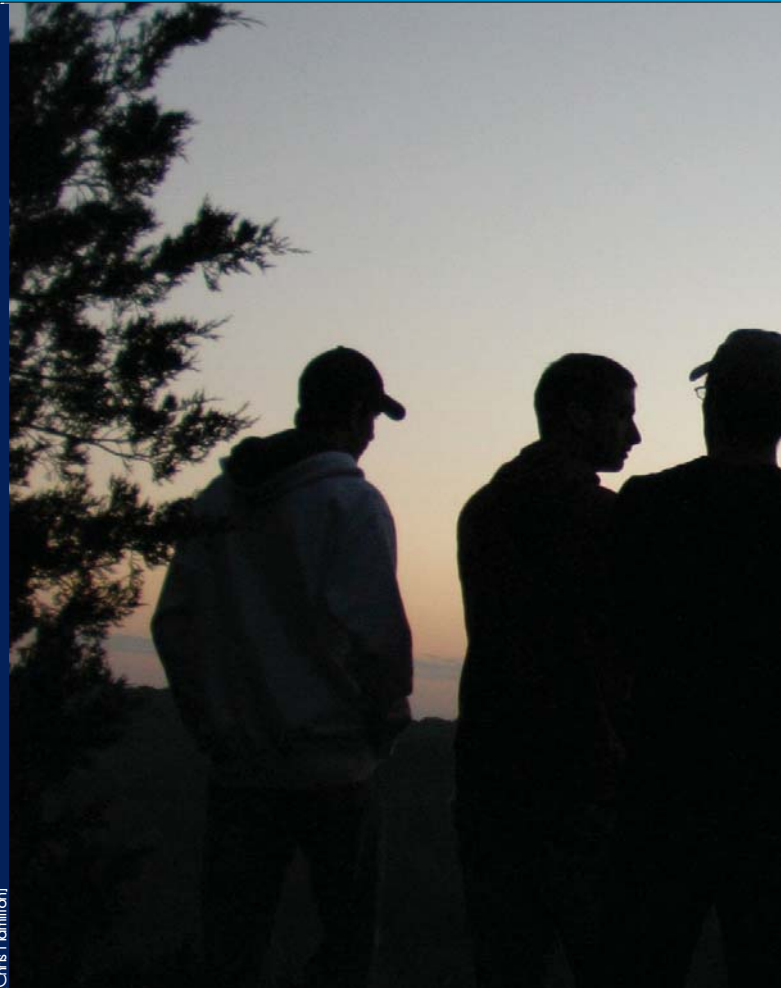


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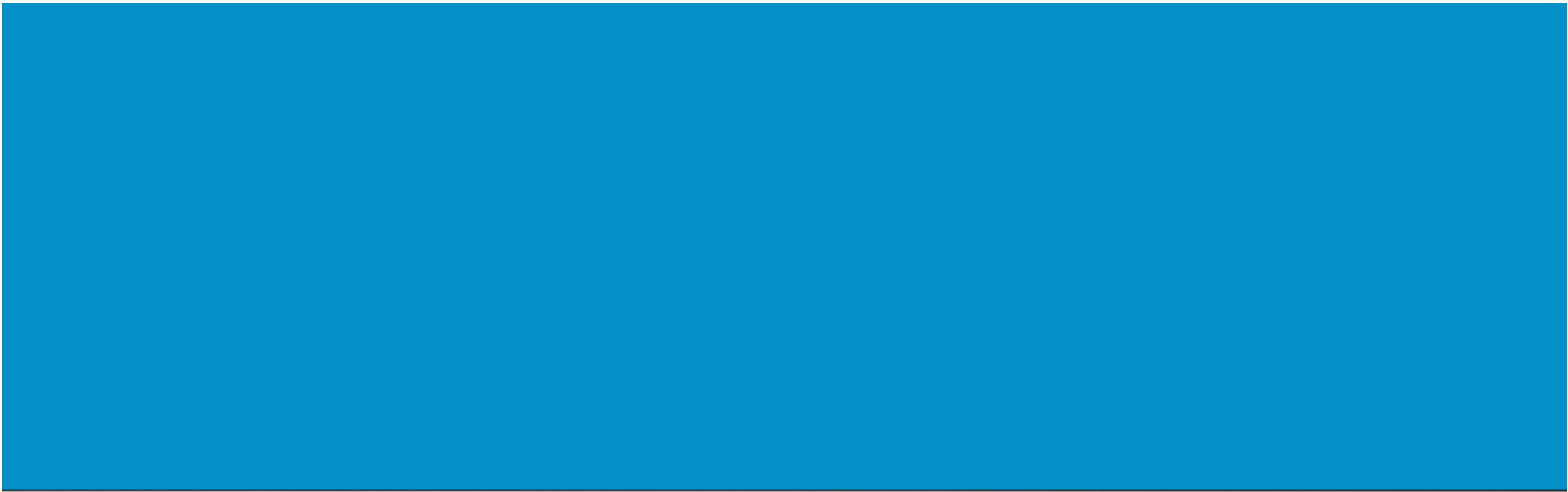
[By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we could ever dare to ask or imagine." **Ephesians 3:20**

Coming in as freshmen, we are filled with excitement and expectations. Over the next four years, we realize that our initial dreams of college life were **nothing compared to the real thing**. At some point, we begin to see how God actively works in our lives to prepare us for something greater. As seniors look back to their freshman year, they see the **pieces of God's plan for them coming together**. They understand that through struggles, doubts, laughter and love, God is shaping them.]

Hannah Ware —
People Editor



[Chris Hamilton]





Romantic Getaway

Suitors take chance to pop the question

Most of the time, proposals began with an elegant restaurant. Fancy plates would go to and from the table at a much slower pace than the heart beat of the young man attempting to articulate one question. Finally, dessert would bring the sparkling rock that varied in style and size according to each wallet.

Some Harding students chose this story, but the overseas programs gave students the opportunity to get engaged in some of the most romantic cities in the world, such as Florence and Paris. Senior Tara Knight and junior Anna Barker were two of the lucky ones to experience engagement European-style over the summer of 2007.

On July 23, Florence served as the backdrop for Knight and senior Craig Quattlebaum's perfect Italian proposal. The couple was engaged in Italian tradition on Knight's birthday. They spent the evening in the city, and, as the sun went down on the Ponte Vecchio bridge, an Italian girl gave Knight a bouquet of sunflowers. For the location of the proposal, Quattlebaum chose a spot on an ancient bridge right under a church.

"This was really special to me because it symbolizes God's place in our relationship," Knight said.

According to the couple, it was Italian tradition for the man to buy a lock to place on the Ponte Vecchio and throw the key in the Arno River. Knight tossed the key into the Arno which "symbolizes that the relationship is now sealed for good."

For Barker, July 7 in Paris was the perfect engagement spot. The proposal was in the form of a scrapbook scavenger hunt that she and her long-distance boyfriend Brian D'Herde would embark on. Each page had a picture and description of seven of the most romantic places in Paris which they would see together.

"I could only turn the page [once] we had been there," Barker said. At the end of the evening, D'Herde arranged dinner at a small quiet restaurant.

Between water fountains and the Eiffel Tower, D'Herde got down on one knee and in French said, "I love you. I adore you. Will you marry me?"

After a translation to English, Barker accepted, and the two year relationship moved on to become an engagement.

Many couples became engaged at Harding, but the university campus that some students firmly believed was constructed to imitate the perfect setting for a proposal, was not the only place for romantic engagements.

If the white swings and benches were not a part of a young couple's idea of the perfect scenery for an engagement, a semester overseas could have been helpful. Whether it was the Ponte Vecchio or the Eiffel Tower, these stories proved that anyone could have their perfect proposal.

[Karol Figueroa]



Seniors Travis Trull and Lauren Greek stand with friends while at a market in Benin on June 23. Greek said both she and Trull grew up as missionary kids in different parts of Kenya, so becoming engaged while on an internship in Africa had a special significance for the couple. [Courtesy of Heather Kellis]

Senior Craig Quattlebaum attaches a lock on the Ponte Vecchio July 23 while his fiancée, senior Tara Knight, watches. Placing a lock on the bridge and then throwing the key in the Arno River was an Italian tradition for couples getting engaged. [Courtesy of Andrew Caldwell]

Senior Lauren Greek shows off her two engagement rings Aug. 24 while holding on to her fiancé, senior Travis Trull. Trull carved the wooden ring to propose to Greek while in Africa and waited to give her the diamond ring in the U.S. [Chris Hamilton]





Senior Jordan Harguess puzzles over algebra equations Aug. 24 with Upward Bound students on the front lawn. "It's a great way for students to prepare for the upcoming school year," Harguess said. "It gives them a chance to be ahead instead of behind." [Courtesy of LaNell Stamps]

An Upward Bound student listens for imaginary breathing during CPR training with Wayne Westerholm of Harding's Public Safety on June 6. While the boys learned CPR, the Upward Bound girls learned SHARP — sexual harassment and rape prevention. [Courtesy of LaNell Stamps]

Extension Family Life Specialist for the University of Arkansas Dr. H. Wallace Goddard instructs Upward Bound students in a workshop Jan. 27. The workshop dealt with managing conflict within a family unit. [Jonathan Lindsay]



a taste of COLLEGE

Students attend college-bound program

Attending classes on Saturdays and during the summer may not be something every student would have wanted, but for the students in the Upward Bound program, that was how they dedicated their time. Upward Bound was an academic tutoring program targeted to local high school students. The students usually became involved in ninth grade and stayed with the program until their high school graduation. The program was designed to give students the support and education needed to help in a collegiate setting.

Upward Bound was a federally funded, grant-based program. The stipulations of the grant required two-thirds of the students to come from a family where neither of the parents attended college, and they must also have fallen in a particular income bracket. The other third must meet at least one of these requirements.

For director Katrina Smeltzer, this was a job that she loved going to every day, and that was something that she had never had before.

The Upward Bound staff went to the different high schools in White County to introduce the program to students. Those interested in attending filled out an extensive application, and interviews were made with the prospective students and their parents.

"Upward Bound takes a lot of dedication," Smeltzer said. "Just going through the application process is proof of that."

Fifty-five students participated in Upward Bound during the 2006-2007 school year. They attended classes on Saturdays during the school year and also participated in a summer program that lasted six weeks.

During the summer, the students lived on campus, ate in the cafeteria, hung

out on the front lawn and got a taste of college life.

Spanish professor Dr. Noble Goss taught first and second year Spanish for the summer program. Classes were based on conversation and grammar skills, and quizzes and tests were given.

"I just completed my sixth summer with Harding's program," Goss said. "This program develops camaraderie between the students and serves as a bridge for college preparation."

Harding graduate Caroline Prestridge was a first time teacher for Upward Bound. Prestridge taught literature and composition classes.

"This program was good for the students, but it also let me get my feet wet and I got real experience teaching," Prestridge said.

The 55 students came from many different area high schools including Pangburn, Searcy and Bald Knob. Prior to Upward bound, many of these students did not know each other.

"When they are here, they can be their own person," Prestridge said. "No one knew what they were like at the school they attend. Here they are all equals. They come from different backgrounds, but it creates such an awesome dynamic."

The students did not get school credit for Upward Bound, but they did receive tutoring, ACT preparation and supplemental instruction.

Different workshops were also held on some weekends. Different county members came and spoke to the students.

"To attend, you must be bound to go to college, and nearly 100 percent do attend college after graduation," Smeltzer said.

[Michelle Greer]





missionary travels

Senior uses interest to spread the Gospel

Ross Kellis, a senior Bible and religion major from South Carolina, came to Harding mainly because of his grandfather's influence, who was a missionary in China.

"I wanted a Bible education," Kellis said. "I just want to know the Bible."

Though born in the south, Kellis was a genuine world traveler. Sailing ranked among Kellis' favorite hobbies. During the Spring of his freshman year, he took the semester to "sail the Pacific." Kellis then spent seven weeks in China with his grandfather doing mission work. Kellis also attended the overseas program in Greece in spring of 2006 and found some family roots in Scotland while traveling through Europe.

Almost a year after his travels, Kellis embarked on a different kind of adventure and married Heather Lehman in December of 2006. Less than six months later the couple found themselves "hacking through the bushes" of Africa on a six-week-long mission trip in the summer of 2007. The Kellis joined a group of missionaries from Abilene, Texas, and traveled to Burkina Faso which was part of French-speaking West Africa. There they learned the traditional language of that area, Dagara.

"It was amazing there," Kellis said. "People were baptized in groups of 20 to 40 at a time."

While there, the team traveled into the villages and stayed for hours to interact with the national people.

"It was moving to be with all the poverty and see so many needs," Kellis said. "Those six weeks were just the beginning, it was only half done."

They later met up with Matt Miller who was the missionary in residence in Togo/Mali where they did a two-week survey of the local people, the Gourman and Dogon. The group traveled to East Africa to survey the Dinka tribes of southern Sudan.

"That area is war-torn and untamed," Kellis said. "They need missionaries!"

Six of the group members talked about forming a permanent missionary team together. They hoped to move to Tanzania, Sudan or Mali in the fall of 2009 for about 10 years.

"We are sort-of dating, but it's getting pretty serious now," Kellis said in reference to the group formation and decision making.

Ross Kellis' world travels showed him the wonder of God as well as the need for the Lord in far off places. His heart for missions and desire to know the Bible led him all over.

[Leigh Hutchinson]



Senior Ross Kellis reads while his wife, Heather, does homework in their apartment Sept. 20. The Kellis family liked to relax in the evening after a day of hosting guests in their home. [Chris Hamilton]

Kellis studies with a group of Christian men in Panyagor, Sudan July 29. Kellis and his wife did an internship in Burkina Faso and a survey trip to Sudan was part of the experience. [Courtesy of Lauren Greek]

Kellis and his wife wash dishes after a night of hosting guests Sept 20. The Kellis family considered it their ministry to invite others over and fellowship with them. [Chris Hamilton]

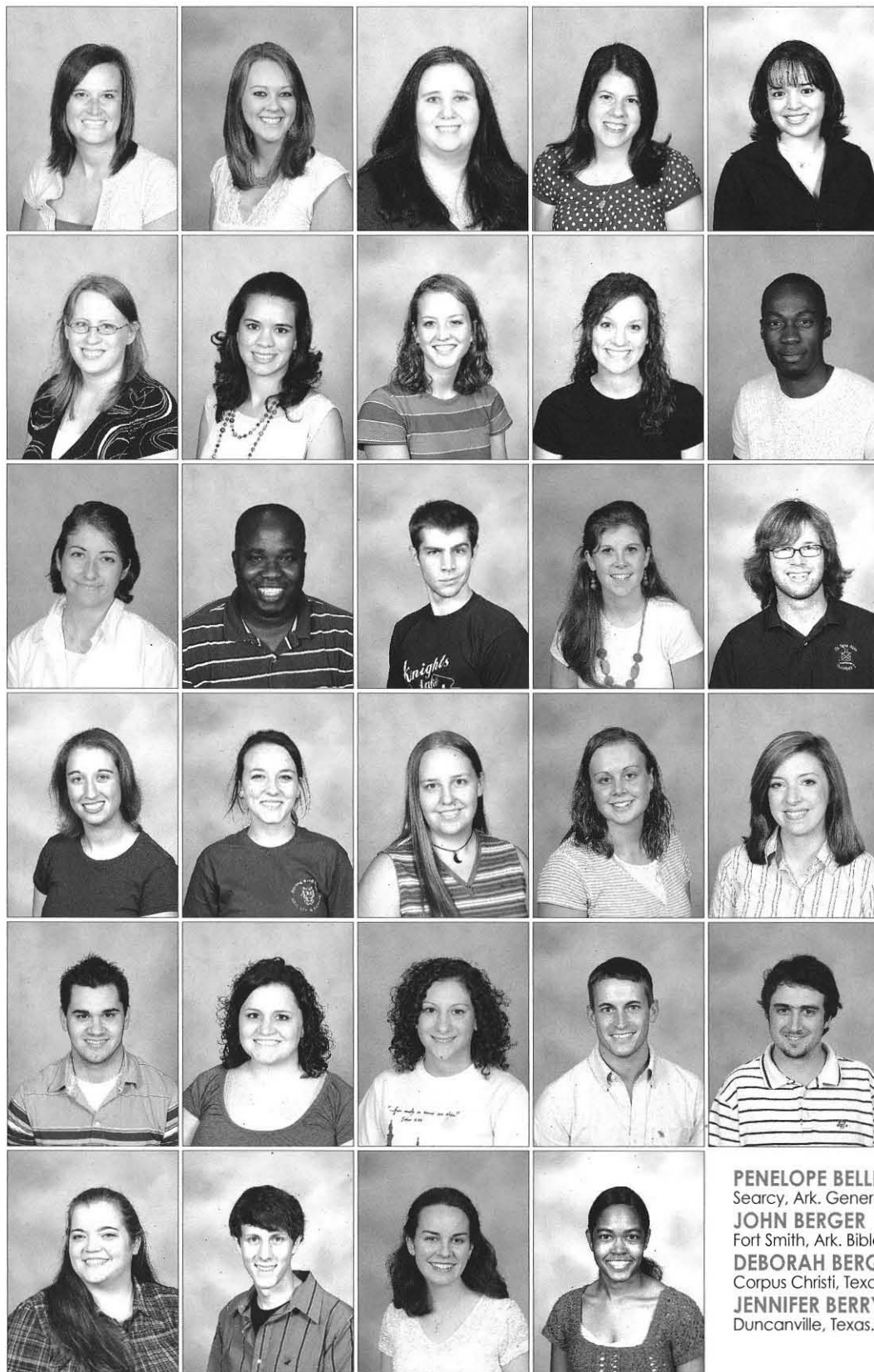


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"To me, senior year is ALL about the final destination of graduation. We strive ALL through our college years to get to this one point so we can then move on to the next Phase, whatever that may be."

-Morgan Garnett, senior



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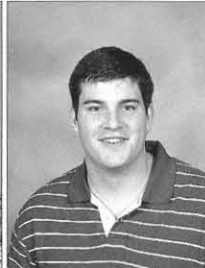
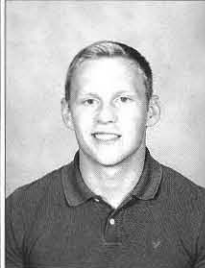
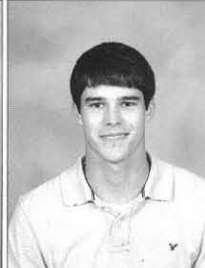
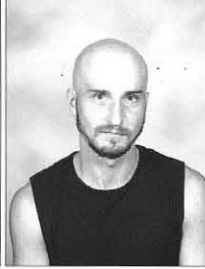
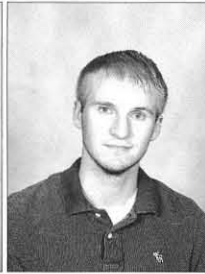
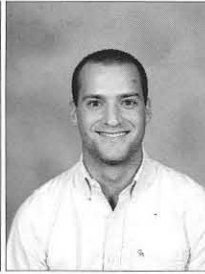
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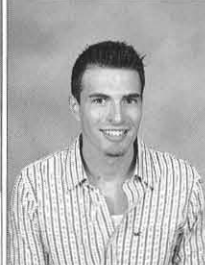
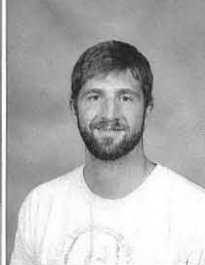
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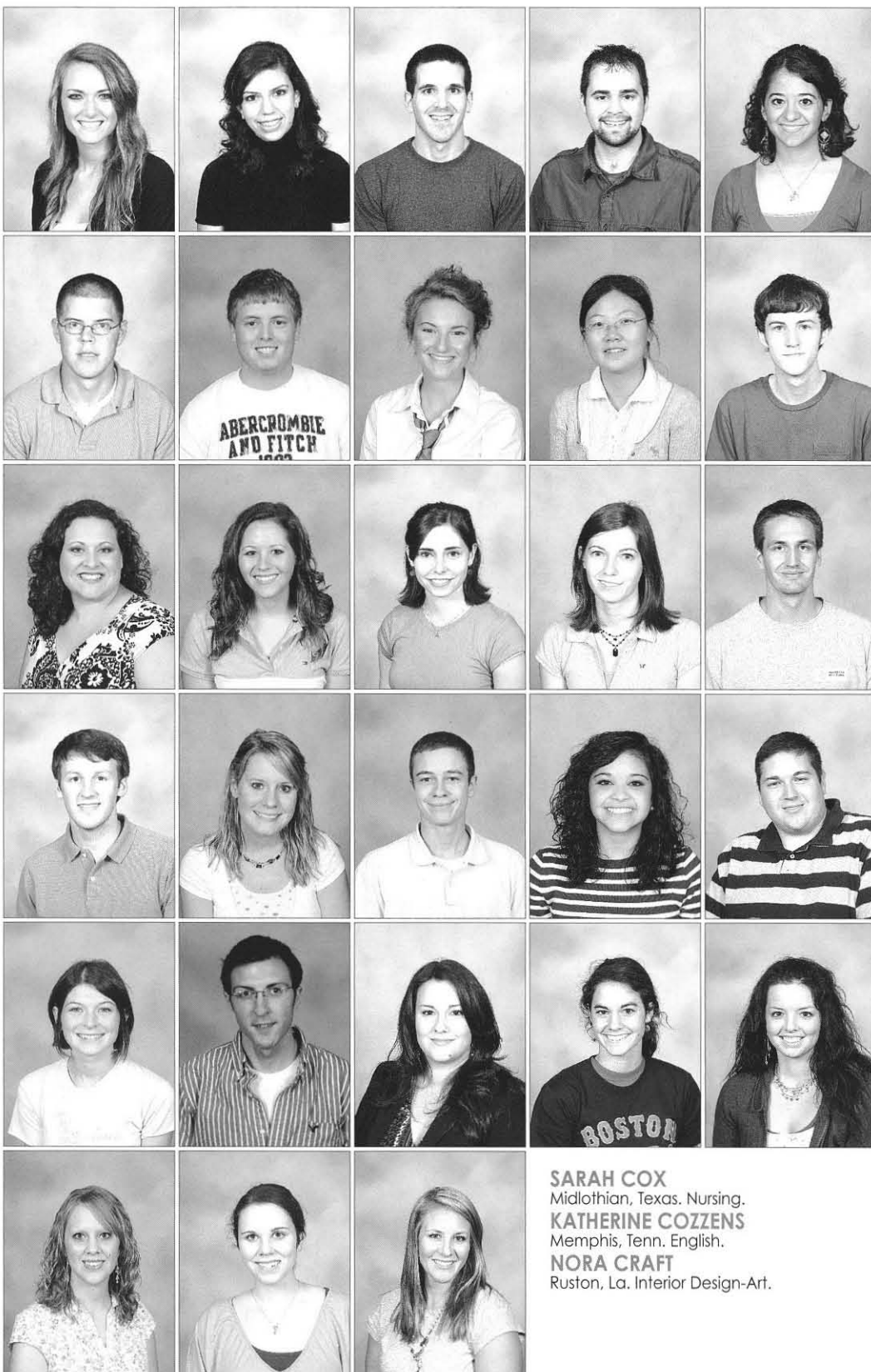


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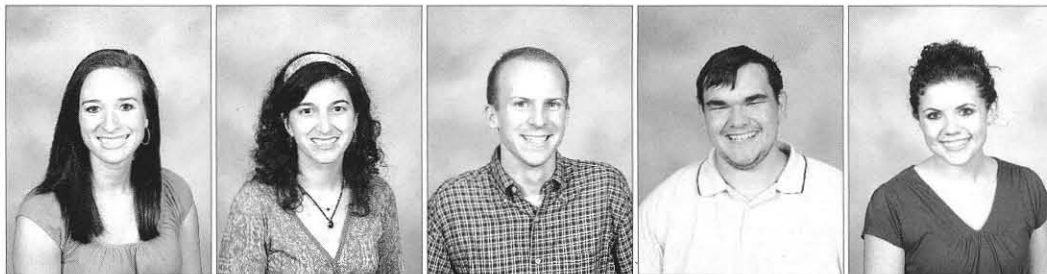
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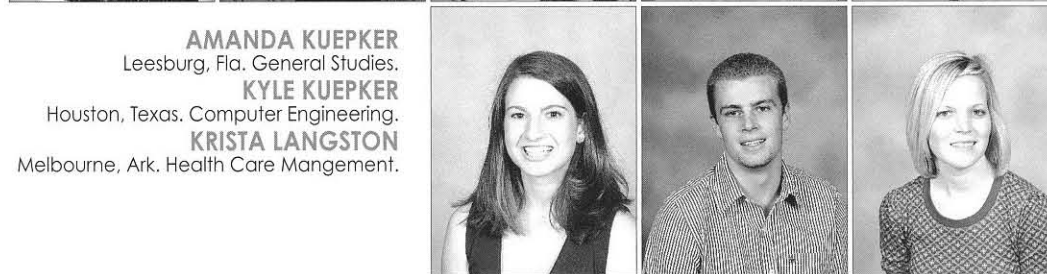
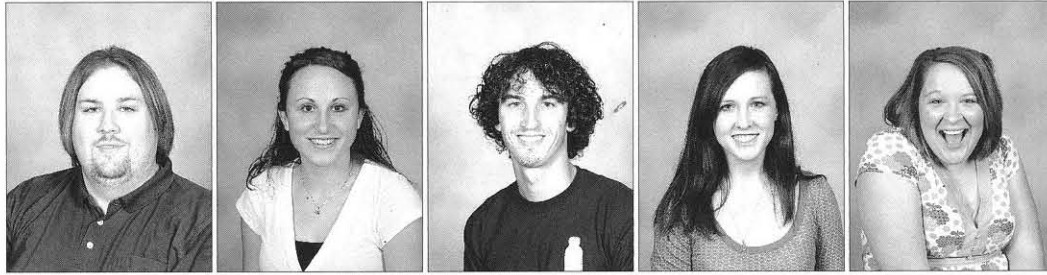
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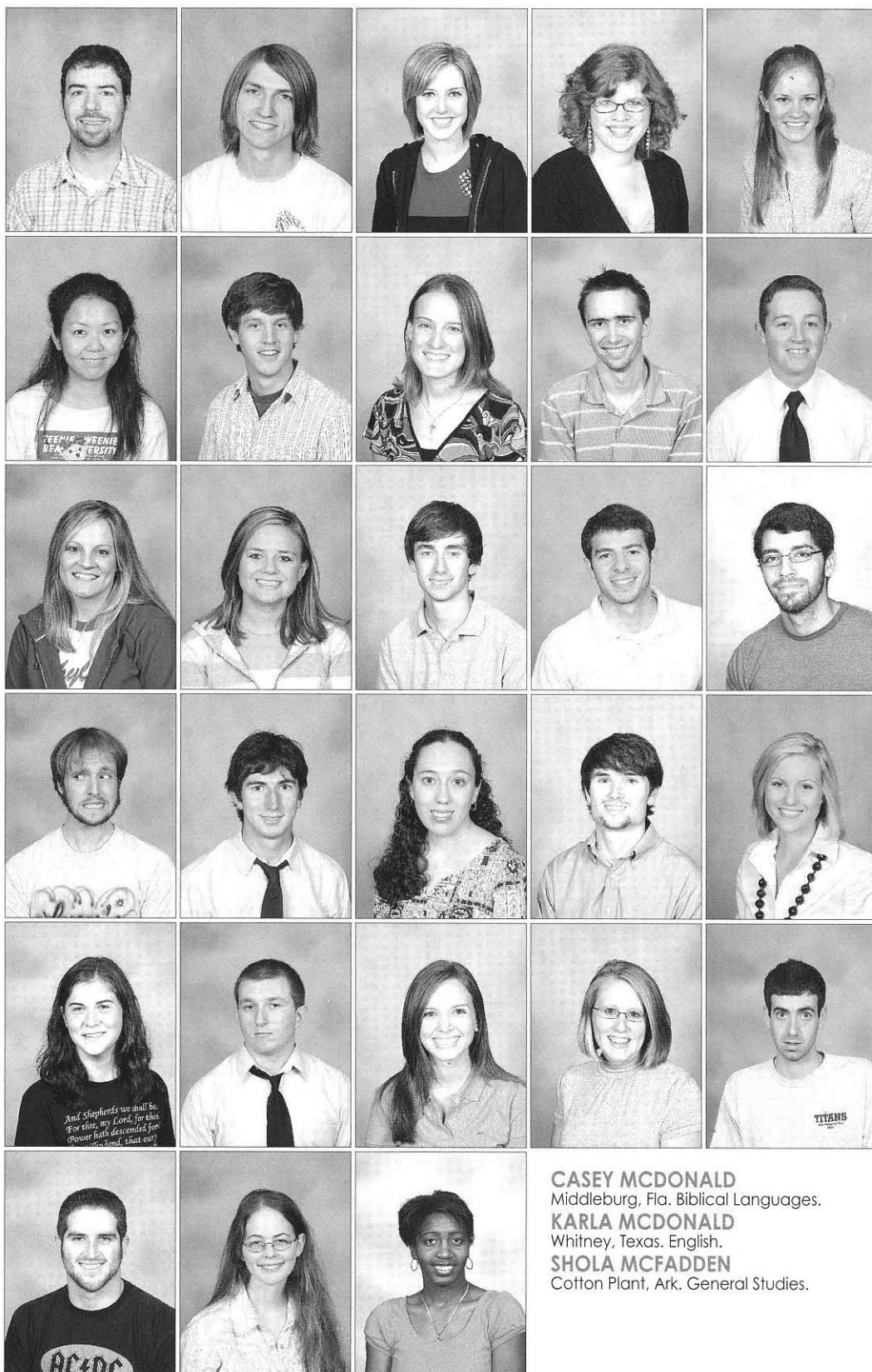
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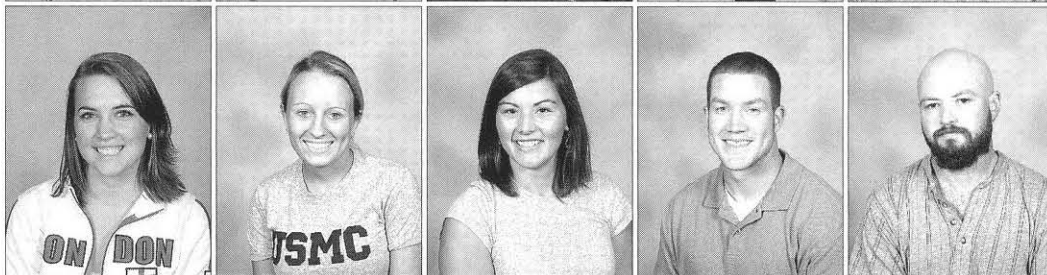
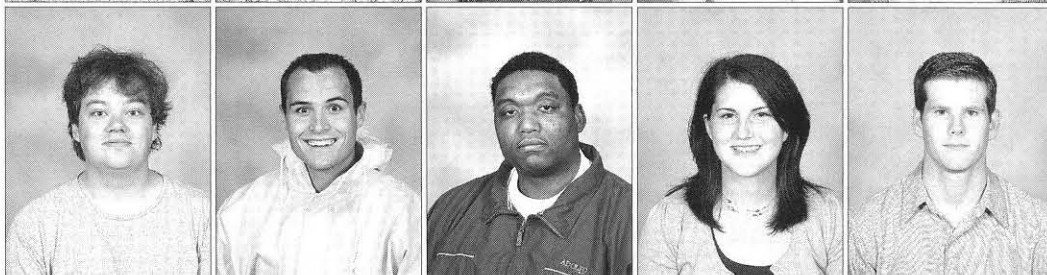
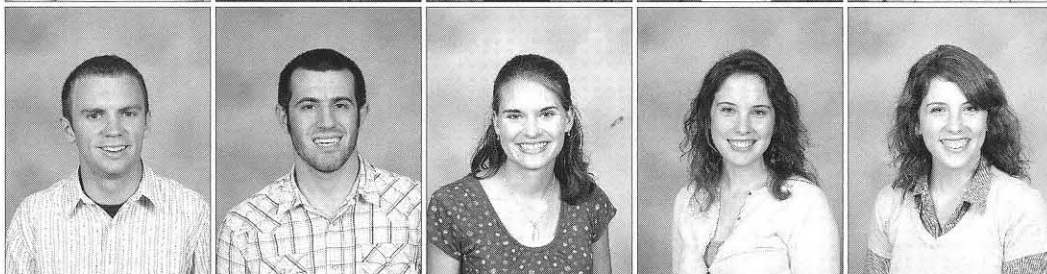
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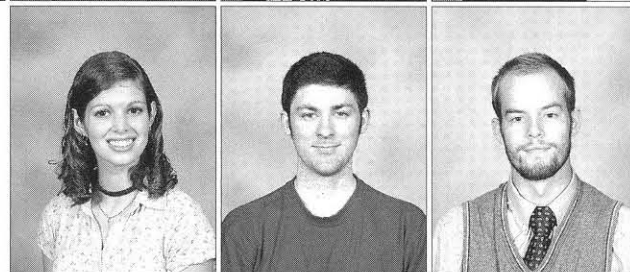
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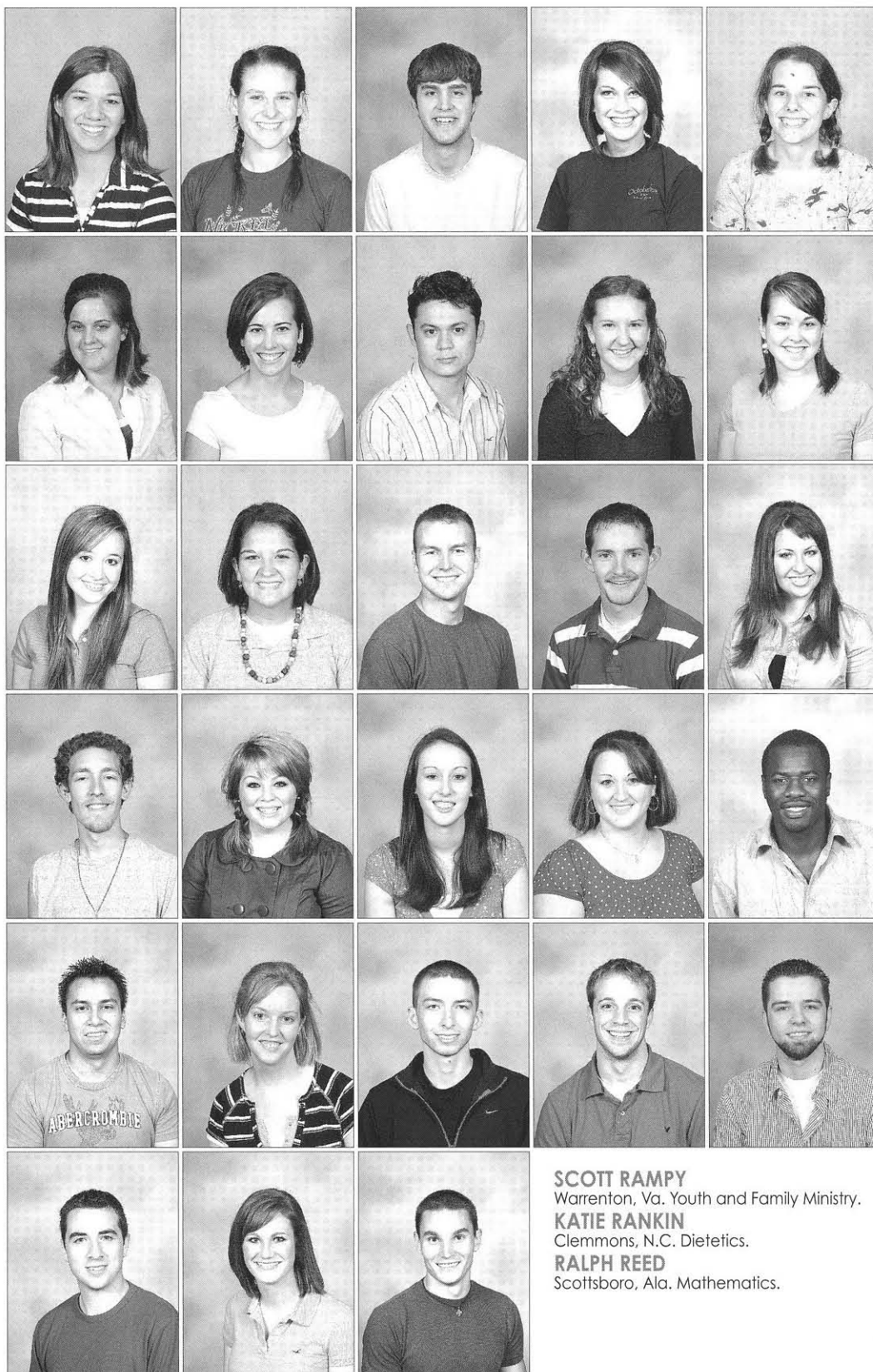


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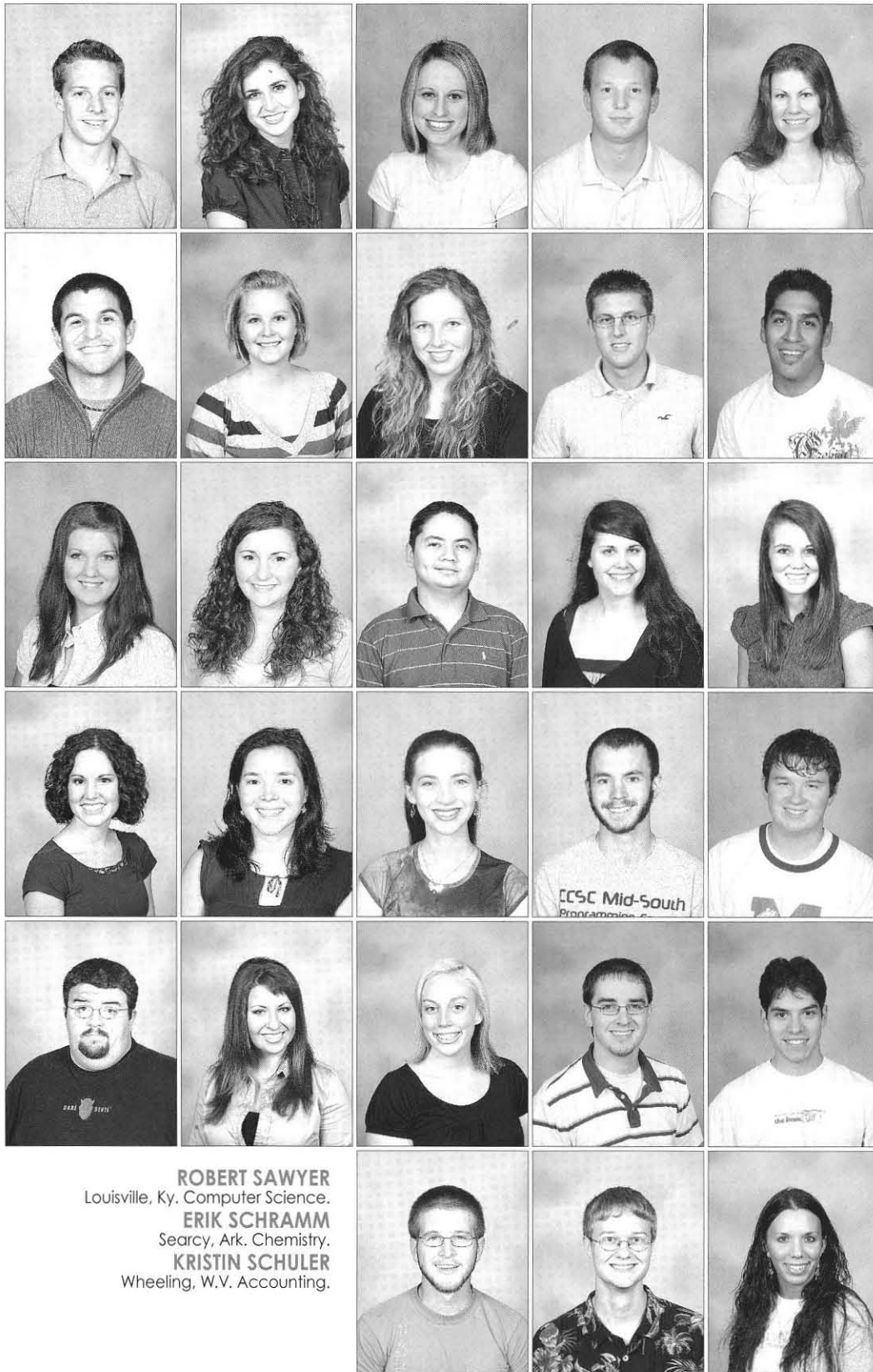
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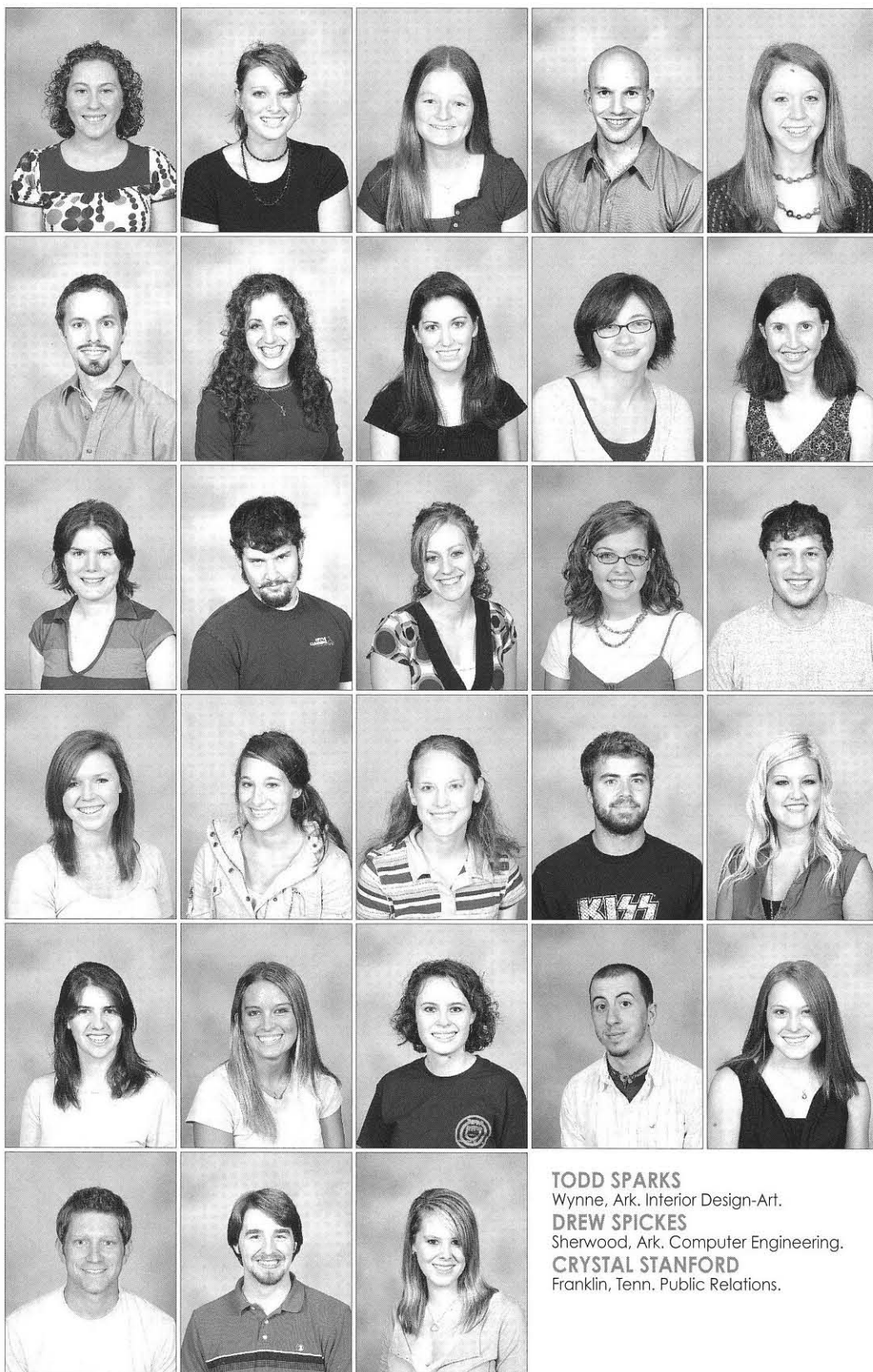
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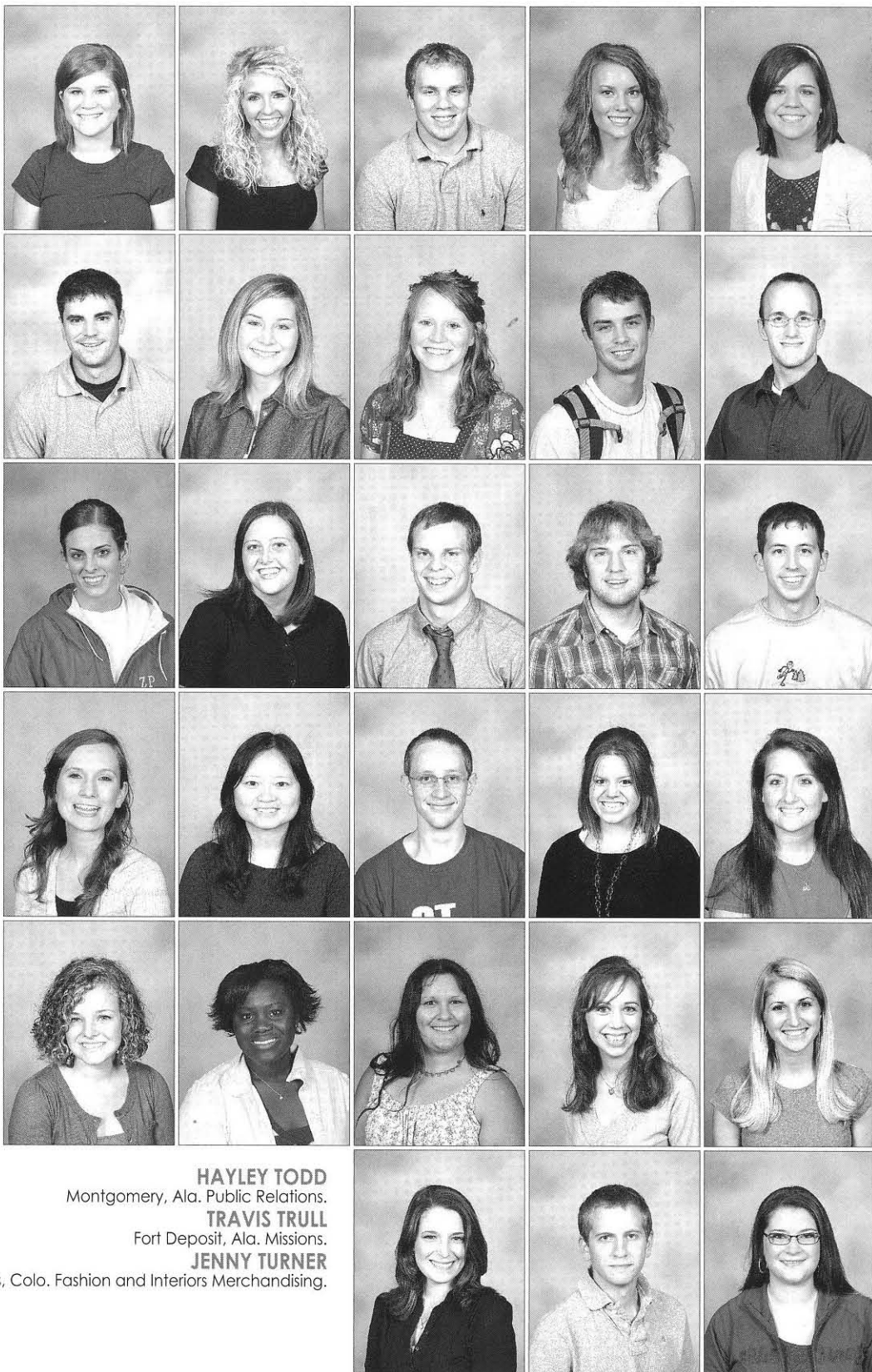
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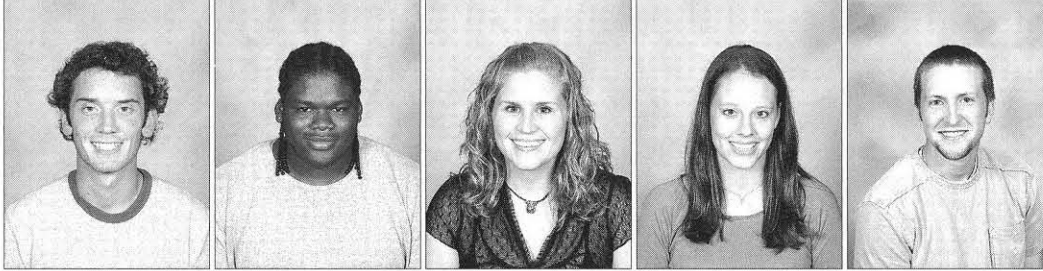
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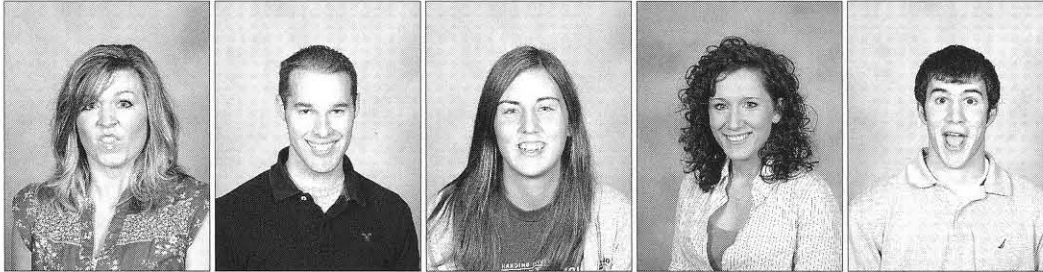




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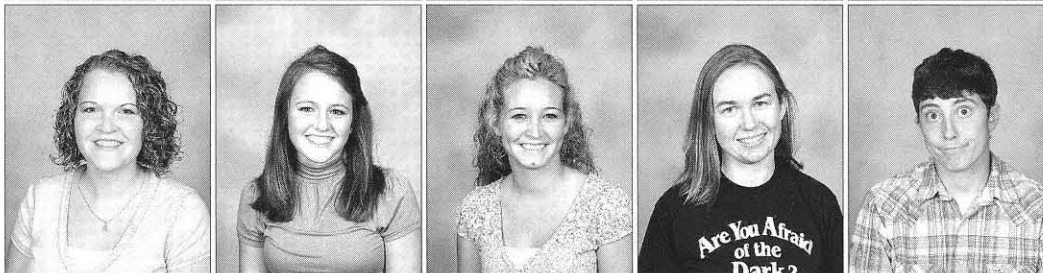
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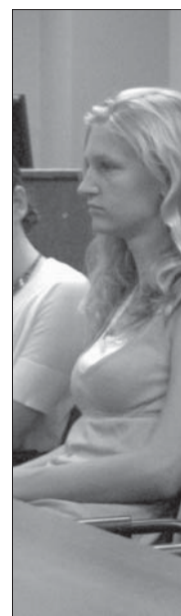
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Junior Betty Fulop, 75, sits by the Lily Pond on Sept. 6. After 50 years, Fulop decided to return to higher education and finish her degree. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Fulop works on a paper in the Brackett Library Sept. 6. Fulop opted to be a Bible major when she received a scholarship from the College of Bible and Religion. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Fulop and freshman Meg Dalafave listen to freshman Bethany Howell read her poetry Aug. 28 at the Scribblers meeting. Fulop joined Scribblers, a creative writing club, so she could share her personal writing. [Jonathan Lindsay]



a new start

75-year-old returns to finish college degree

The stress of moving to a new state to study at a university was often an overwhelming feeling for a student. Imagine rushing around unfamiliar buildings searching for classrooms for the first time.

Junior Betty Fulop, from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was one of many students experiencing life at Harding for the first time in mid-August. However, at age 75, Fulop was unique in all of her classes.

For Fulop, the decision to finish her degree late in life did not come to her suddenly.

"Fifty years ago was when I first started college," Fulop said.

Over the years, Fulop earned more than 100 credit hours and transferred to Harding as a junior from North Idaho College. Fulop had taken a class at North Idaho College which ignited her thoughts about continuing her education for two more years. The decision to choose Harding came to Fulop after spending time in prayer.

"One day I was praying, and the name Harding College popped into my head, and I thought, 'Oh yes! Why not?'" Fulop said.

Assistant Director of Admissions Logan Light recruited Fulop and enjoyed working with her.

"She was easier to help out than most students because she has lived on her own for most of her life," Light said.

Fulop was the oldest student Light had ever recruited and was the oldest student on campus to his knowledge.

Even though Fulop was dedicated to coming to Harding, she encountered problems common to all college students.

"When I was at North Idaho College, my major changed three times in two years," Fulop said.

From developmental psychology to communication, Fulop changed her major as often as any university student.

After touring the university during the spring semester of 2007, Fulop

applied to Harding with the intentions of majoring in general studies. Still not entirely sure as to what major she would pick, Fulop applied for a scholarship over the summer that would have her study Bible.

"When I got the Bible scholarship, that made the decision for me," Fulop said.

Because she won the scholarship, Fulop came to Harding as a full-time student in the College of Bible and Religion.

Even though she was the oldest student in her classes, Fulop was not at all uncomfortable.

"In Idaho, I had a lot of respect and admiration and people going out of their way to help me, so I am used to being the oldest," Fulop said. "Many people are surprised to see me in class, and one man in his 30's or 40's stopped me in the hall to tell me how glad he was to see me in class. I guess he thought he would be the oldest one in the class, and he wasn't, so he felt really happy!"

With five children, Fulop had a great deal of support coming to Arkansas.

"Someone asked my grandson if his mother was going to college, and he said, 'Yeah, and so is my grandma!'" Fulop said.

In the past, Fulop had moved away from Idaho, and she said that her move to Harding was not unlike any other time that she had left Idaho.

"I shipped three boxes down and I brought two heavy suitcases on the bus," Fulop said. "I think it is very exciting because this is the first time I have ever lived alone."

Fulop said that everyone at the university had been very helpful to her as she became oriented with her new surroundings. If Fulop graduated, she would be the oldest student to ever do so from Harding. Fulop said she would be very proud of that fact.

[Jared Abelson]





evangelize italy

Woodroofs serve God through Avanti Italia

After graduation, many Harding students embarked on various mission opportunities, seizing their new, post-college freedom. They devoted a couple of years to spreading the gospel before settling down into their regular jobs. For David and Debbie Woodroof, this process happened in reverse. David, who was director of media services for almost 25 years, and Debbie, an instructor in the communication department, were already settled and employed when they felt the call to the mission field.

For the Woodroofs, the plan was set in motion once the Avanti Italia director's job became open. Robbie and Mona Shackelford, directors of the Harding University in Florence (HUF) program, planted the idea of interviewing for the position in the couples' heads. The Shackelfords, who were high school friends of David, informed the Woodroofs about the opening position for the Avanti Italia director.

"We would never pick ourselves," Debbie Woodroof said about their decision to work with Avanti Italia. "We never thought we would put the hat of missionary on."

However, God had a different plan for them. While visiting Debbie's sister in Dallas, the Woodroofs heard a sermon on answering God's call on His terms or on your own. The message hit the Woodroofs hard. After church, the entire family went to a restaurant and ran into an old college friend along with 13 of his friends who were all involved with Avanti Italia. The message was loud and clear for the Woodroofs. They were being called to Italy.

The Woodroofs had been on campaigns to Italy during the summer

of 2007 and taught at HUF in the summer of 2004. They also credited a great deal of their preparedness to their time in Searcy. The interaction with numerous Bible professors and speakers, as well as the students they came in contact with through the university, were invaluable.

Through the program, the Woodroofs would be able to spread God's word in a variety of ways.

Avanti Italia, which meant "Evangelize Italy," was founded by Howard Bybee, who had been a missionary to Italy for 24 years. It was a two-year program for college graduates interested in being missionaries in Italy. Once those interested raised the money, they traveled to Florence to engage in a rigorous three- to four-month Italian language school. Once the workers had conquered the language, they were considered for placement.

The work done by Avanti Italia missionaries was largely based on the needs of the church.

"They try to match the church's needs with a worker," Debbie Woodroof said. "If a church has a large number of children, they might be interested in having a puppet ministry. Some request workers to teach the people English using the Bible."

The Woodroofs had no set length of time that they would stay, just as long as the Lord willed them.

"We're excited and terrified at the same time," Debbie Woodroof said. "It's been an emotional roller coaster."

[Jennifer Harris]



Those interested in the overseas program gather around a table to discuss Avanti Italia at College Church of Christ Sept. 16. Avanti Italia hosted a spaghetti dinner to spread information about the mission work they were doing. [Jonathan Lindsay]

David Woodroof, the new Avanti Italia director, discusses the work being done in Italy during the spaghetti dinner on Sept. 16. Woodroof became the director in January of 2008. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Associate Professor of language Joli Love serves up an Italian dish for the buffet line at College Church Sept. 16. Love cooked the spaghetti meal for the those interested in learning more about the two-year program. [Jonathan Lindsay]

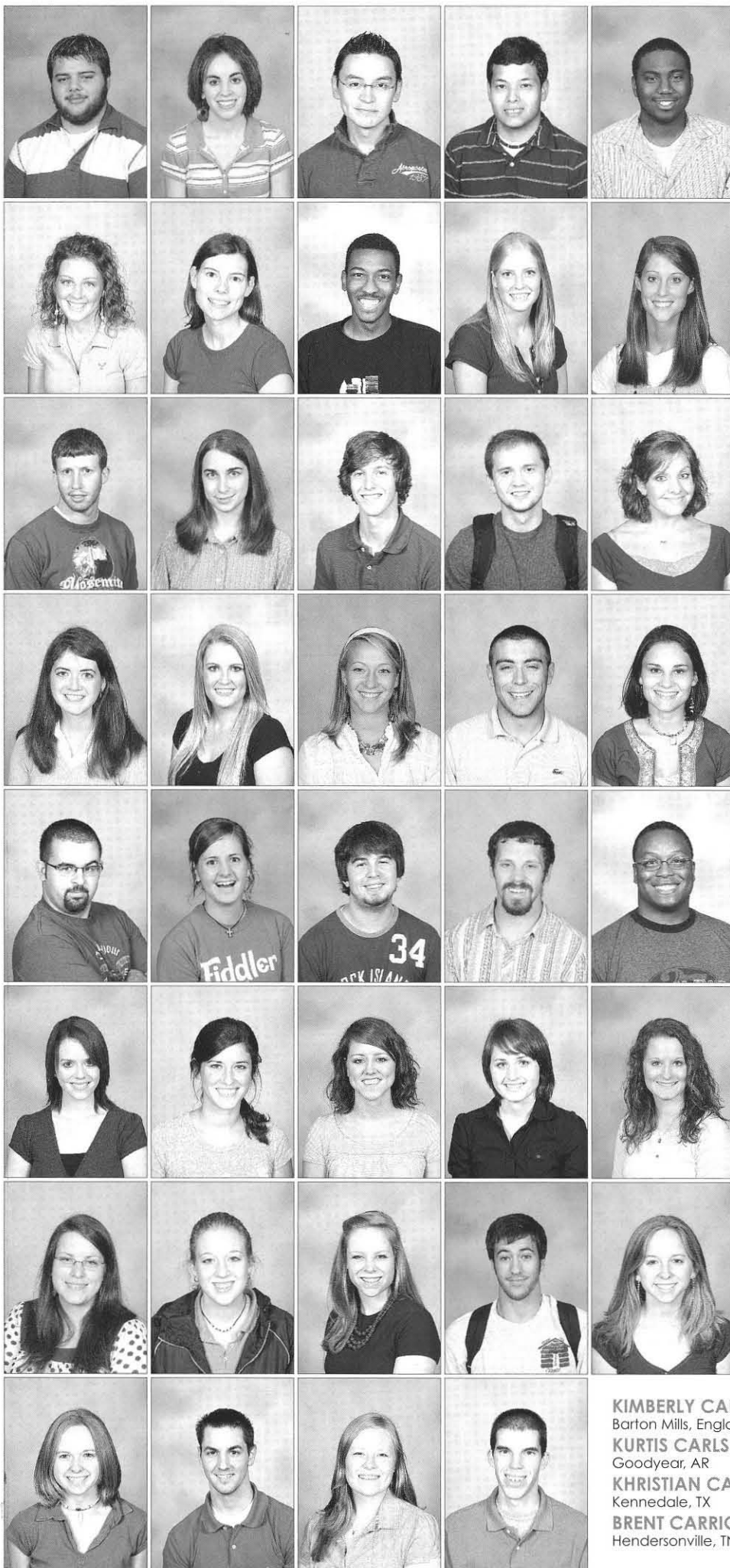


JUN•IOR



"JUNIOR year, you really start to see the level of your school work pick up. Your upper level classes get harder and you look more to what you want to do when you get out of college next year."

-Matt McCormick, Junior



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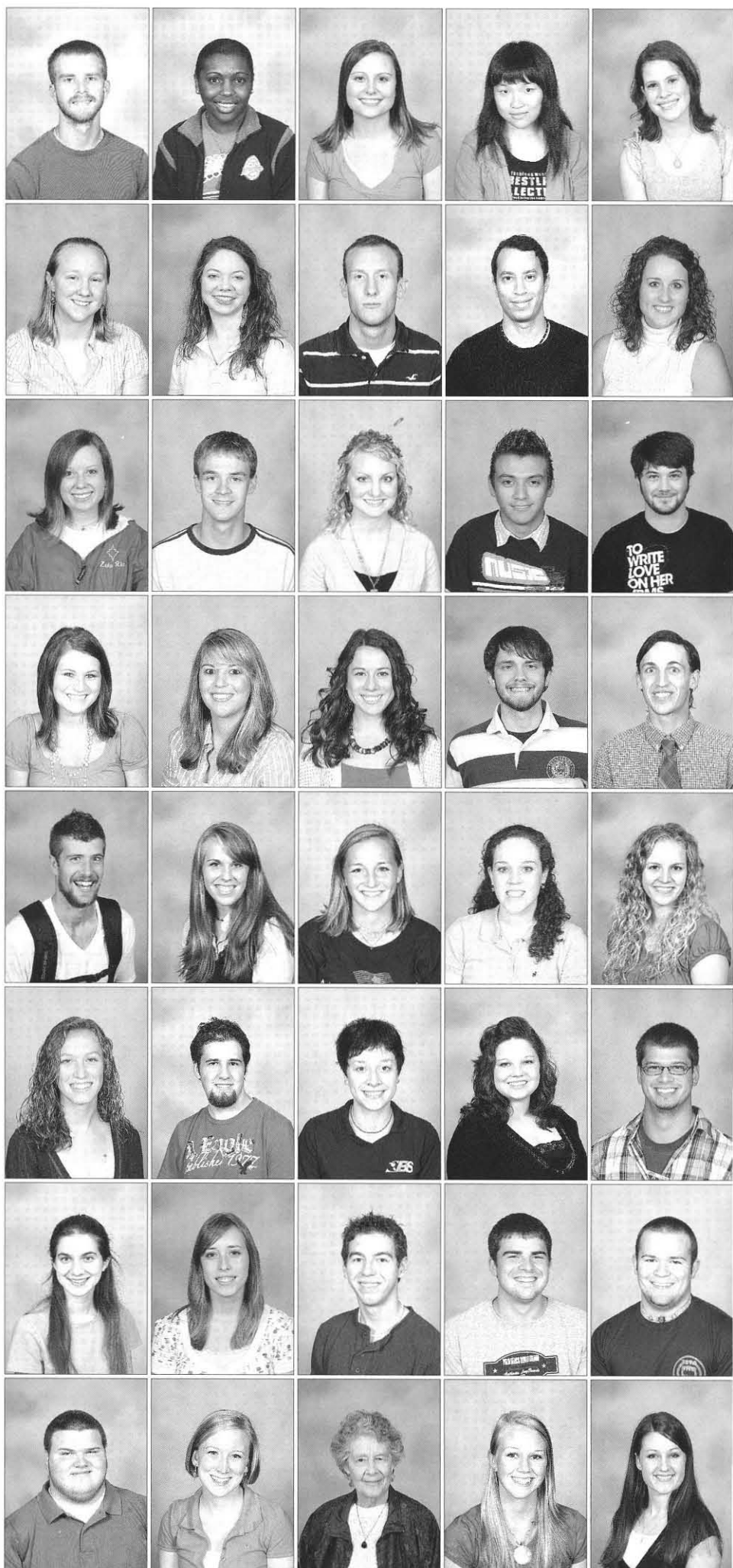
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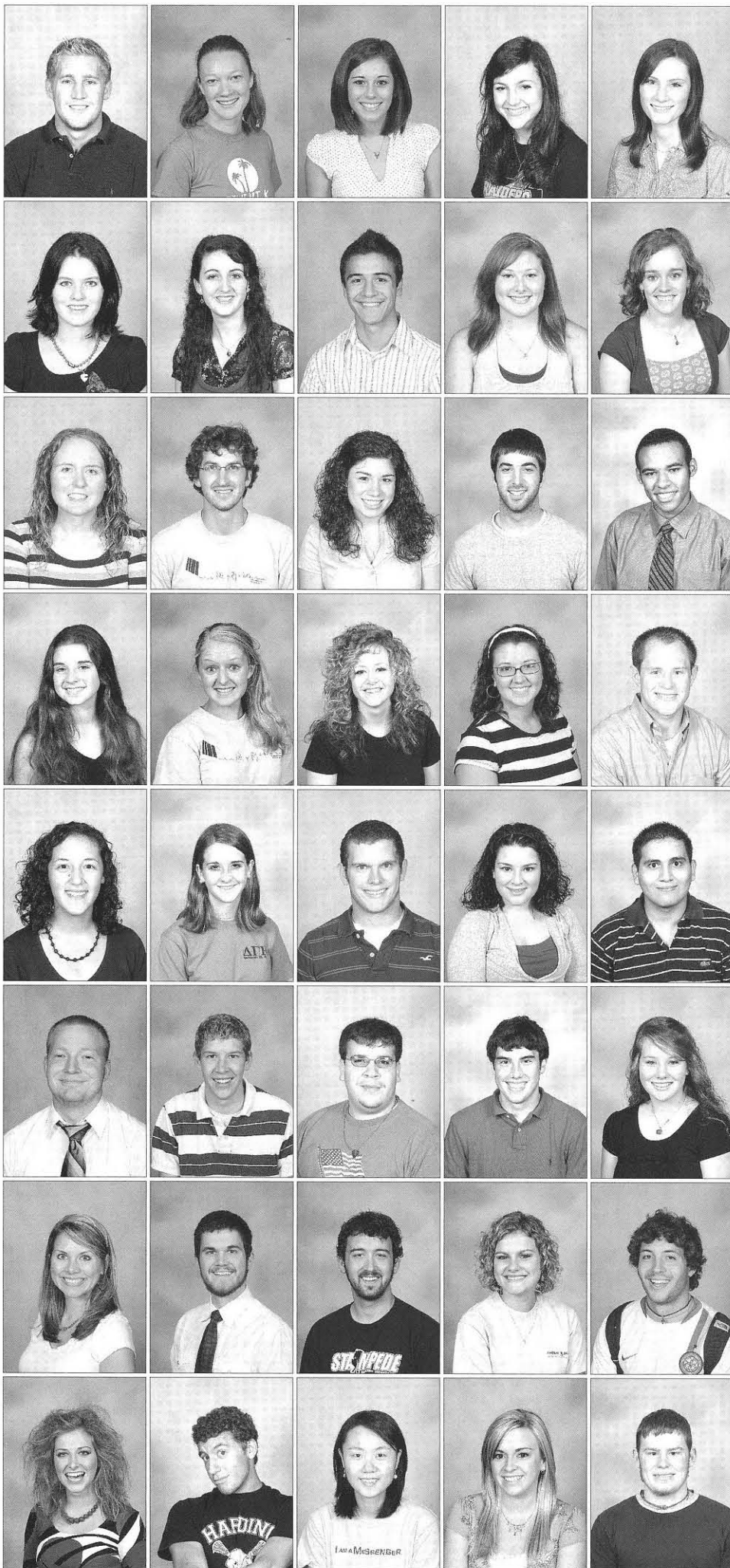
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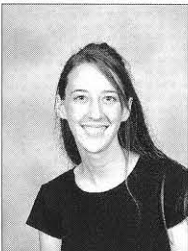
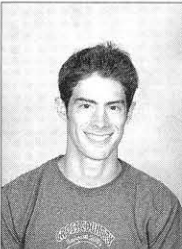
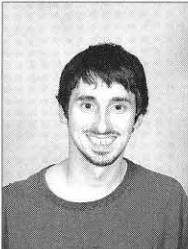
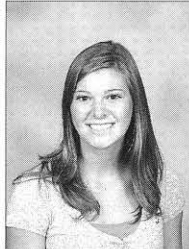
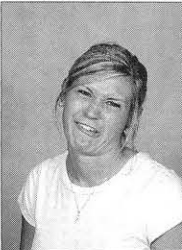
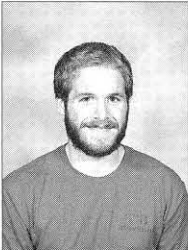
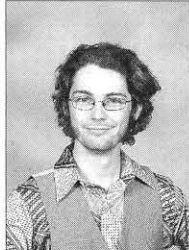
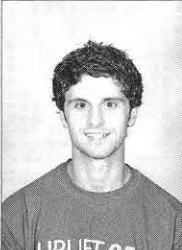
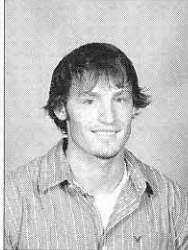
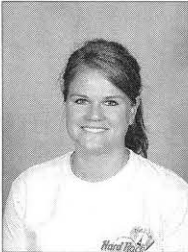
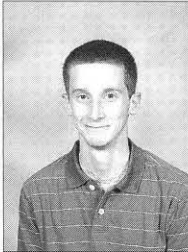
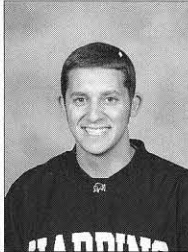
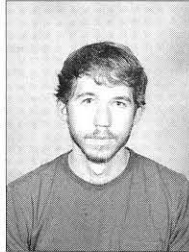
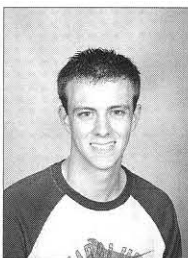
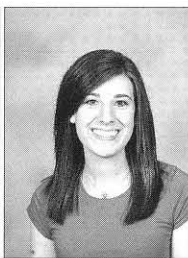
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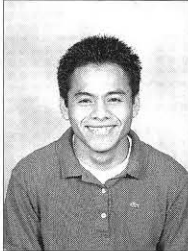
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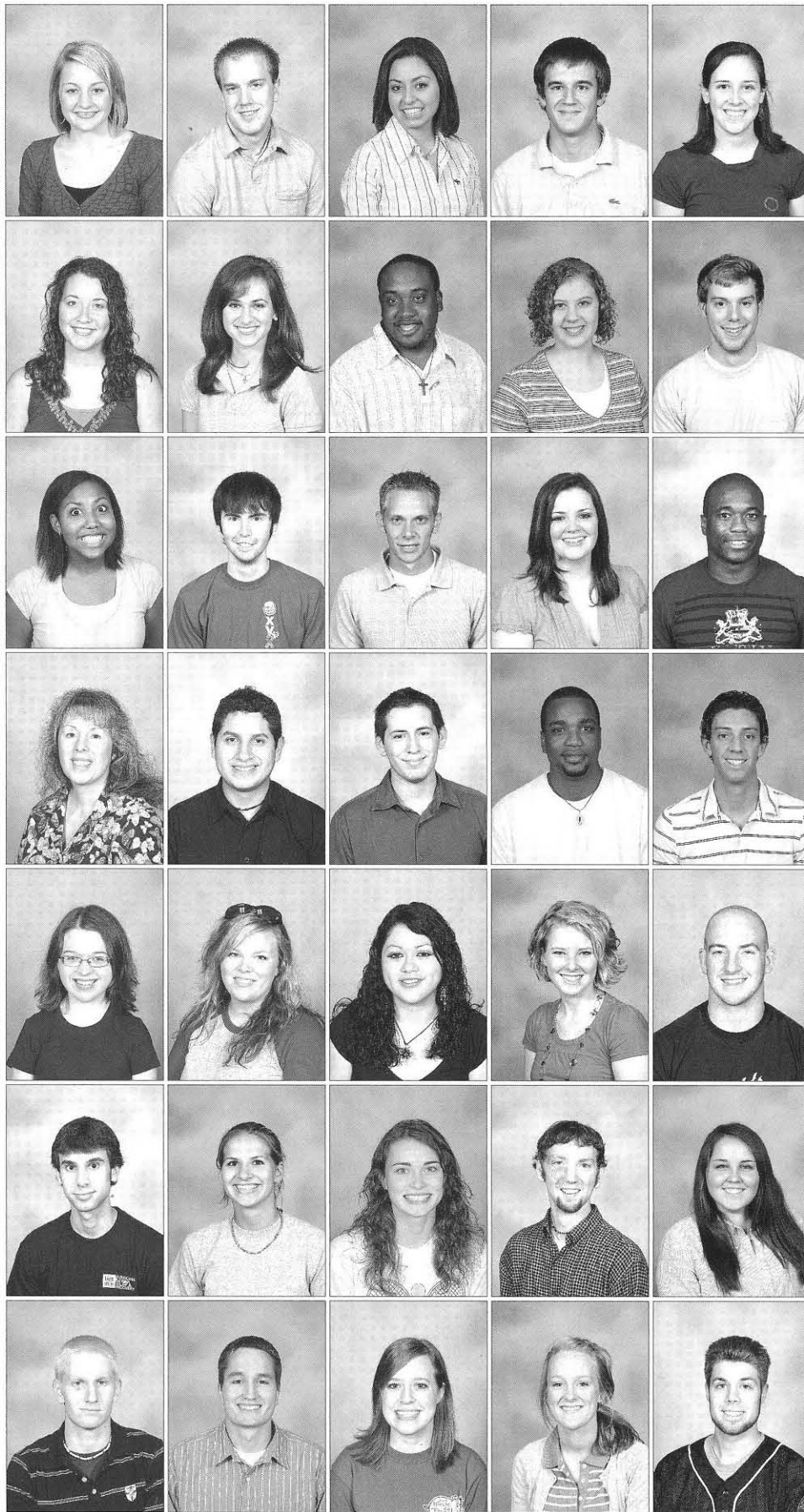
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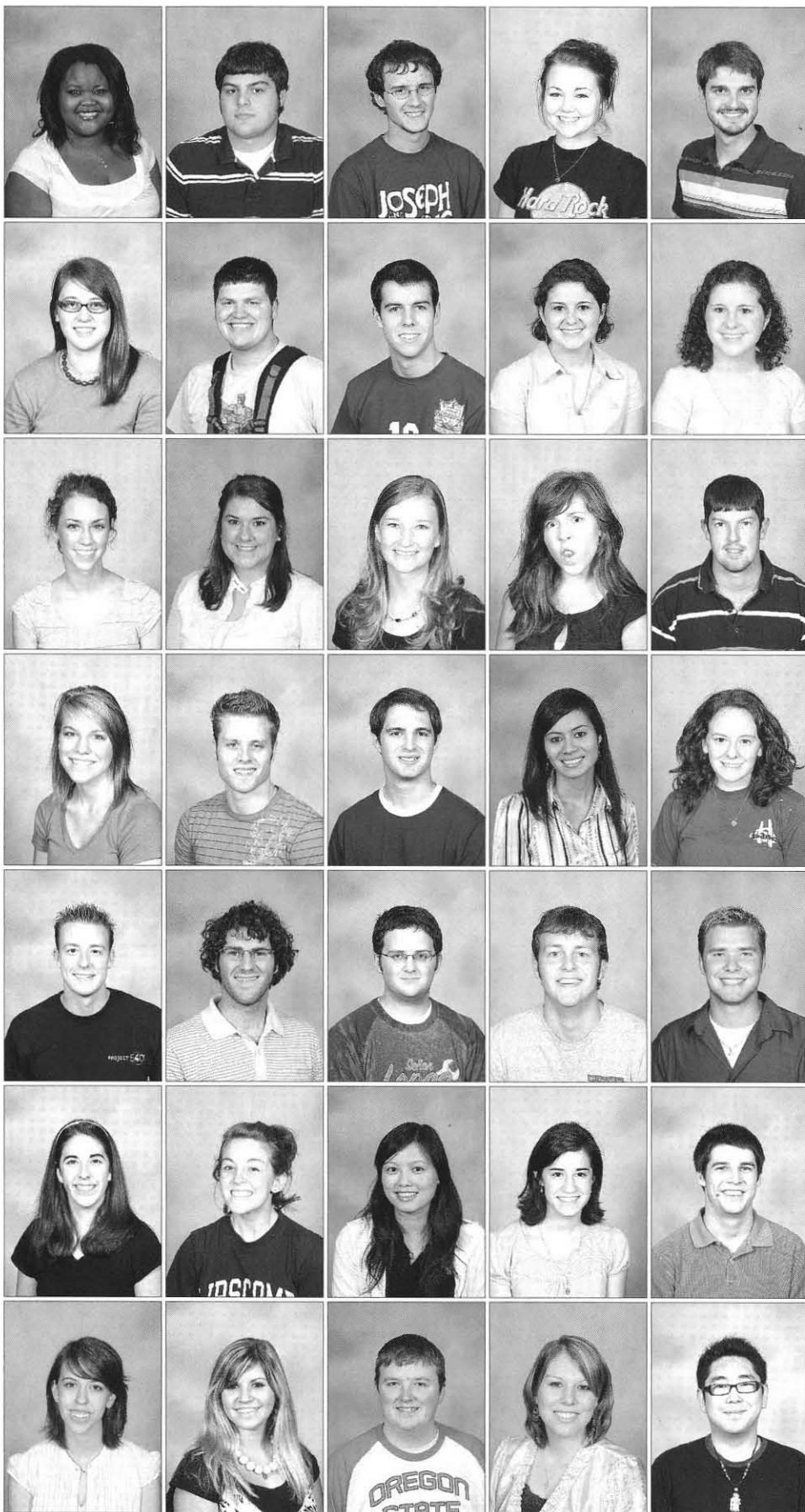
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Senior Paul Elliott stands behind Cone Dorm to serenade students on Sept. 7. Elliott would customarily practice his bagpipes on Friday afternoons to improve his skills. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Elliott sets up his instrument before playing behind Cone Dorm Sept. 7. He descretly carried the pipes in a deceiving guitar case. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Elliott plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes Sept. 7. "It took me a lot of heart and dedication before I was good," Elliott said. [Jonathan Lindsay]



unexpected gift

Student turns unique gift into unusual talent

Senior Paul Elliott never imagined he would play the bagpipes. As a high school freshman in Connecticut, Elliott was part of his school's band where he played different kinds of instruments. During that year, Elliott's interest in the band immediately changed when he discovered the bagpipe.

Elliott said a bandmate who was retiring from the band gave him the bagpipe for free.

"I believe I was truly fortunate because the bagpipe is a really unique and expensive instrument," Elliott said.

According to Elliott, the bagpipe was the hardest instrument he had ever played. He learned to play the bagpipe at a college in Connecticut near his home, and it took him nine months of training and practice before he could play entire songs. After almost a year of training, Elliott was part of the Fourth of July parade and also marched in the largest gathering of bagpipers in New York City for Tartan Day.

"Experiencing thousands of pipers at once was the best time ever," Elliott said.

In his time at Harding, Elliott was hard pressed to find another bagpipe player. Elliott mentioned that it would be difficult for others to learn, especially

if they had never played another instrument. He considered teaching some of his friends only if they were serious about learning.

Elliott's friend, junior Jon Pringle, agreed with the complexity of the instrument.

"The bagpipes is not an easy instrument," Pringle said. "I don't think I could do that. But with Paul, it shows an interest in his culture, and I think that's something that everyone should have."

Elliott encouraged students to learn to play the bagpipe because it was a unique and fun instrument.

"It is also good for you because it provides you with good exercise," Elliott said, explaining that after 40 minutes of playing, he grew tired.

Elliott played many songs and knew more than 50 songs by heart. His favorite songs were "Itchy Fingers" and "Amazing Grace," which he practiced at Harding on Friday nights behind the Reynolds Center or any other day he had free time.

"I think bagpipes are a way of escape for him," Pringle said. "He's a great Christian and likes to help people out. I think he likes to use his talent in this way."

(Laura Navarro)





Different WORLDS

Nicholas experiences culture shock in America

Beginning a college career at a new school would have been intimidating for most students. The pressure of figuring out what building a first class was in or trying to understand the social club process could be frightening. But what if a student were from a completely different country where these activities were not a part of everyday life?

Sophomore Laura Nicholas moved to the U.S. from Kenya to attend Harding University. Nicholas said that there was definitely a culture shock every time she experienced something new.

"Here, there is so much to be involved in and so much to do," Nicholas said. "I know that during my freshman year especially, I was really overwhelmed with all the opportunities."

Culture shock was something most students could experience anytime they stepped out of their comfort zone and into a different way of life. Nicholas said that one extreme aspect of culture shock was the pace at which Americans lived life compared to those in Kenya.

"I think the most shocking thing about this country and college culture was the pace of life," Nicholas said. "Back home, people are not as driven by the clock. Things are more relaxed, and I feel like people are more willing to enjoy the things they are involved in. So that's still hard to get used to."

A second aspect of culture shock for Nicholas was trying to relate with other students about American pop culture.

"An adjustment for me personally was learning how to relate to a teen culture of movies and music that I had never heard of and people were talking about all the time," Nicholas said. "That kind of thing is really not that important to me anyways, but it was hard to figure out what to say to people sometimes."

Being away from her family was difficult, but Nicholas said she managed to find people at Harding to connect with.

"Obviously, I really miss my family, but I think in a lot of ways I'm able to connect with people here in a more complete way because my home is so far away," Nicholas said. "For example, lots of people here have a hard time plugging into a church in Searcy because they 'already have a home church' that they've grown up in. I don't have those connections in this country, so I'm better able to jump in here on some levels. Also, not having my family here forces me to rely in a very real way on God and on my friends here to be my support system."

Nicholas said she had quite the experience while at Harding, not always seeing the easiest days in her life, but ones that taught her so much while on campus.

"Overall, it's been a crazy, hard, not fun a lot of the time, but very, very good experience," Nicholas said.

[Katie White]



Sophomore Laura Nicholas walks along a beach in Florida with her sister Becca on July 23, 2007. Her family went on vacation to visit her grandparents in West Palm Beach.
[Courtesy of Johnny Davis]

While visiting the Kenyan village of Narosura, sophomore Laura Nicholas sits thinking on January 26, 2006. Every year Nicholas went on cultural field studies trips with her high school to spend a week with a local tribe.
[Courtesy of Laura Nicholas]

Laura Nicholas, sophomore, tries to milk a cow in a Kenyan village on January 25, 2006. While living in Kenya, Nicholas was able to have experiences that few participated in.
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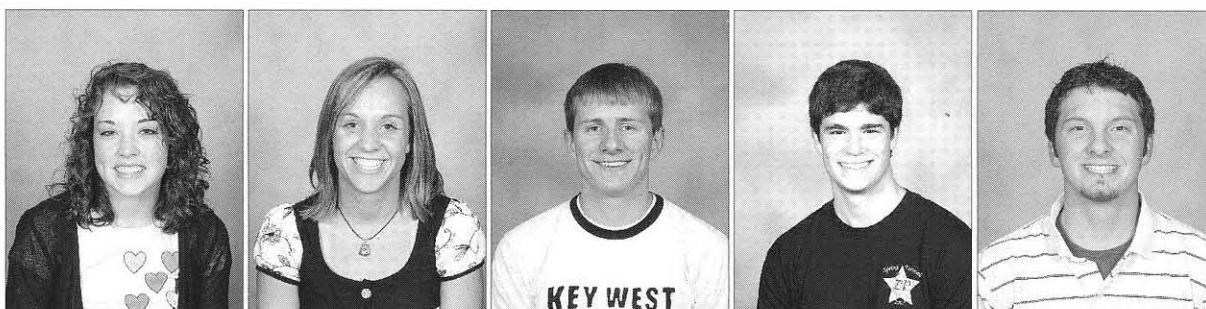


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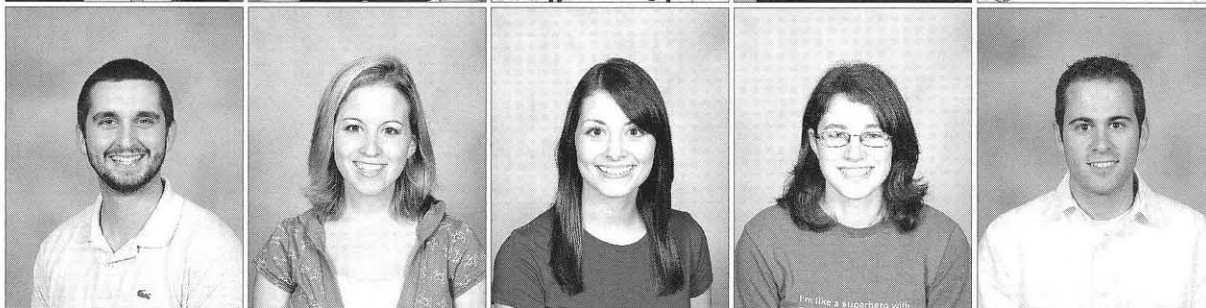


"SOPHOMORE year is much more Laid back than freshman year. I now have my close group of friends, I am more comfortable with college life and I am now aware of the fact that, yes, I do have to study... a Lot."

-Jordan Stephens, SOPHOMORE



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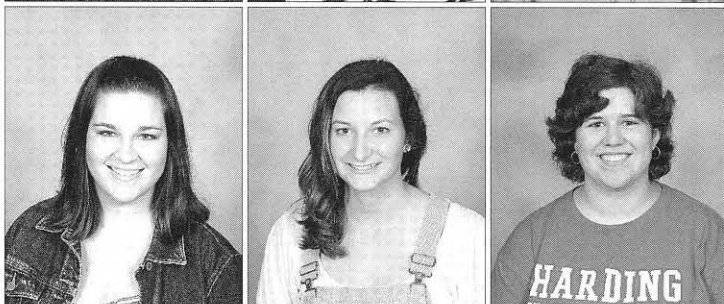
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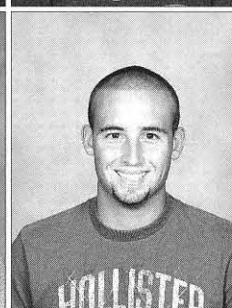
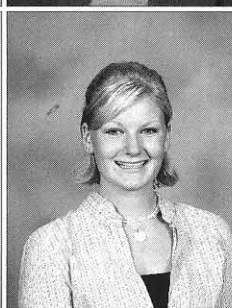
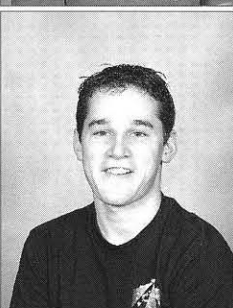
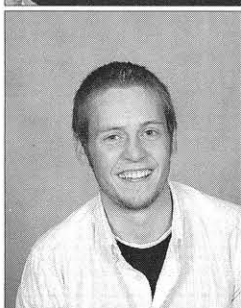
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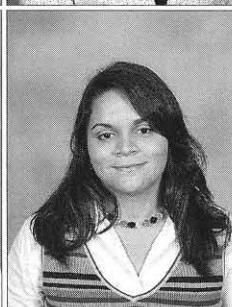
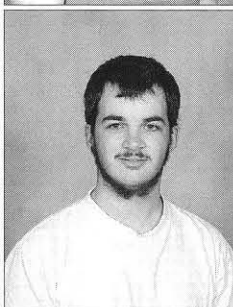
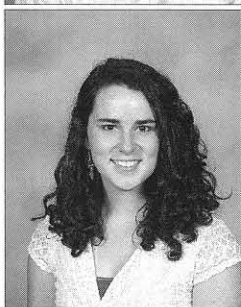
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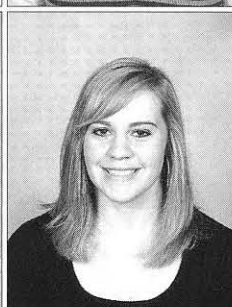
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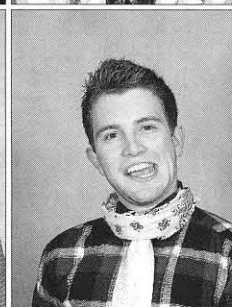
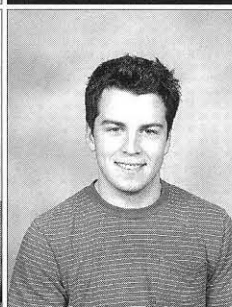
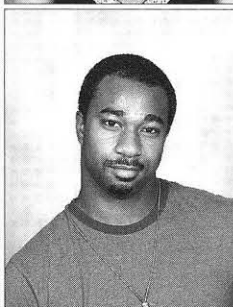
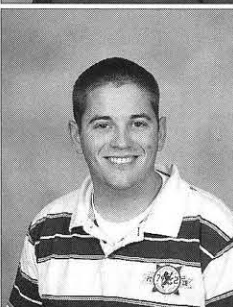
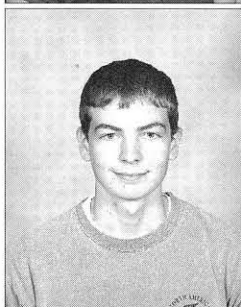
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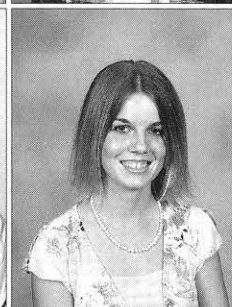
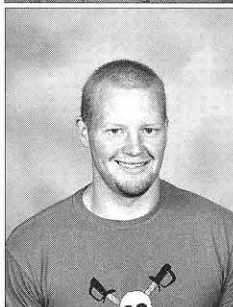
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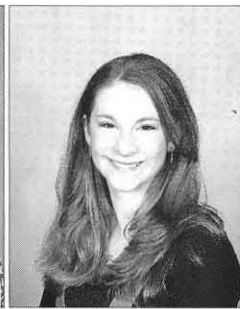
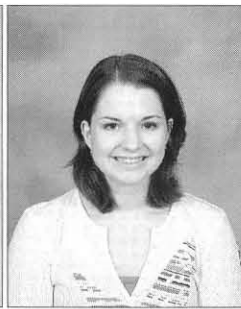
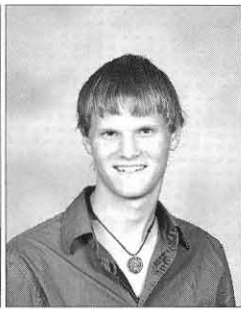
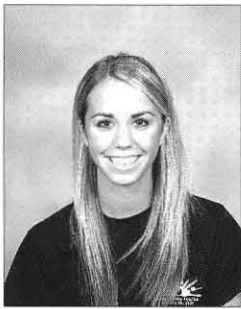


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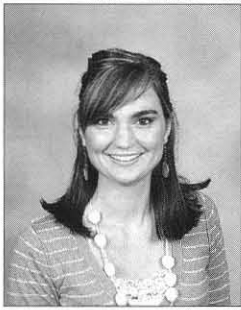
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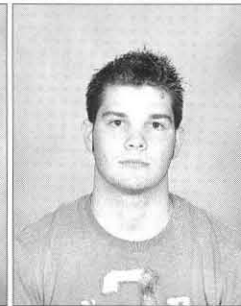
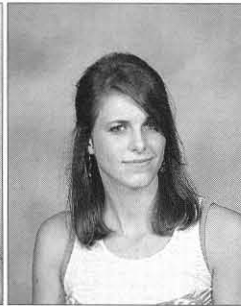
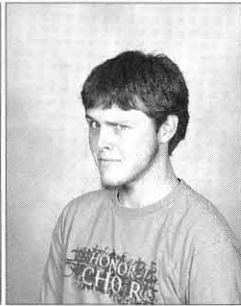




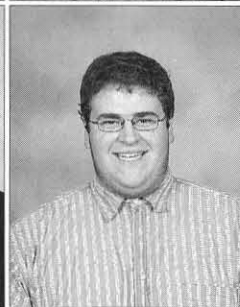
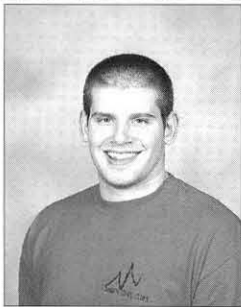
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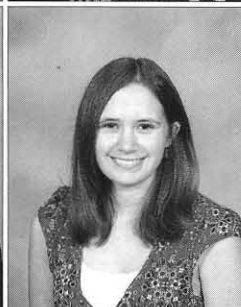
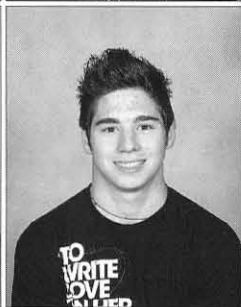
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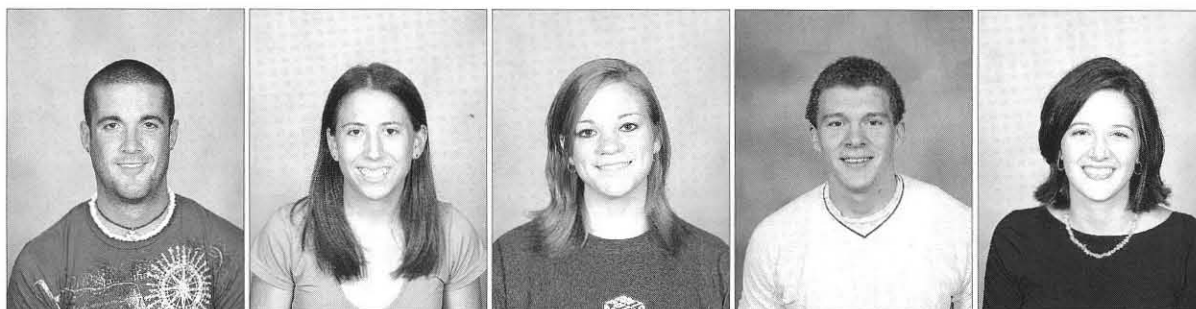


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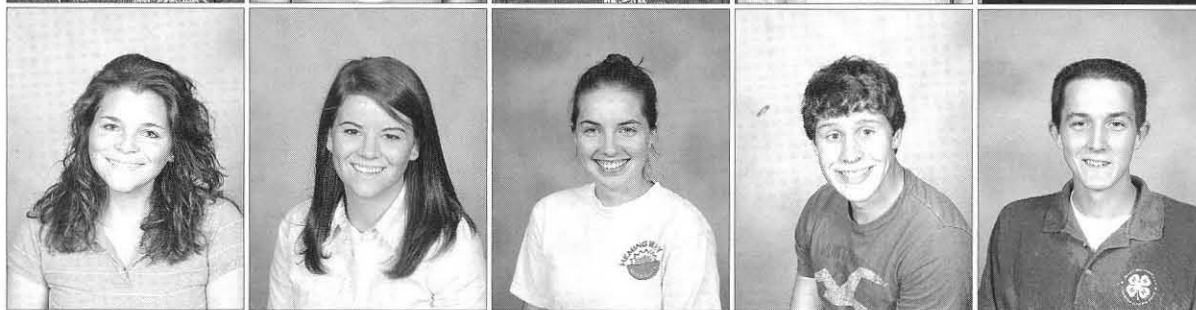


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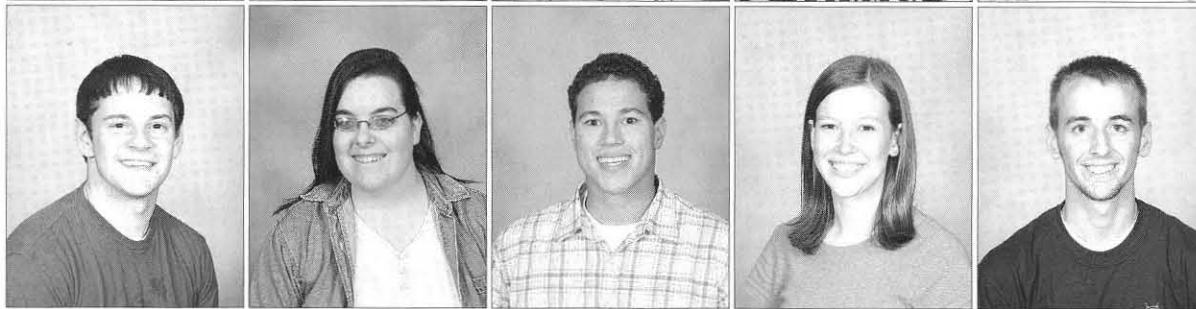
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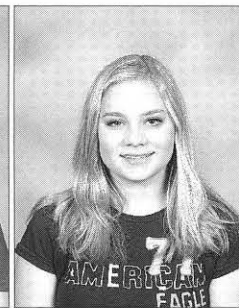
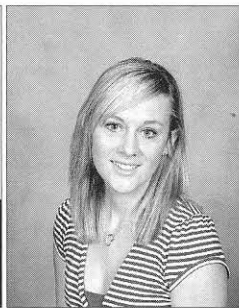
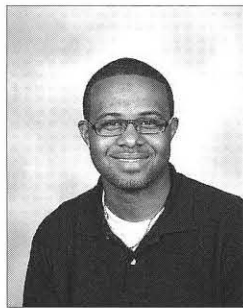
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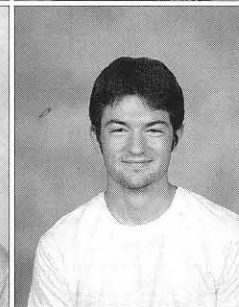
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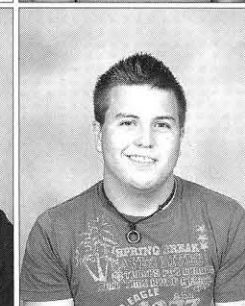
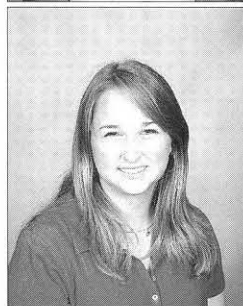
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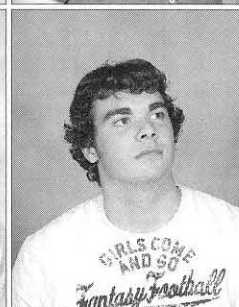
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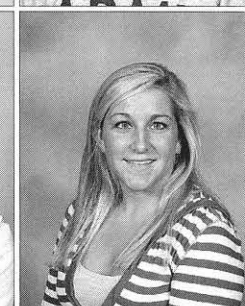
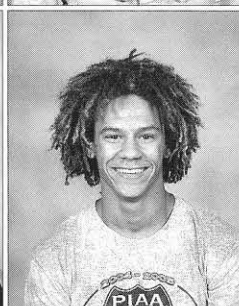
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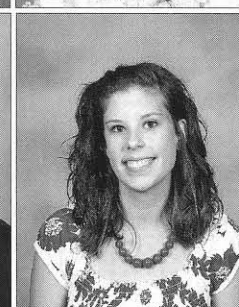
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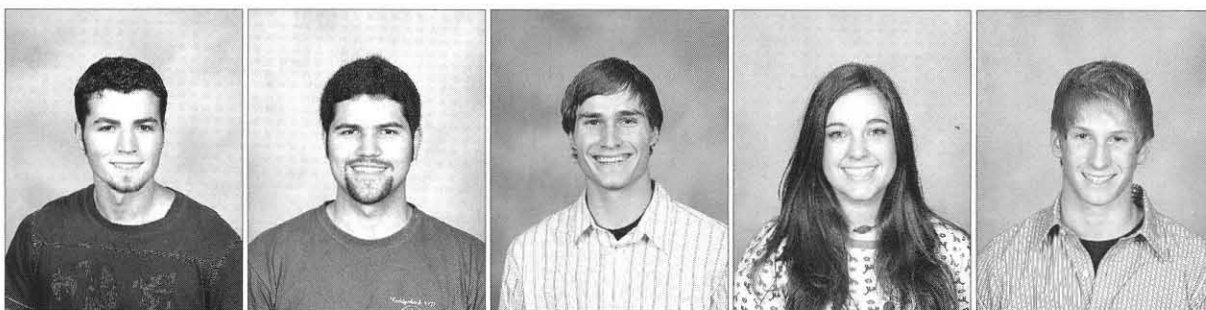


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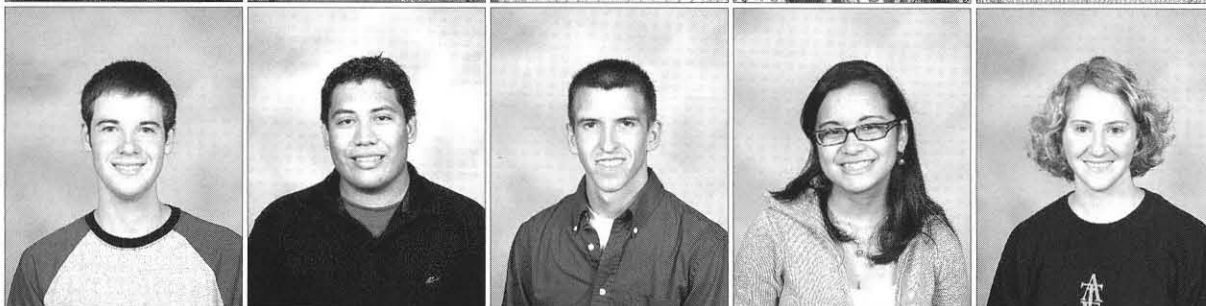


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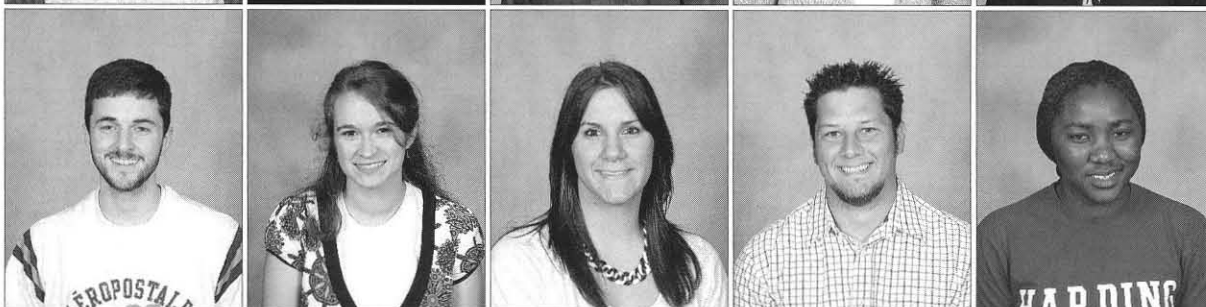




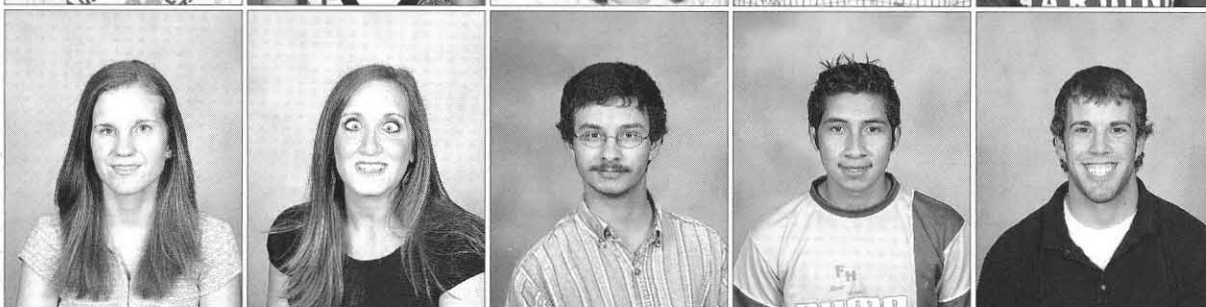
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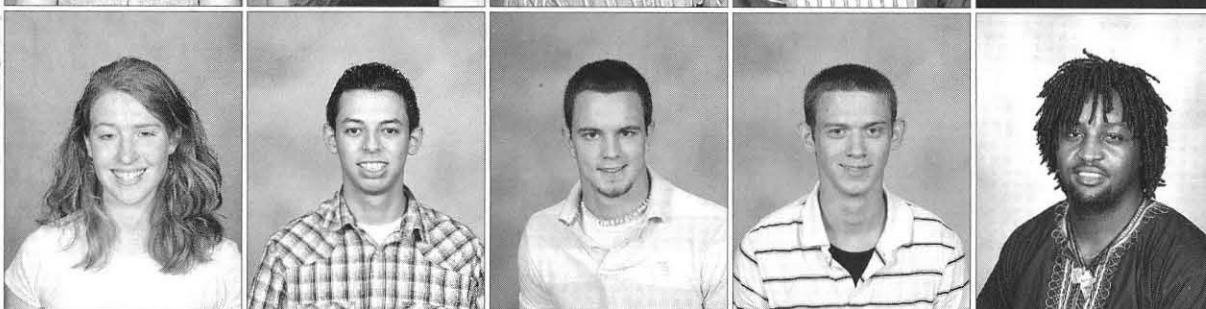
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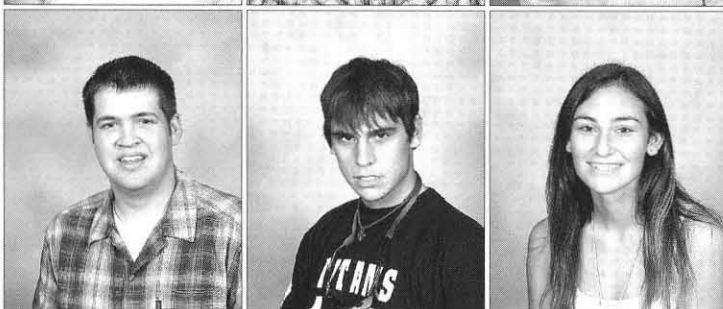
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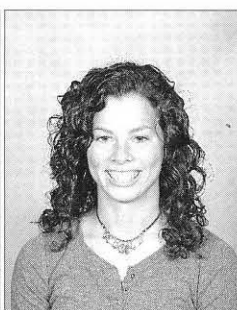
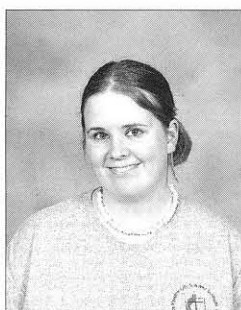


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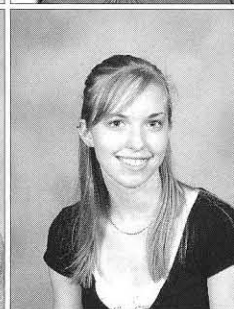
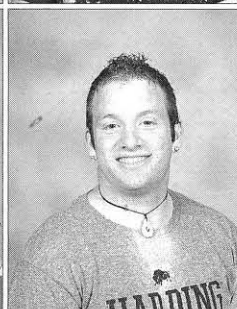
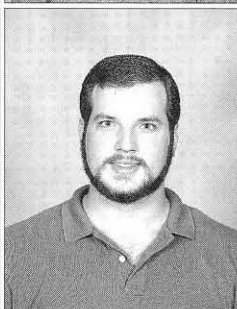
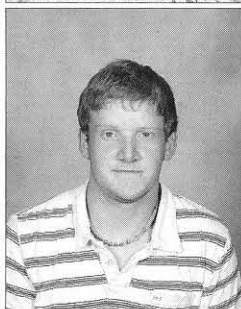


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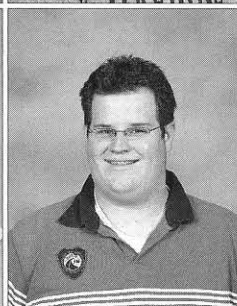
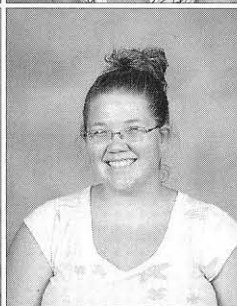
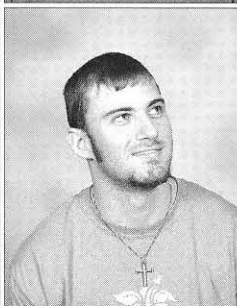
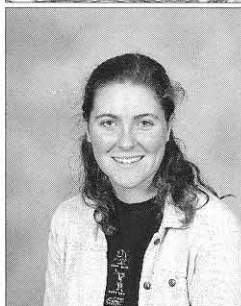
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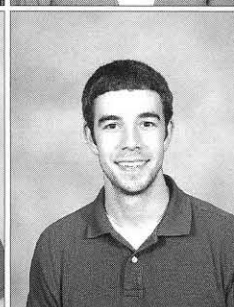
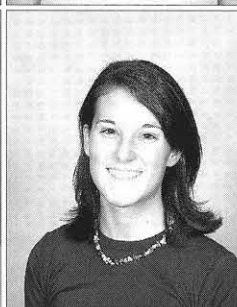
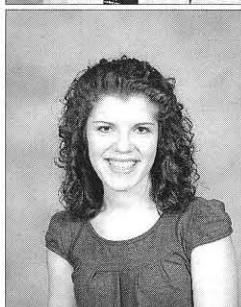
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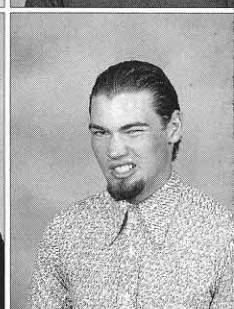
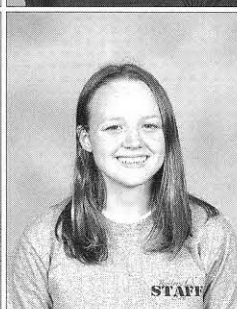
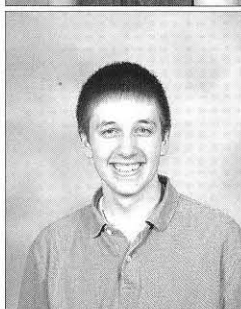
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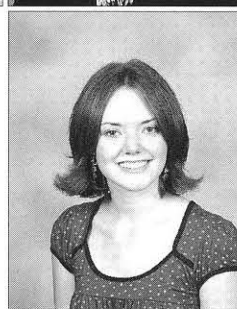
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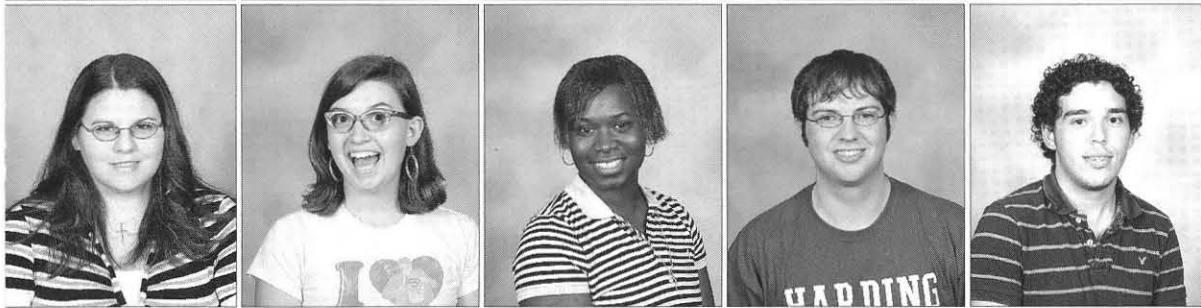


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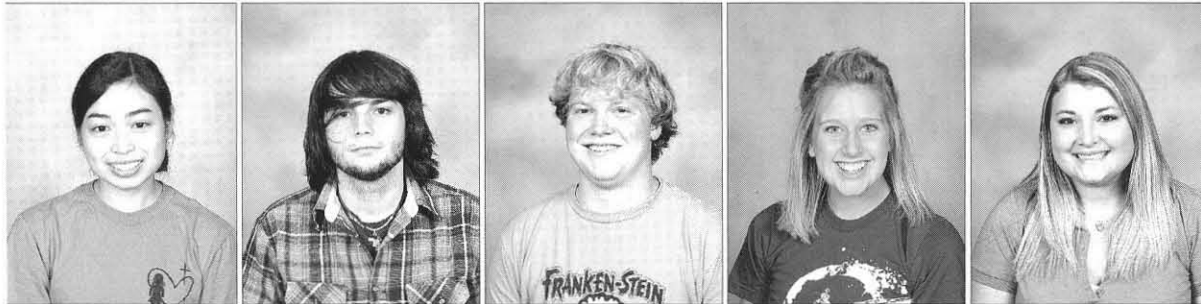




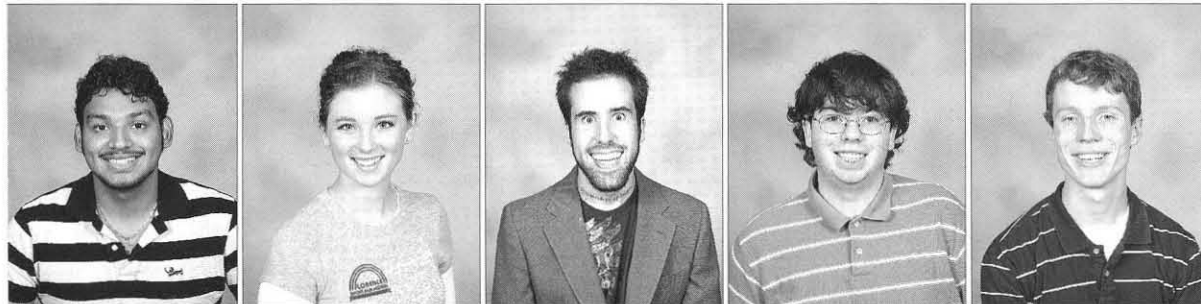
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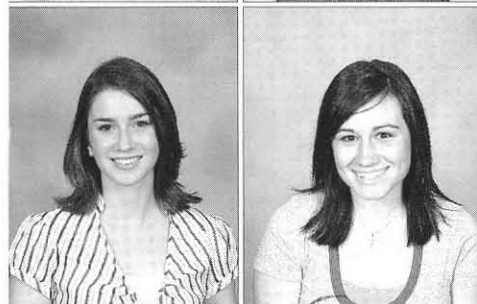
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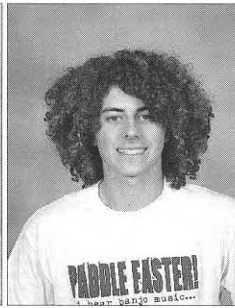
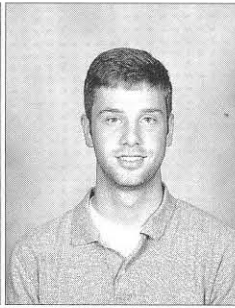
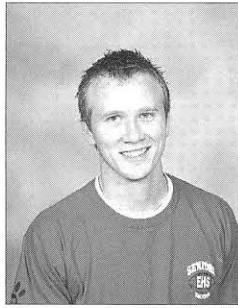


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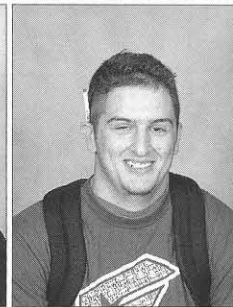
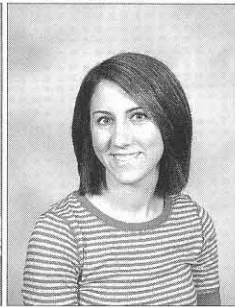
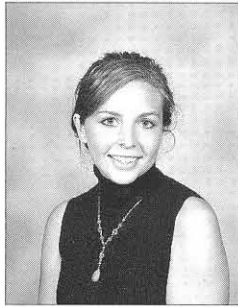


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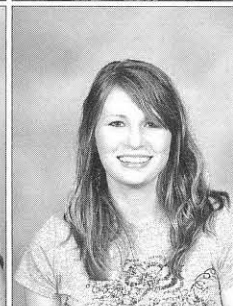
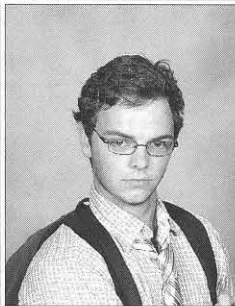
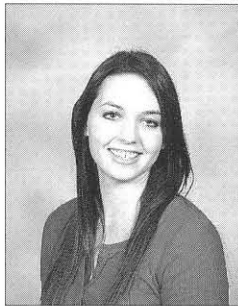
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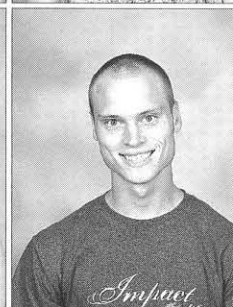
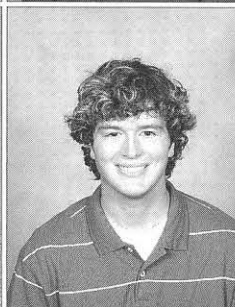
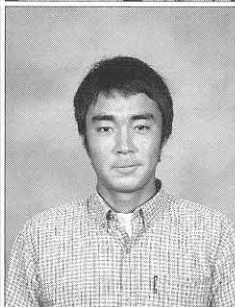
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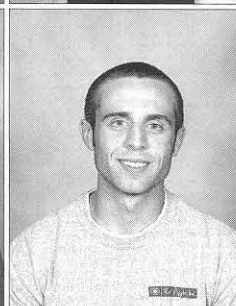
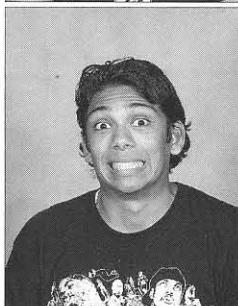
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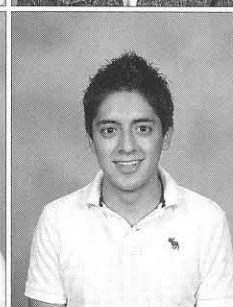
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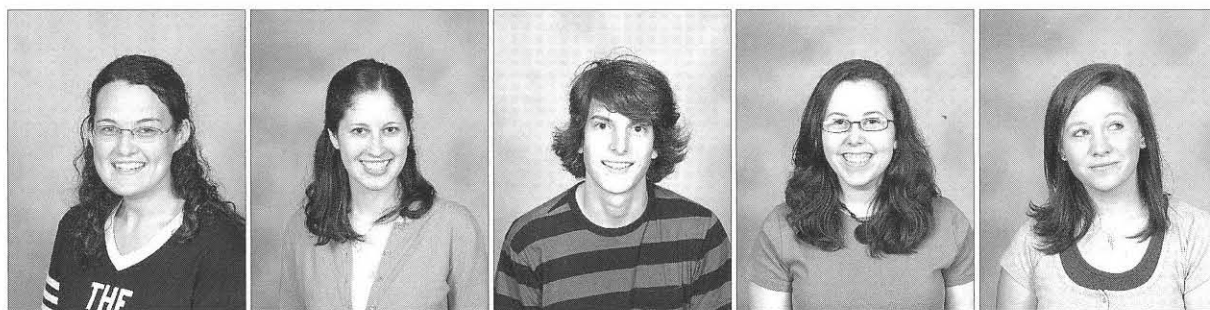


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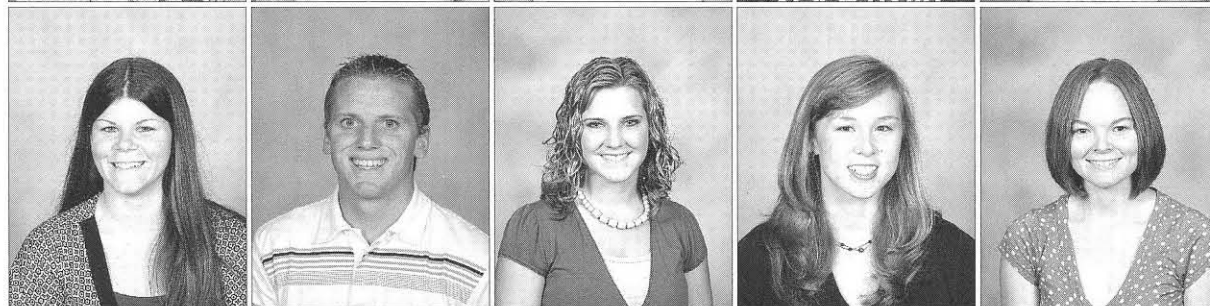




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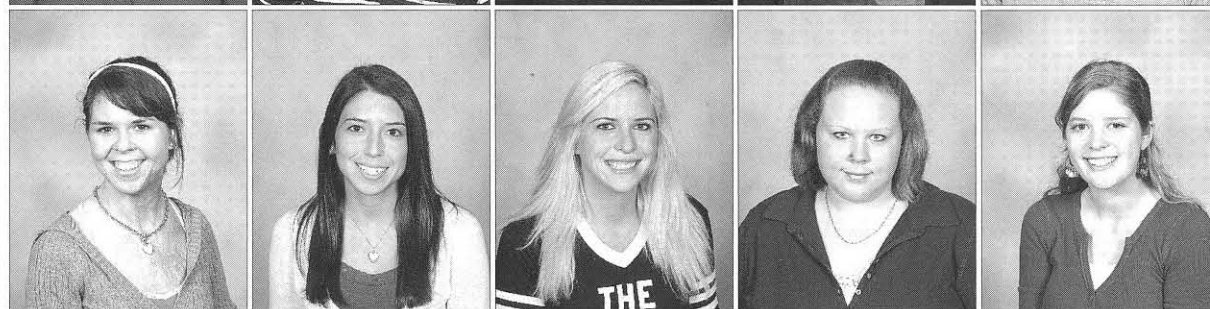
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Freshman Matthew Green admires the artwork of another student at the Bible study Oct. 10. Students were encouraged to create their own art, sharing with the group how it related to that week's topic. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Daniel Adams, professor of art, leads a discussion at the creative Bible study Wednesday, Oct. 10, at his house. Adams started the Bible study in Spring 2006, giving students the opportunity to express their faith through art. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Juniors Ernesto Juarez and Andrea Sagredo read lyrics to a song on Oct. 10. All forms of art were brought to the Bible study to be shared. [Jonathan Lindsay]



artistic expressions

Unique Bible study encourages creativity

One of the most unique aspects of Harding was the opportunity it provided students to participate in home Bible studies on Wednesday nights. Instead of going to a church building, students could gather together in a home environment, allowing them to enjoy a more intimate atmosphere. However, the Bible studies would not have been possible without teachers and other adults from the community who graciously opened their doors on a weekly basis.

But there were some people in the Harding community who wanted the chance to do things a little differently. Instead of taking the traditional approach to a Bible study, Art and Graphic Design Professor Daniel Adams wanted to create an environment in which creative, artistic students could incorporate their talents into the devotional.

"Several years ago I noticed that there are not very many creative opportunities for doing a Bible study," Adams said. "A lot of creative people find it foreign to go to a traditional Bible study because most Bible studies are very linear in approach. Sometimes it's just hard to maintain focus."

Adams took the framework of a typical Bible study and added a more creative twist. Each week the group discussed one main thought. After applying Scripture, they broke down the point further. Students then had "homework." They took the thoughts discussed at the Bible study and created some form of art that expressed their thoughts. The next week, students brought their work, shared what it meant and why they created what they did.

"It's a way of connecting scripture on a more personal level," Adams said. "For creative people, we internalize things better once we've dealt with it in a creative way."

In the creative Bible study, students were able to combine their love of God and art. Whether students were writers, painters, musicians or sculptors, they were all welcomed to join the group.

Junior Andrea Sagredo joined the creative Bible study in the fall of 2007 and enjoyed the unique opportunity it created.

"It's really open," Sagredo said. "We can write a song, write a play or almost anything you want to do. In my case, I'm more hands on — painting or drawing. Sometimes I use things that I've learned in my art classes."

Because of the smaller size of the group, everyone was given the chance to actively participate. For Sagredo, traditional Bible studies were difficult to participate in. The creative Bible study gave her the opportunities that she was looking for.

"In a normal Bible study, sometime I don't talk at all," Sagredo said. "But in this Bible study, when I [create] things... I actually get to talk about it."

Adams' goal was to create an open environment in which people felt comfortable sharing their art, which was what made the creative Bible study unique.

"Everyone is there because they want to be there, and everyone participates," Adams said. "At a lot of Bible studies, people want to be there, but they just want to listen. In this [Bible study] the whole purpose is to share — to share how you've dealt with those particular topics."

According to Adams, the creative Bible study was not designed to replace traditional Bible study; there was a place for both. He simply wanted students to have a different option for their Wednesday night Bible study. The most important part was that students got something and grew from their time in worship in the way that worked best for the individual.

For Adams and other artists, creating artwork provided a different sense of understanding than just discussing.

"When you create something, you have to work through it, and then you're faced with what you've thought about," Adams said. "It's a good way of rethinking what may already be in your head."

[Hannah Ware]





taking action

Student takes favorite activity to next level

For freshman print journalism major Joseph Dickerson, paintball was not just a hobby, it was a passion. "I first got into paintball when I was about 8 years old," Dickerson said. "A friend sold me his gun for around \$100, and it wasn't long before my dad bought a gun, too. We started recruiting guys from the youth group to play with us, and they really got into it."

According to Dickerson, his love for the sport only grew from that time.

Originally from Portland, Ore., Dickerson began to play on teams at local parks after his family moved to Memphis, Tenn. While in Memphis, Dickerson played on sponsored teams that competed in the Paintball Sports Promotions, National Professional Players League, Division 2 and Carolina Field Owners Association tournament leagues. It was during his time in these leagues that semi-pro teams began to look at Dickerson.

There were two types of paintball — woodsball and speedball. Dickerson competed in speedball, which was competitive paintball played on courses that contained bunkers and obstacles. In speedball, players competed in capture the flag and games operated on a point system where referees determined what players had been hit and ultimately which team won.

According to Dickerson, woodsball was a more military style of paintball played in heavily wooded areas.

Dickerson was also a member of Harding's paintball team Revelation, which kicked off its inaugural season in 2006.

"We have a lot of fresh players as well as some guys who have been playing for quite a while in [Division 3] and [Division 2]," said Dickerson. "We have a lot of potential."

Dickerson said that he hoped the team would gain sponsorship outwardly from a major paintball equipment company and would eventually compete in tournaments in Texas, Florida and southern California.

Dickerson said that he aspired to play professionally or use his background in journalism to write for a paintball magazine.

When asked what advice he would give to aspiring paintball players, Dickerson said one of the most important aspects of paintball was attitude.

"It's important to just keep a good attitude," Dickerson said. "If you're interested in getting into paintball play around at local fields and get to know people. If you keep your head on straight you can go really far."

[Tyler Neese]



Joseph Dickerson, freshman, unloads his paintball equipment with a few of his teammates at a paintball field in Judsonia, Ark., on Oct. 13. The team had conditioning on a weekly basis and paintball practice every other week. [Chris Hamilton]

Freshman Joseph Dickerson prepares for practice on Oct. 22. Dickerson was required to wear safety gear, like a helmet, for protection. [Courtesy of Joseph Dickerson]

With his teammates behind him, freshman Joseph Dickerson scrimmages Oct. 13 at Splat Action in Judsonia, Ark. Dickerson said playing other teams was a great way to practice and prepare for tournaments. [Chris Hamilton]

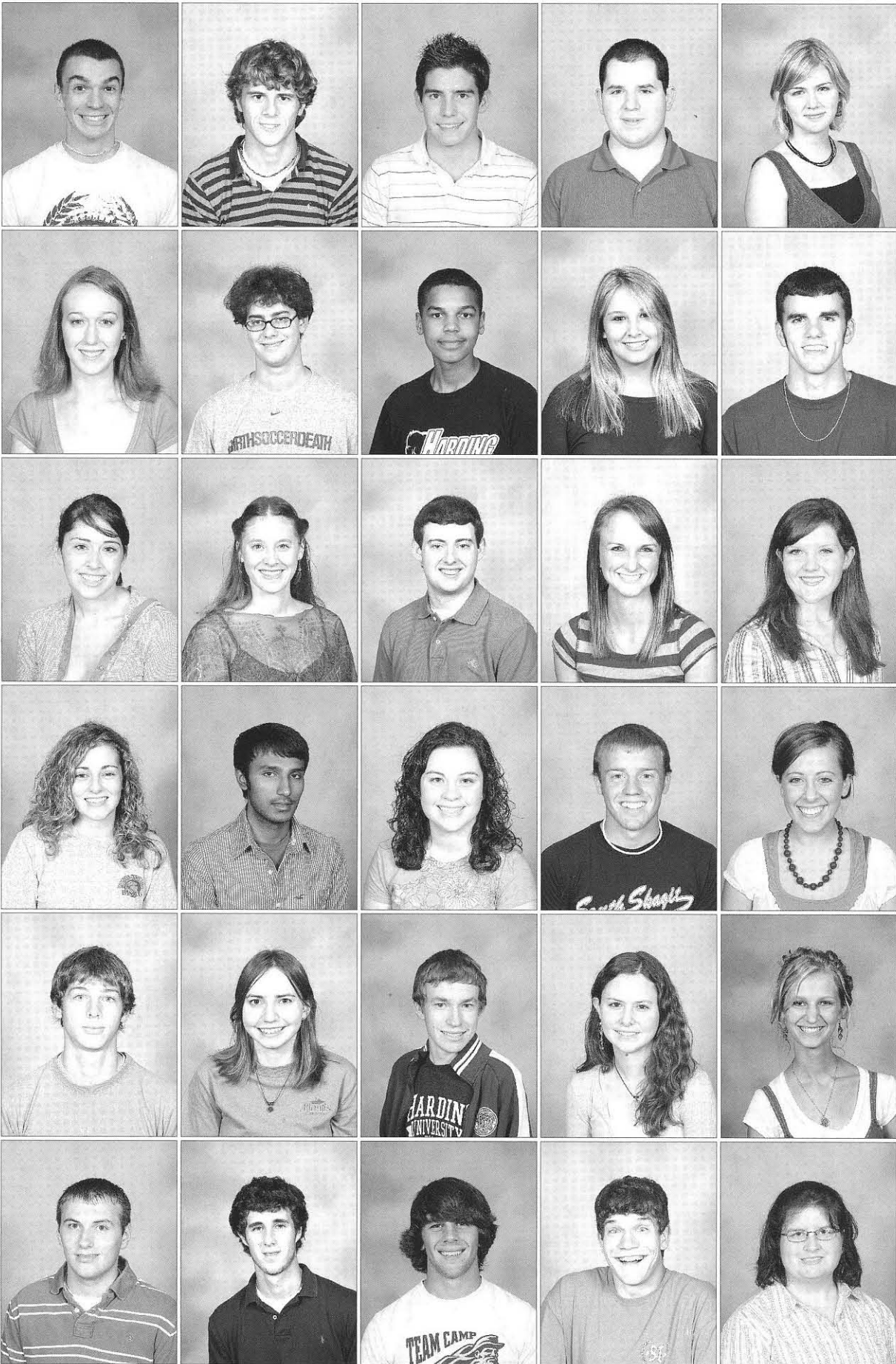


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"Having come 700 miles from home, the Harding experience was a little overwhelming at first. Now I'm having the time of my life. Whether spending the weekend at Heber or baking cookies with my best friends, I've already made memories that I'm sure will last a lifetime."

-Taelor Haynes, freshman



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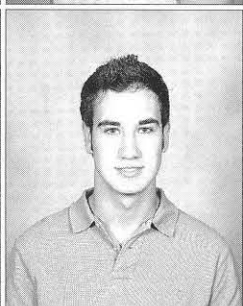
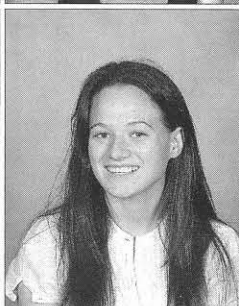
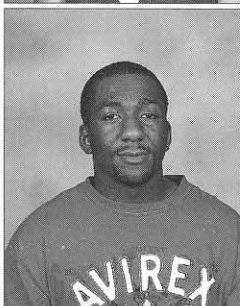
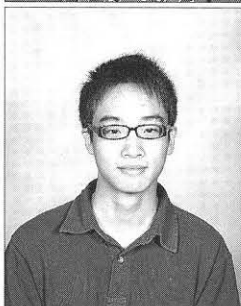
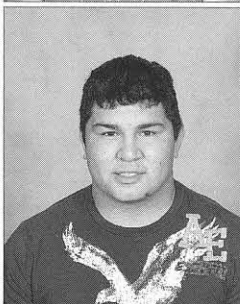
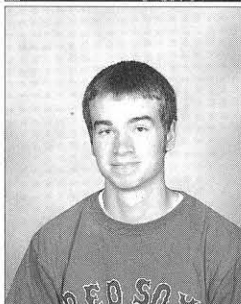
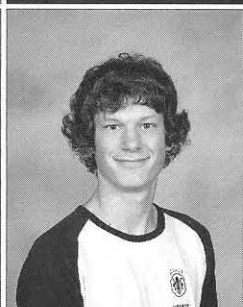
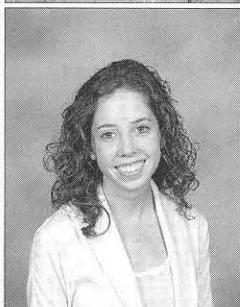
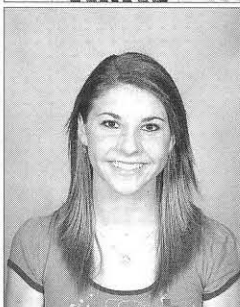
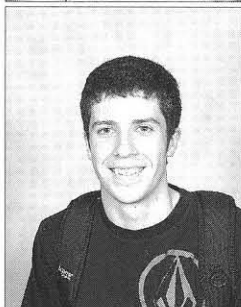
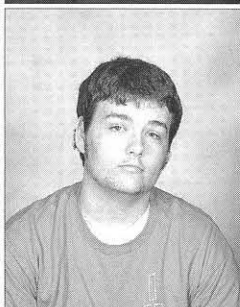
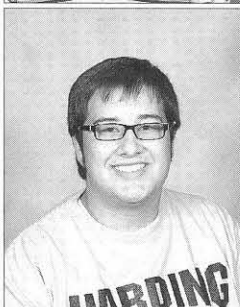
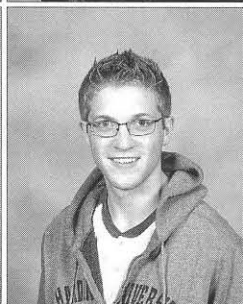
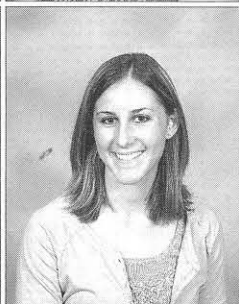
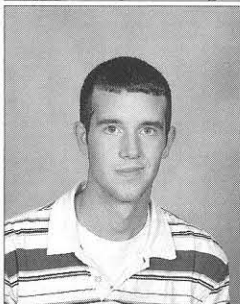
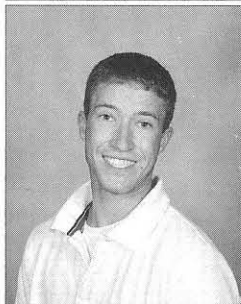
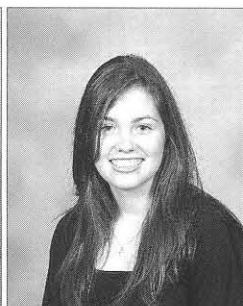
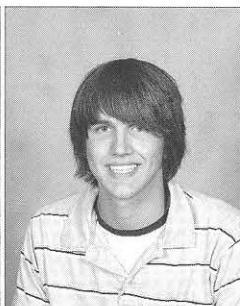
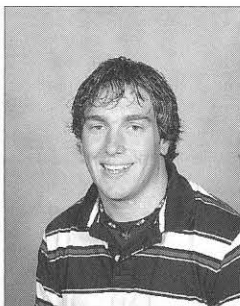
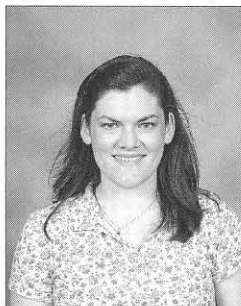
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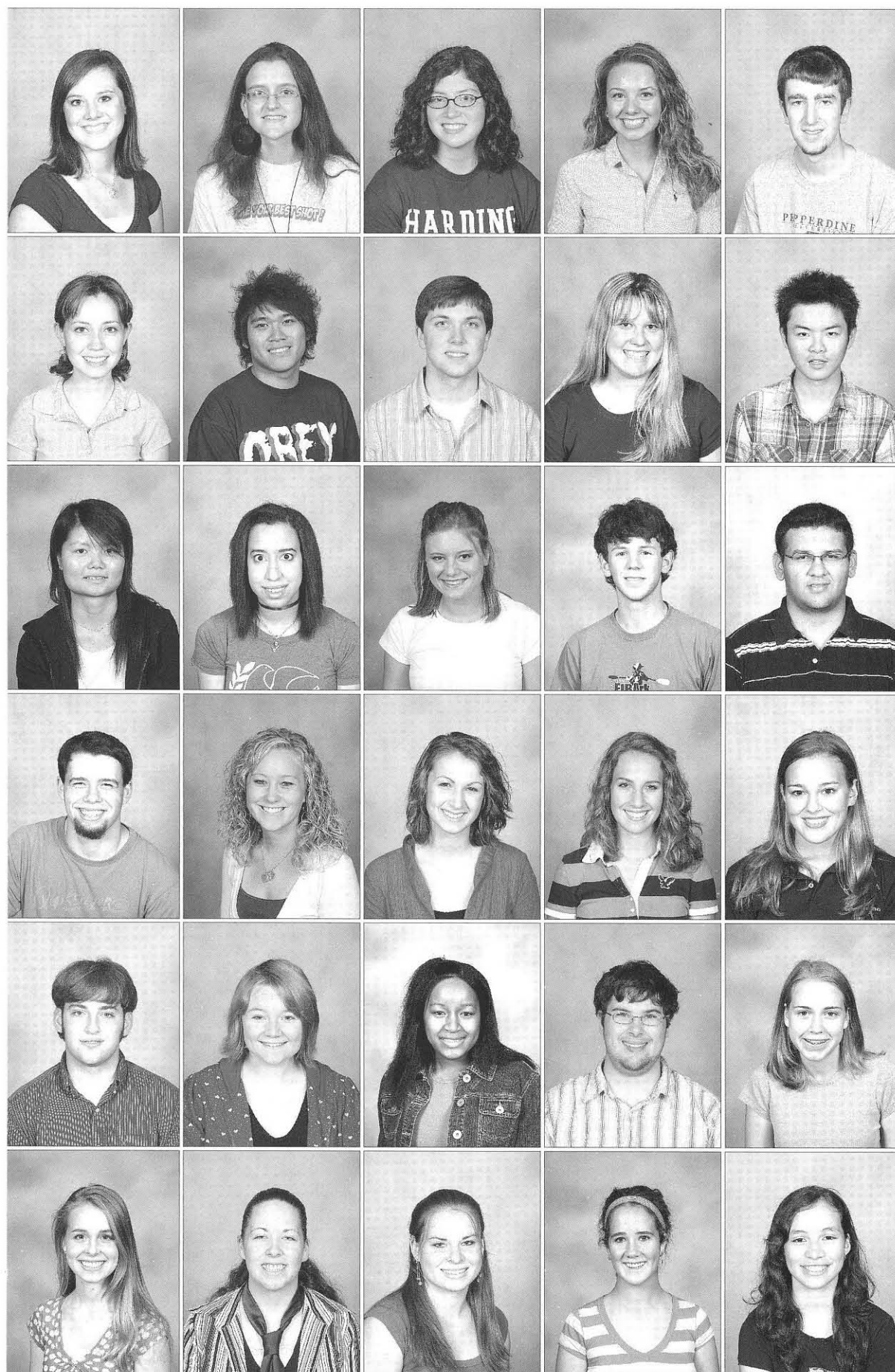
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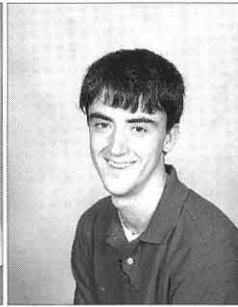
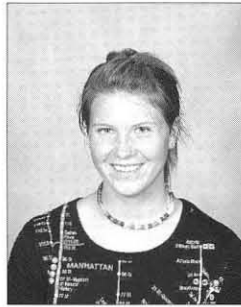
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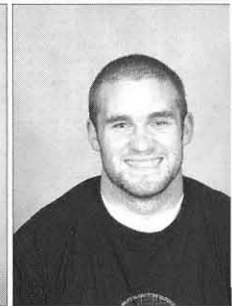
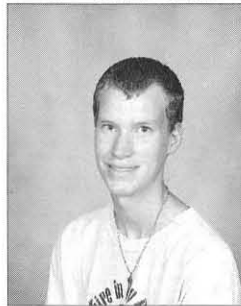
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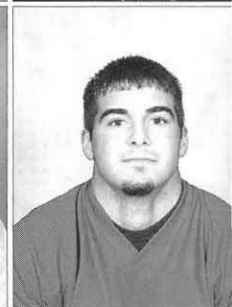
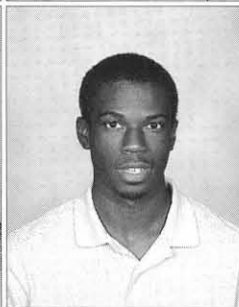
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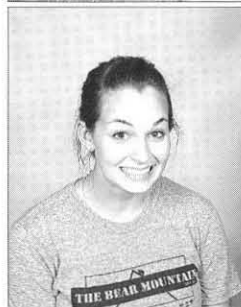
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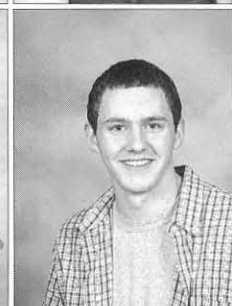
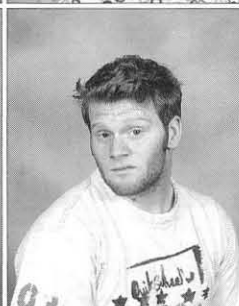
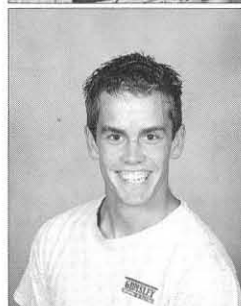
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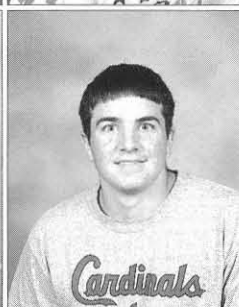
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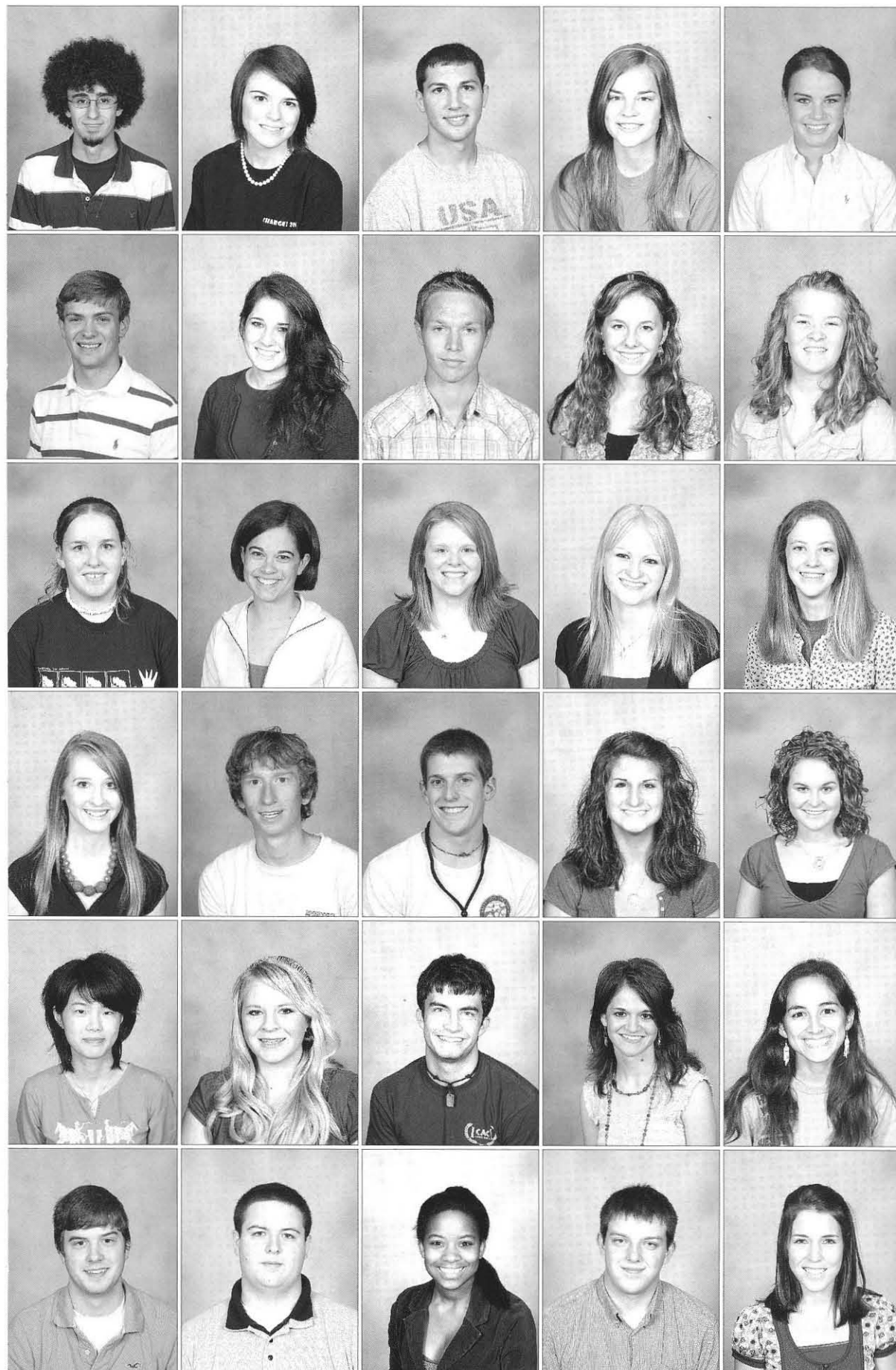


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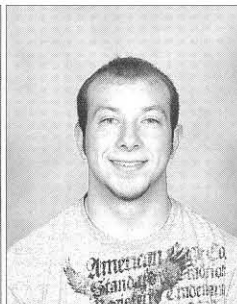
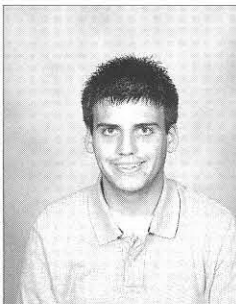
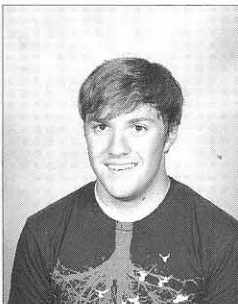
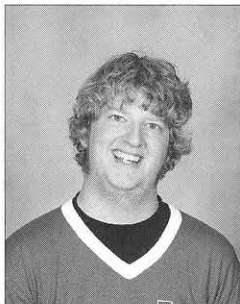
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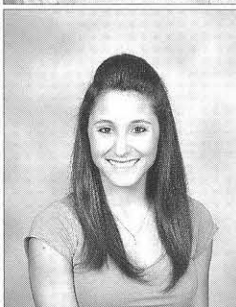
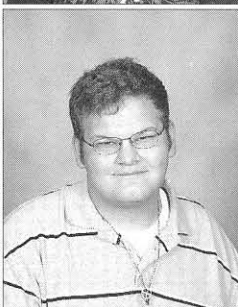
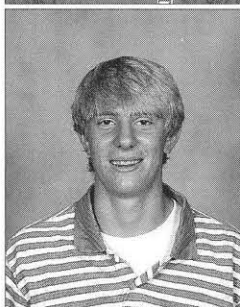
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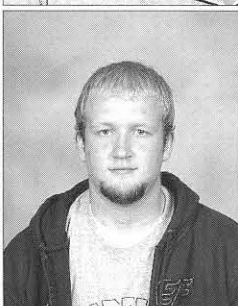
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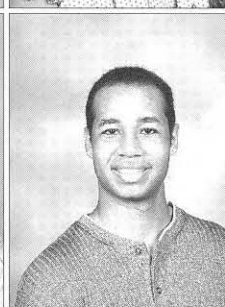
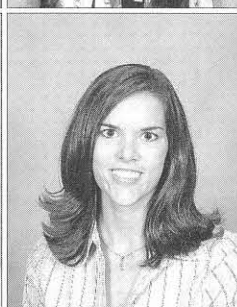
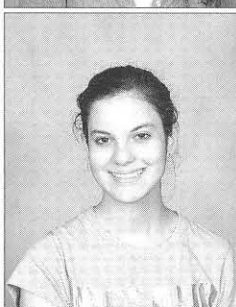
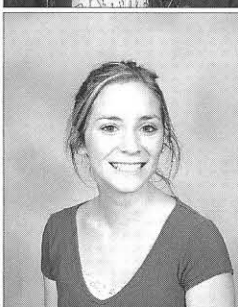
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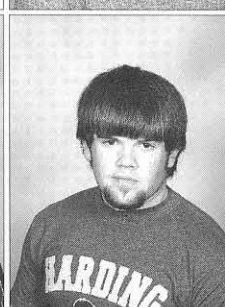
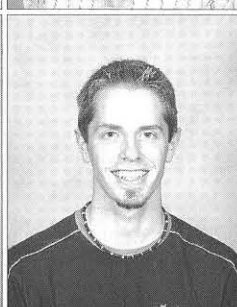
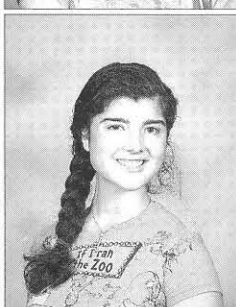
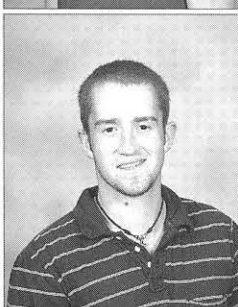
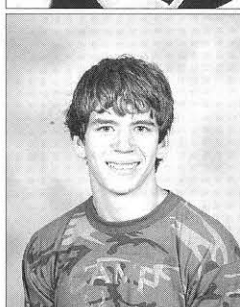
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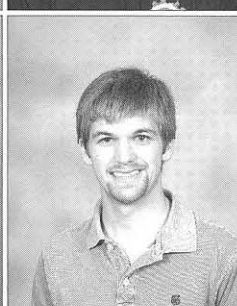
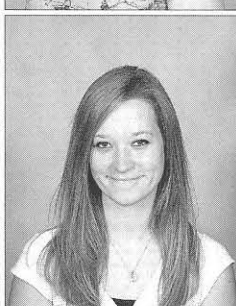
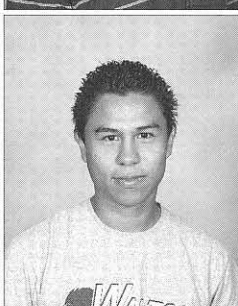
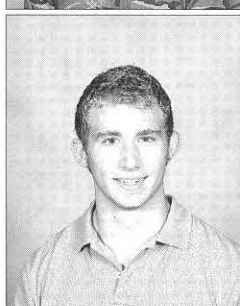
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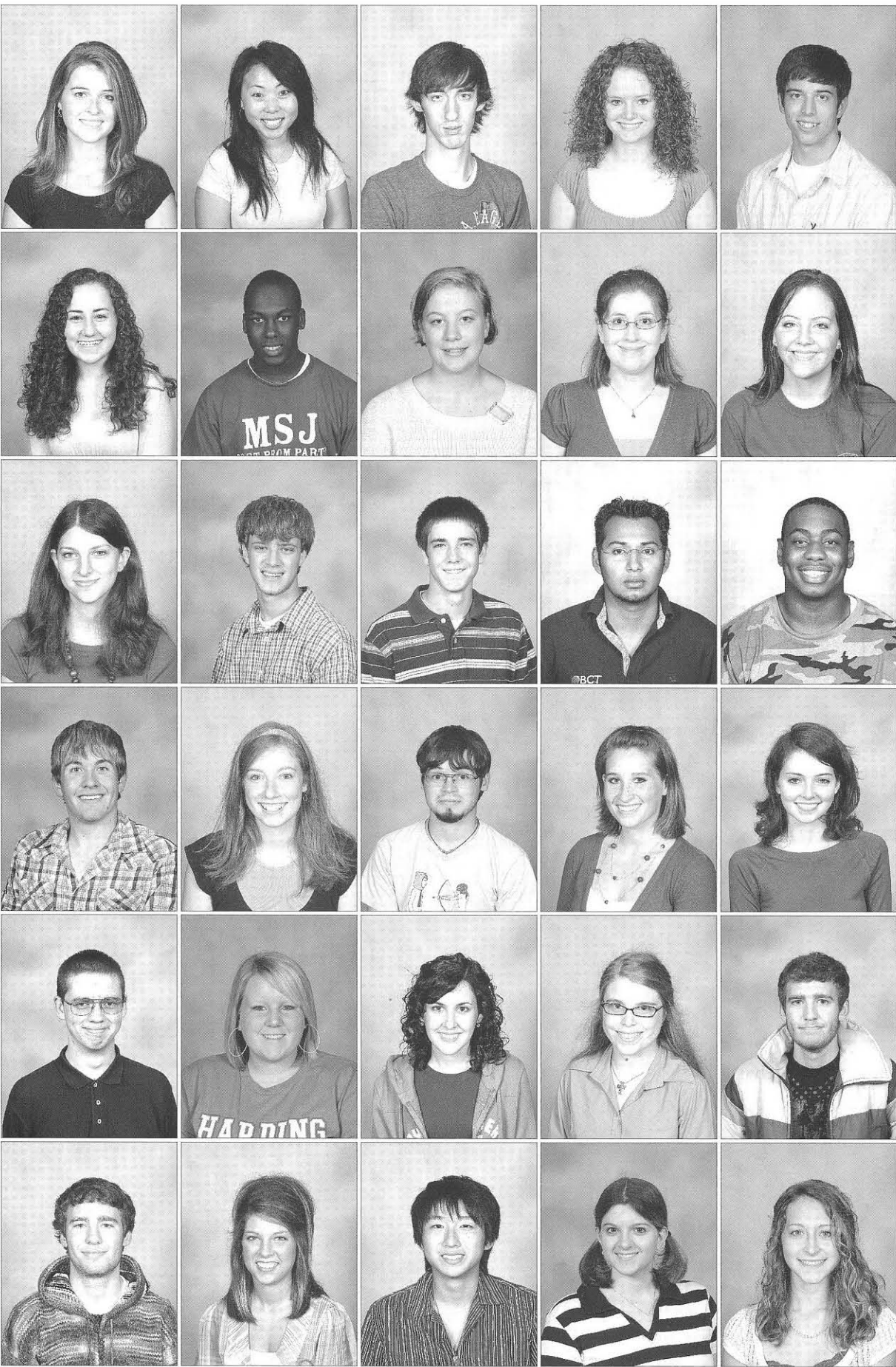
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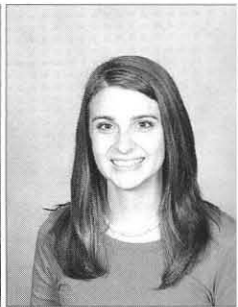
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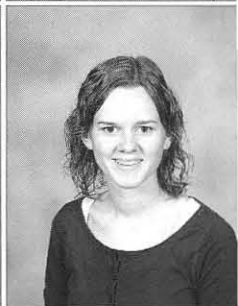
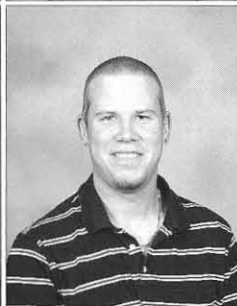
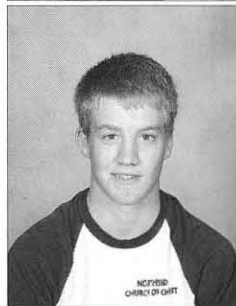
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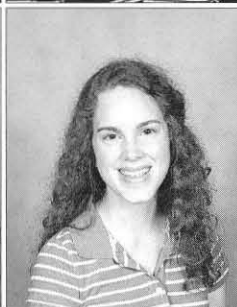
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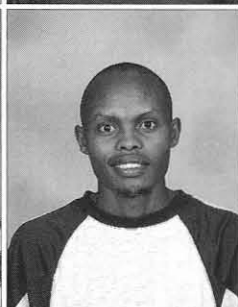
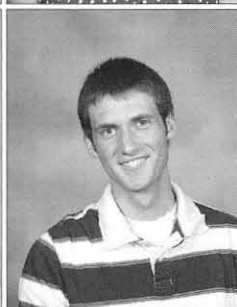
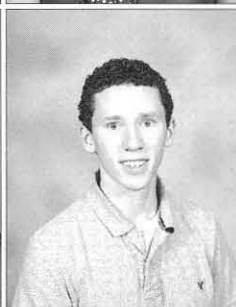
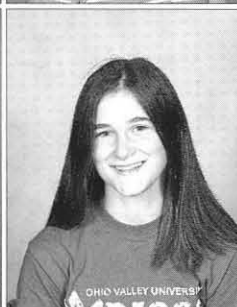
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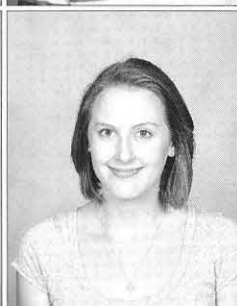
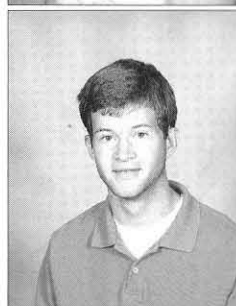
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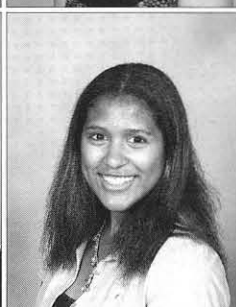
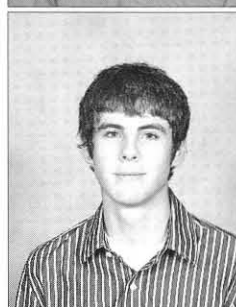
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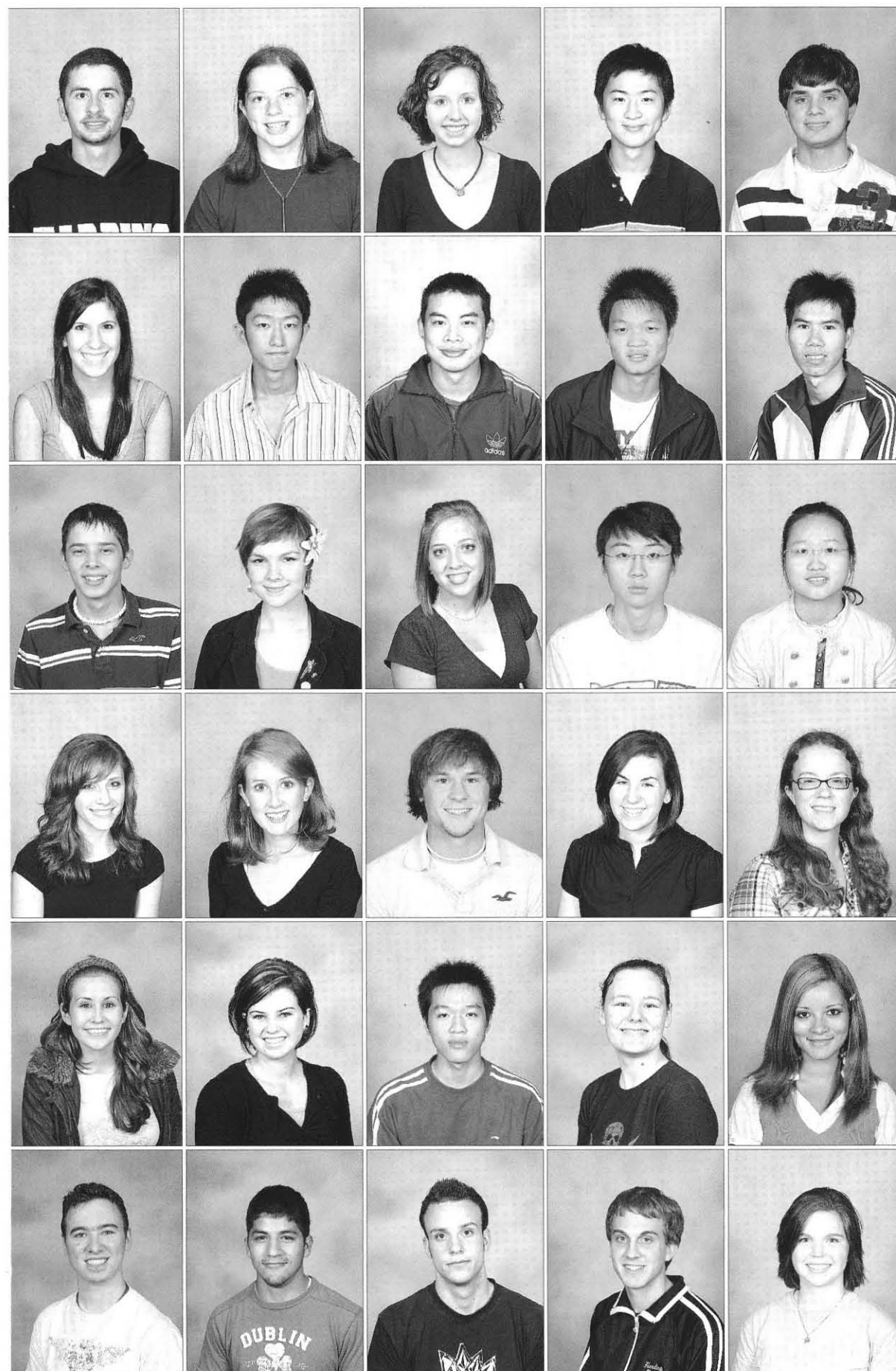


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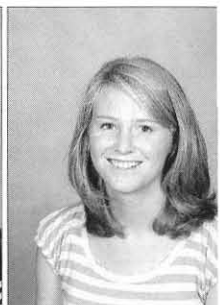
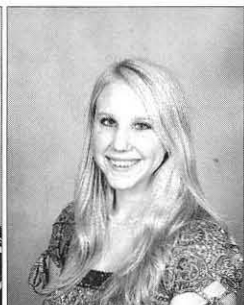
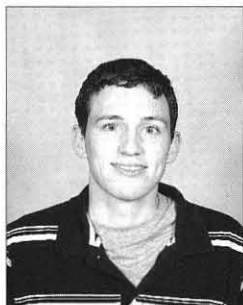
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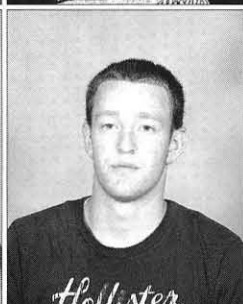
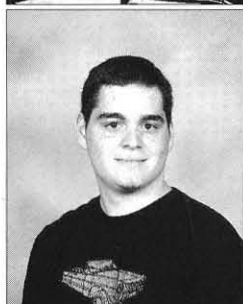
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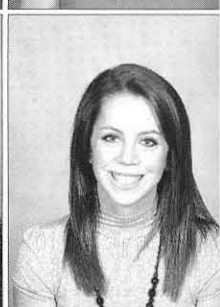
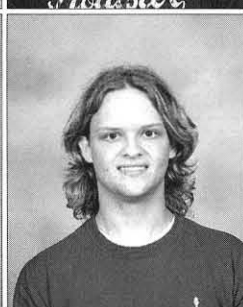
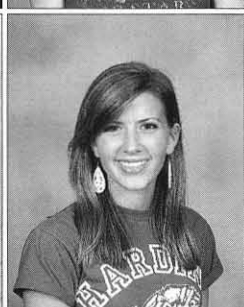
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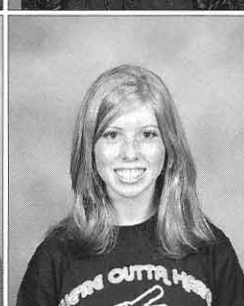
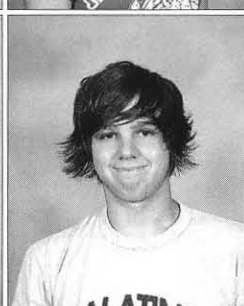
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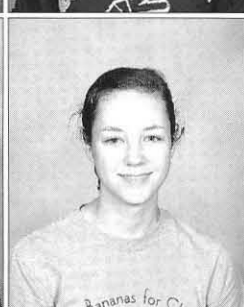
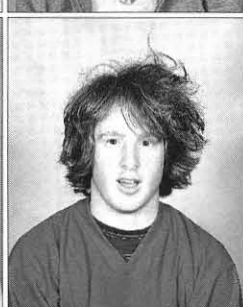
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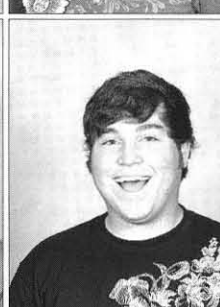
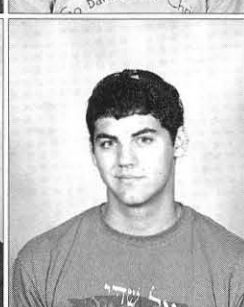
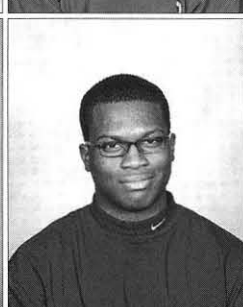
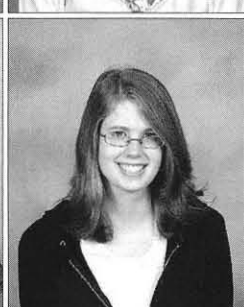
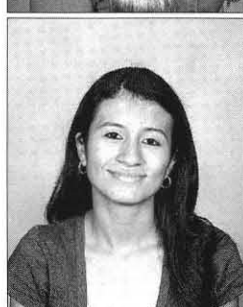
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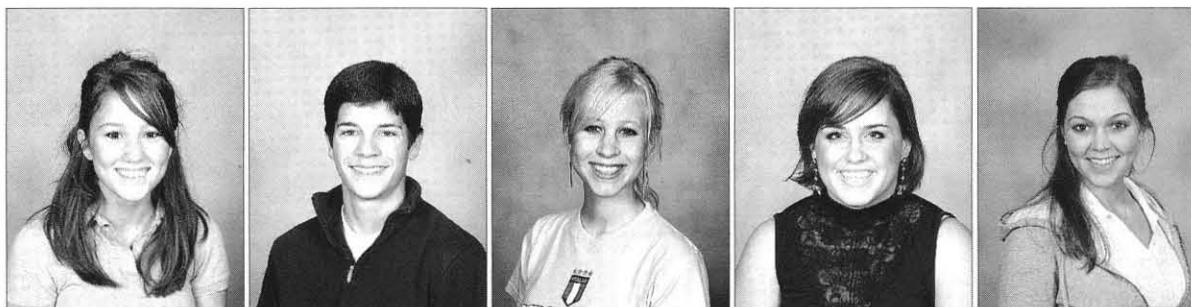
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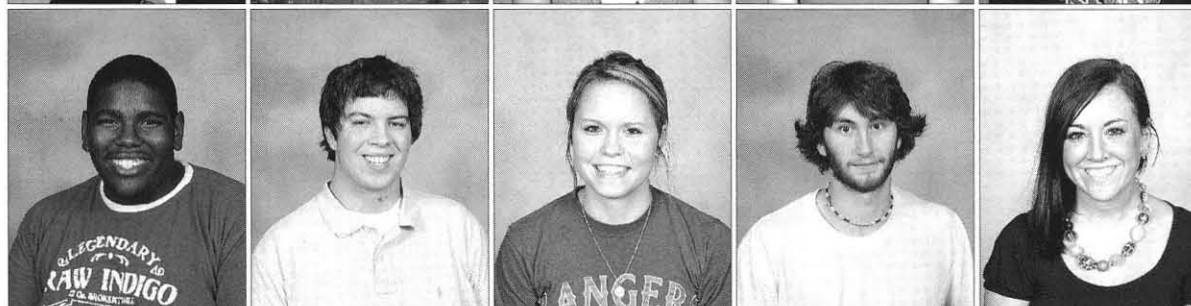
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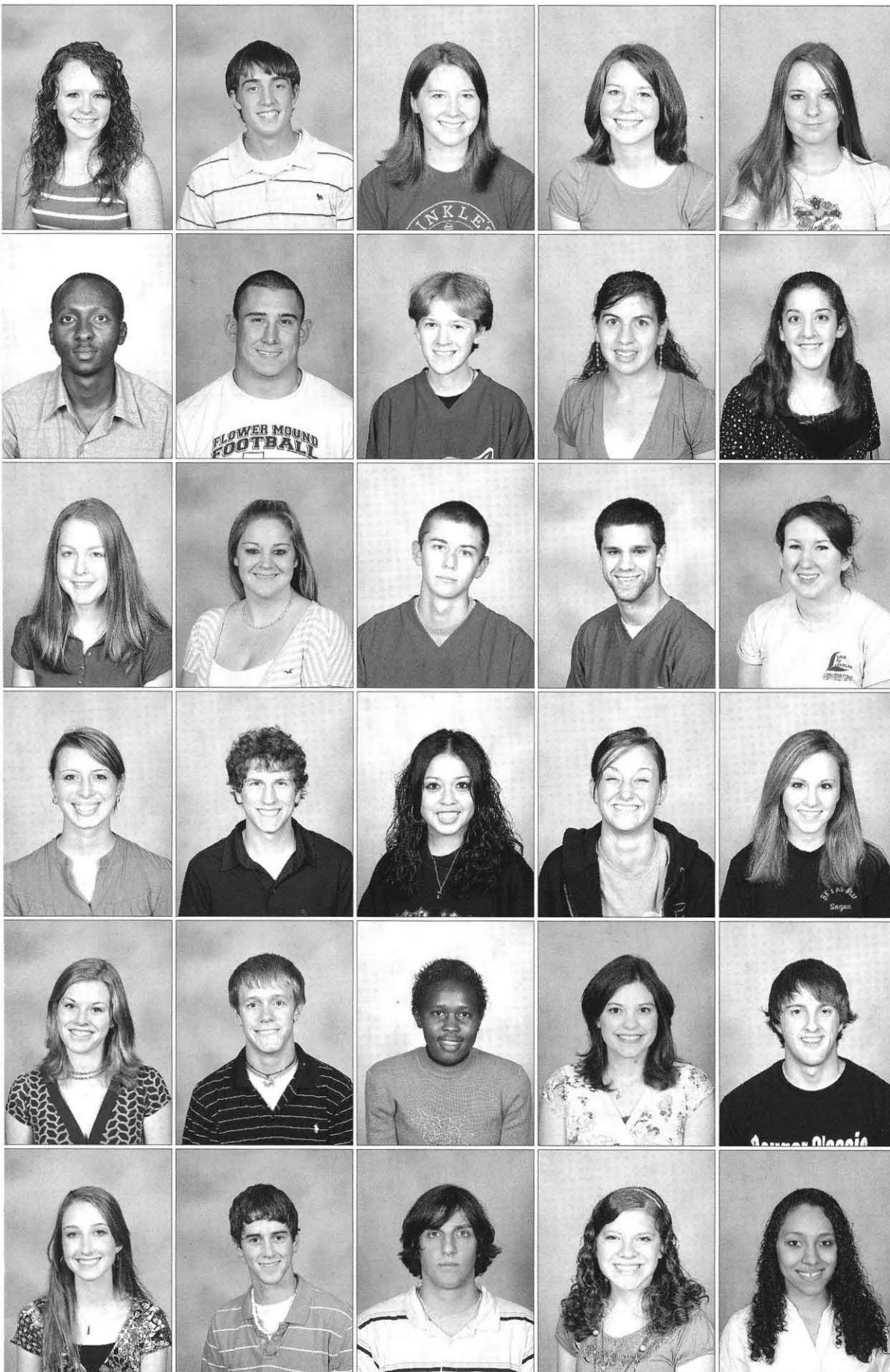


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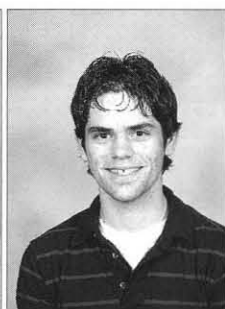
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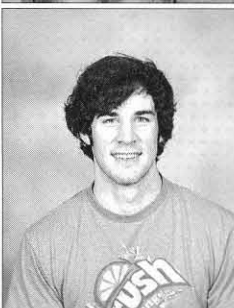
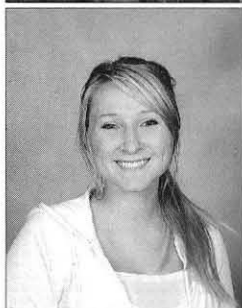
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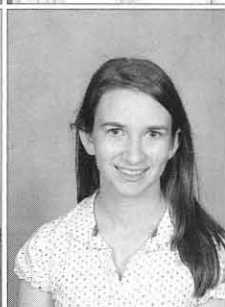
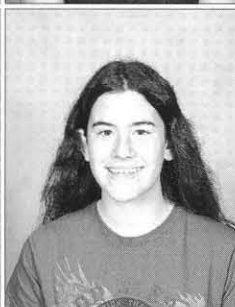
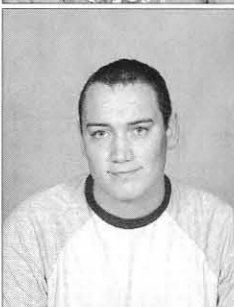
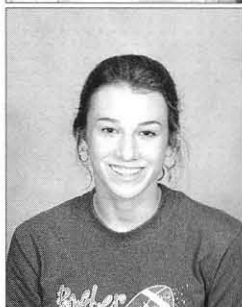
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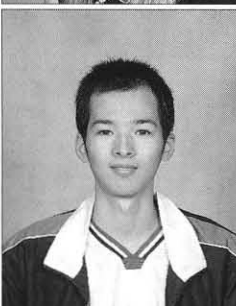
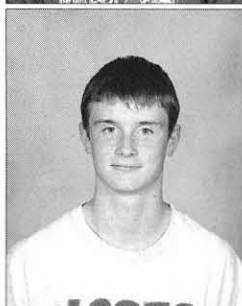
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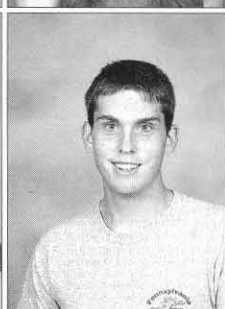
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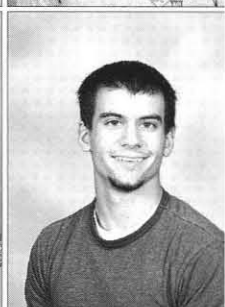
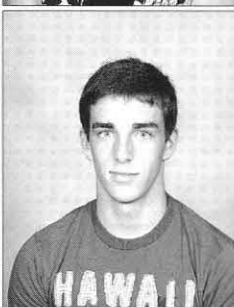
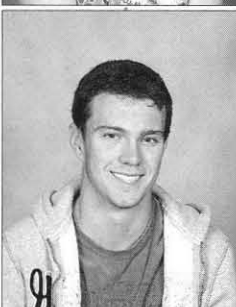
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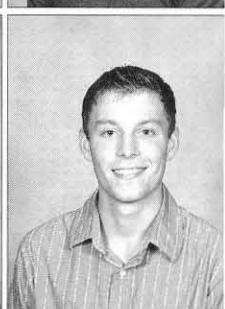
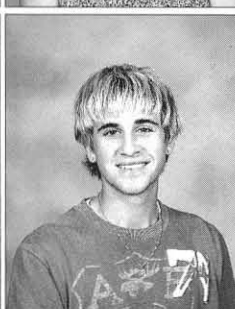
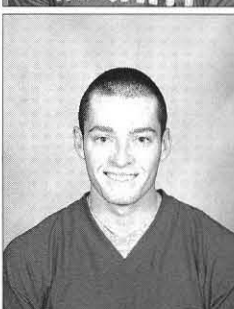
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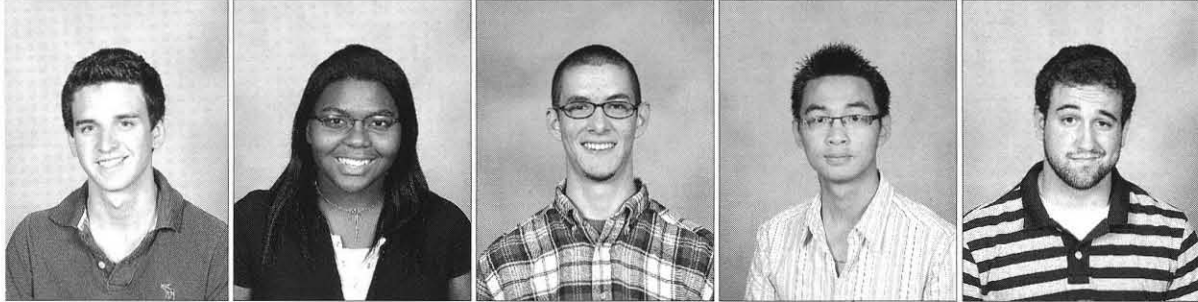
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The Beebe Flea Market, in Beebe, Ark., displays a wide selection of unique merchandise. From old holiday decorations to live farm animals, the people of Beebe sold almost anything imaginable. [Chris Hamilton]

Juniors Nathan Ramirez and Nicole Shaffer look at different items for sale at the Beebe Flea Market in March 2007. The flea market was not disappointing in having an array of unusual and eclectic things for students to buy. [Chris Hamilton]

Juniors Josh Jaros and Nathan Ramirez talk to one of the local vendors at the flea market in March 2007. "He said everyone called him 'Old McDonald' because he had so many farm animals," Ramirez said. [Chris Hamilton]



cheap thrills

Harding student's search for Beebe resale items

I had always loved the thrill of “thrifting” — or, as I liked to call it, the modern day treasure hunt. Compliment my shirt on any given day, and I was bound to brag about how I got it for less than a dollar. I liked to think that this passion stems from my unique, creative eye or my insatiable thirst for discovery. Whatever the reasoning, my love of bargains served me well, allowing me to enjoy extensively all the low-priced joys Searcy had to offer.

Yet, for the truly enterprising thrifter, there lay a wide world of bargains outside Searcy's limits. For those willing to log a mere 17 miles on their odometer, the town of Beebe offered a veritable bounty of cheap thrills.

On the Saturday I visited, there were three yard sales taking place within a three-mile radius, not to mention the two flea markets virtually across the street from each other. My main concern was with the one on the right, however — a friendly looking, barn style building whose name was also an invitation: “Do Drop In.” Happily, I accepted.

The signs greeting customers as they walked through the entrance served as a fair warning for what they could expect from the Beebe flea market. The front cashier's desk was littered

with the décor favored by tacky yet sassy aging Southern women — tin signs reading witticisms such as “Middle Age is When a Broad Mind and a Narrow Waist Change Places” or “Caught Between the Young and the Restless and the Old and the Senseless.” Giving the place a cursory glance, I was not surprised to see that I was one of the few here that morning without white hair.

Upon further investigation, I concluded that this place would be perfect for anyone looking to redecorate their grandmother's house. There was certainly no shortage of porcelain dolls, framed cross-stitchings or ceramic table centerpieces shaped like farm animals.

Or, if matronly was not quite your scene, the Do Drop In flea market also favored those with more naturalistic decorating tendencies. There were enough framed pictures of bird life to make the Audubon Society proud, along with hosts of deer painted serenely onto their canvas homes — all, presumably, just waiting to be shot.

Like any good thrift store, the staples were all here: dusty old kitchen supplies, stacks of archaic cassette tapes, exorbitant quantities of trashy romance novels and VHS tapes. Yet, for all of these givens, the true joy of this, or any flea market experience, was in the completely

unexpected — and unexplainable. For instance, I was not sure why the giant two-and-a-half foot ceramic owl lamp tempted my normally prudent spending habits like it did, but a persistent voice inside my head, which I had to summon all my willpower to ignore, assured me that I could find some use for it. Two questions continually repeated themselves as I perused the flea market's shelves. For one, people actually bought this stuff? And furthermore, people actually owned this stuff?

Thrifting was not for the faint of heart. After about an hour, even I began to grow weary of the many rooms and overwhelming selection.

Yet for the resolute, the long-suffering and the bored-with-nothing-better-to-do's, there was gold at the end of this rainbow of junk. For me, it was twin window frames at only \$3.99 apiece that would look lovely on my apartment wall.

It was not much, but as every good thrifter knew, everyone's gold took a different form. One man's trash was another man's treasure. One man's oversized owl lamp was another man's...subconscious attempt to humiliate his family?

I was not sure what whoever had that thing on layaway ultimately intended it for, but that was half the fun: imagining.

[Jessica Merrill]





Expanding OPPORTUNITIES

PA graduate program offers students a new direction

There were times in nearly every student's life when a decision had to be made. It all came down to one question: What am I going to do with the rest of my life? For some, the answer came when Harding introduced the Physicians Assistant (PA) graduate program. It was the opportunity many students had been waiting for.

The PA program was a 26-month graduate studies program. The first year of the program was mainly in-class teaching. The second year of the program was the clinical portion.

The second year of the program was broken up into 6-week segments. Each of these segments focused on a different type of medical practice. The students were able to spend their various weeks focusing on general medicine, the emergency room and the operating room. The clinical practice allowed the students to receive hands-on experience for their future careers.

Many students involved in the program did not start their college career intending to be a physicians assistant. Graduate student Laura Bullington came to Harding as an undergraduate studying athletic training. When she learned that a PA program was coming to Harding, she began spending time learning more about the profession.

"Looking into it, I found out that [PAs] can do what a doctor does," Bullington said. "It makes me excited. I love helping people, and I love being around people. The human body is fascinating. It was heaven-sent."

Bullington was in her first year of the PA program which she started last June. One of the major classes she took her first year was clinical medicine which taught all the systems of the body.

"Basically the school takes your life for two years, but it's a good thing in the end," Bullington said.

PA student Shelby Beamon was another student that was involved with the PA program. He went through the application process, the interviews and the pre-requisites to get into the program. Once accepted, Beamon said he enjoyed the classes he was taking, especially his clinical skills course. This class taught skills such as intubation, which was the process of inserting a tube into a patient's airway, and giving shots.

"Those classes are fun because we actually get to do a majority of the things we learn on each other or on high tech models," Beamon said.

The classes consumed a large part of the day, but these students were dedicated to succeeding in this program.

Lance Kemper was a member of the first graduating class of the PA program. He originally graduated from Harding with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2000. He then got a job working as a life and disability insurance agent. Kemper knew that his job was not what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. After taking some pre-requisite classes to prepare for dental, pharmacy or medical school, he learned about the PA profession and then later learned about Harding's program.

"I made it through a very intense 26 months and in July graduated from the Harding University Physicians Assistant program, and after passing the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), I was hired by Searcy Medical Center to work with Drs. Blickenstaff and McCoy in orthopedic surgery, my field of choice," Kemper said.

Kemper said he was lucky to have the nights and weekends off to spend time with his wife and daughter. He got to assist in surgery two to three mornings a week.

"I believe that this was my calling," Kemper said. "I'm so thankful that God has guided me into such an exciting and fulfilling career."

[Michelle Greer]



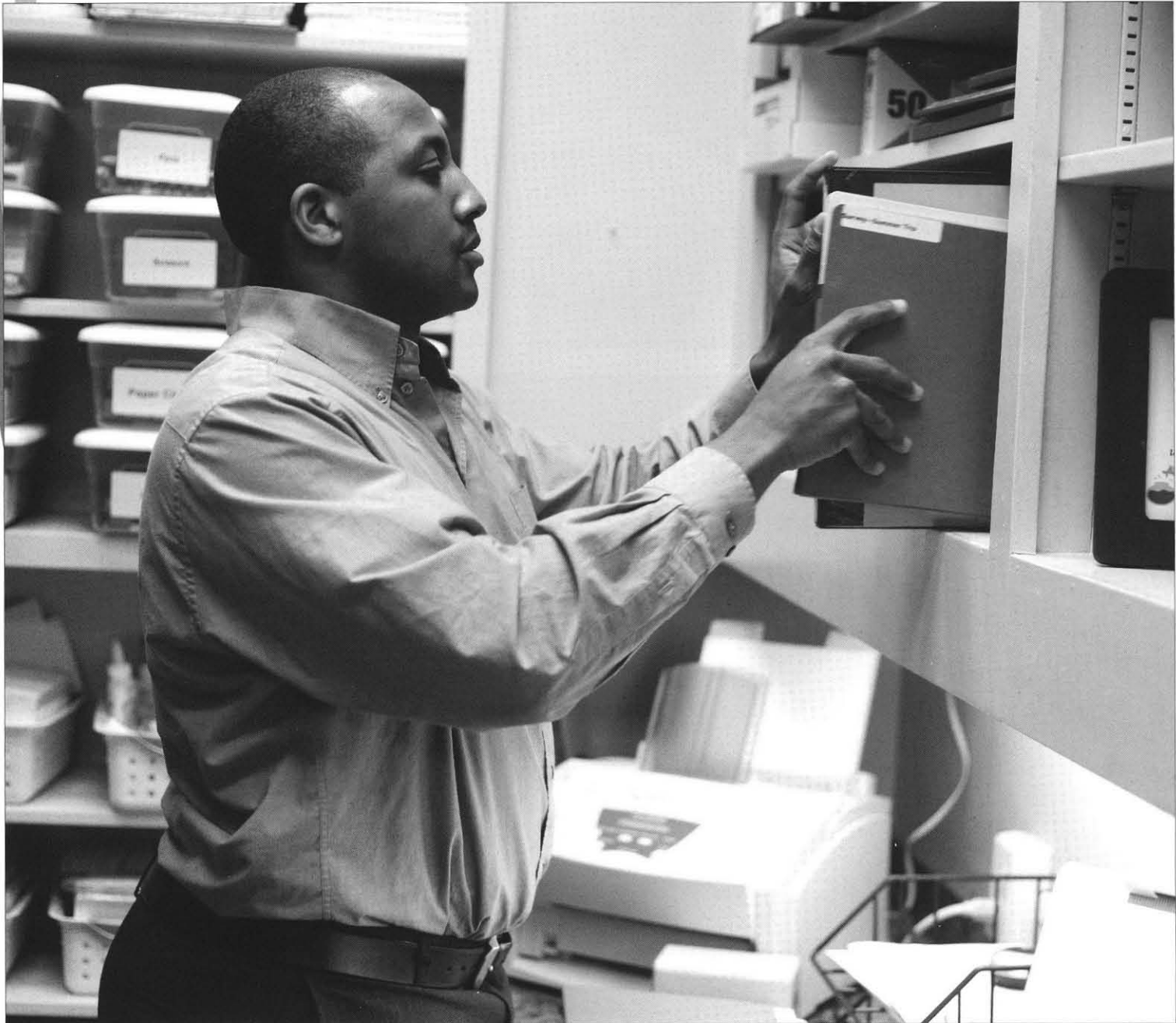
Harding alumni Lance Kemper examines a patient's X-rays while working at the Searcy Medical Center in orthopedic surgery on Dec. 5. After graduating in 2000, Kemper returned to Harding to become a physician's assistant. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Graduate student Aaron Borengasser listens to Dr. Mike Murphy, professor and director of the physician's assistant program, during class Nov. 27. The PA Program consisted of a combination of classroom lectures and hands-on experience. [Chris Hamilton]

Lee Thomas, a graduate student, practices intubating a mannequin Sept. 11. Students had to be able to create an airway within the time the patient could hold their breath during this procedure. [Courtesy of the Physician's Assistant Program]

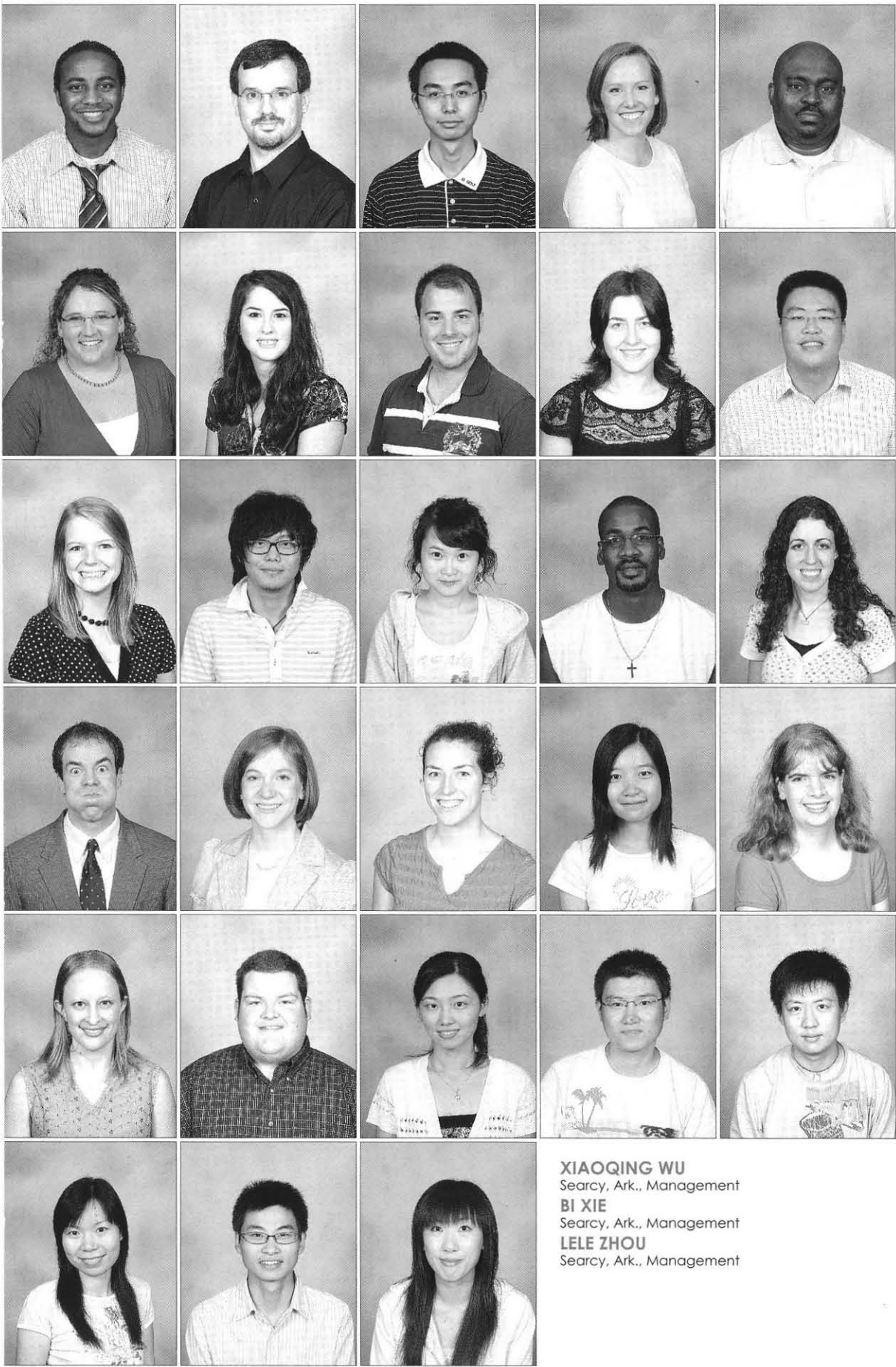


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"I enjoy being a grad student at HARDING after finishing my UNDERGRAD Degree here. I feel that because I know and trust the faculty and I have created great friendships here, the transition to grad school was easier."

-JP ALLEN, graduate student



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Senior Whitney Venable and graduate Andrew Venable take their engagement pictures on April 21, 2007. Because the couple began dating at ages 14 and 15, they had several periods of time where they were dating long-distance. [Courtesy of Taylor Jackson]

Senior Whitney Venable reads through a baby magazine after moving back home with her parents on Jan. 22. While waiting for the birth, Venable said she was sure to research as much as possible in order to be fully prepared for motherhood. [Courtesy of Whitney Venable]

Andrew and senior Whitney Venable enjoy their wedding day with friends and family on June 1, 2007. Although the weather did not cooperate for their outdoor wedding, the couple thought everything went perfectly. [Courtesy of Renee Venable]



A strong Love

Couple enjoys blessings through difficult times

And “they lived happily ever after,” at least, that was how it was supposed to be. After falling in love and getting married, the story ended, right? But for Andrew and Whitney Venable, their story did not end after “I do.” Harding graduate Andrew Venable and his wife, senior Whitney Venable, began dating as teenagers. They dated for over seven years before getting married and had their future planned. After marrying in June of 2007, Andrew moved to Texas to become a state trooper while Whitney finished school at Harding. They planned to both move to Texas once her collegiate duties were fulfilled in May of 2008.

But those plans quickly changed when, after only eight weeks of being married, the couple learned that they were expecting, which came as a big surprise. They later learned they were having a baby girl.

“It took a while to set in,” Whitney said. “I was definitely scared because it takes a lot to be a mother.”

After a lot of time and prayer, the Venables decided it would be best if Andrew continued with his plans to go to Texas. So after only three months together as husband and wife, Andrew left for Austin, Texas, to begin training at the Department of Public Safety.

For the next six months, Andrew trained from early morning to late at night with limited phone time and few holiday breaks. Whitney said they were lucky to see each other one weekend a month.

“The biggest obstacle was him not being able to experience the pregnancy with me,” Whitney said. “It has been hard not being able to see him everyday, but things could be worse. So we take all the blessings we are given and appreciate what time we do share together.”

Because the baby was due March 25, 2008, Whitney had to put her education on hold. After finishing the fall semester in 2007, Whitney returned home to Springdale, Ark., to live with her parents while Andrew finished his training.

“We both figured that would be the best decision since I couldn’t see him during the week,” Whitney said. “At home, I was in a more familiar place where family could watch over me.”

Soon after the birth, Andrew and Whitney planned to move to Texas and continue their plans but with a baby in tow. In order to graduate from Harding with a degree in social work, Whitney had a few course requirements left to complete, including her field practice.

Whitney planned to do her field placement in Texas during the summer of 2008, still through the Harding social work program. In order to do this, a few trips to Harding’s campus would be necessary throughout the summer. Then after taking a few more online classes in the fall, Whitney would graduate from Harding in December 2008.

“I’m so close,” Whitney said. “I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. There is no reason to quit now.”

Although their plans were interrupted, Whitney said that through everything she saw the blessings God was giving to their small family.

“Changes can happen fast,” Whitney said. “That’s one thing Andrew and I have learned the most in our relationship together. Changes are not always easy or fun, but it’s how we handle the change that makes the difference.”

[Hannah Ware]

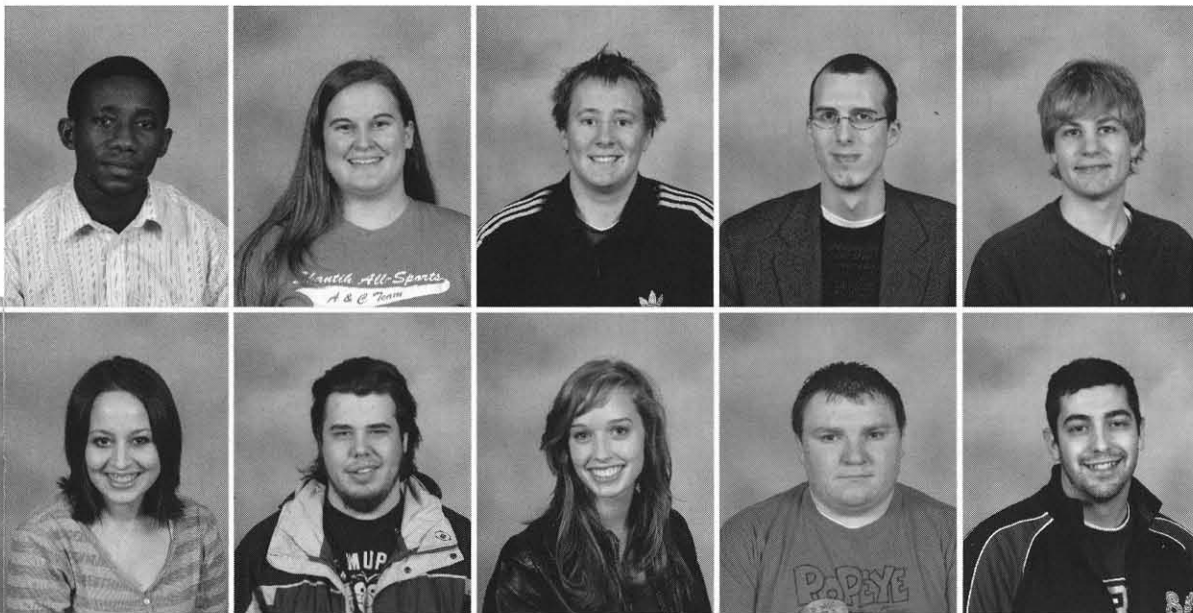


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"It was really good to be back this semester ... It didn't take long to phase back in, to feel comfortable and to feel like it was what I was supposed to be doing. And that feels good."

-Bonnie Berryhill, second-semester student



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Junior Richard Jones stands in front of the Administration Building in his Army combat uniform on Feb. 27. Jones transferred to Harding after finishing 9 weeks of boot camp for the U.S. Army. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Dear Journal...

Student reflects on daily experiences in Zambia

This morning, I woke up at 5:45 a.m. to workout with some of my group. Classes started at 6:30 a.m. I thought these early mornings were going to be horrible, but it really has not been bad since the sun rises so early. Mr. Siazuyu taught the Chitonga language class this morning, and then Mr. Munga came for our African history lesson. It is so interesting having African teachers teaching us about their culture.

The power went out this morning during class and was out for most of the day. Sometimes the power works, and sometimes it does not. Today, it was out because a monkey was fried in the power lines.

Several of our students have parasites and have been very sick. Before leaving the States, we were warned that we all will get sick at some point during our stay in Africa.

We went to chapel at the George Benson Christian College. I was able to sit and talk with my Chitonga tutor, Pumolo, for a little while after chapel. She is a third year college student and is planning on graduating after she takes her state exams. Tonight, she is coming over, so I can teach her how to make brownies. She has never made them before. Tomorrow, she is teaching me how to make nsima, the staple food here in Zambia which consists of mainly water and cornmeal. I am glad that we are able to interact with so many Zambians on a regular basis.

After chapel, I went to the basic school where I taught math and English in grade 4. There were 55 students in my class, and they were all split into groups based on how well they do on their exams.

"The Bananas", the smartest group, are 40 pages ahead of the rest of the class. There is a constant low murmur in the class because of the peer teaching that takes place since the teacher is not able to spend one on one time with any student. The kids teach each other the concepts, or they cheat. The children either grasp the concept or are unmotivated and do

not even try. It is definitely a struggle for the teachers because there are so many students and so few teachers.

On my way home from the basic school, I stopped by the various orphanages, Eric's House, Haven I and Haven II, to play with the children that I have come to love. They are all orphans, ranging in ages from a couple of days old to college kids. Jennifer, who is 22 and was adopted at five days old by the Merritts who run Eric's House, has become my best Zambian friend. She lives at Eric's House, and she runs the house when her parents are away. She is so much fun and has an incredible heart. I am so blessed to know her.

At Haven I, they were testing the babies for AIDS. Several have tested positive, so they must be tested a second time to know for sure. The medical students were able to take part in the testing. Also, they have been able to work in the clinic on a regular basis which has been a great experience for them.

Tomorrow we are going to the Kisibi village. We will be listening to a traditional band and dancing. I am very excited. I love watching the kids dance, and I love watching them try to teach their Makua (white) friends how to dance.

Every day is full of exciting and unpredictable experiences. It has been great to be totally immersed in a different culture, and I am so thankful we have been able to know and love so many Zambians. I will miss this country and these people. It has become a home away from home for all of us.

I would write more, but I'm off to play volleyball with the college team which is made up of several National Champion players. We're supposed to play at three even though they probably will not be there until closer to four. This is Africa.

[Sarah Hackney]



A group of Zambian children gather together in a small village in the northern province of Zambia on Oct. 14. Students were guests as the village members performed traditional tribal dances. [Courtesy of Farron Martin]

Junior Clay Williams walks with a few children near Chebugen, Kenya on Nov. 21. After spending a semester in Zambia, HIZ students spent the last two weeks visiting missionaries and mission schools throughout Tanzania and Kenya. [Courtesy of Farron Martin]

Senior Katie Pagett befriends a group of children attending Karibu School Compound in Chebugen, Kenya on Nov. 21. Because Kenyans rarely saw Caucasians, the children were fascinated at the sight of Harding students. [Courtesy of Farron Martin]

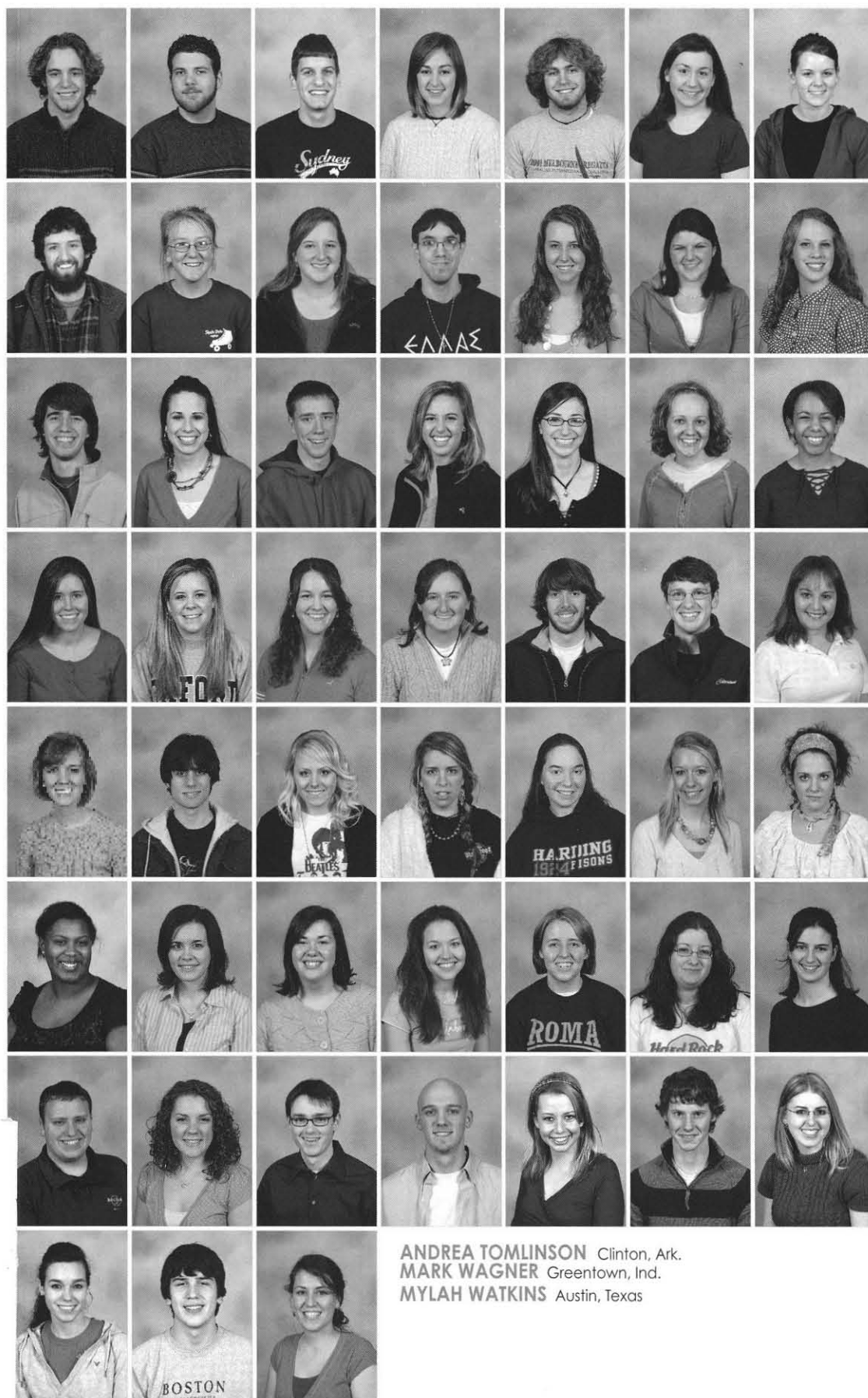


FALL OVERSEAS



"Being overseas and experiencing other cultures for such an in-depth period of time is enlightening and inspiring."

-Leah Berry, fall overseas student



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