

AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

• 2003 •

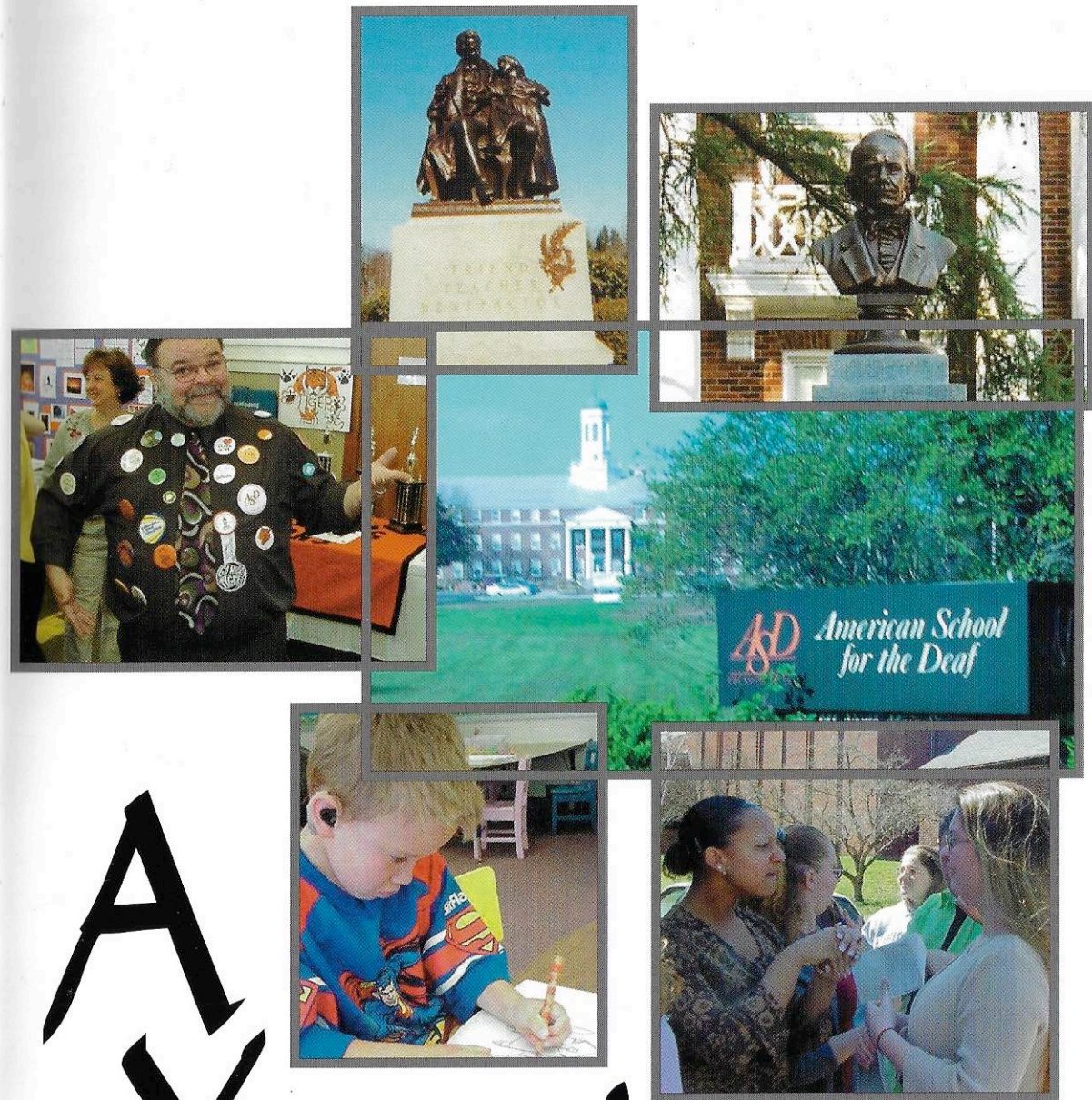
Vol. 40



*A Year to Remember*  
2003



To go to the  
w  
to  
a

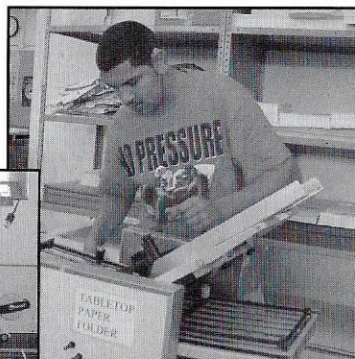


# A Year to Remember

## AMERICAN 2003

American School for the Deaf  
139 North Main Street  
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107  
(860) 570-2300  
Volume: 40

Joel Soto does some work on the folding machine in printing class.



Brent Bastien cuts wood in vocational wood class.



Allison Heron in Vocational Art paints a multi-level landscape, matching all the colors in her color wheel.

## Student Quotes

• "Upper School is very active, never lazy or boring. I can't imagine where the teachers come up with cool stuff for us to learn." ~ *Juanita Soto*

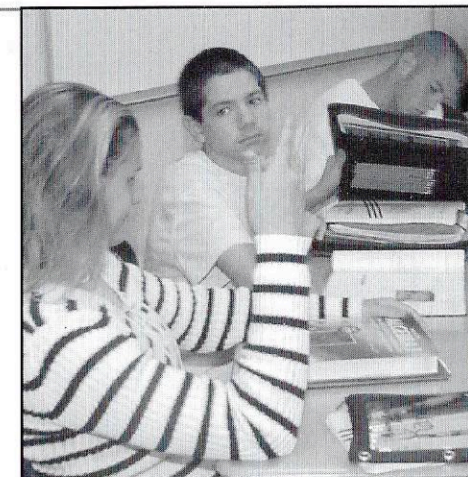
• "COS (Classroom of the Sea) is my most favorite program!" ~ *Jason Williams*

• "I love Vocational-Technical classes because they are so much fun to learn using creative technical stuff." ~ *Chris Faulborn*

• "I love Upper School because I learned many new things and feel so fantastic about it!" ~ *Imran Sarfani*

• "We have great teachers and staff. We also made a lot of new friends with other students." ~ *Jennifer Santos*

• "I love ASD since I joined, and I was raised well educated. Thanks to my parents for bringing me to a wonderful deaf school." ~ *Justina Guizar*



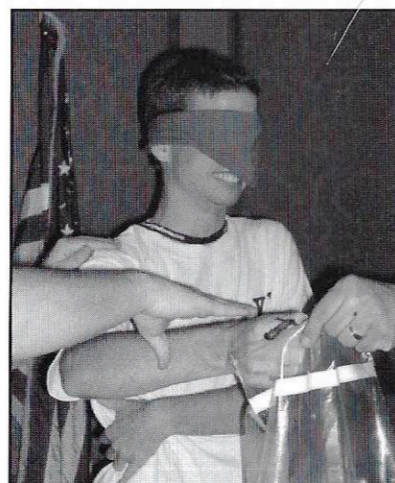
Striped Amanda Stillwagon giggles as Carl Borsotti watches, while Josh Howe does some class work.

# a year of exploration

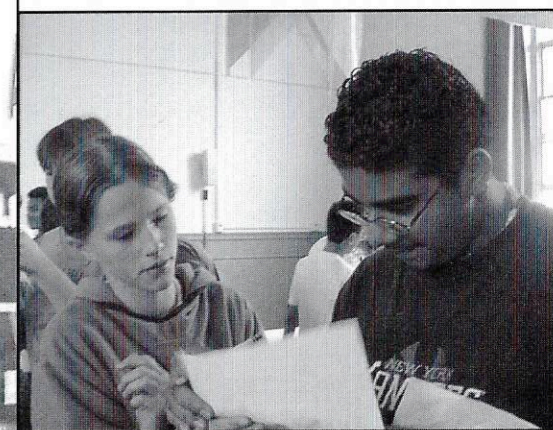
The sound of thousands of feet running up and down the stairs, the rattling of the lockers, the rustling of papers due, flashes of whizzing backpacks—another typical day at the Upper School has begun.

Upper School life is anything but routine. With its interesting and exciting class projects, doing art, puppetry, history, and zillions more amazing things, students are bound to be busy throughout the year and still look for more.

Upper School also provides tutoring, countless trips, including the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C., and other educational activities. There are also three groups called Quads. We have Quads to keep the school organized and to help us learn to work together as a team.



Blindfolded Michael Kennedy reaches in a plastic bag containing the unknown.



Allison Heron stands in anticipation as Jose Giraldo inspects her paper.

Something interesting caught Imran Sarfani's eye as he walked by the curtains on his way to give a presentation.

## One's Favorites



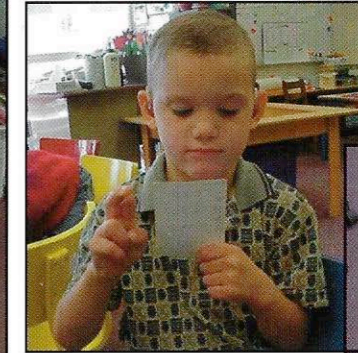
Joshua Hall, Bryan Dolan and Matthew Labrecque are listening to the teacher's demonstration on a science project.

- The best thing about Cogswell is that I love picking on Mr. Schroeder ~ *Amanda Donovan*
- I love playing in P.E. at Cogswell. ~ *Albert Blake*
- I love Science Class. ~ *Matthew Labrecque*
- I like to draw in art class. ~ *Xavier Pagan*
- I love art class and computers. ~ *Joshua Hall*
- Art is my favorite subject. ~ *Ashley Muchgensang*
- Christa Bolen is my favorite teacher. ~ *Bryan Perez*

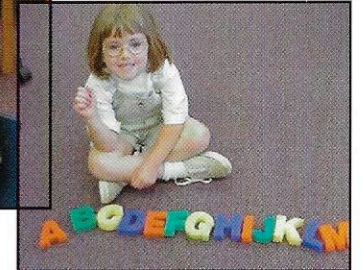
Ryan Riordan plays with puzzles in the classroom at Cogswell, while classmate Albanice Aviles looks on.



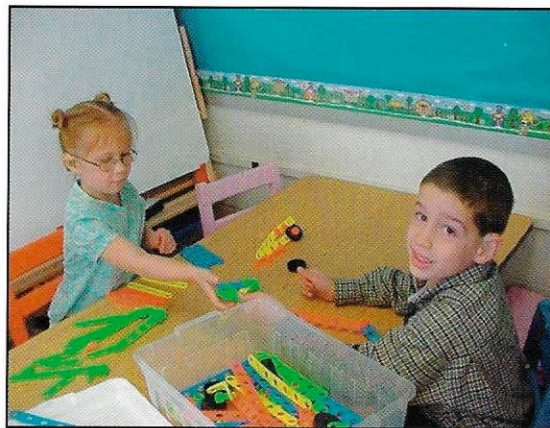
Andrew Trusock studies the alphabet during a learning session at Cogswell. Here he signs the letter, "R."



Jenilee Marques signs the letter "A" while sitting and playing with the alphabet blocks.

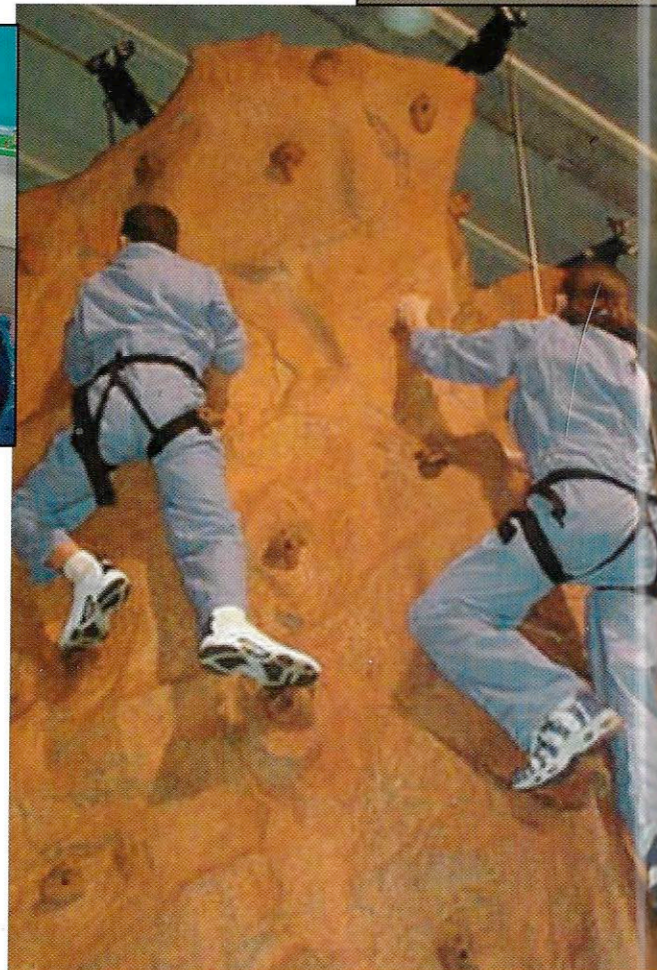


# a year of inquiring young minds

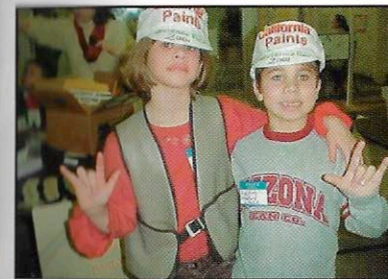


Gabriela Levesque and Marcus Greco play with "legos" during recess.

Agnieszka Satkырzypek and her gang at Space Camp in Alabama climb the rocks during a training session.



Young students' eyes look at the American flag in the classroom. This year is a year "to always remember." The young students are very inquisitive and are learning many new things. They learn mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, and much more.

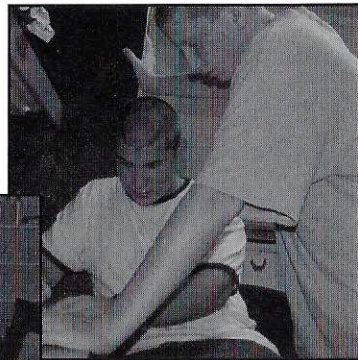


Lilana Colon and John LaJoie sign "I Love You" during the Cogswell Science Fair.

During the school year, some students are involved with the ASLEP program (After School Learning Enrichment Program). This is a program where the students have more learning time while they enjoy many different fun activities.

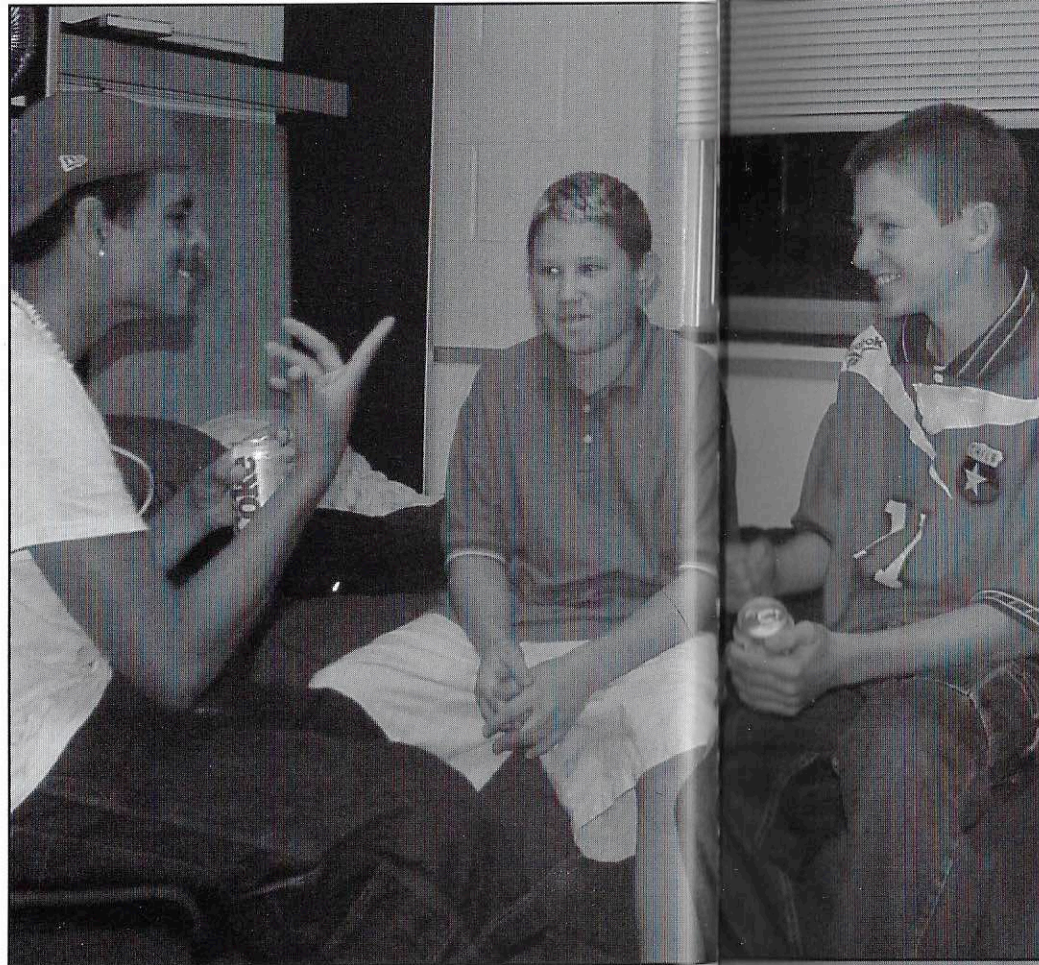
Pre-school at Cogswell is for two-year to four-year olds and is a great place for a child to learn. During the school year, the pre-schoolers play, go on numerous field trips, take naps, learn signs and early education, eat snacks, and celebrate birthdays.

Ryan Hastings, acting like tutor, helps out fellow student Adam Lemay with a math problem.



Amanda Stillwagon does her homework during study hour in her room.

# a year of experience



Mark Mohan and Richie Tyliniski laugh as Jose Feliciano tells a joke.

## Social Memories

• "I love going to the Student Lounge where there is plenty of food and time to socialize!" ~ Jennifer Aponte

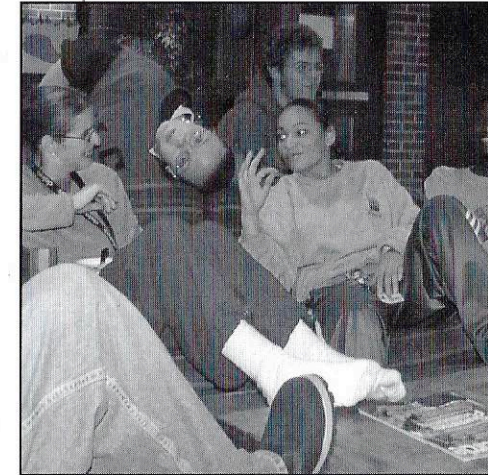
• "Every Wednesday, it is always fun to get wet and wild swimming in the olympic-sized pool." ~ Jordan Gusch

• "I have been living in the dormitory for a few years. Looking back, I can say positively that it has given me wonderful experiences to cherish." ~ Tim Heads, Jr.

• "When we are given the opportunity, it is so much fun to take advantage of our independence and go to West Hartford Center or Bishops Corner for some ice cream!" ~ Trudyann Smith

• "I am thankful for the new dorm, the Life Skills dormitory. Whenever there is a good movie on, everyone gathers together to watch it." ~ Daniel Salazar

• "I can't think of a better way of learning my social skills than being in the dorm. Being here also helps me understand others' weaknesses and strengths." ~ Allison Heron



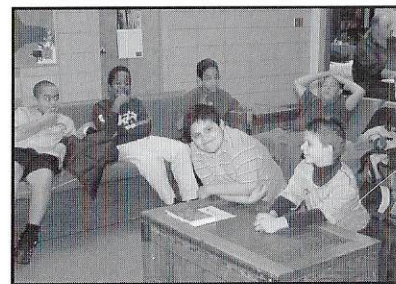
These Life Skills residents are having the time of their lives! Leimarie Diaz, Kari Hart, and Jessica Gretta get silly while Kevin Wallace looks on with a big, toothy grin.

Once the bells flash and ring down the halls, students grab their bags and go straight to where? Ah, yes, their precious dorms!

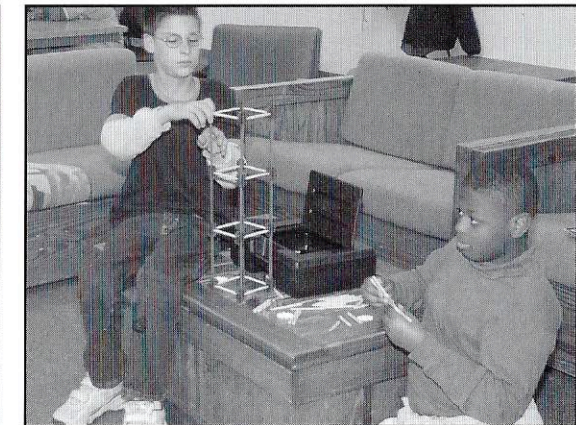
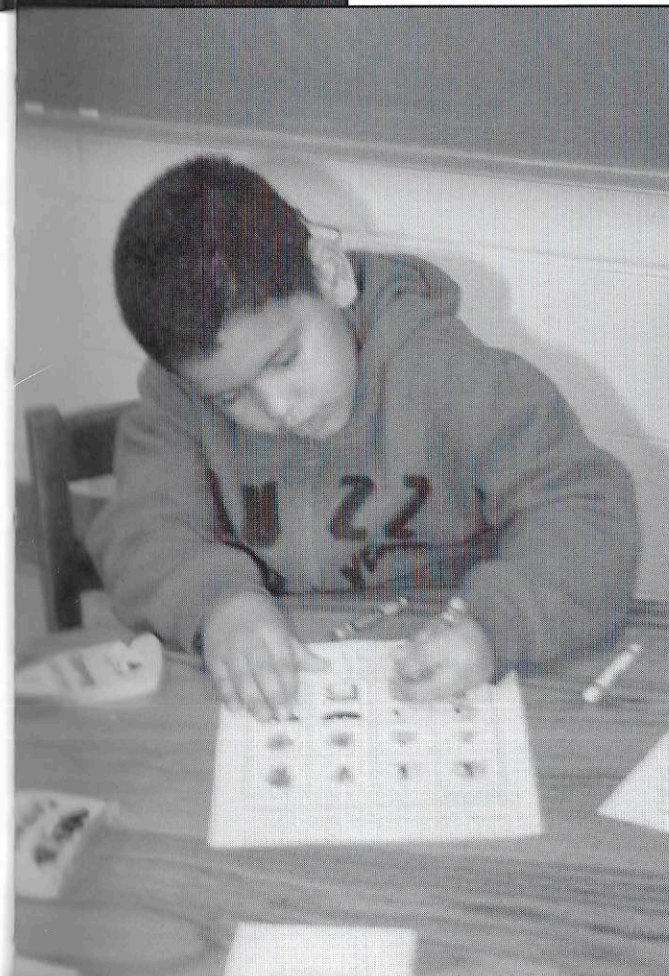
Seniors and some Juniors live in Butterworth, the Clerc girls moved to A-Wing, and the Holt boys to Clerc dorm due to Holt dorm remodelings. Upper School residents have fun in sports, in after-school activities, or just enjoy relaxing.

Life in the dorm is always interesting: You get to know people better every day.

Sometimes we throw surprise birthday parties for students. We have parties for the honors students. Each student knows that every day is a challenge. But we know, at all times, we are united.



Cogswell students relax in the living room while some of them watch T.V.



Billy Fallon builds a tower with Joshua Hall at Cogswell.

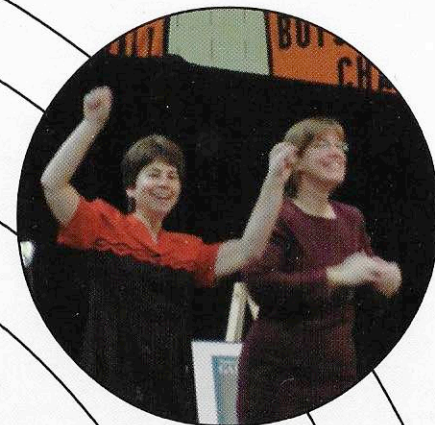
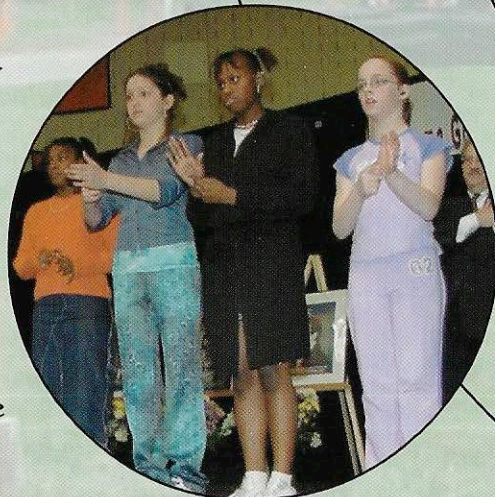
A quiet Javier Santana colors pictures during recess.

# 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The American School for the Deaf turned 185 years old on April 15, 2002. For a full week the school was given over to special events, ceremonies, banquets, displays and plays to celebrate the founding of the school which marked the beginning of formal education for deaf and hard of hearing people in America.

A highlight of the festive period was a visit by the Governor of Connecticut, John G. Rowland, to dedicate Butterworth Residence Hall, which was renovated with state funding. In his speech to the ASD "family," the Governor promised additional funding for much-needed renovations to Gallaudet Hall.

"This school is like a precious jewel," he said to enthusiastic applause. "Every now and then you have to polish it up."



The soccer team stands proudly and watches while the national anthem is being signed.

## Player Quotes



Kyle Perusse shoots a free throw with excellent form.

**Soccer**  
 • "The task of the game is to play with all your enthusiasm and, of course, to make an exceptional goal." ~ Leo Casella

**Volleyball**  
 • "Volleyball is the only sport that you can jump and spike to express your emotions." ~ Jennifer Lueth

**Wrestling**  
 • "Each match can lead to either victory or defeat, no wrestler knows if he'll win or not" ~ Russell Milne

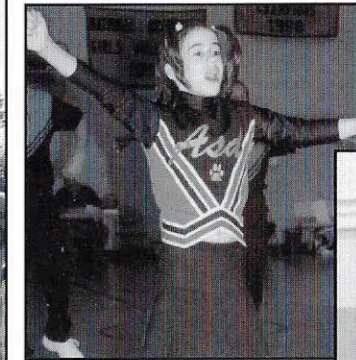
**Basketball**  
 • "When you play basketball, there will always be obstacles to face and the chance of victory with outstanding sportsmanship." ~ Alycia Ruszyk

**Cheerleading**  
 • "Cheerleaders are the only humans that can fly!" ~ Kristy Borsotti

**Track**  
 • "Acceleration, confidence and determination are the three main keys to win a meet." ~ Sorangel Arroyo



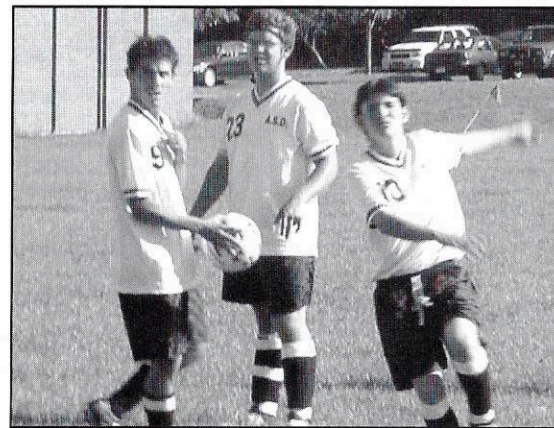
Stephanie Durand, a cheerleader, shows spirit for our roaring Tigers.



Two young wrestlers, Mark Mohan and Nick Russo look on in anticipation.



# a year of challenges



Camilo Salinas, Leo Casella and Daniel Salazar warm up for a soccer game.

Chrystina Dennie stabilizes her tennis racket.



Sports provide some of the most exciting events at our school. It gives the students something to look forward to, something to stamp and cheer about and it pumps up their adrenaline.

To participate in sports requires sportsmanship, a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and a willingness to face challenges.

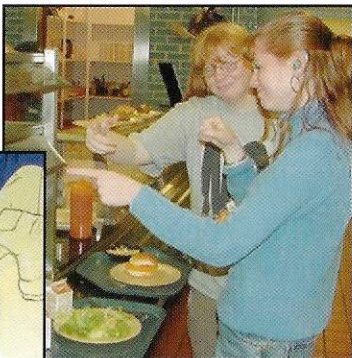
All through the year our school provides various sports programs. In the fall, students can choose to participate in soccer or volleyball. We also have aggressive girls' and boys' basketball teams, wrestling and our high-spirited cheerleading team in the winter. In the spring, we have a girls' tennis team, which was founded two years ago, and our swift runners on the boys' and girls' track teams.

Sports can bring a variety of emotions to each player. It increases each one's desire to succeed and improve each one's attitude. Sports provides wonderful exercise, relieving our tired minds after all the school work!



Jennifer Santos, a senior, stretches before an upcoming volleyball game.

Pointing at a dessert, Crystal McCaffery signs "yes" to Stephaine Foster.



Jose Giraldo gracefully signs his beautiful poetry at the ASL poetry contest.



Rose Padua couldn't help but give the camera her metallic 1,000-megawatt smile!

## Activities Quotes

**Luau**  
 • "The Luau party hosted by the Yearbook club was so much fun! The smoothies were fantastic! It was fun seeing people in hulas, with colored flowers around their necks!" ~ Nick Russo

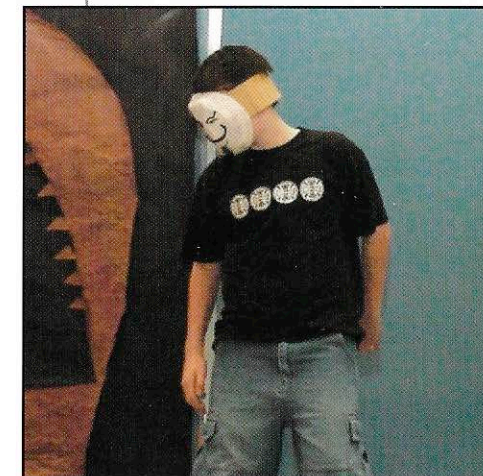
**Valentine's Day**  
 • "Valentine's day never meant so much to me but when it came to this day - I loved it!" ~ Shana Livingstone

**Puppet Show**  
 • "It was interesting to see students prancing around in costumes and acting like an actual puppet only without strings attached!" ~ Amanda Stillwagon

**Cafeteria**  
 • "Having lunch is a wonderful way to take a break from the long hours of classroom teachings. Socializing is one of my foremost favorite things to do at the cafeteria!" ~ Carl Borsotti

**Chapel**  
 • "When we enter the chapel we can experience various of moods. Some days, when filled with the roaring spirit we cheer and make loud noises. It's wonderful!" ~ Joshua Tozeski

**ASL Poetry**  
 • "American Sign Language is a fascinating language. This is one way we proudly make sure our beautiful culture is heard." ~ Ryan Furches



A masked Jeremy Albright acts like a puppet on the stage as a part of the puppetry show.

# a year of exhilaration

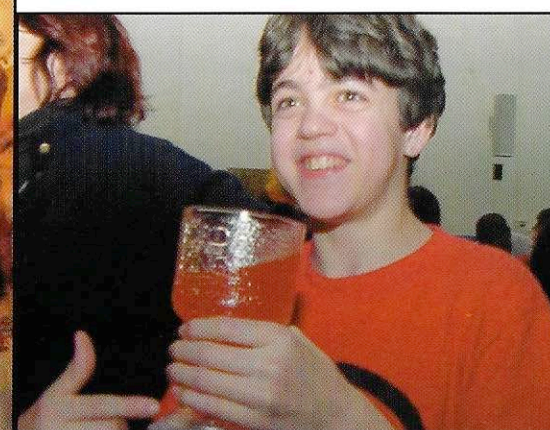
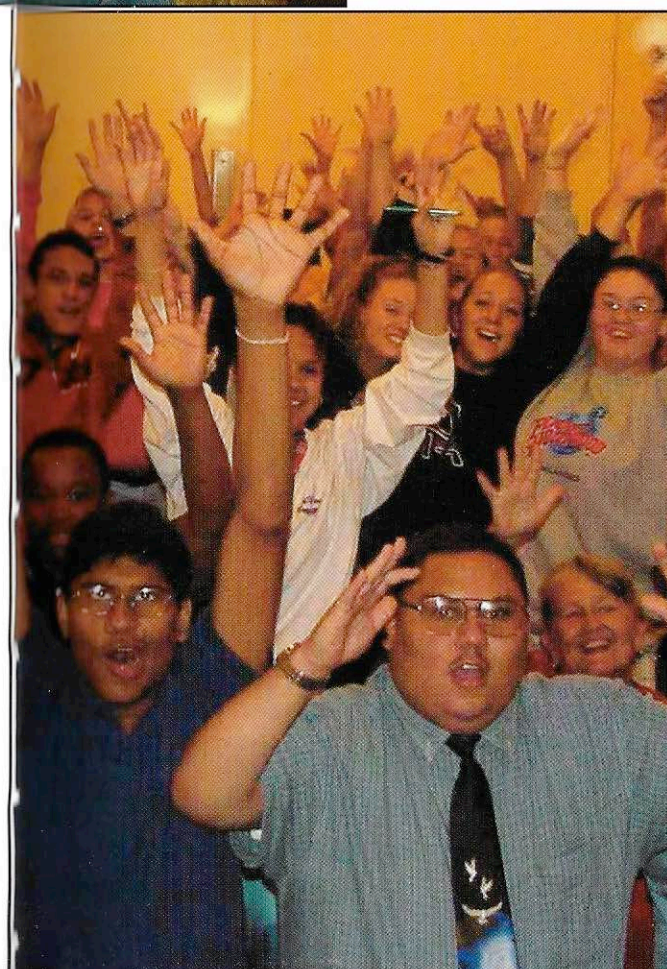
There's often fun lurking just around the corner, like the Annual Luau Bash, puppet shows, the Christmas Ball, a poetry contest and so on. Class parties are held to raise funds for good causes, like charities, but it's also a great way to end – or begin – an exciting week. There are always smiles around the school when a scheduled party is closing in. Everyone talks about what they're going to wear to the party, what dance style they're going to do, what a lot of fun it will be there!

Exhilaration seems to be in students' genes, for they are never sleepy nor lazy. There's always something going on, like volleyball games, barbeque cookouts in the grove, or walking to West Hartford Center for a cone at Baskin Robbins. A wise man once said, "Life is short; enjoy it as much as you can."

Students can safely say this: We really enjoy it all right!



Stephanie Durand gives her all to make it under the limbo! Careful, don't split your new pants, Steph!



Ryan Furches smirks and points to his fruit punch.

Roaring students stamp and cheer to show their pride for the camera.



Governor Rowland poses with a small crowd for ASD's 185<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## Spoken Pride

**W**e 185 years our school has proudly stood as a symbol to deaf students in America and other countries as the first deaf school in America. We stand strong together as a family and a community." ~ June Terry

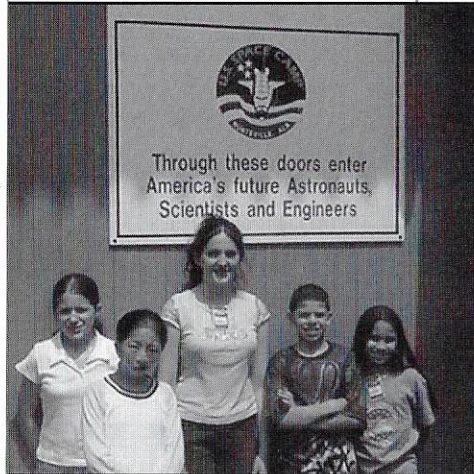
**A**rre "I love our new dorm even though it was once the nurses' office." ~ Anthony Russo

**P**roud "A new parking lot with flowers around it could attract new visitors to come to school here. More space to park and maybe the flowers could help the beauty of our school grow." ~ Gail Lawrence

**O**f Education is the most important thing in the world. Thankfully, ASD has special programs that can meet the needs of a deaf child in classes." ~ Paula Baran

**O**ur "Man, I needed money to buy a new video game. If it wasn't for Student Work Experience (SWEP), I probably couldn't afford it." ~ Brandon Daigneault

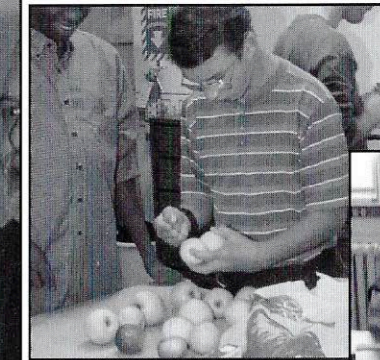
**S**chool "Outer space is unbelievable place to explore and learn about. Someday, maybe a few of us will be wearing white suits and a tank." ~ Stephanie Durand



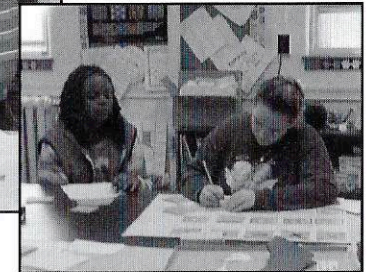
The Space Team (l-r: Stephaine Benson, Emily Hawkinson, Aga Skrzypek, Jonathan Ortiz, and Lymarie Rodriguez) poses in front of NASA's doors in Alabama.



Michael Vogel examines a fresh green apple in the newly renovated Quad 1 Center.



Peta-Gaye Alexander and Melina Ruszyk work on their project for the Quad 5 Math Fair.

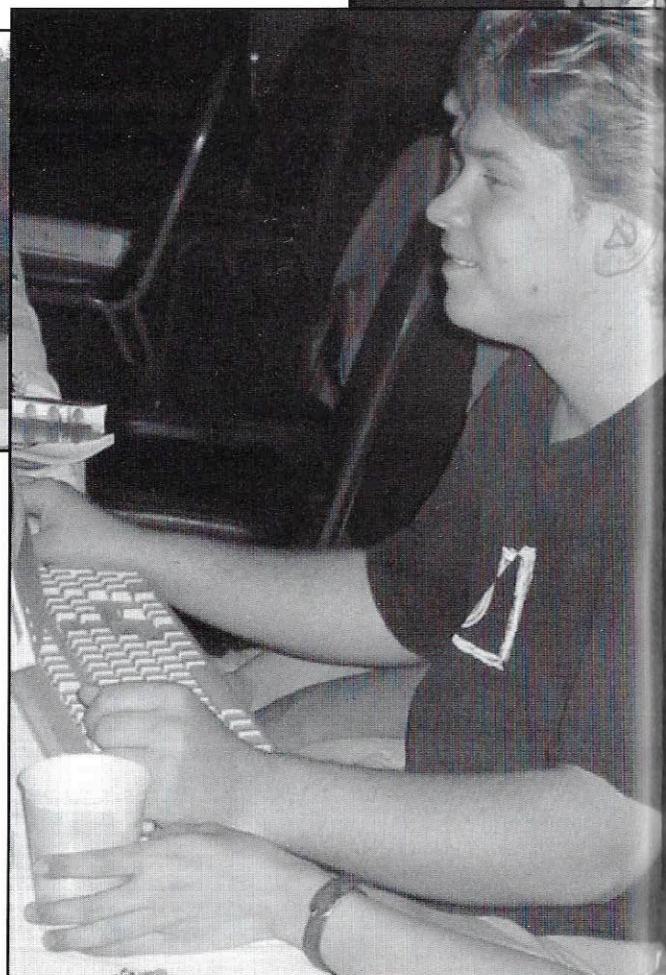


## a year of triumph



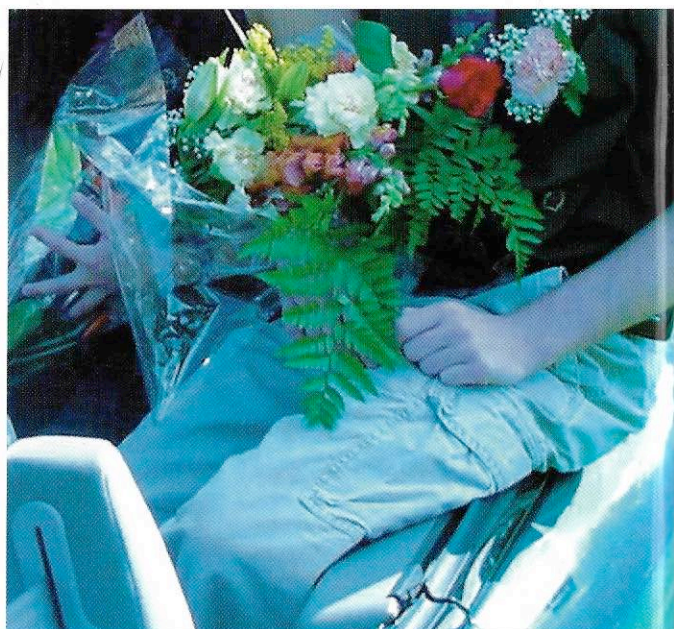
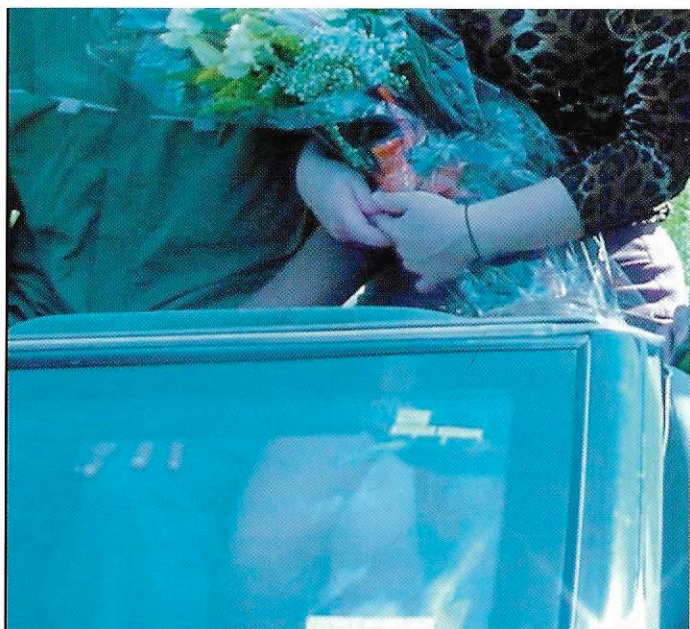
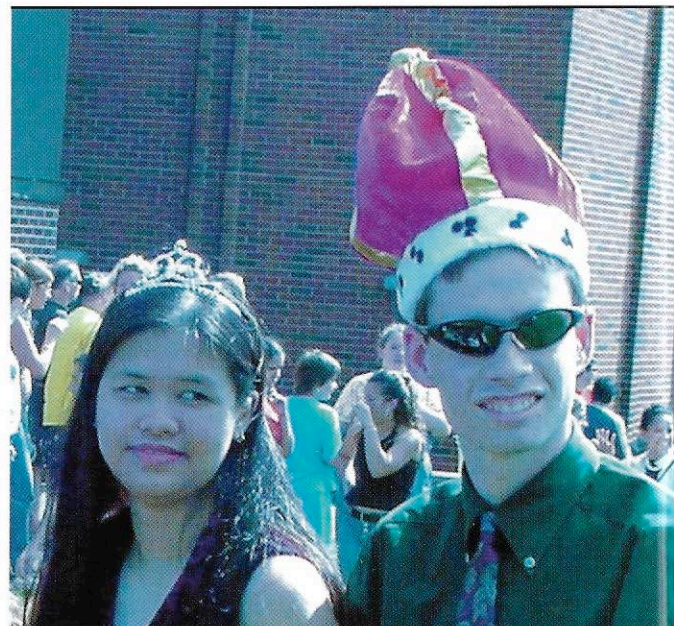
The statue of our beloved Alice Cogswell and her first teacher, Thomas Gallaudet, is put back in its place.

Jason Williams practices new computer skills he is learning at the annual yearbook workshop.



Rebekah Abrante signs some information she recently learned to a visitor at the Cogswell science fair. Andrew Trusock III listens attentively.

What a sparkling year it has been for all of us here at ASD! Successful events have occurred one after another, and still our students and staff are amazed by the great changes made this year. Our school celebrated its 185th anniversary with a special guest - Governor Rowland! Yearbook members experienced a fantastic long weekend of advanced desktop workshops and the last Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park. Students who excel with numbers, Quad 5, hosted a Math Fair of their own. Cogswell students also wanted to show what they know related to science, so they had a fun-filled science fair. Our Quad 1 center has been relocated to a spacious, nice area for students to learn and do experiments.



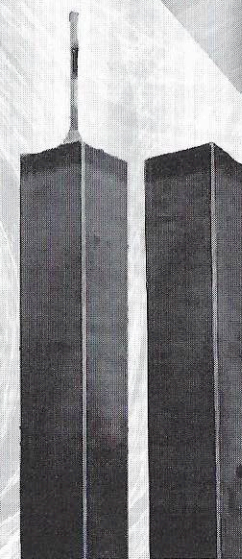
## Moments of Royalty

[www.asd-1817.org](http://www.asd-1817.org)

Crowned Homecoming King Michael Kennedy smiles along with Queen Jennifer Santos, Princess Alycia Ruszyk and Prince Mahdi Al-Jabri.

*"It feels good to be supportive to my friends and show all students I am a leader."*

*~ Leimarie Diaz*



*Seniors*

**Mahdi Eidha Al-Jabri**  
"MA"  
Abu Dhabi,  
United Arab Emirates



**Activities:**  
Soccer, Student Lounge Treasurer, Yearbook Photographer, and Homecoming Prince

**Goal:** To work as Computer Technician or Designer

**First Word:** "M"

**Quote:** "Oh Good!" (eye winks)



**Sorangel Maria Arroyo**  
"Suli"  
New Haven, CT



**Activities:**  
Volleyball, Basketball, Track Captain, Jr. CAD, French, Mexican and Drama Clubs, Student Lounge Manager, and Class Treasurer

**Goal:** To attend a community college or NTID

**First Word:** "Mama"

**Quote:** "Whatever!"



**Leimarie Flores Diaz**  
"Leima"  
East Hartford, CT

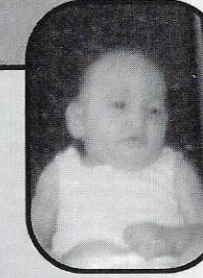


**Activities:**  
Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, and SWEP

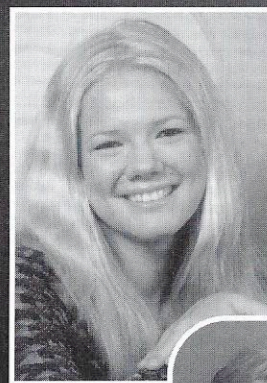
**Goal:** To attend SWICD

**First Word:** "Mama"

**Quote:** "A walk to remember!"



**Kristy Marie Borsotti**  
"Barbie"  
West Hartford, CT



**Activities:**  
Cheerleading Captain, Basketball, Track, Student Forum, CT Forum, Jr. CAD, COS, French and Drama Clubs, Martin Luther King, Jr., Class Vice President, Secretary, and Yearbook Club

**Goal:** To attend Gallaudet University

**First Word:** "Dada"

**Quote:** "Be true to yourself."



**William Nathan Dawson**  
"Goku"  
South Hadley, MA



**Activities:**  
SWEP -Kirchen Aide and Community Services

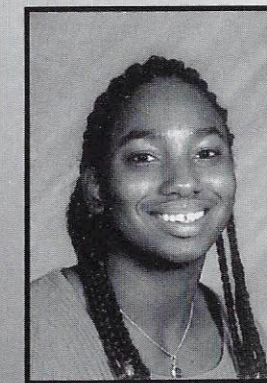
**Goal:** To attend NCCC

**First Word:** "You"

**Quote:** "No idea!"



**Sarah Love Francis**  
"SF"  
Bridgeport, CT



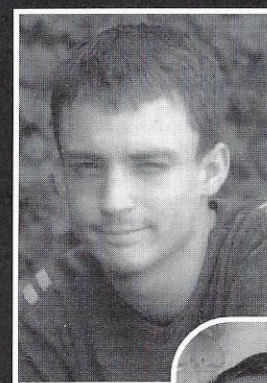
**Activities:**  
Cheerleader, Track, and Super Group

**Goal:** To have a job

**First Word:** "Mom"

**Quote:** "Dance and smile!"

**Timothy John DeCelles**  
"Tiny Tim"  
Woodstock, CT



**Activities:**  
Basketball, Soccer, Track, Wrestling, SWEP, Mexican Club, CT Forum, COS, Martin Luther King, Jr., Yearbook Co-Layout Editor, and Class Sergeant-at-Arms

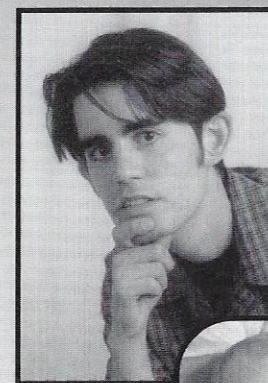
**Goal:** To attend a community college

**First Word:** "What"

**Quote:** "Why me?"



**Daniel Robert Devlin**  
"Danny"  
Meriden, CT



**Activities:**  
SWEP, Community Service, and French Club

**Goal:** To work for UPS Delivery Service

**First Word:** "Dad"

**Quote:** "What's up?"



**Justina Lynn Guizar**  
"Nina"  
Pawcatuck, CT



**Activities:**  
Volleyball, Basketball, Track, French and Mexican Clubs, Jr. CAD, MLK Jr., Student Forum, CT Forum, SL Treasurer and Assistant Manager, Class Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Yearbook Co-Editor

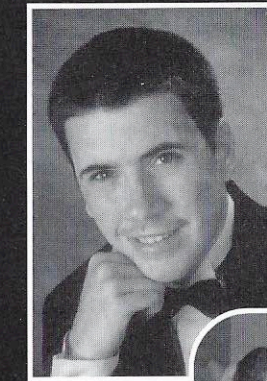
**Goal:** To attend college

**First Word:** "Food"

**Quote:** "I don't know, DUH!"



**Jared Eric Drake**  
"JD"  
Stanley, VA



**Activities:**  
SWEP-Mailman, ASL Literacy Club and Poetry

**Goal:** To work at United States Post Office in Virginia

**First Word:** "Mom"

**Quote:** "What's up?"



**Matthew Wallace Goyette**  
"Matt"  
Glastonbury, CT



**Activities:**  
Soccer, Basketball Captain, Academic Bowl, French Club, and Mr. ASD Deaf Teen

**Goal:** To attend NTID/RIT

**First Word:** "Mama"

**Quote:** "Hold on!"



**Jordan Frederick Gusch**  
"Big J"  
Monroe, CT



**Activities:**  
Track, Wrestling Manager, SWEP, French, Mexican, and Drama Clubs, Jr. CAD, Student Forum, Student Lounge Manager, COS, Yearbook Photographer Editor, Class Treasurer and Secretary

**Goal:** To attend Gallaudet University

**First Word:** "Baba"

**Quote:** "That's life."



**Carolyn Diane Hart**  
"Kari"  
North Haven, CT

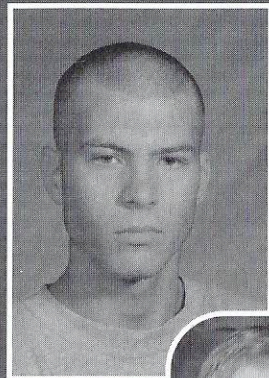


**Activities:**  
Basketball and SWEP

**Goal:** To attend Northern Essex Community College  
**First Word:** "Blue"  
**Quote:** "Surf beach."



**Joshua James Howe**  
"Josh"  
Northampton, MA



**Activities:**  
Soccer, Wrestling Track, SWEP, and Class Sergeant-at-Arms

**Goal:** To attend college  
**First Word:** "Mom"  
**Quote:** "Chill!"



**Russell Mark Milne**  
"Russ"  
Wethersfield, CT



**Activities:**  
Wrestling, SWEP, Student Forum, COS, and Yearbook Co-Layout Editor

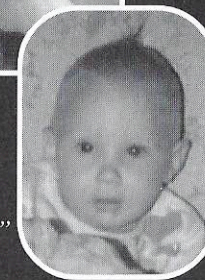
**Goal:** To attend NTID/RIT.  
**First Word:** "Mom"  
**Quote:** "Yeah, right."



**Alycia Marie Ruszyk**  
"Lycia"  
Dayville, CT



**Activities:**  
Basketball Captain, Volleyball, Student Forum, CT Forum, Jr. CAD, HOBY, Miss ASD Deaf Teen, Academic Bowl, COS, French and Drama Clubs, MLK Jr., Peer Mediator, Homecoming Princess, Class Vice President, and President  
**Goal:** To attend Gallaudet University  
**First Word:** "Dada"  
**Quote:** "Just remember, you are loved."



**Christine Emily Janick**  
"CJ2"  
Moosup, CT



**Activities:**  
Volleyball, Cheerleader, Tennis, CT Forum, French and Yearbook Clubs, SWEP, Student Lounge Assistant Manager, and Class Treasurer

**Goal:** To attend Tidewater Community College or Norfolk State University  
**First Word:** "OJ"  
**Quote:** "Serious!"



**Michael Brandon Kennedy**  
"Mike"  
Fairfield, CT



**Activities:**  
COS, French and Drama Clubs, SWEP, Academic Bowl, Jr. CAD, Close-Up Foundation, Junior Prom King, Homecoming King, Junior Marshall, Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Class President, Vice-President, and Secretary

**Goal:** To attend Gallaudet University  
**First Word:** "Wheel"  
**Quote:** "Are you kidding?"



**Jonathan Padilla Santiago**  
"Jon"  
Waterbury, CT



**Activities:**  
Soccer, Wrestling, Class Sergeant-at-Arms, French, Drama, and Mexican Club  
**Goal:** To attend college  
**First Word:** "Mama"  
**Quote:** "I love you!"

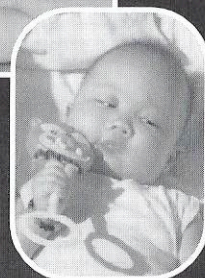


**Jennifer Anne San Diego Santos**  
"Anne"  
Norwalk, CT

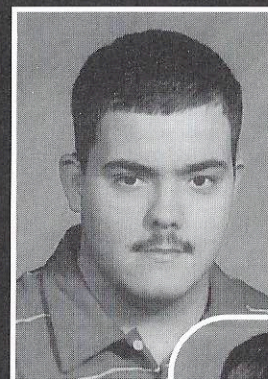


**Activities:**  
Volleyball, Basketball Manager, Tennis, Junior Prom Queen, Homecoming Queen, Junior Marshall, Peer Mediator, Yearbook Manager, and Class Sergeant-at-Arms

**Goal:** To attend Gallaudet University or NTID  
**First Word:** "Ma"  
**Quote:** "What are you doing? OH!"



**Luis Brendo Lora**  
"Pohce"  
Norwalk, CT



**Activities:**  
SWEP

**Goal:** To attend college in Tampa Bay, Florida  
**First Word:** "Mom"  
**Quote:** "It's too hard! (laughs)"



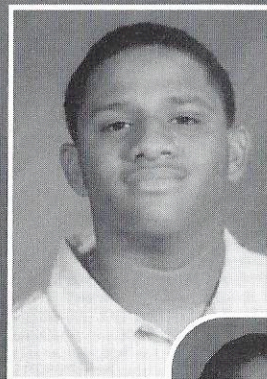
**Jennifer Ann Marie Lueth**  
"Jen"  
North Grosvenordale, CT



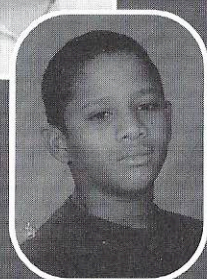
**Activities:**  
Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Student Forum, CT Forum, Yearbook Photographer, French and Mexican Clubs  
**Goal:** To attend NCCC or NECC  
**First Word:** "Dada"  
**Quote:** "Whatever!"



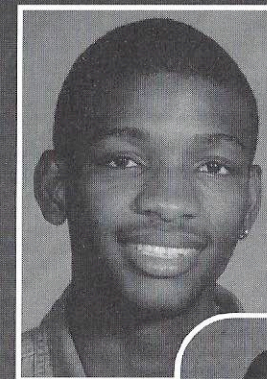
**Rafael Hiram Vizcarrondo**  
"Cito"  
Meriden, CT



**Activities:**  
Drama and SWEP  
**Goal:** To attend a theatre school  
**First Word:** "Mom"  
**Quote:** "I'm innocent."



**Kevin Reccardo Wallace**  
"KW"  
Hartford, CT



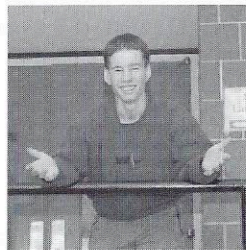
**Activities:**  
Soccer Captain, Basketball, Track, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Goal:** To attend NCCC or NTID  
**First Word:** "Momma"  
**Quote:** "HEH HEH!"



# Senior Class Officers

Michael Kennedy  
President



Jordan Gusch  
Secretary



Alycia Ruszyk  
Vice President



Steve DesRoberts  
Class Advisor



Suli Arroyo  
Treasurer

Debbie Therrian  
Class Advisor

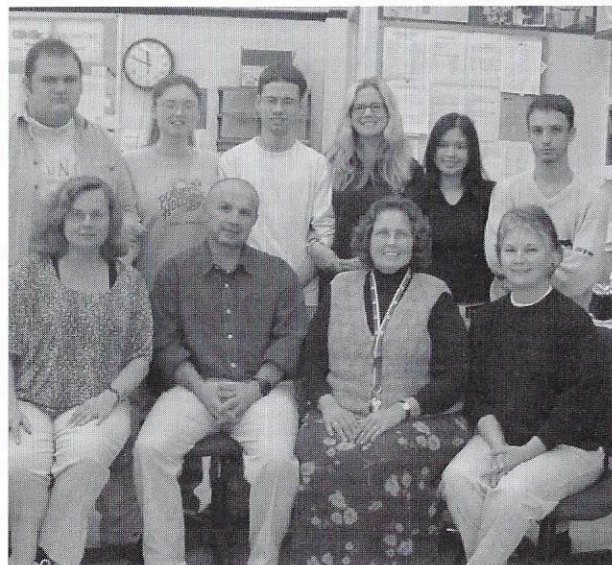


Jonathan Santiago  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Justina Guizar  
Sergeant-at-Arms

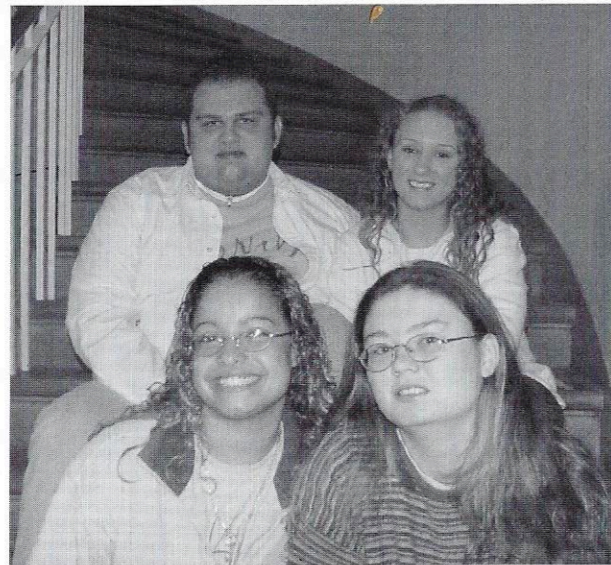
# Yearbook Club



## Officers

1st row, l-r: Advisors: Regina Zemaitis, Shahrly Shilati, Shirley Desrosier, and Debbie Bosworth. 2nd row, l-r: Photograph Editor Jordan Gusch, Co-Editor Justina Guizar, Editor-in-Chief Michael Kennedy, Kristy Borsotti, Yearbook Manager Jennifer Santos, and Co-Layout Editor Tim DeCelles (Co-Layout Editor Russell Milne not present).

# Student Lounge



## Officers

1st row, l-r: Manager Suli Arroyo and Asst. Manager Justina Guizar. 2nd row, l-r: Treasurer Jordan Gusch and Assistant Treasurer Alycia Ruszyk.

# Superlatives

**SPARKLING SMILES**  
Matt Goyette  
Carolyn Hart

**CLASS TEDDY BEARS**  
Mahdi Al-Jabri  
Jennifer Santos

**CLASS EINSTEIN**  
Russell Milne

**SPIRIT OF 2003**  
Sarah Francis  
Jared Drake

**MOST FASHIONABLE**  
Kristy Borsotti  
Jordan Gusch

**MOST FLIRTATIOUS**  
Josh Howe  
Jennifer Lueth

**MOST LIKELY TO END UP AT THE WHITE HOUSE**  
Michael Kennedy  
Alycia Ruszyk

**MOST PLEASANT**  
Danny Devlin  
Leimarie Diaz

**CLASS CHATTERBOXES**  
Tim DeCelles  
Christine Janick

**CRAZIEST**  
DEBBIE  
THERRIEN

**ADVISORS**  
STEVE  
DESROBERTS

**MOST INDUSTRIOUS**  
Justina Guizar  
Nathan Dawson

**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Suli Arroyo  
Kevin Wallace

**THE QUIETEST**  
Luis Lora  
Rafeal Vizcarrondo

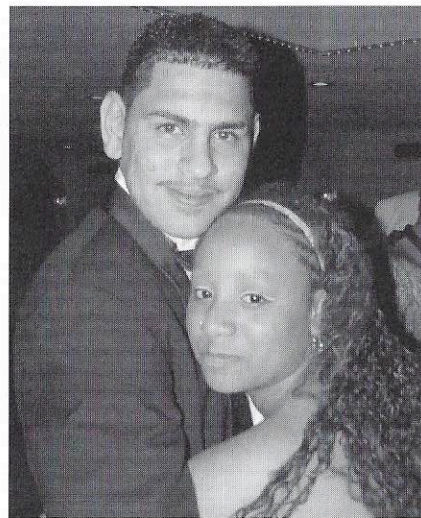
**CLASS COMEDIAN**  
Jonathan Santiago

**CLASS OF '03**

**The Class of 2003 at their Junior Prom**  
 Back row, l-r: Advisor Debbie Therrian, Jennifer Lueth, Justina Guizar, Sorangel Arroyo, Kristy Borsotti, Jennifer Santos, Alycia Ruszyk, Lemarie Diaz, and Advisor Steve DesRoberts. Front row, l-r: Timothy Decelles, Daniel Delvin, Jordan Gusch, Madhi Al-Jabri, Matthew Goyette, and Michael Kennedy.



Joel Soto and Terry Smith make a cute couple.



Dr. Harvey Corson and wife, Maryann Corson are all smiles as they dance the night away.

Jennifer Santos excitedly smiles as she is declared the prom queen with the rhinestone-studded crown being placed by the class advisor Steve DesRoberts.

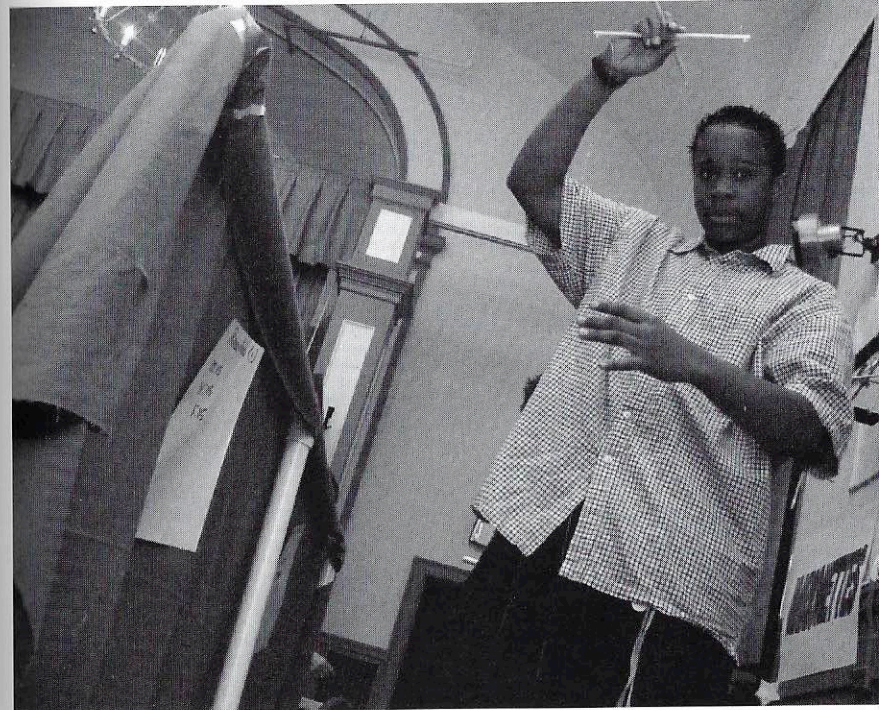


Underclassmen ~ Staff

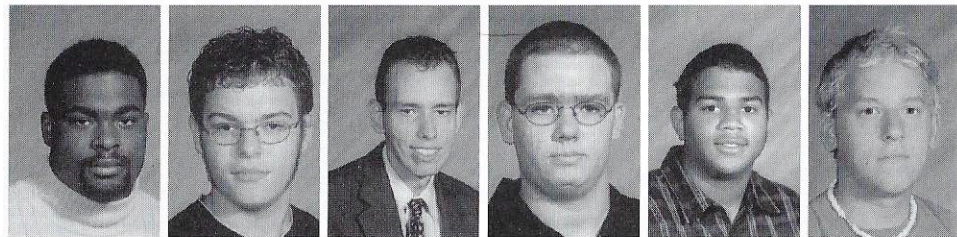
# Junior



# Sophomore



Anthony Abdul-Lateef  
Leo Casella  
Joao Da Silva  
Brandon Daigneault  
Joan-Manuel Espinal  
Chris Faulborn



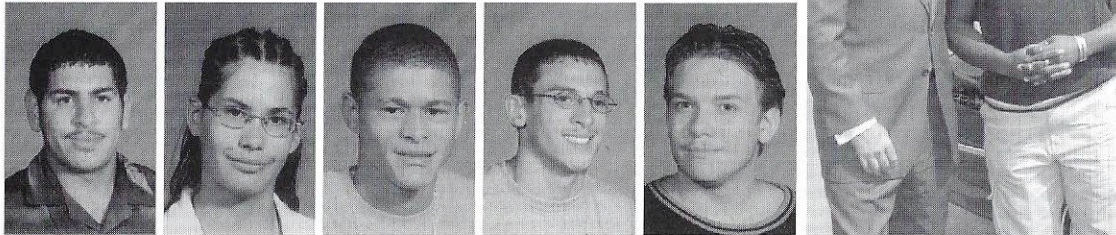
Stephanie Foster  
Kristine Ghrist  
Jessica Gretta  
Crystal McCaffrey  
Kyle Perusse  
Daniel Perez  
Irsi Pozo



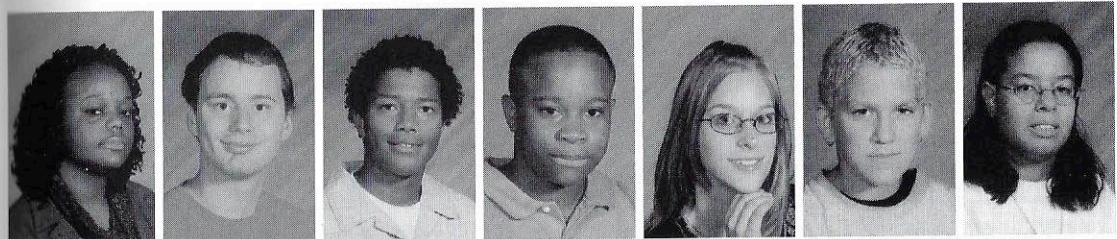
Karina Reed  
Daniel Salazar  
Imran Sarfani  
Terry Smith  
Trudy Smith



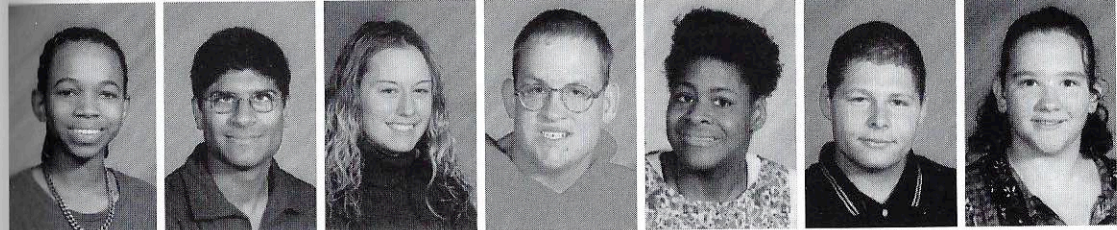
Angel Joel Soto  
Juanita Soto  
Pierre Turner  
Chad Williams  
Jason Williams



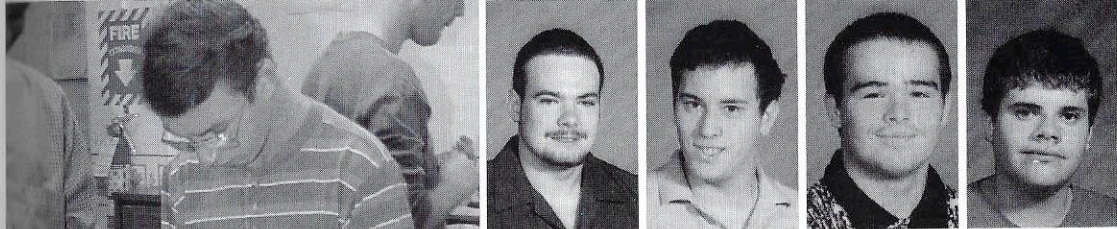
Peta-Gaye Alexander  
Dustin Armstrong  
Darrin Barros  
Brent Bastien  
Alexandra Benjamin  
Justin Faulborn  
Wendy Fernandez



Marquis Johnson  
Sourab Kochhar  
Noella Kolash  
Jeffrey McNeil  
Shenika Orsi  
Nick Russo  
Melina Ruszyk



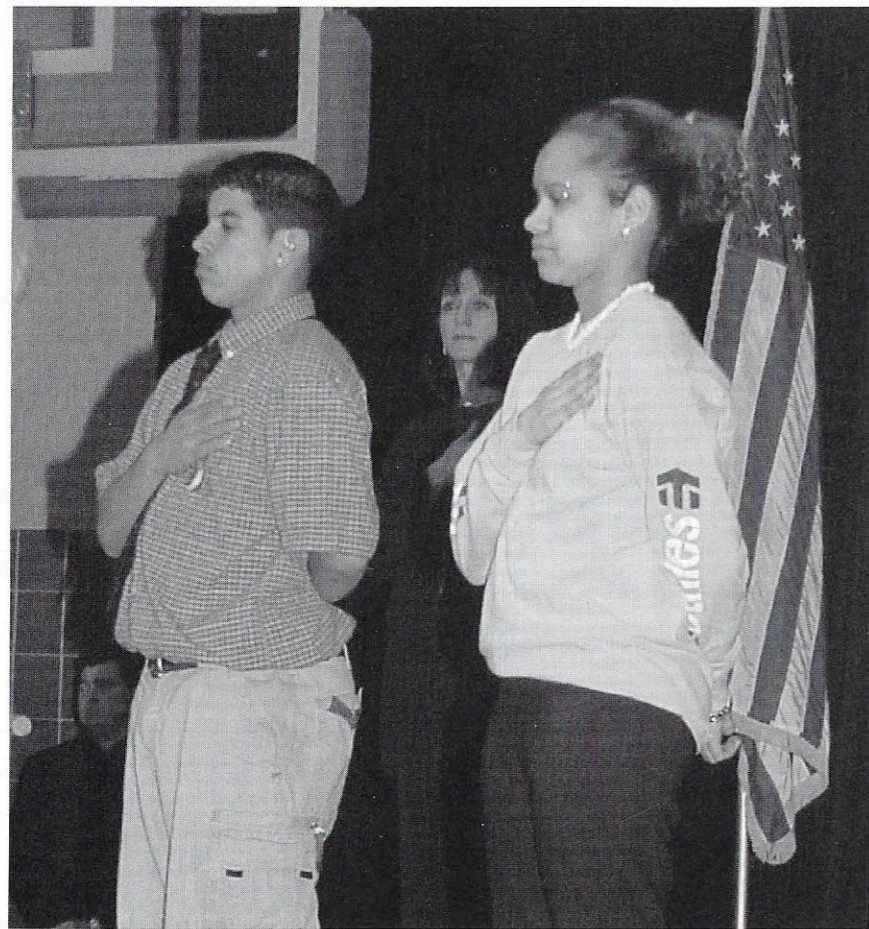
Donald Schools  
Brandon Sherman  
Corey Silva  
Nolan Smith



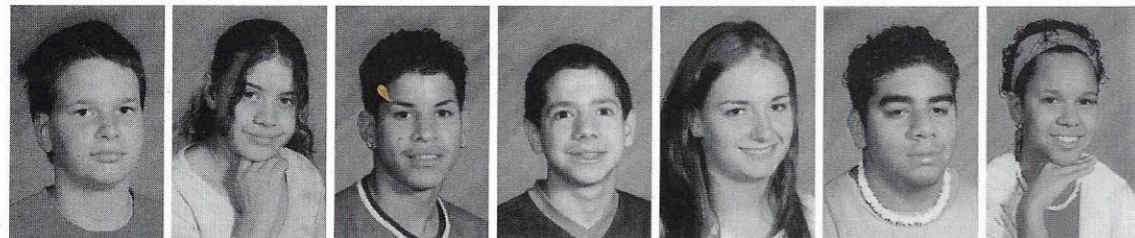
Amanda Stillwagon  
Kyle Trask  
Chris Traverzo



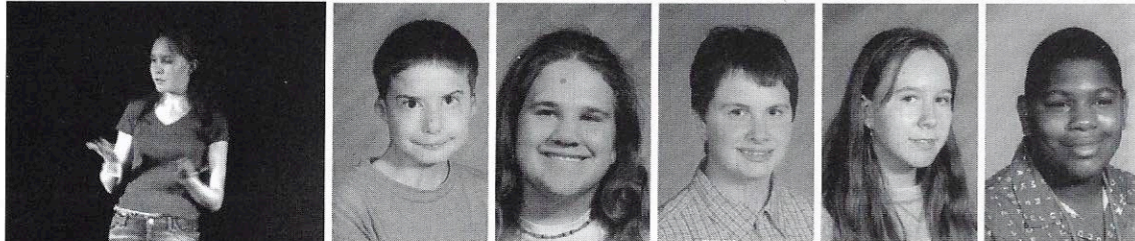
# Freshmen



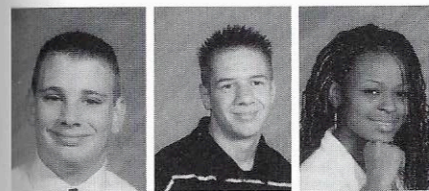
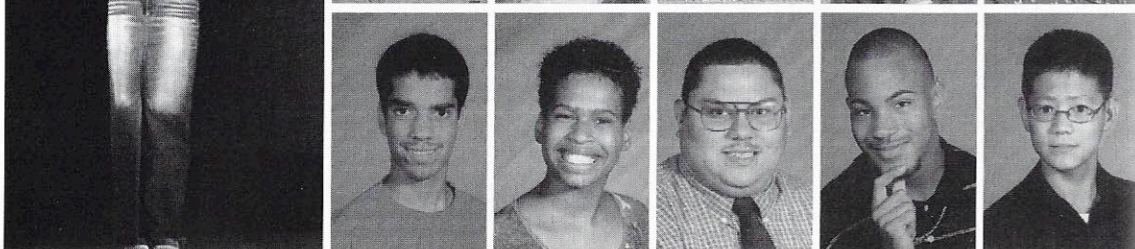
Jeremy Albright  
Jennifer Aponte  
Jesus Arroyo  
Carl Borsotti  
Sarah Cornelius  
Jose Giraldo  
Christina Jackson



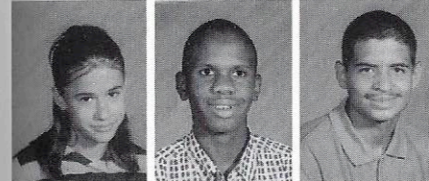
Andrew Jeruss  
Bonnie Kyle  
Adam Lemay  
Shana Livingstone  
Darryl Mack



Andrew Norse  
Rose Padua  
Luis Perez  
Corey Reynolds  
Joshua Tozeski



Nicholas Barbone  
Cory Coombs  
Chrystina Dennie



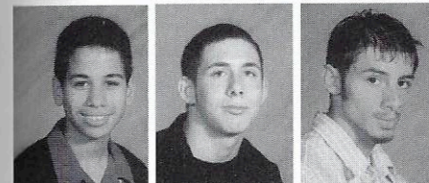
Stephanie Durand  
Roodly Exantus  
Jose Felicino



Ryan Furches  
Giselle Garcia  
Joel Garcia

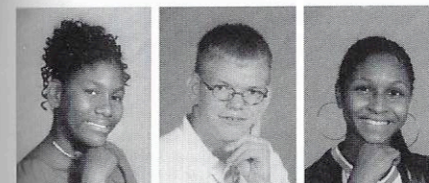


# 8th Grade

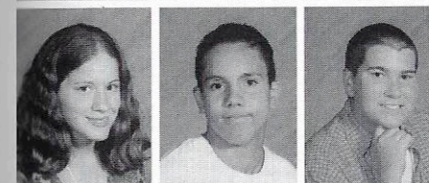


Timothy Head, Jr.  
Allison Heron  
Brian Kozey  
Kevin Laythe  
Yvette McKoy  
Mark Mohan  
Chad Murach  
Luis Plana

Bryam Ricart  
Anthony Russo  
Camilo Salinas  
Michael Singh  
Pedro Torres  
Richard Tyllinski  
Michael Vogel  
Chad Wiernicki



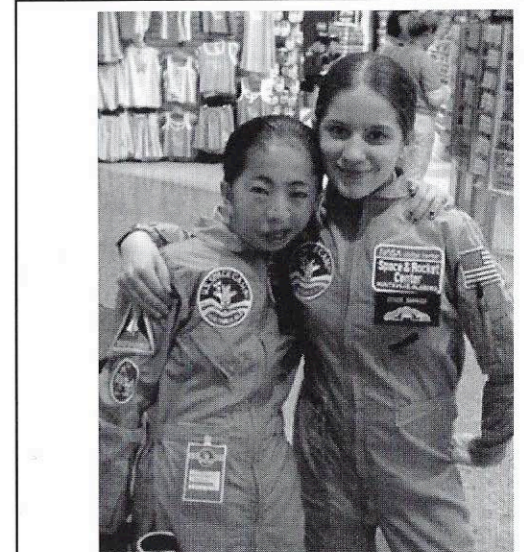
Kaneisha Alexis  
Paul Babineau  
Jennifer Beaujour



Stephanie Benson  
Eddie DeJesus  
Ross DeMars



Emily Hawkinson  
Annish Haynes  
Dennis Killorin  
Connell McLaurin



# 7th Grade



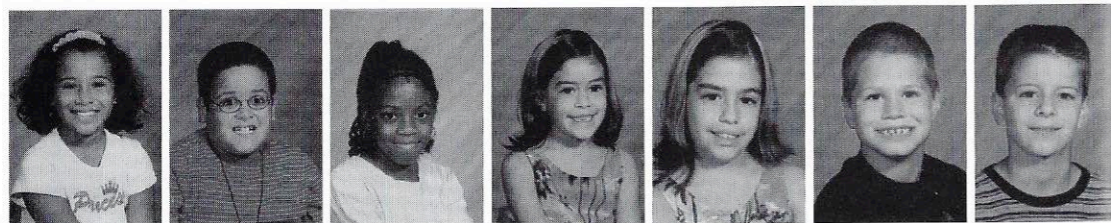
Jonathan Ortiz  
Mark Redekas  
Lymarie Rodriguez  
Joel Romero  
Raymond Ruiz  
Tarshia Sherman  
Agnieszka Skrzypek  
Shenise Smith



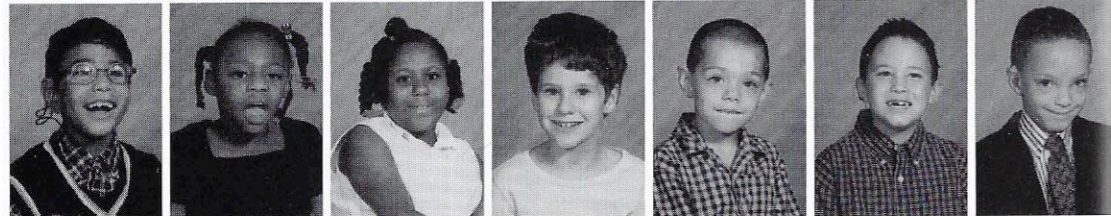
# Cogswell

# Cogswell

Rebekah Abrante  
Christian Acevedo  
Alecia Anderson  
Albanice Aviles  
Vilmarie Aviles  
Zachary Bessette  
Albert Blake



Avismael Brito  
Averiana Bulluck  
Shequita Butler  
Kelly Byrnes  
Johnathon Clark  
Christian Clauss  
Myles Cohens



Michael Corson, Jr.  
Joanna Cosme  
Jonathan Cybulski  
Maria Dadario  
Anthony Digris  
James Dion  
Bryan Dolan



Amanda Donovan  
Dwanachio Dorsett  
Antonio Dossantos  
Liani Draper  
Colin Ebbs  
Victor Espinoza  
Travon Evans-Ross



William Fallon  
Anton Fletcher  
Katherine Garewski  
Ivory Gibbs  
Andrew Goolishan  
Natashia Graham  
Richard Graham



Marcus Greco  
Josh Hall  
Faith Hensel



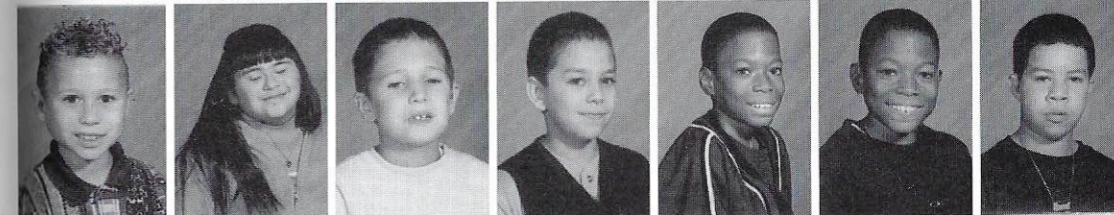
Kelondra Hurt  
Brooklyn-Ashante Jacobs  
Eric Klockowski



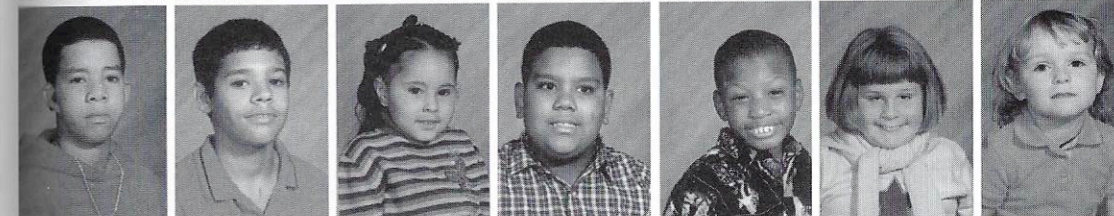
Benjamin Labelle  
Matthew LaBrecque  
John Lajoie  
Makayla Lessard  
Gabriela Levesque  
Daniel Lord  
Emily Mangan



Jenilee Marques  
Rashad Martin  
Colleen McGilpin  
Zachary Michael  
Shane Midore  
Ashley Munchegesang  
Brittany Neis



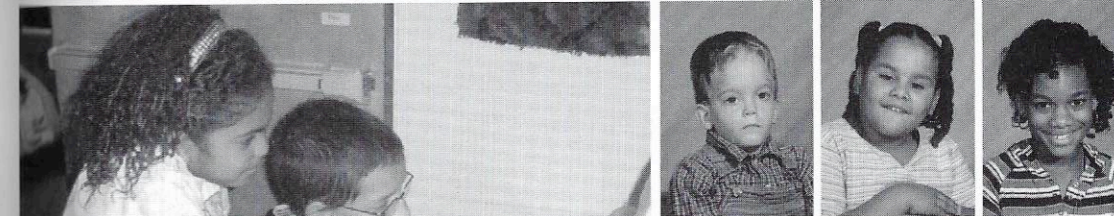
Aaron Nett  
Kristina Norton  
Eric Osgood  
Xavier Pagan-Espinosa  
Morris Palmer  
Norris Palmer  
Bryan Perez



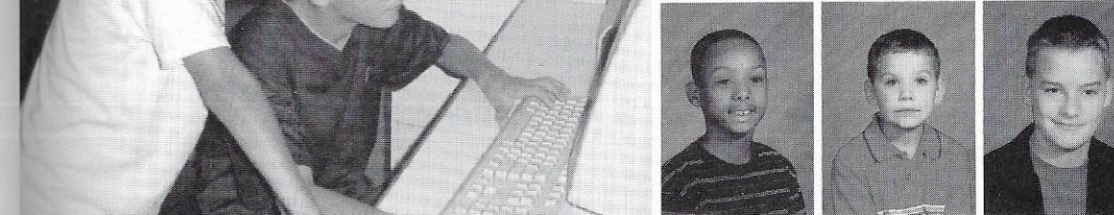
Jonathan Perez  
Orlando Perez  
Jadaisha Ramos  
Kevin Ramos  
Nathaneal Rauch  
Morgan Rinehart  
Katherine Riordan



Ryan Riordan  
Genesis Rivera  
Hector Rivera  
Kennialisse Rolon  
Jose Roman  
Joseph Ronan  
Javier Santana

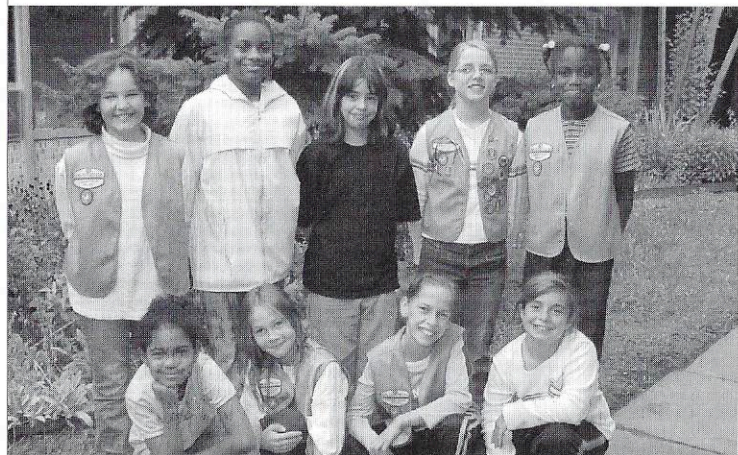
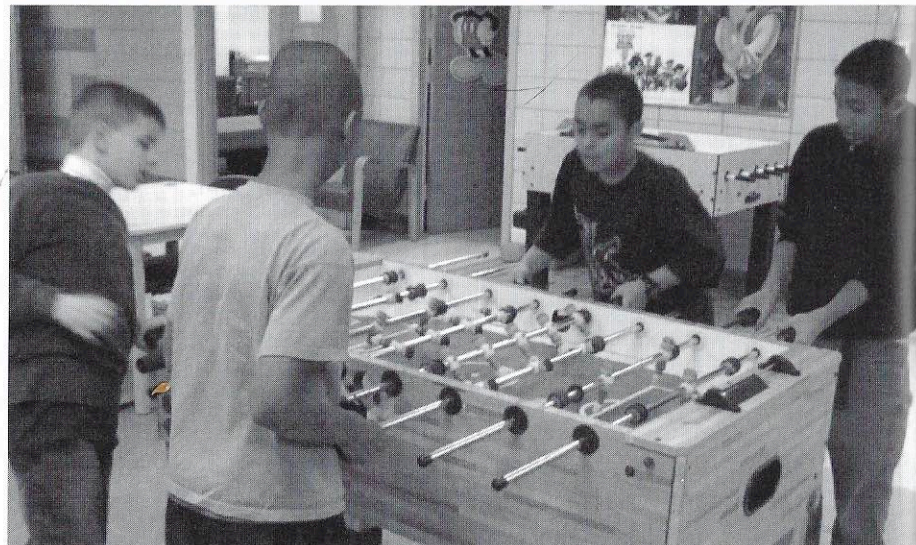
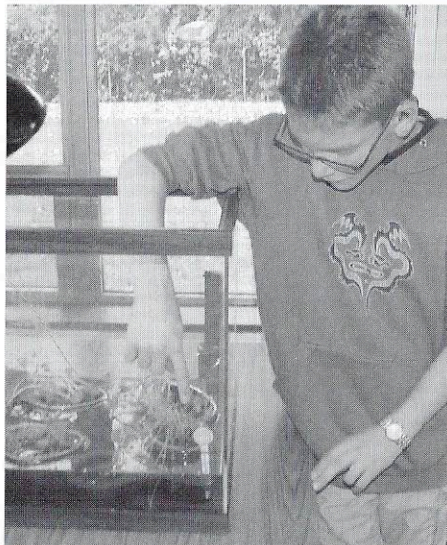
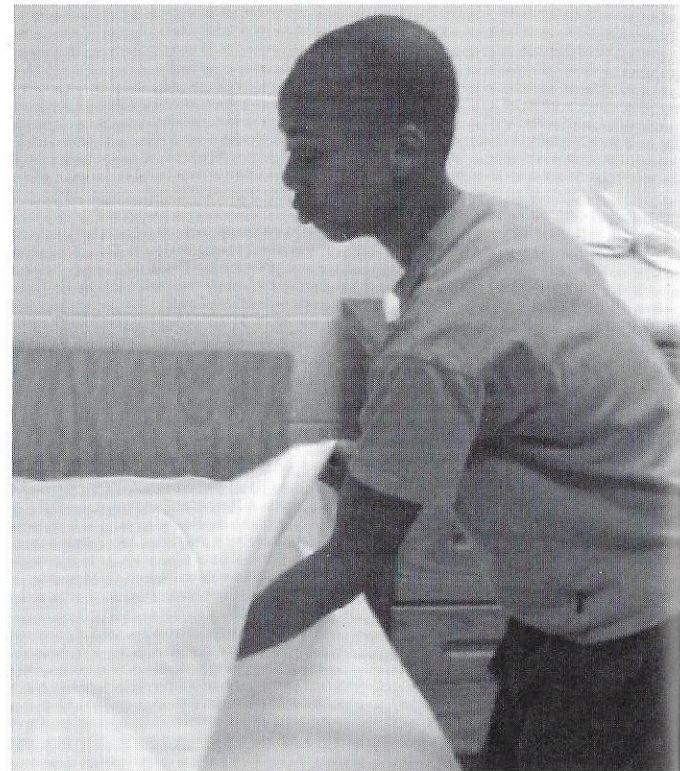
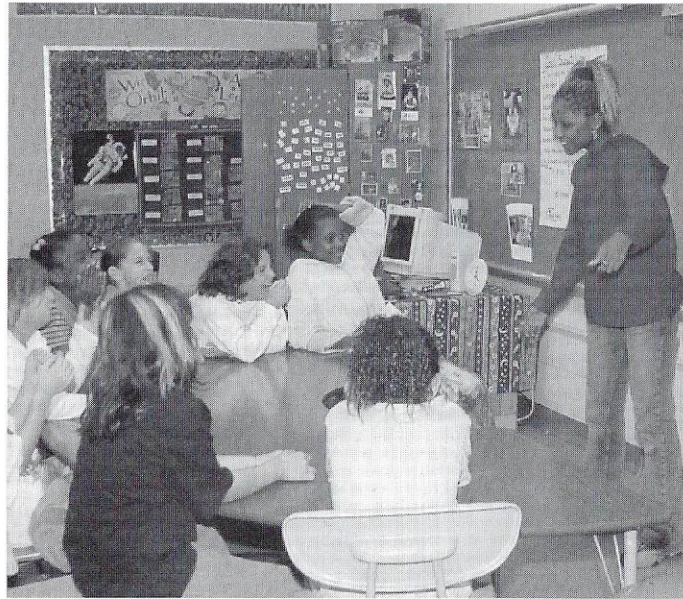


Michael Siane  
Jennifer Soto  
Dinah Steele



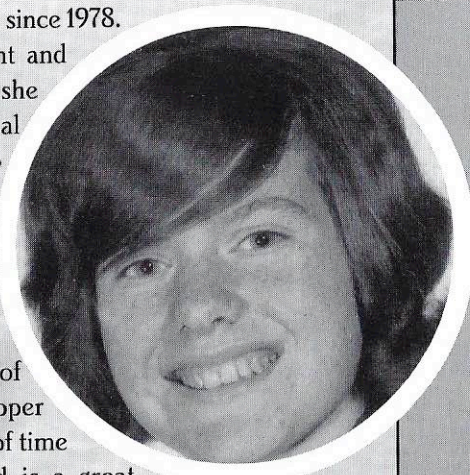
Demetrice Thompson  
Andrew Trusock III  
Joseph Weingart

# Cogswell



## June A. Terry

June Terry has worked at ASD since 1978. She started as part-time in the Parent and Infant Program for four years. In 1982 she began a full time position as a Residential Counselor. Later she was promoted to Assistant Dean of Student position in Cogswell and Clerc Dorms. She was also a Cheerleader coach, an advisor for many organizations at ASD and very active in the community and her church. Currently, she is Coordinator of the Student Support Services in Upper School Department. She spends a lot of time promoting students' well being and is a great supporter of ASD students. She is a person who is always cheerfully ready to help us, giving sound advice. We, the Class of 2003, dedicate this yearbook in recognition of all her hard work given to ASD students everyday.










## Dedication








Sharon Shirley has worked at ASD for 20 years. Initially, she was employed as a PACES Residential Counselor. Ms. Shirley was promoted to Assistant Dean of Student for Residential Life Department in 1995. During that time she supervised Holt Dorm; when there was a vacancy, she also supervised Clerc and Cogswell Dorms until the vacancy was filled. She is very willing, friendly and always busy, but not too busy to interact and help students. At one time she was the Cheerleader coach, and she continues today to share her wonderful spirit ideas with ASD. She supports students, parents and staff and also manages to create fun things to do during after school. She is ASD's best fan during athletic competitions which inspires all of the ASD teams and fans. We, the Class of 2003, dedicate this yearbook in recognition of all her hard work, support and the wonderful memories she gave us from during our childhood here at ASD to graduation day.







## Sharon L. Shirley

Administration




						
Dr. Harvey Corson Executive Director	Christy Pinyoun Director of Administration	Penny Driggers Senior Administration Assistant	Janice Knauth Interpreting Coordinator	Edward Peltier Assistant Executive Director	Thomas Wood Business Manager	Jennifer Coffey Billing/Accounts Receivable

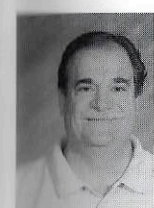





								
Anne Nutt Teacher	Mary Pacyna Teacher	Betty Poster Teacher	Rebecca Pottorf Teacher	Greg Reese Teacher	Charles Reisinger Teacher	Neil Robinson Teacher/Athletic Director	John Silva Teacher	John Silva Teacher

DEAR SON -  
WE SURE WILL MISS YOU!  
STUDY HARD, WORK HARD, AND YOU WILL DO GREAT!  
S

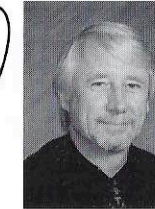
			
Jennifer Ford Assistant Business Manager	Beth Wade Accounts Payable	Maria Norton Personnel Administrator	Lora Palmer Clerk

Family Education



		
Cindy Paluch Director of Admissions	Nanette Serrano Parent Education Coordinator	Marysol Negrón Assistant Coordinator of Literacy Project








					
Raymond Stone Teacher Aide	Chris Upton Teacher	Judy Williams Teacher	Donna Wilson Teacher	Betty Young Teacher	Nancy Zurek Teacher







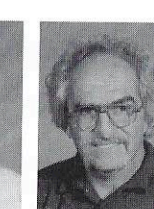

Lower School











Eric Schroeder Principal









Upper School





						
Fern Reisinger Principal	June McMahon Assistant Principal	June Terry Coordinator of Student Support Services	Darlene Shilati Administrative Assistant	Anna Andrews Teacher	Thangi Appanah Teacher	Bev Backofen Teacher Aide

								
Luisa Soboleski Assistant Principal	Sandra Bryant Administration Assistant	Marlene Garro Secretary	Christine Tabbert Supervisor	Barbara French Coordinator of Student Support Services	Jane Amoroso Teacher	Monica Ayotte Teacher Aide	Rande Bickford Teacher	Rande Bickford Teacher

							
Arlene Blum Speech Teacher	Sandra Connell Speech Pathologist	Cindy Dabbs-Lindenberger Teacher	Kathy Falco Teacher	Anita Farquhar Teacher	Patricia Fitzgerald IEP Clerk	Thomas Garro Teacher Aide	Mary Harding Teacher

								
Krista Bolen Teacher Aide	Laurie Brown Teacher	Lisa Bywater Speech Pathologist	Barbara Corrigan Teacher	Robin Crispino Teacher Aide	Jessica DeMeo Teacher Aide	Patricia Duncan Teacher	Elaine Fargo Teacher Aide	Elaine Fargo Teacher Aide

							
Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney Teacher	Charise Hoyt Teacher Aide	Jennifer Hong Teacher	Mary Laporta-Hupper Teacher	Gail Lawrence Teacher Aide	Gail McCormack Teacher	Brad Moseley Teacher	Julie Ann Mountain Teacher

								
Susan Ginso Teacher	Kelly Godreau Teacher	Heather Griner Teacher	Susan Hawkins Teacher	Teresa Hearn Teacher	Madeleine Kenny Occupational Therapist	Renee Kleinman Coordinator of Literacy Project	Arthur Larson Teacher Aide	Arthur Larson Teacher Aide



Linda Leimberger  
Teacher



Jennifer Leonard  
Teacher Aide



Heather Lindholm  
Preschool/  
Daycare  
Coordinator



Karen Manko  
Teacher



Larua Miller  
Teacher



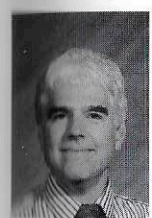
Robyn Miller  
Teacher Aide



Beth Moore  
Teacher Aide



Lucy Moreku Bois  
Teacher Aide



Steve Borsotti  
Assistant Dean  
Life Skills



Deborah Therrien  
Assistant Dean  
Clerc



Maria Cardoso  
Residential  
Counselor



Georgine Clark  
Residential  
Counselor



Steve DesRoberts  
Residential  
Counselor



Dean Karabetos  
Residential  
Counselor



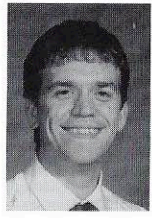
Jennifer Martin  
Residential  
Counselor



Bill Potter  
Residential  
Counselor



Maureen Nardoza  
Teacher Aide



Stefan Norton  
Teacher Aide



Carol Peltier  
Teacher



Michelle Raidan  
Speech Teacher



Donna Snowdon  
Physical  
Therapist



Mary Anna Viscoe  
Teacher



Beth Wendtland  
Teacher Aide



Hsin Mei Weng  
Teacher Aide



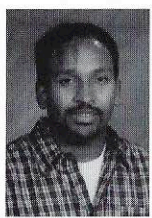
Jerry Solomon  
Residential  
Counselor



Shawn St. Germain  
Residential  
Counselor



Julia Taft  
Residential  
Counselor



Garfield Thomas  
Residential  
Counselor



PACES

Ray Stevens  
Director



Dorothy Dillon  
Administrative  
Assistant



Ronald Davis  
Director of  
Student Life



Denise Williams  
Teacher



Janet York  
Teacher



Vocational



James Pedersen  
Principal



Densie Champion  
Food Service



Shirley Desrosier  
Desktop  
Publishing



Rosalie Jefferson  
Art



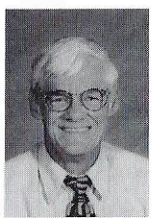
Dennis Palka  
Offset Printing



Benjamin Benson  
Assistant Dean  
of Student



Shelton Newby  
Assistant Dean  
of Student



James Craig  
Crisis  
Intervention  
Specialist



Sonia Cianfaglione  
Teacher



Richard Goldkewski  
Teacher



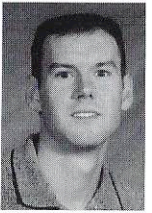
Joan Hanna  
Teacher



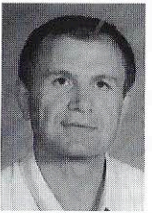
Jennifer Jenkins  
Teacher



Kirsten Lingenheld  
Teacher



David Gerhold  
Computer  
Repair



Shahry Shilati  
General  
Vocational  
Technical



Lou Volpintesta  
Auto Body



Dave Woodward  
Industrial  
Woodworking



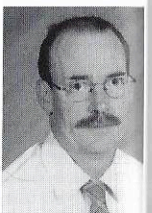
Rengia Zemaitis  
Office Skills



Adult  
Vocational



Sandra Inzinga  
Director



Eric Coughlin  
Training &  
Community  
Services  
Manager



Denise Nitko  
Teacher



Anna Shea  
Teacher



Residential  
Counselors



Pat Barnett  
Residential  
Counselor



Chad Biskupiak  
Residential  
Counselor



David Biskupiak  
Residential  
Counselor



Deborah Bosworth  
Residential  
Counselor



Shane Bryant  
Residential  
Counselor



Karen Adams  
Employment  
Services  
Manager



Kerry Sampson  
Administrative  
Assistant



Elizabeth Perez  
Office Clerk



Nicole Nelson  
Training  
Specialist



Richard Smalley  
Training  
Specialist



John Vaughn  
Training  
Specialist



Nicole Williams  
Placement  
Specialist



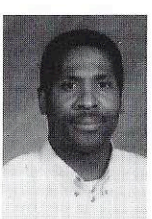
Student Life



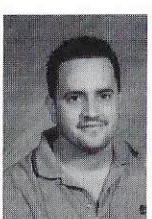
Craig Bryden  
Residential  
Counselor



Juan Carrasquillo  
Residential  
Counselor



Stephen Covington  
Residential  
Counselor



Alfred DeValle  
Residential  
Counselor



Tammy Eaddy  
Residential  
Counselor



Catherine Escalon  
Residential  
Counselor



Richa Espinosa  
Residential  
Counselor



Anthony Fernandez  
Residential  
Counselor



Rita Giordano  
Residential  
Counselor



Amanda Griggs  
Residential  
Counselor



Margaret Huang  
Residential  
Counselor



Mary Jones  
Residential  
Counselor



Erik Larson  
Residential  
Counselor



Jennifer St. Germain  
Residential  
Counselor



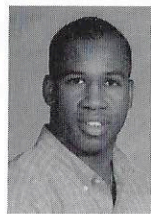
Shawn St. Germain  
Residential  
Counselor



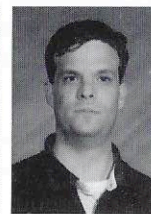
Kristen Settino  
Residential  
Counselor



Cyndi Shaw  
Residential  
Counselor



James Smith  
Residential  
Counselor



Anthony Stewart  
Residential  
Counselor



Laura Tarbox  
Residential  
Counselor



John Tkacz  
Residential  
Counselor



Ana Torres  
Residential  
Counselor



Carlene Visoskis  
Residential  
Counselor



Brendan Ward  
Residential  
Counselor



Neil Tabbert  
Outreach/  
Support Services  
Director



Roselle Weiner  
L.R.C.  
Coordinator



Maria Jacovino  
Library Clerk



Thomas Nicotera  
Library  
Clerk/Aide



Donna Blain  
Cochlear  
Implant  
Specialist



Kathleen Jenkelunas  
Educational  
Outreach  
Coordinator



Karen Jedson  
Administrative  
Assistant



Denise Monte  
Audiologist



Lisa Kuntz  
Psychological  
Director/  
Counselor



Joe Basile  
Counselor



Audrey Garvin  
Counselor



Dawn Love  
Counselor



Kim Silva  
Coordinator  
Lower School  
Library



Scott Robinson  
Counselor



Karen Wilson  
Counselor



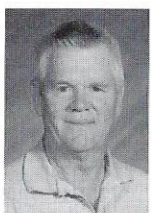
Patricia Wilson  
Sign Language  
Coordinator



Karen Vlach  
Teacher Aide/  
Sign Language



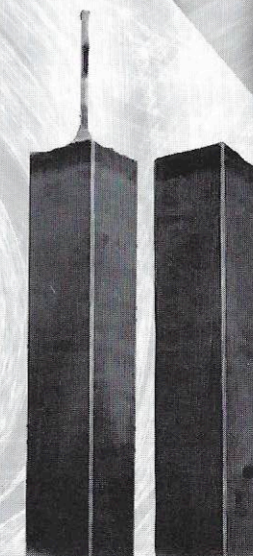
Paula Baran  
Sign Language  
Administrative  
Assistant



Hugh Farquhar  
Communications  
Technology

*"Dream as big as the world is,  
dream as long as you can live,  
and keep dreaming until it becomes real."*

*-Kristy Borsotti*



*Sports*

Team	Score	Team	Score
GAME 1		GAME 4	
Kingswood	119	Cheshire Academy	91
ASD	56	ASD	68
Watkinson	41	Watkinson	42
RISD	11	Masters	20
GAME 2		GAME 5	
ASD	96	St. Mary (NY)	133
Watkinson	64	Maryland	125
Masters	41	ASD	120
RISD	5	NYSD (Fanwood)	47
GAME 3		WPSD	37
Trinity-Pawling (NY)	84.5	Lexington (NY)	24
Kingswood	67.5	RISD	23
Cheshire Academy	66.5	Scranton (PA)	5
ASD	29.5	Mill Neck (NY)	0

# BOYS' Track & Field

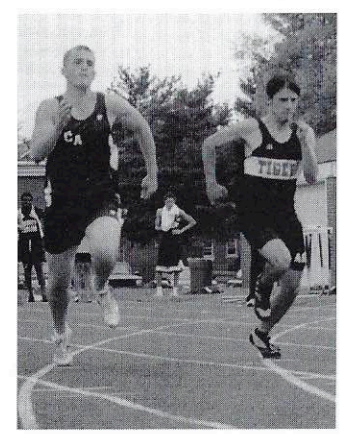
# GIRLS' Track & Field

Team	Score	Team	Score
GAME 1		GAME 4	
Kingswood	115	ASD	72
Watkinson	39	Watkinson	67
ASD	34	Masters	40
RISD	24	Cheshire Academy	30
GAME 2		GAME 5	
ASD	67	Maryland	198
Masters	50	ASD	96
Watkinson	38	WPSD	93
RISD	20	RISD	40
GAME 3		St. Mary (NY)	21
Kingswood	99	NYSD (Fanwood)	18
ASD	37	Lexington (NY)	8
Cheshire Academy	23	Scranton	4

## The Wind Under Our Running Paws

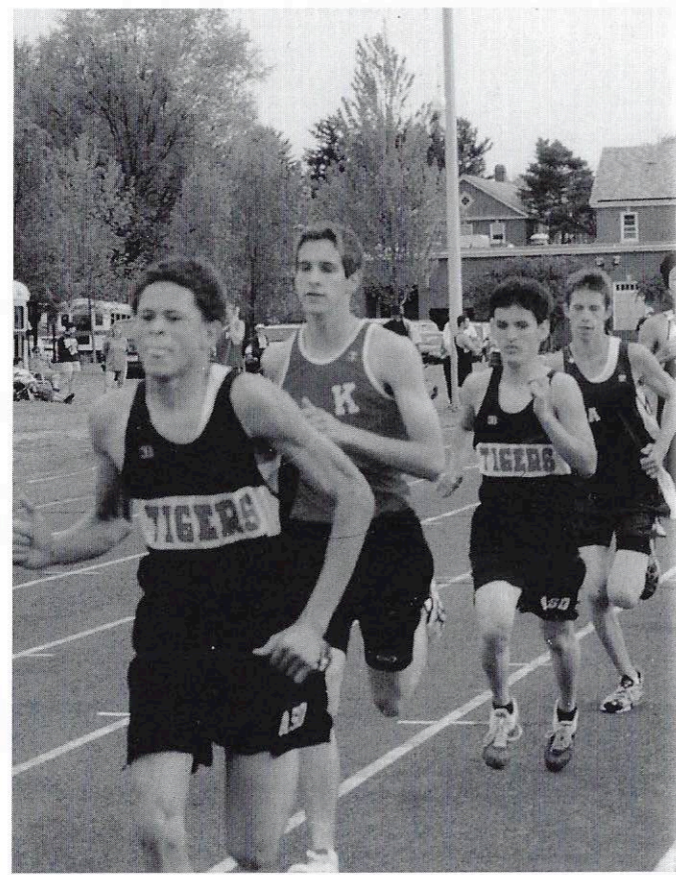
Our mighty and brave kings of the deaf community ran with the wind last spring. No matter if it was cold or warm, rain or shine, these young men worked their hardest. Each chasing after their own prey, their own

enemy. Watch out for this pack because they are not going to give up the race until victory is earned. Whether it was practicing in the gym, doing drills and exercises or going to Hall High School, the boys never complained. Win or lose, the pack will keep on running with the wind and hunting whatever prey crosses.



Camillo Salinas puts so much effort in his legs as he pulls ahead of a racer.

From 1-r: Mark Mohan, Jose Feliciano, Tim Head, Jr., Carl Borsotti, and Kyle Perusse.



Pierre Turner takes the lead while Daniel Salazar tries to catch up with his teammate.

## The Year Lady Luck Came

Not only do our brave kings show their courage and strength, the humble and victorious ladies could be just as strong.

Anybody who has challenged these wonderful ladies have learned to respect them because they have sportsmanship, pride, and a love for running. It would be best to stay out of their way when the need of speed comes

to them. Don't let their beauty fool you one bit. The only thing that can stand in their way is themselves or a huge brick wall. This is one of the best teams our school had since 1997. Each runner runs with pride to the very end of the season.



Terry Smith jumps in action for the long jump event.



The race begins! Karina Reed jumps the hurdles—no one can slow her down.



From bottom to top: Trudy Smith, Suli Arroyo, Allison Heron, Terry Smith, Karina Reed, Leimaire Diaz, Scherri White, Rashima Williams, and Stephanie Foster are known as the Lady Tigers Team!

### Scoreboard

ASD	Opp	ASD	Opp
3	Hartford	0	5
4	Learning Center	0	4
8	Austine	1	3
1	Marvelwood	3	5
4	Emmanuel	5	1
6	RISD	0	9
11	Lexington	2	3
1	McDuffie	3	

# Soccer

## The Champions!!

This year's soccer team did a great job winning 11 out of 14 games. Also, the team won the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf Championship. They played hard kicking and scoring goals while the fans rooted.

When ASD competed in the ESDAA tournament, they defeated Lexington team for

first place. The score was 3-0. Regardless of losing seven seniors, the team impressed all of us by showing their ability to play the game to the fullest.

*Daniel Salazar excitedly shouts the game score to Kyle Perusse who appears pleased.*



#### JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

*1st row, l-r: A. Heron, J. Albright, M. Singh, B. Ricart, C. Wiernicki, R. Hastings, R. Tylinski, A. Russo, and N. Barbone. 2nd Row: Coach Shane Bryant, M. Vogel, P. Torres, J. Feliciano, M. Mohan, S. Kochhar, B. Bastien, C. McLaurin, C. Coombs, T. Head, Manager J. Soto, and Assistant Coach Eric Larson.*

#### VARSITY TEAM

*Standing, l-r: Coach Shahry Shilati, T. Head, J. Shilati, P. Turner, J. Howe, L. Casella, C. Salinas, J. Feliciano, M. Mohan, J. Espinal, J. Arroyo, K. Perusse, D. Barros, D. Schools, K. Wallace, I. Sarfani, and Assistant Coach Hiram Arroyo. Kneeling, l-r: D. Salazar, J. Soto, and M. Goyette.*



### Scoreboard

ASD	Opp	ASD	Opp
0	Ellington	3	3
0	Cheshire Academy	3	0
2	Watkinson	3	1
3	Learning Center	1	0
0	Fanwood	3	3
0	Emmanuel	3	0
0	Hartford Christian	3	0

# Volleyball

## Jump High and Spike the Ball!!

The girls' volleyball team had a struggling season, but they never gave up! They were 2-13, and they tried to put the Tigers on top of every game. They made this school look good by giving all the best they could!

The girls played every game with their hearts knowing that they could win if they tried. They tried hard, but they lost not because of the lower points, but time that had ran out for them!

*Jennifer Aponte encourages her teammates to cheer for their team.*



#### JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

*From l-r: R. Padua, L. Diaz, C. Dennie, J. Aponte, A. Haynes, K. Alexis, S. Smith, Y. McKoy, J. Beaujour, W. Fernandez, Manager S. Foster, and Coach Kathy Falco*

#### VARSITY TEAM

*1st row, l-r: Manager R. Williams, S. Arroyo, T. Smith, L. Diaz, J. Lueth, W. Fernandez, A. Ruszyk, C. Janick, J. Santos, T. Smith, J. Guizar, N. Kolash, and Manager S. Foster. On floor: Coach Kathy Falco*



Scoreboard					
ASD	Opp	ASD	Opp	Opp	
24	Austine	30	23	TLC	31
19	NYSD	44	47	Westwood	35
14	CSDf	50	25	MacDuffie	43
24	CSDR	50	27	RISD	48
36	ASDB	42	55	Cheshire Academy	37
35	Cornerstone	22	32	Emmanuel	45
24	RISD	33	21	Watkinson	49
17	Emmanuel	28	37	WPSD	50
28	Ethel Walker	53	16	TLC	31
21	MKSD	49	48	Lexington	32

# Girl's Basketball

# Boy's Basketball

Scoreboard					
ASD	Opp	ASD	Opp	Opp	
36	Westwood	55	53	MKSD	50
47	CSDf	62	56	TLC	36
35	Phoenix	44	45	Lexington	50
37	CSDR	39	48	Westwood	42
61	Hartford Christian	42	40	RISD	41
50	RISD	52	54	MacDuffie	53
37	Emmanuel	45	80	NYSD	40
58	Cornerstone	35	41	Marvelwood	45
48	Watkinson	57	42	Lexington	57
			69	PSD	44

## Building On The Success

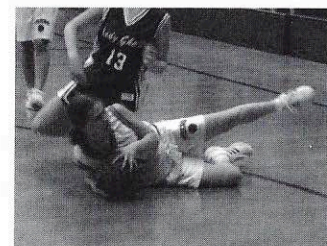
The ASD Girls' Basketball Team did an outstanding job of skill, persistence and good sportsmanship. They led nearly half of the games by halftime but were unable to hold the lead. Their attitude remained positive and they were privileged to go to a tournament in California, where they received the sportsmanship award. They fought hard to place at the ESDAA Tournament in

Pennsylvania. They placed seventh after crushing Lexington SD by sixteen points and again received the sportsmanship award for the second time this year!

The Girls' Basketball Team will lose two senior starters and all tournament players, Alycia Ruszyk and Suli Arroyo along with two other seniors Justina Guizar and Leimarie Diaz.



Alycia Ruszyk and Christina Jackson anticipate the opponents to confront their tight defense.



Allison Heron made a good steal.

**Standing, l-r:** Assistant Coach Angela Neff, Justina Guizar, Stephanie Foster, Shana Livingstone, Alycia Ruszyk, Jennifer Lueth, Noella Kolash and Head Coach Arthur Larson. **Kneeling, l-r:** Allison Heron, Sarah Cornelius, Christina Jackson, Amanda Stillwagon, Leimarie Diaz, and Manager Jennifer Santos.



Coaches Lou Volpintesta and Chad Biskupiak are trying to give the team tips for improvement.

## A Season Of New Beginnings

Ever wondered how the boys' basketball team would do without the four seniors who graduated last year? Well, the team had two returning players that assisted the younger ballplayers. The tigers had demonstrated its velocity throughout the game. The team also had three tall towers that provided shot blocking and a large number of rebounds. Like the girls' basketball team, they were also privileged to go to the Clerc Classic III at Fremont, California. They also came

home with an eighth place finish. Along with the girls' basketball and cheerleading team, they shared the sportsmanship award. This year, their tournament was hosted at MKSD. They came back with a fifth place finish. The all-tournament stars of our boys' basketball team were our two seniors, Matt Goyette and Kevin Wallace. Matt Goyette contributed to the team with a bunch of assists, while Kevin Wallace received a little over one thousand rebounds.



Lou Volpintesta looks on while Kyle Perruse gives some feedback to another team member.



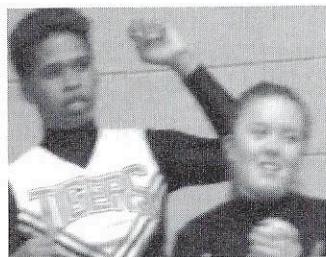
**Standing, l-r:** Assistant Coach James Smith, Kevin Wallace, Kyle Perruse, Jesus Arroyo, Assistant Coach Chad Biskupiak, Matthew Goyette, Pierre Turner, and Head Coach Lou Volpintesta. **Kneeling, l-r:** Tim Head Jr., Isaac Schaeffer, Ryan Hastings, Carl Borsotti, Brent Bastien, Darrin Barros, and Manager Luis Perez.



# Cheerleading

## Go Tigers, Go!

With approximately twenty-five cheerleaders on the squad, we have three captains—Kristy Borsotti, Karina Reed, and Trudy Smith. With their loud cheers, the squad drew the fans in to join them. There are so many different things they can do—cheers, dances, and daring stunts! With a lot of daily practice, the squad surprises us with most improved and new stunts that nobody has seen before. “Pass and shoot,” they scream for their boys while a hot game of basketball occurs on the floor.



“I’m the queen of the world!” cheers Stephaine Durand as Adam Lemay, Bryam Ricart, and Chrystina Dennie hold her life in their hands!

Jessica Gretta prays for a basket to be shot while Rose Padua cheers on!



On the sidelines, the cheerleading squad roots for the Tigers’ victory.



The Cheerleading Squad: 1st row, l-r: C. Janick, T. Smith, and K. Borsotti. 2nd row: S. Durand, J. Gretta, G. Garcia, and K. Reed. 3rd row: B. Kyle, S. Benson, L. Rodriguez, B. Ricart, A. Lemay, A. Norse, S. Smith, Y. McKoy, and R. Padua.

# Wrestling

## Scoreboard

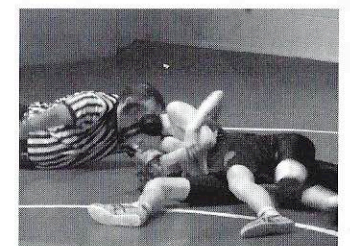
ASD	Opp	ASD	Opp
42	Forman	36	0 Pomfret
24	Salisbury	60	24 Avon Old Farms
48	McTernan	30	54 Marianapolis Prep.
48	Green Farms	24	36 Gunnery
42	Hopkins	42	43 Forman
51	Lexington	30	6 Suffield Academy
42	Marvelwood	28	

## Spirit of the Tiger Is Revealed!

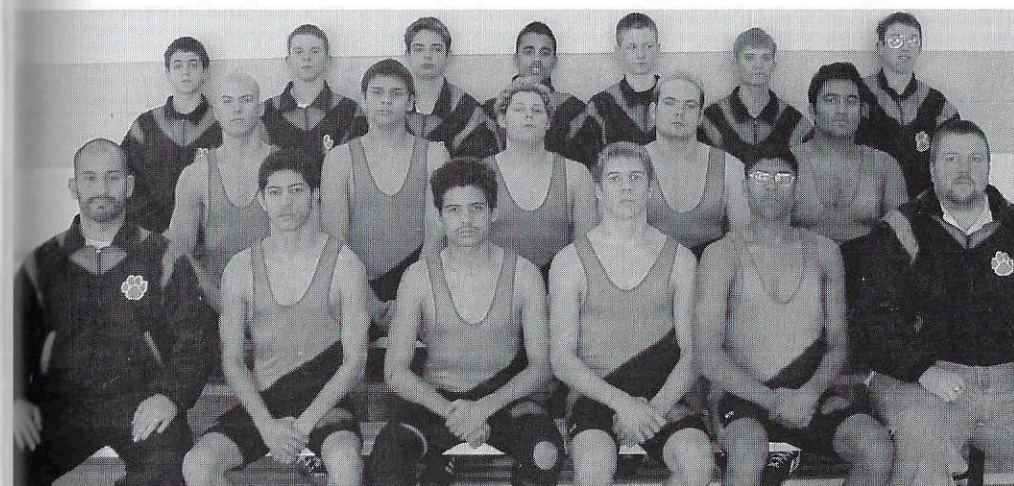
In wrestling, not everybody receives a baptism of the ring. Leo Casella and Joel Soto made a promise to the team, that they would win the ESDAA despite the loss of some team members. Win they would with Coach Hiram Arroyo and the new Assistant Coach Shane Bryant—they are bigger, better, and faster than ever. The American School for the Deaf is proud to present the True Spirit of the Tigers—

unconquerable, undefeatable, stubborn, and resilient even through impossible matches! This year was no different even though this year’s team was young and inexperienced, our team’s Heart and Commitment was felt by all apponents, win or lose. Four of our wrestlers advanced to the final match in the ESDAA Tournament hosted by ASD. Our team finished 4th out of the 8 teams that competed.

The team comes together while Captain Leo Casella points out the improvemnet tips.



Mark Mohan pins his opponent on the mat during a match.



Wrestling Team: Front row, l-r: Head Coach H. Arroyo, J. Santiago, J. Feliciano, C. Coombs, S. Kochhar, and Assistant Coach S. Bryant Middle row: J. Howe, C. Traverzo, N. Russo, D. Schools, and I. Sarfani Back row: R. Furches, S. Thresher, W. Ross, P. Torres, M. Mohan, K. Trask, M. Vogel, Manager. Not shown: Captain L. Casella, Captain J. Soto, and D. Salazar.

Scoreboard					
ASD		Opp	ASD		Opp
0	Ethel Walker	5	3	Masters	1
2	Lewis Mills	5	0	Cheshire	5
0	MacDuffie	5	3	Masters	2
0	Kingswood	6	4	St Margaret's	3

# Tennis

*"A new life begins when the tassels are thrown."  
~ Timothy DeCelles*

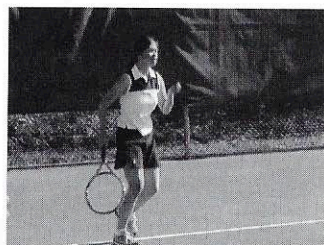
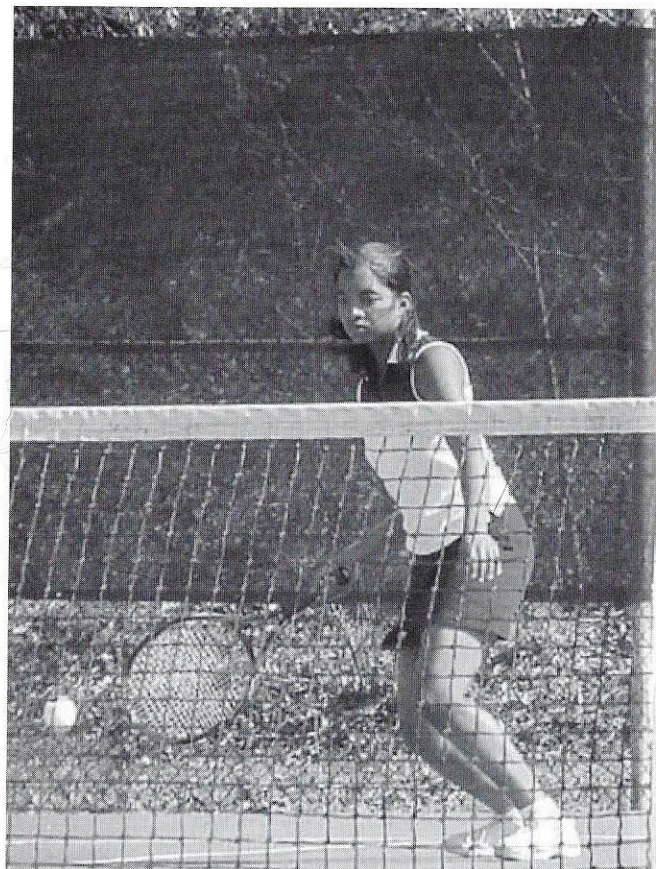
## Servin' Up A Win

The ASD girls' tennis team completed their first year of varsity matches with a 3-5 record. The last match of the year was against the strong Lewis Mills team who defeated us, 5-2. Nevertheless, our number one and two single players, Heather Lindstrom and Jamie Shea, played together for the first time to defeat that number one double team in an exciting match. Both teams were tied 6-6 before ASD surged ahead to win, 8-6. Meanwhile, Irsi Pozo, playing as the number three

singles, also had an exciting match that was tied at 7-7 before she pulled ahead to win, 9-7.

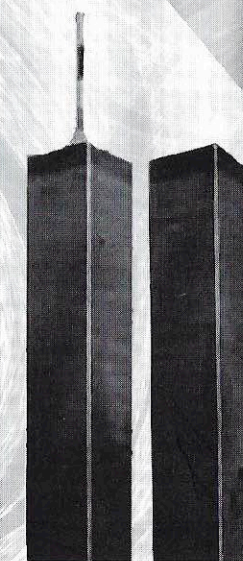
The ASD team consisted of Christine Janick, Jennifer Santos, Pinky Patel, Jennifer Aponte, Giselle Garcia, Juanita Soto, Chrystina Dennie, Wendy Fernandez, Crystal McCaffrey, Jamie Shea, Irsi Pozo, and Heather Lindstrom, including Niki Rutihinda, our manager.

*Irsi Pozo stands steady as she awaits to hit the ball over the net back to her opponent.*



*As soon as Jennifer Santos finishes serving, she runs to her position to continue the hot match.*

*ASD's proud tennis team poses with Head Coach John Silva, and Assistant Coaches Denise Monte and Leda Robinson.*



*Organizations*



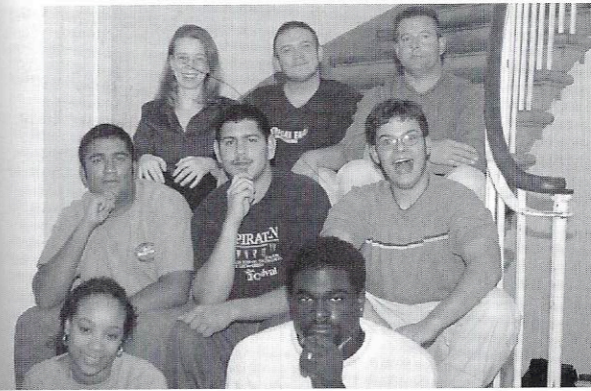
## Junior CAD

*First row, 1-r:* Michael Kennedy, Trudy Ann Smith, Suli Arroyo, Imran Safani and Carl Borsotti. *Second row, 1-r:* Justina Guizar, Bonnie Kyle, and Tim Decelles. *Third row, 1-r:* Jose Giraldo, Alycia Ruszyk, Jason Williams, Karina Reed, Kristy Borsotti, Noella Kolash, and Jordan Gusch.



## French Exchange Program

*First row, 1-r:* Leo Casella, Jordan Gusch and Imran Sarfani. *Second row, 1-r:* Jason Williams, Christine Janick, Karina Reed, Kristy Borsotti, Crystal McCaffrey and Justina Guizar. *Third row, 1-r:* Michael Kennedy.



## Class of 2004

*First row, 1-r:* Treasurer Trudy Smith and Secretary Anthony Abdul-Lateef. *Second row, 1-r:* Vice President Imran Sarfani, Sergeant-at-Arm Joel Soto and Treasurer Leo Casella. *Third row, 1-r:* Advisor Rebecca Pottorf, President Jason Williams and Advisor Bill Potter.



## Class of 2005

*First row, 1-r:* Sergeant-at-Arm Sourab Kochhar, Sergeant-at-Arm Brent Bastien, and Advisor June Terry. *Second row, 1-r:* Treasurer Amanda Stillwagon, and Secretary Noella Kolash. *Third row, 1-r:* President Nick Russo, Vice President Alexandra Benjamin and Advisor Anita Fraquhar.



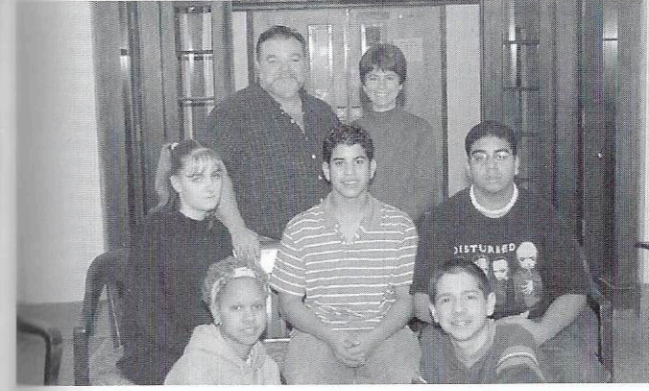
## Martin Luther King Jr.

*First row, 1-r:* Justina Guizar, Joan Manuel Espinal, Emily Hawkinson, Kristy Borsotti, Karina Reed, Alycia Ruszyk, Andrew Norse, and Connell McLaurin. *Second row, 1-r:* Darrin Barros, Kaneisha Alexis, Jennifer Aponte, Tarshia Sherman, Annish Haynes, Yvette McKoy, Jennifer Beaujour, Shenise Smith, and Rose Padua. *Third row, 1-r:* Rashima Williams, Advisor Mary Jones, Brent Bastien, Jesus Arroyo, Pierre Turner, Tim Head, Kevin Wallace, Advisor James Smith, and Roodly Exantus.



## Student Forum

*Sitting on floor:* Chad Williams *Second row, 1-r:* Jason Williams, Noella Kolash, Allison Heron, Christina Jackson, Trudy Smith, and Justina Guizar. *Third row, 1-r:* Jordan Gusch, Advisor June Terry, Carl Borsotti, and Jose Giraldo.



## Class of 2006

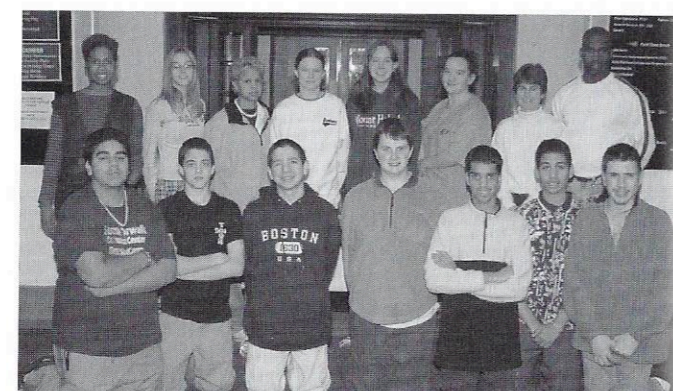
*First row, 1-r:* Vice President Christina Jackson and President Carl Borsotti. *Second row, 1-r:* Treasurer Sarah Cornelius, Sergeant-at-Arm Jesus Arroyo and Secretary Jose Giraldo. *Third row, 1-r:* Advisor Brad Moseley and Advisor Kathy Falco.

# Class & Officers



## Connecticut Forum

*First row, 1-r:* Jose Giraldo, Imran Sarfani, Tim Decelles, Pierre Turner and Joan Manuel-Espinal *Second row, 1-r:* Noella Kolash, Christina Jackson, Alexandra Benjamin, Sarah Cornelius, Nick Russo, Shana Livingstone and Carl Borsotti *Third row, 1-r:* Advisor June Terry, Brent Bastien, Jason Williams and Advisor Nancy Zurek.



## Literacy Club

*First row, 1-r:* Jose Giraldo, Ryan Furches, Carl Borsotti, Adam Lemay, Andrew Norse, Bryam Ricart and Jared Drake. *Second row, 1-r:* Rose Padua, Alexandra Benjamin, Christina Jackson, Allison Heron, Shana Livingstone, Melina Ruszyk, Advisor Kathy Falco and Advisor James Smith.



## Class of 2007

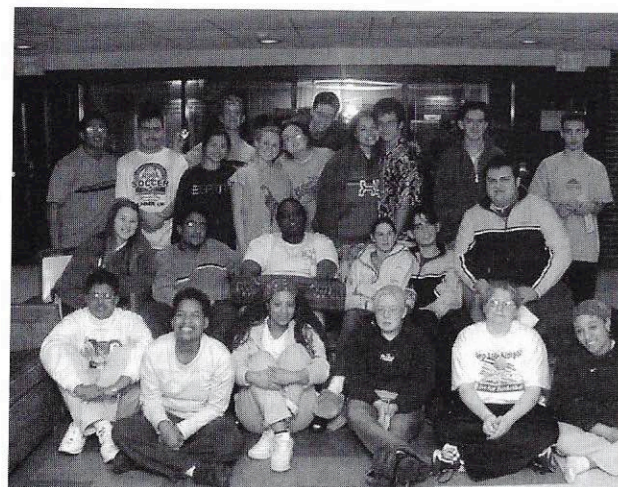
*First row, 1-r:* Brian Kozey, Giselle Garcia, Stephanie Durand, Chelsea Corriveau, Chad Murach, Yvette McKoy, Chrystina Dennie, Bryam Ricart, and Ryan Furches. *Second row, 1-r:* Ryan Hastings, Richard Tylinksi, Allison Heron, Mark Mohan, and Camilo Salinas. *Third row, 1-r:* Tim Head, Kevin Laythe, Jose Feliciano, Michael Singh, Nicholas Barbone, Paul Babineau, Westley Ross, Anthony Russo, and Cory Coombs.



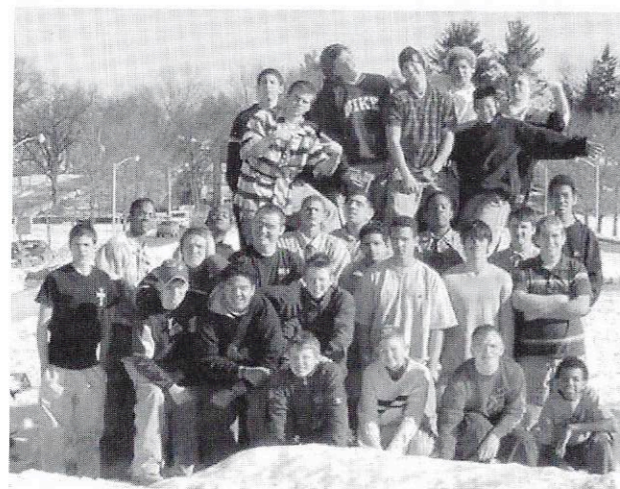
## Class of 2008

*First row, 1-r:* Connell McLaurin, Lymarie Rodriguez, Shenise Smith, Kaneisha Alexis and Ross DeMars. *Second row 1-r:* Dennis Killorin, Jennifer Beaujour and Mark Redekas. *Third row, 1-r:* Emily Hawkinson, Annish Hayes and Nicole Wood. *Fourth row, 1-r:* Stephanie Benson, Joel Romero and Jesse Whitelaw. *Fifth row, 1-r:* Aga Skrzypek and Eddie DeJesus.

# Dormitories



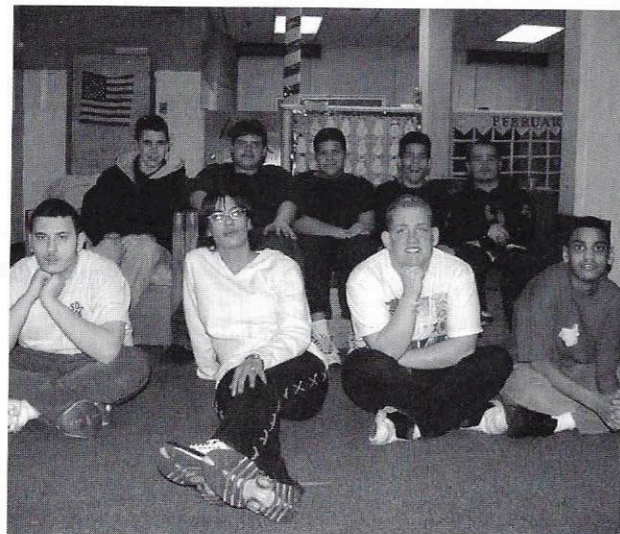
Butterworth Life Skills



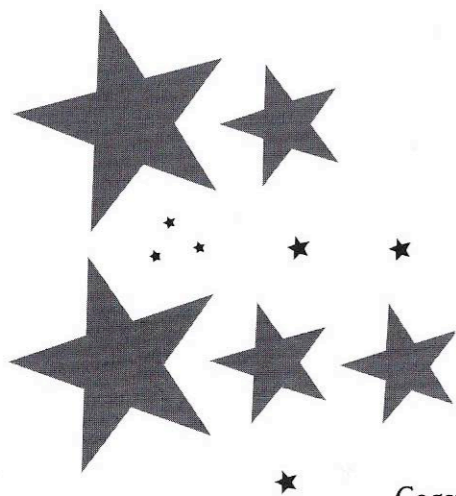
Holt



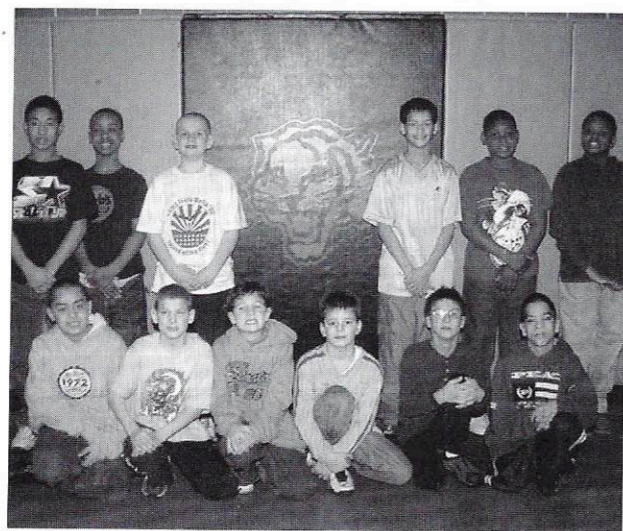
Clerc



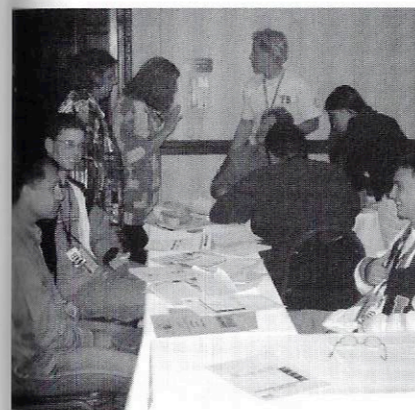
Paces



Cogswell



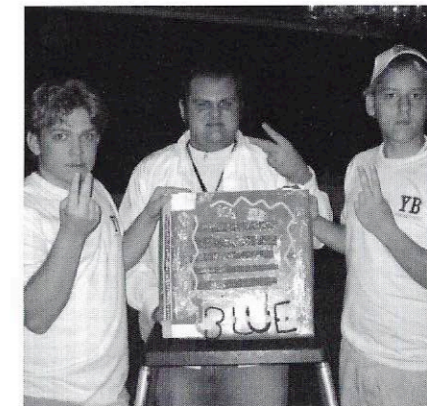
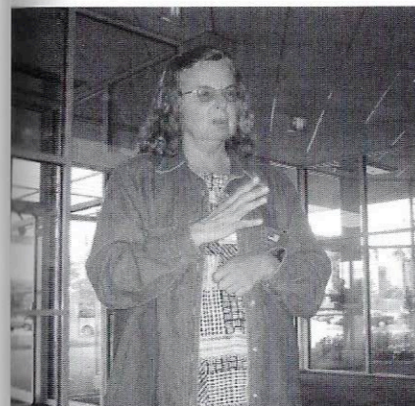
# Yearbook



Left: Yearbook students are busy at work at the annual Walsworth yearbook workshop.

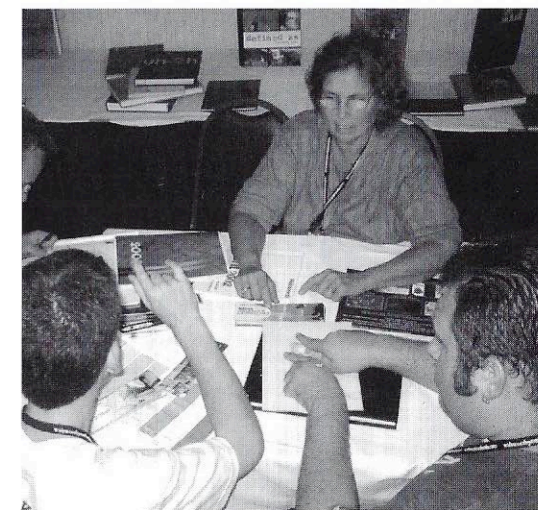
Below left: Advisor Regina Zemaitis shares some tips before the cover competition.

Below right: Chris Faulborn, Jason Williams, and Jordan Gusch hold up their second-place cover.



Several members of the YEARBOOK club attended a workshop sponsored by the Walsworth Publishing Company. The three-day workshop was held at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Through many fun activities, the attendees learned wonderful ideas for their new YEARBOOK. The three days were long and tiring but much was learned.

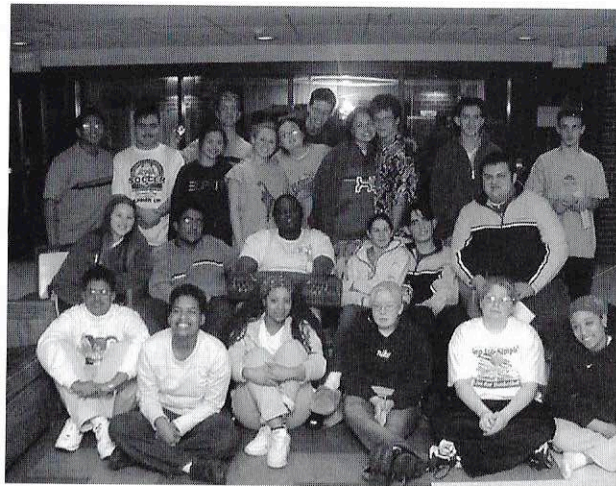
Even though everyone worked hard, some of the yearbook members won prizes. We even had time to go to a Red Sox's last baseball game. The workshop gave our students a great combination of work and play.



Michael Kennedy, Jordan Gusch and Shirley Desrosier discuss details of their plan for the cover with the publisher's artist.

ASD yearbook members had a blast at the final Red Sox game of the season at Fenway during the 3-day workshop. Students stayed up past midnight to make up time working on the yearbook.

# Dormitories



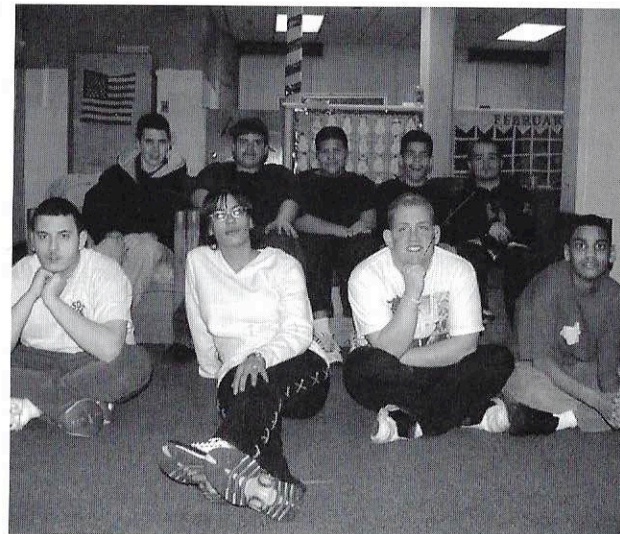
Butterworth Life Skills



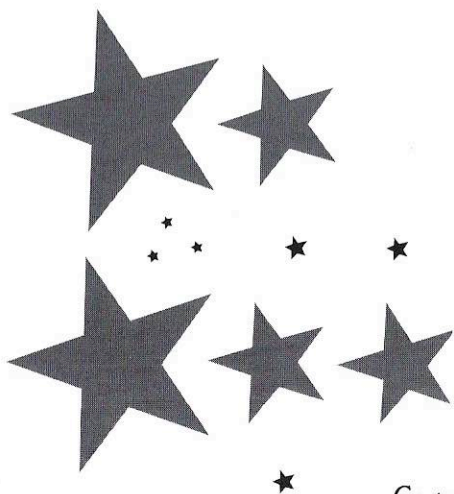
Holt



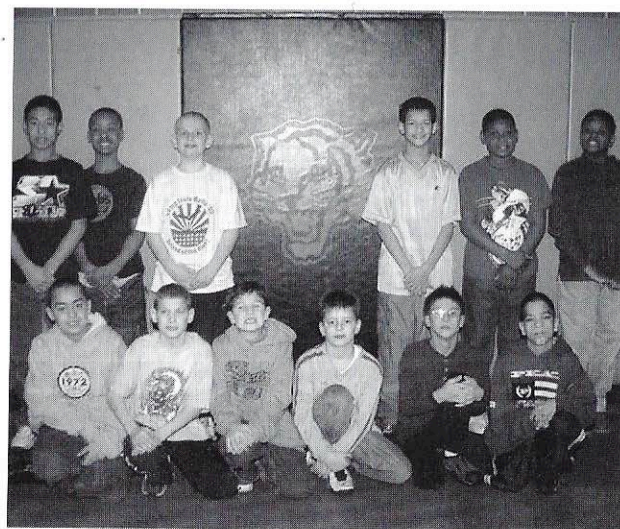
Clerc



Paces



Cogswell



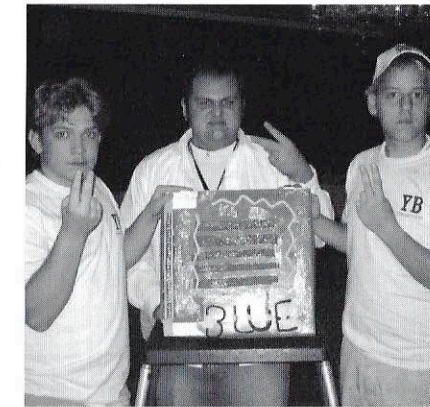
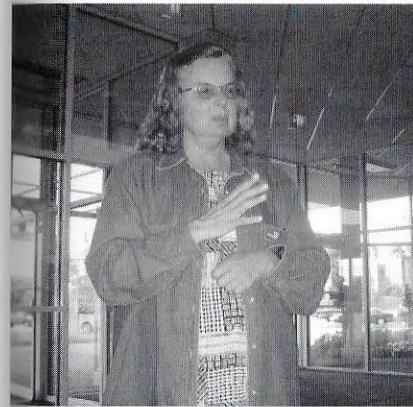
# Yearbook



Left: Yearbook students are busy at work at the annual Walsworth yearbook workshop.

Below left: Advisor Regina Zemaitis shares some tips before the cover competition.

Below right: Chris Faulborn, Jason Williams, and Jordan Gusch hold up their second-place cover.



Several members of the YEARBOOK club attended a workshop sponsored by the Walsworth Publishing Company. The three-day workshop was held at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Through many fun activities, the attendees learned wonderful ideas for their new YEARBOOK. The three days were long and tiring but much was learned.

Even though everyone worked hard, some of the yearbook members won prizes. We even had time to go to a Red Sox's last baseball game. The workshop gave our students a great combination of work and play.



Michael Kennedy, Jordan Gusch and Shirley Desrosier discuss details of their plan for the cover with the publisher's artist.

ASD yearbook members had a blast at the final Red Sox game of the season at Fenway during the 3-day workshop. Students stayed up past midnight to make up time working on the yearbook.

# 9/11 Memories

A unexpected tragedy struck America on September 11, 2001. Thousands of innocent lives were taken. Millions of people grieved. This was a day America would simply never forget.

The students and staff had a ceremony to honor those who died and those who heroically participated in an effort to help.

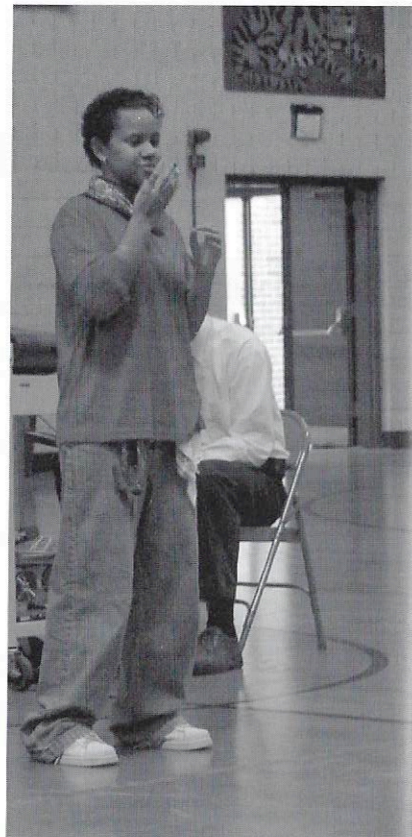
The ceremony left an emotional impression on many students. Some cried, some spoke about their thoughts, while others chose to remain quiet.

Four students gave a presentation on the four American Rights. The Girl Scouts lined up neatly to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Lastly, six Upper School students beautifully signed Our National Anthem.

America, sleep tight for you have had a weary year.

*Christina Jackson explains one of the four rights we as Americans have.*

*Karina Reed proves her love for America does not get any better than demonstrating with stripes and stars on her nails.*



*Trudy Smith anticipates a wonderful set to deliver a nasty spike!*

*Daniel Salazar takes an offensive advantage to scoot the ball closer to the goal line.*



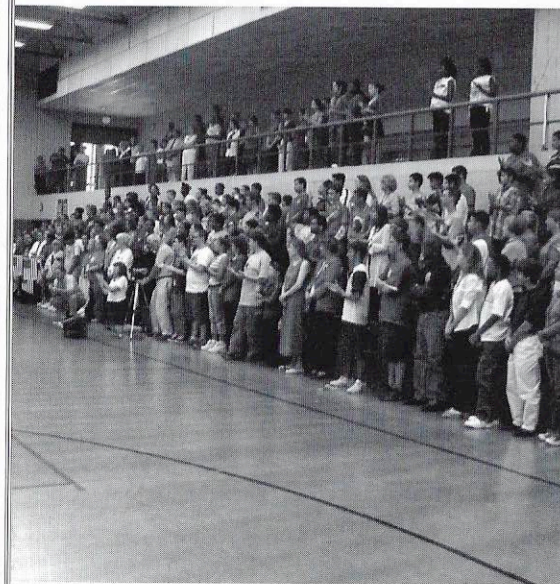
# Homecoming

The sun shone on our Homecoming Day with warm breezes. Our volleyball team played against Lexington School for the Deaf, and we outscored them 3-0.

The Homecoming King and Queen came onto the field riding in a rented green convertible. Class representatives marched in behind the moving car. After the presentation of the King, Queen and Court, six students signed our National Anthem. The thudding sounds of drums introduced two seniors, Alycia Ruszyk and Kristy Borsotti, as they signed the fighting Tiger song.

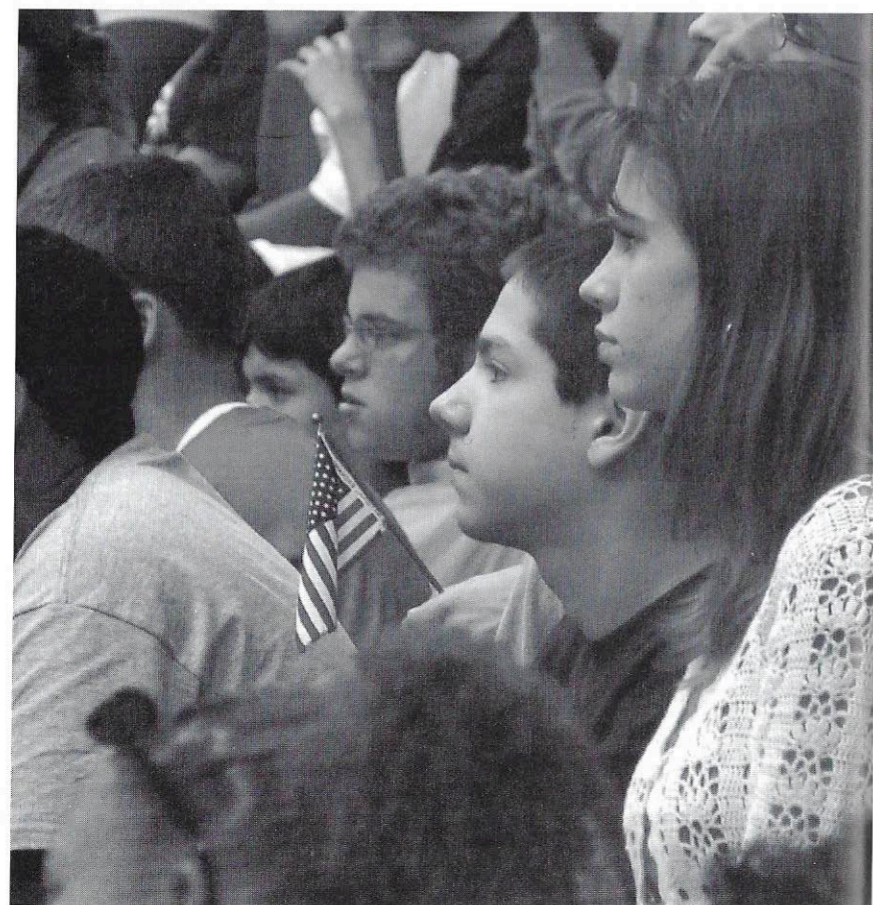
The Lexington soccer team was no match for ASD's soccer team as ASD defeated them 11-2.

ASD went home proudly with the winning scores that afternoon.



*The whole school participates in signing the national anthem - a song that reminds us of how far our country has come.*

*Leo Casella, Carl Borsotti and Crystal McCaffery all participate in a moment of silence to honor all those who died the previous year.*



*Class representatives from Freshmen to Seniors line up neatly on the middle of field with their hand-made banners.*

*Alexandra Benjamin, Christopher Faulborn, Kristy Borsotti, Karina Reed and Alycia Ruszyk sign the National Anthem before the whistle for the soccer game.*

# Halloween

Ghosts, goblins, and cats, oh my! P.A.C.E.S. has once again achieved the best annually held Halloween Ball! So many people came in with such wild costumes. We were either laughing, screaming, or guessing who was behind the horrid, the funniest, the cutest, or the most creative get-ups.

Every year, P.A.C.E.S. hosts the Halloween Ball. Every year, the party-goers leave the ball exhausted, excited, and even terrified for life. We all end up looking forward for next year!

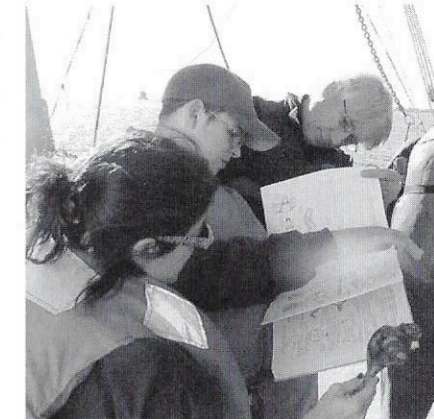
*Andrew Norse, as a Greek philosopher, cuddles up with his girlfriend—yes, she's a girl—Rose Padua, disguised as a mobster boss.*

*The infamous drag queens have decided to crash the party: Mahdi Al-Jabri, Alycia Ruszyk, Jennifer Lueth, Daniel Salazar, Justina Guizar, and Jordan Gusch.*



*Karina Reed is holding a fish that the team have caught from the Research Vessel.*

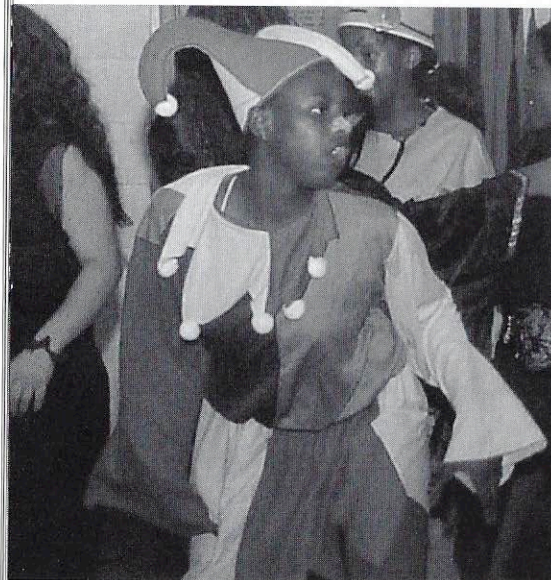
*Eric Schroeder, Leo Casella and Betty Poster are looking for the name of a fish that they just caught.*



# C.O.S.

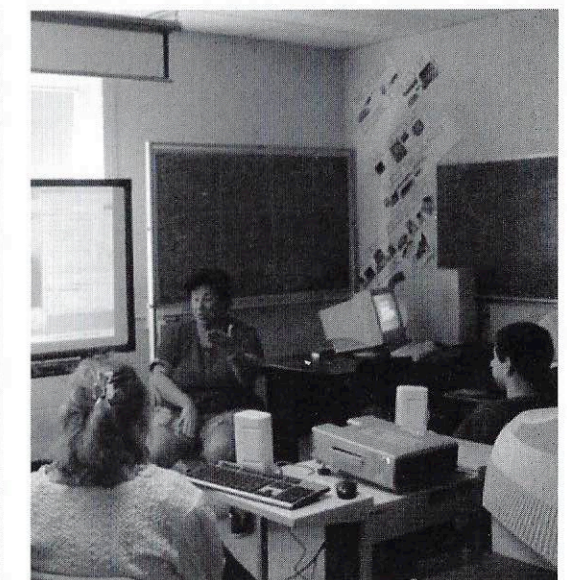
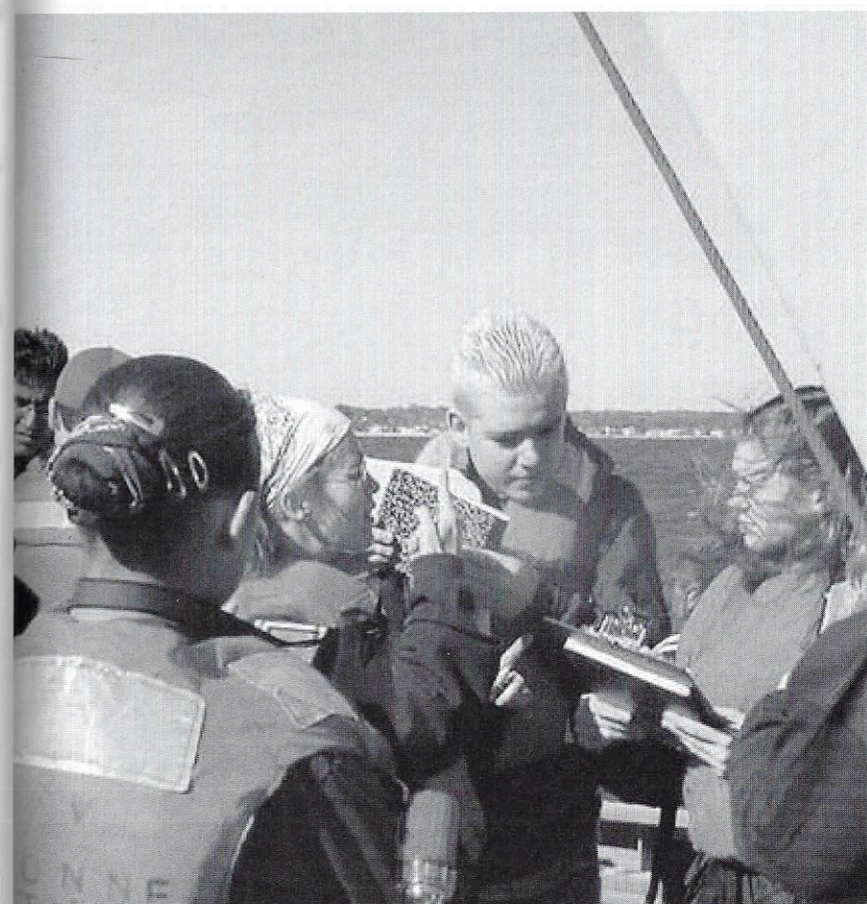
Classroom of the Sea (COS) is an advanced science class offered by ASD. We have connection projects with the University of Connecticut and National Institute of Technology for the Deaf. This year, COS students are doing research on harbor seals and pollution in the Long Island Sound. Congressman Simmons had asked ASD to do the research work for him. COS Biology and Chemistry students went out to the sea and researched.

The students tested the salinity in the sea to measure how much saline (salt) was in the Long Island Sound. We also attempted to find out what seals eat and if there is enough food for those seals or not. We counted how many seals there were, and how much they ate everyday.



*Shenise Smith hobbles around in her hilarious joker costume set while girls behind her dance to the blasting music.*

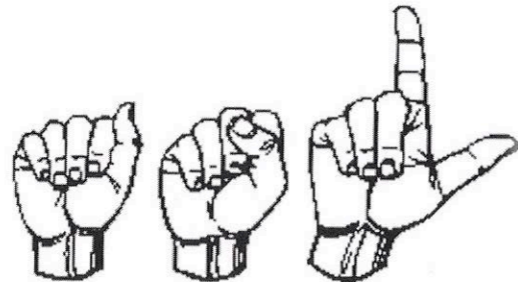
*Sorrah Kurab, Kristy Borsotti, and Adam Lemay scramble to grab a seat during the musical chairs, played with lights.*



*Mary Laporta-Hupper interprets the live video-conference among scientists who did research at the ocean.*

*Julie Ann Mountain explains to Crystal McCaffrey about the lab report as Brandon Daineaught watches and documents it.*

# ASL Poetry



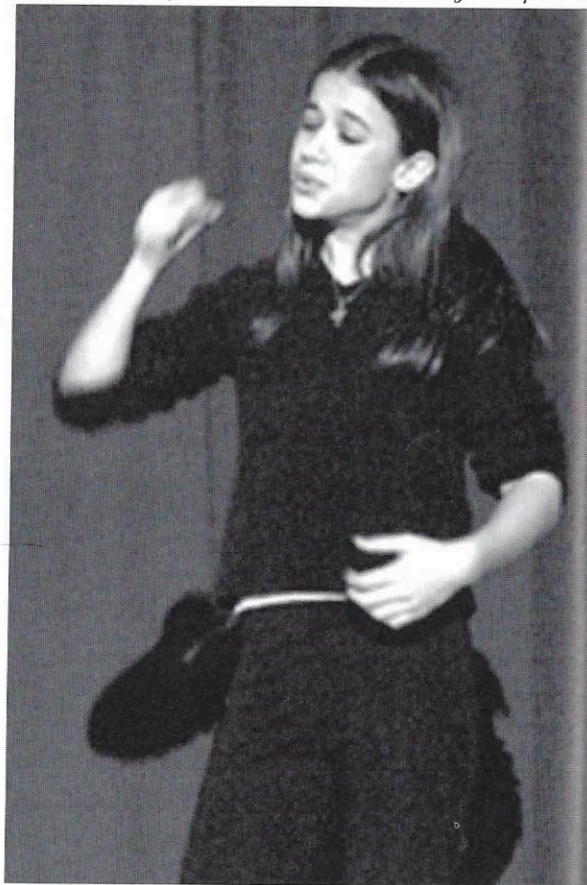
Stephanie Durand demonstrates the figure shape of "S".



Master and Mistress of Ceremony, Shahry Shilati and Joan Hanna make marvelous jokes with lots of acting and facial expressions.

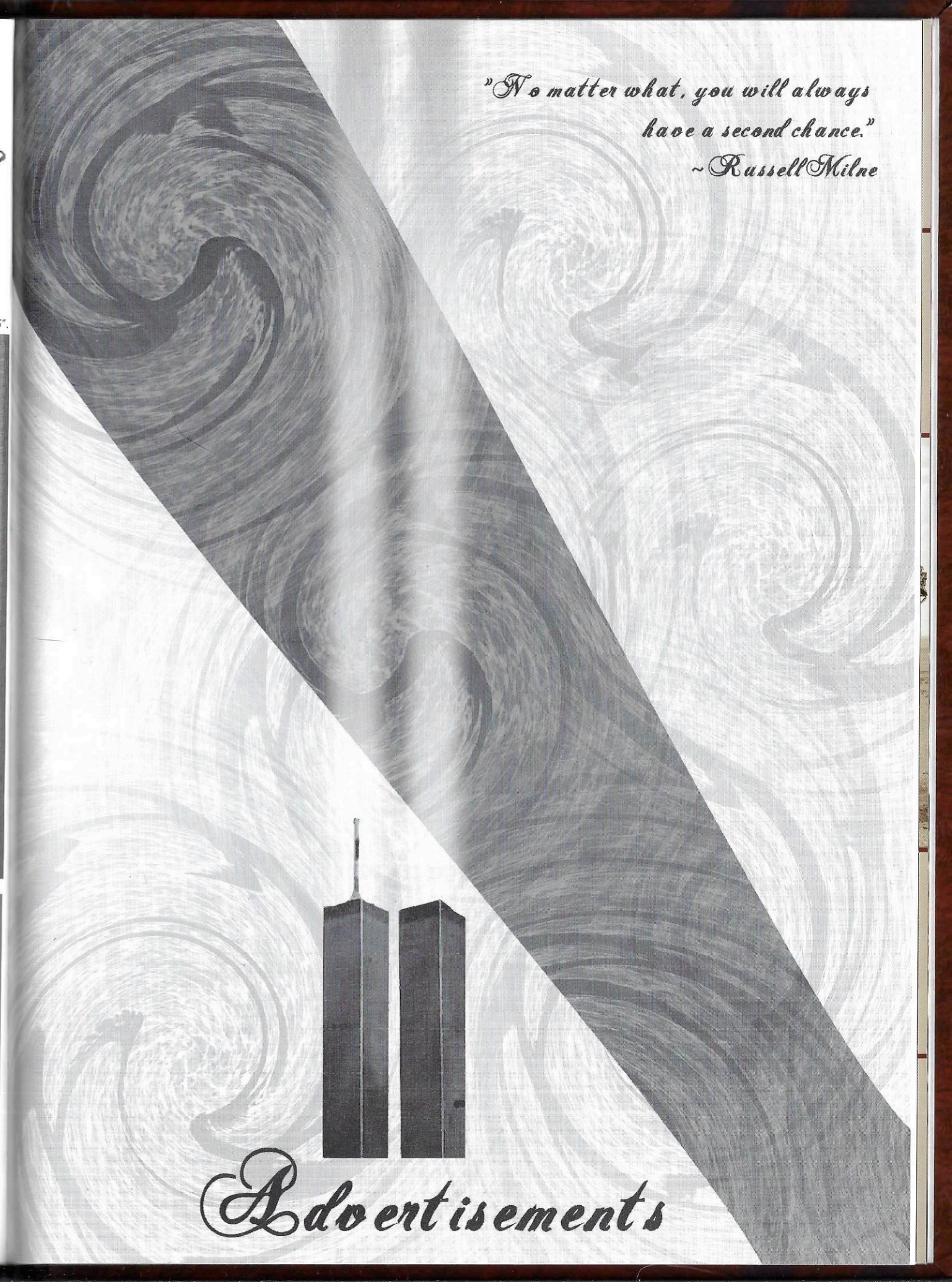


Trudy Smith expresses her thoughts with depth of feelings.



ASL Poetry Competition Winners (l-r): 3rd Place Amanda Stillwagon, 2nd Place Lymarie Rodriguez, and 1st Place Alycia Ruszyk

*"No matter what, you will always have a second chance."  
~ Russell Milne*



*Advertisements*



C  
L  
A  
S  
S  
  
O  
F  
  
2  
0  
0  
3

Congratulations and

Best Wishes

from the

ASD Alumni Association

Good Luck to you,  
Graduates!

May Your Successes

Be Equal to

Your Dreams.



# ASD Alumni Association

139 North Main Street  
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

- ASDAA established two organizations:  
Tiger's Club  
Hall of Fame
- Awards scholarships to graduating seniors
- Gives annual contributions to American School for the Deaf from ASDAA endowment fund
- Participates in Annual ASD Golf Tournament to benefit its educational goal
- Purchases numerous education supplies, including new computers for dorms
- Donated the all-sport uniforms and warm-up suits for students and coaches

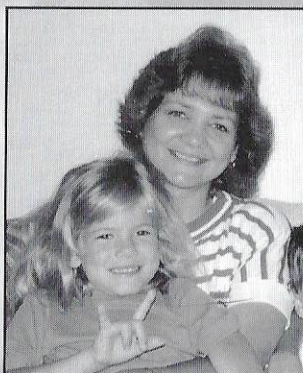
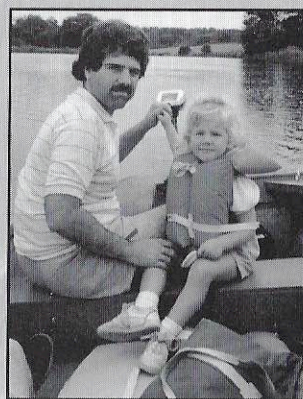
## ASDAA Officers for 2001-2003

<i>President</i>	Sandra McGee '73
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Sandra Larson '79
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Shahry Shilati '71
<i>Executive Secretary</i>	Rita Giordano '73
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Randee Bickford '95
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Rosemarie Greco '81
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gregory Roche '67
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Arthur Larson '74
<i>1st Trustee</i>	Hiram Arroyo '88
<i>2nd Trustee</i>	Steven Heron '69
<i>3rd Trustee</i>	Tom Desrosier '51
<i>Members-at-Large</i>	Ivy Velez '85 Helen Dardis '50 Gail Lawrence '66 Beverly Backofen '70
<i>Endowment Fund Chairperson</i>	Robert Backofen '70
<i>Endowment Fund Ass't Chairperson</i>	Tony Giordano '60
<i>Hall of Fame Chairperson</i>	To Be Announced
<i>ASDAA Tigers Club</i>	Arthur Larson '74
<i>ASDAA Newsletter Editor</i>	Rosemarie Greco '81





## To Our Dearest Daughter, Kristy Borsotti



From birth to the young lady you have become, you have filled our hearts with so much love and happiness. We have always been and will always be very proud of you. We hope you will continue to be successful in your life. We wish you much luck in everything you do. Congratulations on your graduation!

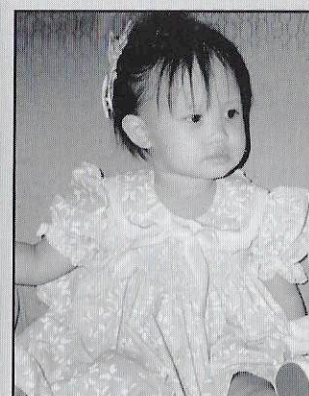
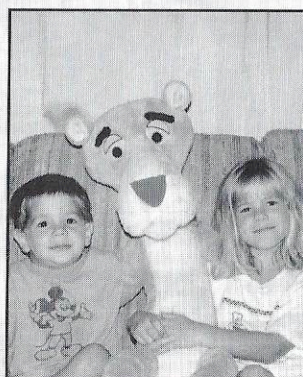
Love always,  
Mom & Dad



## To My Big Sister, Kristy

You did it! I will always cherish all of those wonderful moments that we shared together. Good Luck!

Hugs forever,  
Your little brother, Carl



## CONGRATULATIONS, Jennifer Santos

Knowing just how happy you must feel today, we want to say that we feel the same way. May your happiness continue. May you always have success for there couldn't be a graduate more deserving of life's best!

With love,  
All of "US"



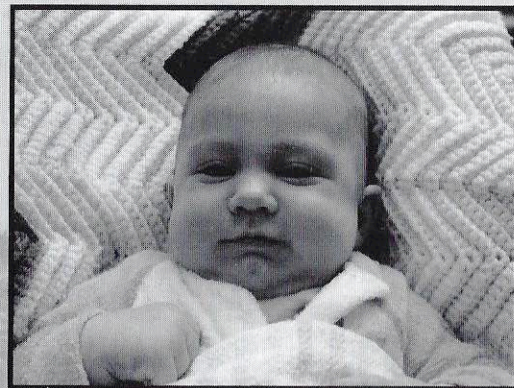


## Jordan Frederick Gusch

Congratulations on your graduation. It has been a joy watching our little boy grow into a fine young man. You have faced many challenges successfully. We are very proud of you! You have taught us many lessons about life, love and determination.

Good luck in your future endeavors.  
You will succeed and reach your goals.  
We love you very much!

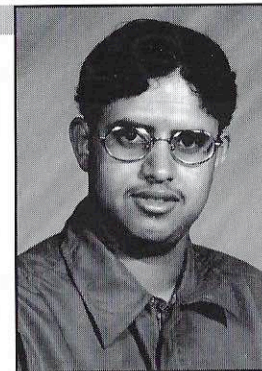
Love forever,  
Mom, Dad, & Kurt



### Jordan Gusch Grandson

Congratulations on your graduation! We are proud of you! We love you!

Love,  
Nawn & Papa



### Mahdi Al-Jabri

CONGRATULATIONS!  
We are proud of you!  
Please stay in contact with  
American School for the  
Deaf.

Your Family and  
Your ASD Friends

### Matthew Goyette

We are EXTREMELY proud of you!  
Your accomplishments in both school and sports  
reflect an effort that you made happen.

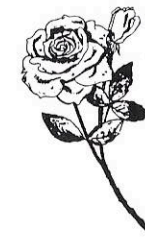
CONGRATULATIONS!

We love you and we know this: "We ain't seen nothing yet".  
GO, GOYETTE!

Da, Mom, Bryan, Bridget, Meghan, Adam,  
Sarah, Ann, Mary, Rose

### Congratulations!

The Life Skills Dorm Staff wishes  
to say to the Seniors,



"Good Luck!"

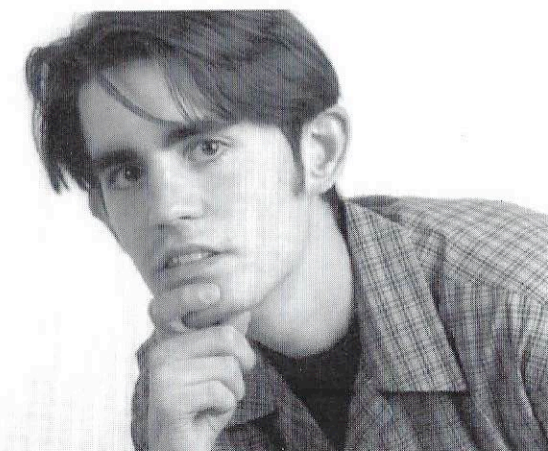
Steve Borsotti  
Julia Taft  
Georgine Clark

Shawn St. Germain  
Jennifer Martin  
Tammy Eaddy

2003

BEST WISHES

## CONGRATULATIONS DANNY!



Daniel R. Devlin  
Meriden, CT

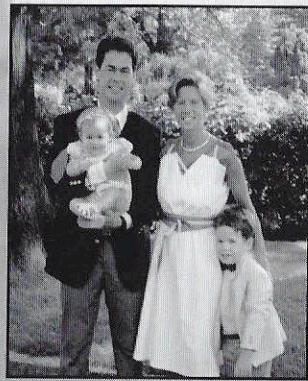
ASD  
Class of 2003

FROM YOUR FAMILY

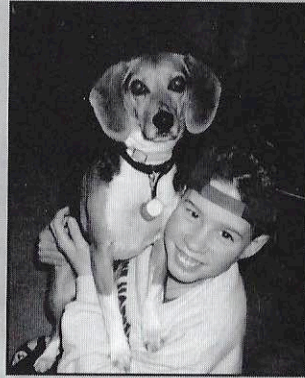
& SEAN

DAD AND MOM

# CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL BRANDON KENNEDY



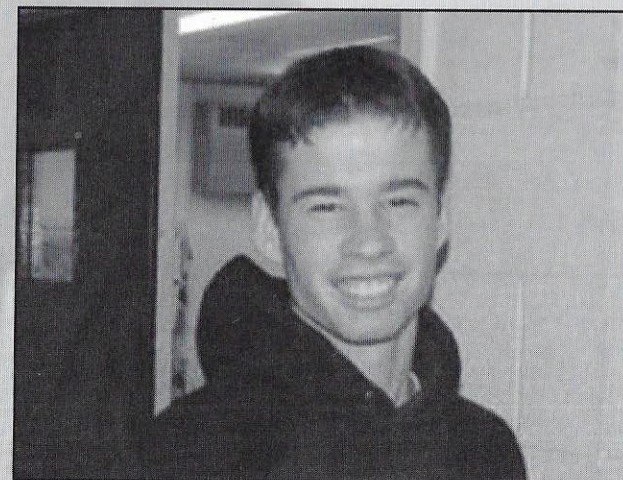
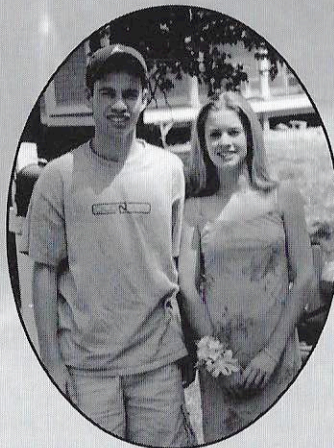
Good luck at Gallaudet  
and beyond.



We love you and are  
extremely PROUD of you!

Love,

Your entire family



We're Your onesolution

## Congratulations to the Class of 2003

Now we're a family of dynamic companies offering **onesolution**, a unique concept that can be customized to meet your needs and save you time & money!



Promotional Products  
Printing Services  
Furniture Systems  
Office and Computer Supplies  
Coffee & Refreshment Services

We Make Doing Business Easy With...onesolution

**Ron Formeister**  
Account Executive  
Ext. 3029

504 Main Street  
Farmington, Connecticut  
860.678.8430  
Fax 860.677.0642  
[www.askallied.com](http://www.askallied.com)

## Congratulations Graduating Seniors

**"Go For It"!**

- Training
- Job
- Family
- Work Skills
- Independent Living
- Career Counseling
- Vocational Assessment
- Deaf Spirit Club

## Adult Vocational Services

is here to help you to achieve your goals

**Sandra Inzinga, Director**  
TTY: (860) 570-2235  
Voice: (860) 570-2383  
FAX: (860) 570-2341  
[sandy.inzinga@asd-1817.org](mailto:sandy.inzinga@asd-1817.org)



**Northeast Recreation Association  
NRAD of the Deaf, Inc.**

**Congratulations, Class of 2003**

Good Luck and Best Wishes

NRAD promotes the general betterment of the deaf community through social and recreational events and outings, and camping (hearing are welcome).

**NRAD EVENTS**

- Social every February, May, September, and November
- Active Hands Camping -- May through October
- Tours

**OFFICERS**

Shirley Desrosier, *President*  
Janet Cornish, *Vice President*  
Raymond Laferriere, *Secretary*  
Carol Murray, *Treasurer*  
Muriel Stockdale, *Dues Collector*

*Board of Directors*  
Michael Gabis  
Donald Stockdale  
George Szpakowski  
Denise Whitney  
Jeffrey Whitney

P.O. Box 676, Southwick, MA 01077 • smiledeaf@aol.com

**CONVERSE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

34 Jerome Avenue • Bloomfield, CT 06002

Phone: 860-242-4974

Toll Free: 800-743-1219

Fax: 860-243-1320

Email: sales@conversecommunications.com

Website: www.conversecommunications.com



TIM or JACK LYONS



TROPHIES - PLAQUES - DESK SETS - ENGRAVING

**MR. TROPHY & Co.**

"THE WINNER'S CHOICE"

FACTORY - SHOWROOM  
300 LOCUST STREET  
HARTFORD, CT 06114  
(860) 246-2579  
FAX (860) 246-2570

TOLL FREE IN CT 1-800-322-2579

BRANCH - SHOWROOM  
55 STATE STREET  
NO. HAVEN, CT 06473  
(203) 239-9637  
FAX (203) 239-6038



**Sign Language Instructor's Pool of Connecticut**

SLIP is a professional organization whose purpose is the promotion of quality language instruction.

*Wishes you good luck with your future.*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ASD CLASS OF 2003**



**COLLEGIATE EDUCATION FOR  
DEAF & HARD OF HEARING PERSONS**

*CEDHH is a unique post-secondary program designed to assist deaf and hard of hearing students in meeting their academic and career goals. Established in 1974, an array of comprehensive support services has been provided to deaf and hard of hearing students at Northwestern Connecticut Community College for more than 27 years.*

- English Preparatory Program • Interpreting •
- C-Print Captioning • Notetaking • Tutoring •
- Academic Advisement •
- Communication Assessment & Training •

To obtain information, please contact:

Mark J. Myers, Director

Sara C. Gerhold, Program Liaison

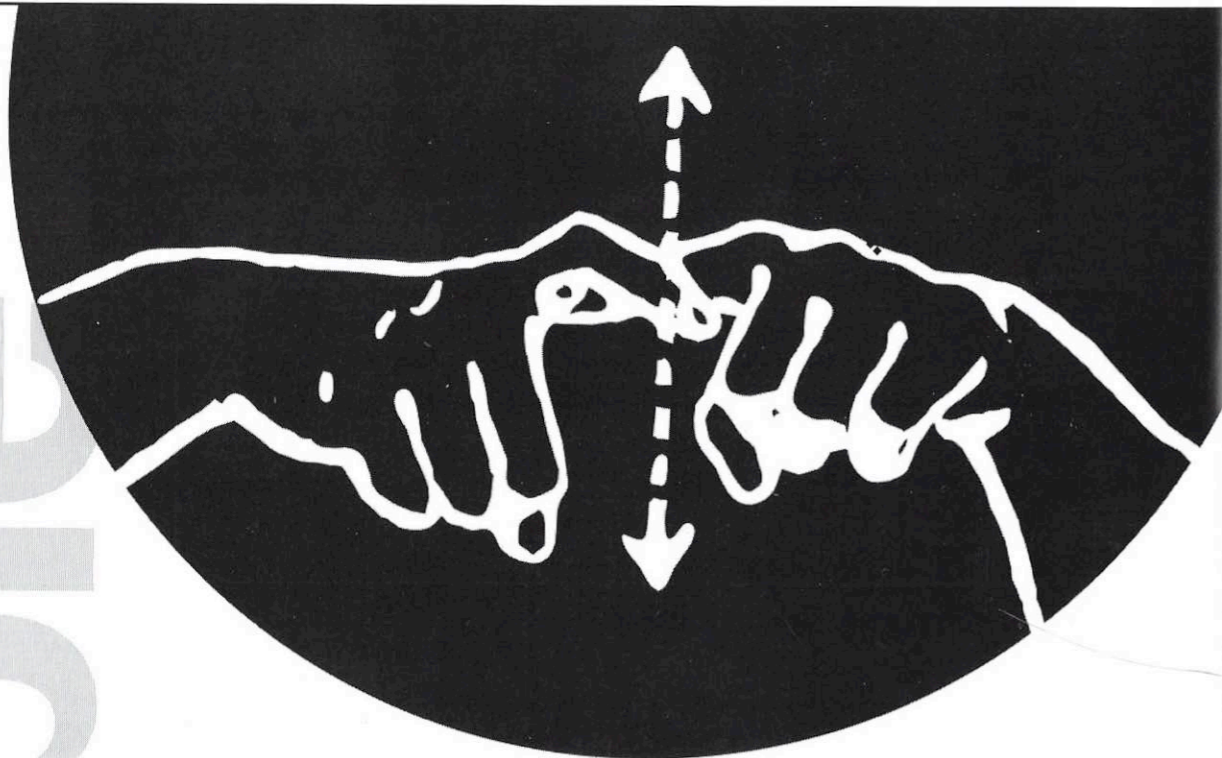
Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Park Place East, Winsted, CT 06098

1-860-738-6397 v/tty / 1-860-379-3886 fax

sgerhold@nwcc.comnet.edu

releas



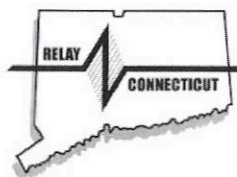
## Relay Connecticut gives you features the others just don't have!

We are continually striving to provide the best possible communication solutions for people who are Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled. Detailed information about all four new services is available by calling Sprint Relay Customer Service. We know you will enjoy the benefits this technology provides, and we welcome your comments or questions.

### New Services

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| ▶ Video Relay Service<br><a href="http://www.ctvrs.com">www.ctvrs.com</a>                        | ▶ Internet Relay<br><a href="http://www.sprintrelayonline.com">www.sprintrelayonline.com</a> |   |
| ▶ TTY/ASCII/Spanish/VCO<br><b>1-800-842-9710</b>   | ▶ Speech-to-Speech<br><b>1-877-842-5177</b>  | ▶ Servicio al Cliente de Sprint Relay<br>TTY/Voz/ASCII<br><b>1-800-676-4290</b> |
| ▶ Voice<br><b>1-800-833-8134</b>   | ▶ 900 Services<br><b>1-900-230-6262</b>  | ▶ Sprint Relay Customer Service<br>TTY/Voice/ASCII<br><b>1-800-676-3777</b>     |
| ▶ For more information<br><a href="http://www.relayconnecticut.com">www.relayconnecticut.com</a> |  |   |

There is no charge for TRS local calls placed from payphones. Toll calls may be billed through calling cards, prepaid cards, collect, and third party billing.

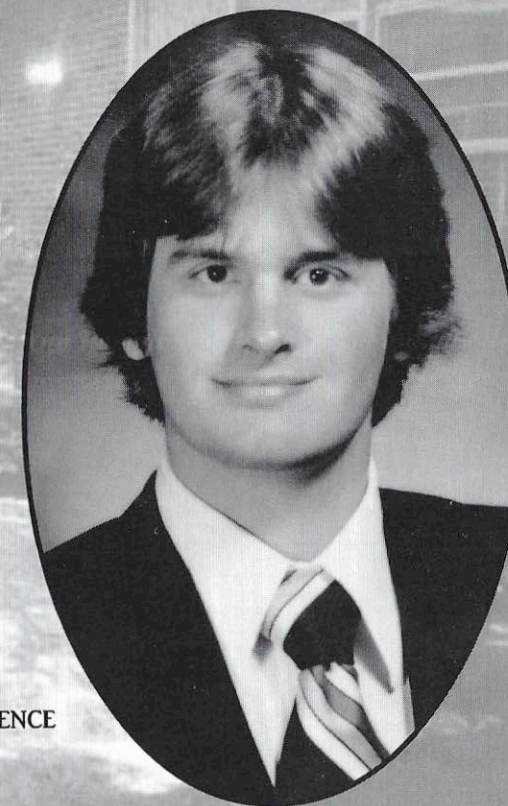


## SILENT GARDEN

dedicated to the memory of  
**WAYNE JOSEPH DABBS, '81**

❖ The "SILENT GARDEN" is located within the courtyard of the Cogswell Building. Wayne attended school there and returned to do his student teaching. This special garden will be enjoyed by all, and is also a child-friendly learning garden with statues of small creatures, extensive landscaping and a beautiful bench for quiet contemplation.

❖ The creative stepping stones:  
KNOWLEDGE, KINDNESS, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, HOPE and PATIENCE  
will be shared amongst ALL who enter this garden.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Jared Drake**                      **Russell Milne**  
**Daniel Perez**                    **Rafael Vizcarrondo**

Work hard, play fair, change your socks often,  
and write to your mother.

Life can be grand if you accept a helping hand.  
Love, Dr. Ray Stevens



## Greater Hartford Club of the Deaf, Inc.

20 Bigelow Street  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
(860) 528-5343 TTY/FAX

**Congratulations to the Class of 2003  
Best Wishes & Good Luck**

**Free Annual Membership for graduating seniors.**

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>GHCD Officers:</b>                | <b>Executive Board Officers:</b> |
| President: Hans Miller               | Chairperson: Brian Menditto      |
| Vice President: Thomas Brochu        | 3 Years Term: Michael Fiorino    |
| Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Perez | 2 Years Term: Sean Kelly         |
| Corresponding Secretary: Karen King  | 1 Years Term: Thomas Orscher     |
| Treasurer: Maria Cardoso             | 1 Year Term: Herb May            |

### Social Annual Events:

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Monthly Bingo Games   | Super Bowl Party        |
| Valentine's Day Party | St. Patrick's Day Party |
| Halloween Party       | Thanksgiving Party      |
| Christmas Party       | and many more!          |

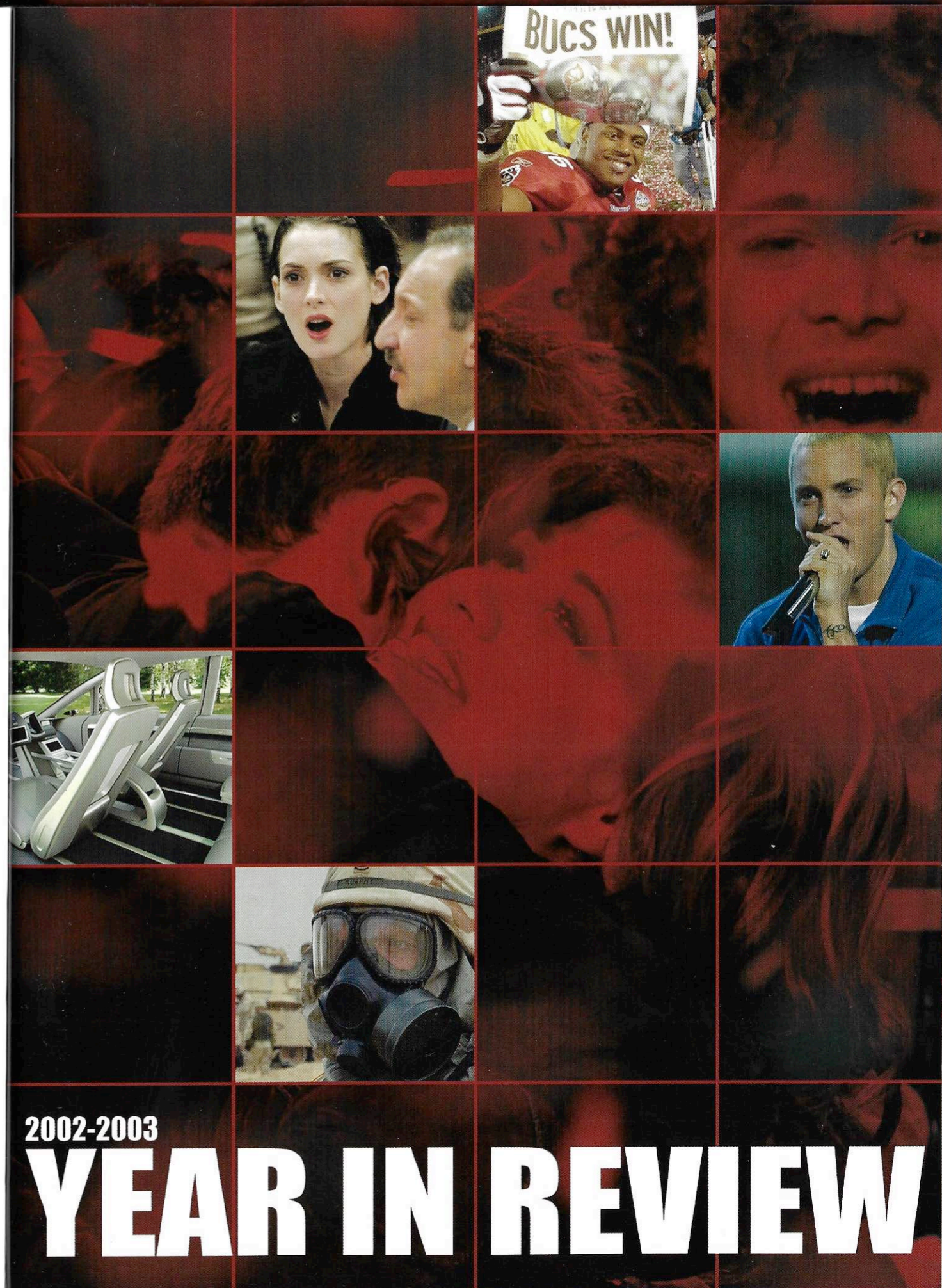
# Patrons

Karen Adams  
 Annamarie Andrews  
 Thangi Appanah  
 Hiram and Amando Arroyo  
 Al and Susan Baran  
 Ted and Paula Baran  
 Fran Barnett-Scata  
 Sherry Barros  
 Joseph M. Basile  
 Donna Blain  
 Arlene Blum  
 Christa Bolen  
 Darlene Borsotti  
 Debbie Bosworth  
 Laurie Brown  
 Daniel Casella  
 Denise Champion  
 Sandra Connell  
 Barb Corrigan  
**Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Corson**  
 Raymond Demars  
 Betsy Denorfia  
 Thomas and Shirley Desrosier  
 Catherine Escalona  
 Kathy Falco  
 Hugh and Anita Farquhar  
 Michael Fiorino  
 Patricia Fitzgerald  
 Rosa Flores  
 Luisa Gasco-Soboleski

Audrey Garvin  
 Susan Giniso  
 Rita and Tony Giordano  
 Rich and Pat Golebiewski  
 Gary and Rose Greco  
 Bill Halscheid  
 Ben and Joan Hanna  
 John and Beverly Heins  
 Jennifer Hong  
 Sandra Inzinga  
 Jerry Jones  
 Janice Knauth  
 Karen Kolash  
 Eric Leckfor  
 Cindy Lindenberger  
 Kirsten Lingenheld  
 Christine McClellan  
 Gail McCormack  
 Geri McGloin  
**Bob and June McMahon**  
 Bradford P. Moseley IV  
 Nicole Nelson  
 Bonnie Nicol  
 Dennis Palka  
 Lora Palmer  
 Cindy Paluch  
 Manuel Pavao  
**Jim and Sue Pedersen**  
**Ed Peltier**  
 Betty Poster  
 Rebecca Pottorf  
 Greg Reese  
 Neil Robinson  
 Daniel Ruszyk  
 Eric Schroeder  
 Ann Shea

Shahry Shilati  
 Sharon L. Shirley  
 John and Kim Silva  
 Ewa Grazyna Skrzypek  
 James Smith  
 Nolan Smith  
 Kevin Sprague  
 Devon Bailey Sterly  
**Dr. Ray Stevens**  
**Neil L. Tabbert**  
 Julia Taft  
 Nancy Tallman  
 Laura Tarbox  
 June Terry  
**Allen and Deborah Therrien**  
 Chris Thorkelson  
 Christine T. Upton  
 Karen Vlach  
 Jessica VanDerFeen  
 John Vaughn  
 Gary Wait  
 Lori Wegman  
 Judy Williams  
 Donna Wilson  
 Patti Wilson  
 David Woodward  
 Betty Young  
 Regina Zemaitis  
 Nancy Zurek  
 M. A. Coffey, ASD Campus Store  
 Roselle Weiner/Tom Nictora/Maria Jacovino  
 Cogswell and Gallaudet Bldg. Libraries  
 Chad Biskupiak/Mary Viscol  
 The Craig Family  
 The Goddard Family  
 The Nitko Family  
 The Thresher Family

*Thank you very much for your kind support. We could not have done it without you.*



2002-2003

# YEAR IN REVIEW

STRANGE  
BUT  
TRUE

### Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

### Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.



Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ◀



Photo by Scott Nelson/Getty Images

How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

- 1. Some things, but not many 66.3%
- 2. Every part 21.7%
- 3. It wouldn't 12%

### Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

### Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

# WORLD NEWS

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ▶



Photo by Scott Barbour/Getty Images



Photo by Chun Wen-Jun/Getty Images

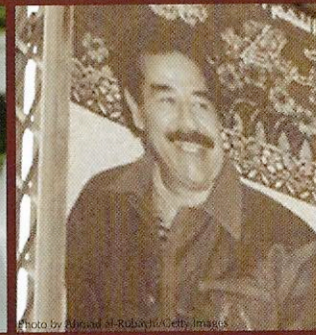


Photo by Ahmad el-Rubayda/Getty Images



Photo by Scott Nelson/Getty Images



AP Photo Bjoern Sigurdson, Prial

Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ▶



AP Photo

Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▲



Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.

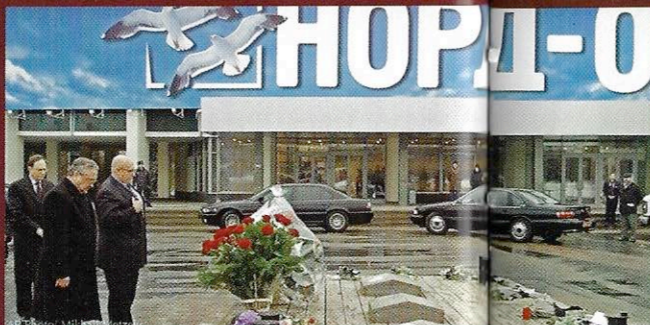


Photo: Mikolaj Petrus

A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ◀



Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war. Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

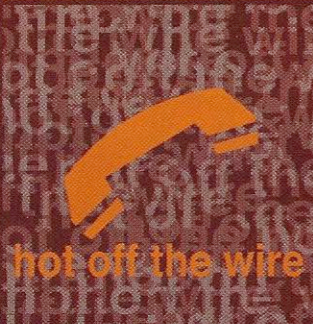
would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



Photo by Todd H. Fisher/Getty Images

In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.



Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ▶



Photo by Pascal Le Segretain/Getty Images

## SPECIAL ON IRAQ



# THE WAR ON TERRORISM

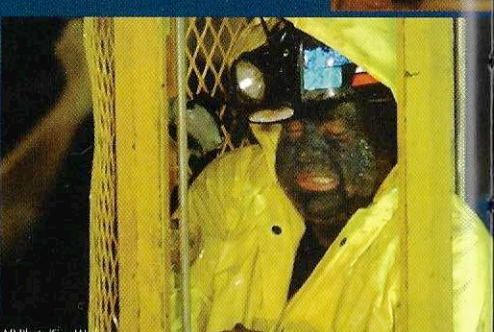
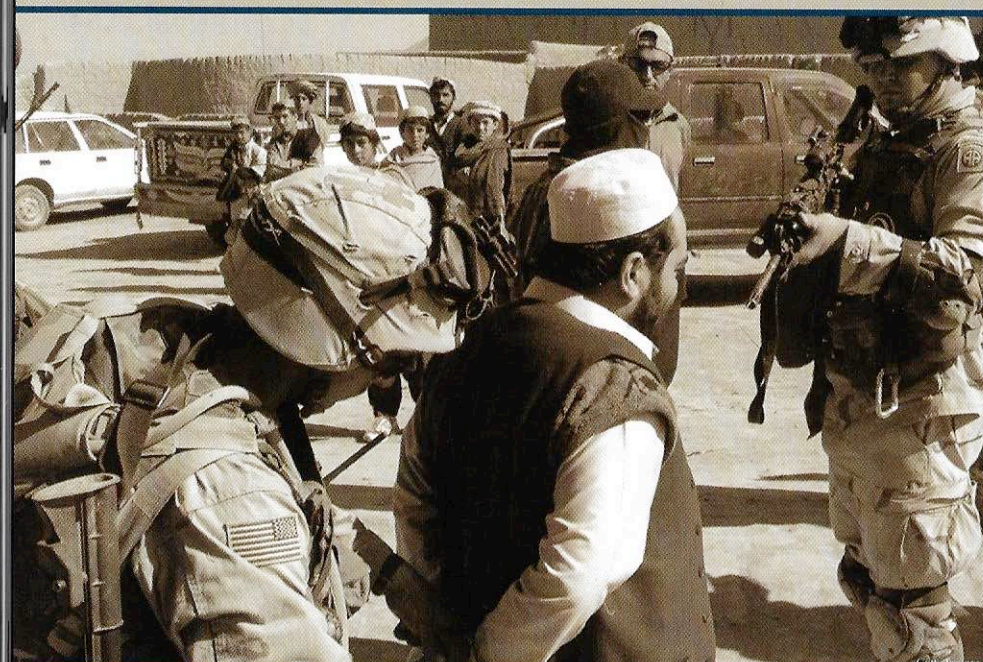
John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶



Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

## Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, flew around erratically and careened into the crowd.



Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼

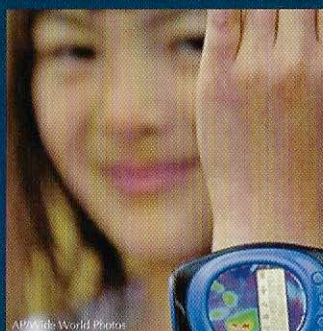
## There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲



The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ◀

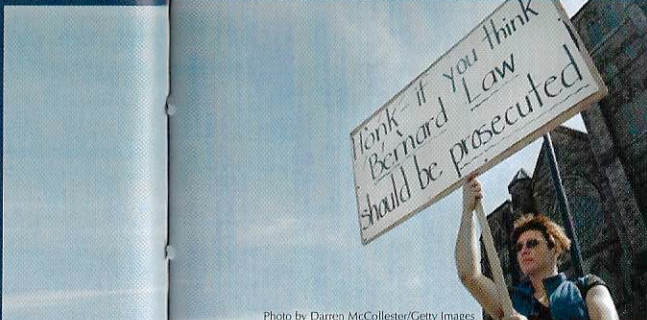


Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero

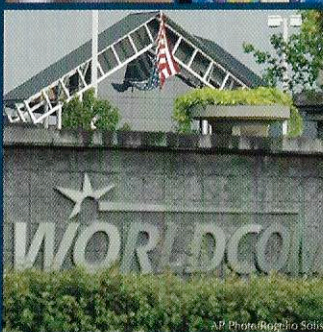
site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI. The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the

United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns. The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶

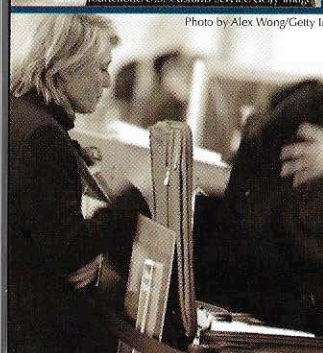
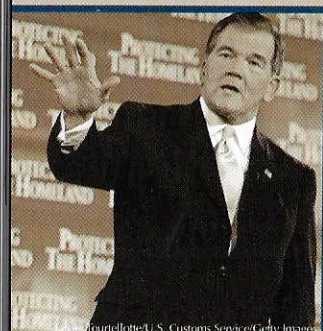


Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶



A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

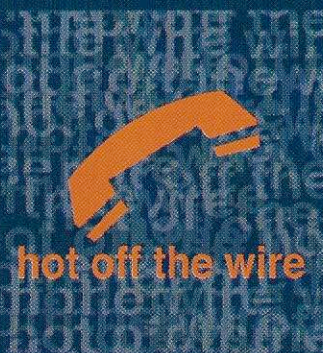
# NATIONAL NEWS



The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶



Sixty of Chicago's public schools received \$10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.



Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

Did you watch the first season of American Idol?

- a) Every week 19%
- b) Once in awhile 33.1%
- c) Never 48%



Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a \$1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie.



*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only \$5 million to make and grossed more than \$200 million at the box office.



**Celebrity Stalker For President**

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a \$200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

*Chicago* danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated.

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song, U2's *The Hands That Built America*.



**What was your favorite TV show this school year?**

- 1. *Friends*
- 2. *The Simpsons*
- 3. *The Osbournes*

**Don't Blame The Winston Man**

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking \$65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.



# ENTERTAINMENT

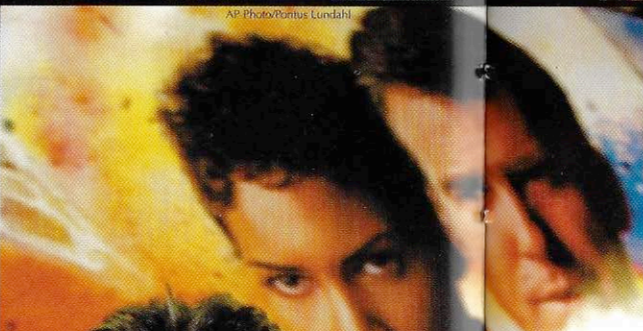
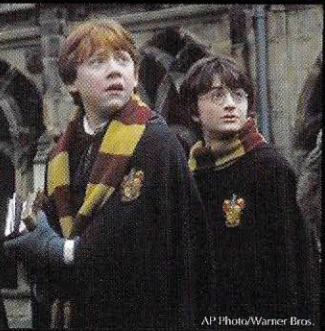
**Nature In Swimsuits**

*National Geographic* made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie.

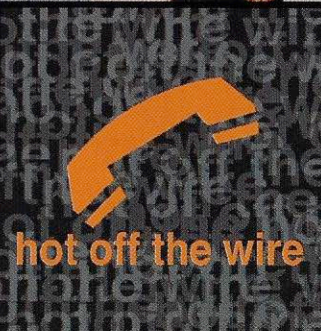


A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts.



The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album.

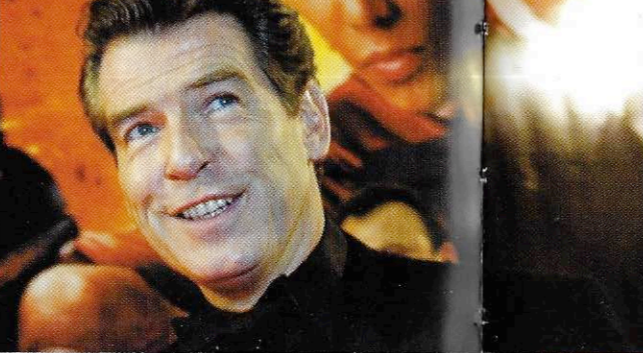
Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.



**What was your favorite movie this school year?**

- 1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
- 2. *8 Mile*
- 3. XXX

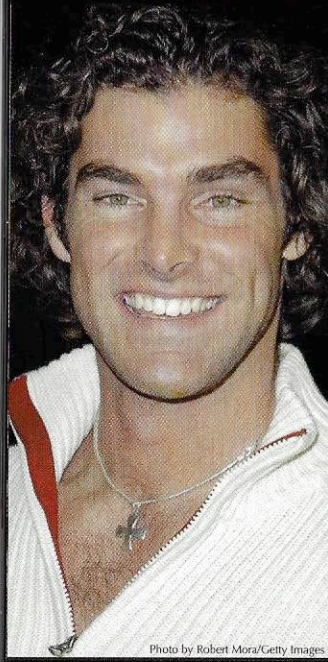
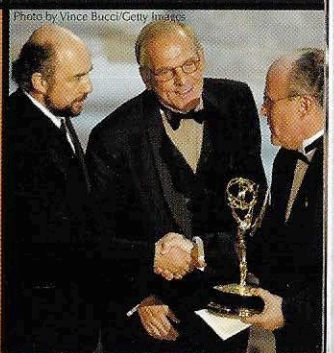
*Spiderman* sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.



*Die Another Day* became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated \$47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent.

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.



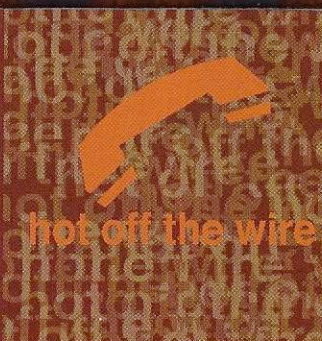
Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*.



Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶



Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.



R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶



**What was your favorite album this school year?**

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*



Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ◀▶▶

Published by Riverhead Books, *Kurt Cobain: The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.



**It Kind Of Sounds The Same**

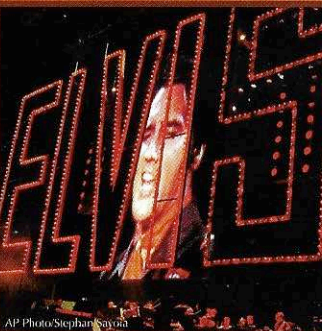
The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing 433 (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**



Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶

Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶



**Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building**

An anonymous bidder paid more than \$115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

**Christmas Carol Court**

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

**George & John Philip To The Rescue**

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

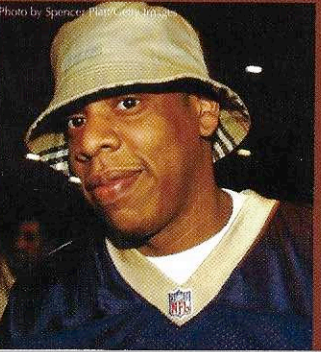


**Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?**

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly

# MUSIC

Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶



John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶



Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲

▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.





Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▼

Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶



Mark Mainz/Getty Images

### Who was this year's best actress?

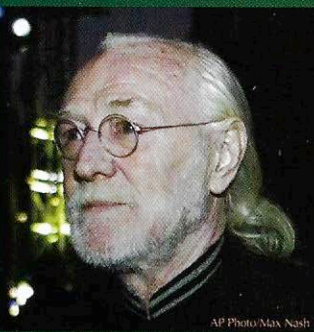
1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼



### Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶



Photo by William Colgrim/Getty Images



AP Photo/Chris Pizzello

*Time* magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its

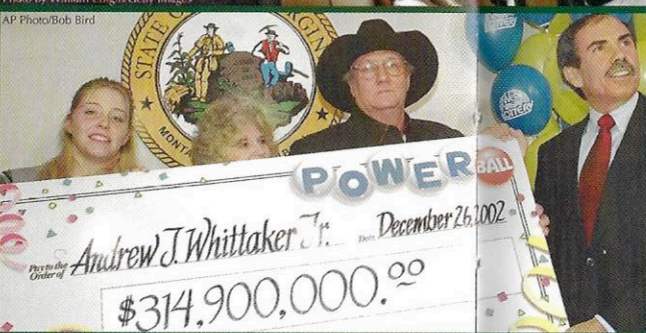
phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front—about \$112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶



AP Photo/Bob Bird

# PEOPLE

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

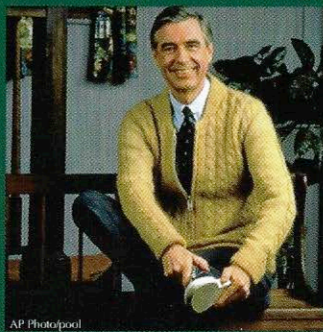
### Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.



Photo by Lee Celano-Pual/Getty Images

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than \$5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying \$10,000 in fines and restitution. ◀



AP Photo/pool

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ◀

Lance Bass of 'NSync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.

Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲

### You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a \$2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

### Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

### Some Like It Hot

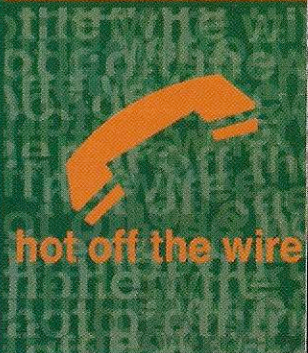
Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfboarding and while hanging upside down from a tree.

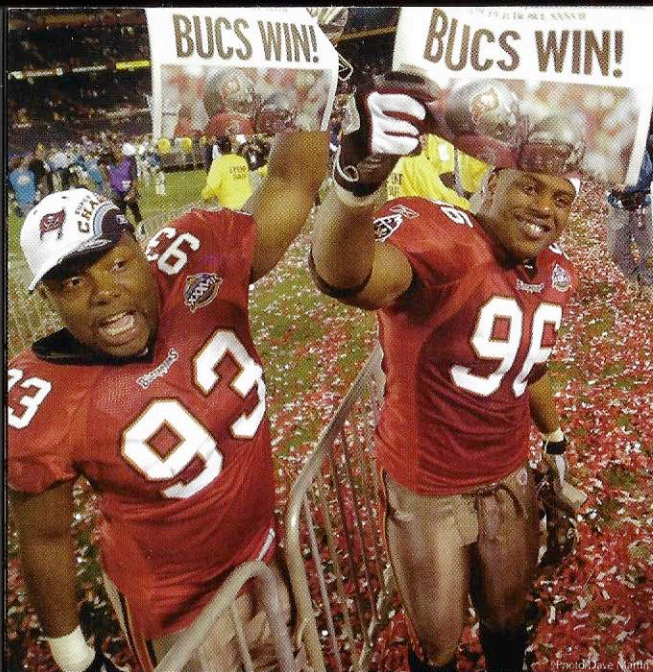


George De Sola/Getty Images

Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ◀

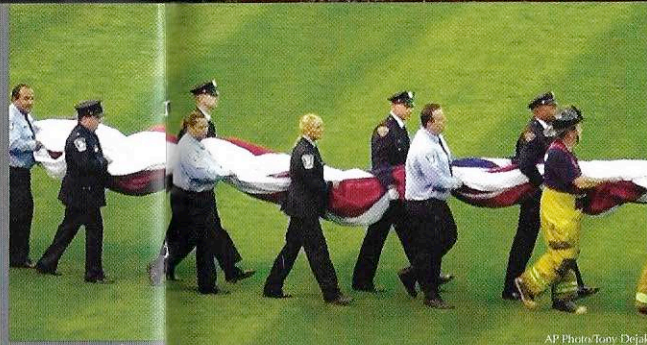
Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.



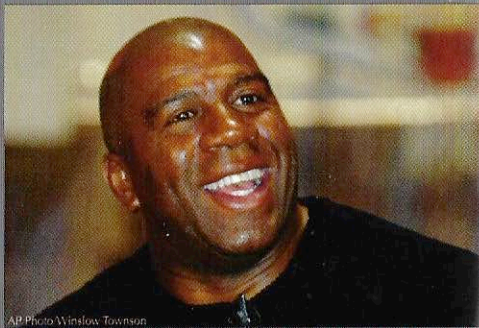


In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼



Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. ◀▶



### A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

### Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

### Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

### Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. LeBron James

# SPORTS

### That Kid's Got Guts

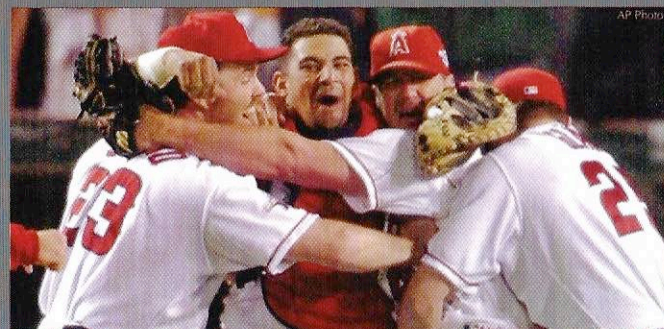
Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

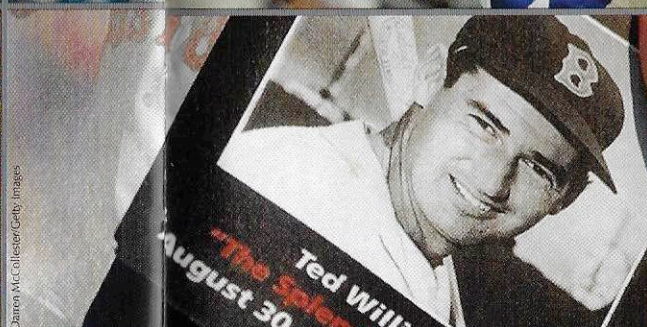
The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶



The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▶



After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ▶



Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ◀

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.



Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ▶

### What is your favorite sport to watch?

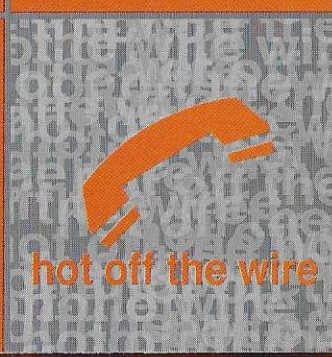
- a. Football 39.9%
- b. Basketball 23.8%
- c. Baseball 8.4%
- d. Soccer 7.6%
- e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶



Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division I-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.



The :-) turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

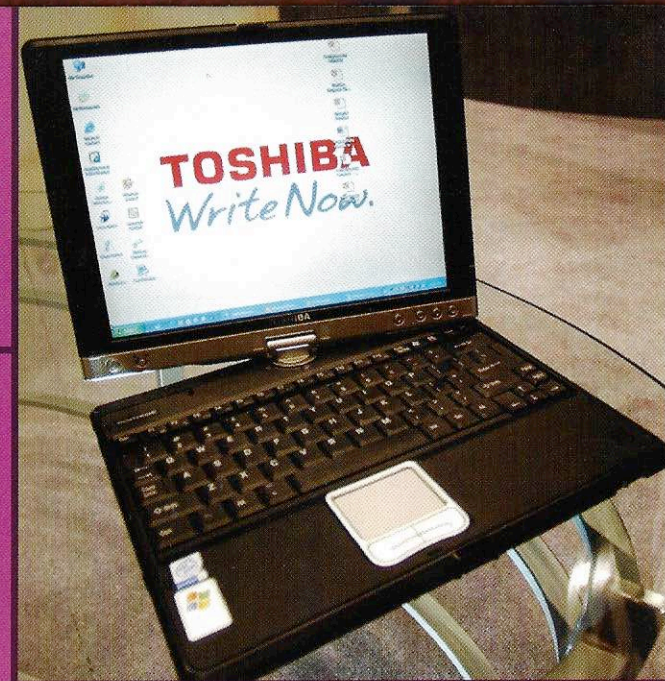
Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient.



Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years.

### So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor, Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.



## FUN FACTS

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.



### Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones.

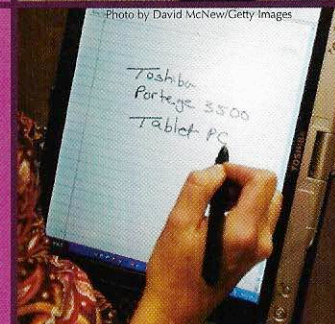


### Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

### No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.



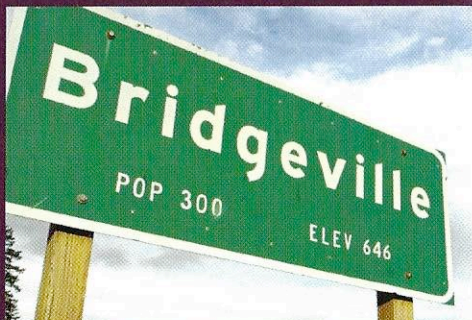
Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200.

# TECHNOLOGY

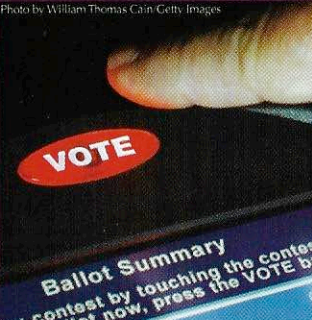
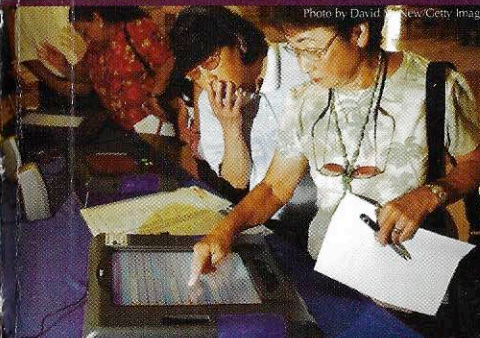
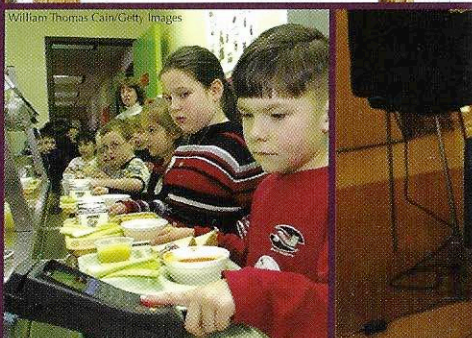
New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

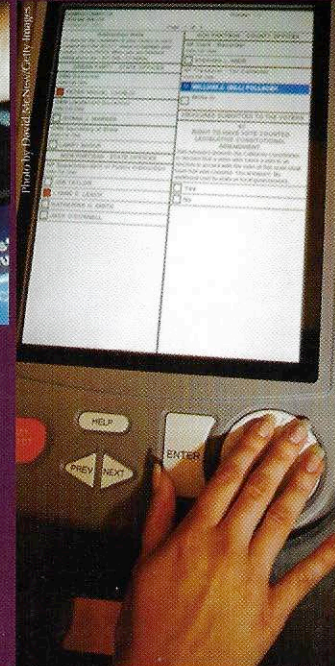
The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries.



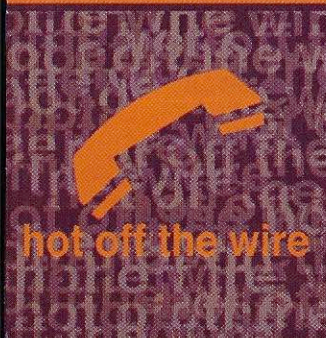
A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost \$1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins.



Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election.



Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest.



A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.

The research the sm in 198



Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts.



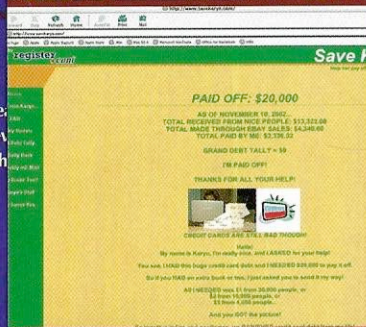
Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.



This year state ev in each



People desperate for money turned to the internet to cyberbeg. One woman was able to pay off her \$20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.

# TRENDS



New str acid (R) of the g gene ac section that R) the wa disease



Matthew Peyton/Getty Images

Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

The coolest trend at my school this year was

---

My favorite fashion trend was

---

Survey results compiled from the responses of more than 2000 students across the nation. © 2003 Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc.