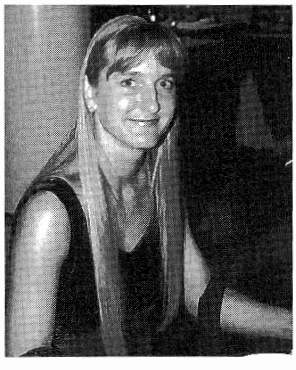

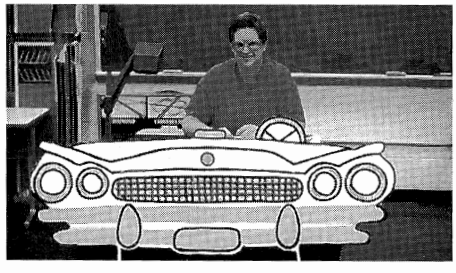







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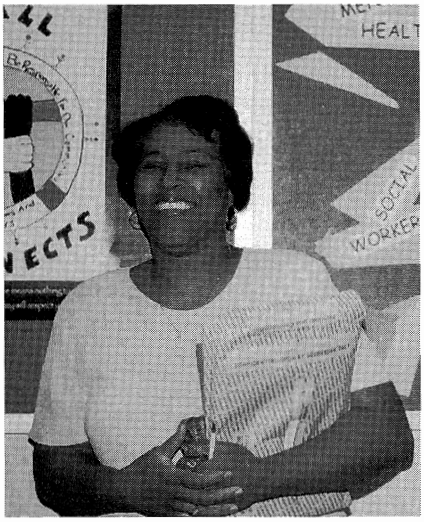

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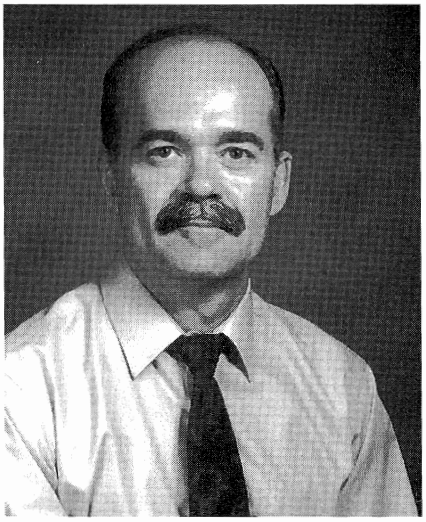

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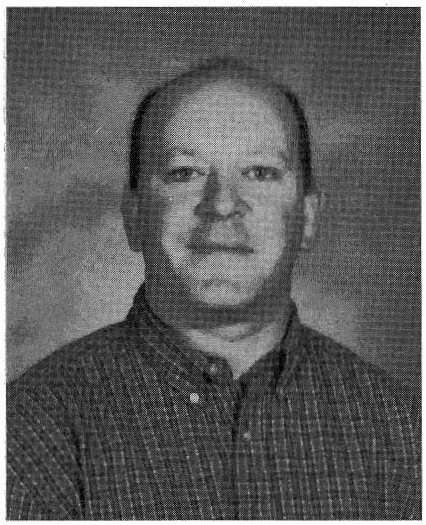

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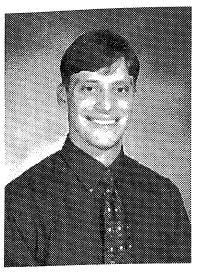
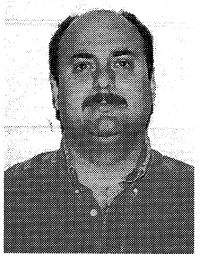
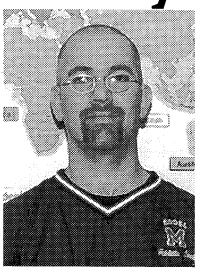
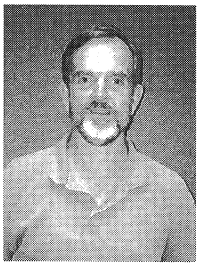
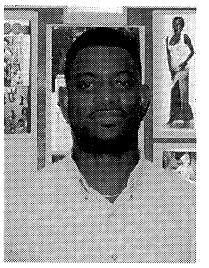

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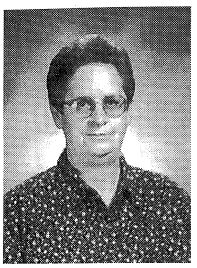
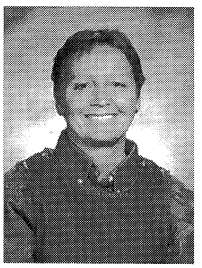
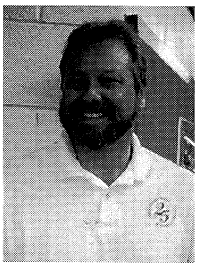
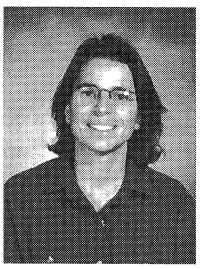


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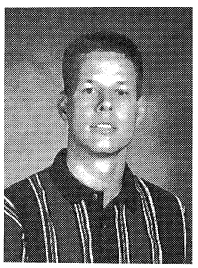
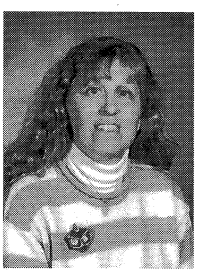


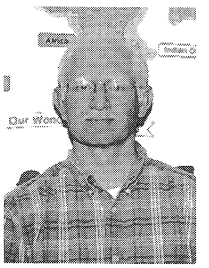

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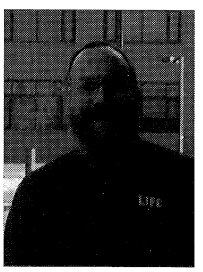
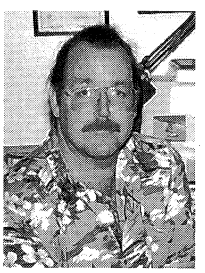

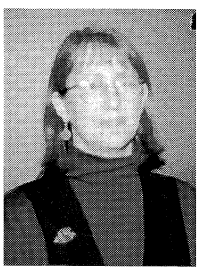

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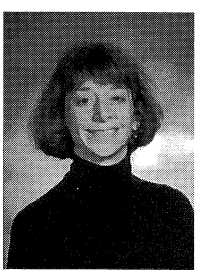

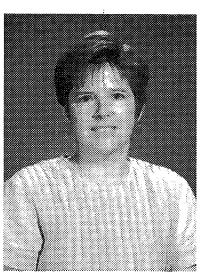
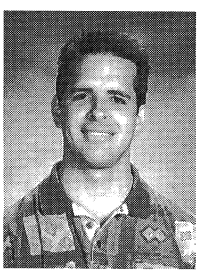

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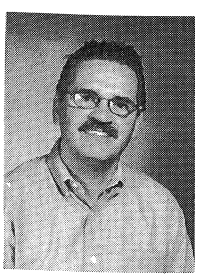

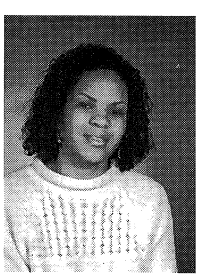
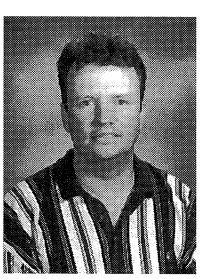
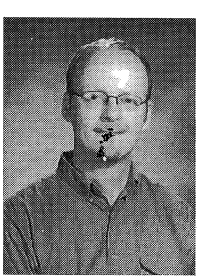

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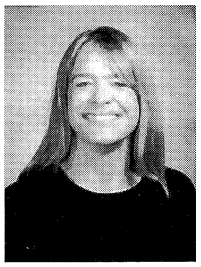
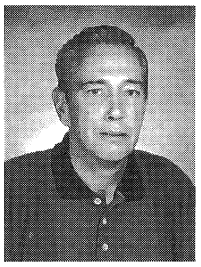
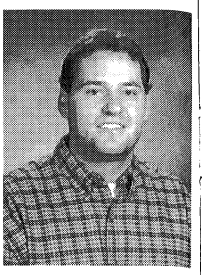

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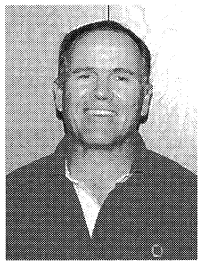



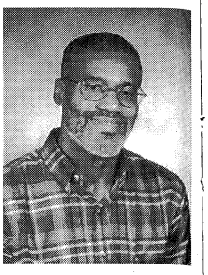

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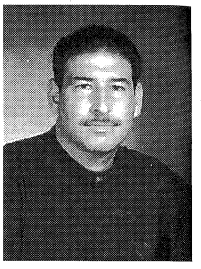

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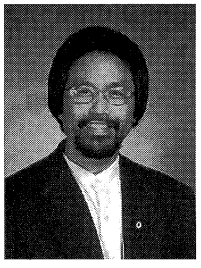

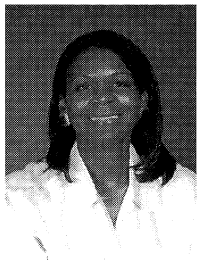

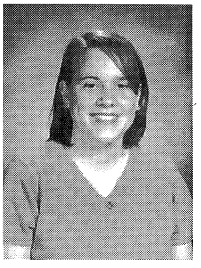

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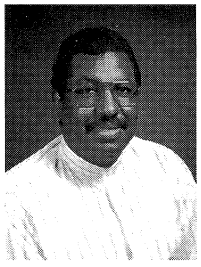
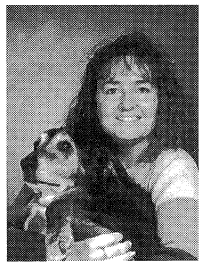


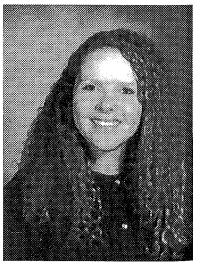

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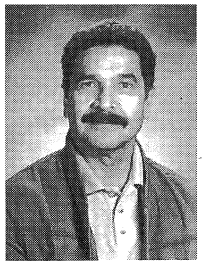
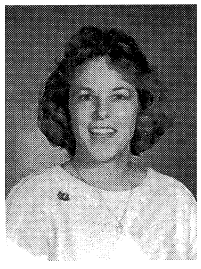

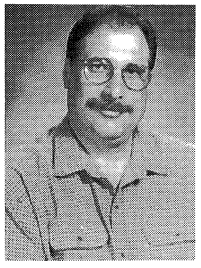


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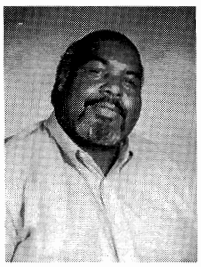

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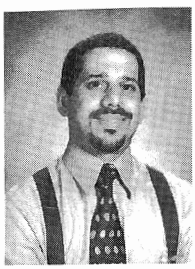
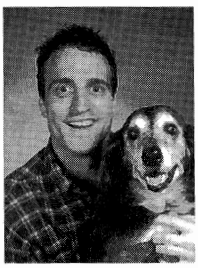
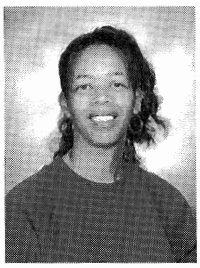
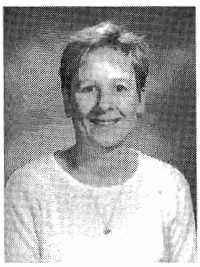
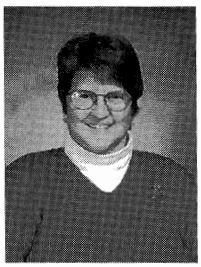

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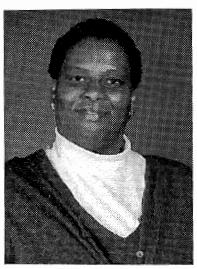
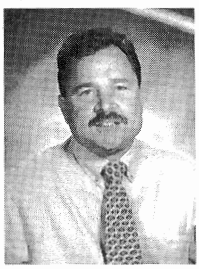


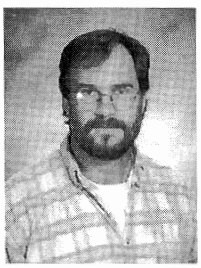

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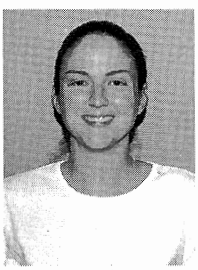
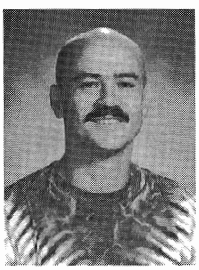
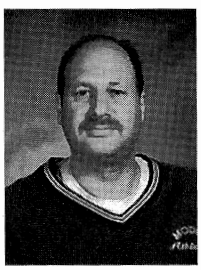
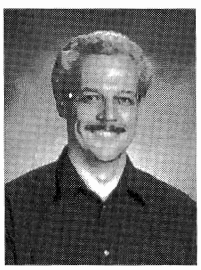

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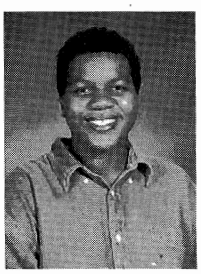

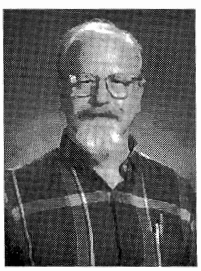

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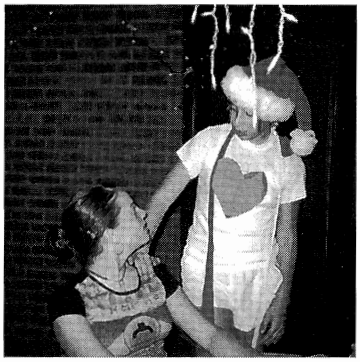

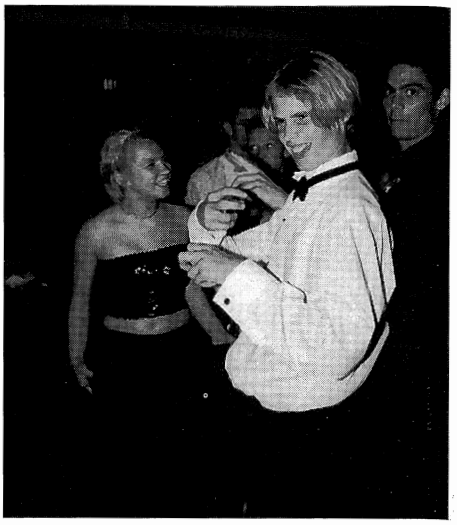

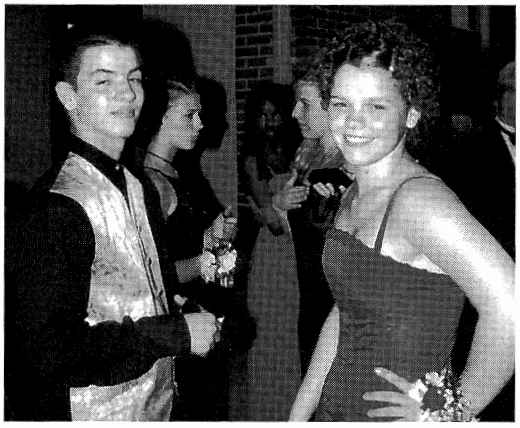

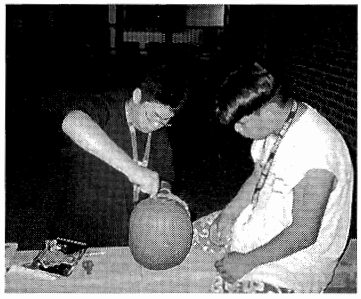

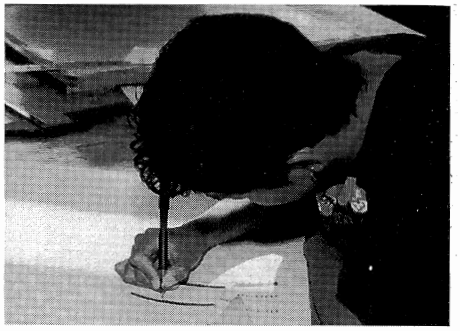

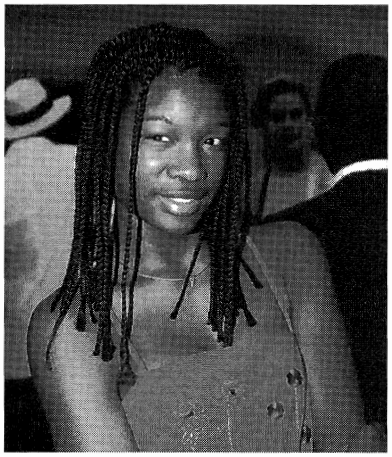

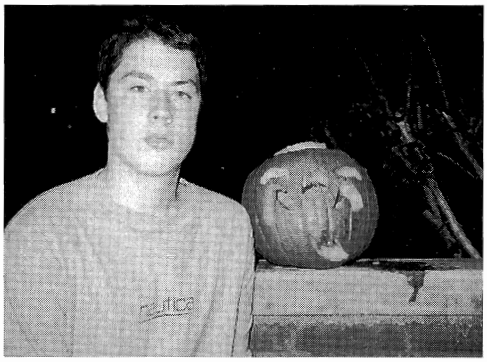



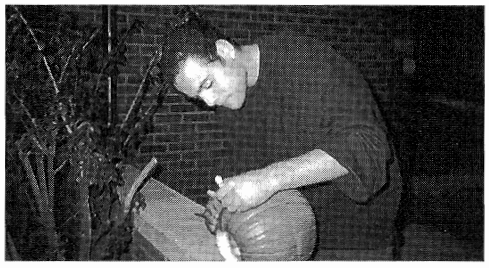

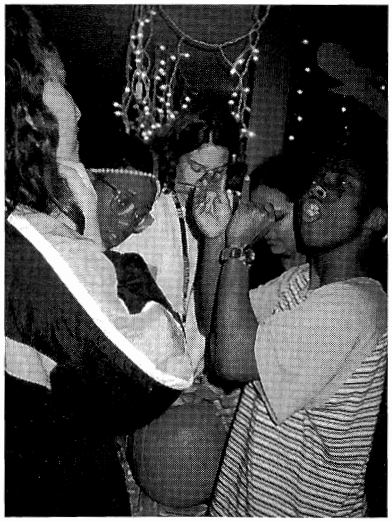

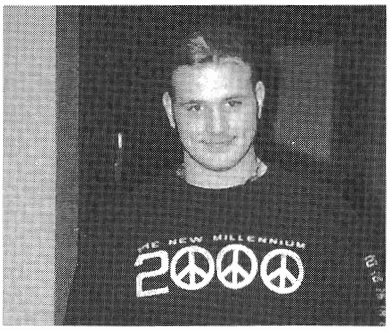

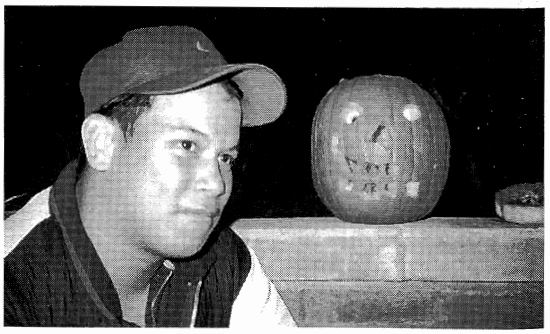

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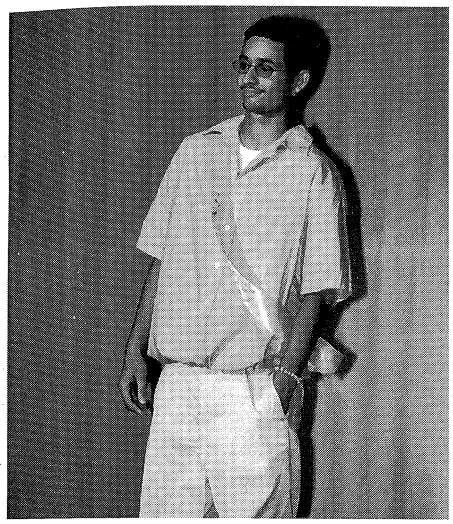



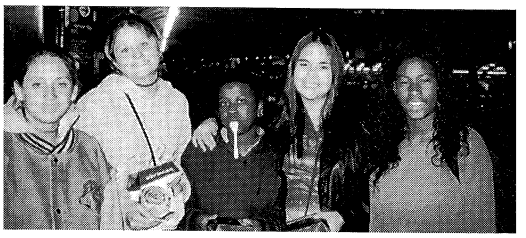

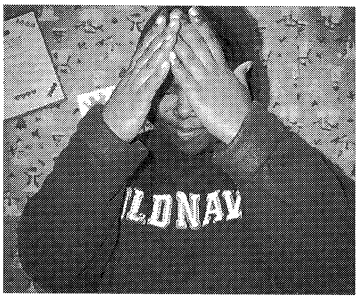





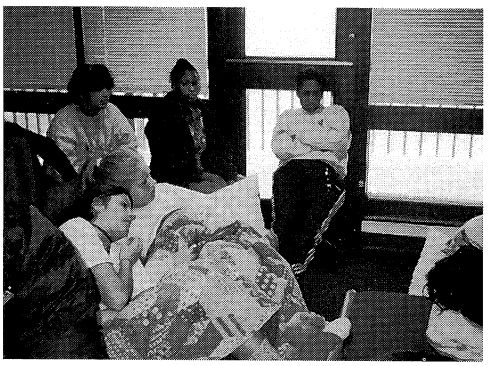

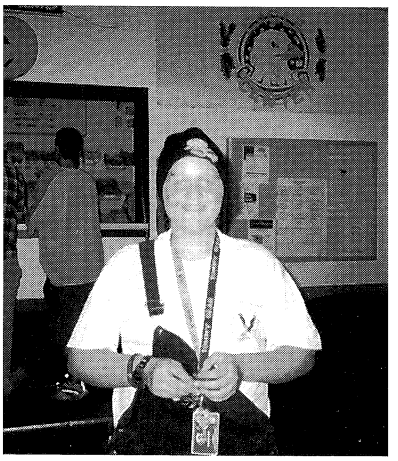

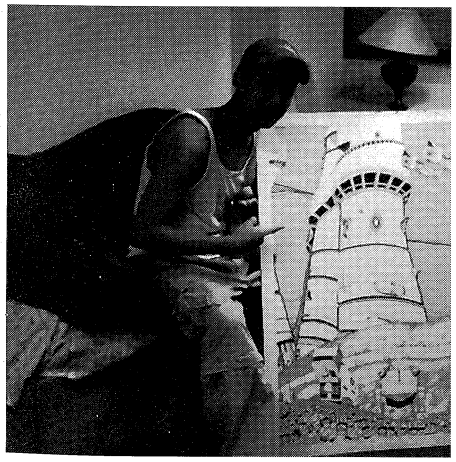



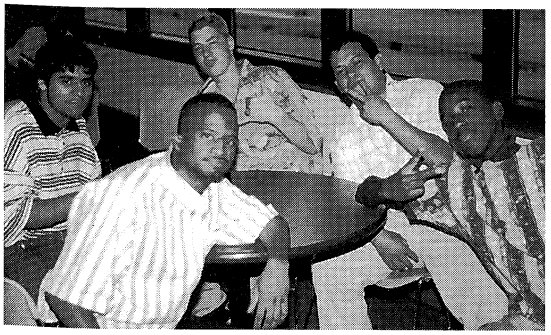

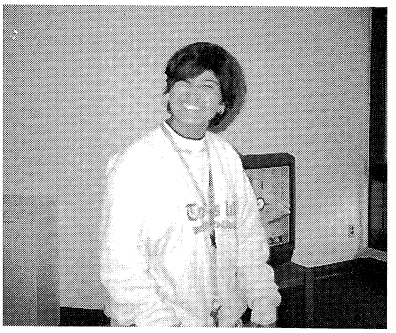



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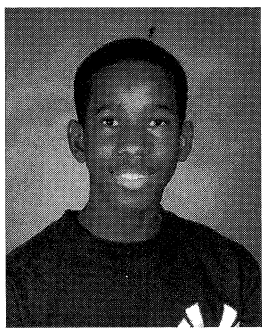
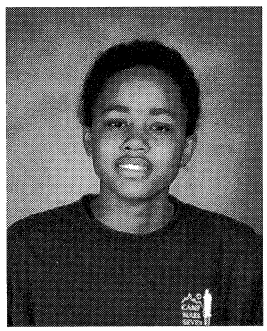
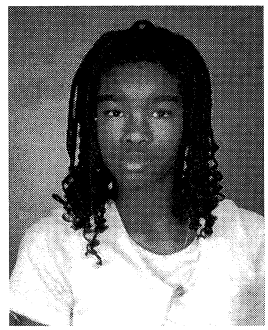
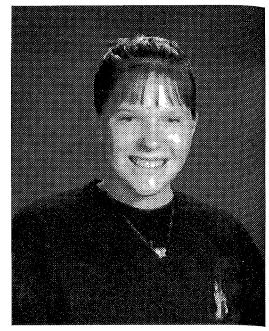

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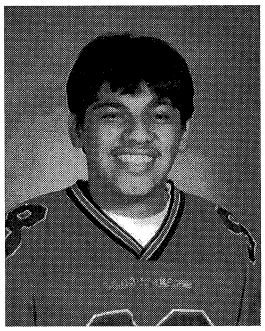
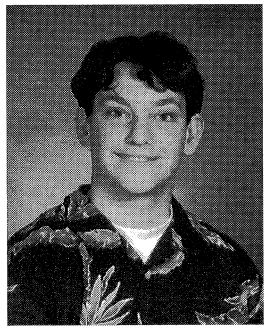
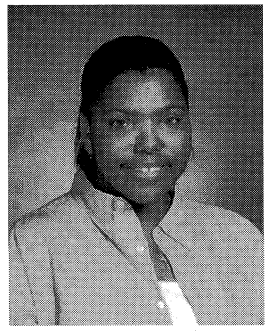
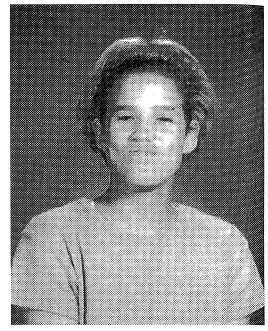

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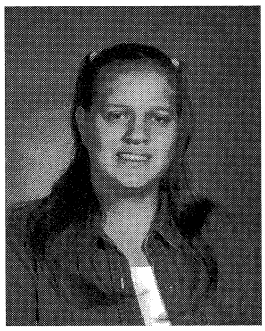
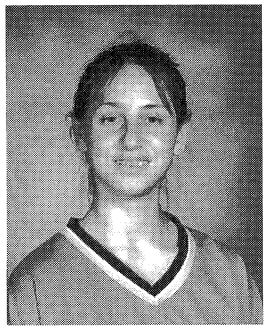
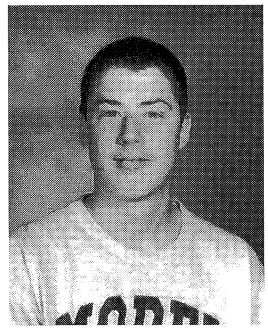
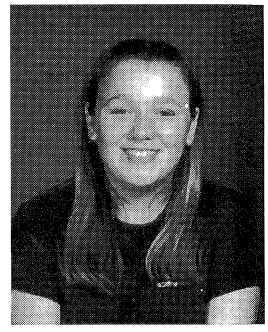

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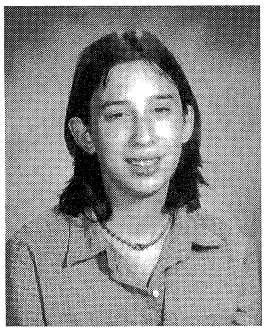
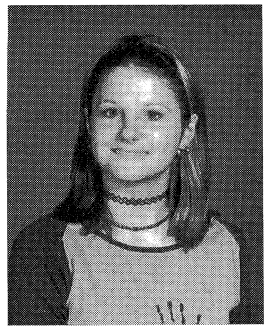
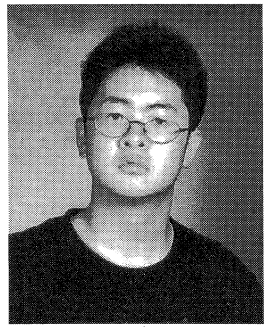
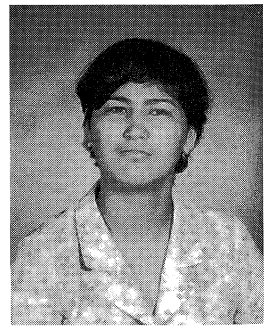

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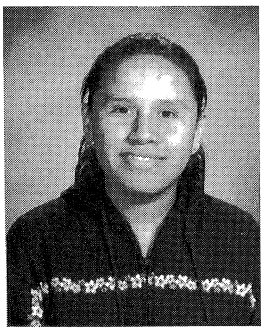
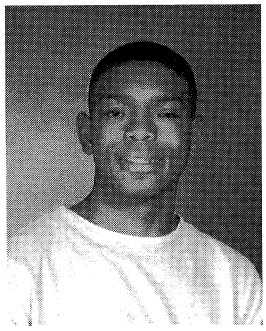
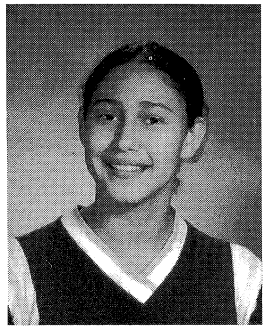
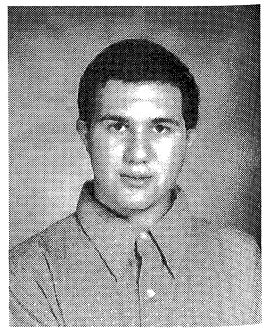

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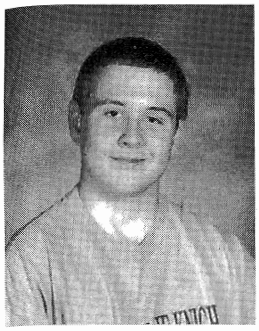
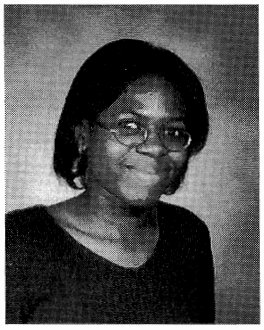
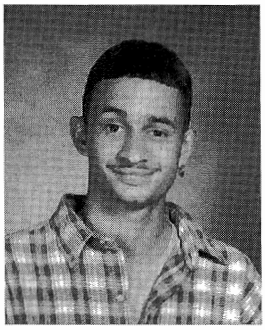
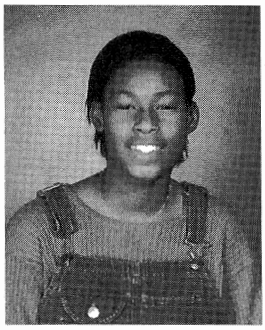

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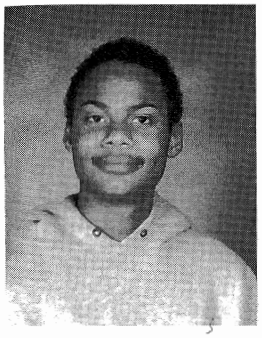
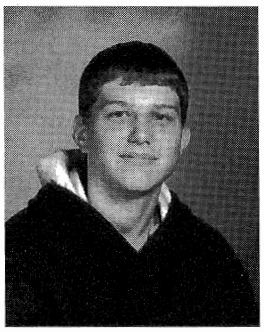
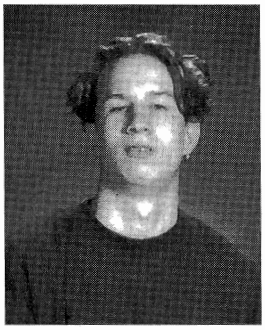
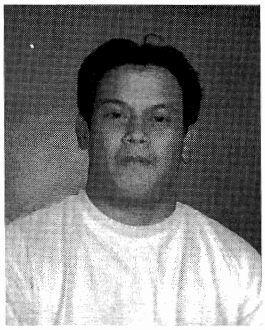

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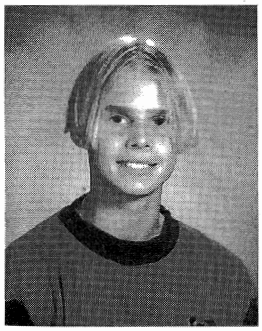
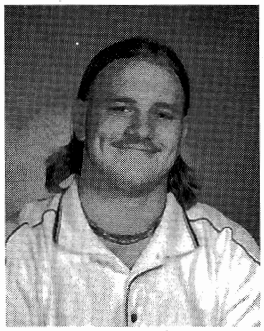
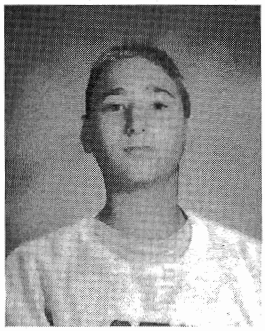
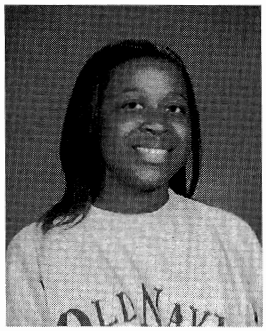

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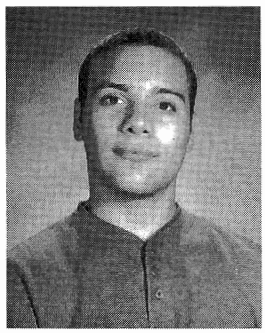

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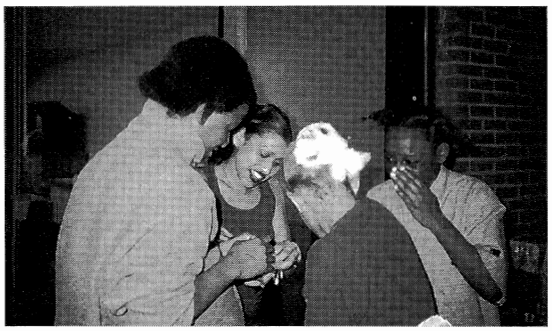

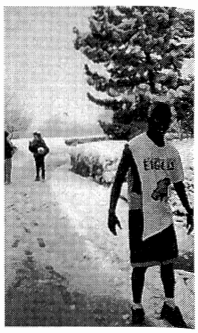





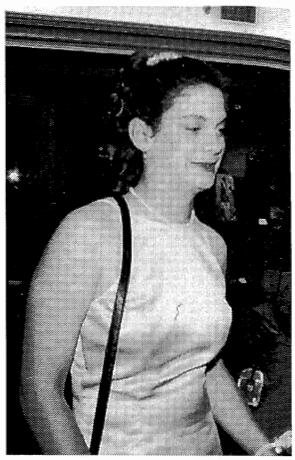

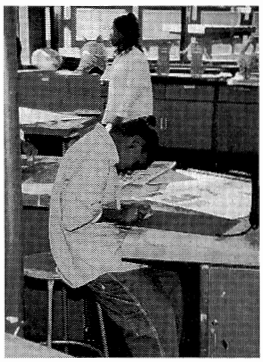

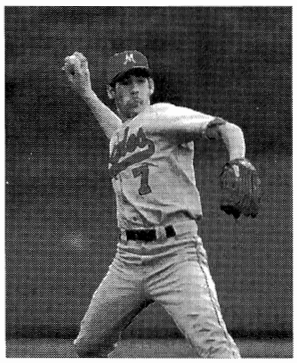



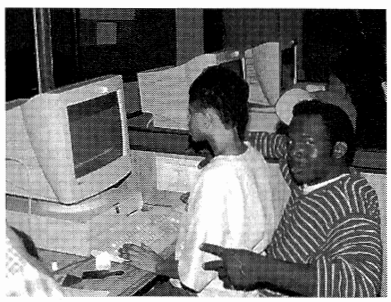

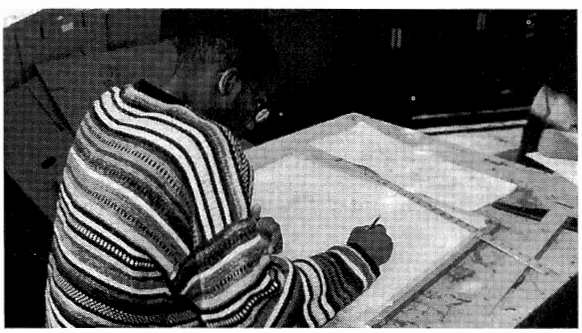



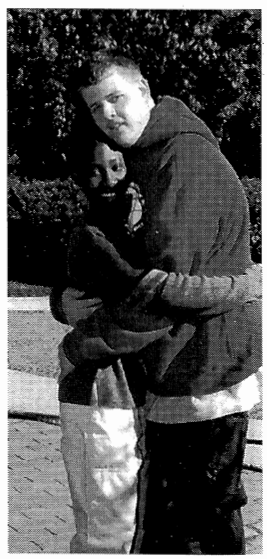

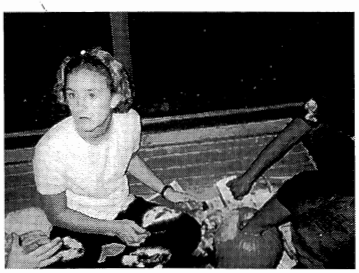



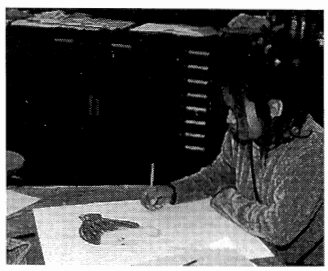

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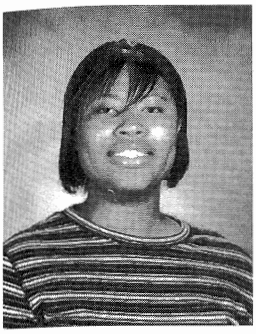
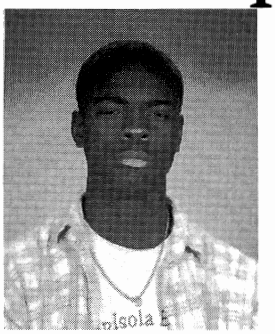
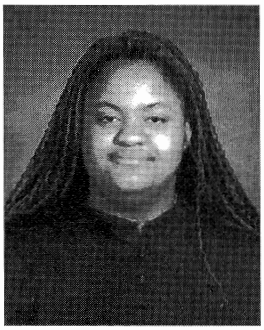


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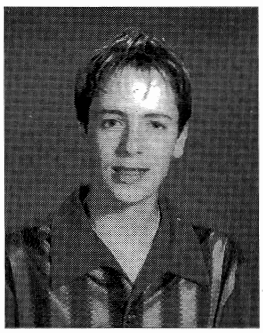
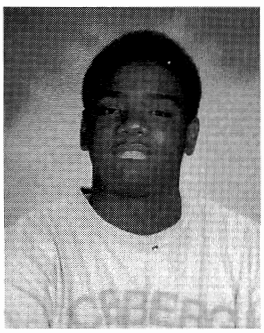
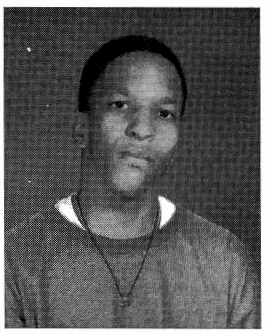

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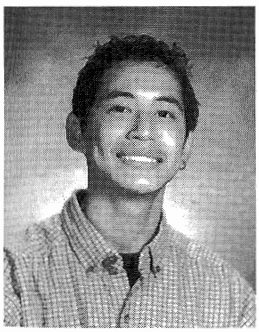
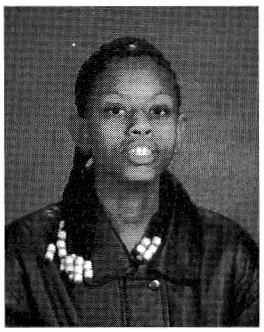
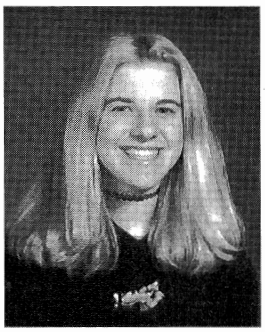
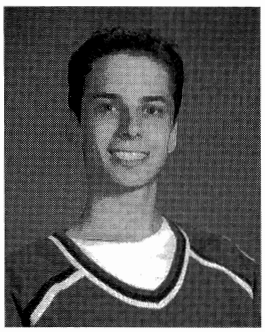

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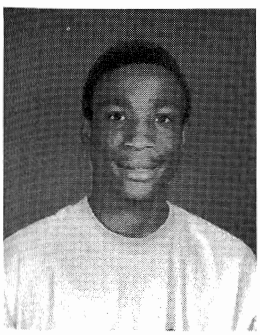
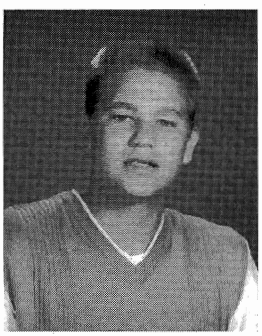
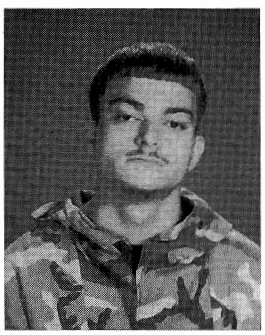
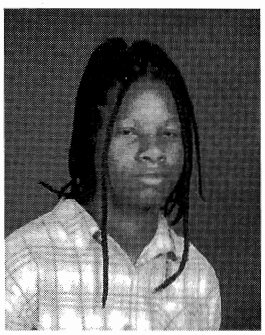

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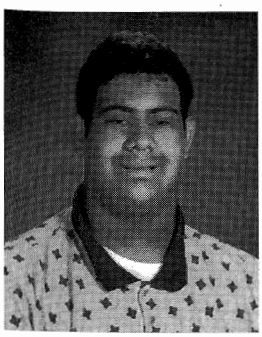
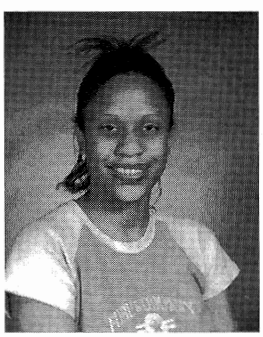
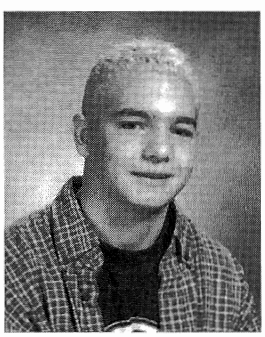
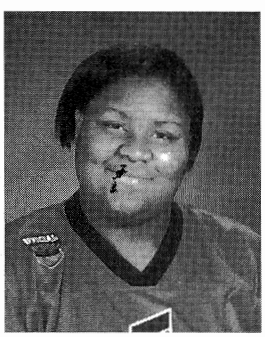

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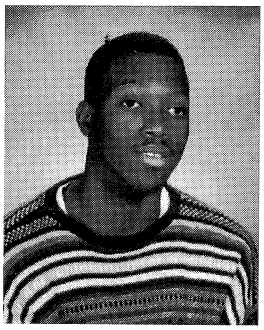
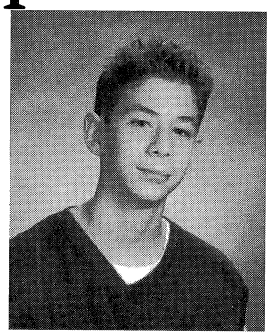
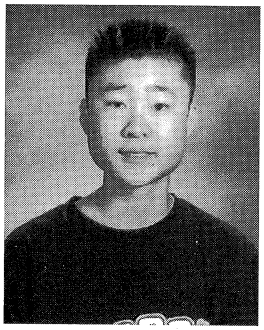
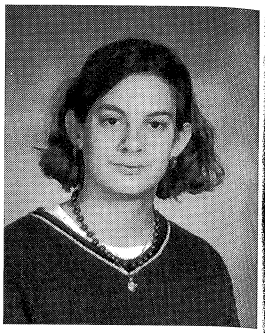

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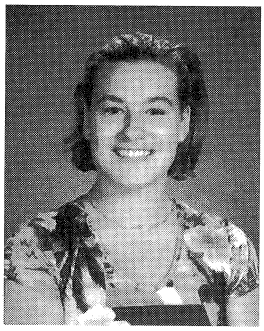

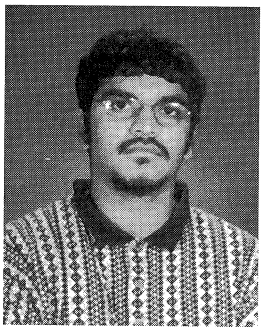


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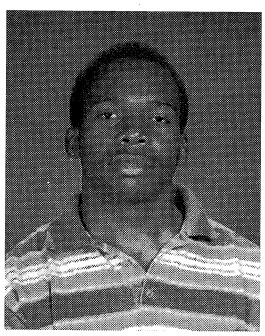
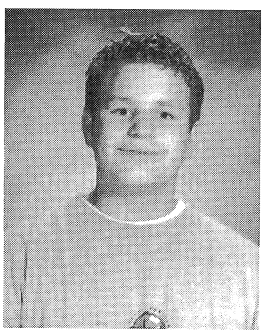
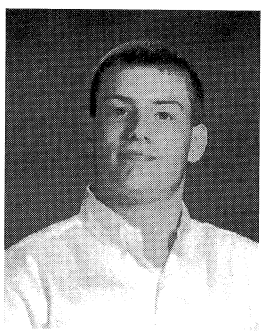
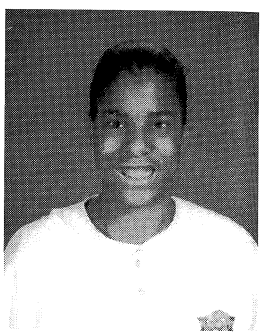

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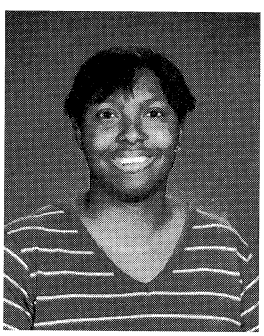
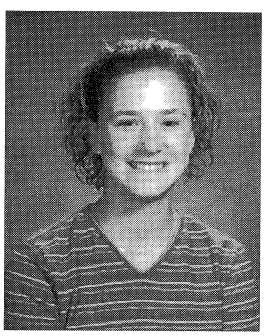
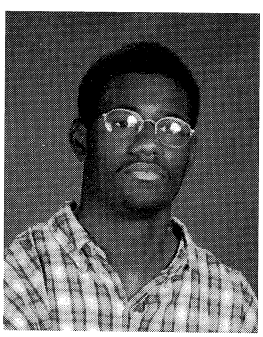
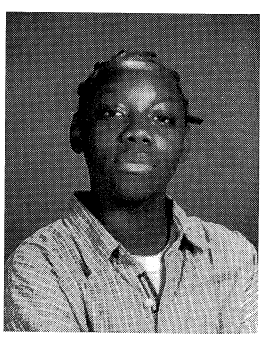

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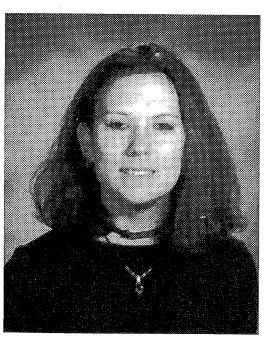
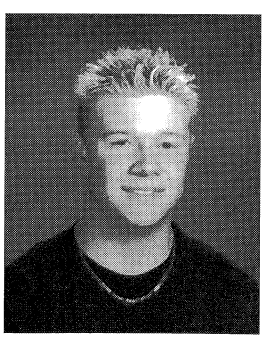
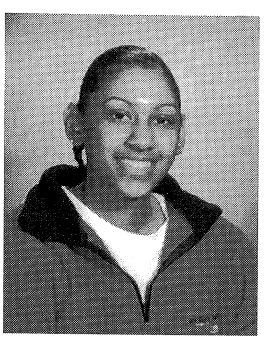
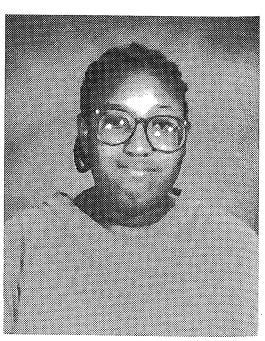

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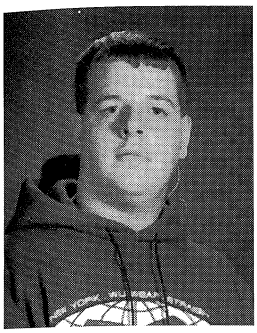
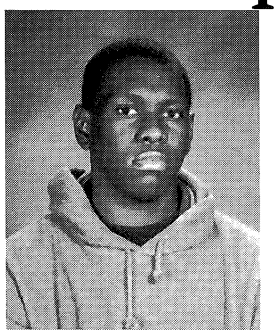
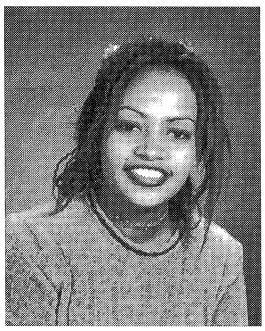
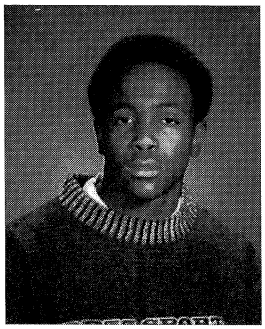

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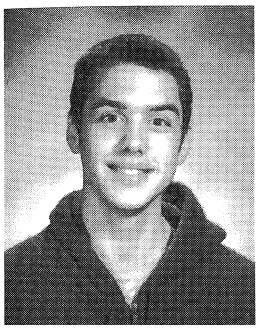
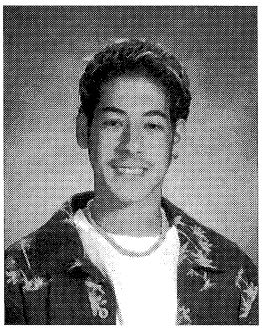
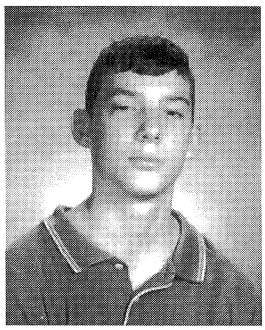
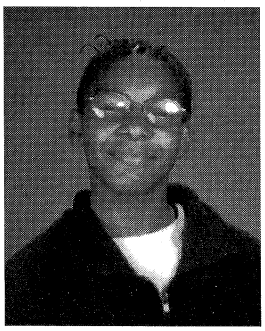

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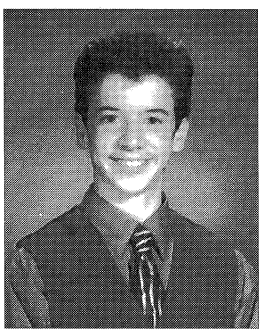
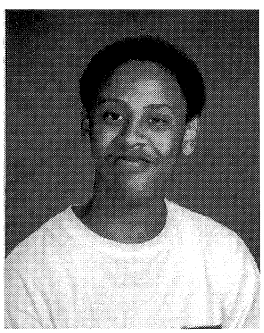

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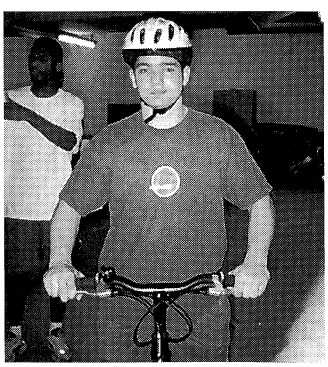
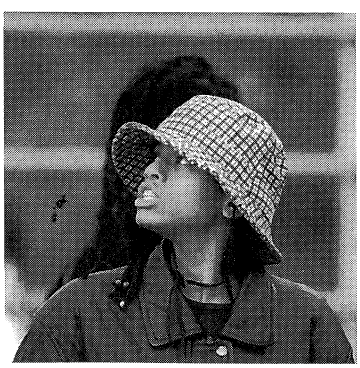

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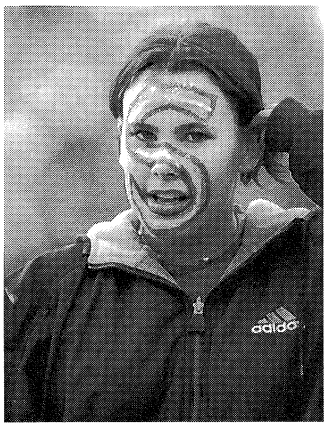

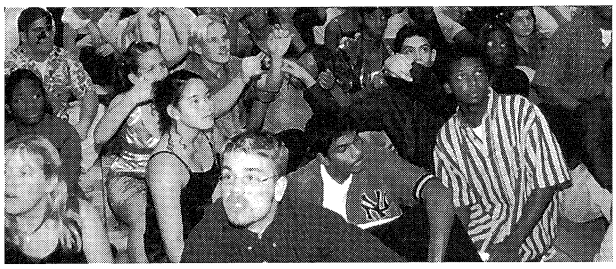



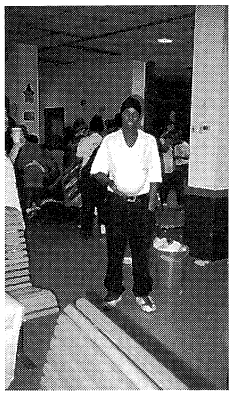



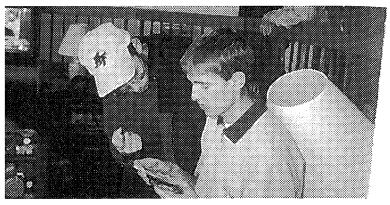

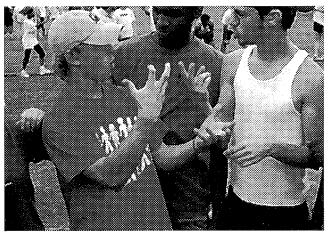

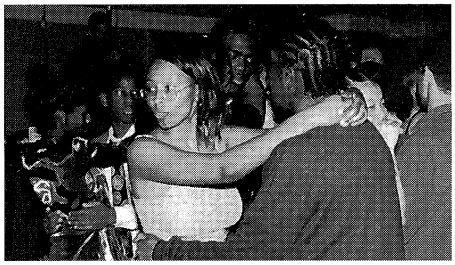

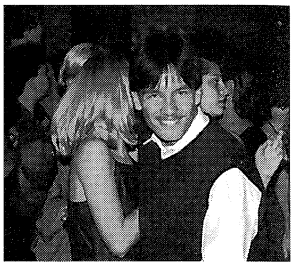

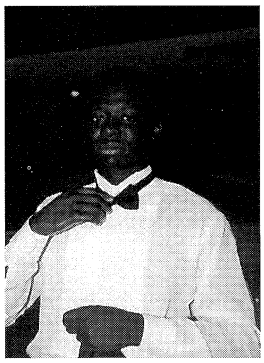

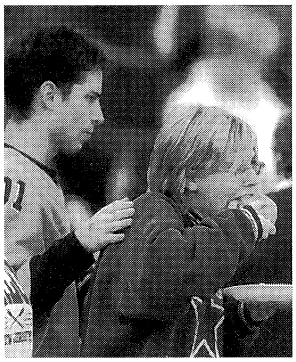





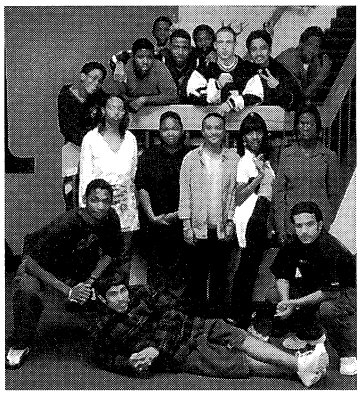



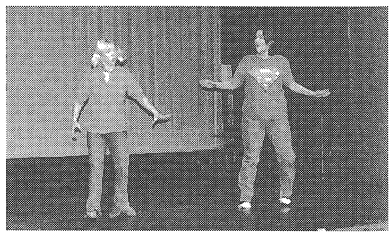

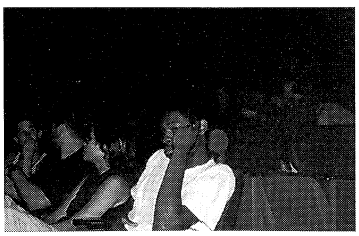

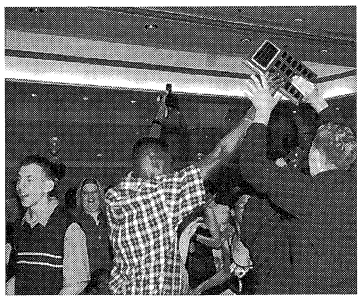

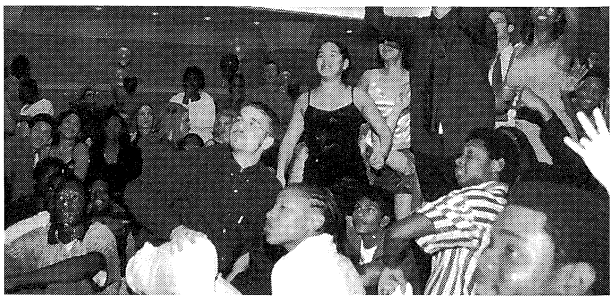

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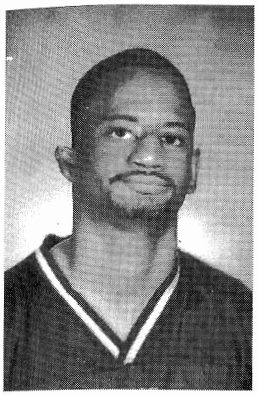
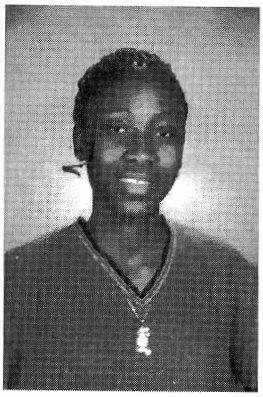
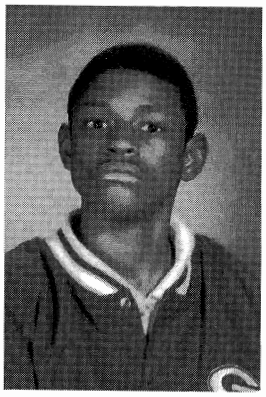
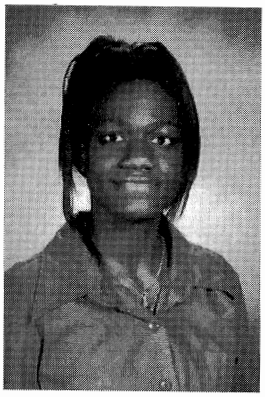

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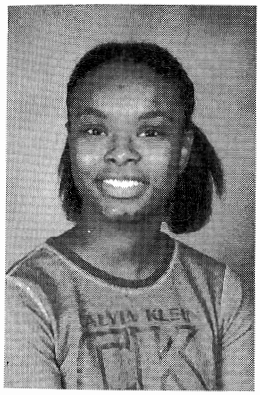
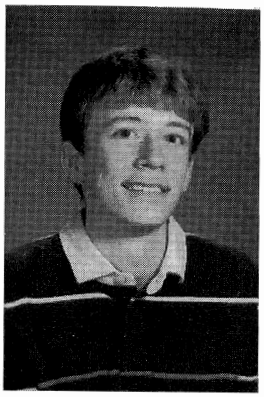
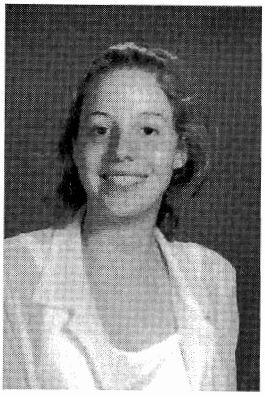
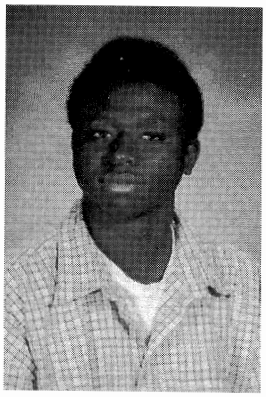

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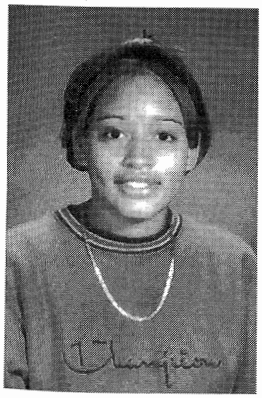
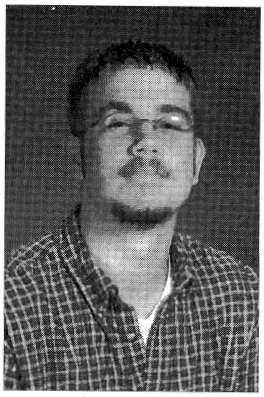
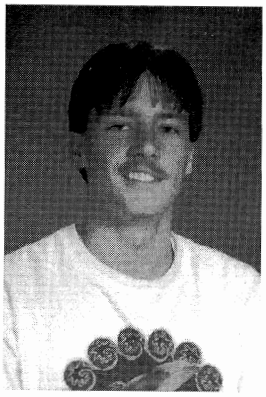
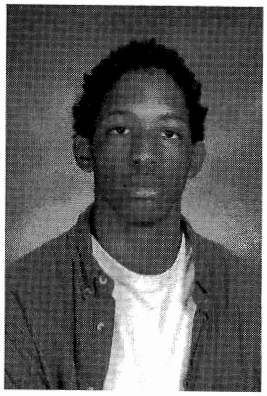

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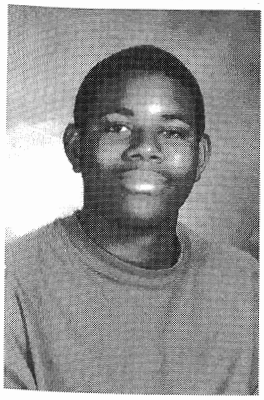
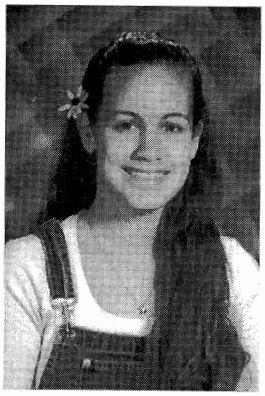
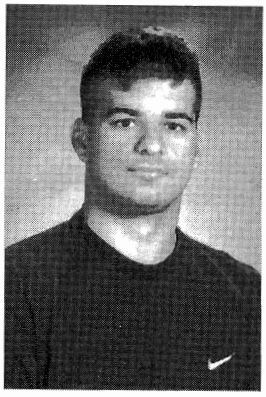
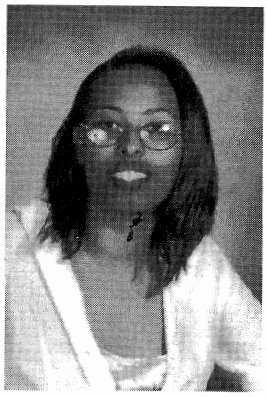

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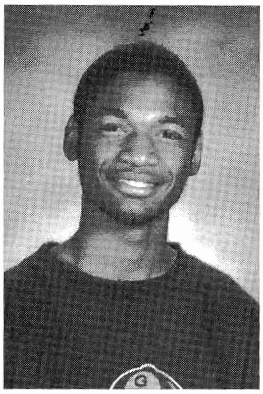
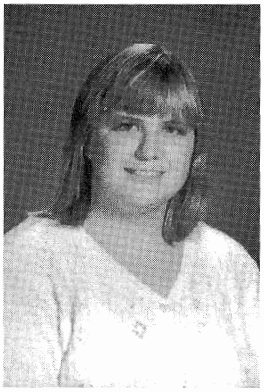



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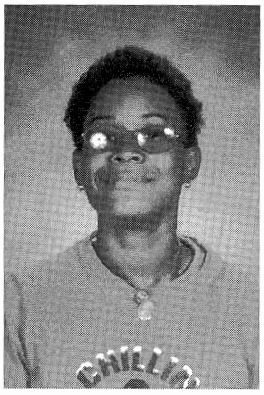

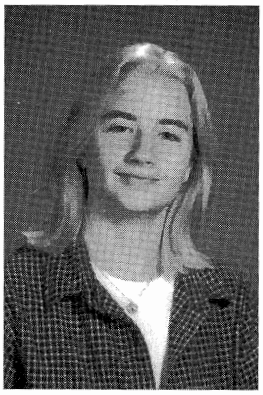
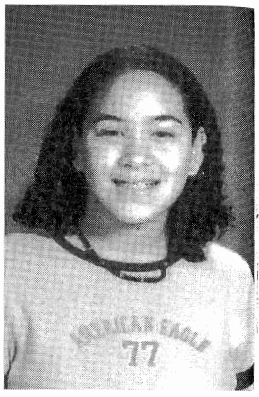

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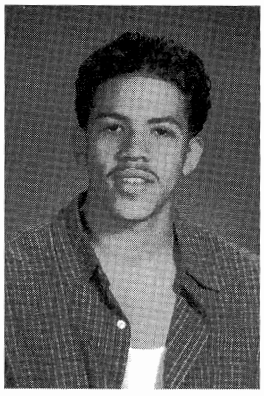
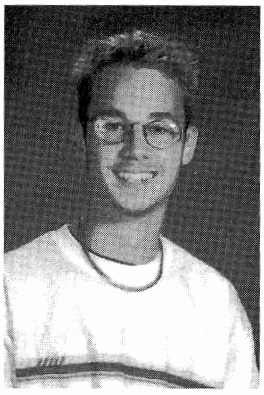

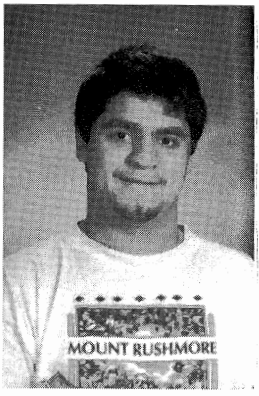

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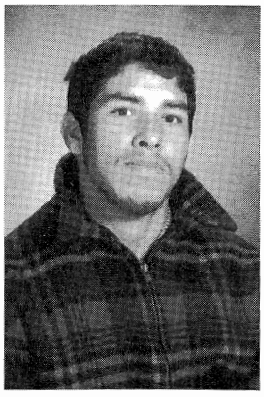
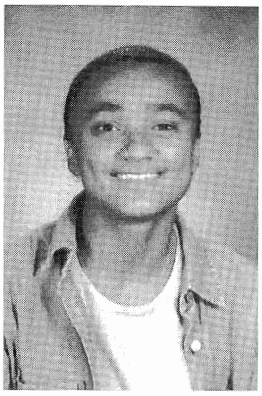
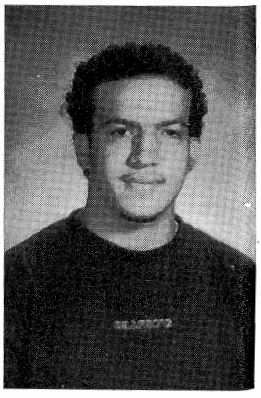

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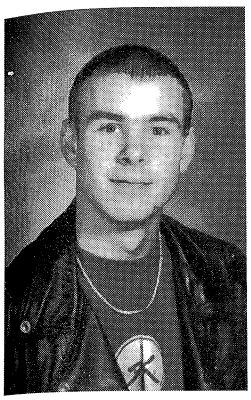
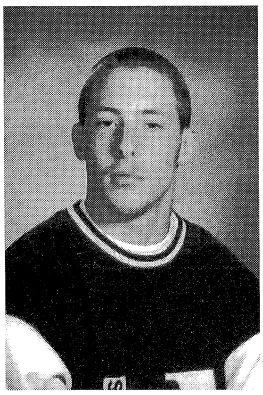
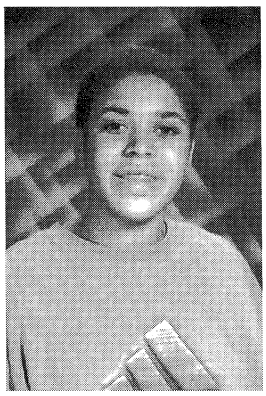
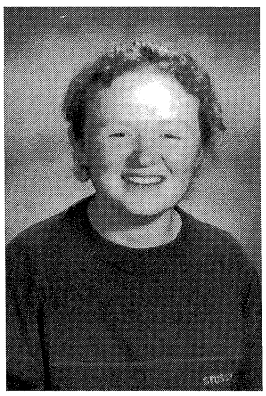

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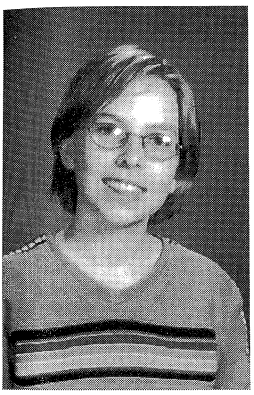
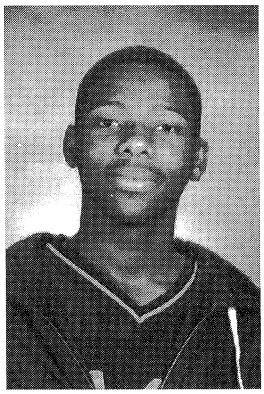
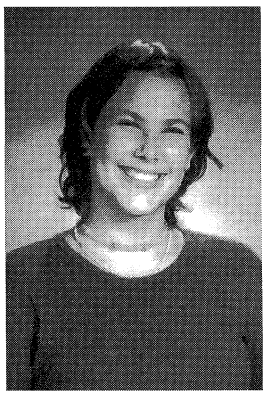
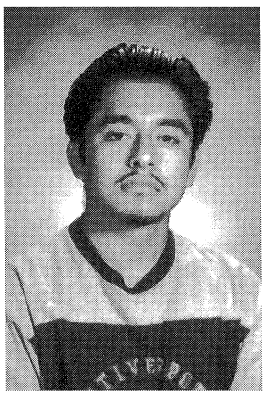

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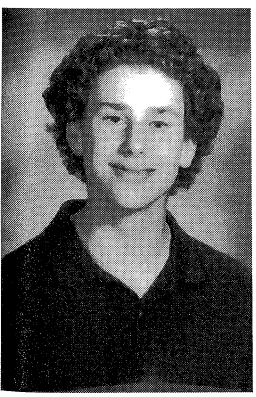

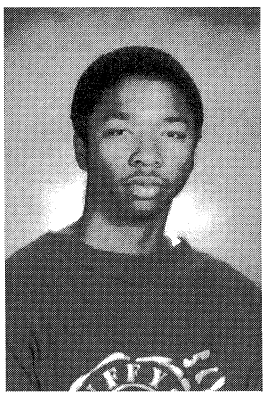
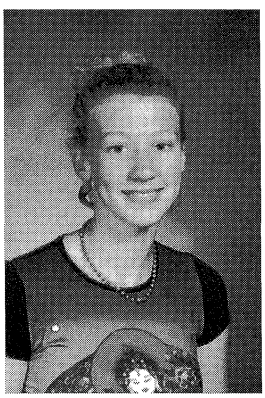

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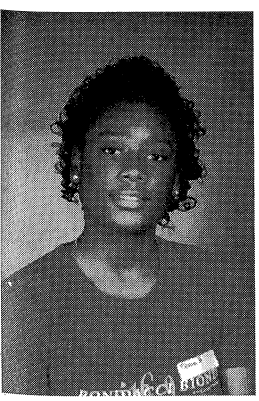
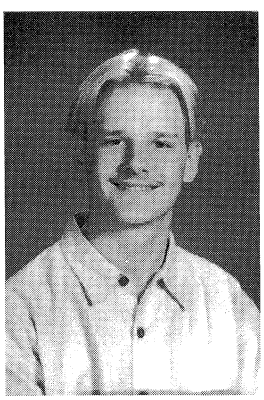

Ebony Whitley
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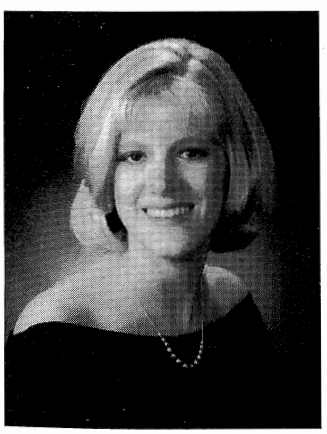
Fatimah Abdul-Rahim



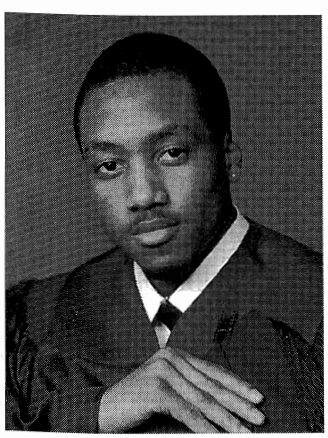
Raymonda Azrelyant

Name: RAYmonda AZRelyant
Nickname: Queen of Aliena or Sexy Daisy
Horoscope: PISCES ruLz
Where are ya from?: nEw JeRsEy
Best Memories: too MANY
Activities: Five Sweet Sour Sister Forever (1,2,3,4); SBG (1,3); Peer Mediator (4); Volleyball (1,2,3,4); Basketball (1,2,3,4); Softball (1,2,3,4); Prom Committee (3); Homecoming Committee (2,3,4); and other things that I probably forgot to mention
Future Plan: go gally then become an accounting (IRS)
Bequeath: A "3D" to my 5 froshie gals (Kristen, Abi, Gina, Collen, and Rachel) and My love to my honey, Matty Miller-
"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference!"
"If not for our dad and mom, we will not be here!"



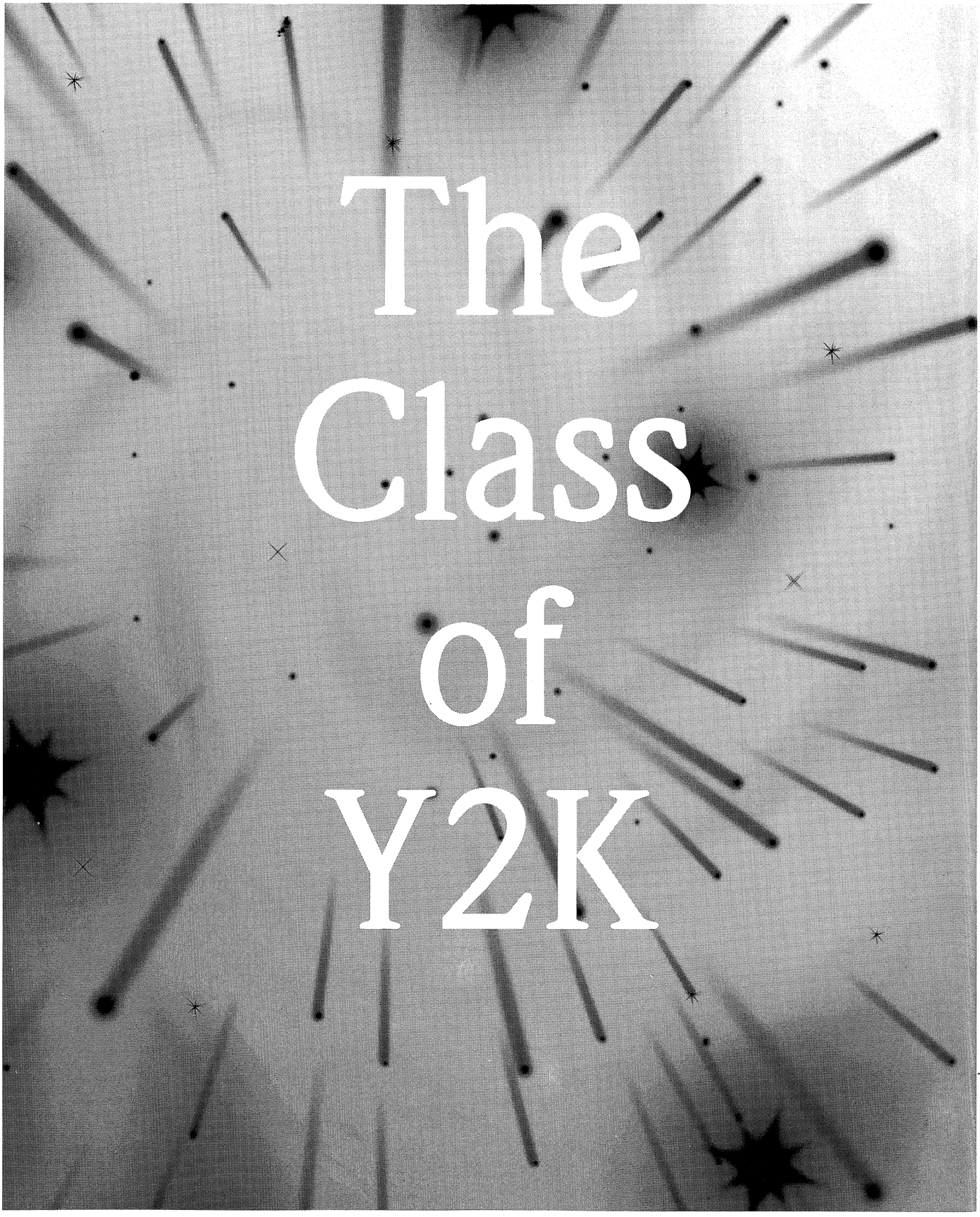
Jordan Brianne Baird

Nickname: Jordy, Jordie, Bird, Lovey
Horoscope: Aquarius
Where are ya from?: Muskegon, Michigan
Best Memories: Kings Dominion'97, Valentine Party '98, R+J '98, blue and green sistahs '98, 5/7/00, 6/3/00
Activities: THN (1), Computer Club (1,2) Movie Club (1), Family Math assistant (3), Fall cheerleading (4), Study Hall (4), Girls' Softball (4), L+S (!,2,3,4)
Future Plan: to become a psychologist and live in the West of USA
Bequeath: I bequeath my love for books to people who are bookworms
"The wonderful thing about books is that they allow us to enter imaginatively into someone else's life. And when we do that, we learn to sympathize with other people. But the real surprise is that we also learn truths about ourselves, about our own lives, that somehow we hadn't been able to see before" - Katherine Paterson



Tyrone Darrell Barnes

Name: Tyrone Darrell Spears Barnes
Nickname: Tigerheart
Horoscope: Sagittarius
Where are ya from?: Chicago, Illinois
Best Memories: Hanging out with PNB (Kirk, Zavier, Michael, and Batman) including 5ziz (Fatimah, Valencia, Ibukun, Selena, and Nerita) Daniel, Jamie, and James.
Activities: Football (2), Basketball (4), Track and Field (1), Weightlifting (3), AASU (3), JrNAD (1), Student Council (1), Class of 2000 Co-Chairperson
Future Plan: Attending Gallaudet University and my major is accounting
Bequeath: I bequeath my physical toughness to Donald Tropp and I bequeath my special love to Leiko Dominguez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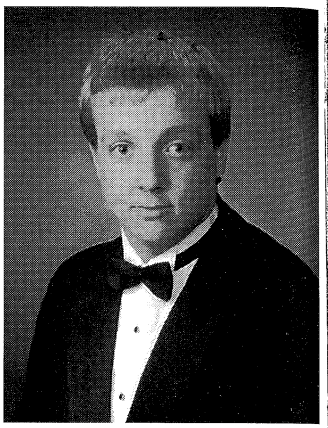
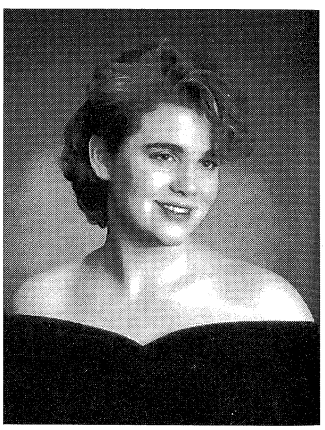


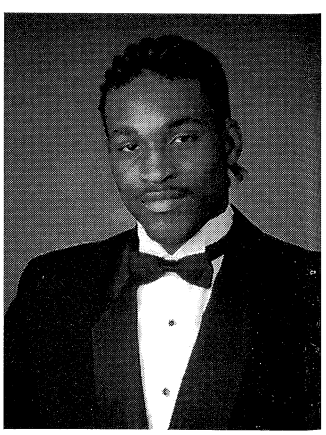
Name: Aaron Brock
Nickname: Brock
Horoscope: Scorpio
Where are ya from?: Fredericksburg, Virginia
Best Memories: Football junior year and baseball all my 4 years here, basketball under Coach D, my senior OC weekend
Activities: Football (1,2,3,4) Basketball (1,2,3) Baseball (1,2,3,4) SBG Representative (1) Class Vice-President (3) Fundraiser Co-Chairperson (3)
Future Plan: Gallaudet and retired by age 25
Bequeath: I bequeath my ability to sneak into Gallaudet campus to Matty Miller

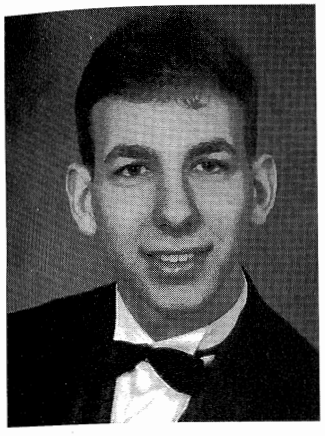
Holly Paige Bullard



Name: Holly Paige Bullard
Nickname: Queen of the Bullies
Horoscope: Sagittarius
Where are ya from?: Booneville, Mississippi
Best Memories: Ocean City 2000 and the establishment of LHP ((Love, Happiness, Peace))
Activities: Softball (9,10,11), Volleyball (9,10,11), Basketball (9,10,11),SBG (9,10, campus life 11, president 12), Drama (9,10,12), Presidential Classroom (11)
Future Plan: To be involved in politics ((Want me to be your president?))
Bequeath: I, Holly Bullard, bequeath my bullying skills to Allison Jordan!
"Happiness is a butterfly, when pursued, it is always beyond your grasp, but if you will sit down quietly, it may alight upon you." Nathaniel Hawthorne

James Bunch





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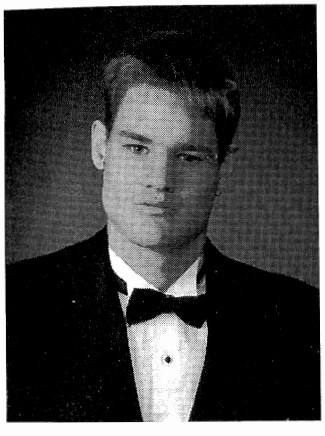

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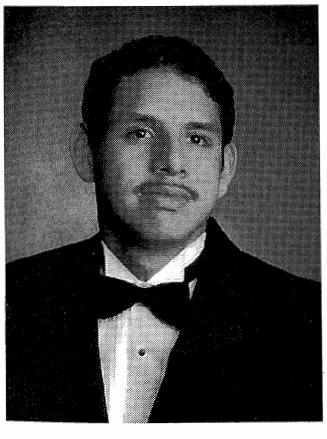

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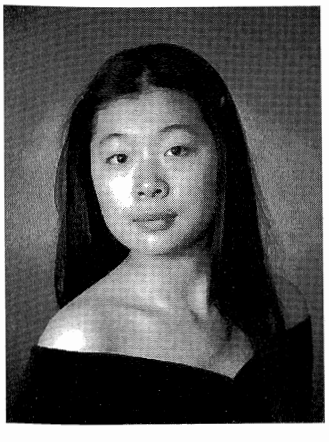

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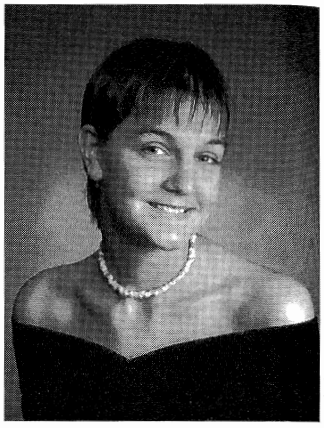


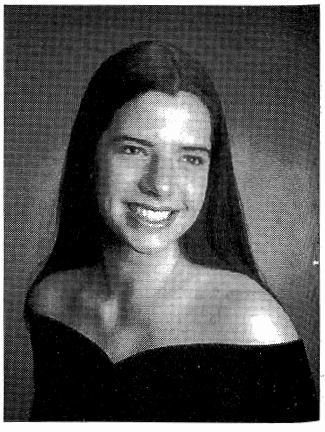
Name: Heather LoAnn Dahl
Nickname: Hex
Horoscope: Gemini
Where are ya from?: Burlington, New Jersey
Best Memories: '98 and '99 prom weekends
Activities: Sophomore year — Softball, Junior year — Cheerleader for Fall/Winter seasons, Peer Mediator, and Softball, Senior year — Cheerleader manager for Fall/Winter seasons

Future Plan: Take care of my son and go to college in '01
Bequeath: None

Cynthia Willana Darius



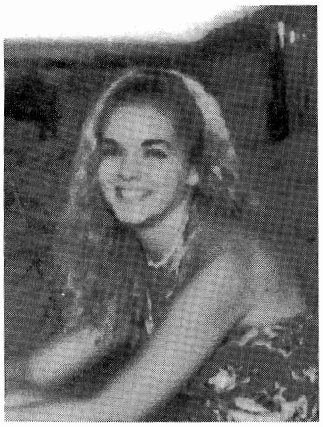
Betsie Marie DeLaune





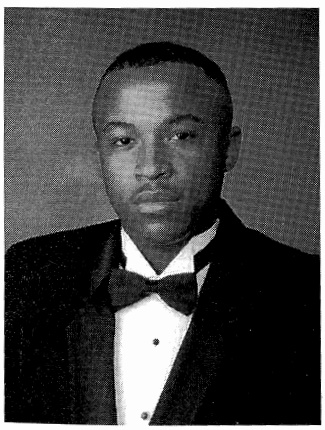
Stephen Hernan Farias

Name: Stephen Hernan Vincent Farias
Nickname: Prince Charming
Horoscope: Pisces
Where are ya from?: The Playgrounds of Bowie, MD
Best Memories: Prom '96, HHH '97, Coach D '98 & '99, Prom Weekend '98, Homecoming '98, NYE in NYC, OC prom weekend '99, Losing 54-0 vs TSD, Nat'l Champs fball/bball, CSSD '99/'00, basement sleepovers, d2t, icp, Spring Break '00, Prom '00, and my $270 speeding ticket
Activities: JV football (1), JV basketball (1), V football (2,3,4), V basketball (2,3,4), Peer Mediator (4), Class President (3), Presidential Classroom (3), Whose Who Among HS Students (3,4), Enjoying my reign at MSSD (1,2,3,4)
Future Plan: To live fast, play hard, die young, and succeed in life somewhere in between
Bequeath: I, Stephen Farias, bequeath my charms to Donald Tropp (Lord knows he needs it), my love for basketball to Andy Donatich and the remainder of my kingdom to the both of them
"Life's like a basketball game, sometimes you shoot and miss, but the rebound's always there. It's up to you to go get it."



Lisa Fishbein

Name: Lisa Marie Theresa Fishbein
Nickname: Lared, Lisabeth, Lissy, Sun, and Bad Girl
Horoscope: Capricorn
Where are ya from?: Ventnor, New Jersey
Best Memories, Prom Weekend '99, NYE '99, FSSSF Weekend '97, and Halloween Activities: Winter Cheerleading (1,2,3,4), Fall Cheerleading (1,2,3,4), Peer Mediator (3). Homecoming King and Queen Committee (2,3), Prom Committee (3), Homecoming Decorating Committee (4)
Future Plan: Go by the flow
Bequeath: My cheerleading skills to Lara Whitfield, Joy Enos, and Colleen Jordan.
"If you can't be wit' the one you love, love the one you're wit'"



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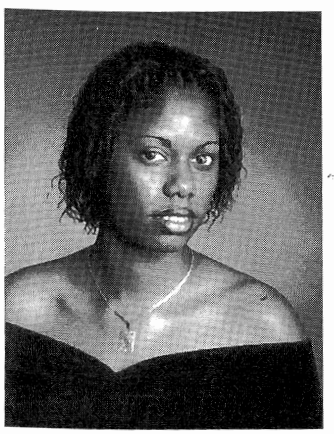

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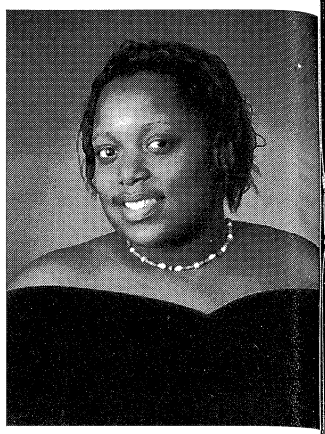

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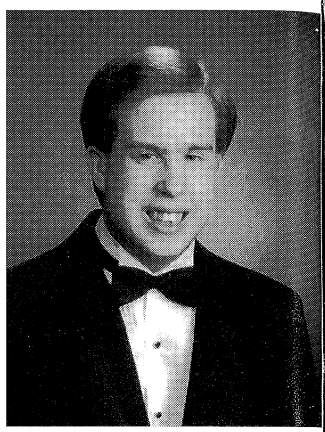

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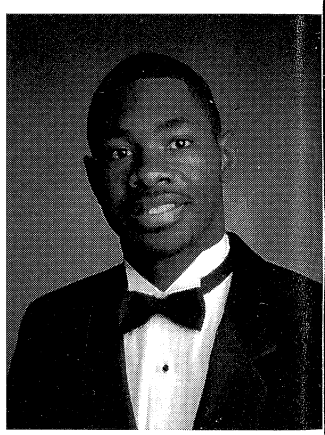

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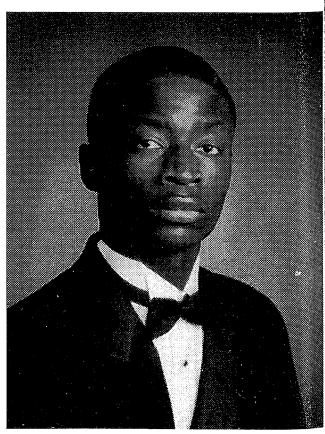

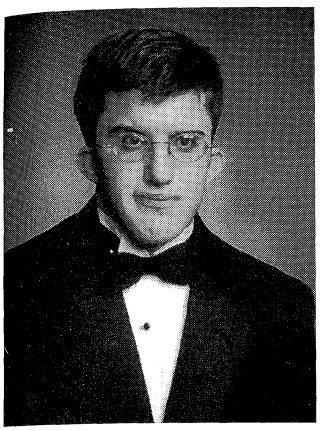

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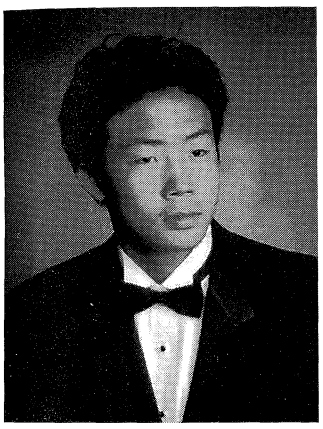
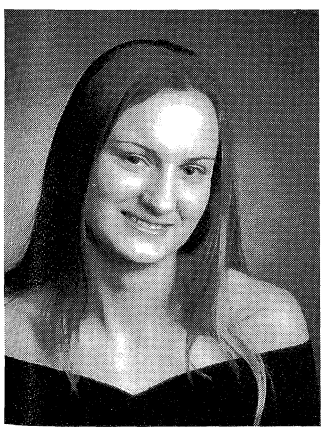


Matthew Hideo Kohashi

Name: Matthew Kohashi
Nickname: Elmo, Elmbo, Cutie
Horoscope: Virgo
Where are ya from?: Virginia
Best Memories: June 10, 2000
Activities: Too many
Bequeath: My survival kit to Rodney Lee
"God created the game, we are the players"



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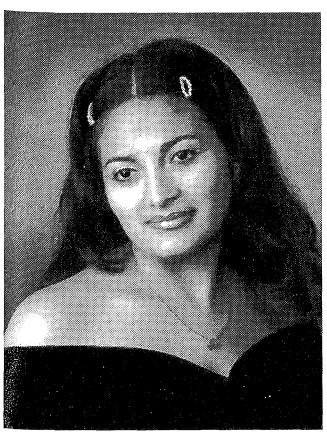

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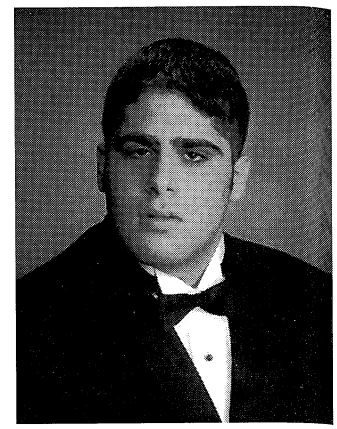

Batangana Tembe Levongala

Name: Batangana Levongala
Nickname: Batman Lex, Shakuan D'AZ LaCroix
Horoscope: Gemini
Where are ya from?: Montgomery/Prince George's County in Maryland
Best Memories: Prom '98 & '99, Ocean City '99 & '00, stay with Platon "N" Boyz (Tiger, Mizkah, DeeBo, Pookie, and me) ... moments with 5 sistaz and buddies ... Sneaking out to eat at Union Station with Marlon and Takeshi during Sophomore and Junior ... a long journal with felt goods by victory the games during football season '97, '98, & '99

Activities: Prom Chairperson '99, Homecoming Committee '99, Blockfestival '00, Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,3), Track and Field (4), AASU (1,2,3),Editor in chief for yearbook "One Last Look"
Future Plan: Attend at Gally showtime! And after that decide to transfer to UMD ... successful life somewhere in between
Bequeath: I, Batman Lex, bequeath my loving football skills to James Bunch and Mark Mason, to hit...mental...desire...and being guts on the field with eagle pride...gift my magic hands art skills to Tenzin Chen, and my "only the strong survival" kit to Tamir Armwood

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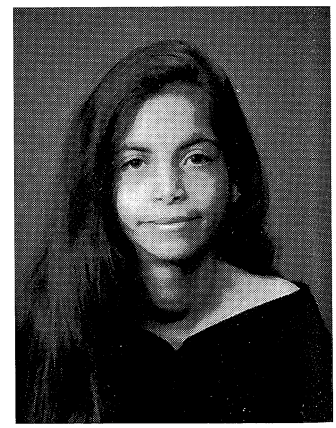
Kenia Learsi Lopez-Rosario



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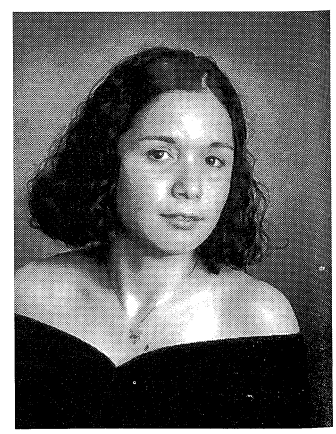

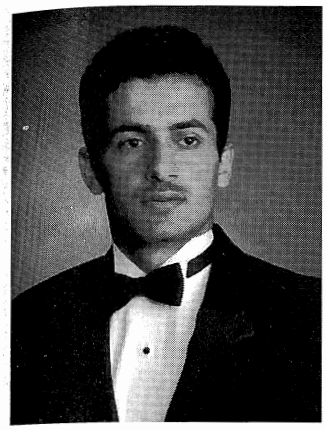

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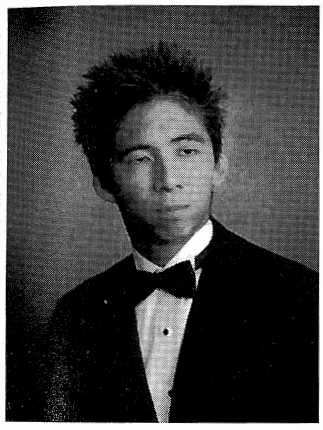

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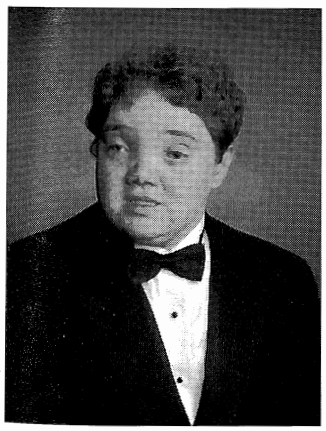

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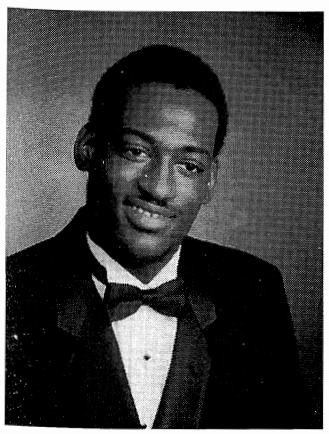
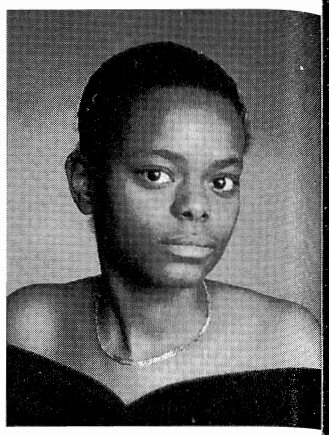


Taha Bernard McCree

Name: Taha B. McCree
Nickname: Timberwolf, Chocolate honey
Horoscope: Leo
Where are ya from?: Bowie, Maryland
Best Memories: Picking on Peter McCann, the day at Kings D with Katie Gordon
Activities: Cross Country in '97 and '98, THN '99
Future Plan: Working as a computer programmer
Bequeath: ??
"The World will goes fly If u think fast!!"

Selena Sherrie McKnight



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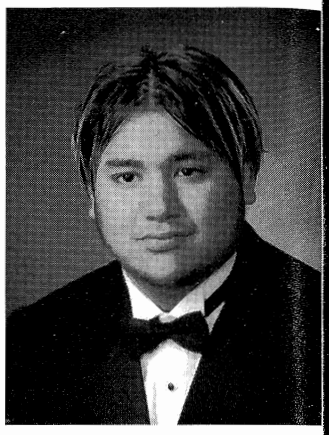

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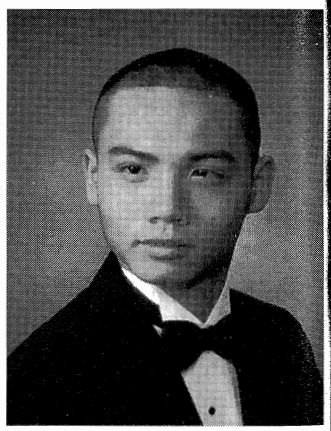


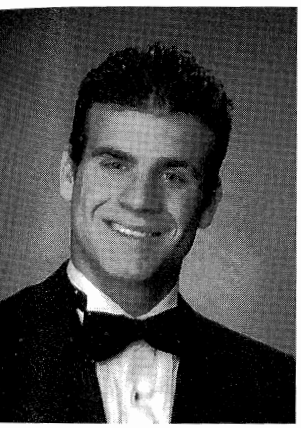
Kristy Nan Nowak



Name: It's me KRISTY NOWAK :)
Nickname: Rhombus, Krissie, Lil' Star, Doughie, KY
Horoscope: Aries
Where are ya from?: Born and raised in New York ... Now live in Maryland
Best Memories: FSSSF wknd 1996, Prom/Ocean City '99, Prom/weekend '98, VB team at Texas '98, Homecoming '98 and '99, NYE '00, Spring Break '00, Sports Authority/White truck '00, Darly and Raymonda's Sweet 16 parties, my 14th and 15th birthday party, Softball team at Fremont '98, FSSSF and TWISO bonding, My great 7 months with Andy '00, Water fights with Lisa, my late night mischiefs and the memories with Betsie Marie
Activities: Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2), Softball (2,3), SBG (2,3,4), SBG Vice President (4), Class secretary (3), Homecoming Spirit Chairperson (4), JrNad (2,3), Honor Roll (1,2,3,4), FSSSF (1,2,3,4)
Future Plan: GO to Gally
Bequeath: I bequeath by mischievousness to Heather Puychallio and my love to Andrew Donatich
"Dream as if you'll live forever, Live as if you'll die tomorrow" *Star*



Jennifer Oakley



Patrick H. O'Doherty, Jr.

Name: Patrick H. O'Doherty, Jr.
Nickname: PJ
Horoscope: Virgo
Where are ya from?: Philly boy
Best Memories: Shave cream fight sophomore year
Activities: Football (4), Wrestling (1), Basketball (1), Baseball (4)
Future Plan: Attend Gallaudet University

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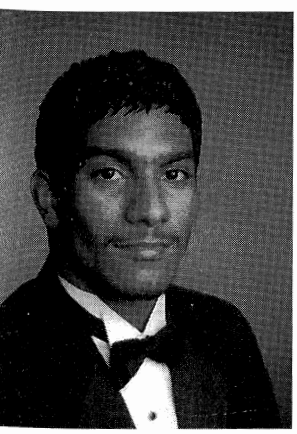

Daniel Perez, Jr.

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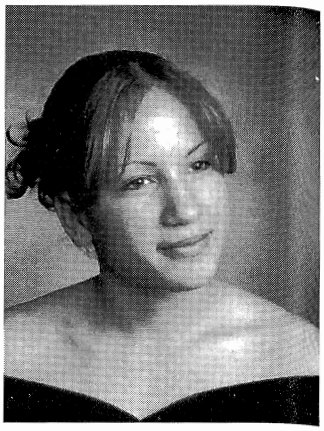
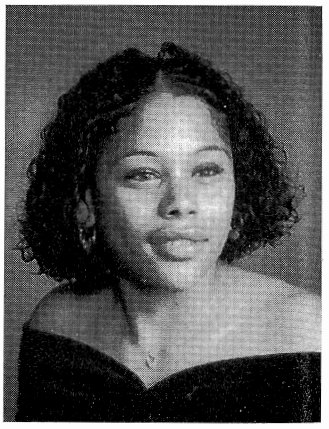


Name: Walkiria Perez
Nickname: "Walky"
Horoscope: Leo
Where are ya from?: I was born in Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo. Somewhere I live in NYC now...
Best Memories: Homecoming '99 and Kings Dominion, VA
Activities: Eagle Center, (oops I forgot !)
Future Plan: I plan to go to college and unknown where I decide to go ... I will get married and have children ... and have a good family ... I will go to work :)
Bequeath: I don't know

Latoya Plummer



Sharlene Ramos

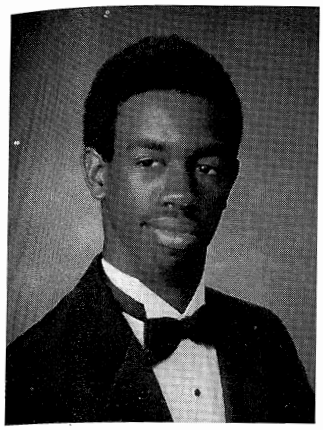


Isabella Antonia Roca



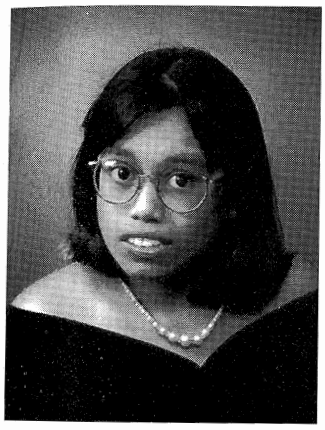
Name: Isabella Antonia Roca
Nickname: Izzy
Horoscope: Gemini
Where are ya from?: New York City
Best Memories: Bus ride from IND, Double Tree Hotel and staying up all night with Holly
Activities: Manager for Cheerleader and Girls' V basketball
Future Plan: Got to Gallaudet and become an elementary teacher

Bequeath: My flirting skills to Megan
"WHERE THERE IS GREAT LOVE THERE ARE ALWAYS MIRACLES"



Zavier Sabio

Name: Zavier Ade Sabio
Nickname: Pookie
Horoscope: A raging Taurus
Where are ya from?: Brooklyn, NY and still raisin' over there
Best Memories: Winnin' two national deaf prep championships in basketball @ Model Secondary ... bein' with the PNB since my Junior year. Taught a lot of kids ma street talks with Jordan and Luis ... My prom '99, homecomings '99-'00, and Ocean City '99-'00! And the most importantly, being with my very important person, Heather Pachuilo
Activities: Varsity basketball 1,2 @ Lexington ... Track n field 1 @ Lexington ... Black Culture Club 1,2 @ Lexington ... Fire Squad 2 @ Lexington ... Varsity basketball 3,4 @ Model Secondary ... Junior Varsity basketball 3 @ Model Secondary ... Track n field 4 @ Model Secondary ... AASU 3 @ Model Secondary ... Student Body Gov't 3 @ Model Secondary
Future Plan: To become a psychologist and basketball coach
Bequeath: I would like 2 give out ma power of the latin kings to my fellow latin king bro, Luis Quiles and ma street talks to Jordan Fields and Heather Pachuilo



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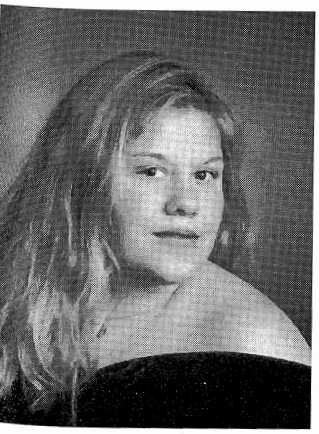

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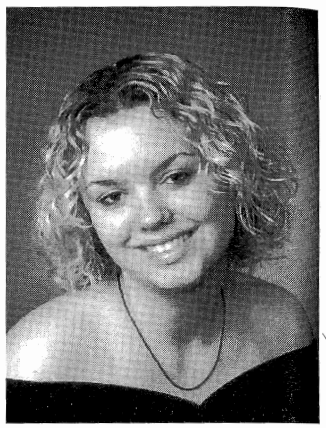
Milena Todorovic



Name: Milena Todorovic
Nickname: Milly
Horoscope: Sagittauris
Where are ya from?: New York
Best Memories: Sneaked around with LHP sistahs, room G02, homecoming weekend '99, Prom & Ocean City, '00 ... :o)
Activities: Cheerleading mgr. '98, wrestling mgr.'98, Spring play '99, prom committee '99 & yearbook '00 ...
Future Plan: Gally!

Darlene Dolores Tropp

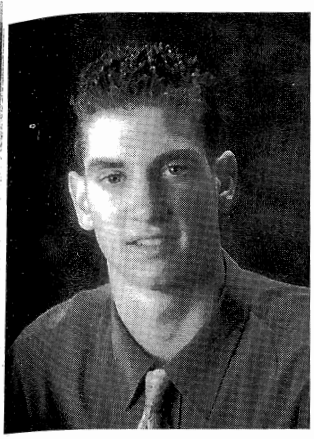


Name: Darlene Dolores Tropp
Nickname: Darly; Moon
Horoscope: a roaring LEO
Where are ya from?: Passaic, New Jersey
Best Memories: 0 and 00, 3-7-98, Sweet 16 parties, Homecoming '98, 10-13-98, VB in Texas, 13 Seniors and Butch, Prom '99, NYE '98 and '00, Sports Authority
Activities: Jr. Nad (2,3,4) SBG (2,3,4) Peer Mediator (3,4) Academic Bowl (4) Class Officer (1,2,3,4) JV VB (1,2) JV GB (1,2) Softball (1,2,3,4) V VB (3,4) V GB (1,2) FSSSF (1,2,3,4)
Future Plan: Graduate from college and work with animals, preferable dogs
Bequeath: I bequeath my dry sense of humor to my younger brother, Donald to survive his last two years at MSSD
"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." — Walter Bagehot

Chrystal Lee Whitzel

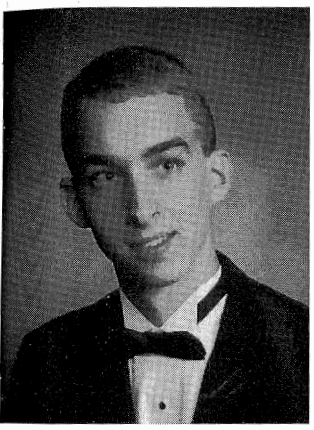


Name: Chrystal Lee Whitzel
Nickname: Chrissie, Smiley
Horoscope: Virgo
Where are ya from?: New Hampshire
Best Memories: Blue Day, 12-4-98, Homecoming '99 and '00, King's Dominion '97, Lovey & Smiley '96-'00, PM retreat, Lesbian Hall '97, Water fight '00, Ozzy Cheese, SE Sistahs, Prom Weekend w/ Lovey.
Activities: Class Vice President (4), Peer Mediator (4), Homecoming Committee (4), Fundraising Committee (3,4), Yearbook (4), Student Congress (1), Student Representative (2), Prom Committee (3)
Future Plan: Attend Gallaudet University
Bequeath: I bequeath my love from strawberries to Zack Zuchengo
"Instead of being a second version of someone else, be a first version of yourself."



Marlon Bernard Wynne

Name: Marlon Bernard Wynne
Nickname: Brando, Double Animal, Cute Red-headed
Horoscope: Aquarius
Where are ya from?: Gilbertsville, PA
Best Memories: Frosh Year (97) Mud Football Fight (98) Quantico Football Victory (98) 5 Ntl champs in my 4 years at MSSD, Prom (99) OCean City (98) Order order bro (97) Being chased by homeless (00) Fremont Prom (00)
Activities: Football, Basketball, Baseball, SBG (98) Jr NAD Delegate (98) Student Council (98) HC (97) ticket chairperson, HC (98) spirit week chairperson, prom 99 chairperson, frosh class president
Future Plan: Gallaudet University
Bequeath: I bequeath my talents in football hits to Andy Donatich and the commitment to the football program to Rob Simms
"You can learn a lot by just looking"



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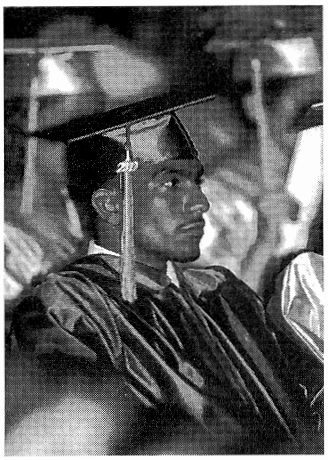

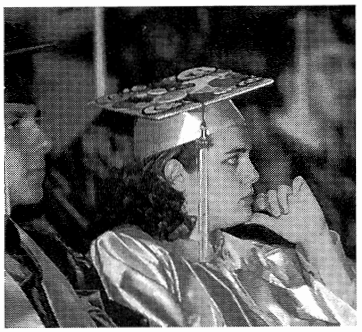

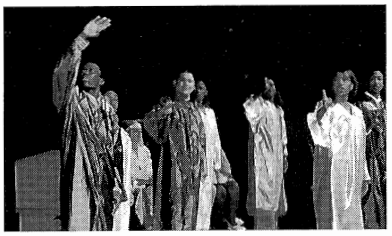

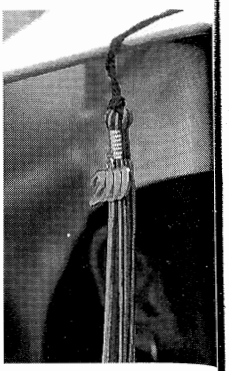

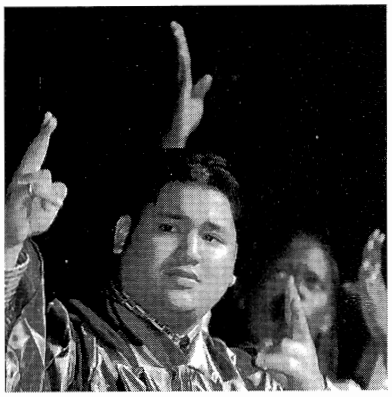





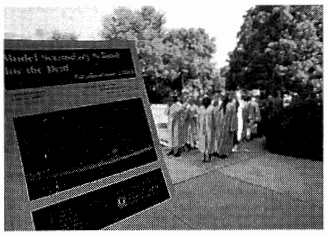



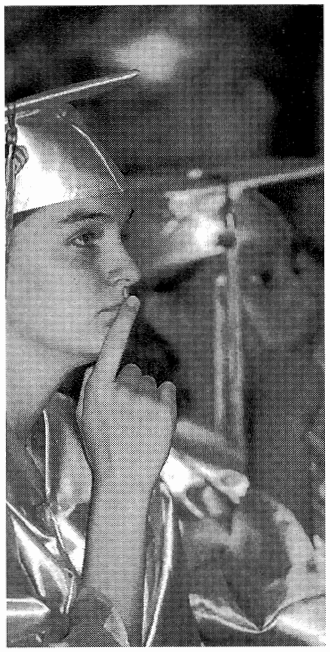

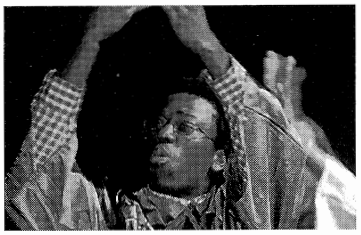

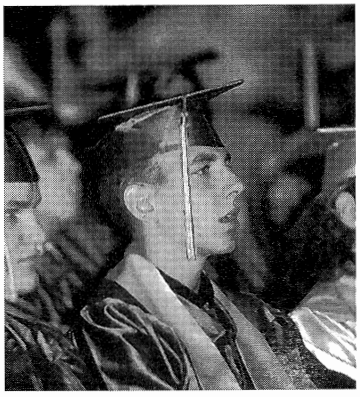

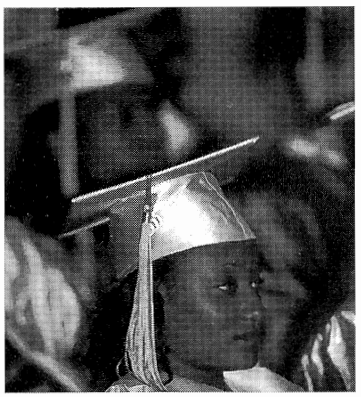





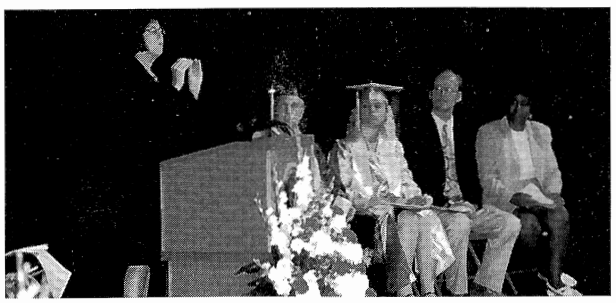

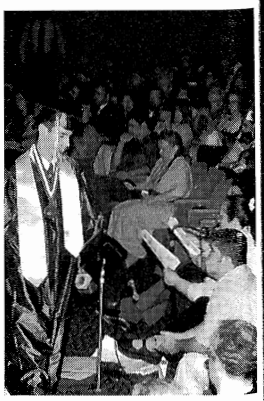

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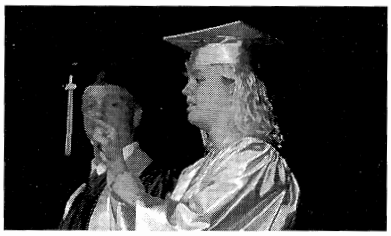

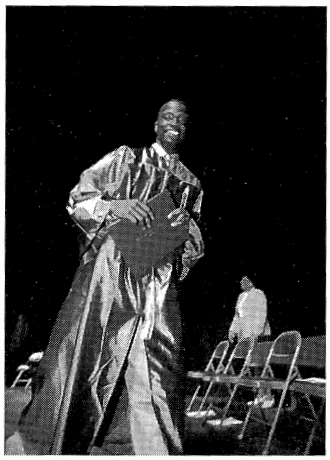
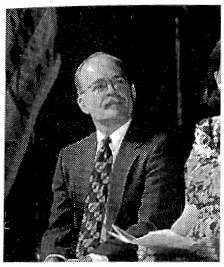
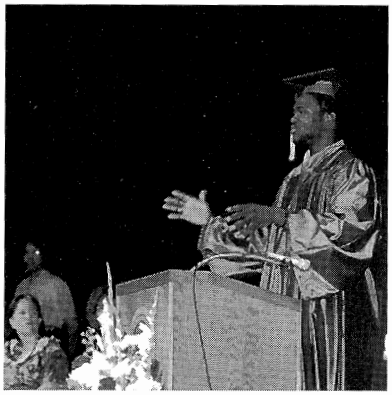



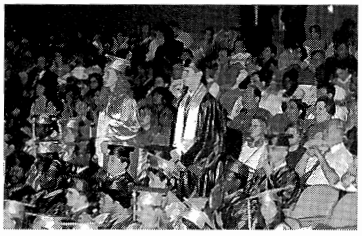
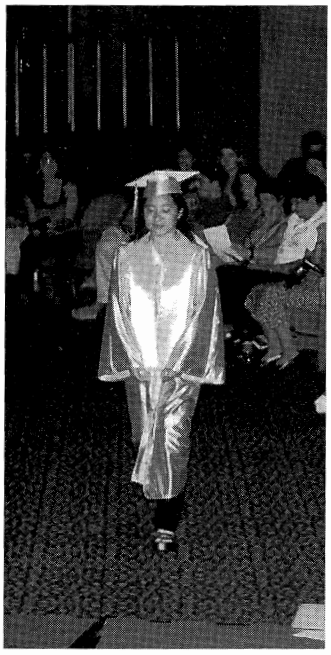
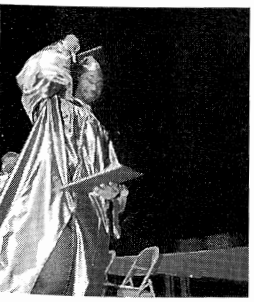
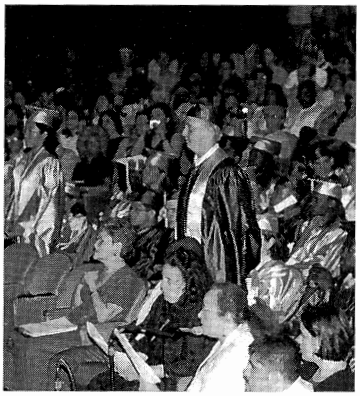
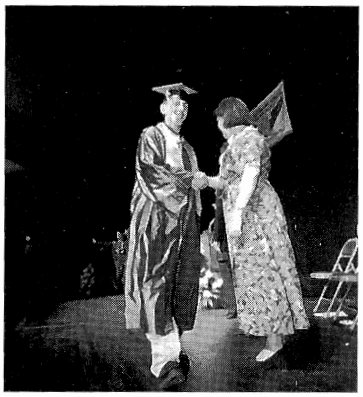
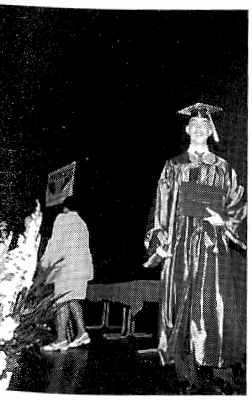
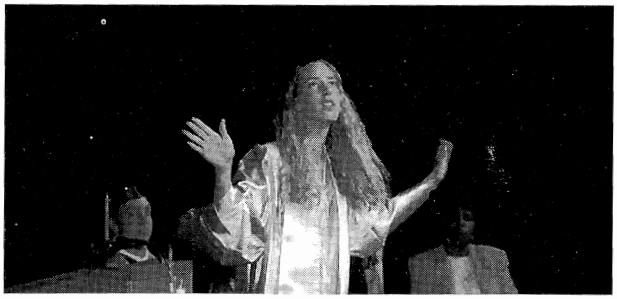
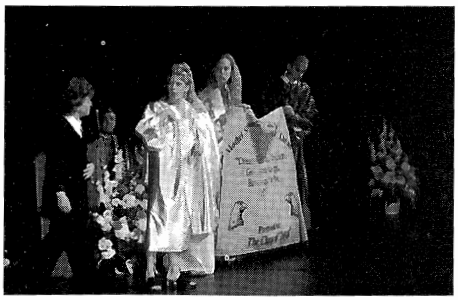

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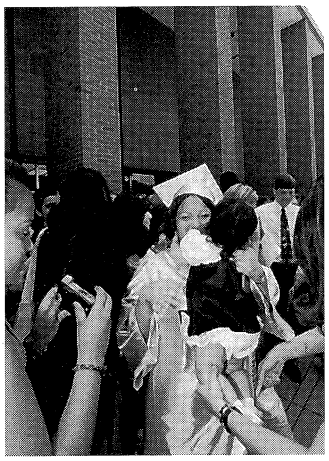





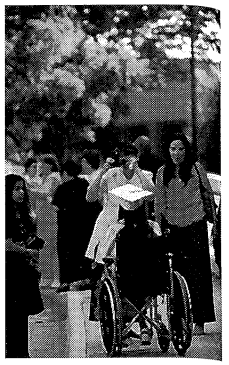



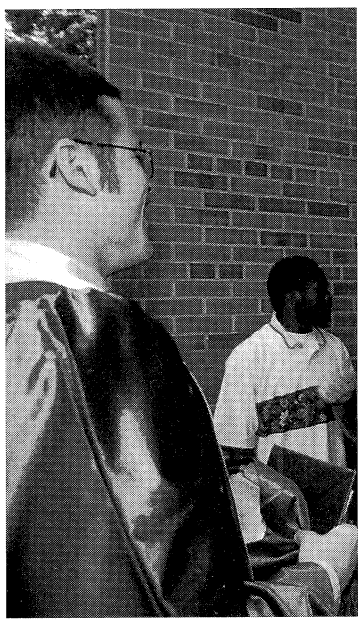

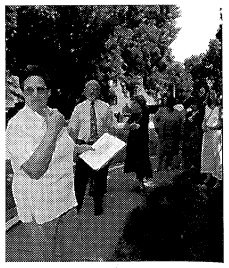



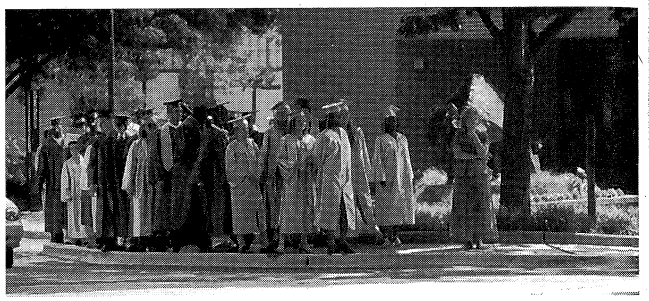

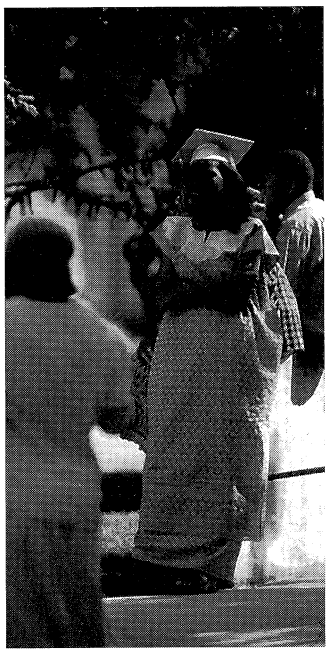

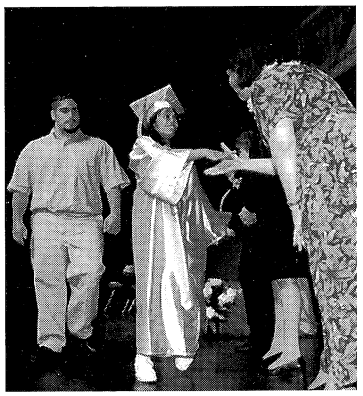

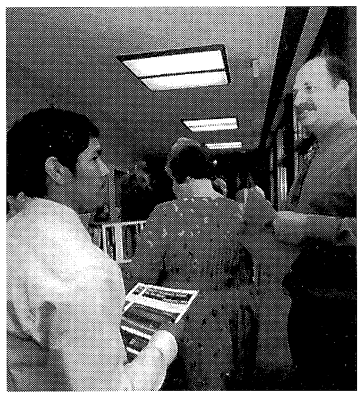

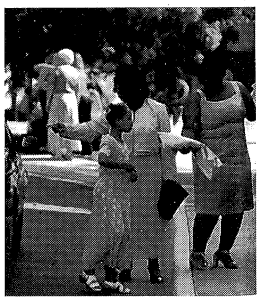

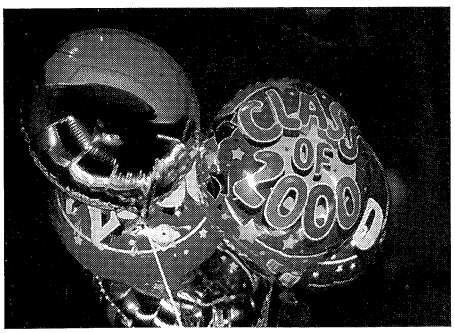

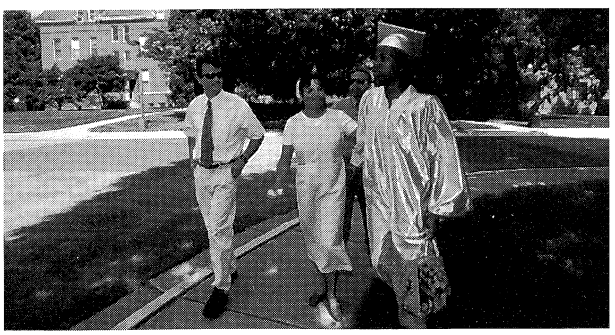

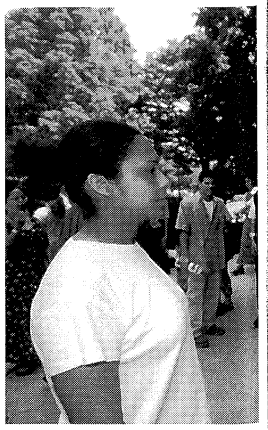

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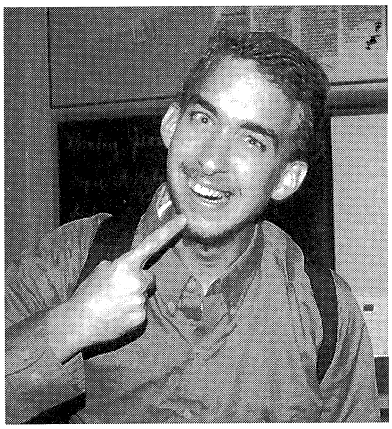

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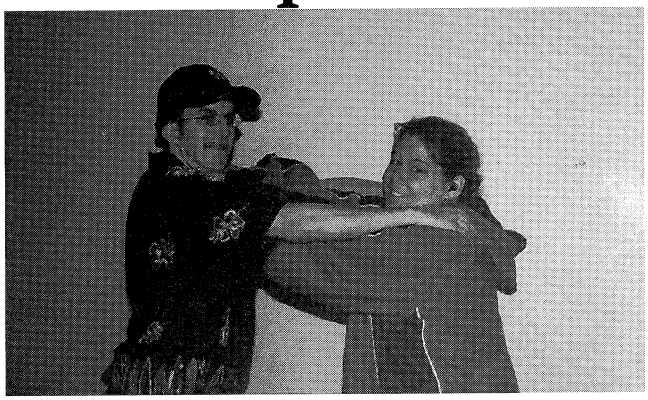
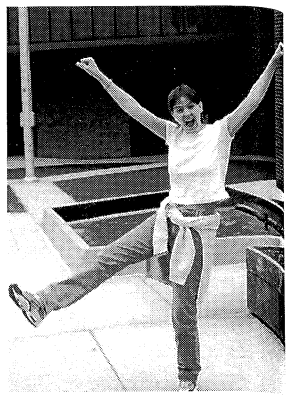
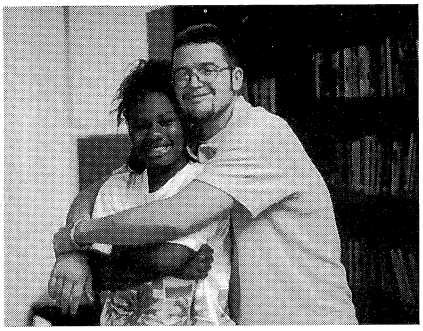
Timothy Lowe



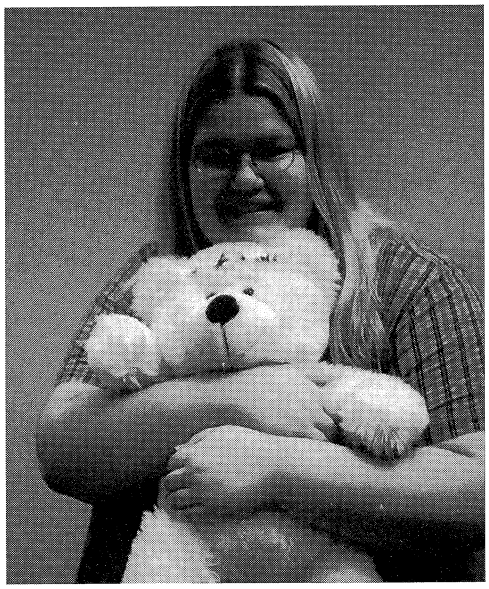
Most Class Pest
Paulus Khouri & Jennifer Spalding



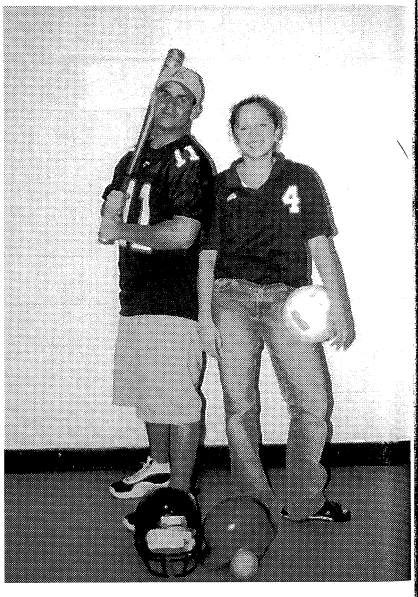
Most Spirit
Heather Dahl & Takeshi Matsumoto (Not Pictured)



Most Egotistic
Valencia Smith & Stephen Farias



Most Affectionate
Chrystal Whitzel



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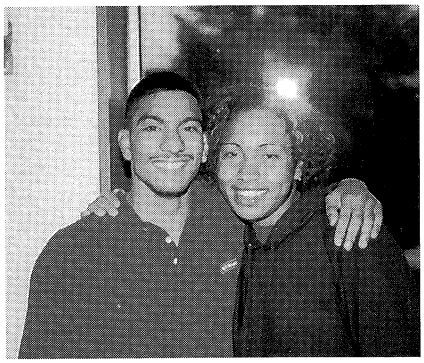
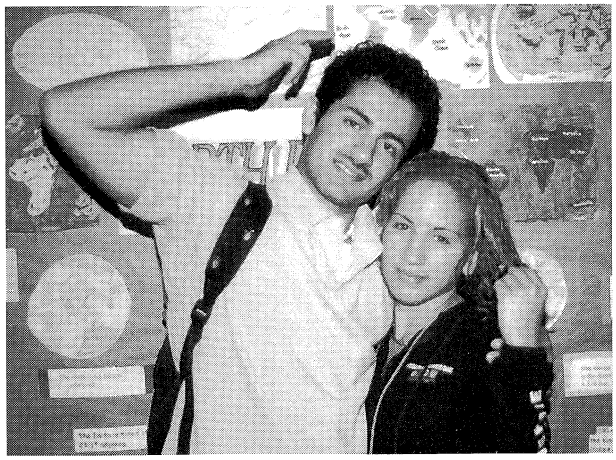
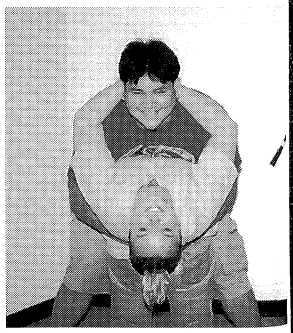
Patrick O'Doherty & Raymonda Azrelyant



Best Smile
Daniel Perez &
Fatimah Abdul-Rahim

Best Hair
Essa Matari & Walkiria Perez





Best Couple
Jarret Merrill & Milena Todorovic

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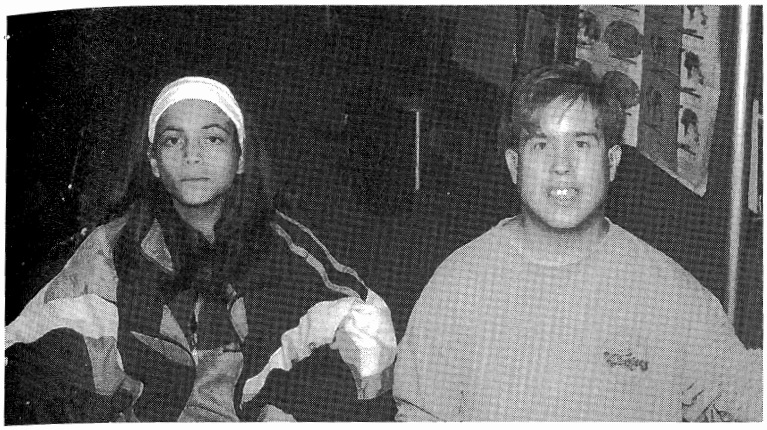
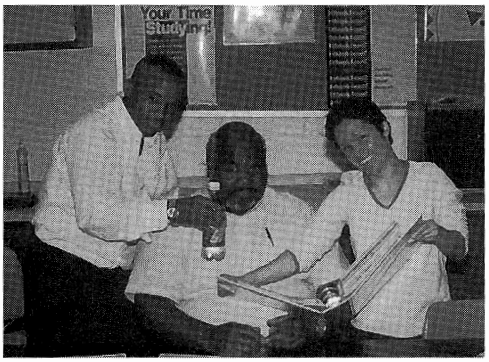


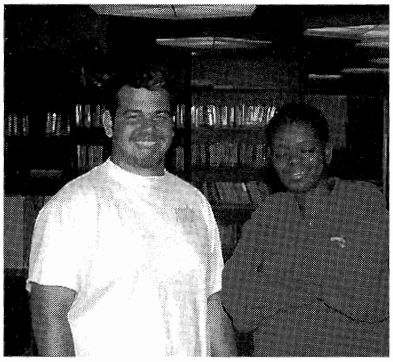
Most Friendly
Kenia Lopez-Rosario &
Bryan Hough



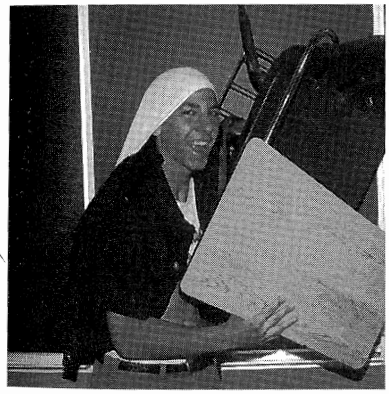
Most Shy
Sunitha Samuel & Peter McCann



Most Teachers' Pet
Darryl Gantt & Patti Martin



Most Unique
Steven Janosi & Selena
McKnight



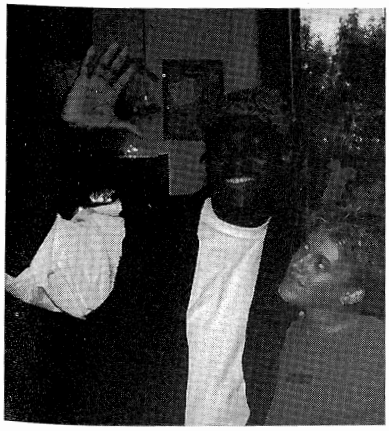
Most Class Clown
Scotty Busanic & Betsie Marie
DeLaune (Not Pictured)



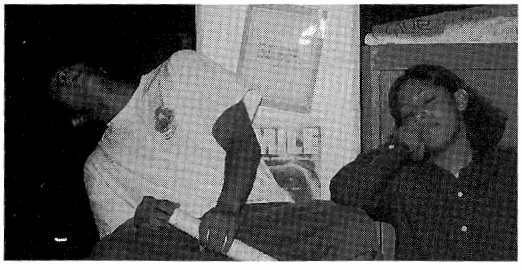
Most Hyperactive
Kristy Nowak &
Thomas Buthusiem



Best Eyes
Sharlene Ramos



Most Dreamer
Kirk Benjamin & Jordan Baird



Most Lazy
Matthew Kohashi &
Jessica Cortes

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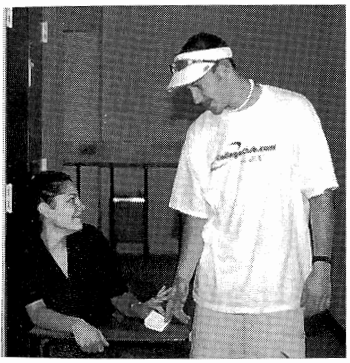
Most Studious
Mei Chen & Kenny Mui



Most Artistic
Lisa Fishbein & Batangana Levongala



Most Flirtatious
Isabella Roca &
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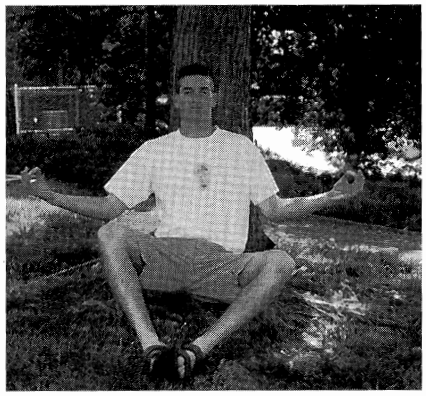
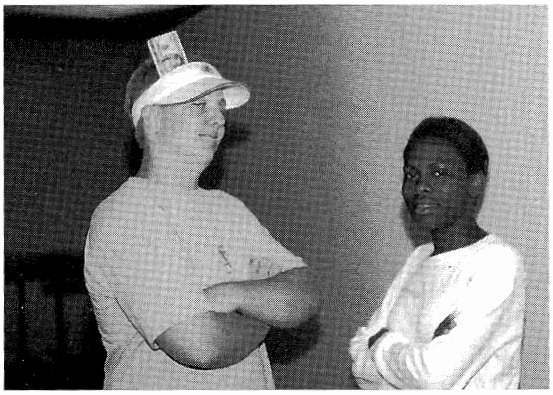
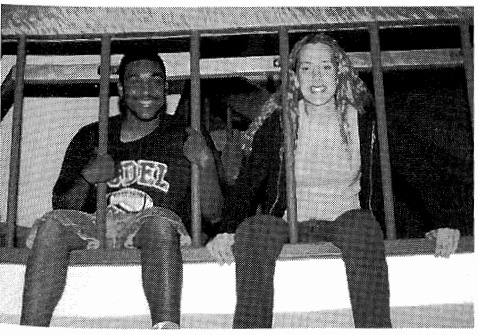


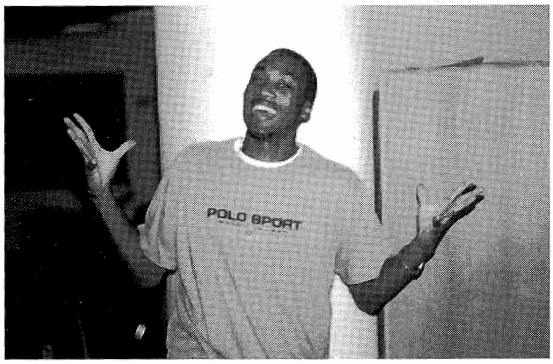
Most Down to Earth
Marlon Wynne



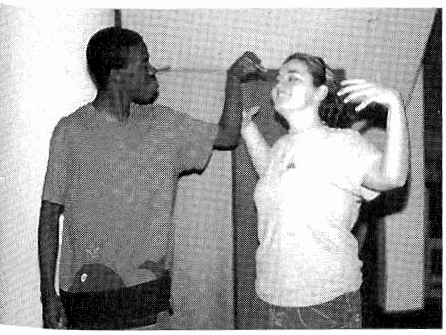
Most Likely to be Successful
Aaron Brock & Ibukun Odunlami



Best All Around
James Bunch & Darlene
Tropp



Funniest
Tyrone Barnes



Most Outspoken
Zavier Sabio &
Holly Bullard

Not Pictured
Most Generous — Melissa Graham
Most Changed — Dominick Leto & Tashica Holloman
Most Humble — Agnieszka Kuprel & Taha McCree

Ode to the Class of 2000

by Darlene Tropp

At last, the time has arrived to
Leave the blue and silver carrier
That has carried us
Higher and higher
We look through the windows and
See clouds with silver lining in the blue sky
And valleys and peaks
We glance at each other eagerly.
The carrier doors slowly open-
We step to the edge
With excitement and yet trepidation.
With parachutes on our backs and
A gentle nudge from someone unseen
One by one, we jump.
In the cold air, we come again to meet and
Hold hands to form a circle.
We quickly glance at each other
And remember
Both good and bad times.
We beam with pride.
An eagle soars above us.
It's time to go and
We let go of
Each other's hands.
The blue and silver carrier moves into far distance.
We tug our strings and
Our parachutes open.
We glide downward slowly,
We look everywhere,
Try to see
What lies ahead.
On the ground
We struggle alone
To take off the
Parachutes.
We begin our journeys,
Heading into different directions seeking
Paths with our names
Encouragement
Must come from
Within
As we look up and
Remember
Where we came from.
The walk into the unknown begins.

Wind Beneath My Wings

by Bette Midler

Oh, oh, oh, oh -
It must have been cold there in my shadow,
to never have sunlight on your face.
You were content to let me shine, that's your way.
You always walked a step behind.

So I was the one with all the glory,
while you were the one with all the strain.
A beautiful face without a name for so long.
A beautiful smile to hide the pain.

Did you ever know that you're my hero?
and everything I would like to be?
I can fly higher than an eagle,
for you are the wind beneath my wings.

It might have appeared to go unnoticed,
but I've got it all here in my hear.
I want you to know I know the truth, of course I know it.
I would be nothing without you.

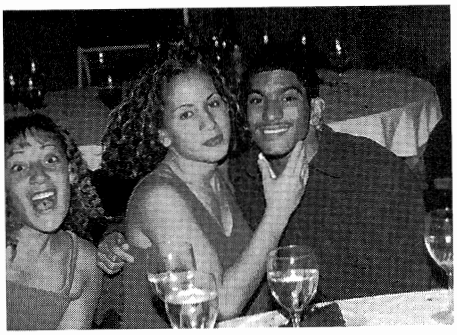
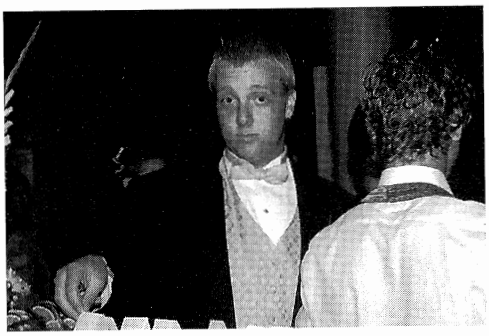
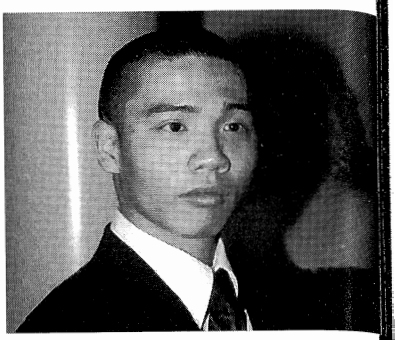
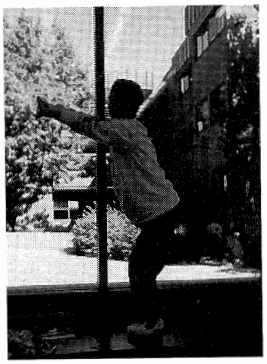
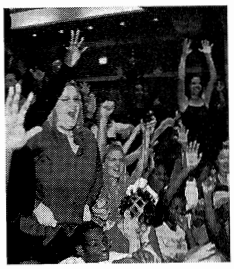
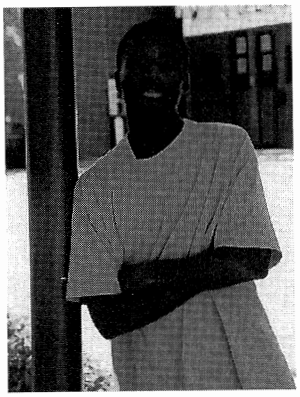
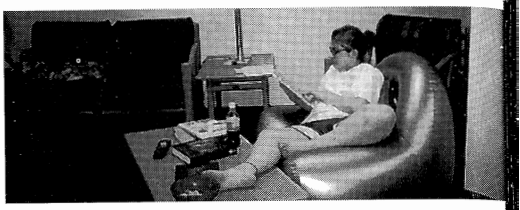
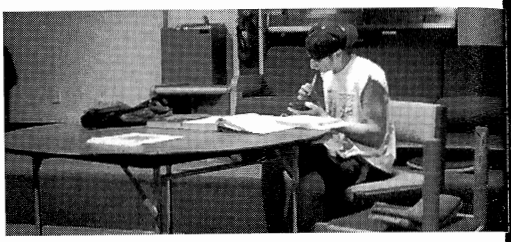
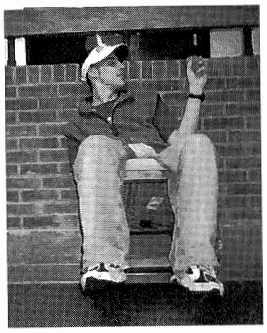
Did you ever know that you're my hero?
and everything I would like to be?
I can fly higher than an eagle,
for you are the wind beneath my wings.

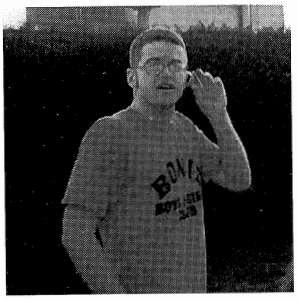
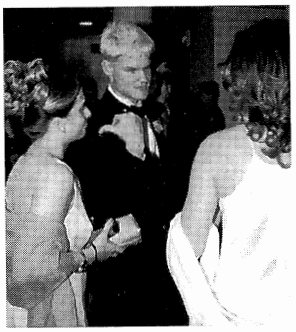
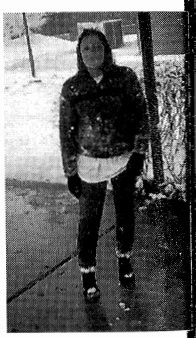
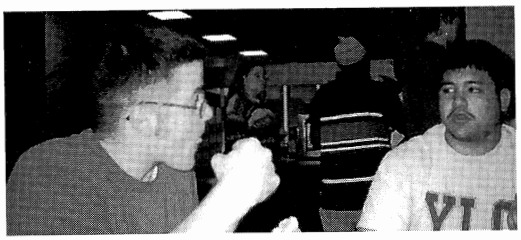
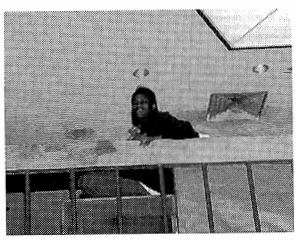
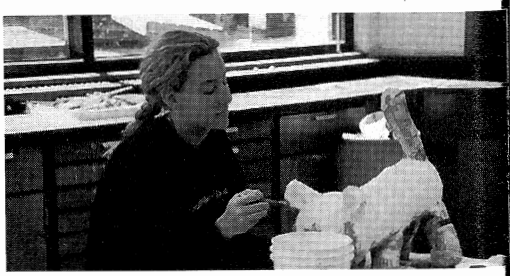
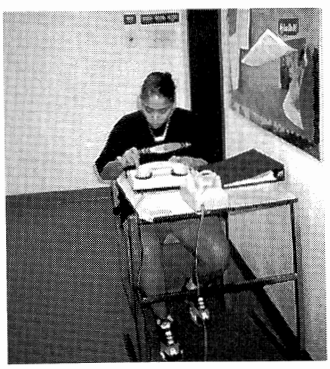
Did I ever tell you you're my hero?
You're everything, everything I wish I could be.
Oh, and I, I could fly higher than an eagle,
for you are the wind beneath my wings,
'cause you are the wind beneath my wings.

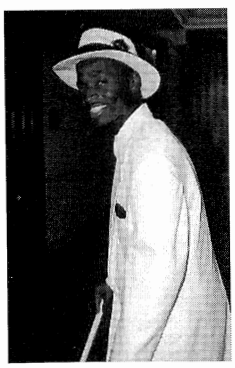
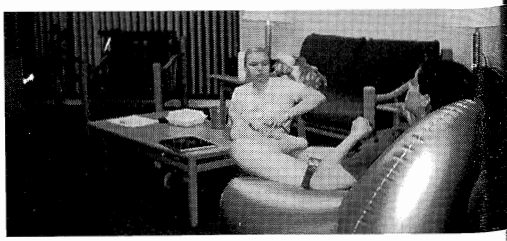
Oh, the wind beneath my wings.
You, you, you, you are the wind beneath my wings.
Fly, fly, fly away. You let me fly so high.
Oh, you, you, you, the wind beneath my wings.
Oh, you, you, you, the wind beneath my wings.

Fly, fly, fly high against the sky,
so high I almost touch the sky.
Thank you, thank you,
Thank God for you, the wind beneath my wings.

Seniors

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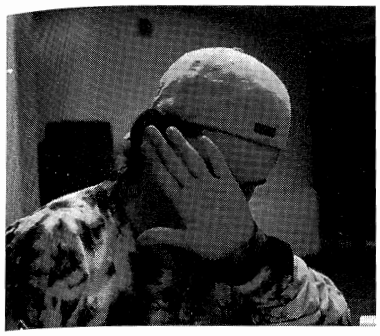

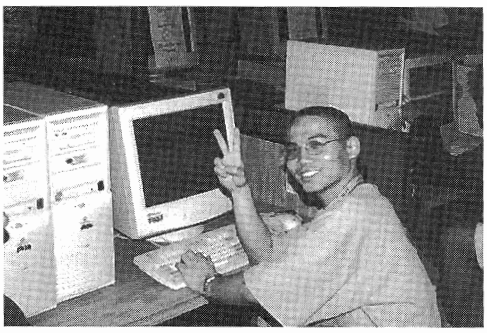

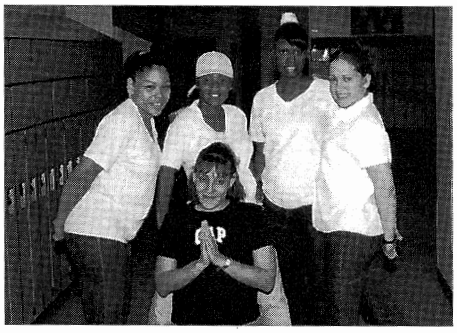



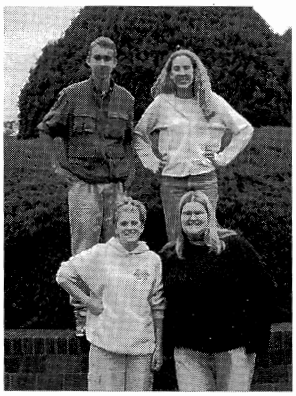

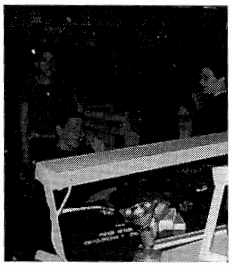

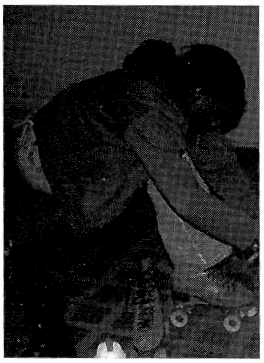



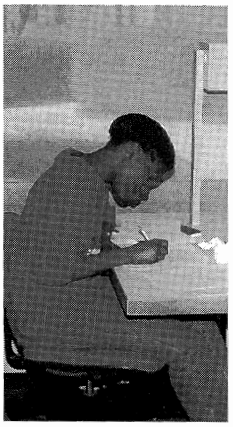

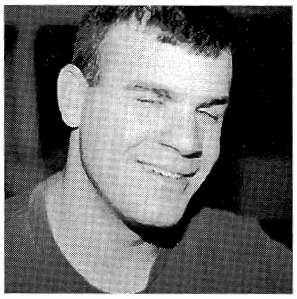

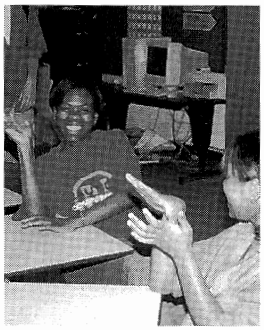

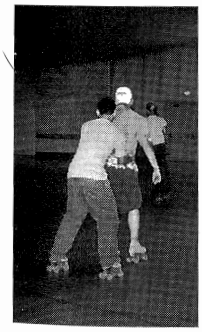

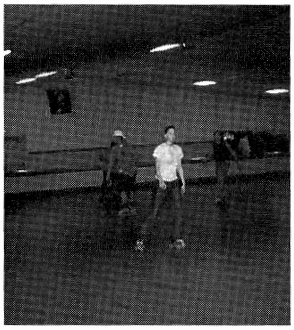

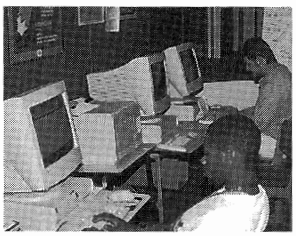

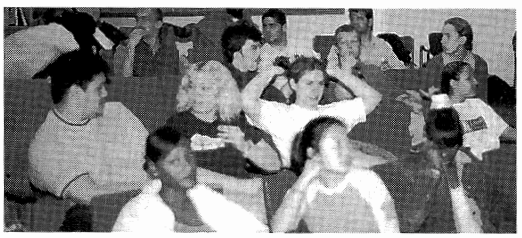

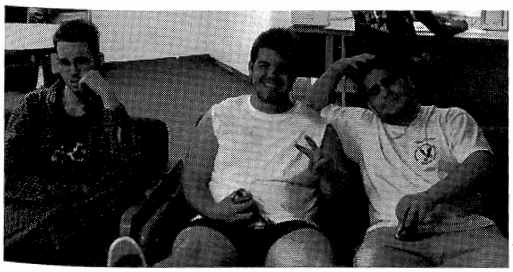

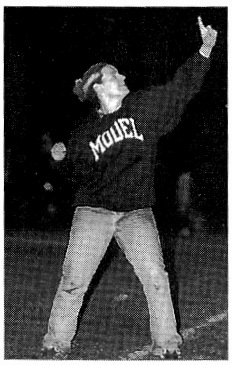

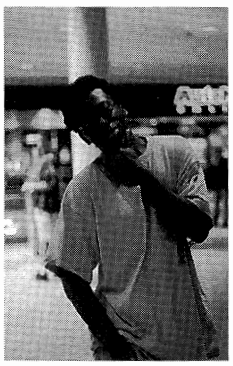

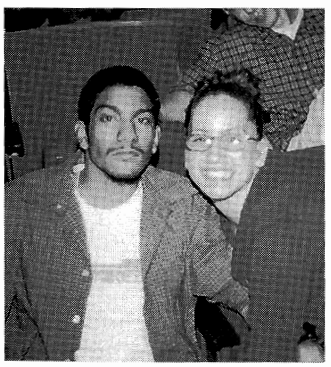



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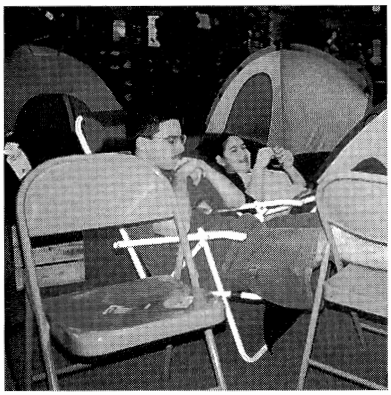
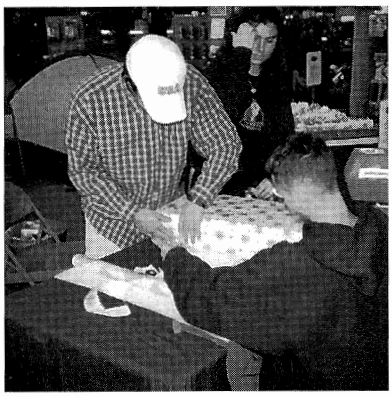
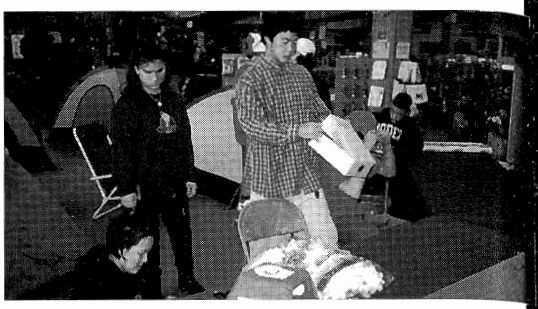
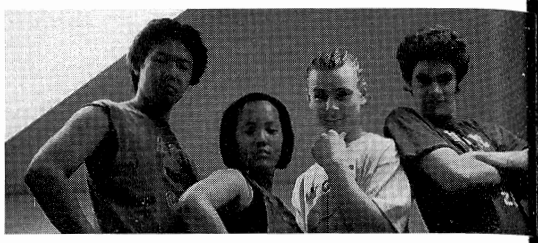

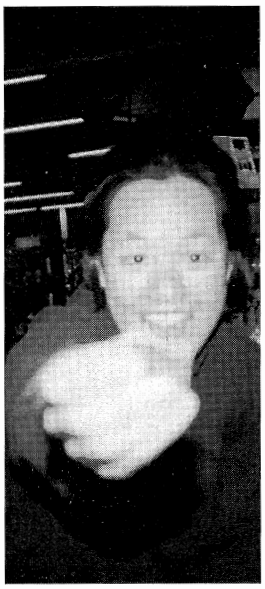
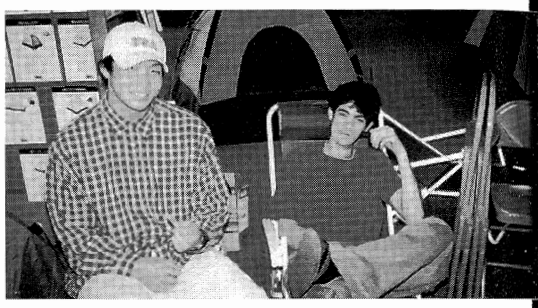

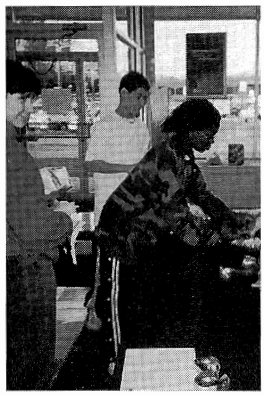
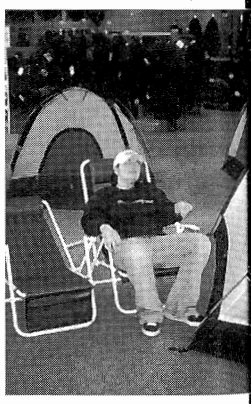
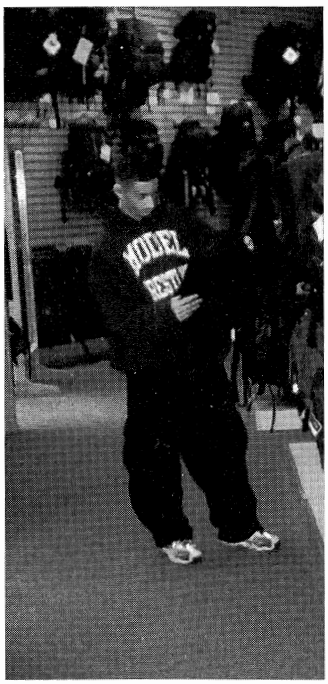
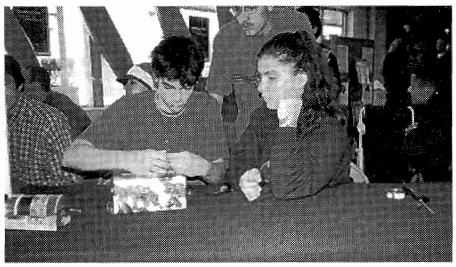

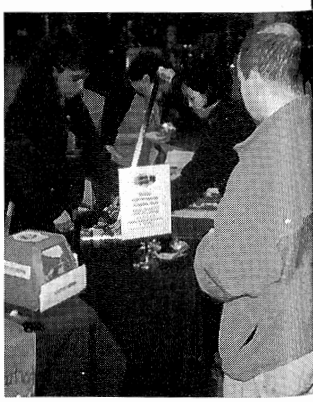

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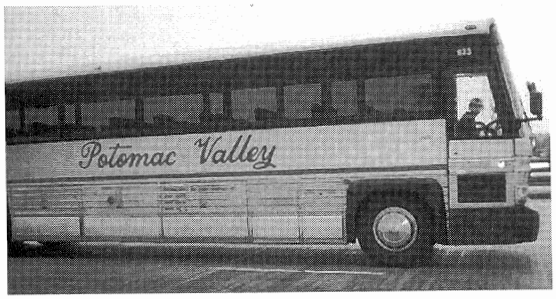
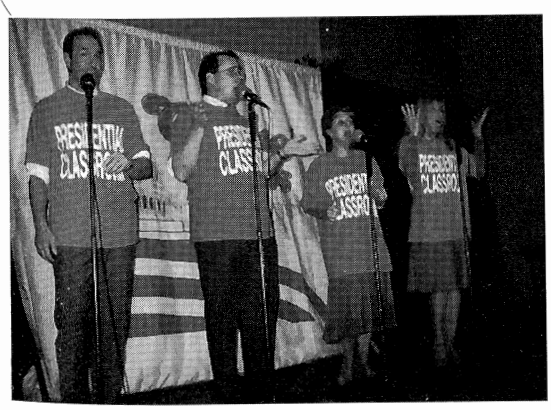
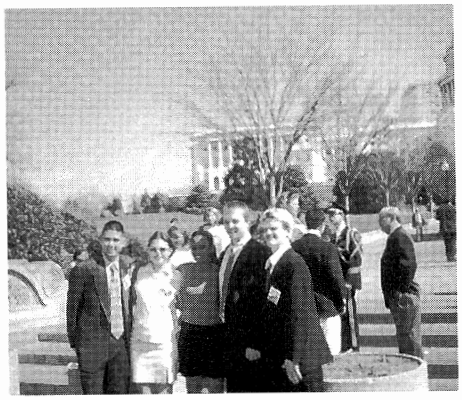
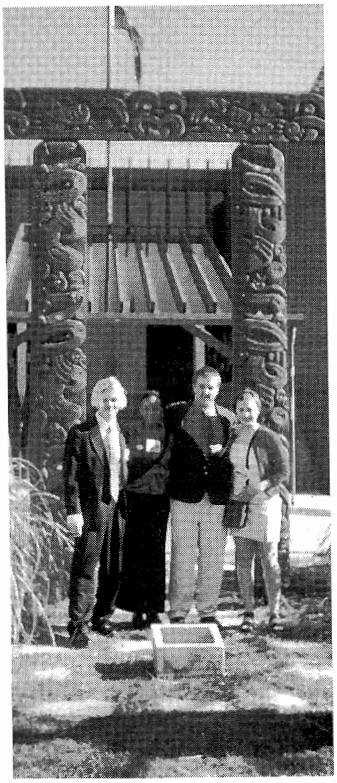
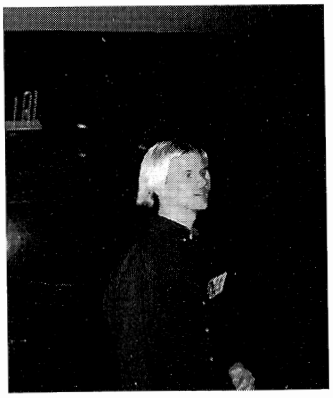












Academic Bowl

MSSD Garners Academic Super Bowl National Championship

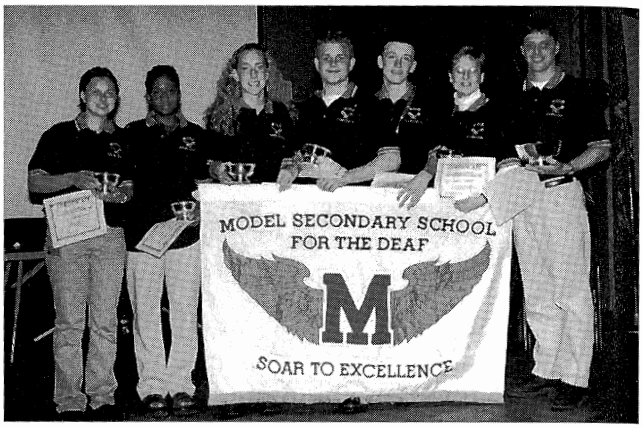
by Robert McConnell

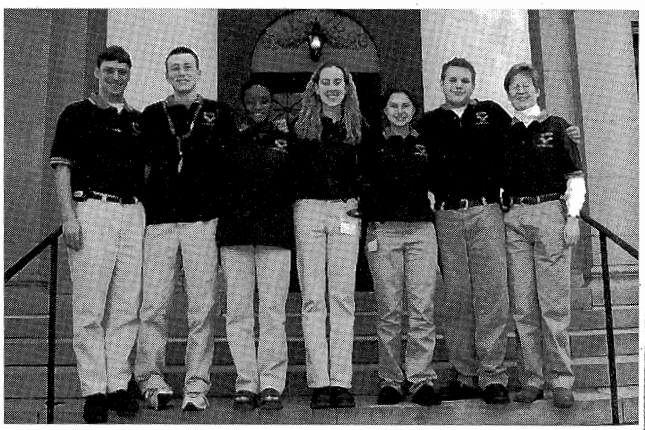
Our proud MSSD Eagles proved to be triumphant as the National Champions at the 2000 Deaf High School National Academic Super Bowl, held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Conference Center. Defeating the Maryland School for the Deaf for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, we earned the right to represent the region in national bowl competition.

Many had predicted that the Midwest regional champion, Shawnee Mission East High School (Shawnee Mission, KS), and MSSD would end up squaring off in the championship match, known as the pinnacle of Deaf High School Academic Bowl; competition.

On Monday, May 1, we started out playing Shawnee Mission East in preliminary play. Due to anxiety and careless errors, we succumbed to them by two points. We realized we were no longer undefeated, and we took out our aggravation by annihilating, in turn, University High School (Irvine, CA), Florida School for the Deaf (St. Augustine, FL), and EDCO-Newton North High School (Newton, MA).

After a quick inspection of the scoreboard, we realized we would face off against Shawnee Mission East in the championship match. Right before the championship match, we watched a rendition of Gallaudet's fight song. That got our blood pumping, and we got up there raring to go. Out of the gate, everybody could clearly see MSSD was the faster and better team. We ended up victorious with a score of 61-47, and a place in Academic Bowl history.





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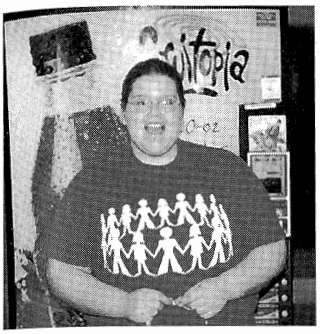

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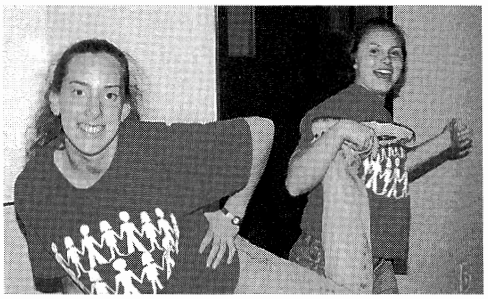

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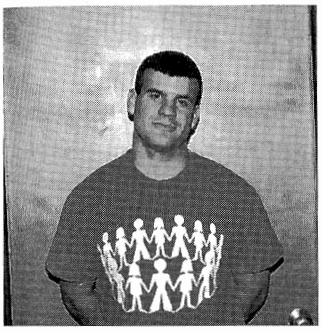
The Group



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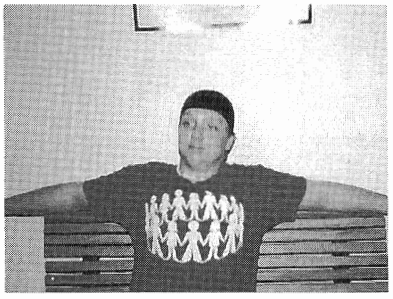

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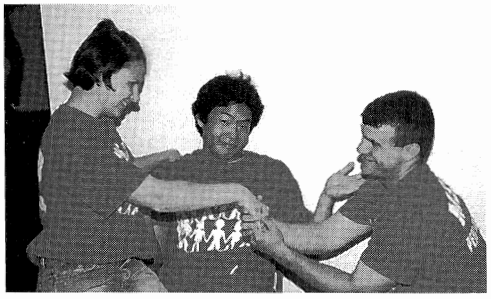
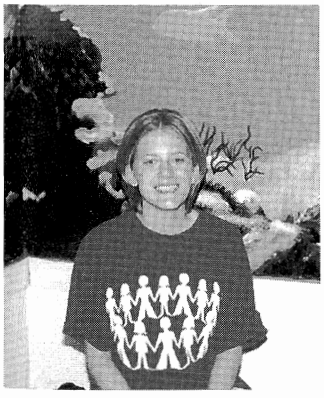


Peer Mediator Triangle??



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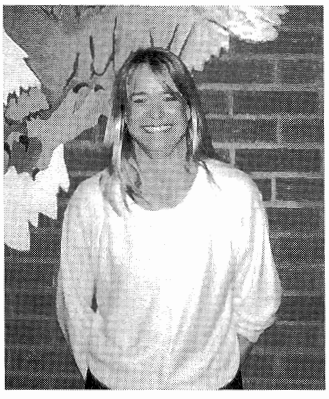

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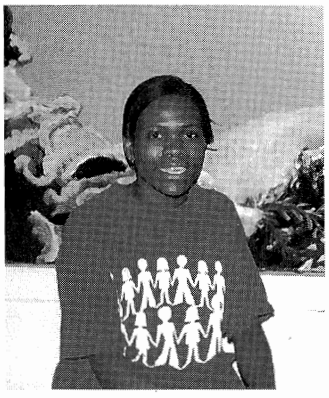

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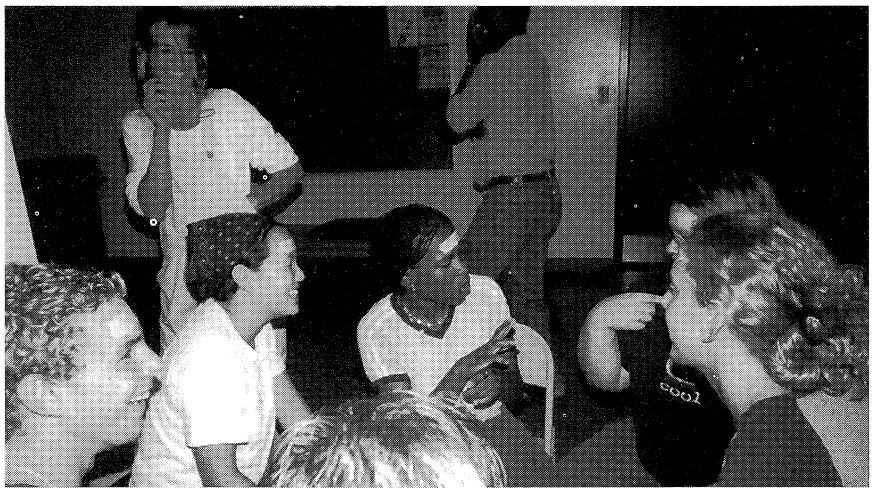
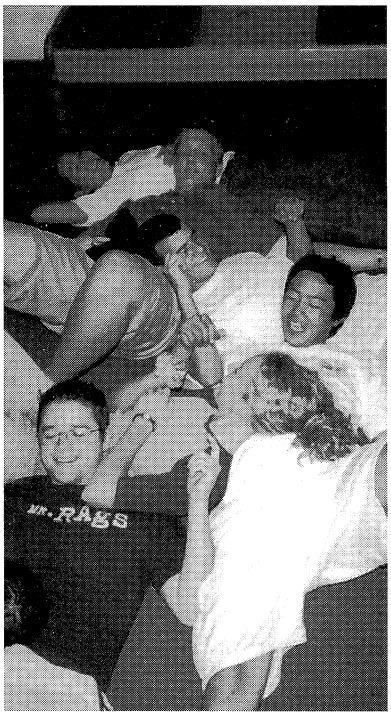
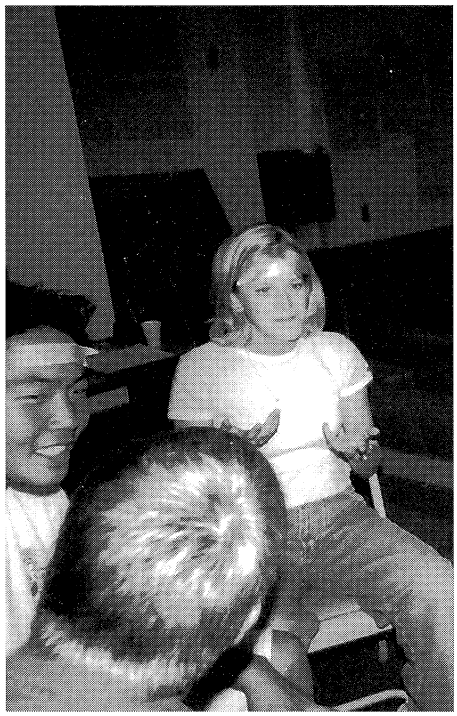


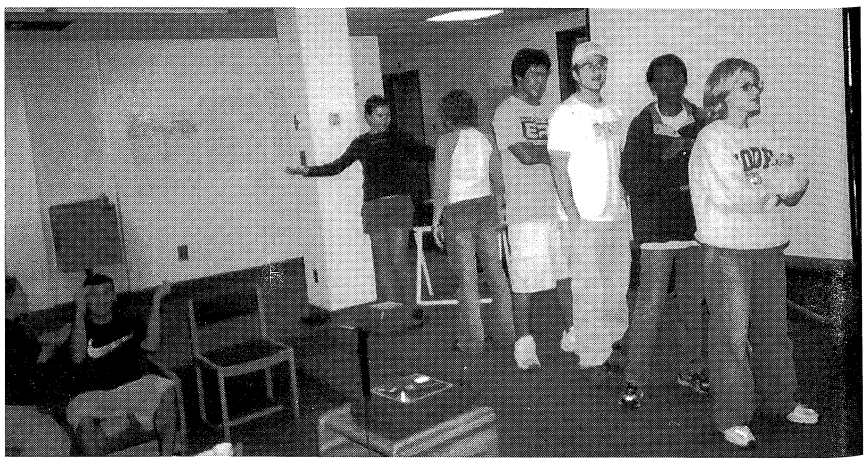






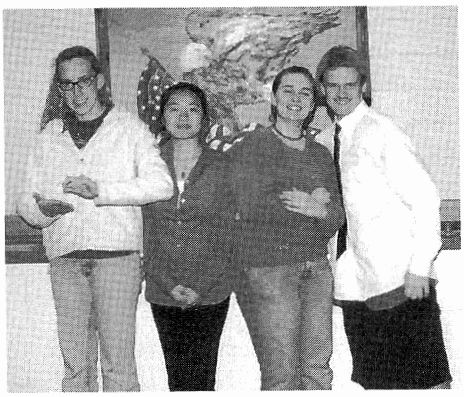


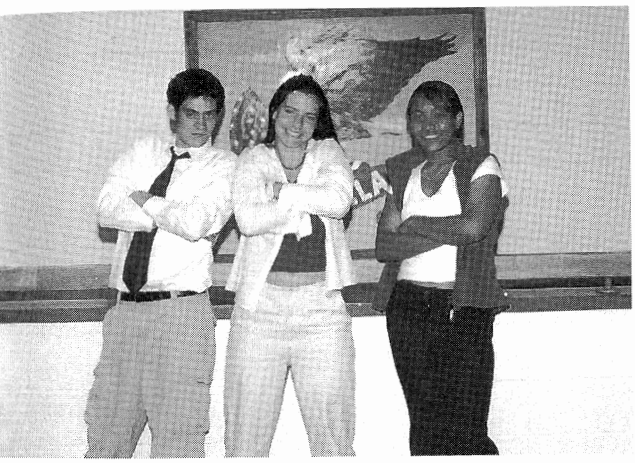


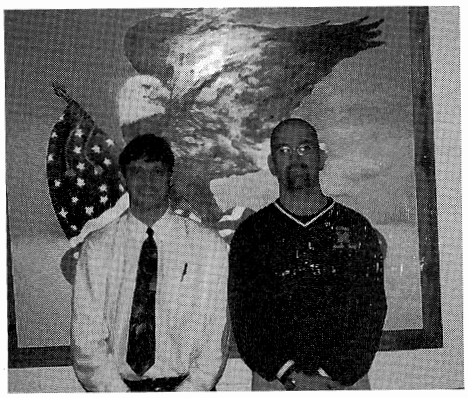


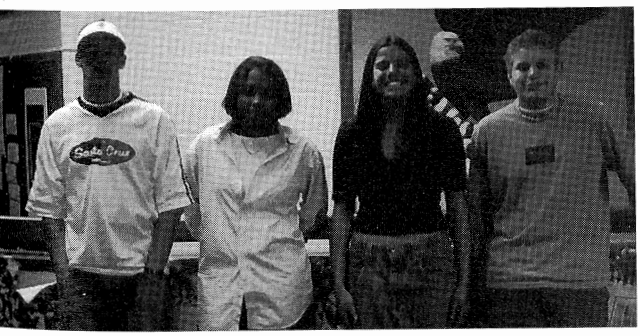
SBG and Student Council











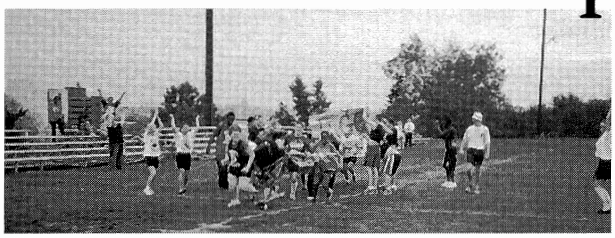




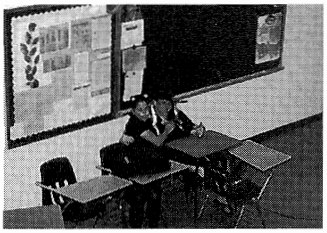
STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT

MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

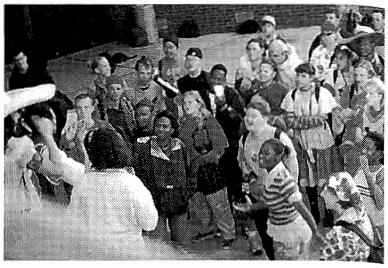
HC Spirit Week



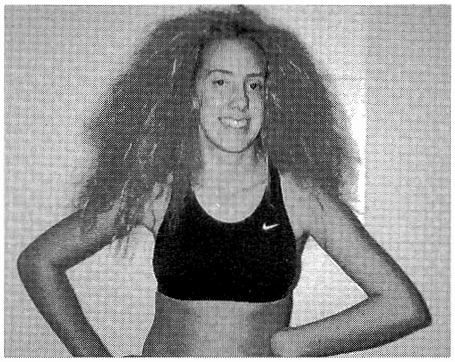
"Go girls! Go seniors! Yah!"



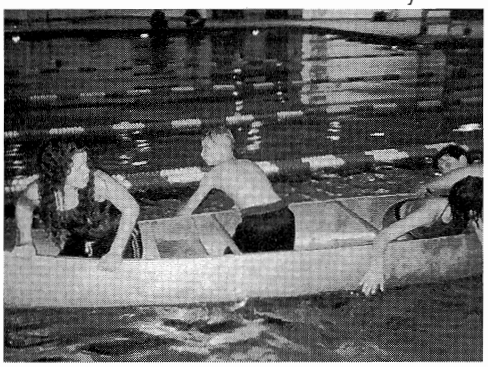
"Of course, witch Holly's lover was cat Izzy!"



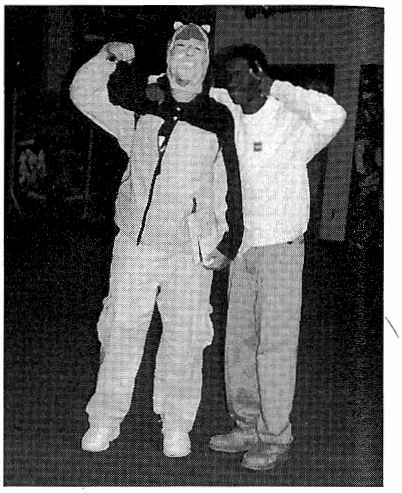
"Wanna beat all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors? Yeah, keep your spirit with us, seniors!"



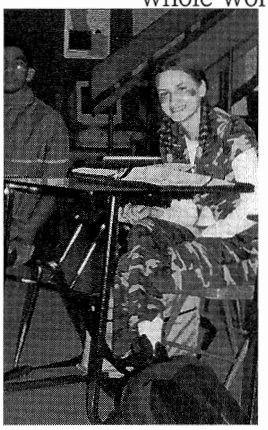
"Ekk! The ugliest hairdo in the whole world!"

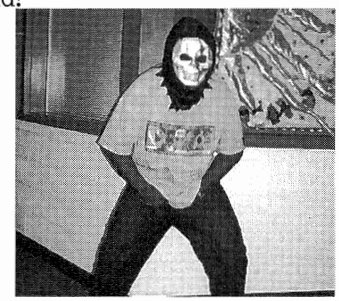


"Whoo, go freshmen!"



"Zavier, who was that guy? Oh, Aaron!"





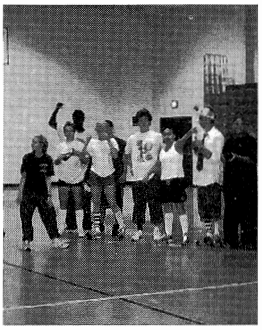
"Ah, Who was it? Kirk!"

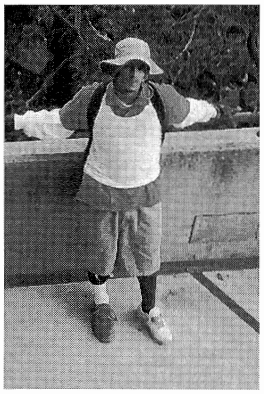


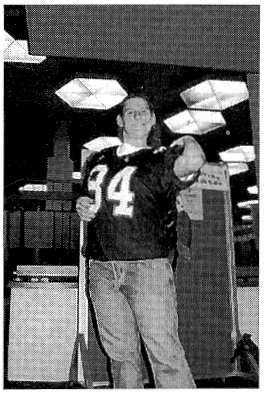
"Keep loud juniors!"





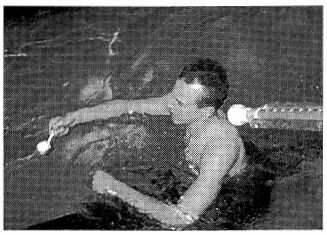






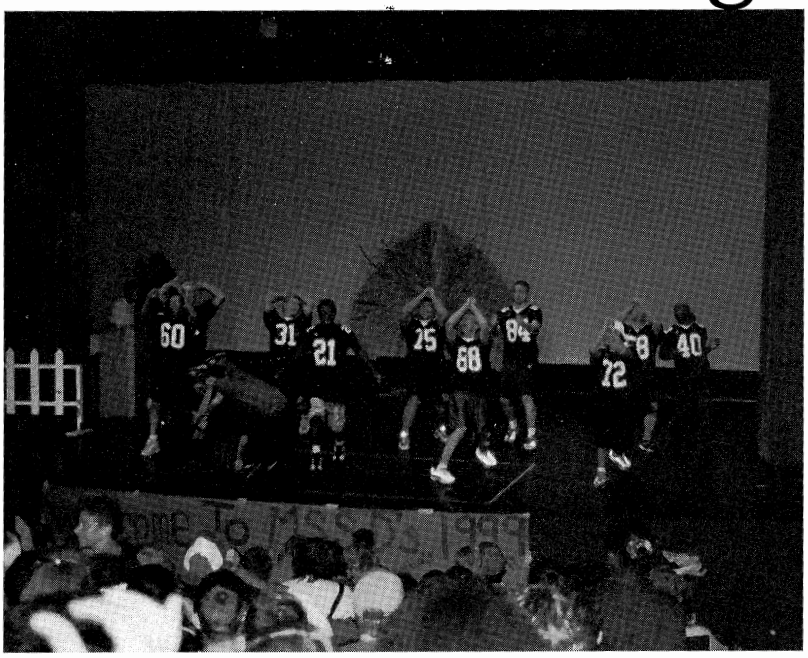


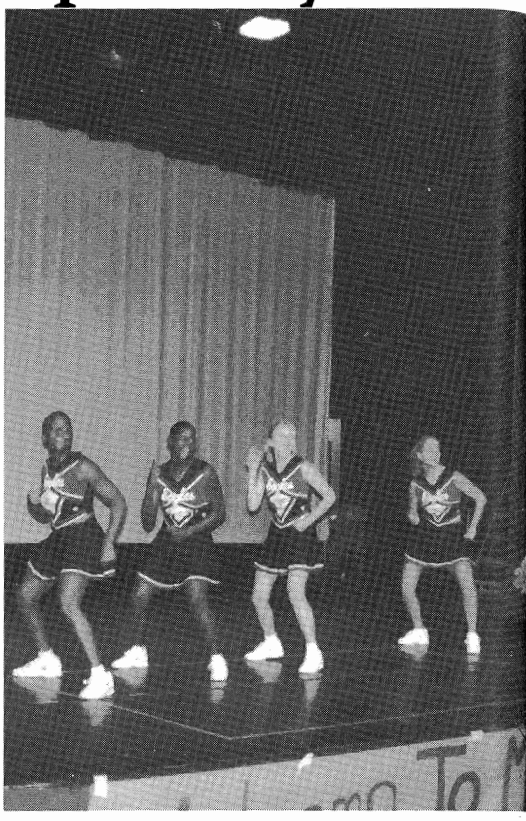


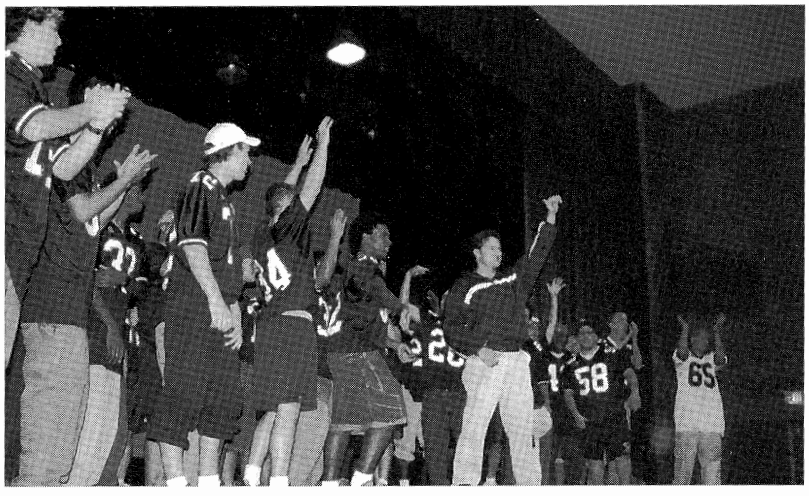


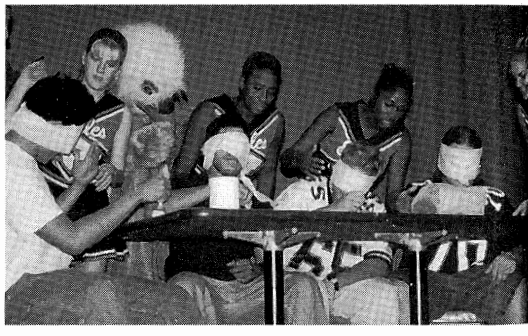


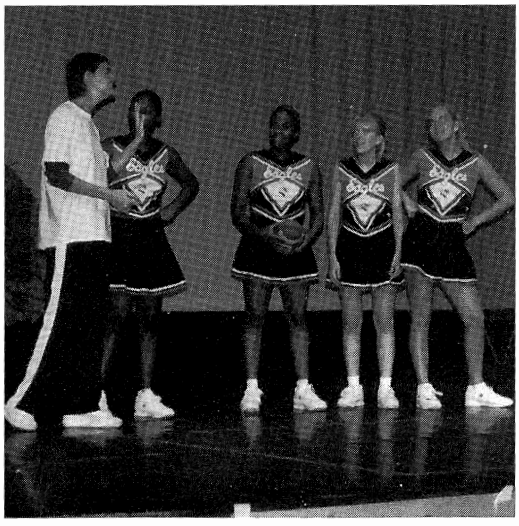
Homecoming Pep Rally

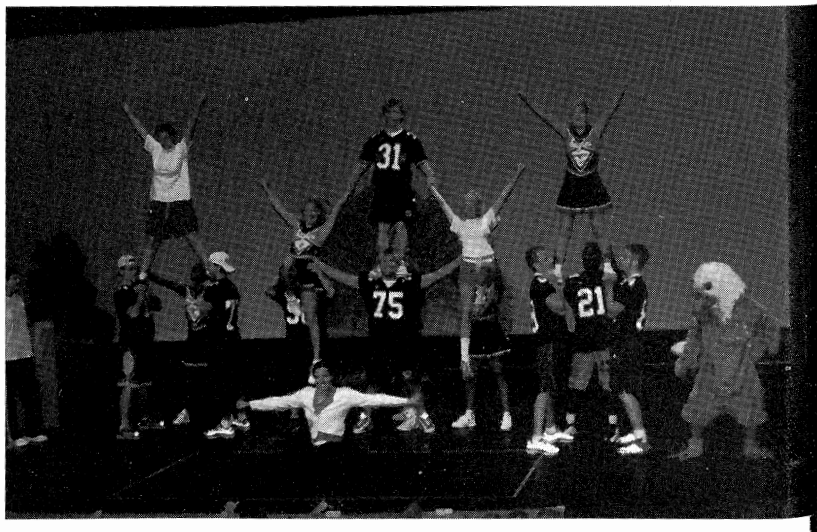












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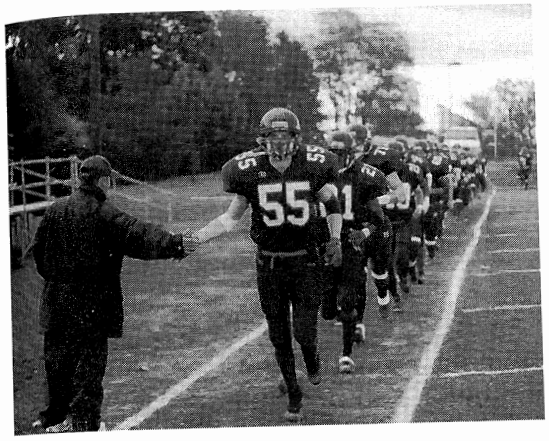
Student Life

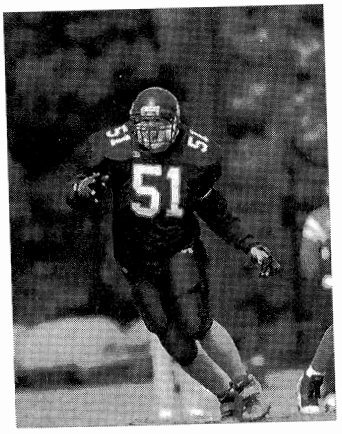
Homecoming Game
MSSD vs. FSDB



"Good luck, football players!"



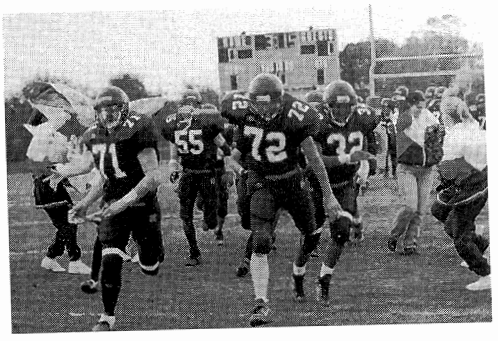
"What a marvelous drawing poster, our Homecoming 1999!"



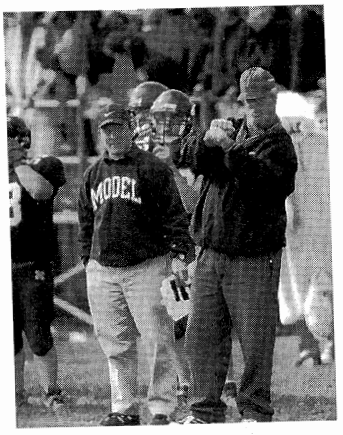
"Come on, defend us, Aaron!"



"MSSD players & FSDB players are definitely ready for the game!"



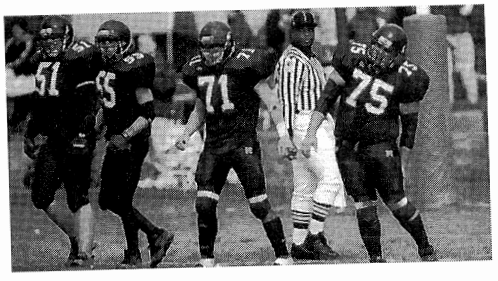
"Go EAGLES! Yay! Whoo!"



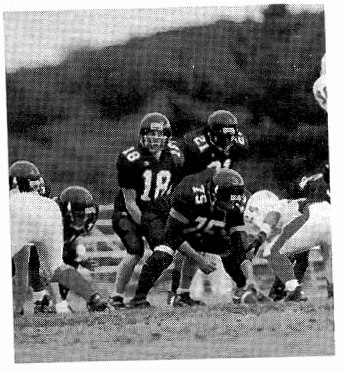
"Work hard!"



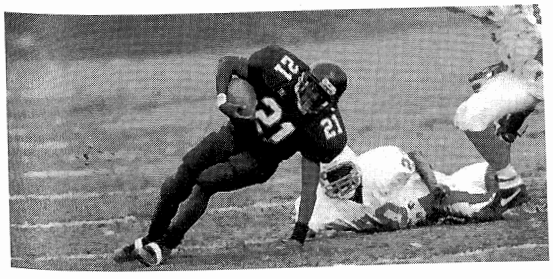
"Stephen, catch the ball!"



"Go defense! No score!"



"Get ready, Donald!"

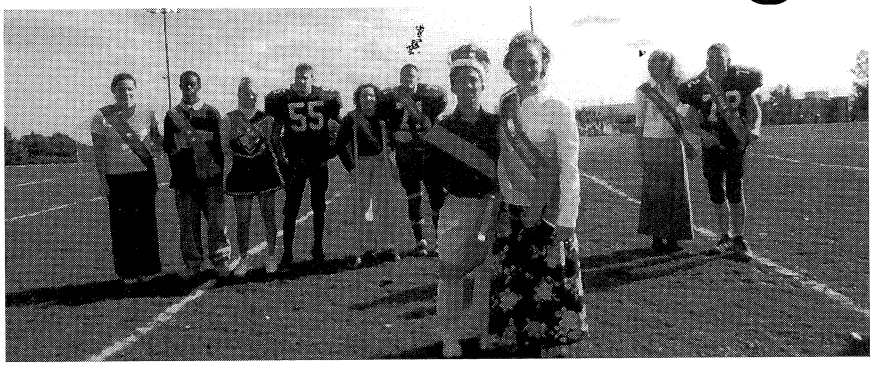


"Whoa!"

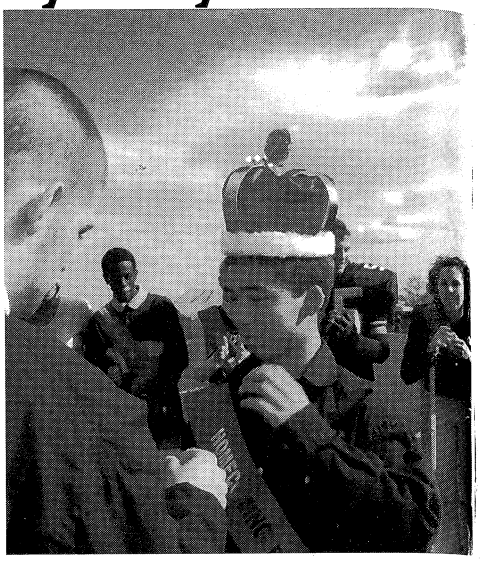


"No loose ball! Darn!"

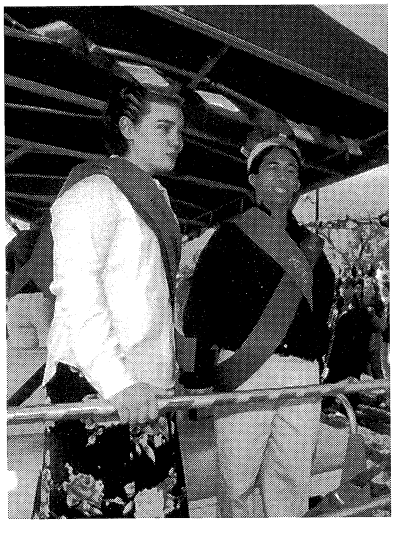
Homecoming Royalty



"Hey Takeshi and Holly! Wait, Takeshi dropped his banner!"



"Former homecoming king, Sean Moore, congratulates the new king, Takeshi Matsumoto! Shocked Takeshi?"



"Holly, we need you to look at our camera for a while!"



"Former homecoming queen, Kitty Bottoms, congratulates the new queen, Holly Bullard! She gave a big smile!"



"All four big guys with a soon-to-be homecoming king. How adorable!"



"Keep up with the beautiful smiles!"

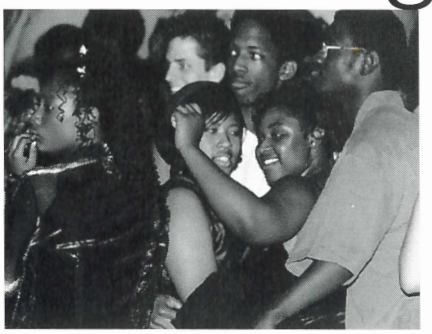


"Look at our gorgeous homecoming princes and princesses; Kristy, Zavier, Lisa, Marlon, Raymonda, Takeshi, Holly, Stephen, Darlene, and Scotty! They were all waiting for who was crowned homecoming king and queen!"

Homecoming Dance



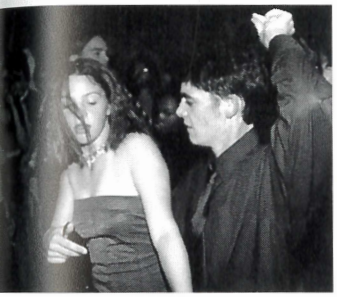
Let's cha cha!



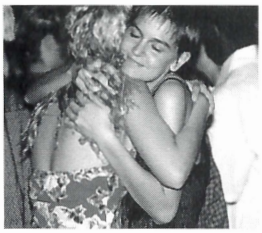
I guess the word "fun" is an understatement now, hmmm?



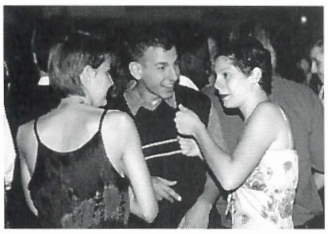
Leiko, don't you feel lift out, without wavy hair?



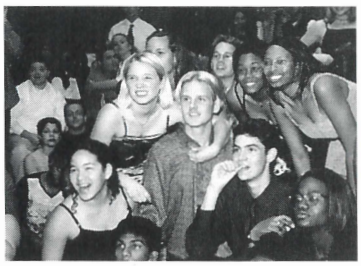
Kids! Remember to stay two inches apart from each other!



Heather, we all need to breathe!



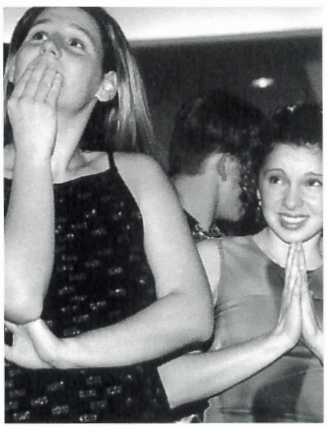
Scotty, you got busted for two-timing Heather and Izzy?



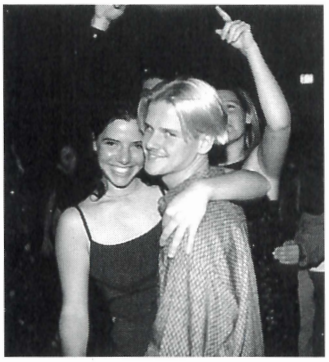
Hey Garrett, can I have a bite of that thumb? It looks good.



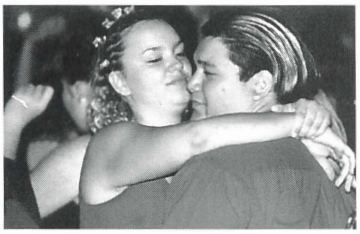
C'mon, we don't need a three hour speech!



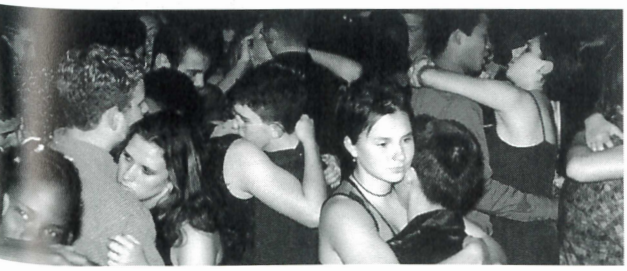
Wow, are you really that scared of the freshmen?



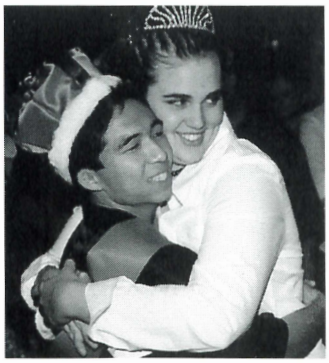
Who has the best smile — Betsie Marie or Zack?



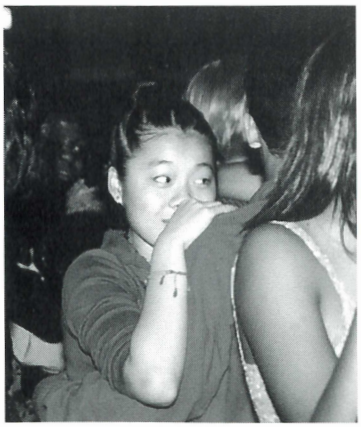
The ideal models for a mouthwash advertisement.



Bellamie, I hope you remembered to put on some deodorant!



Homecoming Dress ... $50
Homecomins Sash ... $5
Homecoming Crown ... Priceless



Try and keep that roving eye under control, Mei.

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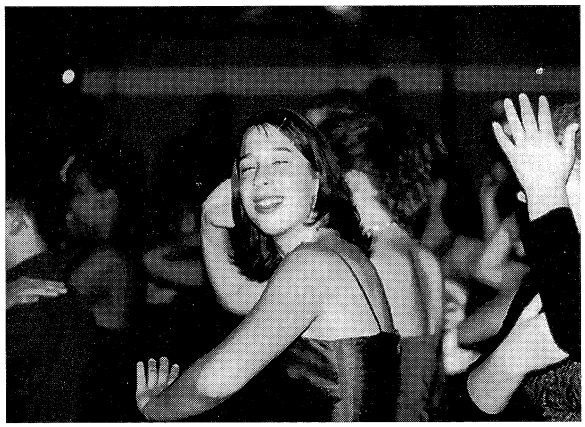



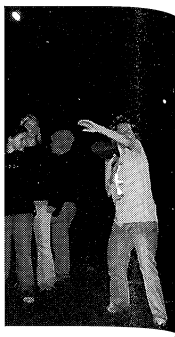

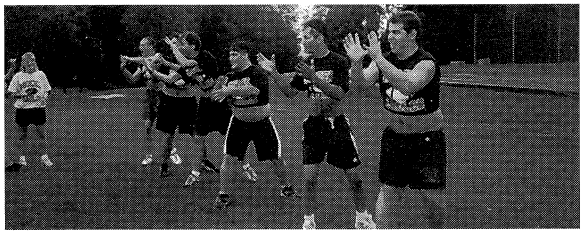



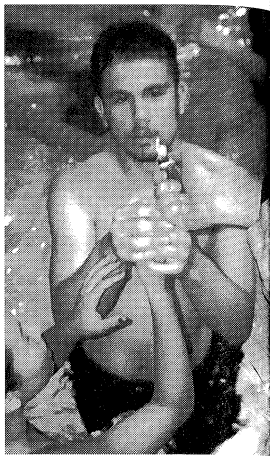

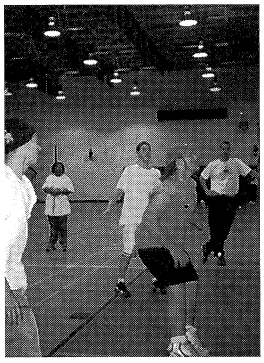

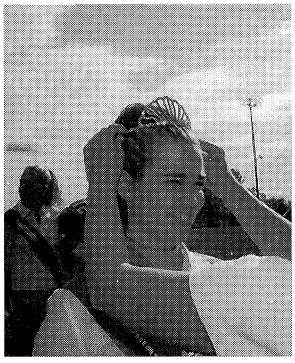

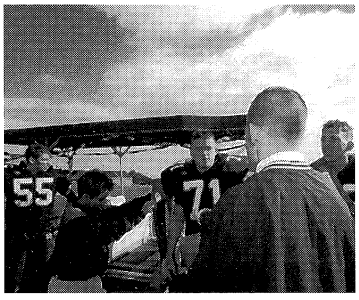









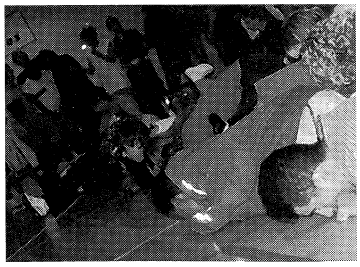

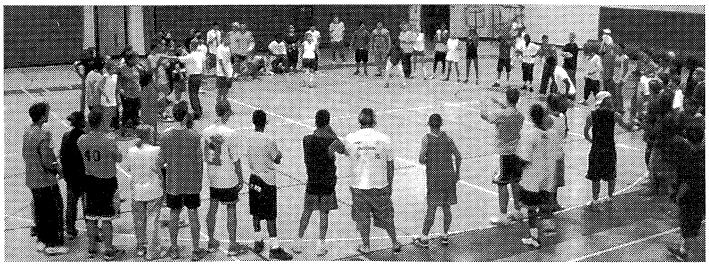

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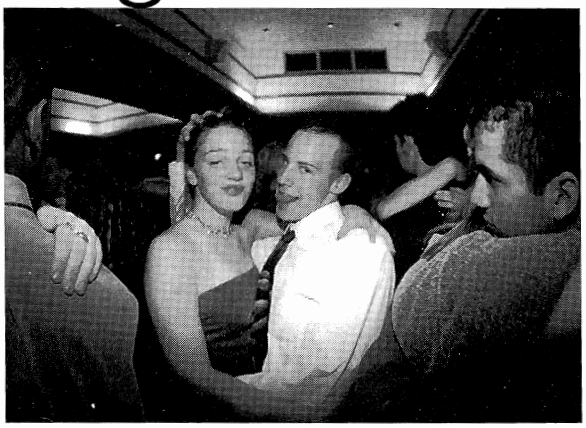

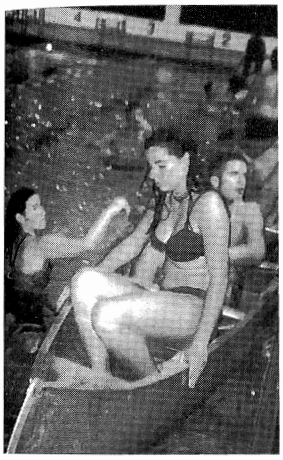

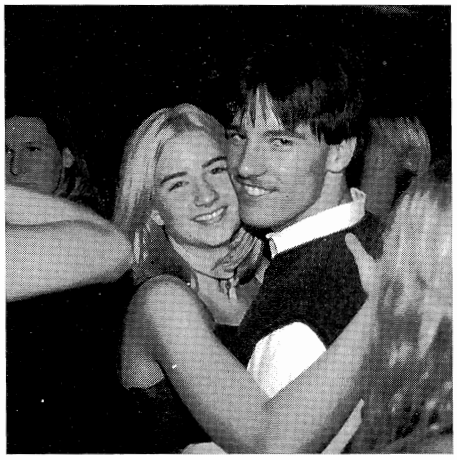

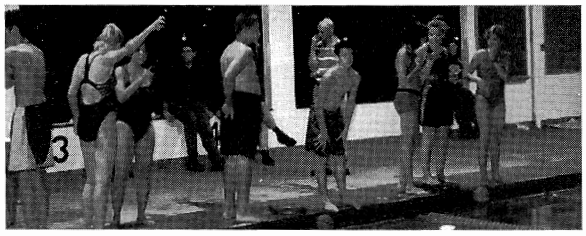

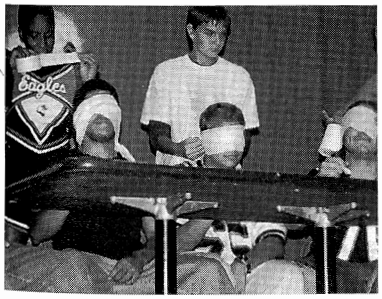

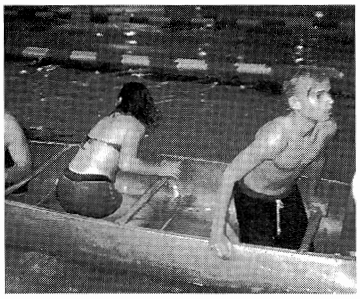

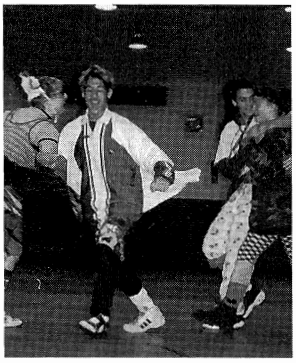

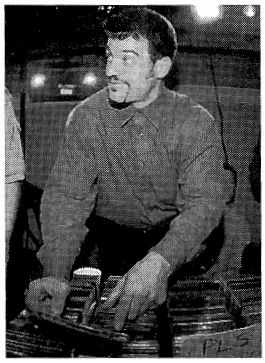

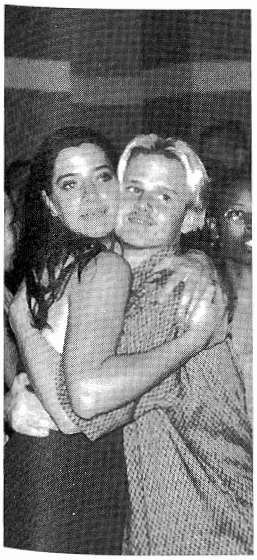

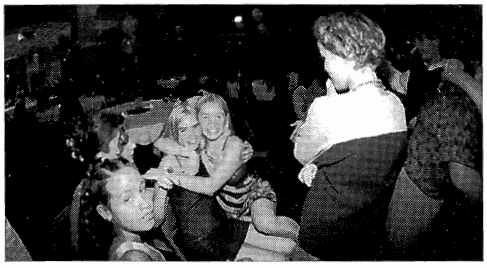

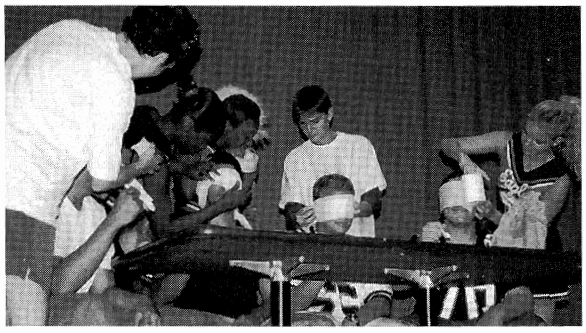

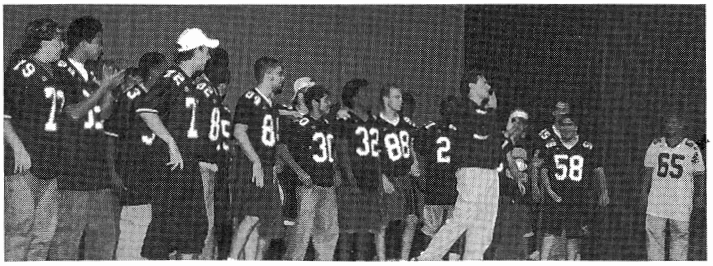

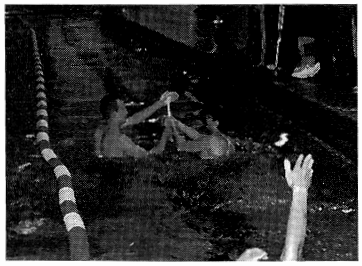

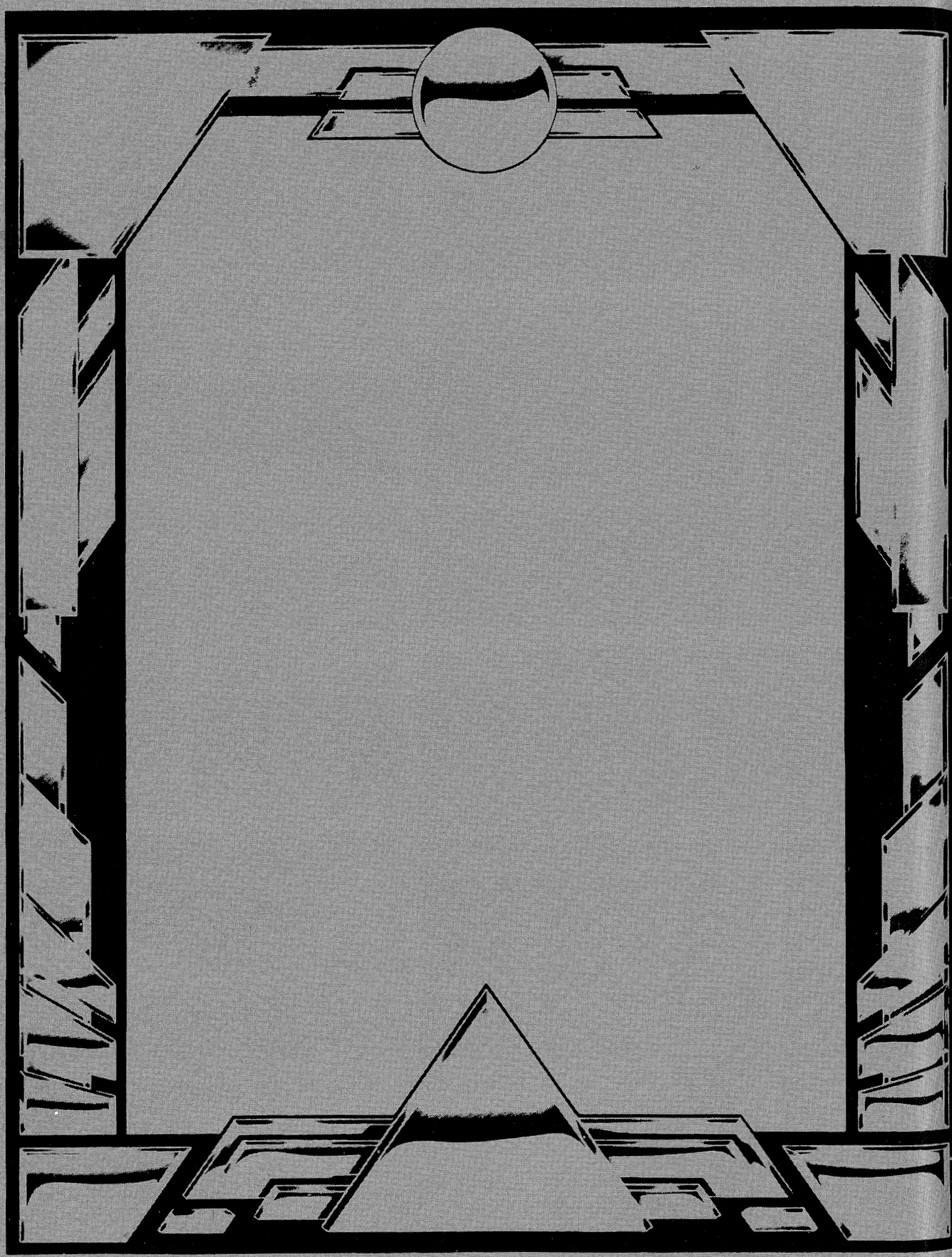

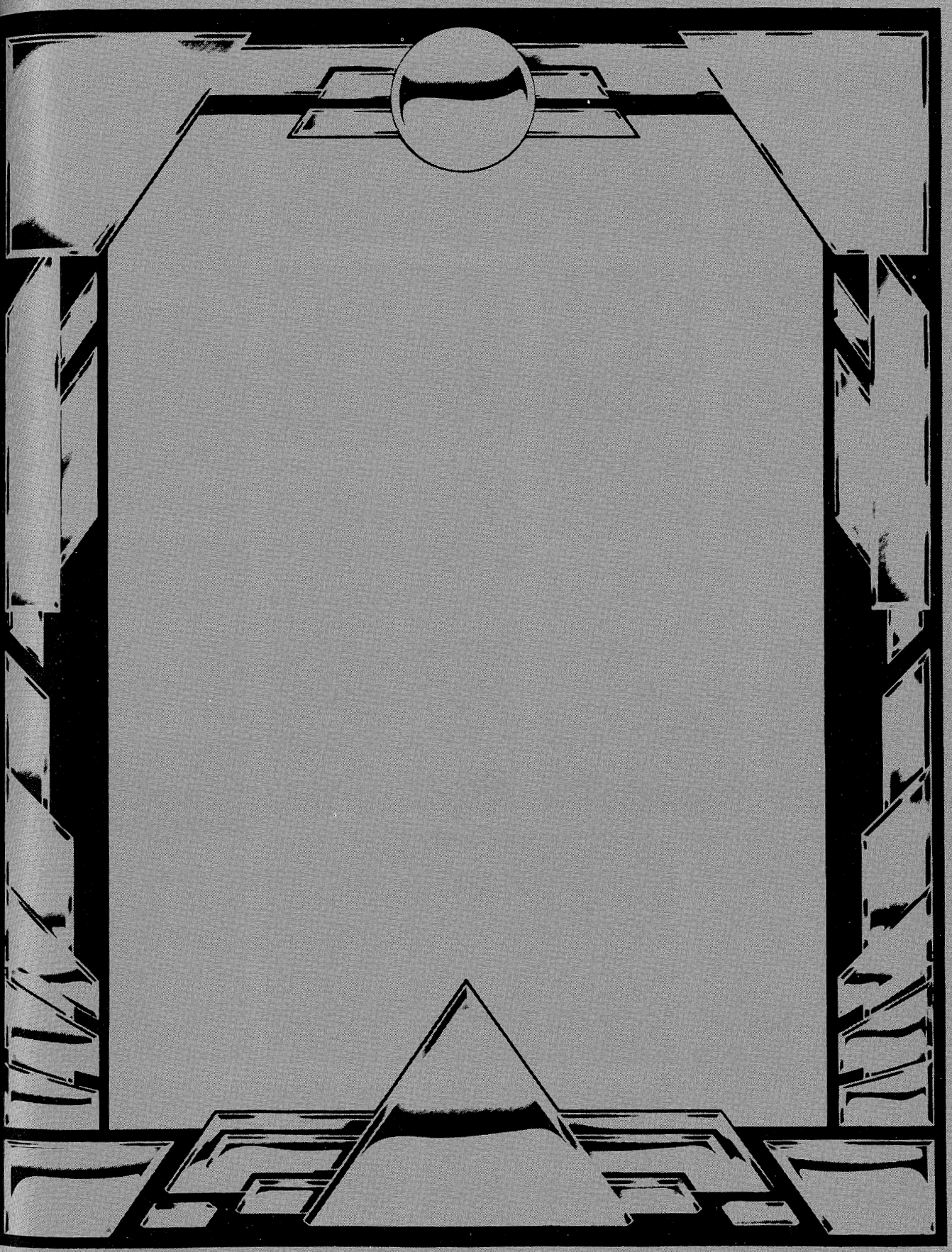

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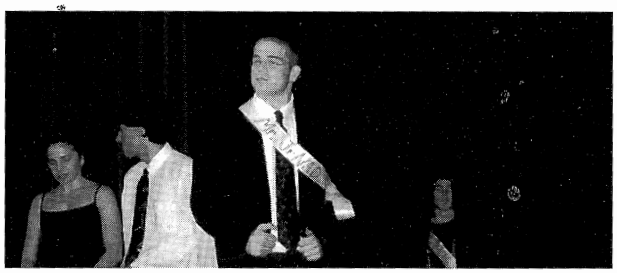



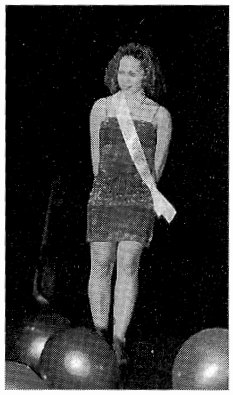



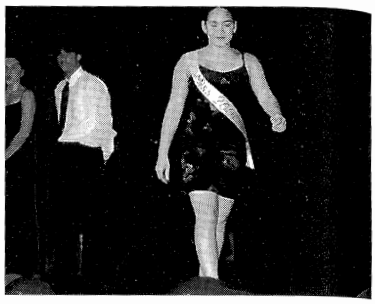





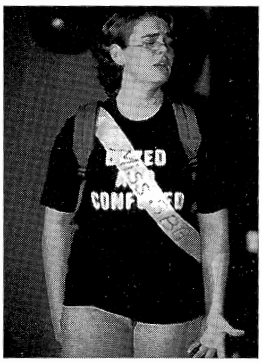



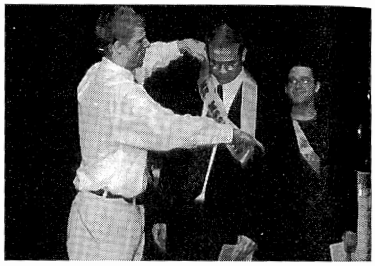

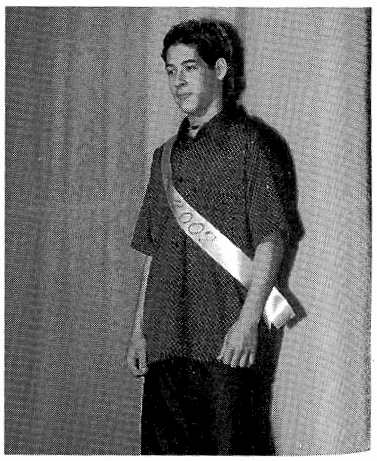

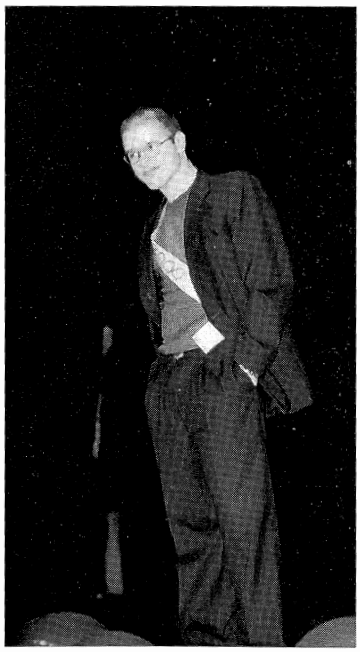





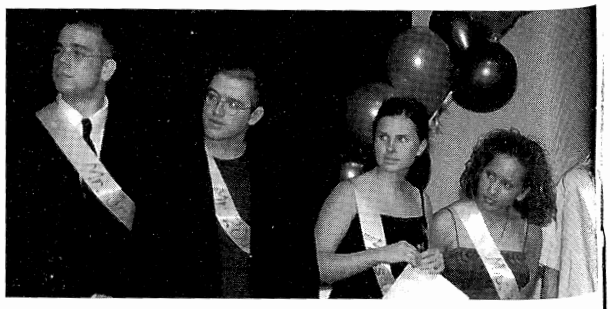

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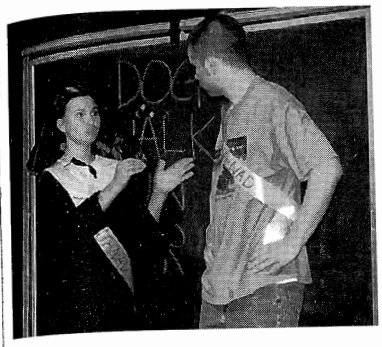

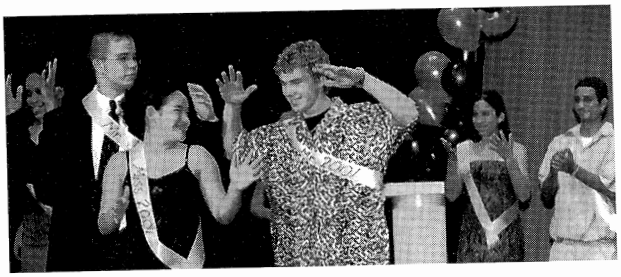

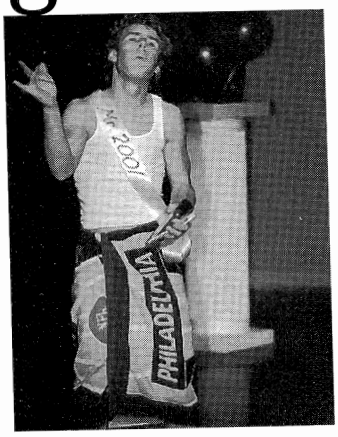

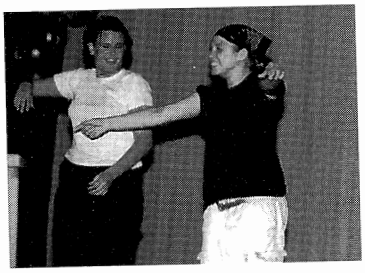

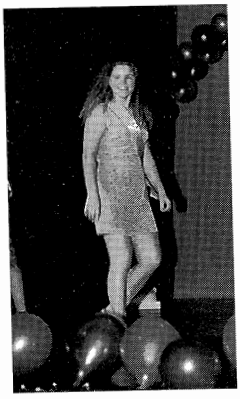

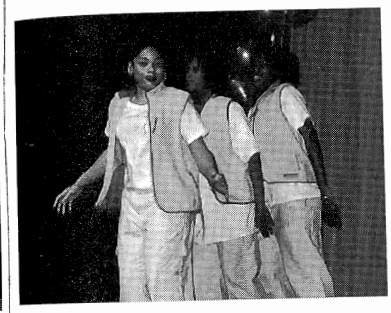

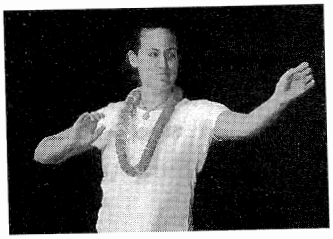

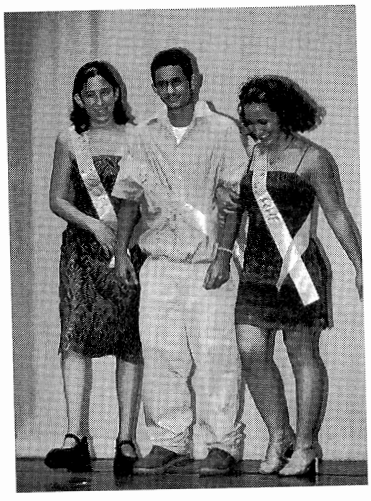

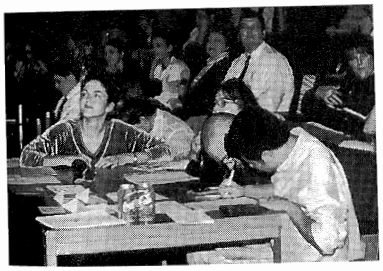



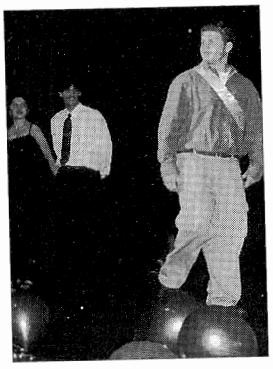

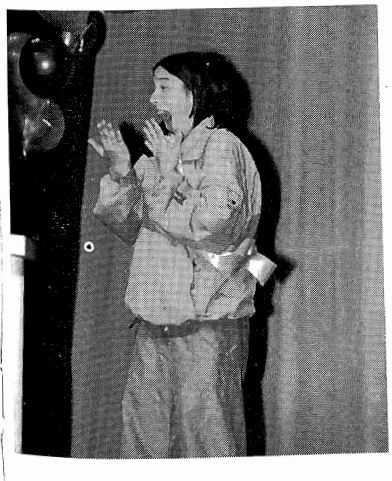



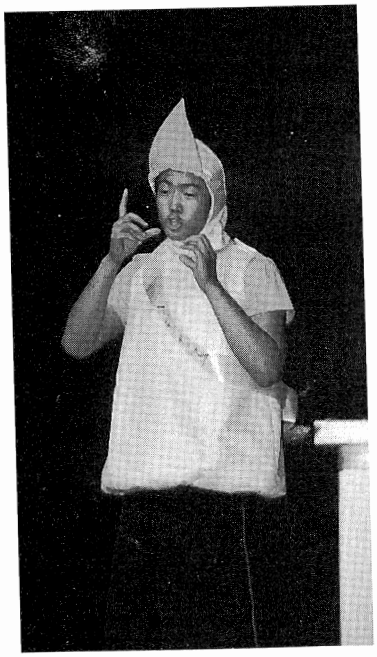



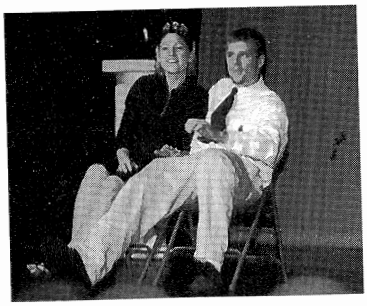

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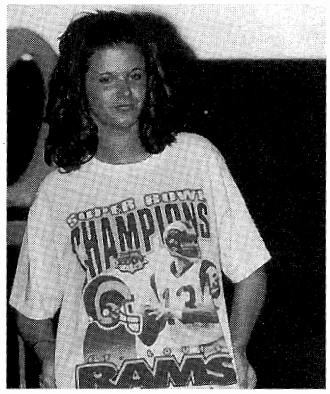

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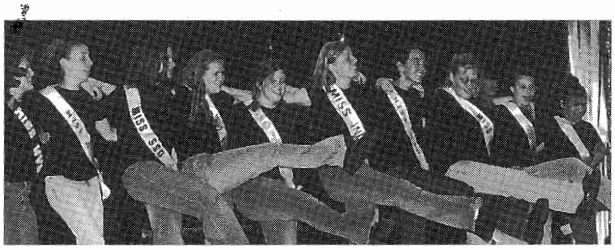

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NTDD



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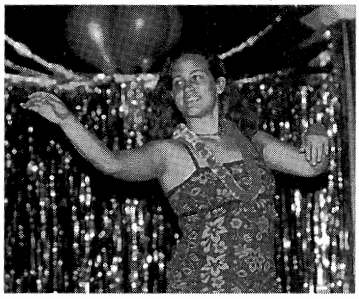

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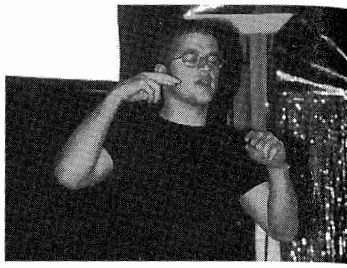

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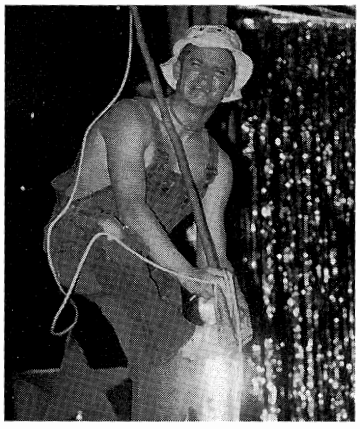

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Matthew Miller and Raymonda Azrely
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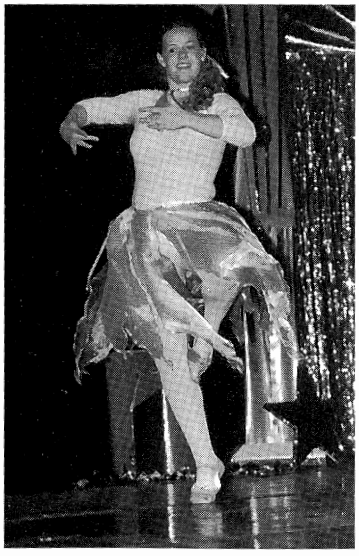

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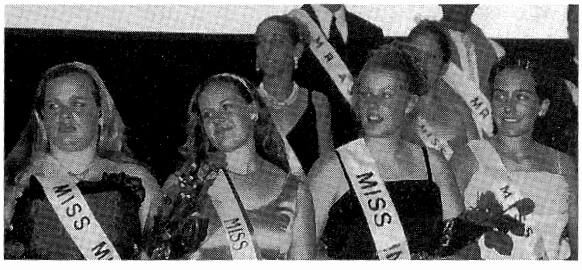

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Colleen Jordan "Hawaiian Dance"



Miss MKSD



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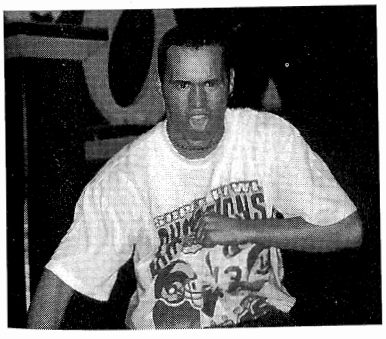

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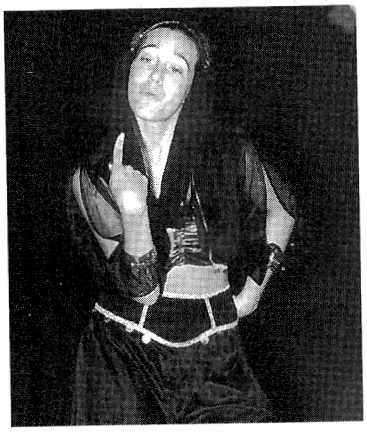

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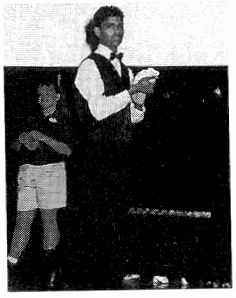

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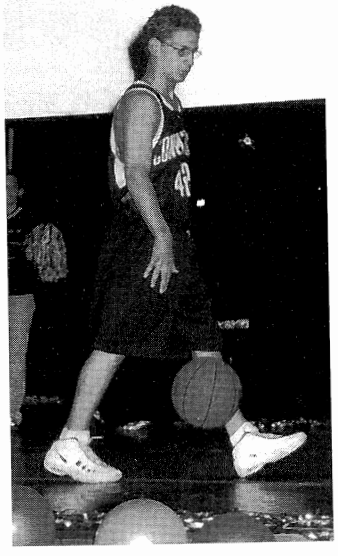

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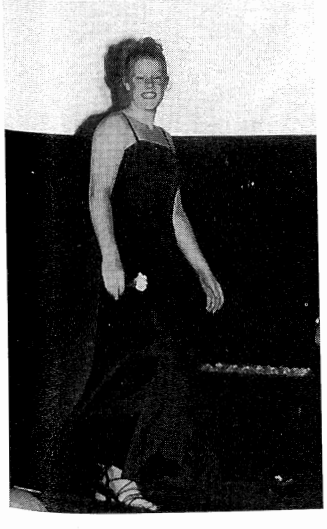

Miss ISD



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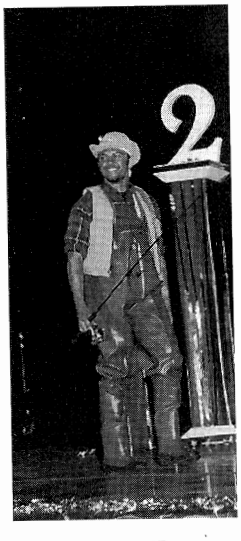

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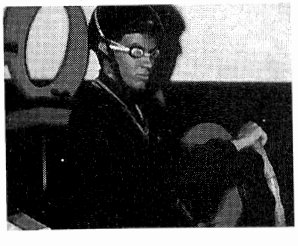

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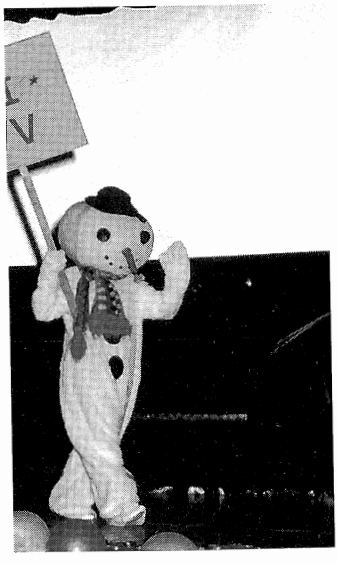

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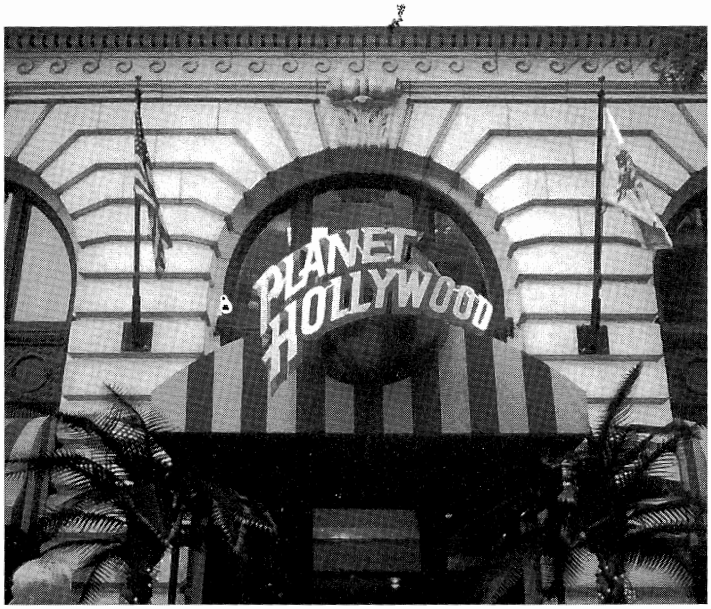

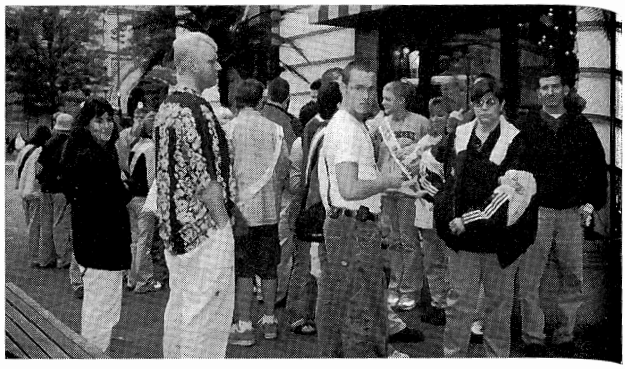

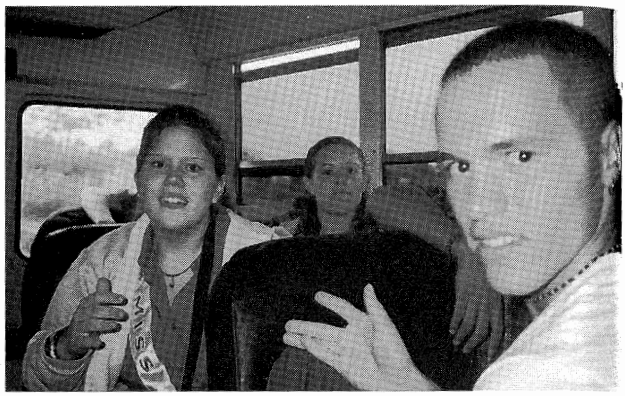

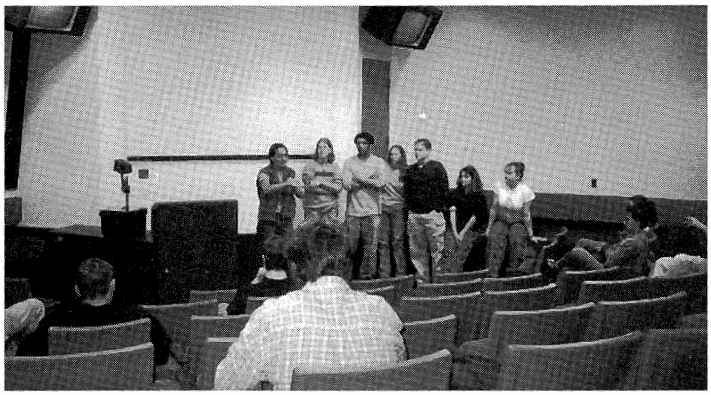



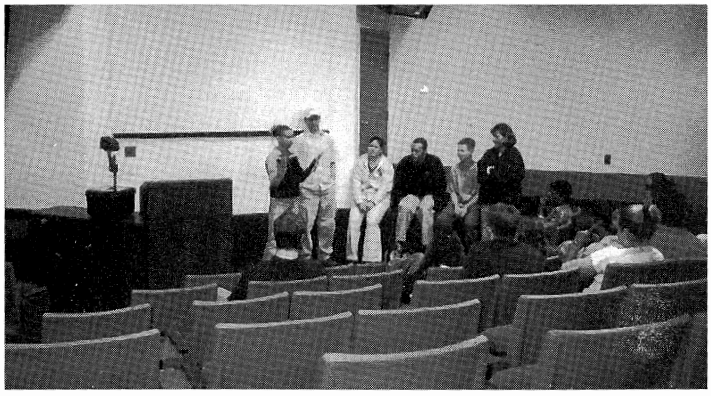

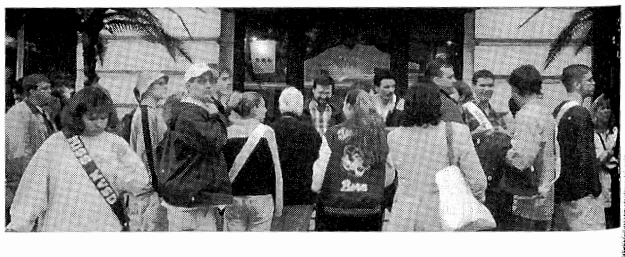

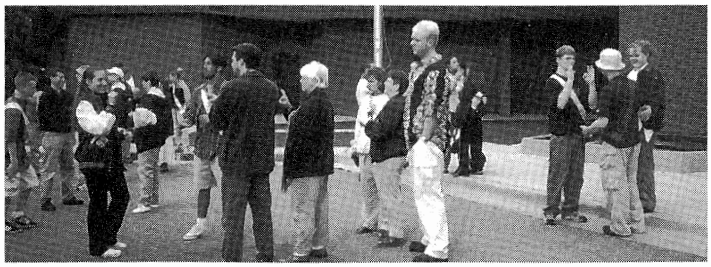

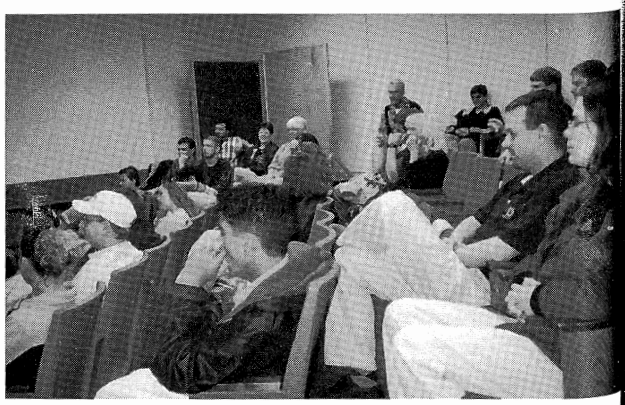

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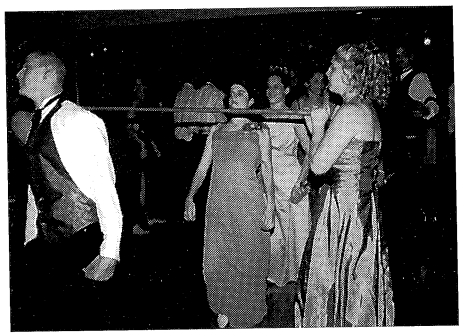



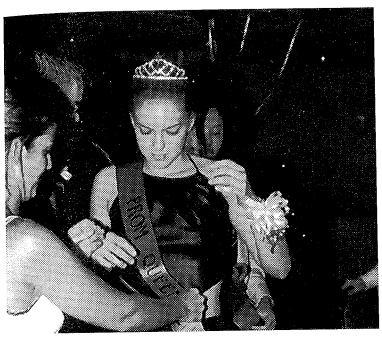



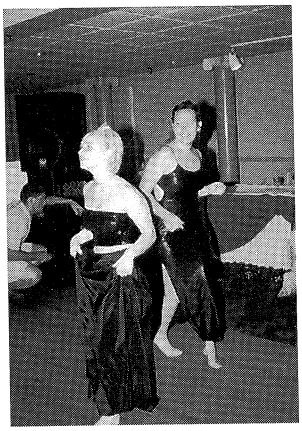

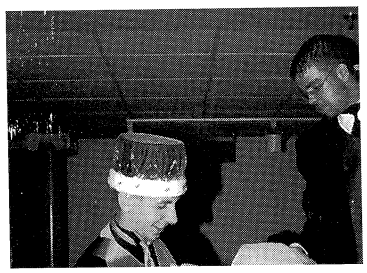



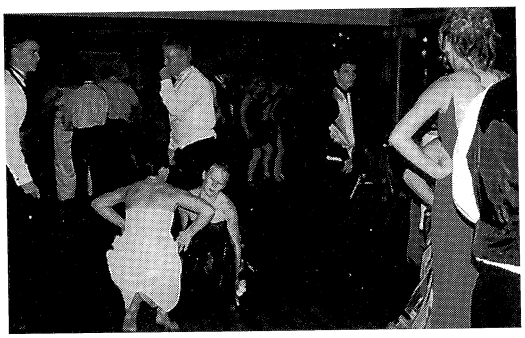

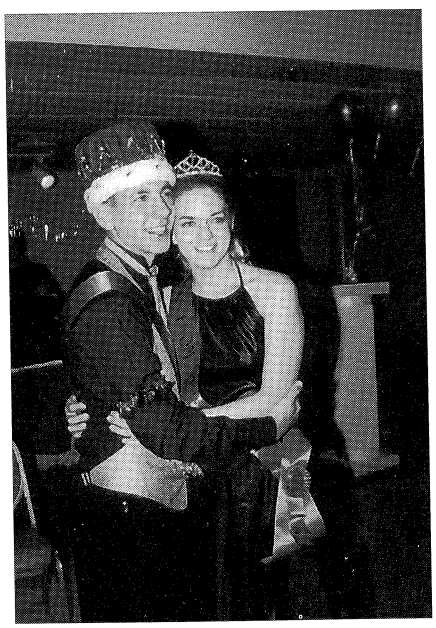









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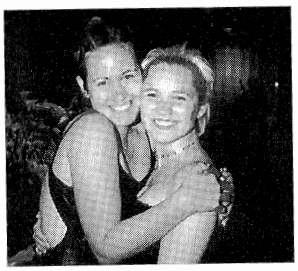
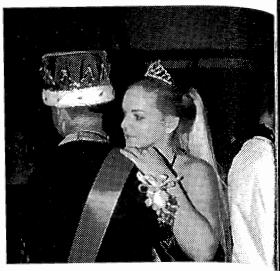
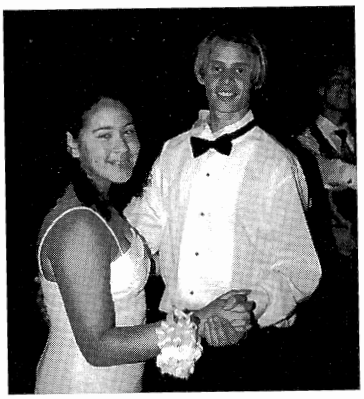

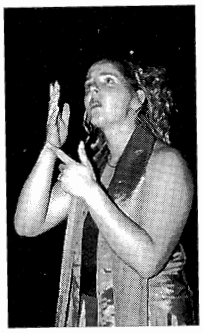
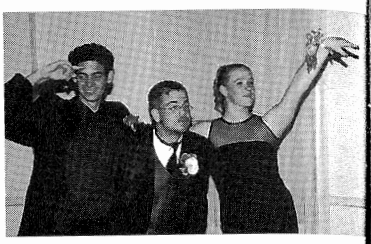
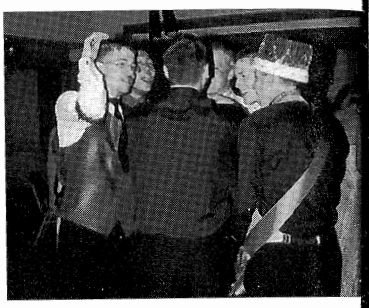

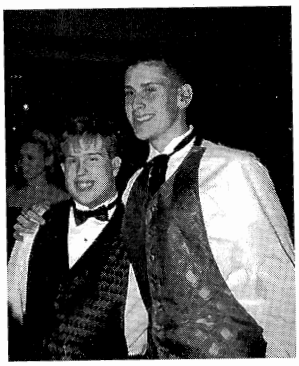




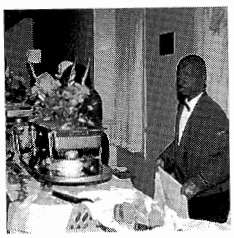



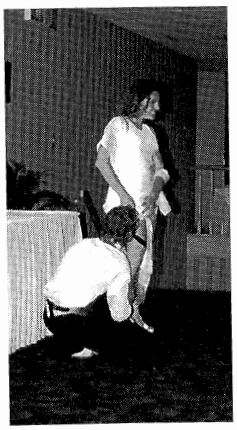


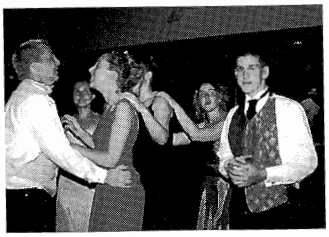



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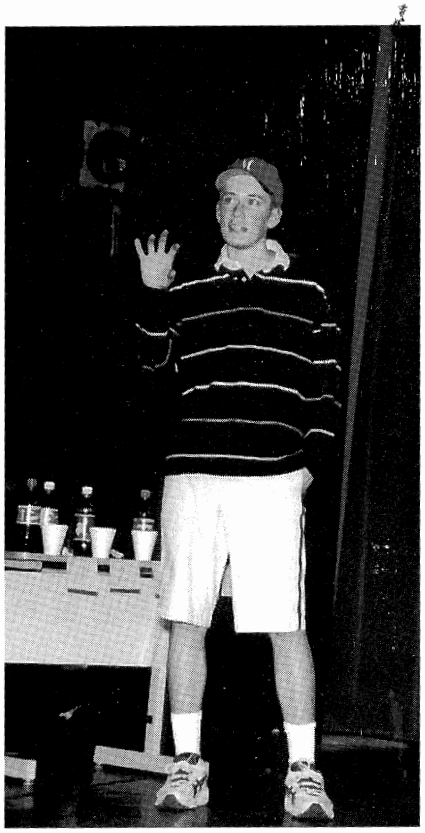

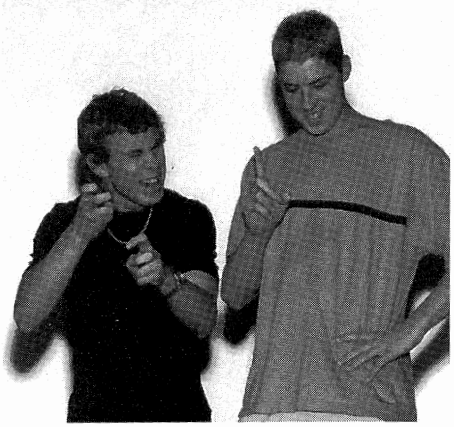

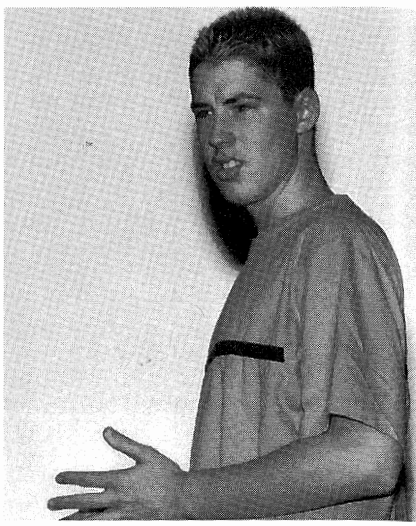

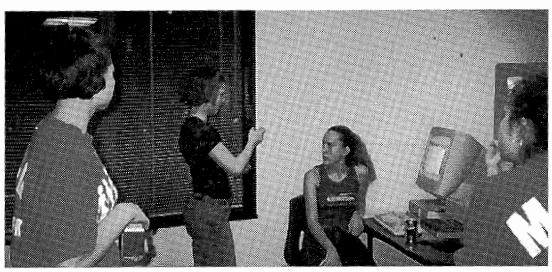

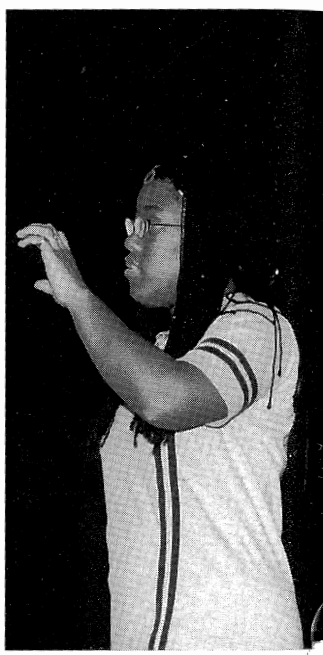



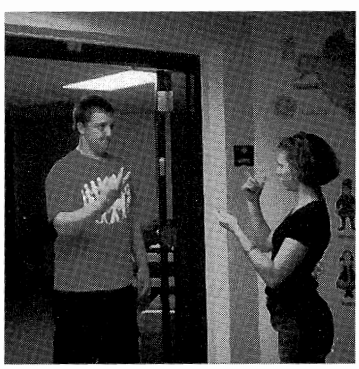

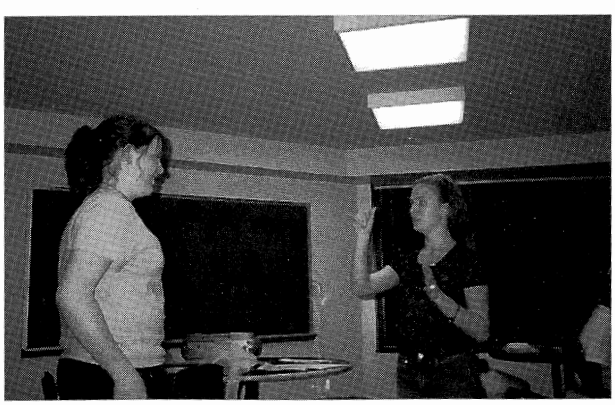

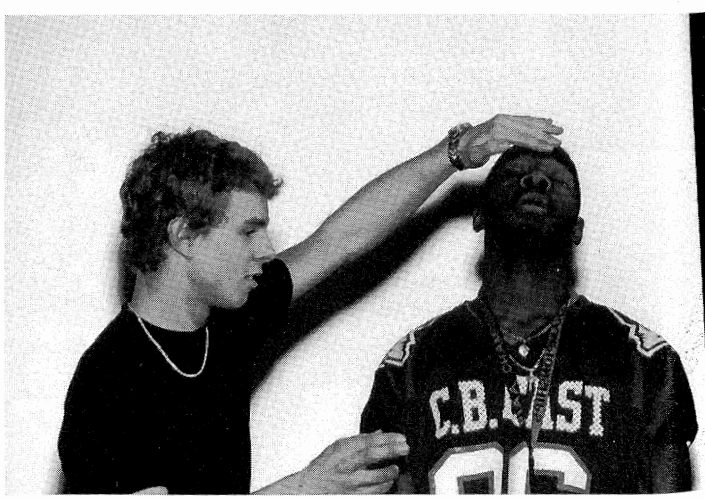

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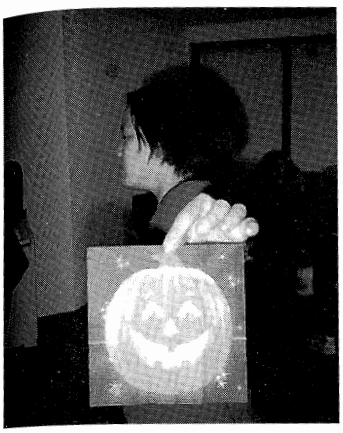

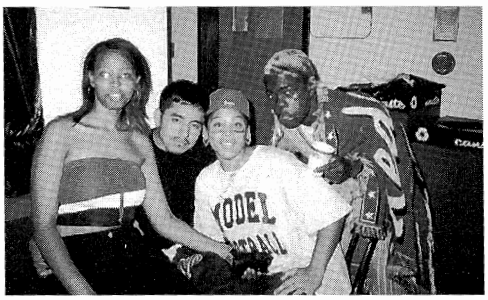

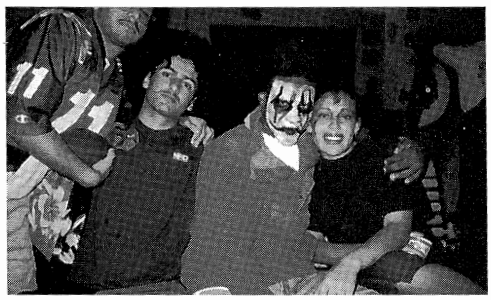

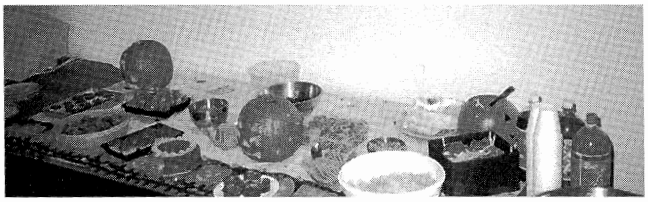

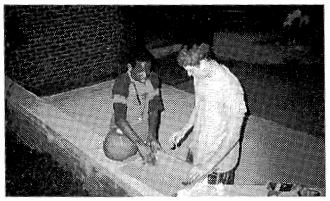

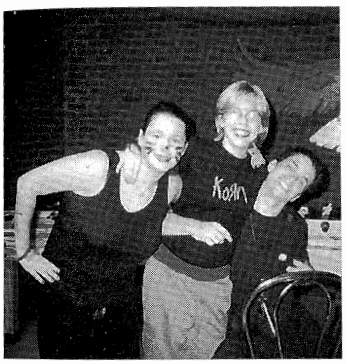

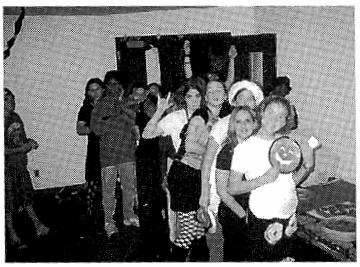

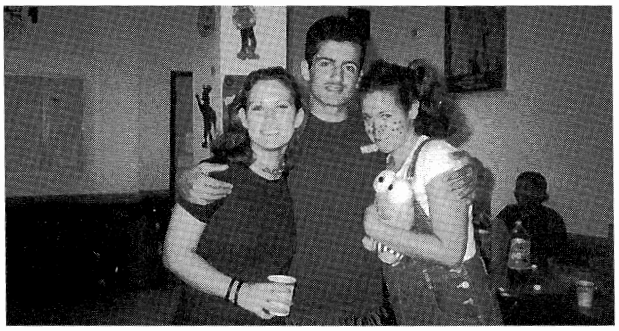





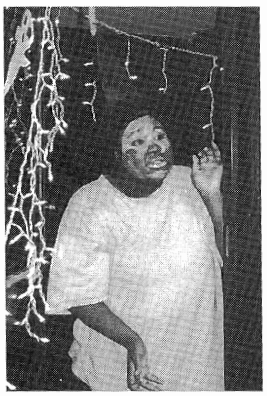



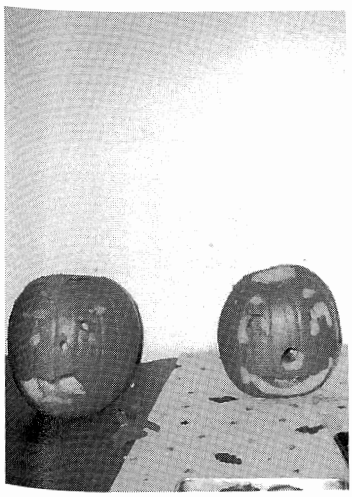

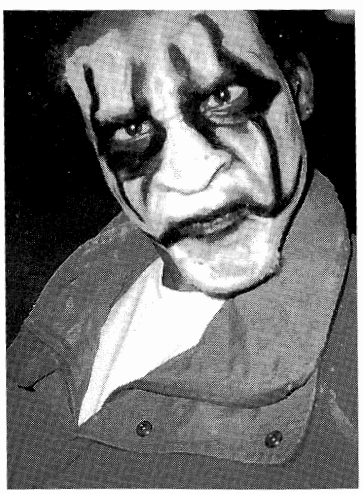

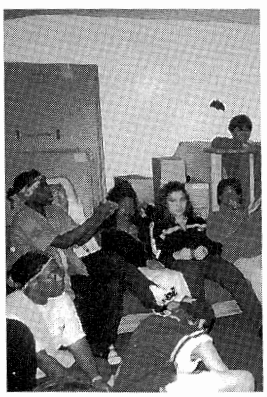

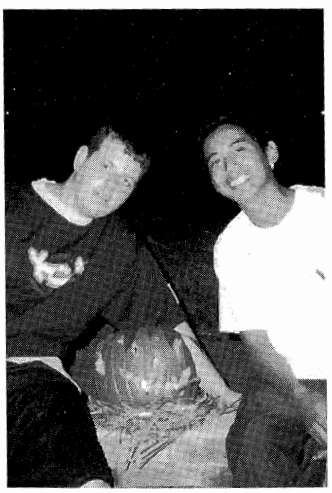

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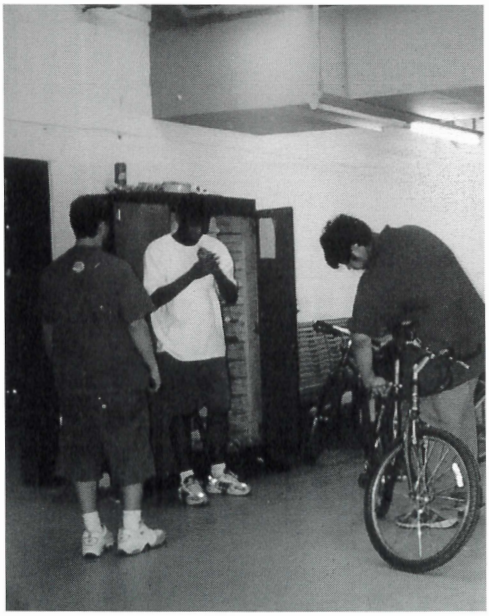

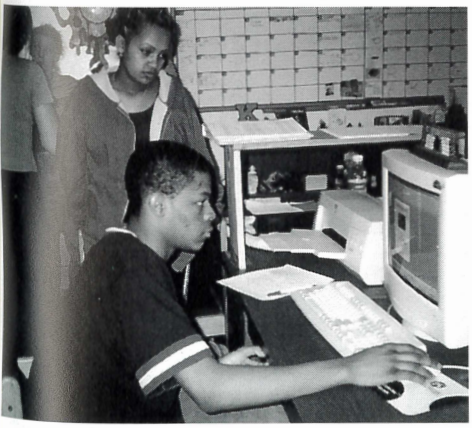

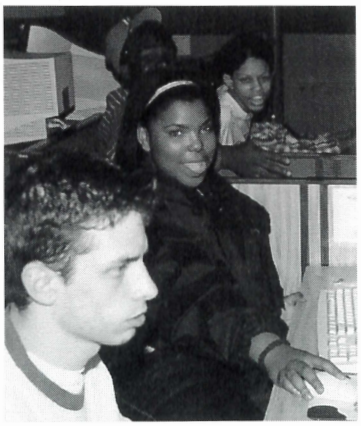

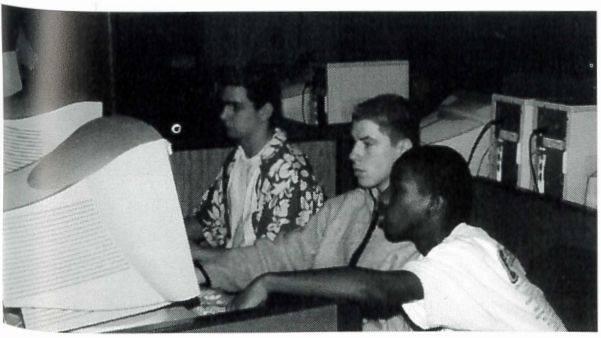



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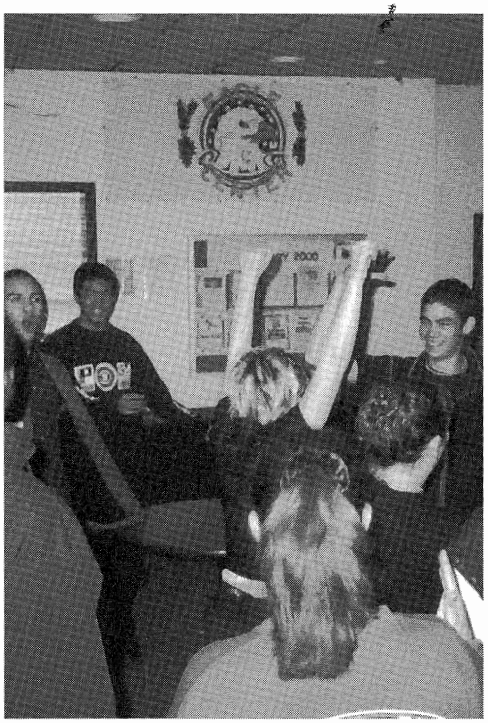

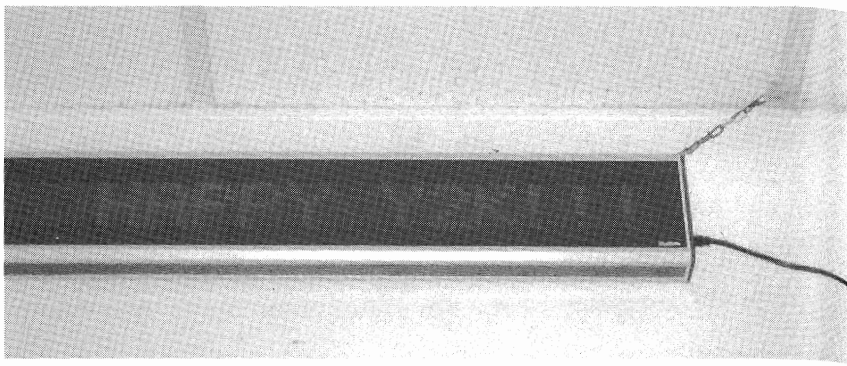

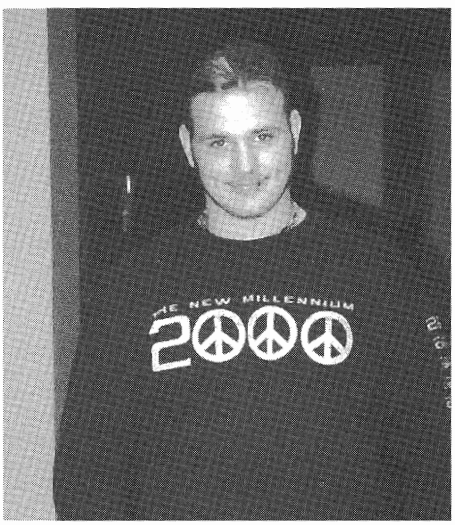





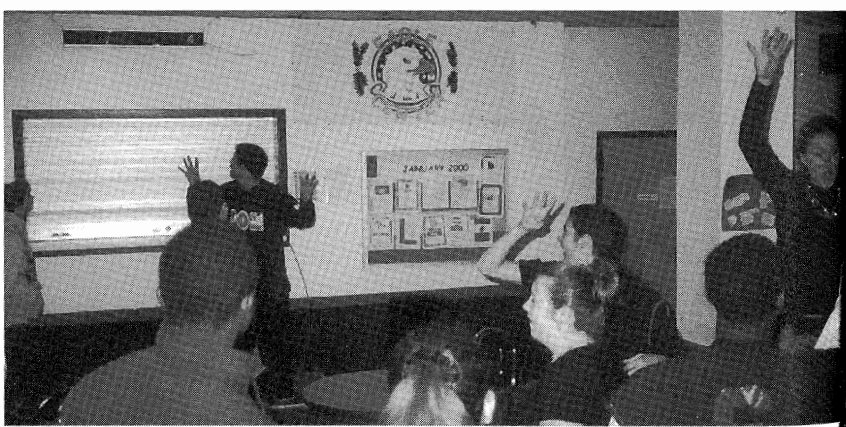

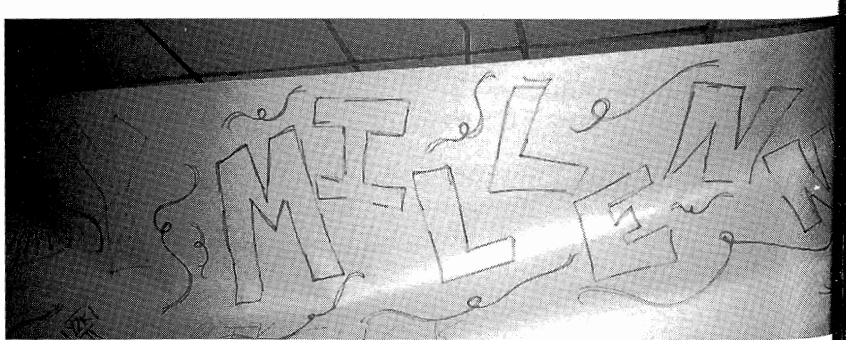

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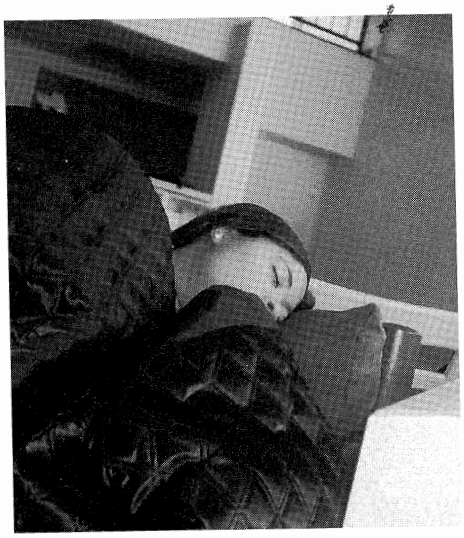



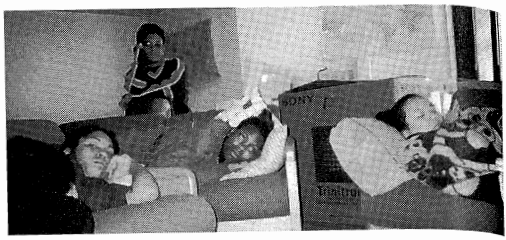

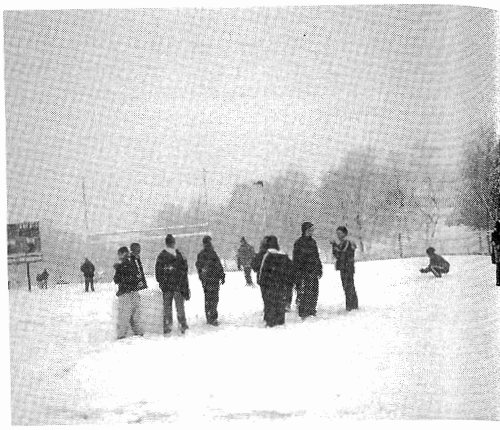

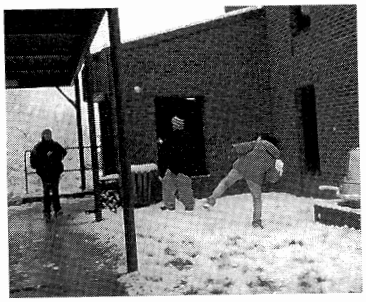



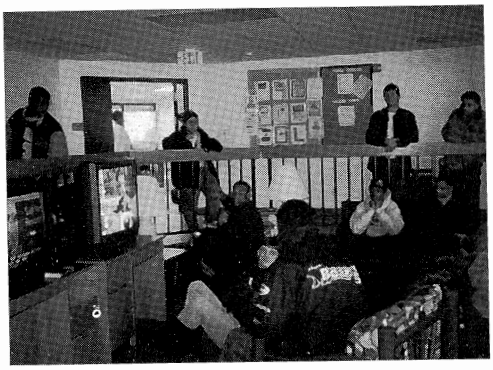

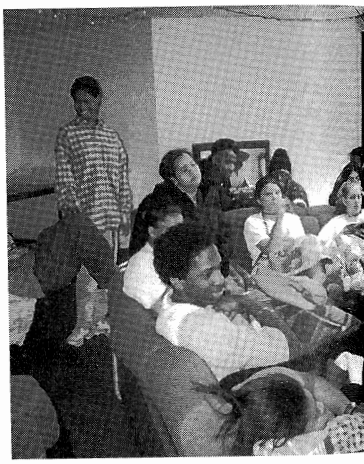







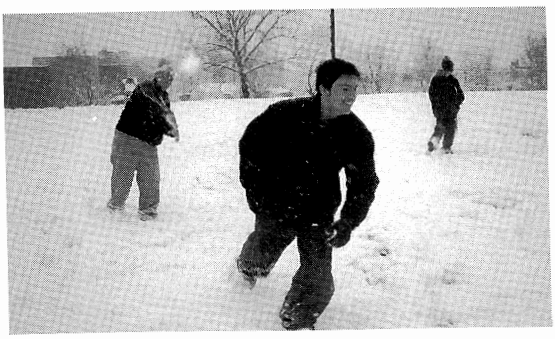



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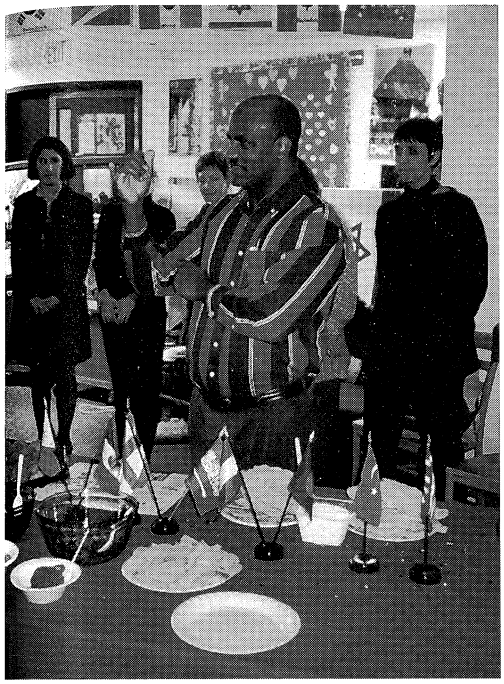

















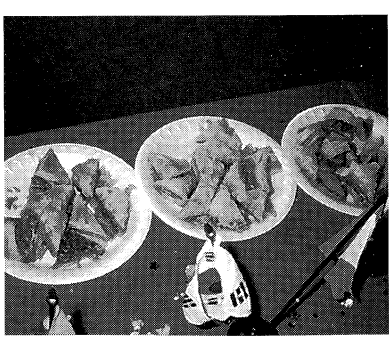



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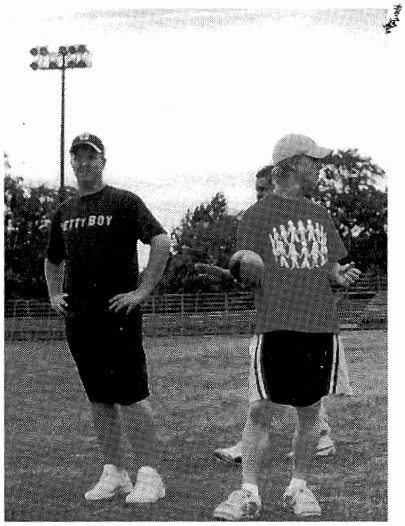

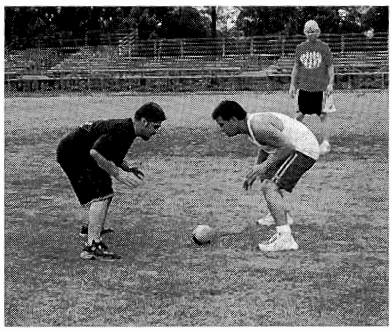



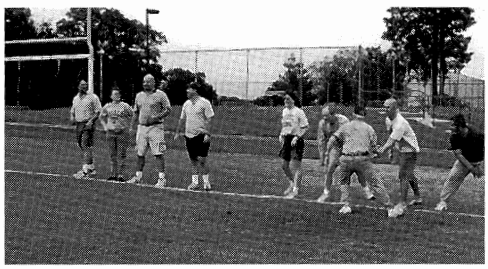





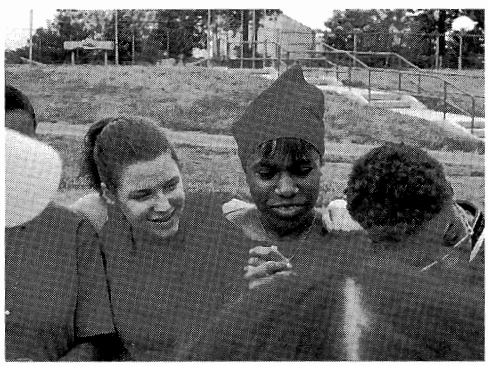

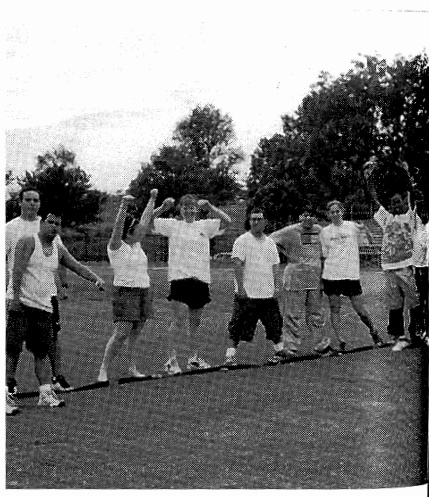



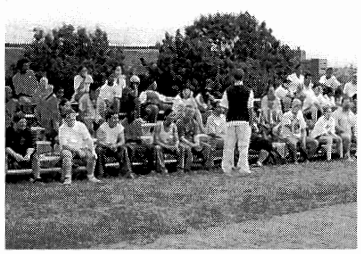



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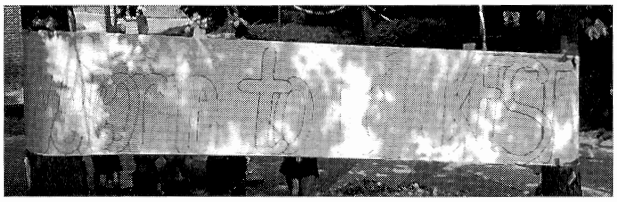
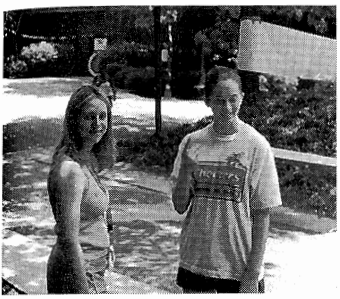


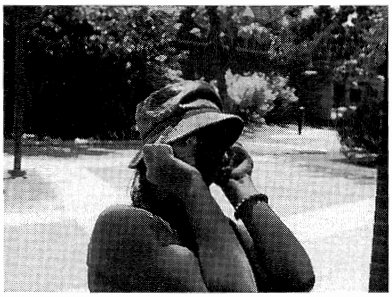
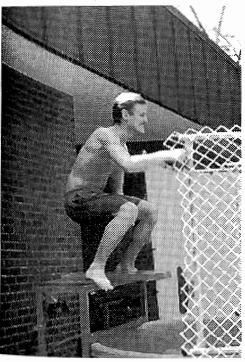
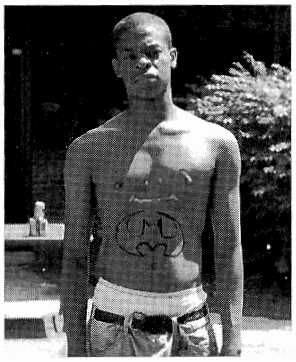
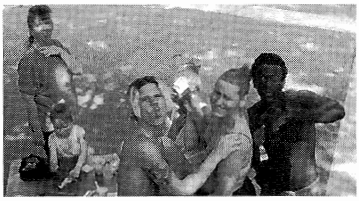
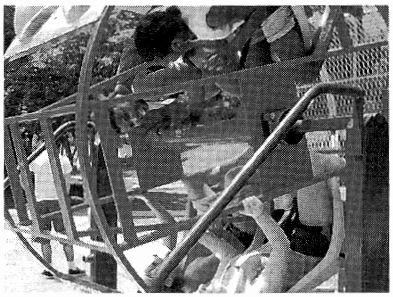

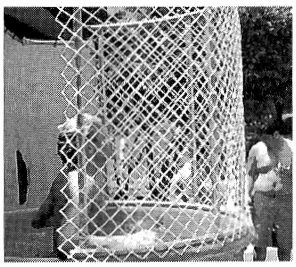
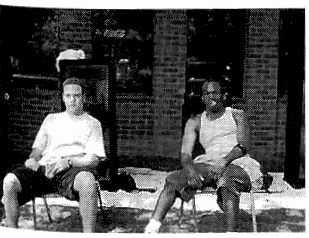

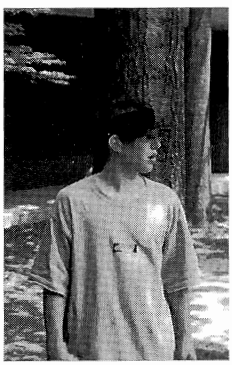



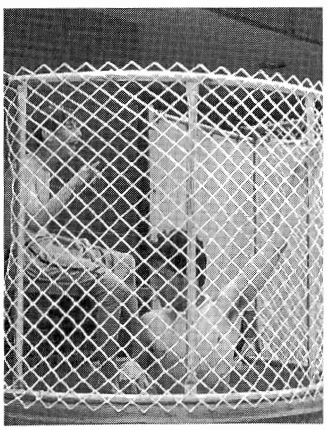
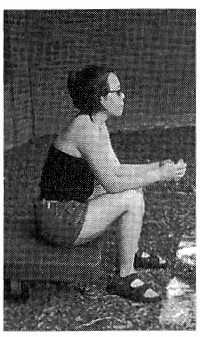


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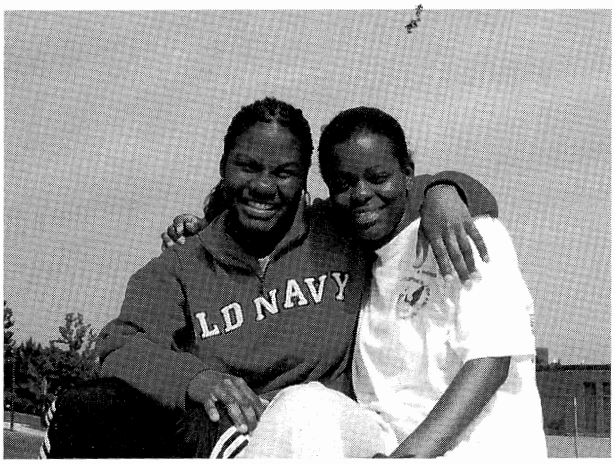

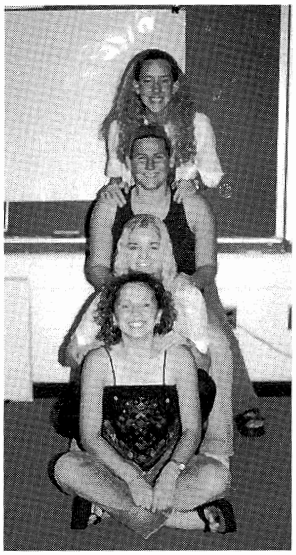



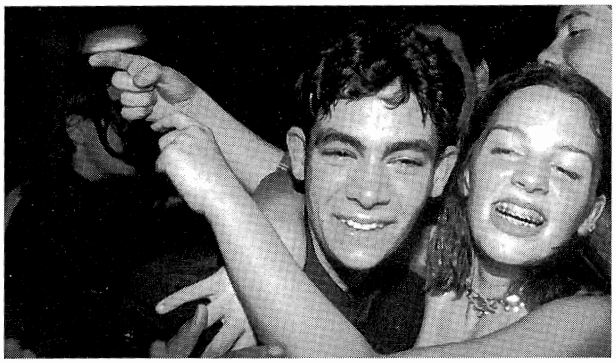













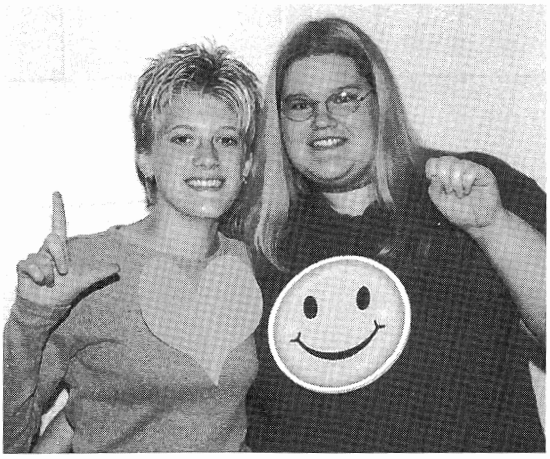

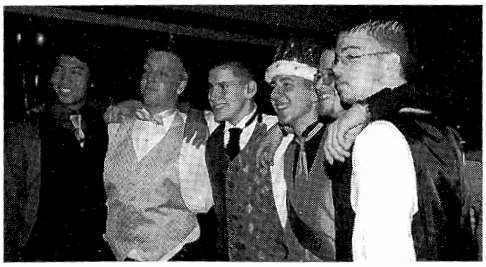

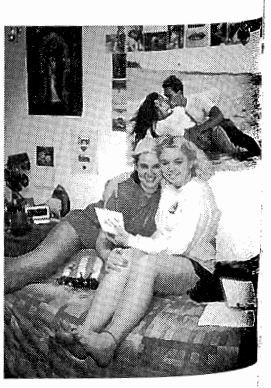

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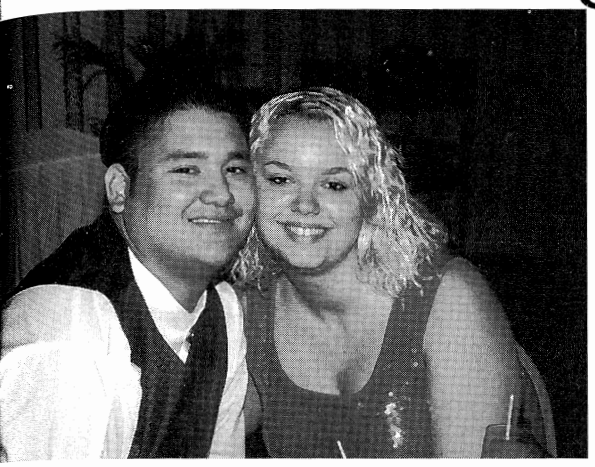
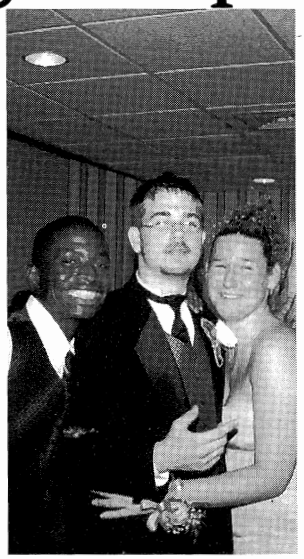
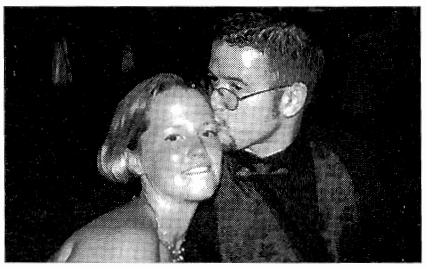
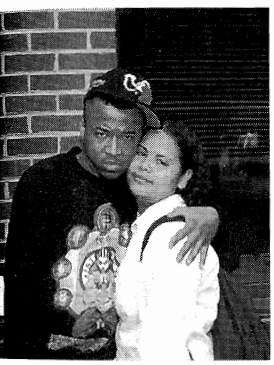
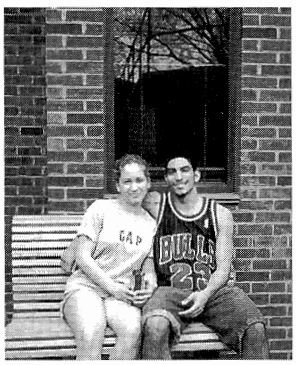
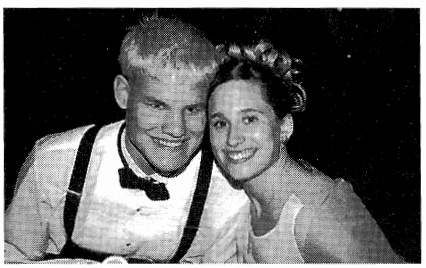
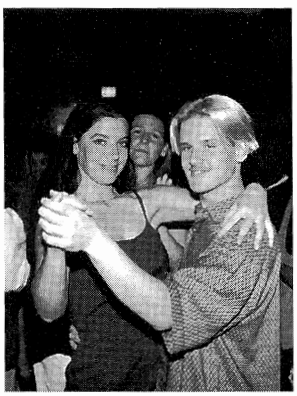
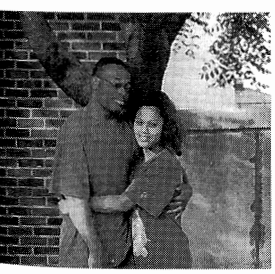
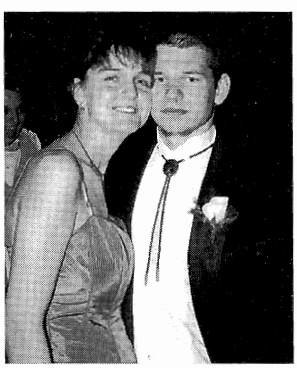
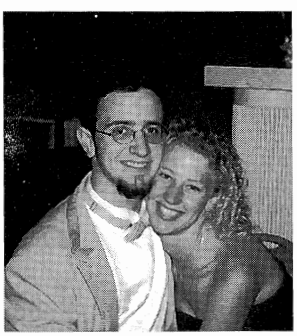
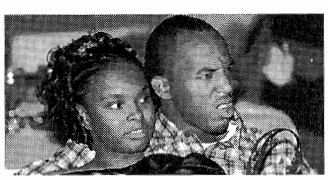
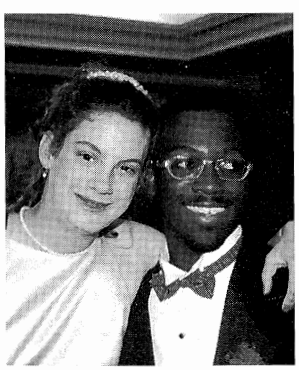
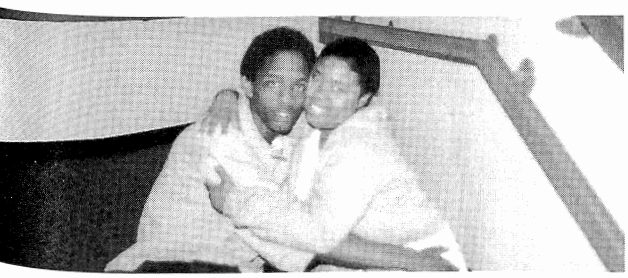
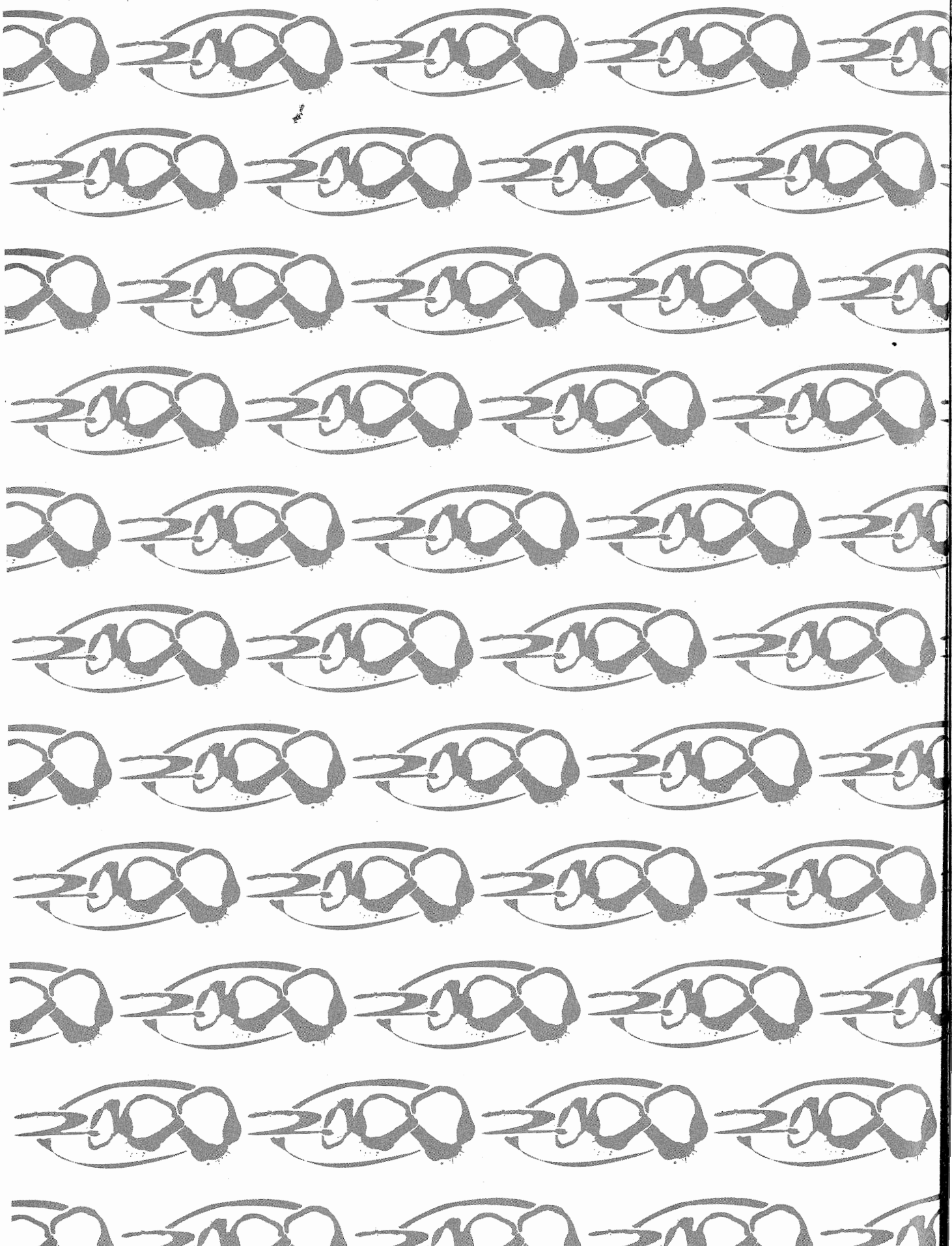





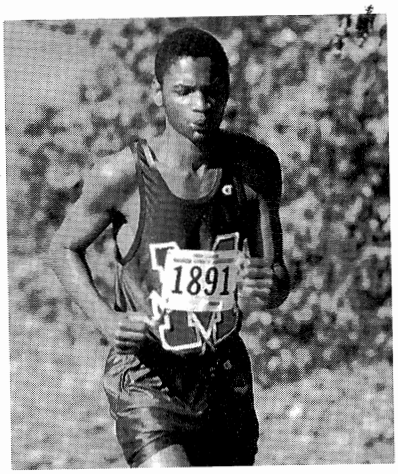


TWO-SECOND

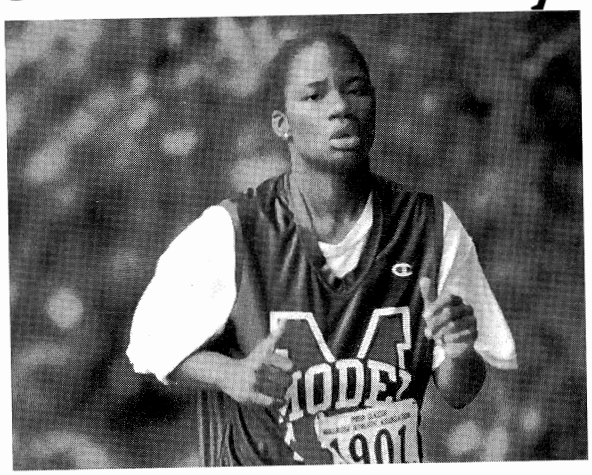


Sports

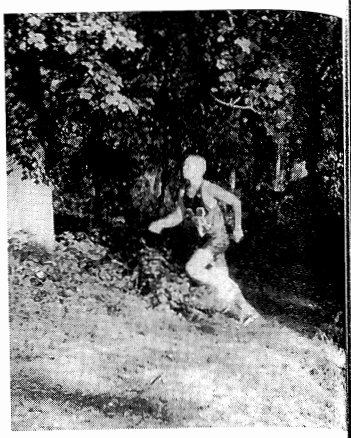
Cross Country



"Good! Come on, Javier!"



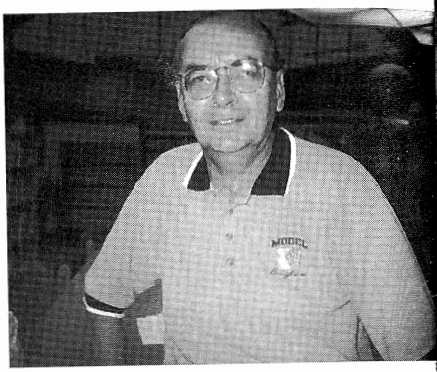
"Keep it up! Come on, Valencia!"



"Come on, Kenny!"



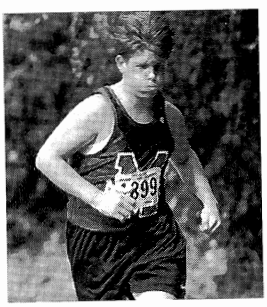
"Good luck everybody! Keep up!"



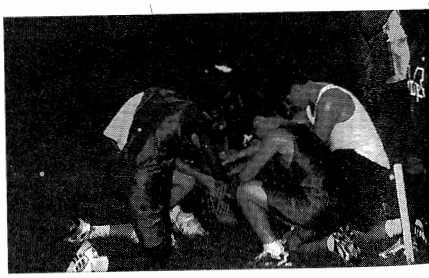
"Head coach Smrz was proud of his cross country team!"



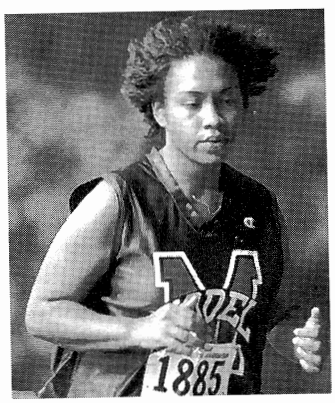
"Set, ready, GO!"



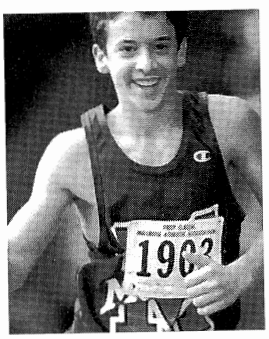
"Take it easy, Brian!"



"The whole group."



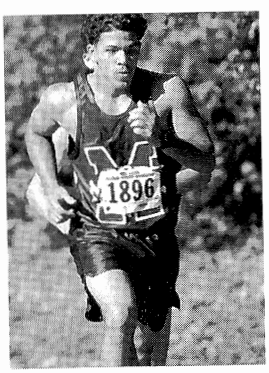
"Breath! Come on, Fatimah!"



"Joshua, keep focused on running! Go!"



"Run fast, Selena!"



"Jason, stay alive! Yeah!"

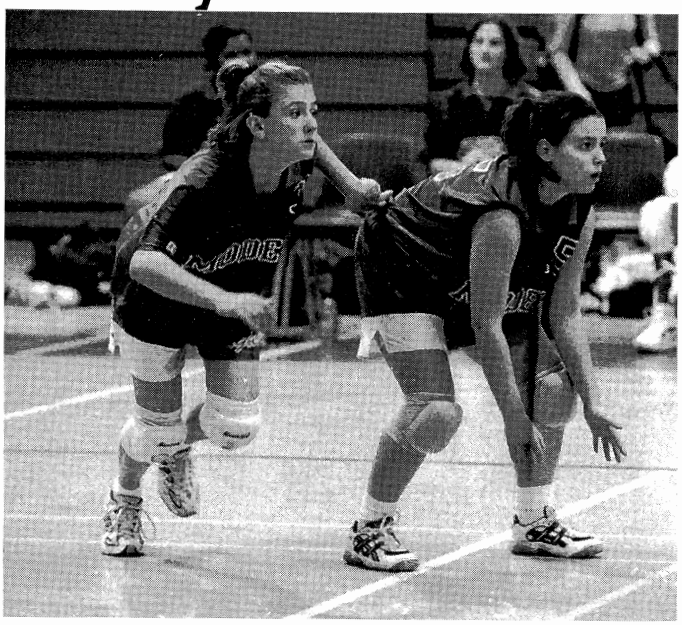


"Come on, Brian! Fast, fast!"

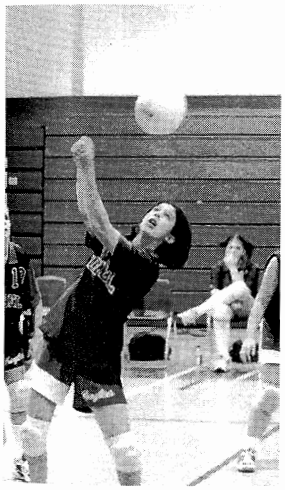
JV Girls' Volleyball



"All JV volleyball girls mobbed with coach assist, Mary."



"Be prepared and watch out for the ball!"



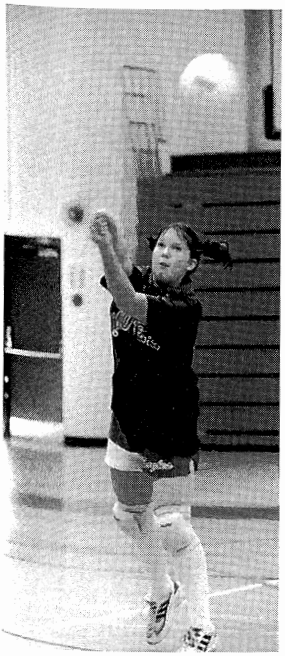
"Look at the ball!"



"Run! Go, Becky!"



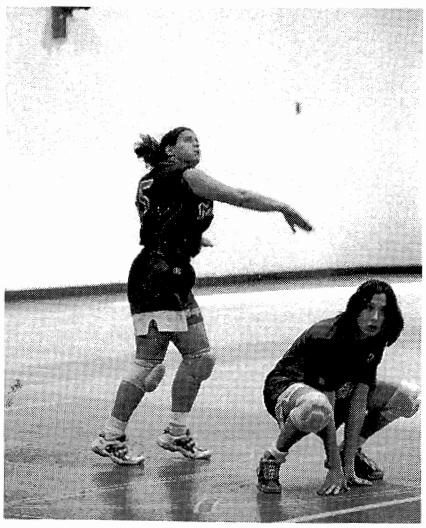
"Colleen! Hit the ball!"



"Beautiful spot!"



"Keep up, Kristen!"



"Beautiful movement!"

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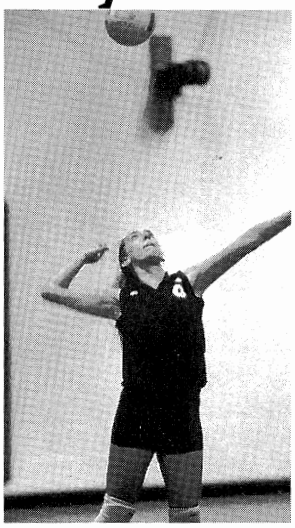

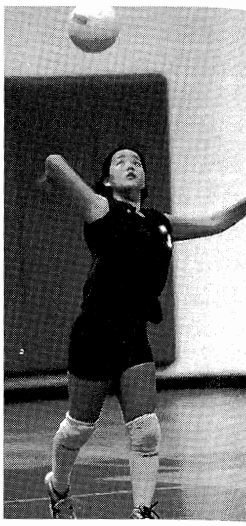

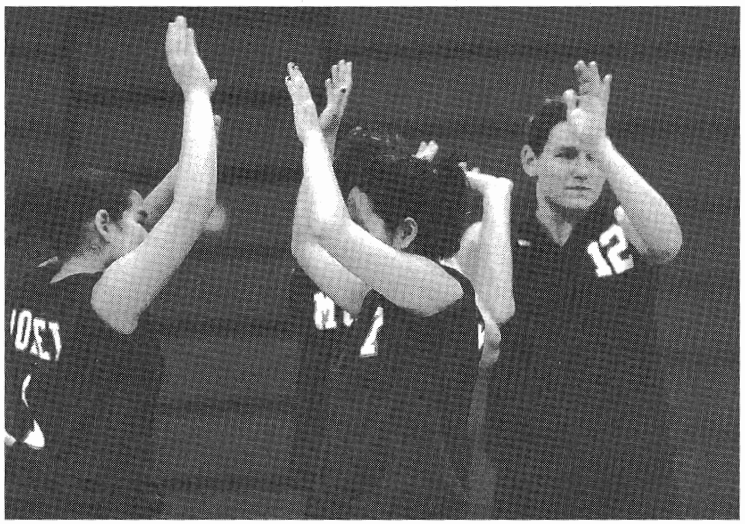

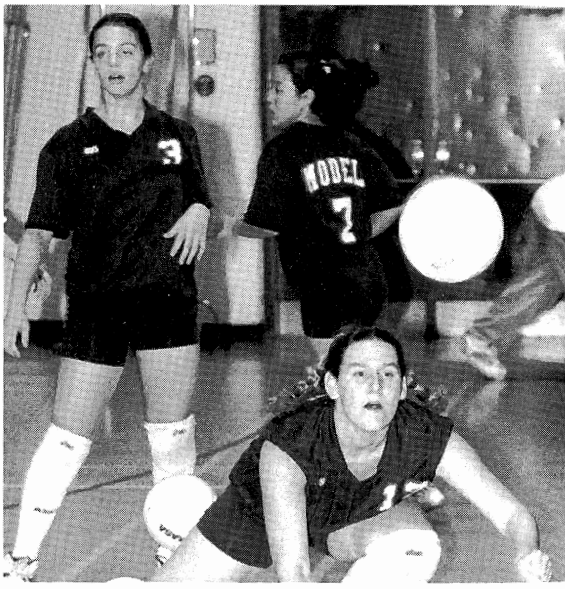

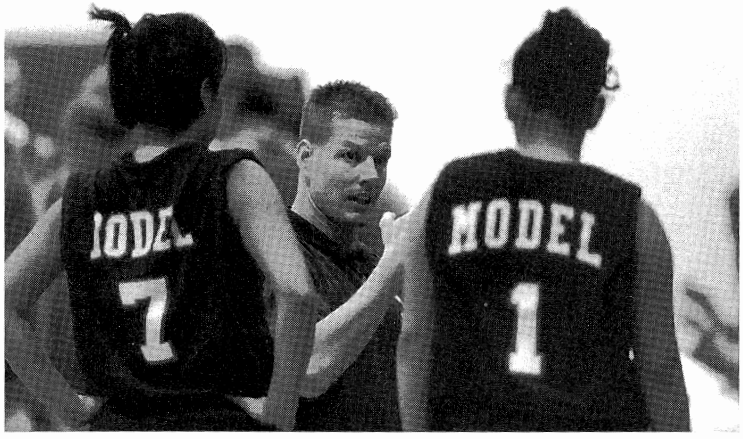

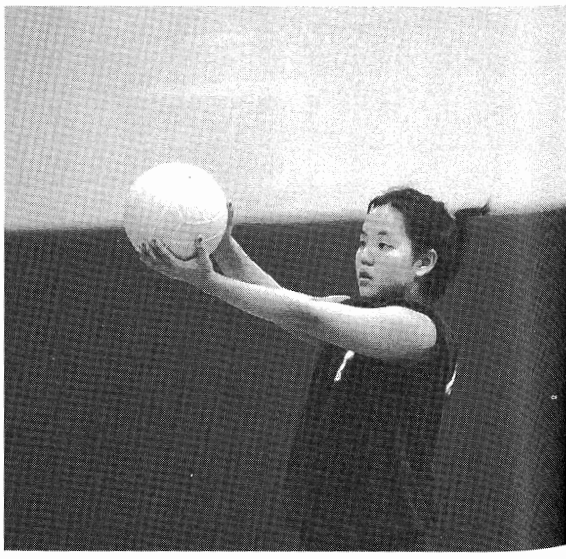

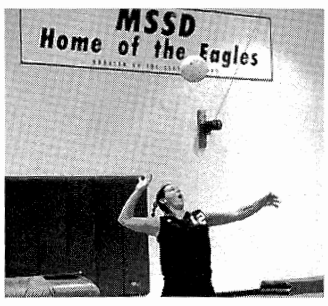

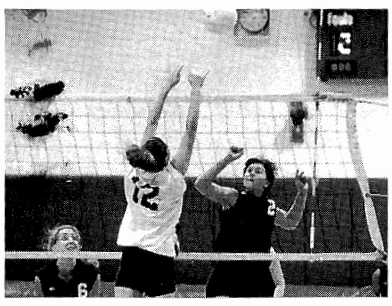

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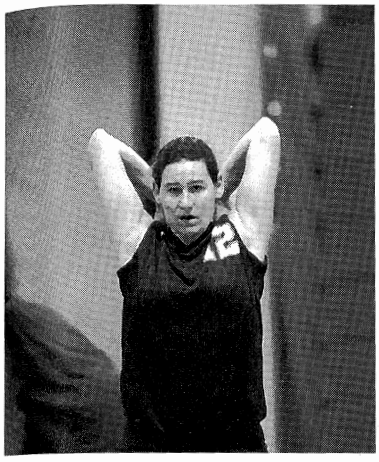

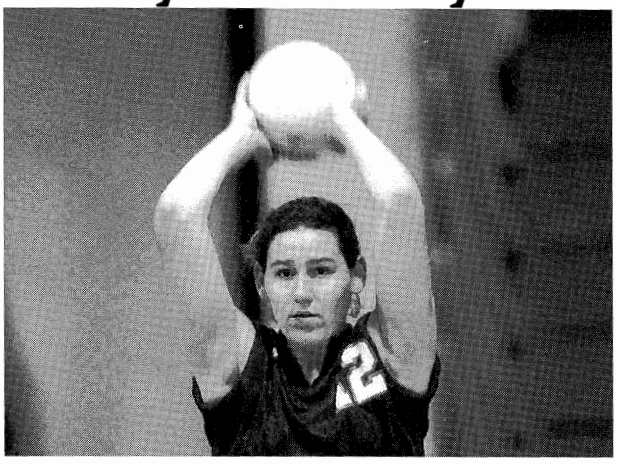

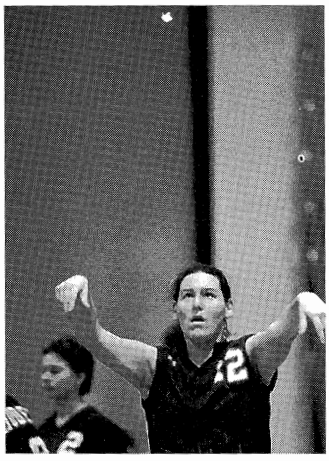

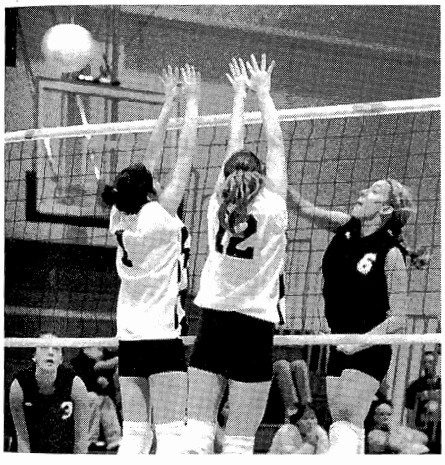

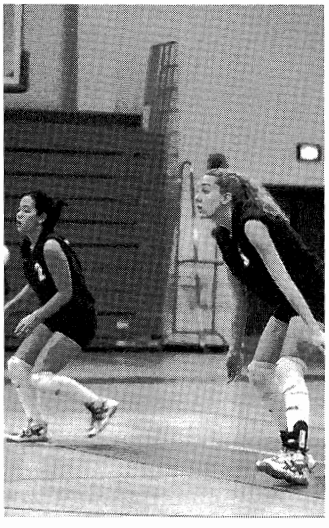

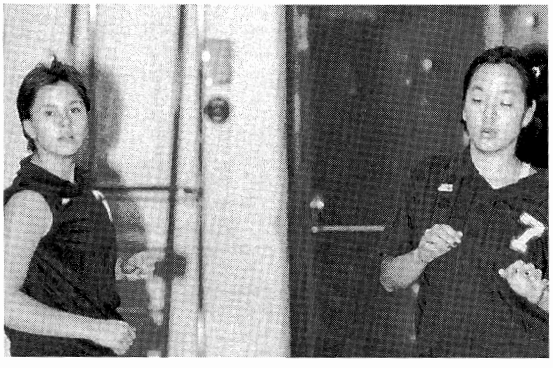

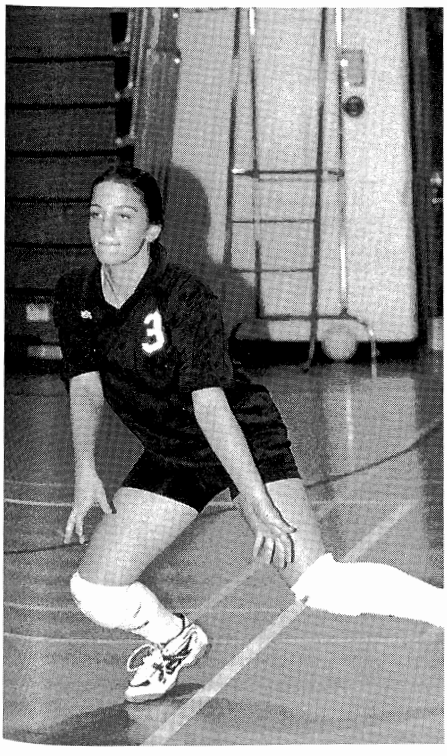

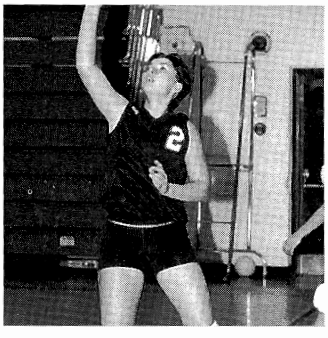

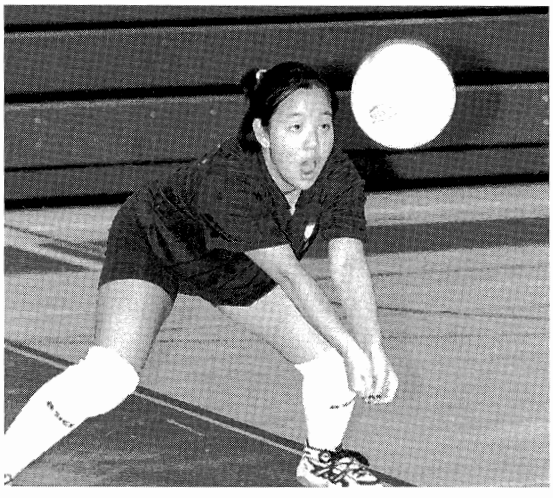

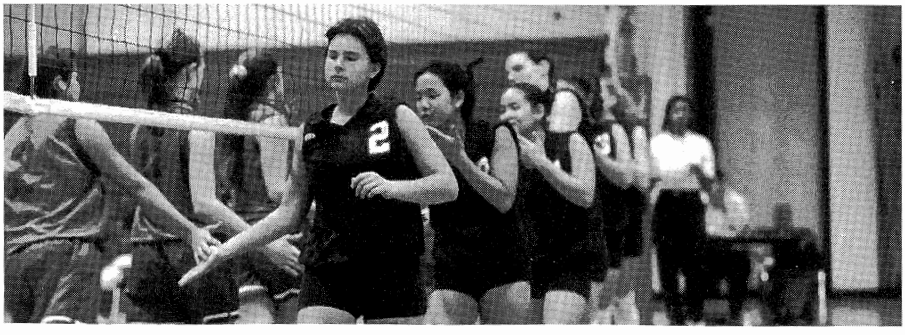

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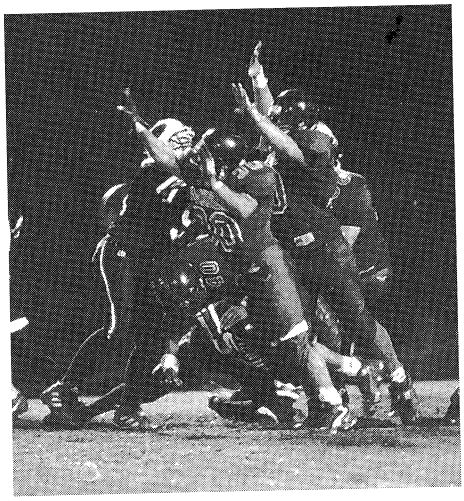

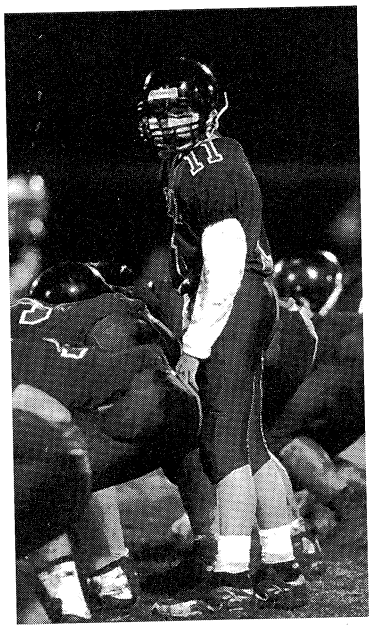

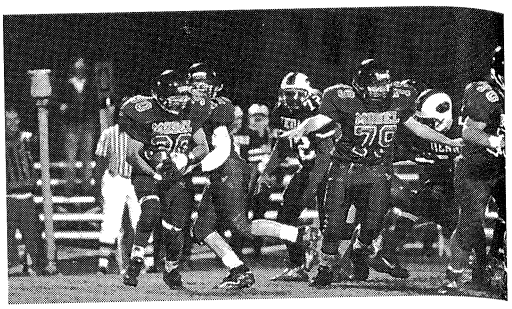

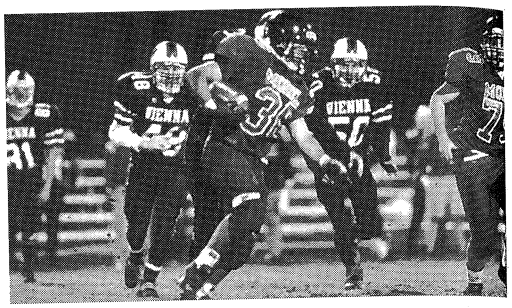

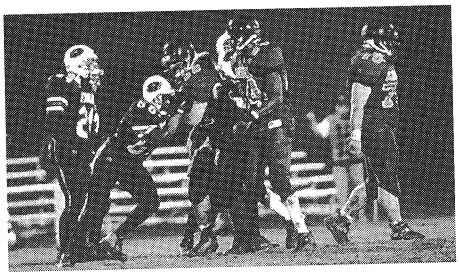

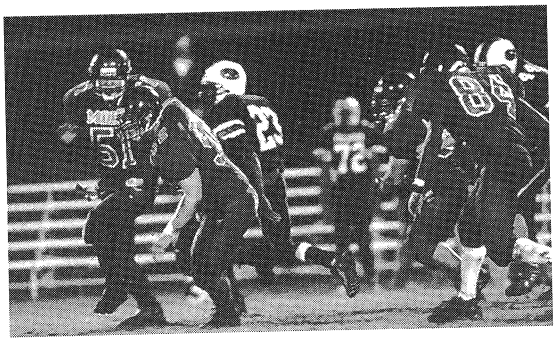

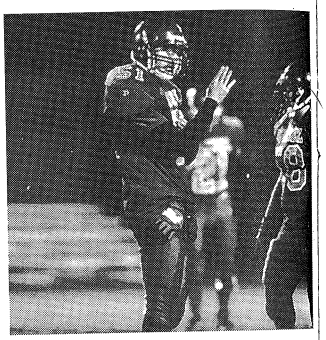

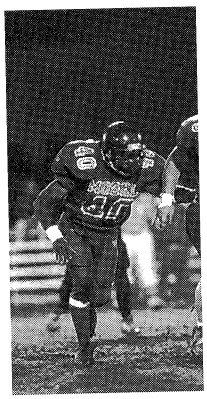

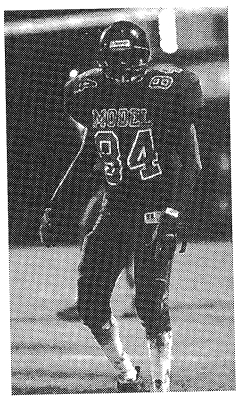

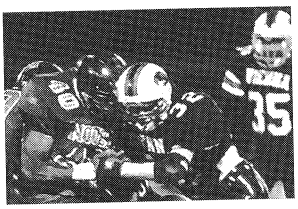



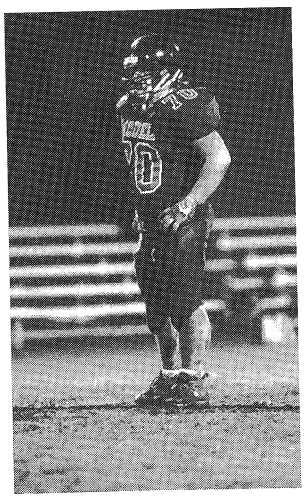

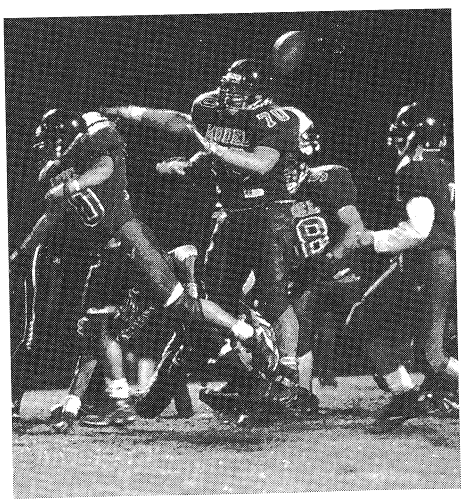

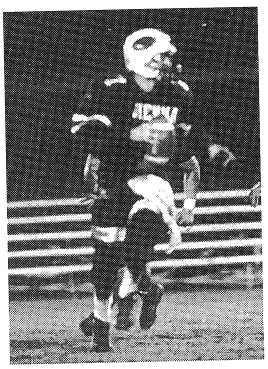

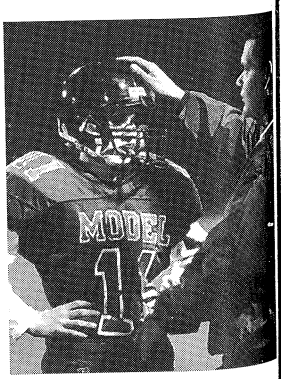

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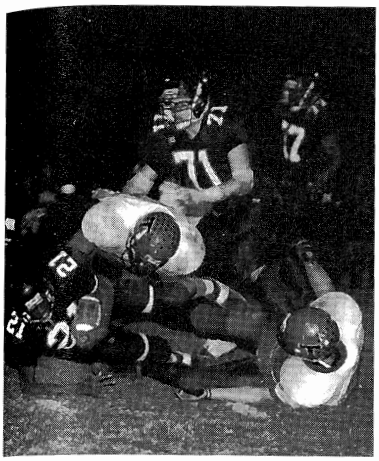

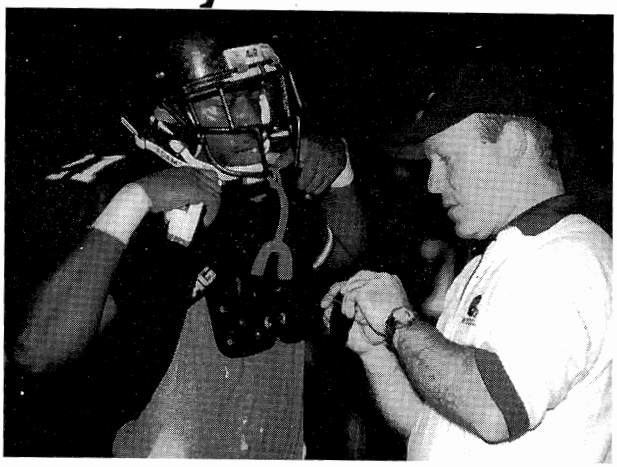

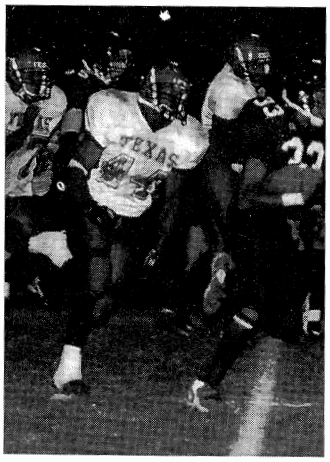

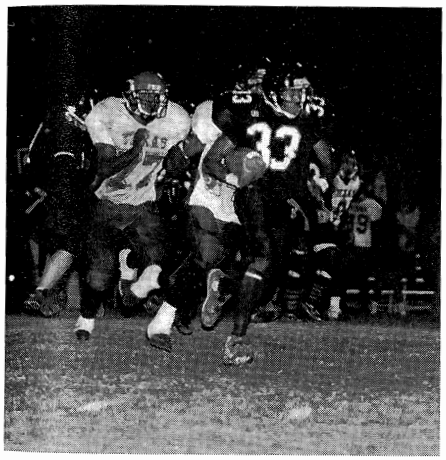

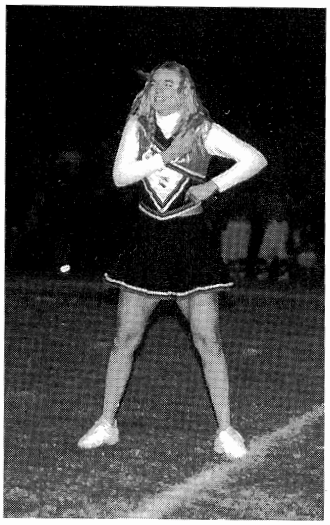

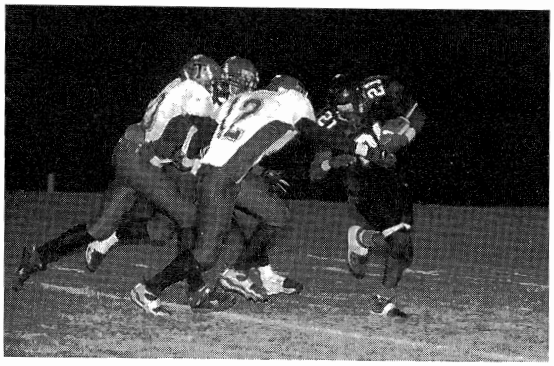

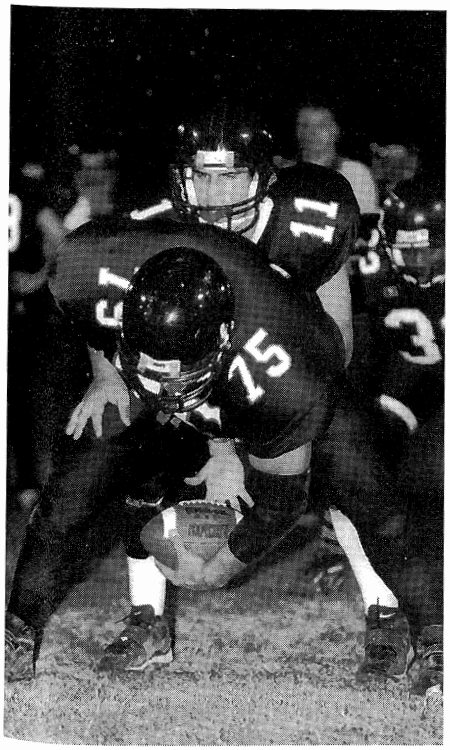

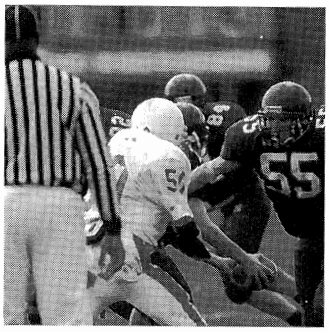

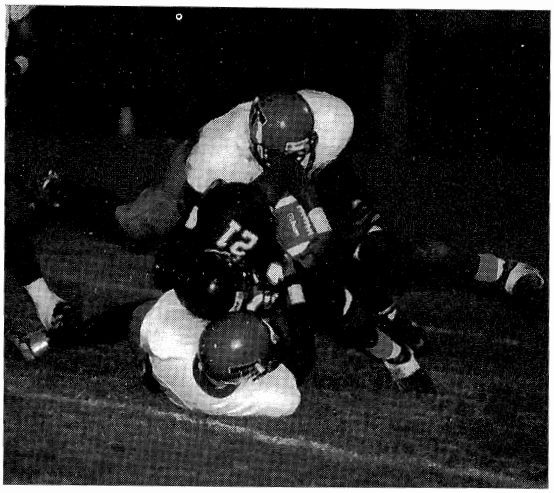

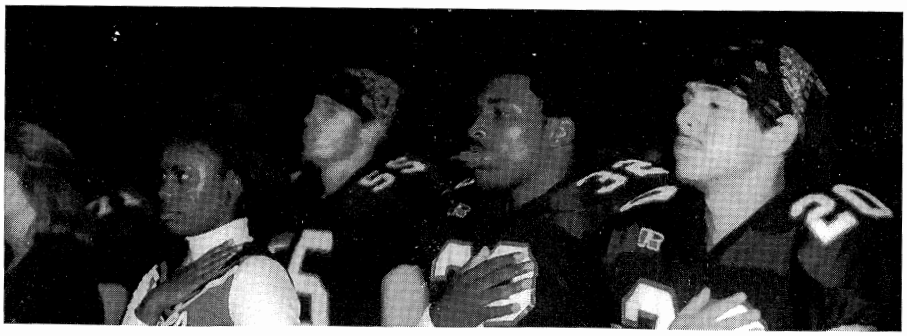

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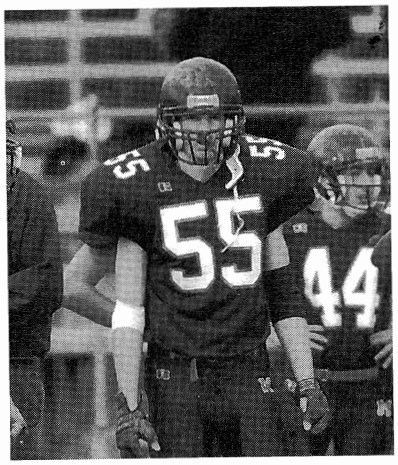



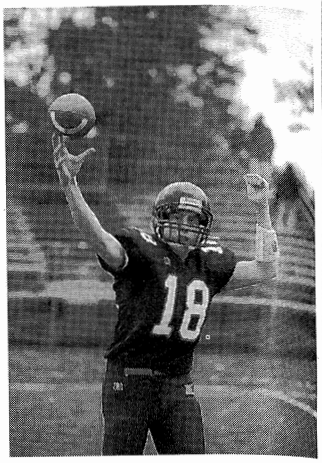

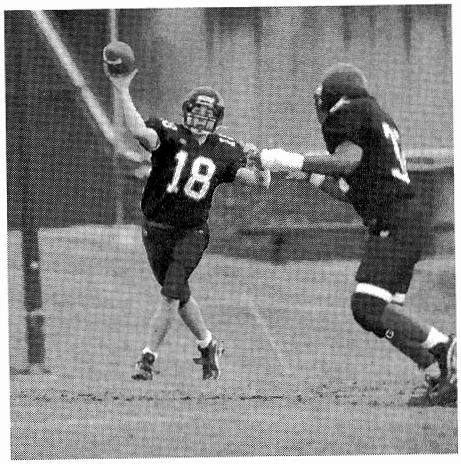

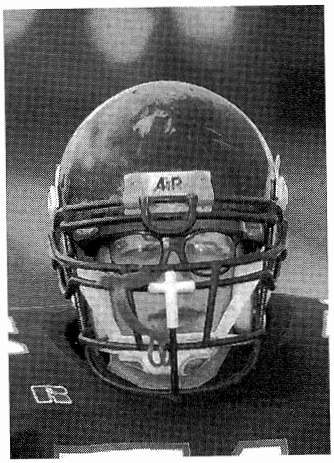

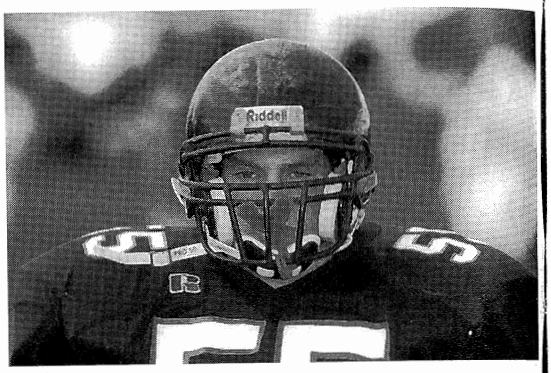

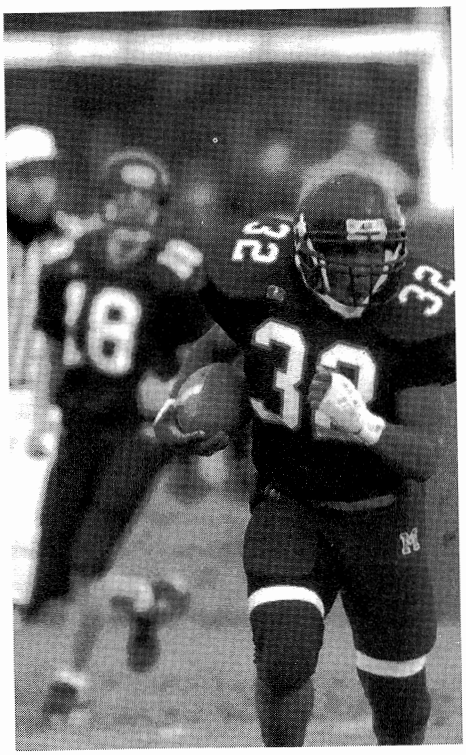

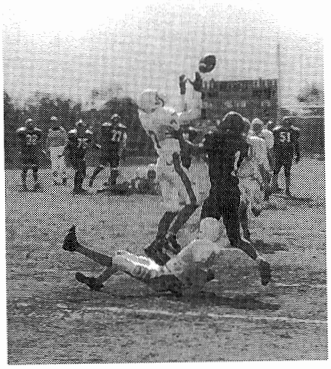

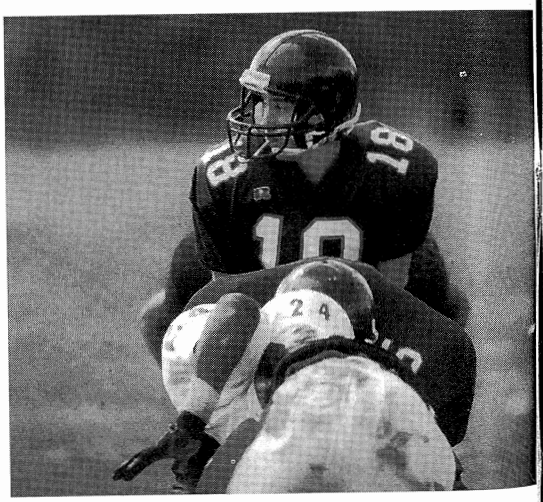

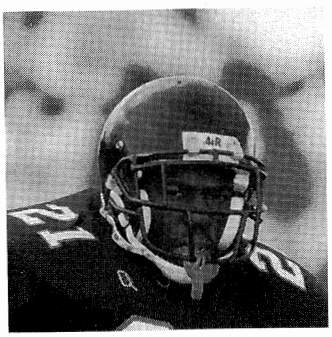

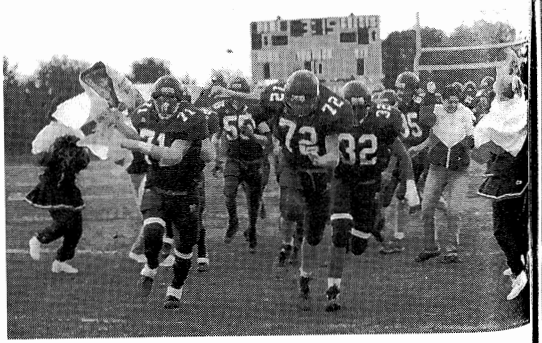

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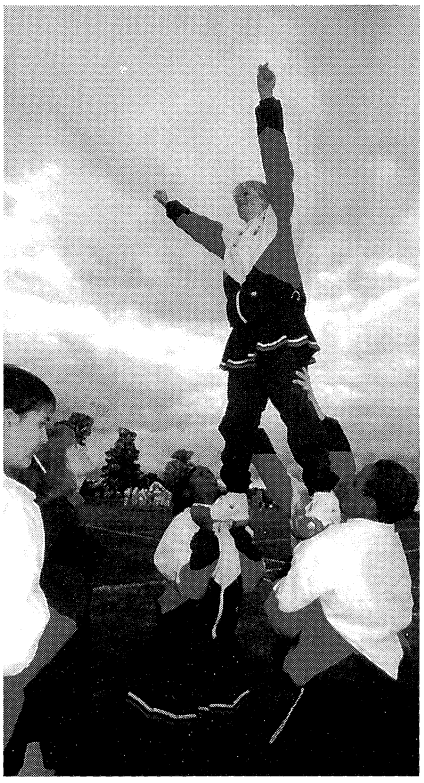

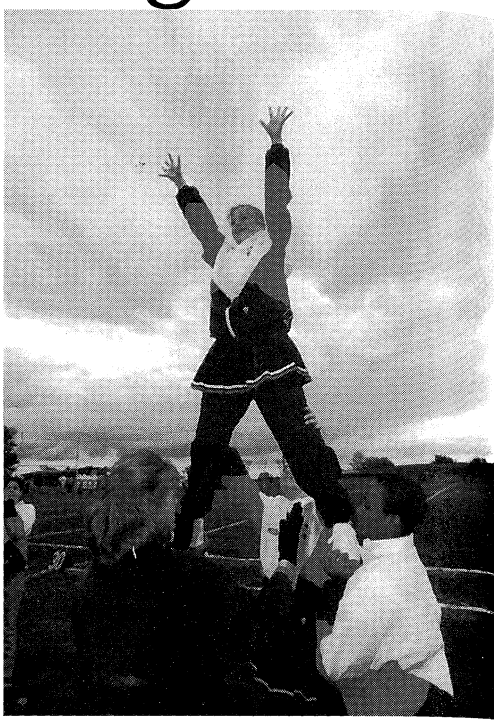



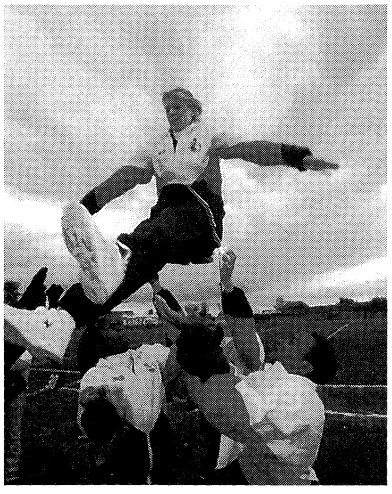







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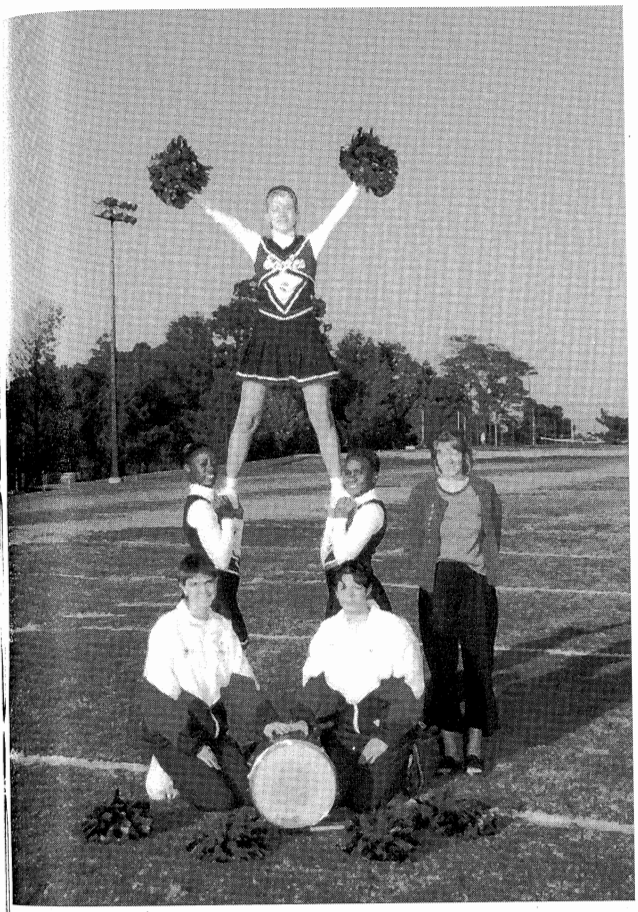

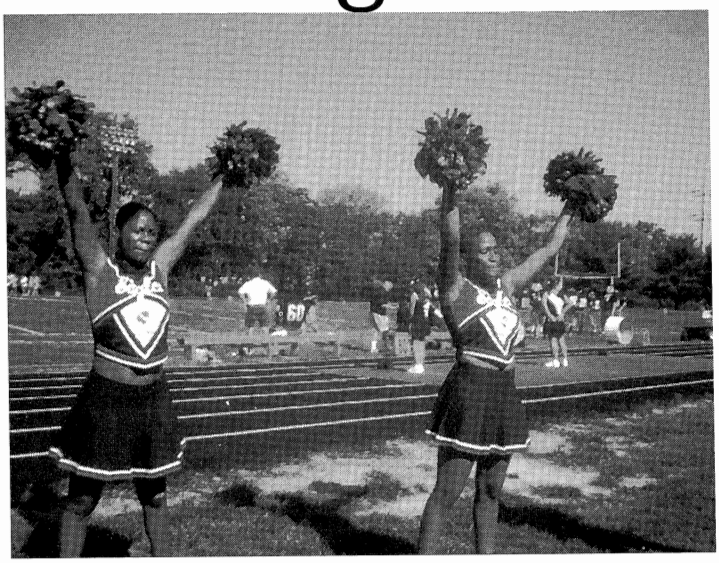

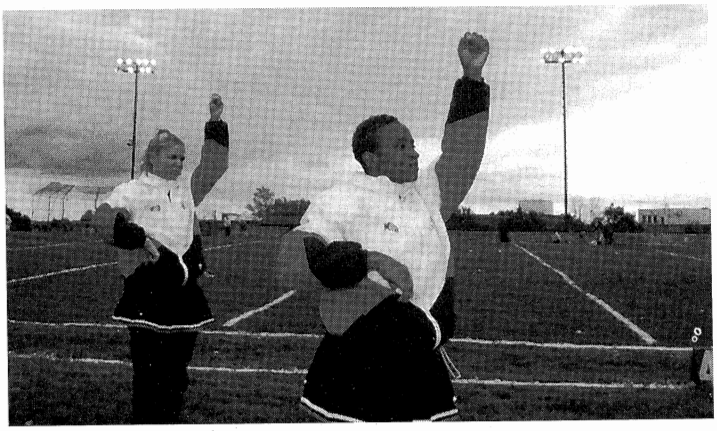

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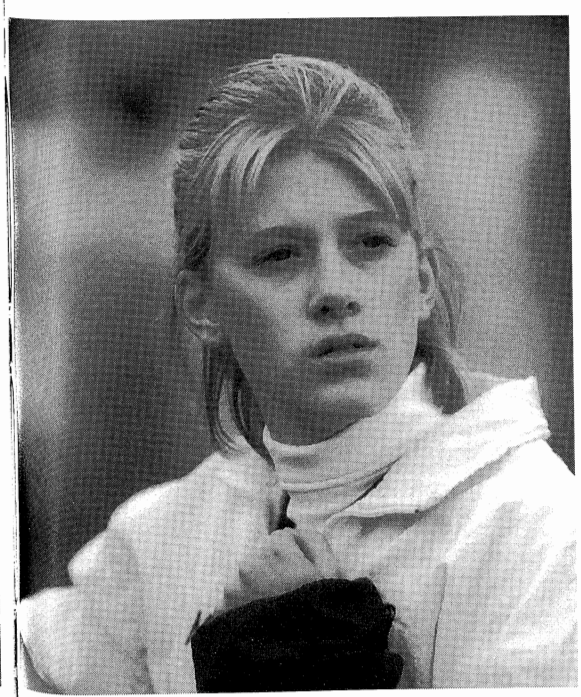

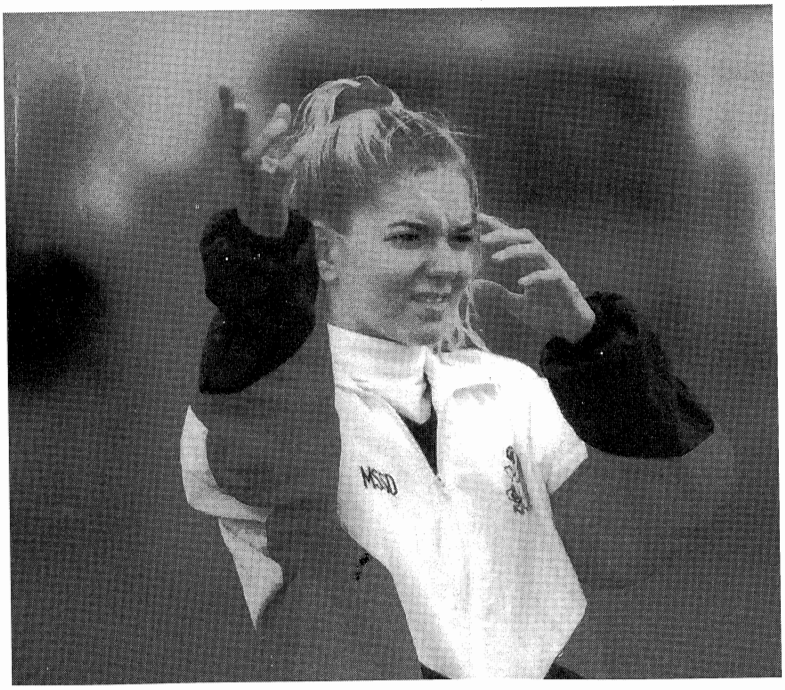

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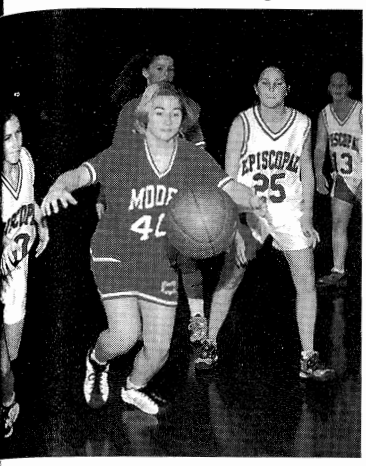
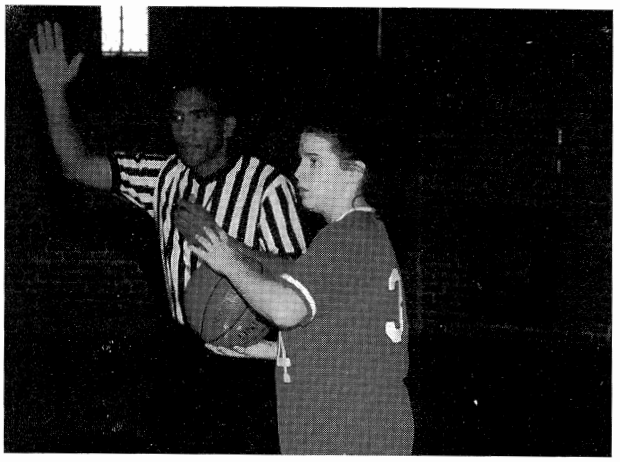
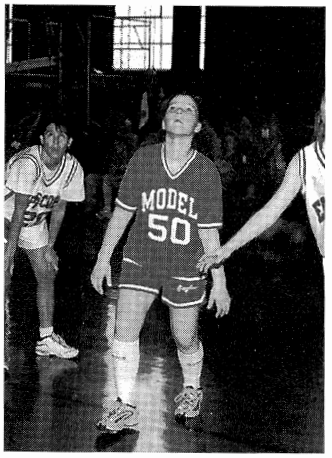
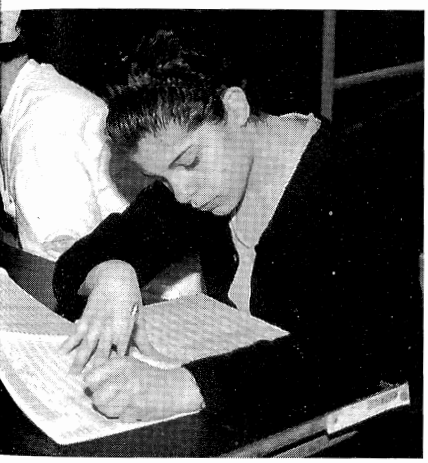
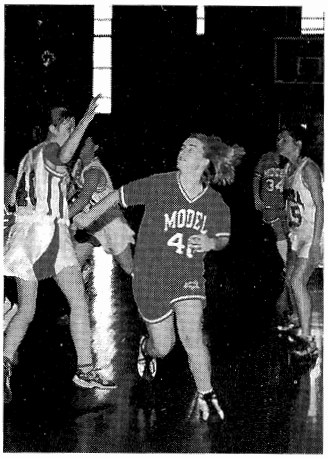


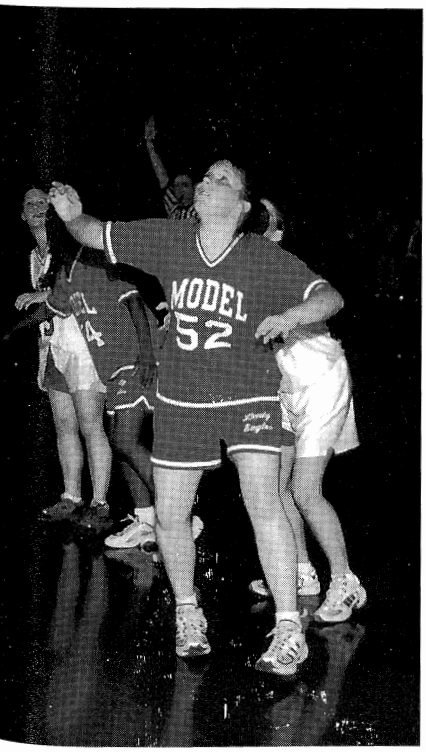


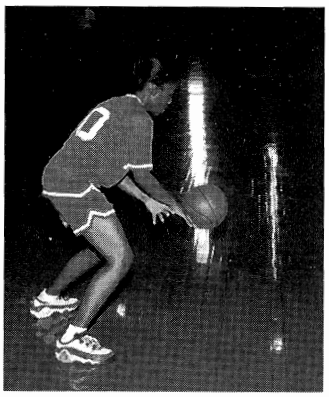


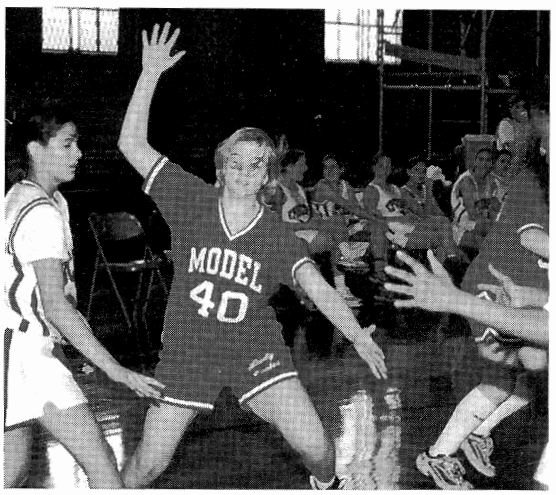


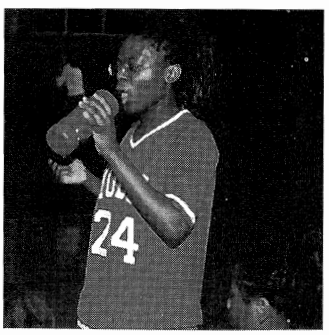






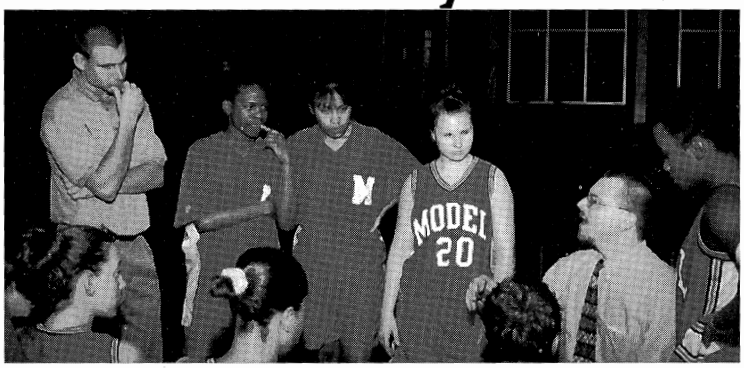








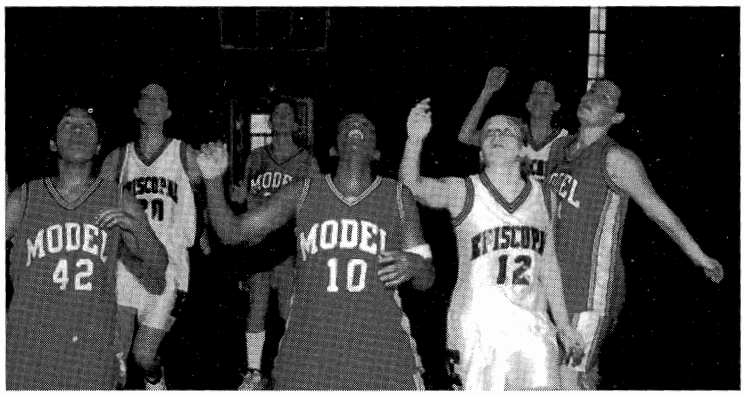
Varsity Girls' Basketball



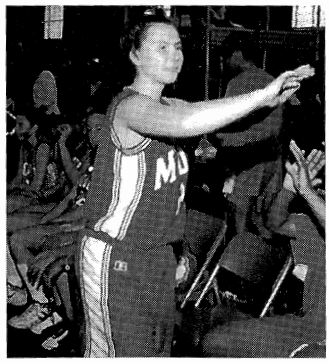
"All varsity girls mobbed with their coaches. Way to go, girls!"



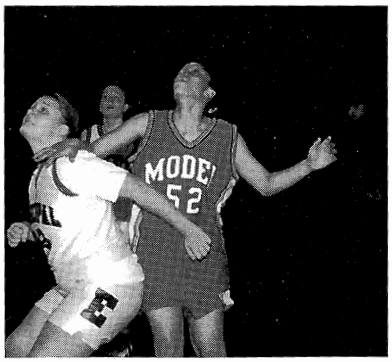
"1 ... 2 ... 3 ... EAGLES! Yay!"



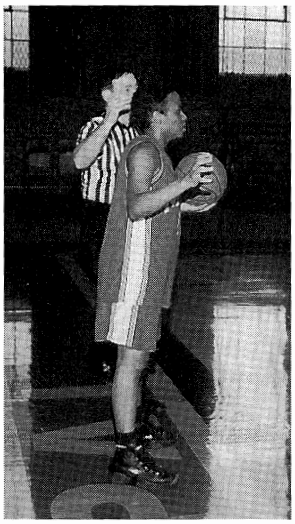
"Where in the heck is the ball going?"



"Bellamie, where are you going?"



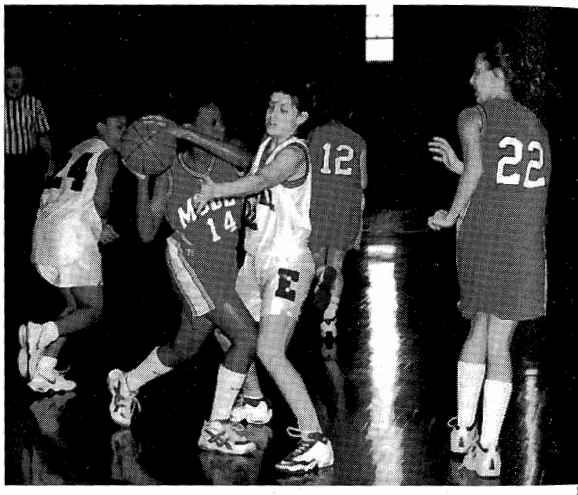
"Look out, catch the ball!"



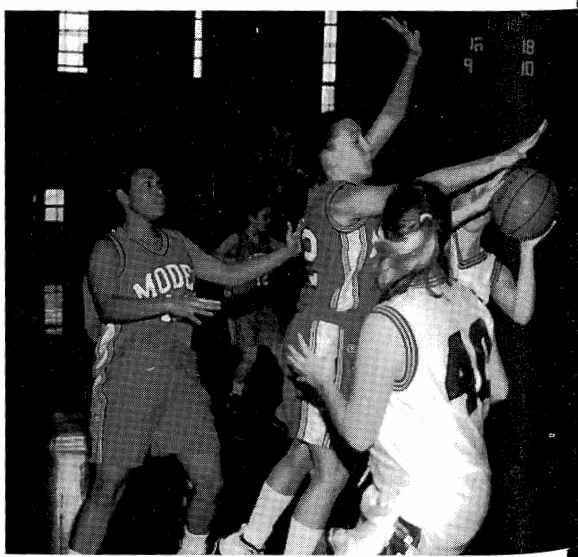
"Get ready! Go!"



"Come on! Go Colleen!"

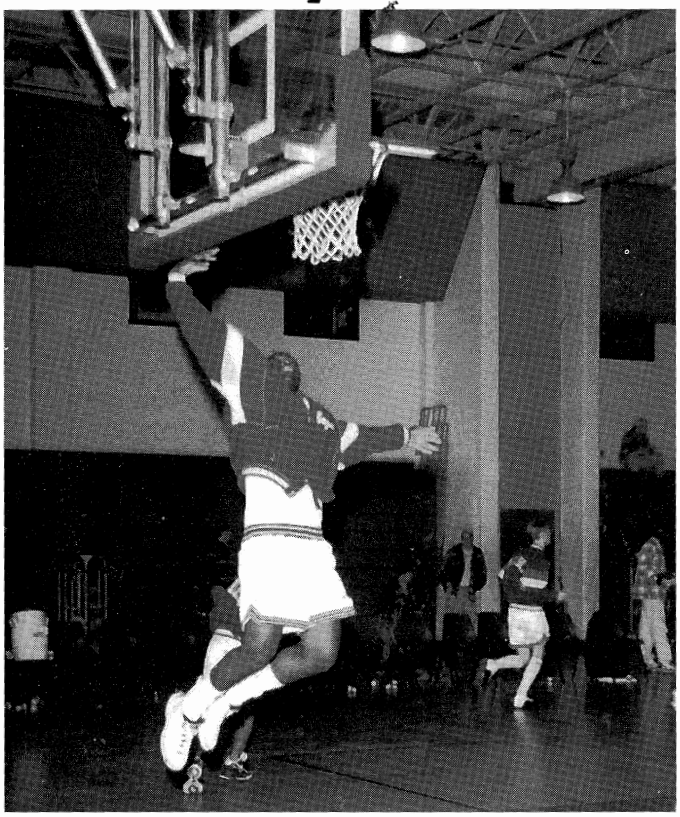


"Ibukun, pass it to Darlene!"

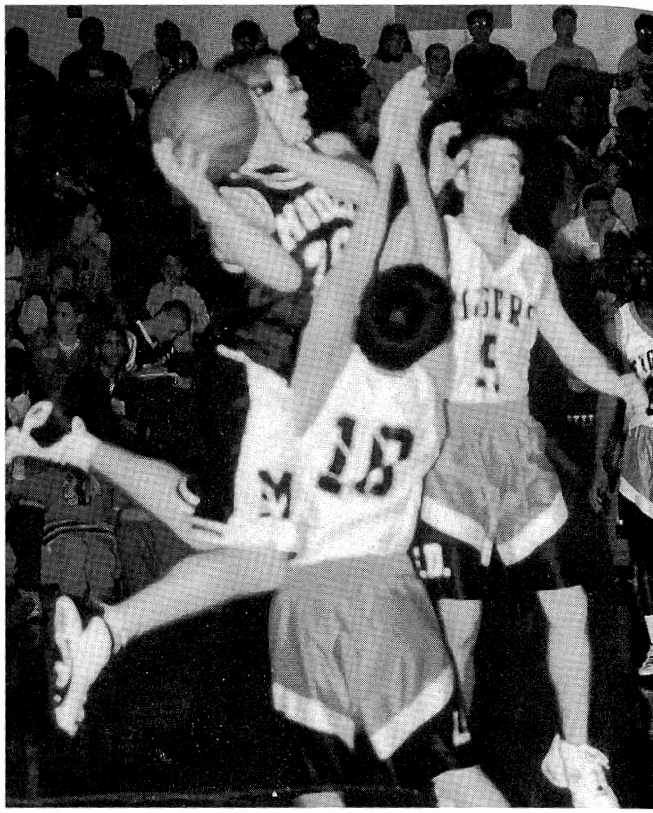


"Defense! Whoo!"

Boys' Varsity Basketball



Jordan trying to act like Michael Jordan.



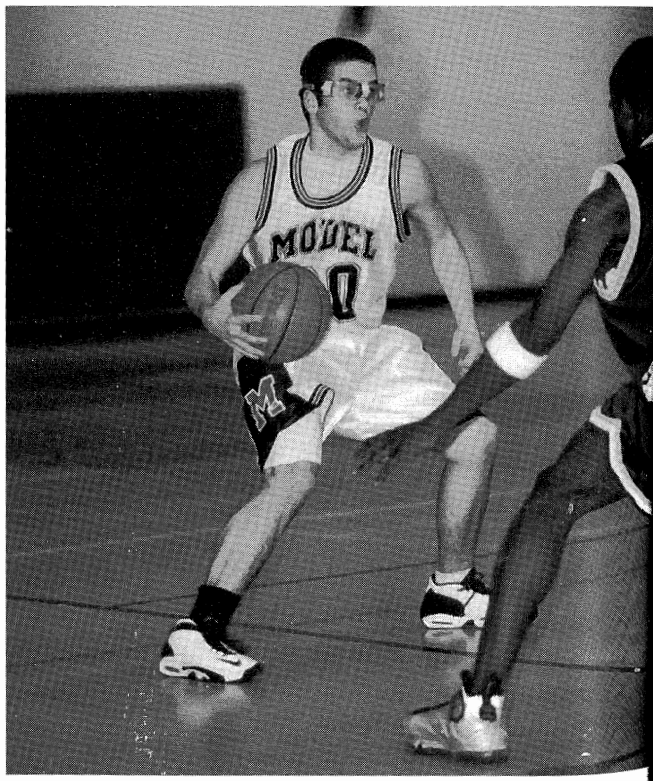
Stephen Faris jumping over the Tiger players.



Stephen cuts the net, it is his last year of playing basketball for MSSD.



Parents' Night.

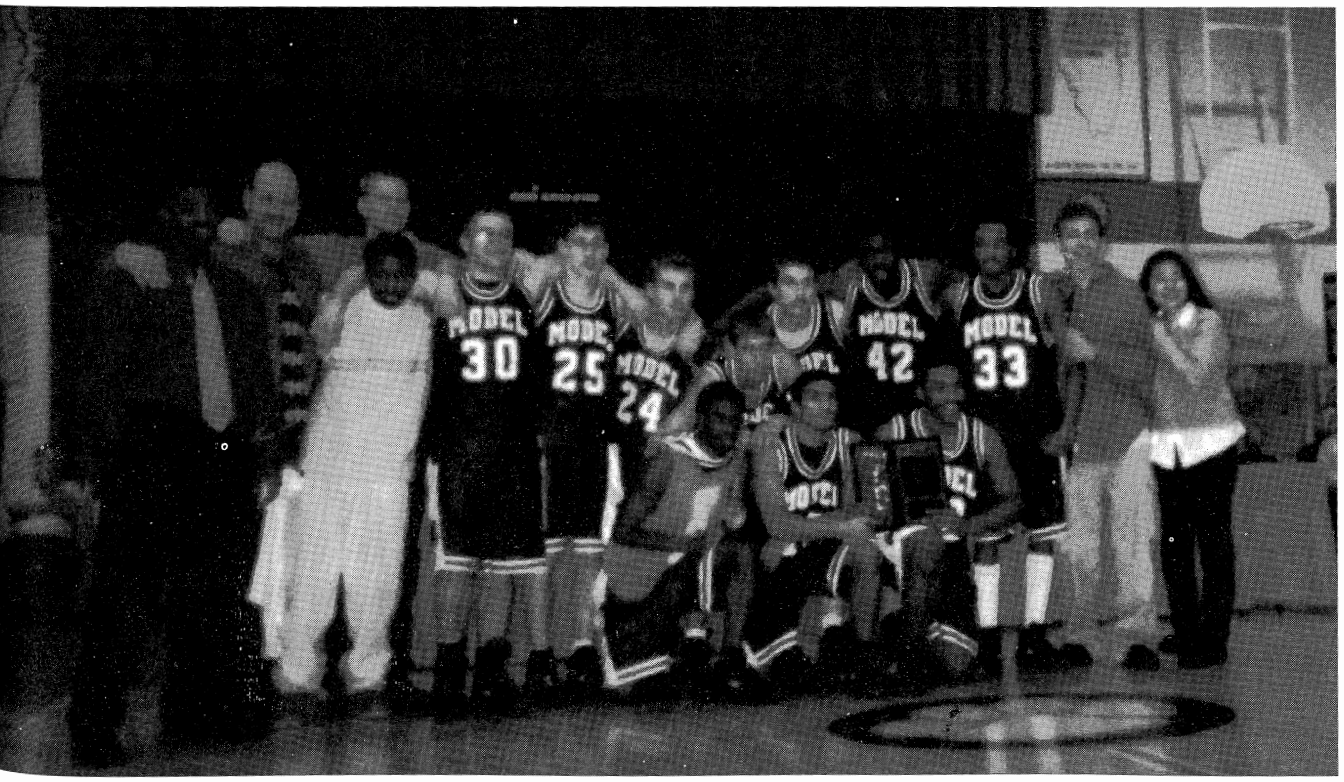


★Whistling★

Boys' Varsity Basketball

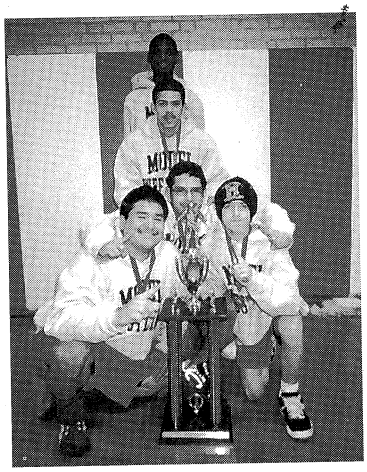


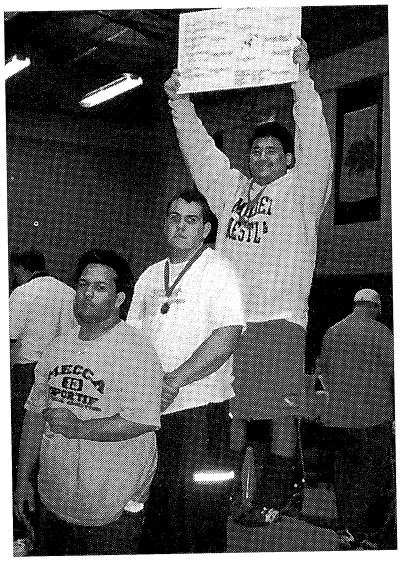
Stephen Faris and Andy Donotich got All Star Player Honors at CSSD at Illinois School.

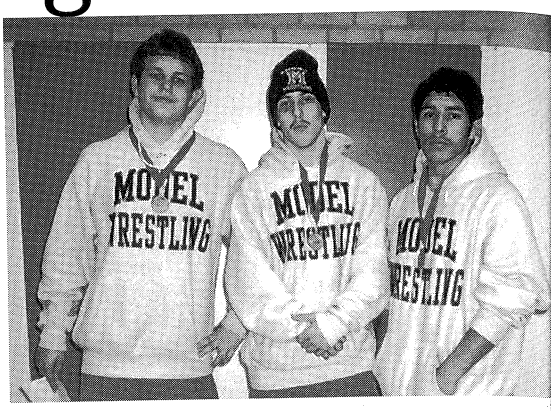


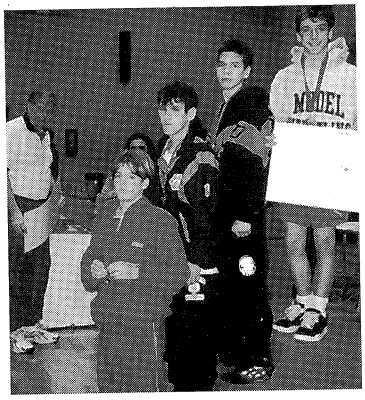
MSSD won the championship at CSSD.

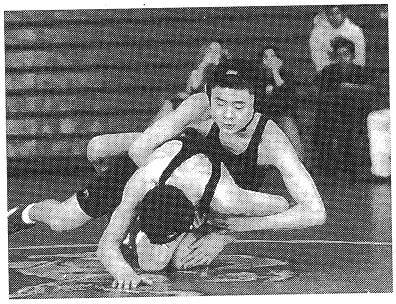
Wrestling

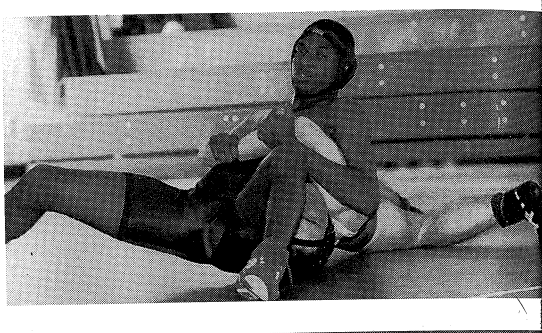


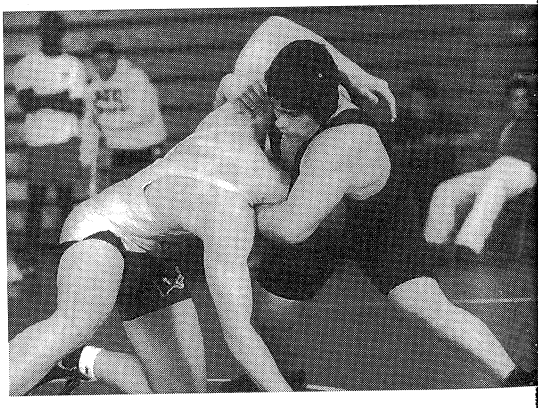


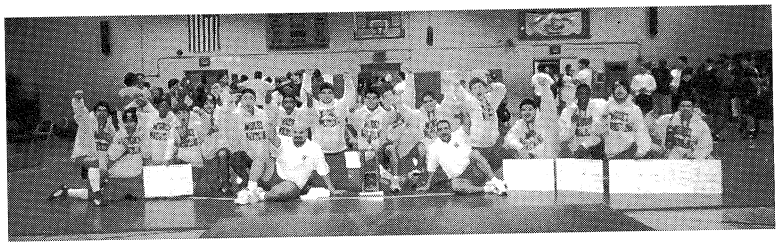


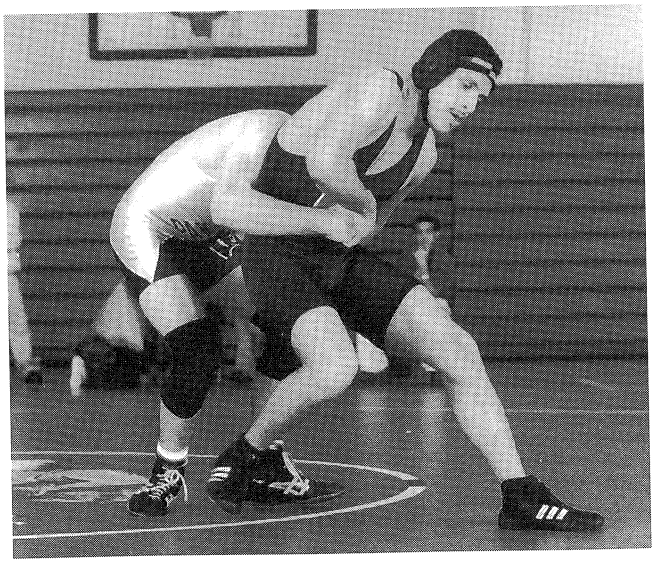


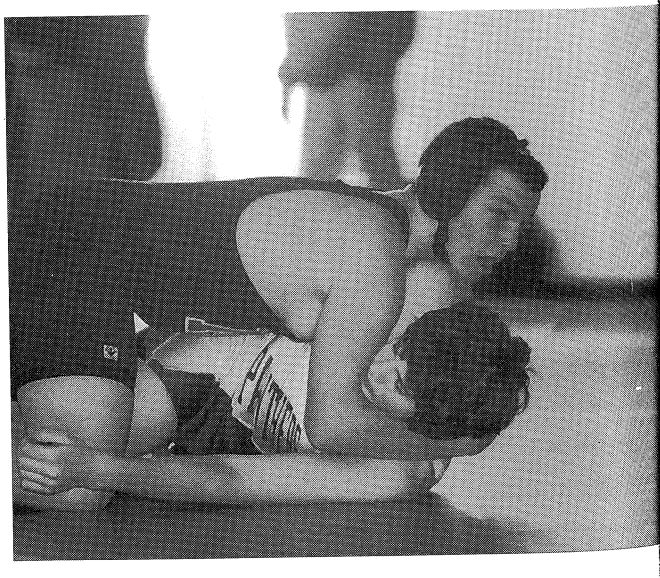












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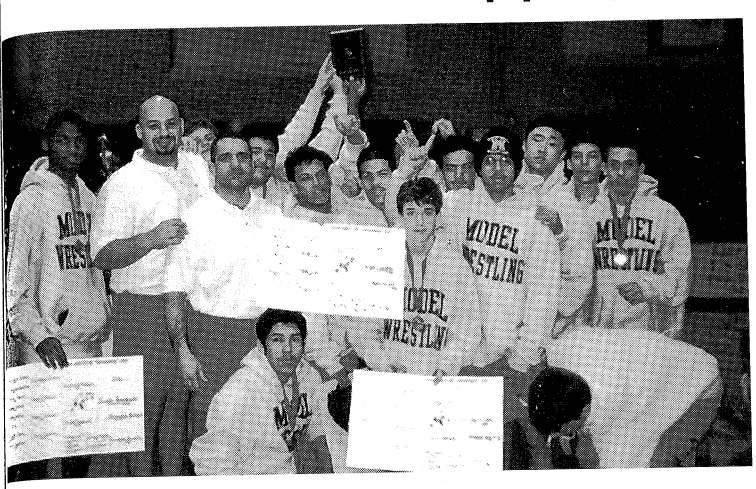
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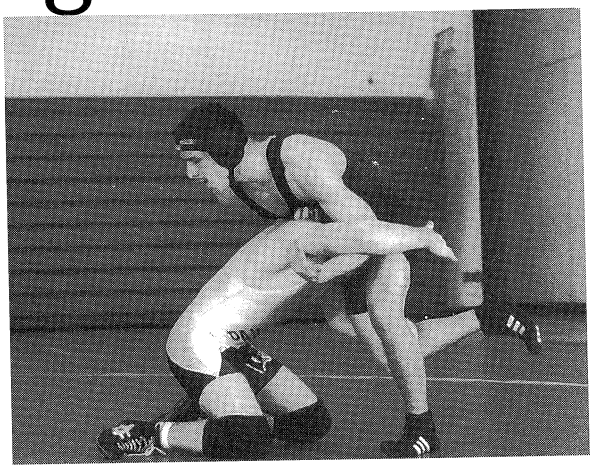



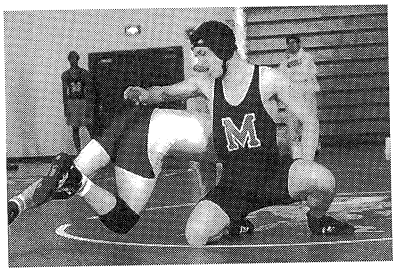

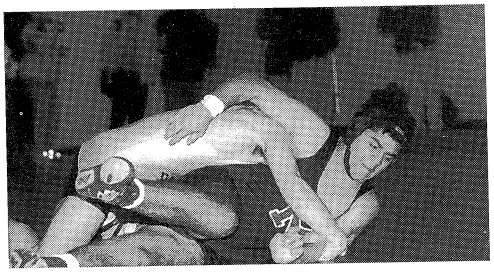



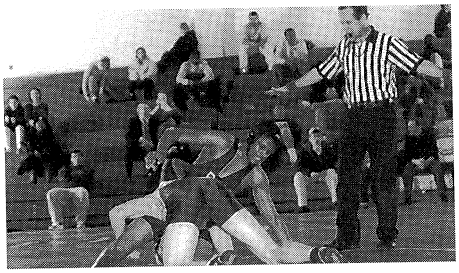

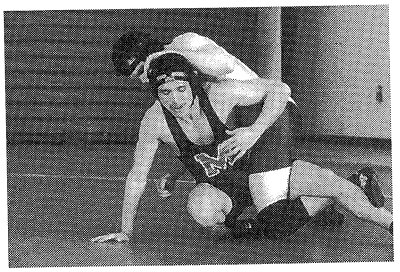

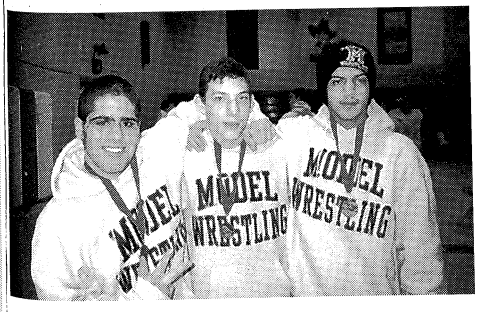
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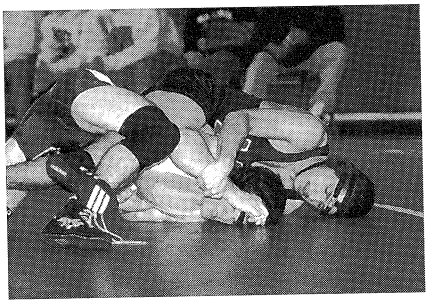

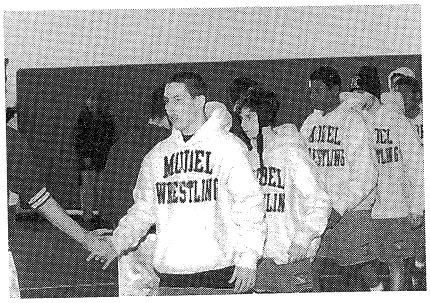
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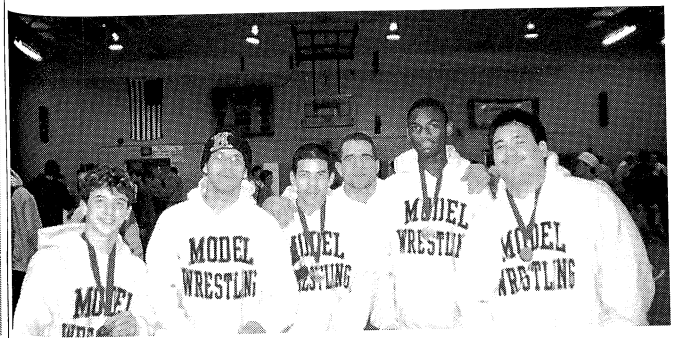
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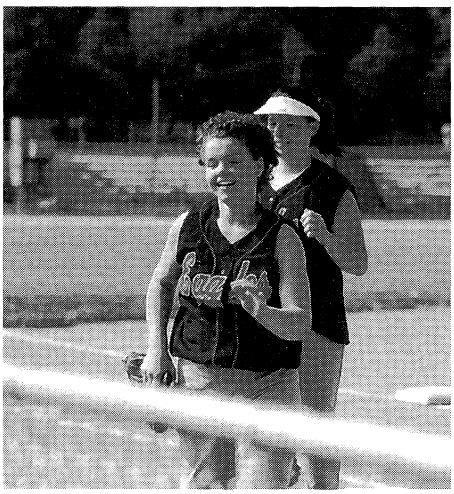
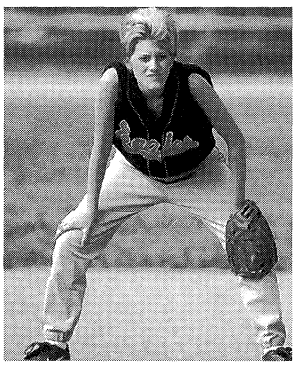
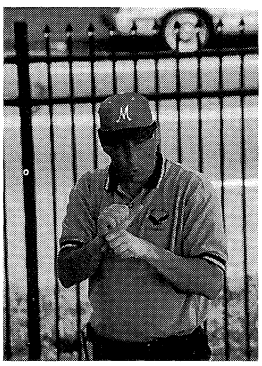
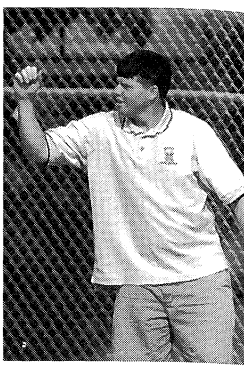
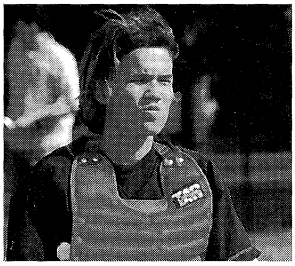
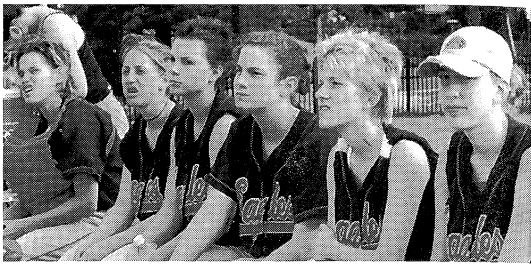
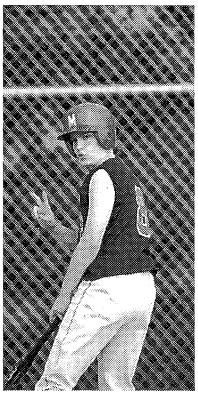
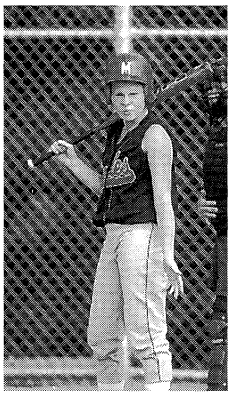

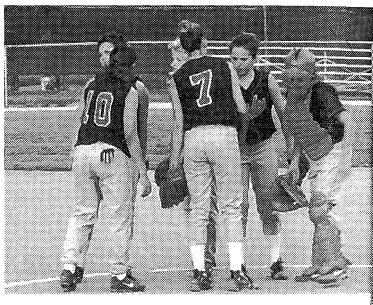
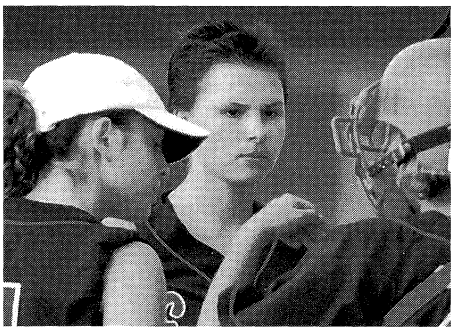
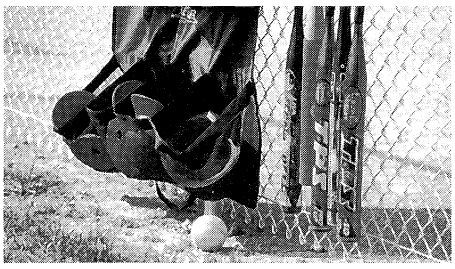
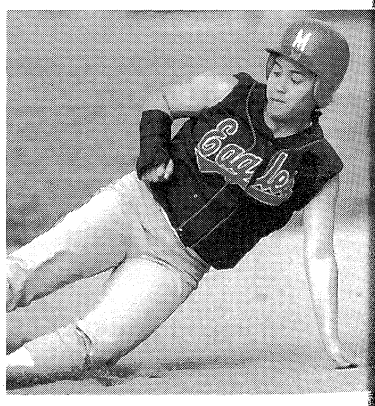
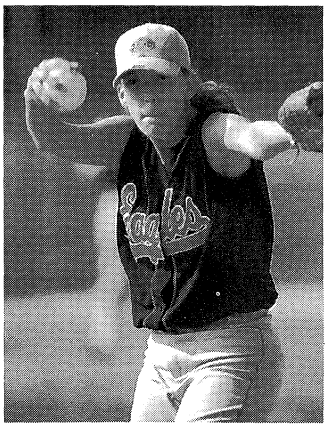
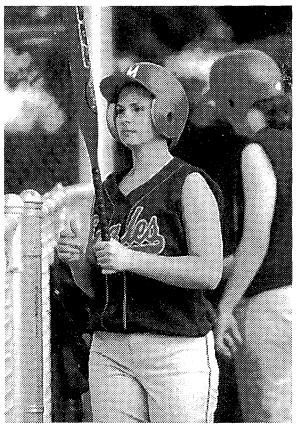
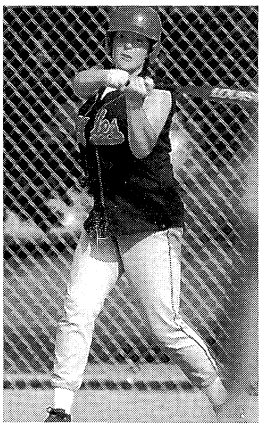
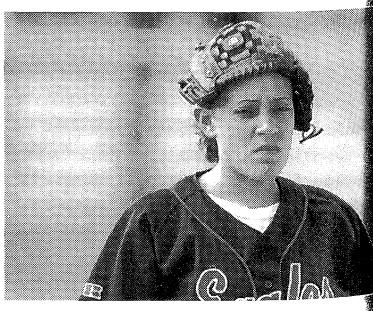

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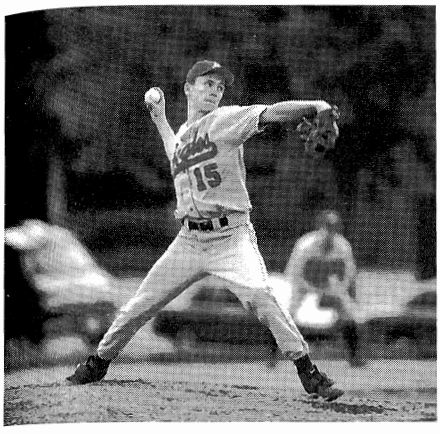

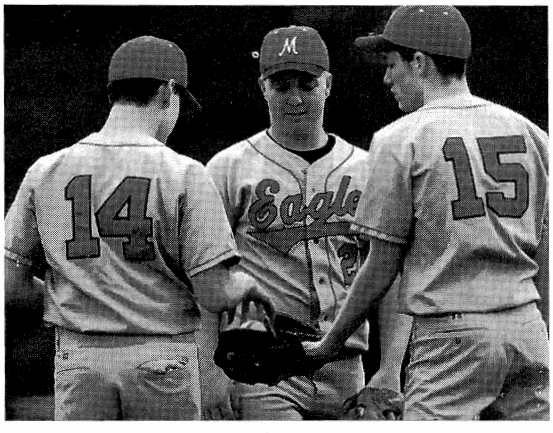

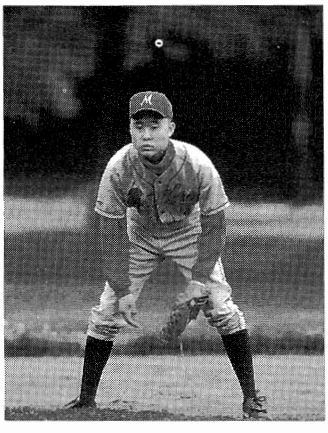

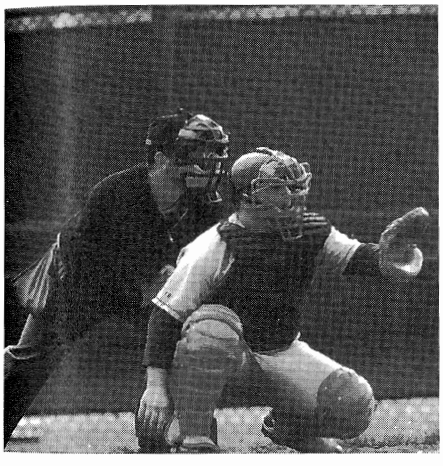

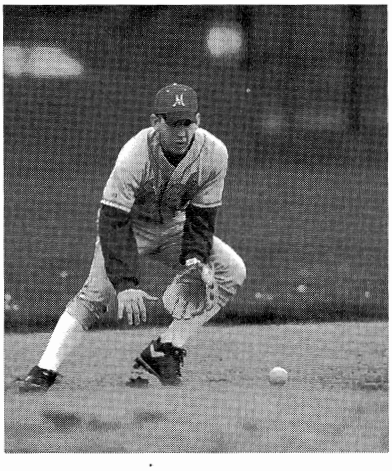

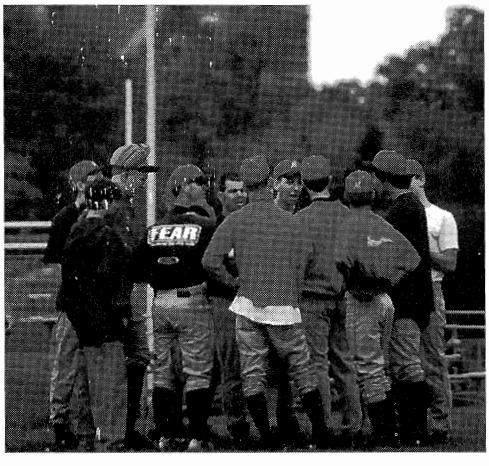

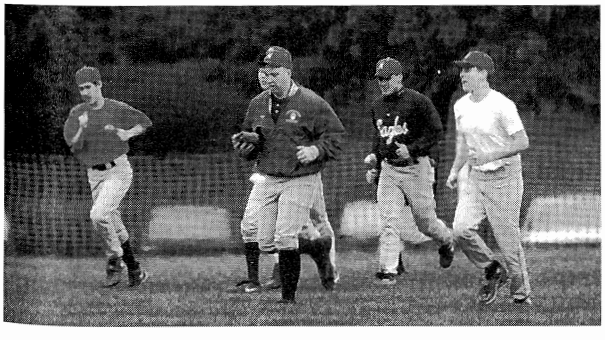

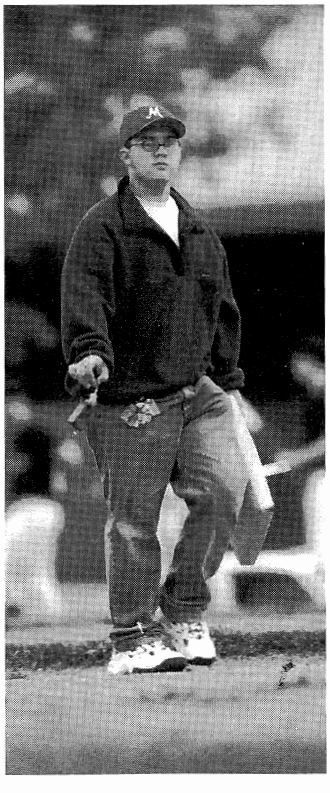

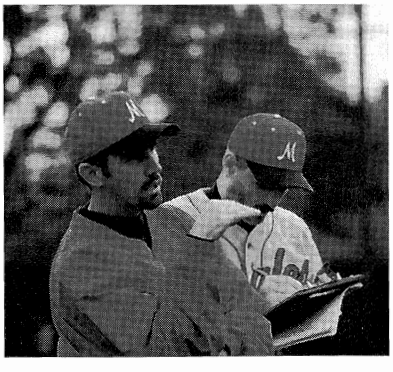

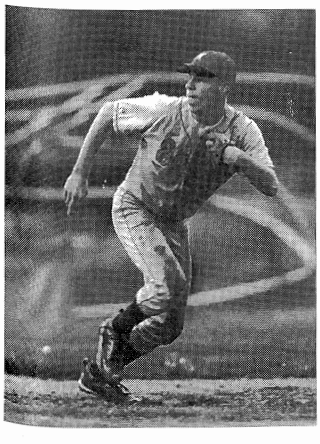

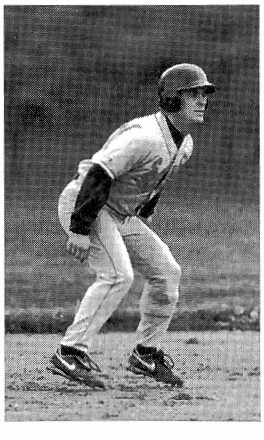

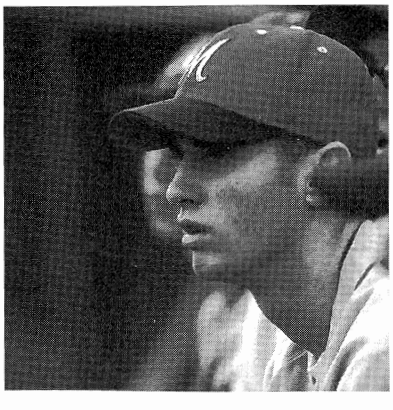

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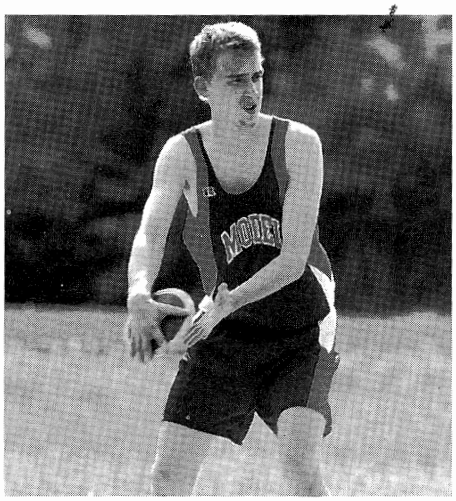
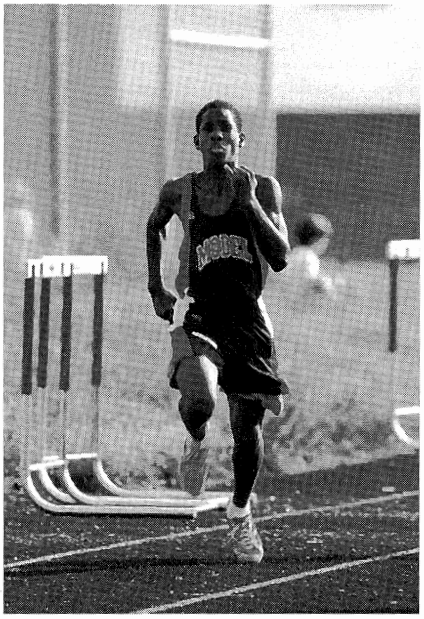
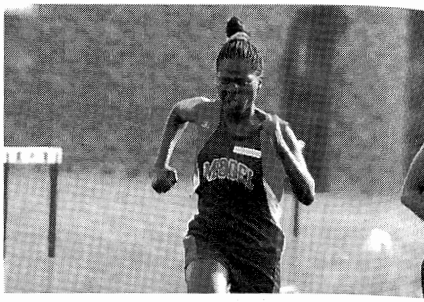
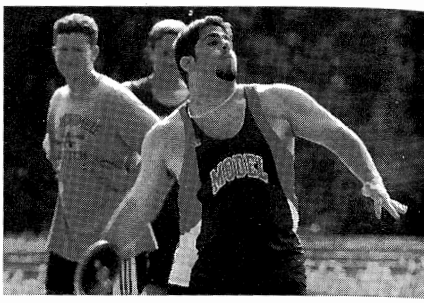
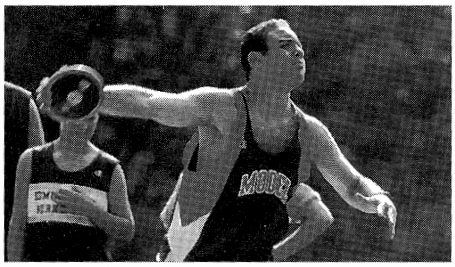
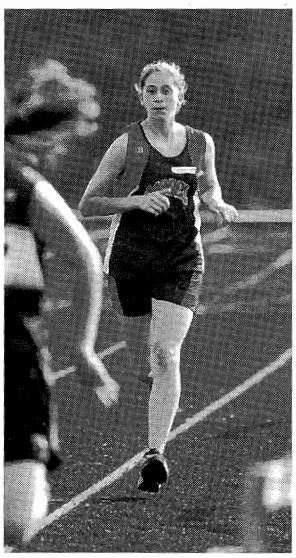


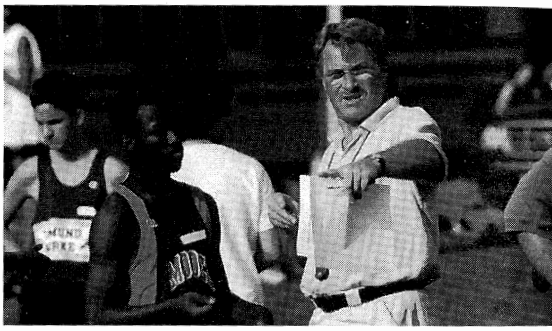


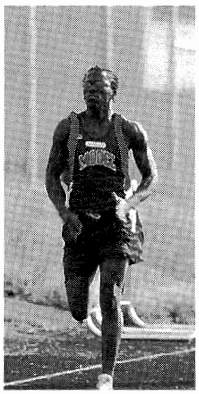


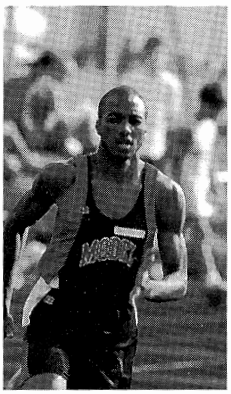


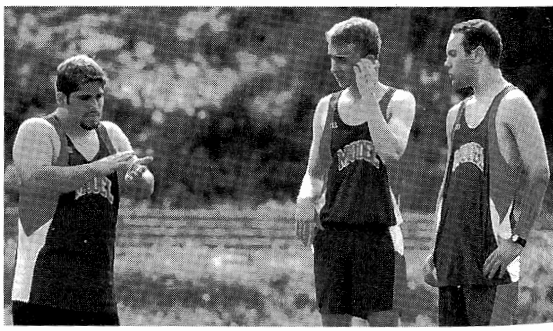


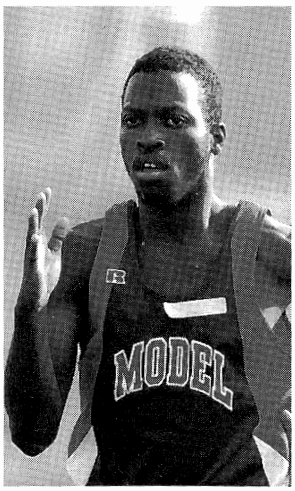


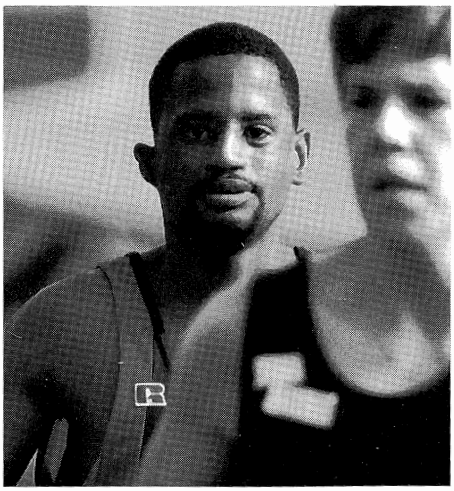


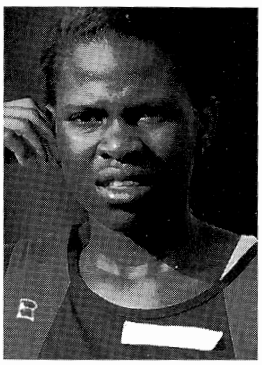


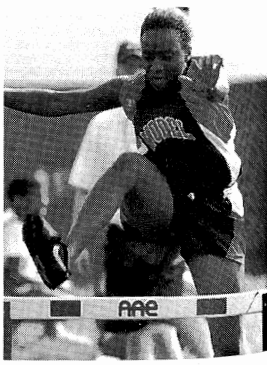












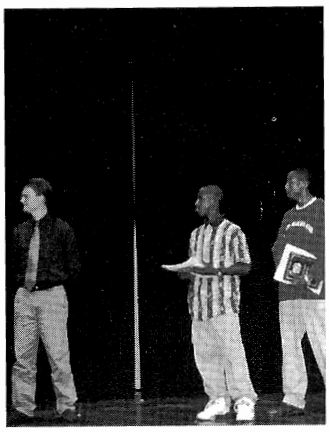
MSSD's Athletic Awards

TEAMS	COACH'S AWARD	MOST IMPROVED
CROSS COUNTRY	Javier Goodwin	Jason Lopez
FALL CHEERLEADING	Lisa Fishbein	Jordan Baird
JV FOOTBALL	Mark Anthony Mason	
VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL	Bellamie Bachleda & Darlene Tropp	
JV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL	Rebecca Handley	
VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL	Kirk Benjamin & Andrew Donatich	
JV BOYS' BASKETBALL	Oluwatobi Akinsanya	
VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL	Colleen Farrell	Fatimah Abdul-Rahim
JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL	Rebecca Handley	
WRESTLING	Jarret Merrill	Jaime Catano
BOYS' BASEBALL	Aaron Brock	Matthew Miller
GIRLS' SOFTBALL	Bellamie Bachleda	Caitlin Lewis
TRACK AND FIELD	Tyrone Barnes	O'Dell Armwood

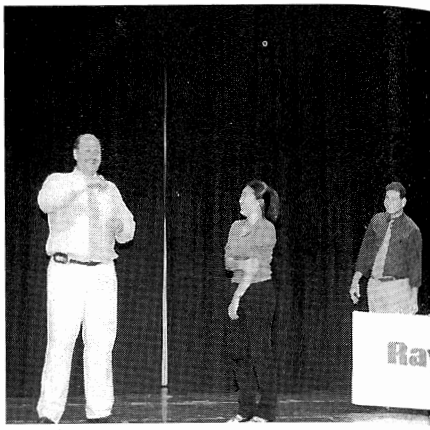
ATHLETE AWARDS

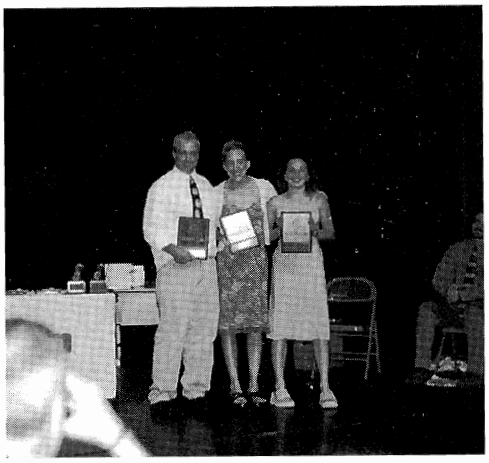
MOST DEDICATED FAN	Beth Brock & Deborah DeStefano
COURAGEOUS EAGLE	Patrick O'Doherty
UNSUNG HERO	Aaron Brock, Andrew Donatich, Matthew Miller, & Jonathan Chanin
MANAGER OF THE YEAR	Mei Chen & Scotty Busanic
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	Rachel Burton & Colleen Farrell
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Darlene Tropp & Stephen Farias

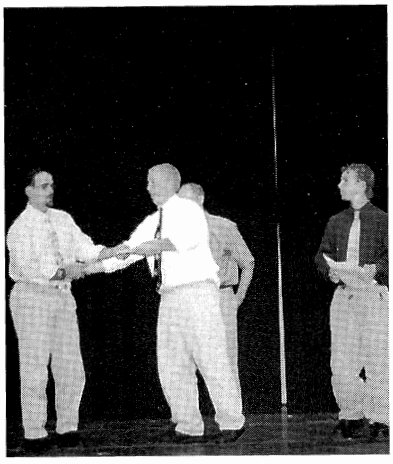
Sports Banquet

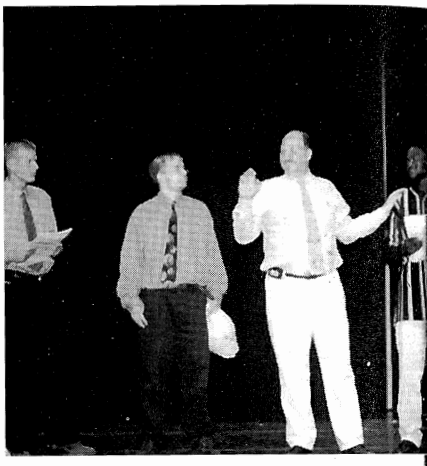


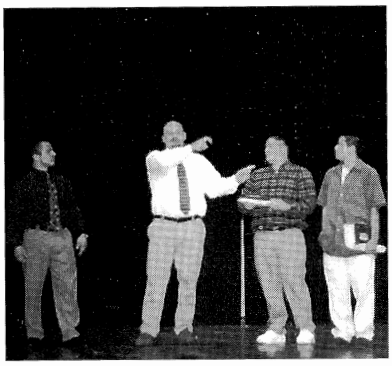


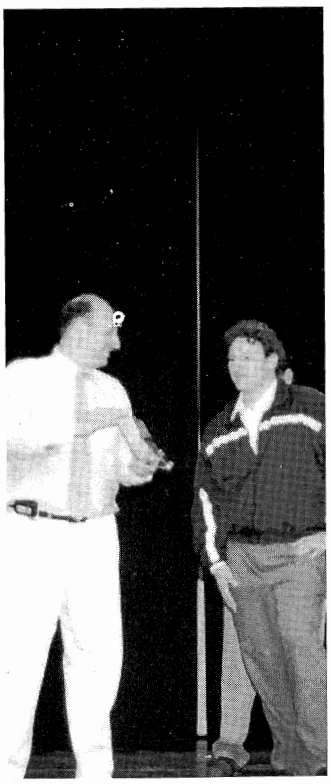


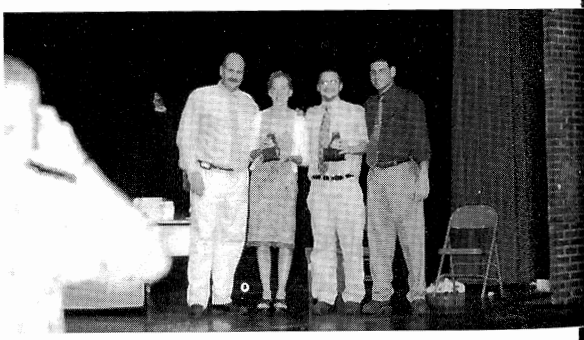


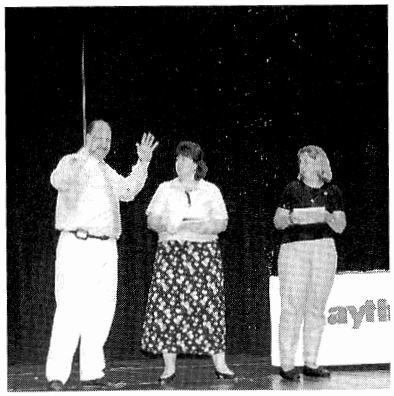


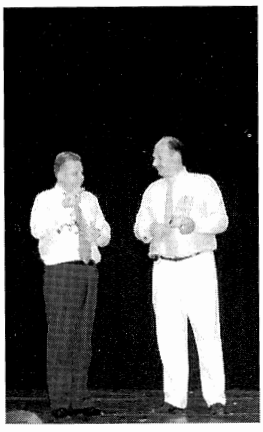














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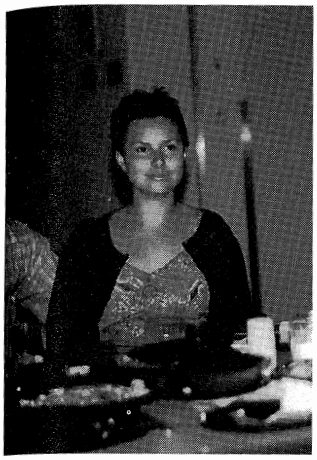
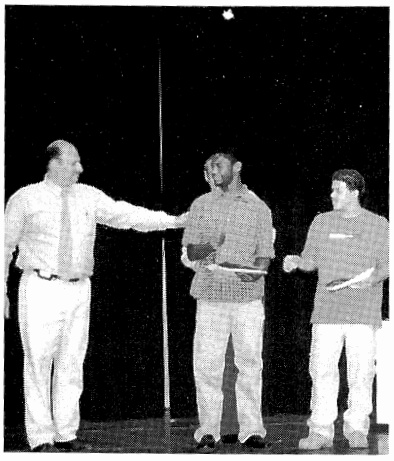
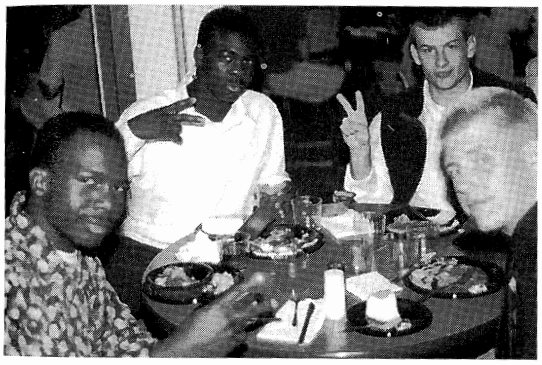
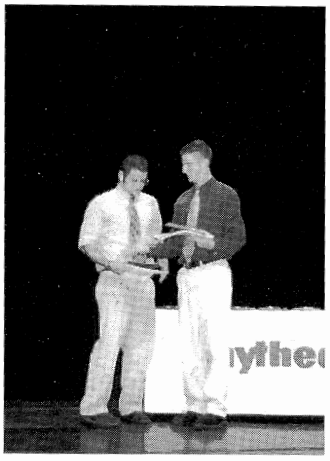




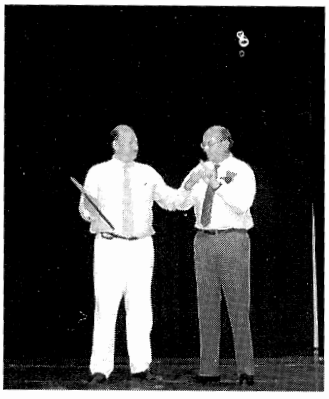


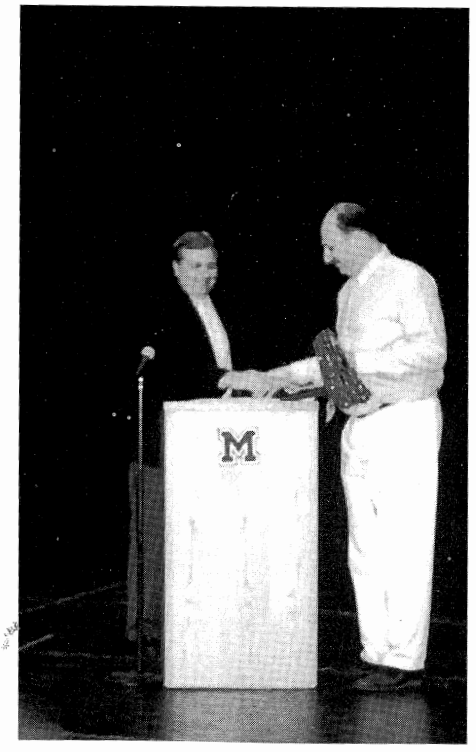












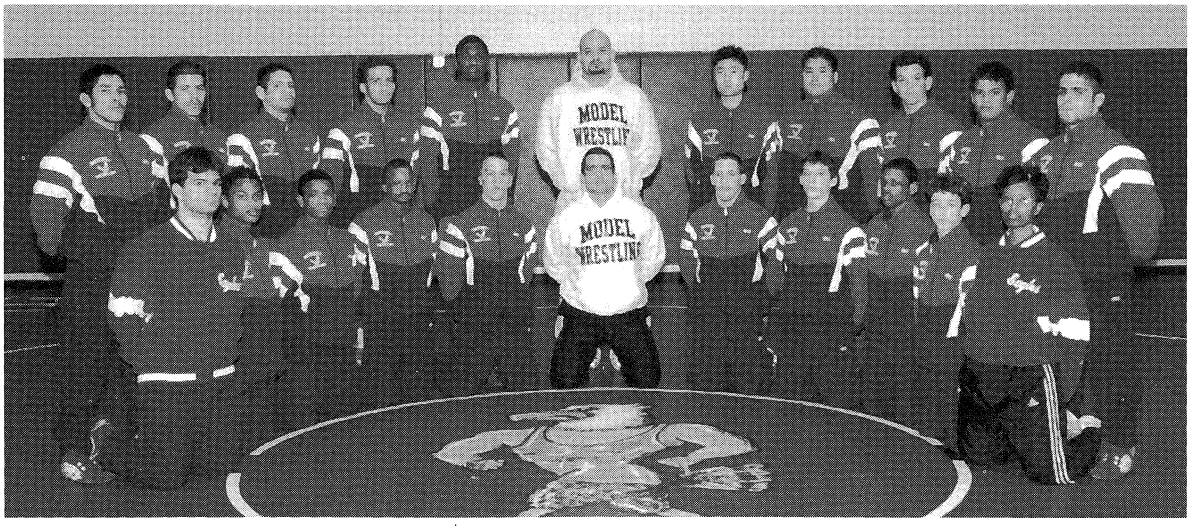




Football and Wrestling

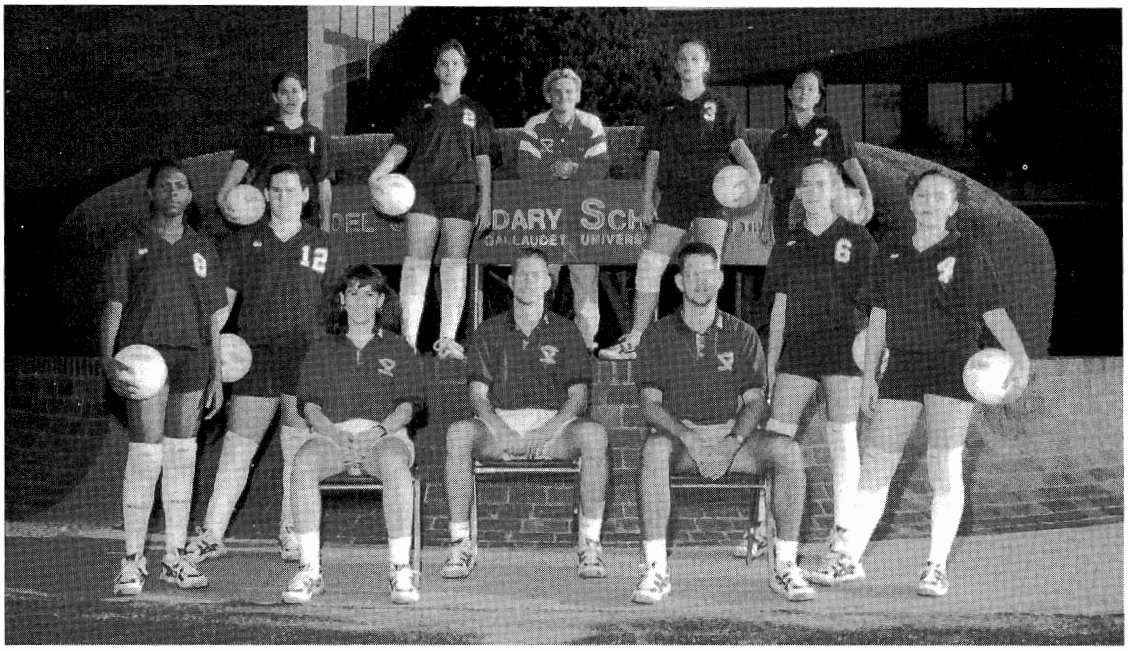


Football Team
Front Row: Dominick Leto, Essa Matari, Aaron Brock, Stephen Farias, Marlon Wynne, Batangana Levongala, James Bunch, Jaime Catano, Matthew Kohashi, Scotty Busanic
Second Row: Peter Fassilis, Andrew Donatich, Donald Tropp, Jason Schwebke, Jarret Merrill, Timothy Yaw, Matthew Vita, Edward Jackson, Akinkunmi Daramola
Third Row: Jamar Canada, Michael Takacs, Mark-Anthony Mason, Matthew Martin, Matthew Miller, David Price, Scott Cohen, Rob Sims
Fourth Row: Kevin Farrell, Jesse Guttridge, Edward Sanchez, Andre Ray, Daniel Merchant, Michael Roche, Younes McHaar, Rodney Lee, O'Dell Armwood
Back Row: Norman Bauman, Tim Withrow, Coach Bob Miller, P. Hosen, Mike Rivera



Wrestling Team
Front Row: Peter Fassilis, Christopher Robinson, Daniel Merchant, James Addison, Stephen Herbert, Todd Silvestri, David Price, Chad Wallenstein, Antoine Barksdale, Joshua Wray, Telelesh Gebrehiwot
Back Row: Matthew Martin, Jason Lopez, Jaime Catano, Younes McHaar, Javier Goodwin, Dusan Jaskic, Johnny Kim, Jarret Merrill, Scott Cohen, Edward Sanchez, Dominick Leto

Volleyball

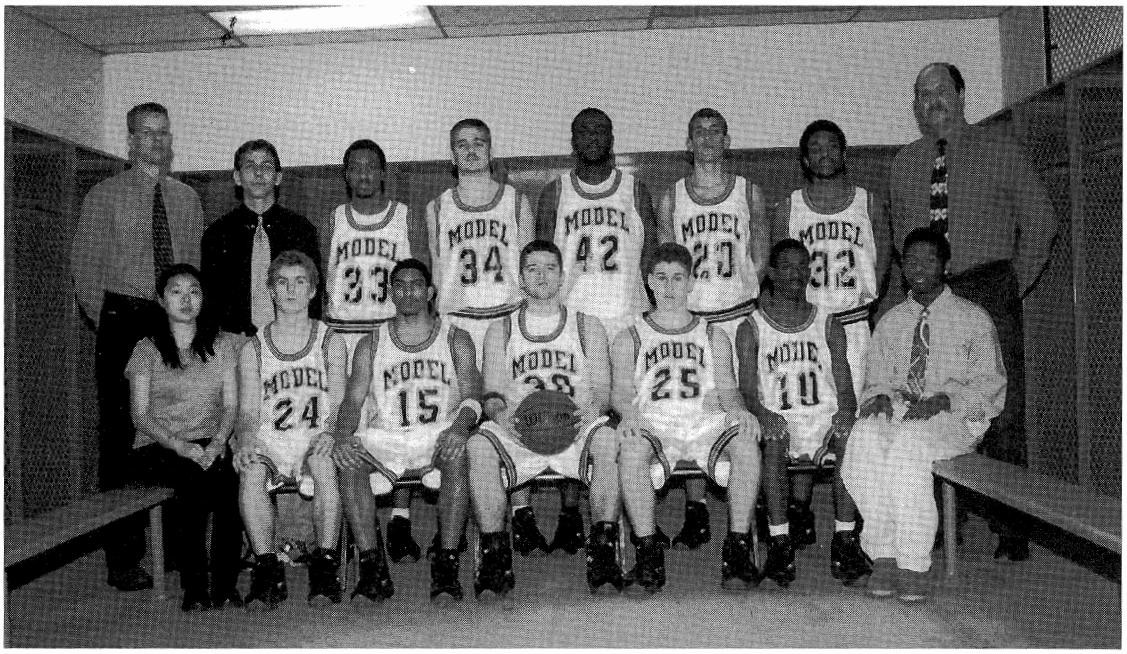


Varsity Team
Front Row: Ibukun Odunlami, Mary Angoorani, Lynn Ray Boren,
Brian Thornsberry, Kristy Nowak, Darlene Tropp
Back Row: Joyce Hom, Bellamie Bachleda, Zack Zuchegno, Sarah Fredricks, Megan Leschly



Junior Varsity Team
Front Row: Brian Thornsberry, Mary Angoorani, Lynn Ray Boren
Second Row: Coleen Farrell, Caitlin Lewis, Aminah Estrada, Rachel Burton, Georginia Fitzpatrick
Back Row: Rebecca Handley, Heather Pachuilo, Tonya Reed, Kristen Suiter, Abiodun Odunlami

Boys' Basketball



Varsity Team
Front Row: Mei Chen, Matthew Miller, Daniel Perez, Stephen Farias, Donald Tropp, Zavier Sabio, Dennis Rolle
Back Row: Lynn Ray Boren, Scotty Busanic, Tyrone Barnes, Andrew Donatich, Kirk Benjamin, Matthew Johnson, James Bunch, Jamie Weinstock



Junior Varsity Team
Front Row: Oluwatobi Akinsanya, Aron Kasher, O'Dell Armwood, Jamie Weinstock
Back Row: Jeff Lockhart, Akinkunmi Daramola, Hatem Zarrouk, Paolo Dubuc, Timothy Lowe, Abel Yohaness, Darrel Wood

Baseball and Softball



Baseball Team
Kneeling: Edward Sanchez, Steven Janosi
Front Row: Matthew Vita, Donald Tropp, Scotty Busanic, Matthew Kohashi,
Aaron Brock, Patrick O'Doherty, Matthew Miller, Jonathan Chanin
Back Row: Kevin Farrell, Joshua Wray, Oluwatobi Akinsanya, David van Boxlaere,
Sean Gill, Rob, Johnny Kim, Earl Mikell, Christopher Nigro



Softball Team
Kneeling: Jessica Cortes, Darlene Tropp, Raymonda Azrelyant, Jordan Baird
Front Row: Sarah Greenberg, Coleen Farrell, Kristen Suiter, Rachel Burton,
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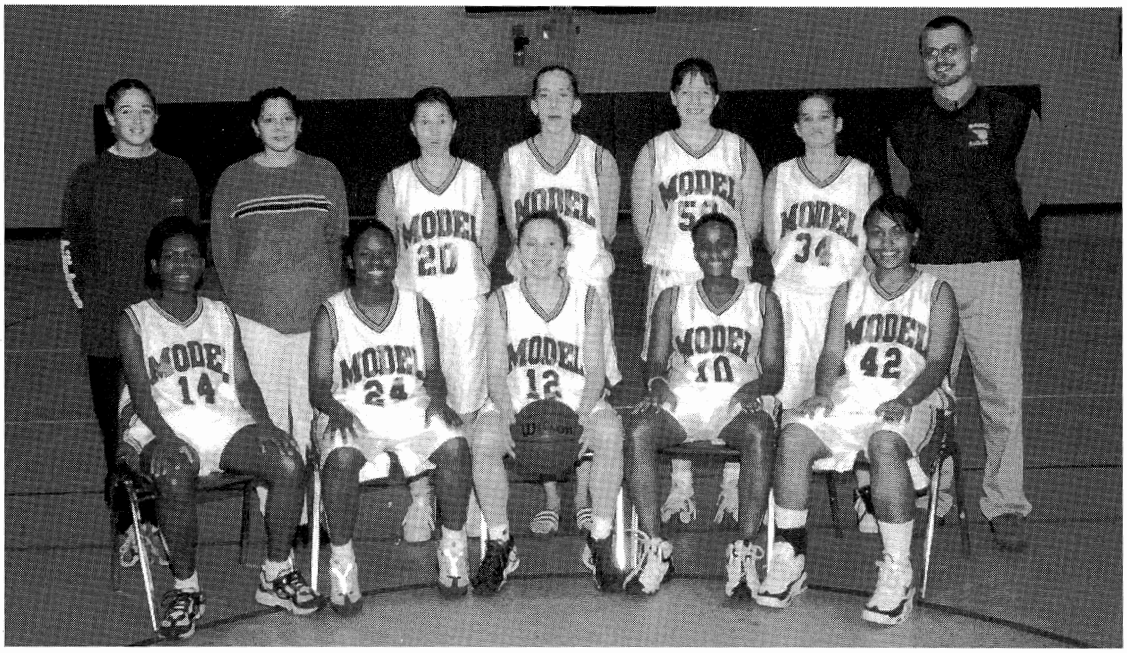
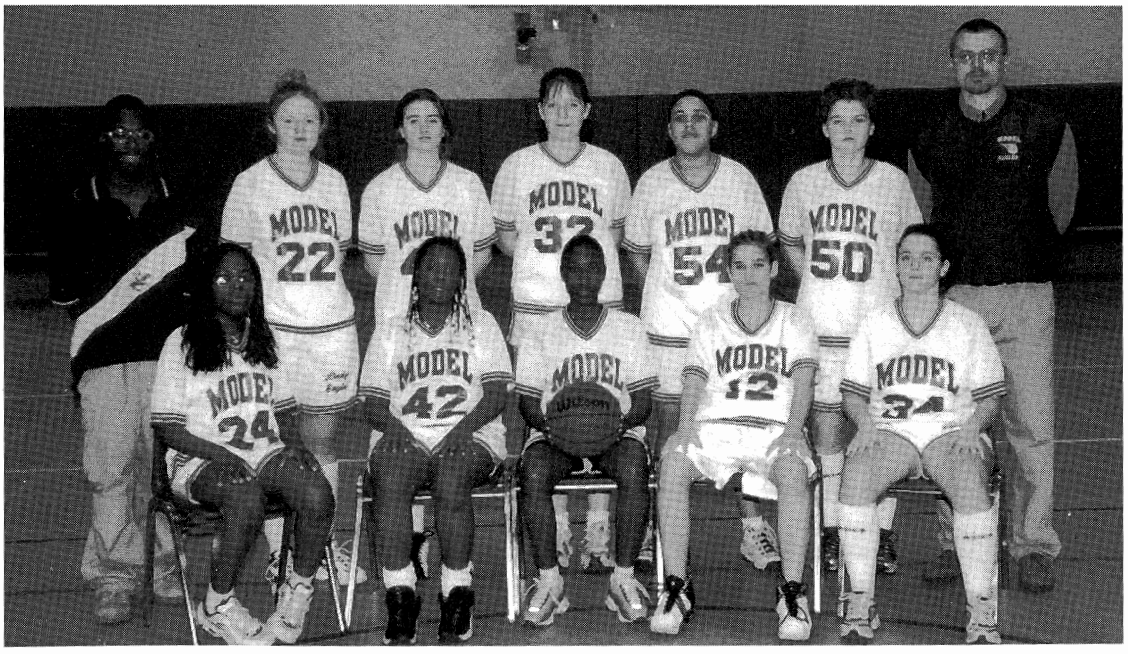
Back Row: Justin Burns, Michelle, Jerry Mabashov

Girls' Basketball

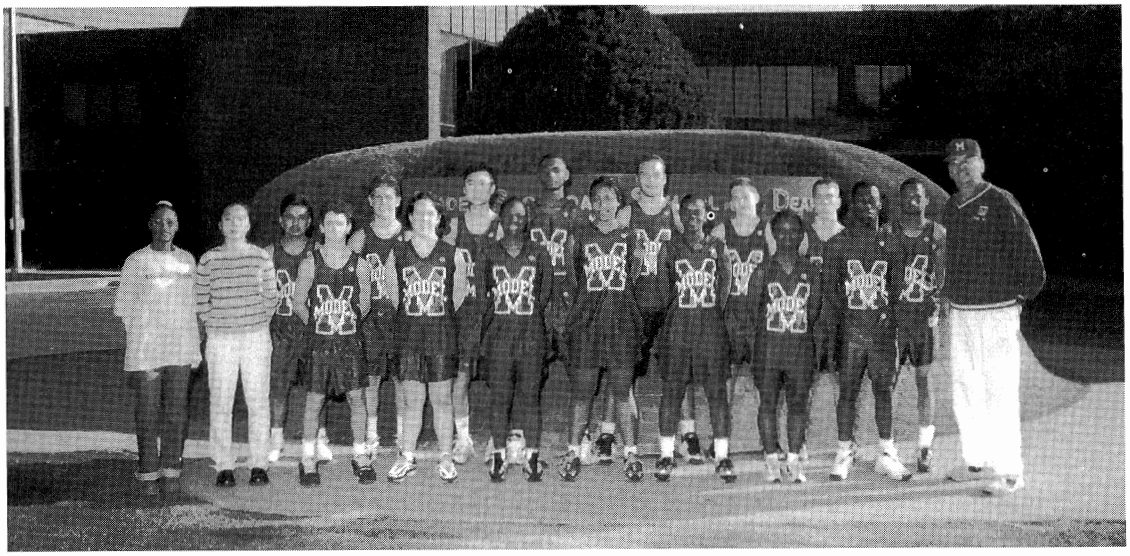


Varsity Team
Front Row: Ibukun Odunlami, Valencia Smith, Raymonda Azrelyant,
Latoya Plummer, Fatimah Abdul-Rahim
Back Row: Misty Johnson, Isabella Roca, Bellamie Bachleda, Darlene Tropp,
Rachel Burton, Coleen Farrell, Carl Denney

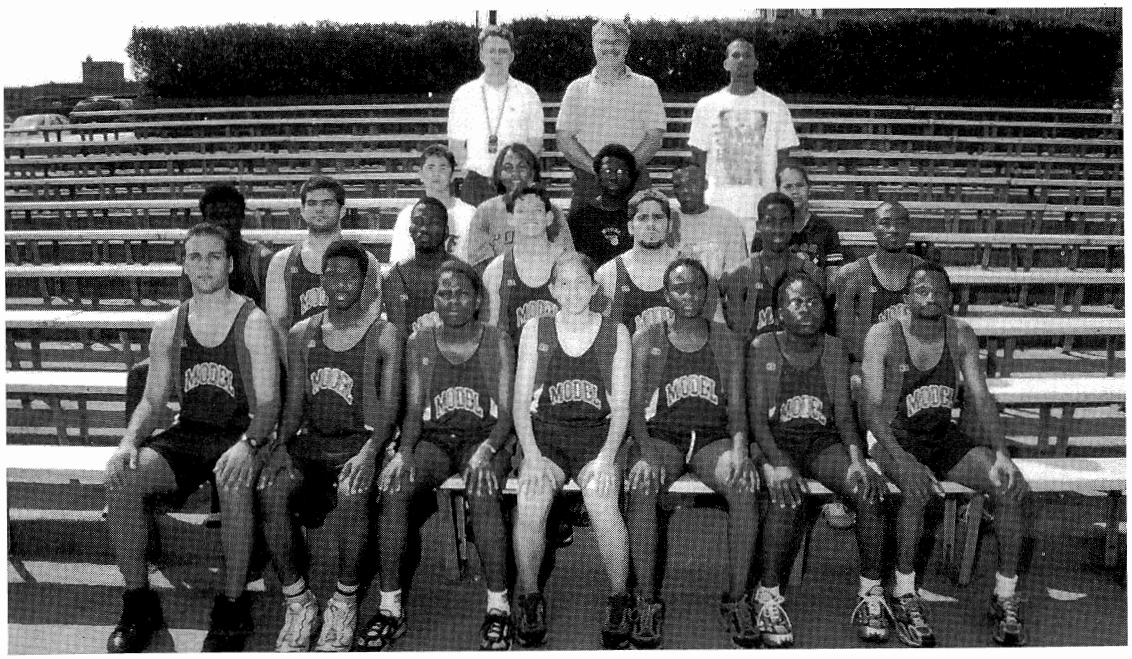


Junior Varsity Team
Front Row: Abiodun Odunlami, Ebony Whitley, Michelle Agard, Coleen Farrell, Rebecca Handley
Back Row: Trey Jetter, Shoshone Rissetto, Marie Harris, Rachel Burton,
Tonya Reed, Kristen Suiter, Carl Denney

Cross Country and Track & Field

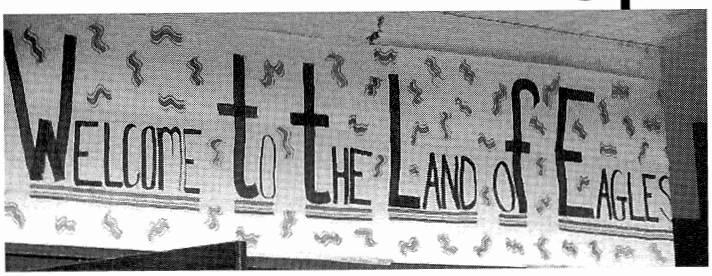


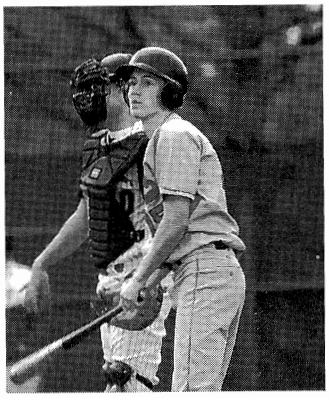
Cross Country Team
Front Row: Cynthia Darius, Mei Chen, Joshua Wray, Bridget Harris, Valencia Smith, Fatimah Abdul-Rahim, Selena McKnight, Monica Chambers, Trey Jetter, Coach Smrz
Back Row: Alfredo Tapia, Brian O'Hara, Johnny Kim, Javier Goodwin, Hatem Zarrouk, Jamie Weinstock, Stephen Herbert, James Addison

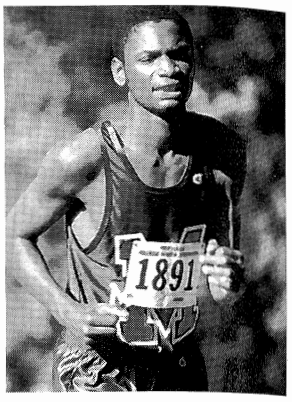


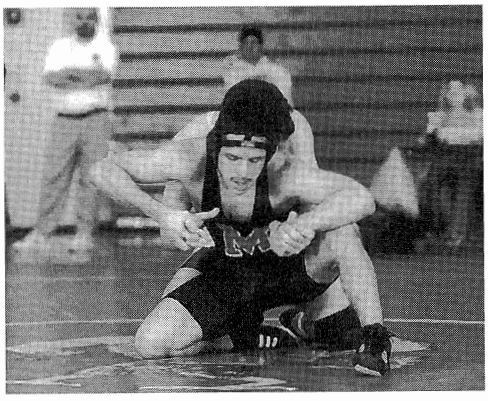
Track & Field Team
Front Row: Hatem Zarrouk, Dennis Rolle, Ibukun Odunlami, Blanca Mendoza, Latoya Plummer, Abiodun Odunlami, James Addison
Second Row: Akinkunmi Daramola, Peter Fassilis Trey Jetter, Scott Cohen, Dominick Leto, O'Dell Armwood, Tyrone Barnes
Third Row: Rodney Lee, Fatimah Abdul-Rahim, Batangana Levongala, Darryl Gantt, Tina Artero
Back Row: Sean Blake, Dennis Simpson, P.J.

Sports

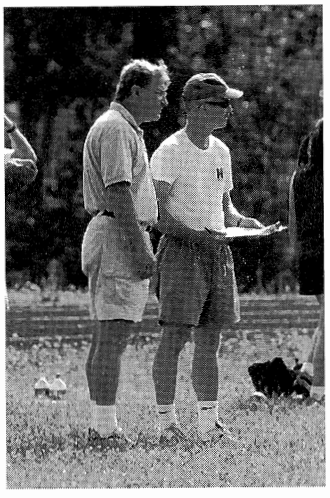


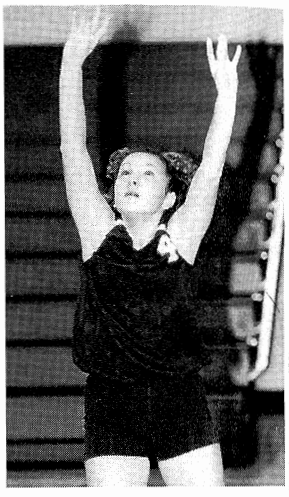




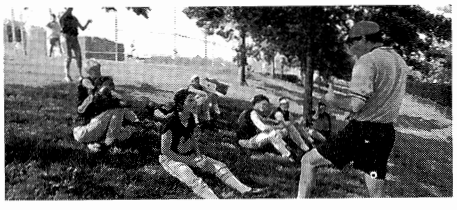


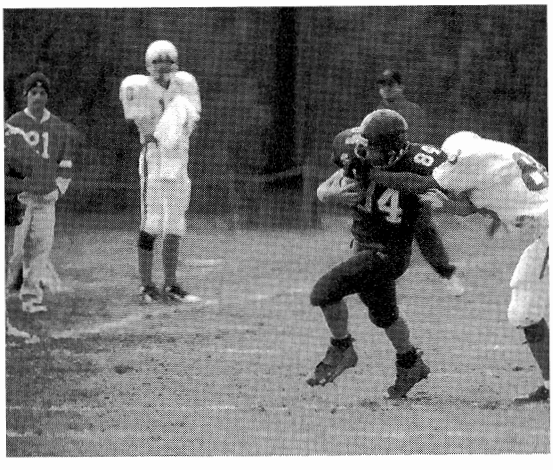




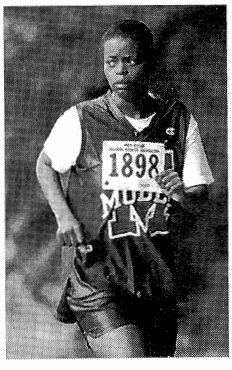




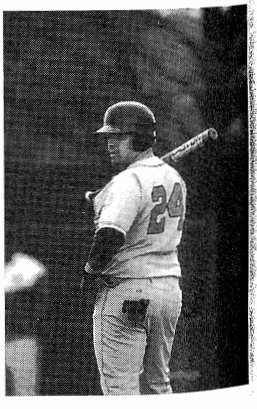


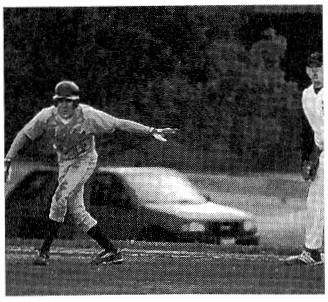


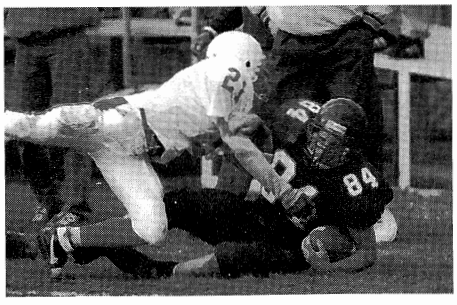












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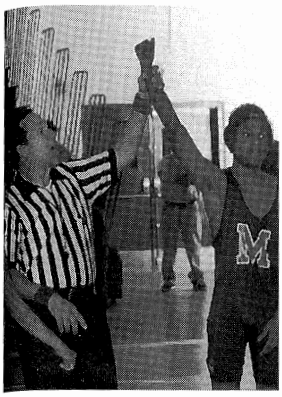

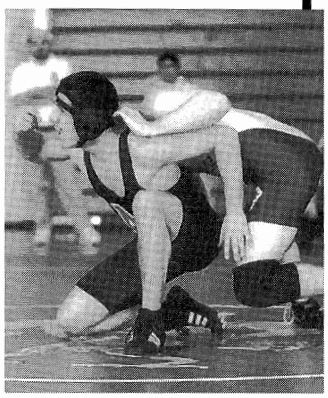

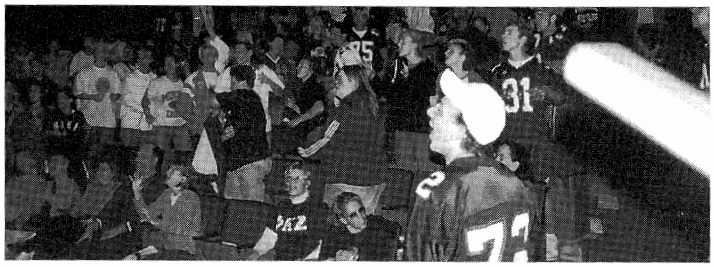

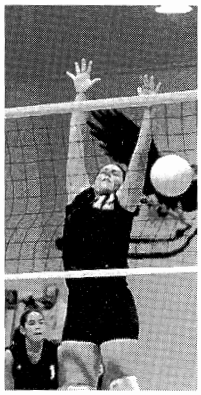

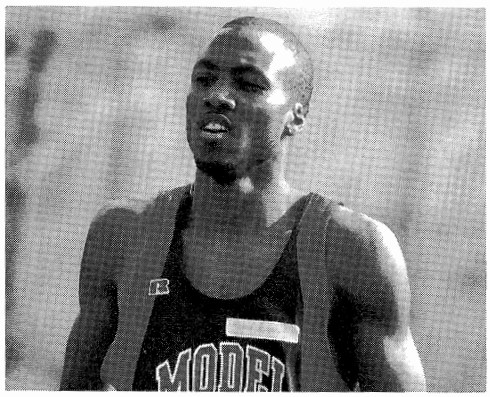

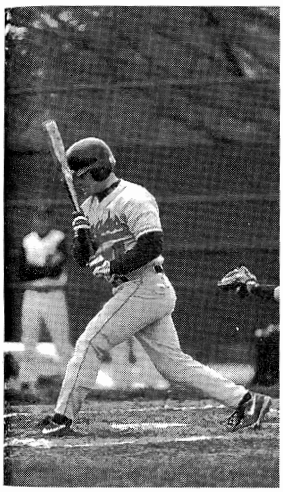

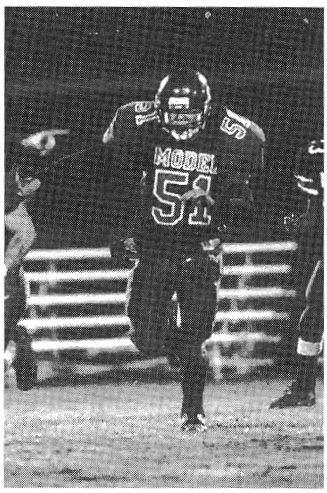

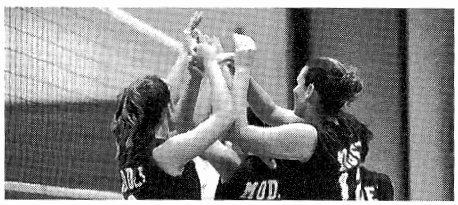

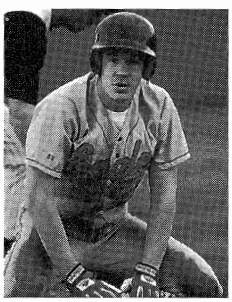

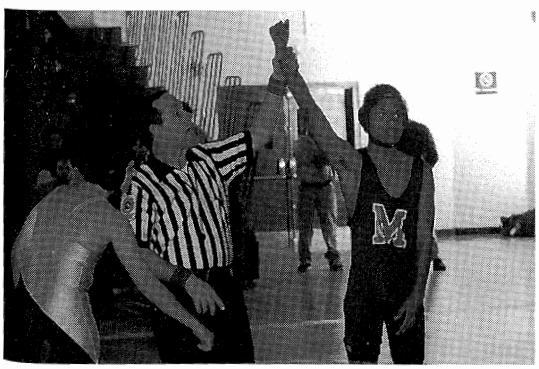

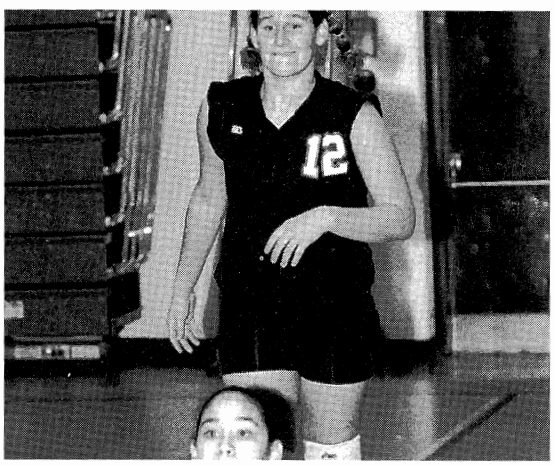

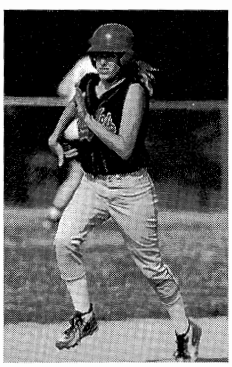

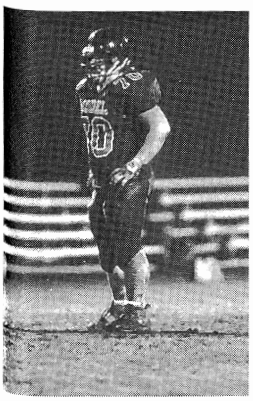

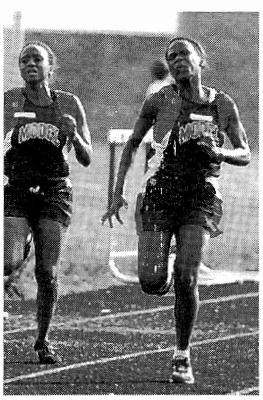



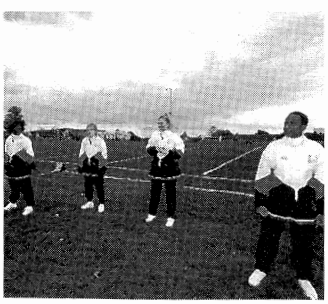

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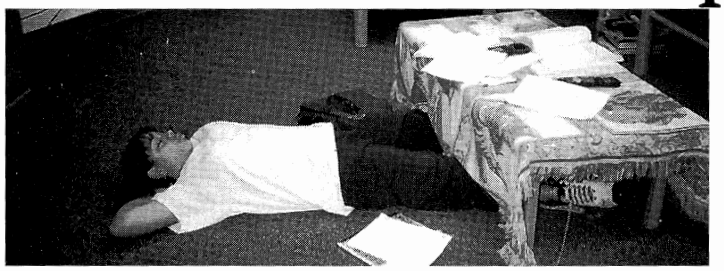
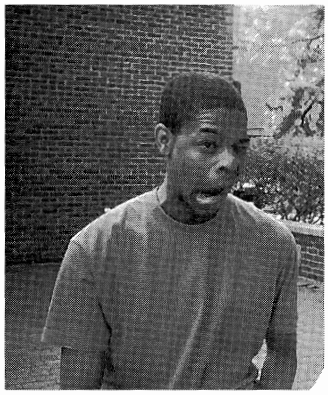
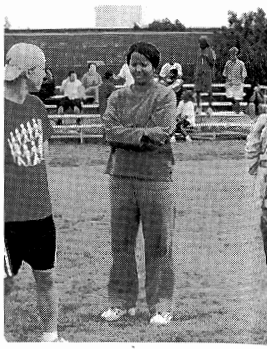
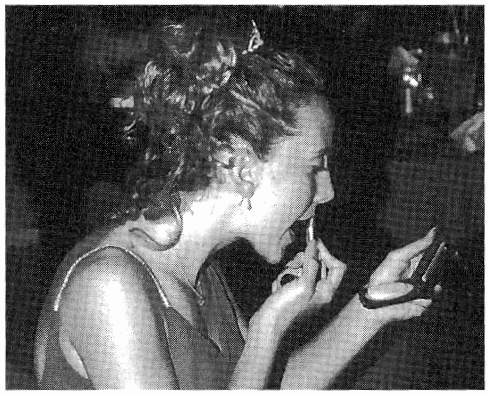
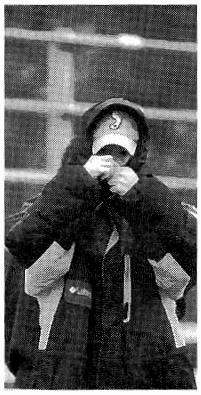
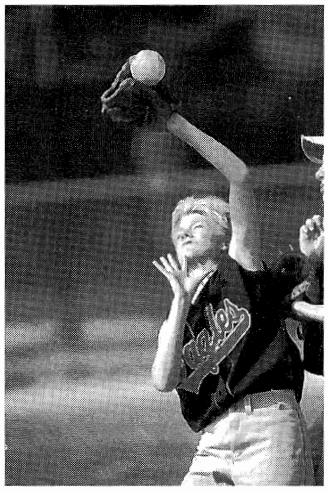
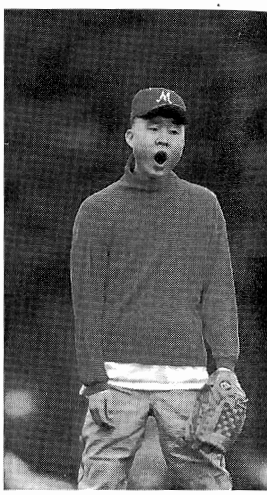
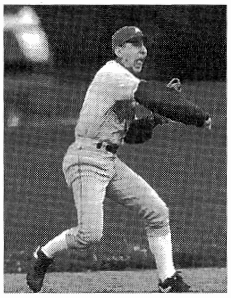
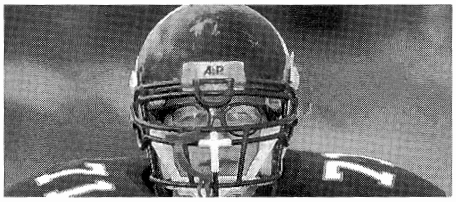
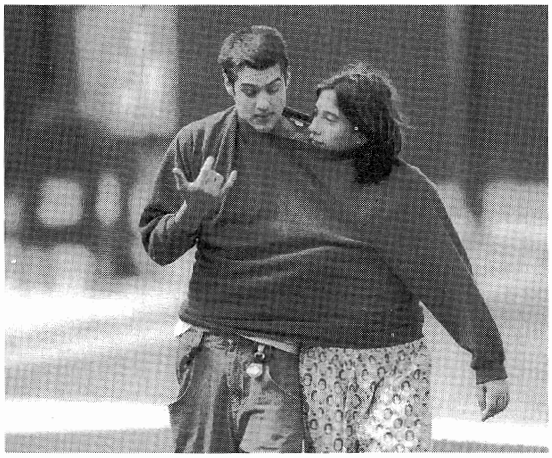
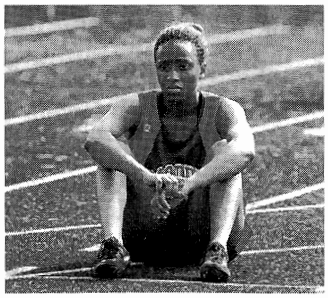
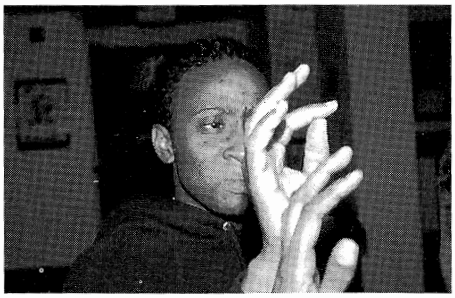
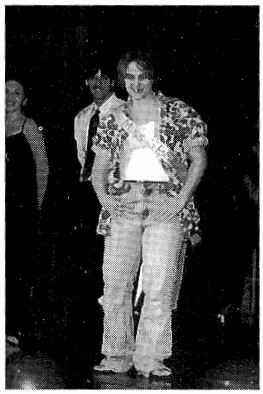
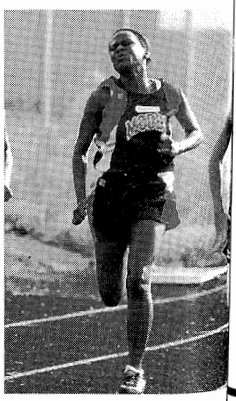












DEAR RAYMONDA,

We're so proud of you on this, your Graduation Day!

Today,
You may not know all that
The world has to offer ...
But we know that the world
Will be a better place
Because of what you have
To offer it.

Today,
You may not know which path
You should follow ...
But we know that you will
Listen to your own heart,
For it will never lie.

Today,
You may question what you
Have already accomplished ...
But we know you will
Never doubt what you can do.

As all of your tomorrows
Open themselves to you,
Never forget how proud we are
Of you
And how much we love you ...
Yesterday, today, and always.

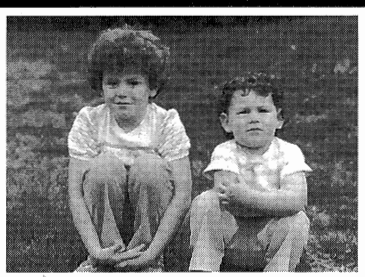
May Life Bring You
Much Happiness and Success

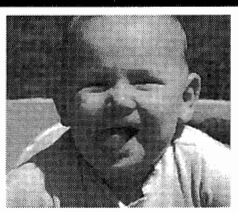
With Much Love, MOM, DAD, and GARRI

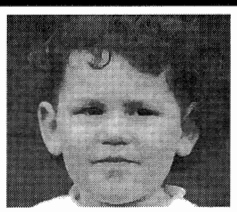
Darlene Dolores Tropp

The time has finally come. You are graduating with the class of 2000. We look back and reflect on our memories and see how you have emerged into the strong and confident young woman you are. You were and still are a role model for your younger brother. You've contributed a lot to your lives, and we are grateful for that. It has been a delight watching you grow — from your preschool day s to your first dance at junior high to the day you entered high school and now to the day you're graduating. We are very lucky to have played a part in your life, to be able to watch you evolve into what you are now. We want you to know that we are very proud of both your academic and athletic achievements. May you carry your success over into your future. You are hardworking, responsible, beautiful, and intelligent — to sum it up in a few words — every parent's dream.

Love, Dad, Mom, Donald, and Butch

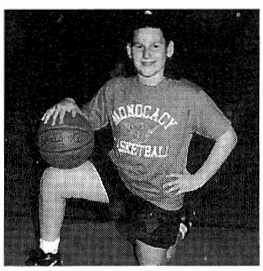


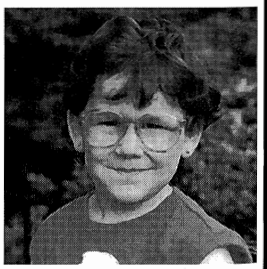


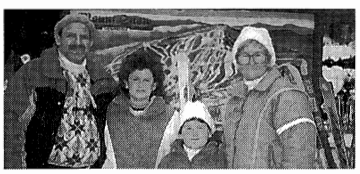




Kristy,
A March afternoon, seventeen years ago
You joined our circle
And made it complete -
A family of four.
A brown-haired tyke,
You were the cutest of the cute.
Pre-school, nursery, lower school ...
Bagels after school, snow tunnels, summers in the van.
Time rolled on and on -
Middle school brought new friends, new experiences,
Growing up wasn't easy, but you did it your own way.
Summer camps, basketball leagues, Girl Scouts.
For you, high school was a dream come true,
MSSD beckoned, and you went.
Four memorable, fun and lively years.
Volleyball, FSSSF, and anything you dared to do.
A June afternoon, seventeen years later,
Your tassel over to the other side, diploma in hand.
The world is at your fingertips -
It's your show now.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Star









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