



THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

WVSD WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS!

Students and staff at the Secondary School for the Deaf are happy to welcome four new students this year!

CLARENCE ARTHUR

by Tammy Ennis

Clarence Arthur is 16 years old and from Kenova. He is a sophomore. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Arthur. His favorite subject in school is cabinetmaking. Clarence's hobbies are playing basketball and running.

MELORA BROCK

by Stephanie Smallwood

Melora Brock is from Morgantown. She is 15 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brock. She is a sophomore. She came to WVSD because she heard all about us from friends and liked what she heard.

"Mel's" favorite foods are nachos and tacos. She likes to read, watch TV, and write stories or poems during her free time.

LATASHA HACKETT

by Olivia Stuart

Latasha Hackett is a new student at West Virginia School for the Deaf. Latasha is a 16-year-old sophomore this year. She is the daughter of Ms. Betty Better of Falling Waters. Latasha enjoys talking to her new friends here at WVSD.

BRANDON HALL

by Olivia Stuart

Brandon Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hall, is from Clendenin, Kanawha County. His favorite class is photography. Brandon is in the 8th grade and enjoys swimming in his free time.

1995-96 Awards Luncheon

by Tammy Ennis

On June 13, 1996, all students and teachers went to Seaton Hall cafeteria for the annual Awards Luncheon. These awards honored students' achievements during the 1995-96 school year. The Marsha Ries Memorial Award, a \$100 Savings Bond, went to Salutatorian Joe Cosner. Mary Ennis and Joe Cosner were given American Legion Auxiliary Awards.

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New students (seated left to right): Mel Brock and Latasha Hackett.
Back row: Clarence Arthur and Brandon Hall.

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The Mountaineer Award - Leslie Jessie; Physical Fitness Award - Stephen Daniels; Buckskin Babe Award - Tracy Marcum.

Outstanding Citizen, 7-9th grades - Stephanie Smallwood/Leslie Jessie; 10-12th grades-Rebecca Yeater and Larry Runyon; SILSU - Charity Tucker.

Best All Around Student, 7-9th grades - Stephanie Smallwood/Leslie Jessie; 10-12th grades - Mary Ennis/Joe Cosner; SILSU - Charity Tucker.

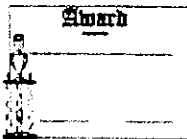
Speech Award - Mary Ennis, Amy Simons, and Rebecca Yeater, VFW Awards - Mary Ennis/Joe Cosner; Art Award - Daniel Cochran; Lair Award - Tammy Ennis.

Business Education Award - Tammy Ennis/Mary Ennis; Mathematics Award - Tim Garton and Rebecca Yeater; Photography Awards - Bill Wright, Tasha Goodrich, Tammy Ennis, and Josh Liller.

Science Awards - Jason Hanshaw, Josh Liller, Tammy Ennis, Rebecca Yeater, and Joe Cosner; Social Studies Award - Jason Wilson; Geography - Chris Mick and Olivia Stuart; WV History - Jason Hanshaw; U.S. History - Justin Catlett; World History - Josh Liller, Tammy Ennis, and Amy Simons; Consumer Topics - Mary Ennis; Joe Cosner - Consumer Economics and News. Special Olympics Awards - Tracy Marcum, Lennie Stamper, Michael Riggio, Joe Canterberry, Charity Tucker, Jeff Quimby, Jared Helsel, and April Dixon.

Quest Certificates - Chris Mick, Bill Wright, Ronald Lake, Olivia Stuart, and Stephanie Smallwood; Voice of Democracy - 1st place: Mary Ennis, 2nd place: Amy Simons, 3rd place: Rebecca Yeater; TI Rally - Amy Simons, Joshua Hartman, Jada Clark, Eric Crawford, Heather McKinney, Josh Liller, Ronnie McCraw, and Ila Baber.

Clothing/Sewing - Jada Clark, Eric Crawford, Justin Catlett, and Ronnie McCraw; Foods Class - Marcus Leake, Joanne Shaffer, Ronnie McCraw, Sylvia Adkins, Jared Helsel, Bill Wright,



Sherman Knight, Eric Crawford, and Betty Pack; Jr. NAD Award - Mary Ennis; and VICA/Spark Plug Award - Jada Clark.

GRADUATION '96

by Tammy Ennis

On June 14, 1996, nine WVSD seniors graduated and began new chapters of their lives. Valedictorian Mary Ennis gave a speech. The West Virginia Association for the Deaf gave United States Savings Bonds to Mary Ennis and Salutatorian Joe Cosner. The West Virginia Commission for the Hearing Impaired Executive Director Hubert Anderson presented a TDD to Rebecca Yeater. Superintendent Carpenter gave his farewell speech to WVSD.



King's Dominion

by Stephanie Smallwood

Early in June, during Deaf Awareness Weekend, some of the kids from WVSD went on a trip to King's Dominion. Some of our kids met other deaf kids that they knew from sports competitions. We spent all day at King's Dominion. All of us returned to the dorm with sunburns. We all enjoyed ourselves. We had a bunch of fun.

Coming back to Seaton Hall around midnight, we all were very worn out.

Optimist Speaking Contest

by Amy Simons and Heather McKinney

On June 7, Amy Simons, Rebecca Yeater, Heather McKinney, and chaperon

Sue Cosner went to Williamsburg, VA for a speaking contest sponsored by the Optimist Club and held at the Fort Magruder Inn. Mr. Hott, a member of the Optimist Club, met the group at WVSD and drove them to the Inn. On Saturday morning at the contest (held at the Inn), the girls signed in and selected a number. When her number was called, each girl went in to give her speech. The contestants who were waiting for their turn sat outside the conference room until their numbers were called. The members of the Optimist Club, the judges, and the contestants' families sat in the conference room. It was a very intense competition. All the contestants were deaf or hard-of-hearing. All the contestants, except our three girls, were from VA. Each contestant was given a trophy for his/her participation in the contest and later received a letter of congratulations from former president George Bush. After the contest, all the contestants were treated to a day at Busch Gardens.

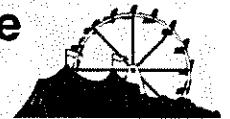
Summer School

by Olivia Stuart

This past summer, Dr. Pat Shank held summer school on our campus. The program, "Learning Science From A to Z", lasted for two weeks. In addition to classroom activities involving Newton's laws of motion, we went to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C., Rocky Gap to play around in the sun, and Hershey Park to learn how to measure gravity.

We would like to thank Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Sevigny, and all the other people who helped out with the program.







Hampshire Fair



by Olivia Stuart

On Thursday, August 29, Seaton Hall students went to the Hampshire County fair. We watched the parade, rode rides, ate good food, and played games. Almost everyone returned to school with a bag of cotton candy.

October 1996

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 VB (H) Flintstone 7 p.m.	2 FFA State Vo-Ag Judging Contest 2-4	3	4 Faculty Senate 	5
6 	7 VB (A) C. Bridge 5 p.m.	8 PVC Tourn. (A) at Franklin	9 PVC Tourn. (A) at Flintstone	10 VB (H) Oldtown 7 p.m.	11 VB Tourn. at MSD 11-12	12 Home- coming 
13	14 VB (H) C'ville 6 p.m. Columbus Day	15	16 VB (H) VSD, Del. Deaf 2 p.m.	17 	18	19
20 	21	22 VB (H) HHS JV 4:30 p.m.	23 VB (A) E. Hardy JV 6 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28 VB (H) C. Bridge 5 p.m. End 1st 9 Weeks	29 VB (A) Oldtown 7 p.m.	30	31 Halloween  Homegoing Nov. 1		

What is your goal to improve yourself this year?

by Stephanie Smallwood

Michael Sizemore, senior: To improve math and spelling skills and my attitude.

Chris Remsburg, junior: To improve art and mechanics skills.

Jeff Wright, sophomore: To improve golf and math skills.

Chris Mick, freshman: To improve my attitude and study more.

Jason Wilson, eighth grade: To improve sewing skills.

Sheena Smith, seventh grade: To stay on Level 4 and improve my school work.

Michael Riggio, ungraded: To improve cabinet-making skills.

Mrs. Baldwin: To always be there for the competitions and to support the teams.



Front row, left to right: Sylvia Adkins, Kristie Gillespie, Joanne Shaffer, Tabitha Keplinger, Sheena Smith. Second row, left to right: Melora Brock, Tressie Mitchell, Tammy Ennis, Latasha Hackett, Danielle Surber, Heather McKinney, and Olivia Stuart.

Volleyball

by Coach Kesler

The WVSD girls volleyball season opened on Sept. 4th against Moorefield. WVSD lost the first JV match 2 games to 1. WVSD also lost the varsity match 3 games to 1. After a week off (due to the flood), WVSD continued the season with matches against Paw Paw and Virginia School for the Deaf. WVSD lost at home against Paw Paw 2 games to 1 in the varsity match and 2 game to 0 in JV. In an away match against VSD, WVSD was beaten 2 games to 0. Individually, Tammy Ennis has served well for the varsity, although she struggled against VSD. Danielle Surber has also served well, especially in JV games. New student Melora Brock has stepped into a tough position on defense and is doing a good job. Kristie Gillespie has improved quickly on JV and has earned time on varsity. Hopefully, the girls will work harder as a team to improve their record.



R.T. Lake-14
Latasha Hackett-23
Stephanie Smallwood-24
Brandon Hall-30



Tressie Mitchell-5
Charity Tucker-16
Ben Mellott-18
Heather McKinney-20
Doug Martin-29

Welcome, Seventh Graders!



Seventh grade Skills for Adolescence (Quest) students, left to right: Danielle Surber, Kristie Gillespie, Tabitha Keplinger, Barbara Hadley, and Sheena Smith.

Club Clips

FFA

Future Farmers of America officers for 1996-97:
President: Tressie Mitchell
Vice President: Tammy Ennis
Secretary: Heather McKinney
Treasurer: Jason Hanshaw
Sentinel: Chris Remsburg

JR. NAD

Junior National Association for the Deaf officers for 1996-97:
President: Tasha Goodrich
Vice President: Tammy Ennis
Secretary: Stephanie Smallwood
Treasurer: Josh Liller
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tressie Mitchell

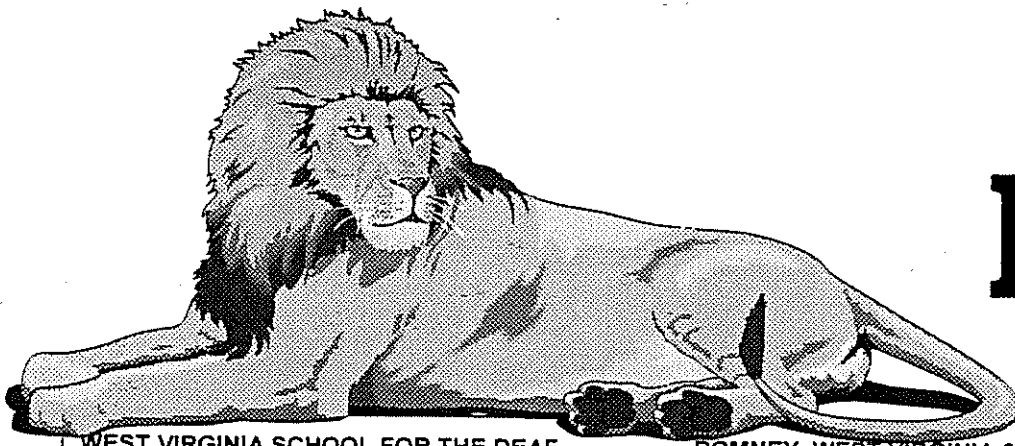
ATTENTION SENIORS! (And Their Parents!)

West Virginia Wesleyan College is hosting "Preview Day" on Saturday, October 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Buckhannon campus. This day is set aside especially for seniors and their parents to come and take a look at the college. For reservations call 1-800-722-9933.



Students from the elementary school, secondary school for the deaf, and the blind school went on a science field trip to Mill Creek. We went to Mill Creek to find out what lives in the water. We found bugs, fish, and crayfish. After we looked at the things we found, we let them loose. As we pulled out, the bus got stuck in the ditch. We called the school. The van came to pick us up.

(Story by Olivia Stuart; photo by Tammy Ennis)



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HOMECOMING - SPIRIT WEEK

Homecoming Court by Amy Simons

On October 7 at 11:45 the students gathered in the MPR for the announcement of the 1996-97 Homecoming Court. Mrs. Sue Staley announced the winners, starting with the ungraded class: princess, April Dixon; prince, Michael Riggio. Seventh grade princess, Sheena Smith. Eighth grade princess, Sylvia Adkins; prince, Jason Wilson. Ninth grade princess, Stephanie Smallwood; prince, Chris Mick. Tenth grade princess, Melora Brock; prince, Doug Martin.

Eleventh grade princess, Tammy Ennis; prince, Stephen Daniels. Senior princess, Amy Simons; prince, Sherman Knight. Senior queen, Heather McKinney; king, Joshua Liller.

After pictures were taken, the queen and king led the procession to Seaton Hall cafeteria for a luncheon in their honor. The royalty and court sat at a long table decorated with an autumn theme.

The cooks served turkey, wheat bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, and pumpkin pie.

Spirit Week by Olivia Stuart

The second week in October was spirit week at WVSD.

On Monday, all the staff and students dressed up for Dress Up day. We wore our best clothes to see who would be crowned as the homecoming queen and king.

On Tuesday, we wore our clothes backwards for Backwards day.

Wednesday was the traditional Blue and Gold day. Everybody was dressed up in blue and gold. In the afternoon, all the classes did a skit, dance, or a play to show their spirit.

Monticello by Mel Brock

Monticello, which means little mountain in Italian, is often described as one of the foremost architectural masterpieces in the United States. Monticello is located in Charlottesville, VA. It is the home of one of the most familiar political figures in our United States history, Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson inherited this land when he was fourteen and began the construction of Monticello in 1769. He designed the house, the landscape, and the gardens. He also bought the furniture and the art pieces himself.

Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia on April 13, 1743, and he died on July 4, 1826. Among his many achievements and offices, he is most remembered for writing the Declaration of Independence, fulfilling the office of vice president under John Adams (the second president of the United States), and serving as the third President for two terms.

Our school decided to take a fall trip to Monticello this

year. Under the supervision of Mrs. Davy, we were able to raise money by selling hoagies and asking each student to bring ten dollars. Also, Mrs. Wysopal's FHA club offered to pay half of the ticket money to visit Monticello.

The students woke up very early in the morning to make the four hour trip to Monticello. We arrived around noon. We separated into four groups and toured the grounds and the house with wonderful tour guides. Our tour lasted for two hours. After the tour, we went to the gift shop. Before we arrived in Romney, we stopped for dinner at Ponderosa in Winchester.

NOTICE

Due to a darkroom equipment breakdown, we were unable to include any photos in this month's Lions' Tale. We plan to publish these pictures in the December issue.

Former Student Visits WVSD

by Tammy Ennis and Stephanie Smallwood

Former student John Lott (class of '88) came to WVSD during Homecoming Week. Mrs. Dodgins asked him to come to our journalism class to talk about his life. John lives in Los Altos, California and is a manager at a Target store (like Wal-Mart).

John's favorite class at WVSD was photography, but he also had a strong interest in electronics. When he moved to California, he wanted to work in the field of electronics. Because of an eye problem, the doctors advised him to do something else. John went to VR for help. He got tired of waiting for his VR counselor and started putting in applications at different places. He was hired by Target.

John didn't start out as a manager. He had to work his way up. One of John's first jobs was as a dockman. He worked at this job for a short time, but he found out he really needed to be able to use the telephone to order things. The company didn't have a TTY, so they transferred John to another department. His boss noticed that he was doing a good job, so John was promoted. John, in his position as manager, is responsible for three departments. His duties include ordering, taking inventory, and supervising employees. He also works with computers.

John said that Mrs. Wysopal's senior "co-op" class helped prepare him for filling out applications and going on job interviews in California. Also, former WVSD teacher Marian (Aiken) Forderer, who moved to California a number of years ago, has been a big help to John.

John advised students to finish school and go to college or get a job; do not be lazy and live on Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Support yourself by working. Don't follow the wrong group of people, and don't drink and drive.

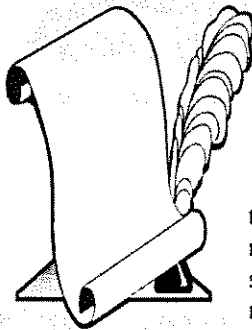


Clarence Arthur - 2
Sam McCraw - 13

PEN PALS

by Stephanie Smallwood

On September 25, eighteen WVSD students went to Potomac State College to visit Mrs. Heare's sign language class.



WVSD students with opportunities to practice their reading and writing skills. We talked about school, how many kids they had, and what their plans are for the week. We were supposed to leave at nine p.m., but everyone was so busy chatting with each other. We realized it was 9:15, so we hurried back to the dorm. We were lucky to arrive on time.

On October 16, PSC students traveled to Romney to visit our school. WVSD students were tour guides for their pen pals. When the tour was finished, all the students returned to Mrs. Heare's classroom for a slide presentation of our school's history. The college students said they enjoyed touring our beautiful campus and learned a lot about the West Virginia School for the Deaf. We will hopefully travel to Potomac State again in November.

Correction

We inadvertently omitted Amy Simons' name from the 95-96 Awards Luncheon article in the Sept. 30 Lions' Tale. Amy received the Librarian's Award for reading the most books. Mrs. Czernicki, librarian, presented Amy with a t-shirt which states, "So many books... so little time!"



CLUB CLIPS

by Stephanie Smallwood

FFA

Members who recently went to Morgantown stood up and talked about their trip. Club officers discussed future activities and the need to pay dues on time. Last spring, some of the students talked about successes and the things that need improvement. Mr. Leatherman came up with a suggestion of how to improve some of those things. Mr. Leatherman discussed plans for a new aquaculture program for WVSD's agriculture curriculum.

FFA Trip

The WVSD chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) was not able to participate in this year's State Vo-ag Judging Contest, but several members and two sponsors went to Morgantown on Oct. 2-3 to observe different contests in preparation for next year.

While at WVU, members rode the PRT and visited the WVU experimental farm and greenhouse. The group spent the night at Camp Dawson, in Kingwood, where they learned about some army things and rode in artillery vehicles. Members and sponsors also visited with Justin Catlett who is in the Challenge Program at Camp Dawson.

Students who went on the trip were Latasha Hackett, R. T. Lake, Marcus Leake, Lennie Stamper, Damron Walton, and Bill Wright.






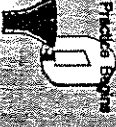



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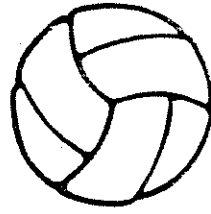
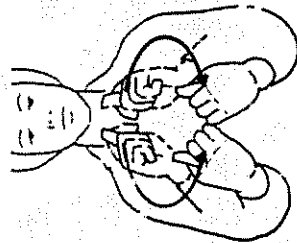
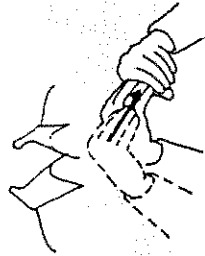
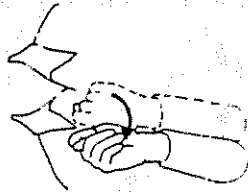
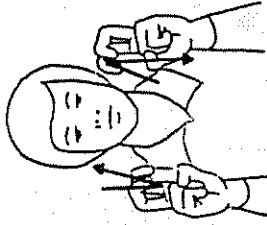
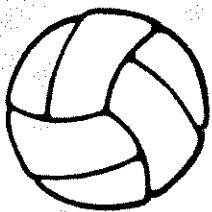
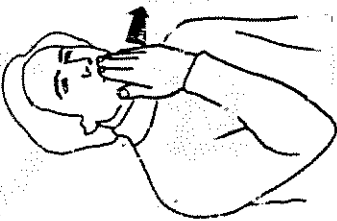
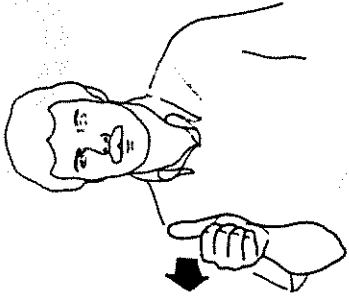
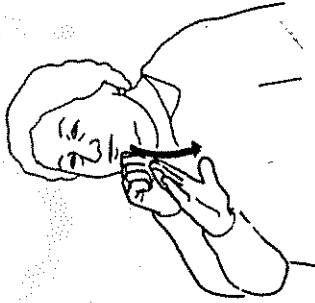
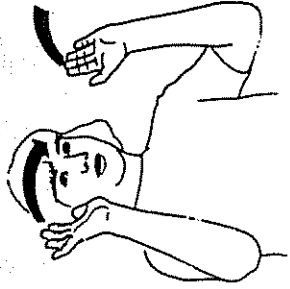
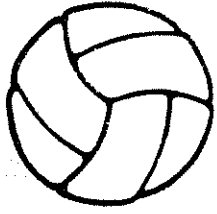
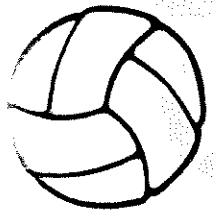
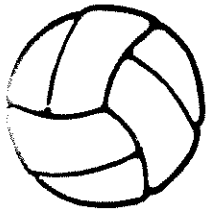
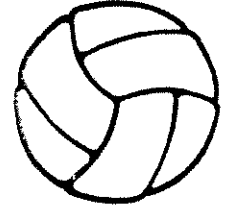
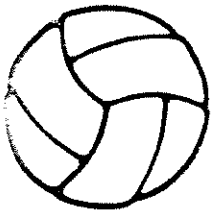
The golf club met outside the multipurpose room. Members hit plastic practice balls around the lawn between the gym and sidewalk.

VICA

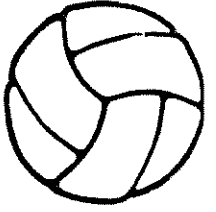
President - Josh Liller
Vice President - Chris Mick
Secretary - Stephanie Smallwood
Treasurer - Danielle Surber
Reporter - Ronald Lake
Sergeant-at-arms - Michael Sizemore and Damron Walton

November 1996

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						<p>① ESQA VB Tour WPSD 1-3</p> 	<p>2 State Cross Country Meet Deits and Egan College Good Luck Josh Levy</p> 
3						<p>7 VBA Paw Paw WPSD Berkley 6 p.m.</p> 	9
			5			<p>8 Monday Admitted to the Union (1897)</p> 	<p>16 Questions Admitted to the Union (1897)</p>
							<p>23</p>
10		<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	12				<p>15</p>
		<p>17 Girls BB Practice Begins</p>	<p>18 Boys BB Practice Begins</p> 				<p>22</p> 
			19				<p>29</p> 
			20				<p>30 Sandra Layhorne Clemens (MAY 1985)</p>
24		<p>25 Thanksgiving Break 25-29 Students Return Dec. 1</p>	26	27	28	<p>28 Thanksgiving</p> 	



Good Luck Ladies' Volleyball Team
in the Tournament!



SPORTS SCENE

Students Participate In Hampshire County Sports by Mr. Seigny

With permission from the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission last spring, we are finding several of our students participating in sports at Romney Junior High School and at Hampshire High School. These particular sports are not offered at our school.

Since Cross Country practice started at Hampshire High School on August 19, Josh Liller has been driving to practice faithfully in his love bug everyday. To date, he has participated in



8 meets. Josh has placed 3rd twice and 4th five times for his team. You have to understand that the first five runners of the same team that cross the finishing line count toward the team points.

This means that in every meet, Josh has contributed to the team score. Not bad for a boy who has not participated in varsity athletics. Recently, Leslie Jessie joined the team. He must have at least twelve days of practice before he can participate in a meet. We are looking forward to this duo giving a good show.

In football, we find Daniel Cochran and Marcus Leake at Romney Junior High. Daniel is out for the season due to a non-related football injury and Marcus has been out for a week due to a football injury. He should be back by next week. Marcus has played for two quarters on defense during the 7th and 8th graders' victory over Petersburg.

Stephen Daniels and Jason Hanshaw are doing very well and are happy with their team at Hampshire High School. Stephen has managed to play sporadically on the kickoff return team. During a recent Junior Varsity victory over Hedgesville, he played defense and was near the top of the tackling list. They are very lucky to have a coach who can fingerspell.



Volleyball

by Tammy Ennis

Earlier in the year, twelve girls signed up for volleyball. The girls were eager to form a team and play! We went to the Delaware School for the Deaf. Our JV and varsity teams defeated them easily. This is DSD's first year to have a volleyball team. We played against Capon Bridge. Our JV team won, but the varsity team lost. At the Potomac Valley Conference tournament, we played against Moorefield. They beat us. We went to the Maryland School for the Deaf for a tournament. We placed third out of four teams. Heather McKinney got an All Star award.

On the 16th, WVSD hosted a tri-match. The Delaware School for the Deaf and WVSD played the first match with WVSD winning 2 games to 0. Tammy Ennis lead WVSD with 14 service points. In the second match DSD defeated Virginia School for the Deaf 2 games to 1. In the third and final match, WVSD defeated Virginia 2 games to 1. Danielle Surber led WVSD in service points with 10. Hopefully, the tri-match between the three schools will become an annual event..

On Nov. 1-3, we're going to the Western PA School for the Deaf for the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament.

SURVEY:

If you were elected president of the United States, what would you change about the country?

by Olivia Stuart

Amy Simons, senior: I would change the way the government is corrupt and get rid of poverty. I would also change schools' attitudes toward people with disabilities.

Jason Hanshaw, junior: I would get rid of taxes.

Mel Brock, sophomore: I would support gay marriages.

R.T. Lake, freshman: I would try to stop crime.

Marcus Leake, eighth grade: I would try to stop kids from using drugs.

Tabitha Keplinger, seventh grade: I would add more deaf schools.

Jeff Quimby, ungraded: I would change education.

Mr. Farris: I would try to get out of debt.

VARSITY

Moorefield	1-3 (L)
Paw Paw	1-2 (L)
Virginia Deaf	0-2 (L)
HHS JV	1-3 (L)
Circleville	0-3 (L)
East Hardy	0-3 (L)
Flintstone	0-2 (L)
Delaware Deaf	3-0 (W)
Flintstone	0-3 (L)
Capon Bridge	1-2 (L)
Moorefield	1-2 (L)
Oldtown	1-2 (L)
Circleville	0-2 (L)
Del. Deaf/VA Deaf	2-0 (W)
HHS JV	2-1 (W)
E. Hardy JV	1-2 (L)
E. Hardy JV	0-3 (L)

Paw Paw	0-3 (L)
Capon Bridge	1-2 (L)
Oldtown	0-2 (L)

JUNIOR VARSITY

Moorefield	1-2 (L)
Paw Paw	0-2 (L)
Circleville	0-2 (L)
Flintstone	0-3 (L)
Delaware Deaf	2-0 (W)
Flintstone	1-1 (Tie)
Capon Bridge	2-0 (W)
Oldtown	1-2 (L)
Circleville	0-3 (L)
E. Hardy	1-0 (W)
Paw Paw	0-2 (L)
Capon Bridge	2-0 (W)
Oldtown	1-2 (L)

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS

Who Ate My Fingers?

by Stephanie Smallwood

One day a man and three kids went out to do some work. One of the kids fell in the well. The other two tried to help, but couldn't get him. So that kid was stuck in the well and died in the well.

Then the family moved out. They sold their house to newlyweds. The husband went out to dig the soil to make a garden. He came to an area that had a lot of bones. He also saw some food down there and wanted to see if it was still good. He took some home. He didn't know it was the kid's body.

Supper came. They had french fries with some other vegetables. Then it was bed time. They were going to bed when they noticed one of the beds with a ghost boy on it saying, "Who ate my fingers? Who ate my fingers? Whoever ate them will be sorry!" So they got scared and packed up their things and moved out. They sold their house to another family.

A few days later, that family moved out, because the same thing happened. Only this time, the boy said, "Who ate my legs?" So many years have passed. That old house is all alone with no one to keep it and the boy company.

Untitled

by Melora Brock

The old woman glanced at the calendar. It was almost October the 31st. She would have to get some candy, but not now. It was dark, and who knows what evil lurks at night?

The old woman walked through the aisles picking the candy that the evil spirits seemed to like- sour gumballs and assorted candy bars. After a bit of thinking, she bought razor blades, apples, and assorted poisons like arsenic and cyanide.

When she got home, she took the sourballs and rolled them in the arsenic powder and put five in each bag. She opened up each pack of Rolos and injected some liquid poison. She put a bar in a few bags.

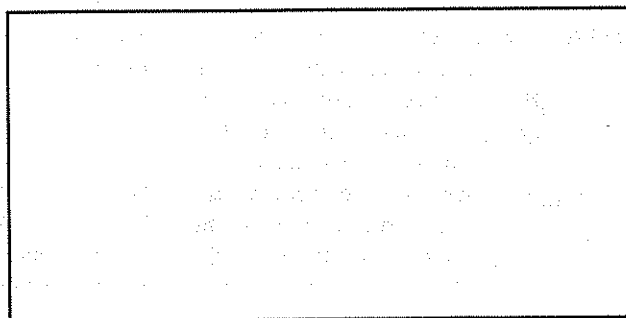
Later, she made caramel apples and shoved a few razor blades in each one. She made the caramel and dumped the entire bottle of cyanide in the mixture. Then she dipped each apple in and individually wrapped them. If the apples didn't kill the spirits, nothing would.

Since childhood, this old woman had been told by her superstitious parents, that every Halloween, the demons of the underworld dressed up and asked for candy from the mortals. If someone didn't give them candy, then the spirits would kill them. But this Halloween, she would kill them, so she would not have to go through the terror every year.

She settled into her chair. She was ready.

The doorbell rang. She grabbed the armrest and pulled herself up. She rushed to the door, because demons get really mad if one takes her time. She opened it and saw the demons in the shapes of a fairy, mummy, and Zorro. She quickly gave each demon a bag and shut the door. Many demons came, but by nine thirty, no more evil rang her bell.

At ten o'clock, she heard an ambulance. She looked out. The ambulance stopped in front of the house across the street. Two young children were being carried out. The woman cried out. Those children were very nice. Their family must have forgotten about Halloween, and those demons must have hurt their children. She promised herself that she would always kill those demons. For as long as she lived, she would avenge those poor defenseless children.



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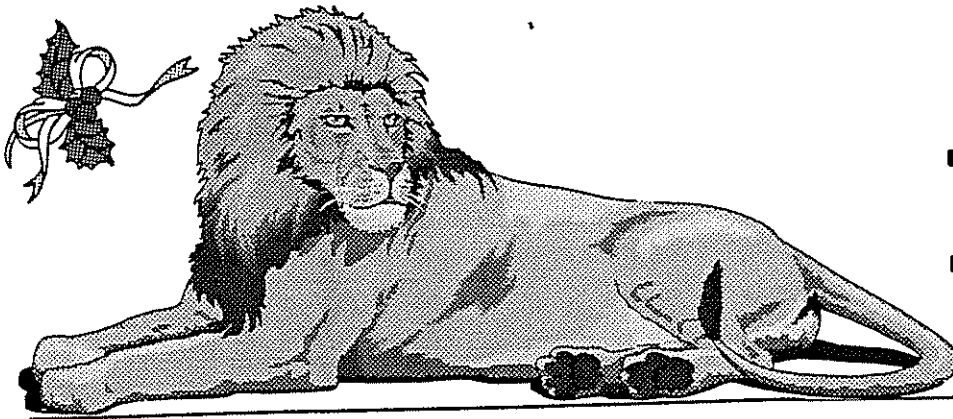
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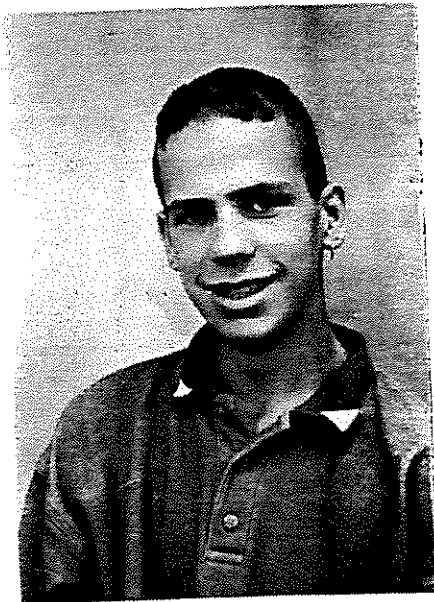
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New Student From Charleston Area



Jeremiah Hall

by Tasha Goodrich

Jeremiah Lear Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hall, is from Clendenin, Kanawha County. Jeremiah decided to transfer from Capitol High, because he wanted to make new friends and get a better education. The sixteen-year-old sophomore enjoys playing basketball. His others interests include karate and wrestling. His favorite classes are photography and cabinetmaking. Jeremiah's favorite foods are pizza, grilled chicken, and any dessert that is chocolate.

*Experience is a hard teacher
because she gives the test first
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A HONOR ROLL

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Art and vo-ag students gather greenery from Mrs. McBride's farm to decorate the Administration Building.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

The first nine weeks of school are a part of history now. Those students who did not get the grades they wanted still have the opportunity to improve by the end of the first semester on January 23, 1997.

Five students participated in sports with Hampshire County schools for the first time. Marcus Leake and Daniel Cochran played football at Romney Junior High School. Jason Hanshaw and Stephen Daniels played football at Hampshire High School. Josh Liller ran cross-country at Hampshire and went to state competition with that school.

There were some disruptions, such as the flood in early September, but school and school activities continued with students and staff being very busy. The Homecoming activities and Spirit Week were great, and several staff members contributed to the successes. All classes prepared for the school trip to Monticello and had follow-up discussions upon return. FFA students went to Morgantown in early October. Staff members had a refresher first aid class and several had IEP updates. On November first, the Superintendent of Hampshire County Schools gave a presentation to our staff on the school-to-work concept of Senate Bill 300. Two meetings of the School Improvement Council have been held, with the third planned for December 16 in Seaton Hall. Two students and Mrs. Dodgins traveled to NC to attend the national convention of the Junior National Association for the Deaf. Several students and two staff members visited a commercial fish production center in preparation for our small fish rearing program funded by the State Department of Education. Seniors from both WVSD and WWSB hosted the annual Christmas Tea at the Superintendent's apartment complex for all students and staff on December 17. All of these activities are important to the students directly or indirectly. Staff members at WVSD extend beyond the typical classroom teachers and permit students to learn in clubs, activities, competitions, and community service.

Girls' volleyball season has ended

and both girls' and boys' basketball season begins. The girls' volleyball team competed in the ESDAA tournament at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at Pittsburgh. We will host the girls' basketball tournament on February 5-9. There will be nine schools participating in this ESDAA tournament on our campus. The boys' basketball team will travel to Vermont for their ESDAA tournament on Feb 20-23.

The new calendar year will see committees established to work on various elements of Senate Bill 300 in preparation for changes next year. Final changes will depend on the results of statewide meetings and policy changes.

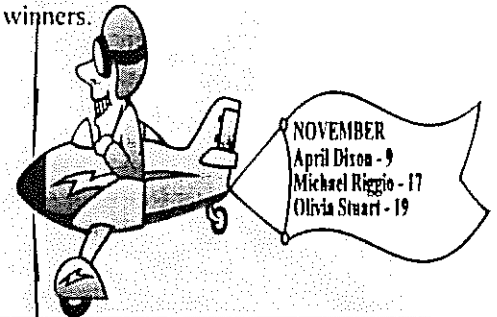
WVSD Holds Mock Election

by Melora Brock and Amy Simons

On October 31, students went to the MPR to participate in a mock election and for the reading of two students' Voice of Democracy speeches. Mr. Bill Clinton

was elected President, and Ms. Charlotte Pritt was elected Governor.

During the counting of the votes, Amy Simons and Melora Brock read the speeches they would be giving for the Voice of Democracy competition. The Voice of Democracy is a nationwide patriotic contest open to all students in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. Participants have three to five minutes in which to give their speech. Each person uses his/her own opinions about our democratic government. Each year, the American Legion sponsors this contest. Participants are given a theme or title to use. This year's theme was "Above and Beyond." The West Virginia School for the Deaf participated in this contest for the first time. The winners were Amy Simons, first place and Melora Brock, second place. Amy took first place in the regional contest. She will now go on to the state competition. On December 15, she traveled to Clarksburg for a banquet honoring all the first place regional winners.



Senior Tasha Goodrich and eighth grader Brandon Hall mark their ballots during WVSD's mock election on October 31. Photo by Josh Liller

School Improvement Council Meeting

by Amy Simons

The 1996-97 School Improvement Council held its first meeting on October 28. Those present at the meeting were Mr. Dan Haught, principal; Mr. Lawrence Foley, The Bank of Romney; Amy Simons, student; Mrs. Jan Dodgins, teacher; Mr. J.D. Corbin, Director of Student Living; Mr. Bill Kesler, Faculty Senate President; Mrs. Vivian Cochran, parent; and Mrs. Shirley Davy, teachers' aide. Mr. Herb Adrian was unable to attend. Mr. Haught presided at the meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the meeting:

The State Board selected Mrs. Jane McBride as interim superintendent. Mr. Dan Haught says it will probably be spring before a new superintendent is selected.

Senate Bill 300 - The school to work transition grant was not approved by the senate.

Mr. Haught said we have secure vocational funding for the '97-'98 school year. After that, we don't know how much we will have. The governors of each state will receive all fundings for their state and distribute as they see fit. Also, we discussed what to do after Mr. John Deuel retires this year. Should we keep drycleaning or start a new vocational area?

Mrs. Cochran asked if WVSD students take the SAT (HI) or the regular SAT. Mr. Haught said the students here take the regular SAT, but it is normed for HI students. We use the 8th edition, which is the same as public schools. This year however, the public schools are using the new 9th edition. We will stay with the 8th edition.

Also, Mrs. Cochran talked to some parents of day students about a PTO. She didn't receive much enthusiasm. She feels it will be harder to involve parents of residential students who live far away. If you have any suggestions about the PTO, please contact Mrs. Vivian Cochran at 822-7270.

Mr. Leatherman wants to start a fish hatchery program on campus. He has already been awarded the grant money. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The main issue of the meeting centered around students who take classes and participate in sports at HHS and RJHS. The students do not have certified interpreters due to the lack of applicants. Advertisements have been placed in the newspapers, but there have been no responses. Right now, two teachers' aides are interpreting during classes, and Mrs. Cochran has been interpreting for two students during football practices and games at RJHS.

IN MEMORY

MAMMY, WHITE LABORATORY RAT

OCTOBER 1992- NOVEMBER 1994

by Mr. Engelman

Mammy, famous female rat, friend, mother, and teacher of many, crossed the river on November 18, 1996 at 11:38 a.m. She did not succumb alone.

Mammy began her long and distinguished life at Petland in the Country Club Mall in LaVale, MD. The WVSD FFA chapter acquired her contract when she was 6-8 weeks old. Mammy's life spanned two average rat lives, as rats live from 1-2 years in captivity, according to the reference books we read.

Soon after Mammy accepted her position at WVSD, she blessed the FFA with a family. It was her one and only performance as a mother, but because of her remarkable mothering skills and her friendliness, she was forever called "Mammy" (signed mother).

Mammy loved to be with people. She eagerly accepted being handled and enjoyed many rides around the school on people's shoulders.

Mammy was the hit attraction at the 1995 Hampshire Heritage Days FFA petting zoo. She had her picture taken that day with many children.

Mammy leaves behind three generations of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We want to thank Mammy for the many days of her unconditional company, for the learning experiences, and the pleasure she gave us.

We will miss you Mammy, good and faithful friend. Mammy's remains gently rest on the WVSD campus.

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Agriculture And Science Students Visit Fish Farm

by Mr. Leatherman

On November 13 and 14 agriculture and science classes traveled to Beckley to visit a large fish farm, Min Aqua Farms. It was started by an agriculture education teacher, a Canadian aquaculturist, and a farmer, with financial support from a coal mining company. Coal companies are required by the Federal Government to clean the sulfur and iron out of water draining from abandoned mines before it goes into streams. The agriculture teacher devised a method for cleaning the water while accomplishing fish production, which the coal company has supported.

During the tour of the facility, students learned that the water is directed to a tower, which, through a series of baffles and other devices, removes the iron, sulfur, and nitrogen from the water. At the same time, oxygen is added. The water then goes in the growing facility, where it flows through, providing an environment for the fish, then goes out the other end, and through a wetland, to clean the water again.

The main kind of fish Min Aqua Farms raises is rainbow trout. They also raise Arctic chard, a fish that comes from the Arctic Circle. In the future they may also raise salmon.

The hatchery consists of two refrigerated rooms on one end. From there the fry (recently hatched fish) are moved to larger tanks (440 gal.) and kept there until they reach a certain size. Then they are separated into other tanks of the same size. They grow there for awhile, then are moved to very large, tall tanks (4,000-5,000 gal.). Near the time they are harvested, they are moved to large, shallow tanks (2,000-3,000 gal.), which are along the walls. They are herded to the outer wall side of the tank, then scooped out, and into a truck for shipment to a processing facility. We observed the transfer of fish from the tank to the shipping truck. Min Aqua Farms receives \$1.50 per pound of fish, which, after processing, sell at the market for \$5.00 to \$6.00 a pound.

The Min Aqua facility is the first of its kind, with eleven more being planned for the future. They are considering integrating a hydroponics system into future facilities, which would be used instead of the wetlands to provide the final cleaning of the water. Both wetlands and hydroponics remove fish manure, which contains plant food elements.

The workers, while in training, work 35 hours a week and attend training classes for 10 hours a week. They are paid for 40 hours and attend class for 5 hours of their own time. The beginning pay is \$7.00 an hour while training, and increases after training is completed.

When asked what the most important skills a person needs to work there, the reply was, "A desire and love of animal husbandry, plus arithmetic skills." When asked what they wanted us, the teachers, to emphasize, the answer was, "Arithmetic, use of the metric system, knowledge of water management, oxygen manipulation, feed- to-weight gain conversion, and feed-to-waste conversion."

Students wrote stories about the field trip for class (see box at right for excerpts from some of their stories).

Students' comments about the field trip to Min Aqua Farms

When we arrived at Beckley, we had to drive on a long country road and way up in the mountains to get to the aquaculture building. It was very, very cold inside. Our guide said that every time you use the net to pick up dead fish or anything else related to picking up fish, you must always rinse the net in a bucket of iodine and other chemicals. Why? To protect the fish from diseases. He said if one fish gets germs, the whole tank of fish will get the germs and die.

Stephanie Smallwood

They have to clean the tanks often. First, they use a net to catch the dead fish, then they carry out the waste and put it in a "transport truck". When the fish die in the tank, the workers have to cut them into pieces and throw the remains around on the grass, so the dead fish don't go to waste.

Jason Hanshaw

Our guide showed us two kinds of fish: rainbow trout and Arctic chard. Arctic chard live in the North Pole, where there is no sun. Both types of fish are large.

Chris Remsburg

Min Aqua Farms just started their business last June. The Arctic chard are kept in the dark, but have a special light called a "safelight," just like the special lights in the photography darkroom. The Arctic chard keep their mouths above water, I guess they need some oxygen.

Heather McKinney

Laughter is inner jogging



CLASS COMMENTS

Agriculture Education by Mr. Leatherman

The Agriculture and Science departments are working together to introduce a new vocational program to the school. "Aquaculture" is the art, science and business of cultivating plants and animals in water. We have received a grant from the state legislature in the amount of \$6,589, with matching funds in the amount of \$1,500 from our vocational program to introduce aquaculture into our vocational program. The state legislature is promoting aquaculture as a developing industry in the state. Our state has a lot of fresh water resources that are well suited for cold water fish production.

We are presently waiting for the bids to come back so we can order the equipment we need. We are also in the process of remodeling the greenhouse preparation room as the place to establish the program. If any students are interested in working after school remodeling the prep room, please let me know. We hope to be able to raise both cold water and warm water species of fish. The first fish we will raise is Tilapia, a tropical fresh water fish native to Africa. The Egyptians raised Tilapia over 2,000 years ago. Mineral County FFA will donate the Tilapia fry (a young fish, only 2.5 cm when it hatches) to start our program.

MATH

by Mr. Mals

Most of the students in my classes prefer to play Department Store Math. This is a board game in which they have to learn how to deal with money, purchasing and making change. The student with the most money is the winner. Sorry, no credit cards are allowed!

Sometimes the students play the 24 Game Primer (Add/Subtract Edition). It is a fast and fun way to learn addition and subtraction math skills and it is also great way to sharpen these skills. Sorry, no fingers allowed!

There is another "24 Game" (Single Digits Edition) for all the operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). And, there is another "24 Game"

edition for fractions. It encourages students to drill and to think how to reach the target number. Excitement builds as players compete for the same card. Practice makes perfect!

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler

7TH GRADE: World Geography students are working on regions of the United States.

8TH GRADE: West Virginia History students are studying the geography of the state. They are labeling boundaries and neighboring states, scenic wonders, state parks, and unusual places of interest.

9TH GRADE: The students are studying about the conflict between the colonies and Great Britain up to 1775.

10TH GRADE: Students are studying World War I and another group is studying about ancient China.

11TH GRADE: The juniors are studying about the Roaring Twenties, the peaceful time between the World Wars, and the changing role of America.

HAUNTED HOUSE

by Tasha Lynette Goodrich

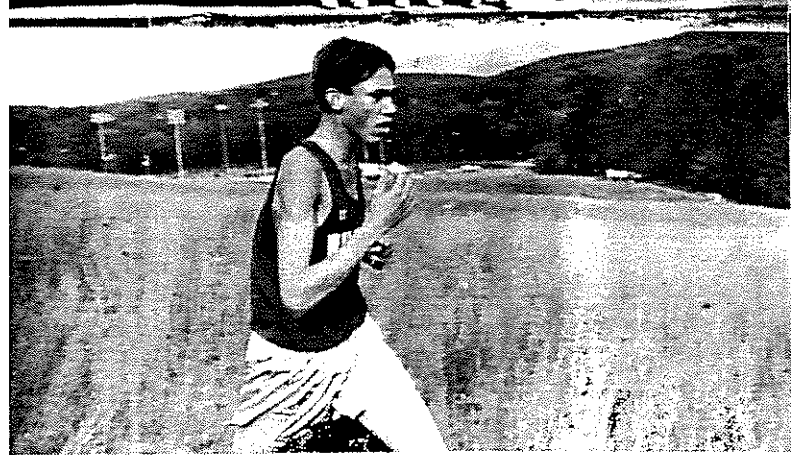
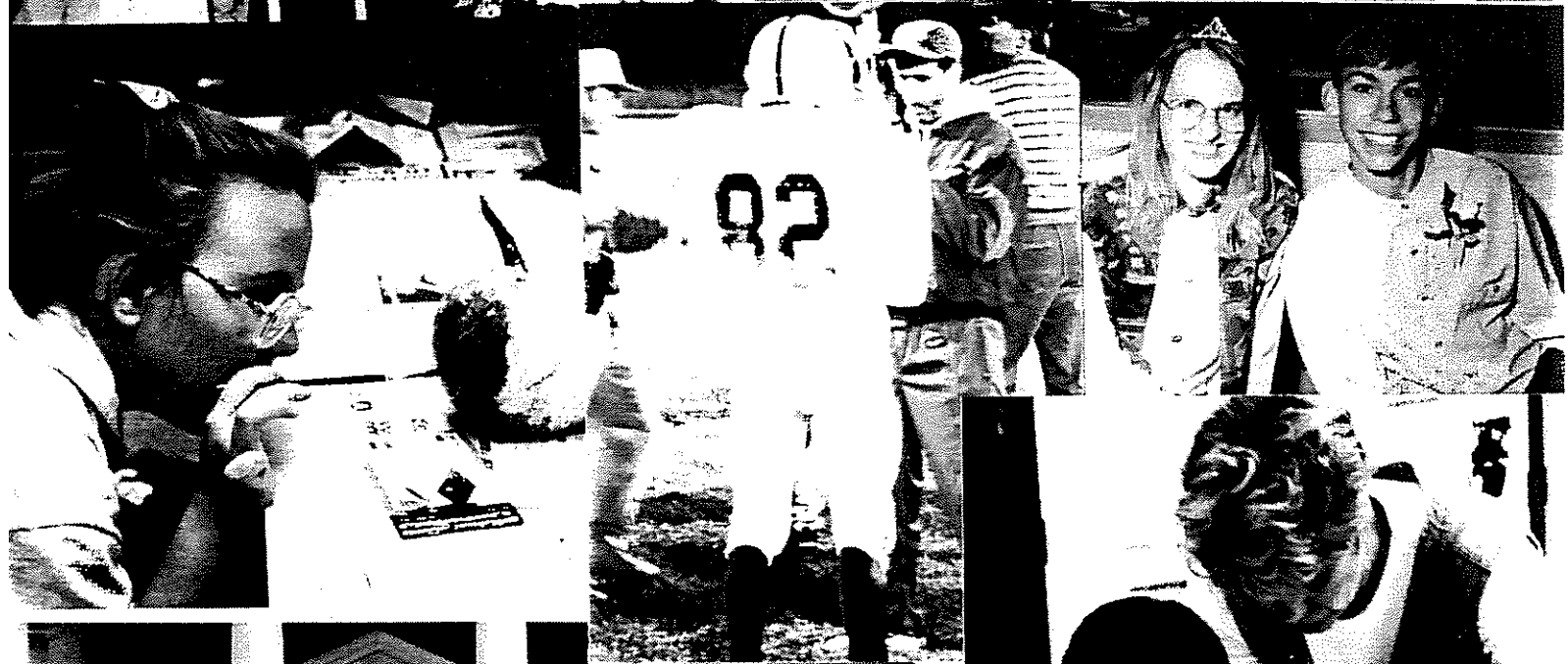
After working on the haunted house for one month and deciding what each senior member wanted to be, the Halloween party on October 31 was a success. During the party in the rec room, the following students helped create the haunted atmosphere:

Tasha Goodrich, vampire; Mr. Corbin, scientist; Rommie McCraw, scientist's head; Tammy Ennis, maniac; Josh Liller, ghost; Tressie Mitchell, crazy woman in a cage; Heather McKinney, mummy; and Amy Simons, fortune teller.

Working on the haunted house for one month brought the senior class members a lot closer. We want to thank Mr. Barry Nealis, Miss Becky Nealis, Mrs. Christy Sevigny, Mr. Mike Surber, and Tammy Ennis for helping us with the haunted house. If it hadn't been for your help, we wouldn't have successfully finished the haunted house on time. (Photo below by Mrs. Christie Sevigny.)



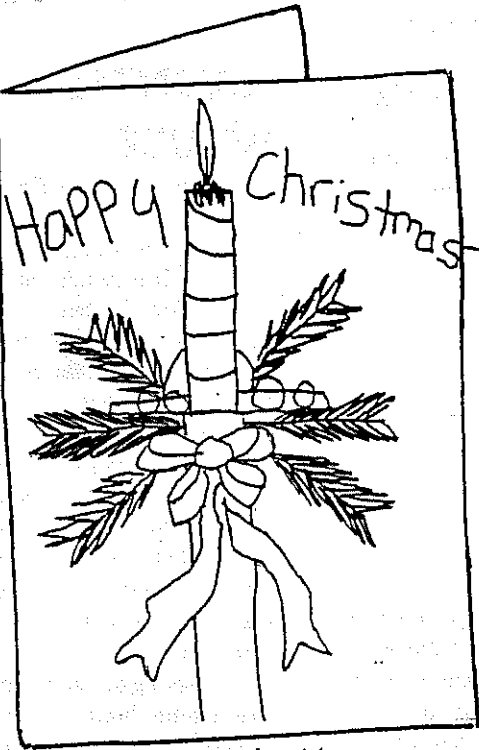
One of the ghouls Halloween party goers passed as they went through the Haunted House was Mr. Jones (Josh Liller). As you can see, he looks pretty good for someone who's been dead for 93 years!



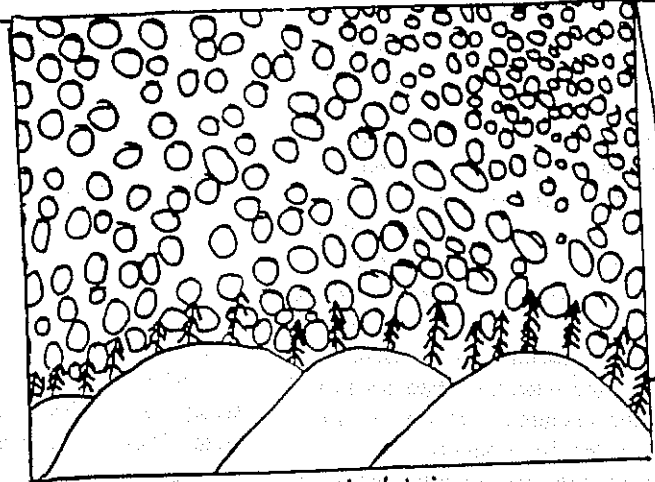
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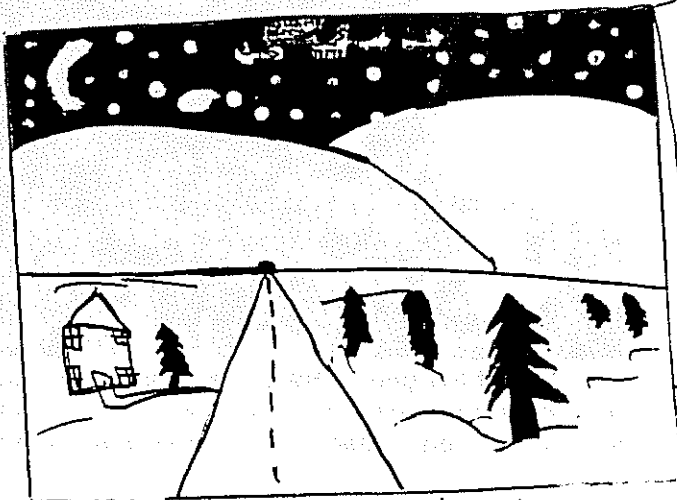
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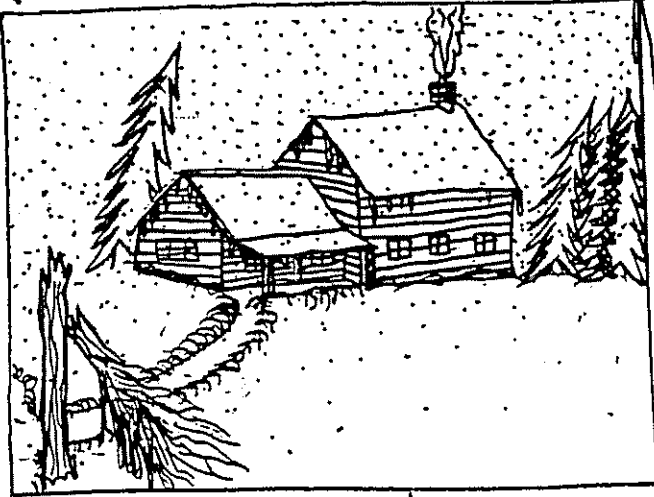
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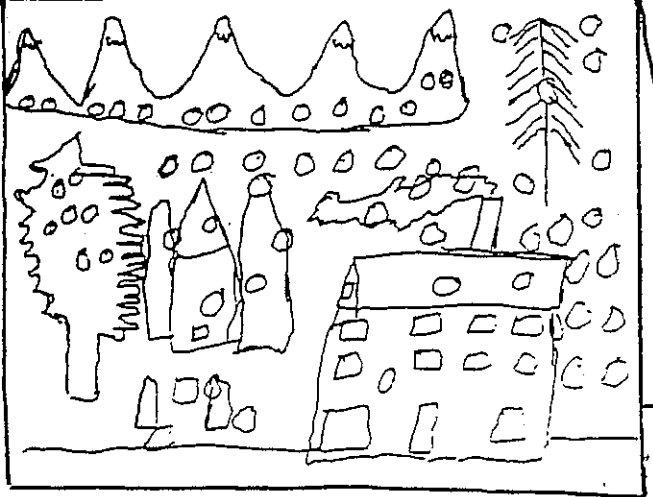


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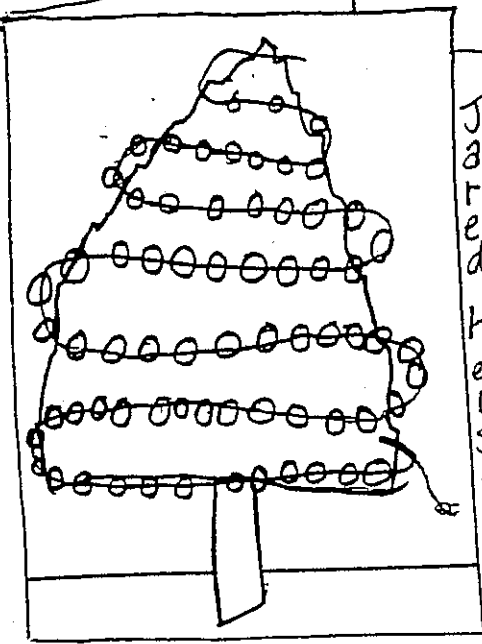
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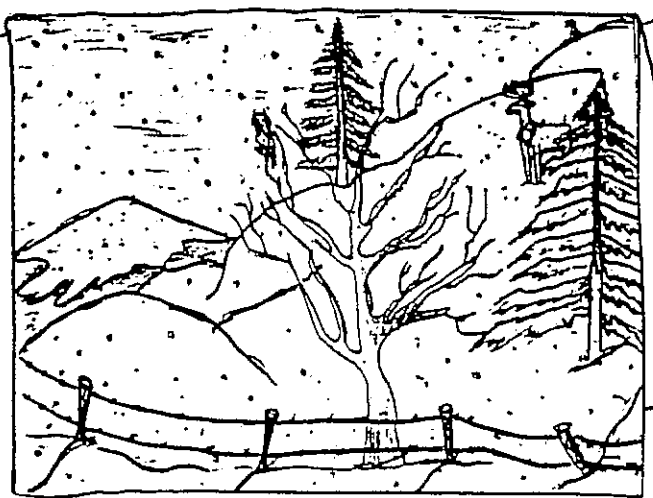


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CLUB CLIPS



PHOTO BY HEATHER MCKINNEY

JR. NAD members playing a game called "Trust," which Tasha Goodrich and Tammy Ennis learned at the JR. NAD National Convention.

JR. NAD

by Tasha Goodrich

On November 22, the JR. NAD Club discussed the deadline for dues, rules, and how to raise funds. JR. NAD members are working on selling 50/50 raffle tickets and cupcakes. We want to thank Sheena Smith and Danielle Surber for their hard work in making and selling a lot of cupcakes and cookies to help us earn money.

VICA

by Stephanie Smallwood

On November 22, the VICA Club talked about sanding the stage and painting the floor in the Multipurpose room. We discussed taking a field trip after Christmas vacation. Mr. Sevigny wants to go to a saw mill named Highland Hardwoods, at Applefield.

Tammy Ennis and Tasha Goodrich Attend JR. NAD National Convention

by Tammy Ennis

Last November, Mrs. Dodgins, Tasha Goodrich, and Tammy Ennis went to Greensboro, NC for the Jr. NAD National Convention, held at the Summit Episcopal Center Resort near Central North Carolina School for the Deaf (CNCSD). We traveled about 7 hours.

Mrs. Dodgins, Tasha, and Tammy attended different workshops. Most of the speakers were from Gallaudet University and NTID. Students came from all over the United States to the convention. The workshops encouraged us and taught us how to be good leaders.

The West Virginia Association for the Deaf (WVAD) supported us by paying our convention fees. Tasha and Tammy want to say thank you to WVAD and Mr. Hubert Anderson. Most importantly, we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Dodgins for volunteering to be our chaperone at the last minute. Thanks, Mrs. Dodgins!

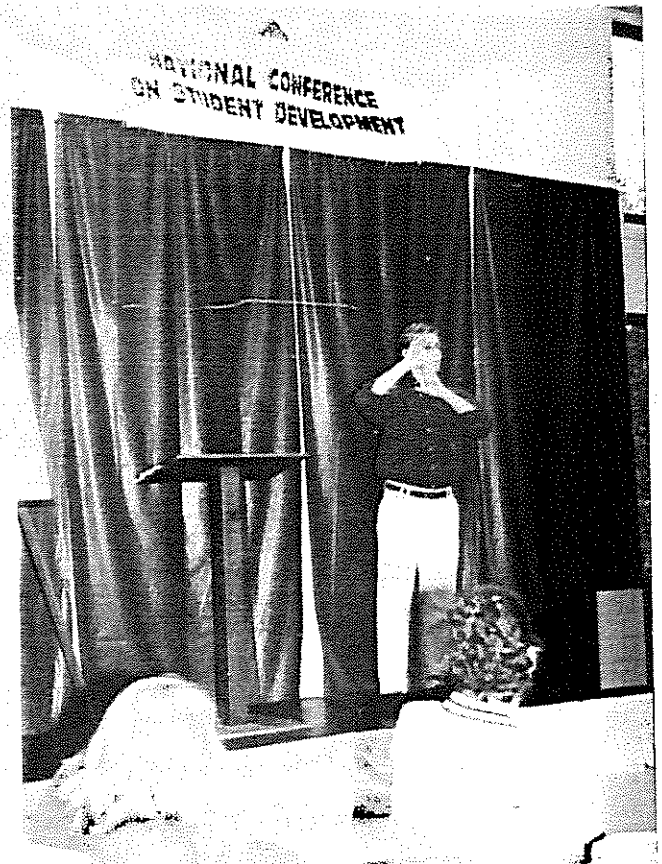


PHOTO BY TASHA GOODRICH

During the JR. NAD National Convention, deaf lawyer and former Gallaudet student Greg Hlibok gave a keynote speech on qualities of a good leader. Hlibok was one of the leaders of the "Deaf President Now" movement at Gallaudet University.

Christmas Corner

The Teenage Girl and Christmas

by Jason Hanshaw

Once upon a time there was a teenage girl, eighteen years old, with pretty blonde hair. She wanted a fancy car for Christmas, but her mother said, "Sorry, it costs too much money!" The girl prayed and prayed for a fancy car for Christmas.

On Christmas morning the girl ran out of her room and looked under the tree for the fancy car. Then she remembered that a car could not fit in the door, so she ran outside to look for the car. But there was no car there. Her brother laughed at her, because she got no gifts for Christmas. Their mother said, "Sorry, I didn't get you any gifts, because every time I asked you what you wanted, you said, 'I want a fancy car,' and when I told you I couldn't afford to get you a car, and asked you what you wanted instead, you said, 'Nothing,' so you get nothing for Christmas." Then the girl lost control and broke the Christmas tree. She messed everything up in the house, then ran outside and messed up the yard. She was really mad.

Later, she had to clean up the messes she made, and she cleaned up everything even better than before. It made her parents really happy. Her parents were so happy that they

gave her money. She got so much money that she had plenty to buy that fancy car she wanted!

The next day she ran out and bought the fancy car, and thought that maybe her prayers had been answered. She was so happy that she got what she wanted for Christmas!

But, guess what! The next week her car was stolen, and the police never found it!

Survey

What does Christmas mean to you?

by Stephanie Smallwood

Tracy Marcum, ungraded: getting gifts and seeing Santa Claus.

Danielle Surber, 7th: get my family together, celebrate Jesus' birthday, and lots of gifts.

Daniel Cochran, 8th: a gift from God, family getting together, and the birthday of Jesus.

Bill Wright, 9th: get gifts, see Santa Claus, stay up late at night, and stay home.

Latasha Hackett, 10th: stay home, visit family, get presents, and see Santa.

Tammy Ennis, 11th: get family together and celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Josh Liller, 12th: peace and quiet, time with family, and celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Mr. Kesler, teacher: time off from work and plenty of sports to watch on TV.

SPORTS SCENE

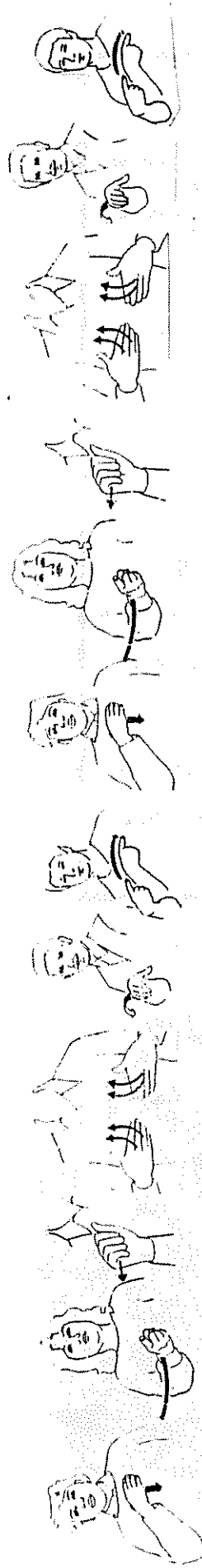
The volleyball season ended on November 7. On that day, WVSD participated in the sectional tournament in Paw Paw, against Paw Paw and Berkeley Springs. Berkeley Springs placed first and WVSD placed third. Tasha Goodrich led the team in service points and received the MVP Award.

The varsity team finished its regular season with a record of four wins and nineteen losses. They competed against high schools in the area and other schools for the deaf. The JV team finished with four wins and eight losses.

Individually, Tammy Ennis led both the varsity and JV teams in service points. Heather McKinney was second on the varsity team, and Danielle Surber was second on the JV team. At the Maryland Classic, Heather McKinney was chosen for the All Star Team. At the ESDAA tournament, held in Pennsylvania, Danielle Surber was named to the All Star Team.

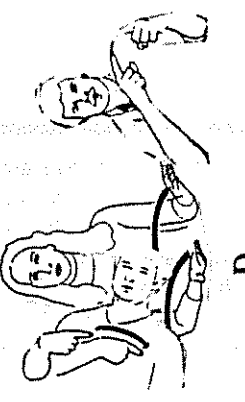


Left to right: Danielle Surber, Tasha Goodrich, and Heather McKinney.



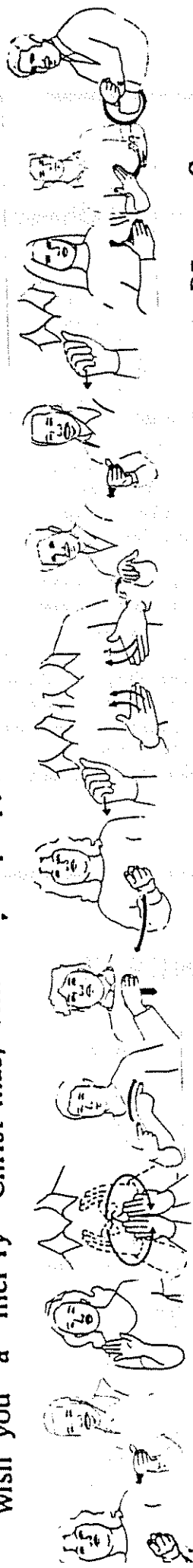
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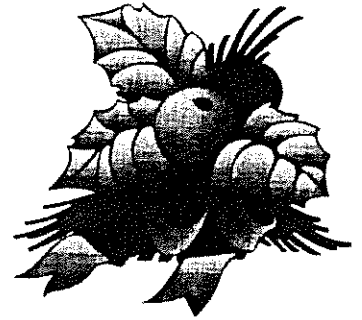
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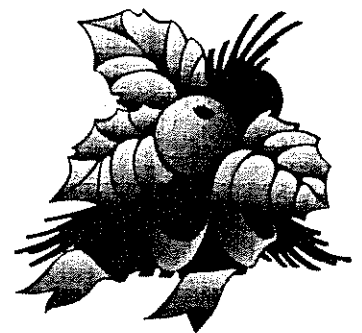
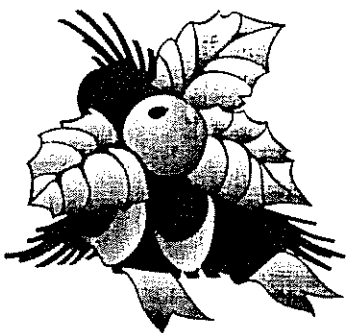
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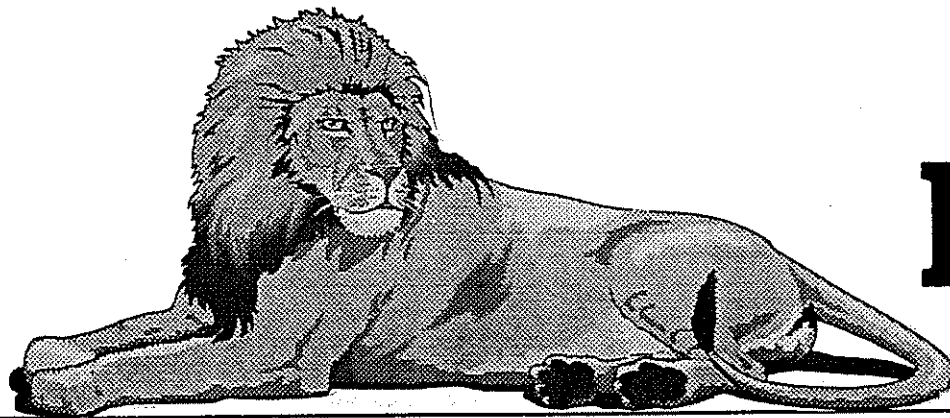
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THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

JANUARY 31, 1997

Sunshine Too Performs on Campus

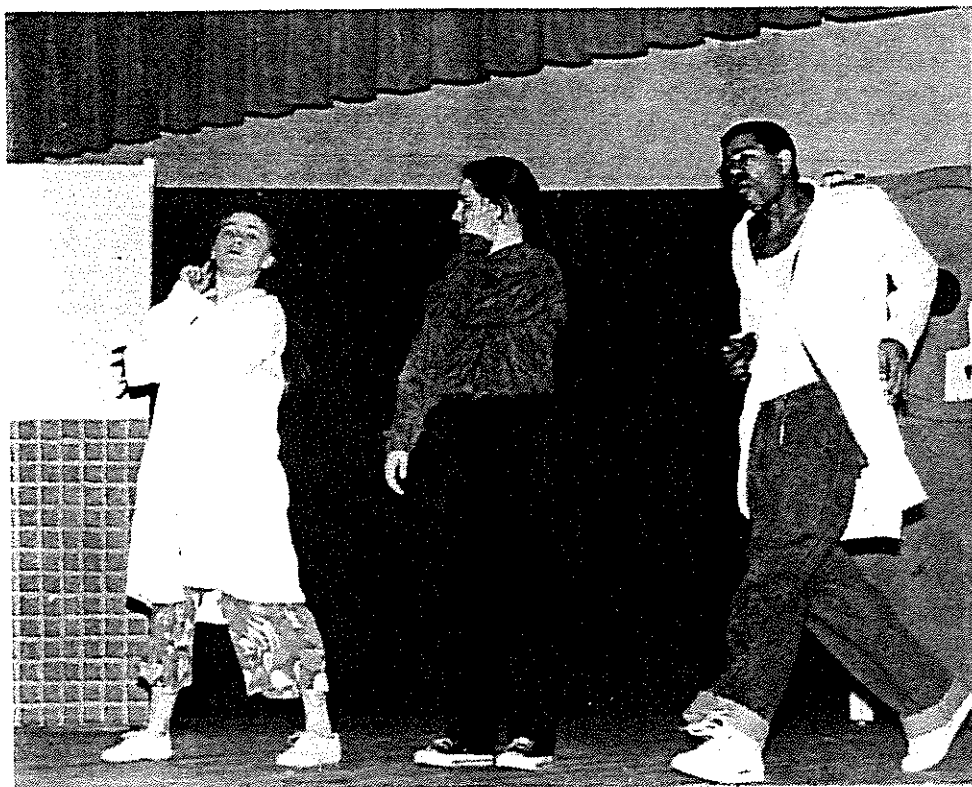


Photo by Tasha Goodrich

One of the plays Sunshine Too performed was The Laundry.

by Tasha Goodrich and Stephanie Smallwood

Sunshine Too came to WVSD on January 9th and 10th. Sunshine Too, an acclaimed professional touring group composed of three deaf and three hearing performers, entertains and educates audiences with quality theatrical programs. Themes range from deaf awareness and deaf pride to social issues and environmental concerns. The company also serves as a positive role model for deaf and hearing interaction.

Sunshine Too performed two plays for the elementary and high school departments. The plays were titled Keys to Happiness and The Laundry. The troupe held drama workshops for the entire student body on Friday. Students were divided into two groups with the

actors/actresses leading the hour-long sessions. We enjoyed having Stephen Buescher from California, Tracy Gilbert from New York, Jessica Parks from Illinois, Beth Smiley from Illinois, Robin Whittaker from Southern California, and Julie Stuart from New York come to WVSD for entertainment and workshops.

Kwanzaa

by Stephanie Smallwood

On December 19th, WVSD&B students experienced a progressive meal and program to celebrate Kwanzaa. Students across our campus were divided into two groups. Appetizers of peanut soup and Ethiopian punch were served as students gathered in 'the WWSB cafeteria. The WVSD students went on to Seaton Hall for an authentic African lunch. We had Sesame chicken, honey rolls, Festival green beans and tea. When lunch ended, we walked to WWSB's auditorium for a program filled with music, songs, and information about Kwanzaa. At the end of the program, all of the students came together for dessert. We had Mocha punch and peanut pie. We listened to Jeanne
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Walton, a retired teacher from Mineral County, tell African-American tales. She lit seven candles, three red on the left, three green on the right, and one black candle in the middle. She explained the meaning of Kwanzaa and its symbols. Kwanzaa means first fruits of the harvest. The two a's at the end signify an African-American celebration.

Teen Institute

by Melora Brock

On December 11-13, Josh Hamilton, Amy Simons, Melora Brock, Mr. Coleman, and Mrs. Wysopal attended a Teen Institute (often referred to as TI) Convention at Jackson's Mill. TI is for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The purpose of TI is to promote awareness of the important issues facing teens today. It also allows students with common interests from different schools the opportunity to meet and form lasting relationships.

Several county high schools attended the convention, including Monongalia, Preston, and Lewis counties.

TI had several excellent speakers. One was Karl Anthony, a well known musician. Another was Kevin Delagrange, "The Juggling Guy."

Everyone attended six, hour long workshops of their choice. The topics ranged from suicide to chorus to balloon sculpture to AIDS. On the last night, a dance with Karaoke was held. TI ended Friday morning at noon with hugs and tears in everyone's eyes.



TI participants and sponsors (left to right): Mr. Coleman, Mel Brock, Joshua Hamilton, Amy Simons, and Mrs. Wysopal.

CLUB CLIPS

VICA

by Amy Simons

Mr. Seigny's PE class, regular classes, and VICA are helping to refinish the stage in the MPR. Also, Mrs. Wysopal's classes are mending the curtains to make them look better. All are doing a wonderful job!

FFA

On January 14, some FFA members traveled to Harrisburg, PA to visit the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. In addition to seeing farm animals such as horses, sheep, cows, pigs, chickens, geese, and ducks, the group saw a mother and baby buffalo, llamas, and emu. Also on display were new farm tractors and machines. Daniel Cochran noticed that the biggest tractor had air conditioning and heat in the cab! We were impressed! Other members on the trip were R.T. Lake, Doug Martin, Jeff Quimby, Lennie Stamper, Michael Sizemore, Damron Walton, and Bill Wright.

December

DANIEL COCHRAN - 3
JOE CANTEBERRY - 9
JASON HANSHAW - 14
CHRIS REMSBURG - 15
SHEENA SMITH - 20
JEFF WRIGHT - 21
LESLIE JESSIE - 22
MARCUS LEAKE - 23

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

by Tammy Ennis

We played our first game against Delaware School for the Deaf and made a lot of mistakes. DSD beat us by 10 points. Tammy Ennis scored 9 points and Tasha Goodrich had 8. Danielle Surber made 10 rebounds.

We won our games (boys and girls) against Virginia School for the Deaf. The girls' game was very hot. With just a few seconds left, WVSD and VSD were tied. Thanks to Latasha Hackett, we moved ahead when she shot a 3-point basket. Latasha Hackett scored 13 points and Tammy Ennis made 10. Latasha and Tammy were top rebounders.

North Carolina School for the Deaf girls and boys beat us. The girls' games were very hot, but NCSD beat us by 3 points. Tammy Ennis made 15 points and 12 rebounds. Heather McKinney scored 7 points.

We played against HHS JV girls and worked very hard, but they beat us 14 to 35. Tasha Goodrich and Latasha Hackett each made 4 points. Latasha got 5 rebounds.

We played against Romney Jr. High 9th graders and lost. Danielle Surber couldn't play because of her back problem. Tammy Ennis made 6 points.

We drove to Delaware School for the Deaf, and we beat them by 1 point! The score was 19 to 18. Senior Tasha Goodrich made 8 points, Heather McKinney scored 6 points, and Tammy Ennis captured 8 rebounds.

We have a new assistant coach, Ms. Pam See.

Our school will host the Girls' ESDDA Basketball Tournament this February 5-8.



Girls' basketball team (left to right): Mel Brock, Danielle Surber, Tasha Goodrich, Tammy Ennis, Heather McKinney, and Tressie Mitchell. Not pictured: Sylvia Adkins, Kristie Gillespie, Latasha Hackett, Tabitha Keplinger, Jo Shaffer, and Stephanie Smallwood.

1997 Division II ESDDA
**GIRLS' BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**
WVSD Gym

FEBRUARY 5-8, 1997

TEAMS: Delaware, Learning Center, Maine, Rhode Island, Rome, St. Mary's, Scranton, Vermont, West Virginia

THURSDAY, FEB. 6 at 10 am: Team Layups Competition

FRIDAY, FEB. 7 at 10 am: Team "21" Competition

SATURDAY, FEB 8 at 10 am: Free Throw Competition

\$30 Tournament Ticket - 15 Games

\$25 3-Day Ticket - Feb. 6, 7, 8

\$12 Single Day Ticket

\$3 Individual Game Ticket

\$4 Championship Game Ticket

Awards will be announced at 10:45 p.m. Saturday



Boys' varsity team (kneeling, left to right): R. T. Lake, Chris Mick, Daniel Cochran, Jason Wilson, Doug Martin, Clifton Brunty. Standing: Jason Hanshaw, Stephen Daniels, Leslie Jessie, Marcus Leake, Josh Liller, Damron Walton. Not pictured: Justin Catlett, Kenny Collins, Eric Crawford.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

by Tammy Ennis

JR. HIGH

The first game was on Jan. 6 at Oldtown. Oldtown won by 7 points. The final score was 31 to 38. Marcus Leake made 14 points and got 14 rebounds. The boys were nervous, but they did their best. Most of them have no experience in basketball. They practice with JV and Varsity boys.

JV

JV boys played with NCS D twice. NCS D boys beat them both games. In the first game, Stephen Daniels lead with 12 points. During the second game, Marcus Leake made 8 points.

Next, the boys played against Timberidge JV. Timberidge beat WVSD by 8 points. Jason Wilson got 14 points. Ronald Lake made 5 points, Daniel Cochran and Chris Mick added 2 points each. Damron Walton scored 1 point.

In a game with Flintstone JV, the score was 6 to 45. Ronald Lake made 4 points and Justin Catlett scored 2 points. In a second game with Flintstone, the score was 9 to 44. Marcus Leake made 3 points. Ronald Lake and Jason Wilson added 2 points each. Clarence Arthur and Lennie Stamper made 1 point each.

Union beat WVSD 59 to 29. Marcus Leake collected 11 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Wilson made 8 points and got 3 rebounds. Damron Walton added 6 points and got 5 rebounds. Ronald Lake captured 2 points, collected 3 rebounds, and 4 assists. Clarence Arthur pitched in with 2 points.

Varsity

On December 5, the team traveled to Model Secondary School for the Deaf in D.C. The boys played with MSSD and were defeated. The next day, WVSD played against Whitney Young from Chicago, Illinois at MSSD. Whitney Young beat us.

In the game against Delaware School for the Deaf, there were only

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five players and no substitutes because the rest of the boys were under a suspension. Leslie Jessie, sophomore, made 49 points and collected 25 rebounds. Josh Liller, senior, pitched in for 2 points. Ronald Lake, Daniel Cochran, and Jason Wilson played in their first varsity game.

On December 12, WVSD boys defeated Virginia School for the Deaf in a hot game. Stephen Daniels, junior, lead with 27 points and got 10 rebounds. Leslie Jessie came second with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Jason Wilson and Doug Martin added 2 points each. The final score was 54 to 42.

At NCSD, the boys were eager to play. Stephen Daniels got 29 points and collected 10 rebounds. Leslie Jessie added 21 points and made 10 rebounds. Jason Wilson and Marcus Leake made 2 points each. The final score was 54 to 85.

In the game with Timberidge, Stephen Daniels made 30 points and got 18 rebounds. Leslie Jessie captured 27 points and made 15 rebounds. Clifton Brunty returned to play, after missing 3 games due to the flu. He made 10 points. Michael Riggio and Josh Liller added 2 points each. The final score was 71 to 50.

WVSD boys played against Flintstone, who defeated us by 16 points. Leslie Jessie made 25 points and collected 15 rebounds. Stephen Daniels made 17 points and got 15 rebounds. Kenny Collins pitched in with 9 points. Clifton Brunty made 6 points, and Josh Liller got 2 points. The final score was 54-75.

WVSD boys played against Oldtown and won. Oldtown didn't have a chance to catch up with our score. Leslie Jessie,





sophomore, lead with 24 points and got 18 rebounds. Stephen Daniels, junior, came in second with 16 points. Clifton Brunty, sophomore, pitched in with 7. Josh Liller, senior, made 4 points. Jason Hanshaw and Justin Catlett, both juniors, got 2 points each. The final score was 68 to 39.

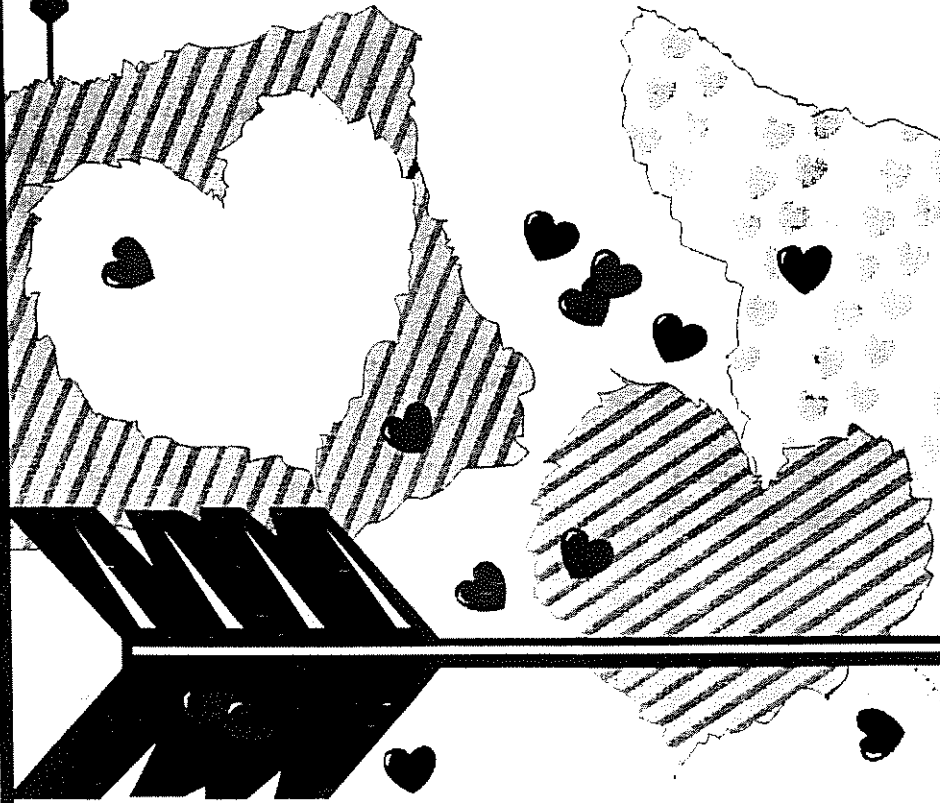
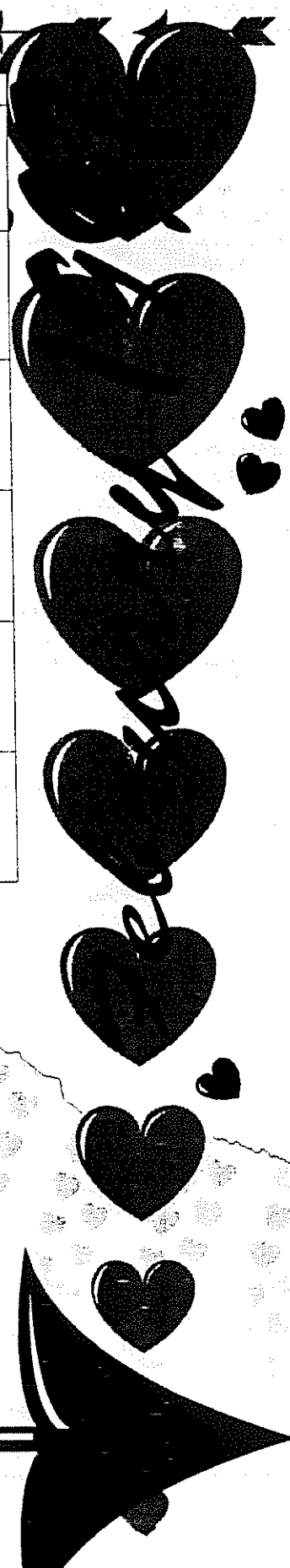
Voice Of Democracy Contest by Amy Simons

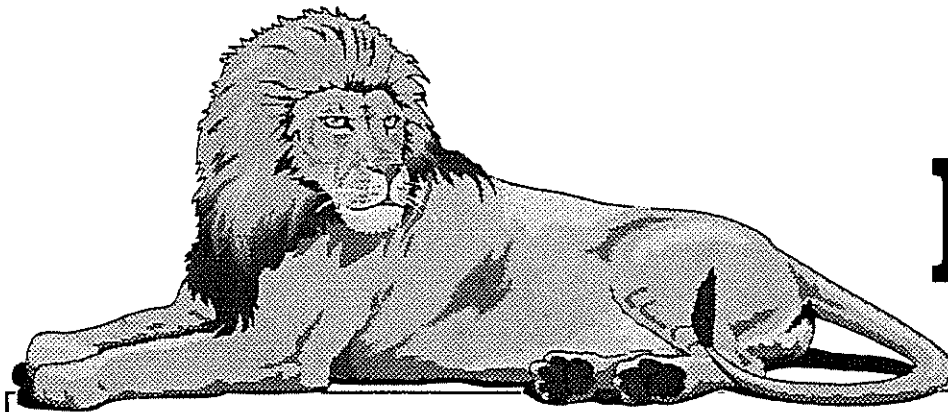
On December 15, a banquet was held at the VFW in Clarksburg in honor of all the first place winners in the regional Voice Of Democracy contest. Amy Simons attended the banquet, with Ms. Shank as her interpreter. Eleven other districts were in attendance. Family members of the winners and VFW members from each district were also invited. The contestants were seated in front of the three judges at a long table facing their families and the members of the VFW. The contestants were seated according to their district. The menu included turkey with stuffing and gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread, coleslaw, and cake. After the banquet, all the contestants and their families were introduced. Each judge then gave a very brief speech on how happy they were to be here, how they thought all the speeches were good, and how all the contestants were winners. After the speeches, the winners of the state competition were announced. Amy won fourth place.

SIGNIFICANT SIGNS

*George Washington established the first post office on
February 20, 1792*

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FEBRUARY 28, 1997

ESDAA Tournament Comes to WVSD



Photo by Jason Hanshaw

The Lady Lions take a break while Coach Kesler and Tammy Ennis discuss the game. In the background are parents, alumni, students, and teachers enjoying the game.

added 2 pts. The final score was 44-33. On Friday afternoon, we played against Austine. The Lady Lions beat the Vermont team by 6 pts. It was a very hot game with Tammy Ennis and Tasha Goodrich scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively. Heather McKinney made 8 pts and Danielle Surber and Latasha Hackett had 2 pts each. We played against Scranton, Pennsylvania for 5th and 6th place. We conquered them by 7 pts. We really worked hard, and our faces turned into red apples. Heather McKinney made 13 pts, Tasha Goodrich added 10 pts, Tammy Ennis scored 8 pts, and Danielle Surber and Latasha Hackett had 4 pts each. We also had competitions on "21", foul shots, and layups. Rhode Island won all of those competitions. WVSD lost by only 1 pt on layup competitions. The Lady Lions received the sportsmanship award and also a trophy for 5th place. Tammy Ennis received 2nd All-Stars award and Danielle Surber got an individual courage award.

by Tasha Goodrich and Tammy Ennis

The West Virginia School for the Deaf hosted the girls' ESDAA basketball tournament on February 5-8. Eight teams from other states arrived on the evening of February 5th. Most of the girls were exhausted from the long trip. Participating teams included Delaware School for the Deaf (Newark), Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (Portland), The Learning Center for Deaf Children (Framingham), Scranton School for the Deaf (Scranton), St. Mary's School for the Deaf (Buffalo), New York State School for the Deaf (Rome), Rhode

Island School for the Deaf (Providence), Austine School and Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (Brattleboro), and West Virginia School for the Deaf (Romney). On Wednesday, we played against Gov. Baxter and won the game. Tammy Ennis made 15 pts, Tasha Goodrich pitched 12 pts, Danielle Surber and Heather McKinney had four points each, and Stephanie Smallwood added 2 points. The final score was 37 to 23. On Thursday night, we were defeated by Rhode Island by eleven points. Tammy Ennis led with 18 points, Tasha Goodrich held second with 8 points, Heather McKinney collected 5 pts, and Latasha Hackett

Champions	Rhode Island
Runner Up	Learning Center
3rd place	St. Mary's
4th place	Delaware
5th place	WVSD
6th place	Scranton
7th place	Austine
8th place	NYSSD
9th place	Gov. Baxter

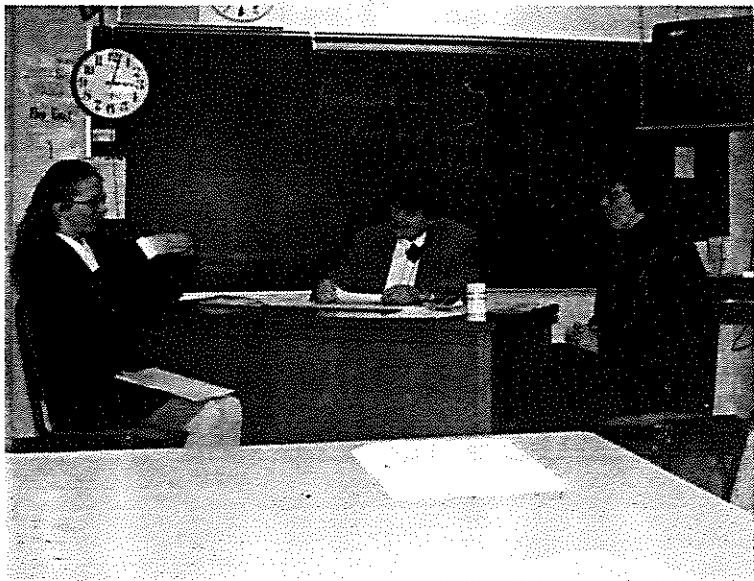
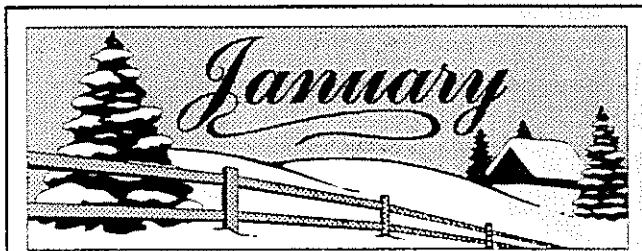


Photo by Josh Liller

One of the activities in Job Skills class is conducting mock interviews. Seniors taking this class are able to practice being interviewed for a job in a realistic setting. Pictured above are Heather McKinney (left), being interviewed by "employer" Mrs. Wysopal (center). Mrs. Loar is the "interpreter".



William Wright - 8
 Kristie Gillespie - 17
 Danielle Surber - 18
 Josh Hamilton - 27
 Joanne Shaffer - 30

Golden Horseshoe

by Stephanie Smallwood

On February 12, Mr. Adrian's 8th grade class took a test called "The Golden Horseshoe." The students involved were Daniel Cochran, Brandon Hall, Marcus Leake, and Jason Wilson. Mr. Adrian said it took the group one week to review for the test. Each year our school competes with the School for the Blind. Last year a student from the School for the Blind won 1st place. (Olivia Stuart won 2nd place but didn't go to Charleston.) Did you know that Damron Walton was the last deaf student to take first place?

The WV Department of Education selects one student from WVSD&B. The winner will go to Charleston to be with 220 other

kids from around the state. These boys worked really hard. Mr. Adrian wished the boys good luck. The Lions' Tale staff would also like to wish them bunches of luck too.

Each boy was asked, "How did you feel about the test?" Brandon Hall said, "The test was really hard!" "The test was ok," Daniel Cochran said. Jason Wilson commented, "The test was hard and confusing." Marcus Leake stated, "The test was fair."

The winner of the Golden Horseshoe test will be announced in early April.

HONOR ROLL 2ND NINE WEEKS

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Amy Simons
 Tasha Goodrich
 Josh Liller
 Tammy Ennis
 Melora Brock
 Leslie Jessie
 Stephanie Smallwood
 Olivia Stuart
 Danielle Surber

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 Damron Walton
 Jeff Wright
 R.T. Lake
 Chris Mick
 Bill Wright
 Jason Wilson
 Daniel Cochran

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Heather McKinney
 Ronnie McCraw
 Sherman Knight
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HONOR ROLL - SEMESTER

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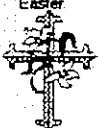
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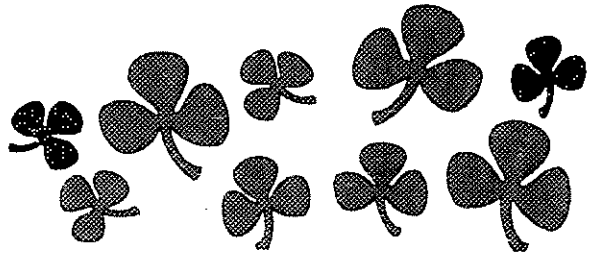
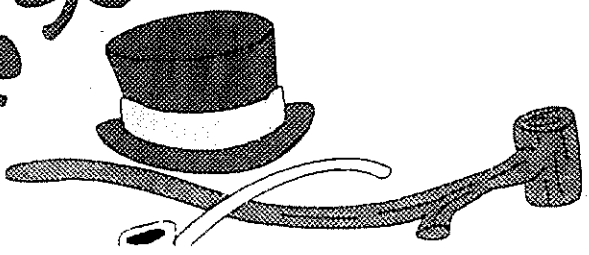
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March 1997



CLUB CLIPS

VICA

The VICA Club of WVSD rented a rotary floor sander for three days to sand the stage floor of the multipurpose room. On four Fridays the members of the cabinetmaking class (Stephen Daniels, Joshua Hamilton, and Chris Remsburg) painted the floor. Some VICA members who were in the tutoring class at those times assisted with the operation, as did Mr. Seigny's physical education class (Latasha Hackett, Stephanie Smallwood, Olivia Stuart, and Sammy McCraw).

SCIENCE FAIR

by Stephanie Smallwood

Every year in February a group of kids from WVSD participates in the school Science Fair. In March we compete in the regional Science Fair. We are grouped by grades. Seventh and eighth grades go to Shepherd College to compete with nine other schools. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors go to Keyser to compete with nine other schools.

We will print the results of the WVSD Science Fair and Regional Science Fairs in the next issue of The Lions' Tale.

February

Tasha Goodrich - 22



Photo by Heather McKinney

BOYS JV AND JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAMS

Front row, left to right: Jason Wilson, Daniel Cochran, Bill Wright, Clarence Arthur and Ben Mellott. Standing: Coach Bruce Moreland, Jared Heisel, Lennie Stamper, Marcus Leake, R.T. Lake, and Chris Mick.

"Who do you think should be honored with a national holiday?"

by Tammy Emis

Danielle Surber - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Joanne Shaffer - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Stephanie Smallwood - Native Americans

Leslie Jessie - Abraham Lincoln

Stephen Daniels - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Tressie Mitchell - Abraham Lincoln

Charity Tucker - Christopher Reeves

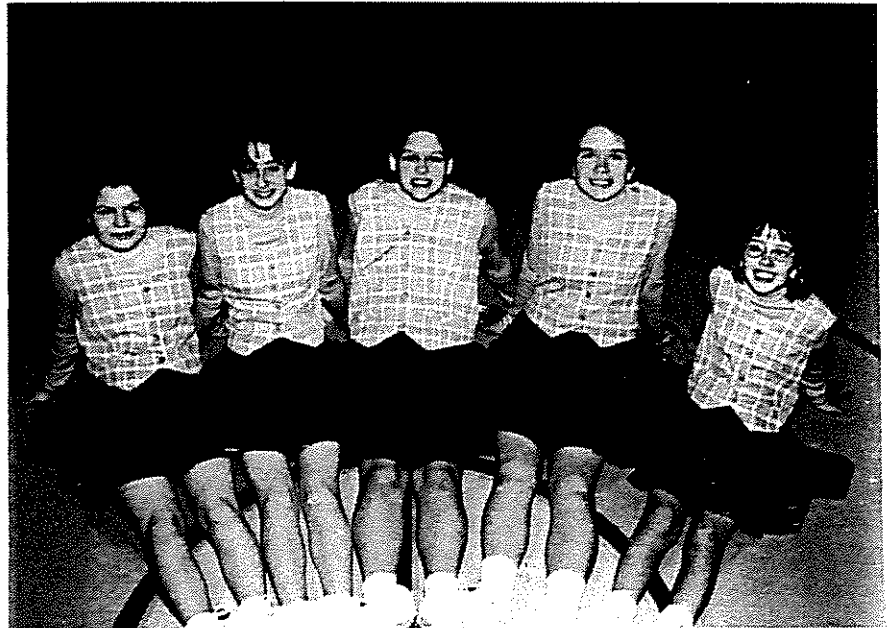


Photo by Heather McKinney

JV CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Sylvia Adkins, Kristie Gillespie, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, and Sheena Smith.

Valentine's Dance

by Mel Brock

On February 14th, Amy Simons and Melora Brock set up a campus-wide Valentine's Dance for the students of the Deaf and Blind schools. They had two dances: the Elementary dance was from six to seven, and from seven to eleven was for the older kids.

The dance was set up because Melora and Amy wanted to do something special for Valentine's Day and they wanted to promote more mixing of the Blind and Deaf schools.

Except for a conflict about the lights, the dance was successful. Amy and Melora would like to thank Mrs. Wysopal for her support and enthusiasm, Erin Wright and Becky Moore for helping to make it possible, Mr. Leatherman for letting us borrow his sound system, Mrs. Boley for donating two huge cakes, the chaperones for showing up and tolerating us, and the other blind and deaf students and adults who contributed their time and energy to this dance and making it possible!

Valentine History

by Stephanie Smallwood

Valentine's Day is a holiday honoring lovers. It is celebrated February 14 by the custom of sending greeting cards or gifts to express affection. The cards, known as valentines, are often designed with hearts to symbolize LOVE. The holiday probably derives from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis (February 15). The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (February 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St. Valentine, who lived in the 3rd century. St. Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers.



Photo by Jeremiah Hall
Mr. Coleman and daughter, Bailey,
boogeyin' at the Valentine's Dance.

Butterflies At Christmas?



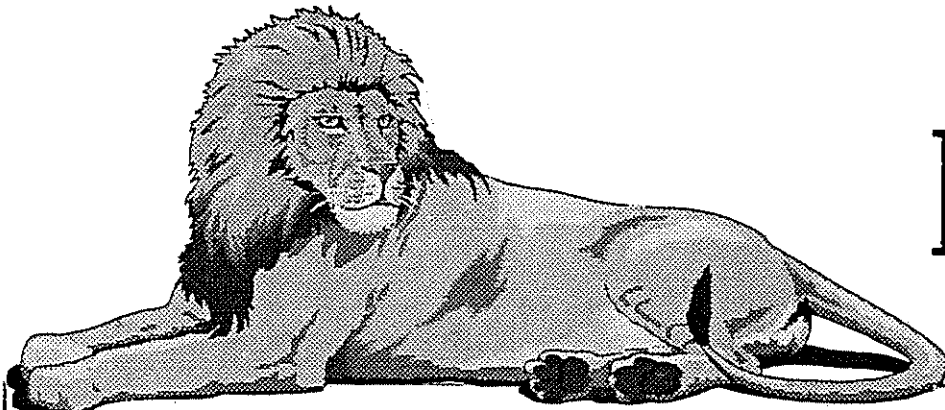
by Mrs. Boley

I was reading a book at my home one evening. I heard a noise on the lamp shade. When I turned to look, I saw a beautiful swallowtailed butterfly! My house was warm, so the cocoon, in my Christmas tree, hatched. I was very surprised to see a butterfly in my house at Christmastime! I put it in a jar and gave it to Mr. Engelman.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Seated, left to right: Amy Simons, Danielle Surber, Melora Brock. Standing: Latasha Hackett, Heather McKinney, Tressie Mitchell, Stephanie Smallwood. On shoulders: Kristie Gillespie.



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Theatre West Virginia

by Tammy Ennis

Theatre WV arrived at WVSD on March 10. The next morning, the troupe provided theatre workshops for us. Students were divided into groups and rotated through three workshops. We experienced acting, where students paired up and practiced mime; makeup, where students were used as models to demonstrate proper techniques for applying stage makeup; and movement, where students learned how to move their bodies and fake a fist fight. The students enjoyed this opportunity. Theatre WV also performed two plays for us. On Tuesday, March 11, we enjoyed watching *Sticks and Stones*. This play discussed using drugs and playing with matches, and how these things affect your body, parents, and community.

On Wednesday, March 12, Theatre WV performed *The Man in the Iron Mask* for our campus. They gave a repeat performance as part of a dinner theatre on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Davy worked very hard to make this a unique experience for all of us. Mrs. Heare's sign language students from Potomac State College attended and were able to spend the evening with their pen pals. Dinner



Photo by Jeremiah Hall

included chicken, green beans, cheese and macaroni, rolls, iced tea, and cake for dessert. Thanks to the cooks for the delicious food!

After dinner, our students crowded in the multipurpose room to get seats before the play started. Many people from Romney and the surrounding areas also attended.

The Man in the Iron Mask was written by Alexandre Dumas in the mid 1800's. It's an historical and romantic play. The play is about King Louis XIV of France and his twin brother Phillippe. They were separated at birth. The younger twin, Louis, was the crowned King. He ordered that his twin's face (the real King) be covered with an iron mask, so no one would know who he was. Then everyone would think he, Louis, was the rightful King.

After the play, the Romney and Capon Bridge Women's Clubs hosted a reception, with cookies and drinks.

Thanks to Mrs. Davy for working so hard on the grant which brought Theatre WV to WVSD for the fourth year in a row!



Latasha Hackett practices mime during a workshop session.

Science Fair Results

by Stephanie Smallwood

On February 26, nine students from WVSD participated in the annual Science Fair. Freshman Olivia Stuart placed 1st in zoology, sophomore Jeremiah Hall earned 1st place in physics, freshman Chris Mick placed 2nd in environmental science, junior Justin Catlett won 2nd place in zoology, junior Kenny Collins placed 3rd in environmental science.

Honorable mention: sophomore Leslie Jessie, environmental science; freshman Stephanie Smallwood, microbiology; senior Joshua Liller, botany; and junior Tammy Ennis, medicine and health.

The subjects of the science projects were: Chris Mick, "Do Weather Conditions Affect the Efficiency of a Solar Collector?"; Kenny Collins, "Which Waste Materials Are Biodegradable?"; Leslie Jessie, "What Effect Does Carbon Dioxide Have on Earth's Atmosphere?"; Olivia Stuart, "Does Aloe Vera Promote Tissue Growth?"; Justin Catlett, "Does Water Temperature Affect the Respiratory System of a Fish?"; Stephanie Smallwood, "What Effects Does Preservation Have on Sugar and Salt?"; Josh Liller, "Do Plants Grown in Aquarium Water With Designated Solutions Grow Better Than Plants Grown in Distilled Water With Designated Solutions?"; Jeremiah Hall, "Does the Temperature of a Baseball Affect How Far It Will Travel After It Strikes a Hard Surface?"; Tammy Ennis, "What Effects Do Hair Styling Products Have on the Health of Hair?"

The Lions' Tale staff would like to congratulate all for a job well done.

Four Advance to Regional Science Fair

The four science students who placed first in their categories in the WVSD science fair went to the regionals to compete. Chris Mick, Olivia Stuart, Jeremiah Hall, and Justin Catlett attended the Region VIII Science Fair for Secondary Students at Potomac State College, Keyser, on March 4. One hundred twenty students from high schools throughout the Eastern Panhandle participated.

In the physics category, Jeremiah Hall of Clendenin placed second for his project entitled, "Does the Temperature of a Baseball Affect How Far It Will Go When It Strikes a Hard Surface?" Jeremiah was one of ten students who received an award from the

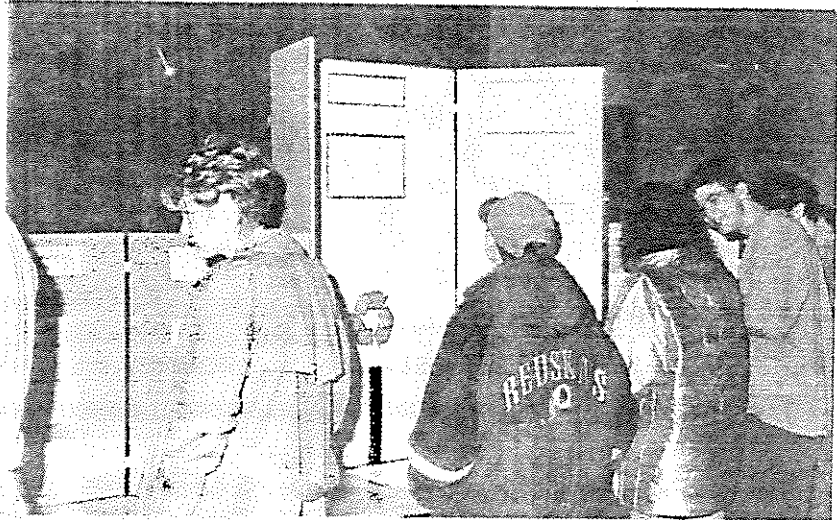


Photo by Clifton Brunty

Students and staff viewing Science Fair projects.

United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). As part of this award he has been invited to visit CIA headquarters in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1997.

In the zoology category, Olivia Stuart of Parkersburg placed third. In the same category, Justin Catlett of Martinsburg received honorable mention.

In the environmental sciences category, Chris Mick of Cherry Grove received honorable mention. Chris was also one of our four students who received an award for a project related to meteorology from the American Meteorological Society headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Students who placed first, second, and third in the regional science fair are eligible to move on to competition at the state level. The State Science Fair will be held later in the spring at West Virginia Liberty College, West Liberty.

Teen Institute

by Stephanie Smallwood

On March 8th, kids from Seaton Hall went to Teen Institute. The students were Mel Brock (youth staff), Stephanie Smallwood, Chris Mick, Michael Sizemore, Ed Quinn, and Jeff Quimby. We were there from 9am to 9pm. Stephanie and Chris taught sign language class. For lunch we ate buffalo wings. There was a presentation on Aids and HIV awareness. Then we were entertained by a juggler. For supper we had pizza. Some of us stayed for the dance. We had a good time.

If You Could Go Anywhere In The Past, Where Would You Go, And Why?

Survey by Mel Brock

Heather McKinney- to see my grandfather again

Eric Crawford- to England during World War II

Jeremiah Hall- to biblical times to see if the stories really happened









Stephanie Smallwood- to the U.S. during the 1800's because I like the way people dressed

Brandon Hall- to see Thomas Jefferson

Barbara Hadley- to Florida, last year

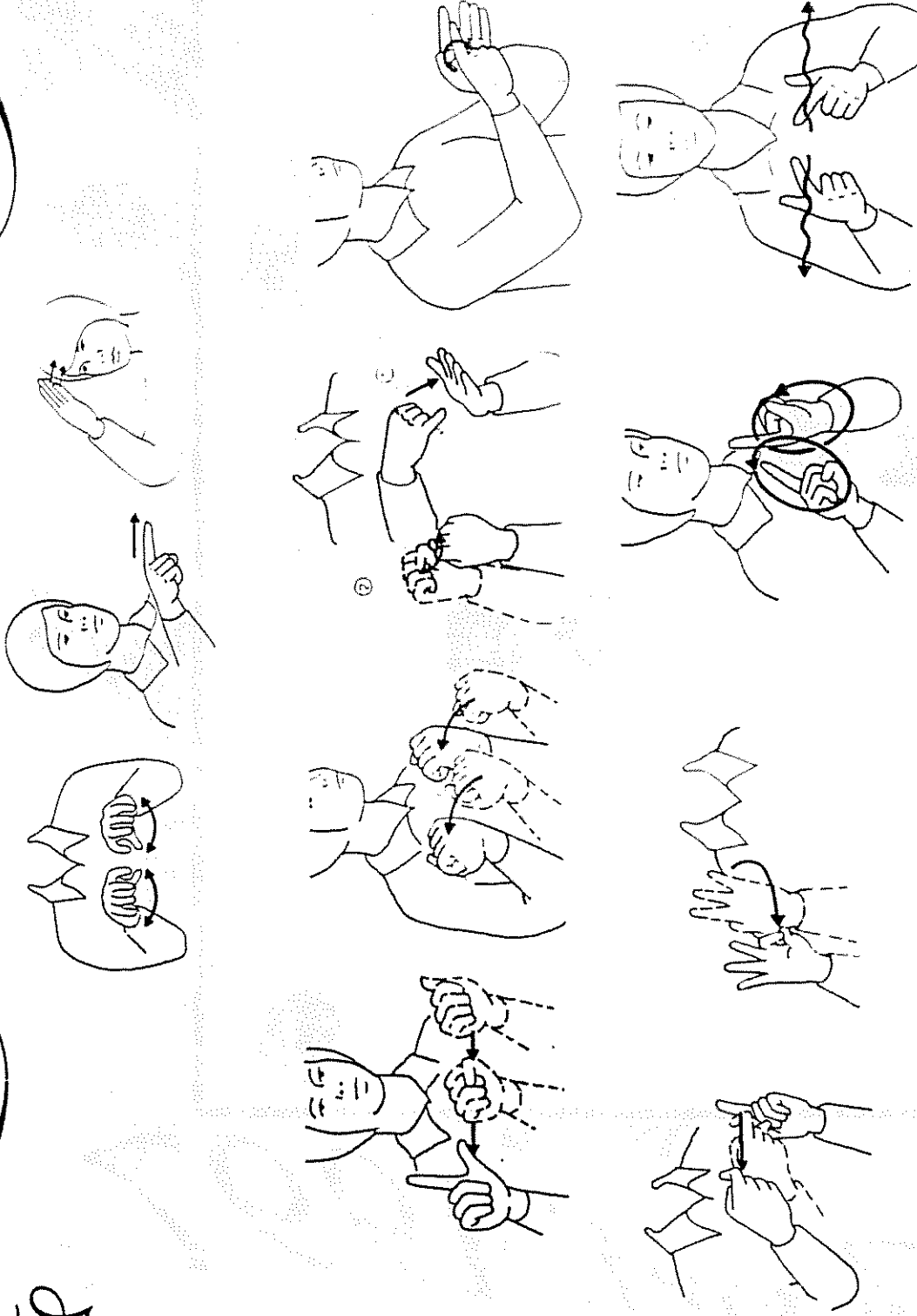
April Dixon- to California during the 1920's to see the old silent films

Mrs. Teter- to the late 1930's to see my mother when she was young

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13 Thomas Jefferson  (1743)	14 Girls' SB MCA (FD)  4:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Girls' SB Flintstone (A) 4:00 p.m.	19
20	21 Girls' SB Beall JV ** (FD) 4:00 p.m.	22	23 William Shakespeare  (1564)	②④ 	25	26
27	28 Girls' SB MCA (A) 4:30 p.m. Star Week 4/28-5/2	29	30 Girls' SB St. Johns ** (FD) 4:00 p.m.			

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SIGNIFICANT SIGNS



DO YOU KNOW ...
American Sign Language has its beginnings from French Sign Language

SPORTS SCENE

SOFTBALL

By Coach Beth Surber

The girls started practice on March 3rd. Twelve girls signed up to play softball this year. The girls have been practicing really hard to get ready for the first game on Saturday against Flintstone. Also, we hope the girls will have fun playing softball this year.

Tasha Goodrich	P. 1st, C
Tammy Ennis	P. 1st
Tressie Mitchell	SS, OF
Heather McKinney	C, OF
Mel Brock	P, OF
Christine Beckler	OF
Stephanie Smallwood	OF, P, SS
Joanyn Miller	OF
Sylvia Adams	OF
Danielle Surber	C, OF, 2nd
Tabitha Keefling	OF
Miracle Ginnale	3rd, OF

March 22	Flintstone	(H)	1:30 p.m.
March 26	Beall JV	(A)	4:00 p.m.
April 8	St. John's	(A)	4:00 p.m.
April 14	Martinsburg Christian Academy	(H)	4:30 p.m.
April 18	Flintstone	(A)	4:00 p.m.
April 21	Beall JV **	(H)	4:00 p.m.
April 28	Martinsburg Christian Academy	(A)	4:30 p.m.
April 30	St. John's **	(H)	4:00 p.m.
May 6	MSSD **	(H)	4:00 p.m.
May 13	Virginia Deaf **	(A)	4:00 p.m.

**Doubleheader

ESDAA Boys' Basketball And Cheerleading Tournament

By Mel Brock

On Wednesday, February 19, most of the boys' varsity basketball team and the varsity cheerleaders left for Brattleboro, Vermont, to participate in the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Boys' Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament. The tournament lasted for four days. The teams left after breakfast on Sunday, the 23rd.

The boys' basketball team won 2nd place. Sophomore Leslie Jessie and junior Stephen Daniels were selected to be on the First All-Star Team.

The boys excelled in the other competitions. They won first place in the foul shooting, "21", and layups competitions. Stephen Daniels won the knock-out championship.

The cheerleaders placed last out of four teams. Stephanie Smallwood won a place on the 2nd All-Star Team, and Heather McKinney was on the 1st All-Star Team.

BASKETBALL

Champs	Rochester -
2nd	WVSD
3rd	St. Mary's
4th	Rhode Island
5th	Vermont

CHEERLEADING

1st	Rochester
2nd	St. Mary's
3rd	Rhode Island
4th	WVSD

Ski Trip '97

by Tammy Ennis and Tasha Goodrich



On March 5th, thirty-six students and staff met in the parking lot for our annual ski trip. We departed around 8:00 a.m. and arrived at the Canaan Valley Ski Resort at 9:45 a.m.

The students on the bus were impatient to get on the slopes. As everyone arrived on the slopes, we were stunned to see grass on the slopes and not much snow on the ground. The weather was warm and rainy. Around 4:30 p.m., the students and staff were exhausted from a long day of skiing. In the evening, we enjoyed swimming, shooting pool, playing in the game room, exercising, and talking in the snack bar.

On Thursday morning, we woke up and were dumbfounded to see snow on the ground. The weather was very cold and windy. But, we enjoyed skiing that day because of the excellent snow conditions. On Friday morning, we packed our suitcases, skied, ate lunch, and headed back to school.

WVSD students and staff want to thank the Lions' Club for providing us the opportunity to experience Canaan Valley and to bring home some wonderful memories.



SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS



Photo by Tasha Goodrich
Some of Mr. Seigny's students made this take-apart log cabin for students in the Elementary Department. Pictured (left to right) are Stephen Daniels, Jeff Wright, and Chris Remsburg. Not pictured is Joshua Hamilton.



JoAnne Shaffer (seated) and Ronnie McCraw made curtains for the cafeteria at Hampshire Park in Mrs. Wysopal's class. Ms. Kathy Kuykendall, Hampshire County Extension Agent (above, left) came to thank the students.

A Commercial For Spring

**Tired of slush and snow and sleet?
Then try this dandy calendar treat!**

**You'll like the longer, king-size days;
You, too, will sing this season's praise.**

**It's the scientific sunshine pill
(Without that bitter winter chill)**

**It's naturally warmer, it's toasted through,
Exclusively mild for you and you.**

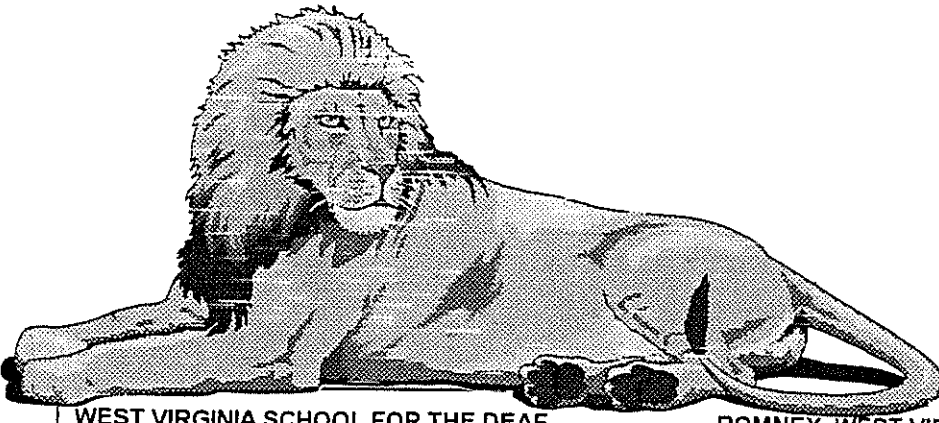
**It comes in the handy three-month pack;
March, April, May - or your money back.**

**So ask for SPRIN
G, you'll never regret it;
Remember the name, it's headed for fame;
Be the first on your block to get it!**

By Eve Merriam



JASON WALSON - 19
MICHAEL SIZEMORE - 22



THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

May 23, 1997

Mrs. McBride Named WVSD&B Superintendent



Mrs. Jane McBride

by Mel Brock and Tammy Ennis

On April 10, 1997, Mrs. Jane McBride became the first female superintendent in the 126 year history of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Following are Mrs. McBride's responses to the interview with the The Lions' Tale staff.

Q: Is there anything that you want to change at WVSD&B?

A: To change the attitude of staff toward the students. To change the current programs which are no longer effective.

Q: Do you have any specific goals for WVSD&B?

A: To have every student fulfill his or her potential. I do not believe enough visually-impaired and hearing-impaired children in West Virginia are getting the services that they need through the Outreach program. I want to identify visual impairment and hearing impairment earlier, so that children can begin to develop skills that are needed in day-to-day living. I also want to adjust the curriculum at the school to fit Senate Bill 300.

Q: What is Senate Bill 300?

A: It is a bill that requires that objectives, goals, and curriculum to be standardized for all students throughout the state. One in the tenth grade at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind must receive the same education as one in the same grade in any other school in the state.

Q: How did you feel about your appointment?

A: I could not sleep that night. I was really excited, but scared, because I have a big responsibility. In addition to being responsible for the well-being of 180 students, I must supervise 200 adult staff members. Both staff and students, however have given support and encouragement.

Q: How long do you plan to remain as superintendent?

A: As long as I am productive and making positive changes for the future. When I feel that I cannot do more, I shall resign.

Andrea Skidmore

by Stephanie Smallwood

Andrea Skidmore has transferred to WVSD from Capitol High in Charleston. Andrea is sixteen and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Skidmore of Charleston. On her free time, Andrea likes to dance, play flute, and hang out with friends and family. Andrea is the only hearing impaired person in her family. Her favorite hobbies are dancing and shopping, and she enjoys being around other hearing-impaired kids. Andrea said, "I like it okay here, but I still prefer my public school." She is still getting used to the teachers' attitudes towards each student's individual needs.

Andrea also mentioned that she's a skilled dancer. At home she gets involved in many dance shows. That's what she likes to do the most.

Andrea came to summer school at WVSD one year.

When asked why she decided to come to WVSD, Andrea said, "To see what it's like to be in a school with hearing-impaired kids like me and to see what I was missing in public school."



Andrea Skidmore

Miss Lisa Spiroff Is WVSD's New Speech Teacher

by Mel Brock



Miss Spiroff and Damron Walton

Photo by Leslie Jessie

Miss Lisa Spiroff, our new speech teacher, came to WVSD on November 1, 1996. Miss Spiroff grew up in Fort Ashby, WV, and lived in Tennessee for two and one-half years. She now lives in Cumberland, MD.

She received her Bachelor of Science (BS) degree at WVU and her Masters of Art (MA) degree at the University of Tennessee.

Miss Spiroff enjoys playing volleyball and camping. She commented, "All of the kids here are really nice and helpful."

She will be getting married in October.



Stephen Daniels-2
 Amy Simons-2
 Sylvia Adkins-3
 Jennifer Lofton-9
 Jared Helsel-14
 Damron Walton-27
 Jeff Quimby-28
 Tabitha Keplinger-29

Golden Horseshoe Winner

by Stephanie Smallwood

On March 19th, Mr. Adrian announced Jason Wilson as the winner of the Golden Horseshoe. The scores were very close with Daniel Cochran coming in second, Marcus Leake taking third, and Brandon Hull placing fourth. Mr. Adrian said, "I had a really good time with the boys. They all studied very hard for the test and were very anxious. I was very proud of them." The test had one hundred questions. Jason traveled with his parents to Charleston on April 30th to participate in the ceremony.

I asked Jason three questions. **Was the test hard for you?** "Kind of," Jason said. **Are you excited about your parents going with you?** "Oh yes," Jason stated. **When you traveled to Charleston, what happened there?** "I received a Golden Horseshoe pin, a tour of the Capitol with two hundred and twenty other winners, and lunch in the capitol with the state Superintendent, Dr. Henry Marockie."



Photo by Tammy Ennis

Golden Horseshoe participants, left to right: Jason Wilson, Daniel Cochran, Mr. Adrian (teacher), Marcus Leake, and Brandon Hall.

Fairmont State College Trip



After the tour of Fairmont State College, the group visited alumnus Ruby (Ennis) Losh.

by Tammy Ennis

On April 23, Mrs. Davy, Mr. Farris, and some WVSD students visited Fairmont State College (FSC) in Fairmont, WV, because some expressed an interest in attending there after graduating from high school.

After the group ate lunch, Ms. Donna Barchoweski, Ruby Ennis, and interpreter Kim Thorn toured the campus with the group.

First, from an observation booth with a one-way window, the group observed children's behavior in the day care center. Using this method, college students learn how to manage young children.

Then, all toured one of the dorms, which is quite attractive.

Upon leaving the FSC campus, the group traveled to Ruby Ennis' apartment.

Once the group left there, the driver dropped off Mel Brock, Amy Simons, and Tressie Mitchell in Sabraton where all enjoyed supper at Hardee's.

On the way back to school, the driver dropped off Josh Liller in Fort Ashby before continuing on to school.

What an educational and enjoyable trip!

Parents' Day

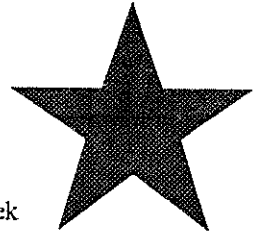
by Tasha Goodrich and Tammy Ennis

Each year on Good Friday, parents travel to WVSD for Parents' Day. On March 28th, WVSD students waited for their parents to arrive. Students escorted their parents to the multipurpose room (MPR) to meet with teachers and view special work. Displays included art, science projects, photo

displays, and specific class exhibits. For lunch, students, parents, teachers, and staff ate together in the cafeteria. We enjoyed talking before leaving for spring break.

Star Week

by Andrea Skidmore



WVSD&B celebrated Star Week '97 on April 28-May 2. Many activities were planned for this year's program.

On Tuesday the 29th, a clothing drive was set up in the MPR.

On Wednesday the 30th, a music festival and a pig roast took place. Several bands including Middle Ridge Strings, The Millbrook Boys, Fresh Cut, and Critton Hollow String Band, performed throughout the evening.

On Thursday, May 1st, a magic show was enjoyed by the elementary students. For the high school students there was a dance with Issac Joseph.

On Friday there was a field day with sports activities and games, then Issac Joseph provided a closing program and everyone on campus participated.

Wednesday - Friday was the Starburst Retreat, and during those days West Virginia students with special needs visited our schools to check out what we have to offer.

A Honor Roll

Josh Liller

Stephen Daniels

Tammy Ennis

Leslie Jesse

Ottavia Stuart

Daniel Cochran

Danielle Surber

Jeremiah Hall

Doug Martin

Sam McCraw

Damron Walton

Catasha Hackett

Jeff Wright

Stephante Smallwood

Bill Wright

Chris Mick

R.T. Cake

Jason Wilson

Jo Shaffer

Kristie Gillespie

Tabittha Keplinger

Sheena Smith

B Honor Roll

Ronnie McCraw

Tasha Goodrich

Justin Catlett

Chris Remsburg

Clifton Brunty

SPORTS SCENE

Girls' Softball

by Tammy Ennis & Coach Beth Surber

WVSD dropped an opener with Flintstone on March 22. The score was 28-6. Tressie Mitchell had two singles and 4 RBI for WVSD. Jo Shaffer had one single and 1 RBI. Tammy Ennis had 2 singles. Tasha Goodrich & Stephanie Smallwood had one single each. Stephanie Smallwood pitched in the 1st & 2 innings with 11 hits. Tammy Ennis came in to pitch in the last 4 innings and allowed 8 hits.

<u>At WVSD</u>	<u>R H E</u>
Flintstone	6 5 5 5 2 5 - 28 19 4
WVSD	0 0 1 2 3 0 - 6 7 4

On March 26, we played against Beall. We lost by 3 points. It was a hot game with a very close score, especially since it was a very cold and windy day. Tasha Goodrich had a double and 2 RBIs. She was hit by a Beall pitcher. Tressie Mitchell and Danielle Surber had 2 RBIs each by walks. Jo Shaffer had one RBI by a walk. The scores was 13 to 10. The game stopped in the 3rd inning due to the weather. Stephanie Smallwood allowed 8 hits in 2 innings and Tammy Ennis allowed 3 hits in the last inning.

<u>At Beall</u>	<u>R H E</u>
WVSD	4 1 5 - 10 1 5
Beall JV	3 6 4 - 13 11 0

On April 8, we played against St. John's. WVSD girls made 6 errors in the first 2 innings. We changed our girls' positions. They did a better job later in the 3rd and 4th innings. We lost the game, 13 to 1. The game was short because of the 10 run rule. Tammy Ennis & Tasha Goodrich made 2 singles. Latasha Hackett had one RBI by a walk.

<u>At St. John's</u>	<u>R H E</u>
WVSD	0 0 0 0 1 - 1 5 8
St. John's	8 4 0 1 0 - 13 19 0

On April 14, WVSD played against Martinsburg Christian Academy. The game was very hot. We lost by 1 point. WVSD's Tasha Goodrich was 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs including a triple. Tammy Ennis added a double, 2 singles, and 2 RBIs. Danielle Surber was 4-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Heather McKinney and Stephanie Smallwood were 4-for-5. Jo Shaffer was 1-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Tressie Mitchell had 2 singles. Kristie Gillespie had one single and an RBI.

<u>At WVSD</u>	<u>R H E</u>
MCA	5 1 0 0 1 1 5 - 13 21 4
WVSD	0 1 3 5 0 2 1 - 12 23 6

On April 18, WVSD played against Flintstone. The game was hot. We lost by 7 points. The score was 13 to

20. The Flintstone players had 13 hits and took advantage of nine Lion errors. The Lady Lions scored 4 runs each in the 1st and 2nd innings and 5 runs in the 3rd inning. Tasha Goodrich had a double, a single, and an RBI. Tammy Ennis was 2-for-3. Tressie Mitchell was one-for-one with 2 RBI. Heather McKinney, Danielle Surber, Jo Shaffer, Latasha Hackett, and Mel Brock had one RBI each. Tammy Ennis pitched all innings with 13 hits and 11 walks.

<u>At Flintstone</u>	<u>R H E</u>
WVSD	4 4 5 0 0 - 13 6 9
Flintstone	0 5 5 5 5 - 20 13 5

On April 28, WVSD played against Martinsburg Christian Academy. We made 10 errors. Martinsburg Christian Academy beat us by 10 points. The final score was 19 to 9. Tasha Goodrich had one double, 2 singles and 2 RBIs. Tammy Ennis was 1 for 3 with 2 RBIs. Heather McKinney and Stephanie Smallwood were 2 for 2.

<u>At MCA</u>	<u>R H E</u>
WVSD	5 1 0 3 0 - 9 9 10
MCA	5 3 5 5 1 - 19 15 3

On April 30, the WVSD girls had a doubleheader with St. John's. The first game was very hot and exciting. Tasha Goodrich hit a home run that drove in 3 runs. Tammy Ennis had 2 singles and 2 RBIs. Tressie Mitchell had one single and 2 RBIs. Tammy Ennis pitched all innings and had 3 strikeouts. She allowed 7 hits and 11 walks. WVSD lost by 6 points. The final score was 16 to 10. We played a double game with St. John's.

The second game was a very long one for us. Stephanie Smallwood pitched all innings and she allowed 18 hits and one walk. Tasha Goodrich had a triple and a single. Jo Shaffer was 1 for 2 with 1 RBI. WVSD lost by 7 points. The final score was 16 to 9.

<u>At WVSD</u>	<u>R H E</u>
St. John's	0 1 4 6 5 - 16 7 3
WVSD	3 3 3 1 0 - 10 8 0
St. John's	3 5 3 5 - 16 18 0
WVSD	1 2 2 4 - 9 4 1

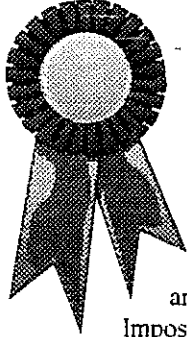


PHOTO BY TASHA GOODRICH
Kneeling, left to right: Tasha Goodrich, Danielle Surber, Stephanie Smallwood, Latasha Hackett, Tammy Ennis, Tressie Mitchell. Standing: Joe Cosner, JoAnne Shaffer, Coach MaryBeth Surber, Assistant Coach Mike Surber, Tabitha Keplinger, Mel Brock, Erin Surber.

Special Olympics

By Andrea Skidmore

Many students participated in Special Olympics on May 7th at Hampshire High School. The students participating were Lennie Stamper, April Dixon, Joe Canterbury, Jared Helsel, Ben Mellott, Charity Tucker, and Jeff Quimby. These students worked hard in preparing and practicing for the 100m walk, among other events.



One of our participants, Charity Tucker, who is a wheelchair student, entered a 10 meter assisted walk and a 25m assisted walk. Charity also participated in a tennis ball throw. Way to go Charity!

The Special Olympics theme for the track and field games was "Rising Above The Impossible."

Students raised money for Special Olympics by selling pizza.

This year's Special Olympics was a great success. Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian for making it possible to have Special Olympics at WVSD! (Editor's Note: See the next issue of The Lions' Tale for a group photo of the Special Olympics participants.)

HHS SPORTS

by Mel Brock

Basketball season has ended and the softball team is well into the season. We all know who is on the softball team. But do you know who is participating in sports at Hampshire High School (HHS)?

Leslie Jessie is on the HHS varsity baseball team. The first game in which he played was against North Marion (HHS - 10, NM - 6). He pitched four strikes and one walk.

Clarence Arthur is on the HHS JV baseball team. He has yet to play in a game.

Lennie Stamper is participating on the track team at HHS, and Barbara Hadley is also on the track team at Romney Junior High School.

Field Trip to Morgantown

by Tammy Ennis

On April 10, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Heare, and some students from art and photography classes went to Morgantown. When we arrived in Morgantown, we couldn't find Morgantown High School. We wasted 40 minutes! Finally, Mr. Coleman asked a clerk at a gas station to give him directions, and guess what? We still couldn't find the place! We spotted two

women who gave us directions. We found MHS, but we missed giving one speech to the MHS students.

We ate lunch with MHS students. We each gave a short speech about our artwork and photographs. Later, the MHS art teacher said we had to leave the school building because of a bomb threat. We stood outside for 30 minutes. Later, the MHS art teacher explained to us about her classes, and showed us their artwork. We visited the journalism class. We saw the darkroom where the film and pictures are developed. Their darkroom is bigger than ours. We toured the school, then we walked to the bus. We left there about 2:15 p.m. We enjoyed the trip, and what a trip we had!

CLUB CLIPS

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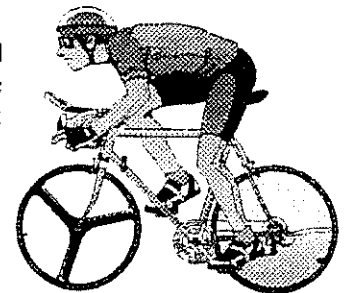
On April 12, some of the members and advisors were scheduled to go to Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs to have a picnic. We postponed the trip due to bad weather conditions (cold & rainy).

VICA

The VICA Club rented a floor sander to have the stage floor of the multipurpose room sanded. Also incurred were the expenses of applying four coats of paint. Members of the cabinetmaking class assisted with the project.

Recently, the club purchased six bicycle safety helmets for the physical education department. At present the club is reconditioning the bicycles left here over the years.

Sponsors are Mr. Deuel, Mr. Farris, and Mr. Sevigny.



Jr.NAD

On May 4, Jr. NAD members went to Baltimore, MD to watch a Baltimore Orioles baseball game against the Oakland Athletics. Baltimore won, 11-0.

Golf

The golf club has not been very active during the cold months. Hopefully now that the weather is getting warmer, we can go outside. We will do some of the same things as in the past. Later in the year, we are thinking of going to one of the nearby golf courses to play nine holes.

SURVEY

by Tasha Goodrich



What do you like about this school?

Teacher: Spending time with students and teaching.

Student: The people who work on the campus do an excellent job on making it look nice for visitors.

Student: Play sports

Student: Have a chance to play sports without tryouts.

Teacher: Have a nice school with good students to teach.

Student: The school is small, so I am able to get the attention I need.

Teacher: Working with students, teachers, and staff that have good positive attitudes.

Student: It feels nice to be around all hearing impaired/deaf kids rather than all hearing kids.

Student: I have a few friends with whom I can communicate on the same level. That is good for me.

Student: This school gives me the kind of attention I need.

Teacher: We have a lot of good materials and equipment.

Teacher: Like to spend time with students.

Student: Small classes

Student: Some teachers are very supportive.

Teacher: The WVSD campus is very beautiful.

Teacher: Like talking with WVSD students.

Teacher: Students

Teacher: I think 209 is a good place for students to go and learn their mistakes.

Teacher: We're lucky to have a good bunch of kids here.



What do you not like about this school?

When students get into trouble.

Level System

Need more books for students to learn.

Need to change level system.

When things interfere with our learning.

Food, dorm, lack of freedom and independence.

Class interruptions.

Teachers are less friendly. Education needs to improve, so that those who have higher level classes can be challenged here.

Teachers don't pay any attention to students' needs. Also, there is too much leisure time during school time.

Don't like to see WVSD students decreased. Also, need to change level system rules.

There are too many disruptions during class time.

Leadership

Sitting and rotting your brain in 209.

Houseparents don't give kids any privacy.

Not enough deaf teachers and staff.

Join other public school to play sports.

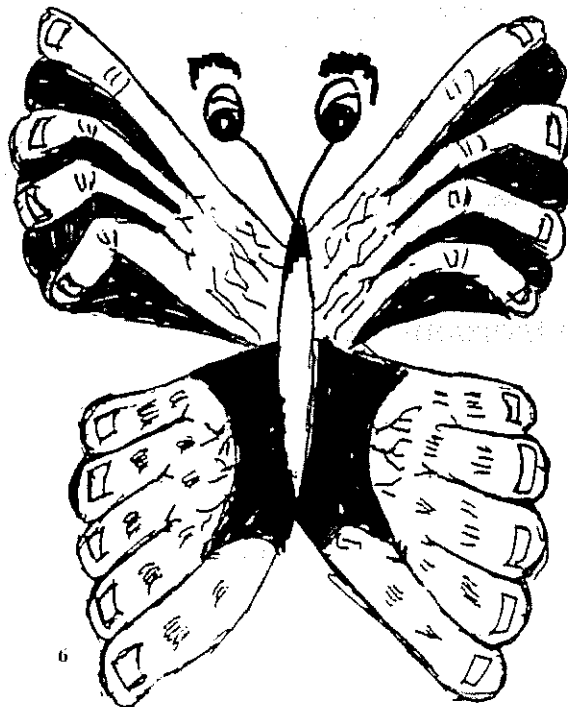
Small populations.

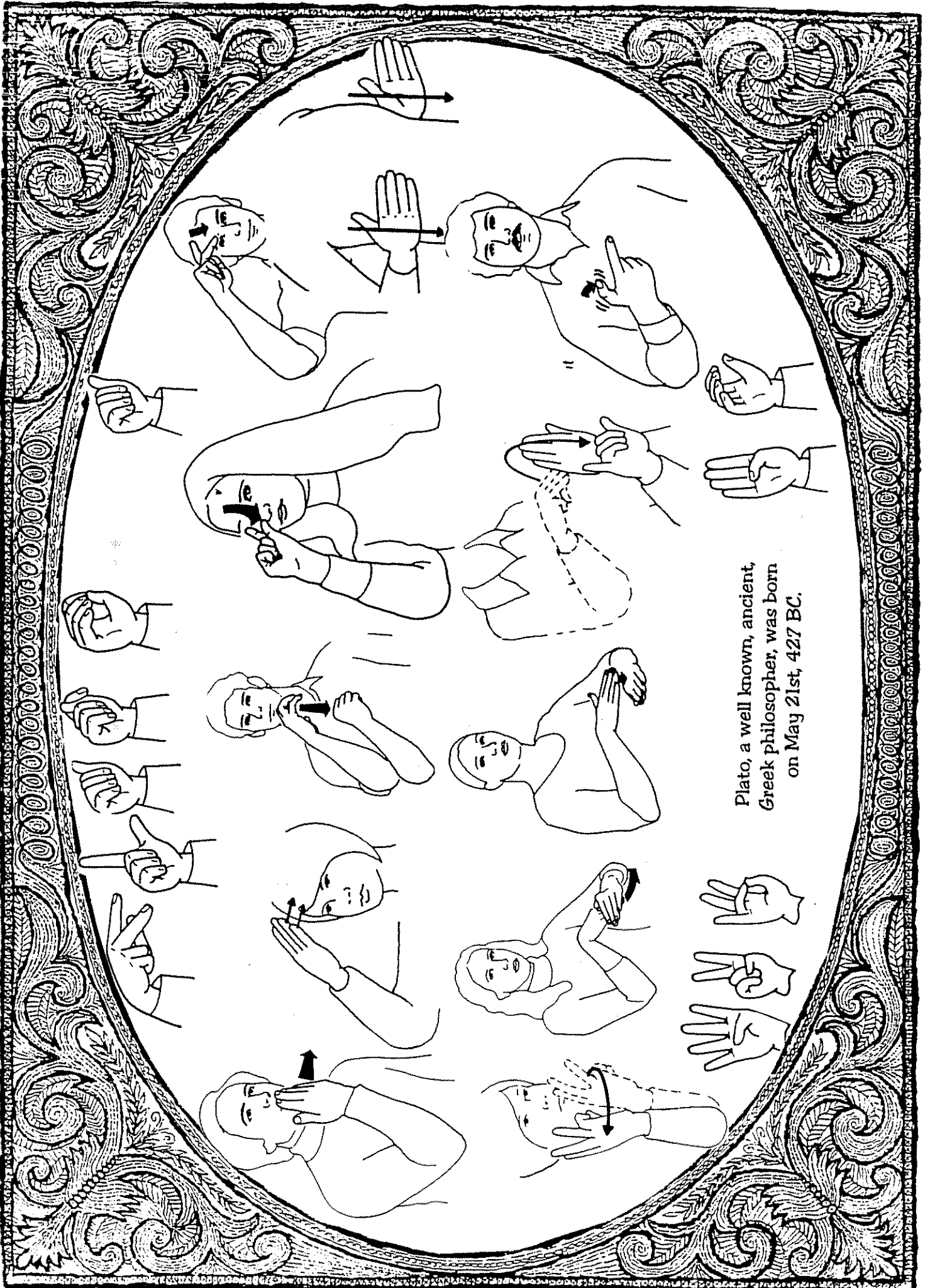
Not enough activities and too much free time.

We need more vocational (work) experiences for our students.

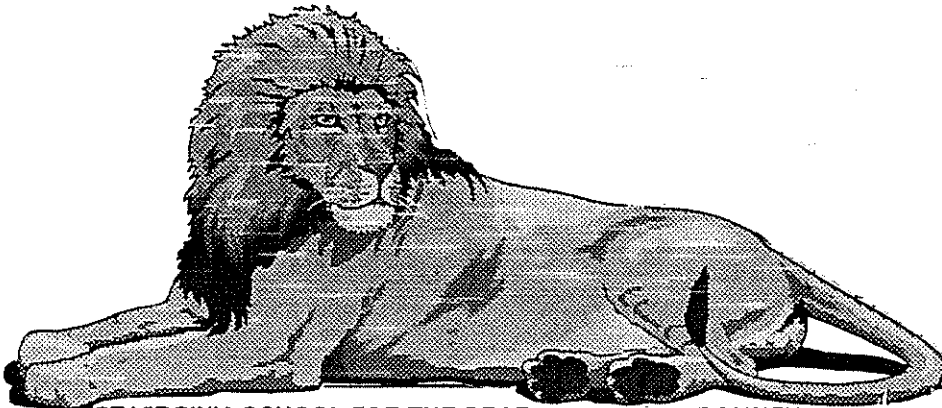
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Drawing by
Daniel Cochran,
Eighth Grade





Plato, a well known, ancient,
Greek philosopher, was born
on May 21st, 427 BC.



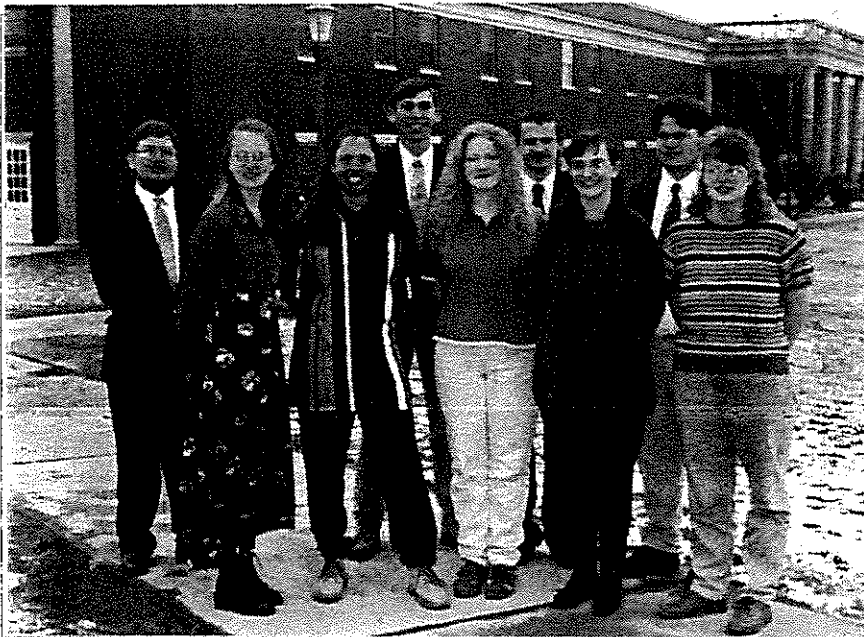
THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

JUNE 13, 1997

WVSD's '97 Graduates



Front row (left to right): Heather McKinney, Tasha Goodrich, Tressie Mitchell, Amy Simons, and Jennifer Lofton. Back row (left to right) Ronnie McCraw, Joshua Liller, Michael Riggio, and Michael Sizemore. Not pictured: Sherman Knight.

Kings Dominion

by Tammy Ennis

On May 31, WVSD students and some houseparents went to Kings Dominion for Deaf Awareness Day. The houseparents and students rode in two buses because 60 people went. The advanced girls and boys rode in one bus, and the intermediate girls and boys rode in the other bus. We left WVSD campus about 7:00 in the morning. We arrived at Kings Dominion about noon. The kids stayed in prearranged groups while we were there. There were lots of roller coasters, water rides, and many souvenirs to buy.

We left Kings Dominion about 10:45. We stopped in Virginia at McDonalds for a late supper. We arrived back to the WVSD campus at 2:15 in the morning. The kids were sleepyheads. The students want to thank Mr. Surber and all the staff who helped make this a wonderful trip!

Theatre West Virginia

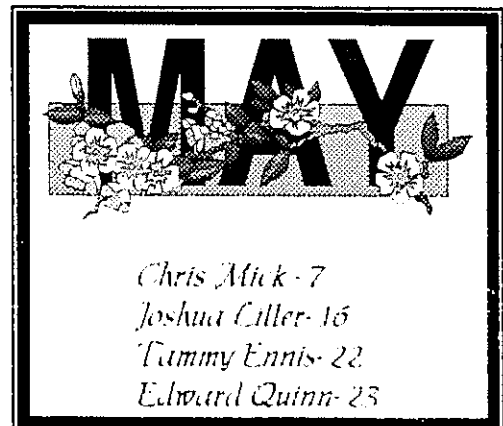
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

by Mel Brock

Recently, Theatre West Virginia staged a puppet show in the recreation room of Seaton Hall. The title of the play was The Three Little Pigs. The group, which has been here four times before, gave two performances, one for the Elementary School for the Deaf and one for the high school students.

The puppeteer's names were Cindy and Seay; both are from Beckley, West Virginia.

After the play was over, Seay and Cindy showed how to control the marionettes and allowed the students to touch them. They also explained how they made them. Seay, who is an artist, created the marionettes. At the close of the program, gifts were presented to Seay and Cindy from WVSD as a token of appreciation. If the grant is approved, they will return next year to do Drendlocks and the Three Bears.



Chris Mick - 7
Joshua Ciller - 16
Tammy Ennis - 22
Edward Quinn - 23

SENIOR WILLS

by Tammy Ennis

Tasha Goodrich: My school locker to Sheena Smith.
My ability in sports to Stephanie Smallwood.
My sense of humor to Tammy Ennis.
My concentration in Mrs. Heare's class to Justin Catlett.
Sherman Knight: My favorite basketball team (Chicago Bulls) to Stephen Daniels.
My Chicago Bulls hat to Edward Quinn.
My 3-point shooting skill to Leslie Jessie.
My basketball skill to Clifton Brunty.
Josh Liller: My school locker to Lennie Stamper.
My procrastination and pestering of Miss Shank to Olivia Stuart.
My knowledge of knowing the difference between 1st and 3rd bases to Amy Simons.
A thousand thanks to all who encouraged me and kept this school alive especially my parents and my sponsors.
Jennifer Lofton: My school locker to any kid.
My smile to Tammy Ennis.
My big mouth to Olivia Stuart.
My ability to win the WV Golden Horseshoe Award to Sheena Smith.
Ronnie McCraw: My smile to Latasha Hackett.
My pestering of Mr. Barry Nealis to Stephen Daniels.
My bedroom to Sammy McCraw.
My dinner chair to Chris Remsburg.
Heather McKinney: My school locker (#28) to any kid.
My laughing to Jason Wilson.
My shouting to Kristie Gillespie.
My speedy running to Latasha Hackett.
Tressie Mitchell: My mirror to Andrea Skidmore. --
My friendliness to Danielle Surber.
My cheerleading skill to Latasha Hackett.
My mischievousness to Sylvia Adkins.
Michael Riggio: My snail to Dr. Shank.
My Eastbay Magazine to Leslie Jessie.
My solitaire card game to Daniel Cochran.
My cup to Tammy Ennis.
Amy Simons: My ability to be hyper and have lots of fun to Mel Brock.
My knowledge to all the kids.
My school locker (#42) to Stephanie Smallwood.
My big mouth to Olivia Stuart.
Michael Sizemore: My basketball manager skills to Sammy McCraw.
My ability in video games to Chris Remsburg.
My smile to Andrea Skidmore.

BEST MEMORY OF WVSD

Tasha - First female to win the FFA Tractor Contest.
Josh - All the summer camp years.
Michael - Skiing.
Tressie - Being voted prom queen.
Heather - During my senior year when we went to Kings Dominion, I was in a group with Tressie, Tammy, Stephanie, and Kristie. Tasha and I were on the Water Canyon ride, and Tasha threw water all over Tammy and Stephanie. Then later, Tasha got paid back. She got soaked on another water ride!!
Amy - When I first came here, the kids were so nice to me, and made me feel welcome. They made me feel so comfortable here! I've made many good friends and will miss each of them.

SENIOR PAGE

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT










Tasha - When I was in eighth grade, I was in a play. I had to wear padding in my chest. The whole school was watching the play. My padding began to stick out of my shirt, and I had to stuff it back in, in front of the whole school. Everyone was watching and laughing!!
Heather - When I was in the 9th grade after the prom was over, I ran over to the advanced girls' dorm to give Dana her prom dress back, then I ran back to intermediate girls' dorm. When I opened the door to the intermediate girls' dorm, Mrs. Woods saw me! I was wearing nothing but my undergarments and panty hose! And, I was on Level 2 for out of area. I will never do that again, and never again will I go to the end of the hall to escape like that!!
Tressie - As a freshman homecoming princess, I wore a dress with panty hose underneath for the crowning ceremony. As I walked back to class from the restroom, several boys were standing in the hall laughing at me I felt the air hitting my backside. When I turned around, I saw that the back of my dress was stuck inside my pantyhose!
Josh - Miss Shank explaining Rule # 8 and demanding that we all will get quarters pounders at Virginia Beach!!
Amy - On November first, I was standing in my mother's bathroom cutting my hair and talking to my mom and sister. I wasn't paying attention to what I was doing, and I cut my bangs so short, they were almost gone! For months after that, the kids called me "Moe," "Flatop," and a few other names. I was so embarrassed! They still won't let me live it down, especially Mr. Kesler.

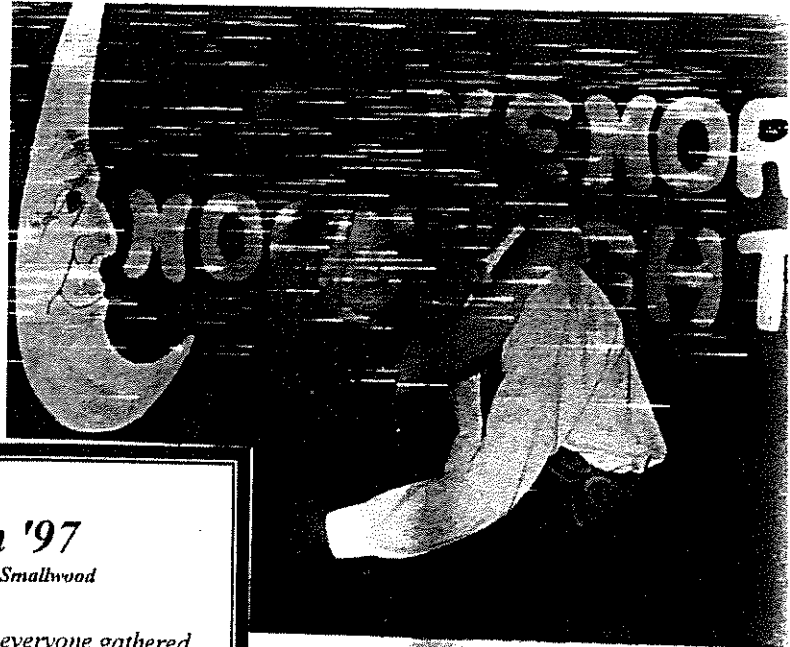
Senior Class Goals

by Mel Brock

Tasha Goodrich- Attend NTID in Rochester, NY.
Sherman Knight- Get a job, like lawn mowing, etc.
Josh Liller- Go to NTID, major in visual communications and hopefully do film and video work with Steven Spielberg.
Jennifer Lofton- Go to work at Wampler Foods in Moorefield WV.
Ronnie McCraw- Go to Vocational Rehabilitation to train to be a nurse's assistant.
Heather McKinney- Go to college and become a veterinarian.
Tressie Mitchell- Choose between New River Community College in Dublin, Virginia, or West Virginia Career College in Morgantown and major in accounting.
Michael Riggio- Work for CSX railroad and drive a train.
Amy Simons- Attend Fairmont State College for two years, graduate with a degree in child care, work as a day care worker and eventually set up a day care center.
Michael Sizemore- Go to Vocational Rehabilitation to receive training in plumbing or building houses.

May/June 1997

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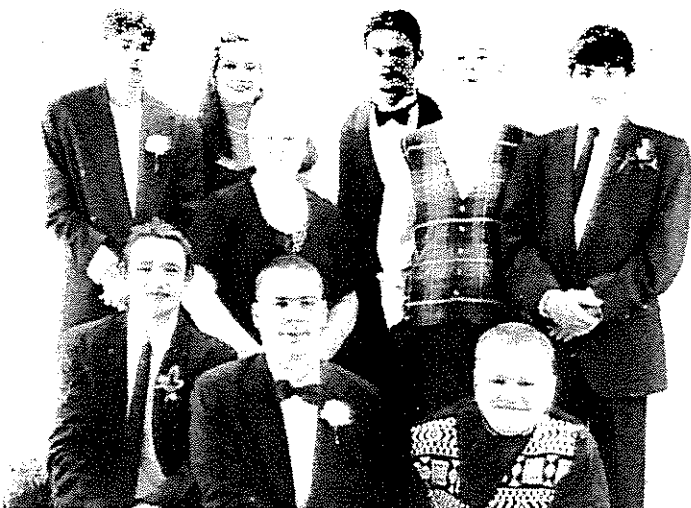
Prom '97

by Stephanie Smallwood

On May 16th, everyone gathered in Seaton Hall cafeteria for the prom dinner. We had turkey, green beans, corn, gravy, baked potatoes, rolls, and two different kinds of pie. We had a choice of tea or water. Everyone was completely stuffed with all those delicious foods!

About 6:45pm the group moved over to the multipurpose room for the prom. The theme of this year's prom was, "Memories of Moonlight and Roses." Everybody started taking pictures. Around 8:00 p.m. the music started, and we danced the night away. Everyone was having a ball! In the middle of the evening, we had some refreshments: mints, nuts, cakes, and punch.

The junior class would like to mention thanks to Mrs. Boley for the two delicious cakes, the DJs (Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler), Mr. Coleman for all his help, the cooks for the delicious dinner, and all others who helped out with the prom decorations.



SPORTS SCENE

by Coach Mary Beth Surber

BEALL JV SWEEPS WVSD

On May 5, Beall JV had three homeruns, one triple, and two doubles in the first game, and one homerun, four triples, and a double in the second game to win a 10-4 and 18-12 doubleheader.

In the first game, the Lions had 6 strikeouts by a Beall pitcher. Heather McKinney tripled, Tressie Mitchell was 2 for 2, Tasha Goodrich, Kristie Gillespie, and Tammy Ennis had one single each.

In the second game, the Lions did a better job. They took advantage of 17 walks. Tasha Goodrich had one single and 2 RBIs. Stephanie Smallwood and Danielle Surber had one single and an RBI each.

1st GAME

Beall JV	2	2	3	3	0	-	10	15	1
WVSD	1	2	1	0	0	-	4	6	1

2nd GAME

Beall JV	5	5	0	3	5	-	18	13	0
WVSD	2	5	0	5	0	-	12	3	1

MSSD ROUTS WVSD

On May 6 the best players teamed for four homeruns and seven strikeouts in the first game and 10 strikeouts in the 2nd game to lead MSSD to a 15-1 and 15-2 doubleheader sweep.

MSSD is a very strong team. Their two best pitchers are juniors. They have pitched many

innings since they were little, have joined "hearing" summer leagues, and have gone to softball camps several times.

Heather McKinney tripled and Tasha Goodrich hit a single with an RBI in the first game.

1st GAME

MSSD	3	5	7	-	15	12	0
WVSD	0	0	1	-	1	2	0

2nd GAME

MSSD	3	1	5	6	-	15	7	0
WVSD	1	1	0	0	-	2	0	0

WVSD SWEEPS VSD

On May 13 at Staunton, VA, Tasha Goodrich pitched all innings in both games and struck out 15 (6 in the first game and 9 in the second game) to lead WVSD to a 4-3 and 7-2 doubleheader sweep.

In the first game, Tammy Ennis had a double and 2 RBIs. Heather McKinney was 2 for 3, Kristie Gillespie was 2 for 2, Stephanie Smallwood, Tasha Goodrich, Danielle Surber, and Latasha Hackett had one single each.

In the second game, Tasha was 1 for 2 with 2 RBIs. Kristie was 2 for 2, Heather, Stephanie, and Latasha were 1 for 2.

The Lions had a very good season. They improved so much. Mike and I really enjoyed working with them.

1st GAME

WVSD	0	0	0	4	0	-	4	9	2
VSD	1	2	0	0	0	-	3	5	1

2nd GAME

WVSD	0	0	7	0	0	-	7	6	1
VSD	2	0	0	0	0	-	2	2	1

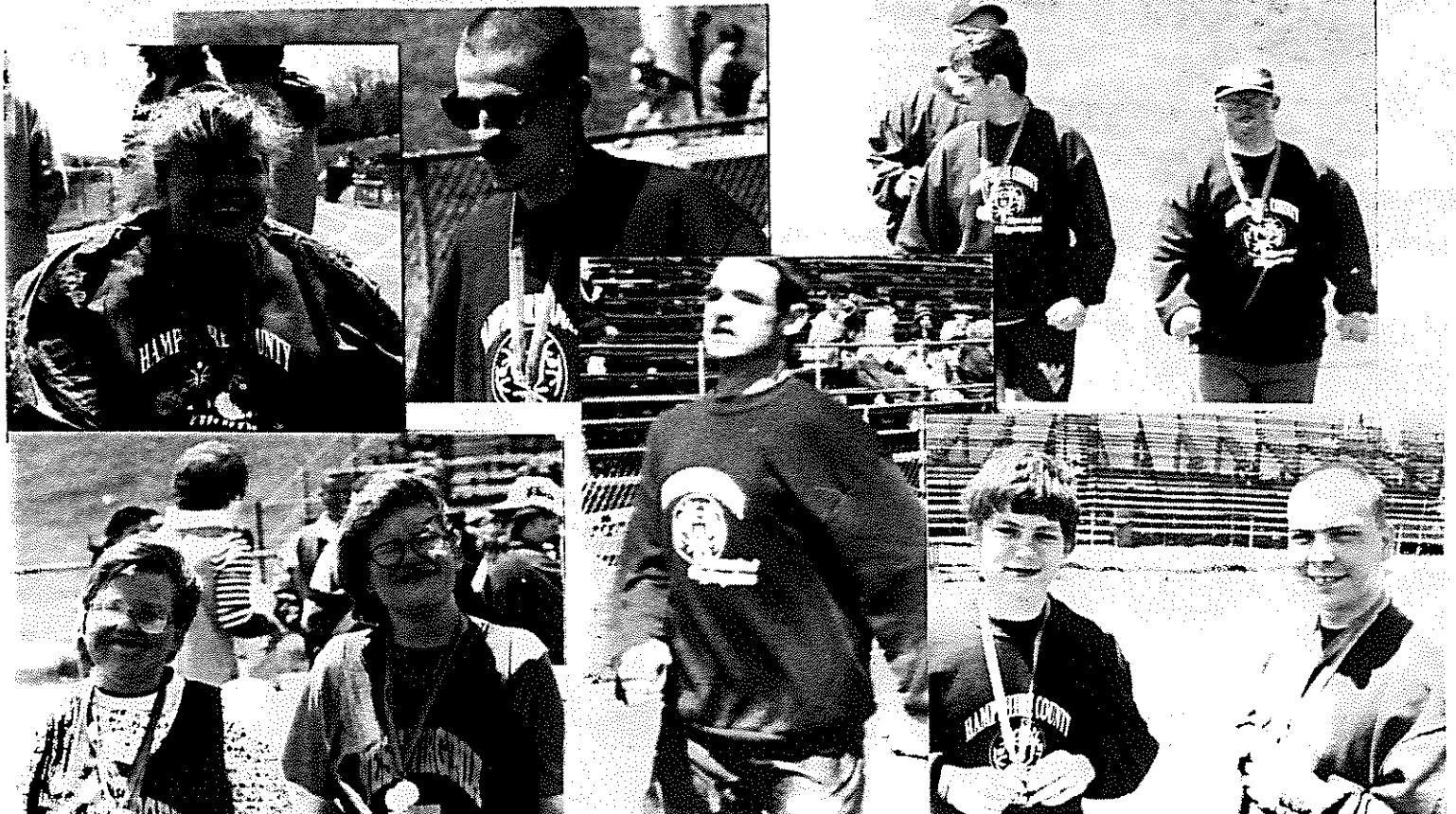
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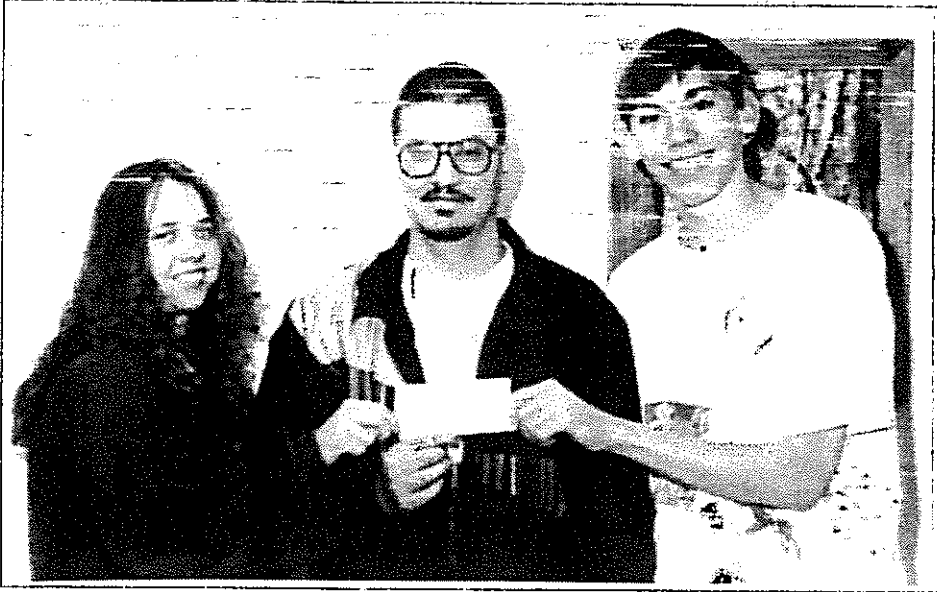


Tammy Ennis (seated, left), Stephanie Smallwood (seated, right) and Tasha Goodrich (standing) were named by their coaches as All Americans in softball. Their names will be in an upcoming issue of *The Silent News*.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Joe, April, Jared, Jeff, Tracy, Ben, Michael, Lennie, Charity





Recently, Mr. Doyle Workman, on behalf of the WWSA Alumni Association, presented a check to the Class of '97 for senior activities.



Jr. NAD members attended a Baltimore Orioles game on May 4. The O's beat the Oakland Athletics 11-0.

Andrea
Richmond

Tasha
Goodrich

Mrs. Deare



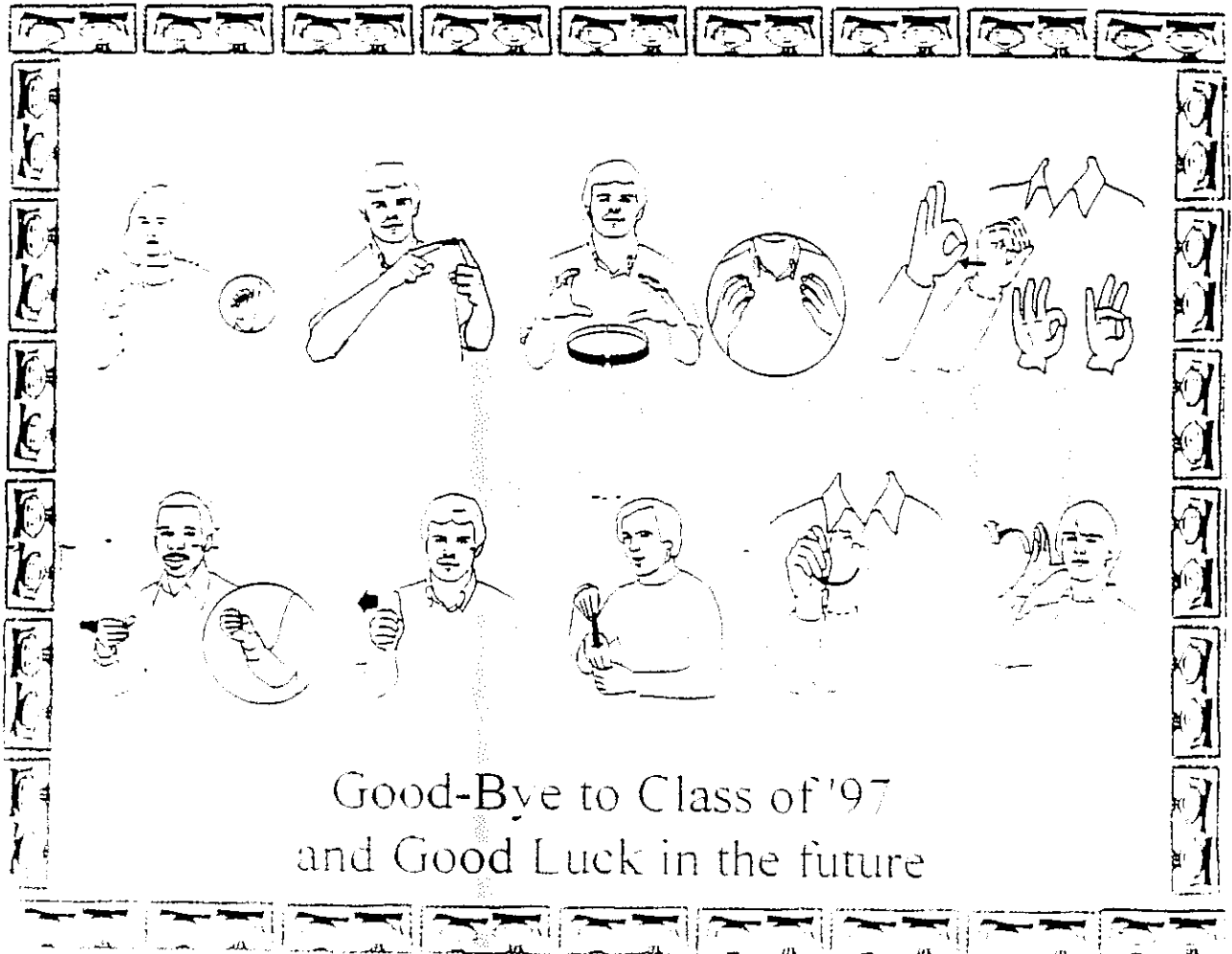
Melanie
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Mrs. Dodgins

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Good-Bye to Class of '97
and Good Luck in the future