



Student Council



By Kristin Grueninger



Superheros, Candyland, and Starry Starry Night were the year's themes for the dances. Decorations were prepared and ordered almost a month in advance to make sure everything was correct. The council members spend their Friday night setting up practically all of Saturday as well.

Who handles the majority of the school functions such as pep-rallies, homecoming, winter formal, student exchanges, prom...just to name a few.

"I loved being involved with the school and the teachers. Each year seemed to be more successful than the last," said **Laura Steiner, 12.**

The representatives were elected the previous year and never quit working the next year.

"Everyday there was an opportunity to make a differ-

ence. I wanted to help and be an active part in a school with so much potential," said **Kristen Barngrover, 11.**

Helping the school didn't mean addressing only student needs. Staff appreciation was also shown. There was a montly "Department of the Month" throughout the year assisting in student/staff relations.

Not only do they work on decorations for dances but they were often seen during lunch selling spirit wear, fund-raising, and distributing Sycawards for discounted admittance to school functions. Also "Team of the Week," music during lunch and those entertaining videos in the Commons were also provided by Student Council. Everything was made to help the student body.



Kim Standen, 11, works hard finishing last minute touches for the dance. Mondays were formal meetings addressing committees and their projects. The various committees met on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and class meetings were held on Thursdays.



Peer Mediation



By: Tamar Ingber

If I ever have a problem, it's great to know that there are students, rather than an administration, that can help you," said **Megan Frank, 11.**

"Sometimes you don't feel as if a problem can be resolved without some intervention," said **Jane Chernyak, 9.**

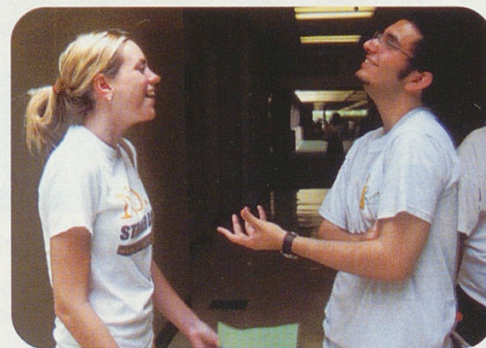
Peer Mediation was a select group of juniors and seniors who went through about 24 hours of training to be able to help their peers work through issues.

"I have never done a real mediation, but I

am always ready if one is necessary," said **Brian Weber, 11.**

Students who had a problem to resolve could choose out of the mediators who they wanted to assist them, and the mediator would be called from class as a chosen bell and working through the steps of the problem, to come to write a resolution.

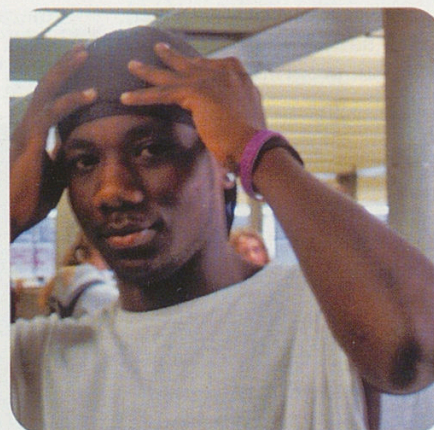
This concrete written resolution defined the solution and allowed students to makeup in a mature fashion.



A friendly conversation. Carrie Herrell, 12, and Nasser Haddad, 12, were close friends and they knew if they ever got into any fights, Peer Mediation would be there. Peer Mediation was always posted at the main office.



"Now, what is the problem here ladies?" said **Brian Weber, 11**, calming down **Shaina Smilovitz, 12**, and **Heather Holly, 12**, who simulated what a mediation session would be like. **Weber** was always ready if called down to mediate.



What a dilemma! "It calms me down. It makes me happy," said **Claudius Jones, 10**, about peer mediation. Students of all grades could use the mediation to assist them

