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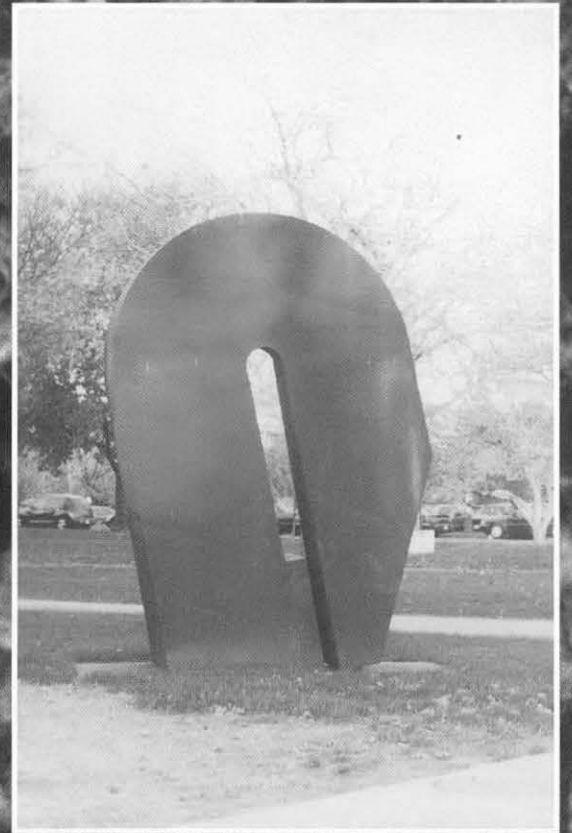
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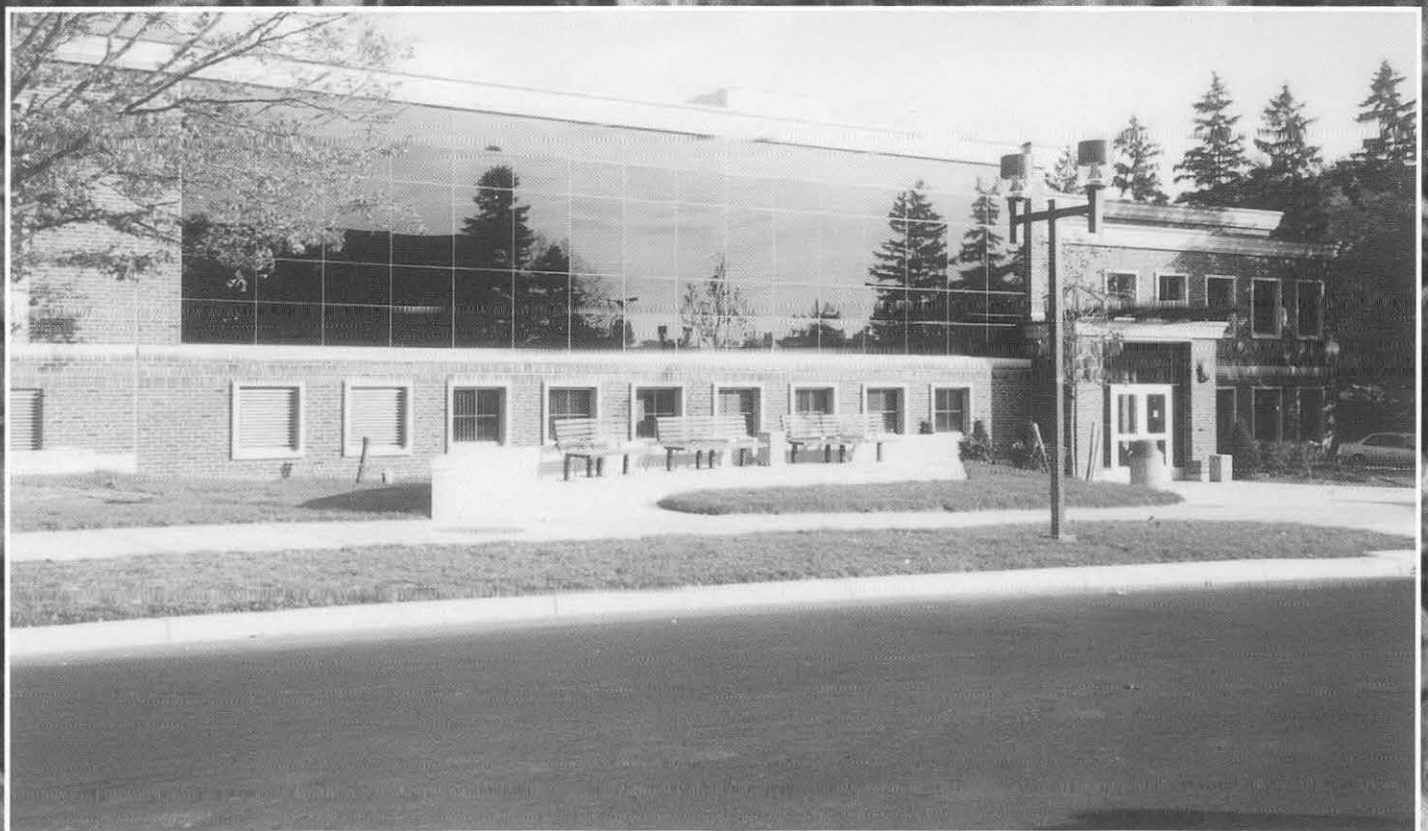
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# Rockwell Quad

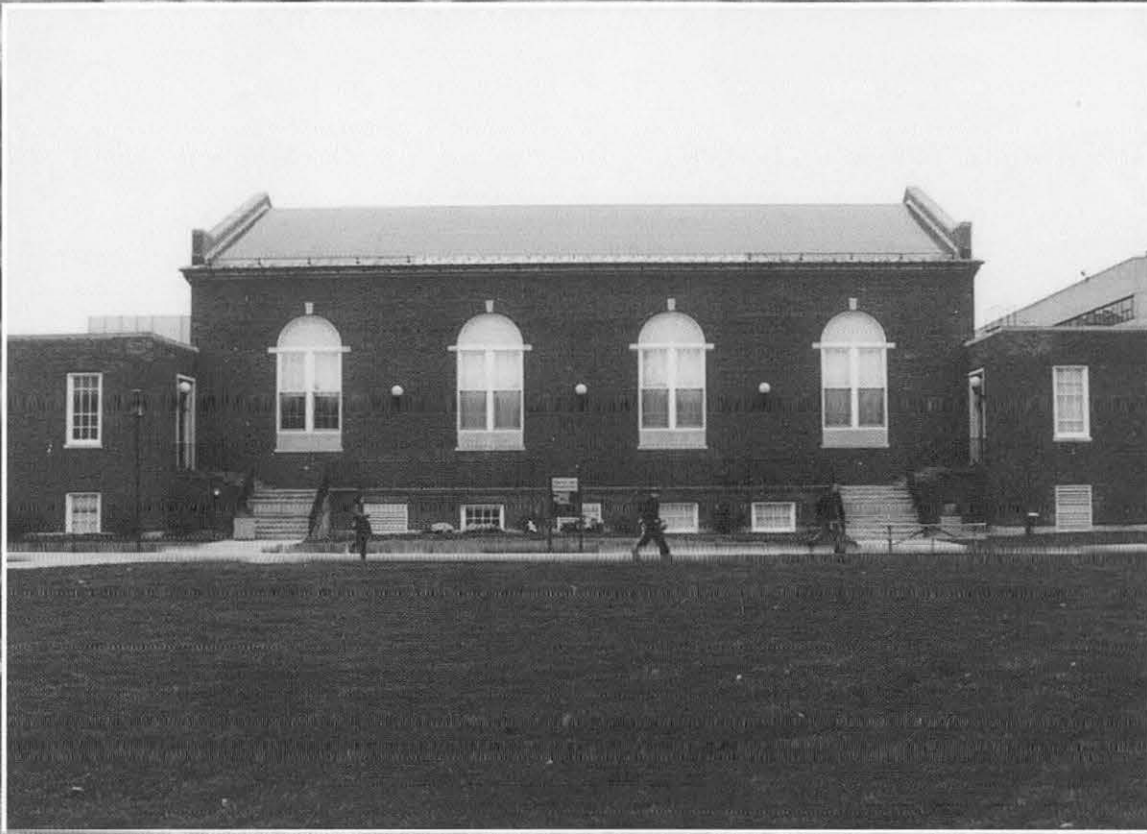




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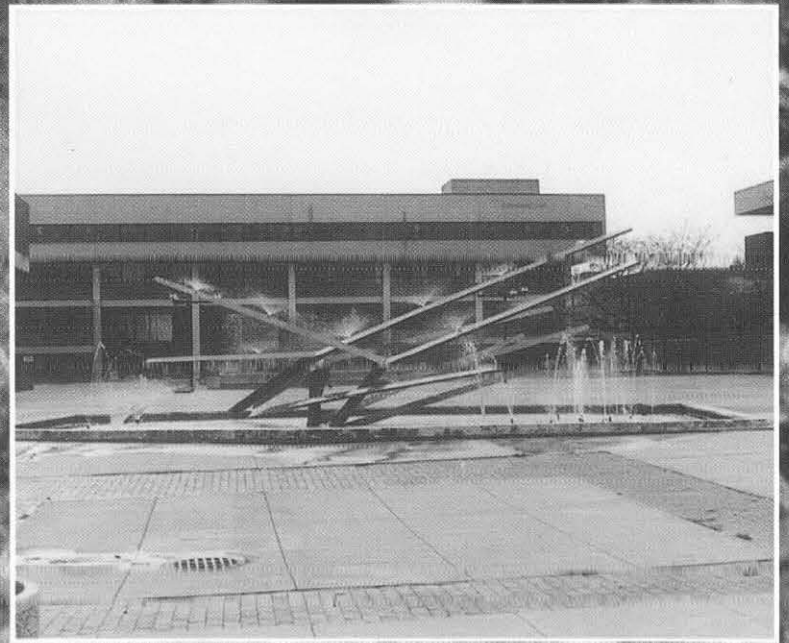
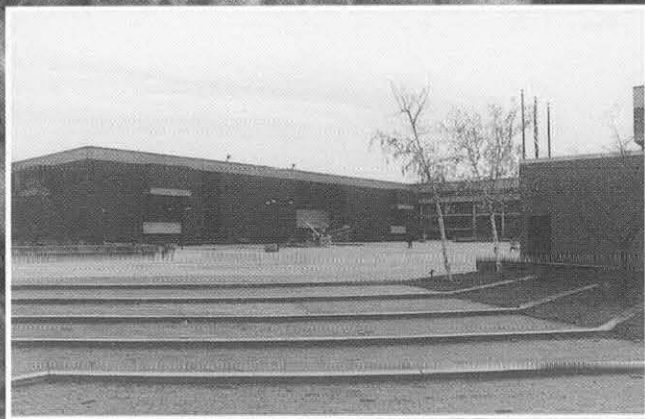


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# Student Union



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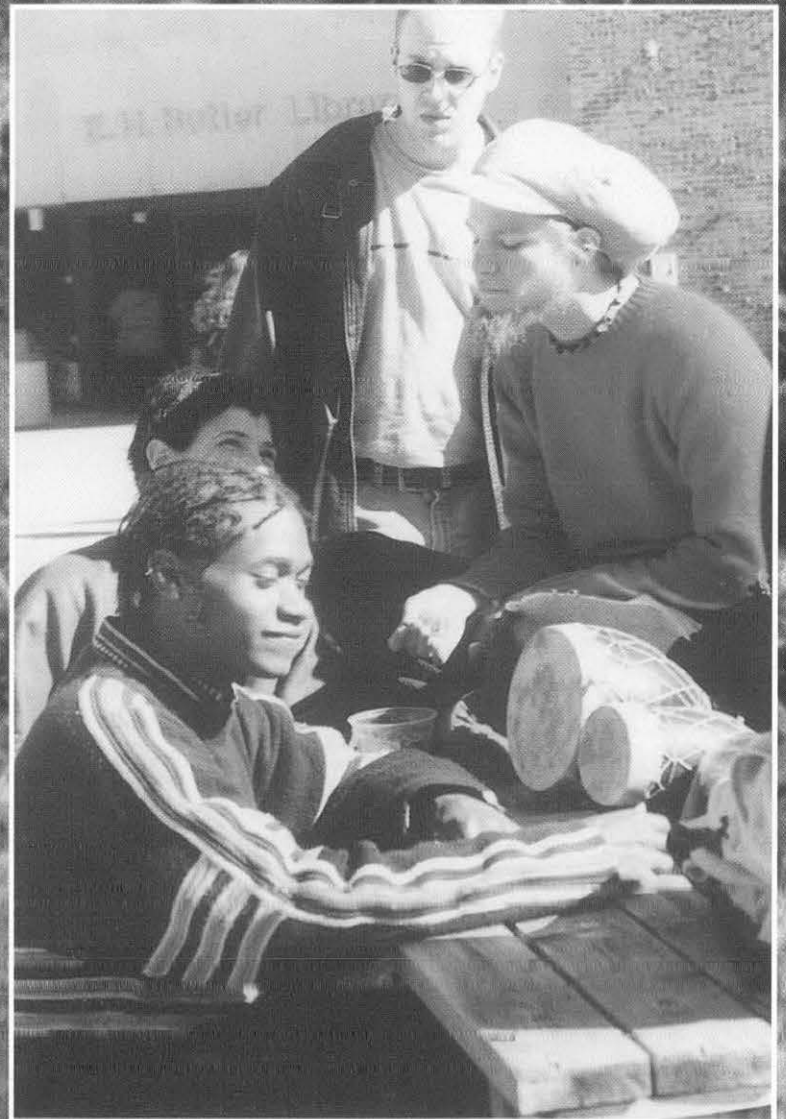


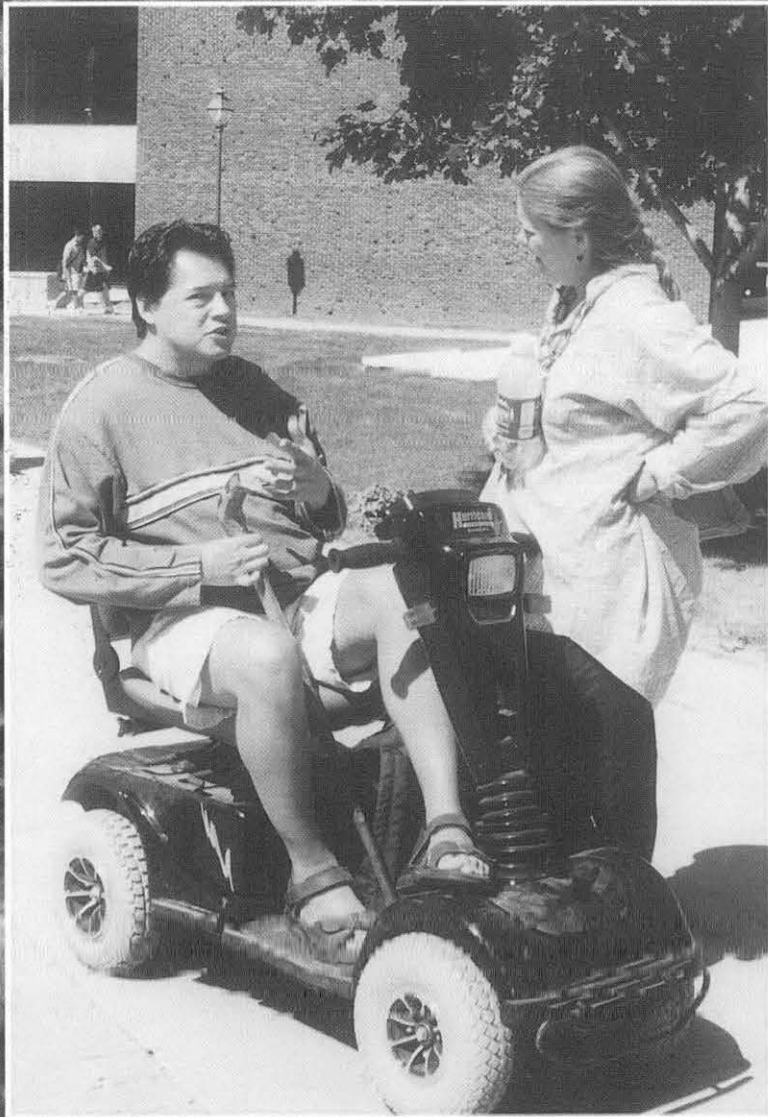
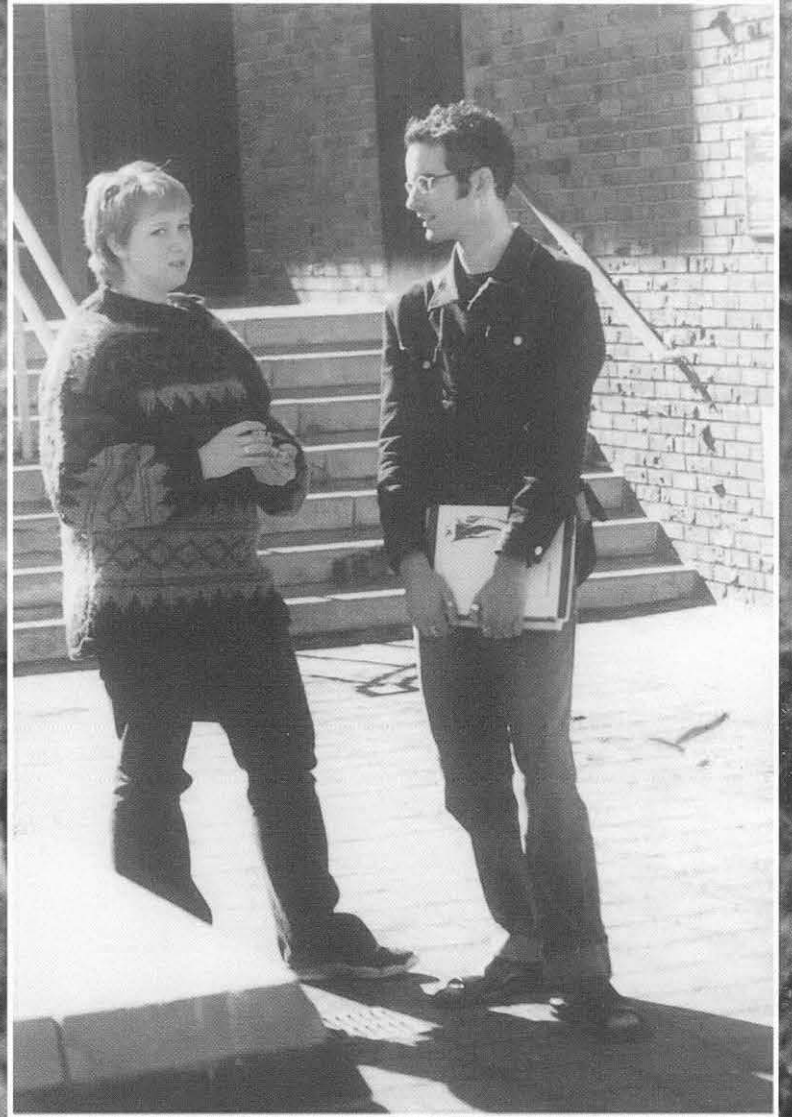
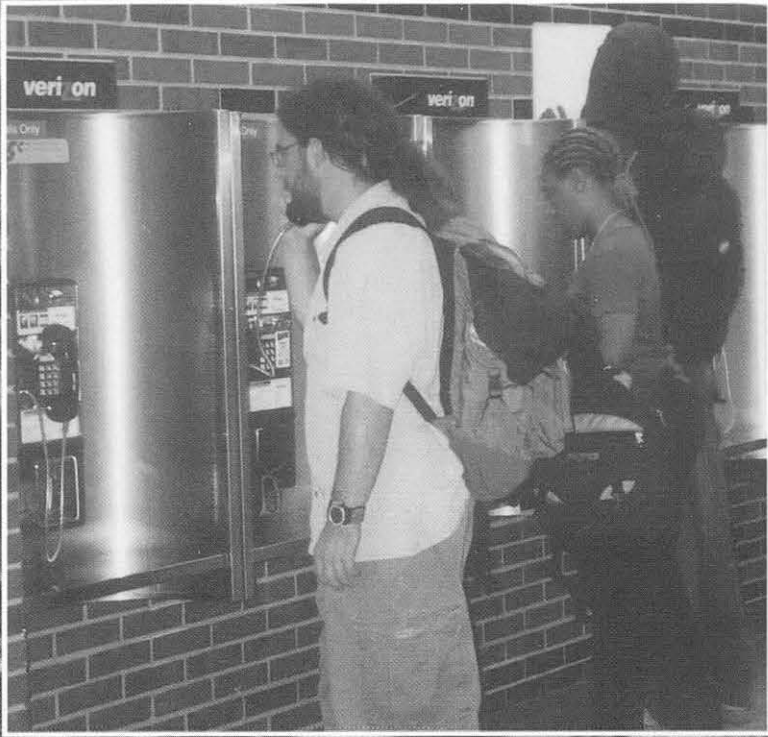
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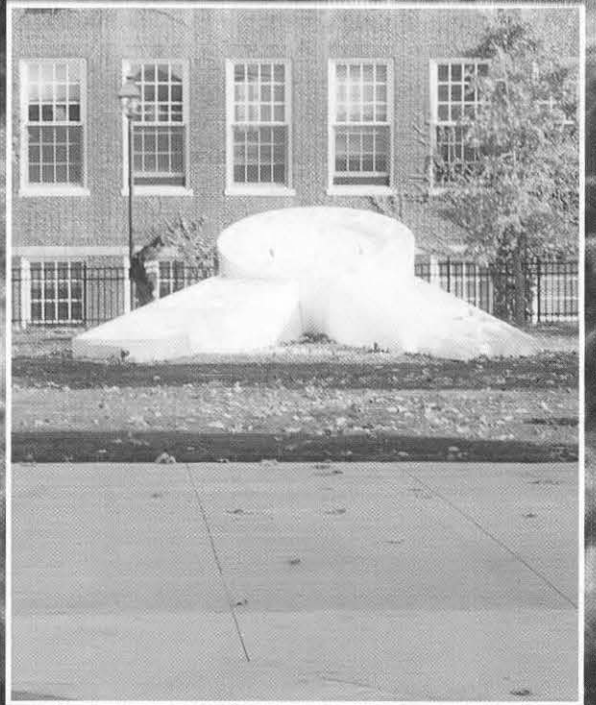
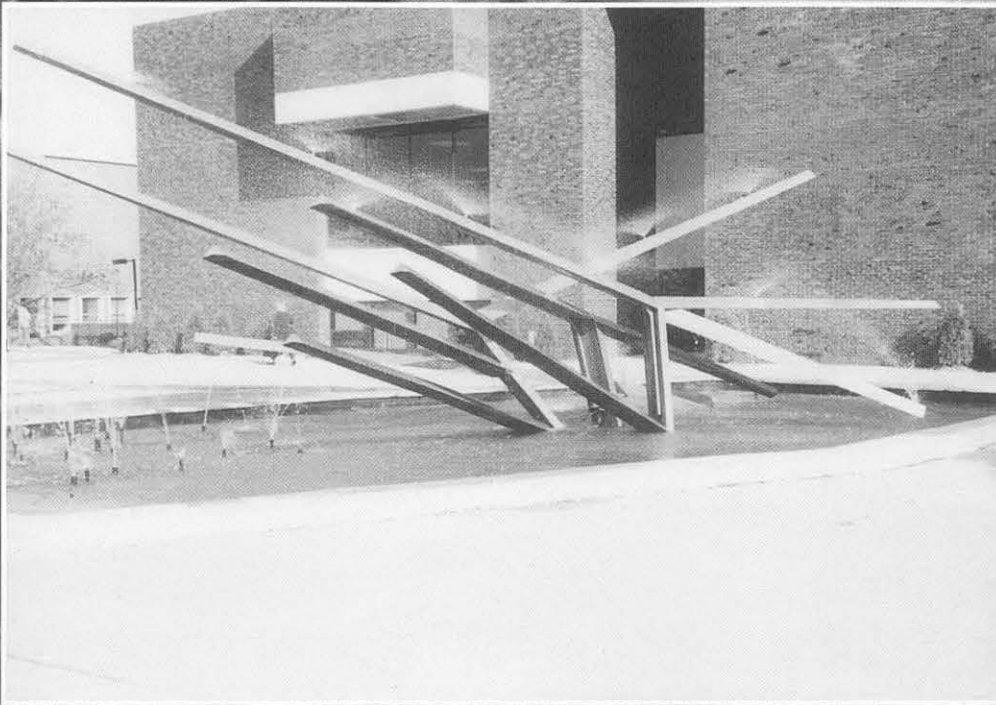


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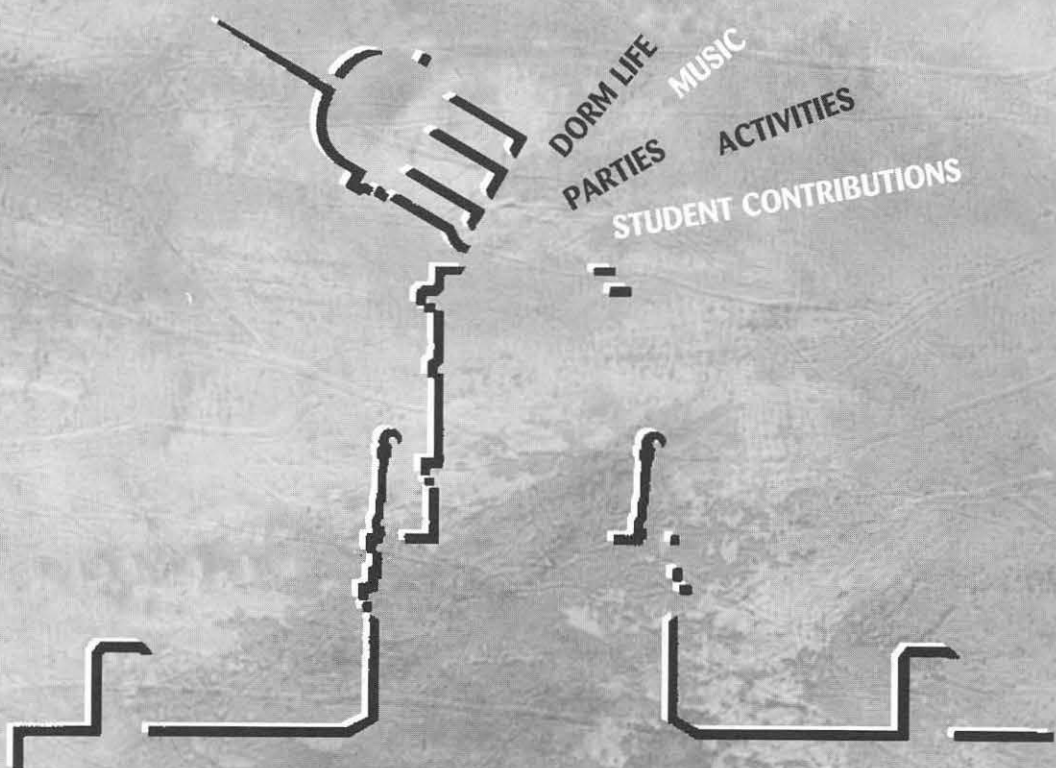
# Across Campus







# Campus Life & Events



# September 11

We were all affected in some way by the events that unfolded on September 11th, 2001. For some of us it was just the shock that this could happen here, for others it was very personal. Quite a few of our fellow students who are also in the military left to serve their country. Some for a few weeks who, with the help of their professors, then had to try to catch up with the rest of the class. Others had to leave school altogether and have not returned. We also lost some of our Buffalo State College alumni who were killed in the World Trade Center disaster and they will be greatly missed by their families and friends. In gratitude we dedicate these pages to the administration, faculty and staff who helped us get through this terrible time in our history. To the families of those that died, our prayers go with you and we will not forget. To those that have served or will serve, we are forever grateful for your contribution.

— The Elms Staff



Photo by Bill Oliver

# BSC RECORD

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Photo by Bill Oliver

September 14, 2001

Campus Newline

**Buffalo State College Blood Drive:**  
Tuesday, September 18 in the Student Union Assembly Hall.  
For an appointment, call: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

#### National Day of Prayer:

In response to the National Day of Prayer students are invited to Campbell Student Union today at noon.

#### Service Locations:

Guided Interfaith Prayer- Assembly Hall  
Catholic Mass- Room 419 Student Union  
Silent Meditation- Fireside Lounge  
Baptist Prayer- Room 415 Student Union

#### The African American Student Organization:

Join the African American Students Organization and become a messenger for the re-education, re-learning, re-defining and re-awakening of the African Culture and the African American Experience.

Meetings are held at 12:15 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Union, Room 419.

AASO Office - 878-5030, Email: AASO2000@hotmail.com

#### NYPIRG:

The Buffalo State chapter of New York Public Interest Research Group will be holding a general interest meeting during Bengal Pause on Sept. 20 in Bulger East.

Students and NYPIRG staff will speak about the different campaigns NYPIRG will be working on during the coming year.

#### Women's Writing Workshop:

All areas of writing will be explored in Mary Mullet-Flynn's writing workshops. This workshop is for a beginner or published writer.

Workshops will be held at 7 p.m. for six Tuesdays starting Sept. 18 at Buffalo State, room to be announced.

Cost is \$70 for non-members and \$55 for Just Buffalo members.

#### Gallery Opening:

Biff Henrich: New Works will open in the Rental Sales Gallery on September 12 and continue through October 28. An artist's reception will take place Thursday, September 20, 5:15-7 p.m. in the Rental Sales Gallery.

#### Albright-Knox Needs Volunteers:

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery is recruiting volunteers to assist in the banner exhibition, The Triumph of French Painting: Masterpieces from Ingres to Matisse. The exhibit will be on view from November 3, 2001 to January 6, 2002.

#### Buffalo State Counseling Center:

Counseling Center Services are: counseling, consultation, mentoring resources, psychiatric services, self-help resources, and critical incident support.

The Counseling Center is located in Porter Hall, lower level. Office hours are: 8:30-5:00, Mon-Wed; 8:30-6:00 Thur.; 8:30-4:30 Fri.

## Attack ripples through BSC

### Campus feels effects of Tuesday's tragedy; worry, fear, distraction on minds of many

By Stacey Shepard  
News Editor

Except for a few people on cell phones, the streets remained virtually empty and little traffic made its way down Elmwood Avenue at noon on Tuesday.

The low boom of serious voices on the radio replaced the usual sounds of loud music coming from cars as they left campus.

Only a few students lingered around campus during Bengal Pause, a time when students normally scatter the steps to the Student Union.

Most at Buffalo State College already heard the news by this time; terrorists attacked New York City and Washington, D.C.

For some, the attack hit a place they call home. But for everyone at BSC that day, and for people everywhere across the country, it was a jolt that brought about some of the most intense and unexpected feelings they ever experienced.

"It was worse than anything I saw in Vietnam, not even Napalm was as bad as that," said Bill Howland, a senior social work major and Vietnam veteran.

Many students, faculty and staff didn't find out until they reached school and started their first classes.

Around 9 a.m. students coming to class



Photo by EMT Richard R. Skelaney Sr.

#### Aftermath of attack on World Trade Center.

began to talk about the plane that crashed into the World Trade Center.

When he heard students talking about it in his first class, Alex Ratkowski, an economics professor, assumed it was a horrible plane accident. After the class let out, he heard more about it and dismissed his next class.

Breon Randon, a senior history and anthropology major, found out about the attack around 11 a.m., when she went to her

class and her teacher was crying. Randon's half-brother works as a maintenance employee at the World Trade Center. She tried calling home to her family with her cell phone, but by 1 p.m. that day no one knew anything.

"He's married, has two kids and his wife is pregnant," Randon said, fighting

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See "Tuesday"

## Candles light hope at BSC

### Students remember, mourn during candlelight ceremony; gathering of friends bring smiles, relief, comfort

By Matt Volke  
Bengal News

The mood was somber as a blue and pink sky was smeared with gray clouds in front of the Buffalo State Student Union. Students and faculty circled outside holding candles standing close to one another in comfort. They were all there for the same purpose, to mourn the deaths of those lost in New York and Washington on Tuesday.

United Students Government's vice president, Scott Peasland had the idea of getting students together after he heard the news.

"We wanted to do something for the students from the students," Peasland said. "I think the faculty has done a great job of helping students. I



Photo by Bill Oliver

#### Candlelight vigil in front of Campbell Student Union.

just think that students will relate better to students than faculty will."

Like most of America, BSC students

were shaken by the disaster. BSC hosts a large percentage of students from New York City.

"My mom and father work in Manhattan, and my cousin goes to school there. I was a nervous wreck when I found out," said Wendy Guzmansen, a BSC senior, and Brooklyn native.

"At first there were no phones working and I didn't know what to do. I was scared. I called the house and left a message. I didn't hear back from them until much later, but everyone was okay."

"I couldn't believe it when I first saw what happened," said Skarly Mendoza, a BSC graduate student, and native of the Bronx. "My family there is okay, but it still affects so many peoples

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See "Reaction"

Guitarist Doug Yeomans (with bass player Nick Veltri in bottom picture) brought his blues rock band The Lo Blu Flame.



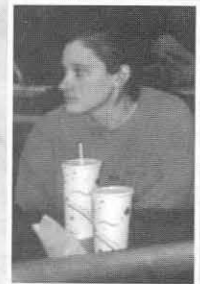
# Bengal Pause Music

During the fall semester the Student Union Board began sponsoring live music in the Student Union Cookery performance space. Here are a few of the acts that played during Thursday Bengal Pause activity hours.





Holy Angels played loud pop-punk for the lunch-time crowd.

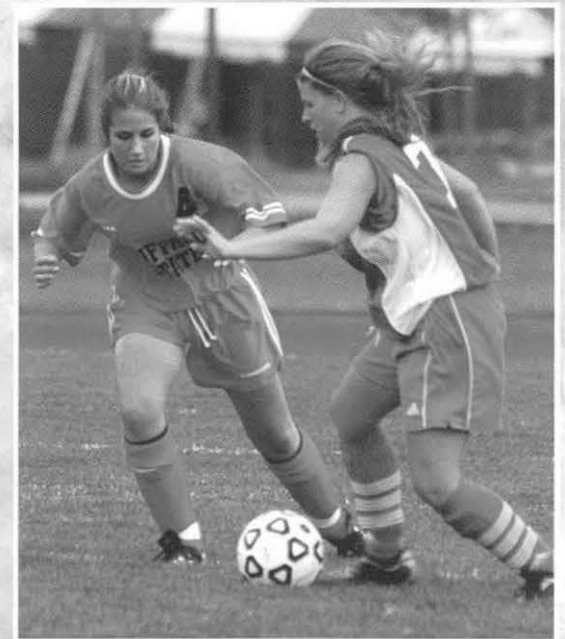
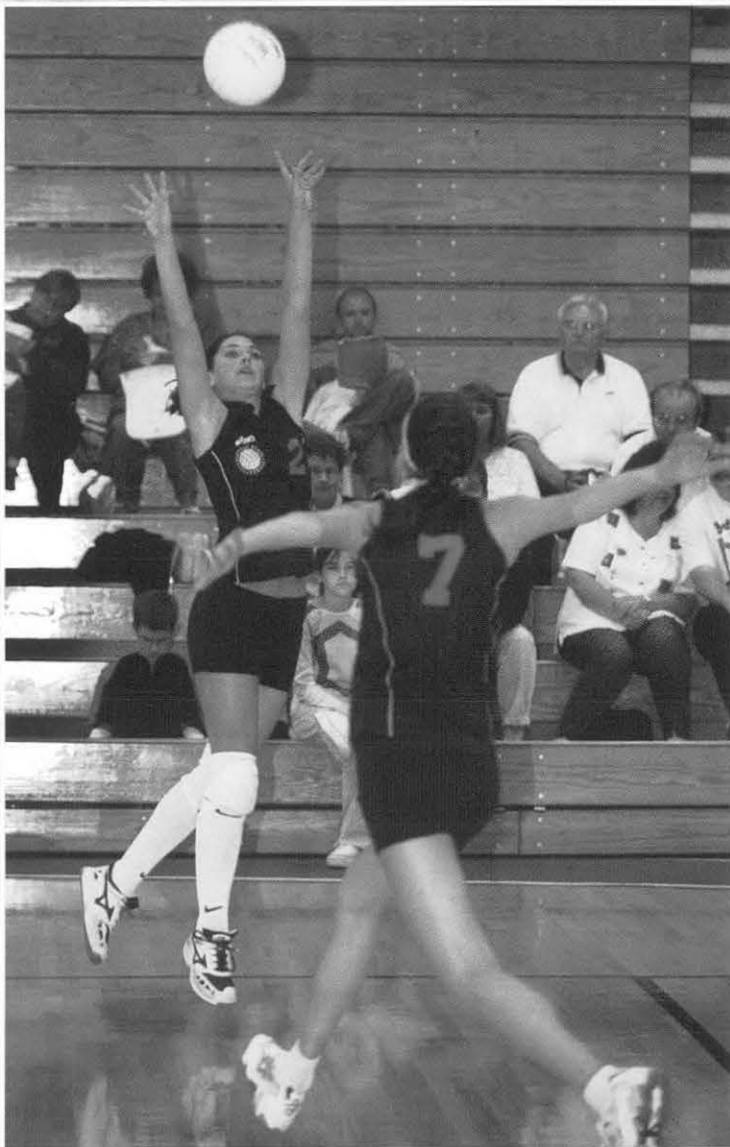


Pop-folk singer (above) kicked off the series all by himself.

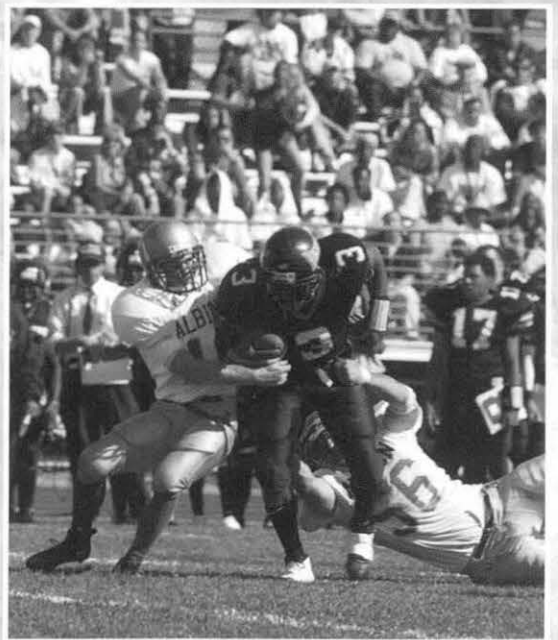


# Fall Sports

Though the volleyball team competes indoors, the fall sports are well known for their outdoor activity. The football team drew bigger crowds this year in spite of a disappointing season. The tennis team played early in the fall while the men's and women's cross-country and soccer teams were playing well into the semester.



Clockwise from top left: Tennis practice can be as much fun as competition. Senior cross-country runner Michelle Mackowiak runs in the Daniel Walker Memorial Invitational in Beaver Island State Park. A member of the men's team competes in the same event. Melissa Benson, freshman soccer player tries for a steal against Oneonta. On the volleyball court Krista Wierzbicki (#2) sets up Angela Volk-Matawaran (#7).



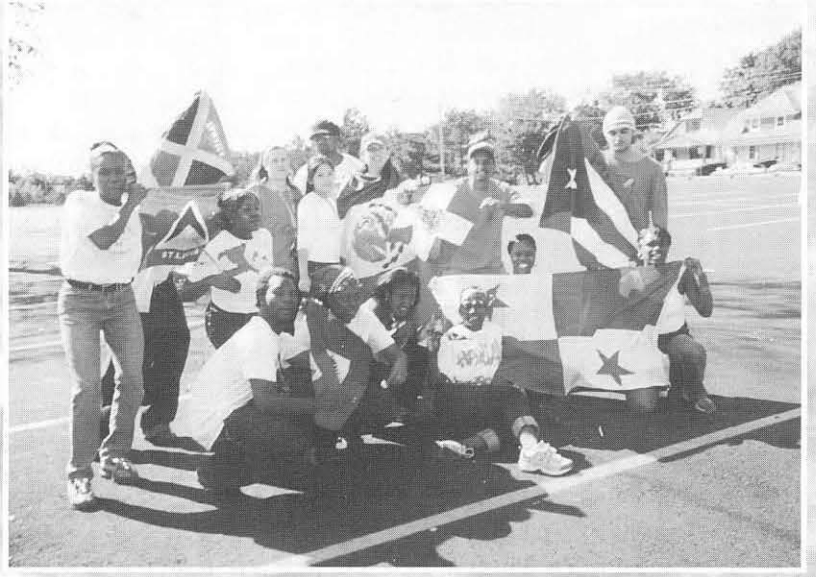
Clockwise from top: The Bengal football offence ready to run a play in a home game against Albion. In the same game, sophomore Felix Joyner runs for some hard-earned yardage. In "the other kind of football" the turf flies as soccer goalie Kam Hughes defends against Plattsburgh.

# Homecoming 2001



“2001: A State Odyssey” was the theme for this year’s Homecoming Celebration. It was reflected in the banners and floats of the 20 or so student organizations that participated in the Homecoming Parade on the final Saturday morning of September. The African American Students Organization took first place in the float category with their foil-covered space shuttle van, and the Asian American Students Organization had the top rated banner. The Caribbean Students Organization banner, seen above, took second place. A pep rally with live music, a bonfire, and fireworks was held Friday night and the football team played Saturday afternoon.

Photos courtesy of CSO.



Clockwise from top: The Asian American Students Organization, Adelante Estudiantes Latinos, showing the colors, Caribbean Students Organization, Residence Hall Association, and the African American Students Organization.

# Arts & Humanities Barbecue



October is Arts & Humanities month at Buffalo State and this year the month of performances and events was kicked off with an Upton Quad barbecue in the shadow of the *Cocka Doodle Do* sculpture. Various arts organizations and departments had tables with information to introduce themselves to students and a band set up and played on the patio outside Upton Hall.



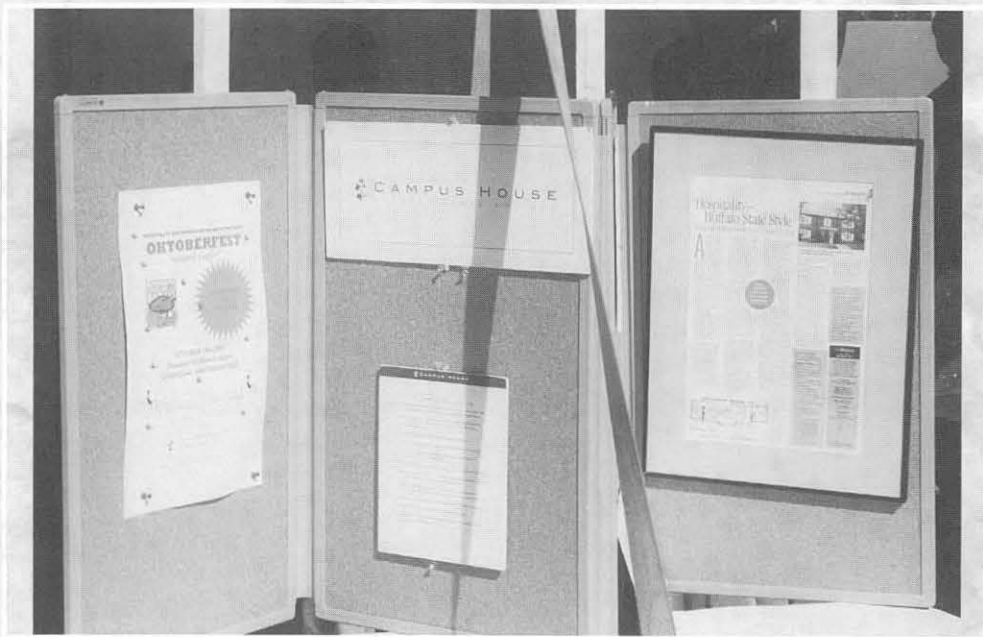


# Hospitality



Hospitality – Buffalo State Style. The Hospitality and Nutrition Department sponsored an Oktoberfest on October 18th, serving turkey, pumpkin pie, coffee, and all the fixin's. The food was prepared by students under the supervision of their professors.

# Oktoberfest



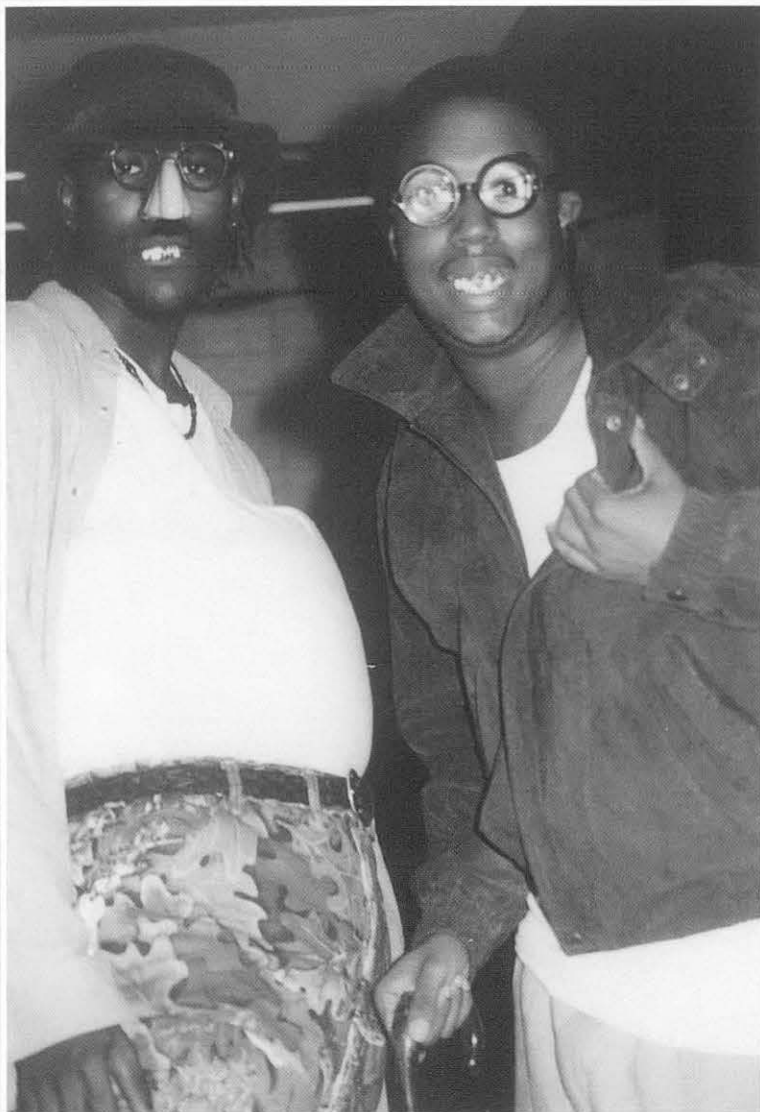


# Union Bash and

Halloween weekend saw various parties and events around campus. The biggest was the Union Bash on Friday night. The bookstore and Java Cafe sponsored a karaoke show, Student Union Board held a Casino Night in the lobby, and USG haunted the fourth floor with ghostly music, terrifying screams (and it wasn't even mid terms) and a cobweb and skeleton-filled hallway.



# Halloween Parties



Clockwise from opposite top: Keep YOUR hand out of this candy bowl. Costumes ranged from goofy to spooky. The wheel of fortune in the Union lobby. Caught between heaven and hell. Looking for a date on campus. Who needs Native Americans to have gambling in Buffalo?

# Mid-Terms and Finals

Mid-terms and Finals are always a stressful time during the school year. In dorms, in the library or where ever they can everyone is studying.

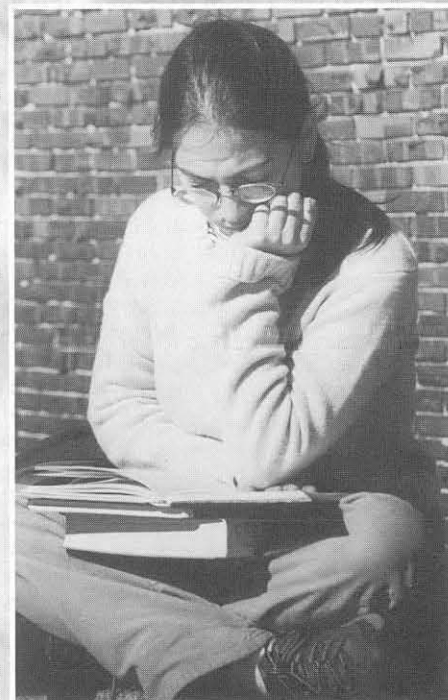
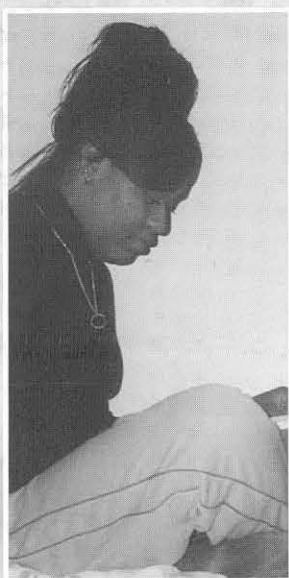
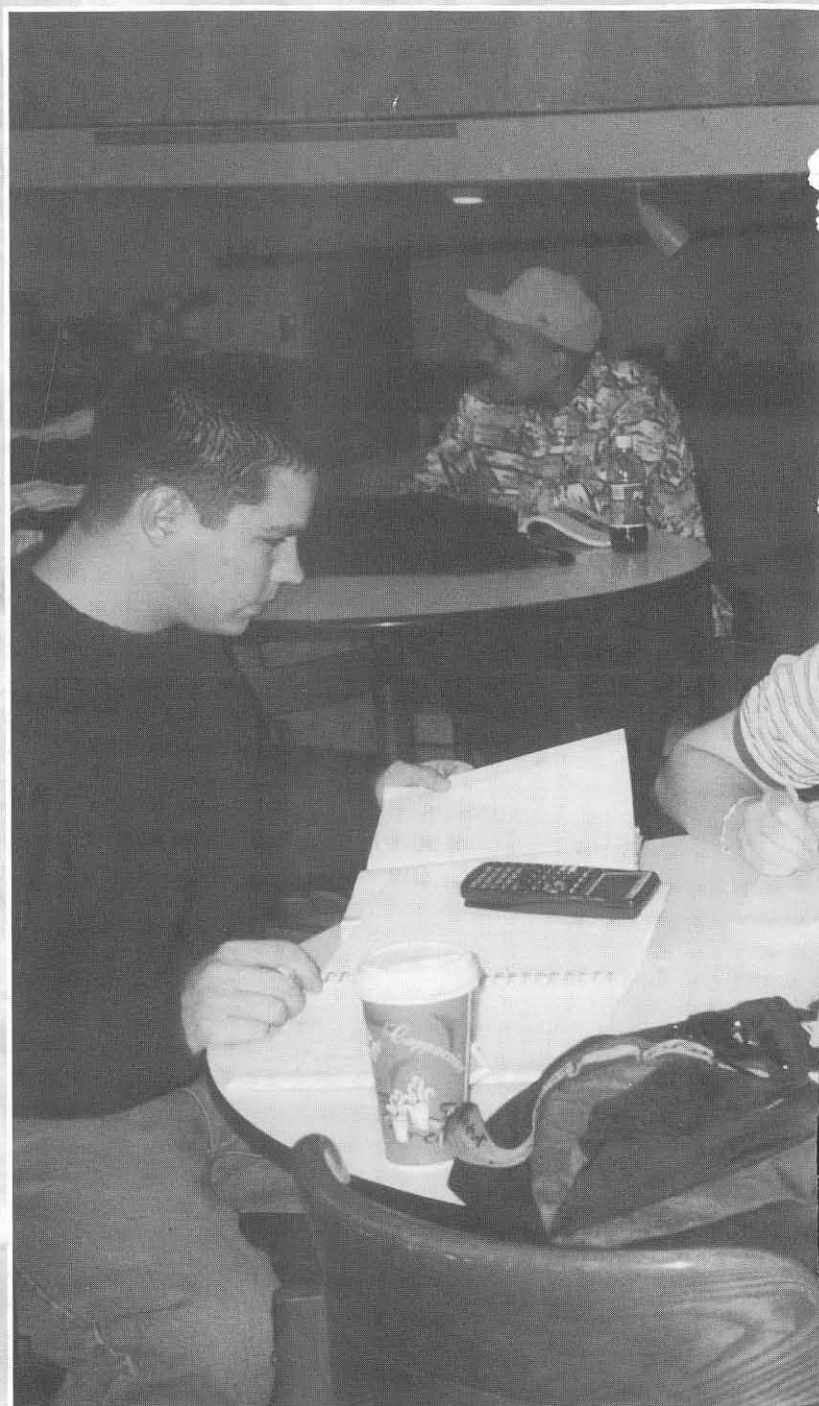
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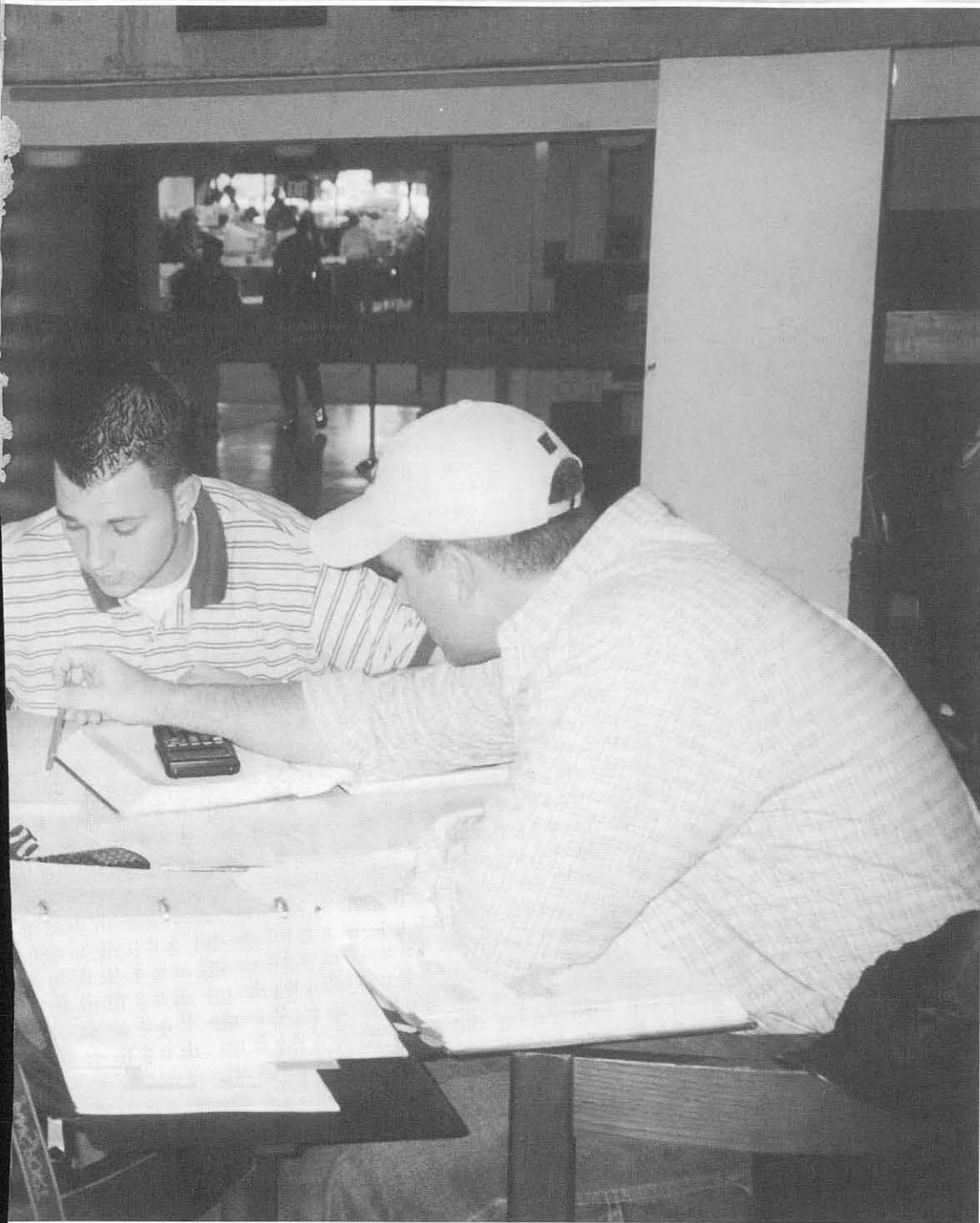
“I am going to have to pull a few extra all nighters – thank God for coffee.”

– *Martha Glausu*

“...and now, just as I was recovering, finals are quickly approaching...”

– *Lisa Scovazzo*



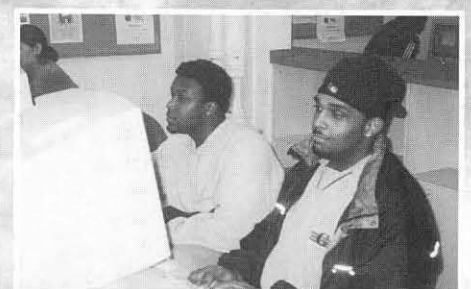
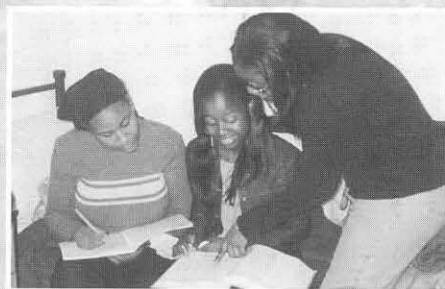


“All work  
and no  
play for  
me this  
semester.”  
– Joe  
Meier

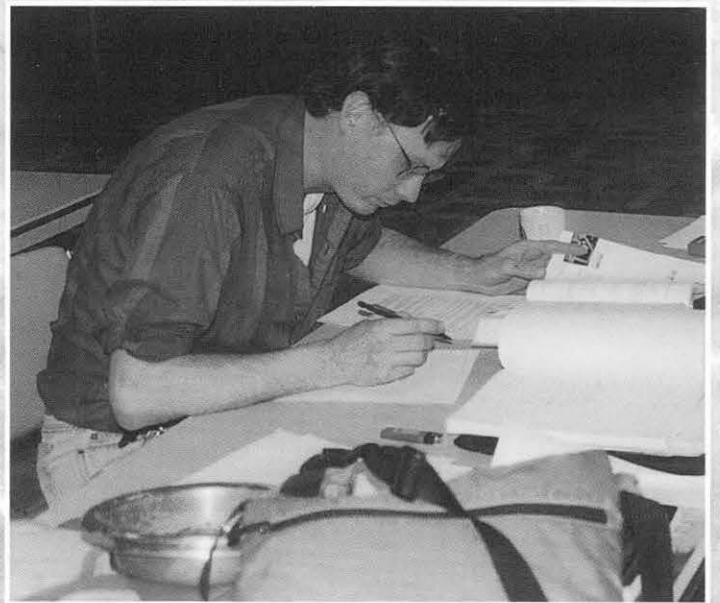
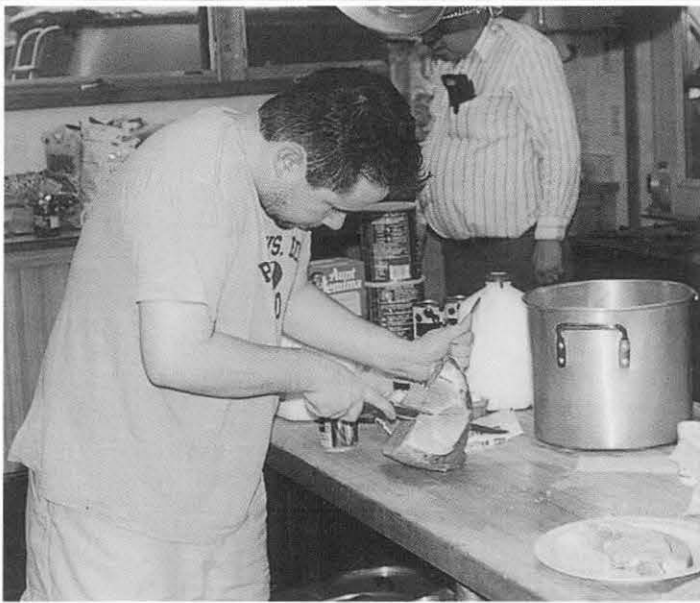


“I can’t wait until this  
semester is over so I can  
finally relax.”

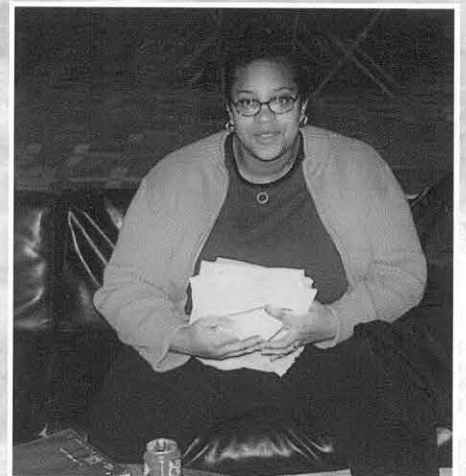
– Beth Johnson



# Whispering Pines



The Non-Traditional Students Organization was joined by the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance for a weekend of studying and partying at the college camp at Franklinville, New York before Fall 2001 finals. There was a little snow to encourage sitting by the fire with books and hot chocolate, and plenty of food and snacks to appreciate after a walk in the outdoors.



# Food Fair



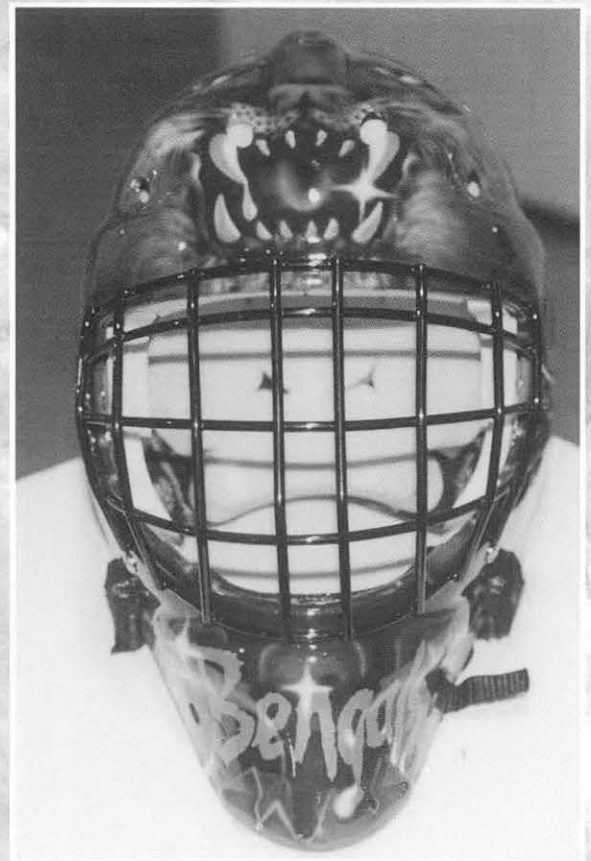


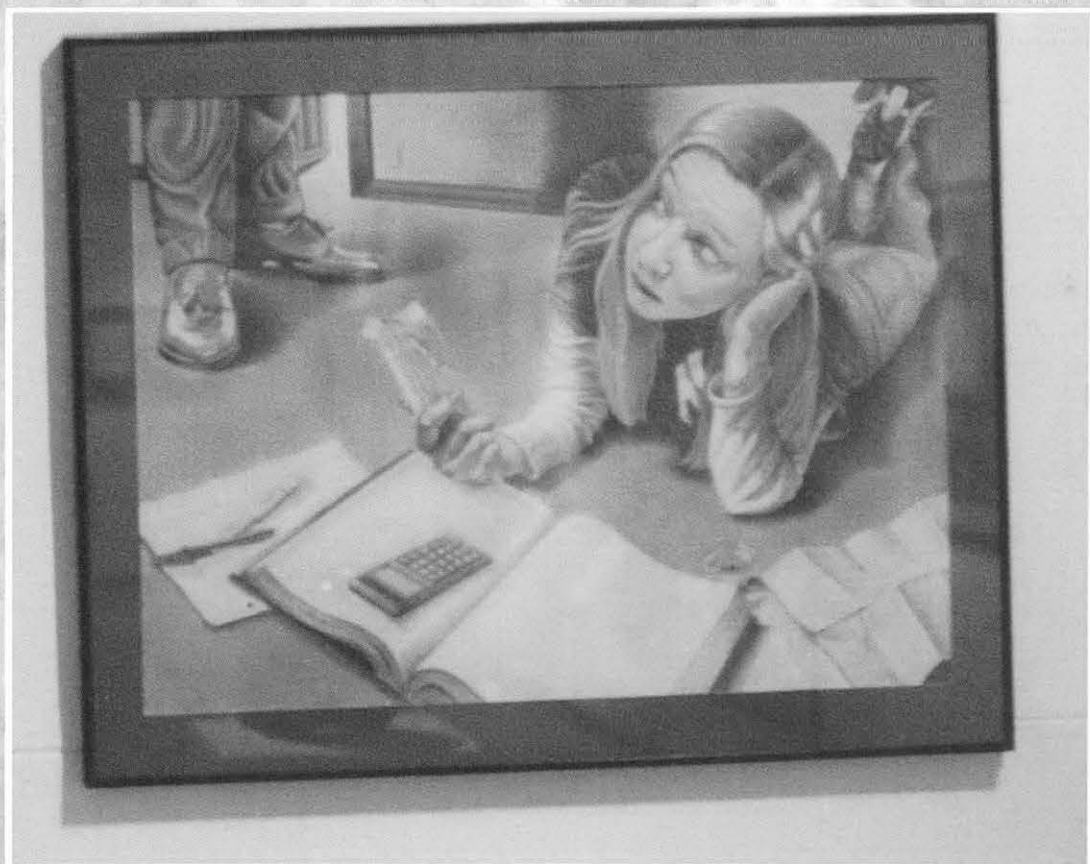
In early November the Buffalo State food service held a Food Fair to present new items they were considering adding to the campus menu. Customers were able to vote for the delectables they liked.





# Upton Gallery

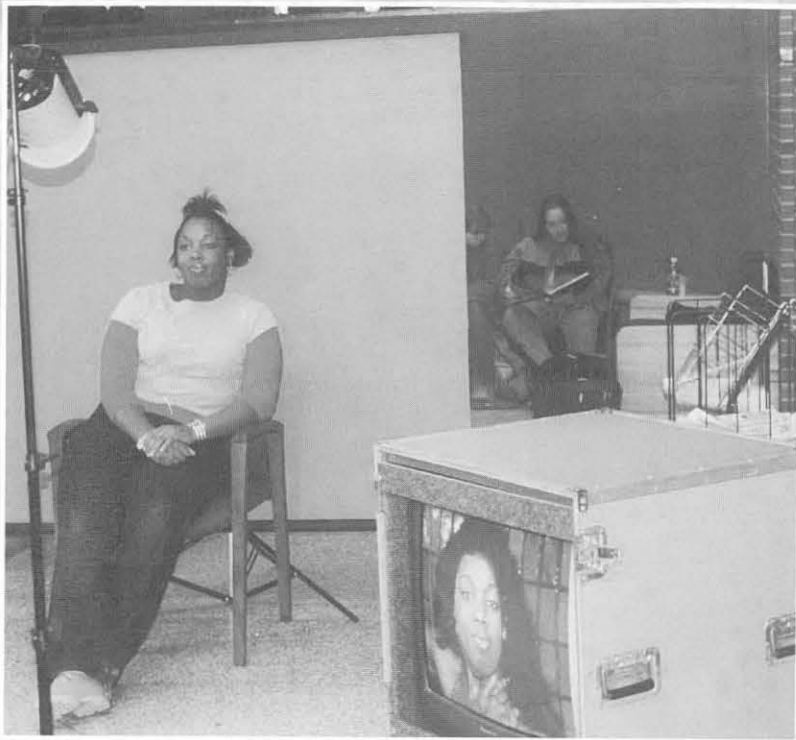




The Gallery in Upton Hall is always filled with the work of Fine Arts, Design, and Art Education students and faculty. A wide range of pieces can be viewed there over the course of a year – including furniture, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, ceramics... even a custom decorated Buffalo State Bengal goalie's mask.

# Valentines Day





Valentines Day was an occasion that some student organizations used to “table” in the Union and recruit new members – or have an unusual video portrait done.





# Happy New Year



During the last week of December Buffalo was hit with 80 inches of snow. By the time students returned to campus a month later the snow had all melted but this is what greeted those who returned to work or Winterim classes on January 2.



# Summer Job Fair

Businesses and organizations came to the campus in early March to show students some of the different jobs and volunteer opportunities that would be available during the summer.



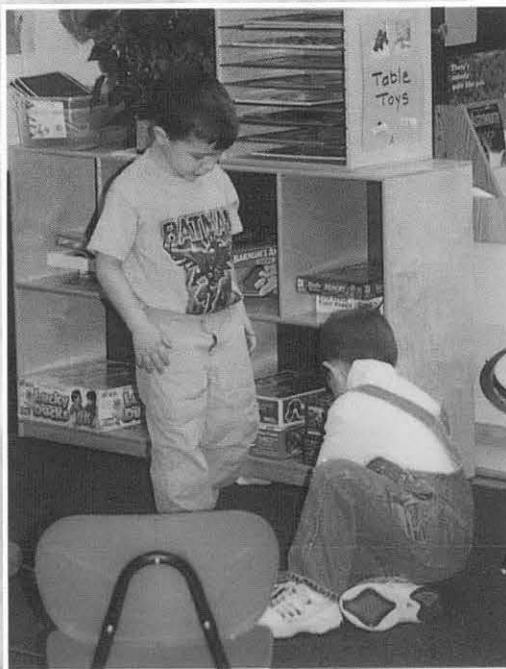




# Child Care Center



Row 1: Delaney Colby, Barb Marszalek  
Row 2: Jennifer Coniglio,  
Jennifer Mantel  
Row 3: Debra Willoughby, Dan Thiel,  
Barb Yurka, Pat Restall, Juliet Lazarski,  
Sue Mc Donald, Barb Mac Kendrick,  
Heather Duff, Martha Cunningham



The Child Care Center in the Buckham Campus School is always full of fun and activities for all the children from the ages of 6 months to 4 years. The children's parents either go to school here or work for Buffalo State.



Lenni Whitney (left) is the head teacher of senior infants.



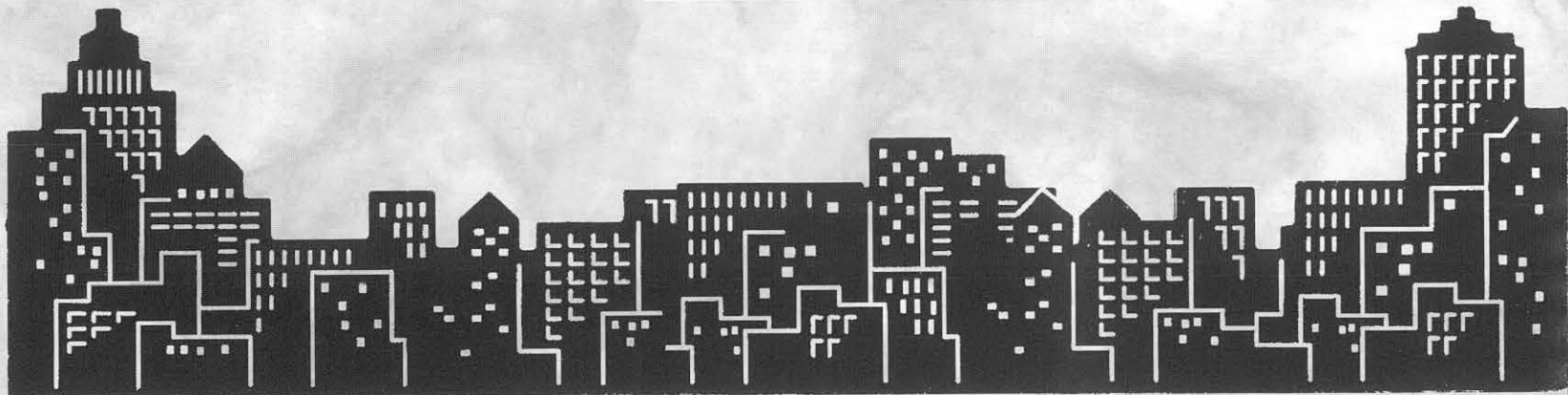
Dan Thiel (left) is the director of the center and enjoys working with the children.

Mary Wilson (opposite page bottom right) is the Program Coordinator for the center.

# Dress for Success



The Student Fashion Association presented a mid-day program called "Success and the City" showing suggested outfits for that important job interview that all students have to look forward to.





# African Drummers



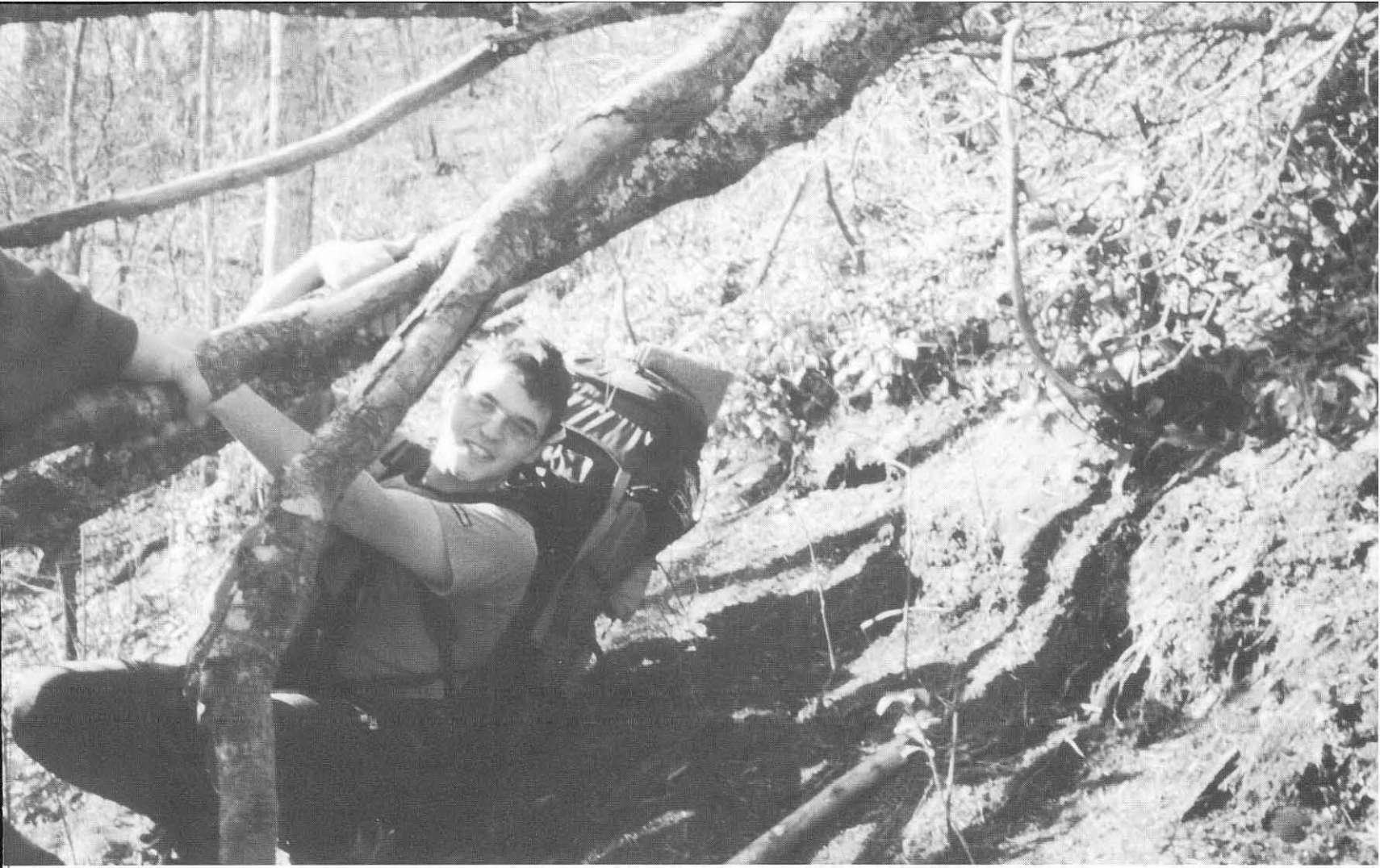
A group of African-style drummers and dancers performed for a large crowd in the Student Union Social Hall early in the spring semester.

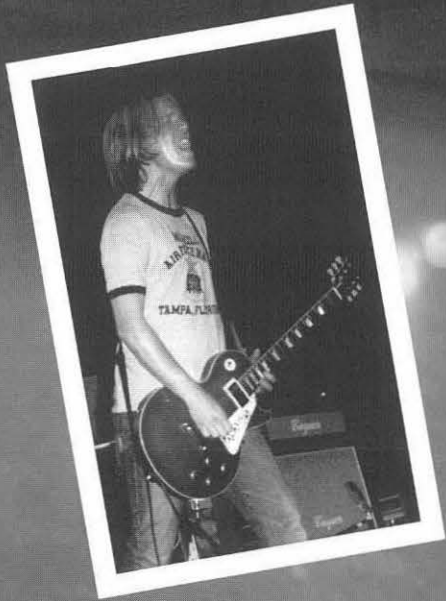
# Way Off-Campus



The Wilderness Adventures club regularly takes students off-campus for various excursions. It might be an afternoon of horseback riding or a weekend of hiking, camping, or rafting. And after a day of hauling hefty backpacks over rough terrain a little Highway Hackysack and a warm campfire are welcome respites.







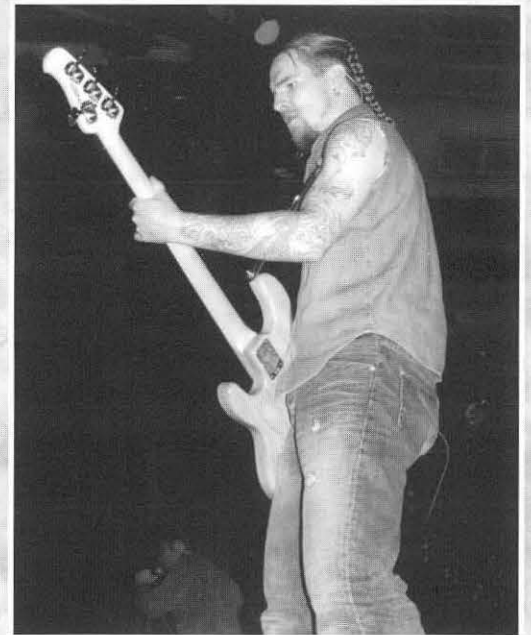
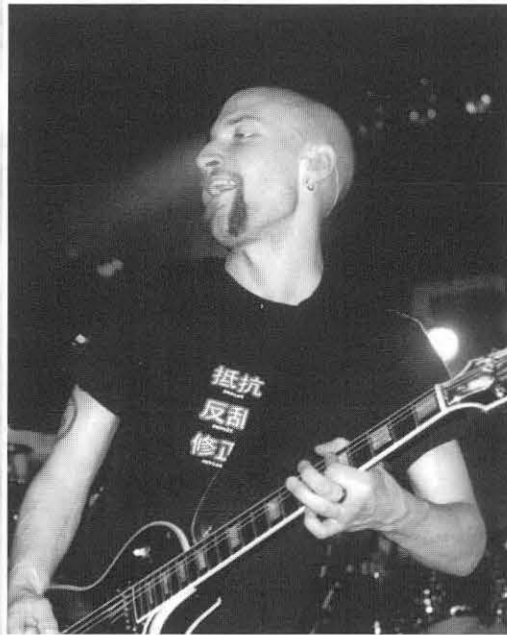
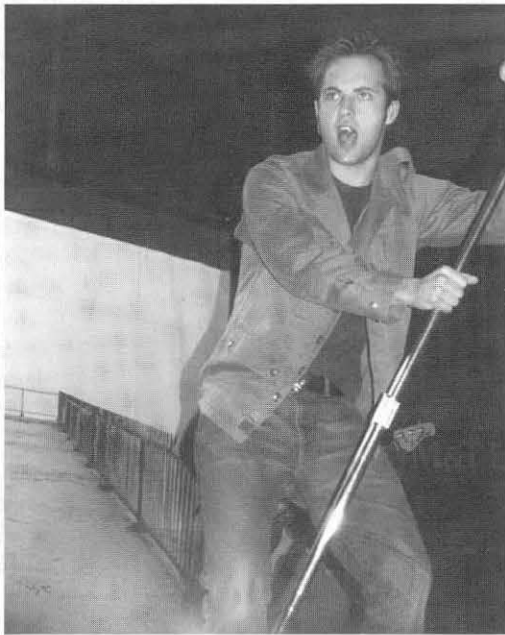
# Springfest Concert

With tickets selling out days before the event, this year's springfest was a big success. MTV selected our campus over UB to host the "MTV Campus Invasion Tour." In the Student Union Monday, April 22, MTV had karaoke and mock interviews with Ozzy Osbourne to kick off the event and gave out gift bags to everyone in the Student Union. The video karaoke drew in enormous crowds.

The USG and SUB planned the event. Any Buffalo State College student wanting to see the show got a free ticket. It was estimated that about 3,500 people attended the concert. Student organizers were very pleased with the turnout and success of the concert.

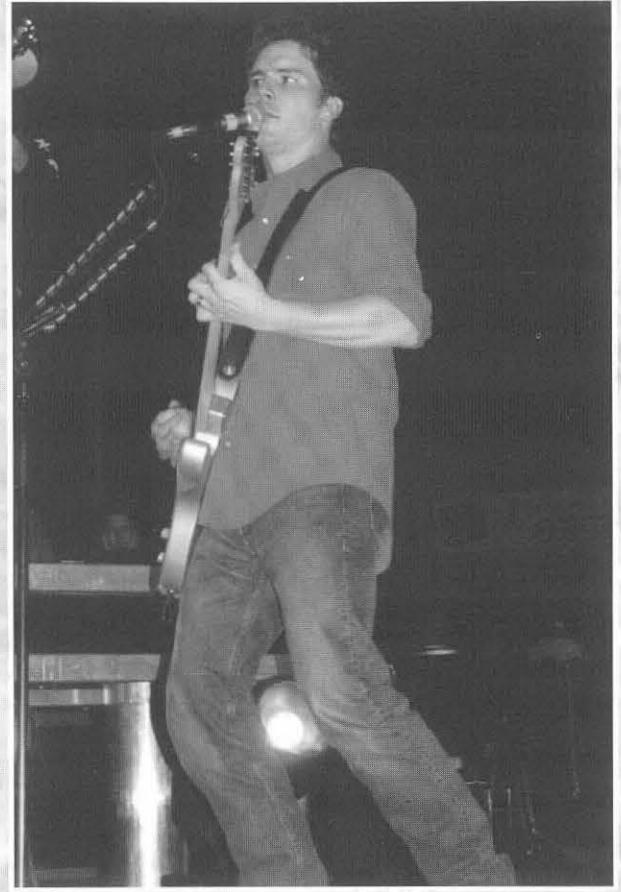
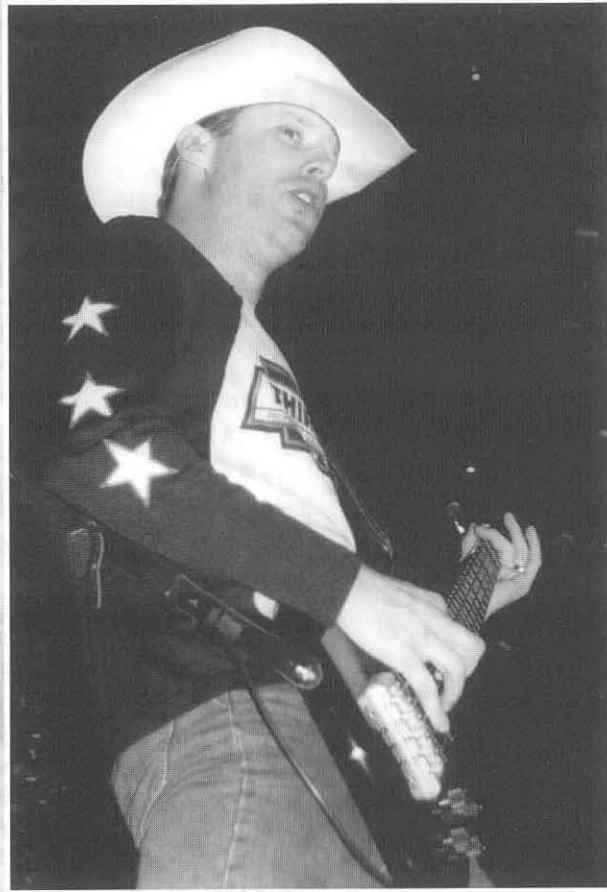
The main feature of the event was the concert. The lines waiting to get in were unbelievable. An afternoon outdoor concert featuring Starsailor was canceled due to cold rainy weather but Starsailor frontman James Walsh was able to perform in the Sports Arena before the other acts. Nickelback (next page) was the headlining band with Default (below) and Injected (opposite page) also performing that night.

The members of Default were all very friendly and they had an autograph session after their act. Nickelback was the main reason some people came to the concert. Chad Kroeger, the leader singer for Nickelback, gave a wonderful show.



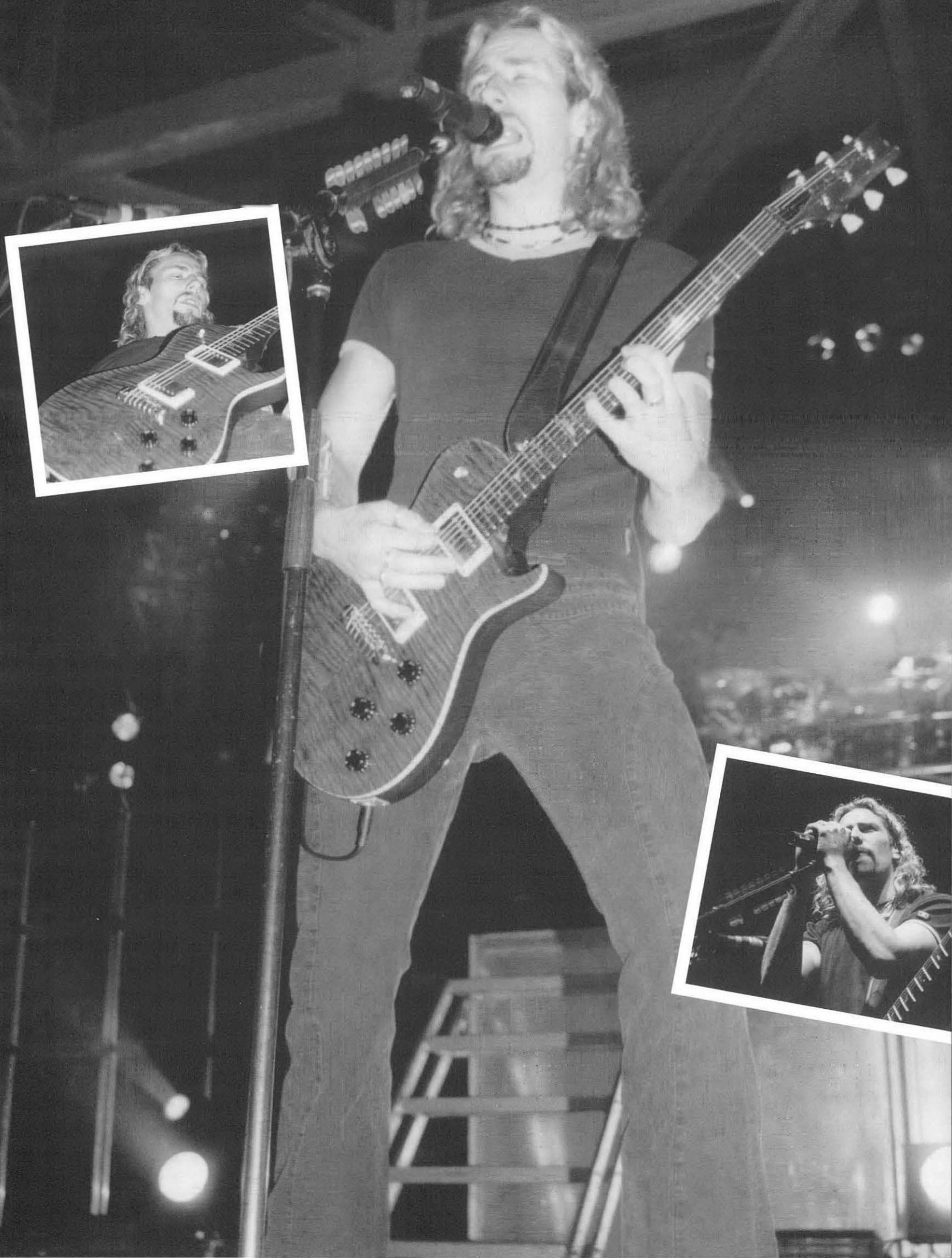
MTV set up a video karaoke operation in the Union Lobby (moved inside due to miserable weather) and it proved quite popular.



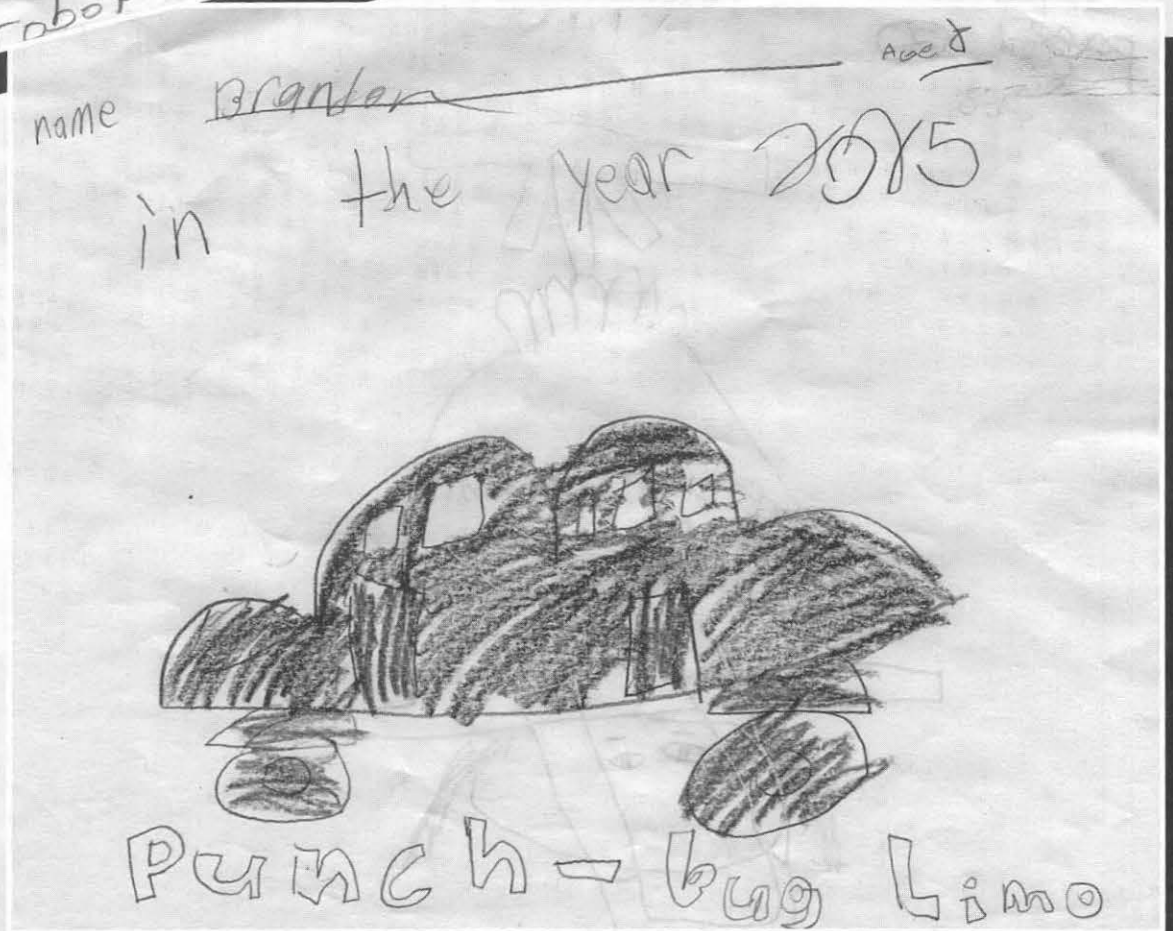
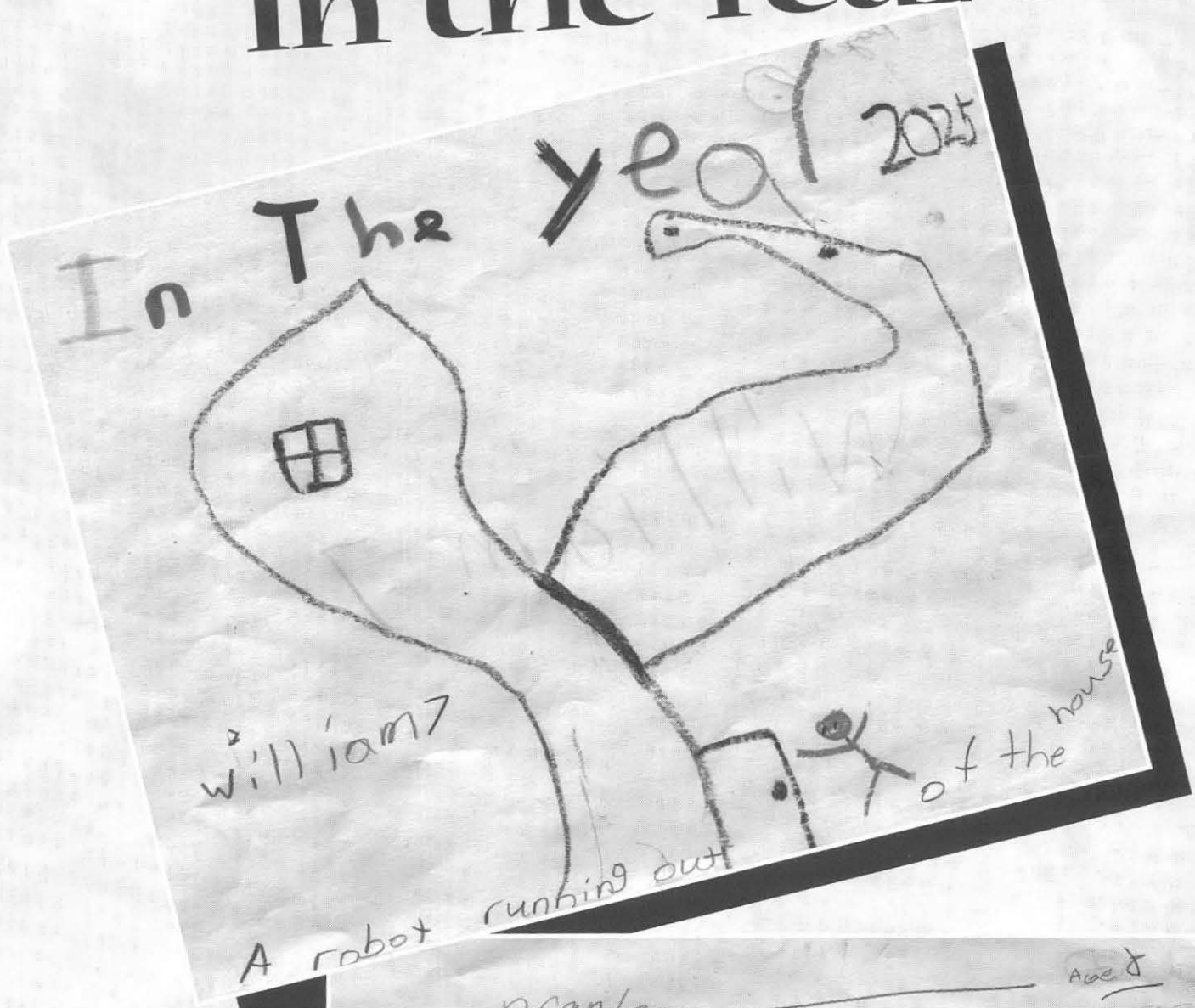


## **NICKELBACK – MTV Campus Invasion Headliner**

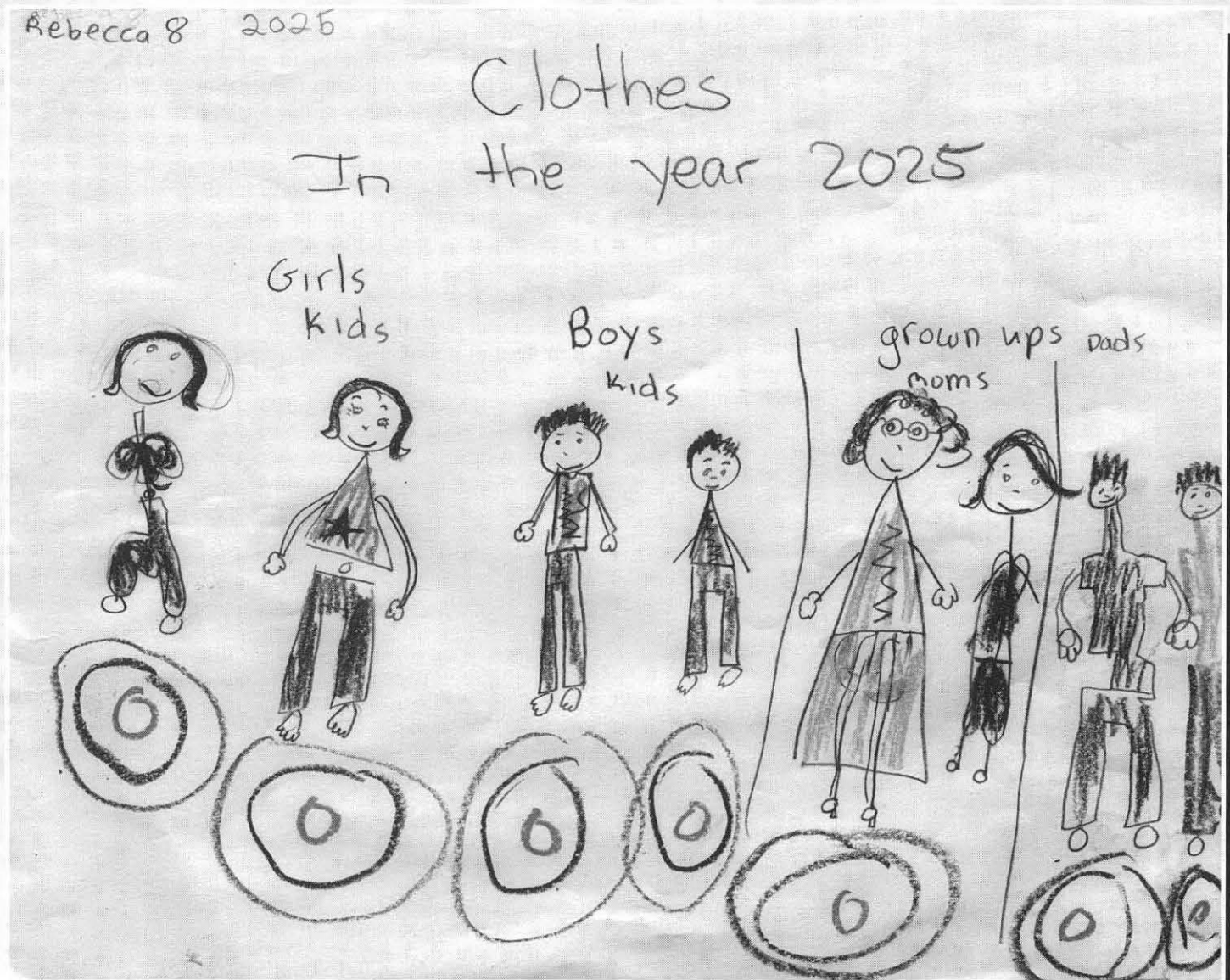
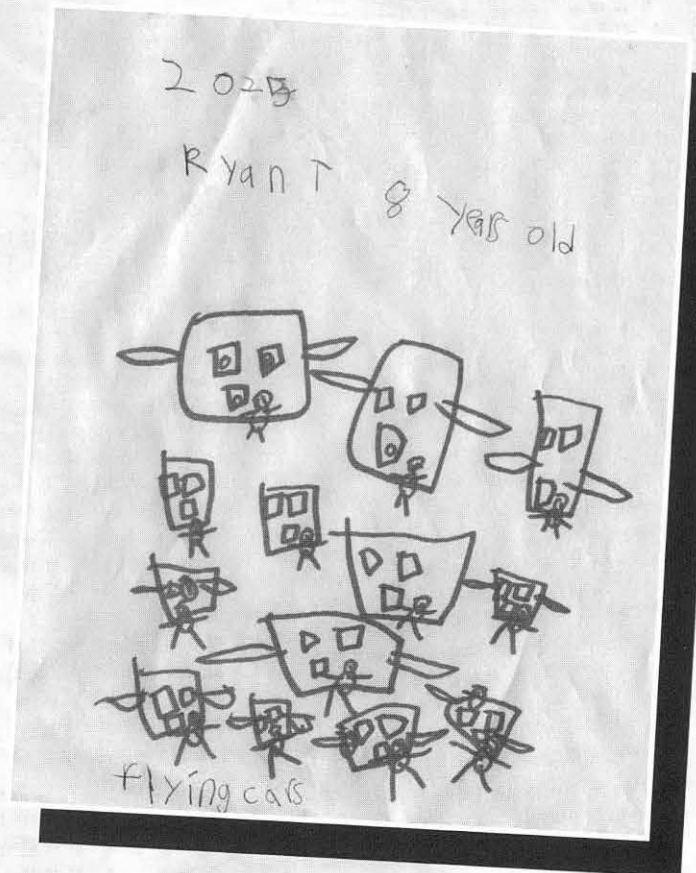




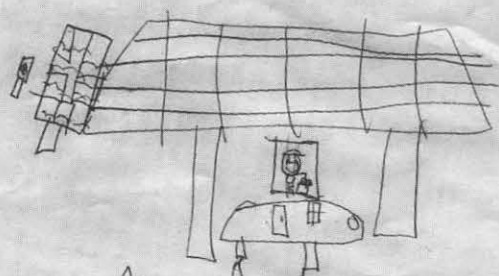
# In the Year 2025



In 23 years the country as we know it will be a new place. We on this year's *Elms* staff, as in the past, were interested in what the children felt the world would be like twenty-three years from now. Following an idea presented in the 1980 *Elms* (see page 59) we went to Grabiarsz School of Excellence and asked a class of 7th and 8th graders their opinions on the future. We also went to Cleveland Hill Elementary School and asked a class of 2nd graders for their thoughts. All of the children had wonderful ideas. Their ideas consisted of alternative houses, cars, clothes, and money. The children wrote that the way people get around would be different. Electric cars along with space stations were mentioned. Money would not be paper and coins – it would all be on plastic cards. Children believed prices would increase. They also stated how different the clothing would be. Most of the students were concerned about the gas situation. The 7th and 8th grade students felt that the gas-powered cars would be replaced by hydro-powered cars. The 2nd graders suggested food would be more like what we see on the cartoon "The Jetsons" ... a microwave box where you push a button and there is a hamburger within seconds. A few of the students said that food would be in the shape of pills. Many of the girls said they would be married and have families of their own. The students also wanted to be lawyers, doctors, and teachers. One student predicted that we would see our first Black President or Woman President.



In the year 2025



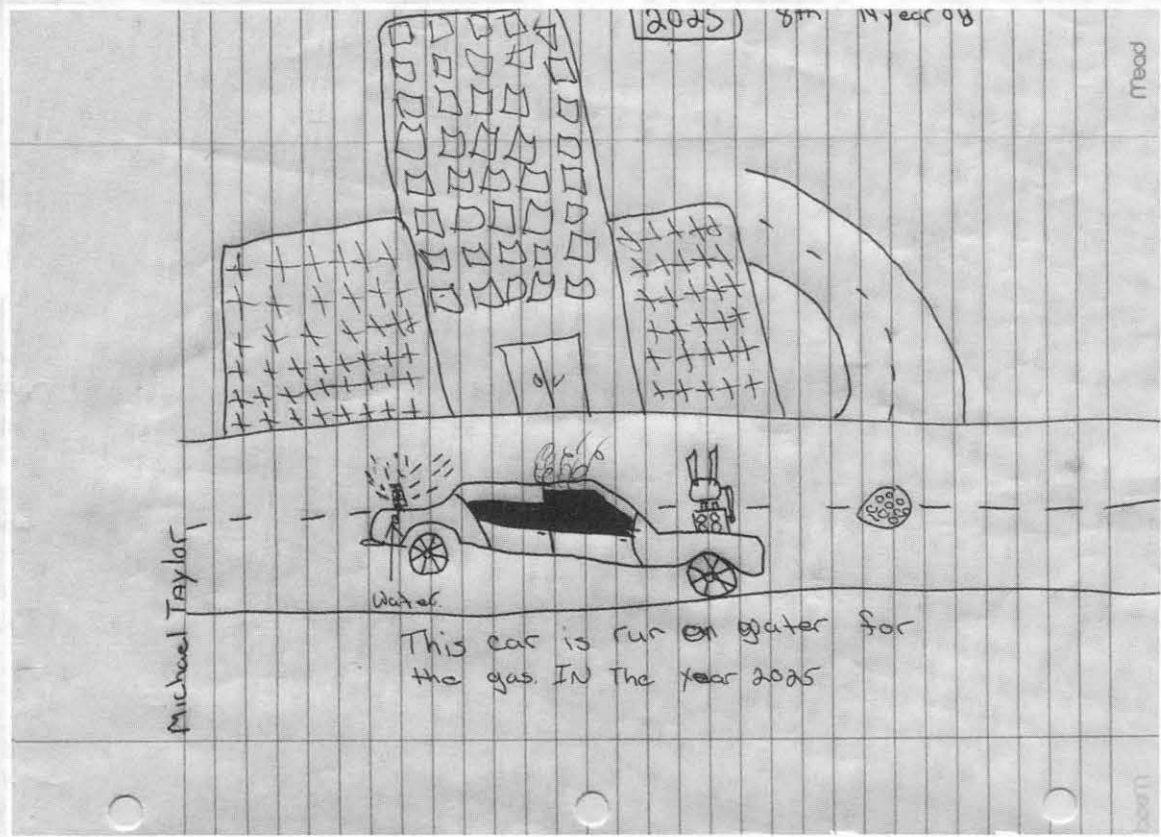
Amanda, age 8  
Food served by robot

Samon 7 grade

The year's 2025.

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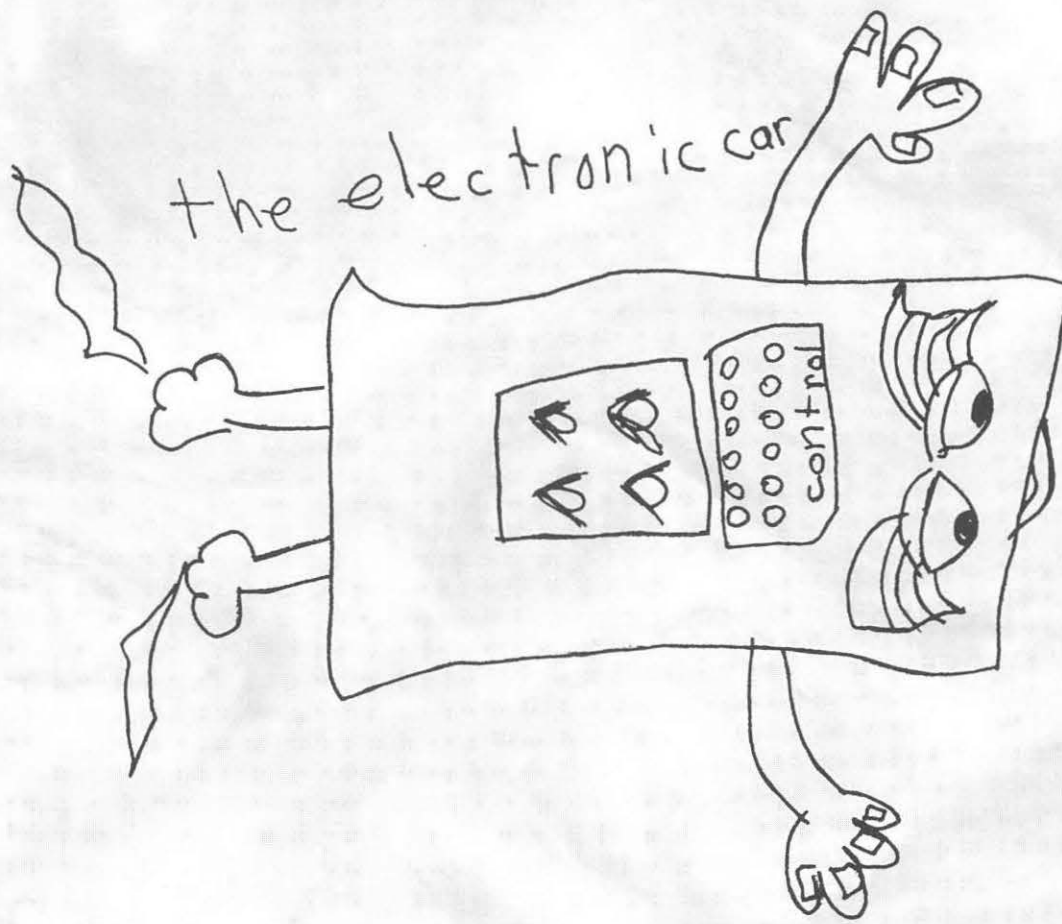
I am 13 year old. I think that I  
will be a lawyer or a cook or a black president  
I will be very successful.



Michael Taylor

This car is run on water for  
the gas. IN The year 2025

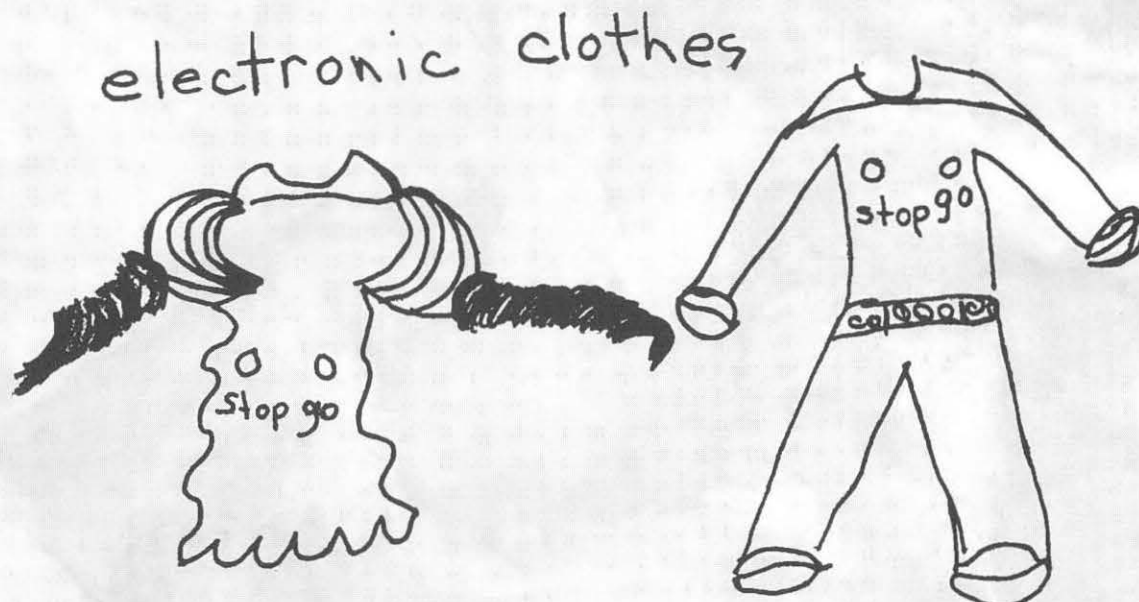
# Robots • HydroCars • Future Careers



## Where Are They Now?

In 1980, 4th and 5th grade students at Campus West (now the Buckham Campus School) envisioned some the same things for the year 2000. The students talked about what professions they would go into. The students mentioned wanting to become an actress, secretary, court stenographer, and being a singing star. Clothes, space colonies, and prices were all mentioned. The price of bread in the '80s was three or four loaves of bread for a dollar and today it costs about \$1 to buy a loaf.

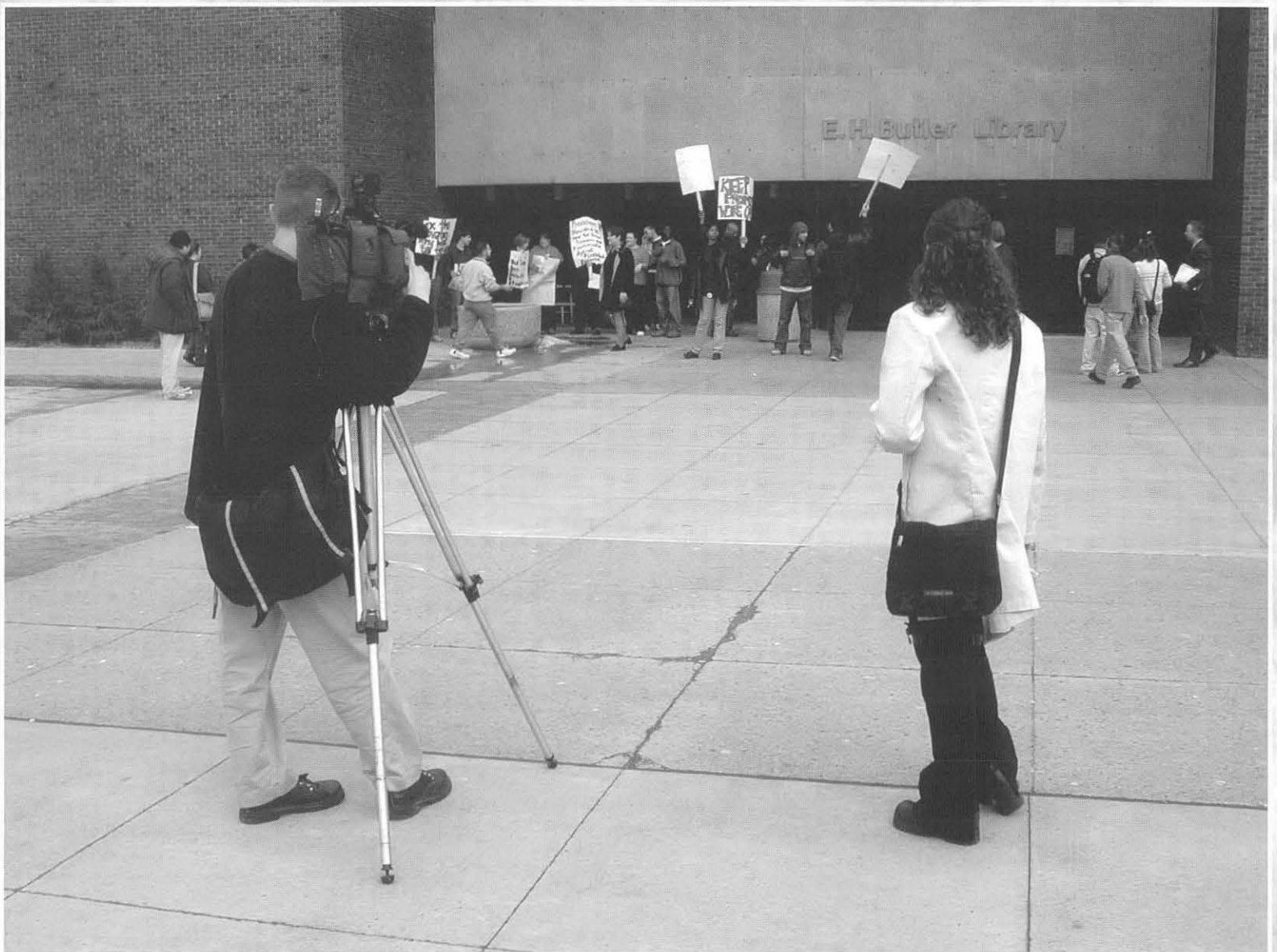
It was interesting to talk with all today's children and read about the youngsters from 1980. No matter how we look at it, children are our future. We need to think about that and try to educate them in making the world a better place. We should all try to help or make a difference in a child's life to pave a better path for the world.

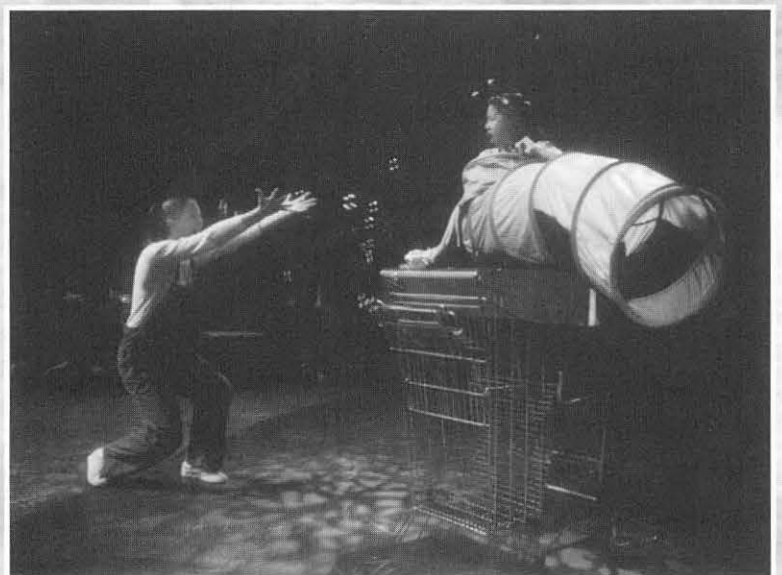


# A Lively Campus

Activity of all sorts is what gives a college campus its life. While some corners of the campus may find students quietly studying, other spots show the variety of life at Buff State. For example, during the spring semester some students felt that their concerns were not receiving the attention of the college administration. They staged a small rally and demonstration in front of the Butler Library immediately before a meeting of the college senate. Many of the demonstrating students followed senate members into the library and some were allowed to speak at the meeting. The demonstration was covered by student media (below).

Other signs of life on campus were: (opposite page, clockwise from top left) Student Union Board held a Twister competition in the Union Lobby. Irish food, music, and dance were featured in the Sports Arena for St. Patrick's Day. Another vocal rally was held in the Union lobby. Casting Hall staged a production of *Alice in Wonderland* in the Flexible Theater. Another SUB competition had break dancing students spinning in the Union. Students held a referendum and established that they did not want a mandatory bus pass added to their college expenses.



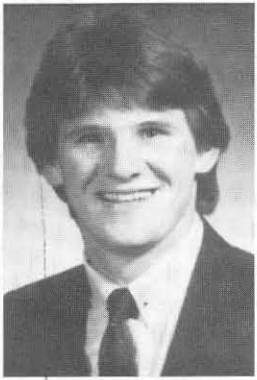




# Remembering Steve

There's no question that the Hoffman twins, Greg and Steve, from Forest Hills, NY, made their mark on Buffalo State when they were students in the mid '80s. Not only was Greg student government president and Steve an active senator, but the brothers were a lively part of the campus social scene.

So it was no surprise that many people were touched when word spread that Stephen Hoffman was among the Cantor Fitzgerald employees who lost their lives in the September 11 World Trade Center attacks.



Stephen Hoffman  
1986 Elms Yearbook Photo

On Saturday, April 27, 2002 about 100 alumni converged on the Buffalo State campus to mark the Stephen G. Hoffman Memorial Weekend. Some of the alumni came from as far as California and Florida, and various present and former faculty and administrators were also on hand. Greg Hoffman spoke of the brothers' great experiences at Buffalo State and Steve's wife, Gabrielle Hoffman, also a Buffalo State alum, re-lived their happy college days.

A "Day in the Life" tour retraced Hoffman's steps as a student, covering dorms, the gym, classrooms, and the student government offices where the senate chambers were named in his honor.

As one might expect, emotions were very mixed among participants. While Hoffman's death and the enormity of the event that took his life were felt by everyone, the accent was clearly on celebrating Steve's life and accomplishments and his fun-loving personality. Quoted in the next day's *Buffalo News*, Steve's mother, Jean Hoffman, said that the event was "truly an honor" to her son.



Top photo: Chuck Mosey, Greg Hoffman, Gabe Dimaio.

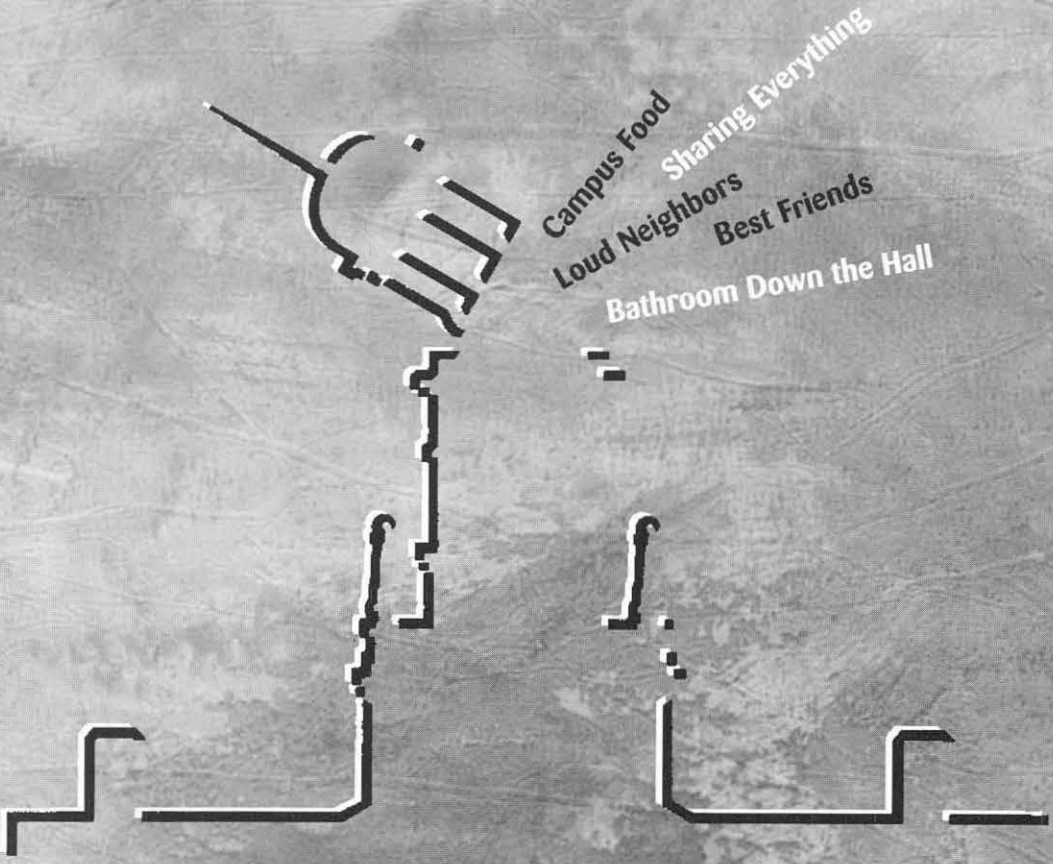
Second from top: Lisa Goorfin Hindin, Maura McGowan Green, Chris Kennell Callen, Mindy Silverman.

Third from top: Gabrielle Zizzi Hoffman, Tim Sexton, Aileen Rosenberg Hoffman.

At right: In the Moore Lounge, Greg Hoffman tells tales of his brother Steve.



# Residents Life

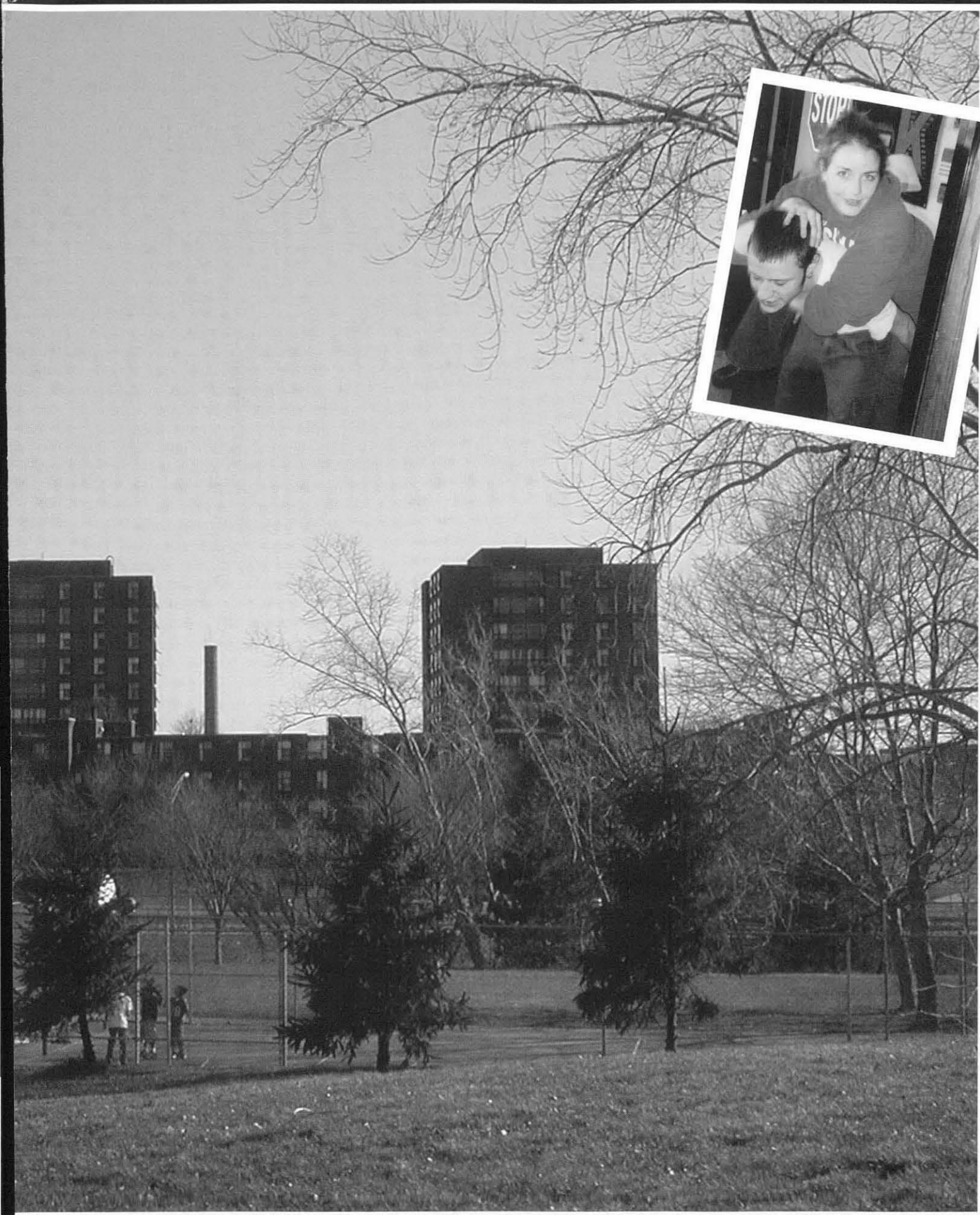


# Life in the Residence Halls

Campus life is a full-time thing for many students. The residence halls are filled with students that cover just about all of the diverse types at Buffalo State – including parents (and their children) and international students. But there's still a good number of the traditional dorm student: the guy with the too-loud stereo that drives everyone to the library to study, and the cute babe that *everyone* likes.



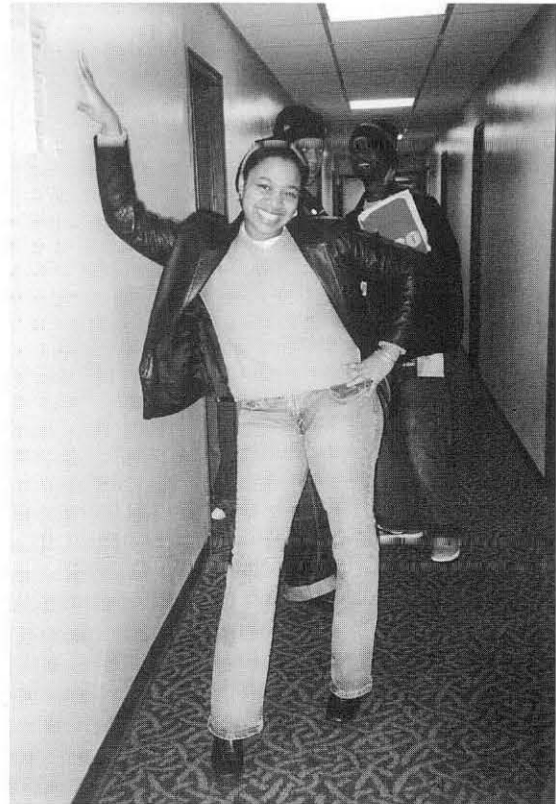
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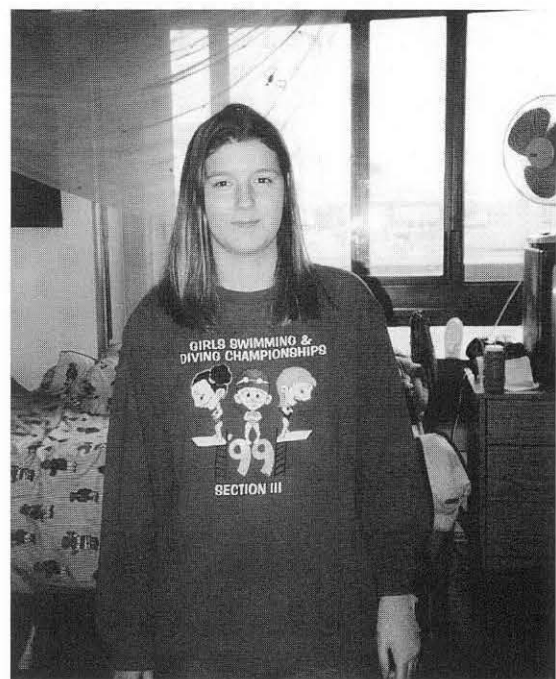


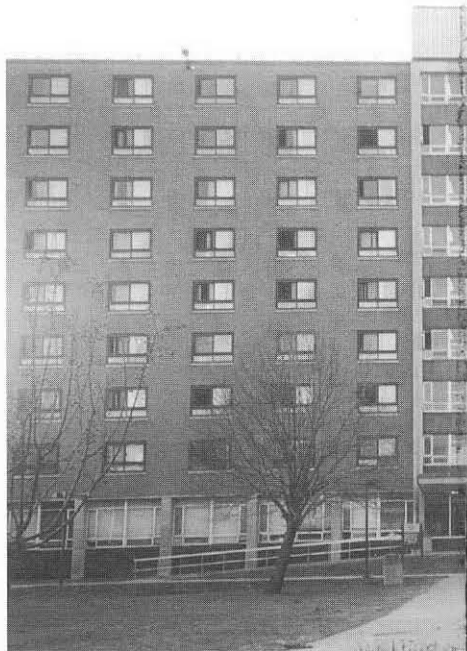
Victor and Brook from Neumann Hall.

# PERRY • MOORE COMPLEX • TOWERS



Neumann Hall residents: Top left - Dawn, Lorraine, and Rhonda Marie. Above - Marsché. Below left - Shanique and Brandi. Below - Rae.





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**"College is what  
you make it."  
– Morgan**

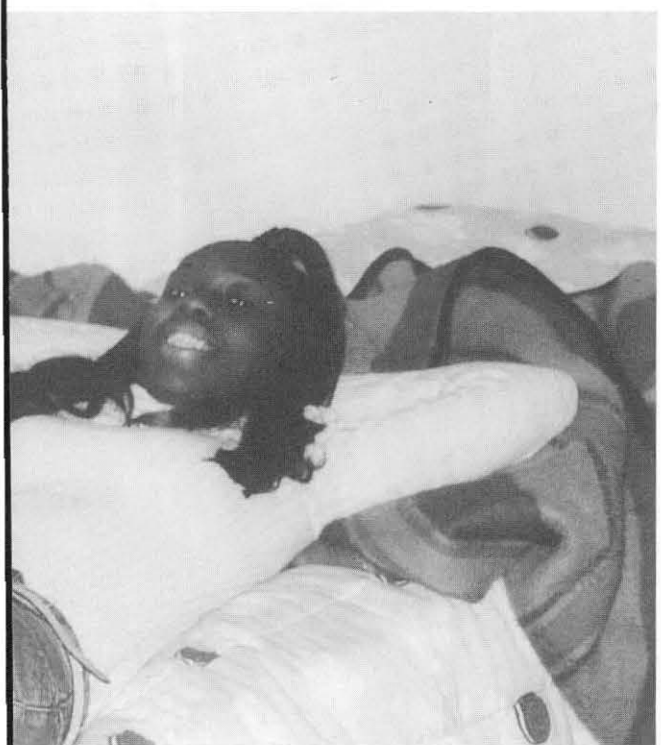
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Right - Jillian Degolyer  
and Erin Orlando.

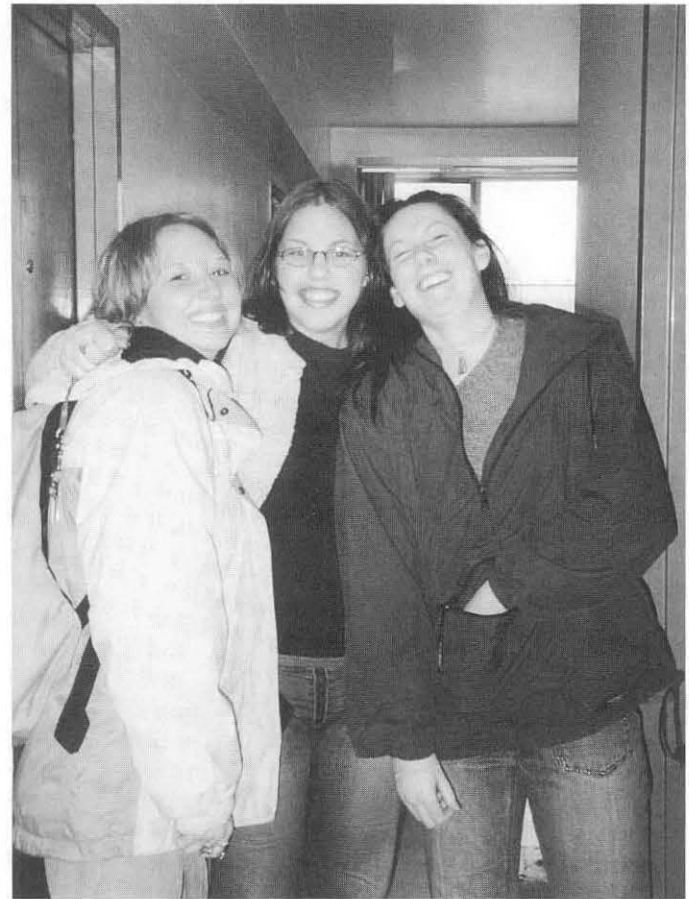
Below - Destiny.

Below right - Monica Haase, Robin  
Ritzel, and Brandon Jones.

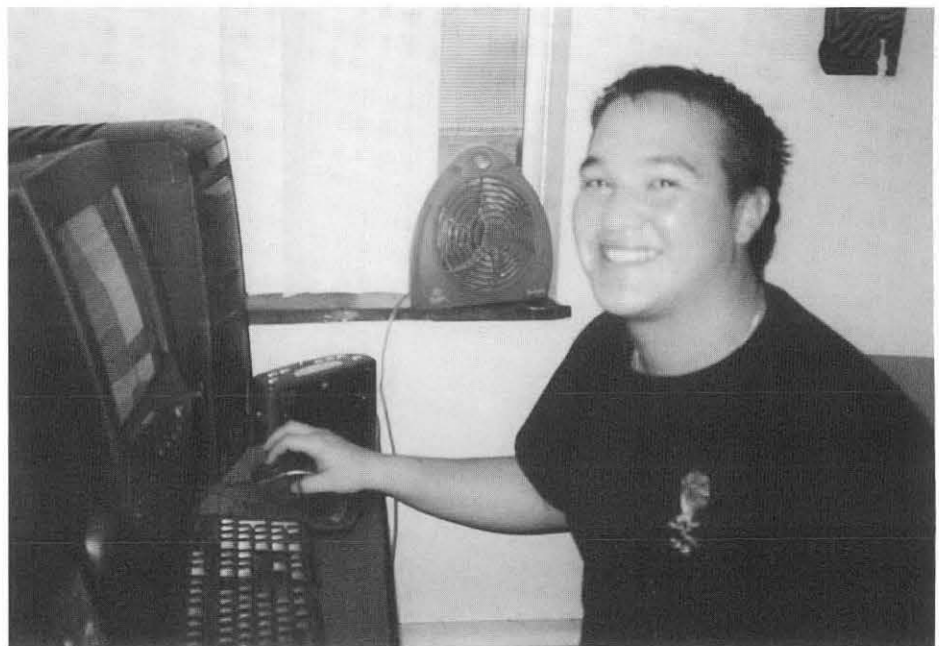




# NEUMANN • PORTER • NORTH WING



North Wing residents: above - Kelly, Zoe and Jamie. Below left - Alan. Below right - Ryan King.



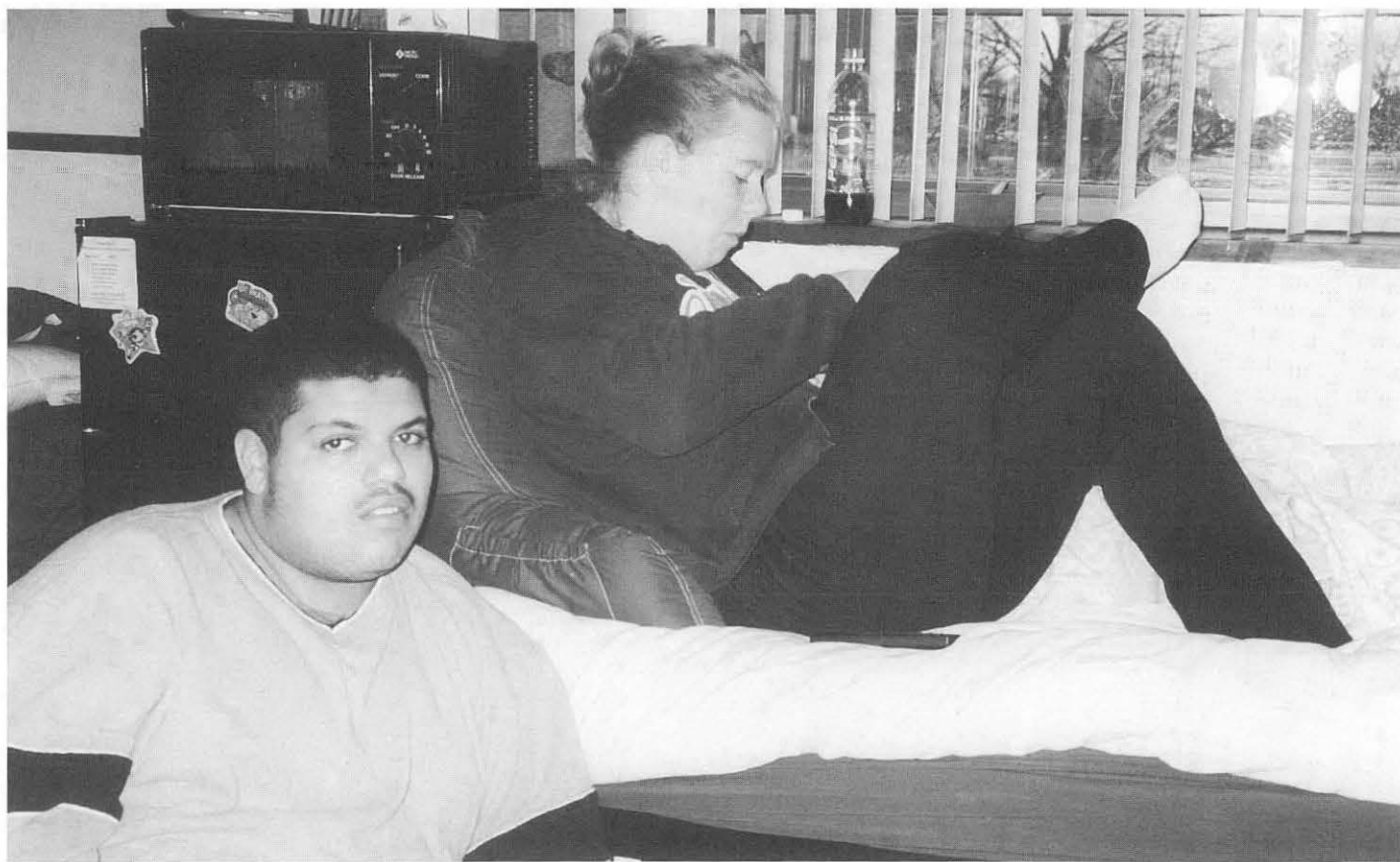
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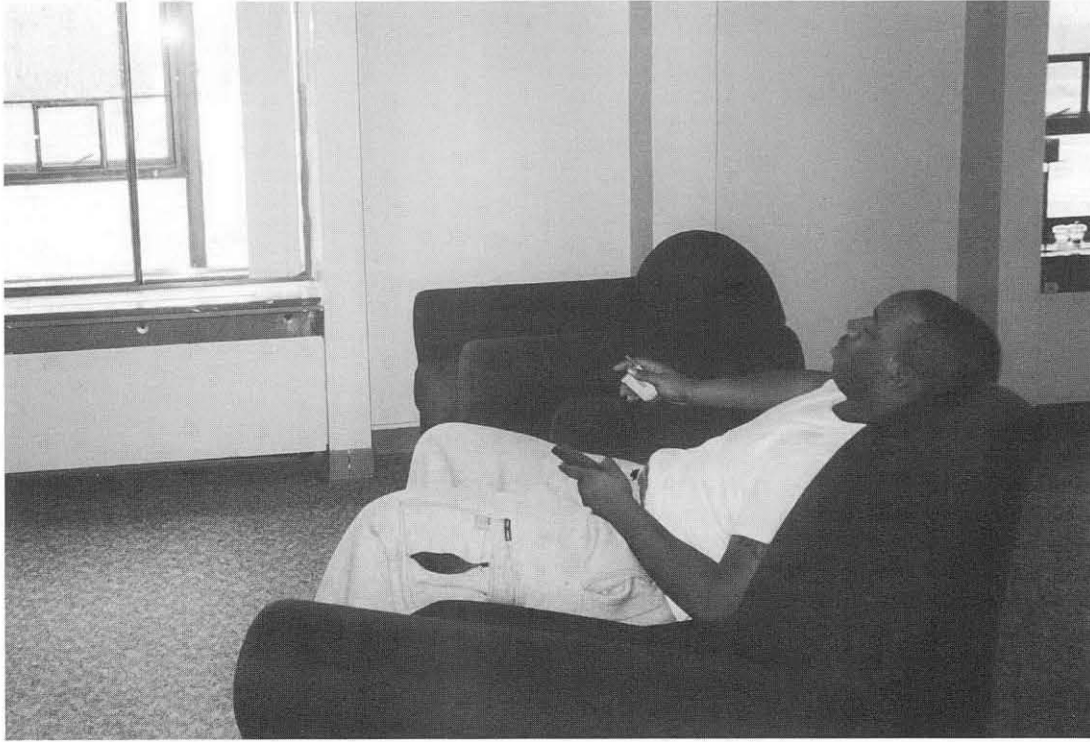
Perry Hall residents: Above right - Shakeisha and Sha'Ronda. Below - Erin, Becky and Caroline.



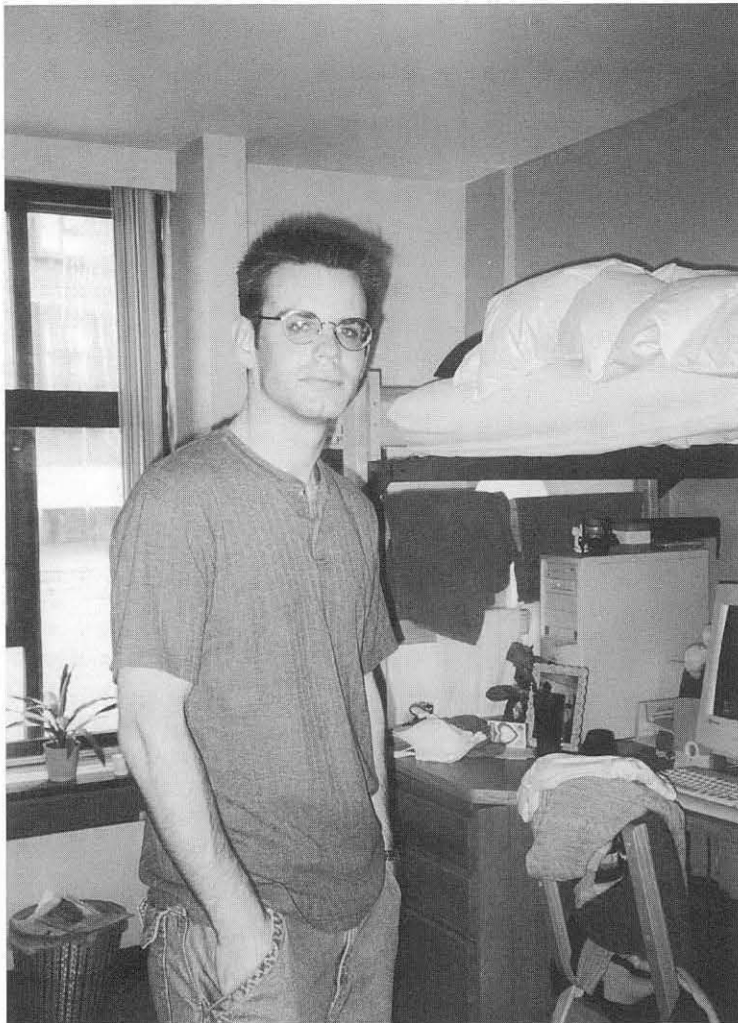
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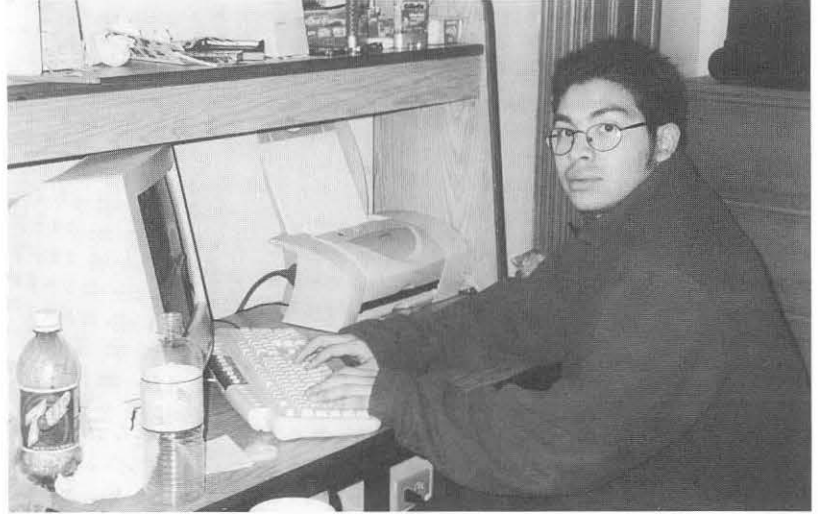
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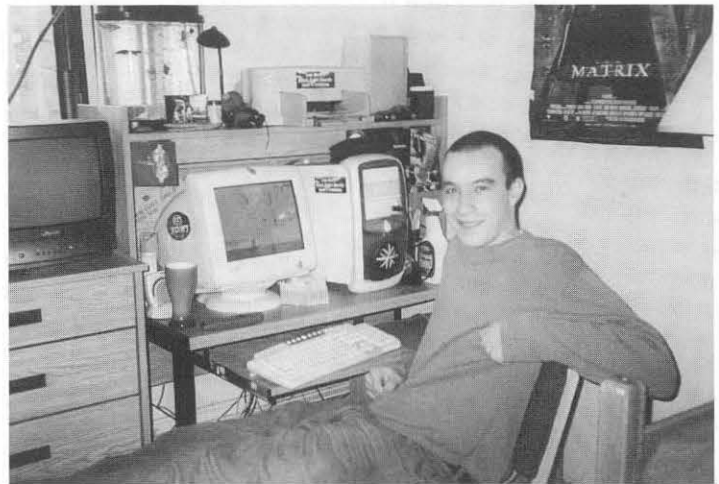
Moore Complex  
residents:  
Left - Lemar.  
Below left -Matt.  
Below -Leanne.



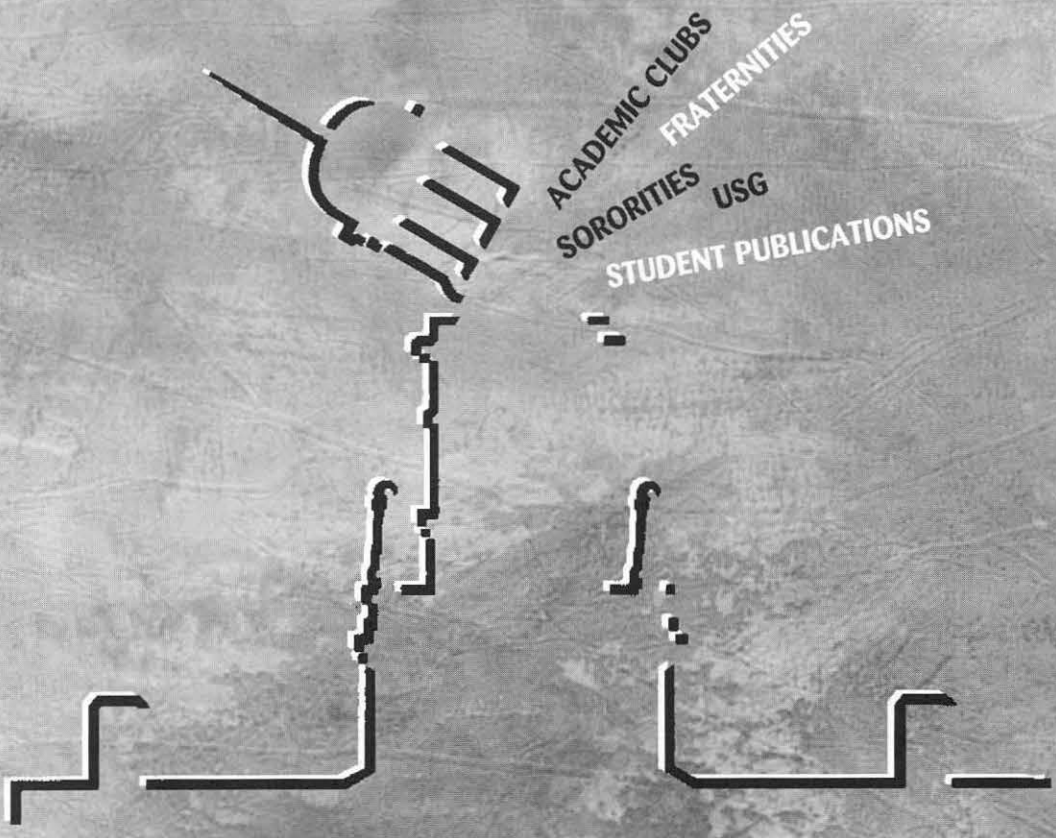
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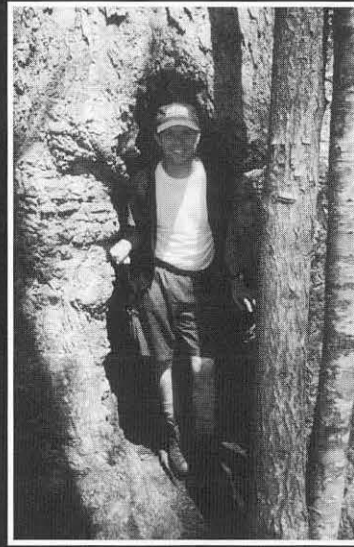
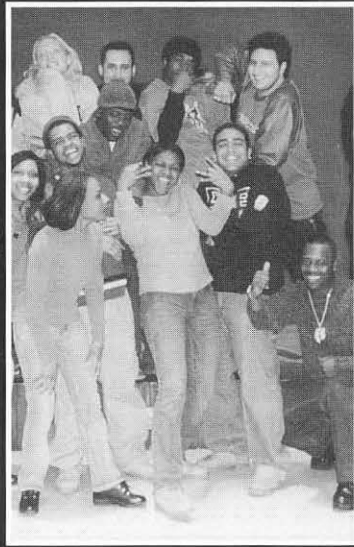
**Scajaquada Towers residents:**  
Above - Norman Arevalo.  
Below Left - Yvonne Beliveau.  
Bottom - Ryan Atkinson.  
Below - Jacob.



# Organizations



# The Student Organizations



Over the years student organizations have come and gone. Some, like the *Record* newspaper have been around for almost as long as the college. Others live shorter lives (Sky Diving Club anyone?). Some groups concentrate on a single discipline, be it biology, math, or fashion design. Some organizations, like the Caribbean Students Organization or Adelante Estudiantes Latinos, allow minority groups to freely express their culture. And some are intended for every one, such as the entertainment promoting Student Union Board. Earlier pages in this book showed some of the events sponsored by these groups. The following pages show some of the people who put those events together.

Adelante Estudianted Latinos • African American Students Organization • Amnesty International • Asian American Students Organization • Biology Club • Black Active Minds • Caribbean Students Organization • Casting Hall Productions • Chemistry Club • Commuter Council • Council for Exceptional Children • Creativentures • Criminal Justice Club • The Elms Yearbook • Fashion Association • Geology Club • German Club • Health & Wellness Association • Imaginative Sociologists • Information Processors Association • International Students Organization • Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance • Math Club • Minority Technology Association • National Society of Minorities in Hospitality • Native American Students Organization • Non-Traditional Students Organization • NYPIRG • Physics Club • Political Science Youth Caucus • Psychology Club • Public Relations Students Society of America • The Record Student Newspaper • Social Work Students Organization • SPIRIT Gospel Choir • Student Union Board • Technology Education Students Association • Technology Students Association • Visual Arts Board • Vocational Education Students Association • WBNY FM Radio • Wilderness Adventures • Advertising Club • Astronomy Club • BSC-TV • Campus Crusade for Christ • Capoeira Mandinga • CHAI Jewish Student Organization • Creative Leadership Alliance • English Club • Haitian Club • Hispanic Drama Club • History Club • Hosanna Christian Fellowship • Intervarsity Christian Fellowship • Muslim Student Organization • Scuba & Sailing Club • Spanish Club • Students In Music • Inter-Greek Association • ΑΩΖ • ΑΦΑ • ΚΑΨ • ΛΥΛ • ΩΨΦ • ΦΚΤ • ΣΛΒ • ΣΦΕ • ΣΤΓ • ΤΚΕ • ΑΕΦ • ΑΚΑ • ΑΣΤ • ΛΦΔ • ΩΦΒ • ΦΣΣ • ΣΔΤ • ΣΓΡ • ΣΛΥ • ΖΦΒ



# The Diversity Factor

Buffalo State is fortunate enough to have students of widely divergent backgrounds. Among the organizations that feature events and activities for minority students are the Adelante Estudiantes Latinos, the Caribbean Students Organization, the Native American Students Organization, and the African American Students Organization.



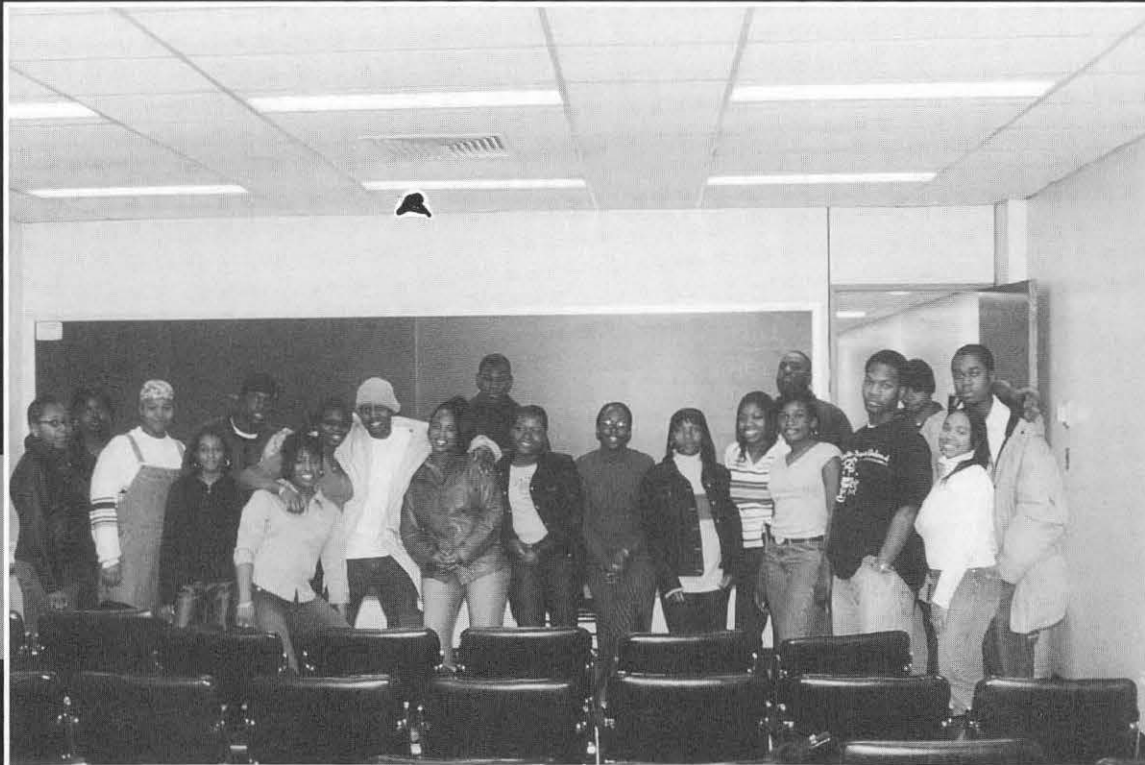
AEL held a karaoke night in the Fireside Lounge giving members a chance to show off their performing talents.

# Adelante Estudiantes Latinos



Front: David, Michelle, Mayra Zapata (secretary), Crystal.  
Back: Julio, Abad (president), Daniel Cataquet (vice president), Victor.

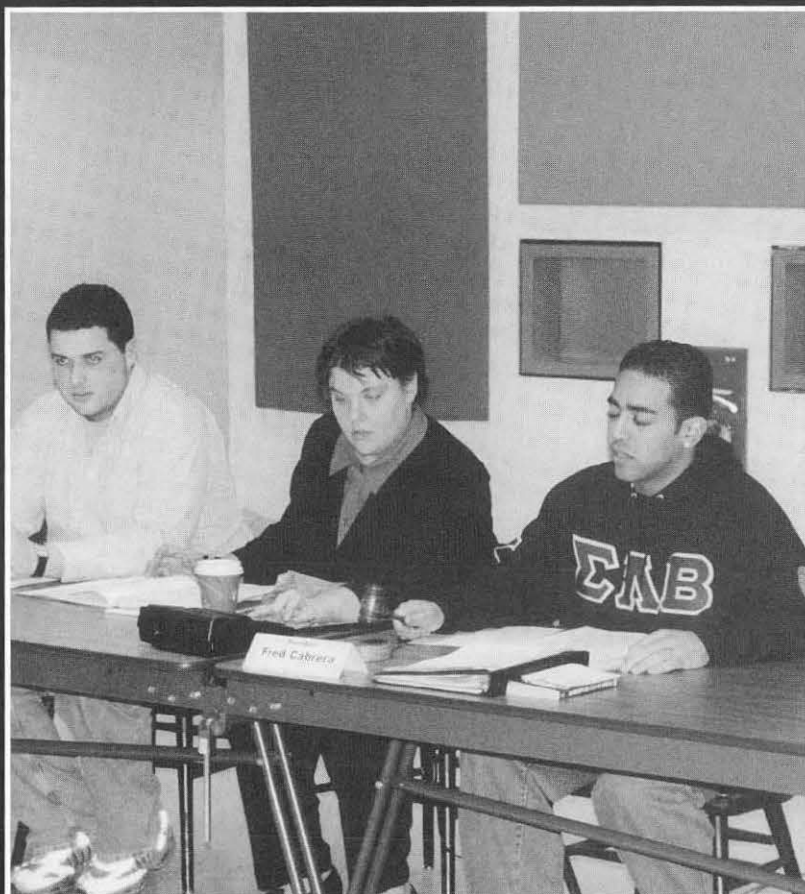
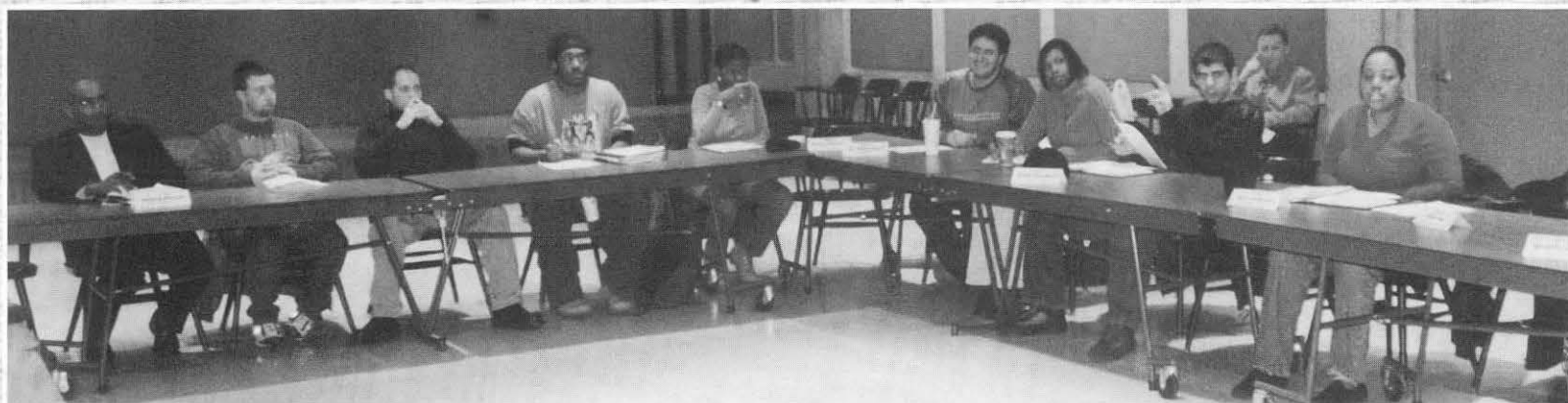
# African American Students Org.



Nancy Martinez, Unidentified, Latricia James, Saadia Austin, Eddie Griffith, Charita Jackson, Shaneiree Dames, Jamie Brunson, Lashawanda Ingram, Marcus Boatwright, Nagele Marcelin, Nicole Rowland, Unidentified, Terra Frazier, Darrien Harris, Geraldine Chery, Vladimir Merard, Unidentified, Erika Claire, Unidentified.

# Running The Show

Most student organizations are members of the United Students Government. USG distributes the mandatory student activity fee to the organizations for their events and activities. Commuter Council is an active USG organization with a lively office situated off the Fireside Lounge.



The USG Senate meets every Tuesday evening to hash out politics and personalities. On a good night, they'll pass legislation and make decisions. At lower left, USG Treasurer Alicia Morant and Vice Treasurer Reina Alfred take a break from signing purchase orders.

# United Students Government



Front Row: Veronica Spikener, Kerrian Myrie, Afrim Djonbalic, Shirelle Baize, Stella Barkor, Ignacio Corniel, Kathy Butcher, Fred Cabrera, Alan Hall, Katherine Trombley, Melissa Marks, Star Johnson, R.J. Mahoney. Back Row: Delrease Tota, Anand Perala, Mark Corcoran, Kwabena-Boakye, Monica Polka, Ed Griffith, Todd Espinosa, Taj Ali, Ari Silverstein, Bruce Parsons, Justin Norton.

# Commuter Council



St. Patrick's day was one of the occasions for the members of the Commuter Council to gather for hot pizza and good conversation.

# Let Us Entertain You!

Two of the organizations that connect Buffalo State to the outside world are Casting Hall and WBNY. While the plays and performances by Casting Hall bring people onto campus from all over, WBNY, our own radio station, broadcasts music and information to people all over the area, and via their web site, all over the world.



WBNY advisor Sam Lunetta, Station Manager Shawn Marek, and Dean of Students Phil Santa Maria enjoyed a snack at a reception announcing the debut of the WBNY web site – with web casting!

# Casting Hall Productions



Front: Heather Skelton, Rachel Cornish, Kristen Humbert, Theresa Ngo.  
Back: Jill Pytlewski, Sara Skinner, Katie Goerig, Dena Harrison.

# WBNY Radio

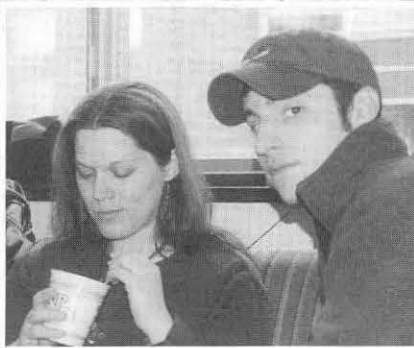


Sitting left to right: Jenny Beck, Rob Cukierman, Carole Havlik, Jim Fox, Brett Villiers, Andrea Misso. Standing left to right: Jesse Buckner, Jon Dalbo, Joe Murray, Emily Faith, Rob Suroweic, Shawn Marek, Courtney Kramer, Andy Kuscerik, Brian Kedzierski, Andrew Sannes, Marisa Sutton, Andrea Epolito, Michaela Phetteplace, Lt. Sam Lunetta.

# Extra-Ordinary Students

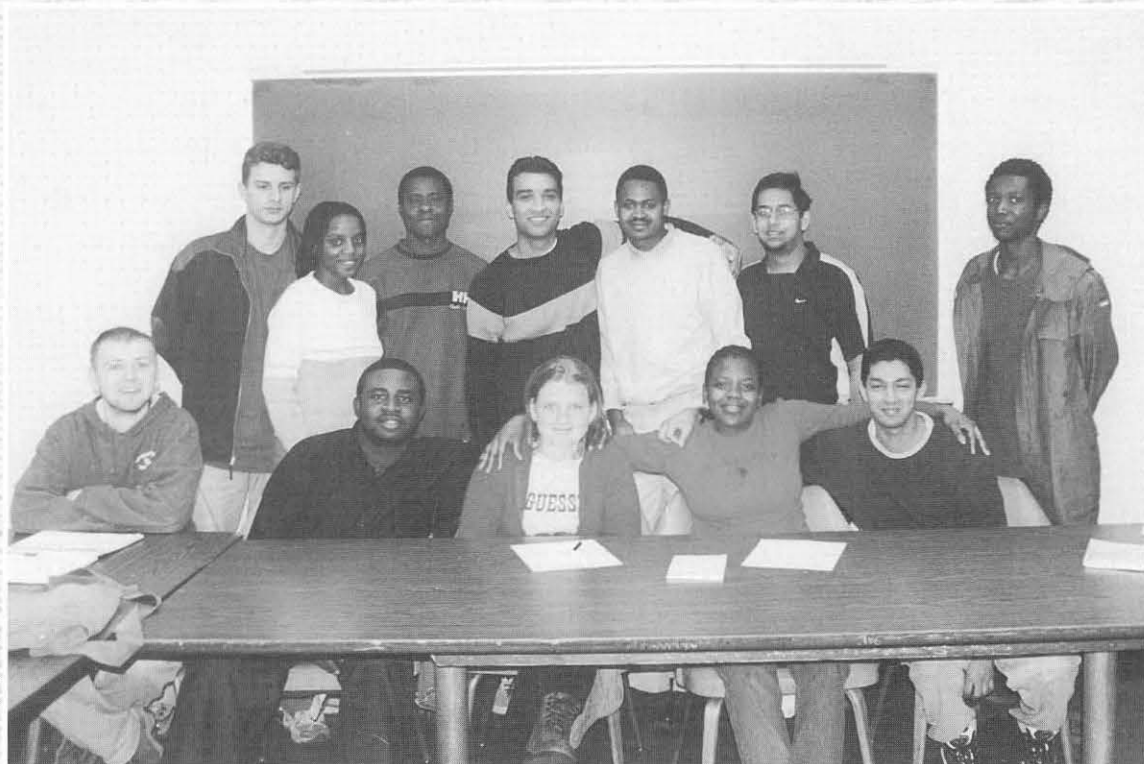
Two groups of students that don't fit the normal undergrad profile are non-traditional students (over age 25) and international students.

Internationals have been a presence at Buff State for over three decades and represent more than 50 countries. The number of non-trads has been growing during the last 10 years and they now constitute a significant percentage of the student body.



NTSO has one of the largest student organization offices and its members and their friends take full advantage of it.

# International Students Org.



Seated: Nedim Slijepcevic, Kwabena Boyake, Marjolein Kan, Karol Chamarro, Jude Jayatilleke. Standing: Unidentified, Christine Murekeyisoni, Paul Kai-Kai, Gaurav Sindhi, Unidentified, Shankhan Roy, Joseph Danquah..

# Non-Traditional Students Org.



NTSO members sign up travelers for a Toronto excursion.



# Two Sides of the Coin

Student organizations can have widely divergent purposes. The Student Union Board mainly concerns itself with providing entertainment for students – concerts, parties, Twister or breakdance competitions, etc. The Student Council for Exceptional Children is more academic and career oriented, providing students opportunities to interact with professional teachers.



On April 30, Student Union Board had a Bengal Pause Party in the Union Quad with the band Best of Nothing and free SUBmarine sandwiches.

# Student Union Board



Claudia Guirand, Chris Ring, Melissa Coppola, Rene Kauderer, Jennifer Butler, Katie Turner, Mary Barrett, Jamie Panaro, Leah Winnett.

# Council for Exceptional Children



Gemainque Tolve, Michael Braunscheidel Jr., Andrea Rios, Kirk Walker, Christine Hemmer, Stacy Saltino, Keller Vogelsang, Tiana Elliot, Aaron Shiah, Daniel Strohmenger.

# The Greeks

“Greeks” represent a long tradition at Buffalo State. Members of the two dozen sororities and fraternities on campus will take with them memories of community service as well as great parties – and, of course, permanent connections with their brothers and sisters.



The Inter-Greek Association meets periodically to coordinate activities.

# Gamma Theta Phi



Front: Tyreace Reid, Michael Baker. Standing: Jamie Brunson, Andrew Clarke, Tavis Watson, Lawrence House. Not present: Brian Kearney, Gary Annakie.

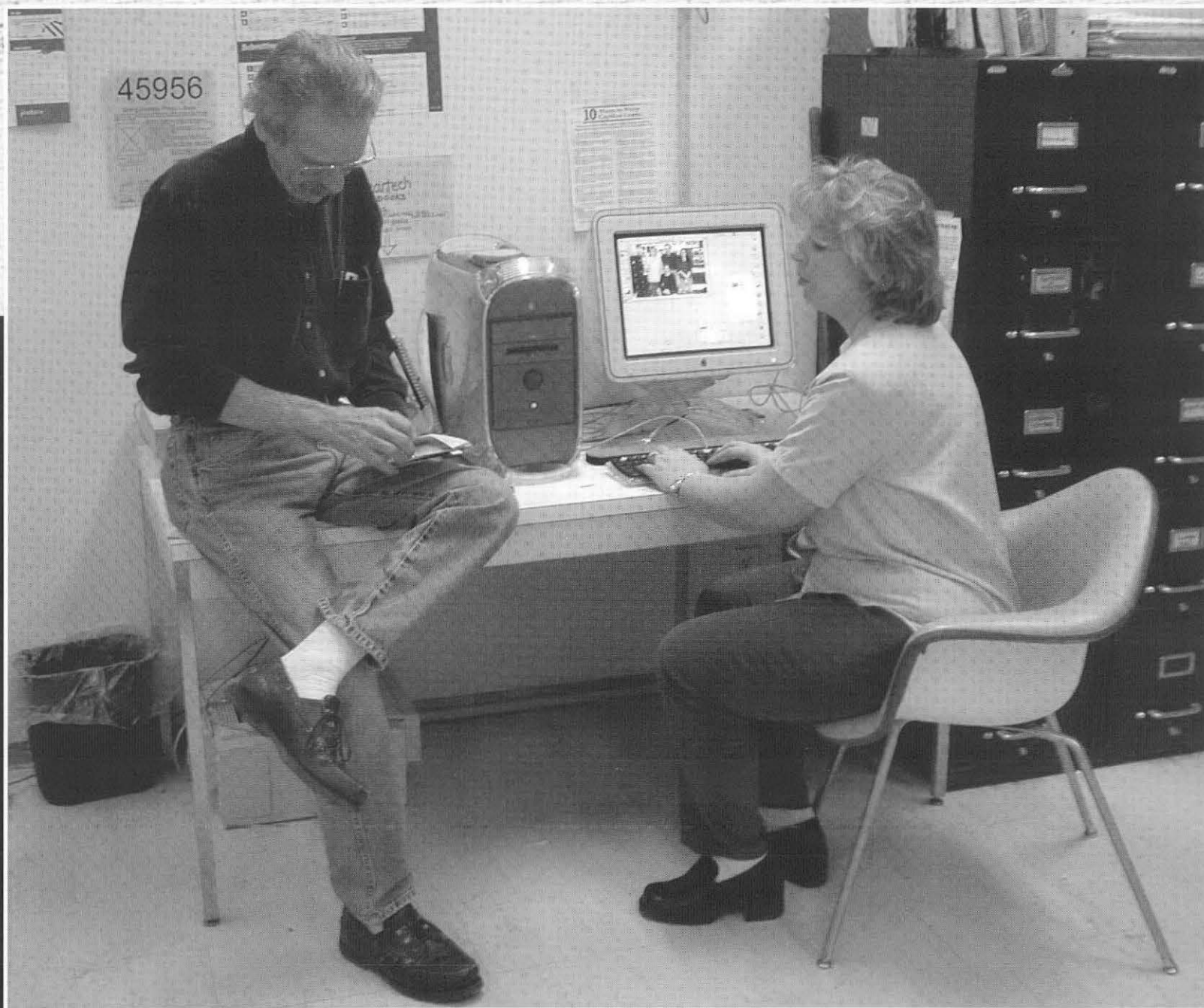
# Inter-Greek Association



The Inter-Greek Association is made up of representatives of the various fraternities and sororities at Buffalo State.

# Campus Print Media

The *Record* student newspaper and the *Elms* yearbook are two of the oldest organizations at Buffalo State. The two publications have been in print for nearly as long as there's been a college, and their volumes of back issues contain reams of Buffalo State, State Teachers, and Buffalo Normal School history.



"Who took THESE?" Jim and Mae look through photos in the Elms office.

# ELMS Yearbook



Seated: Amy Stickney - Business Manager. Standing: Mae Urban - Co-Editor/  
Photographer, Jim Kegelmeyer - Editor in Chief, Amanda Petrocci.

# The Record Newspaper



Carl Burke, Gabe Armstrong, Joe Battaglia, Carlene Peterson, Laura O'Connor, Caroline O'Neill, Editor in Chief Sara Woodworth.

# Wildly Diverse

Could we find two more different groups than these? The Wilderness Adventures club has been around for some 25 years, sponsoring camping, backpacking, rafting, mountain climbing, and all sorts of other outdoor activities and excursions. The Mu chapter of the Omega Phi Beta Sorority was born at Buff State in May 1999, just 10 years after the Sorority's founding in Albany.



With out much "wilderness" on campus to work with, the Wilderness Adventures members find adventure where ever they can.

# Wilderness Adventures



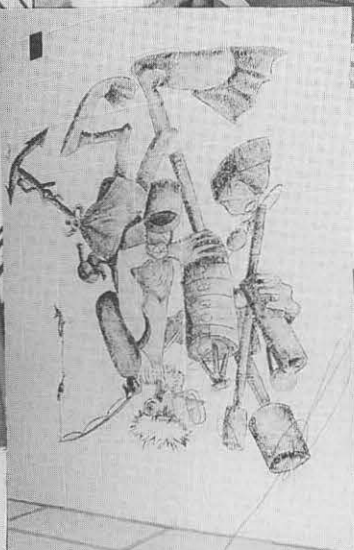
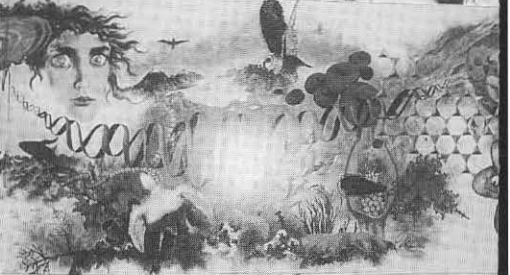
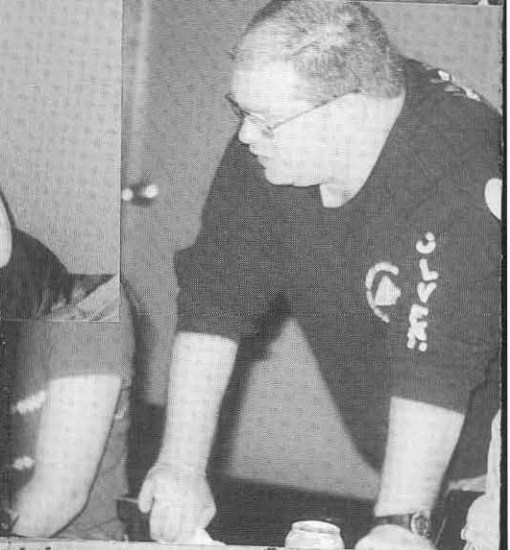
A Wilderness Adventures group at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Park. Sitting: Greg, Liz, Rich, Wendy, and Mija. Standing: Pete, Steve, John, Stacy, Adam, Greg, and Leah.

# Omega Phi Beta

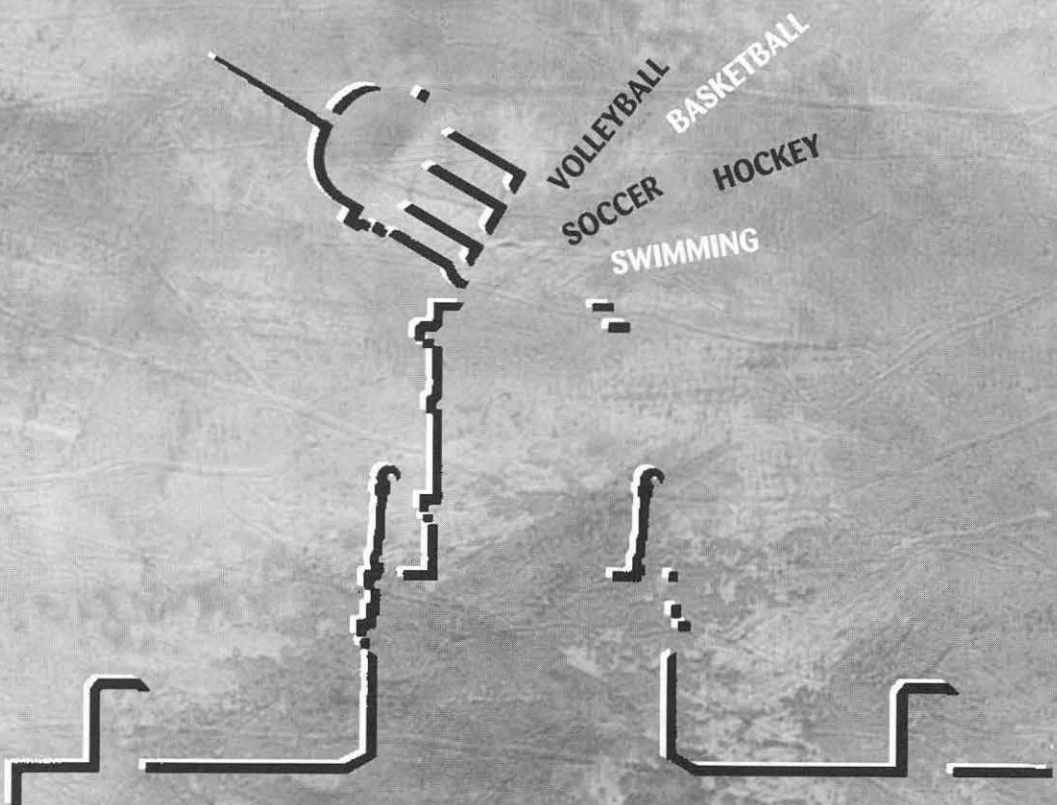


Radiant Sisters Diana Carvajal, Myra Zapata, Violet Reyes.

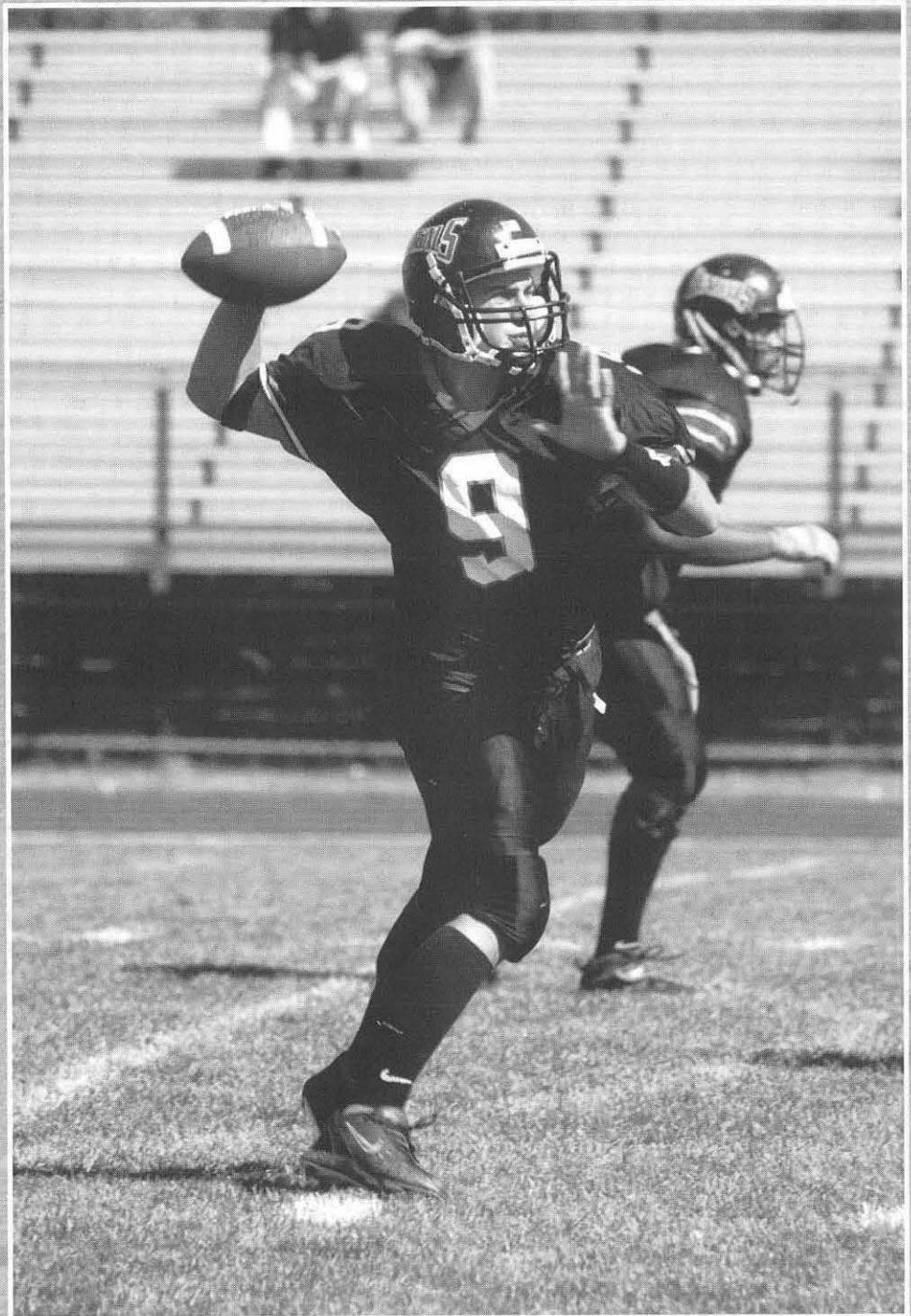
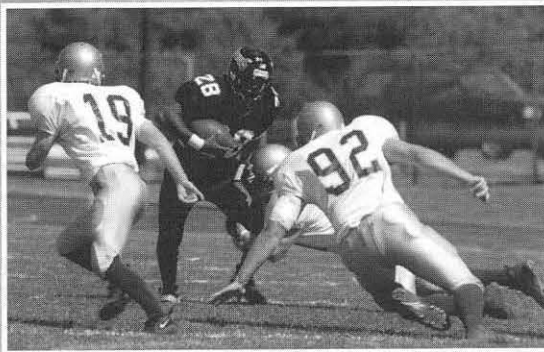




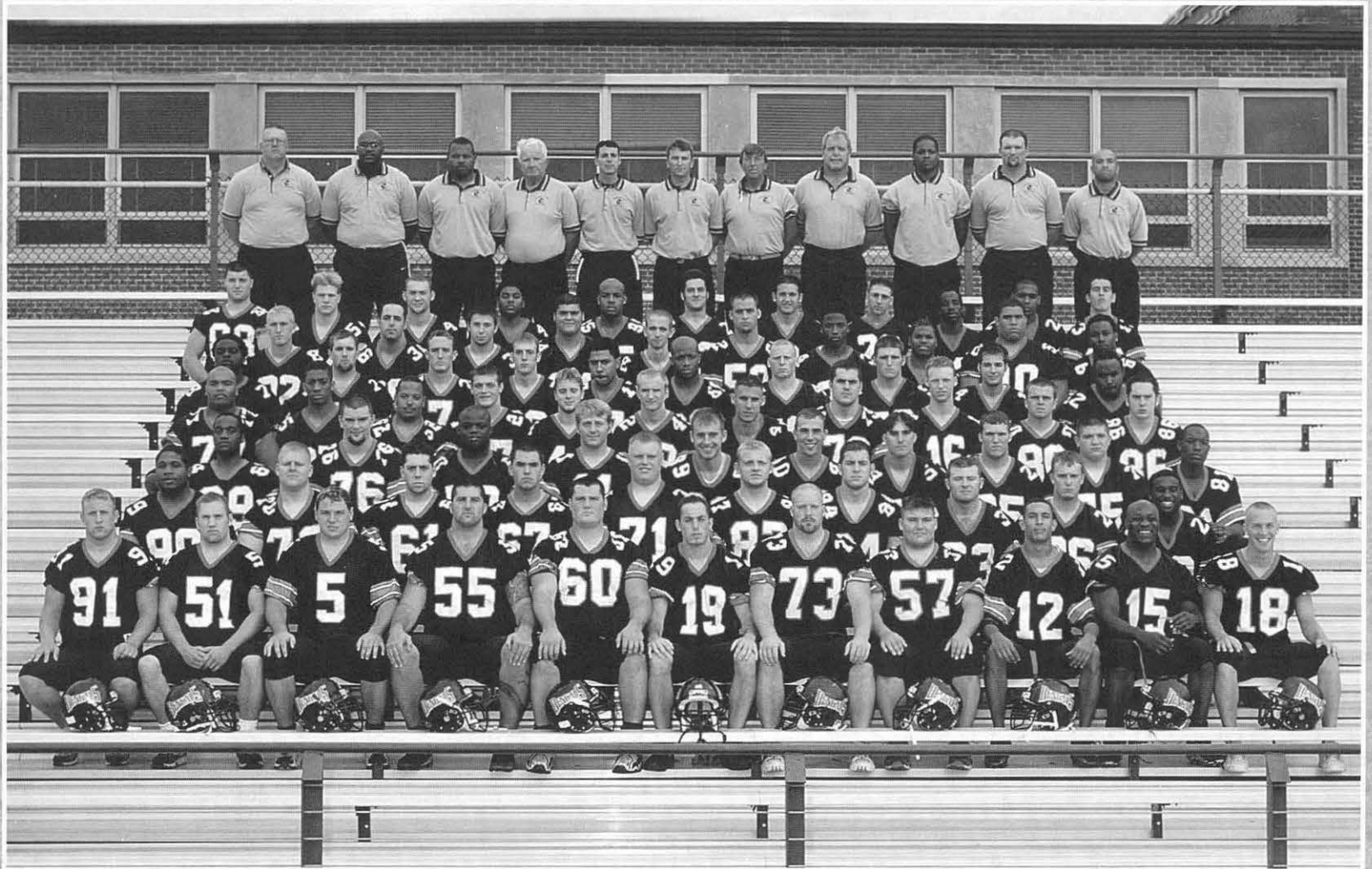
# Athletics



# FOOTBALL



The 2001 Bengal Football Team, with new head coach Bob Swank, won their season opener, 33 to 27 against Robert Morris – a team that had won its previous 17 games. Unfortunately the rest of the season, mostly played against playoff level opponents, didn't go as well. In spite of some close games the team finished 1- 8 and missed post season play for the first time in a decade. Seen above is quarterback Ryan Henry on a roll-out pass during an overtime loss to Albion. In the same game, tailback Dion Foendoe tests the defense on a run (second from top, safety Sean Zelasko in pass coverage (third from top) and Sterling Anderson bowls over Albion defenders (bottom).

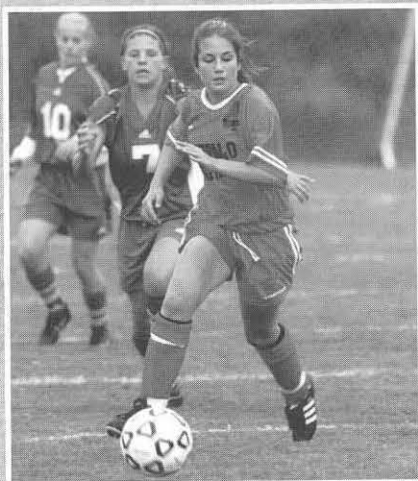


**2001 Football Bengals** - Front Row: Kevin Moyer, Erik Kraft, Dave Davidzik, Josh Thomson, Mike Stachewicz, Jamie Casullo, Matt Rhodes, Corey Reichard, Rodney Randall, Israel Cuyler, John Williams.  
 Second Row: Star Handley, Tom Jakubaszek, Rob Currin, Greg Clabeaux, Hans Mann, Nate VanHusen, Gary Gonzales, Pat Moore, Rick O'Neil, Sterling Anderson.  
 Third Row: Pat Louis, Brian Hoffman, Julius Scott, Dave Chelus, Bo Sireika, Nick Columbo, Alex Thomson, Mark Baker, Deryck Wrazen, Mike Rhim.  
 Fourth Row: Rich Swygert, TJ Cottrell, Jeremy Williams, Scott Killingbeck, Brent Lee, Shaun Zelasko, Dave Barabas, Andrew Martin, Ryan Cox, Tim Hirschman, Dave McEntire.  
 Fifth Row: Zeke Tookes, Jason Grembowicz, Brian Wilson, Mike Potter, Marques Phillips, Tardus Taylor, Tim Wetzler, Justin Draper, Lamar Chestnut.  
 Sixth Row: Chad Lansing, Rich Todd, Roger Lishnoff, Luis Espinoza, Eric Buchanan, Josh Hostuttler, Nick Warren, Felix Joyner, Josh Floyd, Jerome Ward.  
 Seventh Row: Kyle Leggio, Mike Holbok, Derek Vail, Kash Costner, John Galvin, Mike Pawlikowski, Ryan Henry, Tony Favata, Billy Edwards, Raphael Williams, Pat Penaherrera.  
 Coaches Row: Terry Bitka, Saeed Sharif, Eugene Lewis, Joe Harrington, Ryan Gallo, Bob Swank, Bob Decker, Will Grant, Melvin Parris, Aaron Wolozyn, Lamar Wilson.

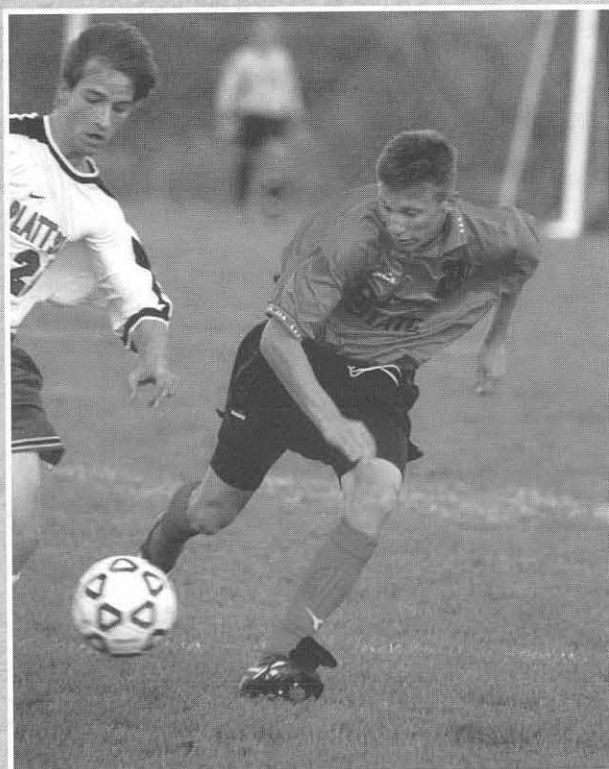
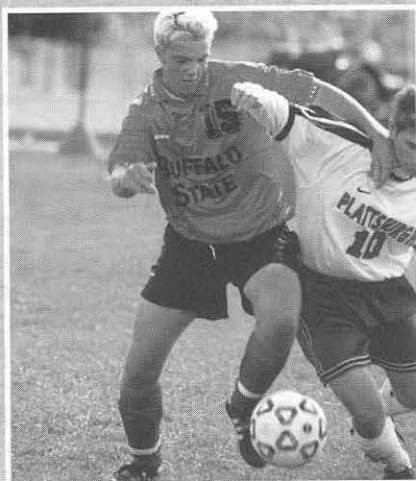
*Offensive tackle Hans Mann and safety Mike Potter were both named ECAC Northwest All-Stars.*

# S O C C E R

The 2001 men's soccer campaign began with a promising 2-2 start in conference play, but the Bengals went on to lose the last five SUNYAC games to finish at 2-7, in ninth place, and with a 3-13 overall record. Newcomer Dave Aselin finished with 12 goals and 2 assists, for 26 points and was selected to the All-SUNYAC Second Team.



The women's soccer team also finished in ninth place (in a tie with Fredonia) going 3-7 in conference play and 6-11 overall. A pair of mid-season shutout wins over Utica/Rome and Cazenovia seemed to get the Bengals on track, but the team dropped its next five conference games eliminating any playoff hopes. But the Bengals played out the string with pride and scored two more shutout wins (against Fredonia and the eventual SUNYAC runner-up Cortland) proving they could compete in the conference.



Clockwise from top left:  
Melissa Benson, Jenine Sabatino, Lindsay Cashmore, Eric Hansen, Greg Harrison.

# Women's Soccer Team



**2001 Women's Soccer** -  
 Front row: Jaclyn Bolognese, Lucy Bauda, Nikole Flannery, Janine Sabatino, Meghan Legierski, Lindsay Cashmore, Cindy Williams, Marissa Wexler, Kim Nogle  
 Second Row: Don Herlan, Colleen Fennell, Terra Matthews, Abby Kochan, Karen Voght, Gabriel Dunn, Andrea Floriano, Amy Drozen, Coach Courtney Longua

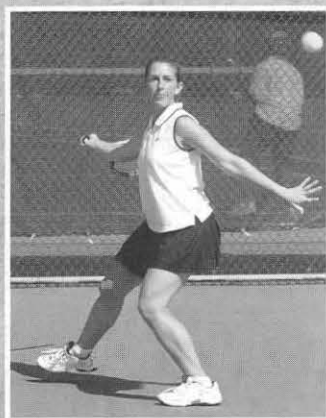
# Men's Soccer Team



**2001 Men's Soccer** - Front Row: Will Tredo, Matt Romano, Justin Weber, Tom Huebsch, Kam Hughes, James Robianni, Tom Love, Erik Hansen, Dusty Hinman  
 Second Row: Addison Obeng, Steve Garvey, Eric Bond, Mike Abrams, Don Patti, Eric Galipeau, Greg Harrison, Dennis Behrens, Kevin McKenzie, Coach Rudy Pompert  
 Third Row: Pedro Gonzales, Jorge Garcia, Don Ousterout, Dave Grieco, Jarrett Johnson, Josh Plante, Dave Aselin, Mike Schermerhorn, Chris Keem, Nick DeMarsh

# TENNIS

**Tennis Team** - Nicole Barker, Sherrie Burton, Melissa Kulju, Lisa LaFratta, Jill Martorano, Christina Scoby, Amy Steele, Emily Wilcox and Christina Wilson.



The 2001 Tennis team used a three match winning-streak with wins over Fredonia, R.I.T., and Oswego to get the team to 4-3. But inexperience plagued the team and five consecutive losses to close the regular season guaranteed a sub-.500 finish.

Christina Wilson was the Bengals top player, going 6-4 in singles play and 7-5 in doubles play. Lisa LaFratta was the lone winner for the Bengals at the SUNYAC Championships (where the team finished in a 9th place tie), defeating Oswego in fifth singles in the first round. She eventually fell in the quarterfinals.



Lisa La Fratta

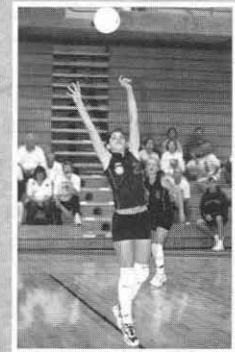


Christina Wilson

# VOLLEYBALL



**2001 Women's Soccer -**  
Front Row: Katie Sansone, Laura Cyman, Kelly Kochems, Krista Wiorzbiicki, Denise Jedynek. Second Row: Asst. Coach Jessica Morris, Lisa Herrscher, Monica Polka, Angela Volk-Matawaran, Lisa Fioretti, Desiree LeMoine, Head Coach David McClary.



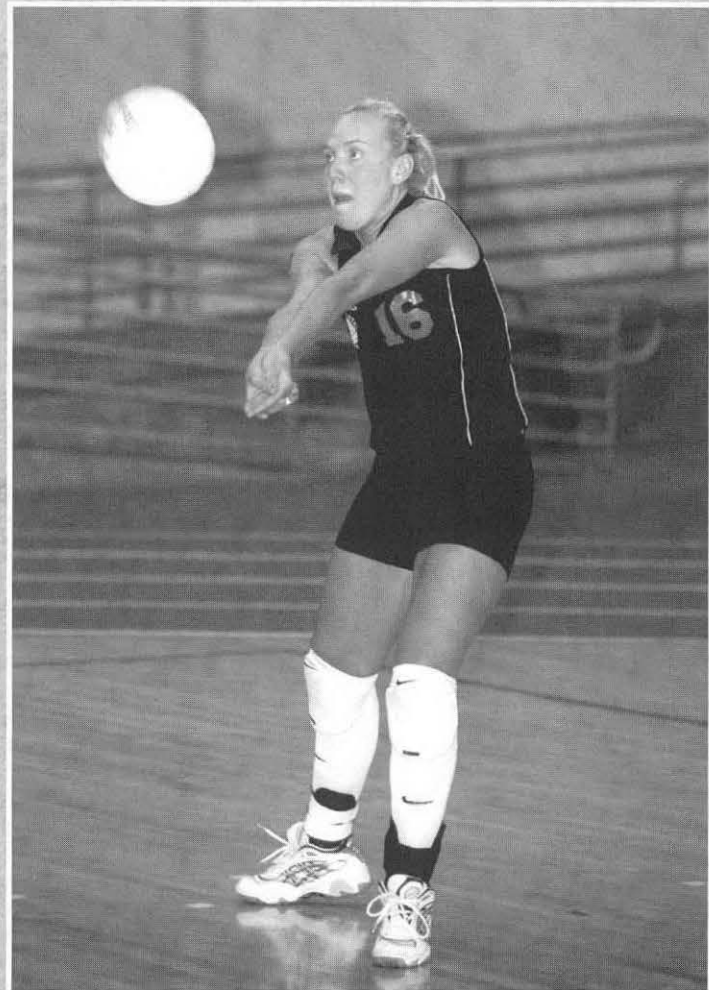
## *A Season to Remember*

The 2001 season for the volleyball team was one to remember. The squad finished the season with the second most wins in school history, going 27-13 overall and reaching the semi-finals of the SUNYAC tournament for only the second time in school history.

The Bengals won four championships in 2001, including the Gold Medal Bracket of the Holiday Inn/Red Dragon Classic at Cortland, the North Country Invitational championship, the Bengal Invitational championship, and the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Invitational.

Buffalo State drew Plattsburgh in the opening match of the conference championships, and steamrolled to victory with a 3-0 win. Cortland was up next for the Bengals, and the eventual tournament champions ended Buffalo State's dreams of going to the NCAA's for the first time in school history with a 1-3 defeat.

Monica Polka (right) emerged as a national caliber player during the 2001 campaign. She was a three-time tournament MVP, three-time SUNYAC player of the week, two-time ECAC player of the week and SUNYAC Co-Player of the Year.





# CROSS COUNTRY

## Women's Cross Country -

First Row: Colleen Scantlin, Paige Patterson, Aleksandra Halin. Second Row: Autumn Hensel, Michelle Mackowiak, Danielle Hensel, Kristin Bijak, Nichole Van Huesen. Not shown: Emily Meidlinger.



**2001 Men's Cross Country** - (no group photo available) Matt Burke, Steve Cahoon, Joe Halter, Tim Hill, Matt Kubiak, Sean Madden, Joe Niezgoda, Tom Proctor, Dan Smaczniak, Jason Walsh.

Buffalo State's men's and women's cross-country teams were vastly improved from the season before. The men's side produced winners in the Hobart & William Smith Invitational as well as the Houghton Invitational, while the women's side had third place finishes at the Hobart & William Smith and the Geneseo Invitationals, and a second place finish at Houghton. At the SUNYAC Championships, the men placed sixth of ten teams and the women finished fifth.

Tom Proctor became the first Bengal to win an event in several seasons and Jason Walsh (opposite page) also had a strong 2001 season. Michelle Mackowiak (right) had the strongest showing for the women.





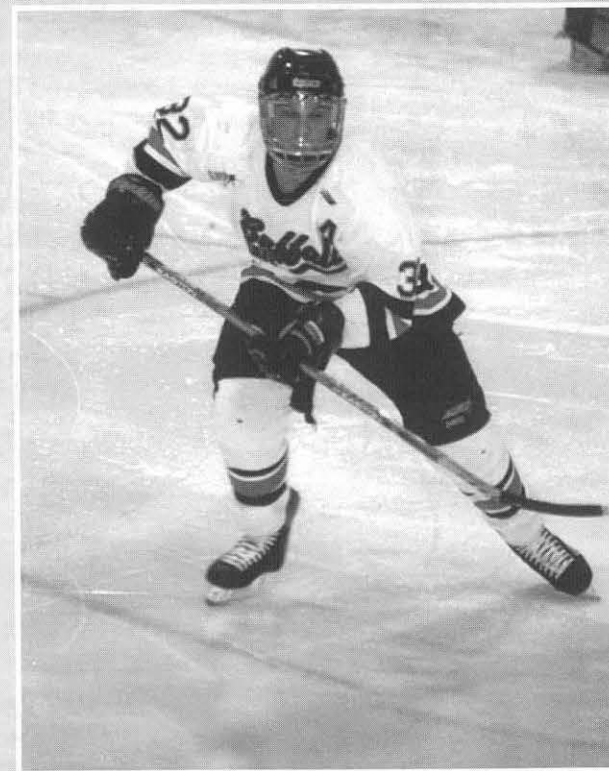
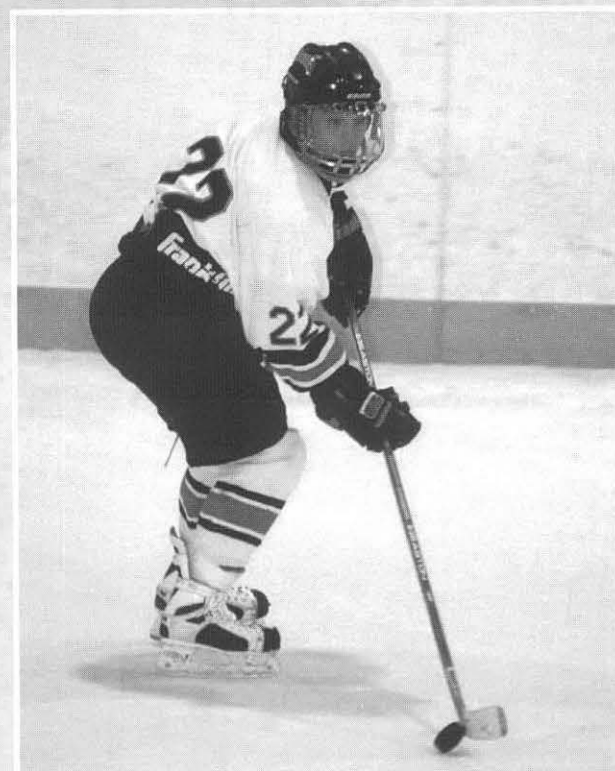
# HOCKEY

The Women's Hockey Team experienced their share of growing pains over the first half of the season, and stumbled out to a 1-8 start, but with the goal set at qualifying for the conference playoffs, they won six of the next 12 games to finish 7-13-1 and earn a playoff berth. In the first round of the playoffs, Buffalo State nearly scored a stunning upset of the number four-ranked team in the nation, Elmira. The Bengals came from behind to force an overtime period against the Soaring Eagles, but fell just short of pulling off the upset before losing 6-5 in the extra-session.

After posting its best record in school history a year ago, the Men's Hockey Team continued to evolve this season as it advanced to the SUNYAC playoffs for the first time, and nearly upset Cortland for a berth in the conference semifinals.

Buffalo State (11-15-1) opened the season with a pair of shutout losses but then won six of its next seven games. Included in that stretch was the title in the All-Sport Invitational and three wins in the SUNYAC including the program's first-ever victory over Potsdam.

Buffalo State faltered a bit down the stretch, entering the postseason winless in its last six contests. A number-six seed, the team traveled to third-place Cortland for their first-ever playoff series. After stunning the Red Dragons 4-0 in game one, Buffalo State took a 2-0 lead in the second period of game two. Cortland stormed back for a 5-2 win, however, and then claimed the "mini-game" 1-0 to end the Bengals season.



Clockwise from top left: Emma Wadsworth, Mary Keddie, Todd Nowicki, Rocky Reeves, Leah Dehormier.

# Women's Hockey Team



**2001-2002 Women's Hockey Team** - Sitting Front Row: Kim Costanzo, Leah Delormier, Mary Keddie, Head Coach Bob Filighera, Tess Pottratz, Meri Mooers, Janelle Schmitt. Standing Back Row: Asst. Coach Michelle Luba, Missy Dispenza, Carolyn Totaro, Jessica DeCarlo, Jennifer Downey, Emma Wadsworth, Dyanne Roberts, Kasey Cornwell, Bree Cote, Asst. Coach Sal Tornabene.

# Men's Hockey Team



**2001-2002 Men's Hockey Team** - Sitting Front Row: Steve Thering, Jason Comardo, Rocky Reeves, Head Coach Jim Fowler, Todd Nowicki, Jad Ramsey, Nick Berti. Standing Middle Row: Trainer Sean Roberts, Asst. Coach Scott Kirsch, Eric Bavisotto, Pat McDevitt, Josh Bluman, Sean Mask, Jason Davis, Adam Horvath, Mark Yoder, Derek Goula, Henry Jurek, Joe Urbanik, Asst. Coach David Dee, Asst. Coach Brent Ford. Standing Back Row: Dan Hafner, Guy Duquette, James Stewart, Mark Infantino, Kevin Badura, Ricardo Hernandez, Dan Vogel, Cyle McCorkle.

# BASKETBALL

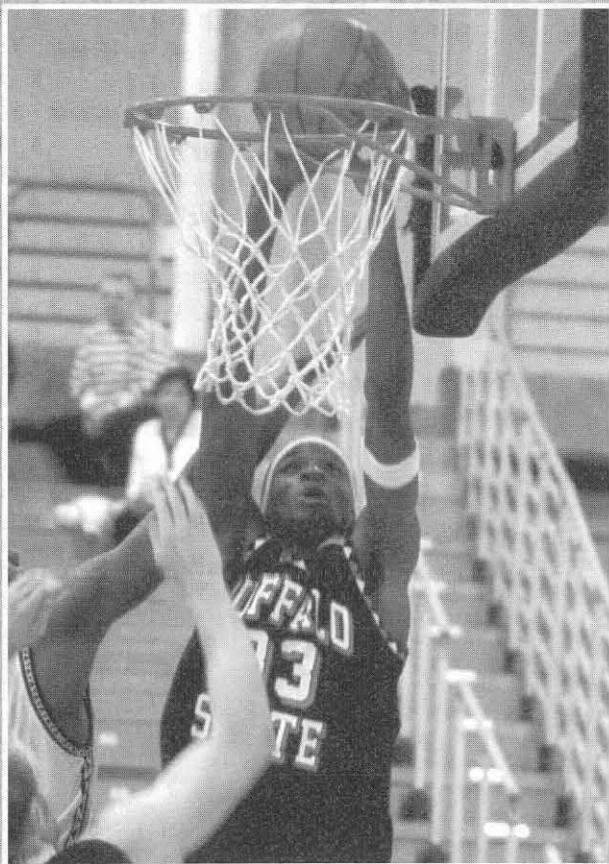
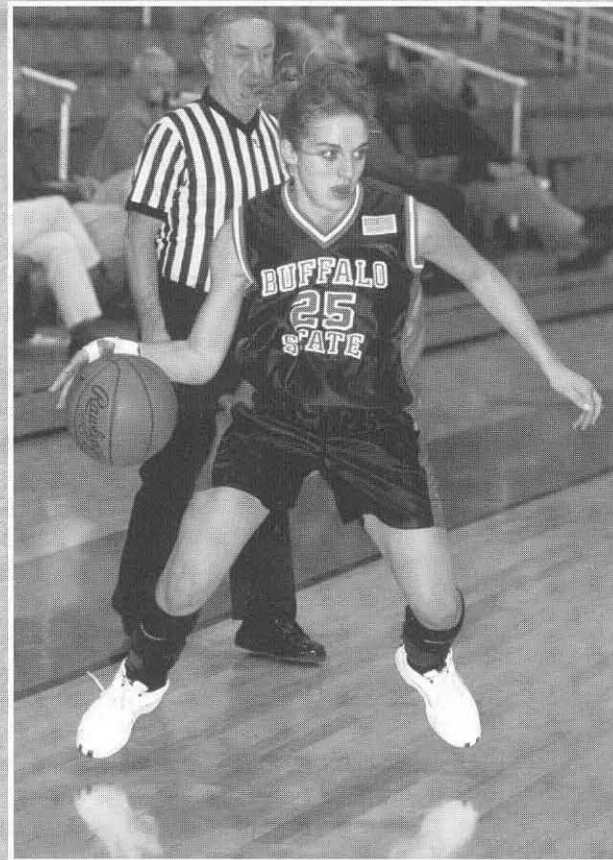
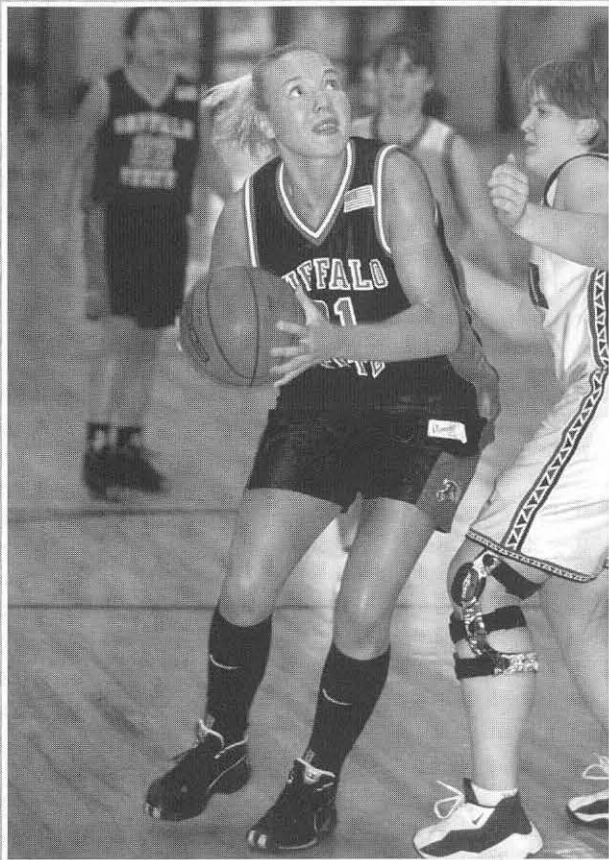
Buffalo State's women's basketball returned to glory this season. The team won the SUNYAC Championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1995. The team matched the school record for wins by going 25-4 and earned the regular season conference title with a 15-1 mark. The Bengals claimed the conference title with a 56-50 win over Cortland but lost a home NCAA playoff game to Ohio Wesleyan, 71-61.

Fred Batchelor was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year in just his second season and Senior center Monica Polka was honored as the SUNYAC Playoff MVP and named to the regular season All-SUNYAC First Team.

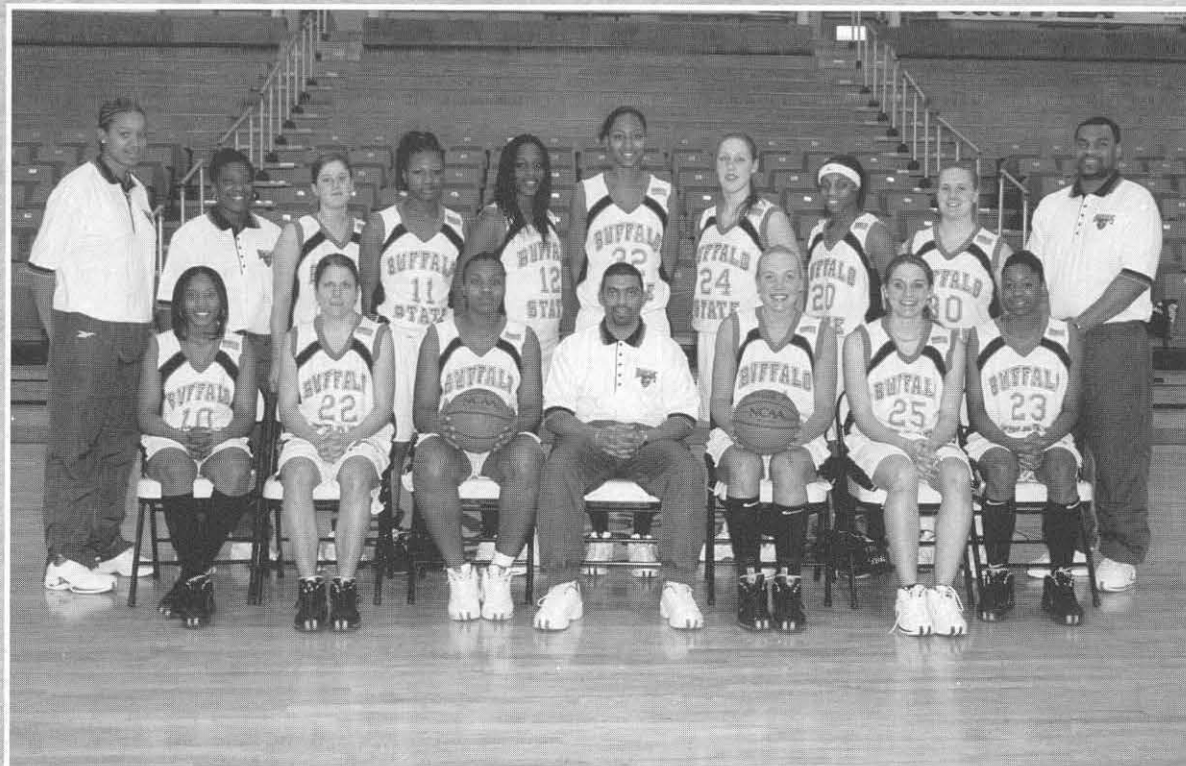
The men's team had its most successful season in five years as the Bengals went 15-8 and 12-4 in SUNYAC play. The Bengals suffered through some inconsistent play in the beginning of the season but on December 22, Buffalo State embarked on an eight-game winning streak that catapulted the Bengals to the top spot of the SUNYAC. Highlighting the streak was coach Dick Bihl's 400th win as Bengal coach. In the opening round of the conference tournament, the Bengals faced the Cortland Red Dragons. Cortland defeated Buffalo State with a heartbreaking, last-second tip-in to end the season with a 49-48 defeat.



Top: Seniors Monica Polka and Chrissy Milleville.  
Bottom: First team All-SUNYAC Senior Pat Adams and Senior Shawn Haseley.

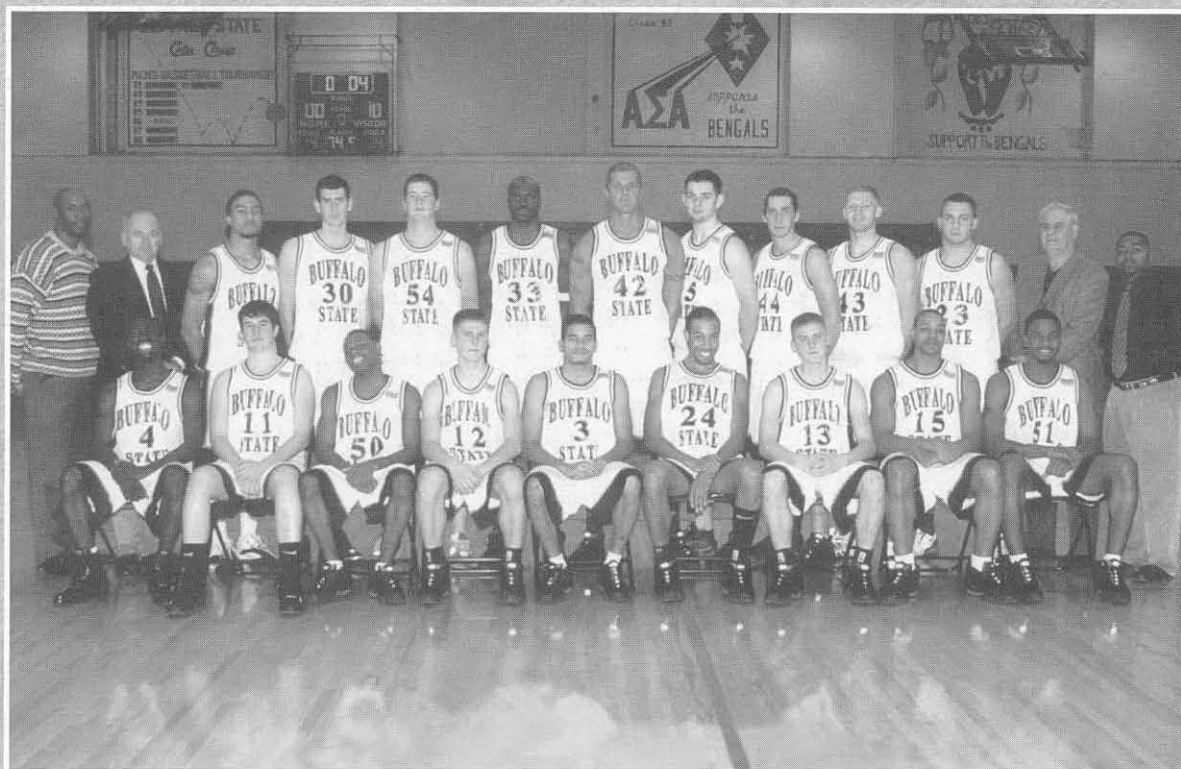


# Women's Basketball Team



**2001-2002 Women's Basketball** - Sitting Front Row: Delrease Iota, Julie Jackson, Cora Humphreys, Head Coach Fred Batchelor, Monica Polka, Chrissy Milleville, Monique Hanks.  
 Standing Back Row: Asst. Coach Tiffany Bell, Asst. Coach Yashica Martin, Leah Colucci, Oandhi Brown, Tatiana Tucker, Ericka Miner, Abby Kochan, Glenda Brown, Erin Strassburg, Asst. Coach Christopher Massey.

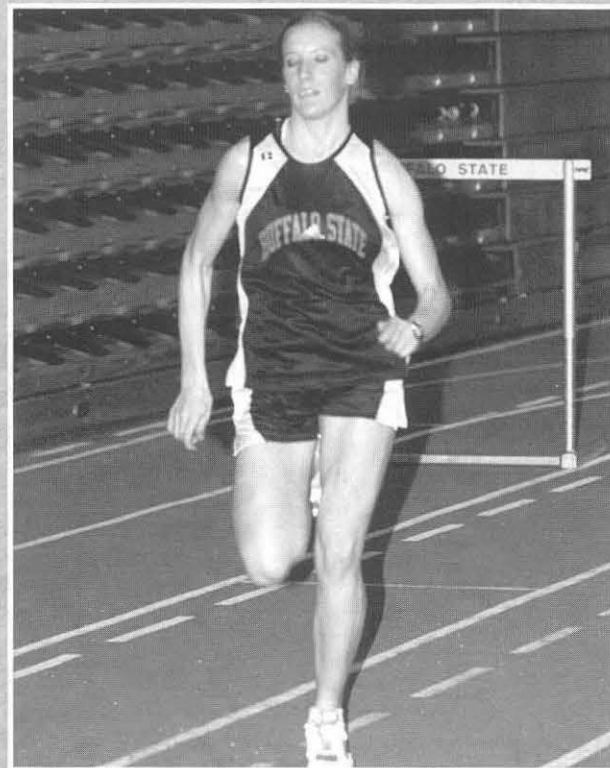
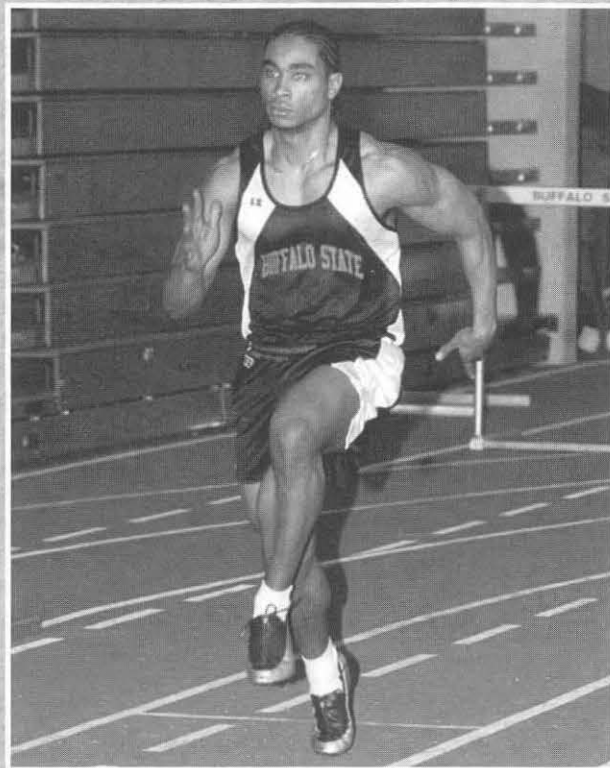
# Men's Basketball Team



**2001-2002 Men's Basketball**  
 Sitting Front Row: Willie Sanders, Tom O'Brien, Rashiem Littlejohn, Justin Konst, Drew McLaren, Aaron McFollins, Jeremy Konst, Perry Davis, Kyle Mann.  
 Standing Back Row: Asst. Coach Rashiem Young, Head Coach Dick Bihr, Derrick Stallings, Michael Milne, Jeff Russell, Pat Adams, Shawn Haseley, Jon Allport-Cohon, Anthony Piccolo, Joshua Becker, Mike Miranto, Asst. Coach Joe Piscopo, Asst. Coach Kenneth Ferguson.

## Track & Field

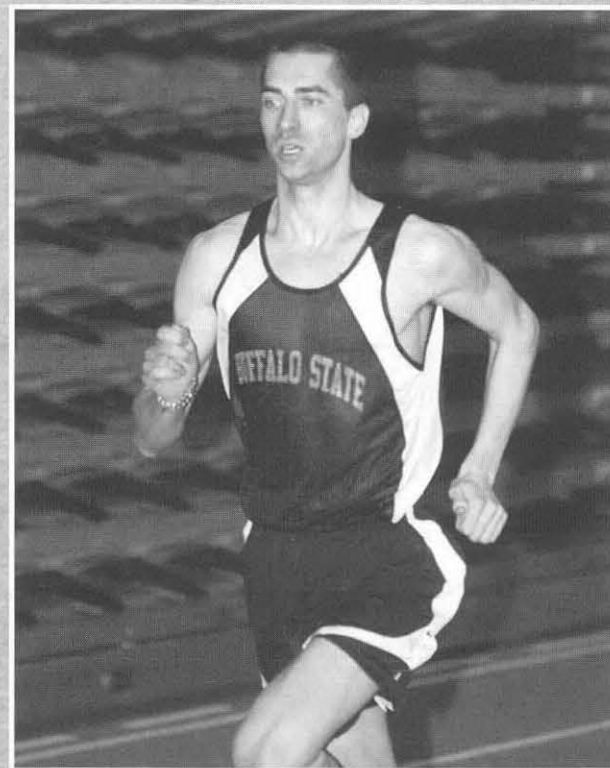
Clockwise from top left:  
Markus Allen, Autumn  
Hansel, Joe Niezgoda



First-year head coach Eugene Lewis directed the Track and Field Team through a successful indoor season. Leading the way for the Bengals was Markus Allen who had a tremendous indoor season placing first in the 55-meter dash at the NYSCTC and SUNYAC championships and first in the 200-meter in the NYSCTC meet.

Distance runner Joe Niezgoda emerged as a strong leader for this team, and was expected to contend for a SUNYAC Championship in the shorter 800-meter and 1500-meter outdoor events.

This year's squad of female competitors was the start of a rebuilding process. Coach Lewis looked to Autumn Hansel as the leader on and off the track to guide these women as he began to establish Buffalo State as a prominent Division III program in women's track and field. Hansel, a junior, was a qualified runner with the ability to place well in the SUNYAC as well as state competitions.



# SWIMMING

## Swimming & Diving Team



### 2001-2002 Swimming &

### Diving - Kneeling Front Row:

Alicia Tutwiler, Natalie Brown, Kristen Snyder, Ashley Appleton, Marie Ryer, Jenessa Wheeler, Leslie Seier, Susanna Lehmann.

### Standing Back Row: Asst.

Coach-Diving Mike Schweitzer, Jamie Scott, Tom Schilke, Matt Helming, Erik Yuhnke, Mark Beyer, Dan Hoefert, Paul Glieco, Brett Stodolka, Head Coach Mike Switalski.



New Swimming and Diving head coach Mike Switalski had high expectations for himself and his team. Those expectations were met, and many were surpassed by the squad in the 2001-02 season. Combined the men's and women's teams went 7-14 this year, more than doubling the two teams' combined win total from 2001(3-18). Four school records were broken and one Kissinger Pool record fell this season. Senior Leslie Seier set a new record in the 50 Free at the SUNYAC Championships. Seier's teammate, Natalie Brown, broke the school record and the Kissinger Pool record in the 400 IM. For the men, junior Matt Helming contributed to setting two new school records. First, in individual competition, Helming established a new mark for the 200 Free with his time of at the SUNYAC Championships. Helming along with Jamie Scott, and seniors Mark Beyer, and Paul Glieco smashed the old 200 Free relay record at SUNYAC's with a time of 1:27.23. In addition to breaking records, the men's swim team was recognized by the College Swim Coaches of America as an All-Academic Team. The small squad of 11 swimmers (four men and seven women) and three divers (two men and one woman) made waves at the SUNYAC Championships with both teams placing fifth out of nine schools. The swimmers held their own with the conference elites, but a lack of depth hurt the team in the final standings. By increasing the team's depth, Switalski is confident Buffalo State can improve its SUNYAC standing.



# LACROSSE

## Lacrosse Team

### 2001-2002 Women's

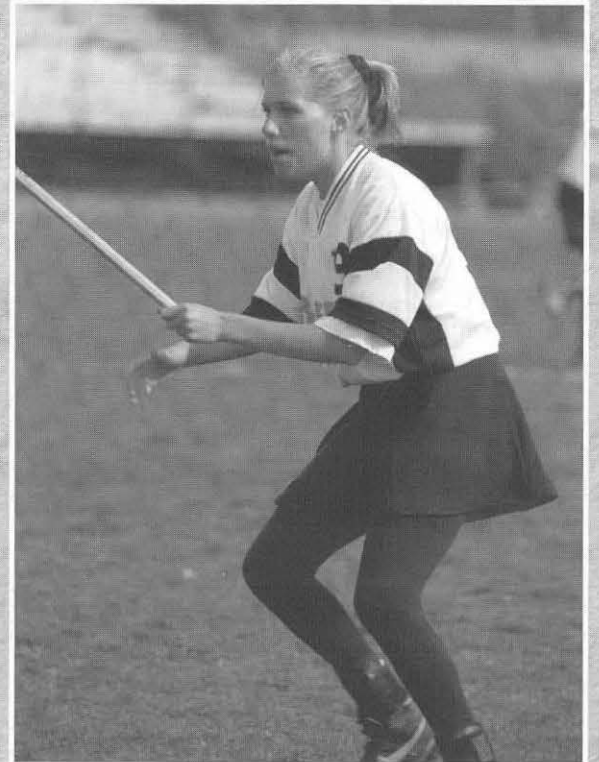
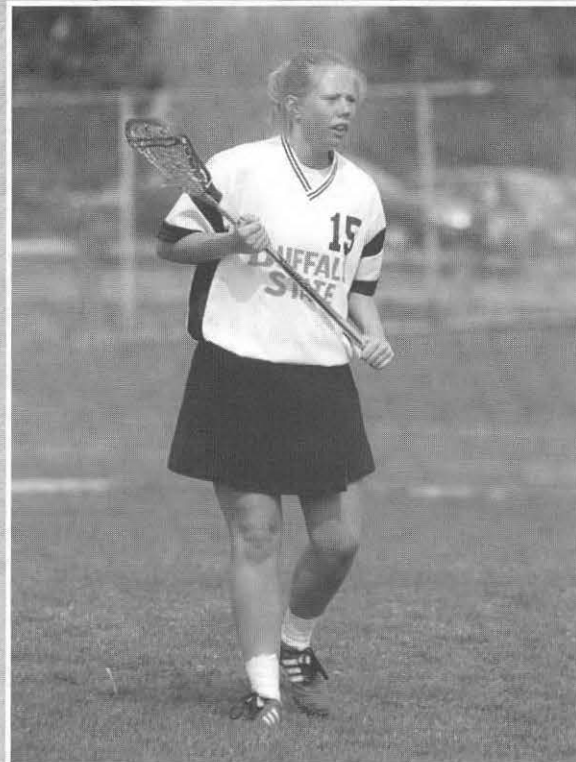
#### Lacrosse Team - Kneeling

Front Row: Gemanique Tolve,  
Leah Delormier, Erica Kuper,  
Karly Thomsen, Danielle  
DeJames, Meri Mooers, Tiffany  
Jackson

Standing Back Row: Asst. Coach  
Staci Handley, Jackie Aull,  
Christina Buerger, Katie Richlet,  
Emma Wadsworth, Kathleen Plis,  
Andrea Floriano, Head Coach  
Courtney Longua



Left: Kathleen Plis  
Right: Katie Richlet

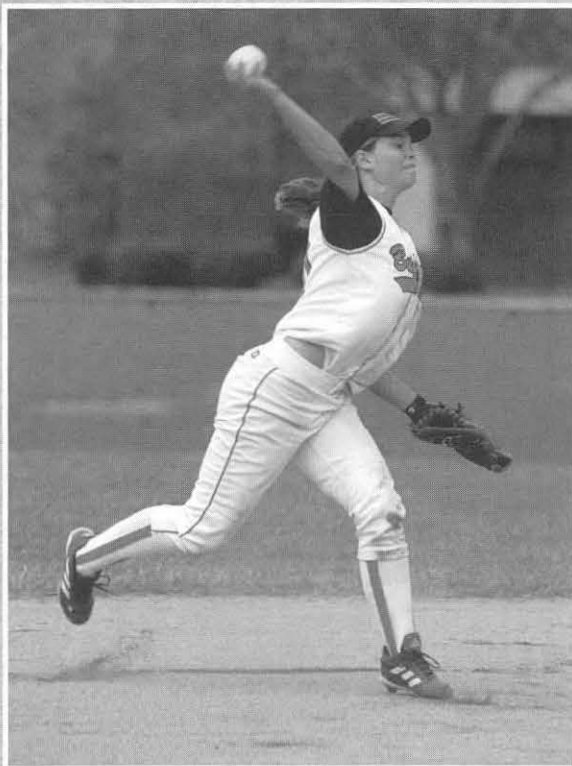


# SOFTBALL

## Softball Team



**Spring 2001 Women's Softball Team** - Kneeling Front Row: Tracy Urban, Tiffany Ciolek, Gretchen Kopf, Kristy Haines, Nicole Willats, Starr Rae Wooden, Kim Nogle, Nadine Sirianni, Stephanie Menth  
Standing Back Row: Asst. Coach Tami Thuman, Head Coach Sandra Hollander, Asst. Coach Jim Ramos, Lindsay Escher, Liz Parker, Alicia Girard, Elizabeth Beiter, Erin Olsen, Heidi Rammacher, Asst. Coach Aaron Vanderlip, Asst. Coach Pam Amabile



Left: Tiffany Cidler  
Right: Nadine Sirianni



## Rocky Reeves Receives 2002 Hockey Humanitarian Award

While several Bengal athletes received recognition outside of the campus, perhaps the most impressive honor went to Rocky Reeves, a center on the men's hockey team. Reeves, who proved to be a "person of the heart" as well as a "person of the mind," was the recipient of the 2002 Hockey Humanitarian Award, presented annually to college hockey's finest citizen.

The announcement was made April 5, 2002 as part of college hockey's award day. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the announcement of the Hobey Baker Award recipient in St. Paul, Minnesota, the site of college hockey's Frozen Four championship competition.

Reeves is a native of Anchorage, Alaska, who recently completed his junior year of eligibility at Buffalo State. "This is a tremendous honor," he said, "I am really embarrassed to receive this award for something we should all be doing.

"I think that what has happened over the years is that we have become people of the mind and forgotten about being people of the heart," continued Reeves, who was a finalist for last year's Humanitarian Award.

For more than three years, Reeves has worked tirelessly in volunteer activities within the Buffalo community including Take Back the Night, holiday rummage sales for the homeless, Project FLIGHT Book Drive for the needy organizations of Western New York, AID BUFFALO food and clothing drive for the United Way, and serving Thanksgiving dinner through the Concerned Ecumenical Ministry Soup Kitchen.

Ironically, had it not been for an injury he sustained early in his freshman year at Buffalo State, Reeves might not have had the time to become involved in the Buffalo community. Playing a tournament game against Hobart in late October 1998, Reeves, who had earlier scored a goal on a penalty shot, went sliding into the boards breaking his leg and sending him to the sidelines for the rest of the 1998-99 season.

Rather than sit around, Reeves met with Buffalo State head coach Jim Fowler to discuss a project he wanted to undertake. "I thought it was important for us to improve the image and increase the visibility of the athletic program both at school and in the community," recalls Reeves.

Reeves lined up over 100 student-athletes within a day to attend a Take Back the Night program designed to deal with sexual abuse and rape, and the seeds that would lead to his involvement in volunteerism had been sown.

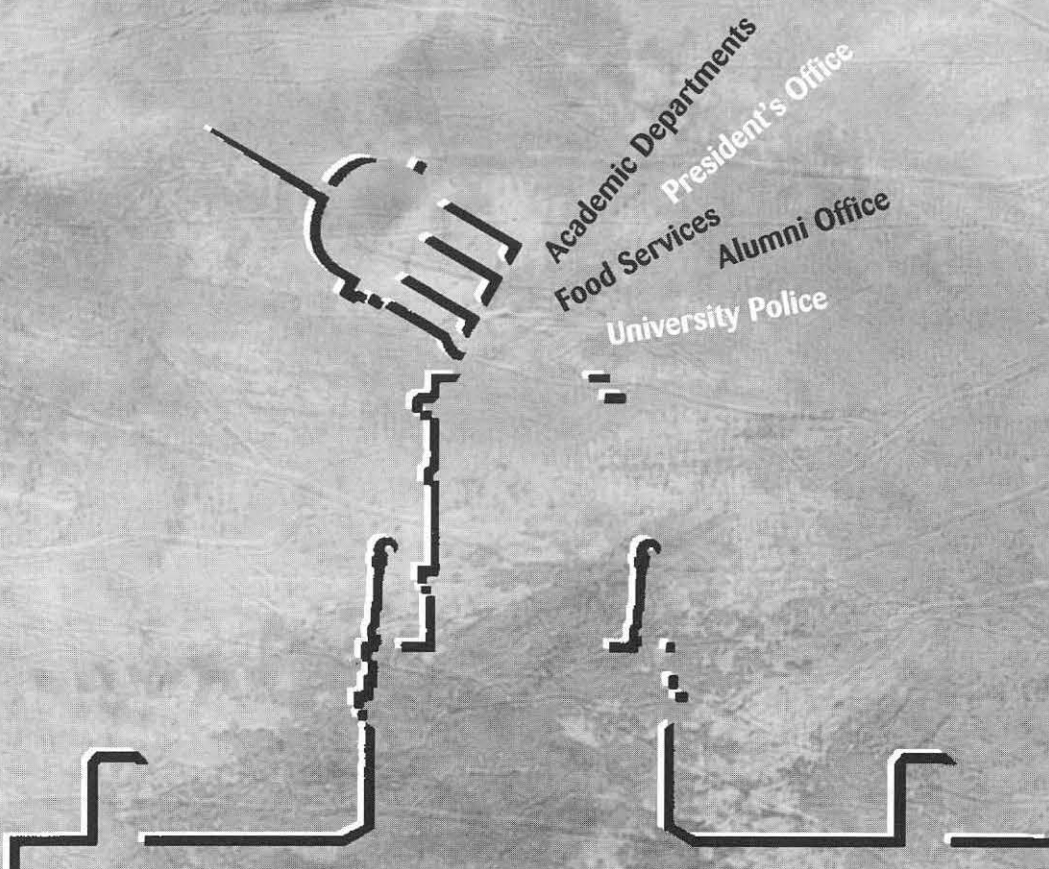
He returned to hockey for the 1999-2000 season, and, despite having missed virtually the entire previous season, was elected team captain, a position he returned to in the next two seasons.

By the end of the 2001-2002 season he ranked third on the team in goals and fifth in points with 35 goals and 42 assists for 77 points in 76 games played. Academically, Reeves maintained a 3.30 GPA while majoring in health and wellness and received his Bachelors degree in December 2001, then enrolled in a Masters program in spring 2002.

"Hockey has given me an opportunity to help others," Reeves said. "I have been able to get some of my teammates to get involved as well. I am trying to lay a foundation for future Buffalo State athletes. We live in a world so caught up in our own lives that we tend to forget the impact we can have on others."

Thanks to the Buffalo State Intercollegiate Athletics Department Sports Information Office for the photos and information in this section of the Elms.

# Faculty & Staff



Dear Reader,

You hold in your hands a book of memories. Perhaps you are a 2002 graduate of Buffalo State College and these memories are recent and green. Perhaps you are the great-grandchild of a Buffalo State College alumnus looking at this book in the late 21st century, and the fashions and concerns contained in these pages look quaint and old-fashioned. Whoever you are, please know that recorded here are the events and concerns of a specific place and time, Buffalo State College during the 2001-2002 academic year, a community where dedicated individuals sought to transform their lives through education.

Know, too, that the faculty and staff of Buffalo State were enormously proud of the individuals who graduated in the Class of 2002. These were hard working men and women who applied themselves to their studies, often while carrying numerous other responsibilities at home and at work. Buffalo State College was a vitally important part of their lives while they studied here, and the sacrifices they made in order to achieve a college degree were not idly considered.

Those who were at Buffalo State College in 2001-2002 recall the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and we witnessed true American heroism. We knew the difference between a "hanging chad" and a "dimpled chad." Household words included Osama Bin Laden, Chandra Levy, Tiger Woods, Timothy McVeigh, Andrea Yates, and Enron. We said goodbye to George Harrison, Isaak Stern, John Lee Hooker, Jack Lemmon, Anthony Quinn, Eudora Welty, Katharine Graham, and Troy Donahue.

During their days at Buffalo State College, the Class of 2002 formed lifelong friendships. None will forget their days at Buffalo State College, and in this book they will restore happy memories with the turn of every page. As William Shakespeare observed when he summoned up remembrance of things past, "while I think on thee, dear friend, All losses are restored and sorrows end." May this yearbook serve as a record of and the link to good memories and good friends forever.

Sincerely,



Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D.  
7th President of Buffalo State College

# Buffalo State President



Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D. - President of Buffalo State College since 1996. At right, President Howard chats with *Elms* Business Manager Amy Stickney.



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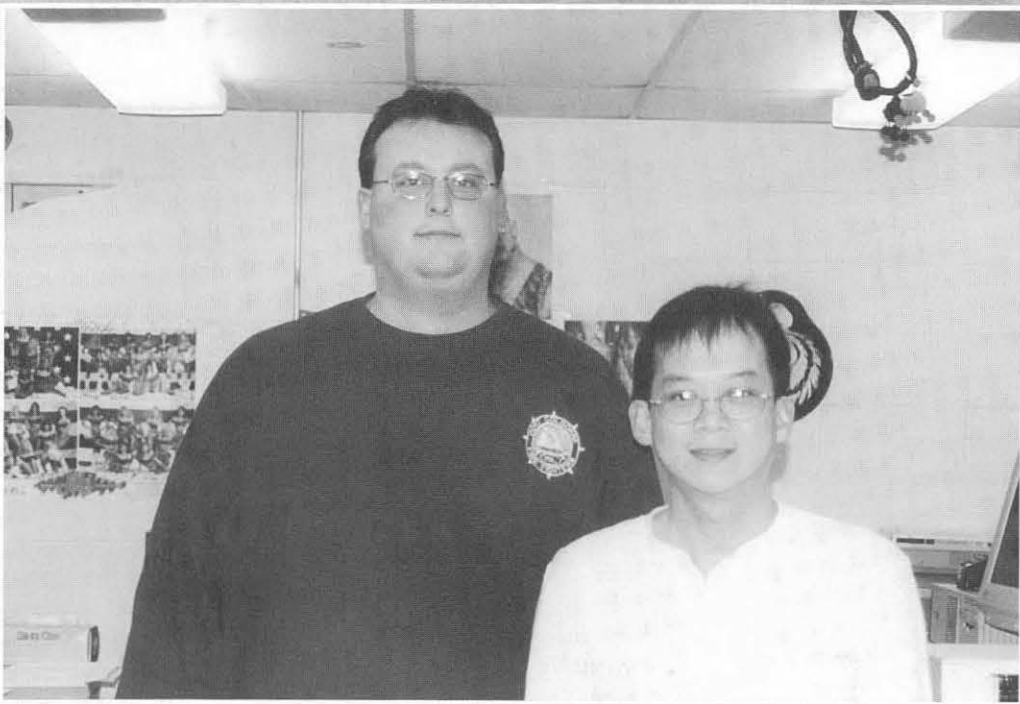
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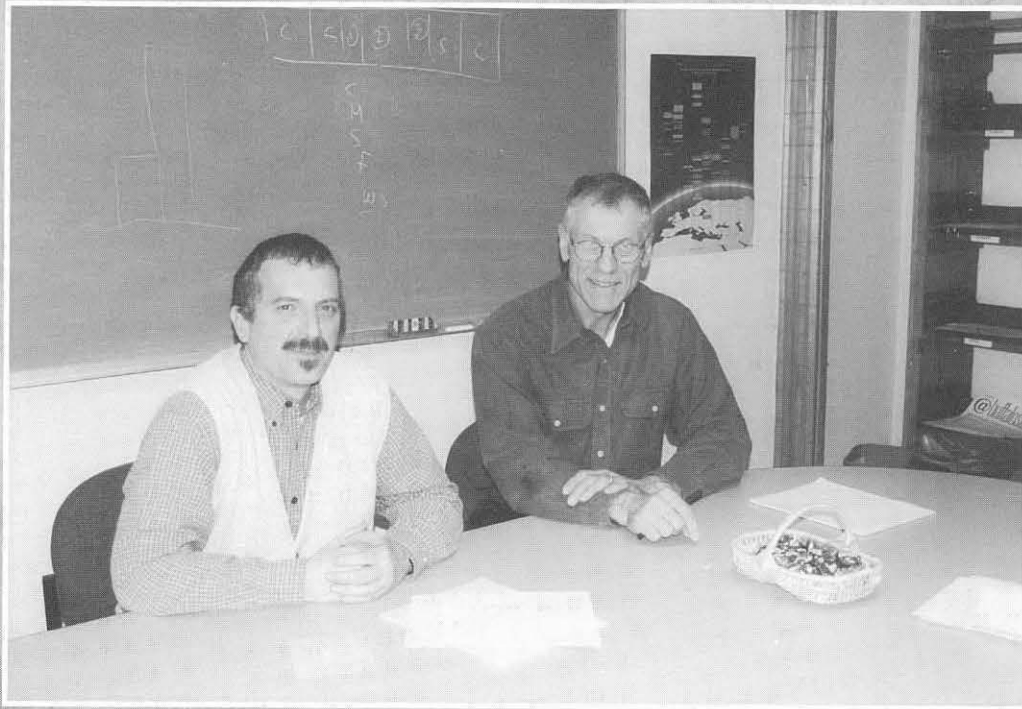
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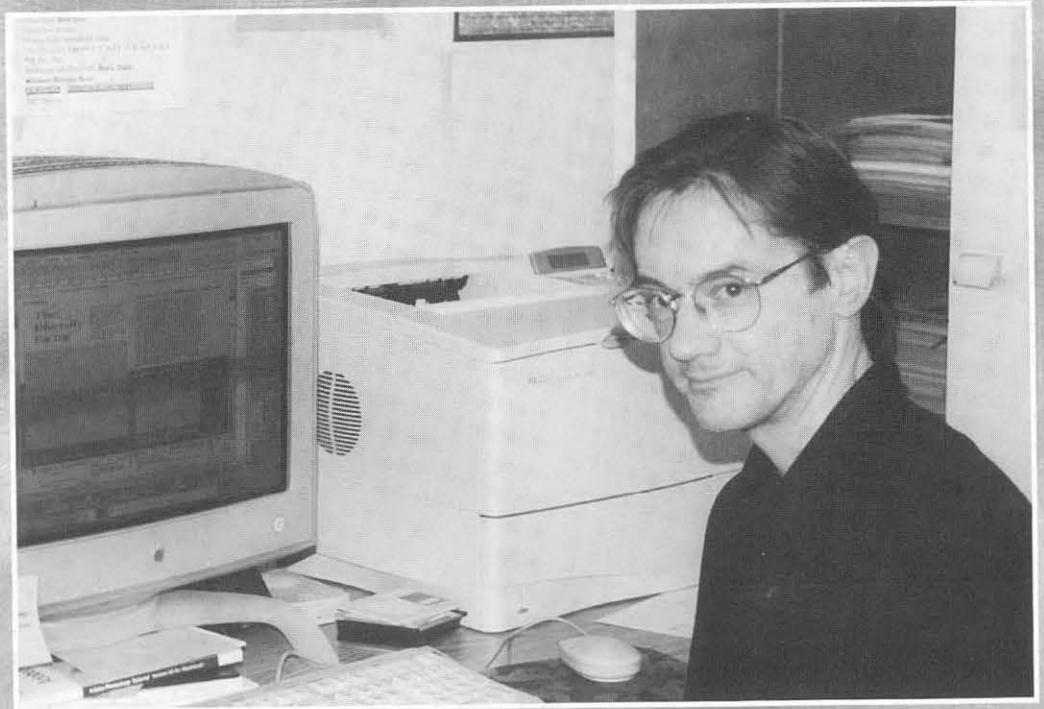
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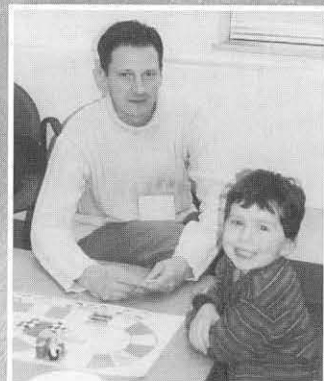
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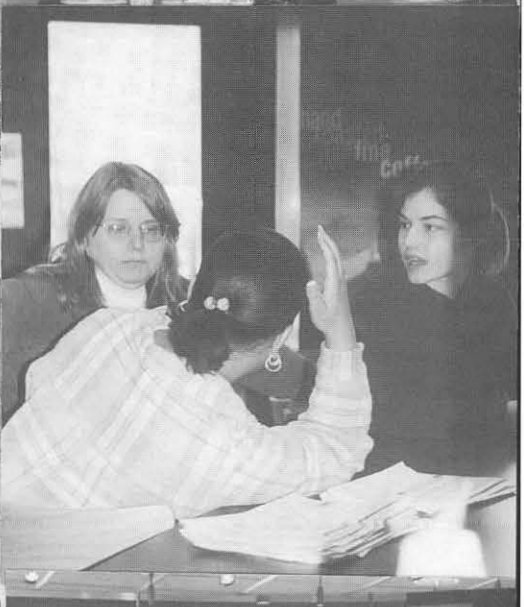


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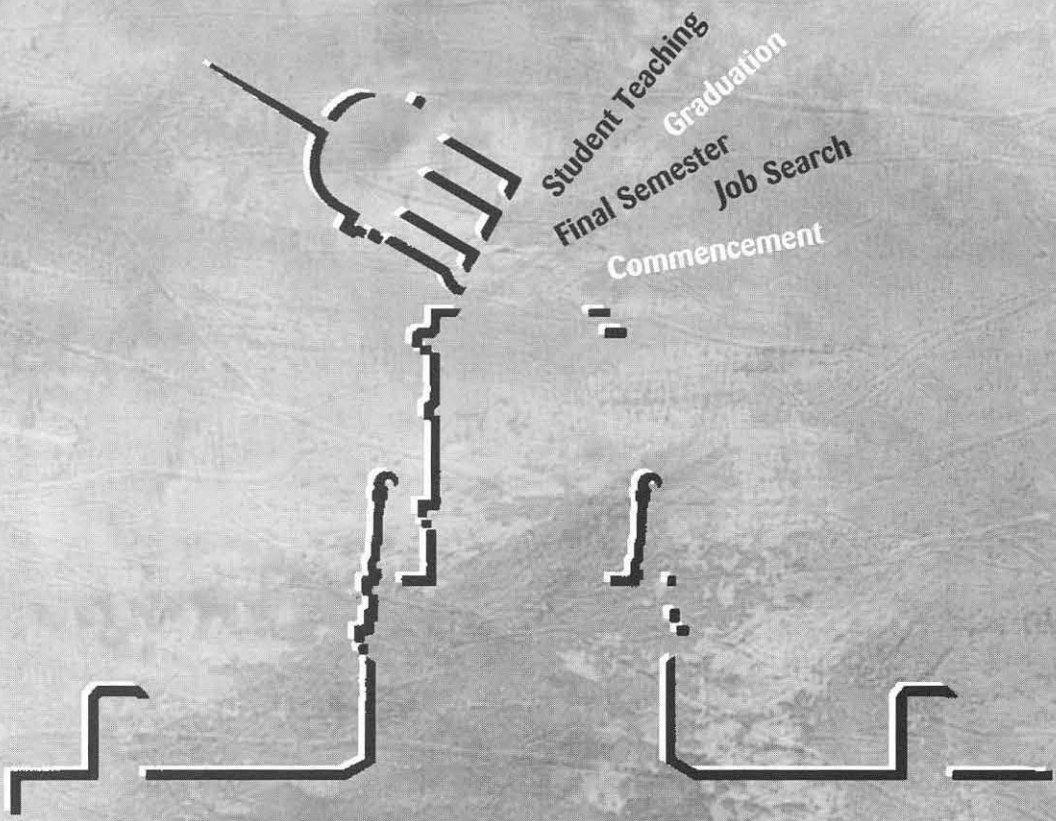
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The United Students Government professional staff, left to right:  
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# Senior Portraits





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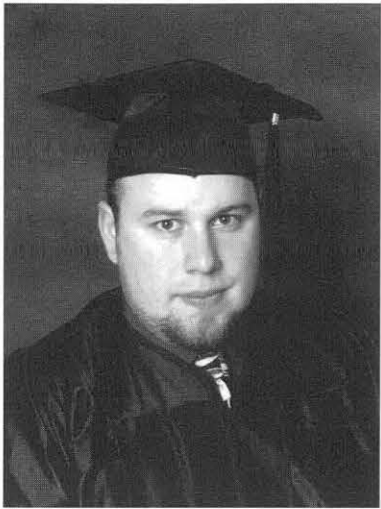
Senior year of college is a relatively unique time. Yes, it's a bit like the last year of high school, but everything is a little bigger, a little harder, and a little scarier.

For most students, the fall semester is not particularly unusual, but once the winter break is over a lot of things change. For some it's a last chance to raise a cumulative average. For others it means off-campus internships or student teaching.

Somewhere around the beginning of March many seniors start counting the days of what seems like a long home stretch to graduation. Then April rolls in and everything goes into free-fall. Is there enough time to finish the project? Can I get that extra credit paper finished before the end of classes? Is my work ready for the final critique? Have I waited too long to send out those resumes? Is it too late to get another ticket to commencement?

Somewhere amid all of that confusion some Buffalo State seniors sat for graduation portraits. If a little stress, happiness, and anticipation shows on these faces, who can blame them?

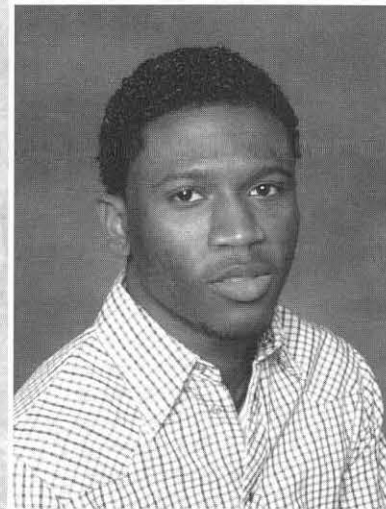
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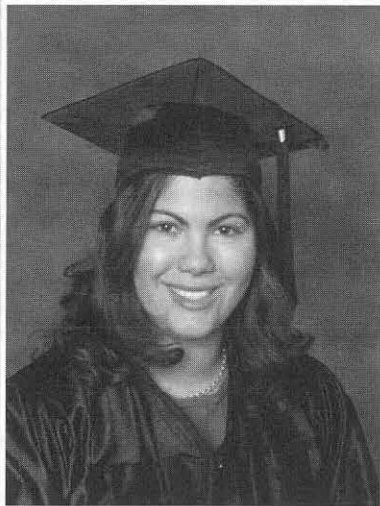
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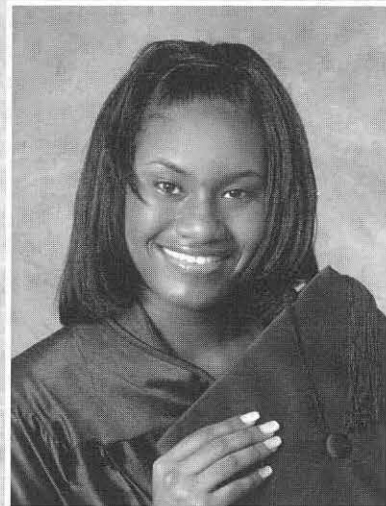
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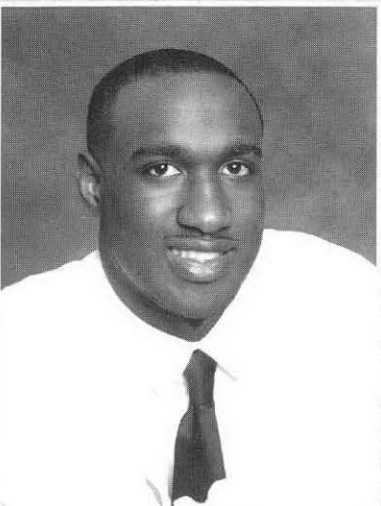
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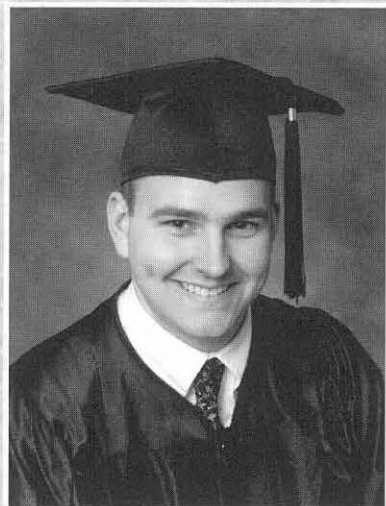
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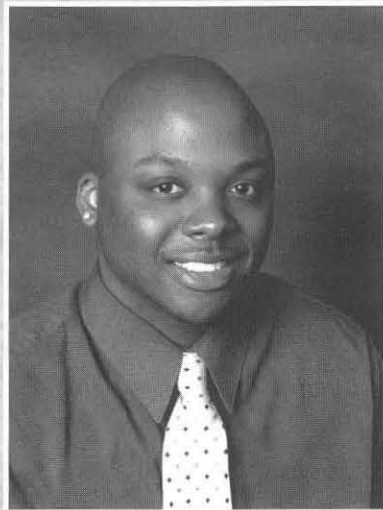


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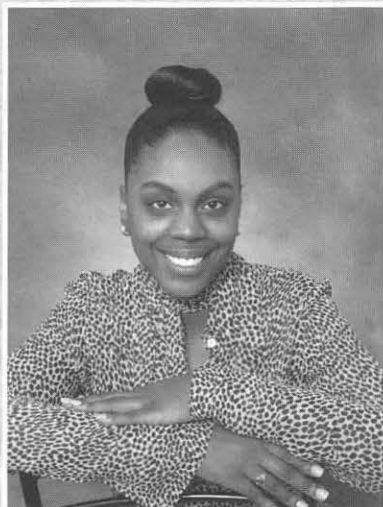
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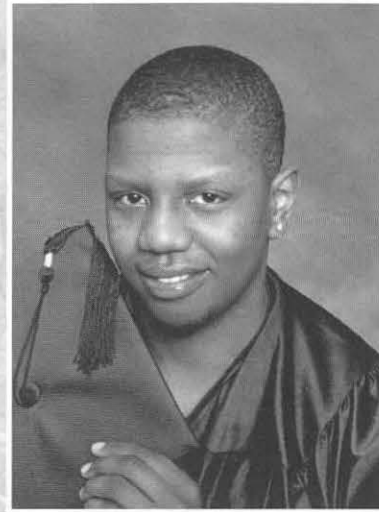
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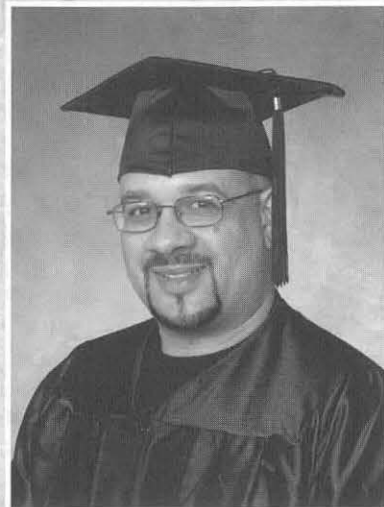


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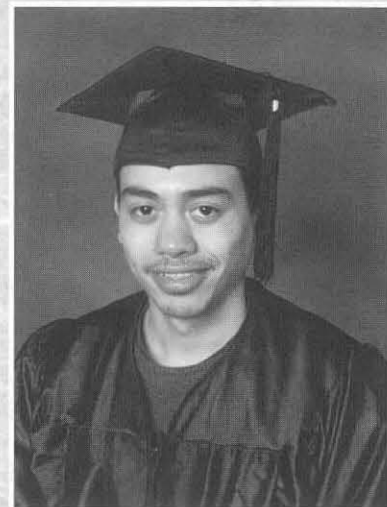
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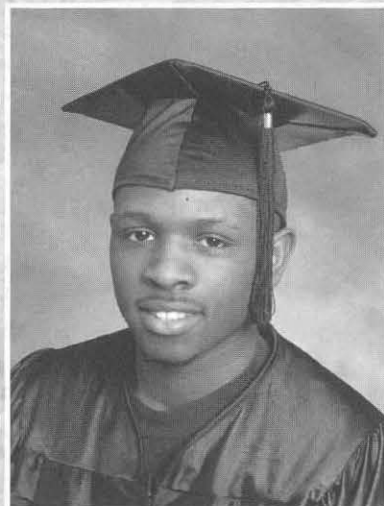
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Far Rockaway  
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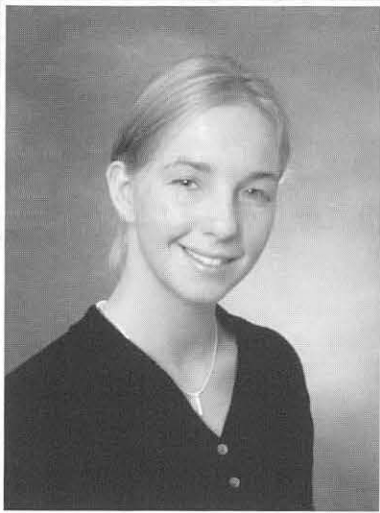


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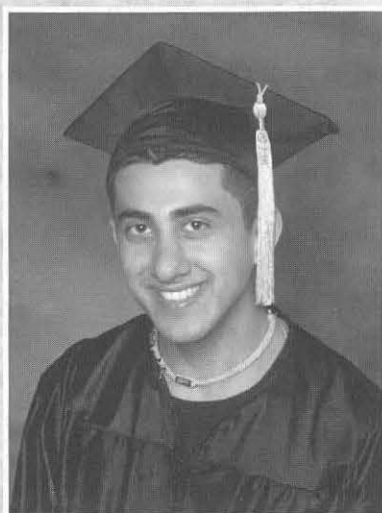
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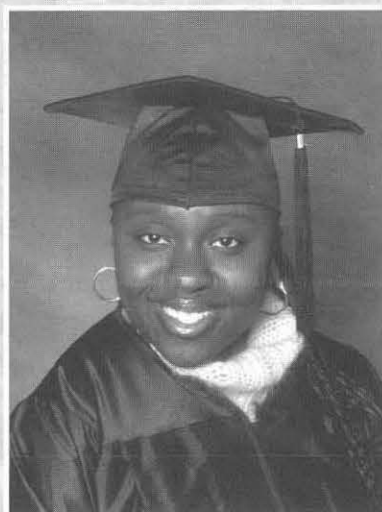
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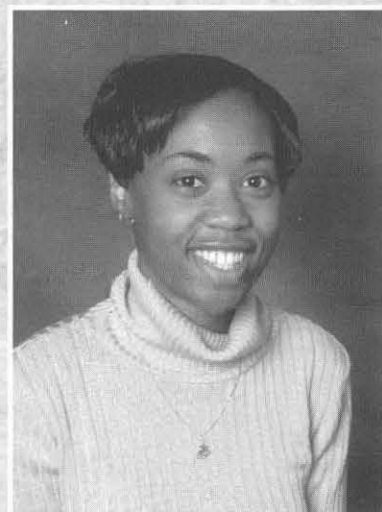
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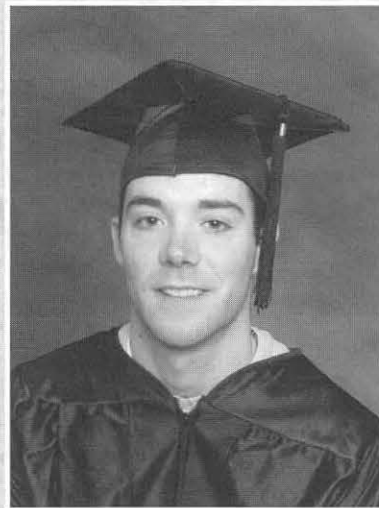
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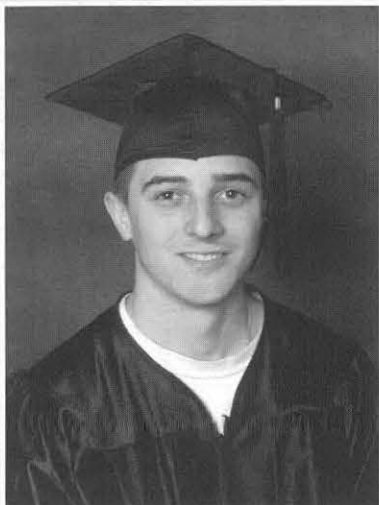
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**Anona Holland**  
Bronx  
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**Julie Ann Howard**  
Guyana  
Sociology



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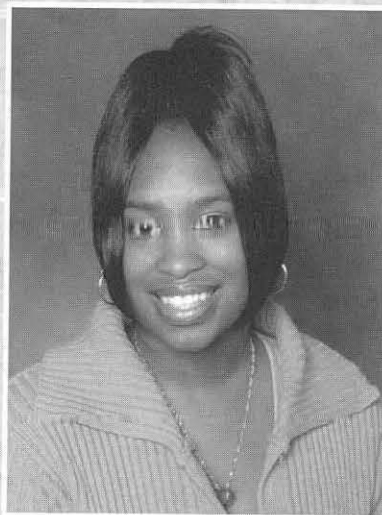


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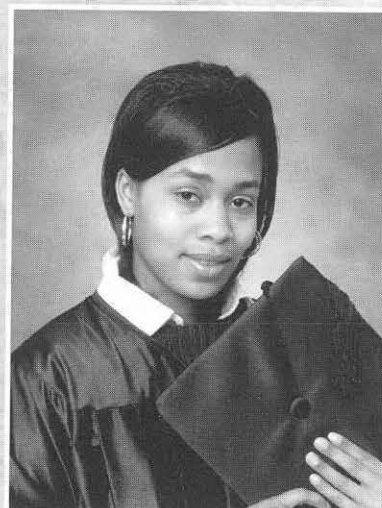
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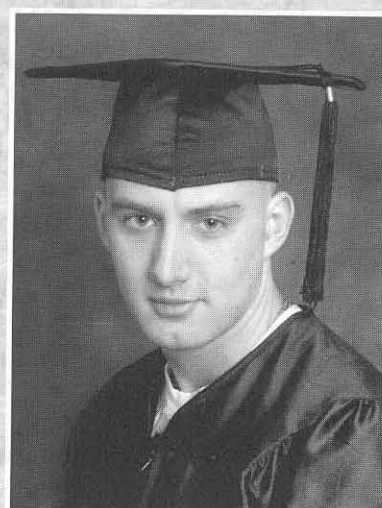
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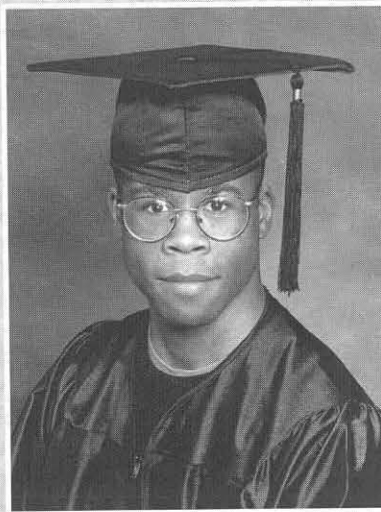


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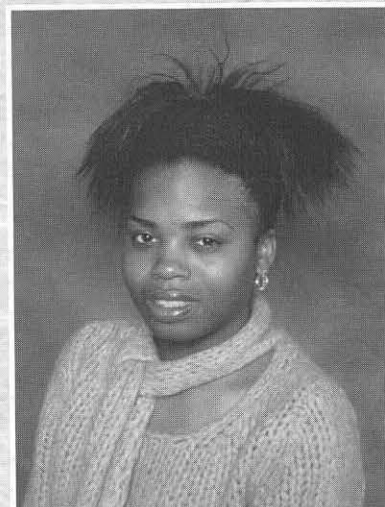
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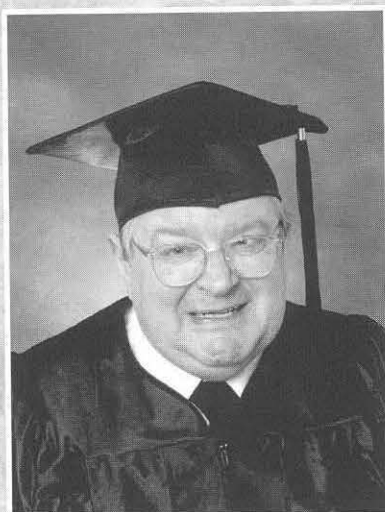
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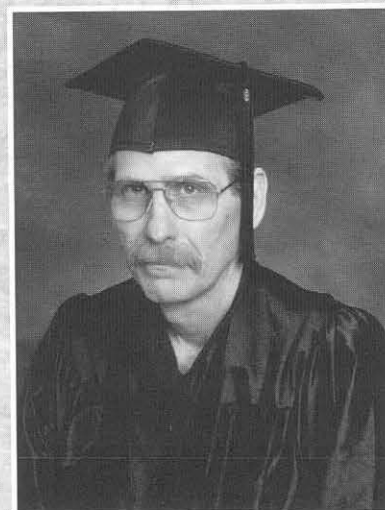
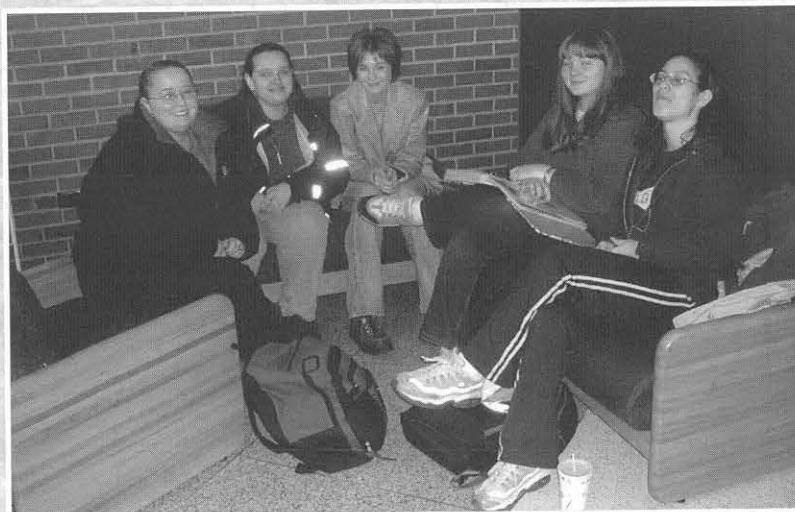
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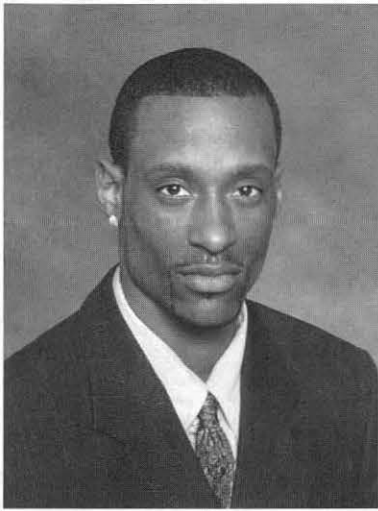


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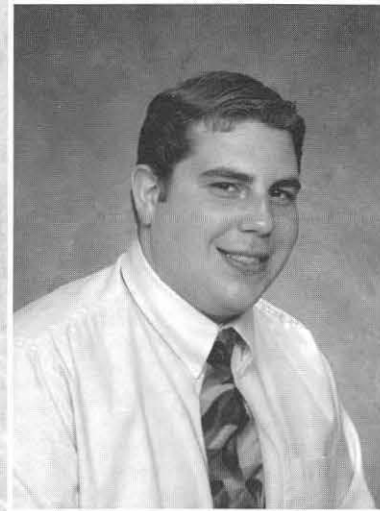
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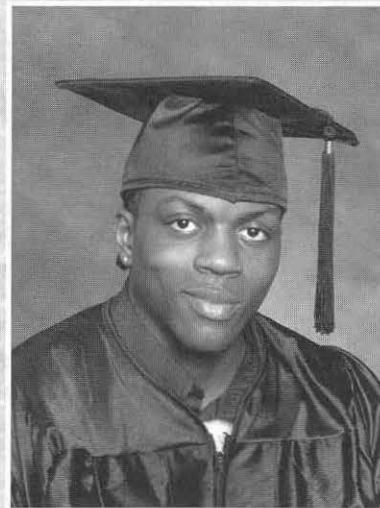
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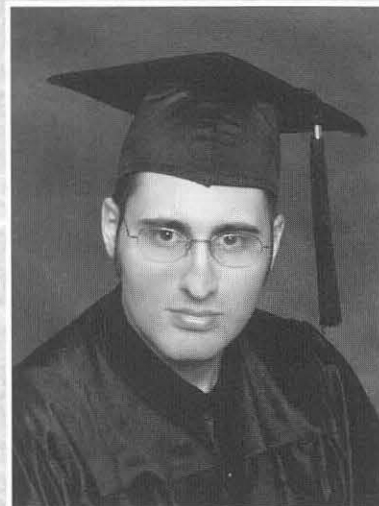
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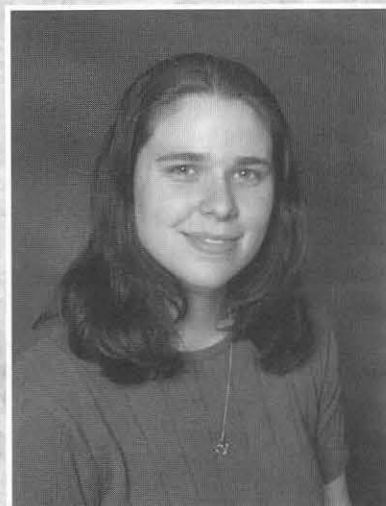
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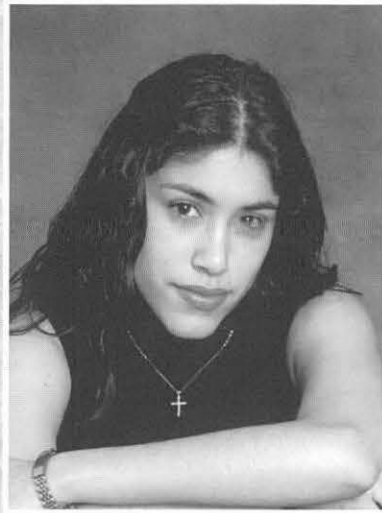


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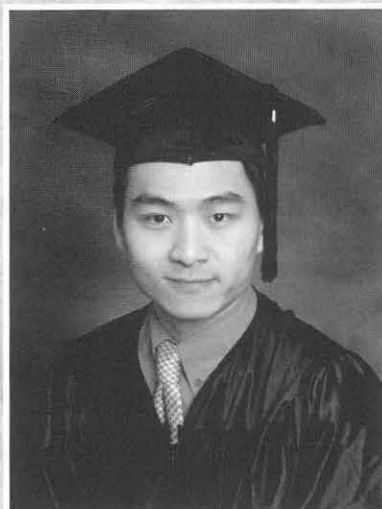
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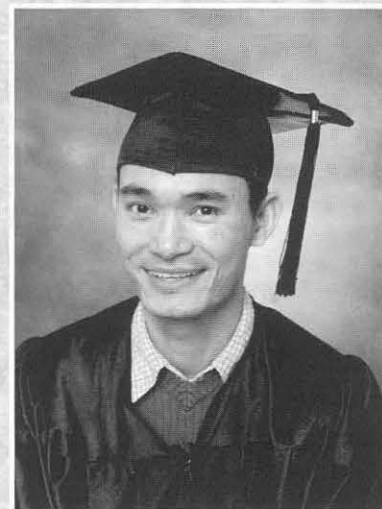
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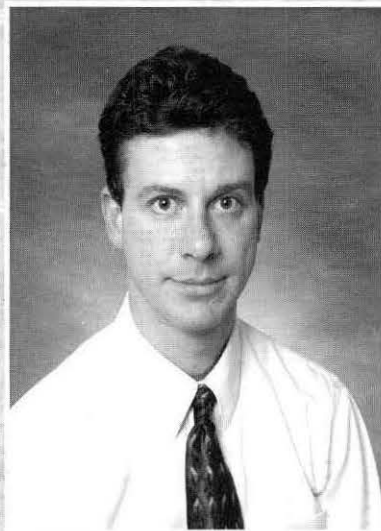


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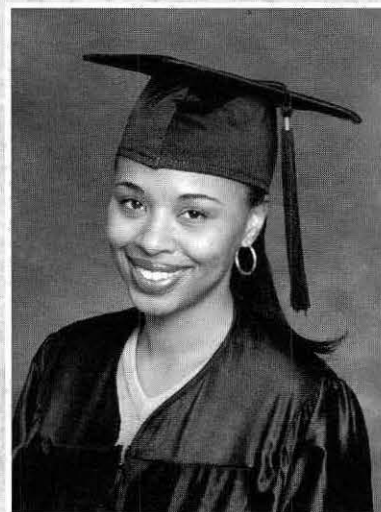
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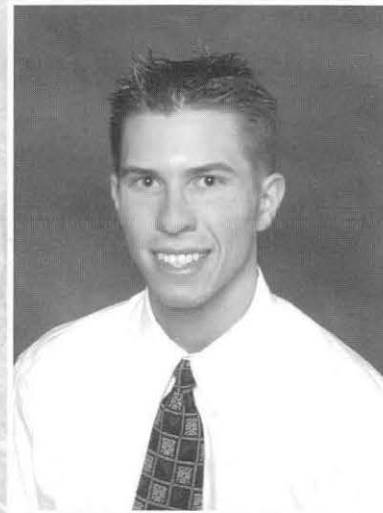
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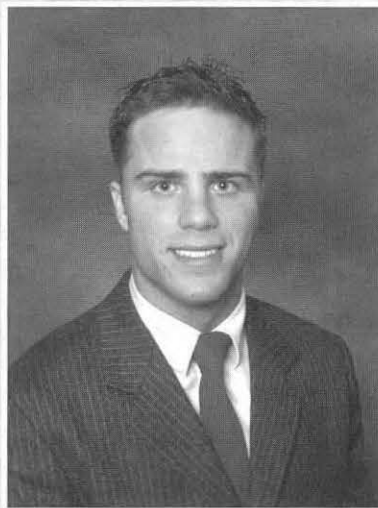
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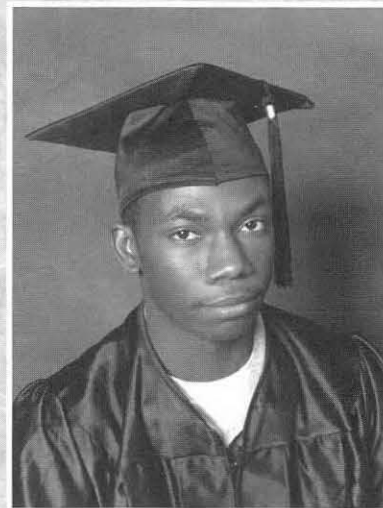
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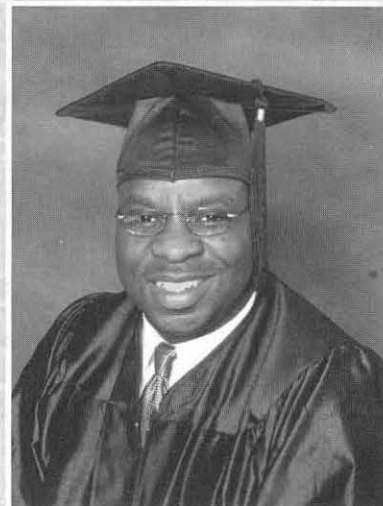
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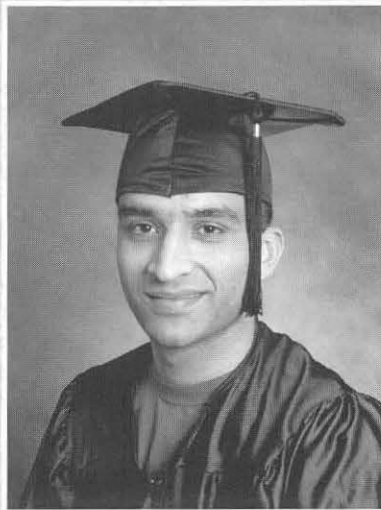


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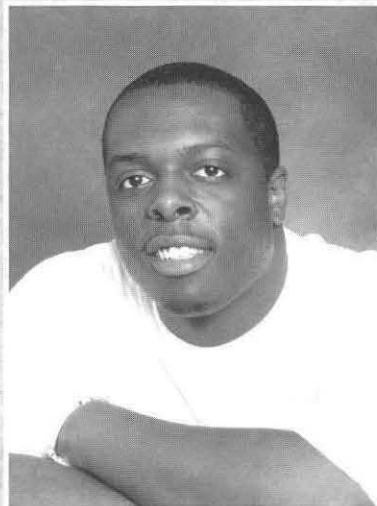
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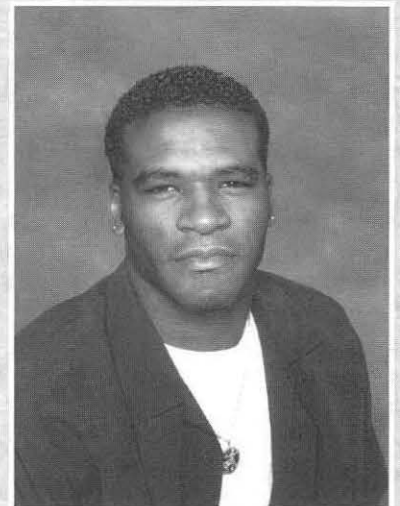
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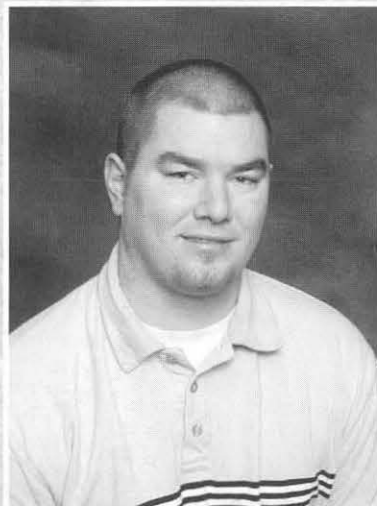
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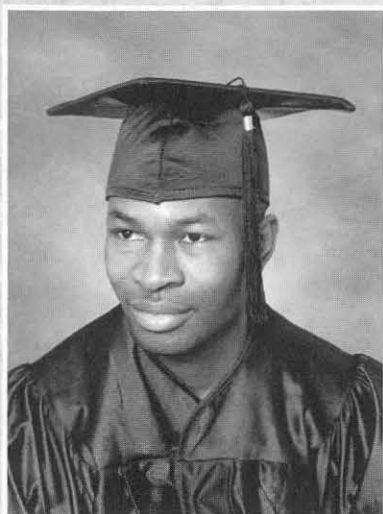


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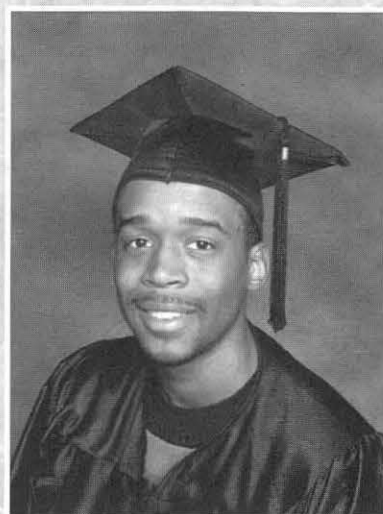
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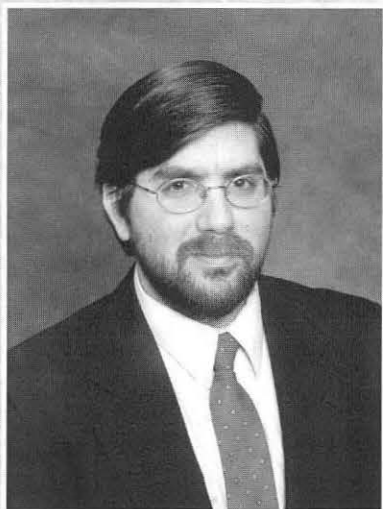
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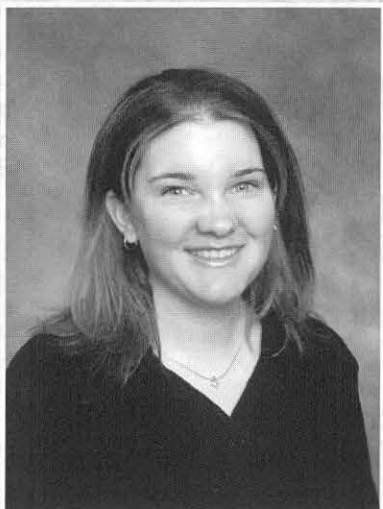
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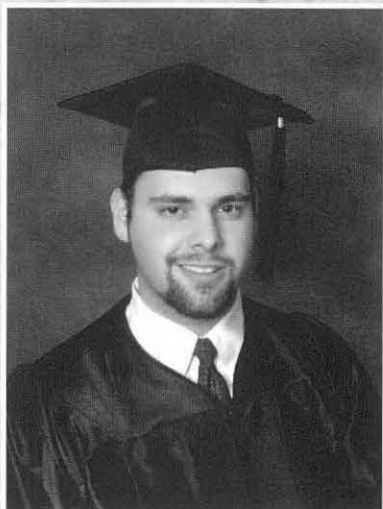
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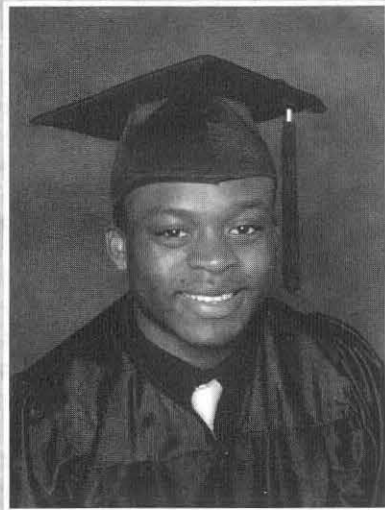


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**Kaori Watanabe**  
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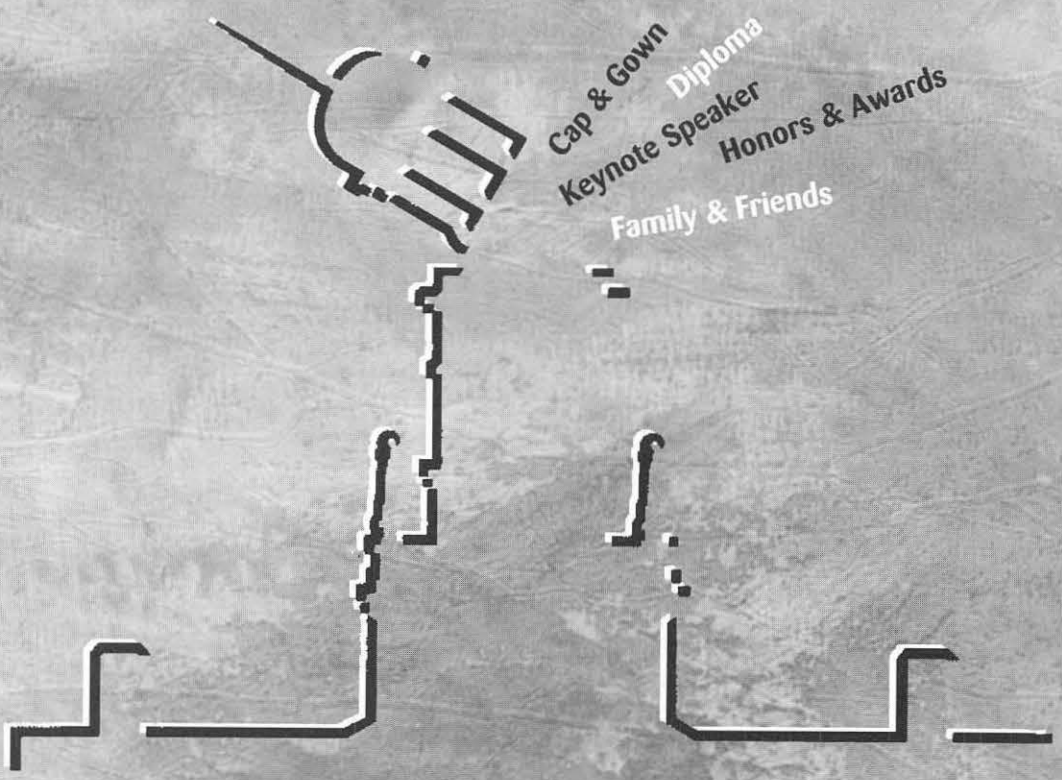


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# Graduation Day



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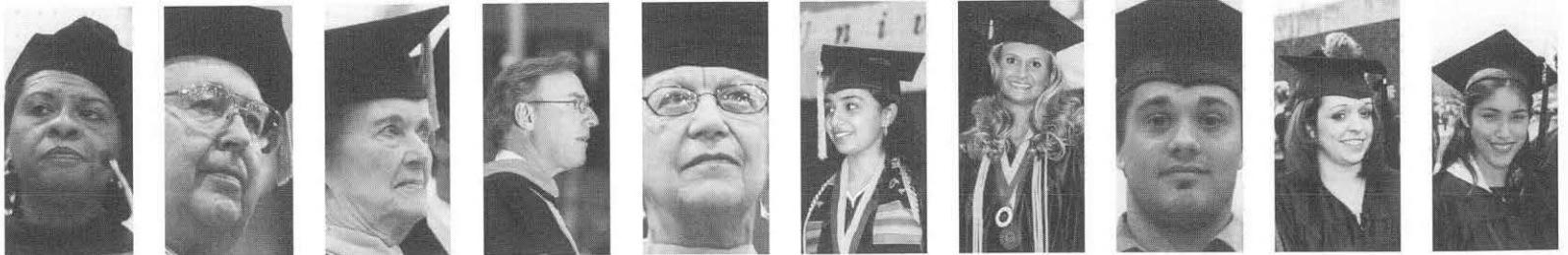
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# Commencement



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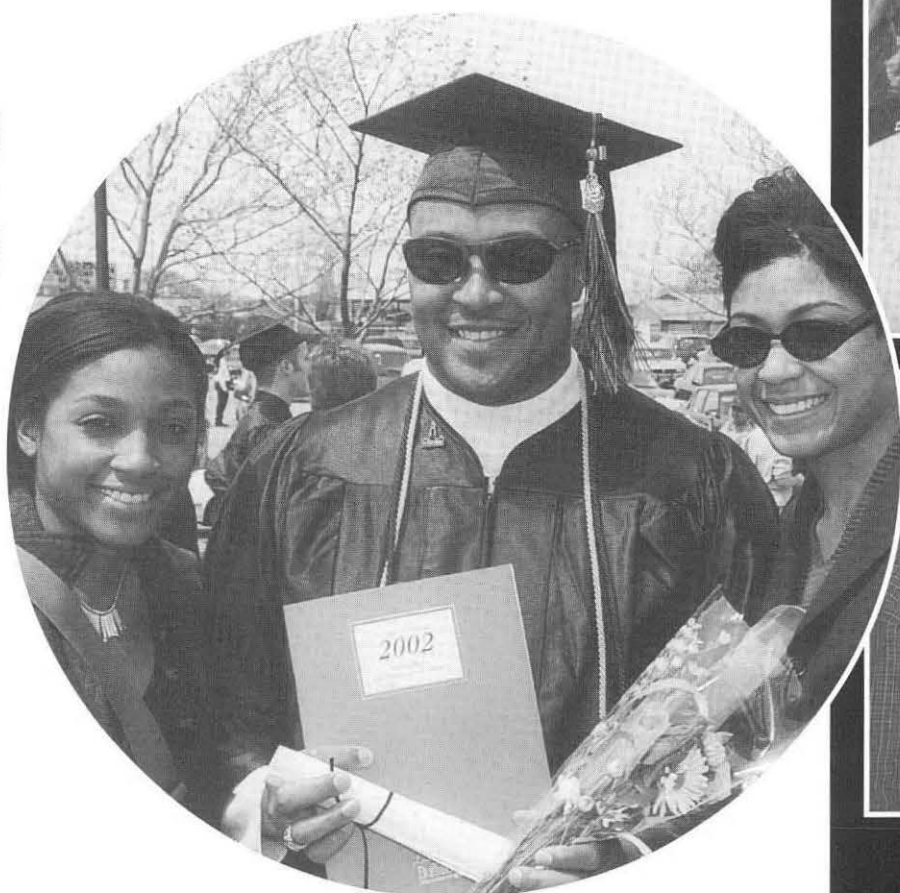
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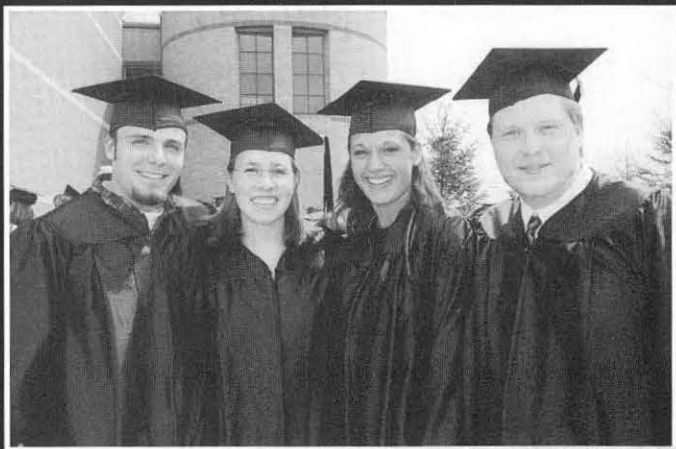
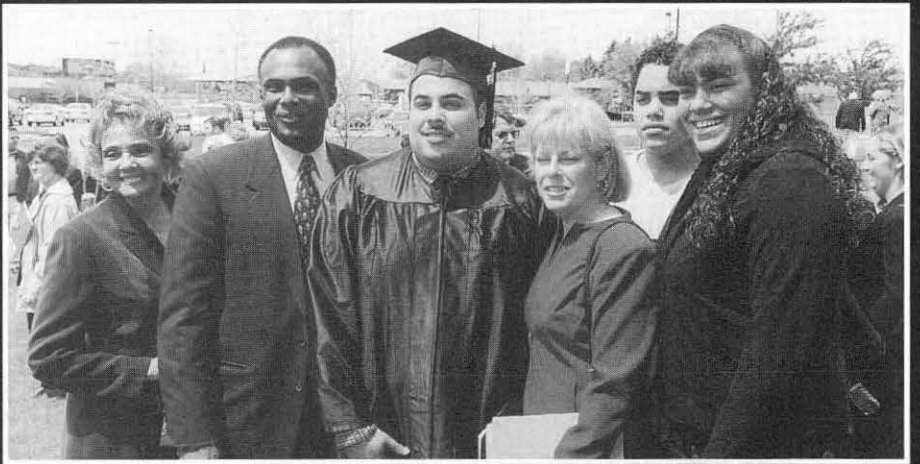
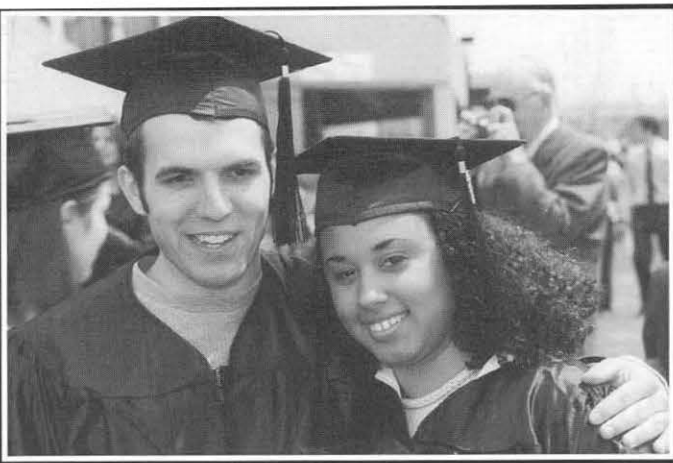


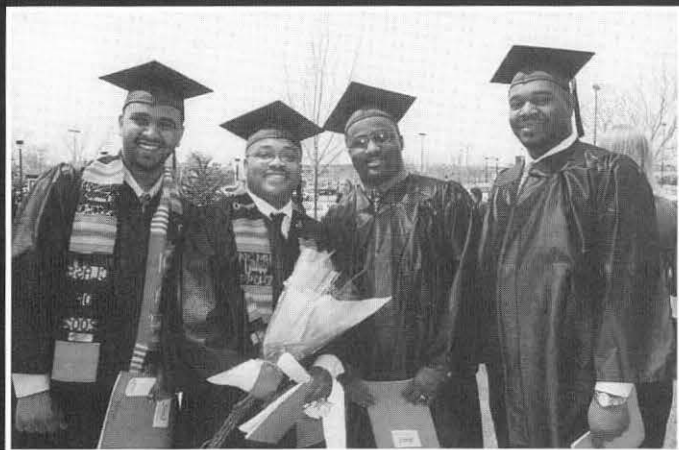
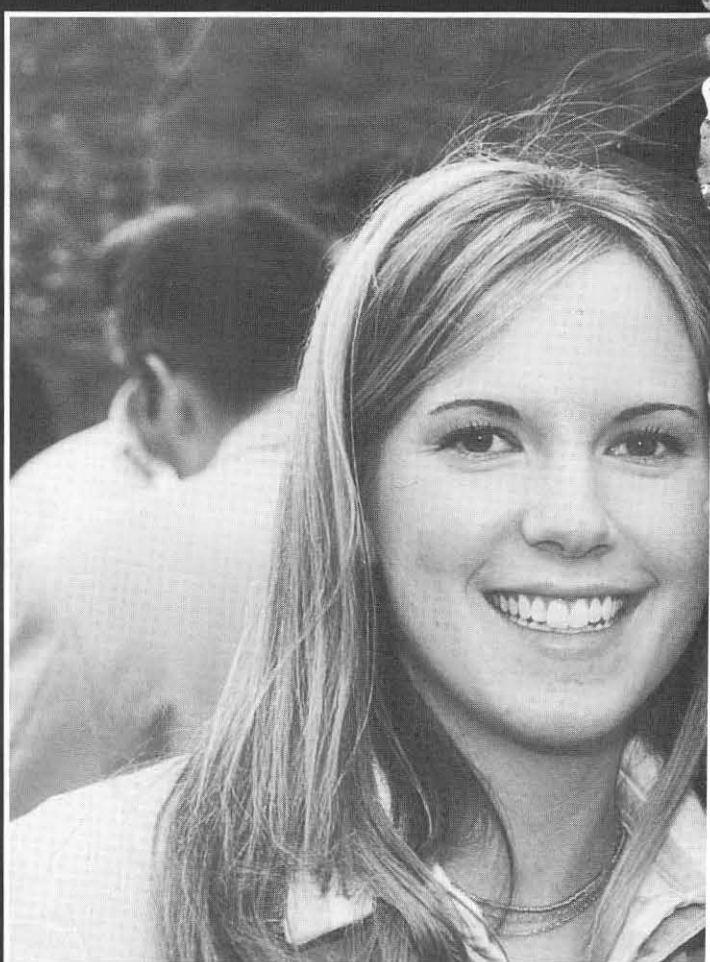
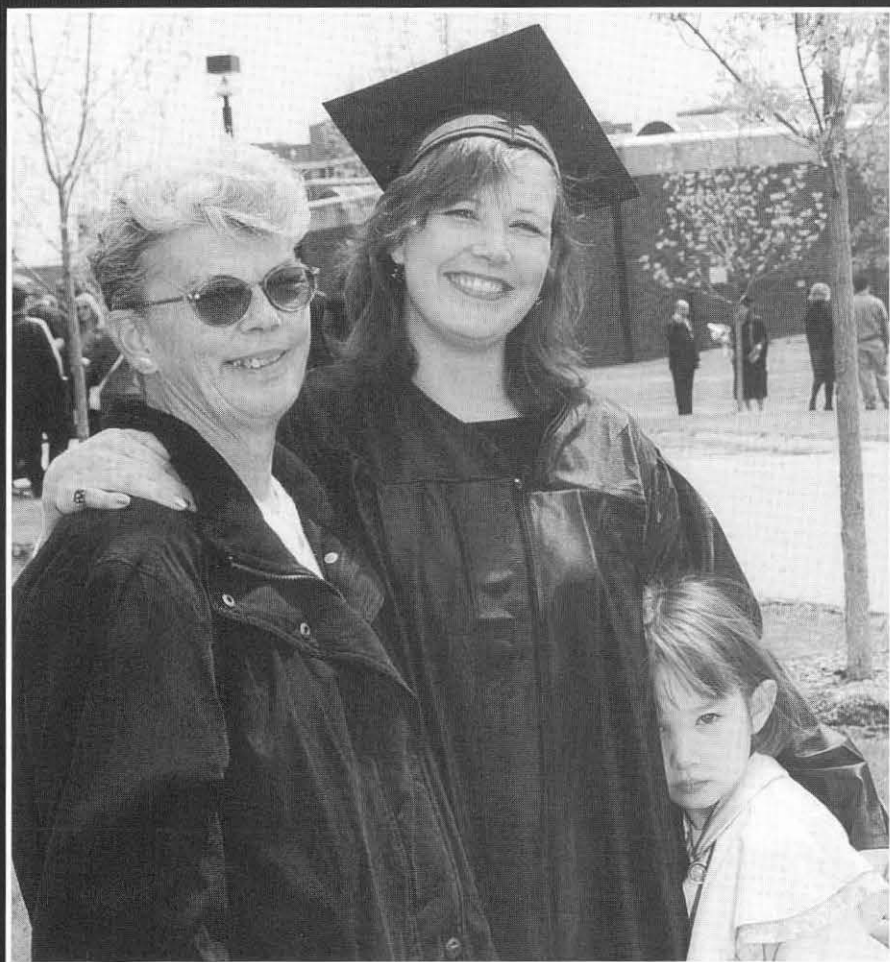
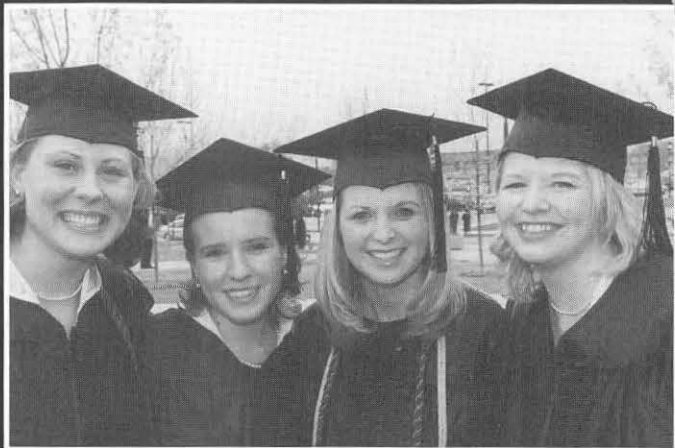


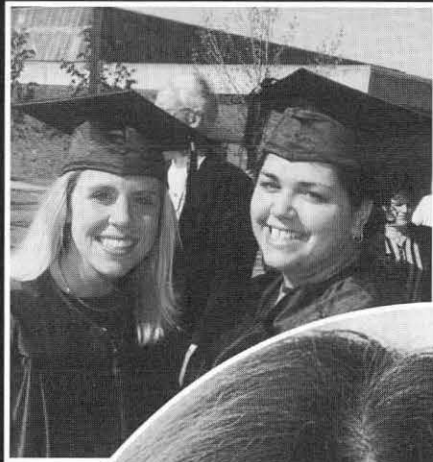
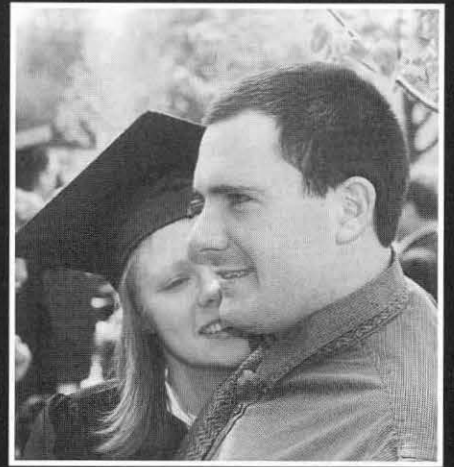
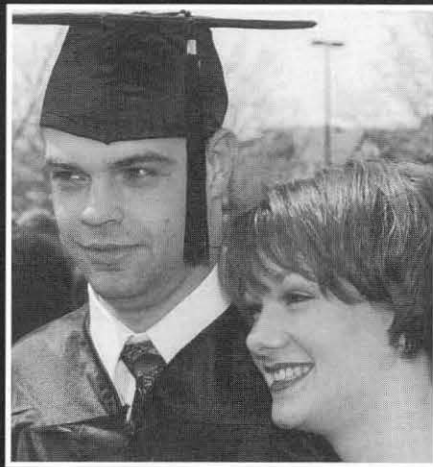
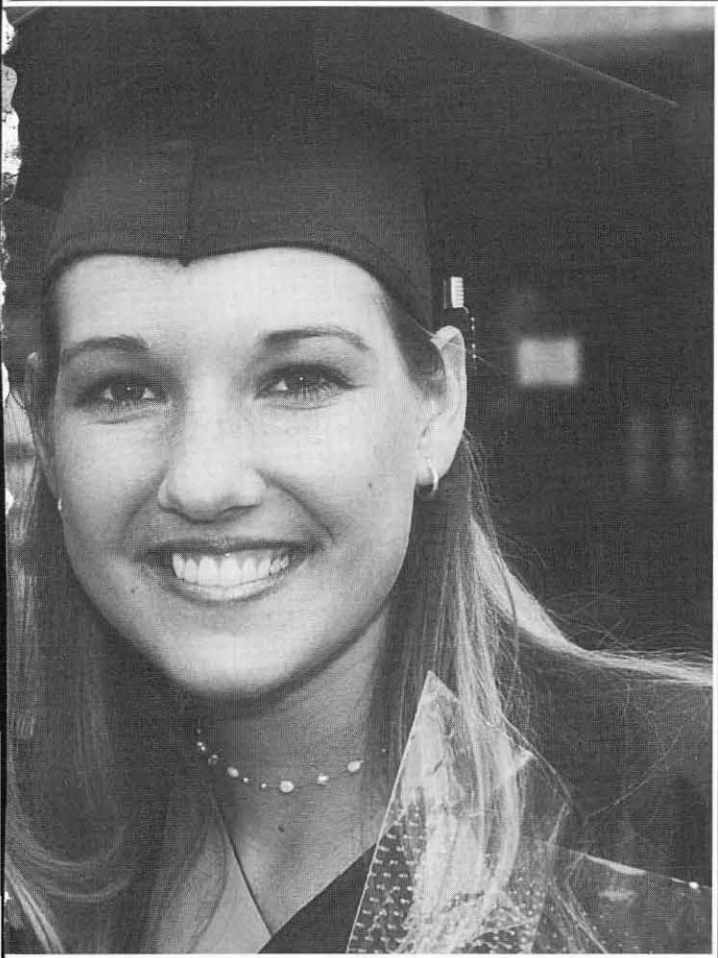
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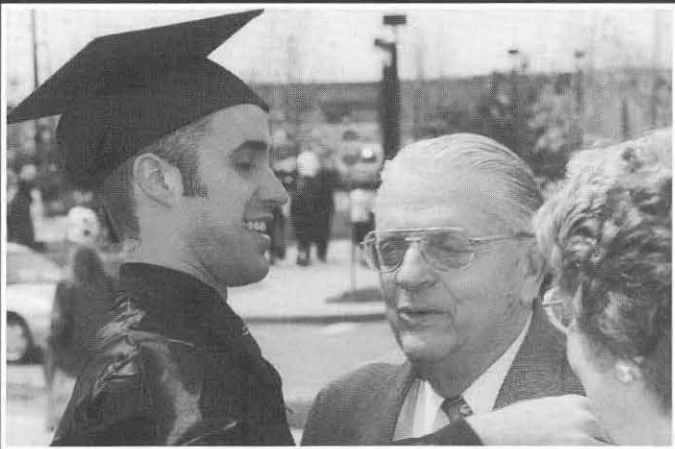
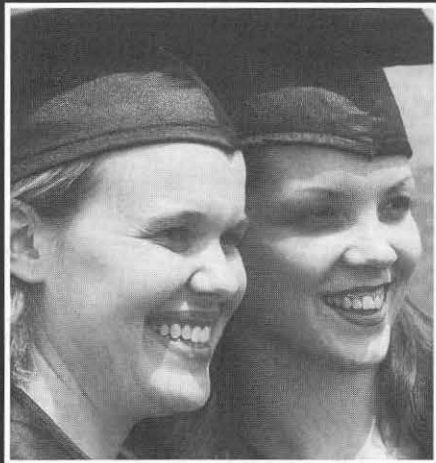
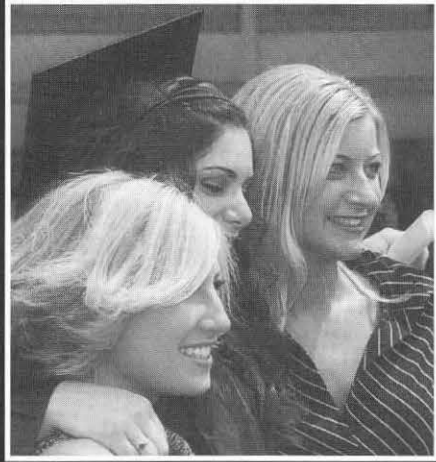
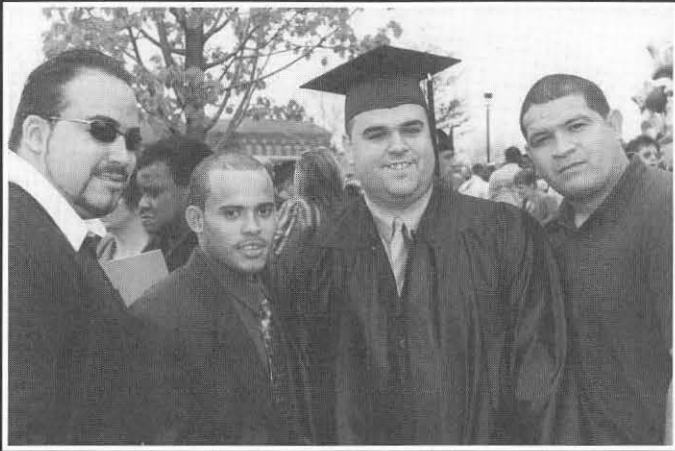
A time for happiness, sadness, fear, excitement, apprehension, joy, and most of all change. A very emotional day indeed. It's the day we worked so hard for all those years and looked forward to with anticipation and yet aren't quite prepared for. We have earned our right to move forward into the future and hope that we are prepared while we still look in the faces of our fellow graduates and see our recent past. There are many things we will not miss, like cramming for tests or getting up early to find a parking spot, but we will miss the many friends we made here at "Buff State."

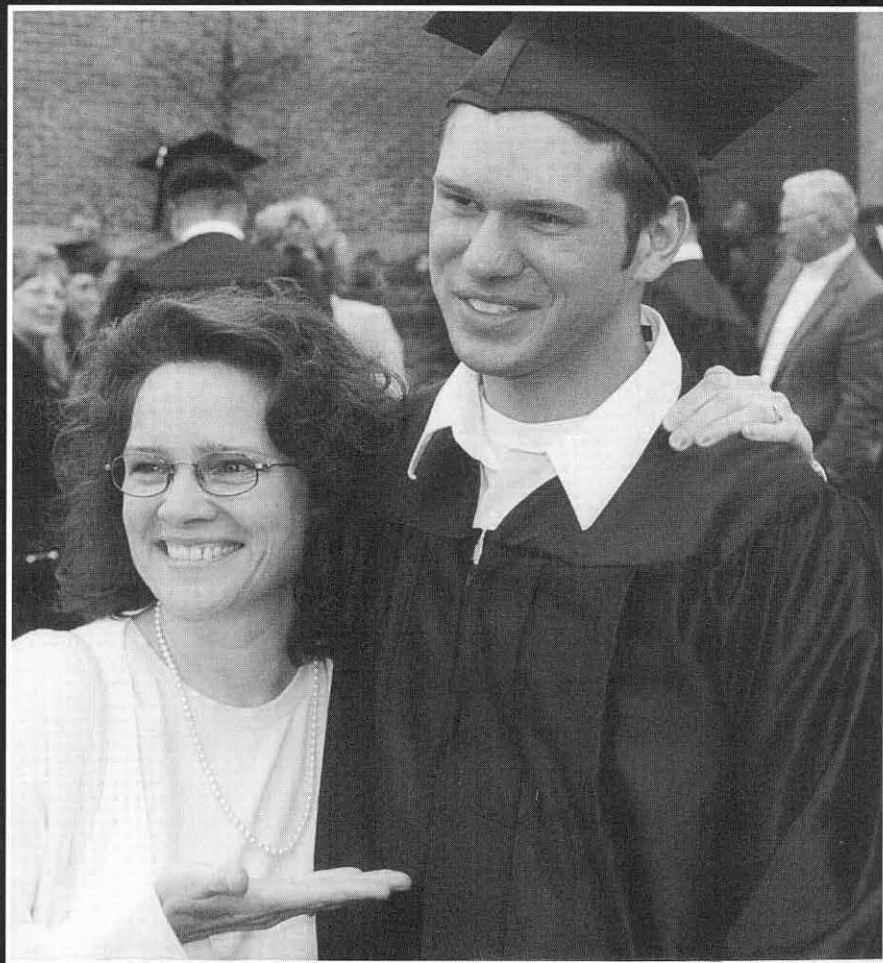
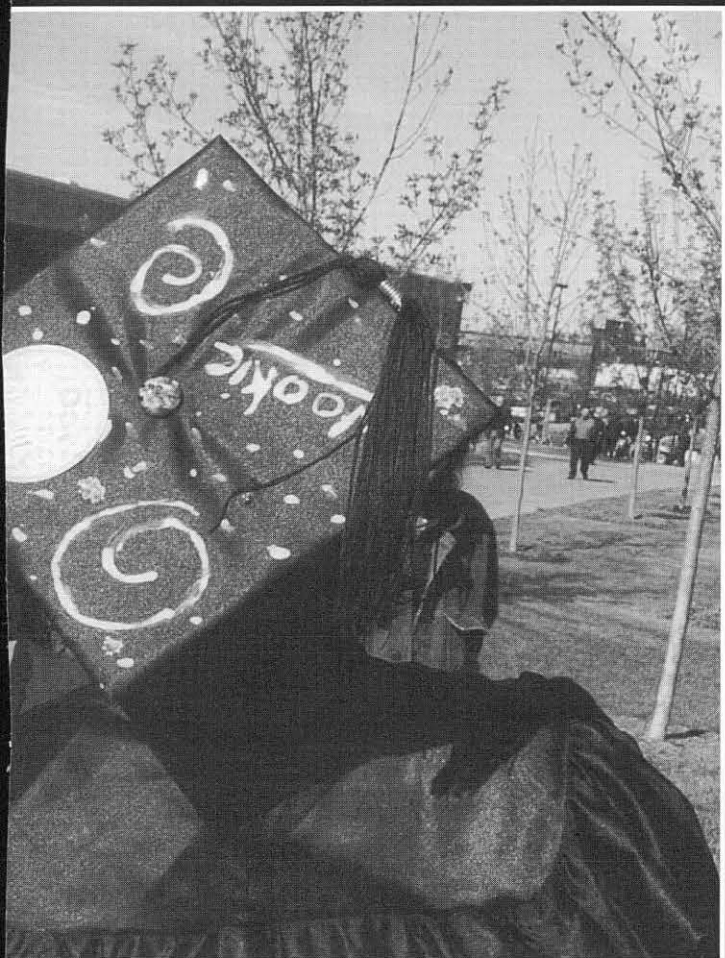
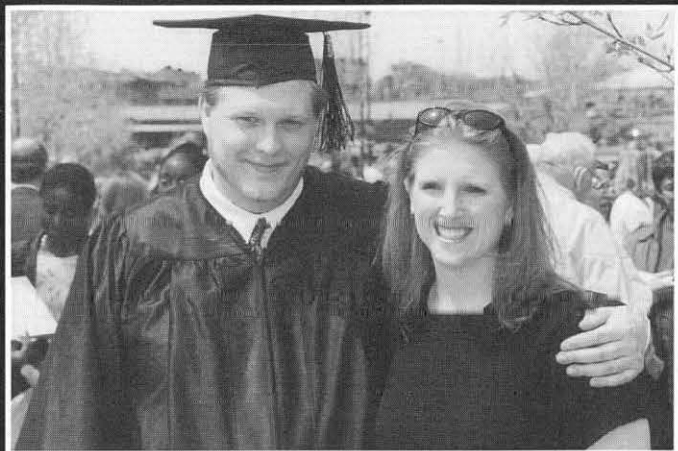




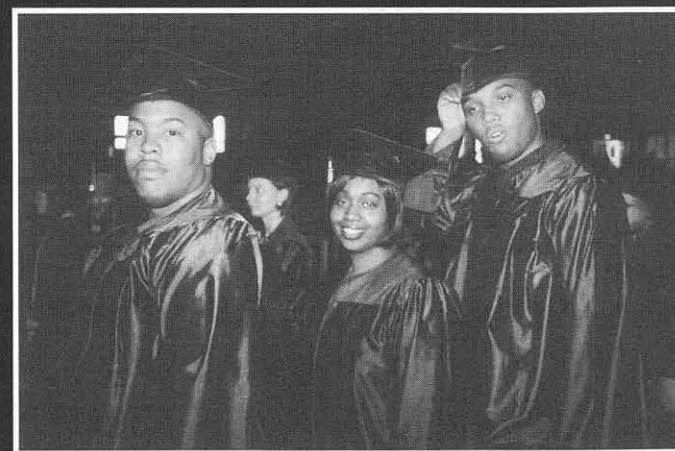
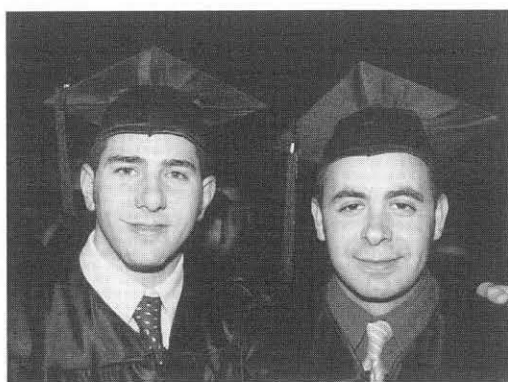
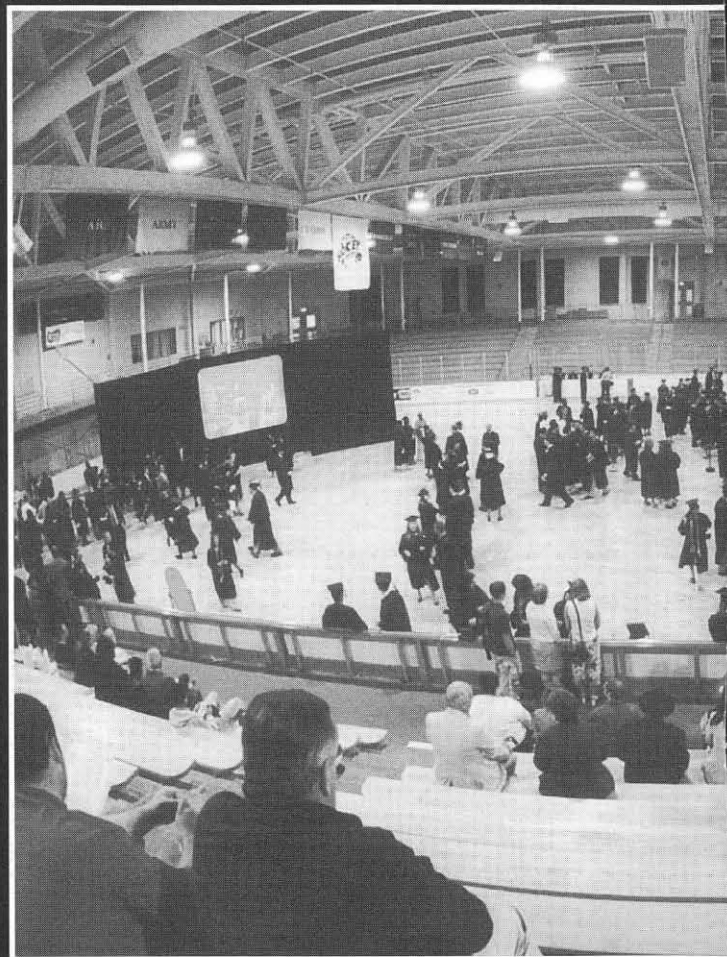
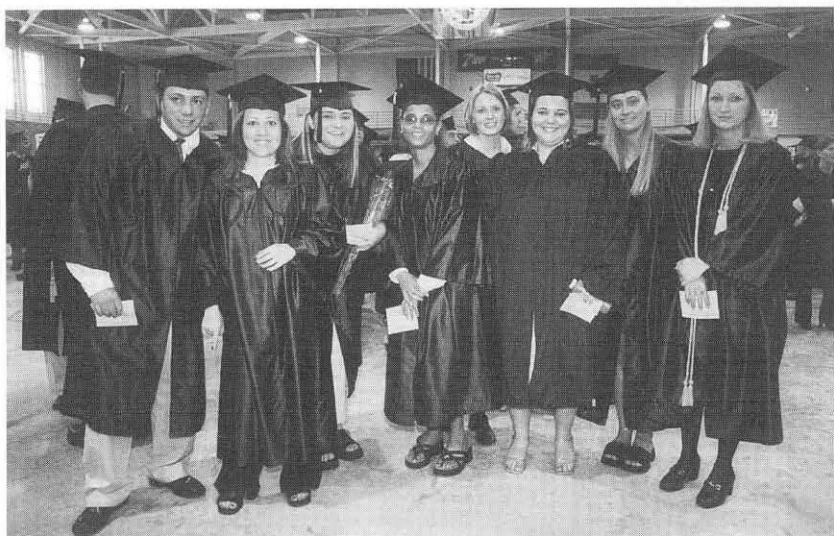


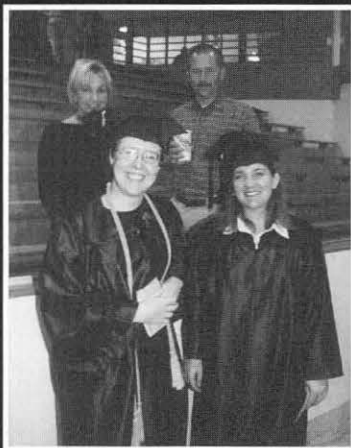
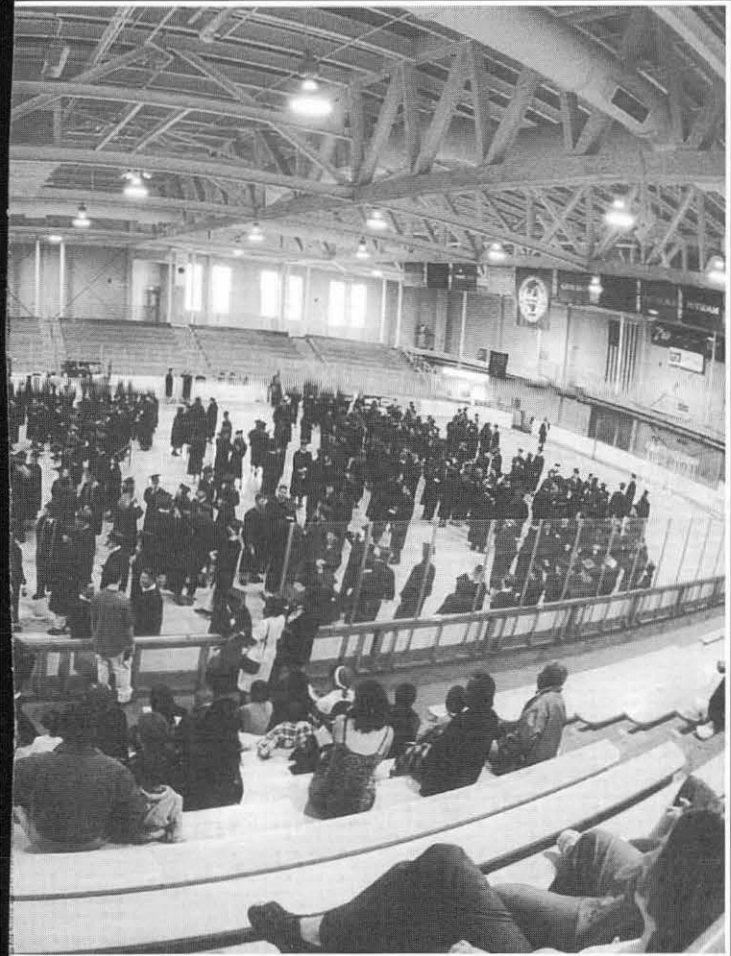
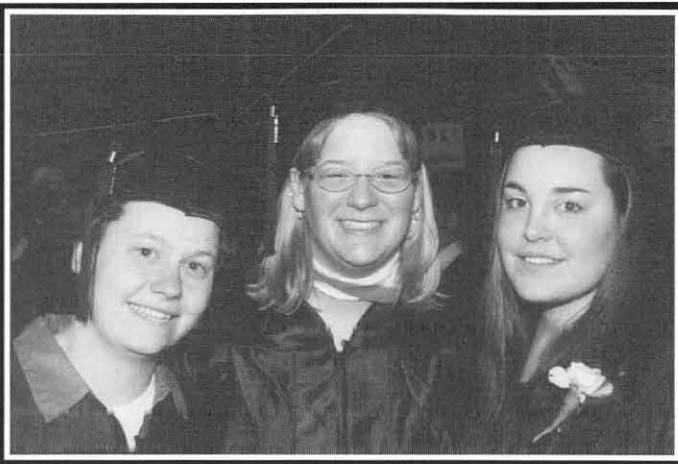
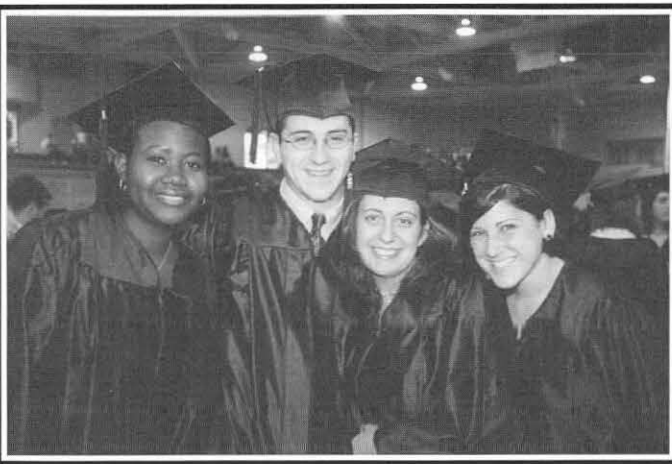






*Graduates assembled on the ice rink for final preparations before proceeding in to the ceremonial arena.*

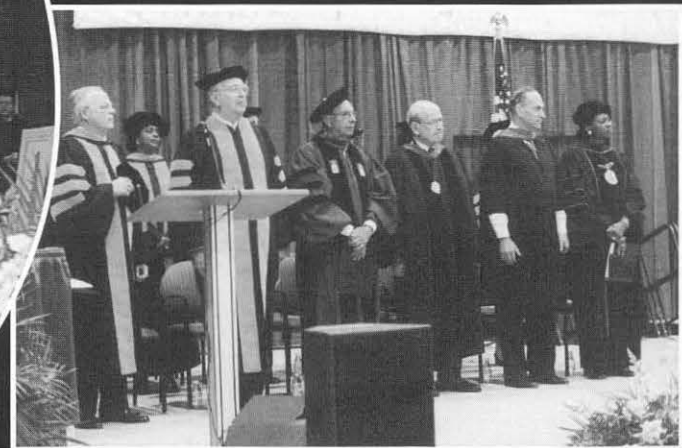
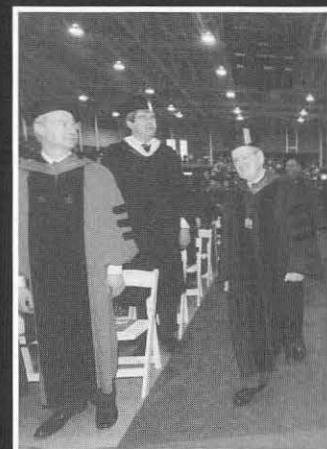
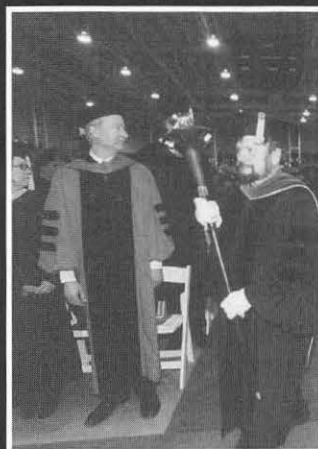


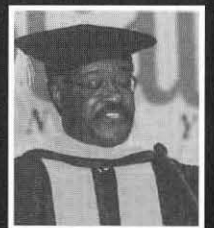
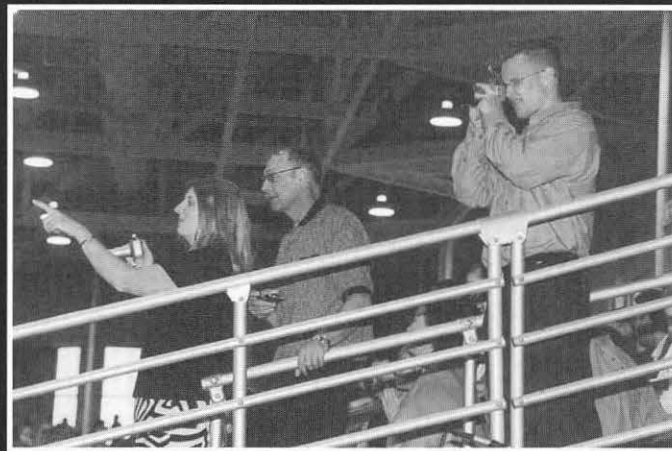
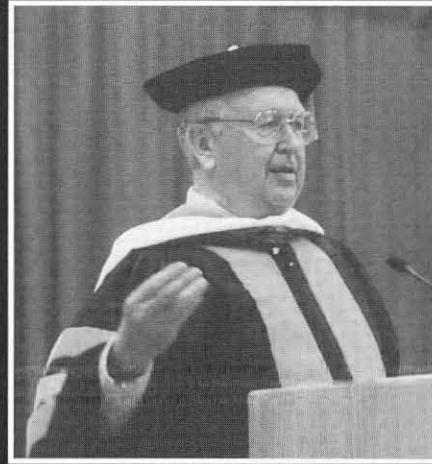
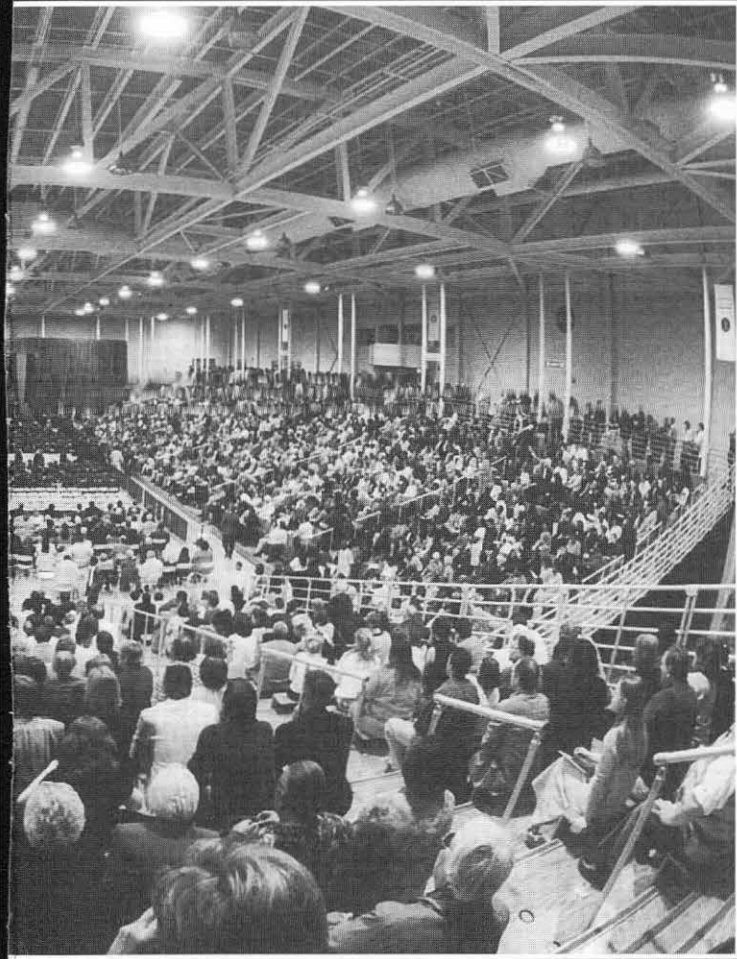
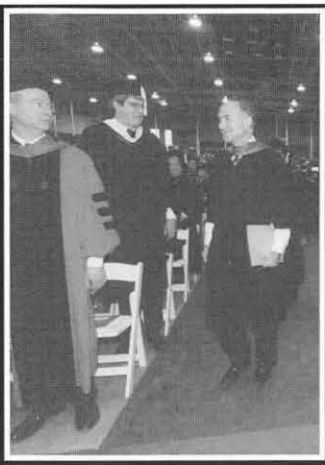




# Commencement Ceremonies

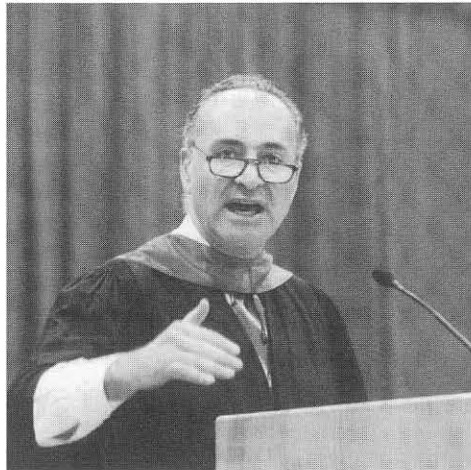
*Students marched into the Sports Arena to the thrill of their families and friends. After the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" the program of speakers and awards began.*





# Speakers & Awards

United States Senator Charles E. Schumer and New York Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz delivered keynote addresses at Buffalo State College's 130th commencement ceremonies, held Saturday, May 11, 2002, in the college's Sports Arena.



Two baccalaureate ceremonies were held – Schumer spoke at the 10 a.m. and Tokasz at the 2 p.m. – which honored 1,725 students who completed their studies in December 2001 or May 2002 or will complete them in August 2002 receive their degrees.

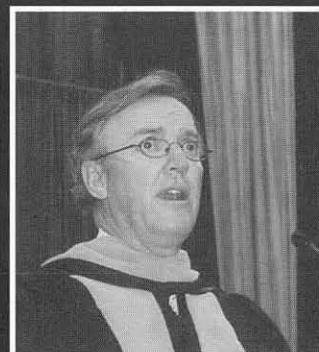
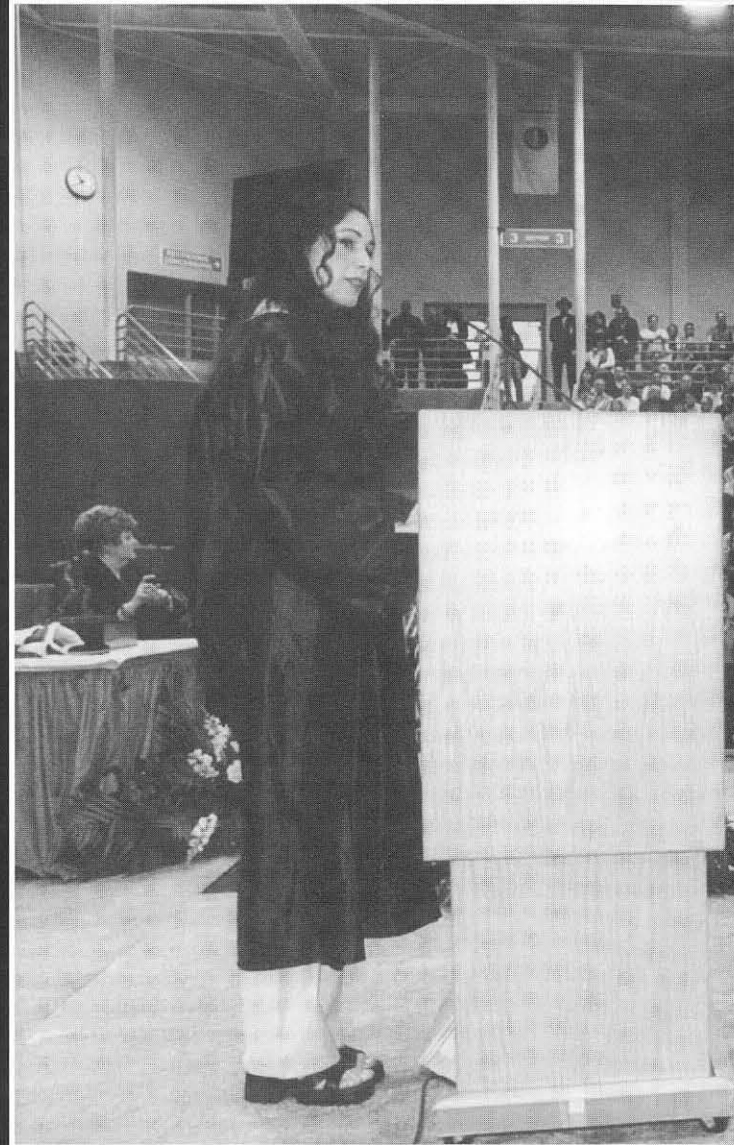
Brenda Williams McDuffie, College Council member emeritus, received a College Council Medal, and Ross B. Kenzie, community leader, philanthropist and College Council Chair emeritus, received a SUNY Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Rocky Reeves, captain of the Buffalo State College Hockey Bengals and winner of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2002 College Hockey Humanitarian Award, was also recognized.

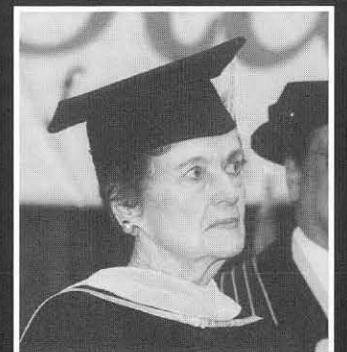
Kelly Carvalho, who received her bachelor of arts, gave the student address at both baccalaureate ceremonies.

Edna Lindemann, founding director of Buffalo State's Burchfield-Penney Art Center, received a President's Distinguished Service Award at the 2 p.m. ceremony. Also at that ceremony, Norma Sutter received the Distinguished Alumna Award and Timothy Zgliczynski received the President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student and was recognized as the winner of a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, as were Pooja Tivary and Paulette M. Wydro.

Above: morning speaker  
Senator Charles Schumer



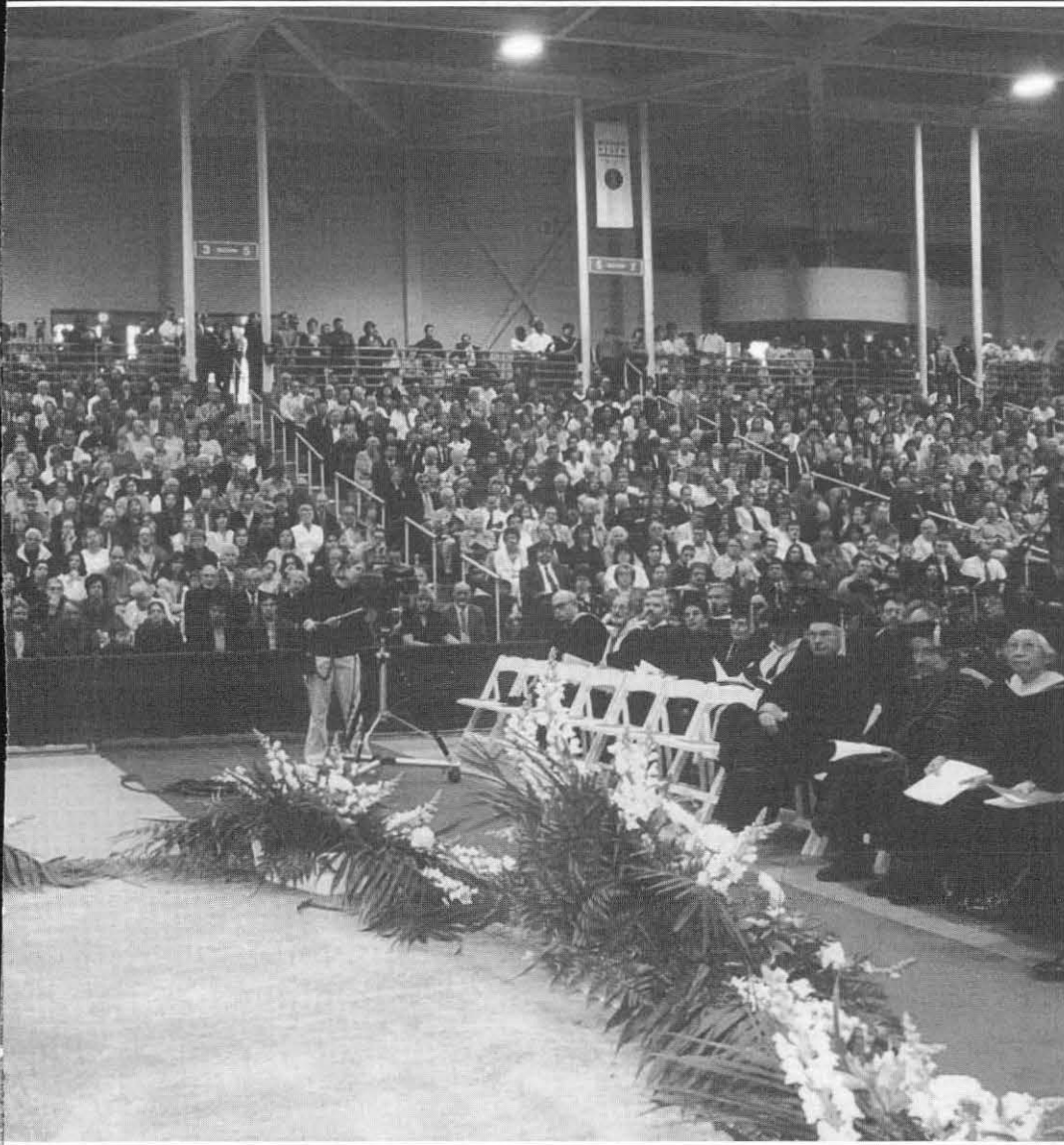
Paul A. Tokasz



Edna Lindemann



Left to right from opposite page: Kelly Corvalho, Pooja Tivary, Timothy Zgliczynski, Rocky Reeves, and Paulette Wydro with President Howard.

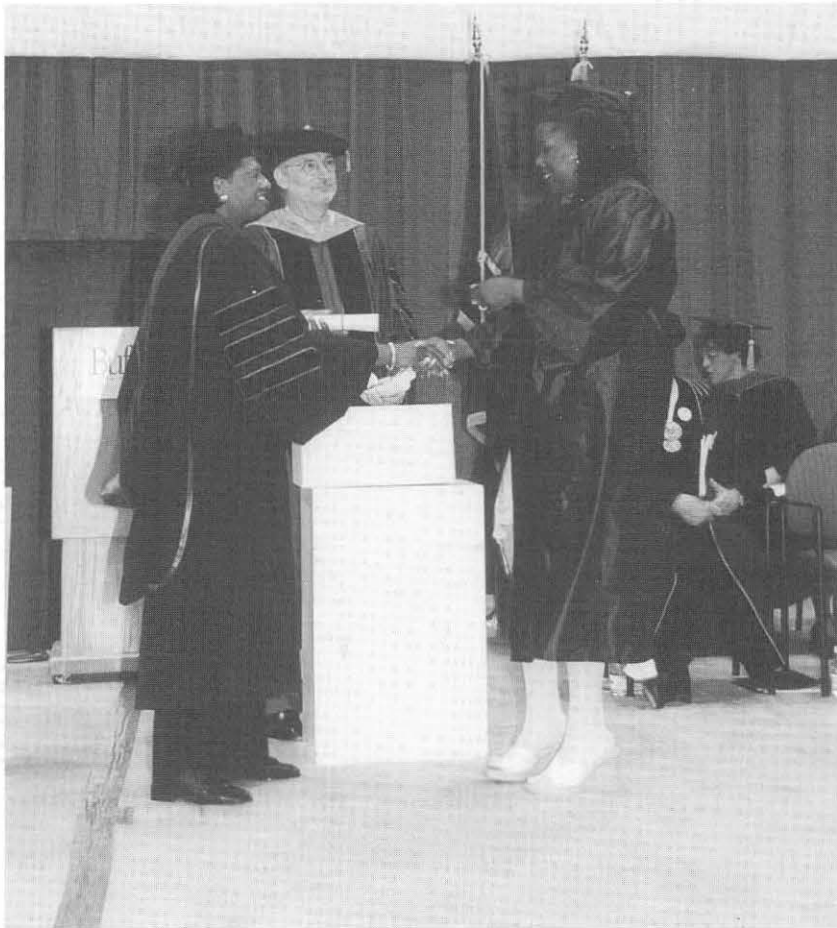


Above top: Brenda Williams McDuffie is awarded the College Council Medal. Above: The Distinguished Alumnus award presented to Norma Munger Sutter. Left: Kelly Corvalho delivers the student address.

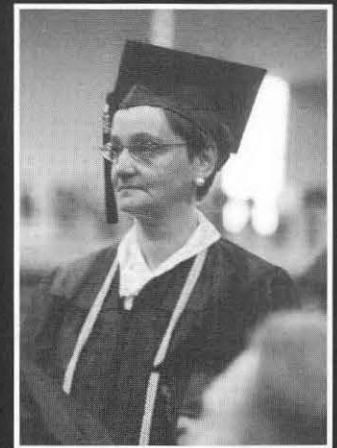
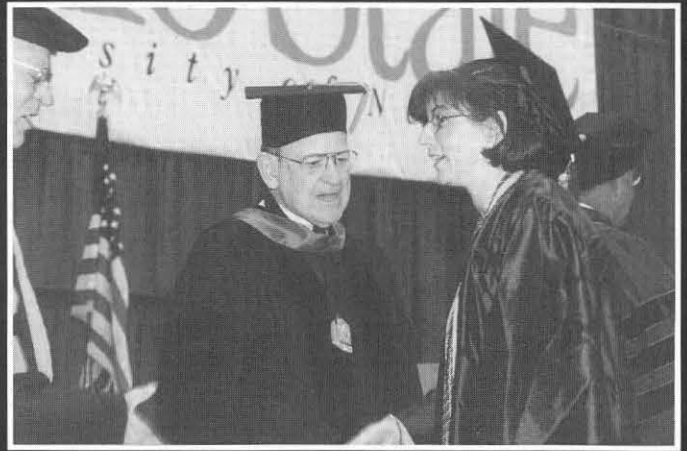


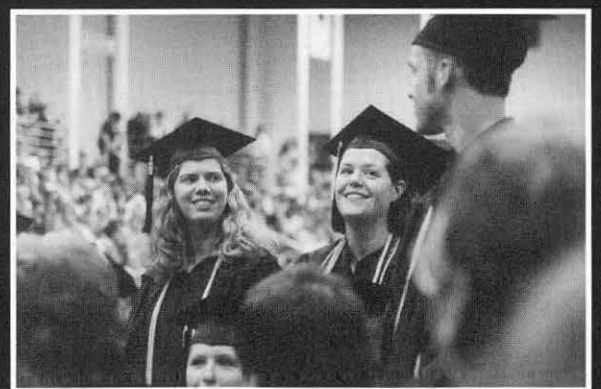
Ross Kenzie receives his Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

*Finally all of the speeches were over  
and it was Time to Walk!*

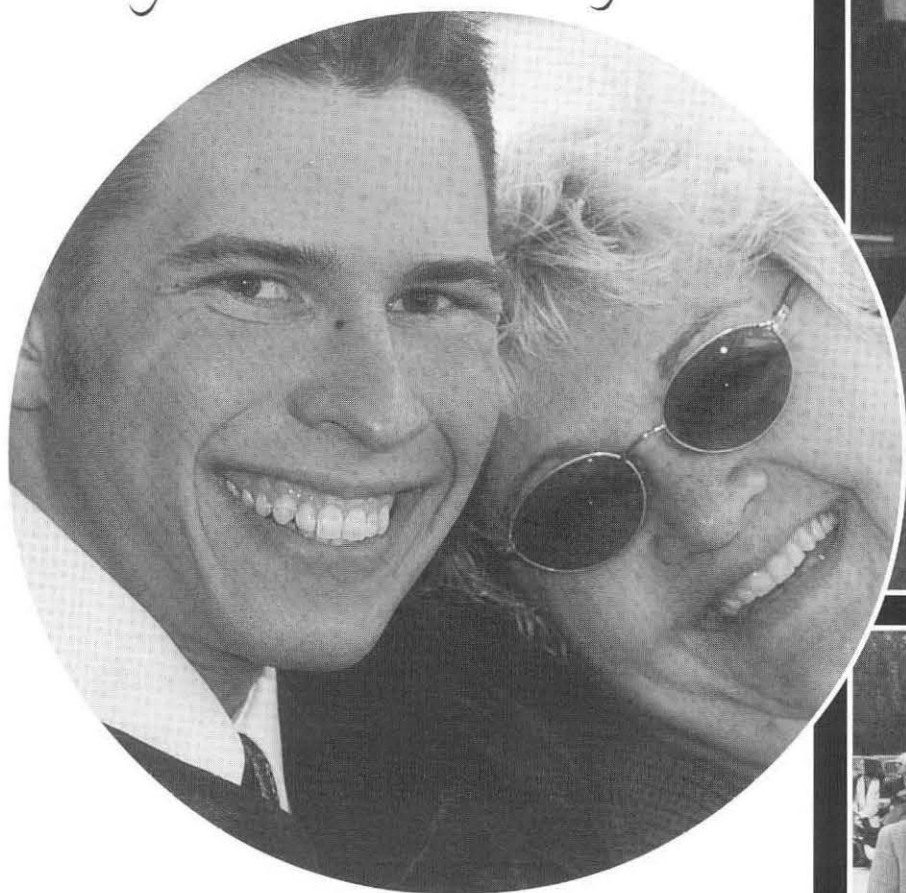


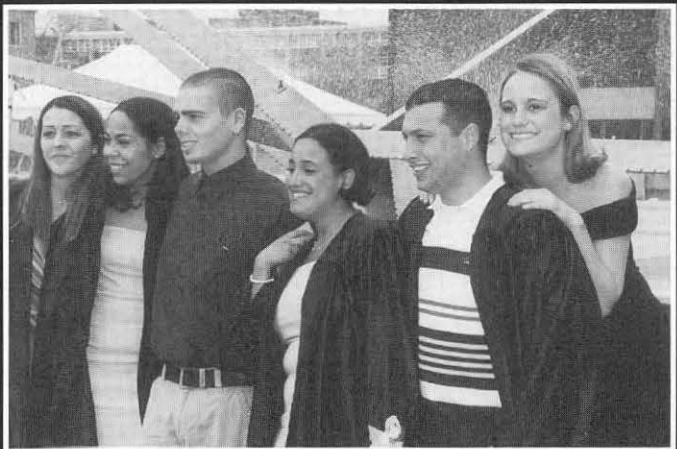
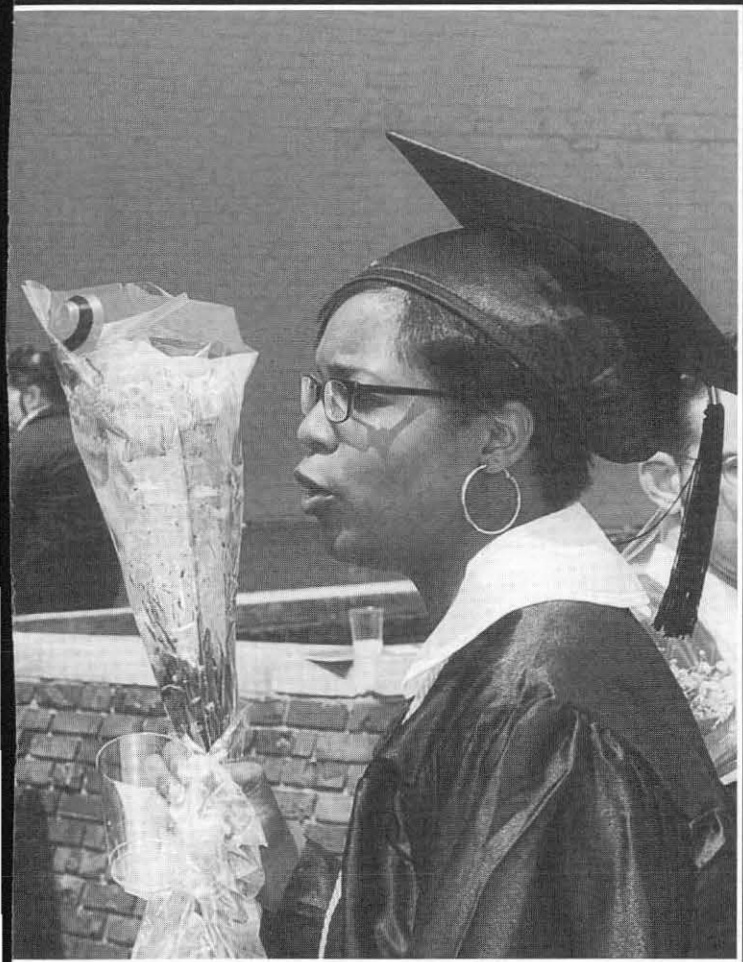
Graduates walked up to and across the stage to receive the congratulations of the dignitaries present.





*After the ceremony graduates gathered in the Union Quad for a final chance for a word with a favorite professor or a last group photo by the fountain. Then it was off to the parties - and the future.*





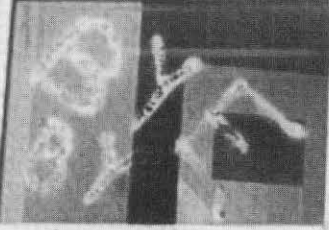




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## FROM THE ELMS STAFF

From the Editor:

One of the perks as Editor in Chief of the Elms Yearbook is being able to commandeer a page for my own comments and thanking some of the people who helped in this effort. To Amy, Mae and Amanda who I pretty much left on their own to develop the sections they way they wanted, thank you for doing such a good job and not letting me down. I appreciate your effort and help throughout the book.

To all the Staff and Organizations who were helpful with pictures and information and not complaining when I interrupted your meetings, thanks for your patience.

I have to thank many of my teachers who sometimes pushed me when I needed pushing and cut me some slack when I was at the end of my rope. Thank you for your guidance, knowledge and helpfulness in achieving my goal. I can't name the 5 richest people in the world but I can name at least 5 great teachers that I have had in my life.

My biggest thanks has to go to Dave Meinzer, for his patience with me, guidance in decision making, all the great work he did in designing layouts and listening to me complain without telling me to just shut up. Working with Dave on the Yearbook has been one of the best experiences of my college life, I wish I had another year to do it. Thanks Dave.

On a personal note, as a graduate of 2002, I am ending a long journey that started what feels like several lifetimes ago. I started attending college part time at Niagara Community College in 1977. Over the years I changed careers, went through two divorces, helped raise three children and took classes when I could at Niagara and then Erie Community College. After earning an Associates degree from Erie in 1997 I finally made it to Buffalo State attending part time and then full time. What this means is that it has taken me 25 years of my life to finally achieve my goal even though I didn't do it quite the way I had planned it. Which is my point in putting this in here – we make our plans but we have to stay flexible enough to not break when life interferes and we have to alter our course. Keep this in mind when things don't go the way you expect them to.

Jim Kegelmeyer

P.S. To all the friends I made at NTSO, you guys are still nuts and I love you!

Working this year on the yearbook staff as business manager has been an adventure. We ended up with a staff of three and a few contributors. I would like to thank Jim for getting me involved on this year's book. My thanks go out to Mae who was recruited half way through the book when Jim and I were the only staff. We have all worked really hard to make this book what it is. To, Dave, without your guidance we wouldn't have gotten where we are today. I look forward to working with you on next year's book. Thank you to Kate Ward and the Alumni Association for letting me set up with you at commencement, and to the USG Business office for putting up with me. Lastly I would like to thank my family without them I wouldn't be where I am today.

Amy M. Stickney

I am the co-editor and chief. What does that mean? Being co-editor and chief means a lot of work. Working on the Elms has been interesting. I would like to begin by thanking my family. George, my husband, made it possible for me to be able to come in and work on the yearbook. My husband and boys were very understanding when I was away from them, working on the yearbook. This year was challenging with a staff of only three. Jim and Amy were great in teaching me what needed to be done for the yearbook. I would like to thank them for the experience and the friendship.

I would also like to thank Dave for all the work, time, and patience helping us with the yearbook. My thanks goes out to all the staff & faculty who got back to me and cooperated with having their pictures taken.

Mae Urban



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