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This edition of the White Columns is hereby dedicated to Miss Rachel Bavister, Principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, Deaf Department. She takes an avid interest in each student and cares about all of us.

She had taught English for many years before assuming duties as principal. So she is relatively new to this position and she has done a good job.

# Administration



Mr. Bob Whytal, Director of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton and Hampton



Dr. Joe Panko, Superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Staunton



Mrs. Thresa Lindsay, Secretary to Dr. Panko



Mrs. Debbie Burns, Secretary to Dr. Panko

# The Principal's Office



**Principal**  
Miss Rachel Bavister



**Secretary to the Principal**  
Mrs. Ann Rosen

# The Business Office



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Maxine Pingley



**Payroll**  
Patsy Grant



**Cashier**  
Oneida Hagenlocker

# People Behind the Scenes



**Maintenance Staff**



**Infirmary Staff**



**Kitchen Staff**

# Student Life Office



Front Row (L-R): Darlene Coleman, Tracy Waddell, Mark Fletcher, Stan Byers; Second Row: Mary Murray (Director), Bonnie Minter, Ruth Swink, Anita Robinson, Kathy Campbell; Third Row: Mary Guffey, Sheila Lefrense, Kim Osborne; Back Row: Kathy Hughes



Eva Whitley



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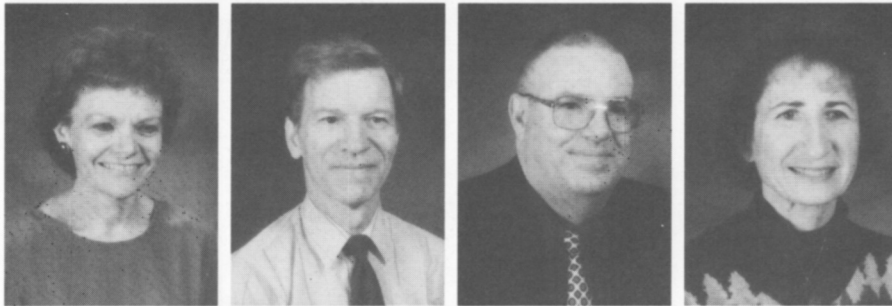


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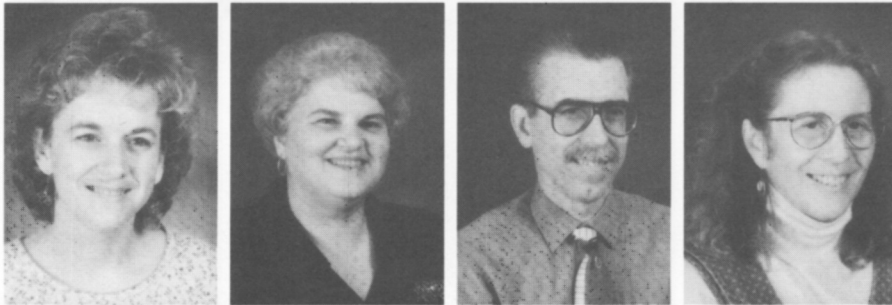
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Wayne Frick  
Richard Koch  
Mary Kraus



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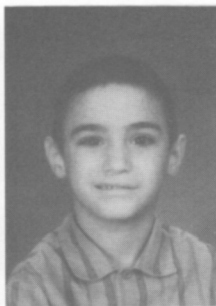


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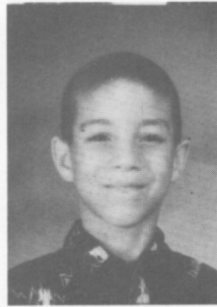
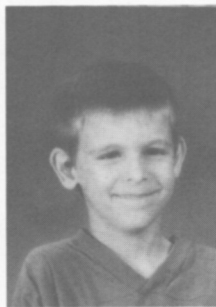


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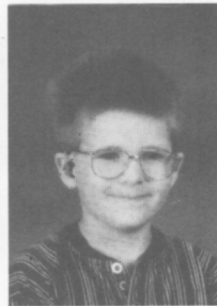
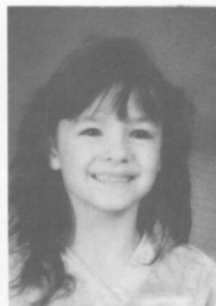
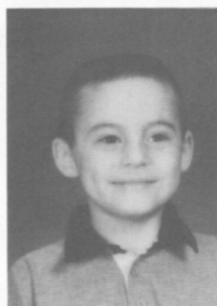
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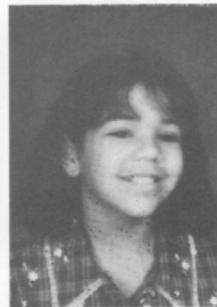
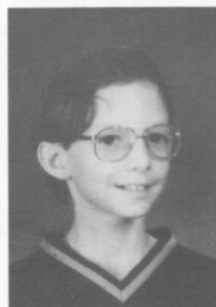
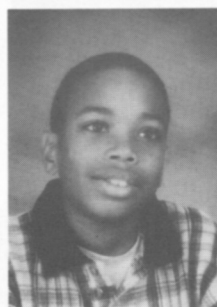
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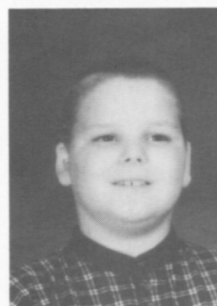
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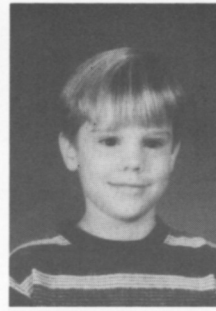
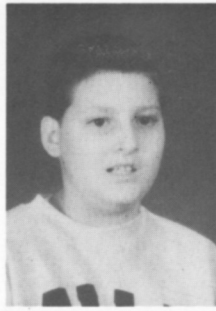


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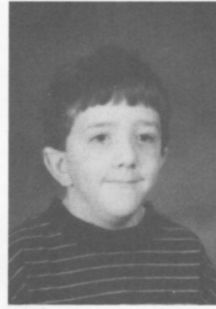
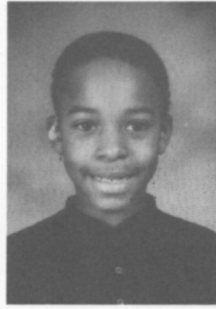
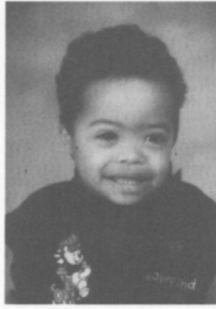
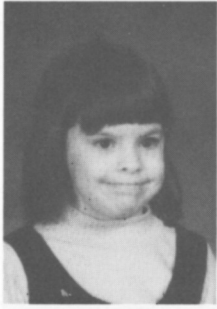
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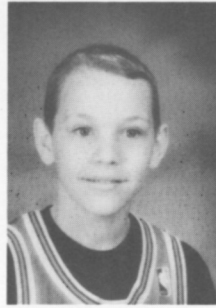
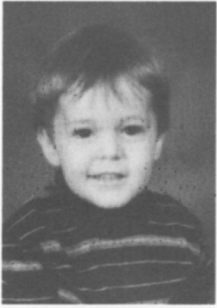


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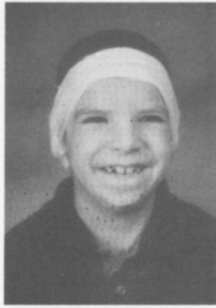
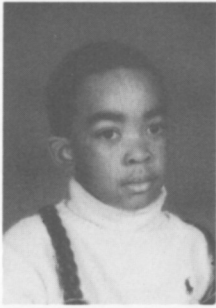
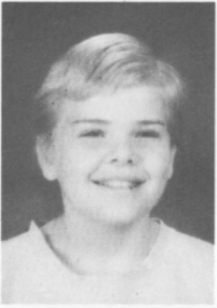
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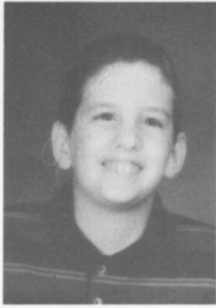
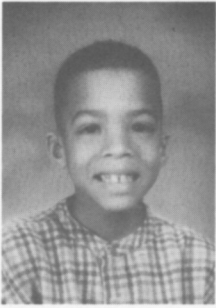
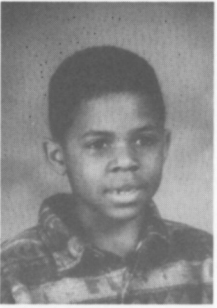
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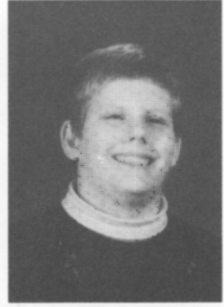
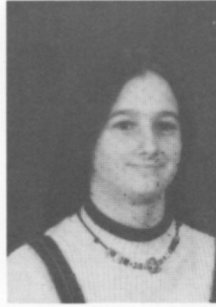
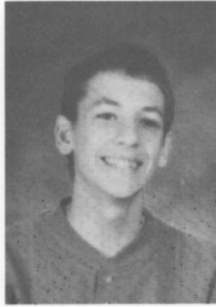
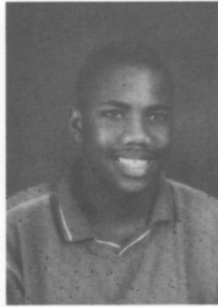
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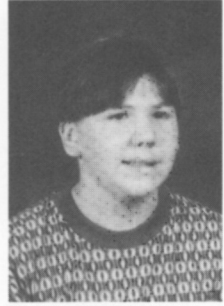
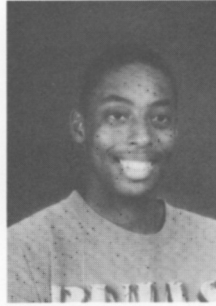
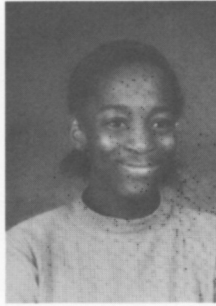
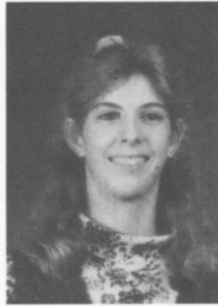
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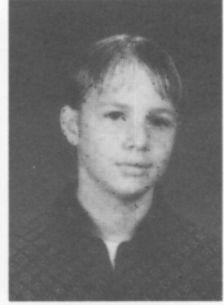
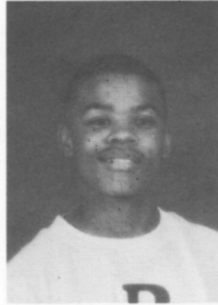
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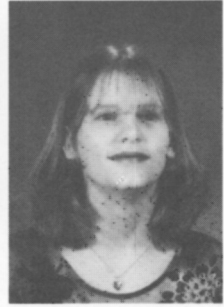
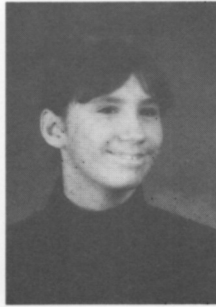
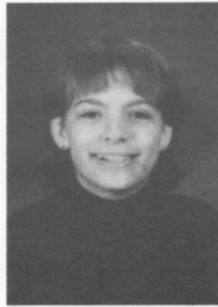
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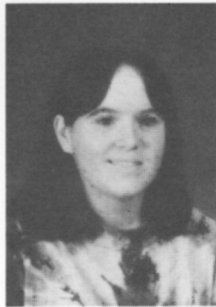
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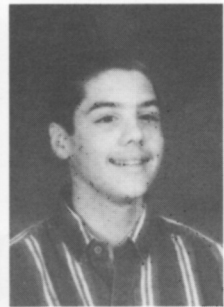
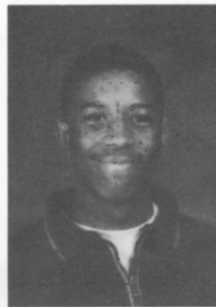
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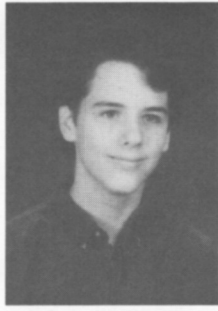
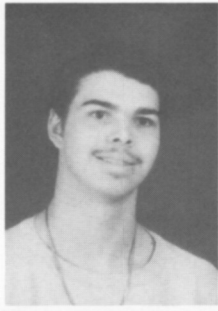
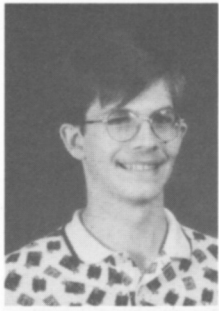


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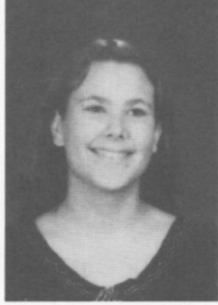
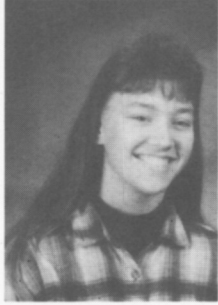
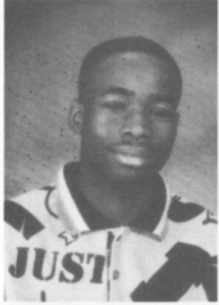
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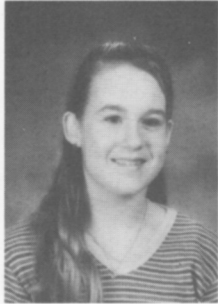
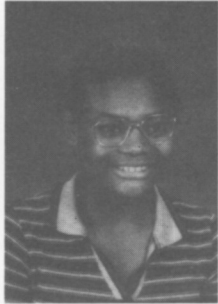
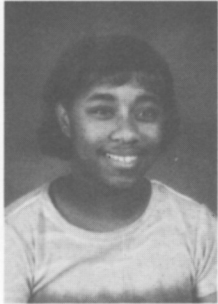
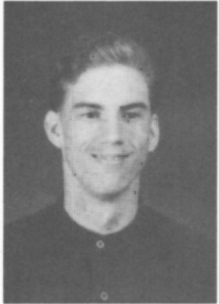


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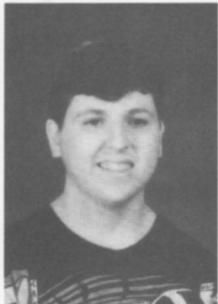
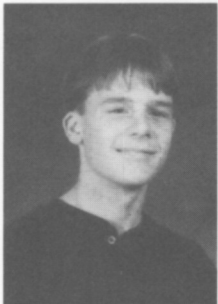
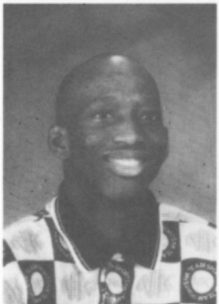


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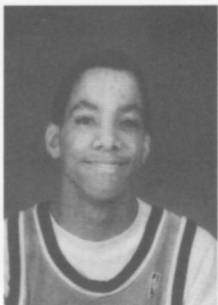
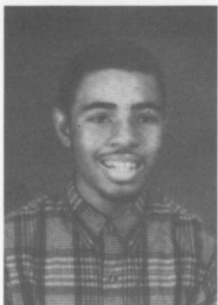
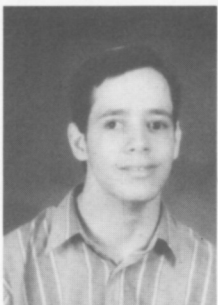
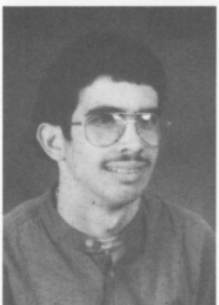


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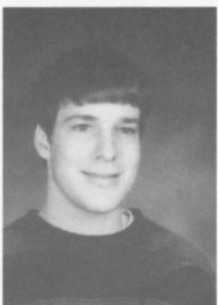
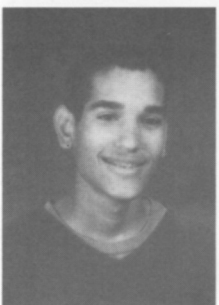
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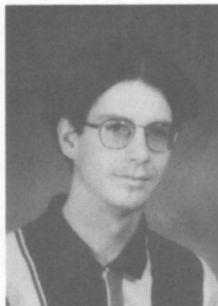
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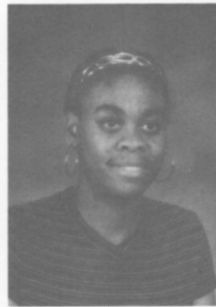
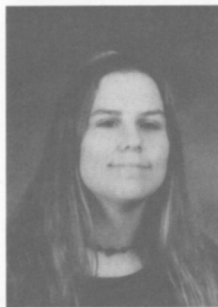
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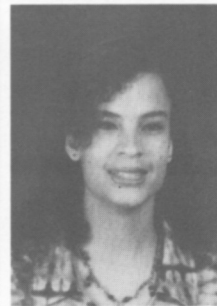
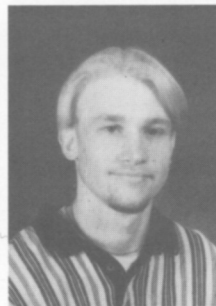
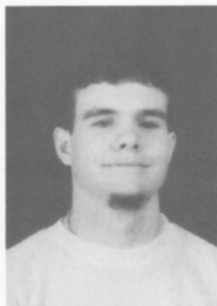
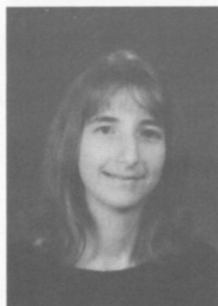
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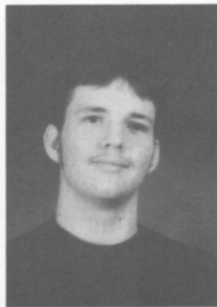
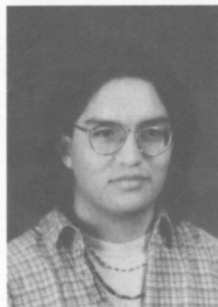
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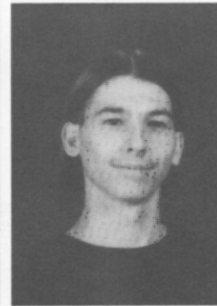
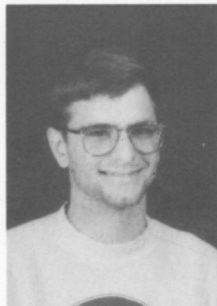
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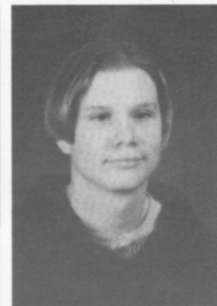
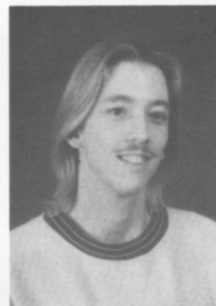
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Veronica Melchor  
Charity Reid



Carrie Toppings  
**Senior Class**  
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Sequoria Davis  
Shawn Estep



Hope Johnson  
Chris McCarty  
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# High School Classes



Freshman Class



Sophomore Class

# High School Classes (cont.)



Junior Class



Senior Class

# Student Organizations



Cardinal Varsity Club

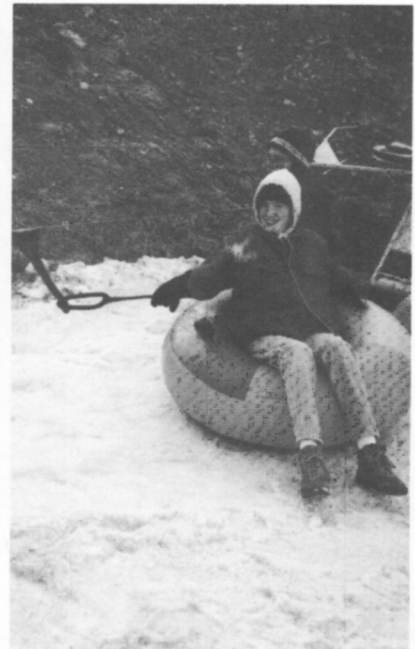
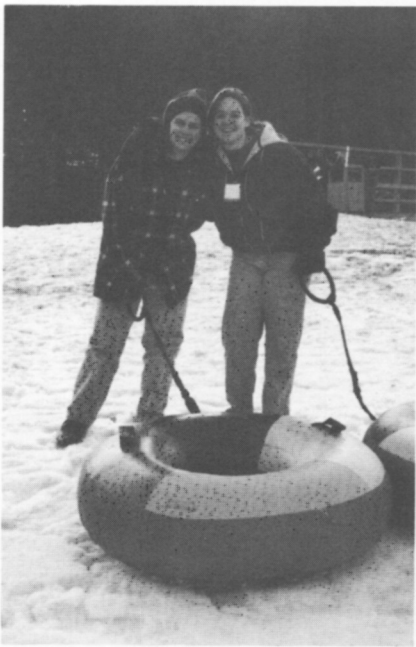


Student Cooperative Association





**Junior National Association of the Deaf**

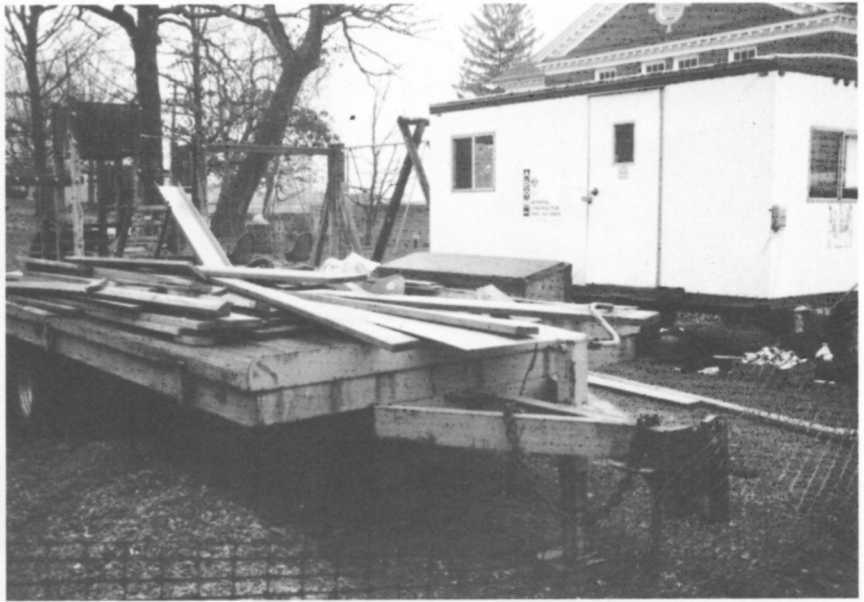


**Winter Outing at Massanutten**



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# Health Fair

a special event during the first stay-over weekend



Jason Hall, Holly Foster, April Snyder and Ben Vess playing out their fantasies of riding the firetruck.



Teachers and students waiting patiently for the rescue helicopter "Pegasus" which finally came. . .



Pegasus, the rescue helicopter

# Halloween 1997



Halloween continues to be a popular tradition for the Elementary School.



The parade about to begin. . .



Robert Cason leading the parade.

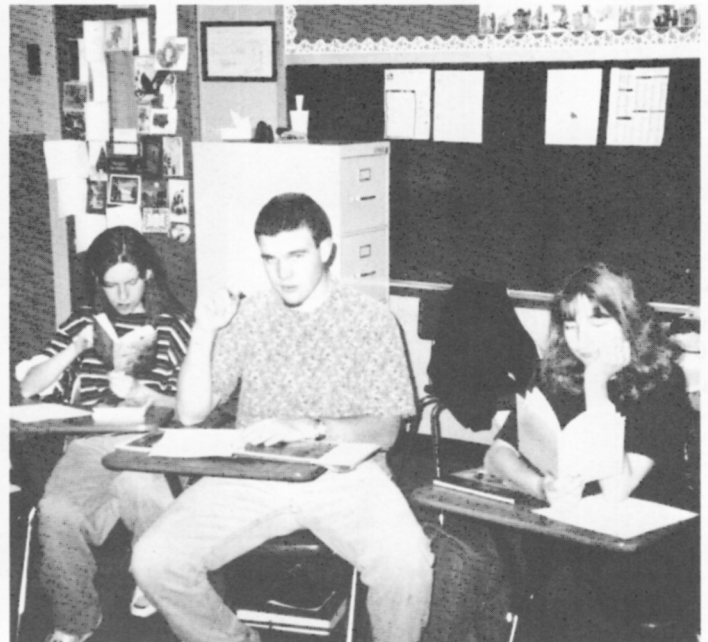
## Classes. . .



Brandy Buchanan, Rick White (partly hidden), Trevor Green, Chris McCarty and Alissa Conover in the Computer Lab working on one of their many essays.

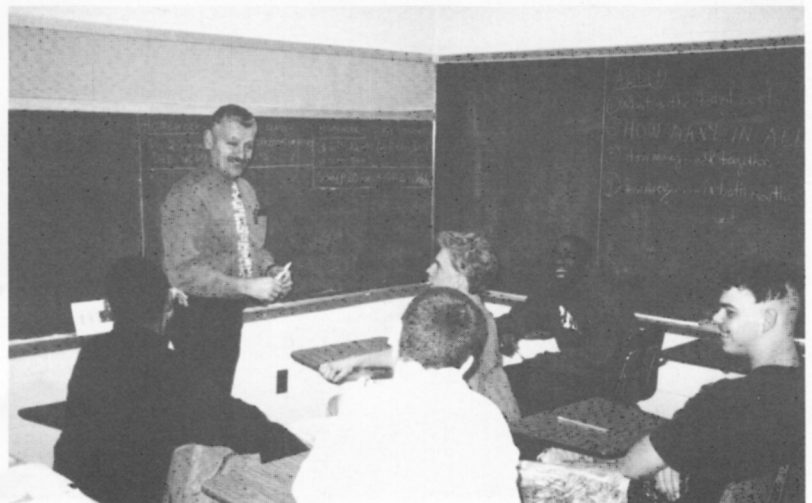


Richard Koch performing one of the duties of being a teacher - making copies.



Troii Deaner and Jason Hall reading one of the many Accelerated Reader books.

Anthony Small, Jeremiah Jones, Joseph Boltz, Tariq Donald and John Anders in Mr. DeVito's Classroom.

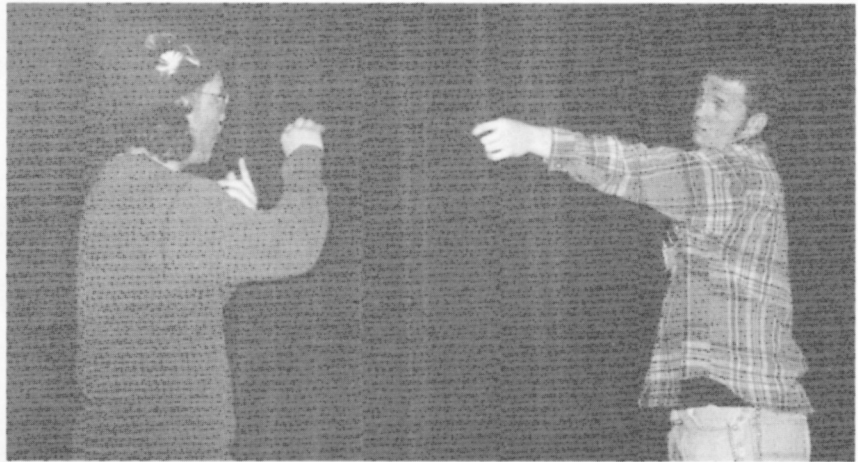




## Oliver Twist A Play

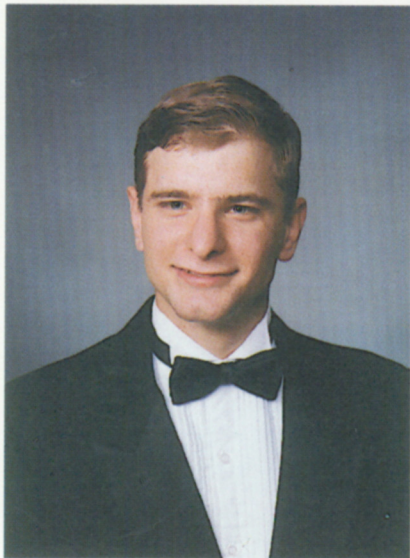
The English Class presented a play about Oliver Twist sometime before Christmas. It was a story of an orphan who was eventually adopted by a couple leading to an happy ending.

Junior McKinney attempting to coerce some information from Jonathan Martin.



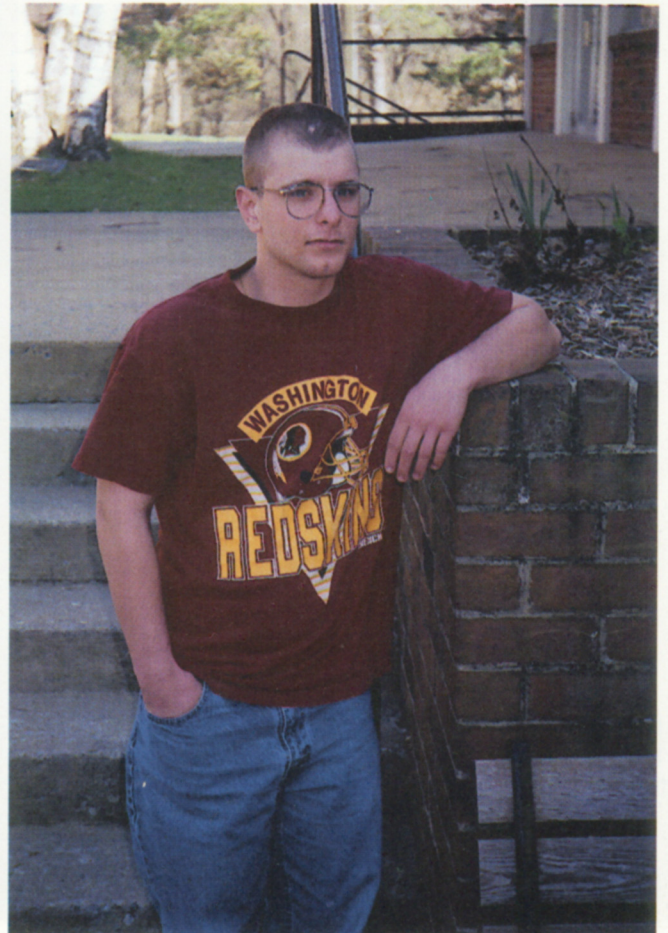
One of the scenes of the play.

# Senior Class of 1998



**Greg William Buss**

**Hometown:** Mint Spring, VA  
**Organization:** SCA Representative,  
Basketball Manager  
**Favorite food:** pizza  
**Favorite saying:** "So what?"  
**Favorite pastime:** auto body  
**Future goal:** attend VVTC







**LeShea Sequoria Davis**

**Hometown:** Verona, VA

**Organizations:** SCA Secretary 2 years, Senior Class Secretary, varsity basketball 4 years, volleyball, track, Co-Editor of White Columns

**Favorite food:** pizza and pickles

**Favorite pastime:** basketball and writing

**Future goal:** attend Gallaudet University or a community college



**Shawn Dwayne Estep**

**Hometown:** Grundy, VA

**Orgnaizations:** basketball, softball, SCA Representative, Senior Class Vice-President

**Favorite food:** pizza and kiwi fruit

**Favorite saying:** "Dull!"

**Favorite pastime:** work on computers

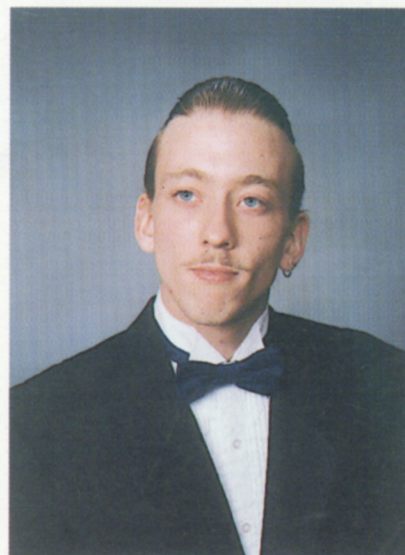
**Future goal:** be a movie actor





**Hope Michelle Johnson**

**Hometown:** Orange, VA  
**Organizations:** basketball, volleyball, and SCA Representative  
**Favorite food:** Hot Pocket  
**Favorite saying:** "Nothing"  
**Favorite pastime:** volleyball  
**Future goal:** be a teacher aide



**Christopher Michael McCarty**

**Hometown:** Manassas, VA  
**Organizations:** SCA Representative 3 years, Basketball Manager 4 years, statistician, editor of Twin Fountains, Senior Class President, Co-Editor of White Columns  
**Favorite food:** garden salad  
**Favorite saying:** "Ewwwww!"  
**Favorite pastime:** dancing  
**Future goal:** attend Northern VA Community College 25

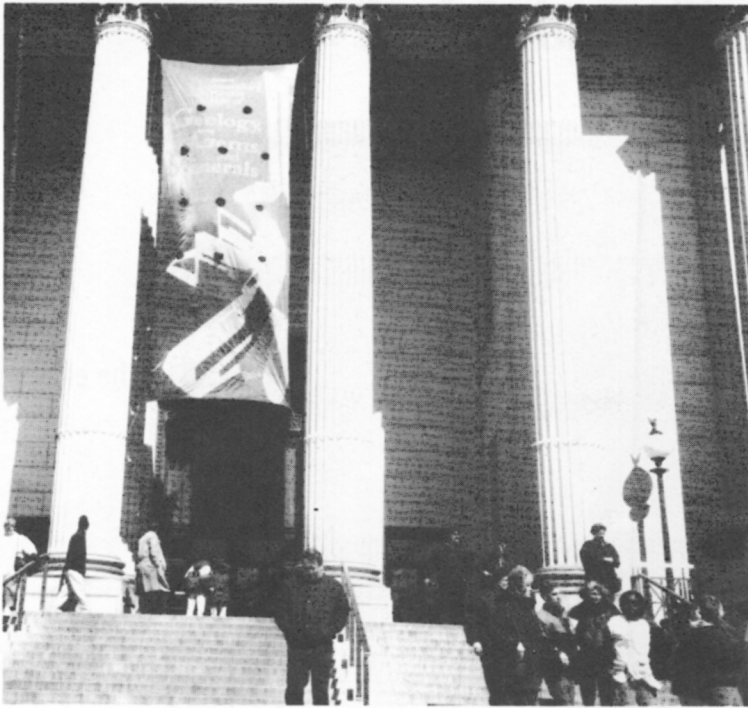
## **“Inherit The Wind”, a play in Roanoke**



One of the side benefits of studying literature is to see living literature. “Inherit The Wind” is an adaption of the 1929 Scopes Trial in which a Tennessee school teacher was charged with teaching evolution in the classroom even though it was forbidden then.



The scene of the play “Inherit The Wind”



## The Annual Trek to Washington, D.C.

The Natural History Museum - site of many dinosaurs and gems, as well as exhibits of various animals.

At one of the scientific demonstrations on the principles of flight at the Air and Space Museum.



Could you guess who that is?

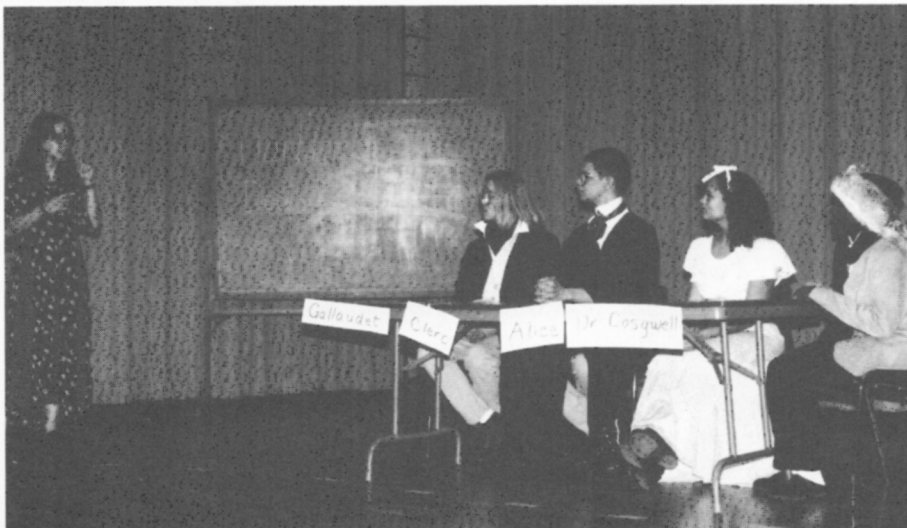
# Gallaudet Day Program



A skit presented by the elementary department.



Chris Cochran explaining what the first letter stands for.

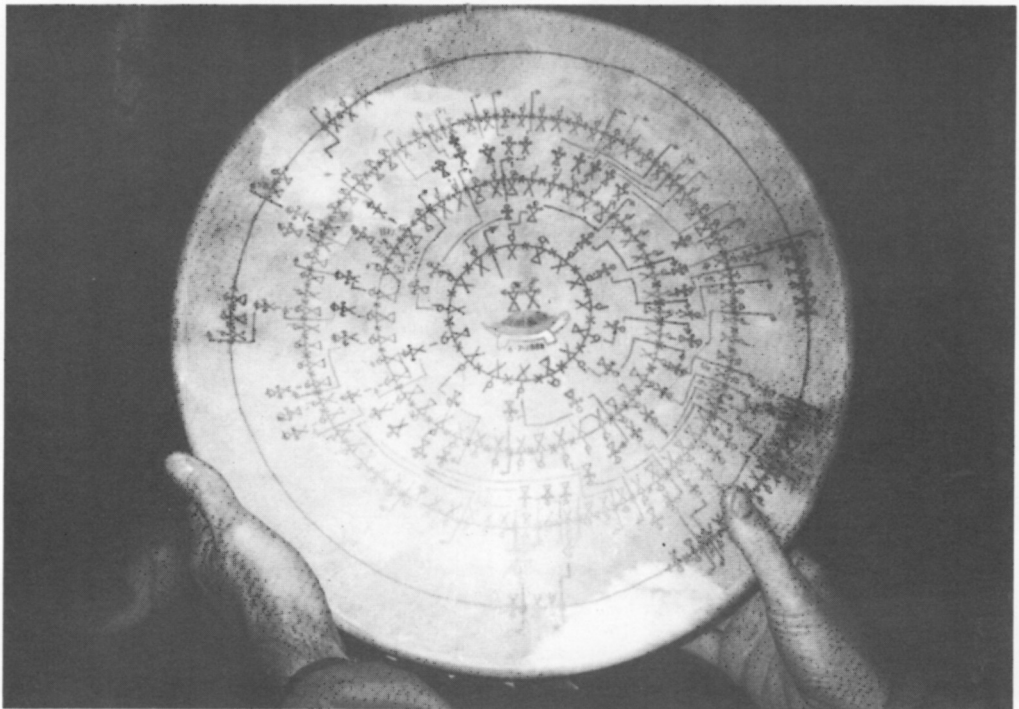


A mock panel on the life and works of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

# Special Events

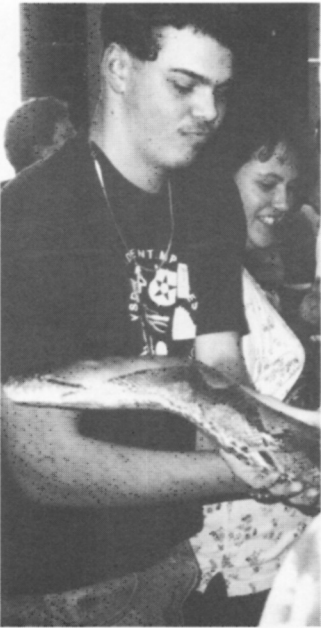


A guest lecturer, an Indian, explaining the customs of his people.



A stretched deerskin depicting the entire lifeline of his family line.

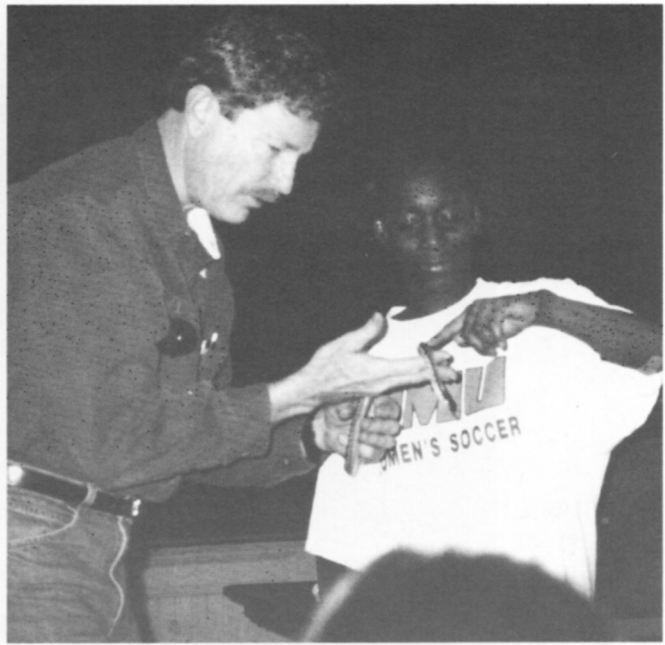
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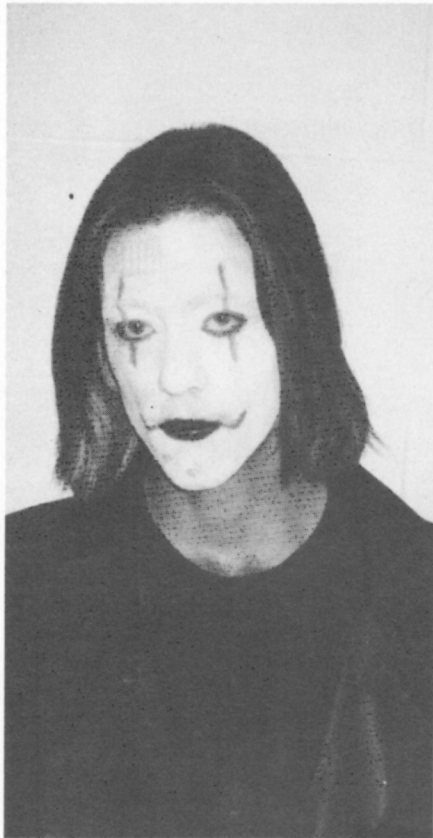
The most popular attraction of the presentation on snakes - 18 feet long and 300 pounds!



A close-up look at the Gila Lizard.



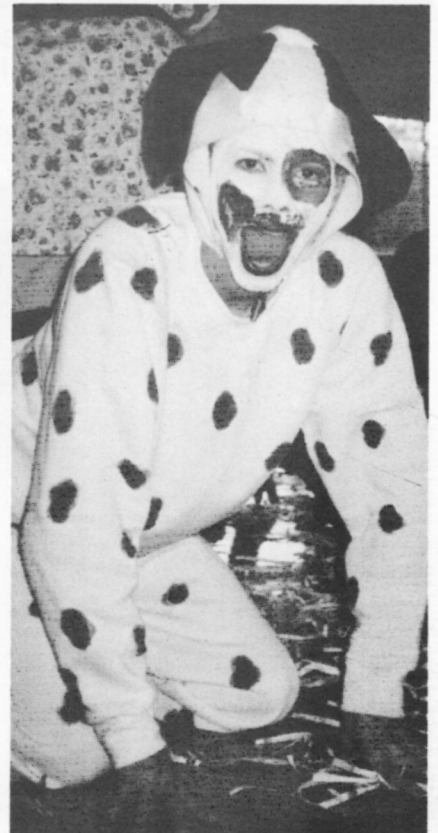
Keke Clay gingerly handling one of the many snakes.



Chris McCarty



Jason Freeman



Jared Rittenhouse

### Spirit Week

A week-long series of events leading up to Homecoming. Among these events is the costume contest.





Jason Hill, Jamon Freeman,  
Michelle Durrett and Jenilee Fletcher



Results of the banner/poster contest.



A couple of women swooning over Mr. Marzolf posing as Elvis.

# Homecoming Pep Rally



Above: Volleyball Coach Kathy Campbell making a few comments



Beckley Poff, Keke Clay, Jamie Mercier, and Kristy Vess leading a cheer

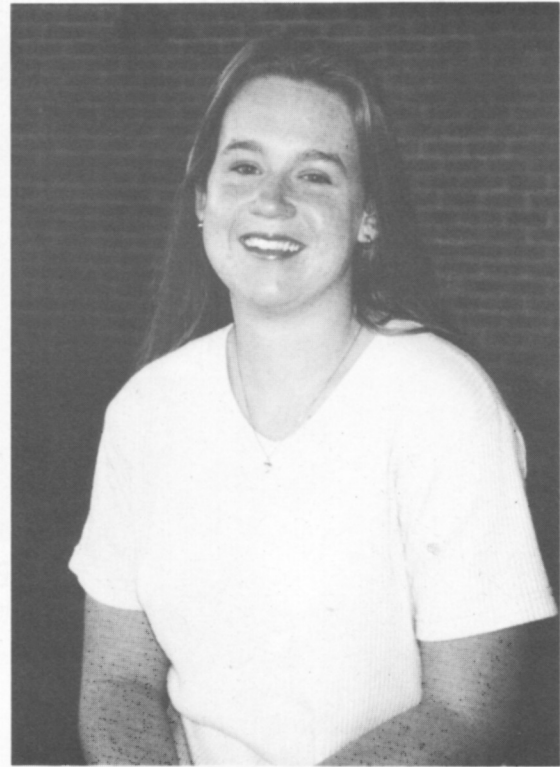


Right: one of the pyramid stunts

# Homecoming Court 1997



**Carrie Suggs**  
**Freshman Princess**



**Jenilee Fletcher**  
**Sophomore Princess**



**Alissa Conover**  
**Junior Princess**



**Hope Johnson**  
**Senior Princess**



**LeShea Davis  
Homecoming Queen**



**LeShea Davis being coronated by Superintendent  
Panko**



**The Queen and her Entourage**

# Girls' Volleyball Team



Left to Right: Charity Reid, Alissa Conover, Brandy Buchanan, Latoyer Cabell, Sarah White, Torii Deaner, LeShea Davis, Veronica Melchor, Michelle Durrett, Celena Long; Back: Coach Kathy Campbell



Left: Michelle Durrett signing the National Anthem.

Our Varsity girls have done remarkably well during the 1997 Volleyball season.

# The Homecoming Volleyball Game



Latoyer Cabell, Alissa Conover, Celena Long and Sarah White are warming up for the BIG game!



In the huddle. . .



Michelle Durrett, April Snider, Brandy Buchanan, Coach Kathy Campbell, and Assistant Coach Cathy Cook on the sideline.



Getting ready to play against Maryland School for the Deaf.

Elated with the second place trophy during the Classic Tournament.



Recipients of the All-Tournament Player awards with coaches standing by.

# Girls' Basketball Team

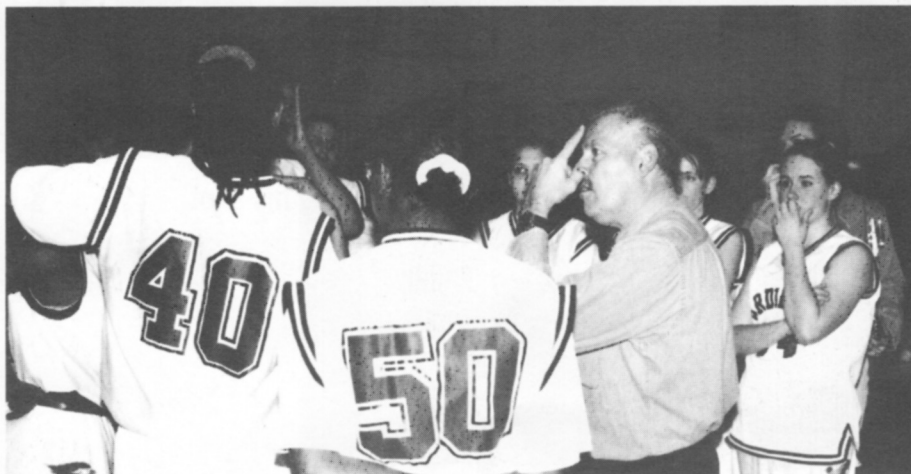


Front Row (L-R): Torii Deaner, LeShea Davis, Latoyer Cabell, Alissa Conover, Holly Foster, April Snider; Back Row: Assistant Coach Bonnie Minter, Veronica Melchor, Brandy Buchanan, Celena Long, Charity Reid, Michelle Durrett, Coach DeVito

Right: One of the lighter moments during practice



Bottom: Coach DeVito making sure the players know what to do during a time-out.





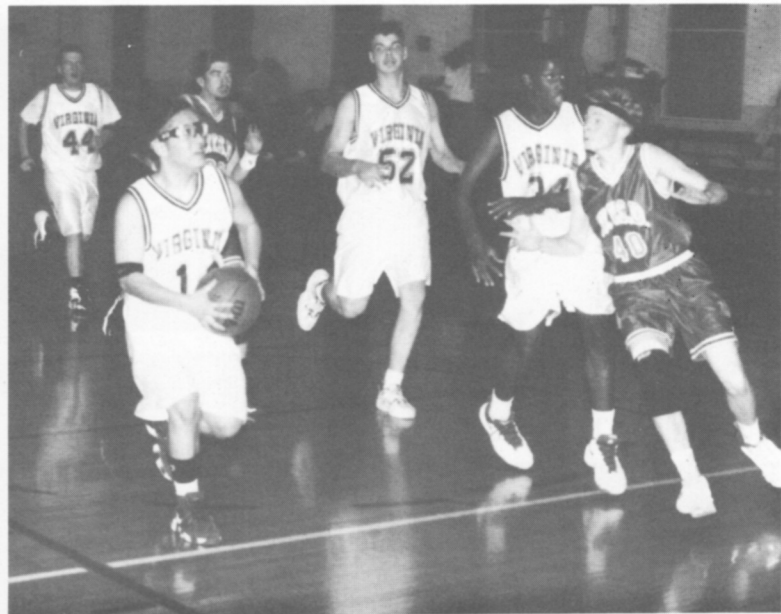
# Boys' Basketball Team



Front Row (L-R): Joseph Sensabaugh, Jonathan Martin, Joey Templin, Junior McKinney; Back Row: Rick White, Lee Tribble, Coach Tracy Waddell, Jason Hall, Nick Hintz

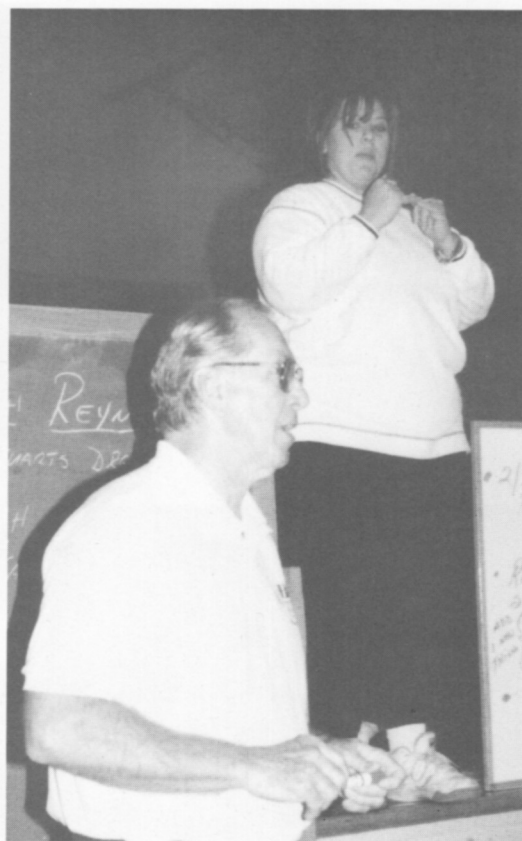
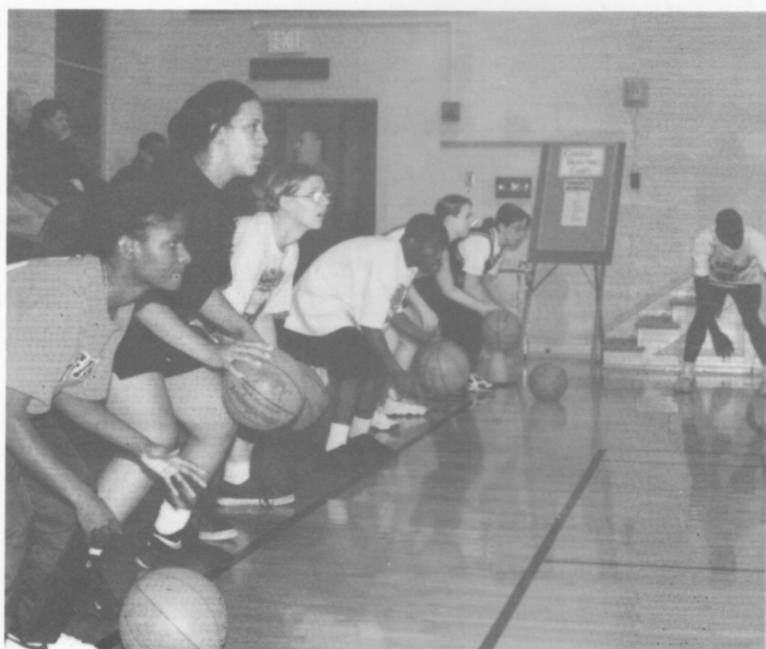


Joey Templin making a drive for the basket.



Jonathan Martin making his shot.

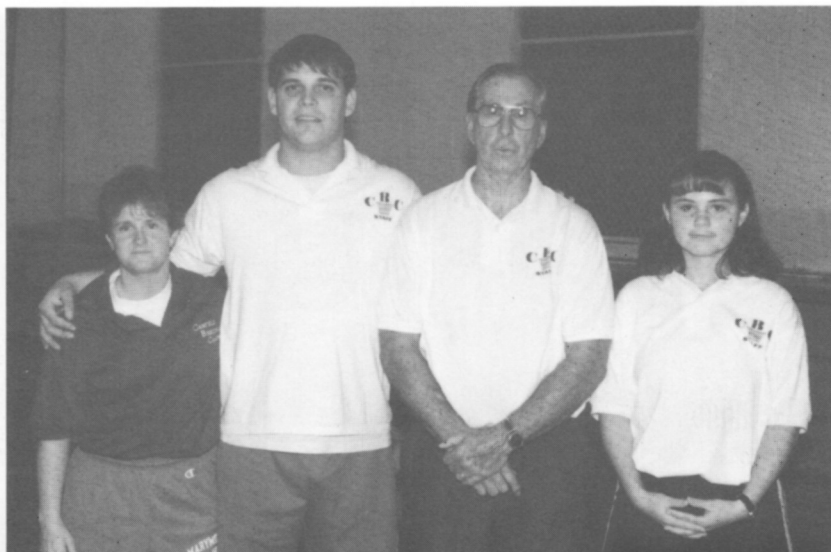
# CANFIELD BASKETBALL CAMPS



It was the first time we hosted a basketball camp on campus. It lasted one week and consisted of tips, techniques and drills to enhance one's skills in basketball in all areas. Kathy Campbell served as interpreter and it was no easy task for her!



Canfield Basketball Staff



Participants at the basketball camp on the junior level.

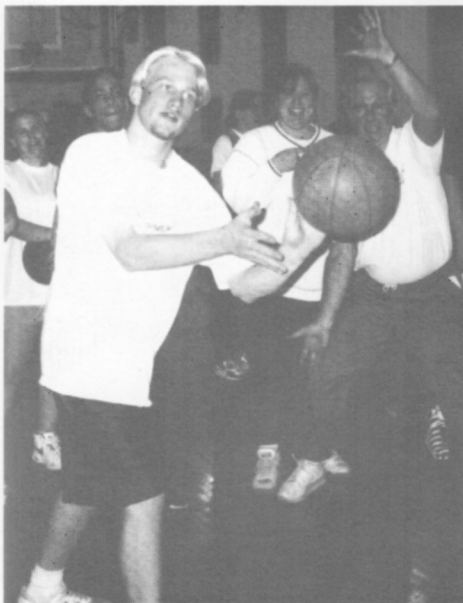
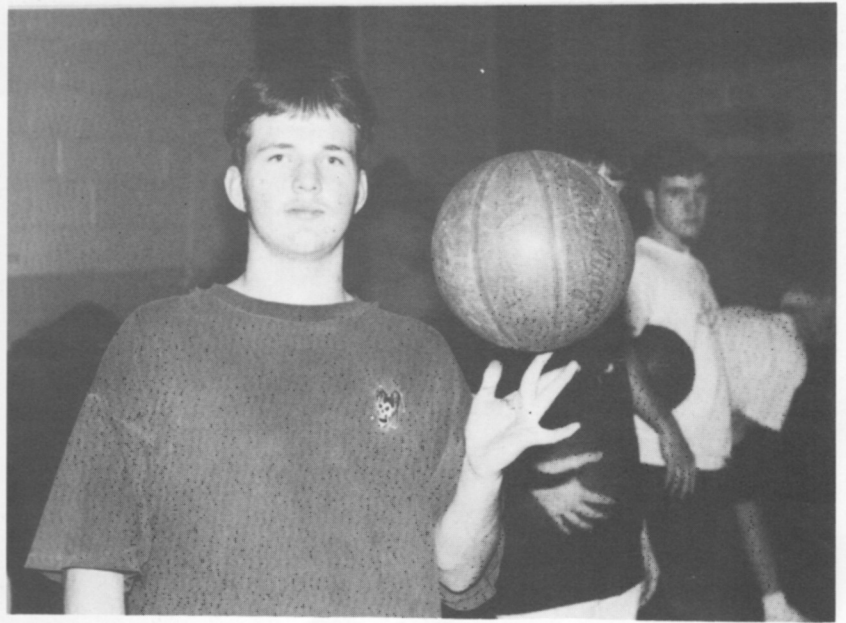
Participants at the basketball camp on the senior level.



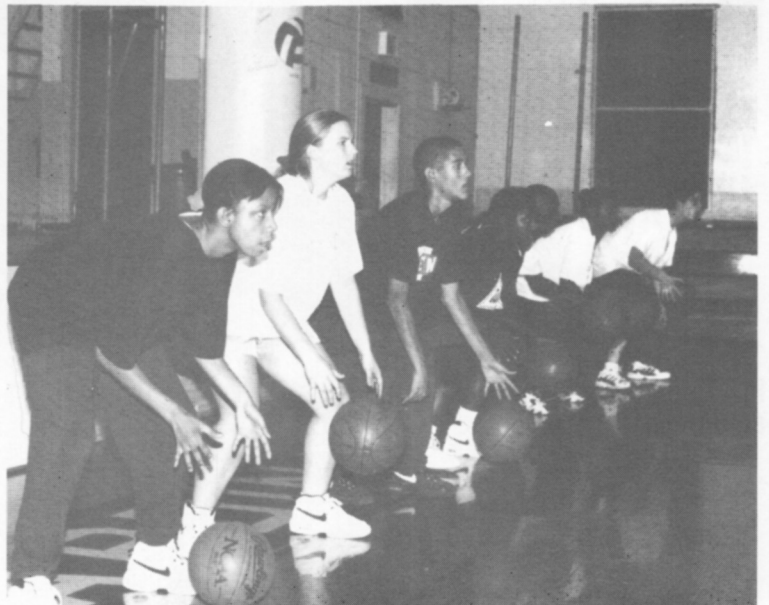


Joey Templin, Latoyer Cabell, Celena Long, and Lee Tribble proudly displaying their prizes won in competition.

Junior McKinney showing off his newly acquired skill of spinning the basketball on his finger.

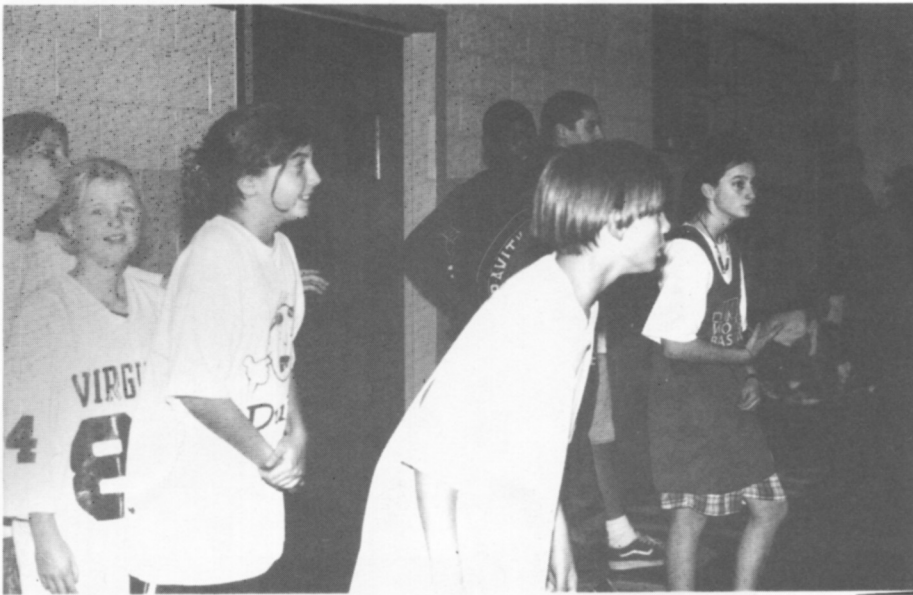


Nick Hintz demonstrating the techniques of passing (and receiving) the basketball.



Standing poised to dribble balls down the court.

Canfield Basketball Camp  
(junior level)

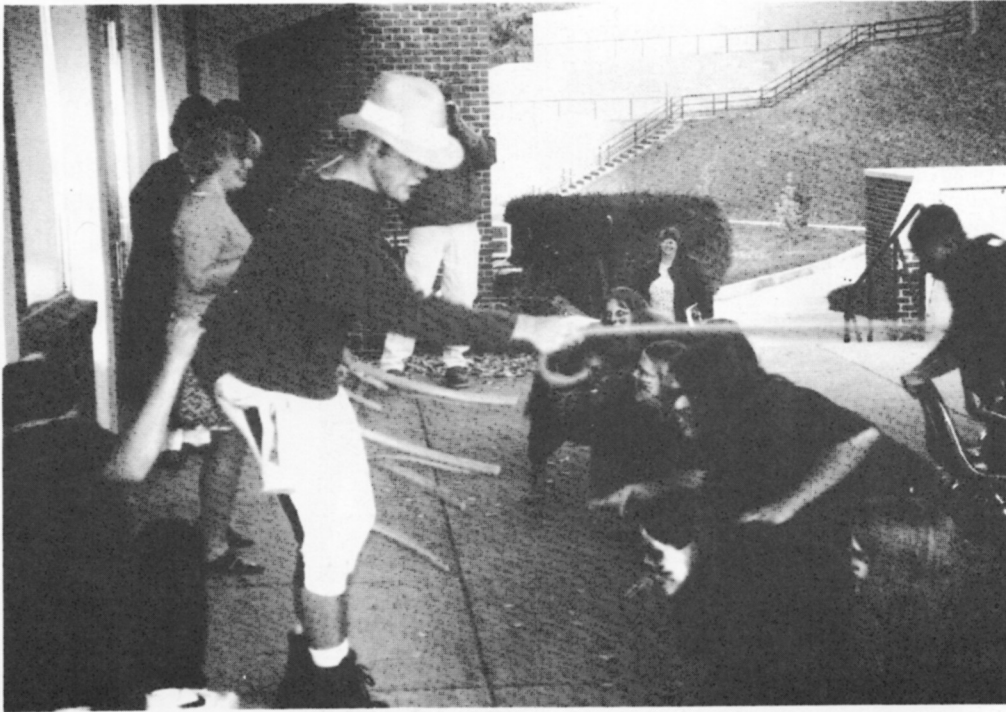


The camp is intended to  
improve basketball skills for  
all participants.





## Odds and Ends. . .



Jason Hall posing as a lion tamer during Spirit Week.



Do you remember the numerous snowfalls, especially the one during homegoing weekend? We thought we would not be going home. . .

## Notes and Autographs. . .



At this time we would like to recognize Dr. Panko for his undying efforts and dedication to VSDB as Superintendent.



# The Yearbook Committee



Left to Right: Torii Deaner, Junior McKinney, Nick Hintz, Donna Wait, LeShea Davis and Chris McCarty  
The yearbook committee do hope that you all enjoy the yearbook - it has taken us a while to select from hundreds of pictures, work on the layout and captions and do them all before the deadline! We have had to look for some misplaced items. too! And oh, we will miss the Seniors - Chris, LeShea, Hope, Greg and you do come and visit us often!  
-the committee