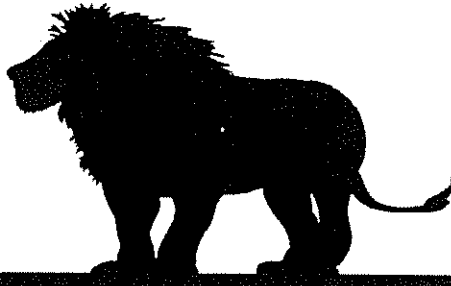


# The LIONS' TALE



West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

September 30, 1998

## WVSD Welcomes New Students

by Stephanie Smallwood

by Sylvia Eller

Melora Brock is a senior from Morgantown and is the daughter of Lynn and Carol Brock.

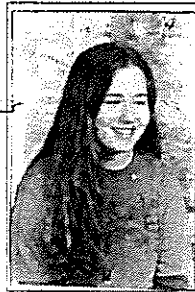
**What is your favorite music?** Rock & Roll, Alternative, and some Classic Rock.

**What do you enjoy best here?** Socialization and volleyball.

**What are your favorite foods?** Tacos, sweet and sour chicken, and nachos.

**What are your favorite subjects?** Yearbook, Pottery, and Clothing.

**Name some things you like to do.** Writing poems and reading.



Melora Brock

Sylvia Eller is a new student attending WVSD. She is the daughter of Mr. Donald Eller of Rock (Mercer County).

Sylvia likes to collect knickknacks and Native American items. When asked why she came here, Sylvia said, "Because I have a better opportunity to get into college than I had in public school." Sylvia has been coming here to summer camp since seventh grade.

She likes to play with all of her calves, especially Smokey, and she loves to go for walks with her dog Leroy. Her favorite classes are English and Clothing.



Sylvia Eller



Roger Allport, son of Lyvonne Dobbins, is from Switzer; Johnny Caudill, of Naugatuck, is the son of Willie and Pauline Stockage; Ashley Lease, daughter of Mike and Kathy Lease, is from Maidsville; Paul Parent, of Romney, is the son of Paul and Betty Parent; Keith Richardson, son of John and Terri Richardson, is from Romney; Carolyn Rockow, of Romney, is the daughter of Sandra Rockow; Holly Romanello, daughter of Calvin and Joan Lane, is from Wimitz.

## Principal's Post

by Mr. J.D. Corbin

It is with both pleasure and pride that I share my first Principal's Post.

I am proud of our school and the service that we provide our state's deaf and hard-of-hearing students throughout the year. I have seen many students literally "blossom" in this environment after experiencing only failure and frustration in other programs. Credit for such accomplishments should be given to the dedicated, concerned, and qualified staff which I now have the pleasure of serving. The accomplishments of our school come as no surprise. In researching the staff, I found over four hundred years of teaching experience coupled with masters degrees and other qualifications for all academic and most technical education teachers. Now that is a staff to be proud of!!

These are exciting and challenging times to be in educational administration. One might easily dub this era "a time of change" both on and off campus. On campus, throughout the past couple of years, we have experienced a huge turnover in administrative staff. These changes have led to a new era of administrative teamwork and dedication to serving our students. We are also working very hard to implement and meet the demands of our new state curriculum and special programs, such as Classroom, Inc. and School-to-work. Our students will be afforded opportunities, experiences, and benefits unlike any previously offered.

Another program that will soon be implemented at our school is Instrumental Enrichment (IE). It teaches students to use and apply or "bridge" higher level thinking and problem solving skills to all curricular areas and to everyday life. Instrumental Enrichment has been proven to be highly successful with deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Our students are being provided educational experiences and opportunities that will better prepare them for the future.

I am looking forward to a very productive year.

### Mrs. Brown

by Olivia B. Stuart

Mrs. Brown is the new business education teacher for the Secondary School for the Deaf. She has been teaching for ten years and has transferred from the School for the Blind. Mrs. Brown, who grew up in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has taught in other states such as New Jersey and Maryland. She began her studies at Owens Technical College in Toledo, Ohio. She completed her undergraduate work at Frostburg



Mrs. Bonnie Brown

State University and obtained her MA from the University of Alabama. Mrs. Brown said, "I have enjoyed the first month of school. I am slowly learning sign language and getting to know everyone."

### Mrs. Kuykendall

by Stephanie Smallwood

Mrs. Kuykendall, who lives in Romney, is our new Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) teacher. She graduated from West Virginia University with a BS in Family Resources and an MA in Counseling and Guidance. She served as a WVU Extension Agent in charge of 4-H for fifteen years in Hampshire County. She and her husband, Dick, have two children, Mary Ann, age 9, and Richard, age 7.



Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall

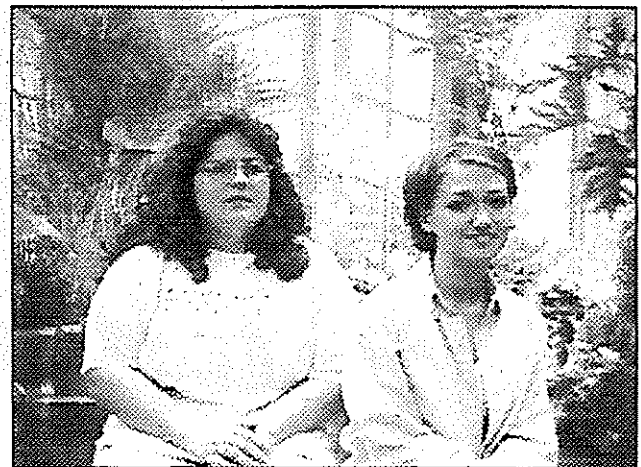
### HHS Students In Photo Class

by Justin Catlett

WVSD students have been going to Hampshire High School (HHS) for several years to take classes not offered here. This year, two HHS students are coming to WVSD, because they want to take a photography class which is not offered in their school.

Jessica MacBeth, a senior at HHS, has always enjoyed photography and plans to pursue this interest in college. Jessica learned about the availability of this class through her journalism teacher, Mrs. Staub. She likes everything about photography class and hopes to become more knowledgeable in developing film and handling a 35mm camera.

Rachael Ruckman, also a senior at HHS, enjoys taking pictures and hopes to use her photography skills after she graduates. She, too, learned about this class through her teacher, Mrs. Staub. Rachael says she likes photography class and wants to improve her picture taking skills.



Jessica MacBeth (left) and Rachael Ruckman

# Awards Banquet

by Olivia B. Stuart & Stephanie Smallwood

Last June, the Secondary School had the annual awards luncheon in the Seaton Hall cafeteria. The following students received certificates and awards:

## American Legion

Tammy-Ennis

## VFW

Stephen Daniels  
Tammy Ennis

## Outstanding Citizen

Tammy Ennis  
Chris Remsburg  
Danielle Surber  
Jason Wilson  
Lennie Stamper  
Tracy Marcum

## Best Manners

Tammy Ennis  
Chris Remsburg  
Patrick Collins  
Sheena Smith  
Lennie Stamper  
April Dixon

## Best All Around Students

Stephen Daniels  
Olivia Stuart  
Daniel Cochran  
Danielle Surber  
Tracy Marcum  
Lennie Stamper

## Most Improved Students

Ed Quinn  
Latasha Hackett  
Wesley Jarrell  
Sylvia Adkins  
Jeff Quimby  
Mona King

## Family and Consumer Science

Jared Helsel  
Ed Quinn  
Sylvia Adkins

## Teen Institute

Daniel Cochran  
Chris Mick  
Jason Wilson  
Sylvia Adkins  
Ed Quinn  
Joanne Shaffer

## Foods

Latasha Hackett  
Wesley Jarrell  
Patrick Collins  
Chris Remsburg  
Bill Wright  
Daniel Cochran

## Foods (Highest Grades)

Chris Mick  
Danielle Surber

## Parenting Class

Olivia Stuart

## Art

Patrick Collins  
Wesley Jarrell  
Noelle Payton  
Danielle Surber  
Sheena Smith  
Tabitha Keplinger

## Advanced Art

Daniel Cochran  
Ed Quinn

## Yearbook

Tammy Ennis

## Keyboarding One

Wesley Jarrell  
Latasha Hackett  
Josh Hamilton  
Damron Walton

## Keyboarding Two

Patrick Collins  
Stephen Daniels

## Finished Keyboarding Two Program

Chris Remsburg

## Business Education

Noelle Payton

## Most Improved in Mrs. Herriott's Class

Jeff Wright

## Straight A Student in Mrs. Herriott's class

Tammy Ennis

## Best Grades in WV History

Patrick Collins  
Danielle Surber

## Best Grades in US History

Joanne Shaffer  
Jason Wilson

## Best Grades in World History

Chris Mick  
Stephanie Smallwood

## Best Grades in 20<sup>th</sup> Century History

Damron Walton  
Latasha Hackett

## Up to Date on Current Events

Olivia Stuart  
Justin Catlett

## Most Improved Photography Student

Sylvia Adkins

## Media Awards

Olivia Stuart  
Tammy Ennis

## Most Improved Language

Jason Wilson  
Sylvia Adkins  
Jeff Wright

## Civil War Language

Tammy Ennis  
Justin Catlett  
Patrick Collins  
Chris Mick  
Stephanie Smallwood  
Noelle Payton  
Wesley Jarrell  
Olivia Stuart  
Danielle Surber

## P.E. Students of the Year

Joanne Shaffer  
Daniel Cochran

## Miss Buckskin Babe

Tammy Ennis

## Mountaineer Award

Stephen Daniels

## Golden Hammer

Stephen Daniels

## Highest Achievements for the grades of :

Val-Tammy Ennis  
Sal-Stephen Daniels  
11<sup>th</sup> Damron Walton  
10<sup>th</sup> Olivia Stuart  
9<sup>th</sup> Daniel Cochran  
8<sup>th</sup> Danielle Surber

### Golf Club

The 1998-99 Golf Club has 18 members and will be divided into three groups. The Golf Club will be meeting during flex time with Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian returning as club sponsors.

### VICA

Officers for 1998-99 are:  
President- C. Mick  
V President- J. Catlett,  
Secretary- D. Surber,  
Treasurer- M. Brock,  
Sgt-at-arms, R. Lake, S. Smallwood, S. McCraw.

### J-NAD

Officers for 1998-99 are:  
President- S. Smallwood  
V President- J. Shaffer  
Secretary- N. Payton  
Treasurer- D. Surber

## Sports Scene

By Coach Surber

### Orioles Wipe Out WVSD

WVSD Lions' first volleyball match was on Sept. 10. We traveled to Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick to play against the MSD Orioles. Laura Tarbox had 24 service points to lead MSD to a 3-0 sweep over WVSD. The scores were 15-6, 15-6, and 15-9. It was our first game and MSD's third game. Joanne Shaffer had 6 service points. Danielle Surber had 5, Mel Brock had 4, and Latasha Hackett had 3 service points. Stephanie Smallwood, Sylvia Adkins, and Tabitha Keplinger had one point each.

### Moorefield Beats WVSD

At WVSD on September 14, Leslie Williams served for 10 points and Jeanne Johnson for 8 to lead Moorefield to a 3-0 victory over WVSD. The Yellow Jackets won the games by 15-12, 15-3, and 15-13. Stephanie Smallwood led the Lady Lions with 8 points, 3 assists and 3 kills. Mel Brock had 6 points and 7 assists. Danielle Surber chipped in with 6 points, one ace, 2 assists, and 2 kills. Sylvia Adkins had 4 points and 2 assists. Latasha Hackett had 3 points, 3 assists, and 2 kills. Tabitha Keplinger had one point and 3 assists. They did a great job. The Lady Lions would like to thank the people who came to support us that night.

### The WPSD Lions Defeat the WVSD Lions

On September 16, at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, WPSD had a 3-0 victory over visiting WVSD. Game scores were 15-8, 15-2, and 15-12. Mel Brock led the Lady Lions (0-3) with 9 points, 3 assists, and one kill while Danielle Surber had 6 points, 2 assists, and 7 kills. Stephanie Smallwood had 4 points, one assist, and 4 kills. Joanne Shaffer had 2 points. Tabitha Keplinger had one point, one assist, and one kill.



Standing, back row: (L to R): Coach Surber, Melora Brock, Heather Braithwaite, Stephanie Smallwood, Latasha Hackett, Danielle Surber, JoAnne Shaffer, Sylvia Eller, and scorekeeper Noelle Payton. Kneeling (L to R): Jackie Fields, Holly Romanello, Sylvia Adkins, Tabitha Keplinger, Carolyn Rockow, and Sheena Smith. Front manager, Lisa Parent.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
5	Mel Brock	12
14	Latasha Hackett	12
10	Stephanie Smallwood	11
2	Sylvia Adkins	10
24	JoAnne Shaffer	10
28	Tabitha Keplinger	9
11	Sheena Smith	9
23	Danielle Surber	9
33	Heather Braithwaite	9
6	Jackie Fields	7
13	Carolyn Rockow	7
3	Holly Romanello	7

Scorekeeper: Noelle Payton Mgr: Lisa Parent  
Coach: Mrs. MaryBeth Surber

### HHS JV Defeats WVSD

On September 21, at the WVSD gym, the Hampshire Jayvees won, 2-0. Game scores were 15-2 and 16-14. In the second game, the Lady Lions did a good job. Stephanie Smallwood served for 5 points and Latasha Hackett for 4 to lead the Lady Lions. Melora Brock had 3 points and one assists. Danielle Surber had 2 points, one assists and one kill. Joanne Shaffer had 2 points.

### Flintstone wins a Triangular

On September 22, at Paw Paw. Flintstone won two matches and Paw Paw won one in a tri-match between Flintstone, Paw Paw and WVSD. Paw Paw defeated WVSD 15-7 and 15-8. Flintstone beat WVSD 15-2 and 15-8. Danielle Surber had 8 service points and Stephanie Smallwood and Melora Brock 5 points each.

# WNSDS LIONS



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 VSD (M) @6:30	2 	3 Lion established Thanks-giving (1863)
4 	5* Moore- field (A) @6:30 Split Week	6 The first "talking" movie, The Jazz Singer (1927)	7 Flint- stone (V/A) @6:30	8 The Great Chicago Fire (1871)	9 Alumni Weekend 	10
11 Mrs. Pocahontas Birthday (1864)	12	13 WPSD (M) @4:00	14 MSSD (M) @4:00	15 DSD (M) @3:00	16 	17
18 	19 John Adams' Birthday (1735)	20 Paw Play (M) @7:00	21 Alfred Nobel's Birthday	22 VSD (M) @7:00	23 End of First Nine Weeks	24
25	26 Theodore Roosevelt's Birthday (1858)	27	28	29 Fall Conference 9:30- 11:30 	30 VB Tourney @ Buffalo, N.Y.	31 Happy Halloween 



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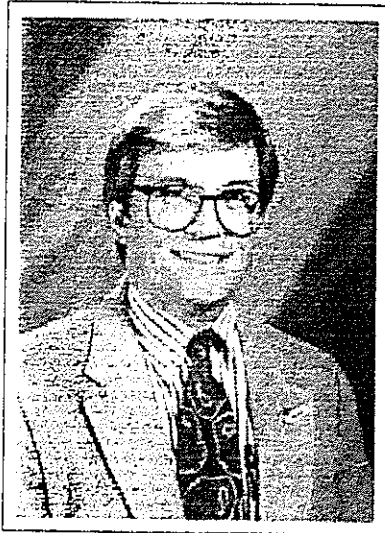
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November 13, 1998

## New Director of Student Living Mr. Marty Blakely

by Stephanie Smallwood

Mr. Marty Blakely is our new Director of Student Living at the Secondary School for the Deaf. Mr. Blakely and his family come to us from PA, where he was Director of Instruction at the Scranton State School for the Deaf. Mr. Blakely has held teaching, coaching, and administrative positions in several schools for the deaf including NC, PA, and KS. Now, he is pursuing a doctorate degree in Education Administration/ Supervision and Leadership at the University of Kansas. Mr. Blakely describes himself as a lifelong learner who loves to learn something new each day. The thing he likes most about working as a Director of Student Living is helping kids with their needs for the future. Mr. Blakely explained his top three goals for the Residential Life Program at Seaton Hall.



Mr. Marty Blakely

1) We will have a curriculum that defines our program and will provide the substance of learning. Also, a well-designed secondary curriculum should be more than a set of disjointed themes and activities. It should be the total planned program of experiences available to individual learners. It will include educational/ residential goals, learner outcomes, activity offerings, activity outlines, and even the student activities program. In many ways, the curriculum should be the script that will guide and fuse the interaction of all the key actors in the drama of learning.

2) We will try to develop a recipe for results using assessments to drive our instructional/residential program, including student portfolios.

3) We all know that in an age of "information power" and untethered technology, the entire universe can be in both the classroom and the dorm room if the residential school is doing it's job. Today, students can access information from literally everywhere on and off this planet. This is why we should use resource-based instruction in our program.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that the future of our residential school for the deaf will most likely be a mixture of old ideas and innovations. Whatever it contains, tomorrow is something that can be shaped and influenced today. The future does not just happen. It has to be invented. Whatever happens to the residential school in the years ahead will have been created, prompted, or allowed by today's "US", the residential school leaders and staff.

## WVSD Celebrates Homecoming And Alumni Weekend

by Stephanie Smallwood

On October 7, WVSD students and staff gathered in the MPR for the announcement of this year's Homecoming Court, which had been voted upon the day before.

Mrs. Staley announced the court, beginning with the ungraded class: Tracy Marcum and Dalton Christy; seventh grade, Holly Romanello and Keith Richardson; freshmen, Danielle Surber and Patrick Collins; sophomores, Sylvia Adkins and Jason Wilson; juniors Stephanie Smallwood and Chris Mick. Justin Catlett was crowned as King and Melora Brock as the Queen.

After photographing the Homecoming Court, refreshments were served to the entire student body. The delicious treats were made by Mrs. Kuykendall and her classes.

### Alumni Weekend

Approximately one hundred alumni attended Alumni weekend October 9-11.

On Friday night the alumni went to Rainbow Lanes in Keyser for an evening of bowling. Festivities for Saturday included a banquet at Seaton Hall cafeteria and a dance at the Romney Fire Hall.

(See page 2 for photographs of the Homecoming Court)

## 1998-99 HOMECOMING COURT



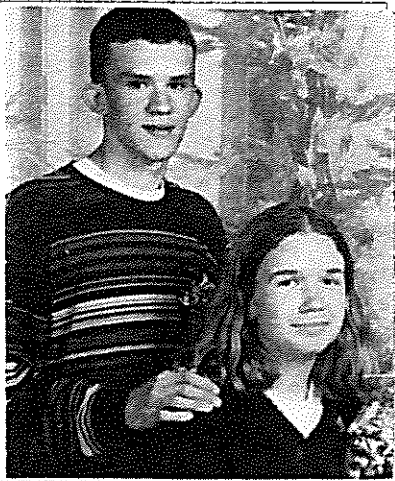
**Justin Catlett and  
Melora Brock**



**Chris Mick and  
Stephanie Smallwood**



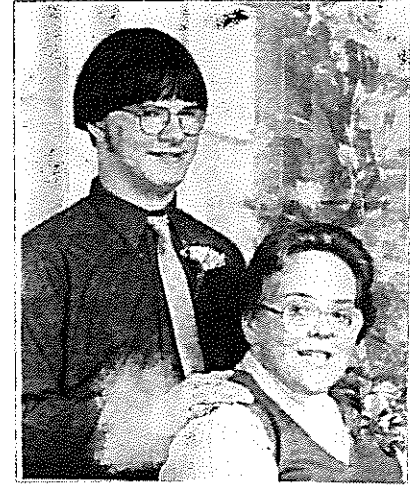
**Jason Wilson and  
Sylvia Adkins**



**Patrick Collins and  
Danielle Surber**



**Keith Richardson and  
Holly Romanello**



**Dalton J. Christy and  
Tracy Marcum**

### The Director's Corner

by Marty Blakely

It seems as if it takes almost no time for the semester to move in high gear. Barely the first quarter has passed, and yet we are already well into the 1998 - 1999 school year.

This newsletter is the first of what I hope will be an informal quarterly review that will give me an opportunity to let you know what is happening here at Seaton Hall.

This year, as some of you know, we have had a few changes in personnel. Two experienced houseparents are new to the staff. Ms. Bonnie Sipple has assumed the responsibility for the Intermediate Deaf Girls group. She has moved to Seaton Hall this year, after working several years at the School for the Blind. She enjoys going to the Recreation Room, playing games, and going for walks with the students. They are a lot of fun and a lot of help when it

comes to learning sign language. Thanks very much, both students and staff, for your help. Also, we are in the process of developing after-school activities. Ms Arbutus Largent commented that prior to coming to Seaton Hall and working with the Advanced Deaf Girls Group, she worked eleven years at the Blind dormitory as a houseparent with the Primary and Intermediate boys. She is also enjoying working with the deaf students and learning their native language. We all are so excited to work together to best serve our students' needs.

We are happy to welcome these new members to our staff. All two are well qualified in their particular residential experiences, and I am sure they will further enhance our exceptionally fine staff.

# Volleyball News

On September 29, MSD beat WVSD, 3-2. WVSD won the first game, 15-6 and lost the next, 4-15. The Lions won the next game, 15-10 and lost the last two. Sylvia Adkins had 13 points and 2 assists to lead the Lions. Stephanie Smallwood chipped in with 11 points, 4 assists, and one kill. Danielle Surber had 6 points and 6 kills. Melora Brock had 5 points, 4 assists, and 1 kill. Latasha Hackett had 5 points, 2 assists and 1 kill. Tabitha Keplinger had 2 points, 2 assists and 5 kills. Joanne Shaffer had one point.

On September 30, Latasha Hackett served for 19 points and Danielle Surber for 14 points to lead the WVSD Lady Lions to a 3-1 victory over East Hardy. Stephanie Smallwood added 11 points and had 14 kills. The game scores were 12-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-9. Melora Brock had 8 points and 8 assists. Sylvia Adkins had 3 points.

On October 1, VSD led a 3-1 win over the Lady Lions at WVSD. The game scores were 15-12, 15-9, 8-15, and 15-3. Melora Brock led the lady Lions with 11 points and 7 assists. Sylvia Adkins had 10 points and 2 assists. Danielle Surber chipped in with 7 points, one assist and 7 kills. Stephanie Smallwood had 5 points, one assist, and 5 kills. Latasha Hackett and Carolyn Rockow had 3 points each.

On October 5, Moorefield led a 3-0 victory over the visiting WVSD Lady Lions. Danielle Surber had 5 service points to lead the Lions. Mel Brock chipped in with 3 points. The scores were 15-1, 15-2, and 15-6. Moorefield JV's won 2-0. Jo Shaffer and Holly romanello had 5 points to lead the Lions. Sheena Smith had 3 points and Carolyn Rockow had 3 kills. The scores were 15-1 and 15-12.

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Romney Jr High School at WVSD

WVSD	RJHS	Name	Service Points	Aces	Assists	Kills
3	15	D. Surber	5	2	0	0
6	15	S. Smallwood	3	1	0	2
		H. Braithwaite	1	0	0	0
		T. Keplinger	0	0	1	0

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Capon Bridge Jr High School at WVSD

WVSD	CBJHS	Name	Service Points	Aces	Assists	Kills
4	15	S. Smith	8	3	0	1
15	4	S. Adkins	7	0	1	0
10	15	T. Keplinger	5	1	1	2
		J. Shaffer	4	0	1	0
		H. Braithwaite	3	1	1	1
		C. Rockow	2	1	0	0

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Western Pa. School for the Deaf at WVSD

WVSD	WPSD	Name	Service Points	Aces	Assists	Kills
8	15	M. Brock	11	1	1	0
9	15	D. Surber	6	0	0	4
5	15	T. Keplinger	3	0	7	1
		L. Hackett	1	0	8	0
		S. Adkins	1	0	2	0
		S. Smallwood	0	0	1	6

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Model Secondary School for the Deaf (JV) at WVSD

WVSD	MSSD	Name	Service Points	Aces	Assists	Kills
15	17	D. Surber	12	0	1	5
17	15	T. Keplinger	12	8	4	0
9	15	M. Brock	8	1	5	0
8	15	H. Braithwaite	6	1	1	2
		S. Smallwood	5	2	1	9
		S. Smith	4	0	2	0
		S. Adkins	1	1	2	0

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
WVSD at Del. School for the Deaf

WVSD	DSD	Name	Service Points	Aces	Assists	Kills
5	15	D. Surber	7	0	1	1
5	15	L. Hackett	6	1	1	0
		M. Brock	6	0	1	0
		T. Keplinger	5	0	0	1
		S. Smallwood	3	0	0	4
		L. Hackett	3	0	0	0



# Trip to Gallaudet University

by Stephanie Smallwood

On October 12, students from WVSD went on an educational trip to Gallaudet University. Students traveling to D. C. were Melora Brock, Justin Catlett, Patrick Collins, Sylvia Eller, Wesley Jarrell, Tabitha Keplinger, Noelle Payton, Stephanie Smallwood, Sheena Smith, and Danielle Surber. Teachers accompanying the students were: Mrs. Dodgins, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Kuykendall, and Mr. Leatherman.

We departed for Gallaudet at 7:00 a.m. Our tour started at 10:30 a.m. All the students were very attentive to the tour guide and thought Gallaudet was an interesting college. We learned about some of its history, traditions, and admissions information.

At noon, everyone was hungry and ready for lunch, so we gathered outside to eat. The weather was beautiful. After lunch Melora Brock had an appointment with the Admissions Counselor. Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Kuykendall also attended the meeting.

When Melora came back she had lots of new information about Gallaudet. She explained Gallaudet is a member of a "consortium" system. This means if you want to take a class that Gallaudet doesn't offer, you can take that class from one of the four other universities in the area. Gallaudet provides transportation and an interpreter without extra charge. The other four universities can also send their students to Gallaudet for classes.

The total enrollment at Gallaudet is 2,000: 1,500 undergraduates, 300 foreign students, and 200 secondary and elementary school students.

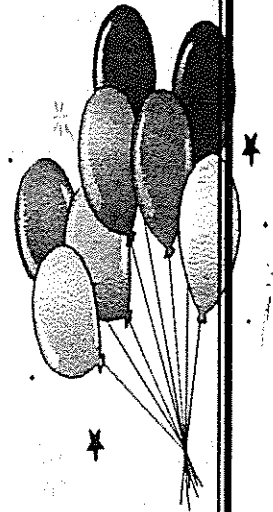
## YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Now taking orders for the 1998-99 "Lair"  
Payment will be collected upon distribution.  
Again, we plan to print the first of April and  
will distribute in May.

If you would like to place an order, please send your  
name, address, and the number of yearbooks you want to

Mrs. Bonnie Brown  
WVSD Business Teacher  
301 E. Main St.  
Romney, WV 26757

Mel Brock- June 4  
Carolyn Rockow- June 24  
Tracy Marcum- July 24  
RT Lake- August 14  
Latasha Hackett- August 23  
Stephanie Smallwood- August 24  
Roger Allport- August 28  
DJ Christy- September 9  
Johnny Caudill- September 14  
Wesley Jarrell- September 15  
Barbie White- September 18  
Sammy McCraw- October 13  
Ashley Lease- October 30



# SURVEY

## Q: What is one thing you think should be banned?





by Olivia B. Stuart

"We should ban .....

War- Holly Romanello, 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Intolerance - Mel Brock, senior  
Germ Warfare - Mrs. Kuykendall, teacher  
Infomercials - Mrs. Dodgins, teacher  
Injustice - Mrs. Heare, teacher  
Animal testing - Olivia B. Stuart, junior  
All tobacco products - Latasha Hackett, senior  
Dishonesty - Paul See, alumni  
Yard sales and campaign posters, both are eye pollution -  
Mr. Kesler, teacher

Gang culture - Ronald Lake, junior  
Alcohol - D.J. Christy, Ungraded  
Bad language - Patrick Collins, freshman  
XXX Movies - Danielle Surber, freshman  
The use of atomic bombs - Mr. Mals, teacher  
Patriarchy - Mr. Engelman, teacher  
Taxes - Mrs. Teter, teacher  
Smoking - Mrs. Czernicki, librarian  
Long lines for waiting- Mr Adrian, teacher  
Pro war people - Daniel Cochran, sophomore  
Spousal abuse - Sylvia Adkins, sophomore

# November 1998

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 The Stamp Act went into effect (1765)	2 The Embassy Theater opened (1929)	3 Stephen Austin, Texas pioneer (1793)	4 Will Rogers' B-Day "I never met a man I didn't like."	5 50 days until X-Mas 	6 Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you get all wet. Anonymous	7 Mane Cune's B-Day (1867)
8 47 shopping days left	9 Benjamin Banneker's B-Day (1731)	10 If you want a job done fast, give it to a busy person. Anonymous	11 The "Unknown Soldier" was buried (1921) Veterans' Day	12 National Cowboy Hall of Fame opened (1965) 	13 <b>Friday the 13th</b>	14 Robert Fulton's B-Day (1765)
15 The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress. - Joseph Joubert	16 W.C. Handy's B-Day (1873)	17 The Suez Canal opened (1869)	18 Columbus discovered Puerto Rico (1493)	19 Have you done your X-Mas shopping yet? 38 days left	20 	21 The course of true love never did run smooth. - William Shakespeare
22 Mary Ann Evans (aka George Eliot) was born 1819	23 The only lesson history has taught us is that man has not yet learned anything from history. Anonymous	24 Scott Joplin's B-Day (1868)	25 Andrew Carnegie's B-Day (1835)	26 Thanksgiving 	27 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's B-Day (1807)	28 From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere. - Dr. Seuss
29 Louisa May Alcott's B-Day (1832)	30 Mark Twain's B-Day (1835)		W	V	S	D
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December 17, 1998

### Interview With WVSD's New Principal

by Olivia Stuart

*Mr. Corbin, you have been principal at the Secondary School for the Deaf almost half a year. What do you feel you have accomplished?*

Something that I have learned in this position is that a principal's work is never done. By that I mean that there are always more tasks to accomplish, more things to learn, and always better ways of doing and achieving. Rather than speak of accomplishments and finished products, I would prefer to

speaking in terms of a product or project still under construction. The school that I have been attempting to build, often one small piece at a time, is one that has the ultimate goal of providing our students with the best quality education possible. There appears to be a multitude of components that must work together in order to accomplish that goal. It is my strategy to begin by providing a safe, healthy, structured learning environment that is conducive to teaching and learning, and, hopefully, instilling within our students a sense of personal and school pride, as well as respect and consideration for others. In addition to providing effective leadership, the needs of students and staff must be met in a timely manner.

*How many years were you a teacher?*

Twelve years.

*Where did you receive your education?*

Frostburg State University, BS in Social Science, 1977; Western Maryland College, M.Ed in Deaf Education, 1986; Frostburg State University, M.Ed in Administration and Supervision, 1998.

*At what schools did you teach?*

Practicum teaching at Frankfort High School and Mount Savage High School. I was a substitute teacher in Allegany County, Maryland. I was hired as a classroom teacher at WVSD in 1979.

*How many years were you Dean of Student Living at WVSD?*

I served as Dean of Student Living six years.

*What are some of your goals for the rest of the school year?*

- 1) To spend more time with students.
- 2) To spend more time in the classrooms.
- 3) To guide the development of a technical education plan for our campus.

*Name one thing that you feel good about since you started as principal.*

The expertise of our staff and their willingness to work together in the best interest of our students.

### WELCOME, BECKY LETT!

by Olivia B. Stuart

Becky Lett, is a seventeen-year-old student from Berkeley Springs. She is the daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Lett and has two sisters and one brother. She is the youngest in the family.



Becky Lett

Becky's favorite thing about WVSD is the dorm because of her new friends. Her favorite class is Mrs. Staley's Basic Ed.

Becky's favorite books are "Where is Waldo" and a book about sharks. Her favorite TV program is "VH1 Pop up Videos." Becky also likes Garfield.

## FLEX

Students and staff are experiencing a new concept in scheduling this year. Our 3-3:30 flex period, implemented in August, is affording students several extra activities which neither interfere with nor interrupt regular class time. Clubs being offered this year, FFA, VICA, Jr. NAD, and Golf, are meeting on a rotating monthly basis. Two special activities, Archery and Crafts, are being offered first semester, and students on both basketball teams are using flex time on Mondays and Tuesdays for skill training. Advisory and Health Awareness Day are each scheduled once a month and class meetings, tutoring, remediation/make-ups, student staffings, and departmental meetings are also held during this period.

## Career Clusters Class

Members of the Career Clusters class have taken some interesting field trips this semester. So far, we have toured three continuing education facilities, visited four area businesses, and hosted one speaker.

In October, we toured the creative arts, business, medical, and engineering departments at West Virginia University in Morgantown, and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. We also toured James Rumsey Vocational Center in Martinsburg.

Businesses we visited are Harold Publishing Co., Hagerstown, MD; Mt. Pleasant Bookbinding, Augusta; The Bank of Romney; and Creative Florist, both in Romney.

Mrs. Ruth Cogar, guest speaker, talked to us about sales and marketing.

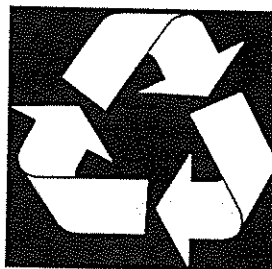
## Teen Institute

by Olivia B. Stuart

In the beginning of December, three of our ninth grade girls traveled to Jackson's Mill to participate in TI. The three girls who attended were Tabitha Keplinger, Sheena Smith, and Danielle Surber.

They learned a great deal about issues such as AIDS, date rape, and staying drug free. They also played games that taught them teamwork.

Smith said, "When we first got there we were a little shy, but when it came time to leave, we were sad."



## HATS OFF

to  
**Jeff Wright**  
for helping WVSD  
and the  
environment!

Honor Roll First Nine Weeks	
<u>A Honor Roll</u> <u>Class of 1999</u> Mel Brock - 92.43	<u>Sophomores</u> Sylvia Adkins Daniel Cochran Jared Helsel Marcus Leake Noelle Payton Jason Wilson
<u>Class of 2000</u> Olivia B. Stuart - 94 Chris Mick - 92.17	<u>Freshmen</u> Patrick Collins Tabitha Keplinger Sheena Smith
<u>Freshmen</u> Danielle Surber - 94	<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> Wesley Jarrell
<u>B Honor Roll</u> <u>Class of 1999</u> Justin Callett Latasha Hackett Jeff Qumiby Damron Wallon Jeff Wright	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> Johnny Caudill Paul Parent Keith Richardson Carolyn Rockow Holly Romanello
<u>Class of 2000</u> R.T. Lake Stephanie Smallwood	

## Bluefield State and Concord College

by Stephanie Smallwood

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia Eller, Stephanie Smallwood, and Mrs. Kuykendall went on an educational trip to Bluefield State and Concord College. We departed at 6:00 a.m. and arrived at Bluefield State around 11:00 a.m. Our tour guide was very nice and gave us a whole lot of information. Bluefield has one deaf student attending the college right now. They provide interpreters when necessary, but they do not have specific special education programs. Our tour lasted two hours.

We checked into our hotel, and then went to the Mercer County Mall until supper time. We went to the Lotus Garden (Chinese) restaurant. After supper we went back to the hotel.

We left the hotel to travel to Concord College. We went to eat breakfast at Hardees and arrived at Concord around 8:00 a.m. We were very fortunate to have a very nice tour guide. Concord does not have any deaf attending. One applied to the college but decided not to attend. They will provide interpreters if requested. The college has a good special education program. Once every other month, the college has recruiters take students who meet requirements for on the job training. They allow students to gain experience in their fields. The tour lasted approximately two hours.

Thanks, Mrs. Kuykendall!

# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

## Christmas Trivia

In what country is Merry Christmas said this way?

- \* Feliz Navidad
- \* Joyeux Noel
- \* S Rozhdestvom Kristovym
- \* Sheng Tan Kuai Loh
- \* Nollaig Nait Cugat

In what state can the city "Santa Claus" be found?

What do real reindeer like to eat?

In what country is it good luck to hang a spider and a web on the Christmas tree?

How many points does a snowflake have?

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Please put your written answers in the Christmas Trivia answer box in Mrs. Heare's room. The first student to answer all questions correctly will win a prize. Answers will be published in the January Lions' Tale.

## What Is The Best Thing That Happened To You In '98?

by Stephanie Smallwood

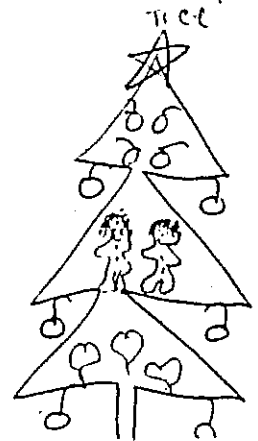
- Melora- winning the first volleyball game
- Justin- not having a girlfriend for a whole year*
- Olivia- getting my first taste of freedom with my brand new license and my old beatup car
- Chris- returning to school with new friends*
- Noelle- making new friends and meeting Stephanie
- Daniel- passing my written driver's test*
- Sheena- attending TI and having a good time
- Patrick- becoming the FFA president*
- Wesley- making new friends.
- Carolyn- getting on the basketball team and getting new shoes*
- Johnny- getting a new four wheeler
- Becky- coming to WVSD and making friends*
- Jeff- going to workshop and making new friends
- Mr. Kesler- making a hole in one in golf*
- Mrs. Teter- vacationing at Ocean City, MD
- Mrs. Dodgins - bringing home our two Australian Shepherd puppies, Sidney and Tucker*
- Mrs. Heare - traveling the Lighthouse Route on Nova Scotia
- Mr. Engelman - unexpected kindness*
- Mrs. Brown - finishing my M.Ed in Special Education for the Visually Impaired
- Mr. Coleman - still breathing*



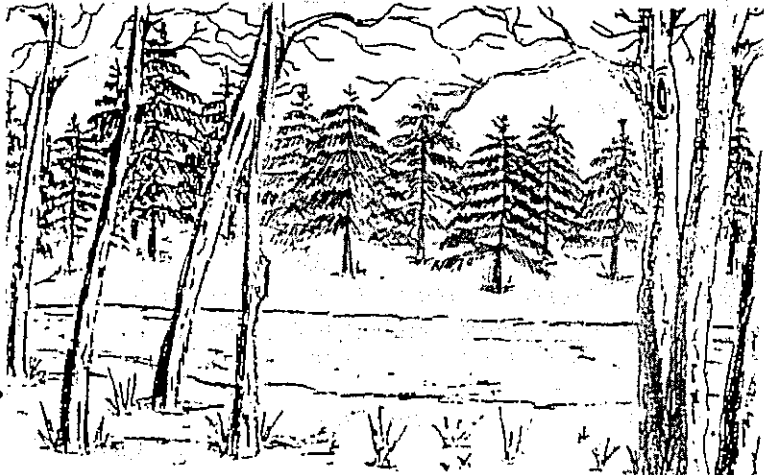
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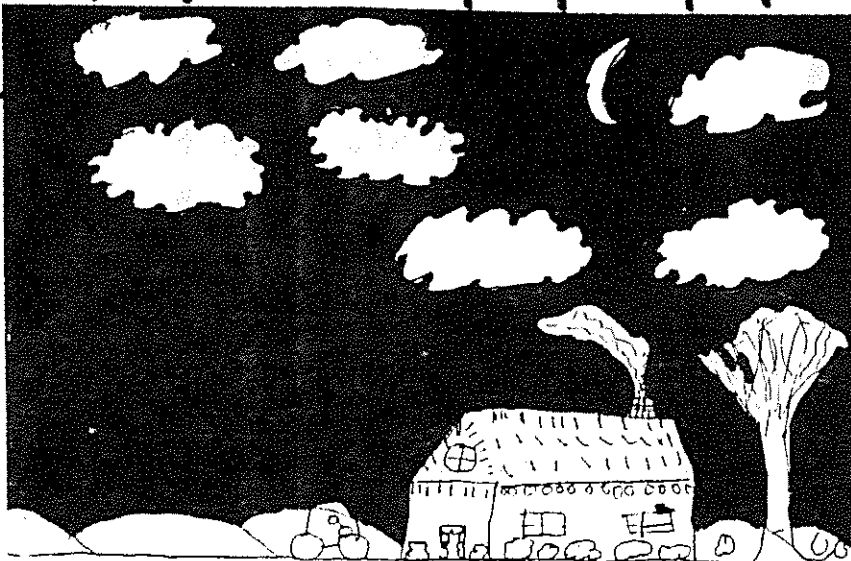
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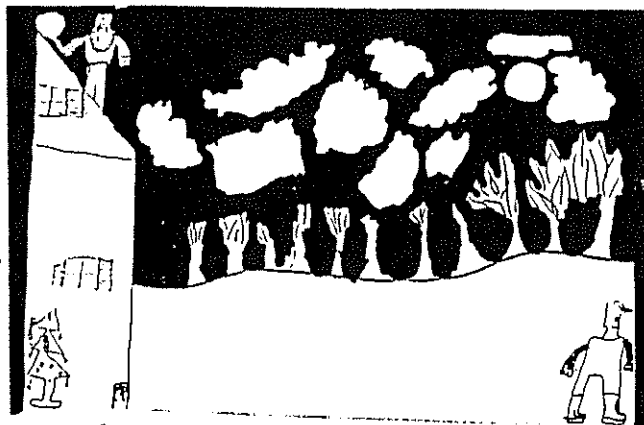
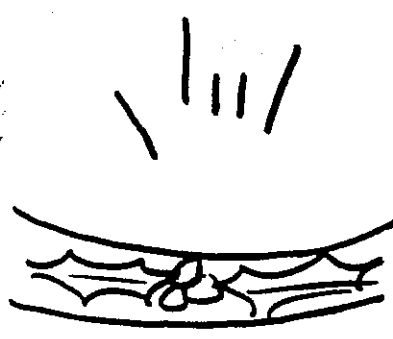
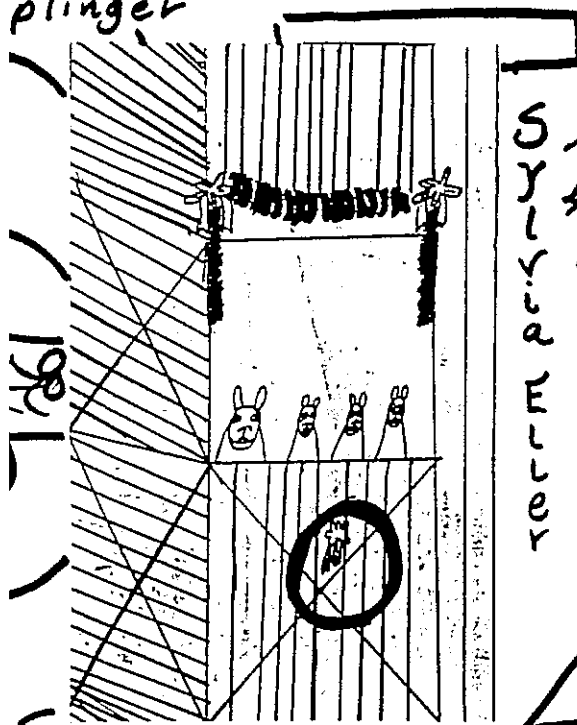
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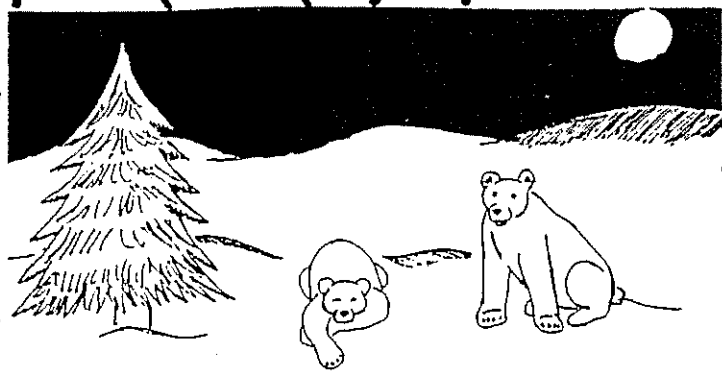
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Emily Evans



Ashley Lease



Barbie White

## SPORTS SCENE

### WVSD Lady Lions VB Tournament

by Stephanie Smallwood

On Thursday, October 29, the girls' volleyball team volunteered to serve for the Fall Conference banquet. Afterwards, the team went to the Multipurpose Room to watch "Honey in the Rock." After refreshments, the girls left for the dorm for a good night's sleep. The team was scheduled to leave at 4:00 a.m. for a volleyball tournament in Buffalo, New York.

The team was supposed to arrive between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., but arrived about two hours early. So Coach Surber decided to stop at Niagara Falls and just hang out there for a while. After viewing the Falls, the team ate lunch and left to sign in at St. Mary's School for the Deaf. The first game was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The Lady Lions lost almost all the games they played that night. After all the excitement, the girls went back to the dorm to get ready for another full day.

The Lady Lions played three games that day, losing two and winning one. WVSD beat St. Mary's, which placed the team to play against Maryland for fifth place. WVSD lost to place sixth. The girls thought they had a chance to beat Maryland. The Lady Lions did their very best and enjoyed the games. Congratulations to Danielle Surber for winning the All Star award. The following evening the team went to Golden Corral for dinner. Everyone was so stuffed they could hardly walk back to the van.

We arrived on campus around 4:30 p.m.

Championship ~ American School ft Deaf  
 Second ~ Western Pennsylvania School ft Deaf  
 Third ~ New York School ft Deaf  
 Fourth ~ Lexington School ft Deaf  
 Fifth ~ Maryland School ft Deaf  
 Sixth ~ West Virginia School ft Deaf  
 Seventh ~ St. Mary's School ft Deaf  
 Eighth ~ Delaware School ft Deaf

Sportsmanship ~ St. Mary's School ft Deaf

Seek till you find, and you will not lose by the toil.

Aesop, c. 620-c. 560 B. C.  
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### Girls' Basketball

by Stephanie Smallwood

The girls' basketball team is starting off with a lot of enthusiasm. This year's players include Latasha Hackett, Stephanie Smallwood, Joanne Shaffer, Sylvia Adkins, Danielle Surber, Tabitha Keplinger, Holly Romanello, and Carolyn Rockow. The coach for the '98-99 season is Mr. Mike Surber and the assistant coach is Mrs. Mary Beth Surber.

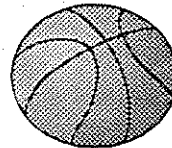
The Lady Lions' started practicing on November 9<sup>th</sup>. They have been practicing really hard and are preparing for a good season.

Congratulations to the Lady Lions for winning their scrimmage against Capon Bridge, 30-14.

#### 1998-99 WVSD GIRLS' BASKETBALL ROSTER

NAME	HEIGHT	JERSEY No.
L. Hackett	5'10"	25
S. Smallwood	5'8"	34
S. Adkins	5'0"	35
J. Shaffer	5'6"	30
H. Braithwaite	5'8"	32
T. Keplinger	5'4"	31
D. Surber	5'8"	23
B. White	5'8"	20
C. Rockow	5'5"	12
H. Romanello	5'4"	15

Coach: Mr. Mike Surber    Ass't Coach: Mrs. Beth Surber  
 manager: Jackie Fields    Scorekeeper: Noelle Payton  
 Statistician: Melora Brock



#### 1998-99 BOYS' BASKETBALL ROSTER

Justin Cattlett	Jason Wilson
Damron Walton	Patrick Collins
Chris Mick	Wesley Jarrell
Daniel Cochran	Jared Hiesel
Marcus Leake	

Mr. Bill Kesler, Coach  
 Jeff Quimby, Mgr.



# DORM

# NEWS

By Mr. Marty Blakeley

By now you have received the most important word about how this nearly-over first semester '98 has begun — the informal reports given to you by your son or daughter. The faculty and staff at the Secondary School for the Deaf hope those reports are positive. We hope you feel that the school year has begun well for your child since I have been Director of Student Living at Seaton Hall.

It seems to us at Seaton Hall that activities began smoothly and that these first two quarters have been a fine beginning of what should be a productive residential school year. The boys and girls have been most cooperative.

The seventh graders have adjusted to their new surroundings and their schedules and are a friendly presence in the residential school. The eighth graders enjoy having grown up from being the youngest in the residential school. The ninth graders have made an excellent start in terms of residential work and overall behaviors.

Jr. NAD has been reorganized and, now that students have settled in to their residential hall routine, student activities such as recreational football, billiards, and foosball, and various organizations will be in the process of moving into operation in the near future. As you may know, we have just completed a spirited election campaign for FFA, and there's more to come.

If you have any concerns about your son's or daughter's residential schooling, feel free to contact the houseparent concerned, a counselor, or me. We welcome your inquiries. The number at my office is (304) 822-4865 (TDD/Voice).

## !!! NEWS FLASH !!!

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Justin Catlett

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THE HAMPSHIRE REVIEW

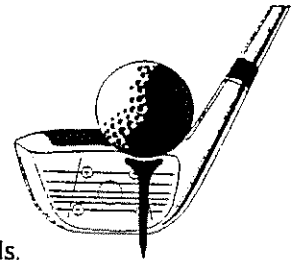
Wednesday Afternoons

(If you would like a copy, see Justin)

## CLUB NEWS

### Golf Club

The Golf Club has been meeting each month this year. All three groups have been golfing on the football field and hitting golf balls.



Many students are showing some skill for golf. During the winter months the golf club will be moving meetings inside. Some students, on days when the weather was not good, played putting games in the old Driver's Education room. Jeff Wright has been the big winner in those games.







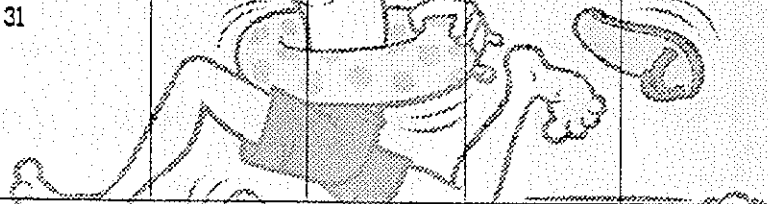
- April Dixon - 11/9
- Olivia Stuart - 11/19
- Becky Cett - 11/23
- Justin Carlett - 11/26
- Patrick Collins - 11/30
- Daniel Cochran - 12/3
- Joe Canterbury - 12/9
- Keith Richardson - 12/18
- Sheena Smith - 12/20
- Marcus Leake - 12/23
- Sylvia Eller - 12/29

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VICA ... VICA ... VICA ... VICA ... VICA ... VICA ..

The VICA Club is in the process of ordering another flashing message system for the Seaton Hall dormitory lobby.

# January 1999

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 Paul Revere (1735) Betsy Ross (1732)	2  Leo Tolstoy (1920)
3 	4 Louis Braille inventor of Braille (1809)	5 Boys' BB (H) MSD 5:38 p.m. Girls' BB (M) MSD 4 p.m.	6 Girls' BB (H) East Hardy 7p.m.	7 Boys' BB (H) MSSD 2:30p.m. Girls' BB (A) M'field 7p.m.	8 Bobby Fischer won the United States Chess Championship at age fourteen (1958)	9 Carrie Chapman Catt established National League of Women Voters (1869)
10 	11 Girls' BB (H) VSD 6 p.m.	12 FFA Trip to PA Farm Show, Harrisburg	13 Boys' BB (H) VSD 6:38 p.m.	14 	15 Martin Luther King (1929)	16
17 Benjamin Franklin (1706)	18 	19 Girls' BB (H) Flintstone 7pm.	20 Boys' BB (A) & MSSD JV 6:30p.m.	21 Girls' BB (H) Harman 6 p.m.	22 Lord Byron (1788)	23 French Artist, Edouard Manet (1832)
24 Gold discovered in California (1849)	25 	26 Boys' BB (A) & O&D 4 p.m. Girls' BB (M) MSSD 4 p.m.	27 Boys' BB (H) WPSD 5:30p.m. Girls' BB (M) WPSD 4 p.m.	28	29	30
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# West Virginia School For The Deaf

## THE LIONS' TALE

301 E. Main St., Romney, West Virginia 26757

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January 29, 1999

### Lions' Basketball Season Begins!

by Coach Kesler

MSD - 94 vs. WVSD - 29  
Jan. 5 in Romney

The Maryland School for the Deaf defeated WVSD 94 to 29 on January 5 in Romney. MSD, a division one school for the deaf, controlled the action throughout the game against division three WVSD. The WVSD Lions were playing their first game after Christmas break and had not practiced for three weeks.

MSD led 40 to 18 at halftime and continued to stretch their lead in the second half. Juan Borrero led MSD with 20 points including 8 in the third period when MSD outscored WVSD 24 to 2. Franco Korpics added 16 points for MSD.

WVSD was led in scoring by sophomore center Marcus Leake. Leake, who lives in Romney, had 13 points and 7 rebounds. He also had 4 blocks and went 5 of 10 at the foul line. Jason Wilson, the Lions point guard, had 6 points but was hampered by an injury to his leg. Damron Walton had 5 points and Chris Mick 4 for WVSD.

WVSD struggled against MSD's trapping defense that forced many turnovers. MSD capitalized on these turnovers to score easy baskets on the fast break. MSD was very aggressive and committed 28 fouls in the game. The young and inexperienced Lions did not take advantage of their trips to the foul line, making only 13 out of 31 foul shots.

M.S.S.D - 58 vs. WVSD - 34  
Jan. 7 in Romney

The Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Washington DC, traveled to Romney on Jan. 7 and scored a 24-point win over the WVSD Lions. MSSD is a large school for the deaf and was able to defeat the young Lions.

MSSD was led by J. Bunch with 15 points. M. Miller added 14 for MSSD.

MSSD led 35 to 20 at halftime and continued to control the game in the second half.

Marcus Leake, 6'5" sophomore, scored 11 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for WVSD. Sophomore point guard Jason Wilson added 10 points for WVSD. Justin Catlett, Sr. from Martinsburg, had 6 points and 5 rebounds for WVSD.

As a team, WVSD improved in many areas from their last game. The Lions did not give away as many easy baskets and played better on defense. WVSD did continue to struggle from the free throw line, making only 14 out of 37 attempts. As of this writing, WVSD is now 0-3 for the season.

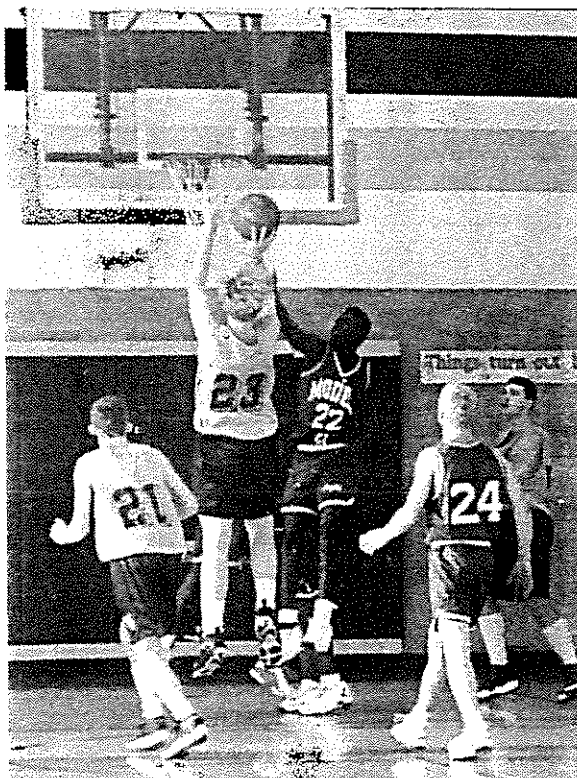


Photo by Sylvia Adkins

MSSD tried to block Marcus' lay-up, but it didn't work. Marcus scored two points anyway!

### LIONS' STATS

Name	Pts	Rebs	Asts	Blks	Sts
J. Catlett	7	8	1	1	2
D. Cochran	0	0	1	0	0
P. Collins	2	5	0	1	2
W. Jarrell	0	2	0	0	0
M. Leake	24	19	0	8	1
C. Mick	6	2	1	0	1
D. Walton	8	9	0	1	3
J. Wilson	16	2	4	3	3

## Girls' Basketball News

### WVSD - 20 vs Flintstone - 44

Flintstone, MD - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1998, the WVSD Lady Lions tipped off the 1998-99 season with a loss of 44-20 over the Flintstone Jayvees- Danielle Surber led the WVSD Lady Lions with 10 points while Heather Braithwaite hit for 6.

### WVSD - 20 vs East Hardy JV - 43

Baker, WV- Dec. 11, 1998, the WVSD's Lady Lions by the score of 43-20. Stephanie Smallwood led the team with 8 points while Danielle Surber chipped in 6.

### WVSD - 37 vs VSD - 26

Staunton, VA - Dec. 14, 1998, Danielle Surber and Barbie White led the Lady Lions with 10 points each to a 37-26 victory over the Lady Cardinals. Latasha Hackett and Heather Braithwaite hit for 6 each. The record is 1-2.

### WVSD - 26 vs Union - 53

MT. Storm, WV- Dec. 16, 1998, the Lady Lions record was 1-3 when Danielle Surber led 11 points to a loss of 53-26 over Union while Barbie White chipped in 10.

### DSD - 16 vs WVSD - 13

Romney, WV- Dec. 17, 1998, The Lady Lions record skipped to 1-4 while Barbie White led the team with 6 points to a loss of 16-13 over Delaware School for the Deaf and Danielle Surber pulled down 17 rebounds.

### MSD - 55 vs WVSD - 21

Romney, WV - On Jan. 5, 1999, the Maryland School for the Deaf Lady Orioles beat the WVSD Lady Lions, 55 - 21. Barbie White had 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 assists. Danielle Surber had 7 points, 11 rebounds, 1 steal, and 4 assists.

### East Hardy JV - 40 vs WVSD - 17

Romney, WV - On Jan. 6, 1999, the Lady Lions record was 1 - 6. The East Hardy Cougars won the game, 40 - 17, Danielle Surber led the Lady Lions with 9 points, 13 rebounds, 3 steals, and 1 assist.

### VSD - 26 vs WVSD - 29

Romney, WV - Jan. 11, 1999, Danielle Surber scored 10 points, and grabbed 10 rebounds to led the WVSD Lions over the Virginia School for the Deaf Cardinals.

Both Barbie White and Heather Braithwaite added 8 points. Heather also had 7 rebounds for the Lions. The record is 2 -6



Seated, left to right: Holly Romanello, Sylvia Adkins, Assistant Coach Mrs. Surber, Carolyn Rockow, Noelle Payton. Keeling: Melora Brock. Standing, left to right: Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, Latasha Hackett, Coach Mr. Surber, Heather Braithwaite, Barbie White, Joanne Shaffer.

## Craft Project

by Olivia B. Stuart

In last month's issue, we told you about the new schedule involving flex, a short 30 minute period at the end of the day to do homework or to participate in clubs. Mrs. Boley got the idea from several female students to try a craft project and it has been a success. So far the students have made tie dye shirts, socks, and sheets.

Mrs. Boley applied for a grant from The Education Alliance mini grants for classroom projects, and the craft project received two hundred dollars. Anyone can join the project, and they meet on Tuesdays during flex.

## WVSD PARENTS!

*If you would like us to periodically e-mail a photo of your son or daughter to you, please fill out this form and return it to: Photography Dept. (Mrs. Dodgins), WVSD, 301 E. Main St., Romney, WV 26757 (or, send it back with your son or daughter to Mrs. Dodgins).*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mind Twister

*There are 12 people in a room. Each person shakes hands with each of the other people once and only once. How many handshakes are there?*

# PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

"Cabin Fever"... is a buzzword that I've been hearing frequently across campus. The exact definition of this "fever" is elusive. However, I'm told that the fever must be avoided at all costs. Considering the extremely cold weather that we have been experiencing, our students have been doing quite well in resisting this dreaded winter plague. It is said that when people get cabin fever they begin to act very strangely. They may make enemies of their friends and turn on their parents. They may even become mean. My research on this topic has led me to believe that prevention is the best cure. It is also apparent that those who remain active are far less prone to cabin fever. That finding brought much relief in considering our students here at WVSD, although outside activities have been limited due to the weather. What a relief! But how was it accomplished? Well, in addition to class work, students have been actively involved in clubs such as VICA, FFA, and Jr. NAD. Some have enjoyed flex-time activities such as crafts and physical education drills. Almost all students have been involved in our girls' and boys' basketball programs as participants or supporters of our favorite home teams. Rumor has it that there is an academic bowl team being established. A Super Bowl party, a pre-Valentine's Day trip to the mall, and Teen Institute are soon to come. Unless you are as active as our students ....beware of the fever!

# DORM NEWS

by Mr. Blakely

As the Director, I would like to share something exciting/educational with you this year called "Building a Strong Student Residential Life Activity (SRLA) Program." Managing an active teenage student body is easier when every student can find a positive "niche" in the residential school- a situation in which they can succeed, grow, become, and be recognized. We educators find students' "comfort zone" program within the SRLA. The program was presented in Seaton Hall for Staff Development Day on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Co-curricular, extracurricular, and intramural activities constitute what we call the "second half of the curriculum," and are an essential part of the texture of the residential school. The extent of student involvement in activities is often a measure of residential school climate.

Many problems can be averted by energizing the activity program and broadening participation.

Good SRLA programs do not happen by accident. They grow out of Seaton Hall staff creativity, commitment, and sensitivity to student's and community's needs. As a chief architect of the residential school's activity program, I plan to keep certain essential design features in mind.

## Features of an effective SRLA Program

- Is inclusive
- Has flexibility
- Is congruent w/overall residential philosophy
- Develops skills/talents
- Enhances self image
- Reinforces ethical behavior
- Develops leadership
- Is student-oriented (not adult-driven)
- Does not exploit students
- Teaches life skills
- Develops interpersonal skills
- Promotes a safe environment
- Builds pride
- Promotes positive attitudes

Our greatest responsibility to the SRLA Program, however, is to provide qualified and energetic staff leaders. That's what we are doing now. When SRLA functions best, there is an expectation that every staff member will provide leadership for one or more residential (after school) activities.

A well-rounded SRLA Program takes time and effort on the part of the entire staff. The payoff is better behavior and better feelings in the residential school.

Your untiring endeavor toward this program will be greatly appreciated.

## Pennsylvania Farm Show

by Syliva Eller

On the morning of January 13<sup>th</sup>, twelve students and two teachers left for the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Upon arriving the group was on time to view a cattle show in the big arena. Next, the students visited various kinds of chickens, roosters, geese, and ducks and were able watch some of the chickens hatching in an incubator. The rabbits were so cute and one type has so much fur that it looked really unusual. The horse section included drafts such as Belgians, Percheron and Clydesdales and other types including Saddlebreds, Hackney Pony's and Shetland Pony's. Both beef and dairy cattle were there. In addition to the deer, hog and sheep sections. After visiting the animal sections, the groups went to the large equipment area. Tractors, round balers, sprayers, and fertilizer spreaders were some of the equipment located in this section. The group had a lot of fun and agreed that had been a worthwhile experience.

## Christmas Trivia Answers

In what country is Merry Christmas said this way?

- \* Feliz Navidad - Spain
- \* Joyeux Noel - France
- \* S Rozhdestvom Kristovym - Russia
- \* Sheng Tan Kuai Loh - China
- \* Nollaig Nait Cugat - Ireland

In what state can the city "Santa Claus" be found?

Indiana

What do real reindeer like to eat?

Reindeer moss

In what country is it good luck to hang a spider and a web on the Christmas tree?

The Ukraine

How many points does a snowflake have?

Six



Photo by Marty Blakeley  
Front row, left to right: Ashley Lease, Tabitha Keplinger, Sylvia Adkins, and Joanne Shaffer.

## Academic Arcade

HOW SMART ARE YOU!

### WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

What date did West Virginia become a state?

### LIBRARY SCIENCE

How many books do you think are in the WVSD library?

### BUSINESS EDUCATION

In the Internet address, what do the letters URL stand for?

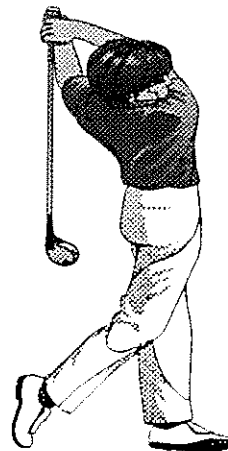
### ENGLISH

What are the two parts of a sentence?

## Party Girls!

By Christie Sevigny, Bonnie Sipple and Lynette Buckley

On December 15, the Intermediate Girls had a Christmas party. The girls were excited about exchanging gifts and having refreshments. We invited Mr. Marty Blakeley, who commented that it was a "wonderful and exciting party"! The girls enjoyed the day.



## GOLF CLUB NOTES

The Golf Club will be meeting in the winter but will not be playing real golf. We will be using our computers to play golf. The golf game is very realistic and allows the students to learn about the game of golf.

# FEBRUARY 1999

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7 Charlie Dickens (1812) 	1 Victor Herbert (1859)	2 Groundhog Day Boys' BB (A) MSD 7:00 p.m. Girls' BB (A) MSD	3 A ship sank flaring the most dramatic sailing of WWI (143) Girls' BB (A) Moorefield (A)	4 Charles Lindbergh (1902) 	5 Marie Savigne (1626)	6 Alan Shepard became the first man to play golf on the moon
14 Happy Valentine's Day 	8 Boys' BB (A) 9:00 a.m. The Wicks' jacket and most famous quilt show opens before in Lincoln	9 US Weather Bureau established (1870)	10 Boys' BB (A) WPSD 6:30 p.m. Girls' BB (A) WPSD 4:00 p.m.	11 First hospital in America opened (1762)	12 Abraham Lincoln (1809)	13 The Blue Danube Waltz first performed 1867
21 Washington Monument was dedicated (1885)	15 Susan B. Anthony (1820) Girls' BB (A) Union 6:00 p.m.	16 Girls' BB (A) Harmen 6:00 p.m. Boys' BB (A) Ohio 4:00 p.m.	17 Rene Laennec (1781)	18 Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh (1937) 18-20 Boys' BB ESDAA (A) Vermont	19 The first statewide teachers' strike in US (1968)	20 George Washington signed an act creating the first
28 Marlo Andrus (1940) 	22 George Washington (1732) Girls' BB Tournament (A)	23 W.E.B. Dubois (1868)	24 First impeachement proceeding against Andrew Jackson (1868) ESDAA (A) TN-MSD	25 Pierre Renoir (1841) 	26 William "Buffalo Bill" Cody (1846)	27 John Steinbeck (1902)



# West Virginia School For The Deaf

## THE LIONS' TALE

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### Sunshine Too — A WVSD Tradition



by Stephanie Smallwood

Sunshine Too arrived in Romney on February 22. Our school could not afford the cost of the show this year and could not sign a contract with them. However, WVSD has always been a favorite of the New York based troupe, so Sunshine Too called to say they were coming anyway. They didn't want to ruin their record and miss their 18<sup>th</sup> straight year of performing here. WOW! This year's show had an overall theme relating to the different forms of communication we use. The group had a combination of 5 actors and actresses, two hearing and three deaf. On February 23, the group performed in the morning and

workshops were offered in the afternoon. An evening performance was given at 7:00. On the following day, the troupe performed in the Multipurpose Room for elementary students. Workshops were held in the afternoon. On Wednesday, Sunshine Too left campus to perform at Capon Bridge Elementary. They promised us that this year's show would be one of the best. They were right!!!

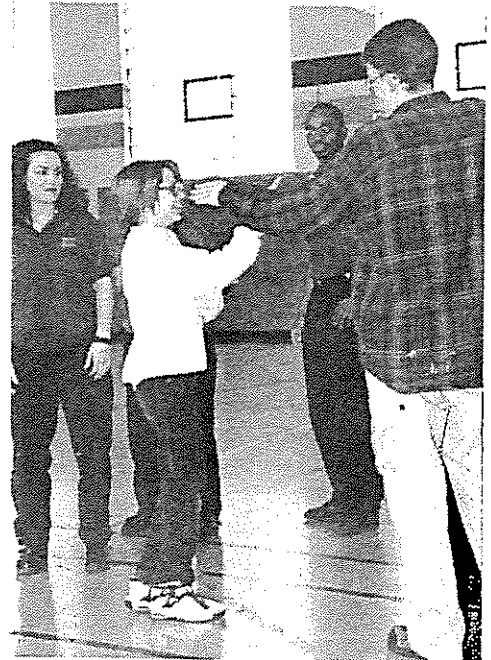


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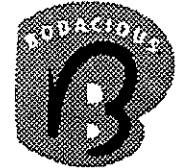
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Danielle Surber

### FIRST SEMESTER B HONOR ROLL



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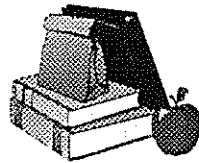
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## SECOND NINE WEEKS A HONOR ROLL



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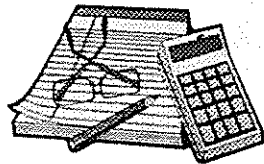
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Holly Romanello

### UNGRADED

DJ Christy

## Gallaudet Testing

by Mrs. Heare

The Gallaudet Diagnostic test was administered on Monday, February 15. Previously given to only sophomores and juniors, this year's freshmen were also included in the Stanford Educational Assessment.

The test measures three specific academic areas: Reading/Vocabulary, Mathematics Concepts, Applications and Computation, and a Writing sample. Careful analysis by Gallaudet gives an accurate picture for each student's strengths and weaknesses. Results are sent to parents in addition to a copy being placed in each student's file.

## Job Shadowing

by Mrs. Dodgins

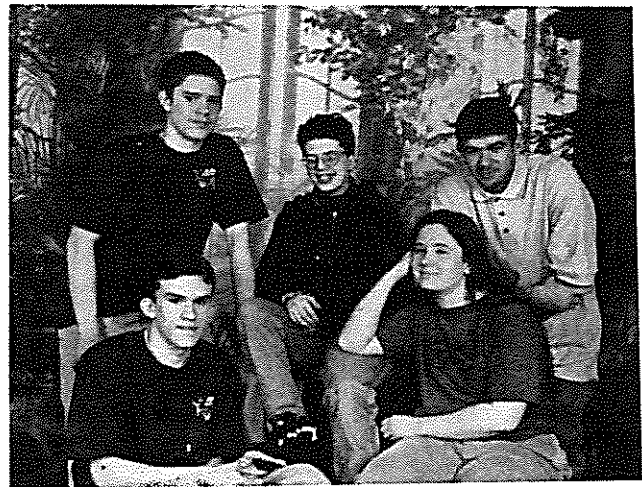
Several WVSD students participated in National Job Shadowing Day on February 2. The purpose of job shadowing is for students to learn about the everyday experiences of workers in occupations that are in the student's career cluster.

Tabitha Keplinger, freshman, of Hardy County, wants to become a veterinarian, so Mrs. Nancy Haught, of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, arranged for her to visit Mountaineer Veterinarian in Moorefield.

Freshman Danielle Surber, of Kirby, visited the Progressive Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Clinic, in Romney, where she shadowed Mr. Don Heare, who is a physical therapist and owner. Danielle was able to learn about both the physical therapy aspect and business side of operating a clinic.

We appreciate both businesses giving their time so that our students can experience the world of work.

## Congratulations To Our Fourth Place Academic Bowl Team!



WVSD students traveled to Virginia School for the Deaf to participate with five other schools in an Academic Bowl. Seated, left to right: Pat Collins and Mel Brock. Standing: Daniel Cochram, Noelle Payton, and Justin Catlett.

# Super Bowl Party '99

by Mrs. Sevigny

On January 28 chairpersons Mike Surber and Christy Sevigny prepared a Super Bowl party for students in the dormitory. Students gathered in the student union while watching the game. The students enjoyed making posters and banners for their favorite teams throughout the day. Joanne Shaffer won Valentine's candy for guessing the exact score of the game. "IT WAS A SUPER PARTY!!!!"



Sylvia Adkins and Wesley Jarrell tried to convince the kids that the Falcons were better than the Broncos. Wesley and Sylvia are saying, "Support Falcons!" during the halftime break.

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

Instructional time lost or treasured experience gained? Time on task through minimized classroom disruptions has been a major point of emphasis this school year. I have closely monitored all activities that disrupt our normal classroom instructional time. This week a request was made for a thirty-minute break from instruction. The purpose was to hold a pep rally as a send off for our boys' basketball team, before they departed for Vermont to participate in the Eastern States Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Basketball Tournament. It is the "Number One" Tournament for deaf and hard of hearing athletes, making it an opportune occasion for a pep rally. Once permission was granted a busy team of staff members joined together and shared their talents in putting together a wonderful program. Our players got plenty of well deserved recognition and a huge dose of school pride. The student body and staff (led by an ex?? Cheerleader) joined in cheers filled with school spirit and support for our team. The entire experience was inspirational. During those thirty minutes our school united. For those young men that represent us on the basketball court, these "Glory Days" memories will long be cherished. So was it really lost instructional time? Go figure????????..... back in the classrooms, please!! Good luck team.



Photo by Sylvia Adkins  
When the food arrived, the kids were so hungry that they hurried into line for some delicious pizza from Domino's.



Congratulations to the students with the cleanest dorm rooms for the month of January! Winners of Domino's pizzas were, left to right, Sylvia Adkins, Barbie White, Wesley Jarrell, Latasha Hackett, and Noelle Payton.

# SPORTS SCENE

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

### Harman 54 - WVSD 18

Romney, WV- On Jan.21,1999, the Lady Lions lost to Harman. The score was 54-18. Barbie White had 6 points. Danielle Surber had 4 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists.

### Flintstone JV 43 -WVSD 22

Romney, WV- On Jan.23,1999, the Lady Lions record slipped to 2-8 while they lost, 43-22. Barbie White had 6 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 steals. Stephanie Smallwood had 6 points, 4 rebounds, and one steal. Danielle Surber had 3 points, 14 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists.

### WVSD 25 - MSSD JV 34

Washington, DC- On Jan.26,1999, the Lady Lions made too many turnovers. They lost to the Model Secondary School for the Deaf Eagles, 34-25. Stephanie Smallwood led the Lions with 7 points, and 3 rebounds. Danielle Surber had 5 points, 15 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 assists. Barbie White had 5 points and 3 rebounds.

### WPSD 38 - WVSD 30

Romney, WV- On Jan.27,1999, the WVSD Lady Lions' record was 2-10 when the Western PA School for the Deaf Lady Lions won, 38-30. Danielle Surber led the WVSD Lions with 9 points and 12 rebounds. Barbie White had 6 points and 5 rebounds. Latasha Hackett and Stephanie Smallwood had 4 points each.

### WVSD 35 - DSD 27

Newark, Delaware- On Jan.29,1999, the Lady Lions beat the Delaware School for the Deaf Blue Hawks by 35-27. The record was 3-10. Stephanie Smallwood had 12 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists. Danielle Surber had 11 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, and 4 assists.

### WVSD 36 - MSD 59

Frederick, MD- On Feb.2, 1999, the Maryland School for the Deaf Lady Orioles defeated the WVSD Lady Lions. The score was 59-36. Danielle Surber and Barbie White led the Lions with 12 points each. Stephanie Smallwood had 7 points and pulled down 6 rebounds. Danielle pulled down 13 rebounds and Barbie 6. Our record now is 3-11

### WVSD 33 - WPSD 34

Pittsburgh, PA- On Feb.10, 1999, the WVSD Lady Lions almost beat the Western Pa. School for the Deaf Lady Lions. We lost by one point- the score was 34-33. Barbie White had 12 points and 7 rebounds. Stephanie Smallwood had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Danielle Surber had one point, 12 rebounds, and 3 steals. The record is 3-12

### WVSD 30 - Beall JV 31

Frostburg, MD- On. Feb.11, 1999, the Lady Lions almost won again, but they lost by one point. Barbie White led the Lions with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Danielle Surber had 5 points and 12 rebounds. Stephanie Smallwood had 5 points and 7 rebounds. The record is 3-13

### Union 34 - WVSD 22

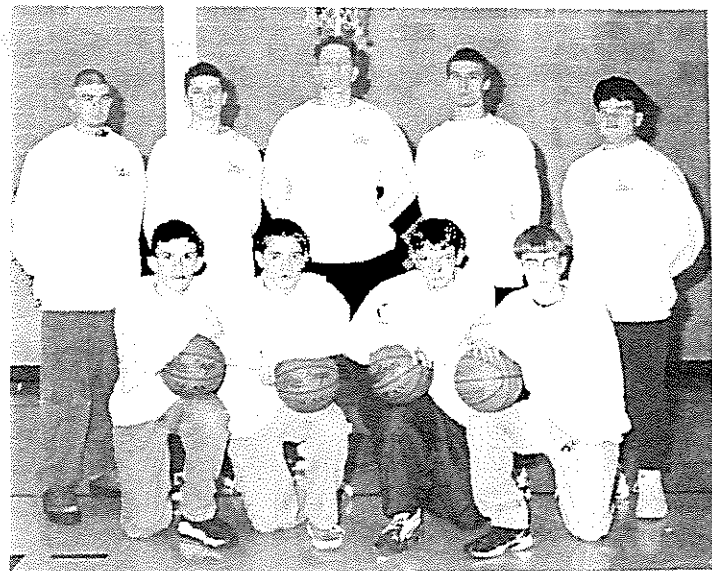
Romney, WV- On Feb. 15, 1999, there were only 6 players

left to play due to the flu season and injuries. They lost to Union by 34 to 22. Stephanie Smallwood and Danielle Surber led them with 7 points each. Stephanie Smallwood pulled down 18 rebounds and Danielle 8. Barbie White had 6 points and 4 rebounds. The record is 3-14.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

### VSD 50 - WVSD 39

WVSD played VSD here on Jan. 13. Marcus Leake led the Lions with 15 points, Damron Walton had 10, and Jason Wilson added 9. Justin Catlett put in 3 for WVSD. Marcus Leake led in rebounding by pulling down 12, Damron Walton 10, and Justin Catlett 8. Jason Wilson had 5 assists and 4 steals, and Damron Walton had 3 blocks. WVSD played a close game until the last quarter.



1998-99 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Kneeling, left to right: Pat Collins, Daniel Cochran, Chris Mick, and Jason Wilson. Standing: Justin Catlett, Wesley Jarrell, Marcus Leake, Damron Walton, and Jared Helsel.

## Club Comments







### Golf

The golf club met on February 11<sup>th</sup> with students playing computerized golf. The lesson, "Driving Off The Tee," had everyone taking turns using the computer mouse to hit. We hope to be going outside soon for some "real golfing."

### VICA

The first annual Valentine Party / Dance was a SUCCESS! All students were invited to this VICA-sponsored event.

# March 1999

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	<b>1</b> The Romans named this month after Mars, their god of war.	<b>2</b> Wilt Chamberlain, 7-foot basketball player, scored 100 points. (1962)	<b>3</b> The Missouri Compromise passed (1820)	<b>4</b> "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." F.D. Roosevelt (1933)	<b>5</b> The Boston Massacre took place in 1770	<b>6</b> The case of Dred Scott took place (1857)																																																																																																		
<b>7</b> American Horticulturist, Luther Burbank (1849)	<b>8</b> Joe Frazier beat Muhammad Ali in heavy weight boxing (1971) 	<b>9</b> Amerigo Vespucci (1451)	<b>10</b> I have great faith in fools, self-confidence my friends call it. Edgar Allan Poe	<b>11</b> The Great Blizzard of '88 (1888) began to paralyze NYC	<b>12</b> Homegoing 	<b>13</b> Never eat more than you can lift. 																																																																																																		
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<b>21</b> William Miller, a preacher, predicted the world would end on this day (1843)	<b>22</b> Enjoy yourself. These are the good old days you're going to miss in the years ahead. - Anonymous	<b>23</b> Handel's masterpiece Messiah, was performed for the first time in London (1743)	<b>24</b> Harry Houdini (1874)	<b>25</b> Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind. - Rudyard Kipling	<b>26</b> Robert Frost (1875)	<b>27</b> Youth is a wonderful thing; what a crime to waste it on children. - George Bernard Shaw																																																																																																		
<b>28</b> Construction began on the first American subway system in Boston (1859)	<b>29</b> Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back into the same box. - Italian saying	<b>30</b> Pencil with an eraser attached at the end was first issued (1848)	<b>31</b> The Eiffel Tower was completed (1889)																																																																																																					
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## WVSD&B's Artist-in-Residence, Ms. Vicki Dills

by Olivia B. Stuart



Ms. Vicki Dills

Ms. Vicki Dills is a dance instructor from Parkersburg, WV. Recently, she spent two weeks here as an Artist-in-Residence, working with our students on dance routines for Parents' Day. In the middle of the day I caught up with her and asked her a few questions before her next dance class.

**Q: How did you get into dancing?**

*A: I was very athletic in high school, but back then they didn't have many girls' sports teams (like basketball, etc.) so I started to dance. I was also on the gymnastics team in high school.*

**Q: Why are you teaching us how to dance?**

*A: Because dancing is good -- it's more than performing. It's a good way to learn about time, space and motion. Also, dancing is part of life. It enriches our lives and helps people in broader terms.*

**Q: How long have you been dancing?**

*A: Since I was in high school, which was around 1959.*

**Q: Where did you get your training?**

*A: I received a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin School of Dance. Also, I danced in New York City with three major companies, then I came back and started my own dance company and opened my own studio.*

**Q: Do you have other interests besides dancing?**

*A: Yes, I ride horses Dressage. I train my own horse up to the third level.*



Photographs by Mel Brock



### VICA CLUB NEWS

The flashing message system for the dorm has arrived! At present we are waiting for maintenance department personnel to install it.

VICA members cannot wait to have it set up!

## Lion's Club Sponsors Ski Trip for WVSD Students

by Mrs. Williams and Olivia B. Stuart

The Lion's Club treated our whole school to a ski trip to Timberline Ski Resort in Canaan Valley, WV. The trip lasted for two nights and three days (March 1, 2, and 3).

On the first day we arrived, it snowed over a foot and was very cold, so we couldn't ski for long periods of time due to a frostbite warning.

The second day was wonderful. The sun was shining and the students took full advantage of the beautiful day. But, there is always a price to pay! Many of the students received minor sunburns on their faces.

On the last day we were all exhausted and ready to return to school.

We would like to thank the Lion's Club for sponsoring this trip because it is a marvelous opportunity for the students. We all enjoyed ourselves!

## Golden Horseshoe



Mr. Adrian giving congratulations to Wesley Jarrell during a recent awards ceremony.

by Stephanie Smallwood

Every year about this time, eighth graders take the Golden Horseshoe test. Every county in the state participates. This year there were about 221 Golden Horseshoe winners. I am happy to announce that Wesley Jarrell is our winner and will represent the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind on Golden Horseshoe day, April 21. On that day, winners will be going to Charleston to be dubbed "Knights and Ladies of the Golden

Horseshoe" by State Superintendent Henry Marockie. The students will visit the WV Legislature and have group pictures taken on the Capital steps. CONGRATULATIONS TO WESLEY!!!!!!!

## TWV Puppeteers Perform King Midas at WVSD&B

By Stephanie Smallwood

Recently, the Theatre West Virginia puppeteers came to our school to do a performance called "King Midas." Theatre West Virginia has been coming to our school for several years. Every time they come, they always have a performance with a good moral. What is a moral? It is a lesson taught in many different ways, using stories to give examples to people of how to be a good person.

King Midas wanted everything that he touched to become gold. One day, a man named Zeus came and granted him one wish and that was what King Midas asked for: that everything he touched would turn to gold. Zeus said, "When you wake up tomorrow morning, everything you touch will turn to gold." So the king began touching things, and they became gold. Then, King Midas accidentally touched his daughter and she turned to gold. The king was horrified! His greed had caused him to lose his only child! He told Zeus that he wanted his daughter back, and Zeus told him that he shouldn't have been so greedy. Luckily, Zeus gave the king a second chance and turned his daughter back to human. The moral of this story is: greedy people keep wanting more and more things, but the really important things in life, like family, are free!

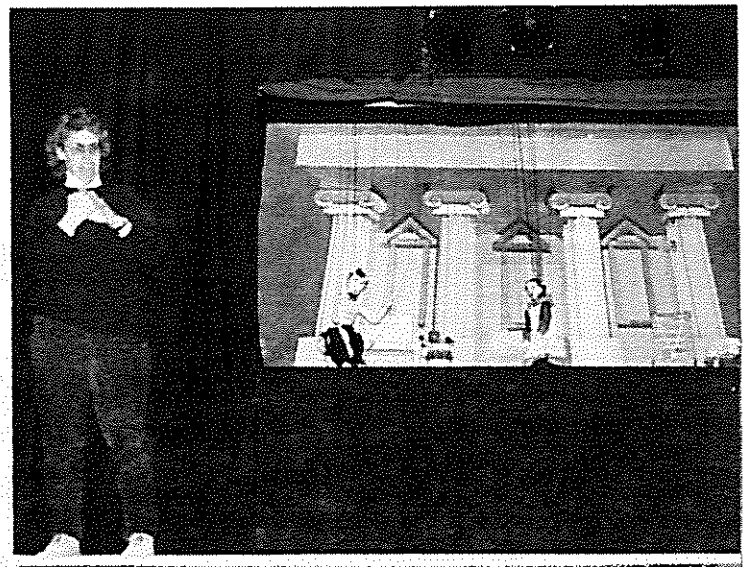


Photo by Sylvia Adkins  
Mrs. Shari Loar interpreting for the King Midas performance.

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



### Parents' Day Ponderings

Family and community involvement is one of the aims of Goals 2000: Educate America Act. The Clinton administration has stressed parental involvement in an effort to reestablish a connectedness between parents, children, and their

educational system. Educational research continues to show that parental involvement can make a difference in the quality of education for our children. In research done by Arthur J. Reynolds (1996), parental involvement is noted as a "manifestation of parent's investment in children's education and development." Parents who are involved in their children's education are more likely to experience social support, to value educational opportunities, and interact with their children in ways that support scholastic development. It could be inferred from this research that an investment in your child's education may provide a positive model that may be carried on to your children's children and provide greater success to future generations.

It is my desire that each parent join with us in providing the very best educational experience for his/her child.

## Dorm News

by Mr. Blakely

The student life meeting at Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) was held during the second week of March. We had a series of Pre-College National Mission Program's "Sharing Ideas." This presentation, under Dr. Kathy Jankowski's leadership, helped give teachers, parents, researchers, school administrators, student life personnel, and policy makers many ideas for working with the deaf and hard of hearing student. Papers and videos of interest were also included in the program.

The meeting was designed to inspire goal-directed programming, share some ideas, and open a dialogue that elicited more ideas, strategies, and creative solutions. We shared our input, ideas, reactions and solutions that have worked to enhance student life in our residential schools.



Most of us are here because we are keenly aware that Student Life personnel play a critical role in developing the whole student. Unfortunately, however, most of us are also well aware that the focus of our students' education often tends to be almost entirely on the academic portion of the knowledge, skills, and experiences each student will need. As we enter the new millennium, all the information we have about the success of graduates points to an urgent need to look

at the role student life must play if we are to truly create a program of empowering education for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Student Life as used here - refers to all programming that takes place outside normal school hours. This includes extracurricular activities (referred to after-school programs) athletics, dormitory activities and social events. In most instances, students benefitting from Student Life programs are residential students who go home on weekends or during breaks when residential school is closed. However, there are also many commuter students (day students who do not reside in the residence) who benefit from Student Life Programs.

Many of us are here because we recognize that the individuals, attitude, and events young people encounter outside the classroom play a critical role in shaping their lives. But how exactly is Student Life programming being carried out? And is it done systemically? According to our observations, residential schools often leave it to chance and/or the whims of a few creative people with wonderful ideas and boundless energy. But effective programming in Student Life requires exactly that: a fully-planned, well-coordinated program in which the whole student is taken into consideration. In such a program, there would be consistency in goals and close communication between classroom teachers and Student Life personnel. In such an educational community, the Student Life component would be considered by parents, teachers, staff, and students to be a vital part of each student's education and the role of the Student Life personnel would be as critical as that of teachers.

I am pleased to tell you that the partnership of the Student Life director and High School principal at WVSD is in the process of developing activities for this year. Also, I am pleased to be addressing you about this matter on Parents' Day, April 2.

Please contact me for further information. My office (TTY) is 822-4865. For voice caller, use Relay Service. The number is 1-800-982-8772.

### IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME, WHERE WOULD YOU GO??

by Stephanie Smallwood

Mr. Farris - Egypt, to see the buildings of the pyramids.

Mrs. Heare - Medieval times, to meet King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

Sheena Smith - 1970, to see the cool clothes

Justin Catlett - 1980, to be a baby again.

Stephanie Smallwood - 1800, to see what society was like.

Jason Wilson - 1950, to see the people and clothes.

Sylvia Eller - 1800's, to meet Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Pat Collins - 1861, to get a better picture of the Civil War and to meet Mr. Lincoln.

Mel Brock - 1920, to experience prohibition, speakeasys, and silent films.

Johnny Caudill - 1995, to have my hearing back.



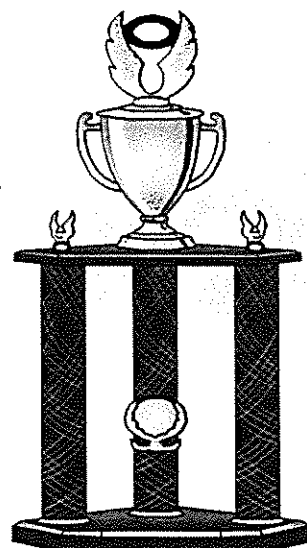
## SPORTS SCENE

### WVSD Boys' Basketball

The West Virginia School for the Deaf Boys' Basketball team recently concluded their season. WVSD won two games and lost twelve. The young Lions improved as the season progressed and turned in their best performances in the Eastern Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament in Brattleboro, Vermont. WVSD placed third in the tournament winning two games and losing one. The two wins were over the Austine School from Vermont and Mill Neck School from Long Island NY. WVSD also brought home the Team Sportsmanship Award which met one of the team's goals set at the beginning of the season. In addition, the Lions won the team Foul Shooting and 21 competitions at the tournament. Marcus Leake of Romney and Justin Catlett of Martinsburg were named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Stars for the tournament.

Marcus (So.) was the teams leading scorer (11.4) and rebounder this season. Justin (Sr.), playing in his last ESDAA tournament, had his best game of the year. Also having a good year for the Lions were point guard Jason Wilson (So.) with 7.4 points per game and (Sr.) Damron Walton at 5.5 points a game. Other members of this years team were juniors Chris Mick and R.T. Lake, sophomores Daniel Cochran, and Jared Helsel and underclassman Patrick Collins (3.3) and Wesley Jarrell).

WVSD competed against schools for the deaf in the eastern part of the United States. The Lions were coached by Mr. Kessler and Paul See. Next year WVSD will host the ESDAA Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament.



### WVSD Girls' Basketball

Beall JV 19

WVSD 14

Romney, WV- On February 18, in the closing season, there were only six players on the WVSD's team due to the flu again. The Lady Lions played hard and lost to the Beall JV's. The score was 19 to 14. Stephanie Smallwood had 7 points and 5 rebounds, Danielle Surber made 5 points and pulled down 25 rebounds and, Latasha Hackett had 2 points and 19 rebounds.

#### Sectional Tournament

WVSD 36

Union 54

Mt. Storm, WV- On February 22, the Lady Lions traveled to a sectional tournament to play against Union. They lost and the score was 54 to 36. Danielle Surber made 10 points and pulled down 19 rebounds. Heather Braithwaite had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Stephanie Smallwood had 8 points and 9 rebounds. After the game, Heather and Stephanie received All Tournament trophies.

#### Lady Lions go to Rhode Island.

The WVSD Lady Lions traveled to the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Girls' Basketball Tournament at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in Providence, RI on Wednesday, February 24. We spent three nights at the Johnson & Wales Inn in Seekonk, MA. It was a half hour drive between the hotel and school.

We survived the Nor'easter when more than 11 inches of snow and strong winds hit the area. The tournament was successful. We came in 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 8 teams. We won the Jim Cooney team sportsmanship award. Danielle Surber was chosen to be on the first All Star team. She received a nice trophy and a certificate.

Here are stats from the tournament.

#### Thursday, Feb. 25

Learning Center	12	24	36	41
WVSD	6	10	12	22

We lost. The score was 41 to 22. Danielle Surber had 8 points and 8 rebounds. Stephanie Smallwood had 6 points and 5 rebounds. Heather Braithwaite had 4 points and 4 rebounds.

#### Friday, Feb. 26

Delaware	7	10	17	31
WVSD	6	19	27	37

We won. The score was 37 to 31. Stephanie Smallwood had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Danielle Surber had 12 points and 13 rebounds. Heather had 9 points and 15 rebounds. Latasha Hackett had 3 points and 10 rebounds.












#### Saturday, Feb. 27

WVSD	6	8	22	31
Austine (V.T)	10	22	31	43

We lost. The score was 43 to 31. Danielle had 18 points and 18 rebounds. Stephanie Smallwood had 6 points and 8 rebounds. Heather had 6 points and 11 rebounds.

WVSD Girls	TP	Scoring avg.	Rebounds	Reb. avg.
Latasha Hackett	41	1.8	131	5.9
Stephanie Smallwood	114	6.7	110	6.4
Heather Braithwaite	94	4.9	158	8.3
Tabitha Keplinger	8	.38	43	2.0
Danielle Surber	176	8.0	275	12.5
Barbie White	120	8.0	70	4.6
JoAnne Shaffer	9	.56	8	.50
Sylvia Adkins			9	.81
Carolyn Rockow	6	1.0	9	1.5



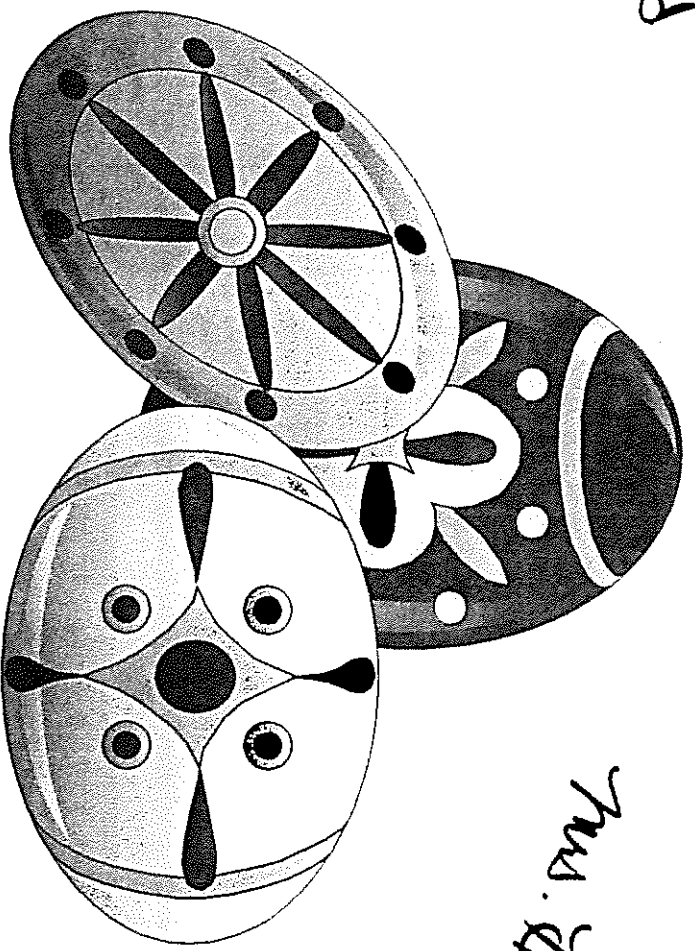
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# April 1999

Happy Easter  
from the Lions' Care Staff.

Stephanie Swallow

Mrs. Perkins



Mrs. Gleason

Bryana-ellen

Olivia Stuart



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## WVSD Seniors Join the World of Work

### Sylvia Eller

by Stephanie Smallwood

Two of our seniors are now working part time.

Sylvia Eller is working at the Animal Shelter on Ford Hill Road in Augusta. She cleans cages and makes the animals comfortable. She has been working there for seven months. When asked how she likes working there, Sylvia said, "I love working with the animals and playing with them. I have worked on a farm all my life, but this is a little bit of a change for me. It is something that I like to do. I learned how the system works there. I also learned that you might be the



Sylvia Eller

only person giving the animals love and attention. Working there is almost like being on a mission. I learn something new every day. Sometimes there's an animal that

needs a lot of attention, and it might be the last time in that animal's life that it gets to see a friendly face."

### Damron Walton

by Sylvia Eller

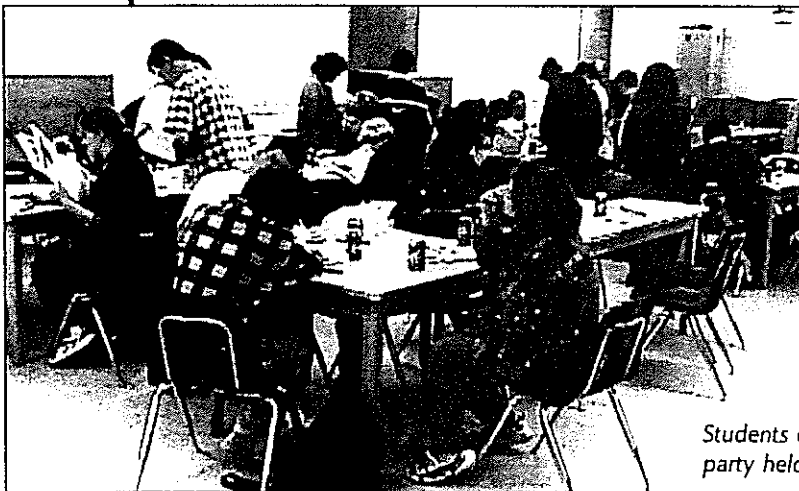
Another senior working off campus, Damron Walton, is working at Peterkin Conference Center. He mows grass, trims trees, rakes gravel and leaves, and cleans inside and outside of the main house.

When asked if he likes the job, Damron replied, "Yes, but I prefer working at Dunbar,



Damron Walton

near Charleston." While working at Peterkin, Damron said he's learned how to do a better job mowing grass and how to take better care of tools and equipment.



Students enjoyed signing yearbooks during a special party held in the cafeteria.

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## New World Theater



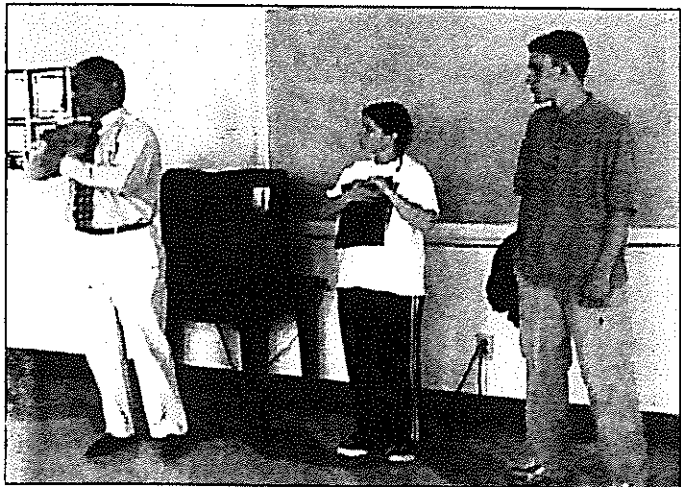
The internationally known New World Theater performed at WVSD recently. The husband and wife team performed a juggling feat with sophomore Jason Wilson and two students from the Elementary Department.

Photo by Olivia Stuart

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

-- William Shakespeare

## Students of the Month



Mr. Marty Blakeley, Director of Student Living, presented sophomore Sylvia Adkins and freshman Pat Collins with Student of the Month plaques. Voted on by dorm staff, a male and female student are selected each month to be honored for their good attitude and behavior in the dorm.

Photo by Olivia Stuart

## Mr. and Ms. Deaf Teen America

Melora Brock, senior, and Chris Mick, junior, recently competed in the Mr. and Ms. Deaf Teen America competition held on the campus of Gallaudet University. They were accompanied by houseparents Mrs. Christy Sevigny and Mr. Barry Nealis.

Mel and Chris were interviewed and judged in the categories of formal wear, talent, and hometown spirit clothes. Both WVSD students were first runners-up in

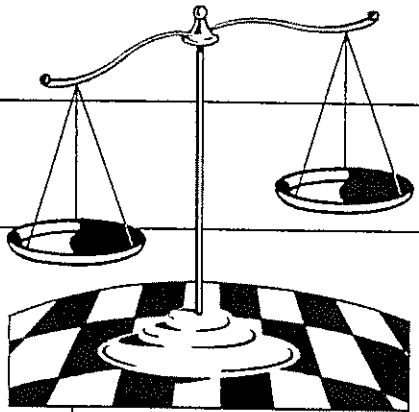


the competition.

Mel is the daughter of Lynn and Carol Brock of Morgantown. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mick of Cherry Grove.

### Key To "Who Am I?"

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mrs. McBride   | 13. Mr. Adrian      |
| 2. Mrs. Staley    | 14. Mrs. Boley      |
| 3. Mr. Coleman    | 15. Mrs. McDonald   |
| 4. Mrs. Davy      | 16. Mrs. Brown      |
| 5. Mrs. Heare     | 17. Mrs. Negley     |
| 6. Mr. Davis      | 18. Mrs. Dodgins    |
| 7. Mrs. Czernicki | 19. Mr. Moreland    |
| 8. Mrs. Wysopal   | 20. Mr. Sevigny     |
| 9. Mrs. Sevigny   | 21. Mrs. Kuykendall |
| 10. Mr. Corbin    | 22. Dr. Shank       |
| 11. Mrs. Loar     | 23. Mrs. Teter      |
| 12. Mr. Engelman  |                     |



# Survey - Pros & Cons

by Olivia B Stuart

Every school has its pros and cons. I thought this survey might show us what we need to work on, to make the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind a better place for our future students.

It is interesting to note that most of the staff said that what they like best is the students. We are the ones who make up this school. The staff members are here to guide, teach and help us.

Note: This is one of the most difficult surveys I have ever done. I tried my very best to select a variety of people across campus.

## What is one thing you like about WVSD&B?

- Student- the kids and the teachers
- Student- how the school system is set up
- Staff- the family atmosphere
- Staff- All the students
- Student- the individual attention that you can get from the vocational classes
- Staff- the students
- Staff- the students
- Staff- the beautiful campus
- Staff- the students
- Student- good friends
- Student- my peers

- Staff- working with the students and staff
- Staff- the students
- Staff- the students
- Student- The way other students understand how I feel sometimes
- Student- the way the school lets me get involved with different things
- Student- school activities
- Student- the teachers
- Student- the teachers
- Student- my gym class
- Staff- the students
- Staff- the students and staff
- Staff- the students and faculty
- Staff- the kids that are here
- Staff- the students
- Staff- our good staff and students
- Student- the people here
- Staff- the students

## What is one thing you dislike about WVSD&B?

- Student- Things talked about that never happen
- Staff- School starts too early
- Staff- the mean people
- Student- the fact we don't have high education classes
- Staff- the winter months
- Staff- not enough cooperation
- Staff- staying up all night

- Student- some of the food
- Student- sharing the bathroom with other people
- Staff- meetings
- Staff- paperwork
- Student- negative comments
- Student- staying in the dorm
- Student- gym class
- Student- level system
- Staff- lack of organization
- Staff- meetings
- Staff- IEPs
- Staff- not enough students
- Staff- the new IEP forms
- Staff- dealing with discipline
- Student- the level system

NEARLY ALL MEN CAN HANDLE ADVERSITY. BUT IF YOU WANT TO TEST A MAN'S CHARACTER. GIVE HIM POWER.  
 -- ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## The West Virginia School for the Deaf Junior Class

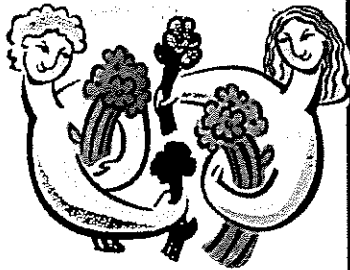
- ~
- Olivia Stuart
- Chris Mick
- Ronald Lake
- Bill Wright
- Stephanie Smallwood
- ~
- is hosting this year's prom

## "An Enchanting Evening In The Secret Garden"

- Given in honour of the Senior Class
- ~
- Melora Brock
- Justin Catlett
- Damron Walton
- Latasha Hackett
- Jeff Wright
- Sylvia Eller
- Jeff Quimby
- Samuel McCraw
- ~

- Dinner ~ 5:30 pm
- Photographs (\$1 ea.)
- ~ 6:30 pm
- Dance ~ 8-11:00 pm

*The Lions' Tale  
staff would  
like to wish all  
Mothers A  
Happy  
Mother's Day!*



# JR. NAD's First Dramatized Classics Performance



by Stephanie Smallwood

On April 29th, JR. NAD members, officers, and sponsors gave two stage performances. One was a dress rehearsal, and the other was the final performance. The play was

JR. NAD gave a performance for the Deaf alumni, parents, students, houseparents, and teachers. This time we did both plays, "Cinderella" and "The Wizard of Oz." We started the plays at 7:00. The production went well and many people said they loved the performance.

## CAST WIZARD OF OZ

**Danielle Surber - Dorothy**  
**Sylvia Adkins - Toto**  
**Justin Catlett- Uncle Henry**  
**Barbie White - Auntie Em**  
**Stephanie Smallwood - Miss Gulch & Wicked Witch**  
**Tabitha Keplinger - Glinda**  
**Wesley Jarrell - Scarecrow**  
**Daniel Cochran - Tin Man**  
**Patrick Collins - Lion**  
**Sheena Smith - OZ**  
**Latasha Hackett - Winged Monkey & Munchkins**

## CAST CINDERELLA

**Sheena Smith - Cinderella**  
**Patrick Collins - Gus**  
**Danielle Surber - Jack**  
**Daniel Cochran Cat**  
**Tabitha Keplinger - Drizella**  
**Stephanie Smallwood - Anastasia**  
**Barbie White - Stepmother**  
**Sylvia Adkins - Fairy Godmother**

called "Cinderella", and was held in the MPR.

On April 30th, the



Cinderella (Sheena Smith) and her Stepmother (Barbie White).  
Photo by Olivia Stuart

# May 1999

S M T W T F S

1  
Just because  
you're  
miserable  
doesn't mean  
you can't  
enjoy your  
life.  
— Annette  
Goodheart

2  
New York  
voted to  
pay city  
firemen  
(1865)

3  
Be Kind to  
Animals  
Week

4  
..Every fool  
can make a  
rule  
And every  
fool will mind  
it.  
— Henry  
David  
Thoreau

5  
Arbor Day

6  
The first  
postage  
stamp in  
history was  
issued in  
England  
(1840)

7  
Johannes  
Brahms  
(1833)

8  
Give me the  
young man  
who has brains  
enough to  
make a fool of  
himself.  
— Robert Louis  
Stevenson

9  
Happy  
Mother's  
Day

10  
Youth is a  
wonderful  
thing; what a  
crime to  
waste it on  
children.  
— George  
Bernard  
Shaw

11  
Minnesota  
admitted to  
the Union  
(1858)

12  
Florence  
Nightingale  
(1820)

13  
Jamestown,  
Virginia  
settled  
(1607)

14  
The birth of  
the free and  
independent  
state of Israel  
(1948)

15  
National  
Women's  
Suffrage  
was formed  
(1869)

16  
North  
American  
continent  
was first  
crossed by  
motorcycle

17  
I Am an  
American  
Day

18  
Jacqueline  
Cochran  
became first  
woman to fly  
faster than  
speed of  
sound (1953)

19  
Life is a  
tragedy when  
seen in  
close-up, but  
a comedy in  
longshot.  
— Charlie  
Chaplin

20  
Charles  
Lindbergh  
began a  
world famous  
solo flight  
across  
Atlantic  
Ocean  
(1927)

21  
First  
chapter of  
the Red  
Cross  
organized  
by Clara  
Barton

22  
Sir Arthur  
Conan  
Doyle  
(1859)

23  
Junko  
Tabei first  
woman to  
climb Mt.  
Everest  
(1975)

24  
First public  
telegraph  
message  
sent by  
Samuel  
Morse  
(1844)

25  
Ralph  
Waldo  
Emerson  
(1803)

26  
A genius?  
Perhaps, but  
before I was  
a genius, I  
was a  
drudge.  
— Ignace Jan  
Paderewski

27  
Amelia  
Bloomer  
(1818)

28  
Homegoing



29  
John F.  
Kennedy,  
35th  
President  
of US

30  
Joan of Arc  
was burned  
at the stake  
in Rouen,  
France  
(1431)

31  
Walt  
Whitman  
(1819)



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## WVSD Class of 1999

Melora Lee Brock, Valedictorian, is from Morgantown. She is the daughter of Lynn and Carol Brock. Mel is class president, treasurer of Jr. NAD, treasurer of VICA, served as captain of the volleyball team, and was on the youth staff for Teen Institute. She participated in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading. She was a member of the Academic Bowl team, Homecoming Queen, Dorm Student of the Month, and participated in the Miss Deaf Teen America contest.

Damron Keith Walton, Salutatorian, and son of Mrs. Patricia Jones, is from Charleston. He is a member of VICA and FFA. Damron was on the basketball and baseball teams.

Justin Matthew Catlett is from Martinsburg. He is the son of Tim and Vicki Catlett. Justin is class vice-president, and a member of FFA, VICA, Golf Club, and Jr. NAD. He was on the basketball team, and in 1999 was on the 2nd Place All-Star Team.



Justin Catlett, Jeffrey Wright, Samuel McCraw, Jeff Quimby, Damron Walton, Latasha Hackett, Melora Brock, and Sylvia Eller.

Sylvia Ann Eller, of Rock, is the daughter of Mr. Donald Eller of Rock, and Ms. Kim Eller of High Point, NC. She was Student of the Week, and participated in Teens for Christ. Sylvia also served as a volunteer at the Augusta Animal Shelter.

Latasha Charmaine Hackett of Falling Waters is the daughter of Les and Betty Better. She participated in basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. Latasha is a member of VICA, FFA, Jr. NAD, and the Golf Club.

Samuel Lee McCraw, Sutton, is the son of Jimmy and Connie McCraw.

Sam is a member of VICA and the Golf Club.

Jeffrey Allen Quimby, of Newell, is the son of Ms. Emogene Quimby. He is in the Golf Club, FFA, and VICA. Jeff participated in Special Olympics. He is working this year at the Sheltered Workshop, where he was named Employee of the Month.

Jeffrey Lynn Wright, Jr. of Romney, is the son of Ms. Barbara Wright. Jeff is a member of VICA, FFA, and the Golf Club. This year he participated in a special recycling program.



What is your fondest memory of WUSD?

by *Stephanie Smallwood*

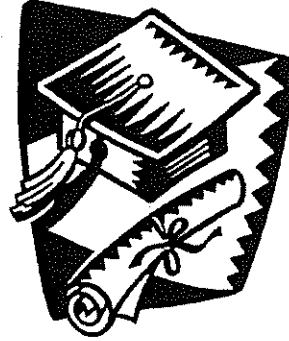
Sylvia E.- Being with Stephanie, Olivia, Melora, and Noelle.  
Damron- Hanging out and playing basketball with friends.  
Melora- Watching The Rocky Horror Picture Show with Olivia, Stephanie, and Sylvia.  
Sammy- Playing around and wrestling with friends, and some houseparents.  
Latasha- When Daniellé and I crashed into each other during a basketball game.  
Jeff W.- Going on picnics and having lots of delicious food.  
Justin- When I first stepped into this school.  
Jeff Q.- Helping with basketball.

# Senior Page!!!!!!

## The Senior Trip

by *Sylvia Eller*

On May 27th, the seniors and their sponsors went on the senior trip. It was a beautiful day. First we went to Rainbow Lanes in Keyser. We split into two groups and bowled three games. We got lucky because they do not usually do the laser light show on Thursday, but the manager decided to treat us to the laser lights for about an hour, accompanied by loud music.



What will you miss the most about WUSD?

by *Sylvia Eller*

Melora- Volleyball, Stephanie, Olivia Sylvia E., teachers and houseparents.  
Jeff Q.- The teachers.  
Latasha- Sports, students, and teachers.  
Samuel- My friends and Tom Engelman.  
Jeff W. I will miss everyone here!  
Sylvia E. The campus, Becky Nealis, Bonnie Sipple, and of course Barry. I will also miss socializing with the kids, the teachers and other staff. Most of all I am going to miss Stephanie, Olivia, Mel, and Noelle.  
Justin- Friends, teachers, and basketball.  
Damron- School, teachers, and the kids.

## SENIOR WILLS

by *Olivia Stuart*

I, Melora Brock, do hereby leave ...  
 \*the Adv. Girls CD player to Olivia Stuart  
 \*the ability to deal with life's annoyances to Stephanie Smallwood  
 \*the power of enlightenment to all who dare accept

I, Justin Catlett, do hereby leave ...  
 \*my basketball number to anybody who wishes to have good luck in the tournament  
 \*my temper to Mrs. Heare  
 \*my rapping skills to Mr. Corbin  
 \*my gangster skills to Mr. Kesler

I, Sylvia Eller, do hereby leave ...  
 \*"Excuse me for talking" to Stephanie Smallwood and Olivia Stuart  
 \*loud, annoying country music that annoys Olivia Stuart to Noelle Payton  
 \*my locker to Noelle Payton

I, Latasha Hackett, do hereby leave...  
 \*my locker to Barbie White  
 \*my horseplaying to Stephanie Smallwood, Marcus Leake, and Tabitha Keplinger.

I, Damron Walton, do hereby leave...  
 \*my locker to D.J. Christy

I, Jeff Wright, do hereby leave...  
 \*my locker to Bill Wright  
 \*my ability to pay attention in class to Daniel Cochran  
 \*my recycling duty to Marcus Leake

I, Jeff Quimby, do hereby leave...  
 \*my basketball managing job to Ronald Lake  
 \*my clean room to Jason Wilson  
 \*my attitude to Stephanie Smallwood

The future belongs to those who dare.  
 -- Anonymous

# Students in the News

## Sixth Graders Visit Secondary School

Students from the 6th grade Elementary department spent the day in the high school experiencing classes and meeting teachers in preparation for their 1999-00 school year.



Sixth and seventh graders pictured above, standing: Ashley Leash, Jackie Fields, Roger Allport, and Josh Bittner. Seated: Holly Romanella, Lisa Parent, Paul Parent, Corey Grace, and Jonathan Edwards.

## Students of the Month

Sophomore Jason Wilson of Moundsville and Freshman Tabitha Keplinger of Fisher were named as May Students of the Month by dorm staff.



## Special Olympics

by Olivia Stuart

On May 12 seven of our students went to Romney Junior High School to compete in the Special Olympics.

The seven students were Sylvia Adkins, Joe Canterbury, April Dixon, Becky Lett, Jared Hesel, Tracy Marcum, and Jeff Quimby.

The philosophy of Special Olympics is "Everybody WINS!"

100m Walk: Joe, Tracy, Jared, April and Becky

200m Walk: Joe, Tracy, April, and Jared

100m Dash: Sylvia, Jared, and Jeff

200m Dash: Sylvia and Jeff

Shot-put: April, Joe, Sylvia, Tracy, Becky, and Jeff

See insert for photos of Special Olympics by Melora Brock



Sixth and seventh graders pictured to the right, in front: Carolyn Rockow. Middle row: John Jordan, Jeremy Cornell, Billy White, Brad Crey, and Johnny Caudill. Back row: Keith Richardson.

# Class of 1999

- Melora Brock
- Justin Catlett
- Sylvia Eller
- Latasha Hackett
- Samuel McCraw
- Jeff Quimby
- Damron Walton
- Jeff Wright



*Carolyn, Latasha & Sylvia  
at the prom.*

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

-- Helen Keller

*by Stephanie Smallwood*

On May 14th, the Junior class hosted the prom in WSD's Multipurpose Room. Prior to the dance, Seniors, Juniors, Mrs. McBride, several guests, and sponsors enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Superintendent's Residence.

This year's theme was "An Enchanting

Evening in the Secret Garden." All students, teachers, houseparents, parents, and staff members were invited.

This year, Hampshire High School (HHS) held their prom in our Multipurpose Room, because they are having work done to their gymnasium. HHS left their decorations up so we could use them too. In return, our

students and staff cleaned up after HHS's prom. The MPR was transformed into a lovely garden, complete with a waterfall, a huge canopy, and hundreds of beautiful plants. Prom goers danced under the canopy. Olivia Stuart was DJ most of the evening.

A special room was also set up for photos taken by Mrs. Dodgins.

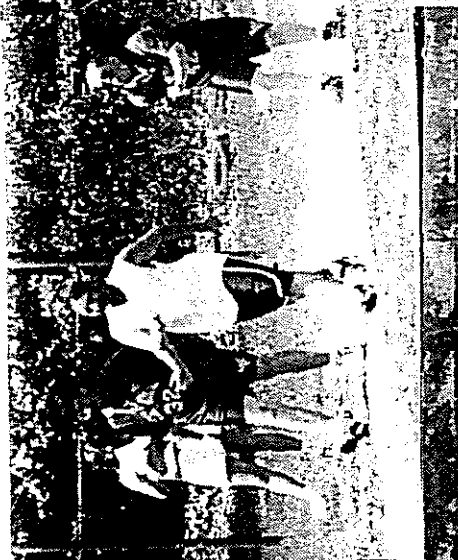
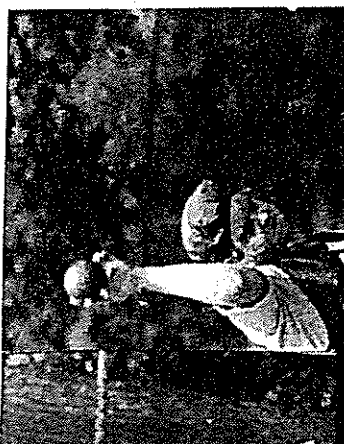
Everyone enjoyed an evening of dancing, talking and eating healthy refreshments.

The "Enchanting Evening" was wonderful and provided us with an evening of lasting memories.



*Photo by Mr. Mals*

*Junior Olivia Stuart presented each senior with a flower during the prom.*



Michael J. O'Sullivan  
Stephanie Smallwood  
Good Luck

BECKY

# Good Luck Seniors

APRIL

Jackie Fields

Carolyn

Mrs. Anthony Good Luck!

Shirley Daisy Edzie Raley

Johnny Caudill

Bob Haines

Good Luck Tava

Redding Reed

Sheena S.

ERRICK NEALIS

Good Luck! Noel

Congratulations D.J. Christ

Good Luck! Jabtrak

good luck wales Jarrill



Roger Allport

Kay Adams

Ray Lake

Chris Mick

JOANNE

Mrs. Mary Jane

Ann

STUART

luck's Billie's

Holly

Shaffer

Olivia

Good Luck! Mrs. Brown

Keith

Jessie Wilson

Good Luck! Ashley Rose

Good Luck! Mrs. Adams

Star

Good Luck! Kuba

Kevin

We wish you only the Best!

Paul Parent

Mrs. Stevie!

Ms. Adrian

Cheryl Reed J.D. Collier

Best wishes from the class

Love and support from the class