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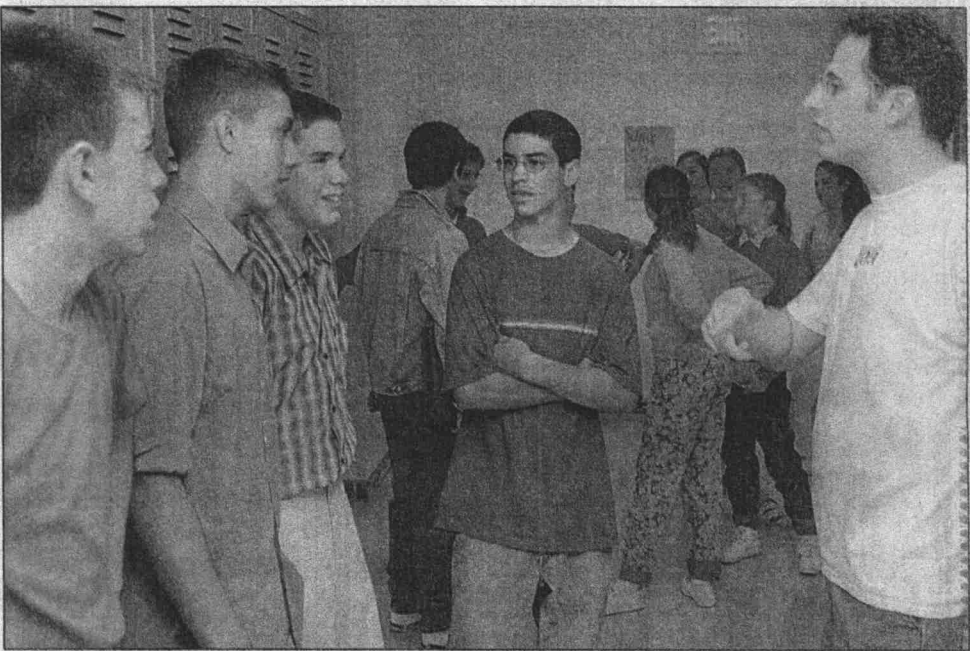


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KEITH BROWN (right) is the director of a movie being made at the Davisville Middle School with a cast made up of youngsters from North Kingstown, East Greenwich and Barrington. Brown, an alumnus of the school gives directions to cast members who spent much of Monday morning shooting just two scenes.

Making a movie is 'Tough All Over'

By **GEORGE E. TRAFFORD**

NORTH KINGSTOWN — By her own admission, Natasia Nemeigut enjoys attention.

"I like to be the center of attention," said the 13-year-old Rocky Hill School student.

So, what better place to get that attention than on a movie set?

Nemeigut, along with a large group of students from North Kingstown, East Greenwich and Barrington will be thespians for the next two weeks at Davisville Middle School.

The movie, *Tough All Over*, is

cast with students who are native Rhode Islanders.

Keith Brown, a former student at Davisville Middle is directing the film to fulfill a requirement for his Master's of Fine Arts Graduate Thesis at Boston University.

"It's been a lot of fun rehearsing with this group," Brown said of his cast members. "They are the perfect bunch to play these characters."

Most cast members have not had any experience, he said.

For Nemeigut, making the movie is one of the highlights of

her summer.

Appropriately she plays the part of Natasia, a student who gives announcements over the school's speaker system.

The story is set in Rhode Island in 1986. It is a coming of age film about Nathan, a boy in the sixth grade.

The film explores issues surrounding the awkward times in a young boy's life, when he is dealing with such issues as his first crush, his first school dance, and the terror of junior high gym

class.

Andrew Brown, a nephew of the director, who has a small part, said he does not want any part of making movies.

"I want to be a ice hockey player. There is a lot more action there," he said, during one of many breaks in filming.

The cast was required to listen to a lot of 1980s music in order to get into the mood for filming.

"I made sure they checked out *John Cafferty & the Beaver Brown Band*, *the Outfield*, *Mr. Mister*, *Night Ranger*, and *Chicago*," Brown said.

The film, which costs \$17,000, is being financed with an \$8,000 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation; \$1,200 from Kodak, as well as all the film needed; \$2,000 in donations raised at BU, and \$1,600 of Brown's own money.

The actors are not being paid, he said, but he is feeding them. There are 16 speaking roles in the movie, and many extras.

Monday, Brown filmed two scenes, one in the main office, and one in the second-floor corridor.

Brown said he made an agreement with School Superintendent James M. Halley, to use Davisville Middle for two weeks, and in return Brown will assist with some activities at the high school.

Some of the characters in the film are based on real people in Brown's life.

When writing a script, Brown said, it is inevitable that the writer would pull from his own experiences.

"I think that people who know me will enjoy picking apart who they think is who, and what really happened, and what is made up," he said.

Brown, an easy-going person who appears extremely patient, said that he plans on being a teacher, once this project is completed.

Actually, Brown is no stranger to filmmaking. At an early age, he "stole" his parent's Super 8 Camera to make home movies.

He has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rhode Island, and is pursuing his MFA in film production at Boston College.

Once the film is complete, each school will receive a copy, Brown said.

For more information on the film log on to Tough All Over web site [http:// people. Bu.edu/kbro/tough.html](http://people.Bu.edu/kbro/tough.html).