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MY KIND OF TOWN



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School Mascot
Ian McLaughlin

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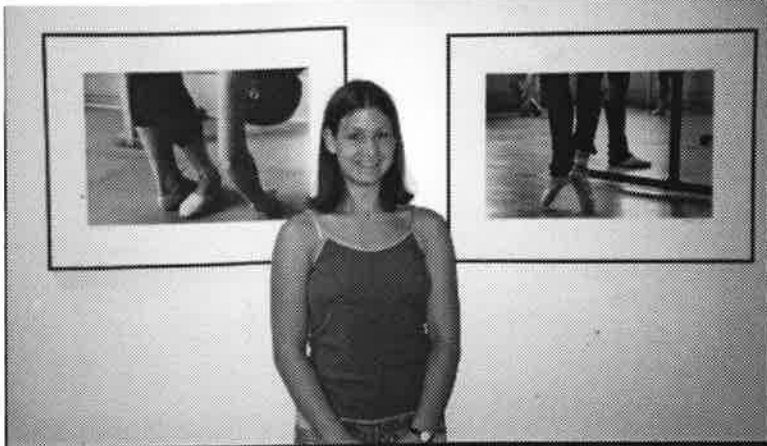
An hour away vs. my twenty minutes
Yet we all meet in the central spot
Ebony eyes probe in the crayon clan, with
many ways to interpret this ink blot.
Hanging on that preconceived notion carried
in the brown paper bag from home
Blonde hair above furrowed brow passes me.
Wonder what's goin on in her dome.
Ask her! See what's up. Add a lil' cream in my cup.
Yellow locks stretch from gas masks to the
shiny gold star on her chest.
Kinky roots tell the days of silver shackles and
old Negro spirituals.
Buzz from impact as we made contact.
My eyes are opened as well as my mind
so I left that brown paper bag behind.

- Thomasina Gross

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student

address



I don't know how to begin. I mean, I never have been one to just jump into something. Yes, I admit it, I am the geek by the side of the pool with one ankle in whining about how cold it is.

Nevertheless... this is the student address and well I guess that I should start with my assignment of coming up with inspirational words for you and your future. Trying desperately to sound intelli-

gent and avant garde and artsy fartsy, yet knowing that those labels don't exactly conform to who I think I am or even who I want to be. Well... my first attempt at pseudo performance art... hopefully I won't shoot myself in the foot. There are just so many things that I want to leave behind, and so many more that I want to take with me. Here's my completely anal list. Though it may be uniquely my own, it is amazing how universal they are.

I remember....

- I remember the feel of the sun warming the pavement beneath my feet.
- I remember how much I hated lima beans (still do).
- I remember the smell of fresh cut grass, of leaves in the fall, of cool night air.
- I remember how good water tastes after a bowl of ice cream.
- I remember getting "the" talk from my mother.
- I remember the way I smile when I hear that song.
- I remember dancing in the park, lost promises, perfect sunsets and starless nights.
- I remember the reflection I wanted to see in the mirror.
- I remember sitting with them at the creek that night.
- I remember the way you smell.
- I remember the ocean burning my eyes.
- I remember hearing secrets without sharing my own.
- I remember playing MASH.
- I remember how it rained every year on Halloween, and just how awful soggy candy tastes.
- I remember seeing my mother cry.
- I remember laughing at just how awful her hair was.
- I remember reading 17 magazine when I was twelve.
- I remember being the last one up at night.
- I remember the sound of the rain against the tin shutters at night.
- I remember the past, and being told that I do it too much.
- I remember being the arm wrestling champion of the third grade (boys included).
- I remember feeling so old, and so naive.
- I remember sweaty palms.
- I remember being second best.
- I remember when I started being truly honest.
- I remember when swinging the highest was my top priority.

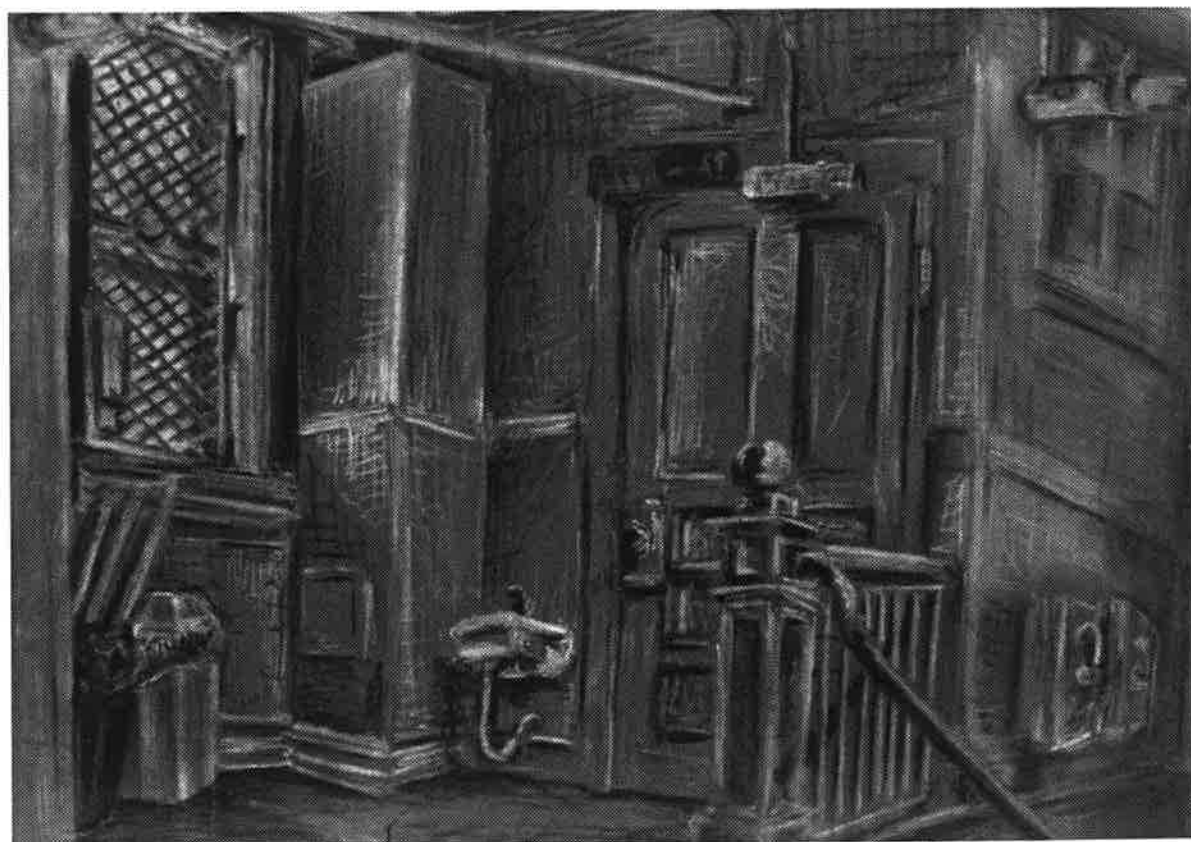
I guess what I am trying to say is this... even though we are all so anxious to leave and move on to bigger and better things, it is the memories that have been made already that will last. You cannot get where you want to go if you have forgotten where you have been.

featured artwork



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Ian McLaughlin
Senior

Untitled
Dan Grant
Senior

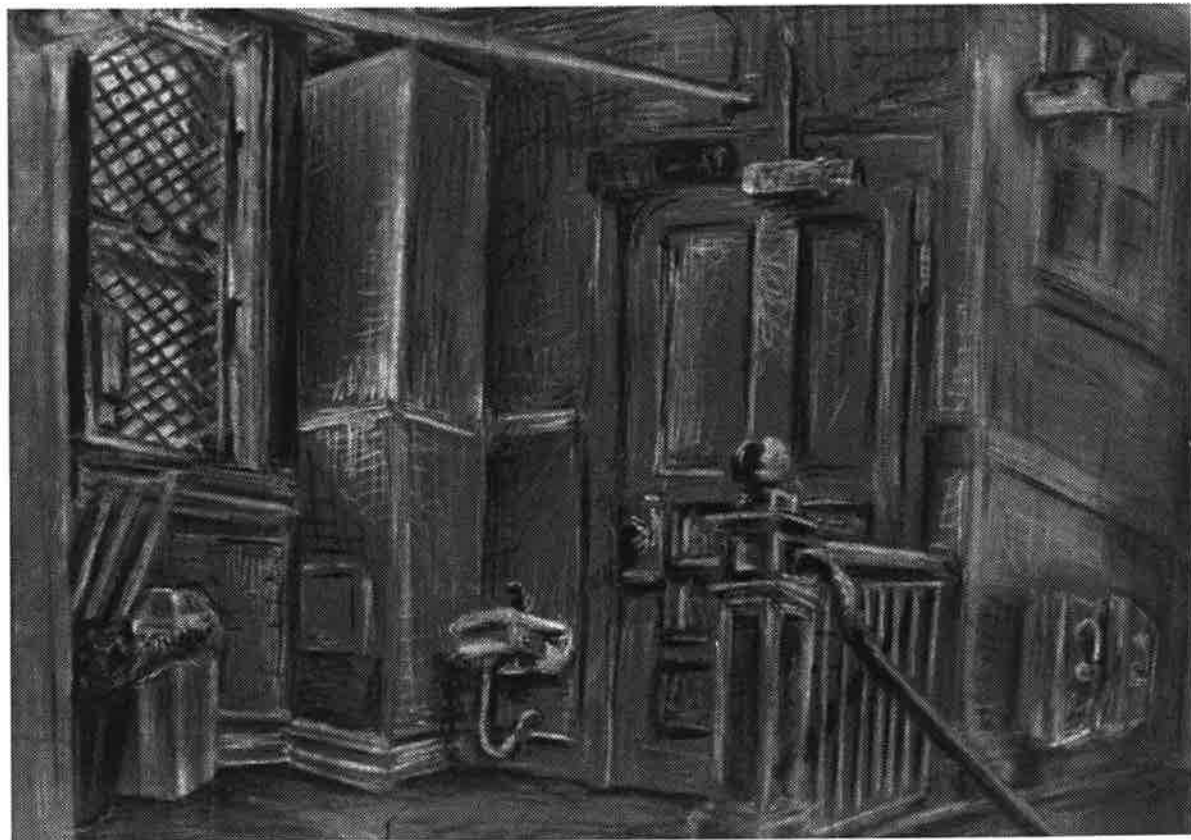


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letter of encouragement

final farewell

Farewells have always been a difficult piece of business for me. And this farewell is, perhaps, the most difficult of all. For me it has been a long run, almost ten years, and I depart without bitterness or regret. There are many memories, of course, that will burn within me, like a bolt of phosphorus forever feeding an eternal flame.

Most of all I shall remember, I am sure, the long talks with many of you about life and literature and teaching. I shall remember, too, the touching and moving personal stories about love and death. I shall remember my pain about your pain. I shall remember Emma Pildes' poem, Blythe Harris' "whatsup," Ariel Krivo's walk, James Flanagan's contrariety, Tanya Boutin's frown, Rachel Garcia's purple hair, Peter Swimm's wit, and the list goes on and on....

All of you are the fire, and I offer to you now my deepest and most heartfelt thank you. Thank you for your laughter and tears. Thank you for your interest, and, most significantly, thank you for your respect.

I have been told time and again that teaching is a thankless and empty profession. But now, at the dusk of my long walk through the Academy, I feel anything but empty. I am full.

Through an ironic and unfornate twist of fate this year, I have become, like all of you, a lone being on a difficult path. Together, outside of this little place that we have come to love, we face a turbulent world. Like Ish and Emma we are about to travel a long and dangerous road filled with literal and symbolic barriers.

My last lesson is simple. Together let us explore the stars, eradicate our fears, conquer our deepest and most passionate dreams, and rise triumphantly out of the mist. Let us do great things and set our face to the wind. I leave you with love.

Always,
Mr. Farmans



"Mmmmmm — Breakfast!"



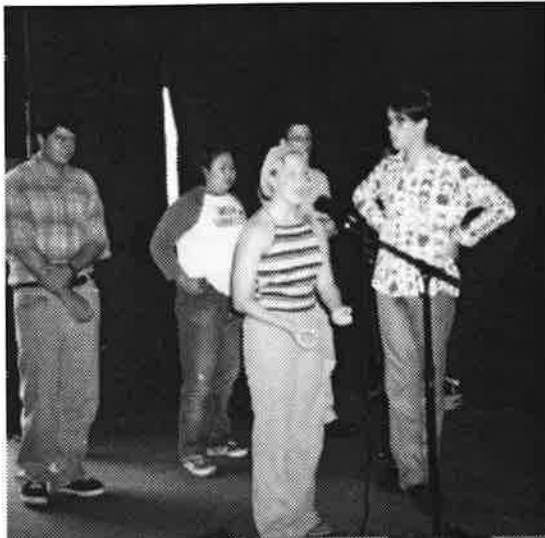
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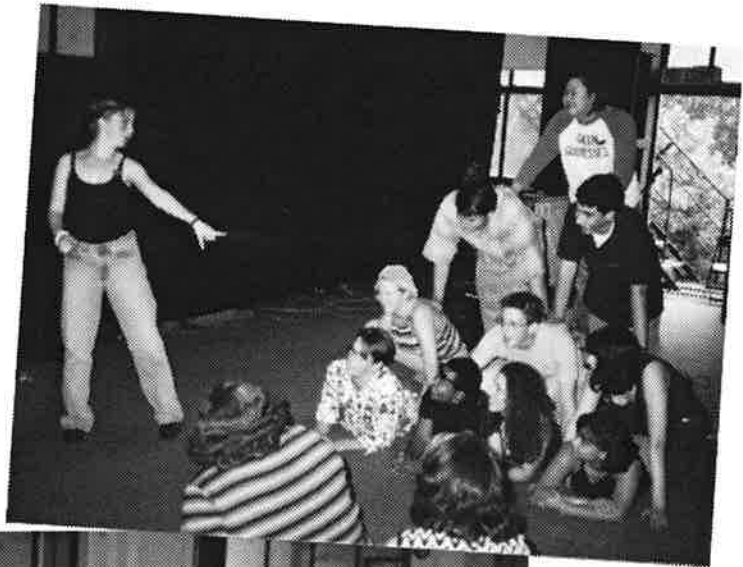
**What?! It is
make up time!**



orientation



Kaya Chwals,
Justin Tranter,
Evan Gamerani,
Joanna Um, Joey
Granato



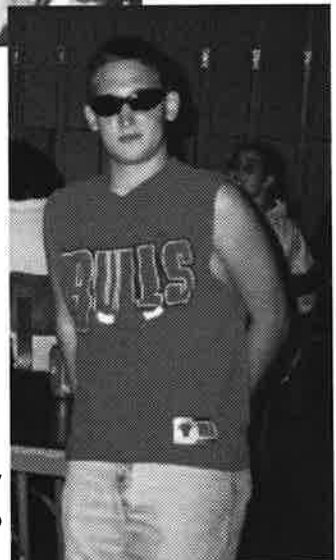
Pyramid Builders:
Rachel King, Joanna
Um, Evan Gamerani,
Devin Leonardi, Kaya
Chwals, Joey Granato,
Abra Adduci, Justin
Tranter, Courtney
Giles, Stesha Merle,
Thomasina Gross



Assembled
Academy
students.



Care Team
ready for
action.



Joey
Morano

peer leadership

Snap out of it
guys! Peer
leadership.



Now isn't this fun, kiddies!
Peer leaders.



Yup! Everyone wants to point the finger.

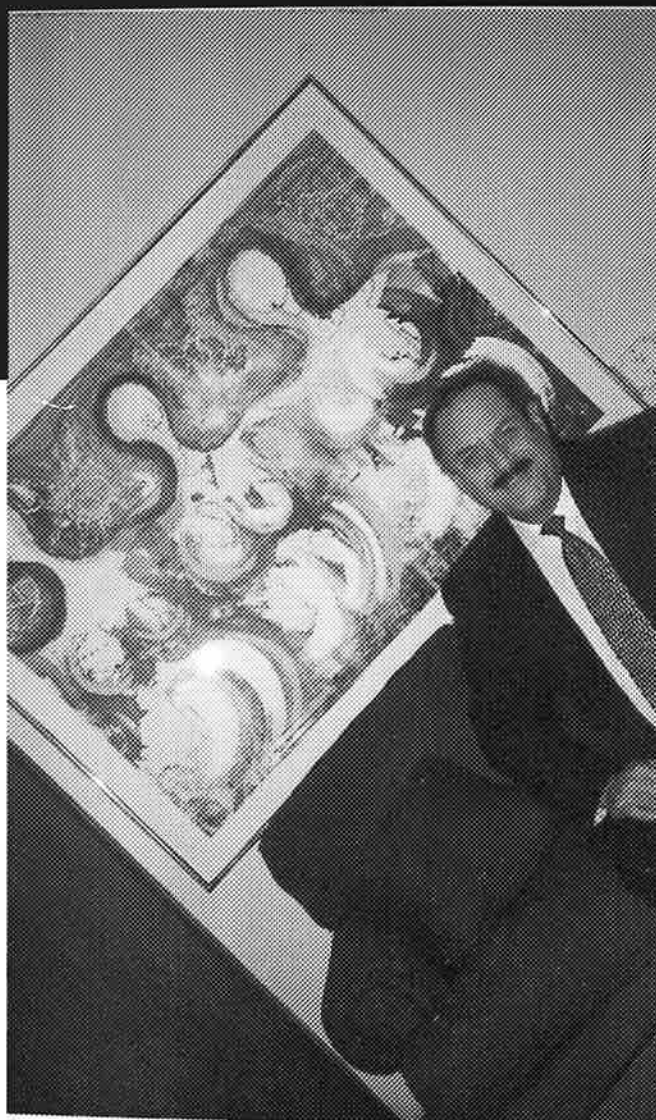


Model students?



Peer Leaders: Vanessa Kuhlman, Thomasina Gross, Ted Schneider, Joanna Um, Erika Scott, Courtney Giles, Justin Tranter, Kristen Jones, Laura Brent, Kaya Chwals, Rebecca Barnett, Ms. Jones, Rachel King, Ms. Garvey, Joey Granato, Devin Leonardi, Ms. Chapman, Evan Gamerani

headmaster



FRANK MUSTARI
The Chicago Academy for the Arts
Headmaster

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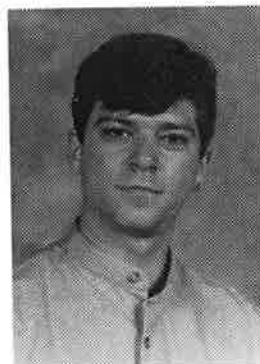
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Robert Barrie
Theatre Chair



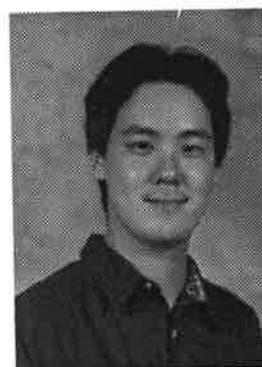
Claire Bataille
Dance



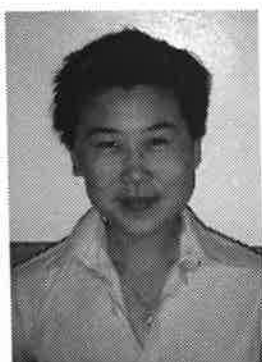
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Cadieux**
Music



Cristen Chapman
History



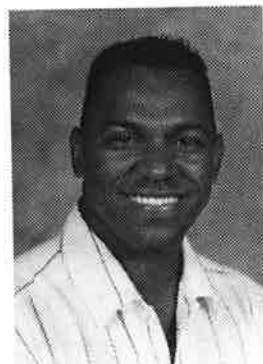
Mike Chen
Music



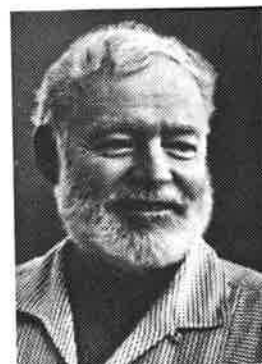
Rachel Choi
Science



Marie Cinquemani
Music Chair



Randy Duncan
Dance



Spencer Farmans
English/WCA Chair

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Public Relations



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Director of Finance



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History



Camille F. Jones
Counselor



**Jamie Pachino
Jones**
Theatre



Pamela Jordan
Assistant Head



Nanci Kopecky
Math



Patty Kovacs
Counselor



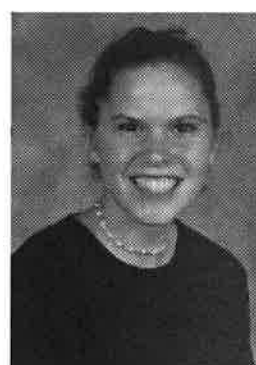
Victor Ledezma
Spanish



Franette Liebow
Theatre



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Director of
Development



**Sarah
Masiulewicz**
Math

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Peggy Nadkarni
Science



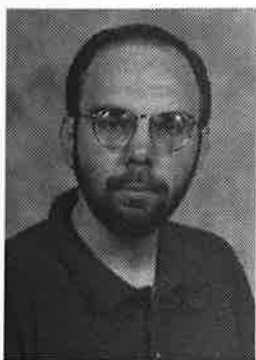
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English/WCA



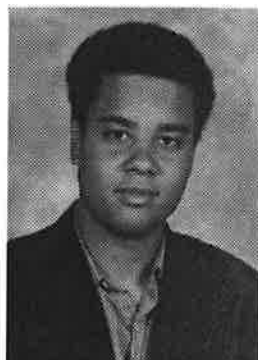
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Dance Chair



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Learning Specialist



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Stephanie Strait
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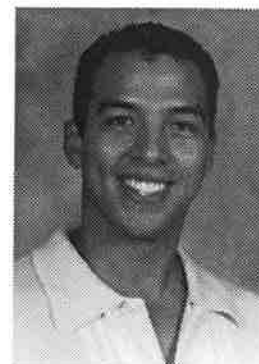
Marge Vanderploeg
Administration



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Music



Daniel Winslow
Librarian/Computers

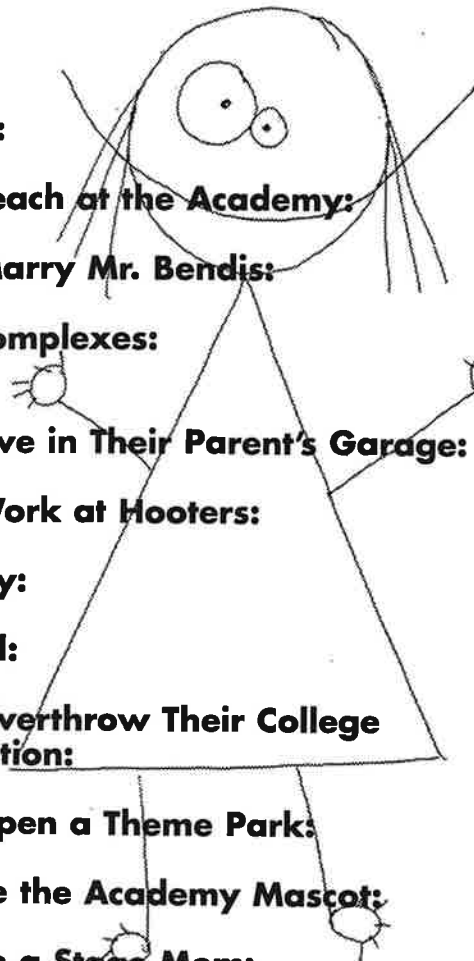
Teachers not pictured:

Miriam Cruz, Music
Gary Fox, WCA
Alice Gold, Administration
Charles Inglehart, Math
Rodney Irwin, Dance
Leila Leff
Bob Padgen, Health
Frank Panno, Dance
Justin Poggioli, Dance
Chris Wilson, Music



Senior Predictions

- | | |
|---|--|
| Most Edible: | David Levy |
| Best Attendance: | Nick Cronk |
| Most Likely to Teach at the Academy: | Tom Smith |
| Most Likely to Marry Mr. Bendis: | Rachel Garcia |
| Largest God - Complexes: | Emma Pildes and Katie McCaughan |
| Most Likely to Live in Their Parent's Garage: | Dan Grant |
| Most Likely to Work at Hooters: | Evan Gallerani |
| Best Dressed Guy: | James Flanagan |
| Best Dressed Girl: | Joanna Um |
| Most Likely to Overthrow Their College Administration: | Tanya Boutin |
| Most Likely to Open a Theme Park: | Peter Swimm |
| Most Likely to be the Academy Mascot: | Kaya Chwals |
| Most Likely to be a Stage Mom: | Sammi Simkin |
| Most Likely to be a Soccer Mom: | Angie Hanus |
| Most Likely to be a Republican: | Mat Emden |
| Most Likely to be Judge Judy: | Ali Anne Barnes |
| Person With a Constant Sugar High: | Thomasina Gross |
| Most Likely to End Up on "90210": | Them... |
| Most Likely to End Up in Straight Jackets: | Us... |



Moze
4.7.98

senior recitals



Latasha plays.



"Hmm... our hats are on a little too tight."



Gavin performs his recital.



Ted's Senior recital.

Courtney sings.



Thomasina states a classy exit.



Kaya kicks butt.



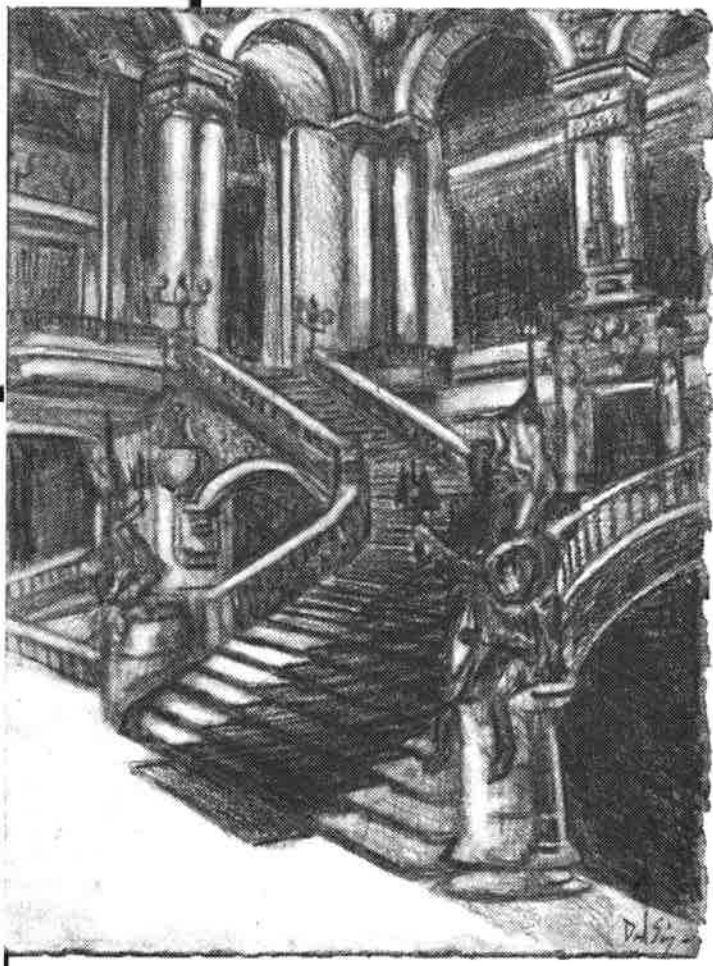
Vanessa



Featured
ARTWORK



"the Muse"
Thomas Smith
Senior



"Stairs"
David Sigman
Freshman

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Rachel

Alexander

Visual Arts



Ali Ann

Barnes

Visual Arts



Ali Ann,
Congratulations on
making it through. We
always knew you could
do it!
Much love from
Mom, Dad, Paul, Penny,
and Furball



Tanya

Boutin

Writing
Communication
Arts



Look out world! Here she
comes! Congratulations
Boo-Boo Kitty...
All our love,
Mom, Greg, Marc, Qumba,
Snowball, Bogie, Rocky,
Cougar, Samantha, Garfield,
and Alli



Bianca

Cabrera

Dance

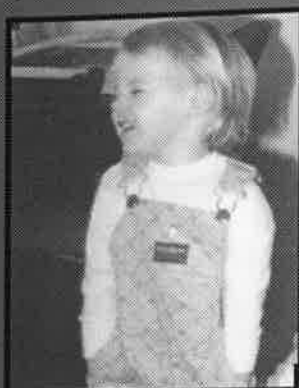


Bianca,
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Your family



Kaya

Chwals



Theatre

Kaya,
The brave and free, young
and impetuous, yet wise
beyond your years; your
energy and enthusiasm
inspire us all. Every
happiness and success be
yours.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Sybrina

Covington

Theatre



Latasha

Day



Music

Good luck in your
endeavors, Latasha. Keep up
the good work. We're very
proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Meg

Delfosse

Dance

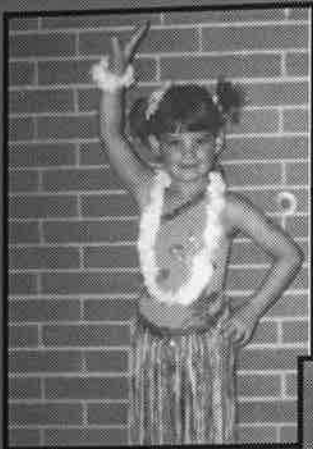


Peanut,
Always remember and
cherish these days. The
friends, classes, teachers,
the ups and downs. These
are moments to remember,
always.
With love and pride,
Mom and Dad



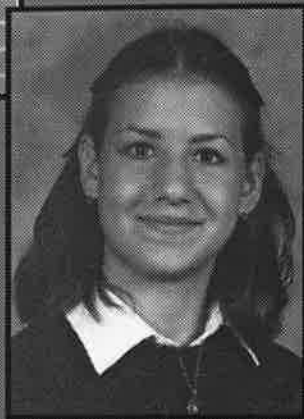
Anna

Drozdowski



Dance

Anna -
You were a wonderful child, now you're a wonderful adult. As you go out into this world, listen to your heart and let truth be your guidance. I'm very proud of you.
Love,
Mom



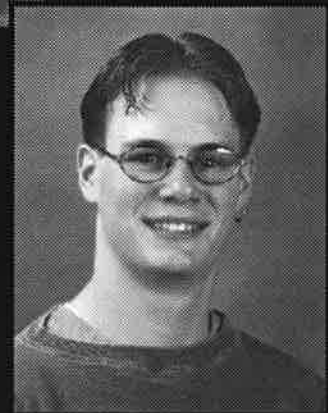
Mat

Emden



Dance

Ah, "Messy Mat" or "Babbling Brook" is what we called you for obvious reasons. We think they could still apply today!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Amanda

Finley



Music

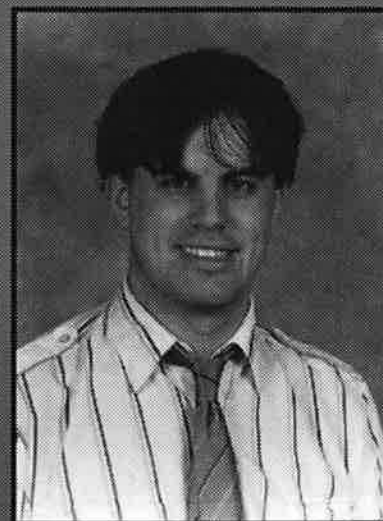
Amanda,
Good luck in the future.
Love,
Mom and Dad



James

Flanagan

Writing
Communication
Arts



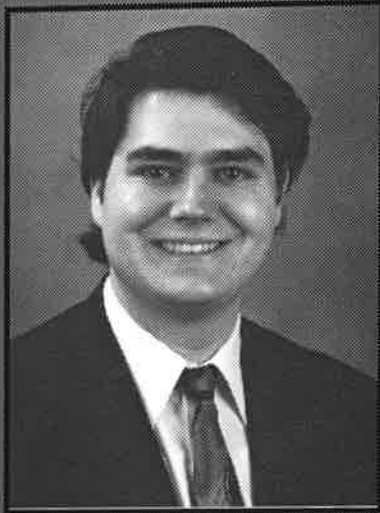
SENIORS

Class of 1998

Evan

Gallerani

Visual Arts



Rachel

Garcia

Dance



Courtney

Giles

Music



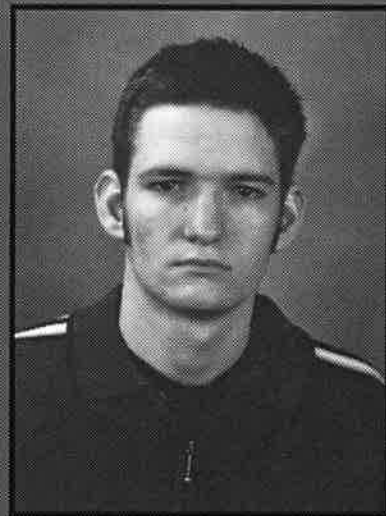
To our wonderful daughter,
We are so proud of your
accomplishments. You
worked exceptionally hard
these last four years at the
Academy. We will miss your
exciting performances at
the Academy.
Farewell,
Mom and Dad



Dan

Grant

Visual Arts



Thomasina

Gross



Musical Theatre

Sina,
Always performing! Always
clowning around in my
makeup or in Daddy's
clothes. You'd say, "Look
Mommy, I'm a star!" You'll
always be our bright and
shining star no matter
where you are.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Angelique

Hanus

Theatre



Africa

Hassan
Carey



Dance

Congratulations Africa.
We love you.
Sue and Tom



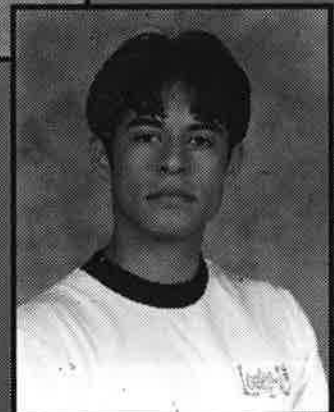
Randy

Herrera

Dance



Dear Son,
You have a dream to be
the best and every day
that goal seems closer.
Go For It.
We love you and support
you,
Dad, Mom, and sister



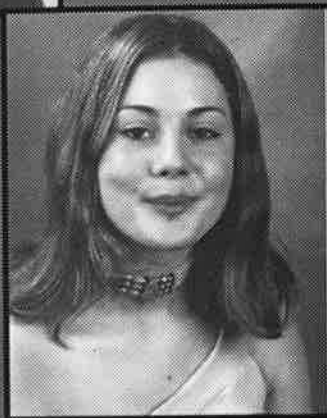
Kelsey

Holtz



Visual Arts

Kelsey (Hug-a-Bunch),
Your wings will take you
wherever you want to go...
They will be guided by the
courage of your spirit and
the light within you. I am
so very proud of the
woman you are. FLY!
Love,
Mom



Rachel

King



Musical Theatre

Entertaining came early
for you! Fortunately you
grew into that wig! You
have grown to be a tal-
ented actor, too. We are
privileged to witness your
growth!
Love,
Mom, Sara, Aunt Connie,
and Uncle Steve



Julia

Kravitz



Writing
Communication
Arts

Vanessa

Kuhlman



Musical Theatre

Vanessa,
You graduated... What a
relief! But we all know
the journey is not over,
but just beginning. We
continue to pray that
your dreams become your
reality!
With much love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, and
Brittney



SENIORS

Class of 1998

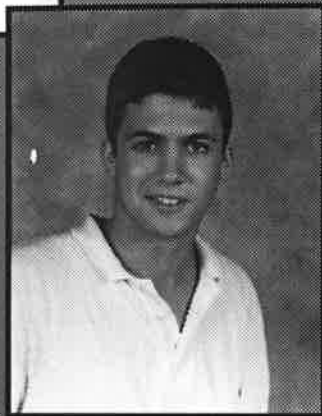
David

Levy



Theatre

Dear David,
To everything there is a season. You've found yours! Congratulations on all your accomplishments and good luck in your future achievements. We love you like crazy! Mom, Dad, and Brett



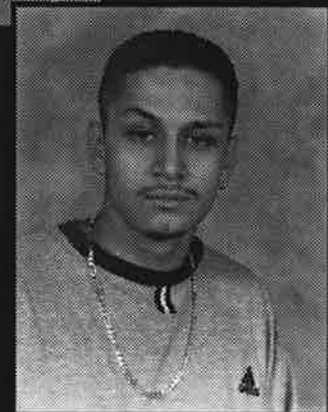
Michael

Mancilla



Visual Arts

Michael,
We congratulate your efforts and accomplishments and are confident that you will find success in your future.



Katie

McCaughan



Dance

Katie,
"Your hands hold roses always in a way that says they are not only yours; the beautiful changes in such king ways, Wishing ever to sunder things and things' selves for a second finding to lose for a moment all that it touches back to wonder." To be there with wonder when the heartbeat happens. To witness your grace, intelligence, beauty, humanity, passion, and compassion. To be with you on the journey is a gift and a privilege. We love you. Mom and Dad



Katie

McDonald



Music

Congratulations Katie!
You were a beautiful baby who wanted to make an entrance into the world feet first. Somewhat a rebel, your cause through music will keep you grounded!
Love,
Mom



SENIORS

Class of 1998

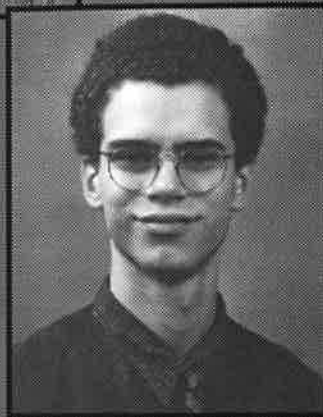
Ian

Mclaughlin



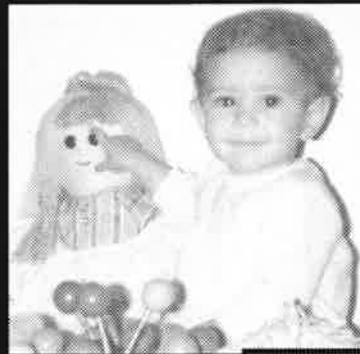
Visual Arts

You came into this world sunny-side up. May you continue to go forward meeting the world face-to-face. Congratulations, Ian! Always with love, Mom and Dad



Stesha

Merle



Theatre

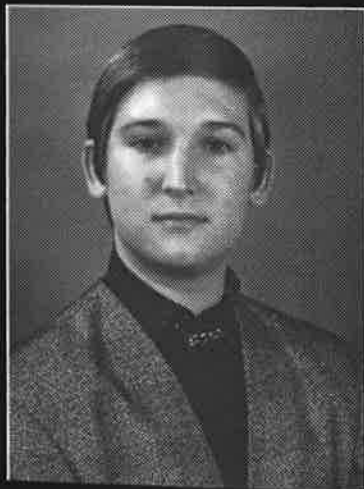
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!"
—Thoreau

And our love always goes with you.
Mom, Dad, Jeremy



Joey

Morano



Musical Theatre

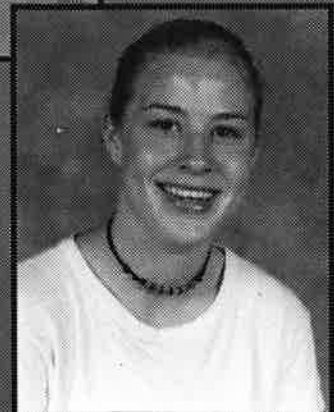
Sandi

Morgan



Theatre

Sandra, better known as "Peanut," because her dad says when she was little she looked just like a peanut in the shell. When she's not around, we call her "The Golden Child," but don't tell her that.
Love,
Mom



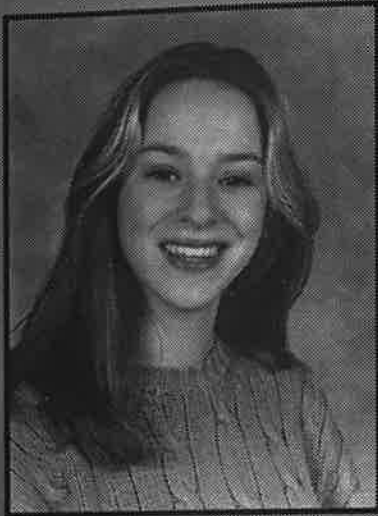
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Emma

Pildes

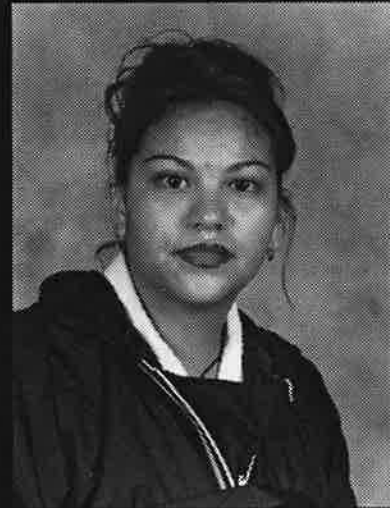
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Katherine

Regalado

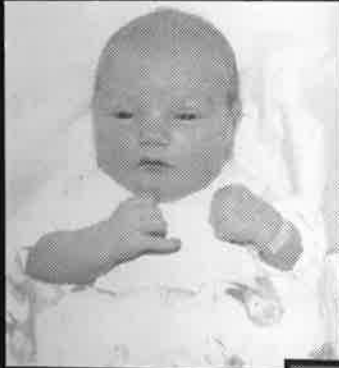
Writing
Communication
Arts



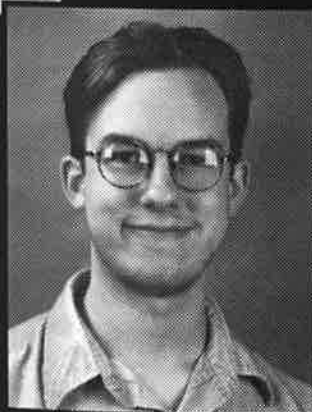
Gavin

Rehfeldt

Musical Theatre



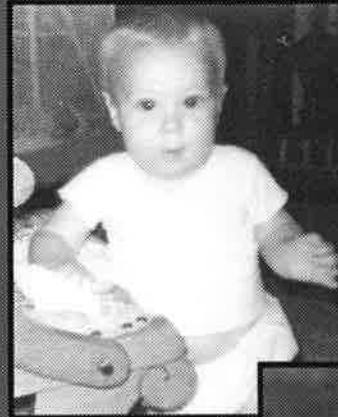
Congratulations Gavin.
We are all so proud and
happy for you, and know
you will succeed in any-
thing you put your mind to.
Love,
Your family



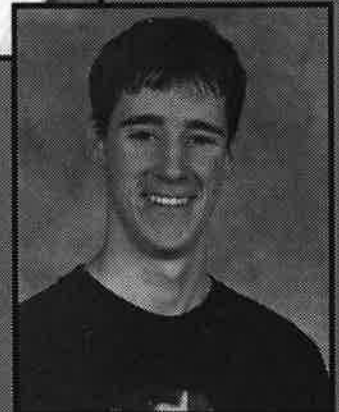
Ted

Schneider

Musical Theatre



Ted,
We are proud of you as
an actor and a person.
Keep high purpose in your
art and life, seek
happiness, and continue
working hard.
Mom and Dad



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Marnin

Schwartz

Visual Arts



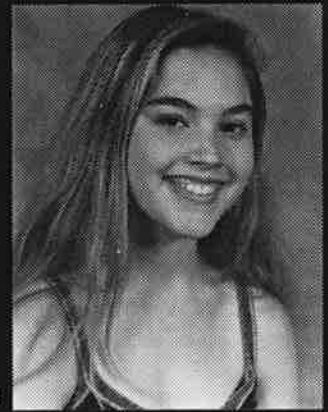
Samantha

Simkin

Musical Theatre



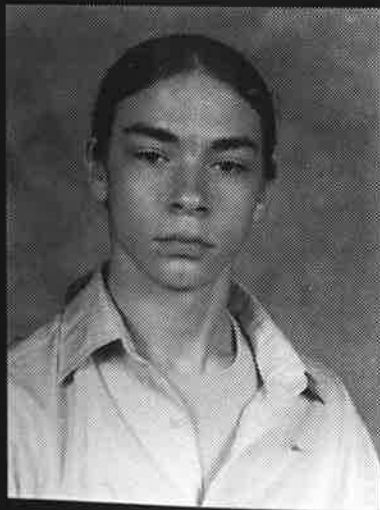
My Darling Samantha,
 You have gone from a little baby
 into a beautiful woman, which
 seems like over night-
 You have become my courage, my
 strength, sometimes my critic, but
 always my best friend - We have
 been through a lot in our lives,
 and I just want you to know, you
 are my bright shining star, and
 with mama and papa watching
 over you, your hopes and dreams
 will come true!
 My loving daughter, my best
 friend, may you always shine
 bright - you are my Bright Shining
 Star!
 I love you, Mom and Duchess



Thomas

Smith

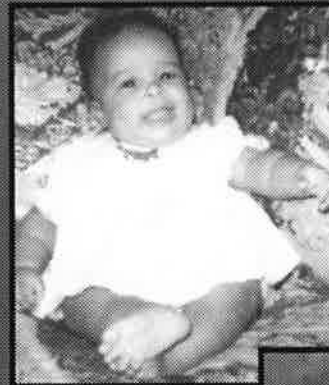
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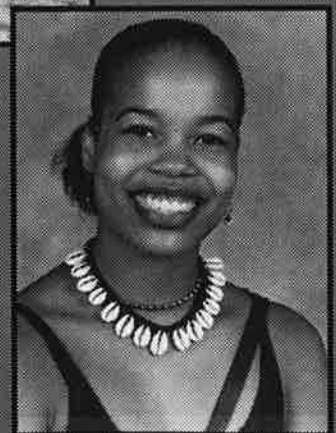
Chavva

Smith

Dance



Congratulations Chavva!
 We are so proud of you! You have
 consistently set goals and
 achieved them. Each success (and
 non-success) has moved you for-
 ward on your special and unique
 journey to becoming the person
 you were meant to be. We thank
 you for sharing your imagination,
 creativity, and spirit with us. You
 allow us to expand our sights to
 visualize and support your
 inspired journey. Continue to
 walk by faith and with God's
 grace.
 Eternal Love, Mom and Dad



In Memory Of



Rebecca Sovich

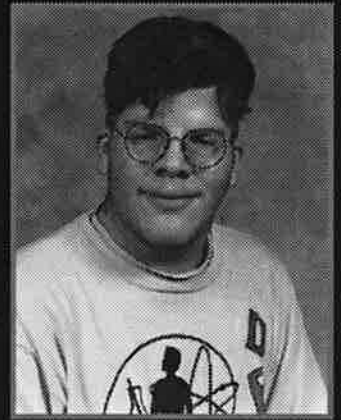
Peter

Swimm



Writing
Communication
Arts

Peter,
You've come a long way since Four Little Kittens. Remember when you were reading a book about Satan and your gym teacher expressed her concern to me? Thank you for letting me into your thoughts and ideas enough to know that you wouldn't be sacrificing our pets. Our closeness has gotten us through some difficult times. Your sister Nina and I are very proud of you. We wish you to receive all the things that you wish for yourself. Congrats!
Love, Mom
P.s. I'll let you explain why you have two left hands.



Tessa

Theotokatos

Dance



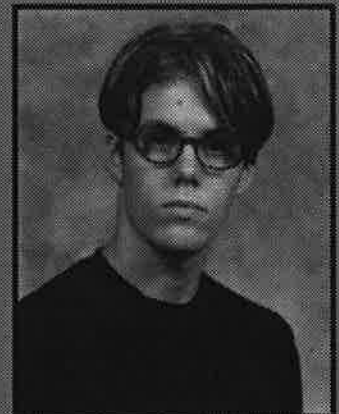
Justin

Tranter

Musical Theatre



Justin:
You're a star! I'm busy.
Good luck to you.
Mom and Dad

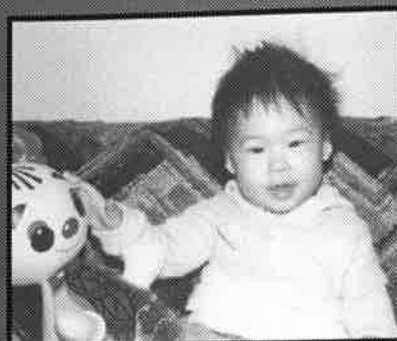


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Joanna

Um



Visual Arts

Joanna,
You've come a long way.
We are proud of you.
Congratulations!
Love,
Tina, Mom, and Dad.



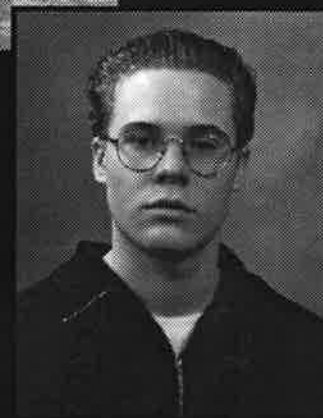
Jake

Westermann



Music

As you've done in the
past, we know you will
continue to take on life's
challenges with gusto and
tenacity. We love you.
Cara, Mom, and Dad.



Jamie

Ralston
Wilson

Dance



Dear Jamie,
We always knew you would be a ballerina!
Love, Mom and Isabella

Seniors not pictured:

Ebone Weaver

AIDS Benefit



STATISTICS



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Jocelyn Adamski
Musical Theatre



Abra Adduci
Theatre



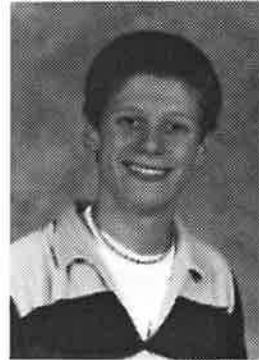
Tijana Antonic
Visual Arts



Julia Antonick
Dance



Sara Arnold
Music



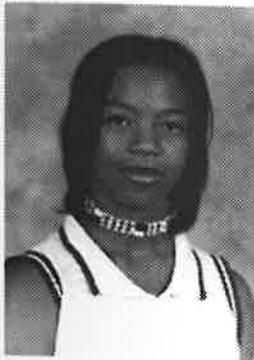
Jeremy Austin
Theatre



Rebecca Barnett
Musical Theatre



Brooke Bartlett
Musical Theatre



Vashti Brown
Dance



Jessica Brozek
Visual Arts



Audrey Callanta
Music



Margaret Connelly
Dance

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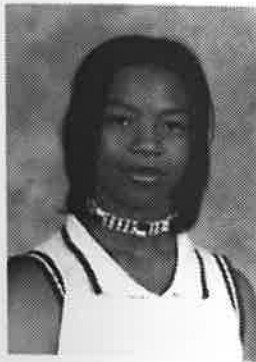
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Dance



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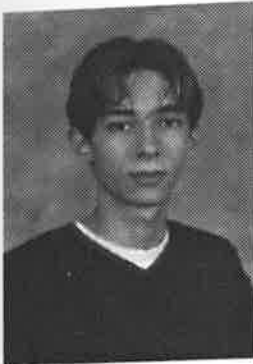


Audrey Callanta
Music

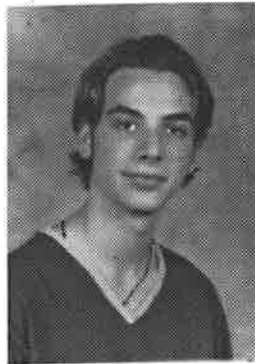


Margaret Connelly
Dance

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Michael Consago
Theatre



Marco De La Cruz
Theatre



Josey Dvorak
Writing Communications



Rose Gaudio
Dance



Max Gold
Visual Arts



Joey Granato
Musical Theatre



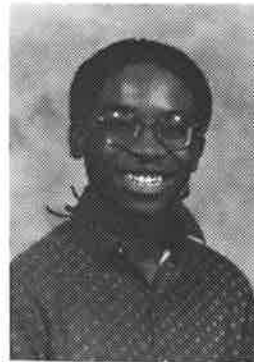
Chris Grella
Theatre



Kimberly Hamby
Musical Theatre



Blythe Harris
Writing Communications



Keith Henderson
Music



Edris Hoover
Dance



Leo Ionita
Visual Arts

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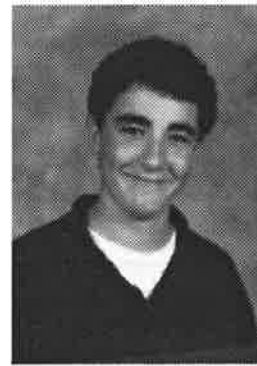
Kristen Jones
Dance



Ariel Krivo
Writing Communications



Katherine Lee
Musical Theatre



Devin Leonardi
Visual Arts



Stephanie Lugo
Theatre



Rebecca Marich
Musical Theatre



John Nichols
Visual Arts



Jesse Oliver
Music



Rachel Rudnick
Theatre



Ben Schlitz
Visual Arts

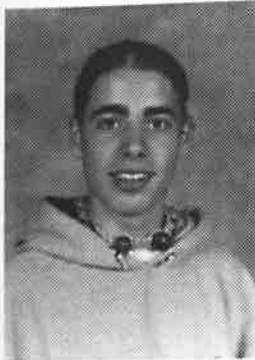


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Dance

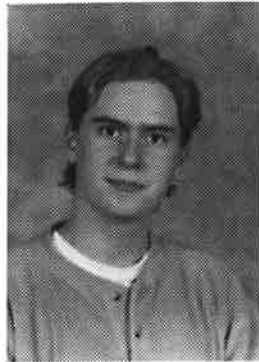


Tom Smith
Visual Arts

JUNIORS



Ben Tinsley
Visual Arts



Andy Toan
Theatre



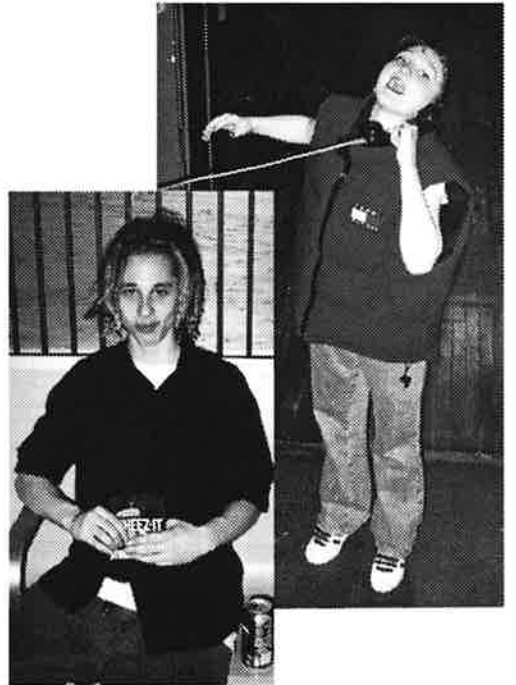
Ashley Weitman
Dance

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- Brendan Blewett**, Music
- Daniel Hergott**, Music
- Katrina Hughes**, Dance
- Suereea Ibrahim**, Musical Theatre
- John Rode**, Music



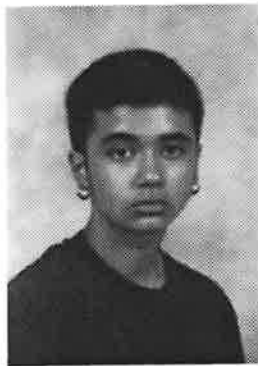




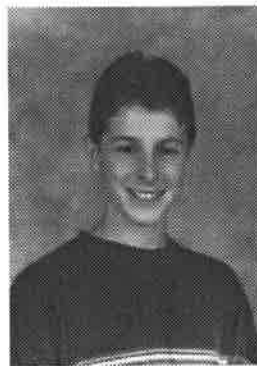
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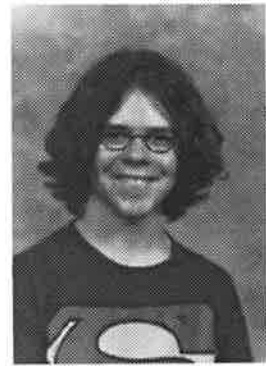
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Visual Arts



Derek Asuan-O'Brien
Visual Arts



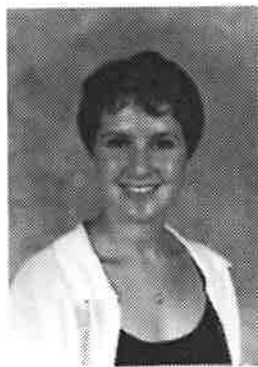
Robert Benirschke
Dance



Joe Binder
Theatre



Laura C. Brent
Music



Elana D. Brooks
Theatre



Hillary A. Castle
Writing Communications



Aaron A. Cotton
Writing Communications



Michelle Dalessandro
Dance



Elizabeth Day
Theatre

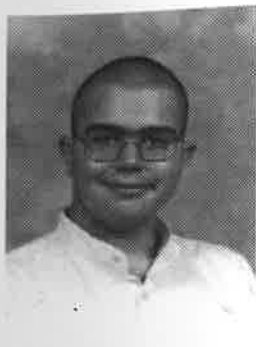


Katherine Georgoulis
Visual Arts



Benjamin Hartman
Visual Arts

SOPHOMORES



Rory K. Jobst
Theatre



Angela M. Lopez
Visual Arts



Brandice P. Manuel
Dance



Marcus Marinelli
Music



Gavin McKay
Theatre



Anna Medakovich
Theatre



Jessica A. Owens
Theatre



Justin N. Porter
Writing Communications



Nicole G. Robare
Writing Communications



Morr Salomon
Dance



Michael C. Smith
Dance



Stephanie Sylvester
Musical Theatre

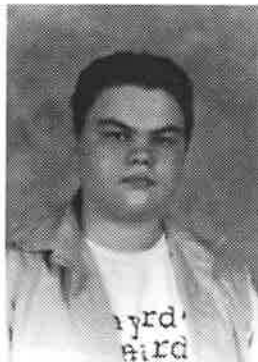
SOPHOMORES



Tiffany Trezzo
Musical Theatre



Zachary Winitz
Theatre



Spencer A. Zahn
Theatre

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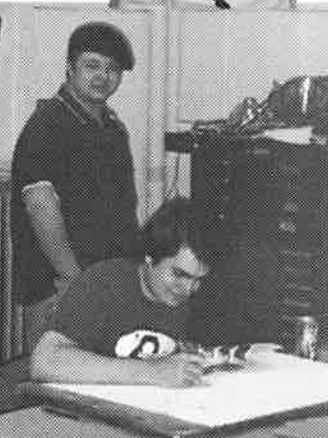
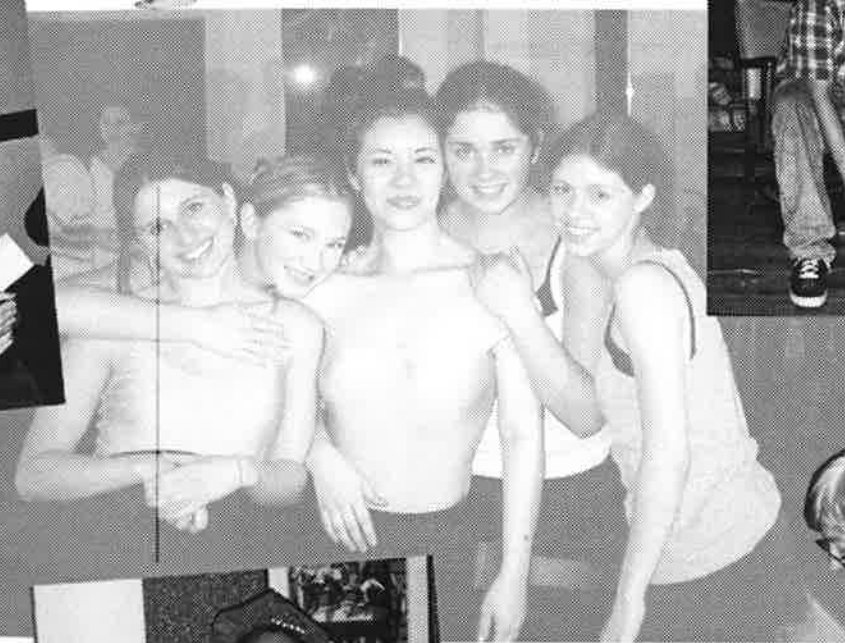
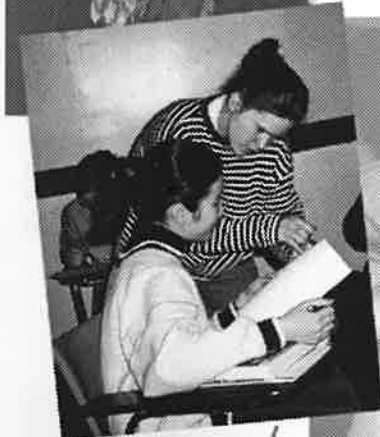
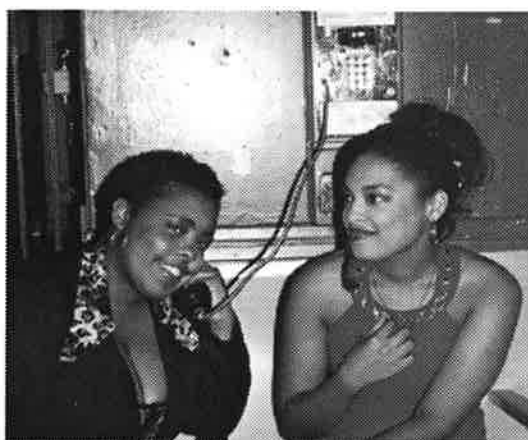
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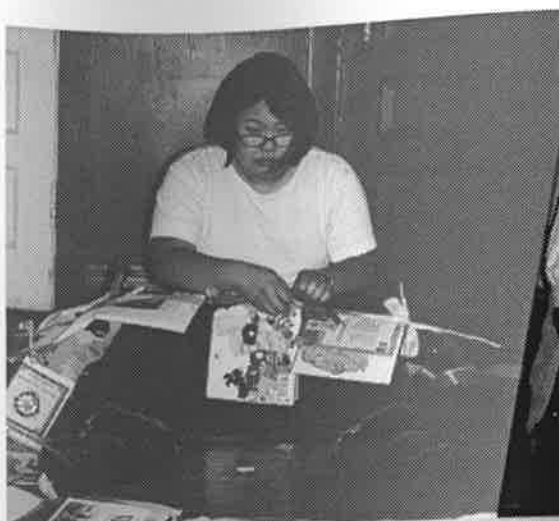
Rachel Lapins...Theatre

Carey A. Maguire...Visual Arts

Amanda C. Rockwell...Visual Arts







FRESHMEN



Alexandra Adduci
Visual Arts



Tatiana L. Agee
Dance



Rita C. Alicea
Visual Arts



Elliot Ashman
Writing Communications



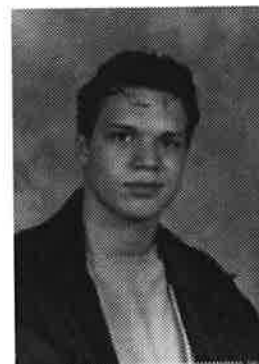
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Dance



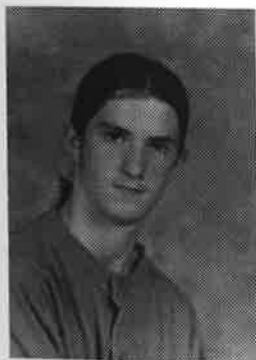
Kathryn Berg
Music



Lisa A. Burback
Music



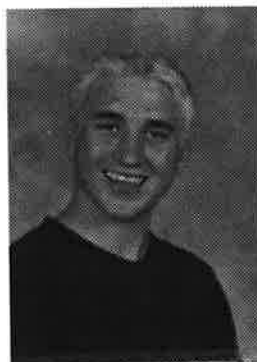
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Visual Arts



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Writing Communications



Theodore J. Golab
Visual Arts



Steven Jeffery
Visual Arts

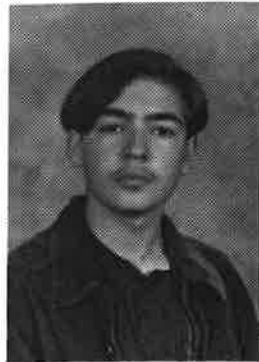


Elizabeth Jenkins
Dance

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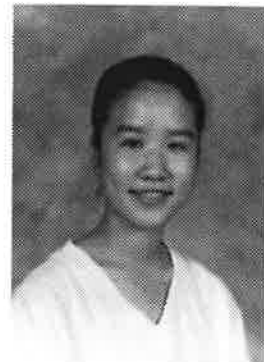
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Writing Communications



Adam Kuuspalu
Visual Arts



Matthew Lawton
Music



Youn-Kyung Lee
Dance



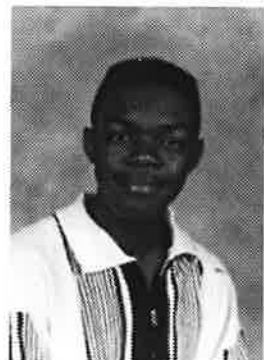
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Writing Communications



Anne Orzechowski
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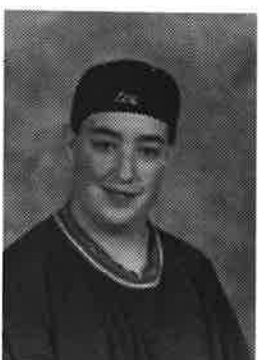
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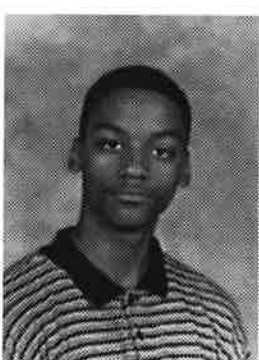
Kevin M. Pinkney
Theatre



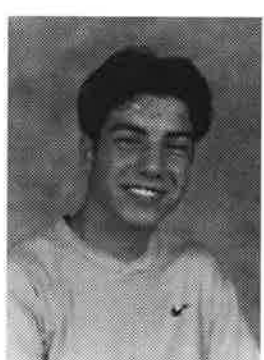
Heidi A. Schubert
Theatre



David T. Sigman
Visual Arts



Anthony M. Vargas
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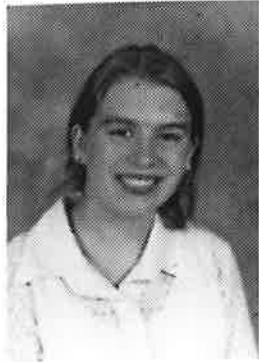


Nicholas F. Venditti
Dance

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Nora K. Walsh
Writing Communications



Victoria E. Yeskis
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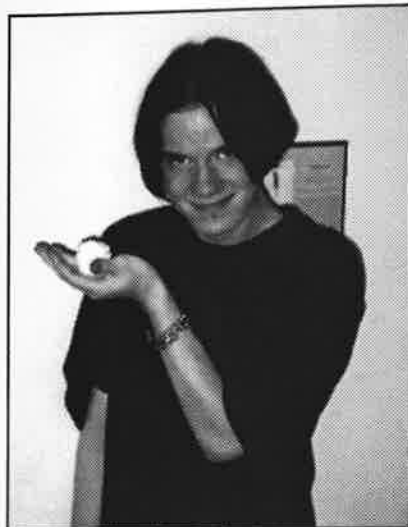
Not Pictured:

- Charles H. Carson...**Theatre
- Sean Coady...**Visual Arts
- Daniel Anthony Difoggio...**Dance
- Ryan P. Kane...**Visual Arts
- Joshua F. Raye...**Visual Arts



FEATURED POETRY WORK

Magnificent Corpse



Soul
Once but inorganic remains
Abandoned carcass discarded
By ruthless hunter
Receives glorious rebirth
As leather

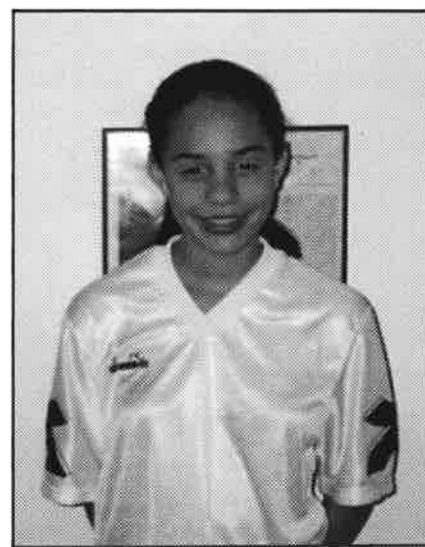
Through tender twiddling
Reconstructed
Gaping wounds of past arrows sealed
Jagged edges smoothed by mindful fingertips

Exquisite flesh
No longer an accessory
Becomes a full length cloak
Lovingly entombing
You

Justin Porter

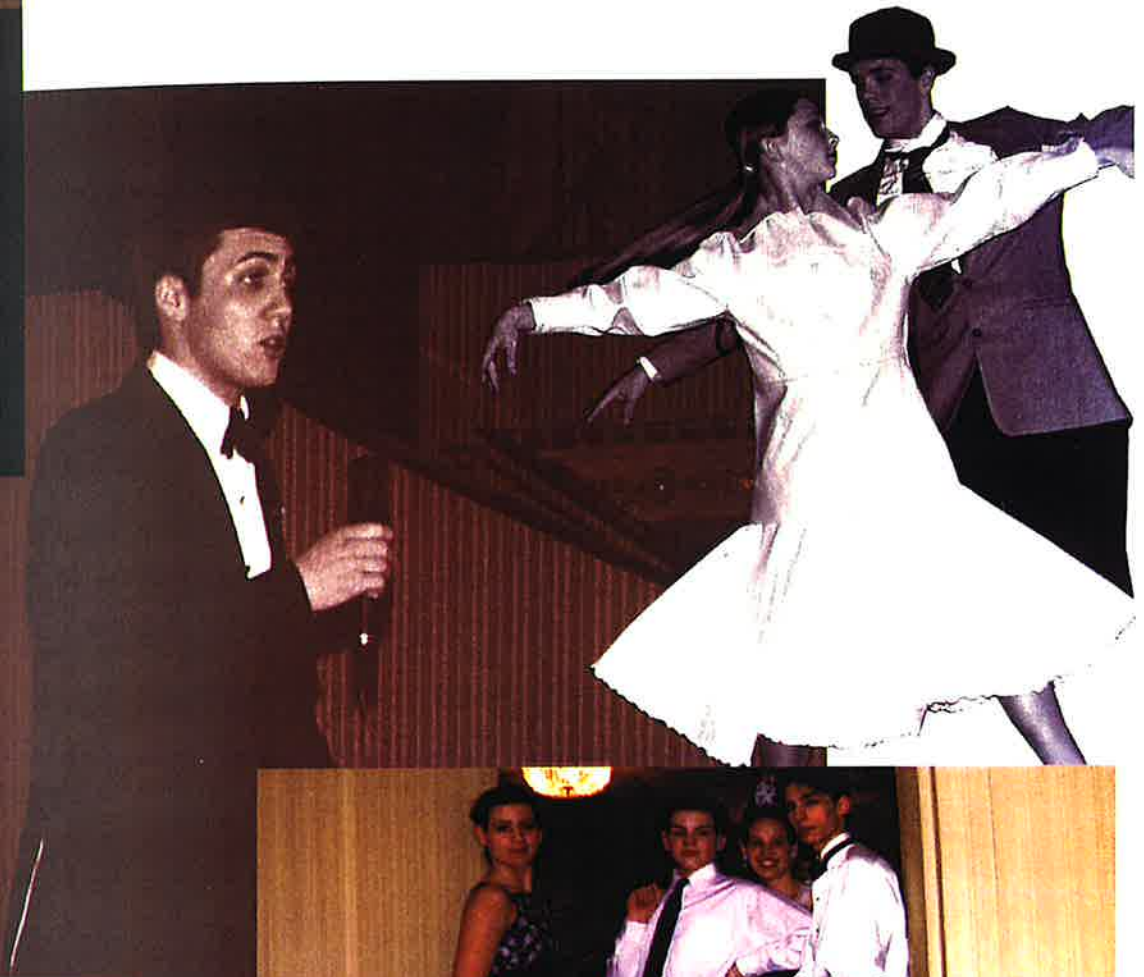
As the mother whirled on the cloud
She licked the drug-coated blackberry
And thought to herself,
Don't judge a man by his clothes.

These thoughts engulfed her mind
She tossed and turned
The blood dripped to the floor and the pain deepened,
She awoke in tears
Only she knew what she had done.



Hillary Castle

ACADEMY GALA



ACADEMY GALA



Academic Achievements

Awards of Excellence

Samantha Simkin Spanish 5
 Jaime Ralston-Wilson Spanish 4
 Rose Gaudio Spanish 3
 Elizabeth Day Spanish 2
 Amy Philips Spanish 2
 Brooke Bartlett English 3
 Ariel Krivo English 3
 Abra Adduci English 3, Film
 Andy Toan English 3, Film
 Stephanie Lugo English 3, Film
 Rachel Garcia Film
 Emma Pildes Film
 Joe Binder Film
 Erika Scott Film
 Rose Gaudio Film
 Rachel King Shakespeare
 Ted Schnieder Shakespeare
 Stesha Merle Shakespeare
 Jake Westerman English 4
 Julia Kravitz English 4
 Kaya Chwals AP Lit.
 Anna Drozdowski AP Lit.
 Tatianna Agee Alg. 1
 Vicky Yeskis Alg. 1
 Latasha Day Pre Calc.
 David Sigman Eng 1
 Vicky Yeskis Eng 1
 Elana Brooks Eng 2
 Rory Jobst Eng 2
 Tom Smith Musicianship
 Kieth Henderson Academy Singers
 David Sigman IPS
 Rose Gaudio Physics
 Erica Scott US His.
 Robin Borowitz World Cultures
 Ben Tinsley US His.
 Vicky Yeskis World Cultures
 Divid Sigman World Cultures
 Kaya Chwals AP European
 Anna Drozdowski AP European

Elizabeth Day Historical Foundations
 Rachel Rudnick Historical Foundations
 Sara Arnold French 3
 Jocelyn Adamski French 3
 Robin Benowitz French 2
 David Sigman French 1
 Elizabeth Day Biology
 Elizabeth Day Chemistry
 Anna Drozdowski Anatomy
 Kaya Chwals Trig
 Rose Gaudio Trig
 Youn-Kyung Lee Geometry
 Tom Smith Alg 2
 Kaya Chwals AP Art History

Best Participation

Rachel Garcia Span. 4
 Amanda Finley Span 3
 Morr Soloman Span 2
 Jon Nichols Span 1
 Jesse Oliver Eng 3
 Ashley Weitman Eng 3
 Sara Arnold Eng 3
 Stephanie Lugo Shakespeare
 Marnin Schwartz Eng 4
 Peter Swimm AP Lit
 Evan Gallerani Eng 4
 David Sigman Alg 1
 Nick Vendetti Alg 1
 Thomosina Gross Pre Calc
 Nora Walsh Eng 1
 Matt Lawton Eng 1
 Nicole Robare Eng 2
 Laura Brent Eng 2
 Mat Emden Musicianship
 Justin Tranter Academy Singers
 Liam Gallagher IPS
 Rebecca Barnett Physics
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 Rachel Garcia Anatomy
 Elizabeth Day Geometry
 Ariel Krivo Trig
 Ashley Weitman Alg. 2

Most Improved

Rachel Garcia Span 4
 Amanda Finley Span 3
 Morr Solomon Span 2
 Jon Nicols Span 1
 Jessica Owens Shakespeare
 Charlie Carson Shakespeare
 Chavva Smyth Eng 4
 Tessa Theotokatos AP Lit
 Randy Herrera Eng 4
 Tony Vargas Alg. 1
 Rita Alice Alg 1
 Rita Alicea Eng 1
 Sean Coady Eng 1
 Jessica Owens Eng 2
 Tiffany Trezzo Eng 2
 Vashti Brown Musicianship
 Stephanie Sylvester Academy Singers
 Rita Alicea IPS
 Dan Grant Physics
 Brooke Bartlett US His
 Katherine Lee US His
 Laura Brent World Cultures
 Ben Schlitz US His
 Amanda Finley European His
 Rita Alicea Historical Foundation
 Angela Lopez Chemistry
 Katherine Lee Trig

ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Writing Communications Arts Department

POETRY:

Kathy Regaldo.....First Place
Julia Kravitz.....Second Place
Aaron Cotton.....Third Place
Justin Porter.....Honorable Mention

PROSE:

Elliot Ashman.....First Place
Ariel Krivo.....Second Place

Tanya Boutin.....Senior Award
Peter Swimm.....Dedication Award
Nicole Robare.....Dedication Award
Ariel Krivo.....Outstanding Work
Julie Key.....Best of Show
Liam Gallagher.....Best of Show
Vicky Yeskis.....Best of Show
James Flanagan.....Class Participation

Visual Arts Department

Devin Leonardi.....Best of Show
Aly Adduci.....Best New Student
Tom E. Smith.....Honorable Mention
Dan Grant.....Honorable Mention
Tom Smith.....Scholarship

Theatre Department

Kaya Chwals.....Theatre Award
Ted Schneider.....Musical Theatre Award
Ted Schneider.....A.R.T.S. Scholarship Winner
Joey Morano.....Best Boy Electrician

DANCE

DEPARTMENT QUOTES:

- ❖ "I'M GIVING YOU ART!" ❖ "WHOOOP, WHOOOP" ❖
- ❖ "PREPARATION" ❖ "WHERE'S TINA?" ❖
- ❖ "WHA'CHA DOIN' – YOU CAN'T DO THAT" ❖
- ❖ "MUFFIE, ARE YOU DANCING TODAY?" ❖



SPECIAL MENTION:

ANNA DROZDOWSKI...FOR HER WORK WITH STUDENT CONCERT
JAMIE RALSTON WILSON & RANDY HERRERA...
FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK
CHAVVA SMITH...FOR BECOMING A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN
KATIE MCCAUGHAN...FOR KEEPING US HONEST

AND ALL THE OTHER GRADUATES
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

FACULTY DANCE CONCERT



"Nope"
There's
nothing
in your
ear



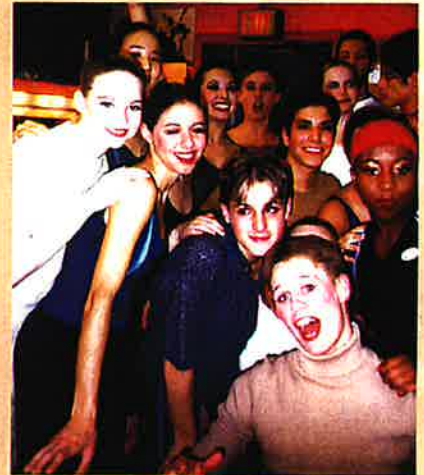
"Breath in
Time"



Post-show Dancers



Chavva Smith
— "Swing Low,
Sweet Chariot"



Pre-show Dancers



Chavva's piece



Pensche!



Bouncing babies

STUDENT DANCE CONCERT





Julia — A Statue on a caddy!



Michael gets a makeover



Stranded



Dancers love cake



Jaime, "Against the wall and spread 'em!"

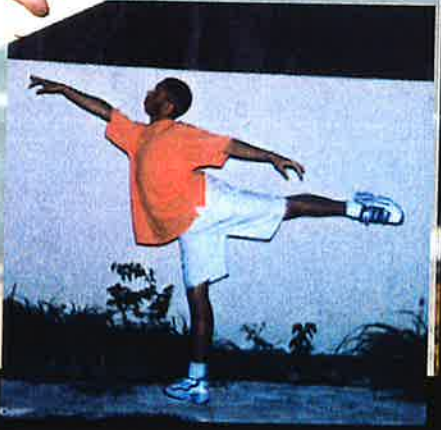


The power of external vacuum



Woman without a face

Whoop! Whoop!



*M*usic Department

DEPARTMENT QUOTE -
“Tall, red hair, talking?!!!”

DEDICATION TO:

Andy Jones, Mike Chen, Tracy Watson, Mary Clare Cadeiux

KUDOS TO STUDENTS:

Senior **Courtney Giles** acted in the Field Museum's show, *Guess Who's Coming to Rehearsal*, and sang in a holiday concert at the Chicago Cultural Center...Junior **Sara Arnold** was a soloist with the Elgin Children's Choir and is featured on their recent CD, *Christmastide*...Junior **Audrey Callanta** for a violin performance in Washington D.C..

...AND FACULTY:

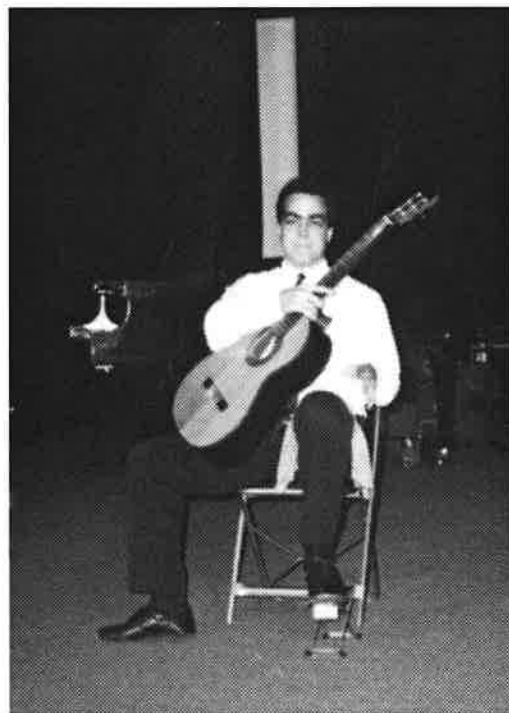
Andy Jones won a “Jeff” for Best Original Music Written for a Musical, *Blade to the Heat*. This spring, he played the drums in the national touring company of *Cats*...**Dr. Louis Playford** played the harpsichord in an all-Baroque concert in conjunction with Ars Musica...**Marie Cinquemani** was a featured singer at “Chick Singer Night” at the Beat Kitchen...**Mary Claire Cadieux** played the keyboards for New Tuners' production of *Hans Brinker*...**Tracy Watson** will made her debut at Carnegie Hall in May...**Mike Chen** conducted a December performance of the Suburban Youth Symphony.

*M*usic — Faculty Recital



Mrs. C. "Is that Trudy?"

Justin Puggoli
"Will you alum ever leave?"



Mr. Barr
"Time out"

Mrs. Jones
"Um. let's try acting"



Music — Messiah



The lovely singers

Conductor

Daniel Wallenberg

Soloists

Pamela Jordan, Soprano
Katherine Hartgrove, Alto
Trevor Mitchell, Tenor
Jerry Johnson, Bass

Orchestra

Violin I

Francisco Iragorri, Concertmaster

*Audrey Callanta

Gemma Lee

Elizabeth Ortiz

Violin II

*Lisa Burbach

Stephanie Chin

*Latasha Day

Young Hee Kim

Viola

**Peggy Nadkarni

*Joanna Um

Enrique Villaseco

Cello

Peter McCaffrey

Nina Wallenberg

*The Chicago Academy
For The Arts*

presents

The Messiah

by Georg Friedrich Handel

Daniel Wallenberg, Conductor

Friday, December 12, 1997
7:30 p.m.



Viola power!



The Orchestra

Coco, Stephanie, and Miss C
singing their hearts out.



NEW ORLEANS NIGHT



Music — Opera



Thomasina, Kathy,
Ann & Sara.
The Opera

Courtney Giles & Justin Tranter in the
"Spanish" opera.



Jessie Oliver &
Joey Granato in
"Regina"

Courtney Giles in "Spanish" opera.



MADRIGAL DINNER

Kathy Berg, Sara Arnold, Laura Brent, Jessie Oliver, Courtney Giles, Amanda Kinley led by Dr. Playford.



The Royal Queen



Joey Granato & Katherine Lee.

The audience is content...entertained and well fed.

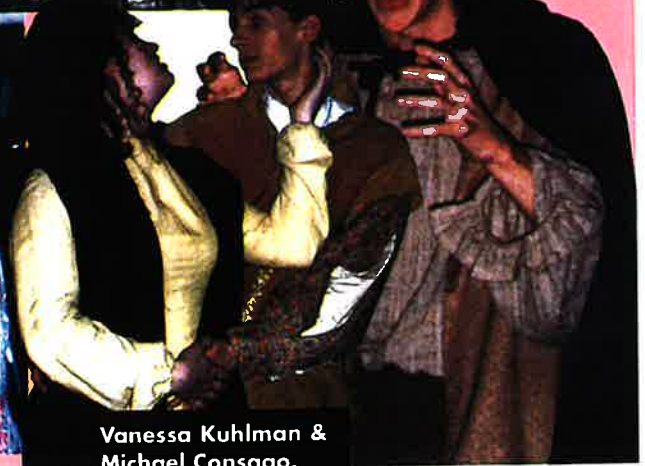


Ted Schneider delivers his monologue with conviction



The Royal Family serenades. Stephanie Sylvester, Keith Henderson, Courtney Giles, Joey Morano, Justin Tranter, Thomasina Gross, Joey Granato, Katherine Lee.

Vanessa Kuhlman & Michael Consago.



THEATRE

Quote :

"We work in the dark. We do what we can. We give what we have. Our doubt is our passion, and our passion our task. The rest is the madness of art."

— Henry James

Dedication to the Students :

To all our students graduating and returning:
YOU ARE THE ACADEMY THEATRE.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern



Are Dead



"Ted, get back in the box. I've had just about enough."

"Settle down, Kaya. Her objective can't be that bad!"



"Why do Stesha and Rachel get the good stuff all the time?"



"Kaya? C'mon, wake up. You'll be late for rehearsal."



"What's with the pose?"



1940'S RADIO HOUR



WAITING FOR THE PARADE



Kim Hamby,
Elizabeth
Day,
Stephanie
Sylvester



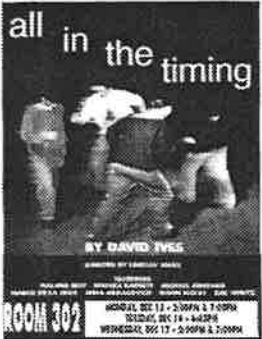
Kim Hamby



Jocelyn Adamski, Laura
Brent, Elizabeth Day



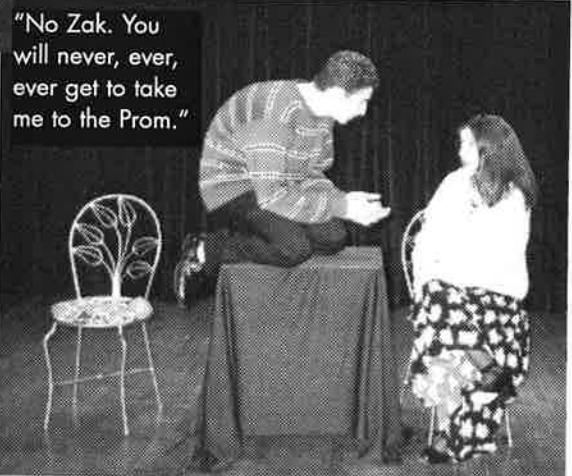
Stephanie Sylvester



Marco De La Cruz,
Anna Medalovich,
Michael Consago



Marco De La
Cruz, Anna
Medalovich,



"No Zak. You
will never, ever,
ever get to take
me to the Prom."

VANITIES

the theatre department of
the chicago academy for the arts
presents a work shop production of

Vanities

by Jack Heifner

Monday, December 15,
2:00 & 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 16, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, December 17, 4:45 pm
1997

Directed by Lynn Baber

Cast

Joanne...Abra Adduci

Kathy...Sandi Morgan

Mary...Tiffany Trezzo





"Now You Know" Music number of Merrily.



Ensemble of Merrily

Merrily We Roll Along

The Merrily cast takes a bow.



Ted, Joey and Jocelyn.



Rachel King & Ted Schneider



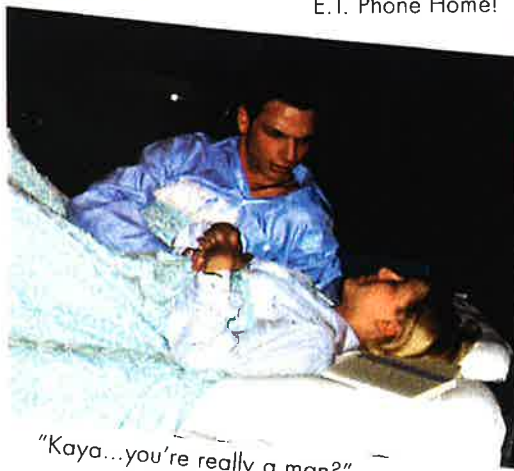
standing on my knees



E.T. Phone Home!



Light Queen Extrordinaire



"Kaya...you're really a man?"



"Sure, we'd love a drink on the house."





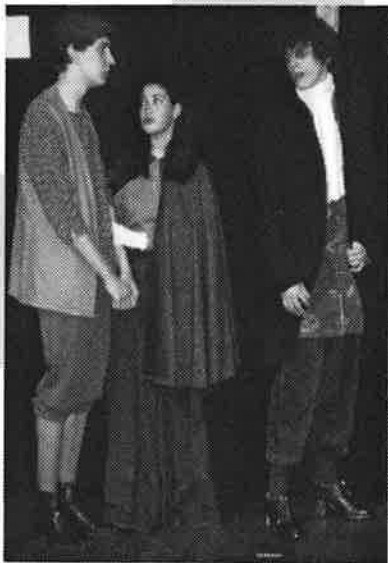
Sami Simkin, Jeremy Austin, Rachel Lapins, Stesha Merle

Sandy Morgan, Michael Consago, Brooke Bartlett

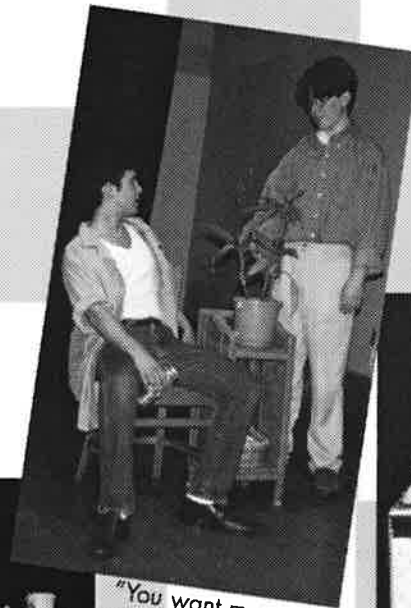


Andy Toan, Michael Consago

NICHOLAS NICKELBY



Jeremy Austin, Stephanie Lugo, Chris Grella

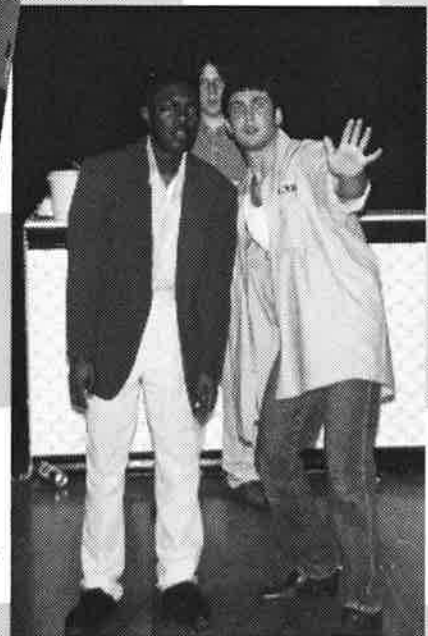


"You want me to do what?!"

TRUE WEST



"I can just see it now."

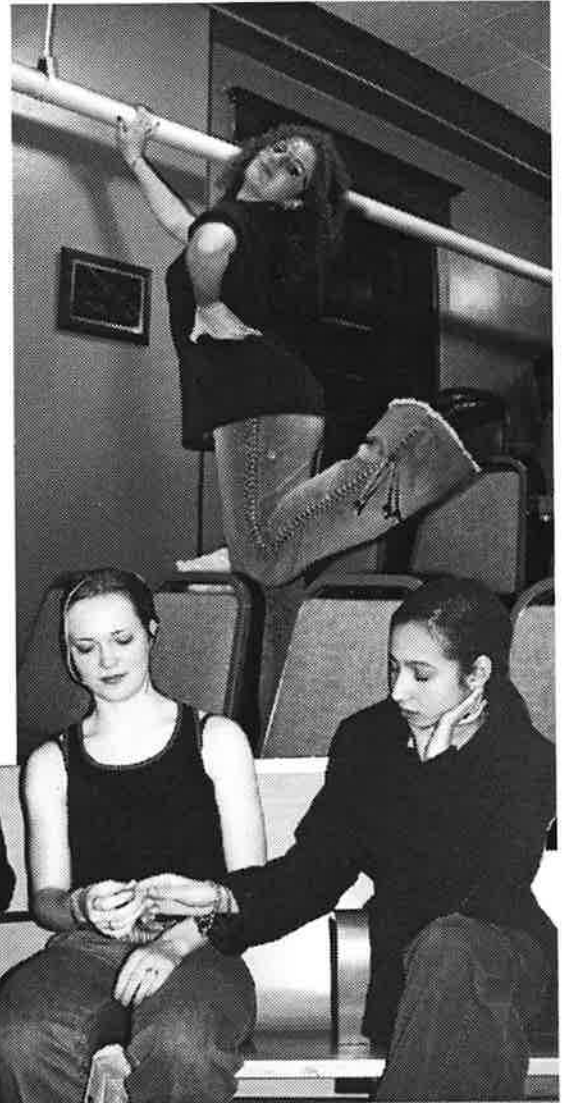


Speech
Team



Featured
Work

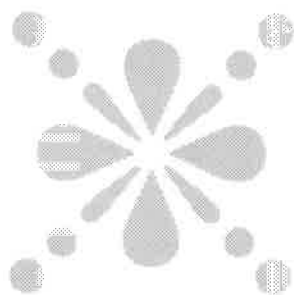




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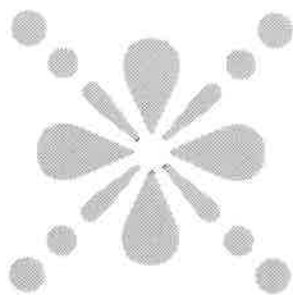
Quote:

“Fresher Breath, Louder Wind”



Dedication:

Good luck to our graduating seniors.
We believe in you, and we are infinitely
proud of you.



Portfolio Day



Winter Juried Art Show



The Audience



Kevin Pickney, Amy Phillips, Rita Alicea



Illustration by Tom Smin

The 11th Annual Winter Juried Exhibition



All of the happy winners of the winter show.



Spring Juried Art Show



MAY DAY

Drawing by Ian McLaughlin



Featured Poetry Work

Annabelle

*ballerina crouches without
her love
clear tears fall upon blue
hair
her butterfly, emerald
streaked wings
no longer kisses pale cheeks*

*ballerina forgot how to
speak,
how to dance upon the velvet
stage
butterfly is trapped, chained
to the wall,
punished for natural, innocent
beauty*

*ballerina tears off purple
shoes
lets feet soak in mud and
gravel
wind pushes sand into hazel
eyes
butterfly cries for her
the ballet has ended...*



Tanya Leigh Boutin

Writing Communications Arts Department

QUOTE:

"In order for one to be any type of an artist, they first must be a rebel."

– Jack Reed



DEDICATION:

We have watched you mature as people and artists. Our time together has been very precious because of your open communication, willingness to learn and creative drive. We will carry special memories of you and your work with us for the rest of our lives. Best wishes to all of you – happiness and success

MR. FARMANS, MRS. NOVAK, & MR. BARR

Juried Poetry Reading Show



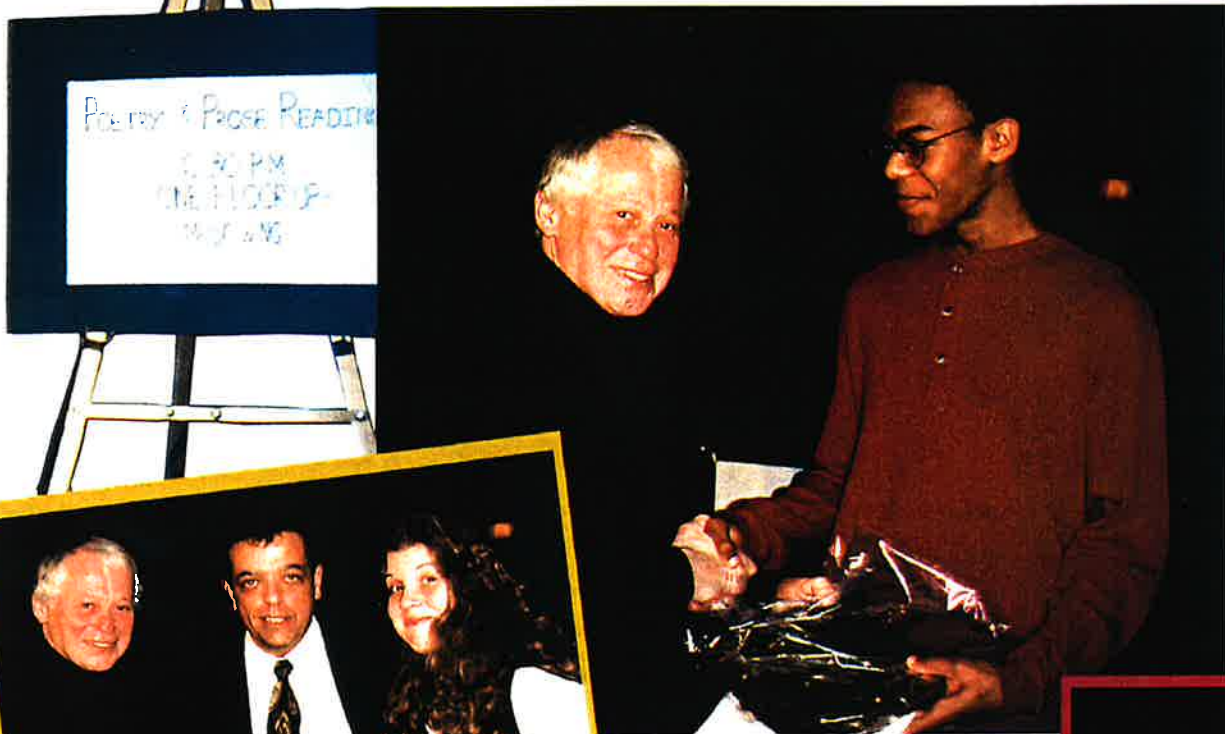
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1. Julia receiving an award. She looks as lovely as a butterfly.

2. Junior Bylthe Harris begins his poem.

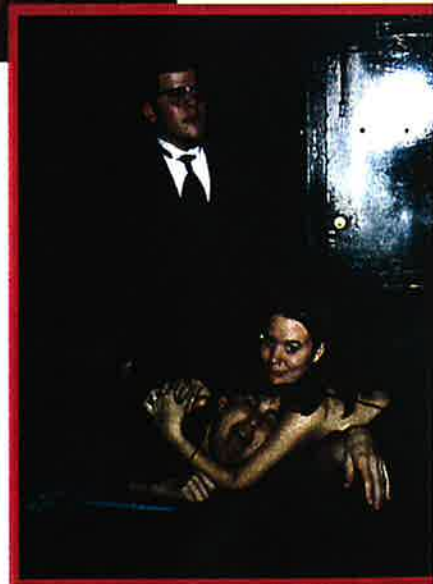
3. Our fine seniors of the WCA. Kathy Regalado, Tanya Boutin, James Flanagan.



Ariel Krivo poses with Juror Dr. Ballowe and Founder of the WCA Department, Mr. Farmans.



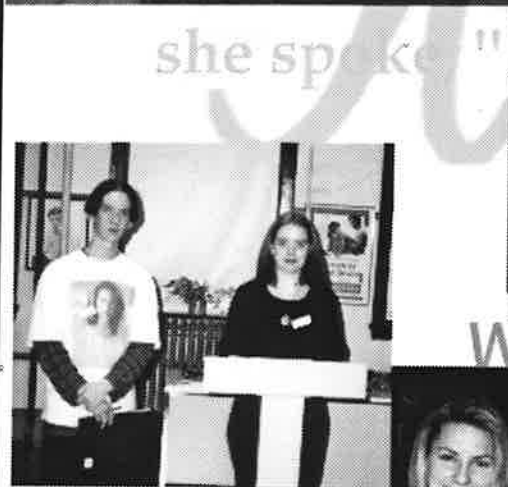
Awards sit in front of the anxious poets.



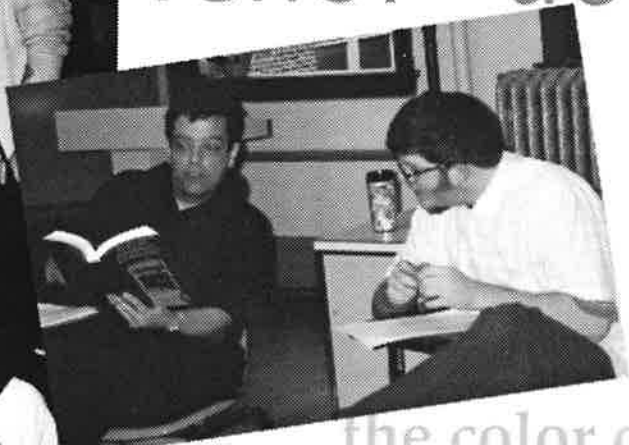
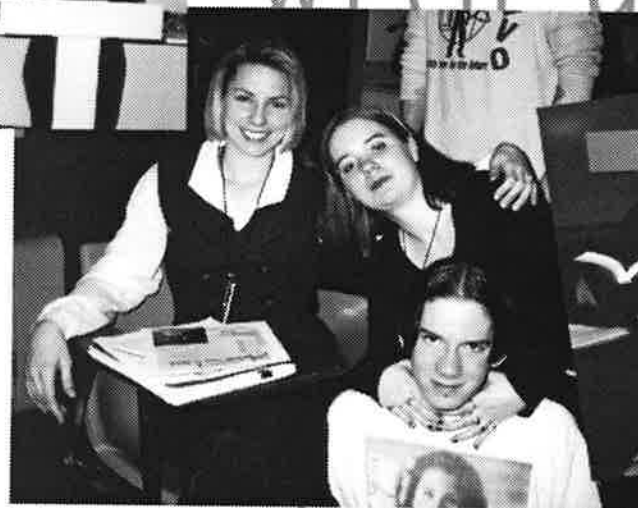
The Three Stooges of the Writing Communication Arts Department.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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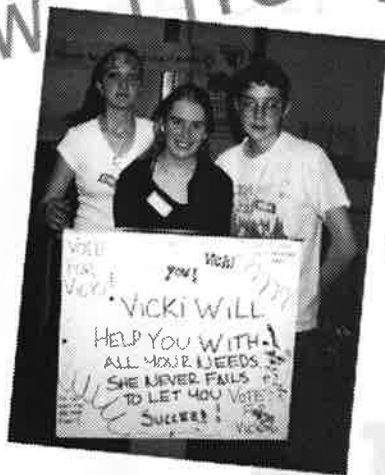
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Communication OVERLOAD!



The Line Up

Clockwise from left:

1. Julia acts out a children's story about growing up.

2. Liam points to the defendant during the trial of Father Spohn....he won his case against him.

3. Can I have an Amen! Peter Swimm rocks his "parish" with preaching "Jesus was an individual and so is your teen."

4. The Great Bean Coffee Man, Aaron Cotton, is accompanied by his "seventies" dancers and educates James on a coffee choice.

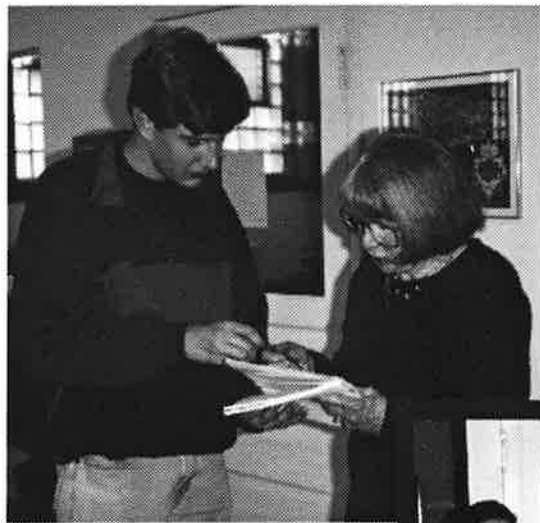
5. Nicole narrates her children's story while Hillary and Nora act it out.

6. Vicky, our future CNN reporter, talks about children's rights in China.

7. Tanya takes the audience on her trip to London — teenage style!



Special Visitors



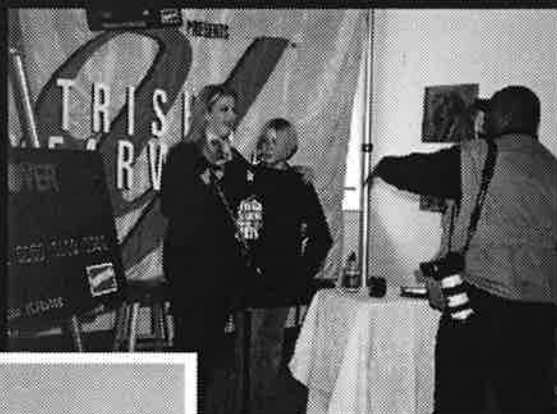
Chris Grella asking for Julie Harris' autograph.



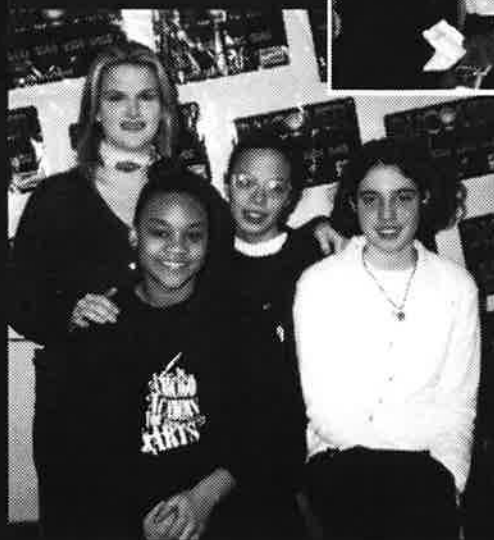
The one and only Julie Harris stopping by to speak to the students.



Kaya represents the school and presents a shirt to Ms. Yearwood



Trisha Yearwood poses with Thomasina Gross, Rita Alicea and Nora Walsh.

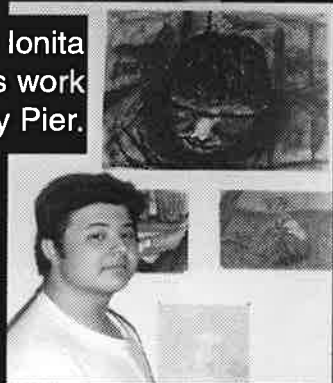


Garth Brooks sings with Trisha Yearwood

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Artist shows centerpieces

Leo Ionita auctions work at Navy Pier.



Muffie Connelly & Anna Drozdowski choreographed the AIDS Benefit.



Joe Binder recently starred in Psycho Beach Party at the Theatre Ecclectic.

Broadway, her way

...and you'll never see her again in 'Broadway'

The Proper Stage



Ted Schneider won a National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Highest Level Award, including a scholarship to the college of his choice.



Laura Brent sang six songs in a Channel 38 Telethon.

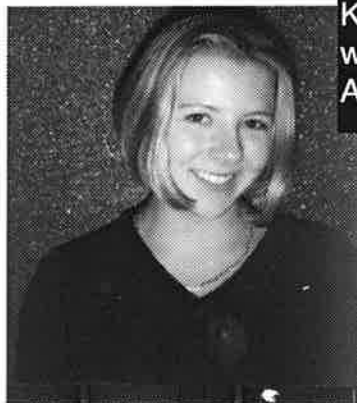
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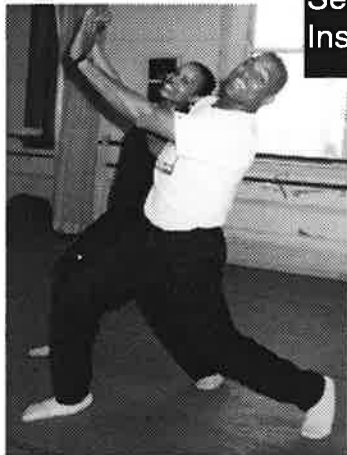
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STUDENTS IN THE NEWS



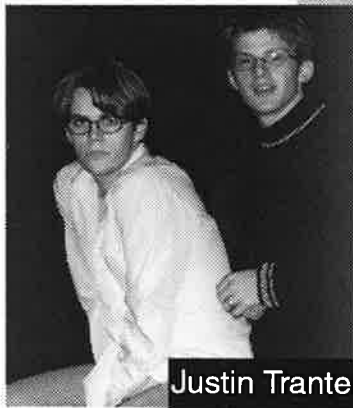
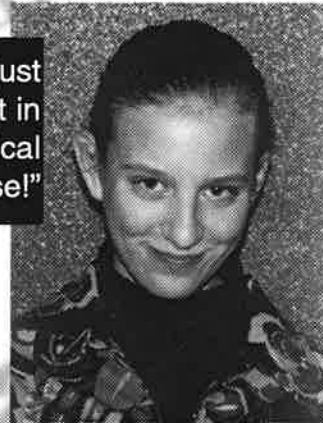
Kaya Chwals (and Justin) wrote the script for the AIDS Benefit "Stastics".



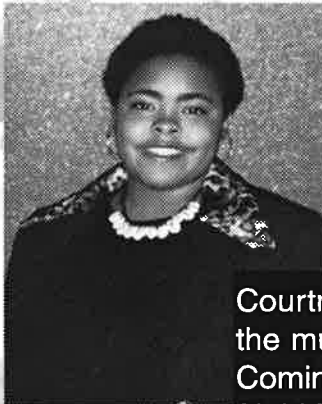
Senior Chavva Smyth and Instructor Randy Duncan.



Stephanie Sylvester just won an ensemble part in the Broadway Musical "Grease!"



Justin Tranter & Joey Granato produced and directed an AIDS Benefit "Seasons of Love".



Courtney Giles performed in the musical "Guess Who's Coming to Rehearsal" at the Field Museum.

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DEDICATION

Mascot Designed by Ian McLaughlin

This year's yearbook staff would like to dedicate the yearbook to the Founders of the Academy. Thank you William L. Gaines, Ph.D., Essee Kupcinec, Joyce Sloane and Zelda Werner.

GERI FRENCH THANK YOU

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.....

and thank you to Ms. Geri French. Ms. French contributed a great amount of pictures to this yearbook. She covered many of our school events and did it with style, pizzazz, and spice. She is our savior and our goddess of photography. WE LOVE HER!



Thanks for the Ads:

The Editors of the '97/'98 yearbook would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year a great success and all those who contributed to the yearbook, especially those who decided to show up on the first and most of the meetings in the middle, as well as the last!

Most of all, we would like to express our undying love and gratitude for Mrs. Novak, Mrs. Nadkarni, Ms. McComb and Ms. Dowlin. These sassy young women gave us the strength and spirit to make this awesome book possible.

Tanya and Joanna
LOVE YOU ALL :)

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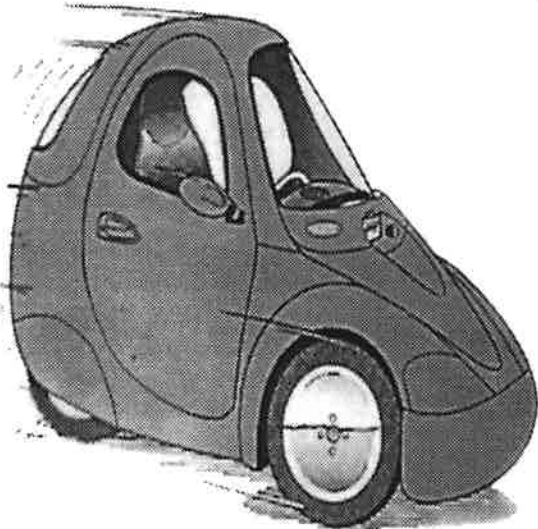


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