

We dedicate this yearbook to Bonnie Diefendorf - teacher and friend. For 11 years Bonnie taught English at Street Academy. But saying she taught English doesn't really say it... Being part of Street Academy is much more than a job for the people who work here and much more than a school for the students who go here. The place has a heart and soul. Being part of Street Academy was an important part of Bonnie. She believed in the students. She gave love and passion and enthusiasm in great measure. And sometimes she took from it - the taking could be harsh. But for Bonnie, the taking, like the giving, was most often joyous. She will be missed by everyone. Part of our soul went with her.



I Remember Bonnie...

for smiling &
keeping the faith
in her students

AVERAGE RECOGNIZE
THE GREAT ONES AFTER
THEY HAVE LEFT.
I KNOW BONNIE—
A FRIEND IN NEED,
NOW LOVE
AHMED

a fiercely dedicated
teacher
a loyal and brave
colleague
a friend who laughs
parties & dances
in our hearts
George

always
as a loving
person
Big Dail

for always making
everyone smile and
being a generous and
warm person.
Nakia

for always caring
about her students
and always encouraging
aging people to
keep smiling
Jamealika

For showing me
paths I wouldn't
have found on
my own
Bernie

The spirit of endurance, and humor, and struggle conveyed by the poems of Langston Hughes was the spirit of Bonnie and the spirit that she worked so hard to instill in her students

Mother to Son by Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor---
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now---
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin'
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

At the Parent's night in the Fall of this year, Bonnie performed this poem:

"On Aging" by Maya Angelou

When you see me sitting quietly,
Like a sack left on the shelf,
Don't think I need your chattering.
I'm listening to myself.
Hold! Stop! Don't pity me!
Hold! Stop your sympathy!
Understanding if you got it,
Otherwise I'll do without it!

When my bones are stiff and aching
And my feet won't climb the stair,
I will only ask one favor:
Don't bring me no rocking chair.

When you see me walking, stumbling,
Don't study and get it wrong.
'Cause tired don't mean lazy
And every goodbye ain't gone...

for believing that all students
could achieve
Lillian

for always giving
hope to others
Val

You are truly missed
and lovingly remembered
Jan and Betty

Sonnet for Bonnie by Jean Brennan

To begin with, between us, there were words and a smile:
Welcoming, warm, wise, sincere, and serene.
Her grin could keep us going for a week or a mile.
And a compliment did wonders for the self-esteem.

After that she had us meeting words by the hour
And shaking hands with verbal strangers we didn't know:
Words that crackled, words that bled,
Words that soothed or stunned us with their power.

Then we had their power. "Write to be free," she said.
She allowed us, at last, to see as we read
Zora Neale Hurston's spunk, Langston Hughes's dream,
Maya Angelou's doing everything. Only fear was dead.

The pain may last forever (or a while);
In the end we'll have words always -- and that smile.

The Sonnet printed here was written in honor of Bonnie by Jean Brennan, Bonnie's substitute (who commented as she read it at Bonnie's memorial service that there can never be a substitute for Bonnie.)

as a teacher who believed that everyone can learn
Ann



Bonnie Diefendorf
1949-1991

for always being wise and caring about all her students
Danielle

Thank you Bonnie for being a friend.
Alberta

for a warm smile and a caring person
Bill

by Peter Balint

the sun spun forty times
across the zodiac
while she was here
and a billion times before
and a billion more
so what does it matter
but to us
that she went a few years first

for all the encouragement and support she gave me.
Joan

for always giving me encouragement to keep going on when I felt like dropping out.
Yvonne

For an exceptional teacher and a loving & caring person
Al

For always calling me I can't achieve and how I see now because I'm a right now. Thanks to Bonnie I miss you. I'll miss you. I'll miss you.
Jean

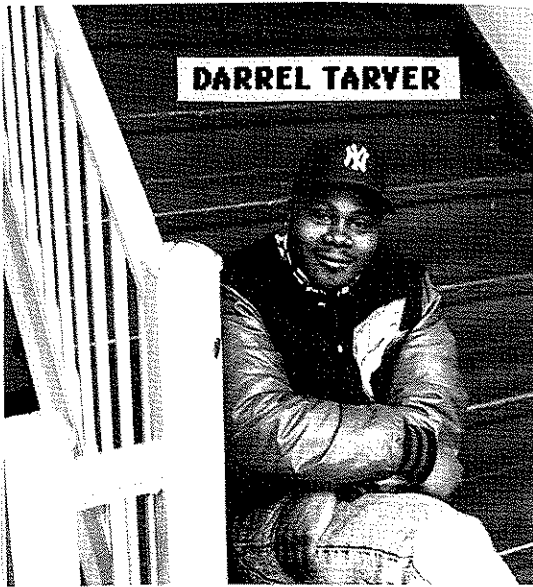
for never ceasing to believe in people.
Jean

for her commitment to students. For her incredible willingness to back it up with hard work -
Glen

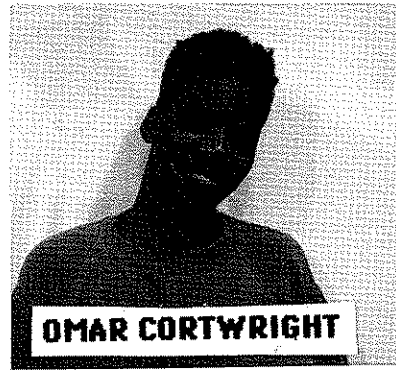
as a confident
B

as my friend, who accepted me without condition. I will remember you with love always.
Eileen

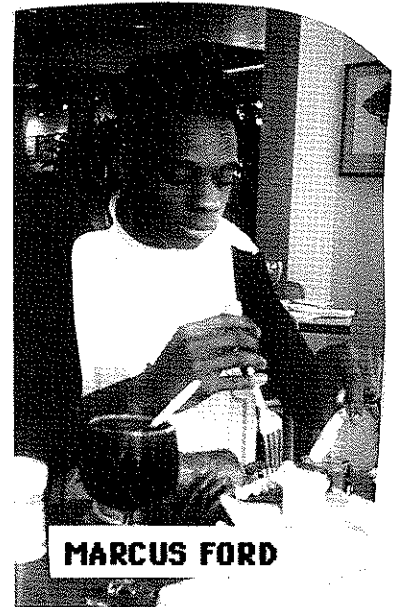
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OMAR CORTWRIGHT



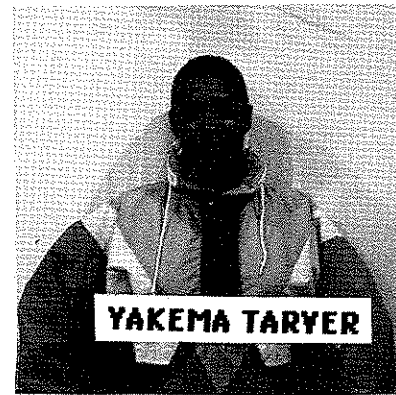
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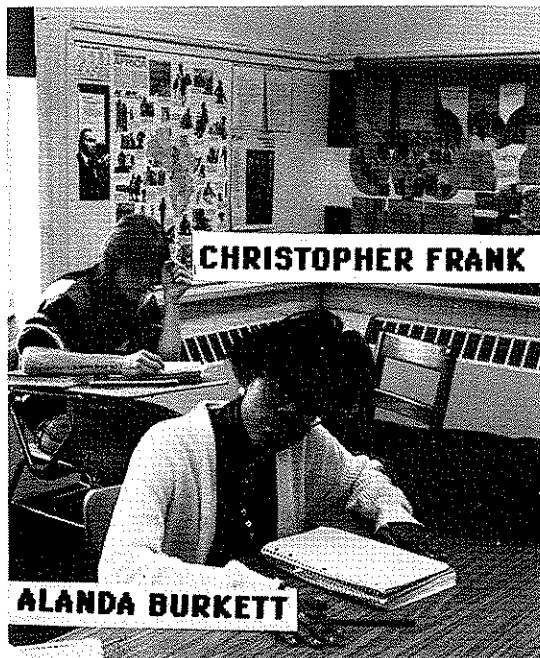
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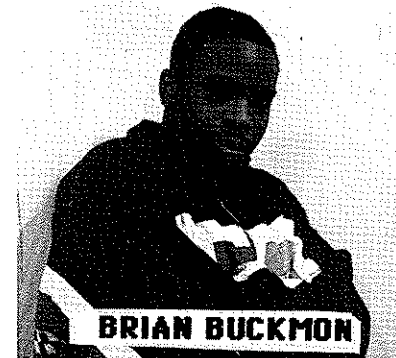


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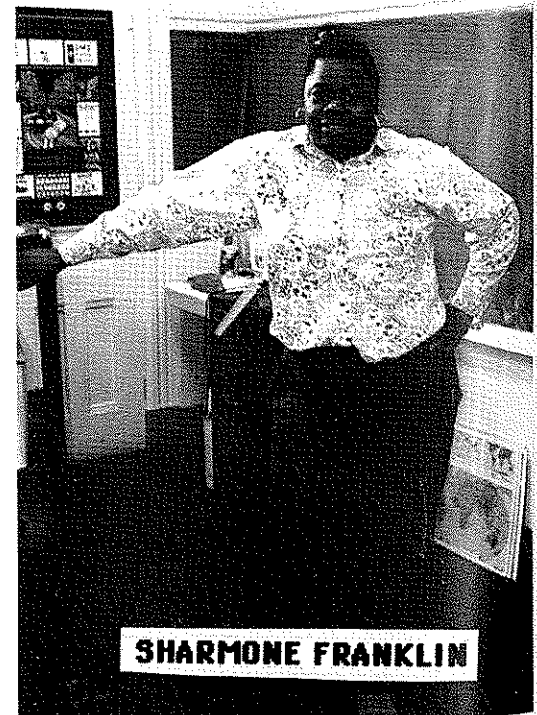
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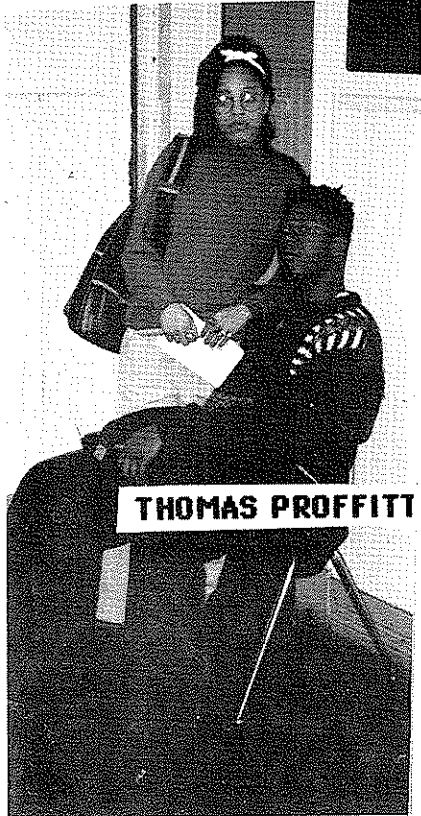


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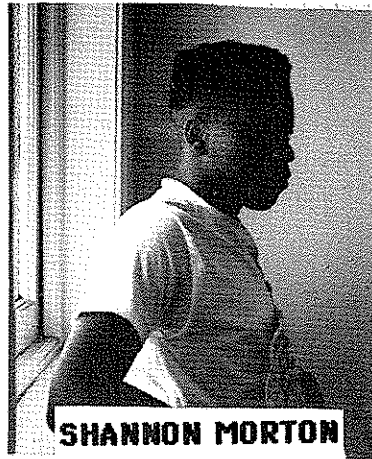


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CASSANDRA YALDERAMMA



THOMAS PROFFITT



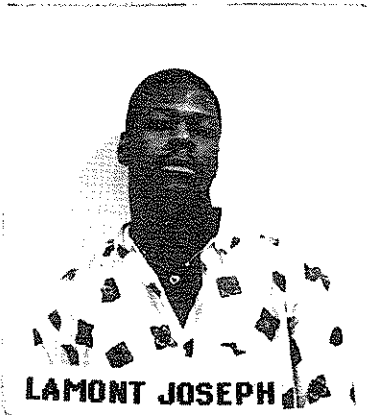
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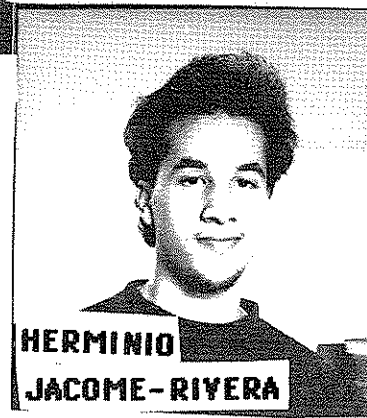
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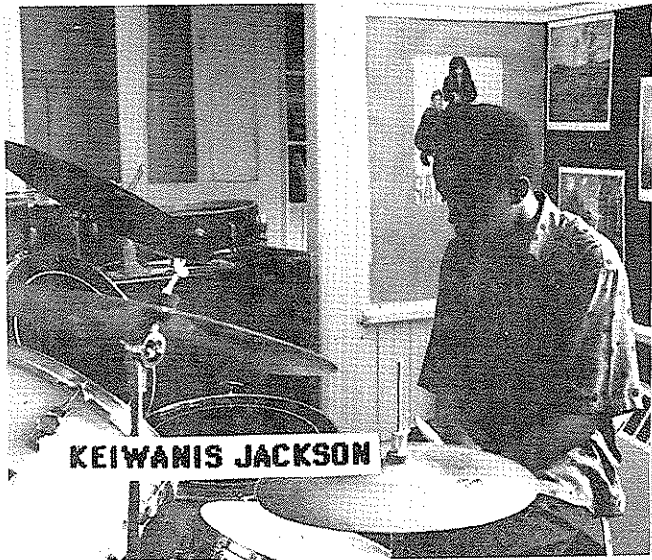
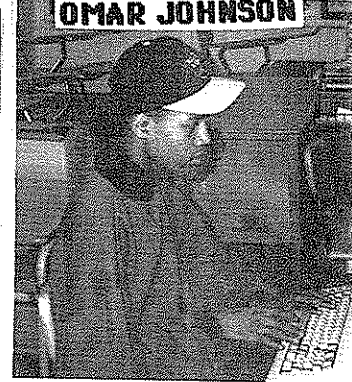
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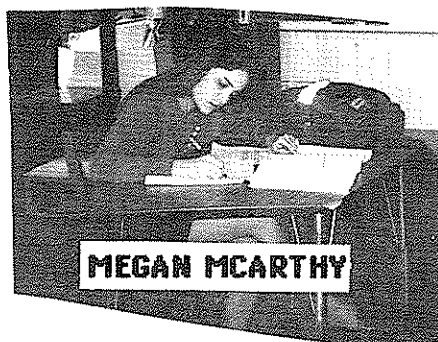
LAMONT JOSEPH



**HERMINIO
JACOME-RIVERA**



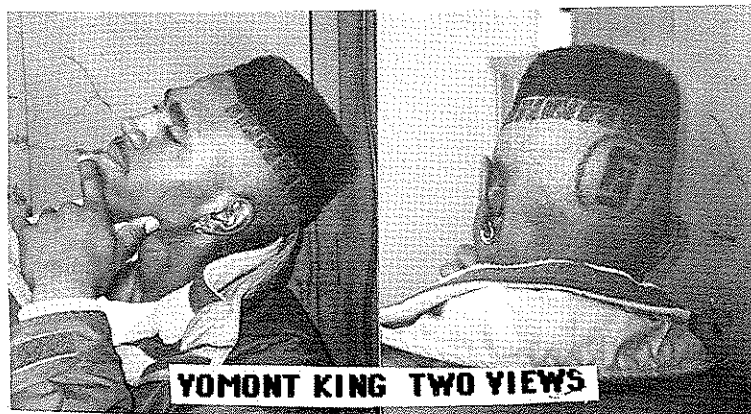
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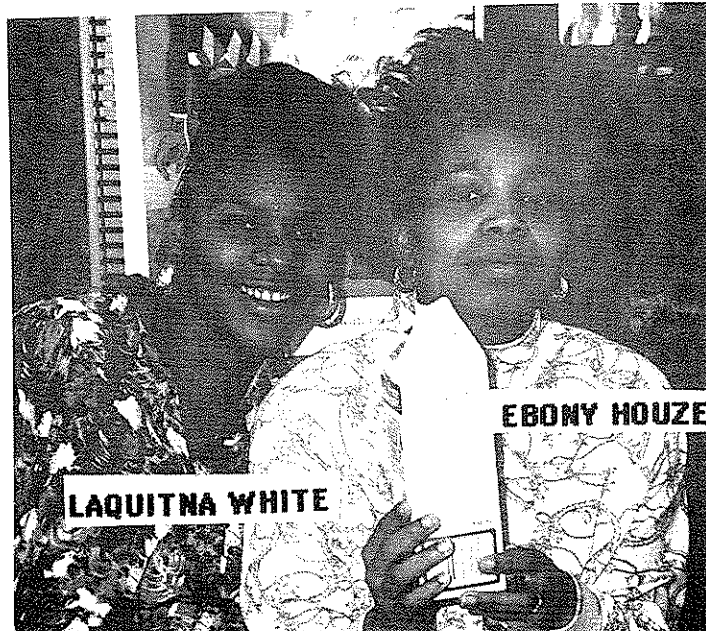
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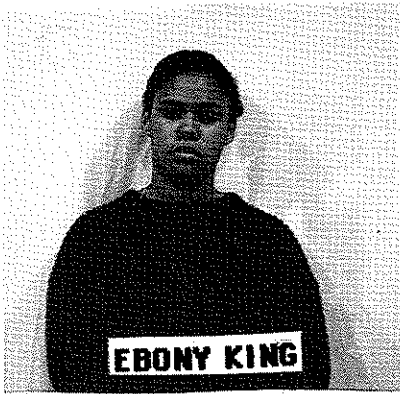


YOMONT KING TWO VIEWS



LAQUITNA WHITE

EBONY HOUZE



EBONY KING



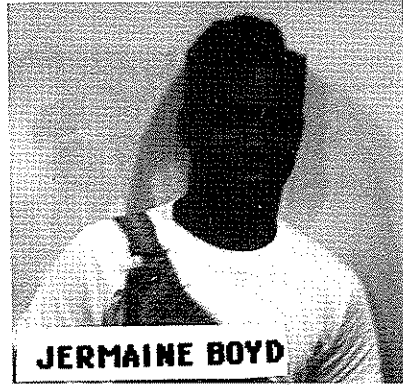
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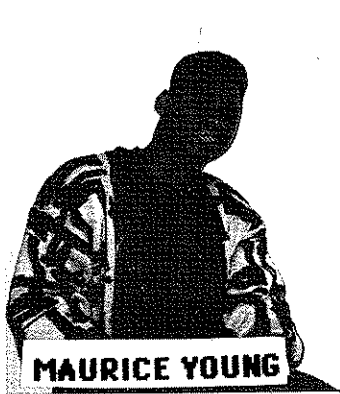
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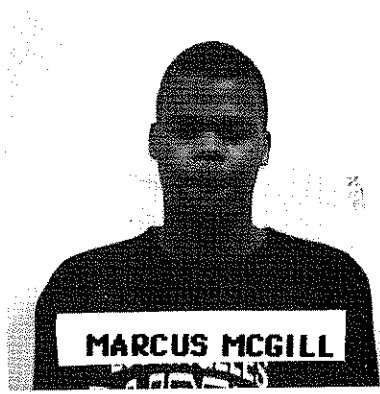
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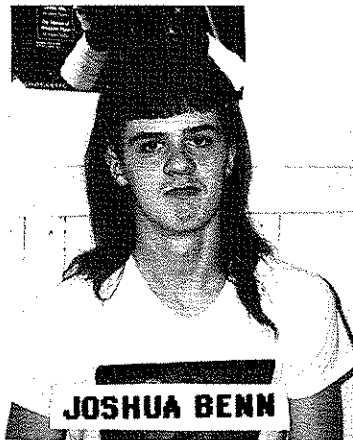
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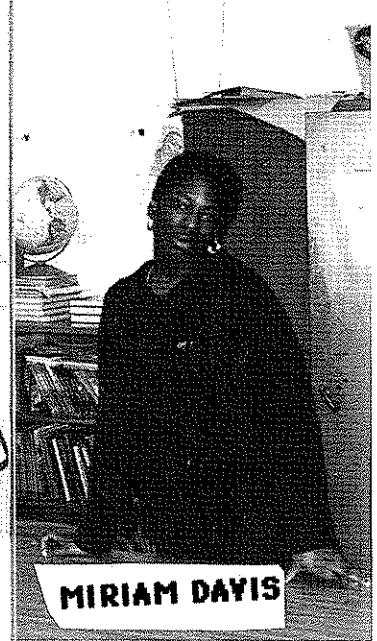
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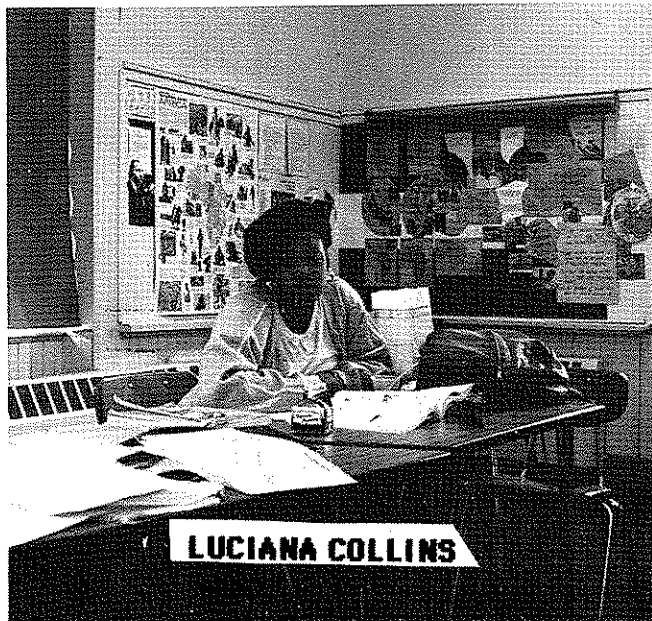
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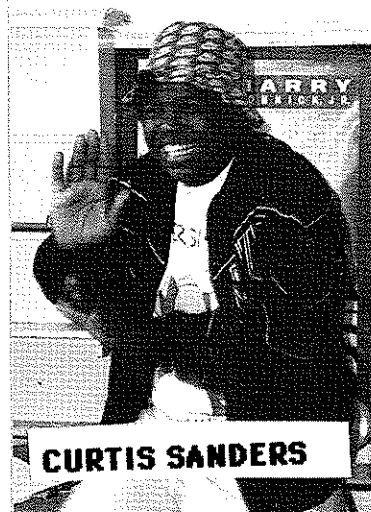
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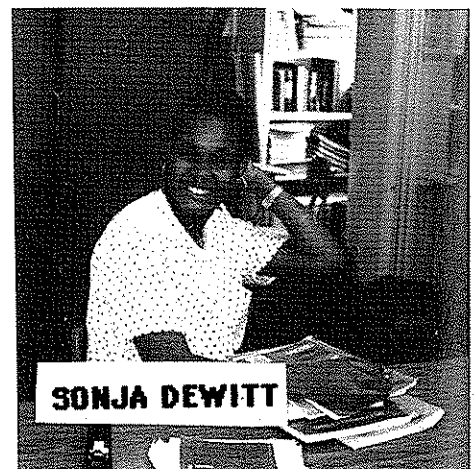
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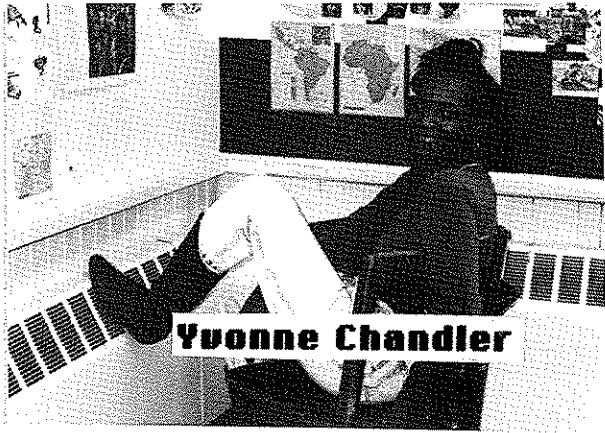
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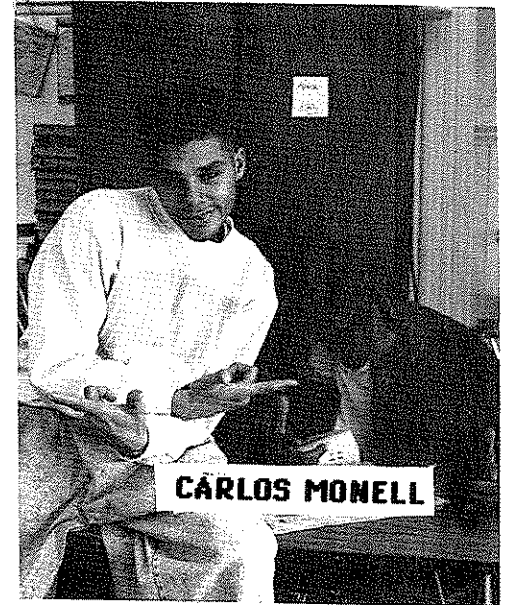
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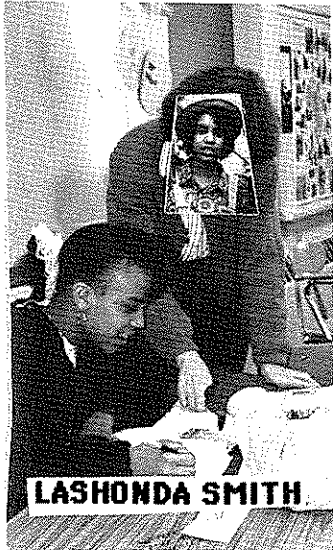
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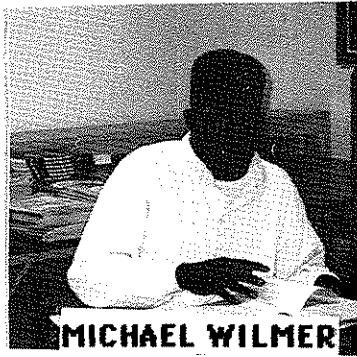
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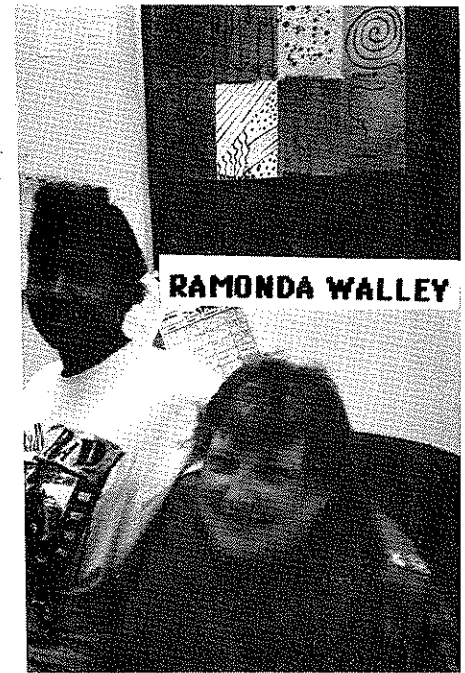
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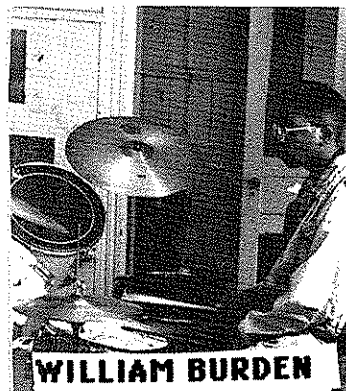
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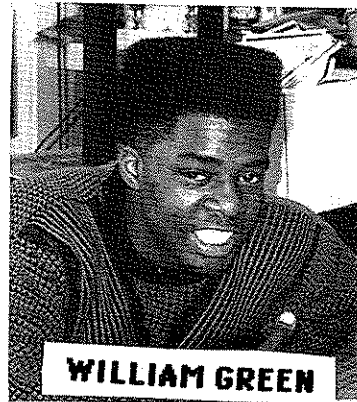
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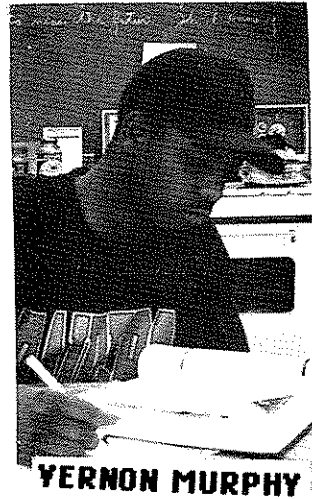
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WILLIAM BURDEN



WILLIAM GREEN

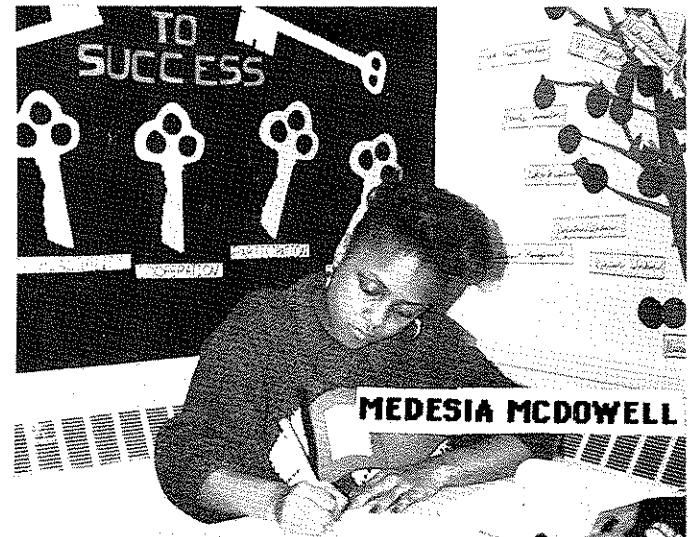


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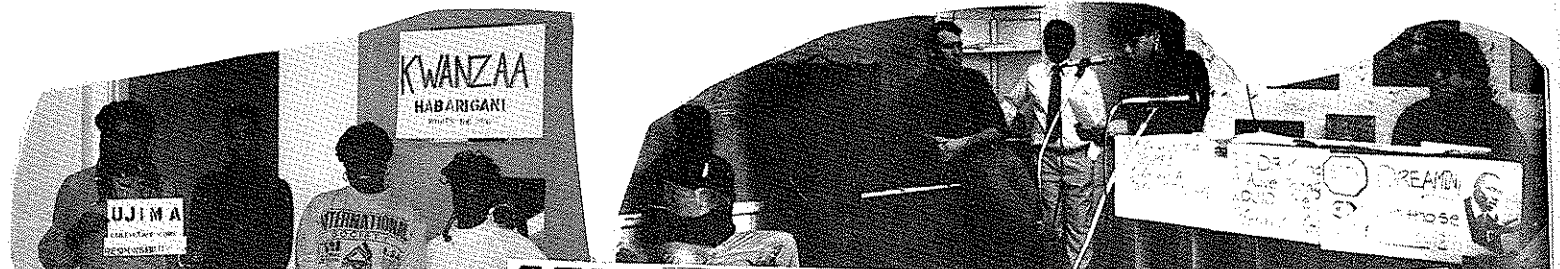


NAKIA TILLMAN

ROSETTA REDMON



MEDESIA MCDOWELL



CELEBRATION AND ACTIVITIES

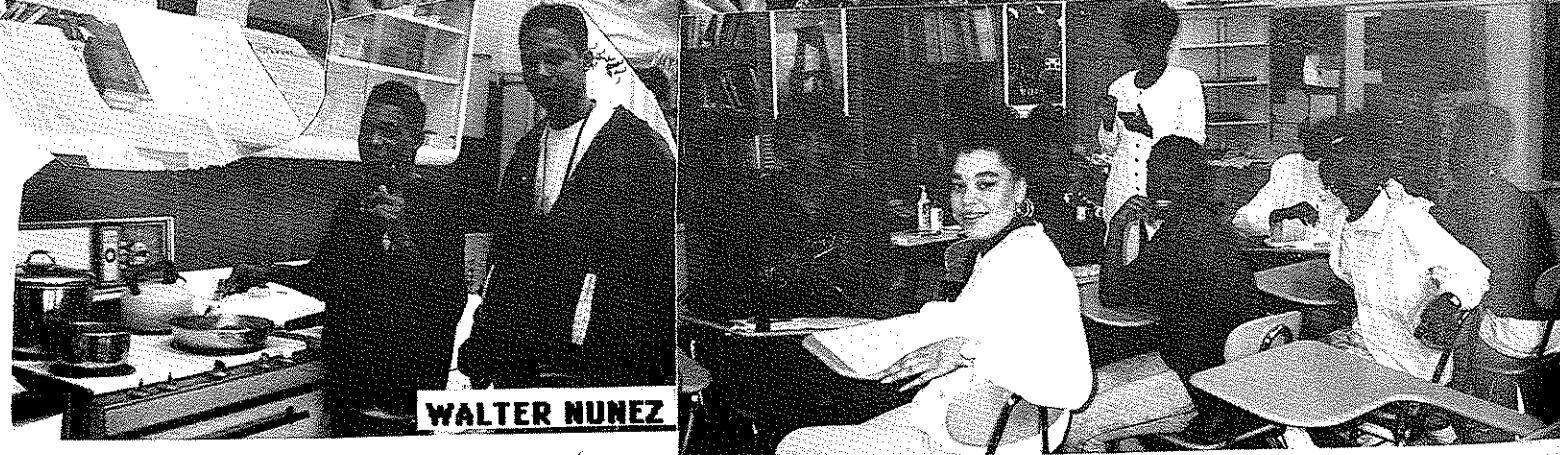


WILLIAM GREEN AND SHADOW WHO MADE THE SHOT???



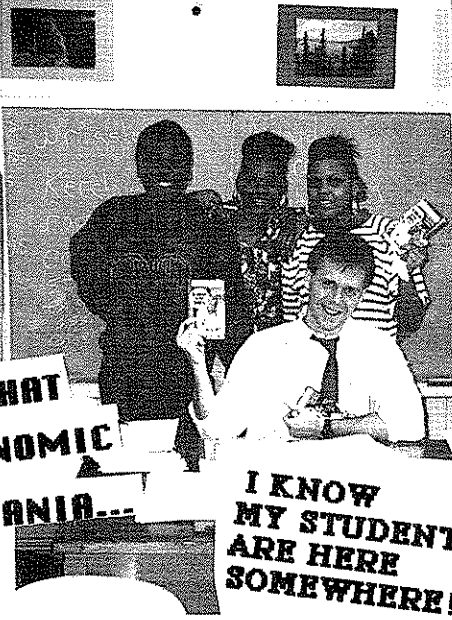
GERMAINE GAUSE

HOW EXCITED CAN YOU GET OVER LUNCH??



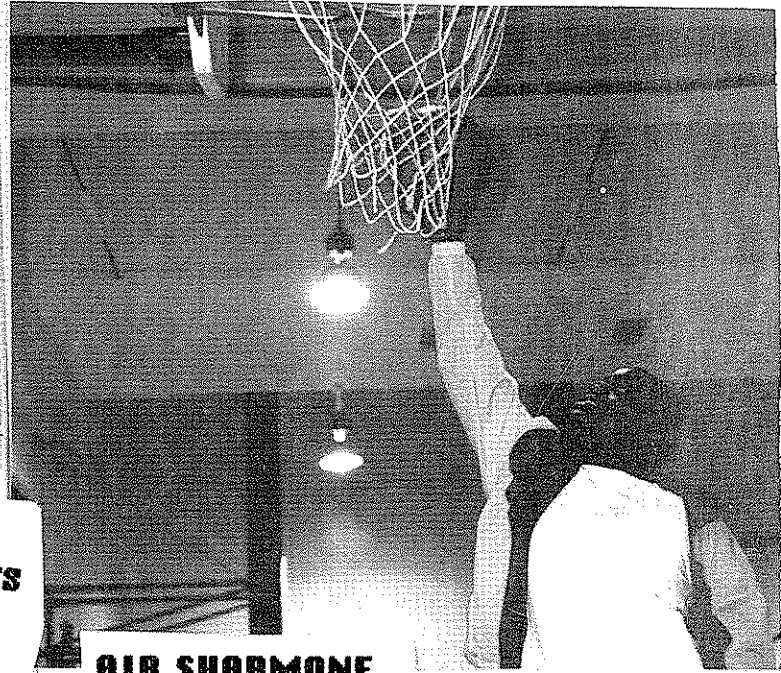
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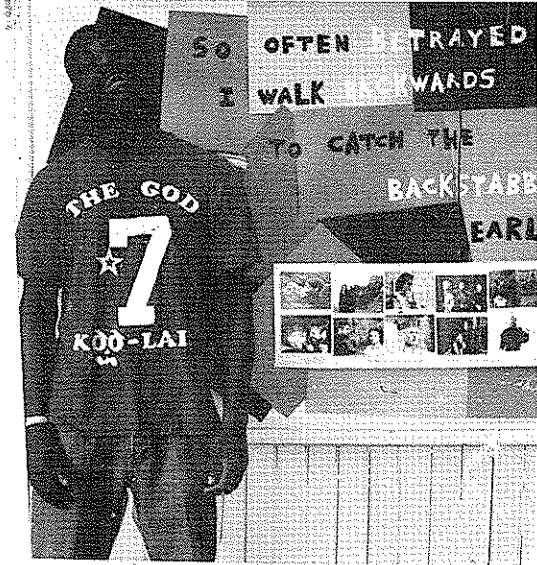


I BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF TANZANIA...

I KNOW MY STUDENTS ARE HERE SOMEWHERE!



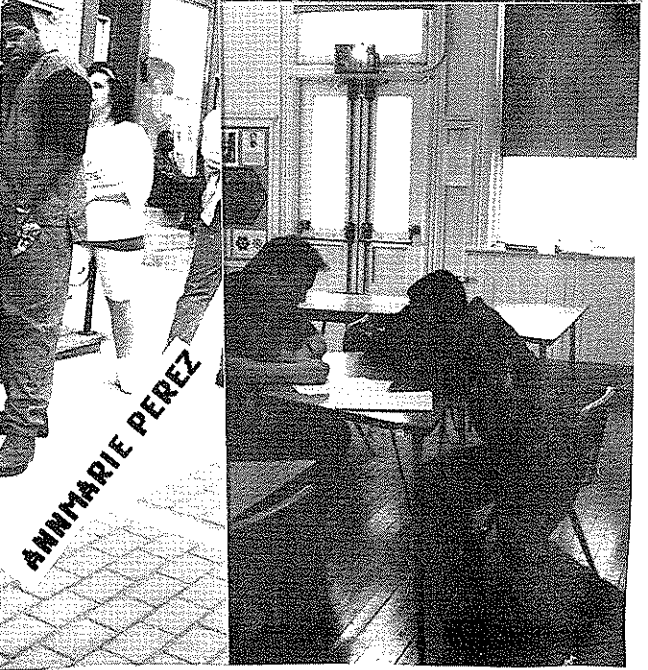
AIR SHARMONE



SO OFTEN BETRAYED I WALK BACKWARDS TO CATCH THE BACKSTABB EARL



I SAID MY HOMEWORK'S DONE!



ANNMARIE PEREZ

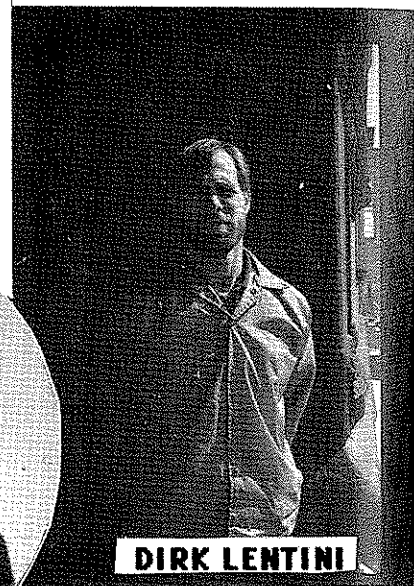


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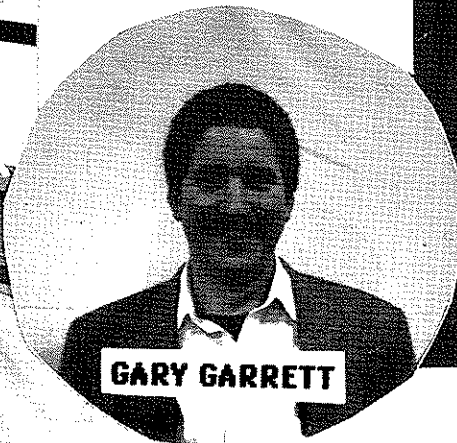
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GEORGE MASTRANGELO



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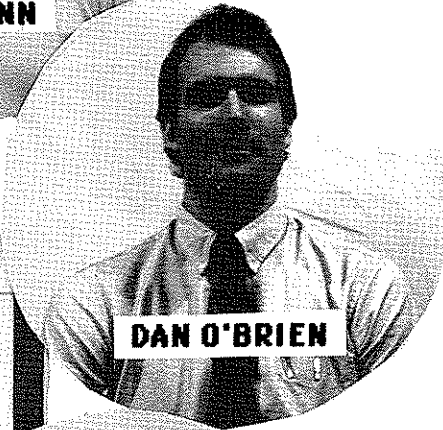
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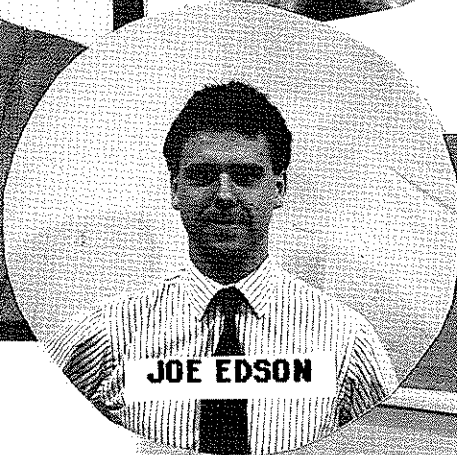
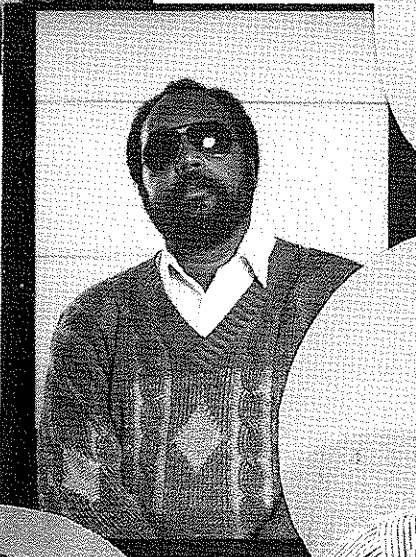
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DAN O'BRIEN



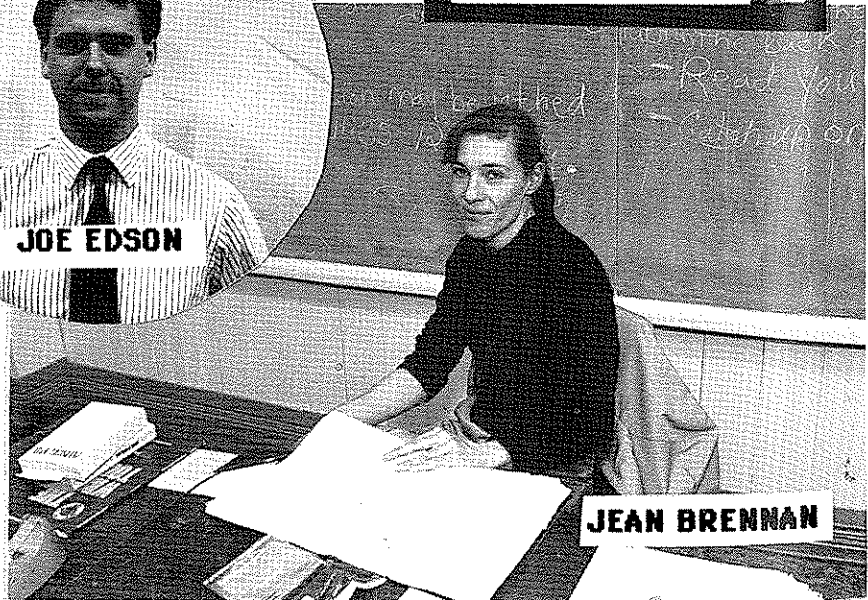
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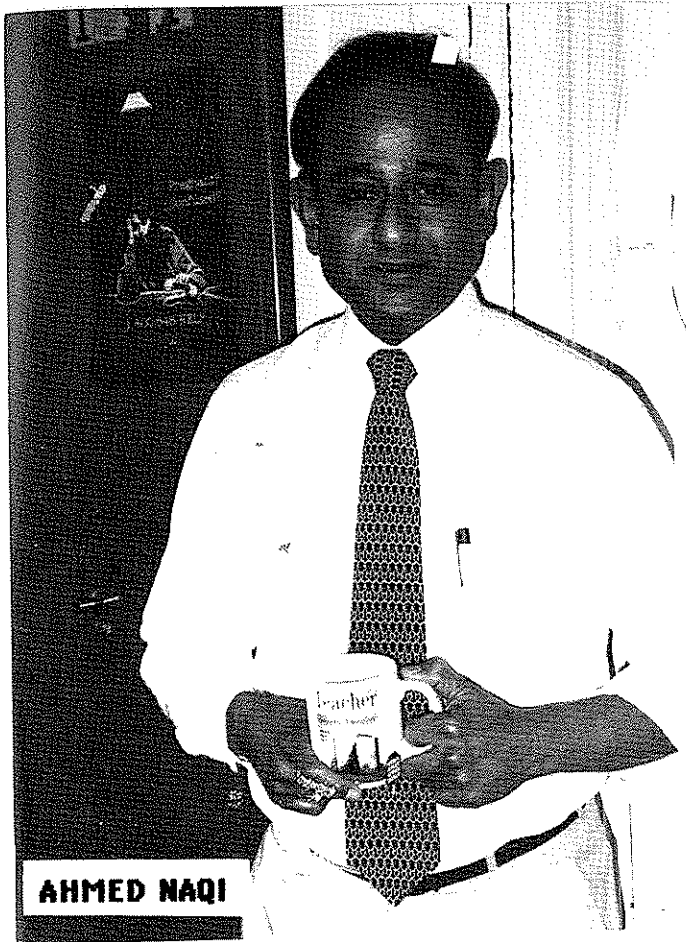


VALERIE ZALEN



JEAN BRENNAN

The Staff



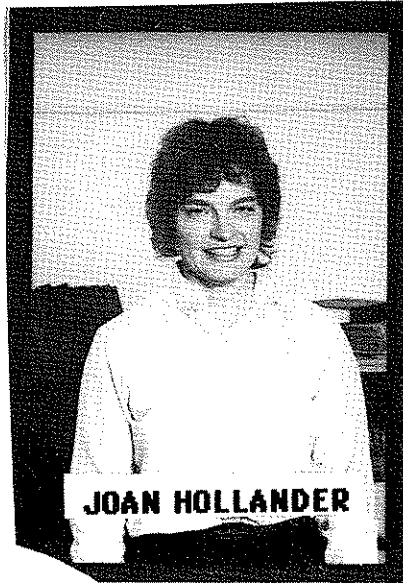
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ALBERTHA MACKAY



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The Street Academy Staff



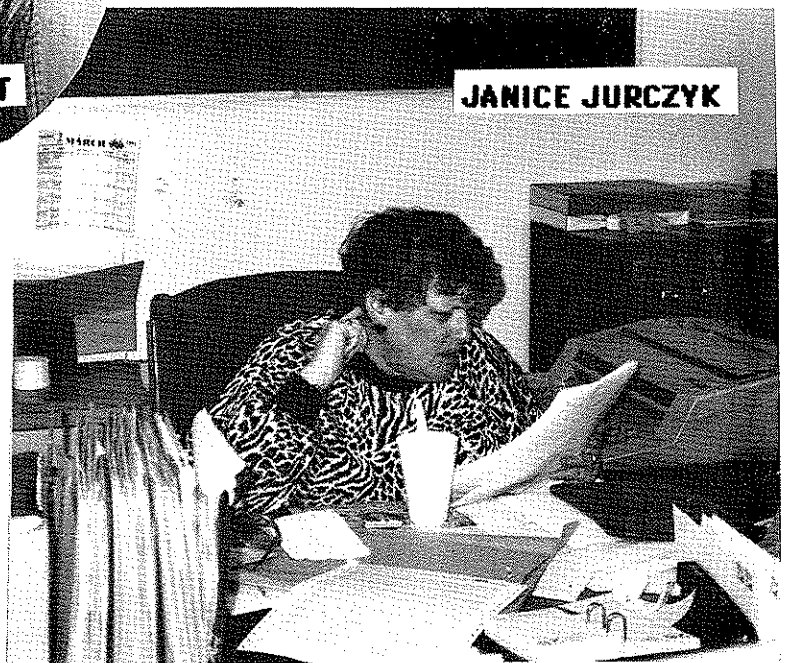
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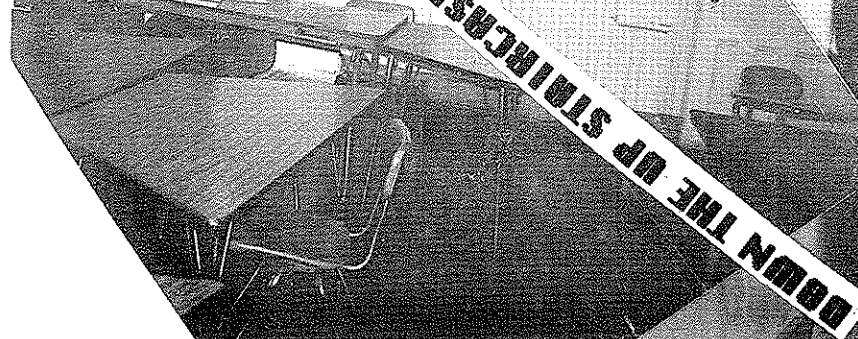
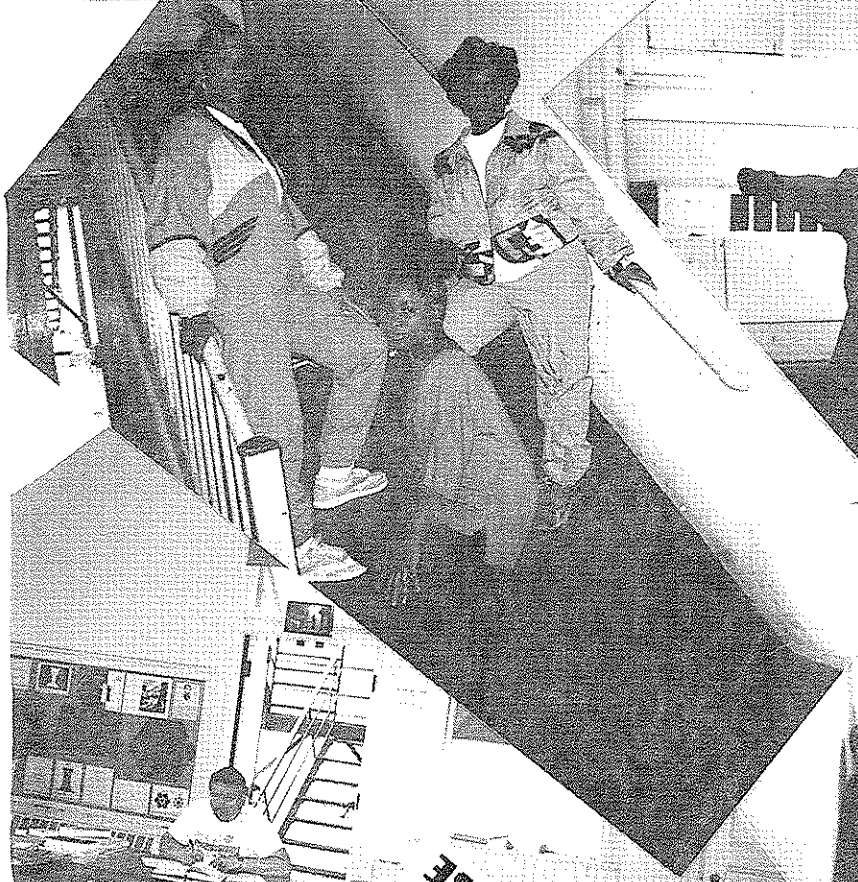
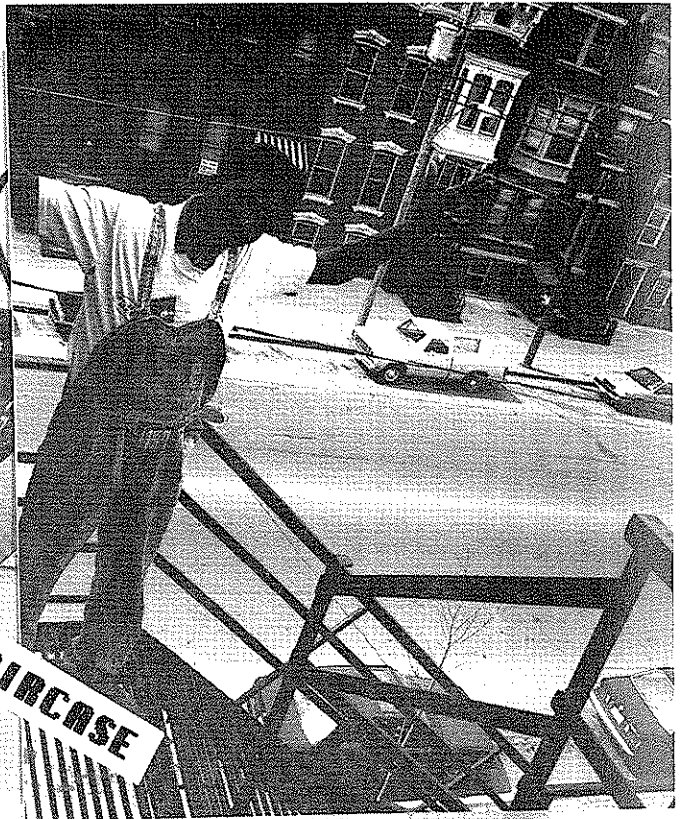
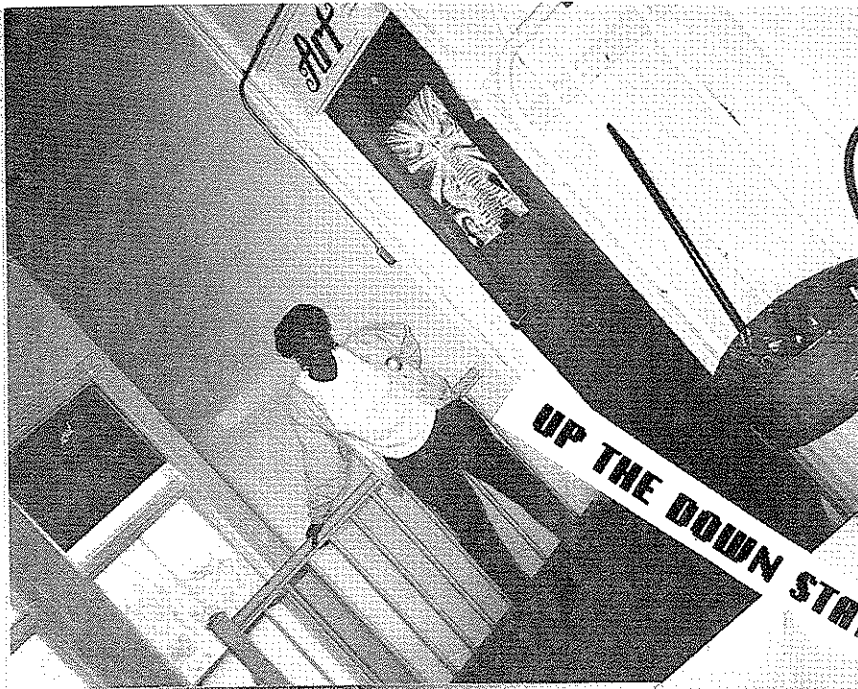
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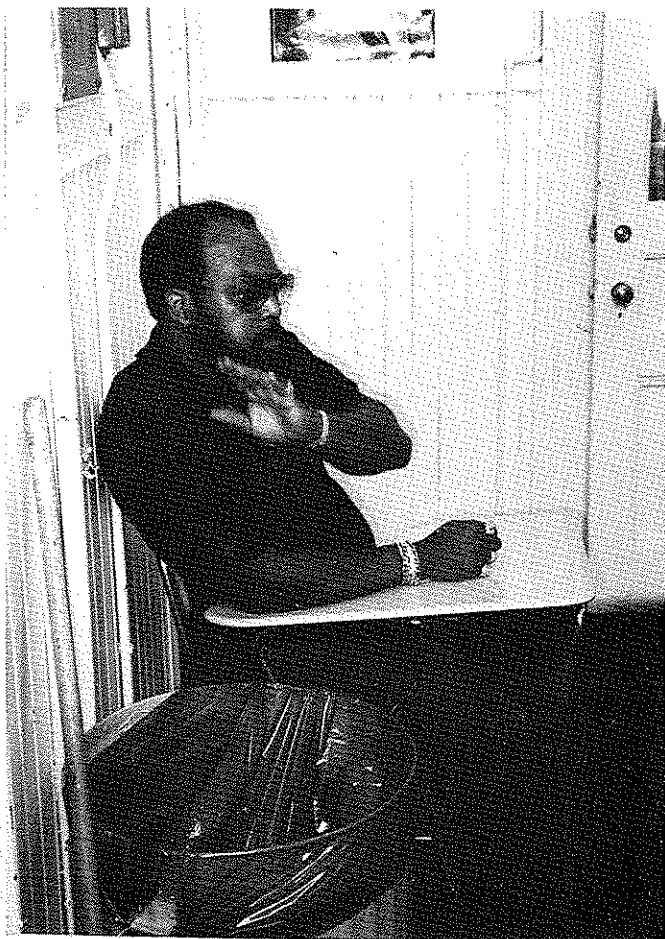
SOME FRIENDLY COUPLES



AND SOME ODD COUPLES

A COUPLE OF FRIENDS

Yearbook Staff:
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SO OFTEN BETRAYED
I WALK BACKWARDS
TO CATCH THE
BACKSTABBERS

MESSAGES

Messages on doors

WAGE
PEACE!

Revolutionary Dreams
by Nikki Giovanni

used to dream wildland
me of talking
dreams in their
white talk how it should be done
all to dream radical dreams
and everyone sleep with my
eyes closed

Rename the school "Langston Hughes High School"

What is the message?

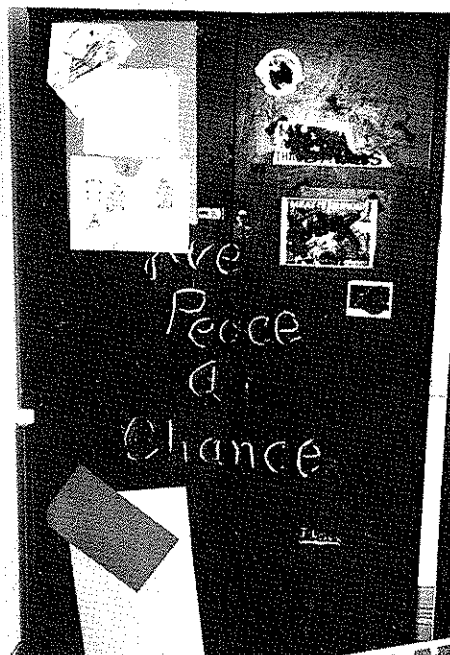
Recognize our worth

Do the right thing

Our students deserve the best.

Nobody
Smiling

Messages on tee shirts



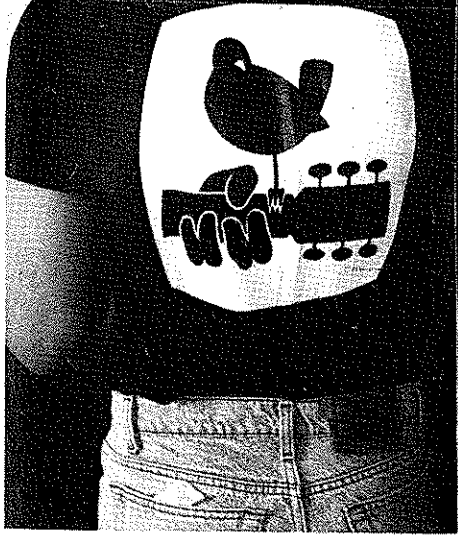
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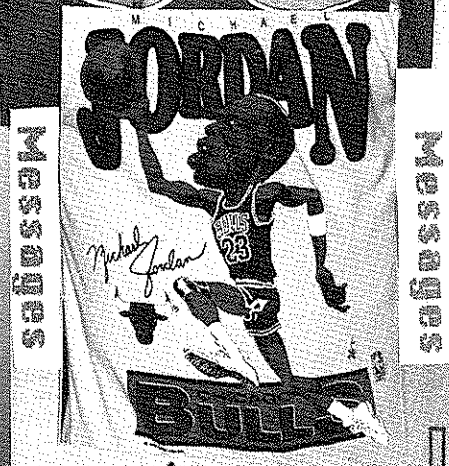
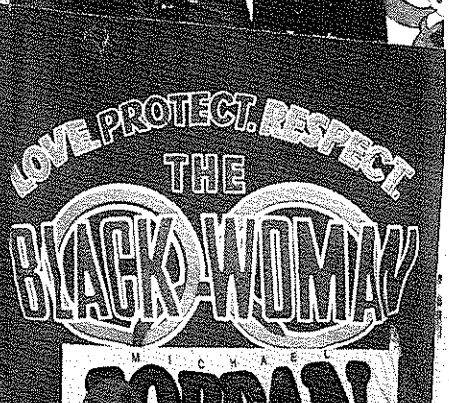
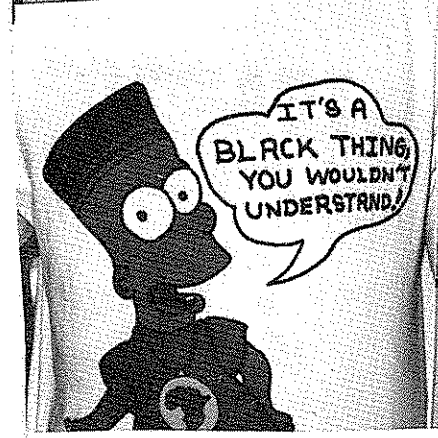
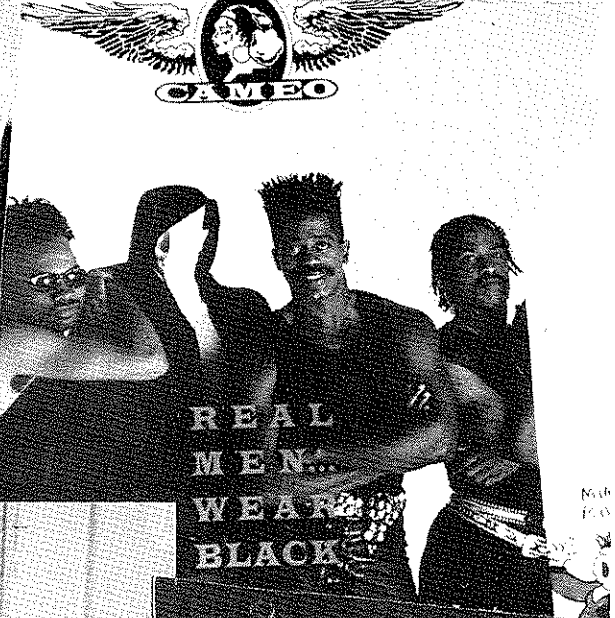


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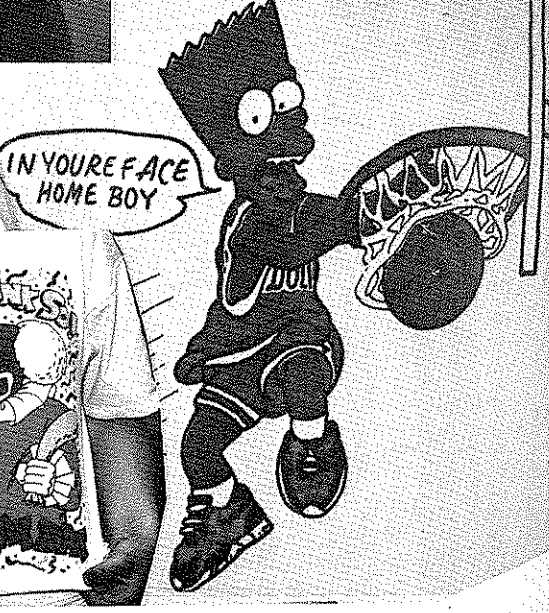


JUST DO IT.





Messages on tee shirts



Messages

Messages

