

asl club

silent, but not quite deadly

By: Kelsey Kiley



Lots of food is served! "I really love ASL club, and sign language even more. You want to know why? Because I can communicate with my mouth full!" said **Lisa Ramstetter, 12**, secretary. ASL was full of hidden perks. Using sign language could be surprisingly handy.

It was not the "Happy Hands" Club of the *Napoleon Dynamite* movie fame, but American Sign Language club was just as fun. Sponsored by **Mrs. Maggi Cobb-Wessling**, all students in the ASL classes from levels one through four were welcome.

It was a good place to practice sign language in a chill environment where everyone could just "talk." Led by President **Julie Bonn, 12**, vice president **Kelsey Kiley, 12**, secretary **Lisa Ramstetter, 12**, treasurer **Leslie Touassi, 11**, and historian **Amy Touassi, 12**, the club did many interesting things.

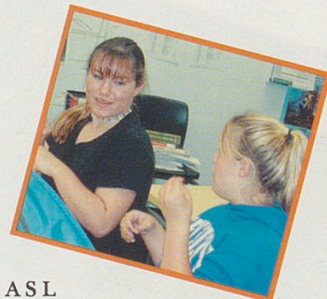
"This club is a lot of fun, it is just so laid back and relaxed, but we're getting a lot of stuff done. The St. Rita's kids are cool, and easy to sign to. They're very understanding," said **Bonn**.

The club members were deeply involved with St. Rita's School for the Deaf, going to their sports games and creating events just for the two schools. They also participated in Deck the Halls with the Global Language wing, helped out with the Global Languages Foreign Student Reception, and baked cookies in the sign of "I Love You," for Valentine's day.

Sometimes it was just a relaxed meeting where everyone played games and recovered from a stressful school day.

"It is so cool, learning a language that uses your hands to speak," said **Stacy Shutts, 11**, after she signed "I LOVE ASL."

Like it said on the club t-shirts, "American Sign Language: It's a handy thing to know."

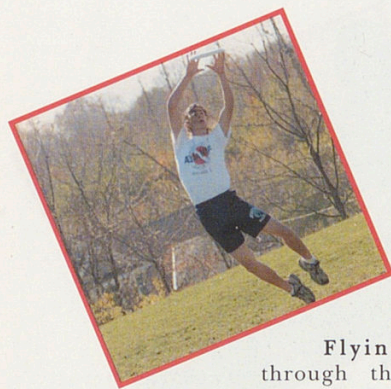


ASL Club was a good place to brush up on the signing skills without worrying about a grade. **Lauren Lynn, 10**, and **Jeri Salter, 10**, knew that. Practice made for some very skilled signers.

ultimate club

Forecast: Frisbees

By: Molly Daniels



Flying through the air, **Ethan Burns, 11**, quickly snatches the frisbee. He advanced his team swiftly down the field. Speed was a major key in Ultimate, as well as teamwork.

Everyone had stress to deal with, and everyone handled it differently. For some stress was worked off by hanging out with friends or taking a nap.

Not for the Ultimate Frisbee players. In the fall, they met every Sunday at Dulle Park, played in the brutal Winter Fest tournament in January, and intramural leagues in the spring.

This two year team accomplished an amazing feat by receiving second place in the Winterfest Regional Tournament. They competed against teams from Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana, three of which were defending state champions.

"It doesn't matter if you're in the club or not, people come all the time just to play and have fun," said **Laura Tufts, 10**.

Club president **Samuel Cole, 12**, lead a strong team in the fall

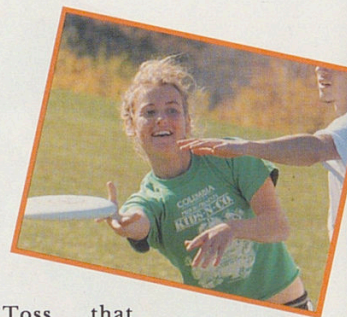
intramural tournament along with **Sam Snow, 11**, **Sanjay Choudhury, 10**, and **Allen Streck, 10**. With immense help from **Alex Rock, 10**, and club treasurer, **Phil Brodrick, 10**, the club ran smoothly.

"I love the game of Ultimate because of its diversity. People from all backgrounds and experiences enjoy the game," said **Rock**.

Ultimate was a great place for students to meet up and play with new kids.

Their goals were not only to have fun, and stay in shape, but also promote the "spirit of the game," which is unique to the game of Ultimate.

"We'd like to increase our club membership, introduce more students to ultimate frisbee, win our spring league, and play as often as possible," said **Mr. Micheal Gutekunst**, adviser.



Toss that Frisbee! "The people in Ultimate Frisbee rock and it's really cool game cause almost anyone can play. There's always superlicious food and cocoa. Frisbees are just life," said **Stacy Shutts, 11**.