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# NHS Takes Polar Bear Plunge

## Students Dive Into Icy Waters

By: Lauren Speirs

Almost 300 people jumped into the icy waters at Manasquan Beach on the Saturday before Valentine's Day. This Valentine Plunge fundraiser was to show support in the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Over \$100,000 was raised for this cause and approximately 60 families will benefit from the hundreds of contributors who attended the plunge. Among the participants

were a few members of Manasquan High School's National Honor Society.

Senior Travis Gassner said, "The scariest part was after I finished throwing back my hair from the icy water and seeing 250 other people running at me, as I was escaping the freezing depths of Sea Watch Beach."

Along with Gassner, seniors Leslie Labruto, Margaret Brendle and Gage O'Connell all raised money and jumped into the icy waters to support the cause.

Gassner described the sensation

of jumping into the freezing cold February waters of the Atlantic Ocean. He said, "I felt very rejuvenated. Jumping in the cold water was an adrenaline rush and it woke me up. The worst part was waiting for the signal for

the body. Eventually, the brain completely loses its ability to initiate and control voluntary movement.

"It was a tremendous response... it's not like a triathlon, you don't have

to be a world-class athlete to do this and make a difference," said Mr. O'Neill.

Participants were required to raise at least \$100 in donations, which included a \$25 registration fee. Prizes such as t-shirts, beach towels, hooded

windbreakers, and robes all bearing the Valentine Plunge logo, were awarded to the individual raising the most amount of money, the largest team and for the best costume.

The Broadway Bar & Grill in Point Pleasant Beach team with 26 members was the largest team on the beach. Other teams came down from New York City for the event.

After participating in the event, Gassner said, "After I did it I was really happy that I took part in the event."



Above: Gage O'Connell, Travis Gassner, NHS Advisor Mrs. Mangan, Margaret Brendle, and Leslie Labruto participated in the plunge.

everyone to run in because my feet quickly became frost-bitten from the cold sand."

The plunge "was wonderful, it was a great event," said Jim O'Neill, owner of O'Neill's Bar, Grill and Guesthouse in Manasquan and the event organizer. "I'm still getting phone calls [from people interested in donating to the plunge]."

ALS is marked by gradual degeneration of the nerve cells in the central nervous system that control voluntary muscle movement. The messages will no longer be sent from the brain to the muscles and the disorder will cause muscle weakness throughout

## Dr. Buckley Named Teacher of the Year

By: Kaitlyn Turi

Dr. Buckley was recently named Manasquan High School's "Teacher of the Year". When asked about her reaction to this award she said, "It was a pleasant surprise; it's nice to be recognized."

Dr. Buckley has been a teacher for ten years and has spent all of them at MHS. She has her PhD in analytical chemistry and began working in industry. Her employer was Ross Labs, the company that manufactures health drinks like Similac and Ensure. When Dr. Buckley had kids, she decided to make a switch and become a teacher because of the hours, although teaching has turned out to be a "twenty-four/seven job".

In the classroom Dr. Buckley likes to incorporate nutrition into her lessons.

She wants her students to leave class with knowledge that is useful for real life. In addition to that, she thinks

Congrats Dr. Buckley!



Manasquan is a great place to attend high school because the block schedule allows adequate time for labs and more active learning as opposed to lectures. According to Dr. Buckley, the most important thing for students to learn is the process of how to learn itself. "Once you know how to learn you can succeed in any subject, no matter what the class."

Along with the title of "Teacher of the Year" Dr. Buckley received \$1,000 to spend on classroom enhancers and the oh-so-coveted prime parking spot. She hopes to get some worthwhile visuals for her active board which is so much easier to see than the small televisions. "It would be nice to move up a decade and get some visuals from the 90's," she added.



to protect his daughter's reputation. Fonda nearly felt the wrath of that rifle more than once.

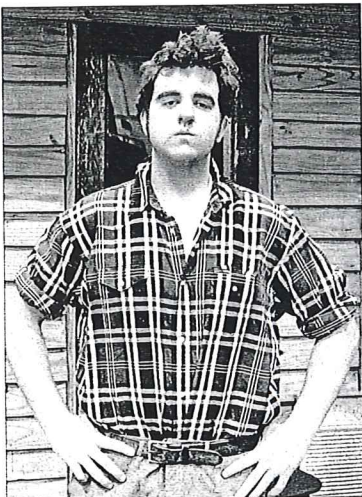
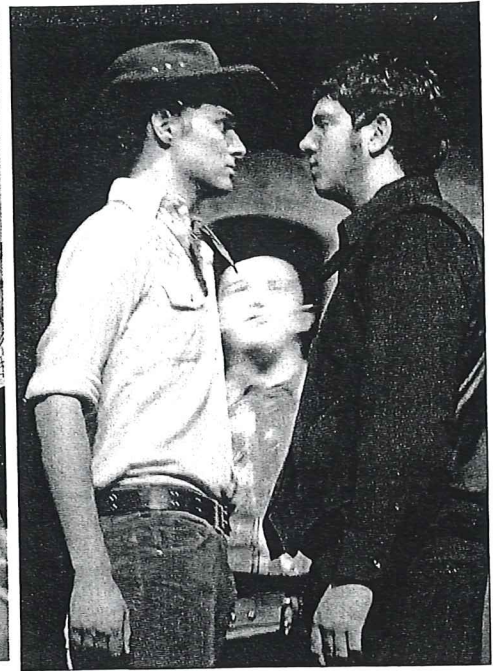
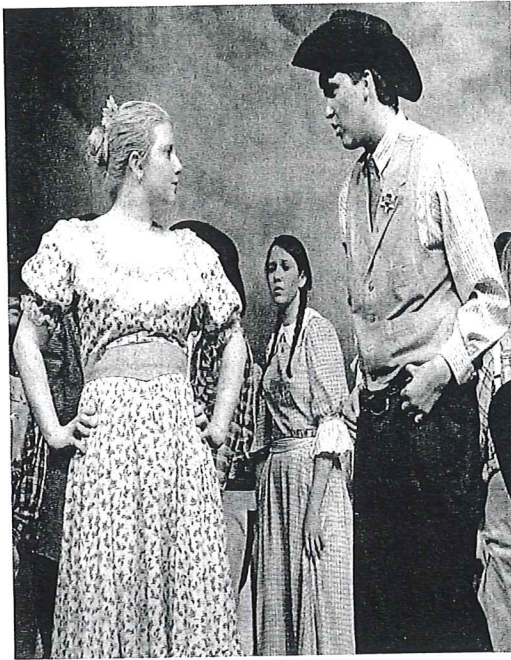
Two underclassmen added a lot to the show also. Sophomore Patrick Gallagher brought great energy to the stage in his role as Will Parker. And freshman Hannah Moore nearly stole the show in her role as flirty Ado Annie, the apple of Parker's eye -with an eye for other men. Not coincidentally, she ended the night with hay falling from her hair.

Adding to the evening was the fine piano music played by Timothy Broege and Elaine Vander Plate Held. Mr. Weisert brought them in along with two grand pianos.

Many kudos to Mr. Weisert and all of the Drama Club for a successful Spring musical. But sorry girls, Curly is already taken.

Above: Amanda Czerminski portrays Aunt Eller as she confronts Cord Elam, the federal marshal, played by Drew Galinis. Above right: Matt Truex, as Curly, glares at his nemesis, Jud Fry, played by Jerry Brown. Below: excited cast members, including (right to left) Colleen King, Dana Van Houten, Anthony Silverman and Amanda Czerminski.

## Scenes from Oklahoma!



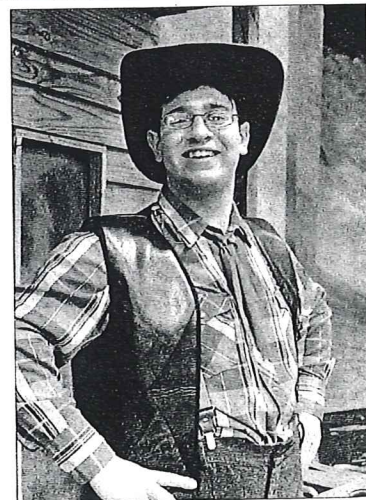
**Jerry Brown**



**Nicole Klindtworth**



**Matt Truex**



**Thomas Semprevivo**



# MHS Students Environmentally Test Water

## Three Students Gather Water From Rec Pond

By: John Zimmerman

MHS Environmental Club has teamed up with Wall environmental club and the Surf Rider foundation to test Rec Pond water for echolalia.

The MHS part of this project is led by head of the environmental club Mr. Glenn. The club is taking various samples of pond water back to the classroom and testing. No echolalia has been found yet thankfully but testing continues.

Lee Kresge, Philip Lewis

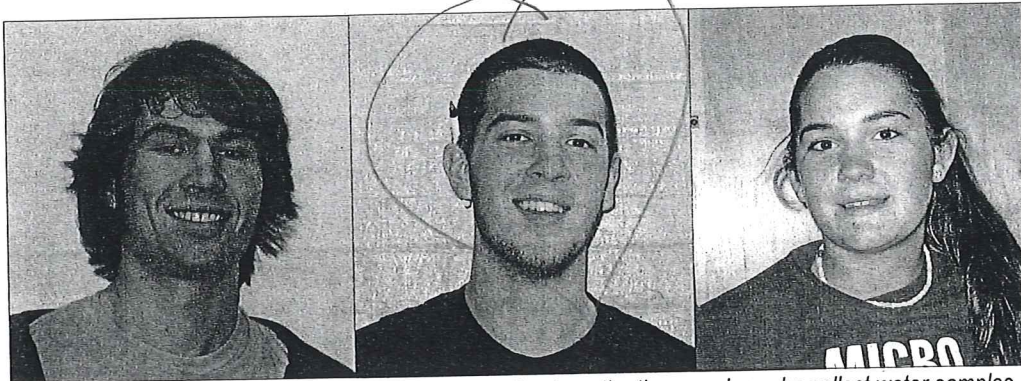
and Veronica Impellizeri are the group of seniors who gather the samples. Every Wednesday morning the group

said that it is fun to do. After gathering the samples, the students return to the school lab. According to

Twenty-four hours later, the samples are checked again. A special UV light is shined on the sample, and if it lights up, the sample is contaminated.

Echolalia is not the only thing being tested for in Rec Pond. The Surf Rider foundation is testing numerous things with various groups. If there is echolalia

or anything else harmful added to the sample in the pond then hopefully they will be able to fix it.



Above: Phil Lewis, Lee Kresge, and Veronica Impellizeri are the three seniors who collect water samples.

goes to gather water samples from their designated spots. Senior Lee Kresge

# Marine Biology Students Participate In Regional Marine Science Competition

By: Arvis Kirkland

On Saturday, February 24, schools from the New Jersey / Tri-State area participated in the annual Regional Marine Science Competition. It was held at Rutgers University, on their Busch Campus.

This was the first year Manasquan was invited to compete. Marine Biology students such as Phil Lewis, Tyler Toole, Brian Rohrmann, Katy Szakal, and Kayce Lustrino were

among the participants. MHS Marine Biology teacher Mr. Wasnesky went along as well.

In this competition with other schools, students

Mr. Wasnesky said that some competitors are actually finished

teams, Manasquan in sixth place. The result was pretty decent considering the tough competition.

There was also a guest speaker present, which allowed the students to hear a lecture and gain more insight into the wonderful world of Marine Biology.

All in all, Mr. Wasnesky said they had a good time, and he was proud that a lot of the questions his



Above: Mr. Wasnesky, Phil Lewis, Katy Szakal, Kayce Lustrino, Tyler Toole, and Brian Rohrmann.

Marine Biology teams, so the competition was far from easy, but challenging, and fun.

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students already knew. If the opportunity were offered again next year, Mr. Wasnesky said they would definitely be there.



# Spanish Club Visits the Guggenheim

By: Jamee Shea

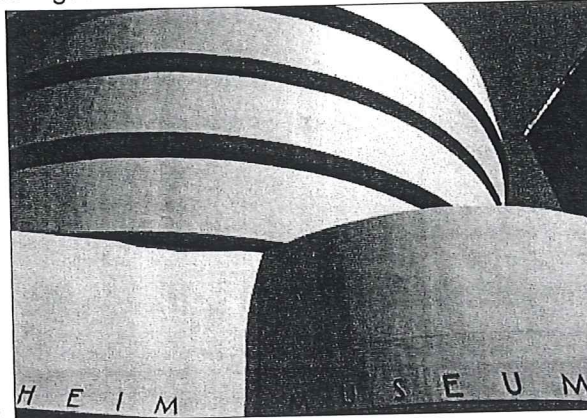
What's more fun than getting off from school and traveling anywhere? Going to the Big Apple with the Spanish club of course.

On Thursday, February 22, forty Spanish club members participated in a trip to the Guggenheim, a well-known museum on the upper-east side of New York City.

Along with chaperones Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Eldridge, and Ms. Vergara, the students gathered into the museum to view all the Spanish works of art.

Featured paintings included those by famous Spanish artists Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, and Francisco de la Goya. Everyone got to view all of the interesting pieces with their buddies, expanding

their views on different sorts of art. One piece of art that received good reviews was the beautiful Goya



piece called "The Duchess of Alba."

After the pleasurable viewing, everyone ventured to Times Square and partook in some Cuban cuisine

at the Havana Central in Times Square. During their meal, the waiters did everything to please the group.

Mrs. Kenny favored the arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) along with an empanada. From the vegan side, Caitlin Walsh enjoyed a large Veggie Paella.

A grand dinner then concluded with an even better dessert, when everyone engorged themselves in delectable churros con chocolate.

With full bellies and satisfied grins, the members gathered in their buses and relaxed with a great day to look back on.

"This was definitely a fun way to learn, when you don't even realize you are learning something new," added Walsh.

## MHS Students Travel To New York City

### Anatomy and Sports Injury Management Classes See "Bodies" Exhibition

By: Kaitlyn Turi

On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Hyland's Intro to Sports Injury Management class, Mr. Lempa's Anatomy class and the Health Careers Club took a trip to Bodies: The Exhibition display in New York City at the South Street Seaport.

The bus left at eight a.m. from MHS and students walked around the city for a while, before entering the "Bodies" exhibition at ten thirty. The exhibition contained different galleries, displaying varying parts and functions of the body including the skeletal, muscular, nervous, circulatory, respiratory, digestive,

reproductive and urinary systems. The final gallery was entitled "the treated body" displaying differences and similarities between healthy bodies and bodies which had been treated by medicine.

There were twenty-two full bodies and over two-hundred separate body parts. The majority were males, coming from China. This is due to the fact that in China people have the option to donate their bodies to medicine and/or research when they die. In conjunction with this, unclaimed dead bodies, after a certain period of time are donated to

science by the Chinese government. The artist personally dissected the veins and arteries, taking one year for each specimen. According to Mr. Hyland seeing this exhibit, for someone interested in medicine is the equivalent of someone interested in art, viewing a Picasso.

Mr. Hyland considered the trip a success, to say the least. He felt that it was very educational. "Before this exhibit, the only way to see anything like this was to attend medical school and deal with cadavers hands on," said Mr. Hyland. The trip was fun and educational for all.





# Academy of Finance Holds Annual Fashion Show

## Students And Teachers Model Clothing Provided By Local Companies

By: Katya Palsi

Tyra Banks would be proud. Maybe she should have been at Manasquan High school scouting the talent for America's Next Top Model.

The talent was out on Thursday, March 8, 2007 when the Academy of Finance held its annual Fashion Show fundraiser.

AOF seniors Emily Govel, Andrea Early, and Steve Schatzman organized the event. According to Mr. McCormack, MHS principal and Academy supervisor, Emily, Andrea, and Steve spent many hours preparing for the evening.

Fellow Academy member Pat Brown, complimented his peers. "(They are) doing a lot to contact local companies to donate and provide clothing, and getting people to model."

Pat along with Lindsay Ayers played prominent roles throughout the evening as well. McCormack praised their performances as fashion show hosts. He said they kept the audience entertained and interested all night long.

A buffet, an hour before the show, included salad, pasta, and bread. At 7:30 the auditorium filled with friends, family, and "fashionistas" to watch the Fashion Show. It was about an hour long and all money raised went to scholarship funds for graduating seniors. Mr. McCormack raved that over 10 thousand dollars was raised, which will provide ten \$1000 scholarships to Academy members.

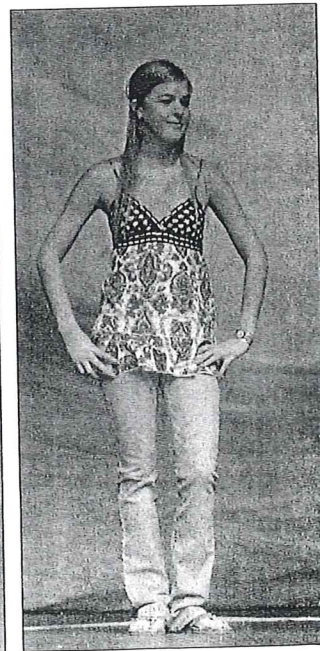
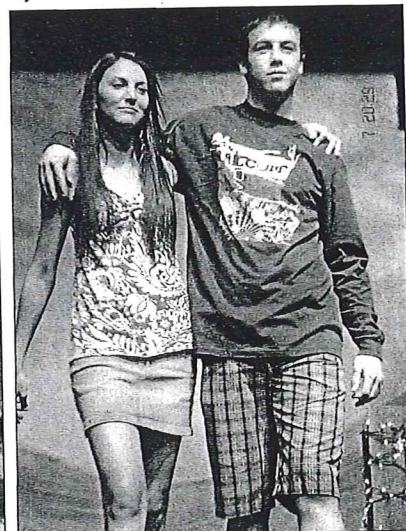
The best part of the evening was seeing the models. Many people modeled

the clothing including AOF members, teachers, and other volunteers. Strutting their stuff as top models for a night were Lindsay Barton, Tina Carbone, Megan Quigley, Ryan McGrath, Ryan Heisler, and Chelsey Bogan. Teacher models included Ms. Radzinsky, Ms. West, Ms. Zdanowicz, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Read, Ms. Cosse, and Mr. Gordon.

The clothing modeled ranged from casual t-shirts from Inlet Outlet in Manasquan to formal outfits from Antoinette Rose in Belmar.



Above: Lindsay Barton, Lauren Fernandez, Kayce Lustrino, and Liz Bryndza. Clockwise right to left: Sam McWilliams, Chris Dettlinger, Chelsey Bogan, Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Zdanowicz, Steve Kircher, Lindsay Morrow, Colleen Langan, and Sam Lowes.







# Warrior Band Livens Up Local Parades

By: Jamee Shea

For four years, senior Jenni Pretz has sported the blue and gray of Manasquan High School, proudly adding the soft sounds of her flute to the grand sound of the Warrior Band.

Like so many other band members, Jenni has worked hard to improve her talents, and live up to Band Director Mr. Abraham's high expectations. The hard work has indeed paid off, as the band's two excellent performances at the Belmar and Seaside St. Patrick's Day parades received tremendous praise.

Mr. Abraham said that he was really proud of the young musicians. "It takes a lot of dedication to be in the Warrior Marching Band," he added.

Warrior dedication means countless hours of practicing, cramming into buses for events, and often freezing one's butt off at fall football games and spring parades. A good performance would result in returning home with overwhelming satisfaction and urges to chant.

One perfect example would be the 2007 spring season

starter up: The ever-traditional Belmar St. Patrick's parade.

The day just started like any other late winter morning, but as time passed and everyone arrived in Belmar, snow fell frequently, winds gusted constantly, and people bundled tightly.

The band was fearful of the cold wind, and their frozen instruments. But with over 100,000 people attending, including many peers from MHS, the band knew they had to represent their school with tons of pride. And that they did.

Even Mr. Abraham acknowledged the band's performance in Belmar, saying they were "magnificent" under tough conditions.

The next week the band packed into the buses once again, traveling down to Seaside for its annual parade. The weather was clear, and the band was more confident in their playing.

The day went well until a bus reportedly broke down, forcing the band to wait for their ride home.

The students were all put into one bus as a last minute solution.

On this day, Warrior dedication meant enduring cramped conditions. But the band took their lack of space with a sense of humor by singing songs, and playing games.

As Jenni looks back at her four years as a part of our school's talented band, she thinks of the many friends she has made. She smiles and laughs at all the good, bad, and excellent adventures of the Manasquan Warrior Band.

As the school year winds down, the band still has many more exciting performances planned for the spring and summer seasons.

Mr. Abraham's personal favorite is the Wildwood Parade that will take place in early June. "It's our last big event before the banquet," he said, "It's a great chance to hang out and to meet other bands."

If you want to know the band's schedule and view pictures from past events, log on to the website: [www.warriormarching.com](http://www.warriormarching.com).



# Manasquan Graduate Writes History Book

By: Caroline Sweeney and Kaitlyn Turi

Everyone considers Jack Nicolson to be the most memorable Manasquan High School graduate in the past 75 years. But, little do they know that another MHS graduate, Walter Kurilchuk, who graduated in 1941, is a published author.

He recently published a book focusing on the mysterious disappearance of a plane following the Doolittle Raids.

This book is called Chasing Ghosts and Mr. Kurilchuk has generously donated a copy of his book to the MHS library. Inscribed in the book is a dedication, thanking MHS for the memorable experience and excellent education he received here.

Kurilchuk attended Manasquan High School from 1938-1941 and resided in Farmingdale (which at the time, was a sending district of Manasquan). He was a member of the football, baseball and track teams, the chess, checker, and aviation clubs, and was on the athletic council.

Ironically the "class prophecy" in his senior yearbook predicted that a fellow student would write a book and send it to the "W. Kurilchuk Publishing Company."

Mr. Kurilchuk's book focuses on a B-25 Bomber, number 2242, that participated in the Doolittle raids during WWII and went missing. The Doolittle Raids, which initiated the United States' involvement in World War II and signified the retaliation against Japan's

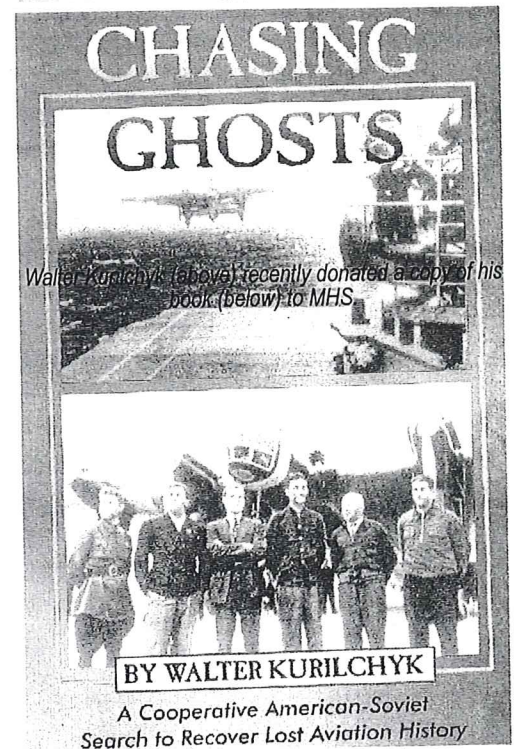
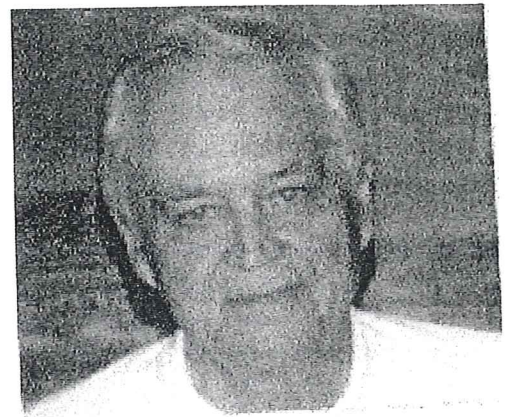
unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor, was a significant morale boost for America.

Although he didn't participate in the Doolittle raids, Kurilchuk served in the navy for three years. Around 1980 he read about the missing bomber and became interested in its whereabouts.

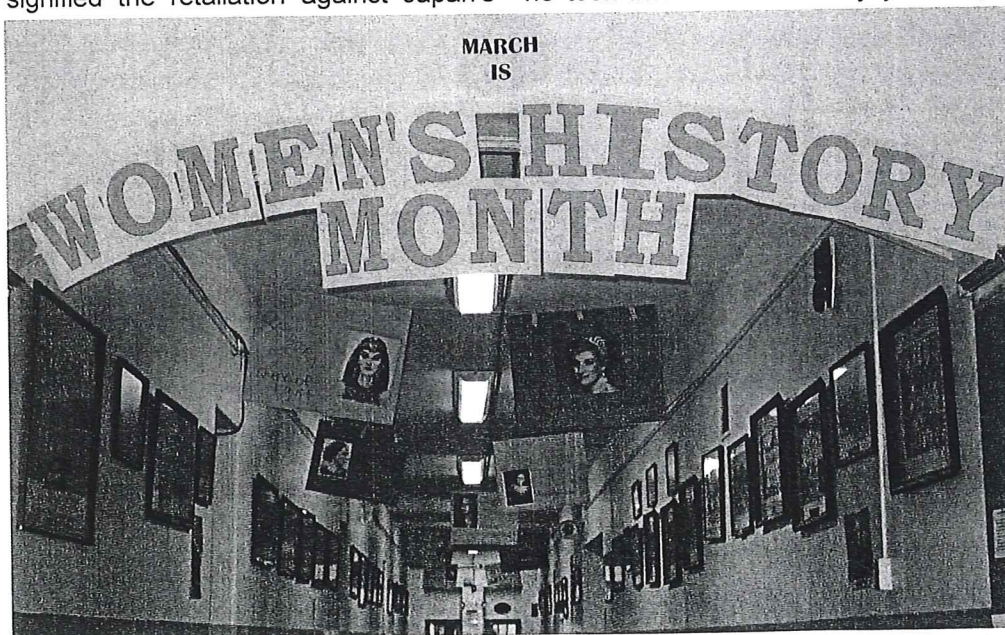
Russian officials learned about his search and offered to help him in his quest if in return he helped them to locate a plane that had been missing from the former Soviet Union since 1937. The Russians knew approximately where their lost plane had gone down, so Kurilchuk, who is a licensed pilot, began to look for the Russian plane, hoping that this hunt would eventually lead him to the American B-25.

In pursuit of this Russian plane, Kurilchuk traveled to extreme places like Alaska and other continents. Using a metal detector, he identified a general location and informed the Russians who in turn supplied him with valuable information about the missing U.S. bomber.

For the past 27 years Kurilchuk has dedicated his life to searching for the plane, but at this point in time has still not been successful. In 1997 he published his book *Chasing Ghosts* which outlines the formerly classified information he came upon during his quest. It is a tale of Mr. Kurilchuk's determination and dedication to find this missing aircraft, that he took interest in so many years ago.



Walter Kurilchuk (above) recently donated a copy of his book (below) to MHS.



Amnesty International displayed prominent women from history in the halls during the month of March.

## Attention Students:

Peer Leaders is looking for well rounded students to participate in the class next year.

To join, pick up an application from Mrs. Certo.



# Manasquan Warrior?

## an Editorial



The Manasquan Warrior, located in the High School Media Center.

school by the NCAA, barring them from hosting postseason athletic games until a change took place. Florida State University, on the other hand, has been adamant in opposing a change to their mascot. They insist their Seminole mascot honors the Indians that inhabited the land where the University now stands.

As previously stated, MHS has not been sanctioned to change the Warrior mascot. However, I feel our school should take the initiative to change, rather than wait to be told to do so. It is simply an issue of right and wrong.

Think about it: When students are absent, how many teachers tell them it is their responsibility to find out what they missed? Students are expected to take the initiative to find out what they missed rather than waiting to be told.

It is a lesson in responsibility being taught. But by waiting to be told to change the mascot, the school contradicts that important message.

There are other reasons to change as well. Manasquan and the surrounding areas were originally inhabited in the summer months by the Leni-Lenape Tribe, who were part of the larger Algonquin Nation. The statues in our school used to honor our Warrior, located by the gym and in the Media Center, are not correct depictions of members in this tribe. The Leni-Lenape were in fact not warriors; they were peaceful hunters and gathers.

The most offensive image of the Warrior however, is not the one Manasquan High School uses. The Manasquan Pop-Warner football team has a car magnet that shows the warrior with a scrunched up nose and face, sporting a stoic look. This image is degrading, and fits the stereotype the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued in 2001.

While I don't expect Manasquan to change its mascot, I do think it is time for us to get out of this "tradition" rut and step into the modern world. We should be more sensitive to others, and aware of our responsibility. This includes taking more pride in our warrior name by supplementing it with a non Native American Indian image. Warriors are not just Native Americans. There are better alternatives.

## Should Manasquan Change the Warrior Mascot?



Niki Dietrich:

"No, it shouldn't change! Because we're the Warriors, and that's what we are!"



Alex Vasilenko:

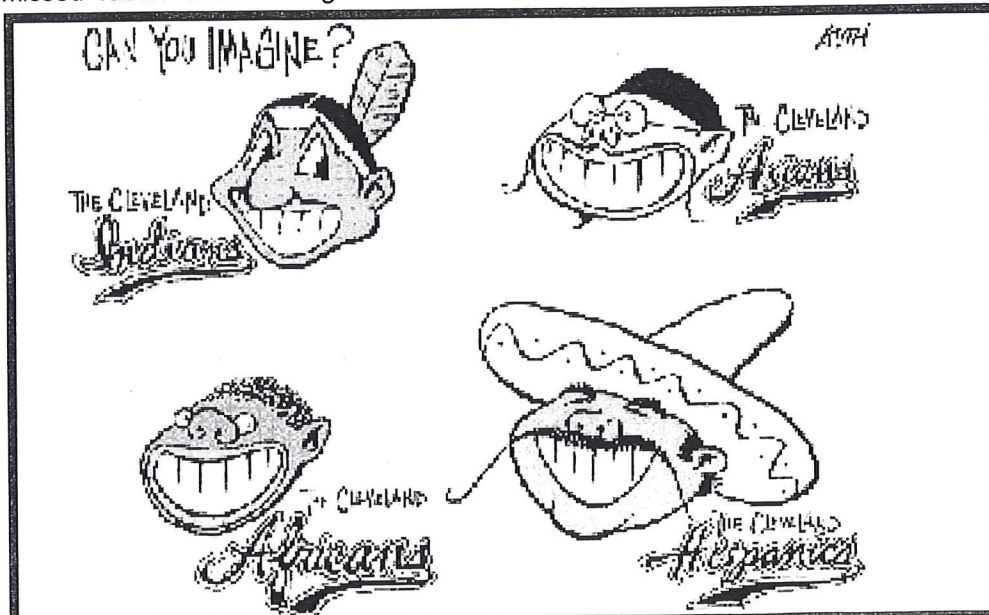
"Yes! Change it to the ULTIMATE Warriors."



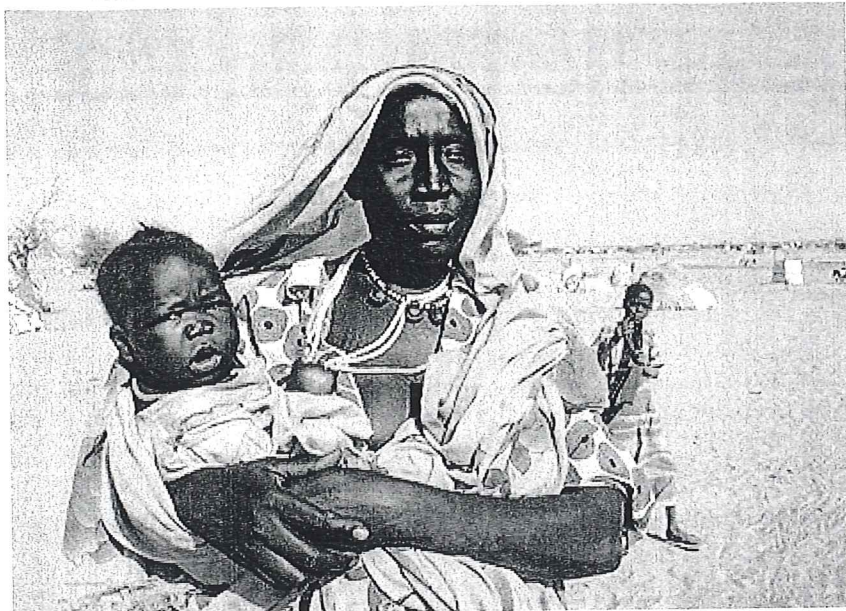
Principal McCormack

"No, We hold the Warrior in a positive light."

What do you think? Let us know.  
Email The Blue & Gray:  
theblueandgray@gmail.com  
(or come to Room 464 lunchtime)







# MHS Penny Wars to Benefit Darfur Conflict Victims

By: Alissa Dering

The Holocaust is known as one of the most sick and twisted events in modern history. Within a short period of time, over six million Jewish people were exterminated by the Nazi regime. At the time, many people were oblivious to the murder and torture occurring on an everyday basis. When it finally ended, citizens around the world vowed to prevent this type of situation from happening ever again.

Sixty years later, some people can only whisper the term 'holocaust' because of the torment associated with it. As much as we would like to dismiss genocidal situations, they still live on today.

Because of environmental hardships and political opportunists, the Darfur region has been a difficult place to live. Unfortunately, the Janjaweed or armed herders, who have been hired by the Sudanese government to maintain balance within the region, have only worsened a humanitarian crisis. The



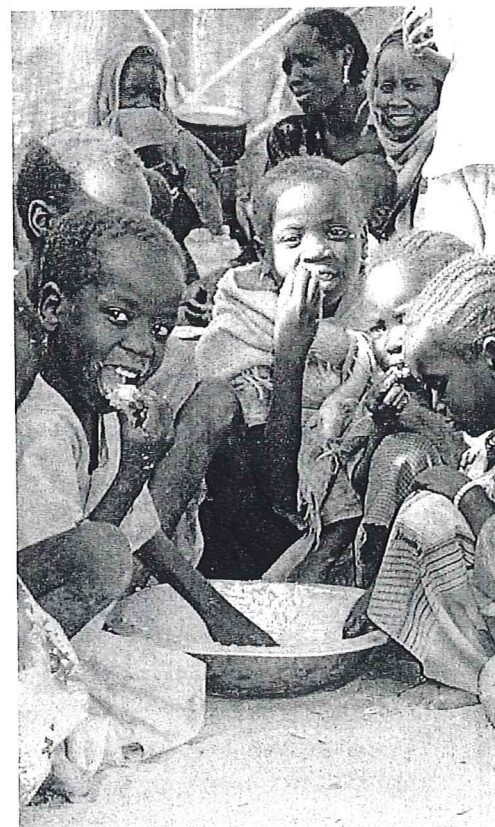
Darfur conflict has resulted in the slaying and displacement of millions in Sudan. Yet somehow, international concern is lacking.

Starting the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> the Penny Wars will be coming to the Manasquan High School cafeteria. Under the supervision of Mrs. Gmitter, Madeleine Schatzman and Jared Schwartz will be leading the project to raise awareness for the conflict occurring in Darfur.

The Penny Wars will be a fundraising competition to collect six million pennies. These pennies will represent the six million lives lost in the Holocaust and the millions of lives taken since the Darfur region became unstable.

"I want people to realize that you can make a big difference with little effort", says Schatzman. The fundraiser will be

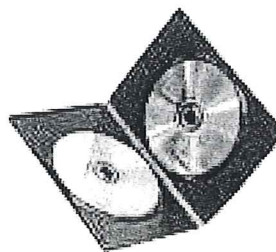
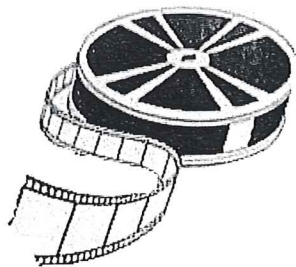
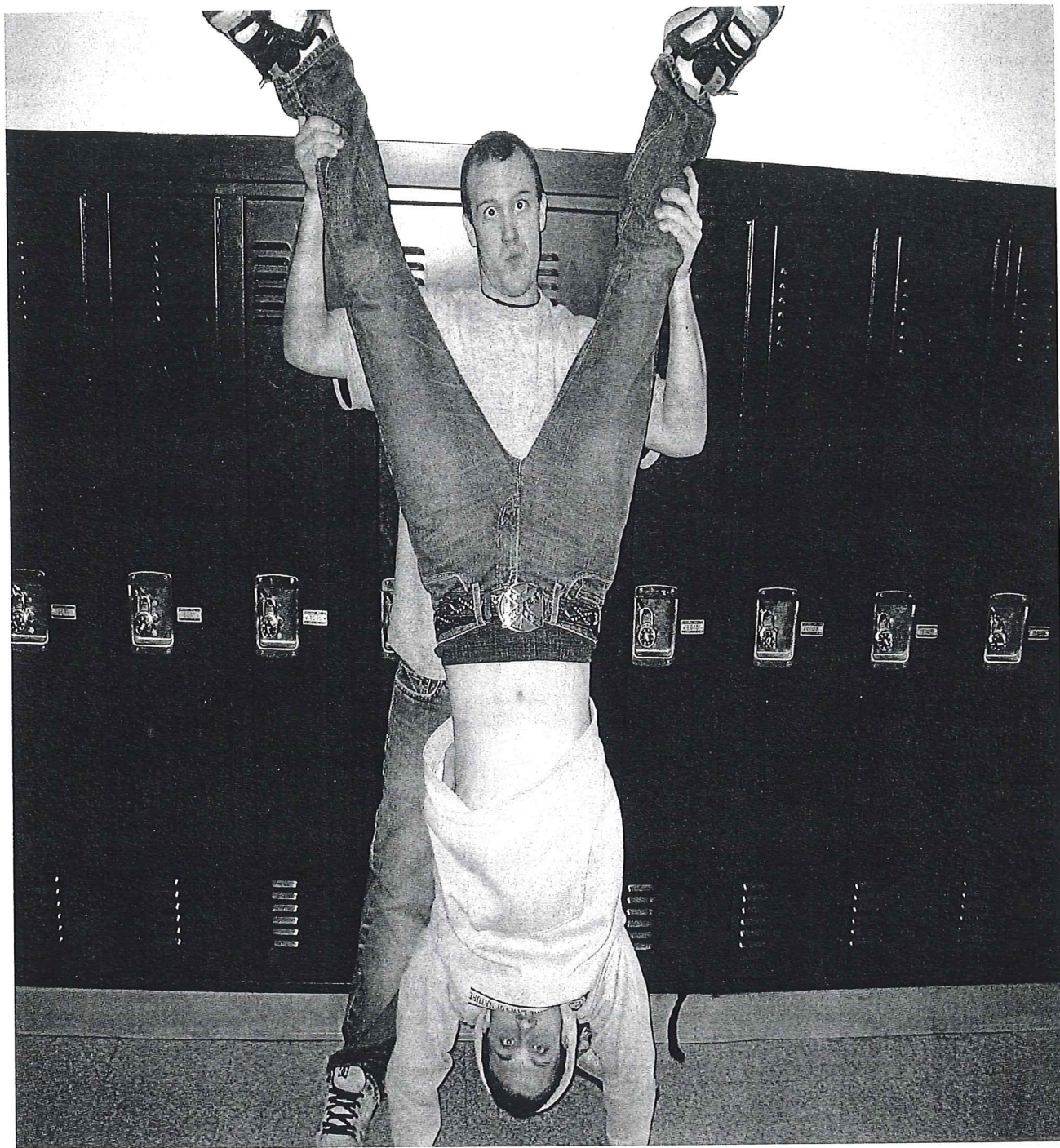
encouraged to spread to other locations such as surrounding elementary schools and local churches. Hopefully by the end of next school year \$60,000 will be raised in order to help support the victims of the Darfur massacre.



The Penny Wars will raise money for victims of Darfur.



# Entertainment





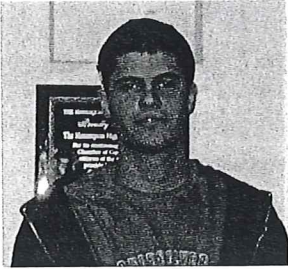


# Senior Birthday's

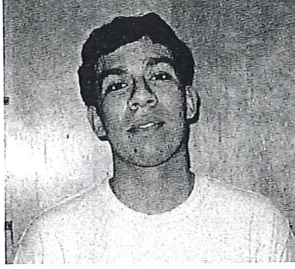
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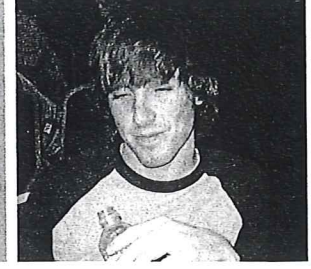
Kent Ochse  
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Luis Garcia  
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Almy Egan  
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John O'Neill  
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Alena Serino  
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Emily Govel  
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Michele Fernandez  
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Veronica Impellizeri  
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Courtney Carpinello  
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Stephanie Gegan  
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Michael Foerst  
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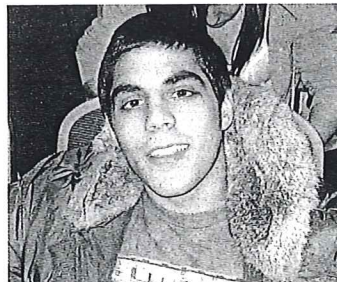
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Rich Alvarez  
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Richie Fort  
March 28



# Answers to Harry Potter Trivia

1: C - duh.

2: B - Children begin Hogwarts at age 11

3: A- The book became 'Sorcerer', in the U.S. because American editors thought philosopher was a less-known word in America.

4: B - Rubeus Hagrid, keeper of the Keys and Grounds at Hogwarts

5: D - Hermione's muggle parents are dentists

6: C - The 'K' in Joanne Rowling's pen name stands for Kathleen, her grandmother's name

7: A - In the beginning of Book One, before he knew he was a wizard, Harry accidentally uses Parseltongue to set a giant snake on his cousin

8: C - Lily and her sister Petunia's maiden names were Evans

9: D - Gilderoy Lockhart is specifically based on a real person, whom Rowling has refused to name. She has said that he is "probably out there now telling everybody that he inspired the character of Albus Dumbledore."

10: - Viktor Krum is the seeker for the Bulgarian International Team.

11: D - 'Pepper Imps' has not as of yet been a password into Dumbledore's office

12: B - J.K. Rowling has confirmed that Hermione's unusually intelligent pet is part-kneazle, a creature which more can be found out about in the book Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, one of Harry's school books that Rowling wrote to benefit charity.

13: C - A witch in the magazine claims that Sirius Black is just an alias for 'Stubby Boardman' a singing sensation in the wizarding band 'The Hobgoblins'.

14) D- Wormtail was in Gryffindor House with the other Marauders. He is one of the few wizards turned evil who was not in Slytherin. It remains to be seen if he displays any of the traits the sorting hat selects for Gryffindor.

15: A - Bellatrix Lestrange née Black and Narcissa Malfoy née Black are sisters who made pure-blood marriages to Death-Eater husbands. Their other sister Andromeda was disowned for marrying a muggle, Ted Tonks.

16: A - Each reader has to decide- the answer remains to be seen!

**1-3 right: You get your wand snapped!**

**4-6 right: Go read the books again!**

**7-10 right: Well done-you're a real fan**

**11-13 right: Harry Potter savvy**

**14-15: Excellent!-Are you sure you aren't in Ravenclaw?**

## Sudoku

By: John Zimmerman

9				4	8			5
	4							
2	1						9	4
		5	8			4		
			1		2			
		9			7	3		
	7						5	1
							6	
6			5	7				2

Answers on page 28



# Restaurant Review

## Moonstruck

By: Almy Egan

The restaurant Moonstruck moving into Asbury Park is a prime example of the "renaissance" that the city has been undergoing lately. The restaurant initially opened in Ocean Grove in 1995 and moved to Asbury two years ago to take advantage of a spacious new building and the addition of a liquor license.

Moonstruck's new home is located on Lake Avenue in a three-level refurbished Victorian with two levels of wraparound outdoor porches used for seating in warm weather. Inside, the atmosphere is cozy and refined with its dark wood accents, French doors, and flickering candles on every table.

However, atmosphere is not the only aspect of the restaurant that keeps customers coming back. Their expansive menu spans the gamut of taste. From Italian-inspired dishes, to seafood and everything in between, there is something for everyone at Moonstruck.

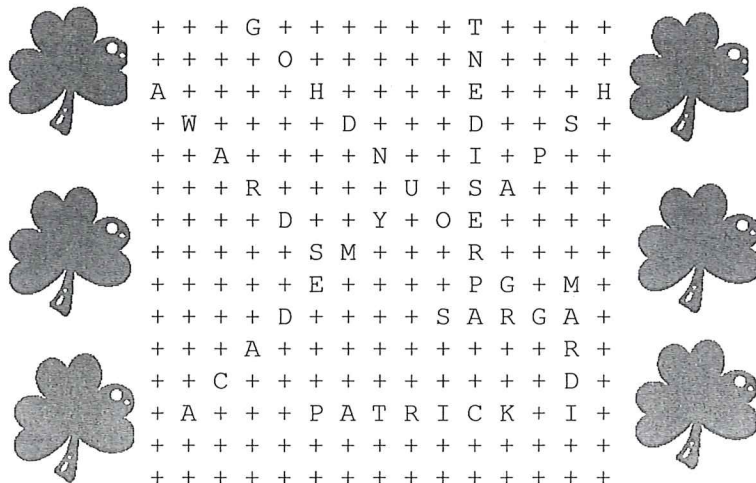
So if you need somewhere to go on a date or just a great place to go out to eat with friends on a special occasion, keep Moonstruck in mind and you will not be disappointed.



### Answers to Jumble

- 1) Punxsutawney Phil
- 2) Thomas Edison
- 3) George Washington
- 4) Fat Tuesday
- 5) Star-Spangled Banner
- 6) Dr Seuss

### Word Search Answers



## You've Gotta Be Kidding Me!

Which is correct: 9 and 5 is 13  
OR 9 and 5 are 13?

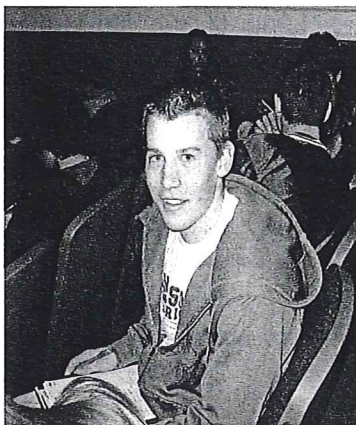
By: Tina Carbone



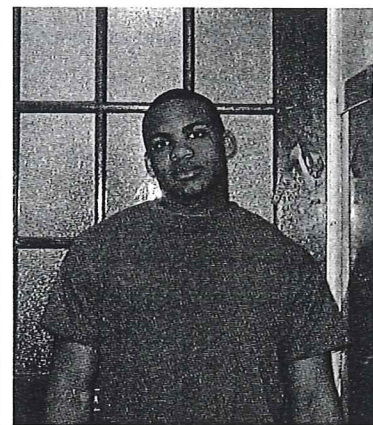
Katie Redy:  
"Are"



Chase Fitzsimmons  
"None"



Greg Gavan:  
"Is"



Chaz Coursey:  
"Neither"



Jordan Maxwell:  
"9 and 5 is 9"



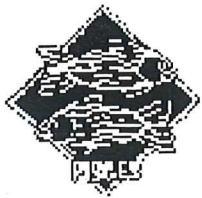
Laura Parker  
"Well, Isn't it 14?"

*Answer: Neither one is correct. 9 and 5 is 14.*



# Horoscopes

Happy Birthday Dave Bardes!  
March 23rd



Feb. 19th - 20th  
March 20th

Important changes in your private life, triggered by eclipses of the Sun and Moon, are due this month. Do not hedge your bets or be afraid to cut loose from a situation that no longer suits you. A new era is beginning, so do not let existing ties restrict your freedom. Because you are in tune with your real needs and feelings now, you will make the right decisions.



April 2nd - 1st  
May 21st

Streamline your routine to give yourself more time during March - you will do no one any favors if you put your own needs in second place to others'. What you want from life is now changing and, from the 18th, when romantic Venus enters Taurus, your love life also takes an upward turn.



September 24th -  
October 23rd

Your ruler, Venus, gives you extra insight into someone's feelings now. Trust your judgment and ignore advice. The emphasis from now until mid-May is on strengthening existing friendships and sharing your real feelings. If you make the first move, you could find that someone has been waiting for you to speak out. You can revolutionize your situation if you take decisive action early in the month.



March 21st -  
April 19th

The way you feel about long-term plans could undergo unexpected changes this month. What matters is being open to new possibilities, so follow your own star and ignore well-meant advice. With Venus in your sign this month, a relationship is due to enter an upbeat phase. Travel and romance are linked around the 17th.



October 24th -  
November 22nd

Love and travel are in Scorpio's stars mid-month, so make time to get away with someone close. Career and cash-flow problems fade from early March, when lucky Jupiter aligns with serious, hard-working Saturn. Because they give you extra energy and motivation, you can reach almost any goal between now and mid-May, so go all out to reach it. Love and friendship take centre stage from the 18th.



May 22nd -  
June 21st

Domestic changes triggered by the Moon's eclipse in early March could make you wonder if a certain goal is worth pursuing. Do not take what someone has to say to heart or make a snap decision - take the line of least resistance and relax. The position you are in is much stronger than you think.



November 23rd -  
December 21st

Your ruler, Jupiter, aligns with Saturn, planet of stability, commitment and achievement, to help you overcome a recent setback and reach a new, ambitious goal. You have the stars behind you, so overcome your natural reserve, ask for the support of those who count and press home your advantage. Almost anything you want is now within your reach. Do not let the moment pass you by.



June 22nd -  
July 22nd

A new project could turn out to be more lucrative than you hoped, so do not give up on it or let your confidence be undermined. Something you discover later this month will make you see how strong your hand is. Around the 10th, clarify where you stand with someone you rely on for emotional support



December 22nd -  
January 20th

Optimistic Jupiter, the planet of good fortune, is now travelling through the area of your skies that rules your deepest needs and feelings. It also gives you extra psychic powers, which makes working out someone's real intentions easy. It seems that you can now rely on someone in a whole new way. Do not look for problems where there are none, or be over-cautious.



July 23rd -  
August 22nd

With hard-working, realistic Saturn linking to creative Jupiter, the planet of career success, from now until mid-May, you can make great progress with a current project. Because you are determined and inspired, obstacles dissolve and others see your true potential.



January 21st -  
February 19th

Streamline your routine to give yourself more time during March - you will do no one any favors if you put your own needs in second place to others'. What you want from life is now changing and, from the 18th, when romantic Venus enters Taurus, your love life also takes an upward turn.

A conversation early in the month could revolutionize the way you look at certain problems. A love affair or a close friendship is now due to enter a more stable and fulfilling phase. Do not be afraid to make a new commitment - the Sun's eclipse on March 19 suggests the time has come to do so.



August 23rd -  
September 22nd



leading actor, actress, and film.

With *Babel*, *The Departed*, *Letters from Iwo Jima*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, and *The Queen* sharing nominations for best picture, competition in all of the categories was fierce.

This year's nominations were notably diverse too. *Pan's Labyrinth* from Mexico won the most awards for cinematography, make-up, and art direction.

And Jennifer Hudson earned best supporting actress.

For her, and many others the night was filled with many tears of happiness, joy, and complete surprise. The former American Idol contestant won her Oscar in her first movie role, *Dream Girls*.

Towards the end of the night the three biggest titles were awarded. Helen Mirren from *The Queen* was awarded best actress in a leading role for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II.

Forest Whitaker won the best actor in a leading role for his role in *The Last King of Scotland*.

Finally, the best picture award was presented to *The Departed*.

DeGeneres rightfully received positive acclaim for hosting the gig. In her opening monologue, she perfectly summarized the evening.

"What a wonderful night, such diversity in the room, in a year when there's been so many negative things said about people's race, religion and sexual orientation. And I want to put this out there: if there weren't Blacks, Jews and gays, there would be no Oscars."

## When it comes to glamor and style, the Red Carpet is the ultimate setting where all eyes focus on the talent and attire of Hollywood's elite.

By: Jackie Kaufmann

**Style:** noun, verb styled, styl-ing.: A mode of fashion, as in dress, esp. good or approved fashion; elegance; smartness; 2. a particular, distinctive, or characteristic mode of action or manner of acting

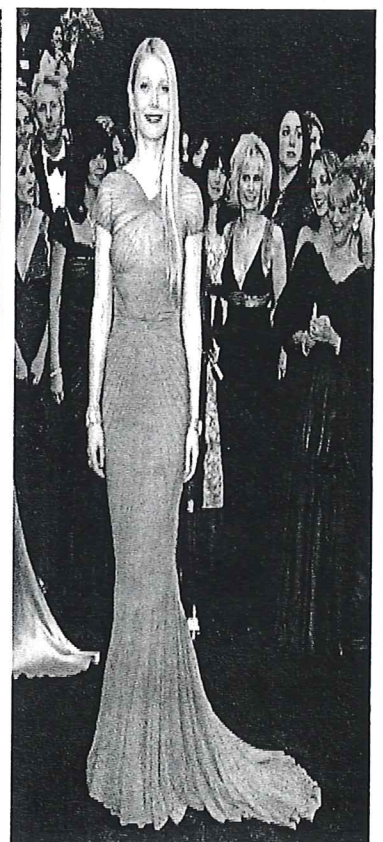
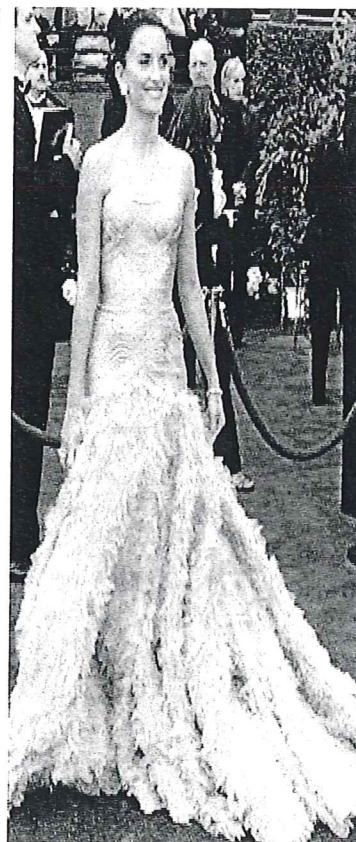
The Oscars is an awards show that is watched avidly by many viewers interested in who is winning which award; however, 'Who is wearing whom' has also

become a new and popular question among the audience members.

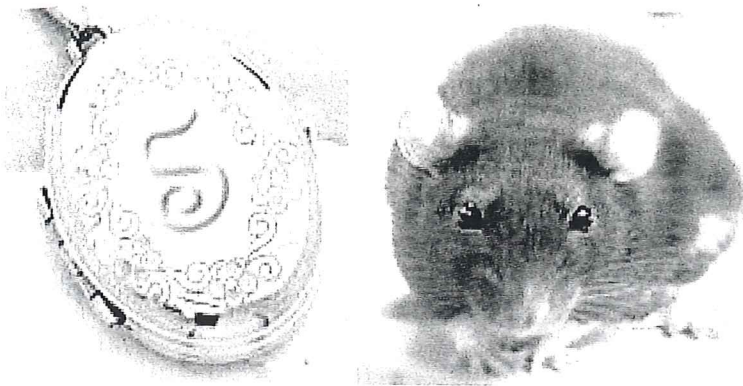
Jennifer Lopez, Beyonce, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Reese Witherspoon, Mark Wahlberg, Jana Pinkett Smith and Will Smith were some of the best dressed celebrities, wearing top fashion designers including Armani, Versace, and Valentino. Amazingly, the price of some gowns cost

more than a typical single family home. Luxury was definitely at its peek on the Red Carpet this year.

While there were many remarkable, breathtaking gowns sailing down the Carpet, some dresses were just plain *ugly*. There were also some disturbing trends on the Red Carpet. Some women try so hard to be the best dressed, which unfortunately results in a total disaster.







## Relationships

Will Harry find love? People have been matching Hermione with Harry since the first book, but in Book 6 her relationship with Ron finally transpired.

Throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> book, Harry had a crush on Ginny Weasley. She had been infatuated with Harry ever since the first book, but after coming to Hogwarts she became increasingly popular and had a few relationships. Harry struggled with liking Ginny, as he didn't want to betray Ron.

However, in the great excitement and fervor after winning a huge Quidditch, the two kissed, and Ron gave his approval. But at the end of book 6, Harry ended the relationship, fearing Voldemort would use it against him. It remains to be seen what will transpire between them in *Deathly Hallows*.

Rowling has called Ginny Harry's "ideal girl" and "total equal".



## Bill and Fleur's Wedding

At the end of the last book Ron reminded Harry that they will first have to attend Bill's wedding. Bill, who is recovering from his werewolf bite, is Ron's brother. He will marry Fleur, a French contestant in the Tournament of Champions and their part-veela friend. This will serve as an enjoyable distraction before the more serious events in the book take place. Also, there is the question of Percy Weasley- now that he has been proven wrong, will he beg forgiveness and reunite with his family?

## Returning Characters

Several characters from the past books will be returning in the final book. Among them, Victor Krum, Hermione's past love interest, Tournament of Champions rival to Harry, and international Quidditch player. This might cause some interesting conflict between Ron, Hermione, and "Vicky".

Also scheduled for a reappearance is everyone's favorite abhorrent reporter, Rita Skeeter.

The ex-High Inquisitor that everyone loves to hate, Dolores Umbridge, will return as well. The house-elf attached to the Black Family who was bequeathed to Harry by Sirius has been called "very important."

## Lily- Lily's Eyes

J.K. Rowling has stated that Lily Potter will be "incredibly important" in the 7<sup>th</sup> book, and that details about her will be revealed. It may be explained why on the night that Voldemort attempted to kill Harry, he offered to let Lily go free. Rowling has said that an important point will be Lily's eyes. It has been stressed over and over again from the first book that although Harry has a striking resemblance to his father James, he has Lily's eyes. Rowling has said "Harry has his father and mother's good looks. But he has his mother's eyes and that's very important in a future book."

## Horcruxes

Harry is now faced with the task of finding the remaining 5 horcruxes. In *Half Blood Prince*, Dumbledore and Harry discussed the possibilities, and Harry is now searching for Salazar Slytherin's Locket, Helga Hufflepuff's Cup, Voldemort's giant snake, Nagini and various Hogwarts artifacts. Speculated that with the murder of the muggle Frank Bryce, Voldemort created a horcrux in the living creature which he has a great attachment to.



## Movie Review

### Music and Lyrics

By: Lauren Speirs

Alex Fletcher is a has-been 80's pop-star from the band "Pop." In the opening of the movie, the stage is set in the 1980's and Alex is singing and playing the keyboard in his old band.

We find out that his other band member and close friend moved on to a very successful solo career, while Alex plays small venues and struggles for work. His faithful agent lets him know of an opportunity to sing with Cora Corman, an aspiring teen sensation.

To help him write his song, he stumbles upon Sophie Fisher, a born-lyricist. They work together all day and night to finish the song in time. They make a perfect team, Alex believing that melody is the most important part of making a hit and Sophie believing the words are the most important part.

Alex and Sophie become very close over their work as they spend every waking moment together preparing their song for Cora. The song will be revealed at a concert in Madison Square Garden where Cora will perform with Alex.

The movie takes a typical twist when Alex offends Sophie and they get into a fight. In the end, he will make his predictable public apology at the concert by singing Sophie a song he wrote himself. Overall, this movie was very funny with its spoofs on the 80's pop-culture.



## Answers to Senior Guess Who

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Toni Hazel      | 5. Alanna Marion  |
| 2. Courtney Nolan  | 6. Alex Lopez     |
| 3. Gillian Rummier | 7. Nick Ciliberto |
| 4. Diana Wright    |                   |

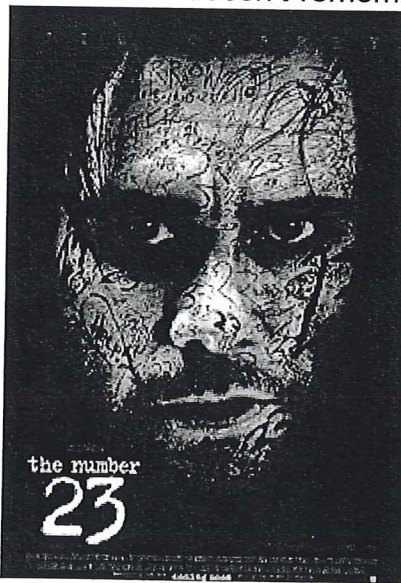
## Movie Review

### The Number 23

By: Kaitlyn Turi

A number is just a number, or is it? To some, the number "23" doesn't only stand for the number between twenty-two and twenty-four, but some people believe that it occurs in everything, everyday. From occurrences in the devil, the Mayans' prediction of when the world will end, to Kurt Cobain's death and infinitely more instances, it is everywhere.

The movie, *The Number 23*, deals with Walter Sparrow (Jim Carrey) and his discovery of a book which mysteriously tells the story of his life. As the story goes on, the number twenty-three begins to take over his life. He finds it everywhere from his name to the murder of his college lover. His family gets dragged into the mystery as he goes to all extremes to uncover the truth about his past, one that he doesn't remember, the one in the book.



The plot flipped back and forth between reality and the world portrayed in the book; and although a good, semi-suspenseful story, it was not what I expected. Going in with an open mind won't leave you disappointed, but don't expect explanations of other well-known instances of the "number 23" in nature and society.

## Can you picture..!?

Enjoy these tid-bits about our senior class.

- Sean Bryant with short hair!
- Pat Brown being quiet!
- Almy Egan being in school for a whole week straight!
- **Pat Leonard staying still for 10 minutes!**
- Diana Wright wearing sweatpants to school!
- Michelle Jensen being pale!



land a television series with the likes of Judge Judy and Judge Mathis.

However it appeared that the Anna Nicole case did touch him because he broke down at the end of the proceedings. With tears in his eyes, he said Anna should be buried next to her son in the Bahamas. Depending on how you look at it, you may think it was an Oscar ending to a Soap Opera beginning.

### So, who's the daddy?

The next promising legal issue is finding out of the paternity of Anna Nicole's daughter Dannielynn. In less than a month there have been at least six men who have come forth claiming to be Dannielynn's father, ranging from Howard K. Stern, lawyer turned lover, Larry Birkhead, former boyfriend, and the possibility of J. Howard Marshall II, himself being the father because Anna Nicole froze his sperm.

Since Anna had Dannielynn in

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the Bahamas, their laws are different than the United States. Howard K. Stern was the man present in the hospital when Anna had Dannielynn, so his name is on the birth certificate. In the Bahamas the law is whoever was present and with the mother when she has the baby, and signs the birth certificate is deemed the father.

Larry Birkhead is more than willing to take a paternity test, but Howard K. Stern refuses. On March 13, a Florida Court ordered Stern to take a blood test, so we shall see how this plays out.

### Give the Lady a Break

Anna Nicole led a very rollercoaster like-life. She also touched the lives of millions along the way, and shall be remembered for the unforgettable memories she left behind. Her daughter Dannielynn will never know her mother but will hear a lot of her, so why not give the

baby a break and let Anna Nicole rest in peace. At least Dannielynn can look back on her mother's life and have a little pride in reading of her.

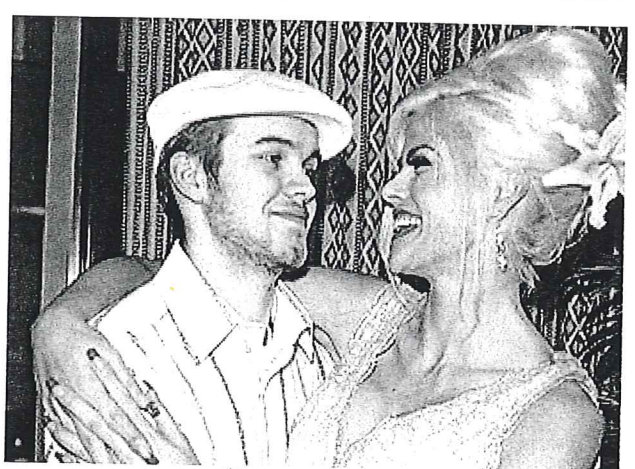
### Anna Nicole Movie?

CNN has reported that casting for an Anna Nicole film shall begin as early as April. The movie shall be released in June over the summer. The producer is Jack Nasser from Nasser entertainment.

Nasser said the film shall cover Anna's life from age 17 until her death in February at the age of 39. Although people think this will be a "dirty" movie, Nasser said he will focus on the "positive" from Anna Nicole's life.

Nasser and his company have been working on an Anna Nicole film for the last two years but kicked everything into gear after he unexpected death.

He said "We just kicked it into gear after her death.



## Blue & Gray's Harry Potter Guide

### Look of Triumph

In the 4<sup>th</sup> book, after Harry told Dumbledore that Voldemort had taken some of his blood and removed the defense that his mother had put in place, Harry thought for a moment that he saw a 'gleam of triumph' in Dumbledore's eye. However, it was gone when Harry looked again, and he supposed he imagined it. This has puzzled fans for years, and it has not been explained in any book to date. Maybe it will be, finally.

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### Dumbledore

Although Rowling has stated that Dumbledore is definitely dead, he may still play a large part in the final book. Rowling has said that there was a reason he had to die, and there are several unresolved plot points about Dumbledore. At the end of Half-Blood Prince, his portrait in the Headmaster's office was asleep, but he may be able to give some help to Harry in the 7<sup>th</sup> book.

### Wormtail's Debt

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> book, Harry stopped Sirius Black and Remus Lupin from killing Peter Pettigrew, a.k.a. Wormtail, saying his father wouldn't have wanted them turning into murderers over a man like him.

Dumbledore later told Harry that an ancient magic now binds the two, and that "A day may come when you will be very glad you saved Pettigrew's life". This life debt has not yet been repaid, so it remains to occur in the 7<sup>th</sup> book.

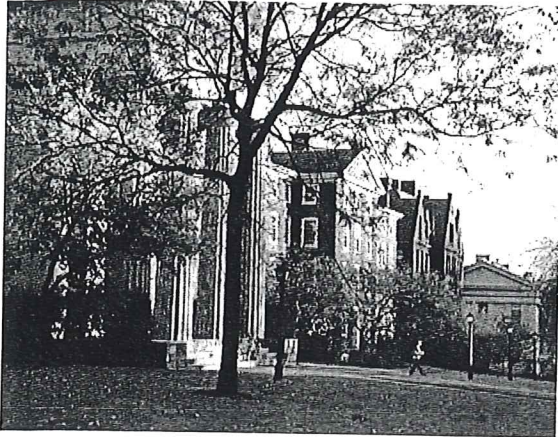


# College on our Minds

By: Maggie Ward

## New Trend on Campus: Coed Dorm Rooms

Many of you are probably unfamiliar with the idea of living with the opposite sex in a dorm room. But over the past five years, universities and colleges in the United States have gradually begun to allow co-ed dorm rooms. While many dorms are already co-ed by floor



Above: the campus of Brown University, one school that now offers same-sex coed dorms

or by room, only about 20 offer the option of opposite gender roommates.

The majority of schools offering co-ed dorm rooms are small liberal art schools that lie on the East Coast, such as, Brown

University, Bennington College, Wesleyan College, Southern Maine in Gorham, and University of Pennsylvania. Lately, the new trend has been traveling to Midwestern states hitting schools like University of Illinois at Champaign, University of Missouri at Columbia, and Colorado College.

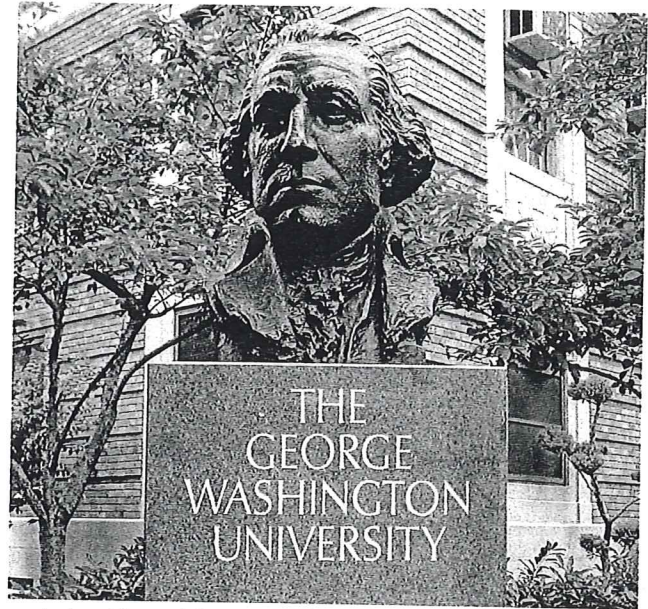
Under this policy of gender-neutral housing, institutions are now allowing students in specially designated dorms to pick their own roommates with no questions asked or to select for a random assignment with a stranger. Reasons for students requesting co-ed dorms vary, for example, siblings may wish to room together. Gay, lesbian, transgender, married, or engaged students may also request co-ed dorms. Students might feel more comfortable with an opposite sex roommate or may be concerned that they would not be accepted by a same sex roommate.

According to officials at several participating colleges, concerns about sex and harassment have rarely entered into the debate over whether to allow co-ed dorm rooms. A big question is, if co-ed dorms are acceptable, how many rooms should be put aside and whether to replace a roommate who drops out with a student of the same or opposite sex.

Keep an eye on this trend. And maybe the college or university you attend in the future will have you rooming with the opposite sex.

## Cost of Attending College Keeps Rising

Will the high cost of college ever stop? As each year passes, it seems that the price of college tuition continues to rise. High school seniors and their parents around the nation continue to scramble for



extra scholarship and financial aid money here and there.

Shockingly, George Washington University in Washington, D.C. recently set the record for the highest cost for a year of education: over \$50,000 a year. In the 1986-1987 academic year at GWU, the cost of tuition, room and board, and fees was \$12,795. If that figure had risen by the rate of inflation, today it would be about \$23,000; instead, it is more than twice that.

The increase in tuition rates is undoubtedly going to continue in future years. So students and parents, start saving your money and keep applying for those scholarships and financial aid packages!

## College Acceptances

Richard Lewis

Woodbury University

Alexandra  
Lopez

College of New Jersey

Erika Librizzi

Ramapo College  
Ursinus College  
University of the Sciences  
in Philadelphia  
College of New Jersey

Elizabeth  
Lowe

Georgian Court University  
Manhattan College  
Rowan University  
Ursinus College  
Springfield College

Francesca Librizzi

Georgian Court University

Kayce  
Lustrino

DeSales University  
Hofstra University  
St. John's University

Caitlyn Livingston

Fairfield University  
Loyola College in Maryland  
Quinnipiac University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Towson University

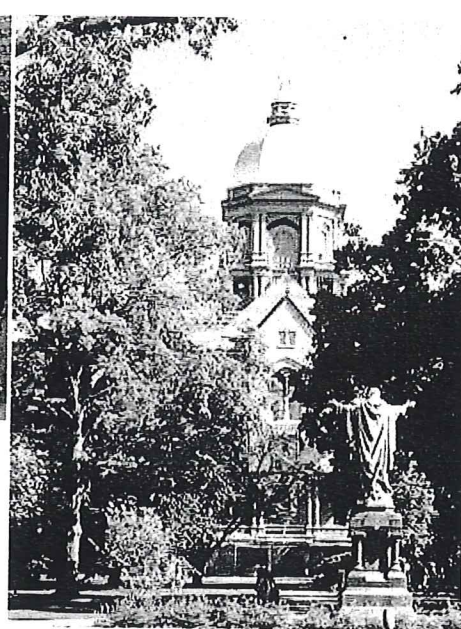
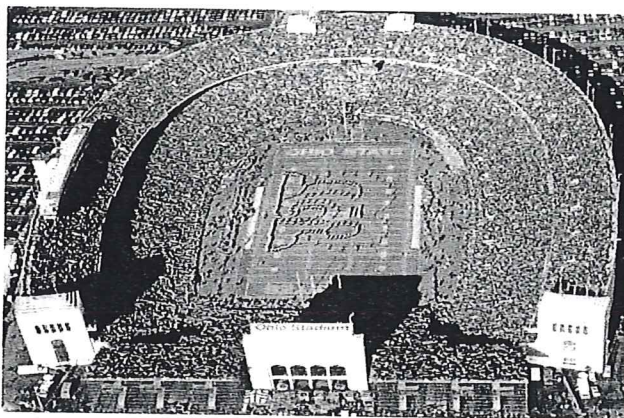
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Massachusetts College of  
Pharmacy and Health Sciences

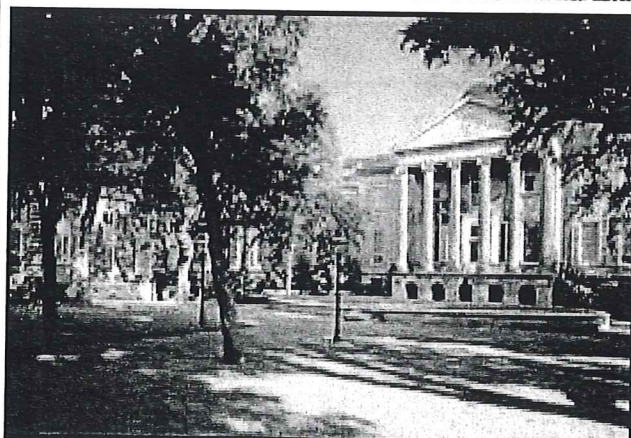
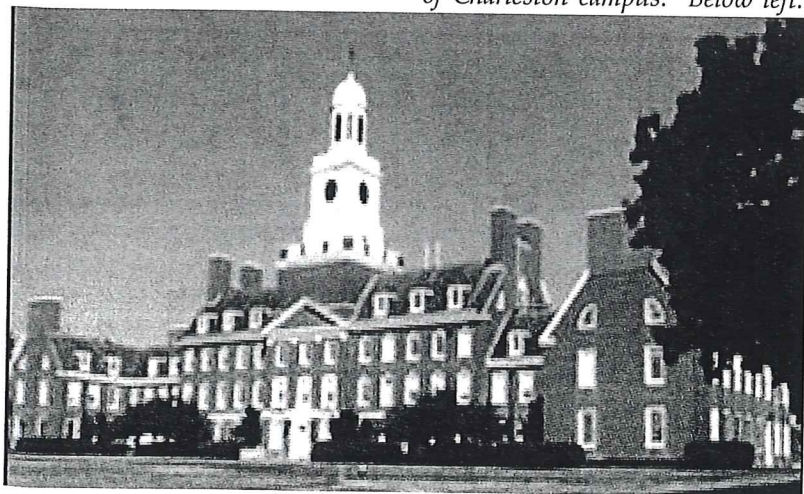


# College Acceptances

Thomas Snyder	West Virginia University	Katelyn Twasutyn	Coastal Carolina University Rider University University of Rhode Island University of Scranton	Caitlin Walsh	College of Charleston University of North Carolina
Lauren Speirs	Montclair State University University of South Florida Marymount Manhattan College Butler University Rider University	Jeanne Valente	Drew University Drexel University Fordham University Pace University	Brendan Ward	Northeastern University Fordham University Drexel University Saint Josephs University
Cleveland Standard	Brookdale Community College	Jackie Varygiannes	University of Hartford	Maggie Ward	Monmouth University Marist College Philadelphia University
Caroline Sweeney	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania Monmouth University	Alex Vasilenko	East Stroudsburg University Fairleigh Dickinson University Western Connecticut State University William Patterson University Susquehanna University	Brendan West	Cabrini College Rider University Fairleigh Dickinson University
Nicole Tilton	College of Saint Elizabeth	Christina Viguers	Drexel University University of San Francisco Temple University	Kelsey Windas	Siena College LaSalle University West Chester University Towson University
Jaqueline Tozzi	University Rhode Island	Jeremy Vincent	Rutgers University Penn State University University of Maryland	Joshua Yersin	Fairleigh Dickinson University Rider University New Jersey Institute of Technology
Kaitlyn Turi	Loyola College in Maryland Rutgers University Seton Hall University Towson University				



Above: The horseshoe stadium at Ohio State University, a great place to see a college football game. Left: The dragon statue at Drexel University. Right: the Golden Dome of Notre Dame University. Below right: College of Charleston campus. Below left: campus of Rutgers University





# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Aquilante Stands Out For Winter Track

By: Tyler Toole



Ashley Aquilante

With the winter Track season recently ending for both the Boys' and Girls' teams, all members look back at the hard work and devotion put into the season. Rising above the rest was track star Ashley Aquilante.

Aquilante put in an enormous amount of hard work this season, which led her to the statewide Meet of Champions. Ashley achieved a fourth place finish, jumping a 9-6 in pole vault, to qualify for the meet.

"I wanted to do better, but I didn't get to practice," said Aquilante. Going there and jumping a 9-6 after not jumping for a while is pretty good," she later added.

There was one thing that upset Aquilante as she prepared for the meet.

"I was upset that Caroline wasn't there because we never pole vault without each other," said Aquilante, referring to spring track teammate and fellow pole

vaulter Caroline Sweeney.

With feelings of nervousness throughout her body when she found out she made it, she tried to be upbeat about the meet.

It was only the second time that Aquilante made it to the Meet of Champions, and this was her first time in the winter.

"If I can practice, I hope to jump at least a 10-6," she added when asked about her chances.

Unfortunately Aquilante didn't achieve a 10-6 in the Meet of Champions, she jumped nine feet.

"I wish I could have been better prepared, but jumping nine feet without practice is very good," added Aquilante when asked how she made out.

Aquilante credits both of her coaches for helping her make it this far in the season.

"At first I was frazzled, but my coaches helped me out a lot," added Aquilante.

Aquilante also credits her teammates with helping her on her quest for perfection.

"It was great to meet a lot of new people, that are now my friends," Aquilante said.

Even though Aquilante was the only team member to make it to the Meet of Champions, both the Boys' and Girls' teams respectively had great seasons.

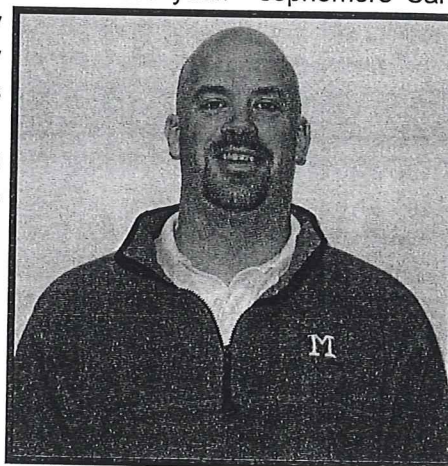
## Spring Track Born to Run

By: Tyler Toole

This season the spring Track team looks to improve on its 3-3 record and fourth place finish from last year. This season the spring Mike Scureman, juniors Ashley Aquilante, and Chazz Coursey, and sophomore Sam McWilliams.

Many key varsity runners will return, hoping to have a strong season.

The key runners include seniors Brendan



Mr. Higgins, one of the coaches, hopes the Spring Track team can have a good season. Liz Quigley, Bryndza, Katie Nolan, Tom Salaway, John O'Connell, Meet of Champions. Caroline Sweeney, and

Aquilante and Sweeney are two of the top returning runners. Both achieved great success last season

when they were able to make it to the

"We are going to have a lot of fun this season, and hopefully that can translate into some victories," said Aquilante.

Led by dual coaches, Mr. Higgins and Miss Z, the squad hopes to come back from last year, and achieve a lot of victories.



Along with Mr. Higgins, Miss Z will be a coach for the Spring Track Team. Miss Z hopes that the team will have a good year.

## Boy's Lacrosse

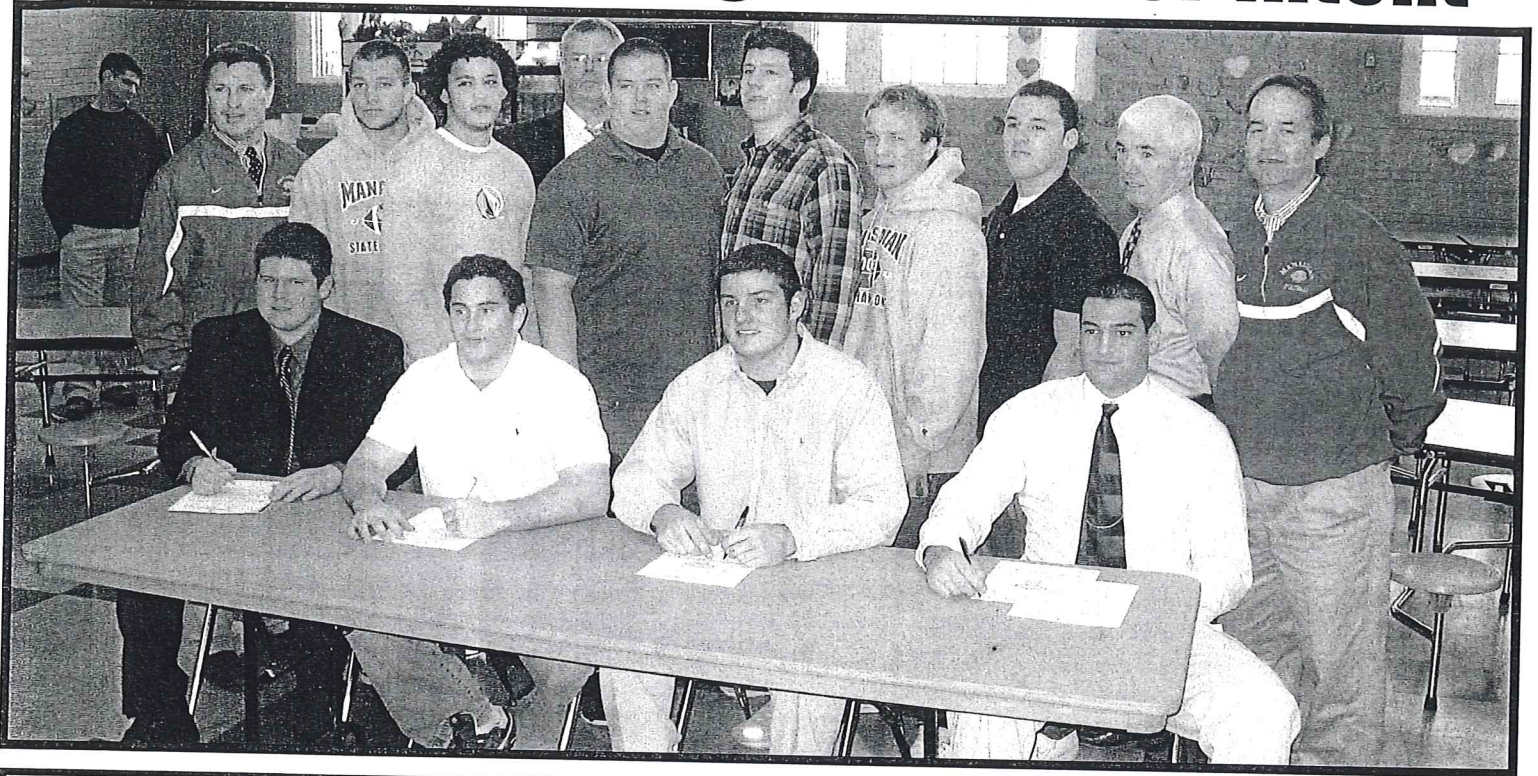
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before facing rival St. Rose opponents, facing Christian two days later. The Warriors Brothers Academy on May also close out the regular season with some tough 12, before facing state power, Moorestown, on May 17.

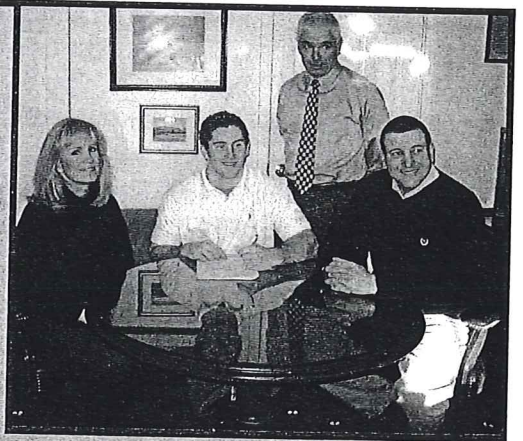


# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Football Stars Sign Letters-of-Intent



On Tuesday February 6, four members of the 2006 Manasquan football team signed their letters-of-intent to continue their football careers. Mike Mele (top right) will be attending the Big East school, Syracuse University, next fall. Brad Newman (top left) will become a Golden Eagle for Boston College in the fall. While, Jimmy Sullivan (bottom right) and Alex Iachetta (bottom left) are both going to continue their careers at Monmouth University next year. Even though only four players signed official letters on Tuesday, many other football players are considering playing football at the next level. Those players include R.J. Read, Evan Ragan, Alex Vasilenko, Steve Schatzman, Gage O'Connell, and Ben Ortiz.





# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Boy's Lax Looking to Dominate Shore

By: Travis Gassner

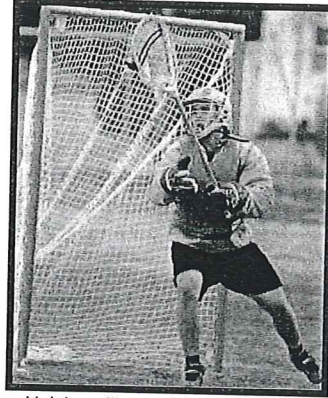
The Manasquan boy's lacrosse team is looking to have another successful season in 2007. With talent at all positions on the field, Coach Dowd and the boys should easily surpass their 11-

8 final record from last season.

Although the boys lost goalie Mike Reynolds and midfielders Doug Homan and Nick Melchionna to graduation, they are returning many key players. This year's captains are seniors, Kelly Mahon, Gage O'Connell, and Ryan Heisler. Mahon will lead the Squan offense, splitting time on both attack and midfield, while O'Connell and senior, Travis Gassner, will anchor the midfield. On defense, senior,

Martin Marshall, will join juniors, Frank Ciufo and Jack Masterson, while Heisler takes over Reynolds spot in goal.

Other key players on the team include, seniors, Beau Truesdale and Jeremy Vincent, juniors Justin Leddy, Brendan Kingsley, Greg Gavan, Matt Trengrove, and Jake Novak, sophomores, Mike Brown, Ryan Nadrowski, and Kyle



Heisler will guard the cage for the Warriors this season.

Woodward, and freshman, Mike Frasco.

So far, the boys have scrimmaged Old Bridge and Monsignor Donovan. The boys defeated Old Bridge 9-7, but fell to Mon Don 10-9, mostly

due to lack of players in the game. The team will open their regular season on April 2 at Toms River North,

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Seniors Gage O'Connell, Ryan Heisler, and Kelly Mahon were named captains of the lacrosse team.

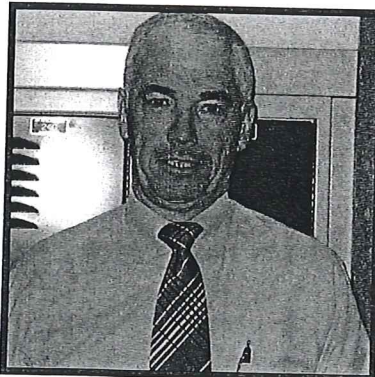
## Miller & Otchy Look To Carry Team to Playoffs

By: Tyler Toole

This spring season seniors AJ Miller and Alex Otchy look to lead the Baseball team, and bounce back from their 10-12 record last season.

"We should be able to improve from last season," said Phillips.

Led by Coach Gordon, the team looks to achieve a winning record this season. According to team members the team has the potential to win, as long as they work hard and stay focused.



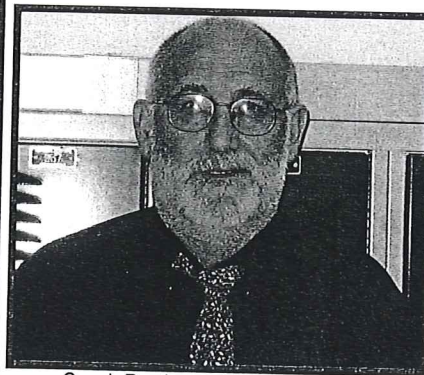
Mr. Gordon and the rest of the Warriors are looking forward to a good season.

The team has a lot of returning players that will make big contributions this season. These key players are seniors Miller, Otchy, Brad Newman, Jon Mason, Chris Dettlinger, Pat Nolan, Mike Forest, and Pat Brown, and juniors Steve Kircher, and Tom Phillips.

Hopefully the team can stay focused and achieve a lot of wins and make a run to the playoffs.

## Coach Rav and His Team Hope for Success

By: Tyler Toole



Coach Rav hopes his first year will be successful for the Boys' Tennis team.

This season Coach Ravaioli is back, and determined to lead the boy's Tennis team to success this spring season.

The squad has many returning players from last year's team, who they hope will give big contributions, but they did lose two top

singles players. "We will have to work a lot harder than last year's team because we lost our first and second singles players," said Kyle Smith.

These key players are seniors Bryson McTighe, Jonathan Van Wagner, Jeff Siminski, Chris Doolittle, and Kent Osche, junior Smith, and sophomore Brendan Dooley.

"We will have to work a lot harder than last year's team because we lost our first and second singles players," said Smith.

The team looks to come back with an even better season than their 12-8 finish last year, and hopefully make a run to the playoffs.





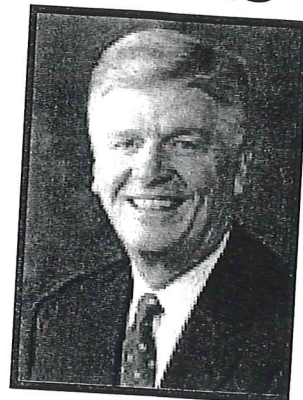
# MARCH MADNESS



## Hows The Selection Process Works

By: Tyler Toole

With March Madness approaching, we wanted to find out how the process works. This process is known as Selection Sunday, where the NCAA Men's Division I Selection Committee chooses what teams will be playing in the NCAA Tournament. We wanted to find out what goes on behind the scenes at these meetings. In order to get the inside scoop we interviewed Tom O'Connor (pictured right), Selection Committee member and Director of Athletics at George Mason University. The following questions and answers will give you a better understanding as to how Selection Sunday works.



*Are there any documents going on when the teams are being selected?*  
There are never any documents because the members in the committee don't trust each other. Everyone does their homework on statistical things for the teams.

*How do you decide between a powerhouse conference team and a mid-major?*  
We pick the team that has the better record, better statistics, better RPI. We also look at how they play, but we never look at what

conference they are in.

*Q: How do you go about selecting the teams?*

A: Each committee member has a computer and three computer screens in front of them. Also at each end of the room there are big screens. If we need any other help, the NCAA staff brings team sheets. Team sheets are sheets with the team's statistical info on them.

*Q: What is a normal day in the life of a committee member?*

A: The committee

members stay from Tuesday until Sunday. First the day starts off with breakfast at 7:30, then we start at 8:30, then we get a lunch break, then we keep working, then another short break, after more work there is dinner where we watch the tournament games.

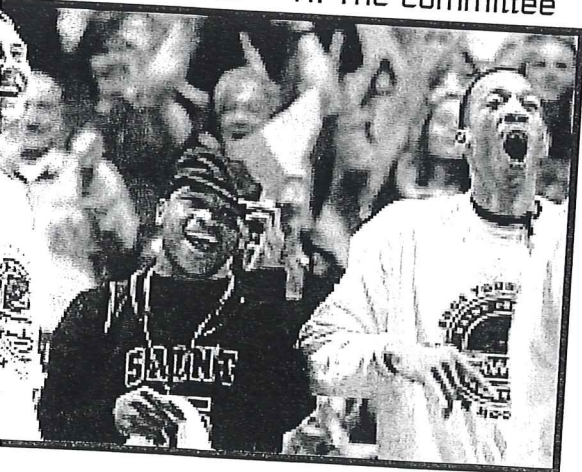
*Q: I understand every committee member watches a certain conference, is this true? What conferences do you have to watch?*

A: Yes every committee has conferences to watch. I have the SEC and Southern

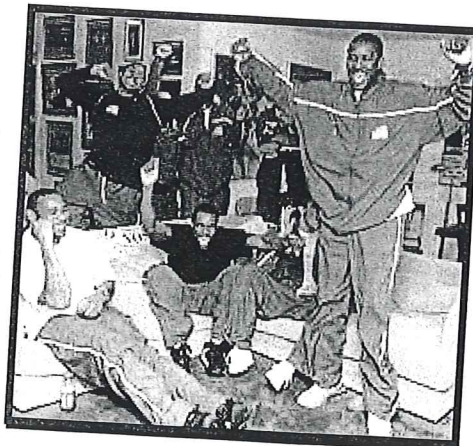
Conference as my primary conferences, and ACC, Missouri Valley, Metro Atlantic, and Atlantic 10 as secondary conferences.

*Q: What is the most memorable thing about being on the committee?*

A: The most memorable thing for me is being with the nine other committee members, who are dedicated to basketball. Each one of them looks to provide the best championship for the student athlete. It is a very professional situation between us.



When a mid-major finds out that they have received an at-large bid, they often display more excitement than a team from a powerhouse conference. Left, St. Joe's of the A-10 celebrates after seeing where they were going to play in last year's tourney. Right, last year's Cinderella team, George Mason of the CAA, is happy with their placement in the 2006 NCAA Tournament.





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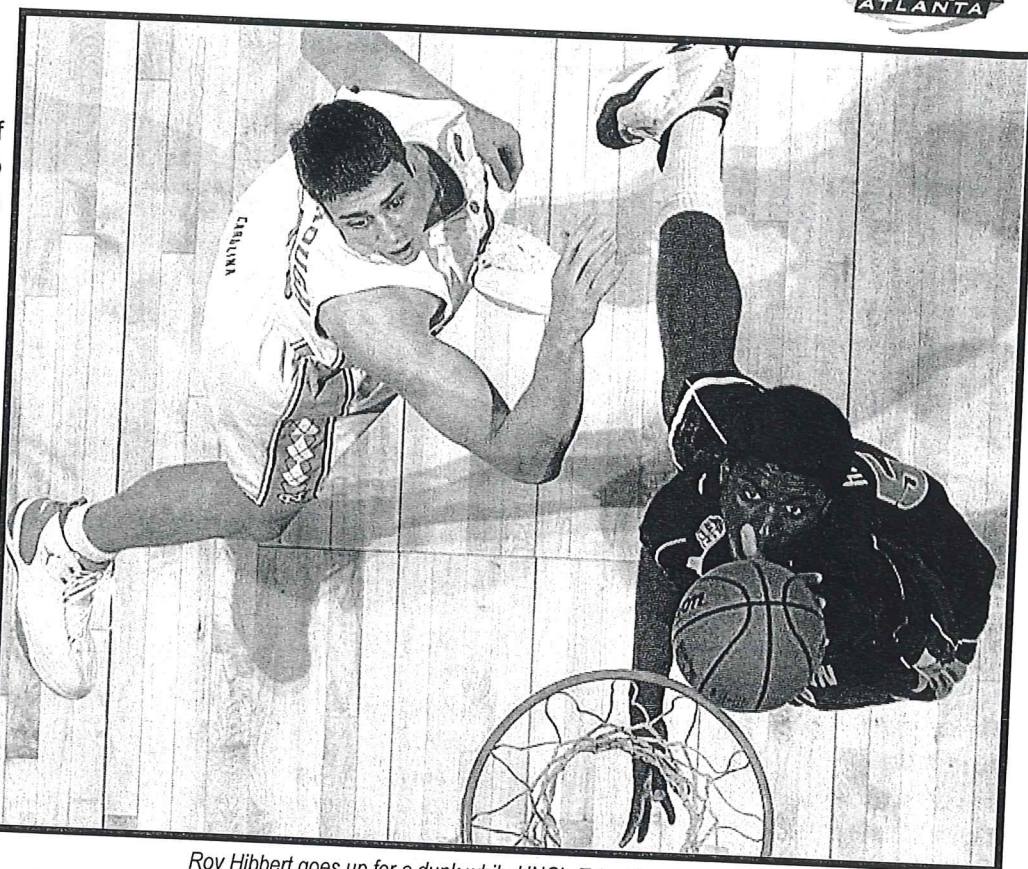
## Final Four

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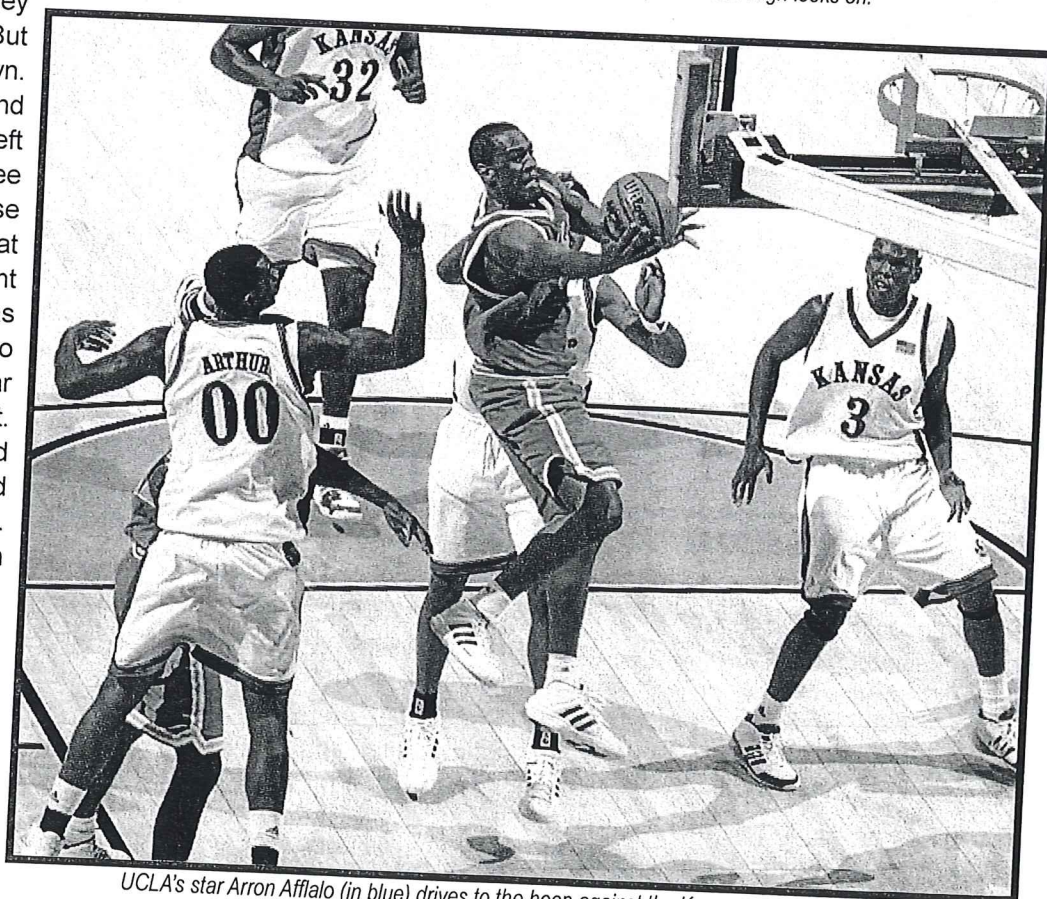
The Hoyas of Georgetown, out of the East bracket, was the last team to reach their ticket for Atlanta. A lot of fans jumped on the Georgetown band-wagon for G'town's impressive run to the Big East Tournament Championship, and it paid off. Georgetown was involved in one of the most memorable games of the tournament in their Sweet 16 match-up against #6 Vanderbilt and in the regional final against #1 UNC. Against Vandy, the Hoyas were down 1 with time running out. Big man, Roy Hibbert, had fouled out, so the pressure was on Big East Player of the Year, Jeff Green, who stepped up when he hit a bank shot over Vanderbilt players with 2.5 seconds remaining to give the Hoyas their first trip to the regional final in 11 with a 66-65 win. In the regional final, the Hoyas faced a tough task against the loaded Tar Heels of North Carolina. The Heels were ahead by 10 with minutes left and looked as though they would advance to the Final Four. But Georgetown and Hoyas would not back down. Georgetown stormed back and found themselves down 3 with 30 seconds left. Point guard John Wallace hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 81. The Hoyas defense held UNC missed their opportunity at the end of regulation and the game went into overtime. In the extra session, it was a battle of nerves as the Hoyas got off to a slow start. The only basket for the Tar Heels in OT came with 30 seconds left. Georgetown went cold while Georgetown got red hot. That's why the Hoyas advanced to the Final Four with a 96-84 win. The best four teams in the nation were off for a memorable Final Four. Unfortunately, it was too late for this issue of the Blue & Gray, so check back next issue for the updated information.

### PICKS (made on 3/27)

UCLA over Florida, G'Town over UNC, National Champion = G'Town  
UCLA over FLA, G'Town over UNC, National Champion = UCLA



Roy Hibbert goes up for a dunk while UNC's Tyler Hansbrough looks on.



UCLA's star Arron Afflalo (in blue) drives to the hoop against the Kansas Jayhawk defense.





# MARCH MADNESS



## About the Match-ups

By: Boomer Ward

### G'Town Hoyas vs. OSU Buckeyes

Record: 30-6

Conference: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Big East

Road to Final Four:

#15 Belmont (80-55)

#7 Boston College (62-55)

#6 Vanderbilt (66-65)

#1 UNC - OT (96-84)

Starting Line-up

C Roy Hibbert - Junior: 12.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg

F Jeff Green - Junior: 14.2 ppg, 6.1 rpg

F DaJuan Summers - Freshman: 9.0 ppg, 3.7 rpg

G Jessie Sapp - Sophomore: 8.9 ppg, 3.3 apg

G Jonathan Wallace - Junior: 10.9 ppg, 3.0 apg

Key Reserves:

F Patrick Ewing Jr. - Junior - 4.2 ppg, 2.1 rpg

G Jeremiah Rivers - Freshman: 1.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg

Record: 33-3

Conference: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Big 10

Road to Final Four:

#16 Central Conn. St (78-57)

#9 Xavier - OT (78-71)

#5 Tennessee (85-84)

#2 Memphis (92-76)

Starting Line-up:

C Greg Oden - Freshman: 15.4 ppg, 9.5 rpg

PF Ivan Harris - Senior: 7.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg

G Rob Lewis - Senior: 12.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg

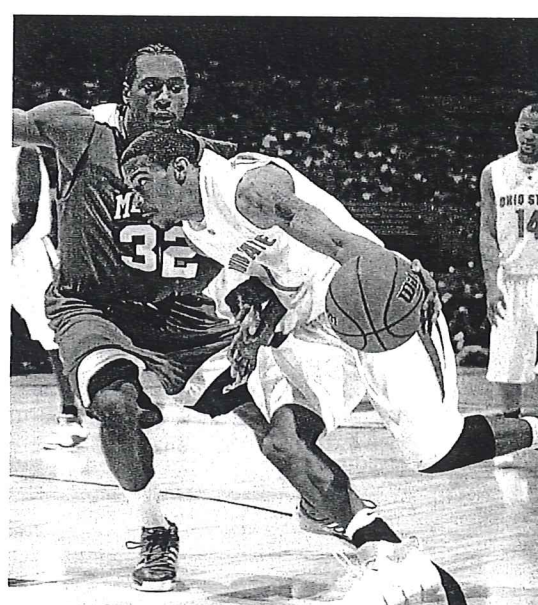
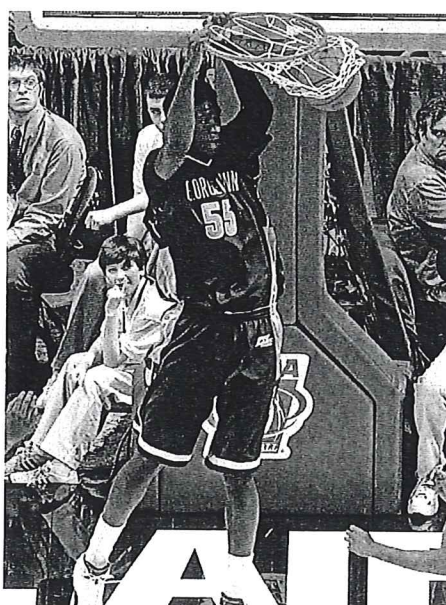
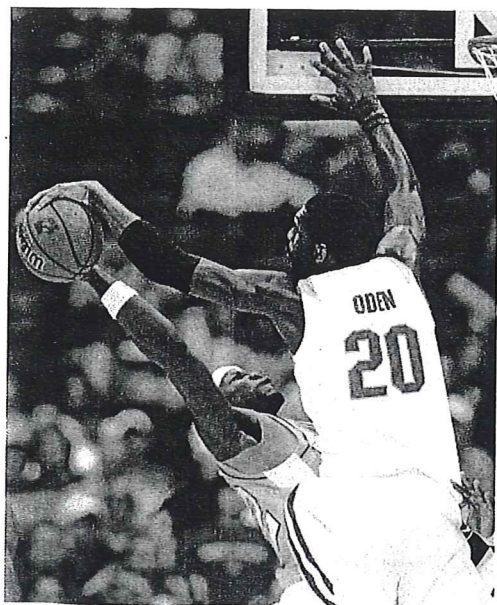
G Daequan Cook - Freshman: 10.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg

G Mike Conley Jr. - Freshman: 10.8 ppg, 6.2 apg

Key Reserves:

G Jamar Butler - Junior: 8.5 ppg, 3.7 apg

F Othello Hunter - Freshman: 6.0 ppg, 4.6 apg



The Hoyas of Georgetown and the Buckeyes of Ohio State will also meet in this year's Final Four. The key storyline for this game is the battle of the centers. Roy Hibbert of Georgetown will go against Greg Oden of OSU. Both are two of the best centers in the nation and it should be an even match-up. Greg Oden will also receive help from his fellow freshman, point guard, Mike

Conley Jr. Conley Jr. has an explosive first step and is one of the best passers in the nation. The Buckeyes also have sharp-shooters in Ron Lewis and Ivan Harris. If left open, Lewis and Harris will bury threes all day long. For the Hoyas, Roy Hibbert has the Big East Player of the Year in Jeff Green on his side. Green is a tough match-up for any team as he can go inside or outside. Luckily for

Georgetown, OSU has no one who can really match-up with Green, so he should have a big day. Also helping the Hoyas will be an underrated freshman in DaJuan Summers. Summers has scored 15 and 20 points in his last two games. Oden and Hibbert should be equal, so this game will be determined by the outside play and how well OSU can handle Georgetown's superstar, Jeff Green.





# MARCH MADNESS



## No Guarantees for No. 1

The national champions' pretournament rankings by The Associated Press.

YEAR	CHAMPION	PRETOURNAMENT RANK															NOT RANKED
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
2006	Florida Gators																
2005	UNC Tar Heels		X									X					
2004	UConn Huskies							X									
2003	Syracuse Orangemen																
2002	Maryland Terps				X									X			
2001	Duke Blue Devils	X															
2000	Michigan St. Spartans		X														
1999	UConn Huskies			X													
1998	Kentucky Wildcats					X											
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1995	U.C.L.A. Bruins	X															
1994	Arkansas Razorbacks		X														
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