

Kevin Williams Foundation for Ball Players

By John Ryan

On Jan 8th a benefit was held at Carolines Comedy Club on Broadway in Manhattan with the proceeds going to help fund the **Kevin Williams Foundation**. Kevin was tragically lost on September 11th.



*Kevin Williams, lost, now remembered
through his Foundation*

The foundation was started by Kevin's parents and the money will be used to send underprivileged kids to baseball camps. Kevin was an outstanding athlete and student at SWR.

The evening was the brainchild of Kevin's roommate and close friend, Brian Baumeister, who works as a stand-up comedian in New York City. Brian, along with Caroline's publicity director, produced an All-Star cast of comedians who performed for free. One of the best known performers was Colin Quinn, of Saturday Night Live fame.

The two hour show was a raucous night of laughter attended by a standing room crowd of friends and neighbors of

Kevin's. It seemed, to this reporter, that most of the population of the SWR community attended.

Brian Baumeister said he ran the benefit to give the Williams family a chance to get out and laugh. The laughter has been few and far between since September 11th. The evening was a great success with over \$6,000 raised to fund the **Kevin Williams Foundation**. Kevin's varsity baseball coach, at Shoreham-Wading River High School, Sal Mignano attended the comedy night and expressed the collective thoughts of all in attendance when he said that he "wouldn't have missed this evening for the world."