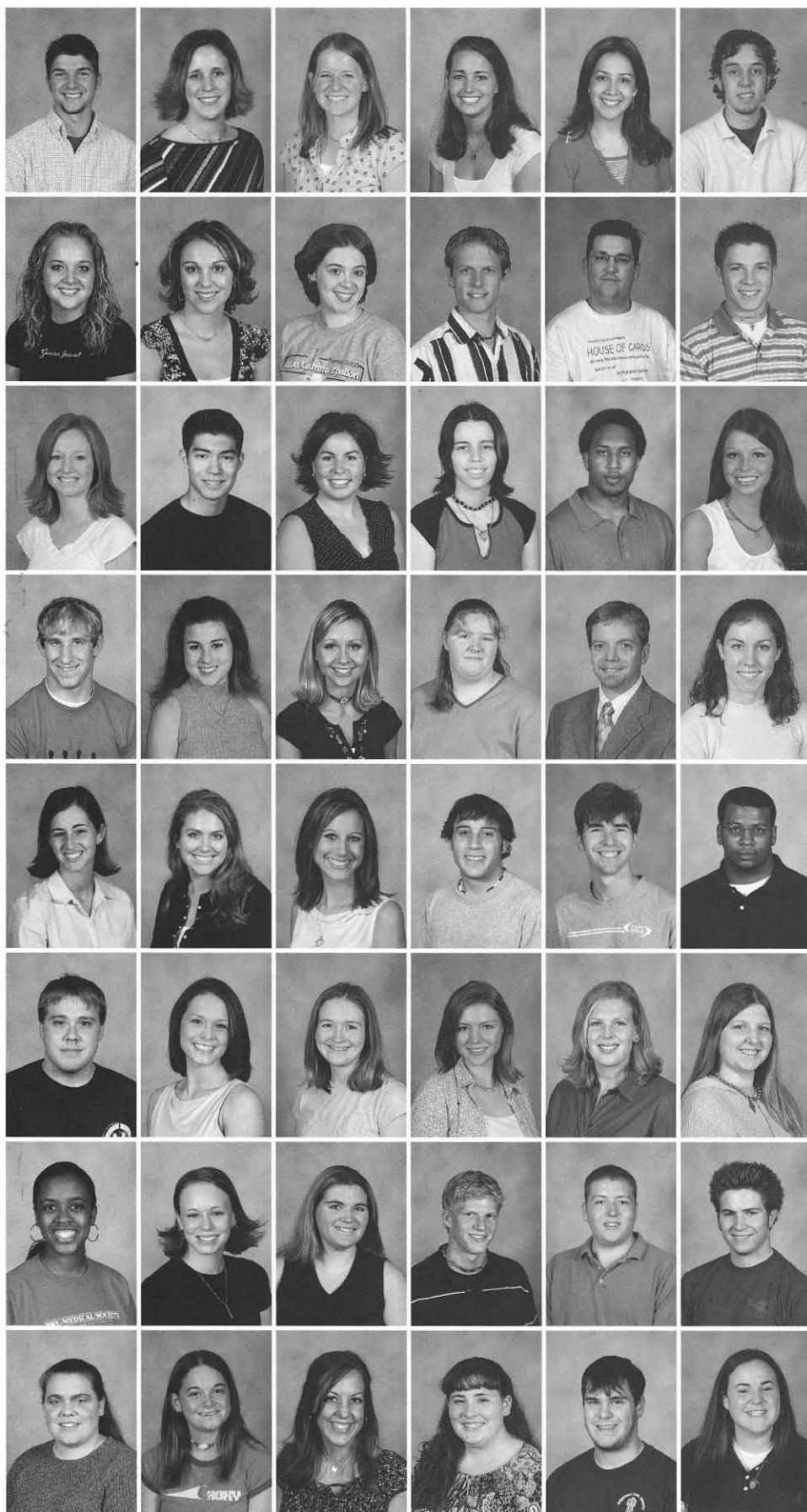


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becoming established.



Sophomores Amy Greenway and Liz Jones peer out of Greenway's Kendall dorm room window to watch girls from Pattie Cobb dorm scramble outside during a fire drill in September. The fire department required each dorm to have two fire drills each semester. (Photo by Amy Beene)



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Cali Anderson — Brentwood, Tenn.
Karen Anzueto — Guatemala City, Guatemala
Justin Ardrey — Newport, Ark.

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Montae Bates — Cincinnati, Ohio

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Erin Beideman — Douglassville, Pa.
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Brittney Bennett — Copley, Ohio
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Amanda Best — Olympia, Wash.
Amanda Black — Ozark, Mo.
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Alice Bolton — Hanford, Calif.
Lori Bontrager — Lubbock, Texas
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Philip Booker — Beaumont, Texas
Morgan Booth — Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 Evan Bradley — Prattsville, Ala.
 Katrina Bradley — The Colony, Texas
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 Samantha Brooks — Little Rock, Ark.
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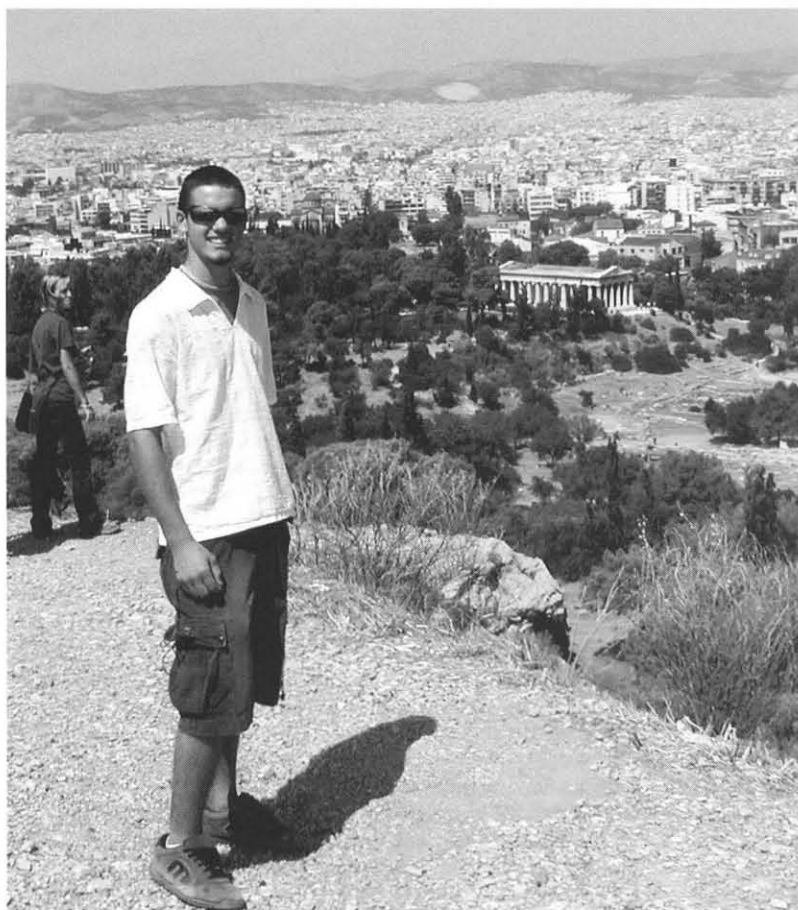
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Freshman Stephen Roussos stands

on a hill overlooking Athens, Greece, while at Harding University in Greece this fall.

Roussos, who hails from Athens, spent his first college semester at HUG in Porto Rafti.

(Photo courtesy of Stephen Roussos)

stephen ROUSSOS

Moving from one dorm room to another in the middle of the school year was a task most students despised. Imagine moving from one dorm room to another dorm room 6,000 miles away.

Freshman Stephen Roussos did just that this spring after spending his first semester in college on the Harding University Greece campus in Porto Rafti, Greece, an hour away from his hometown Athens.

"I always knew that I would study in America," Roussos said. "[Most foreigners] usually leave home because it's considered better to have a degree from somewhere

**"I always knew that I would study in America."
— freshman Stephen Roussos**

like America or England for instance."

Roussos' father was the preacher at the Omonia church of Christ in Athens, where HUG students attended. With that being the case, Roussos grew up around Harding students. Naturally, he decided to spend his first semester of college as a HUG student.

"It was like being all one family; you did everything together," Roussos said. "So you got to know everyone really well. It was more of an experience while learning than just going to classes because you did the tours and saw new places. It was interesting to see some of the places I already knew from their perspective."

In addition to knowing students prior to moving to Searcy, Roussos had lived in the United States before and had traveled to other states, including Florida, Texas, New York, Washington and Indiana.

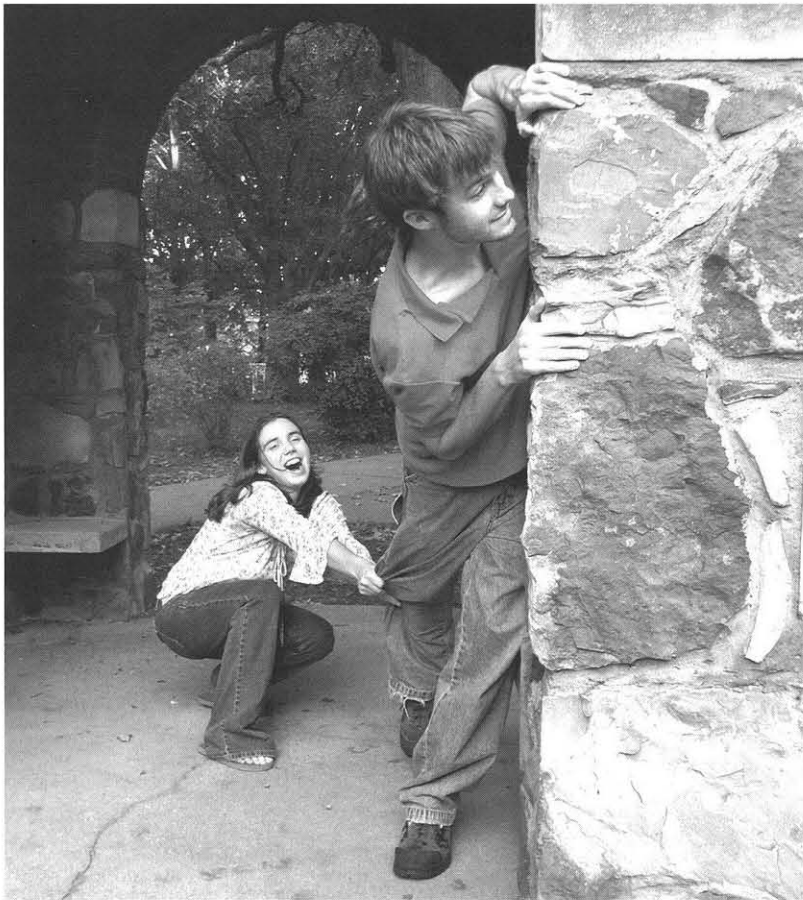
"It's different living here for a longer time," Roussos said. "But I knew exactly what I was getting into. I'm just not used to a small town. I miss the coffee shops, going to the beach or to the islands or snowboarding in the winter. Here everything closes early, while [in Greece] things don't close until 2 or 3 in the morning."

Although the differences between Searcy and Athens had a tendency to stand out, Roussos said the people on campus were friendly. He also said he was pleased with the campus atmosphere.

Roussos also said his relationship with Christ grew stronger while on campus.

"It's helped to strengthen my faith in Christ," Roussos said. "By being around Christians all the time and having things like chapel, you get to focus a lot better than you would in a regular setting."

By CAIREY
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Juniors Jody Miller and Adam Rollins put up a fight inside the bell tower near Pattie Cobb dorm. According to a campus legend, students who walked through the tower together were supposed to be married later in life. (Photo by Amy Beene)

By **TODD RAMSEY**

adVicE for DatiNg

Even in college, first dates caused many laugh-out-loud and cry-out-loud moments. Students experienced the good, bad and ugly while on first dates. Several approached dates by standing in front of the mirror and practiced 412 different ways to say "Hey," while others secretly practiced kissing their hands.

At Harding, it is easy to obsess over first dates because people don't understand them. Due to this fact, I'd like to diagram and explain first dates, in an effort to alleviate the worry surrounding them.

A typical first date, like a sermon, is comprised of three main parts: the picking up of the date, the actual date and the dropping off of the date.

As most experienced first-daters know, all three stages must be executed with precision in order to have a successful experience. Too many people drop the ball during one of these three stages, forfeiting all chances of a second date, which is typically the purpose of the first date.

The first stage of the date is possibly the most critical. This consists of picking up the date and going to the predetermined destination. Typically,

the destination is a food or beverage establishment. Great care must be taken in the first step because a date is a lot like a job interview.

Most interviewers decide whether or not to hire you in the first four minutes of the interview. Too many people lose all possibility of a second date in the first four minutes. Don't do that! In order to have a victorious first stage, be sure to compliment your date and try to make a small joke to lighten the mood. However, make sure you don't combine the two; it can lead to serious consequences.

The second stage of the date — the date activity — is usually the easiest to pull off and it consists of the date activity. The possibilities for a first date are numerous — dinner and a movie is a classic, roller skating is risky, bowling is okay if you can match clean socks — and can be anything that you and, hopefully, your date are interested in.

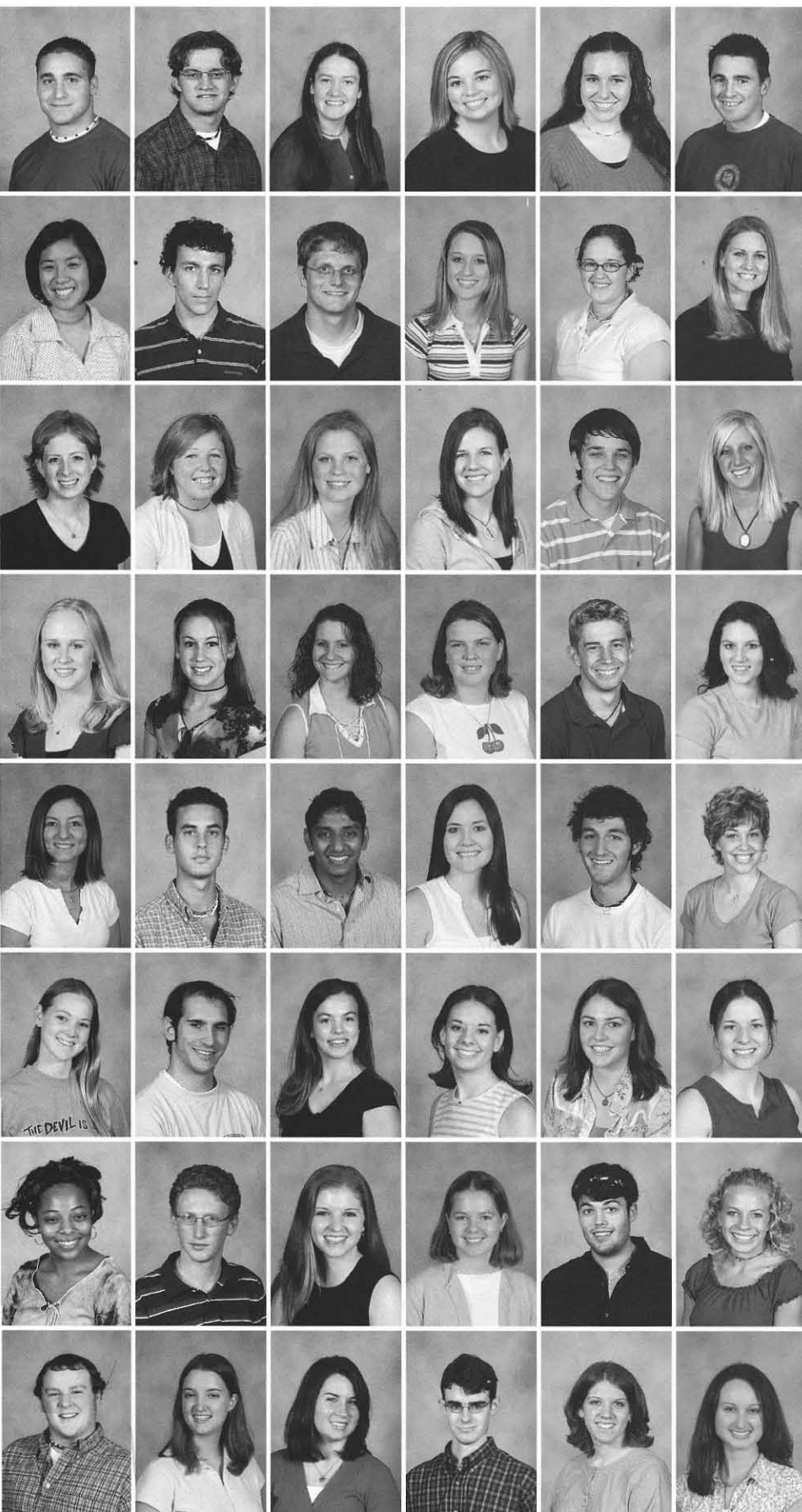
Most of these activities require some talking, so it's a good idea to have a list of at least 100 questions. You can ask, "What's your major? Why? Do you support human cloning? Explain. Why is Harding's mascot a bison? What if there was no gravity?"

The final stage of the date is typically the most difficult. After you've completed your dating activity, it's important not to "wear out your welcome." So if you don't have anything else planned, it's a good idea to just drop your date off and go on your way. The actual dropping off is potentially the most awkward part of the date because, regardless of your first-date-kissing policy, there is always the feeling that something more needs to be said or done to bring conclusion to the night. This could range from scheduling a second date to shaking hands and agreeing to never speak to each other again.

However you choose to say good night, be brief and choose somewhere besides the dorm steps for the good night ritual.

So in a nutshell, here is Todd Ramsey's dating advice based loosely on the good book's directions. Seek and ask. But wouldn't it be nice if my advice had been, "Greet one another with a holy kiss?"

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Rebekah Davis — Mineola, Texas

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Brian Day — Orlando, Fla.
Nandish Dayal — Suva, Fiji Islands
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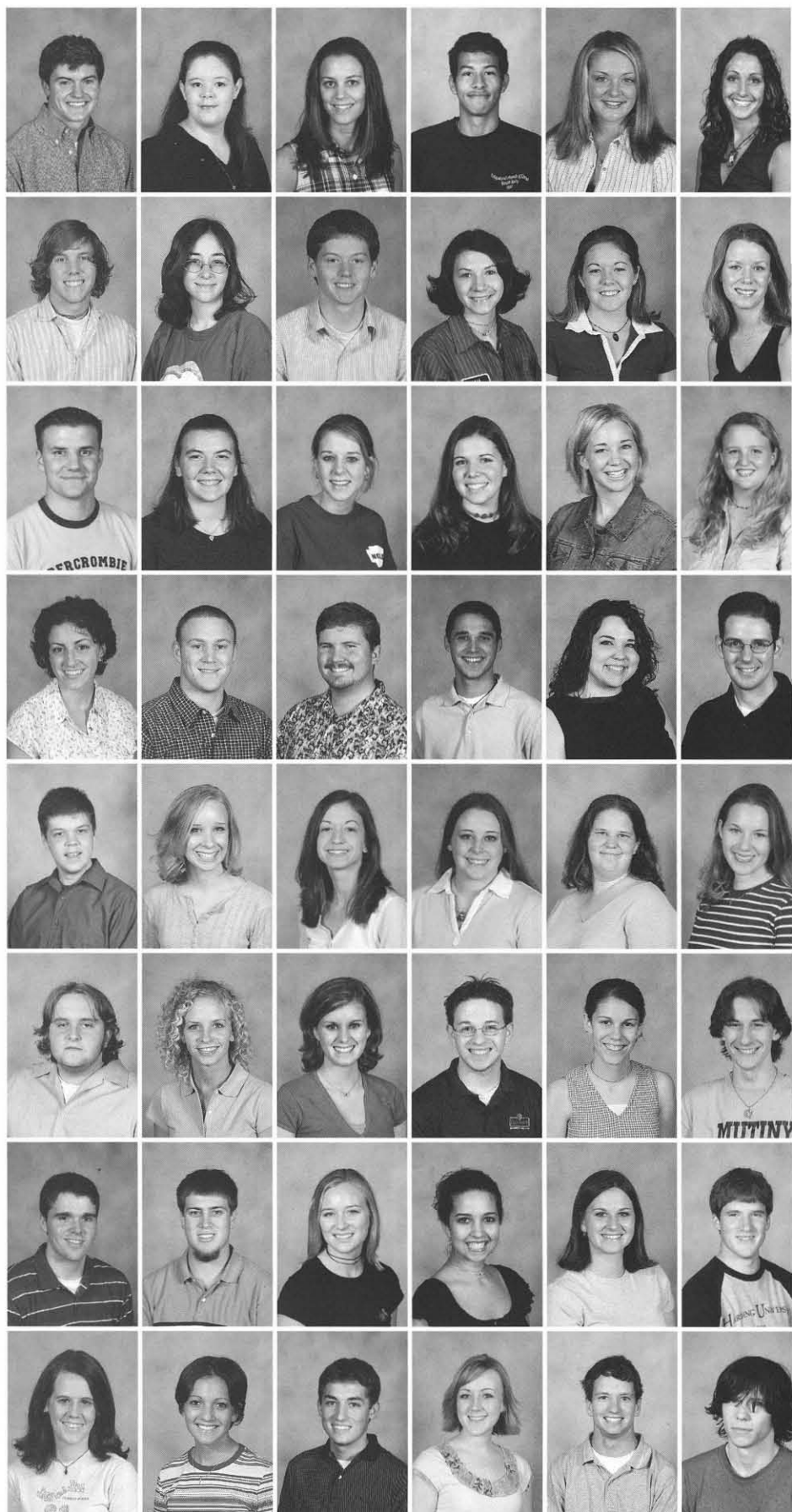
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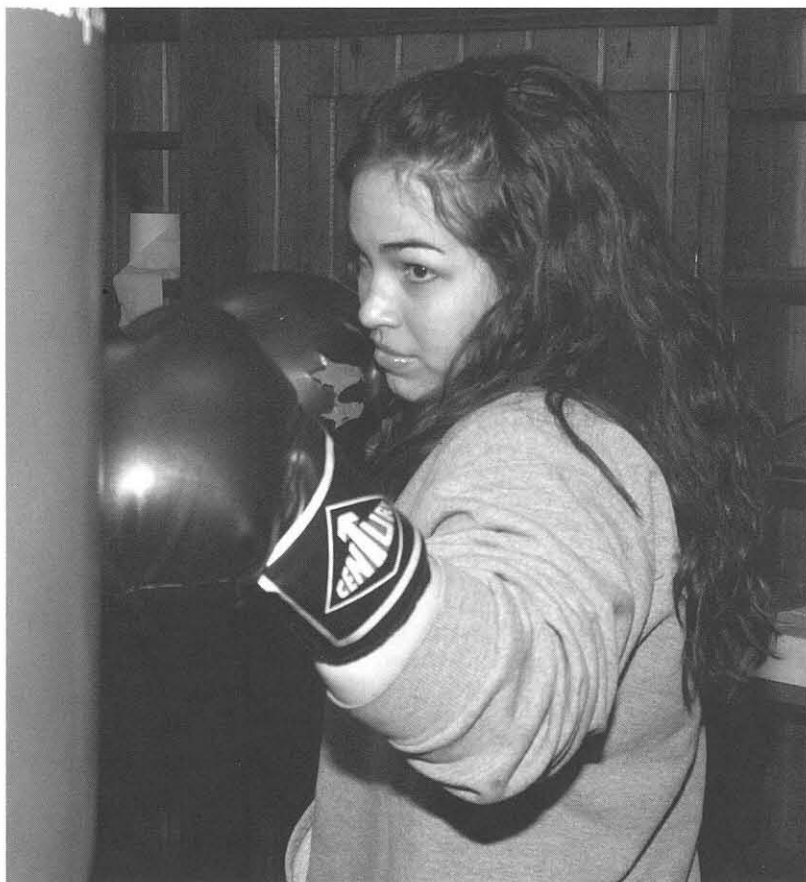
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Rebecca Gill — Visalia, Calif.
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Parker Goats — Guthrie, Okla.
Brandon Grady — Woodstock, Ga.
Sarah Gregg — York, Neb.
Brittany Griffin — Statesville, N.C.
Jessica Griffin — Nixa, Mo.
Matthew Griffin — Lacey's Spring, Ala.

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Courtney Gryszko — Gallatin, Tenn.
Jonathan Haak — Niceville, Fla.
Amy Hahn — Coleman, Texas
Daniel Haile — Gallatin, Tenn.
Matt Hainley — Apple Valley, Calif.





Junior Jo Ellis throws a punch in the Honors House. Ellis taught kickboxing classes during her freshman and sophomore years at Harding. (Photo by Amy Beene)

jo ELLIS

For junior Jo Ellis there was something about punching that big stuffed bag over and over again.

Ellis, of Midland, Texas, began kickboxing more than five years ago when her high school swim team coach invited her to a kickboxing class.

"I was an athlete, and my coach knew I was up to taking on new sports," Ellis said. "I have been kickboxing

since my junior year of high school. I [feel] so powerful the whole time."

While recent time commitments have reduced her excitement for the sport, Ellis said there was a time when kickboxing consumed her life.

Ellis taught kickboxing classes during her freshman year at Harding at Mitchell's Martial Arts. She taught one-hour classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays each week.

The first semester of her sophomore year, she taught classes three days a week at ATA Taekwondo Academy, and occasionally taught classes on Saturday mornings.

In the spring of her sophomore year, Ellis went to Chile as part of the Harding University in Latin America program and decided not to leave her love of kickboxing in the states.

"I decided to take my gear with me, so my friends and I could box," Ellis said.

While she was in Chile, a church in Searcy began offering a free kickboxing class to the community.

The free class would no doubt affect the classes she planned to resume teaching at the Taekwondo Academy when she returned from HULA.

"I was excited at first because I thought the sport was growing, but [ultimately] it stopped my clients from attending my classes [when I returned to Searcy]," Ellis said.

However, a few Harding students still took advantage of Ellis' classes.

"I thought it was really fun, and I even lost a little weight," senior Lauren Hickmon said.

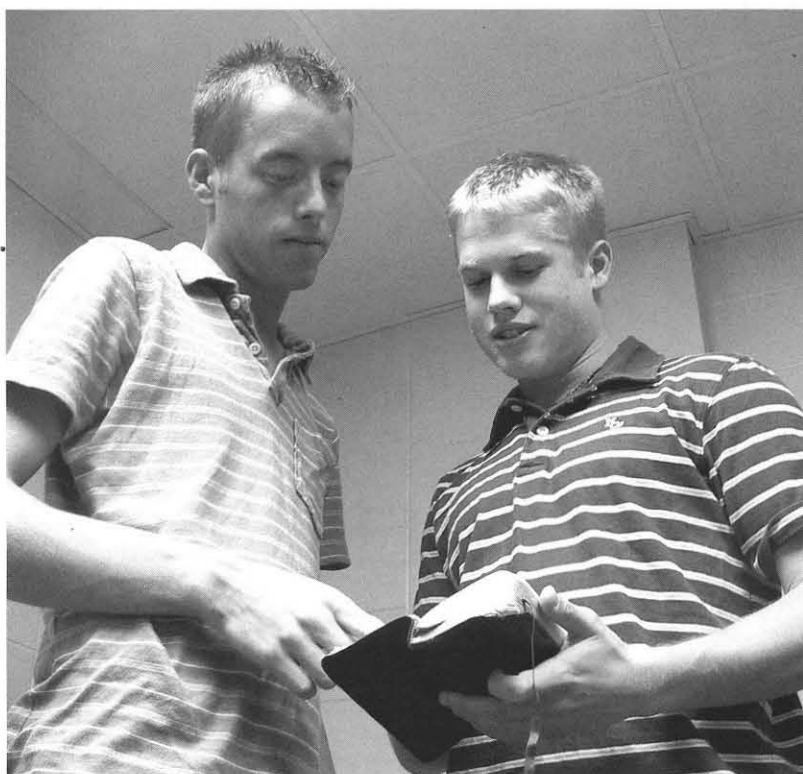
Regardless of her limited involvement in the sport this year, Ellis still held a strong passion for the stress-reliever.

"I will always love to kickbox, but right now I don't have enough time to dedicate to the sport," Ellis said.

"I have been kickboxing since my junior year of high school. I [feel] so powerful the whole time."

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By NATALIE WADE



Sophomore Matt Niehoff and junior Jason Plummer look up a passage in the Bible in their dorm room. Niehoff, who was converted from Roman Catholicism while in high school, considered doing mission work after college. (Photo by Russell Keck)

By JUSTIN
BRONSON

matt NIEHOFF

For 18 years, sophomore Matt Niehoff attended a Catholic Church until his friend, sophomore John Wilkins, opened up the Bible and studied God's plan with him.

"I didn't have a relationship with God, but the Bible opened my eyes," Niehoff said. "I realized some things I was doing were wrong and my life wasn't glorifying God. So I changed a lot of things and switched faiths."

A number of factors led to his decision to follow God's word. First, Niehoff was invited to a vacation Bible school at a local church where he saw people his own age leading the activities.

"I was amazed people my own age knew the Bible so well," Niehoff said. "I was always under the impression that was the priest's job."

Niehoff also noticed a big difference between the church of Christ and the Catholic Church.

"In the Catholic Church, the Bible and scripture weren't emphasized, but it was very important to the church of Christ," Niehoff said.

For the first time he also started to understand God's word and how it related to his life.

"I never knew what was really right and wrong because no one ever showed me in the Bible," Niehoff said.

Then he went to Soul Lift, a youth rally in St. Louis, where he really felt the need to change. He alternated between attending Catholic mass and the Fairgrounds Road church of Christ.

After an entire year of studying and attending Christian functions, Wilkins baptized Niehoff in the summer of 2002 at Camp Ne-o-tez in Missouri.

Although the decision to follow Christ was best, Niehoff knew a Catholic family awaited him at home.

"It was difficult for my family to accept the change, but they noticed a lot of good changes in me," Niehoff said.

After becoming a Christian, Niehoff made some changes to his life plans as well. He decided to come to Harding because he believed it would be a better place for him spiritually.

"It is a lot better here ... for me because I am away from a lot of the temptations of a state school," Niehoff said. "I wouldn't have made it at a state school."

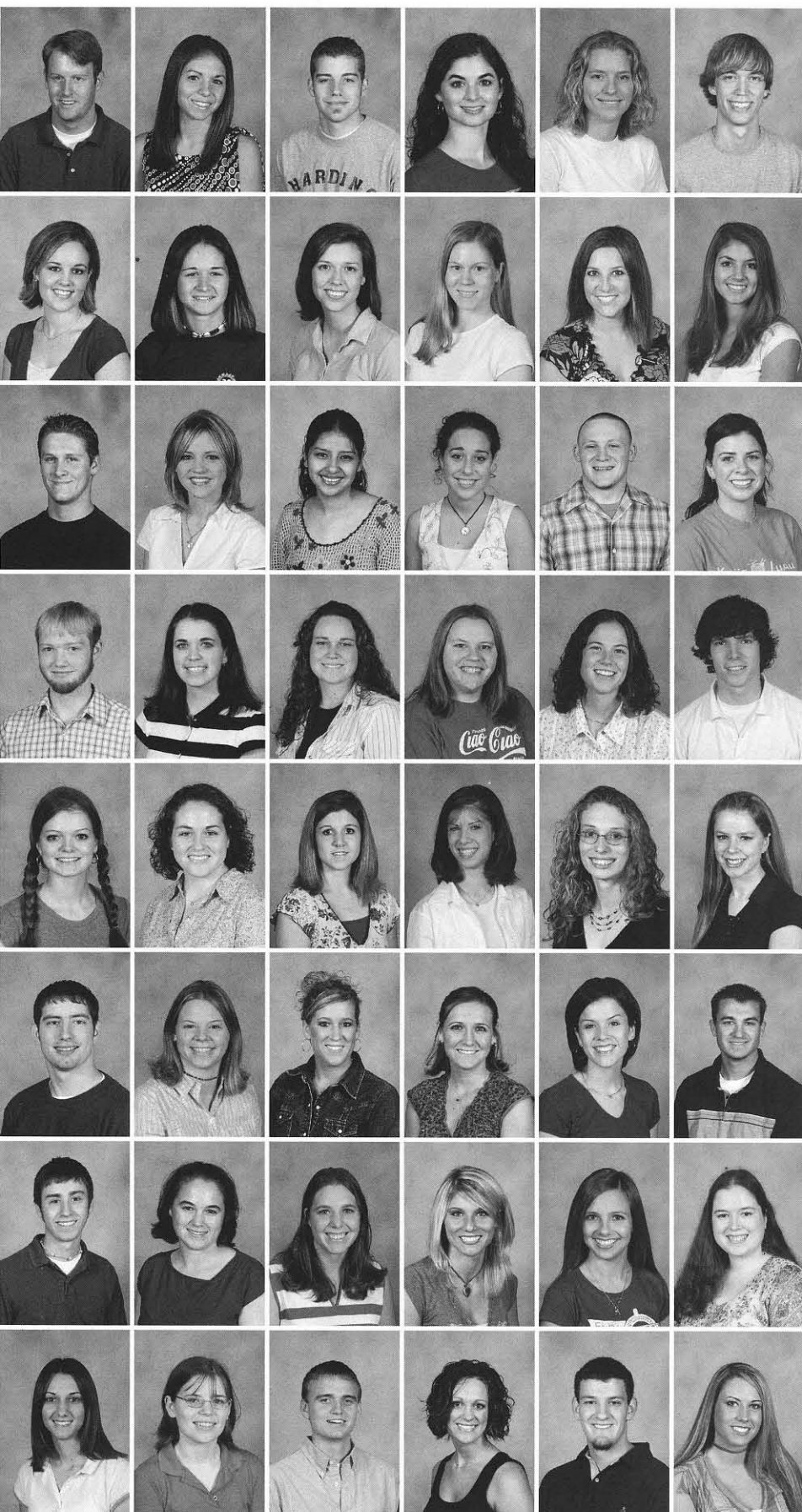
Niehoff, who considered doing mission work after college, said he was another example of how God worked through loving and patient friends.

"I am a great example of how God can change lives," Niehoff said. "I had a really rough year my junior year of high school, and now because of God I have made a complete turnaround."

Through Niehoff's conversion, he said Christ needed to be shared with the lost.

"You might think a person is really lost and has no hope of finding Christ, but nothing is impossible, so never give up hope," Niehoff said.

"I was amazed people my own age knew the Bible so well. I was always under the impression that was the priest's job."
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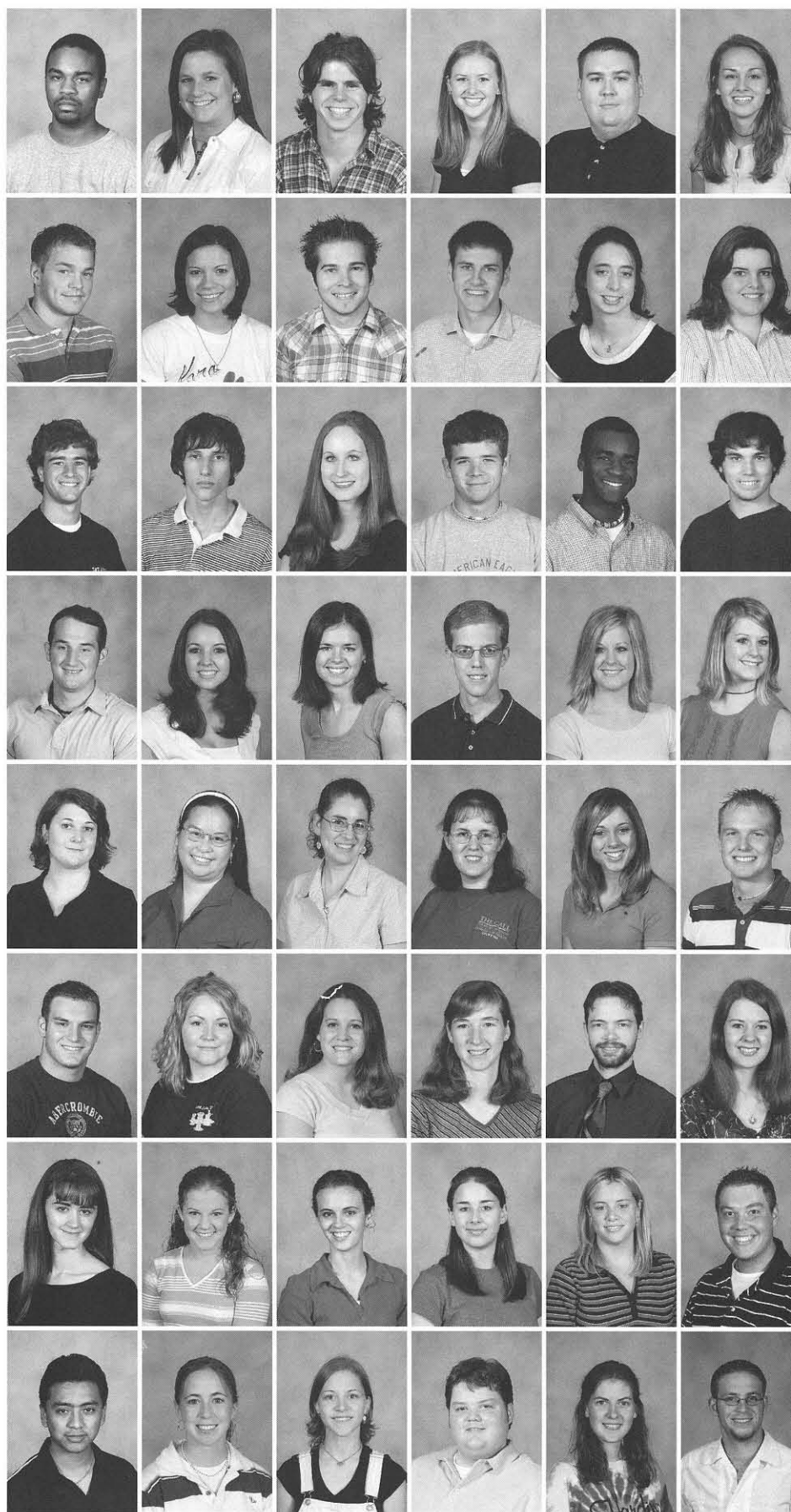
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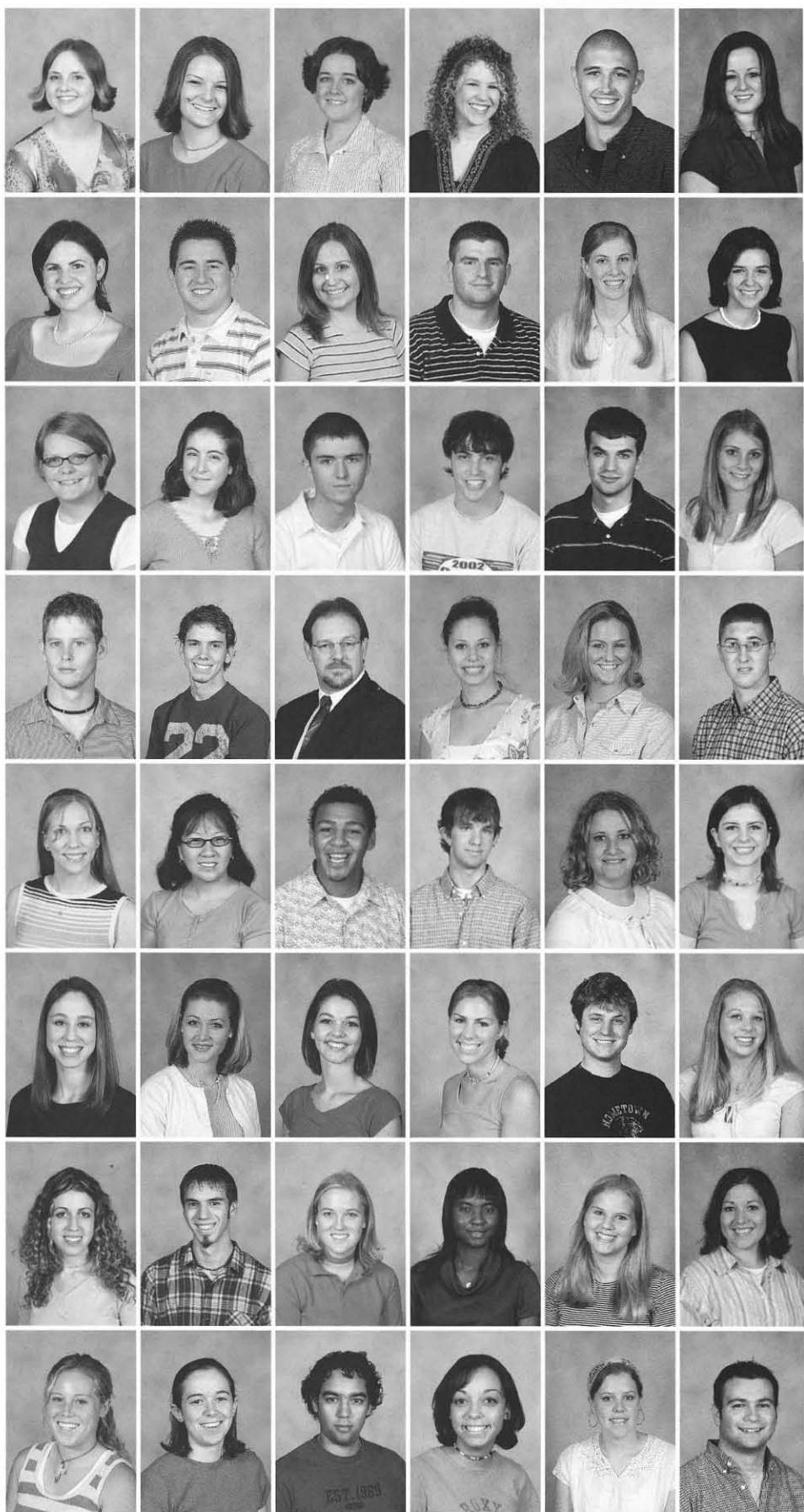
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With the new logo in hand, junior Dan Phillips looks at a newly-designed Harding T-shirt. The Bison logo was updated this year to give the school a simple, high-tech look, Liz Howell, director of alumni, said. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

identity REDESIGN

After meeting for several weeks during the fall semester, a 12-member committee collaborated a new look for the university.

Liz Howell, director of alumni relations, said the committee wanted a simple, yet high-tech logo.

"We wanted people to think 'Wow, that's a great logo,' when they saw it," she said. "It had been 30 years since a change. It was time."

To begin, Dustin Vyers, assistant to the director of student life, was selected to design the new look. He sketched the bison in the student center and then went to work on his computer, using Adobe Illustrator 10 to design the new look.

Vyers said he learned how to handle constructive criticism through this project.

"The committee knew they wanted something that could stand up against other school's as far as mascots are concerned," Vyers said. "I would take what I had done to the committee and they would critique it. They changed what they didn't like."

"It sort of hardened my skin. I stood there while they talked about it. I'm tougher now as far as people critiquing my work."

Men's basketball coach Jeff Morgan also served on the committee.

"It was a lot of fun to be involved with it. Dustin just did an awesome job," he said.

"When it was finished, we wanted it to wow you. We wanted it to have that wow effect. Finally, we walked out of there going, 'Wow, this is it.'"

Howell said the committee, which included coaches, faculty members, staff, sports information staff and students, looked at bison logos from several universities around the country.

"We wanted to develop the Harding brand," Howell said. "When you saw that logo, you knew it was Harding's logo."

When it came time to reveal the new logo to the Harding community in chapel Oct. 16, Howell said she was excited and nervous.

However, Howell said she wasn't worried about the student body not liking the new logo because of the student involvement in the design process.

"Everybody on the committee loves Harding and wants the best [for Harding]. It was just a great day for us," Howell said.

Along with the new logo, the new mascot, Buff the Bison, was introduced to the student body during the Oct. 16 chapel presentation.

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By SARA
VAN WINKLE

Sophomore Clyde Kemp slides his ATM card into the student center ATM machine Jan. 22. College was a place where many students first learned to manage their money. (Photo by Russell Keck)



cash flow

College was not only an educational institution, but also a place for students to learn to manage their money.

This was the time when most students formed habits they would keep for the rest of their lives — habits of body, habits of mind and habits of pocket.

Toward the end of the semester, one heard cries and shouts near the student center ATMs as students whose habits of pocket left their bank accounts empty.

Junior Shelly Arberry understood what it was like to be a college student.

"Man, I have to save up just to be broke," Arberry said.

First thing's first: food. Like the fast-food chain Rally's slogan said, "Ya gotta eat." After all, there were necessities students could not live without, so they found ways to be creative.

When sophomore Josefina Ayala found herself in a penny-pinching mode, she resorted to other ways to get food.

"I eat in the cafeteria; I have no other option," Ayala said. "But I have a job; when I get paid, I get some food."

The cafeteria was a popular alternative to eating out or going to the student center, but for some people, that didn't cut it. Money was the object they needed to get the food they wanted.

"Sometimes I see people in the student center line paying for food, so I offer to buy it on my declining credit balance," Arberry said. "Then I just take the money from them in exchange."

Although eating was important, students often found themselves struggling to get to and fro. Since gas prices increased, it was expensive to get around even in Searcy.

"I would go home to do my laundry or swipe some groceries from home, but it's too expensive to travel all the way home," sophomore Jill Hicks, of Roanoke, Texas, said. "It's better to just run to Wal-Mart across town."

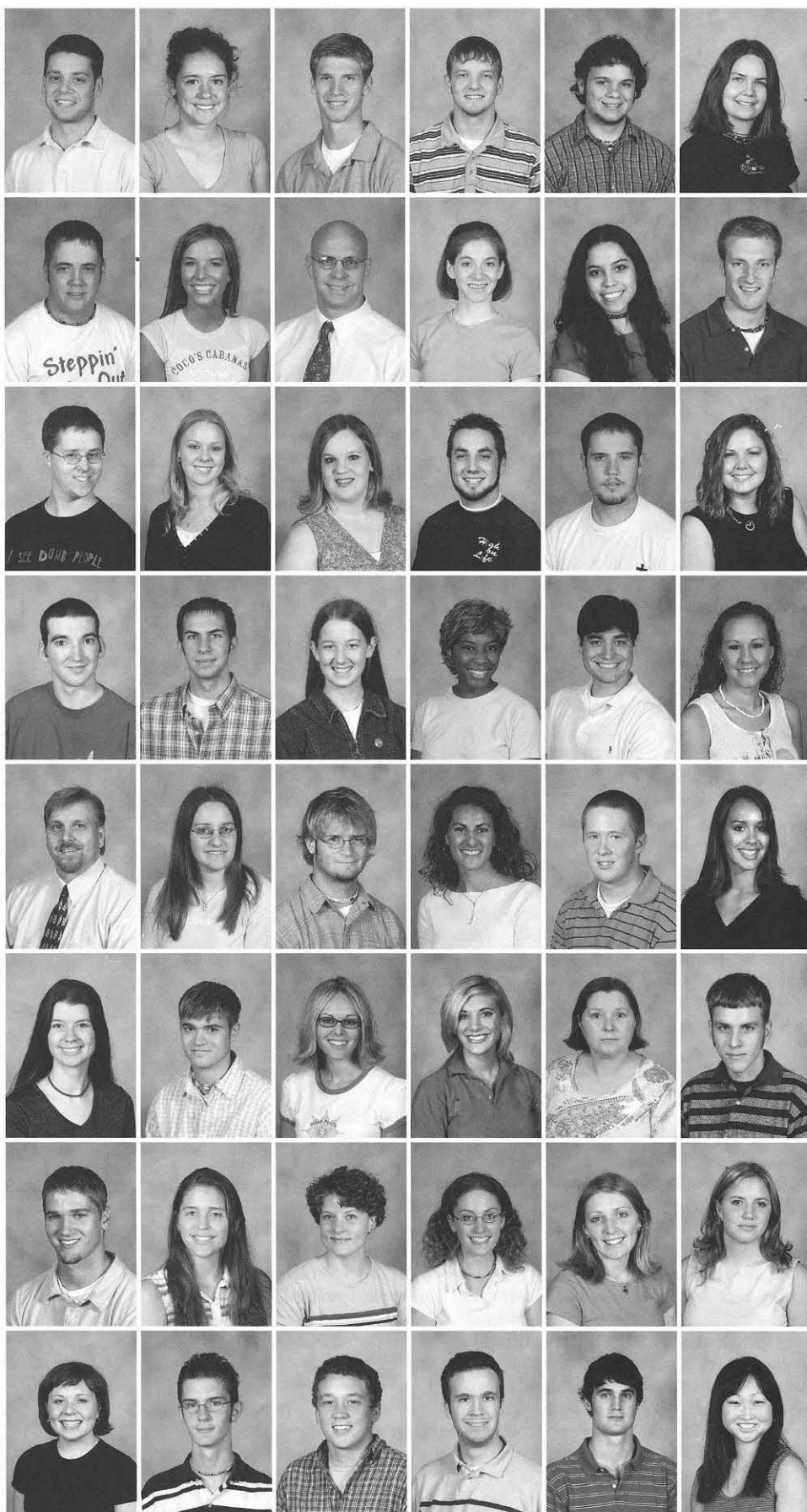
When strapped for money, several students had to think of creative ways to entertain themselves.

"I spent a lot of time roaming the isles of Hastings looking at magazines and posters," junior Hunter Wilson said. "I can look at all the magazines without having to buy them."

Most students have been in a financial frantic at least once during their college experience, but with the aid of Ramen noodles and money management tips, students usually saw green again.

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— sophomore Josefina Ayala

By GARY
LUNA



Tyler Rose — Searcy, Ark.
Hilary Rosenbaum — Avon, Ind.
Cameron Rowan — Monroe, La.
Derek Russell — Lindale, Texas
Gregory Russell — Concord, Calif.
Holly Russell — Versailles, Ky.

Kelcy Salisbury — Searcy, Ark.
Meredith Sammons — Searcy, Ark.
James Sanders — Searcy, Ark.
Stefanie Sanderson — Baton Rouge, La.
Denice Sandoval — Vina del Mar, Chile
Chad Savage — Rowlett, Texas

Michael Schaad — Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Jolyn Schmerse — Waxahachie, Texas
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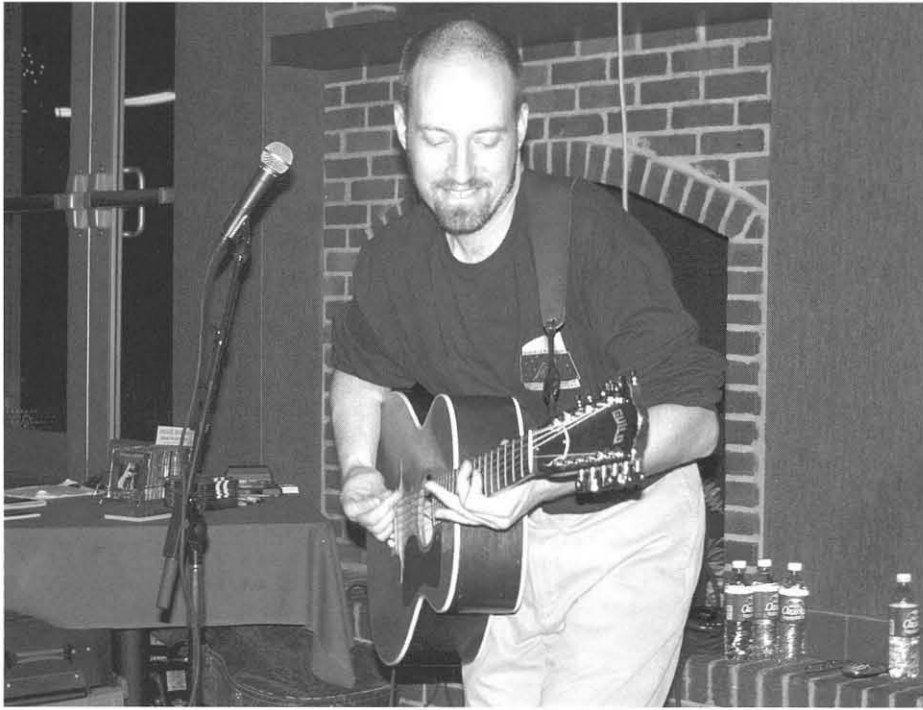
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Amy Shaffer — Ridgefield, Wash.
Johnna Shanklin — Lafayette, La.
Taylor Shappley — Germantown, Tenn.
Heather Shaw — Hardy, Ark.

Jeffrey Sheets — Searcy, Ark.
Audra Shelley — Amagon, Ark.
Brandon Shirey — Ladson, S.C.
Jena Shoemaker — Brentwood, Tenn.
Robert Sills — Memphis, Tenn.
Chelsea Simpson — Ving Byng, Okla.

Ashley Smith — Spring, Texas
Benjamin Smith — Proctorville, Ohio
Cora Smith — Clinton, Ark.
Lindsey Smith — Little Rock, Ark.
Nancy Smith — Beebe, Ark.
Thaddeus Smith — Prince George, Va.

Chance Snider — Midland, Texas
Ashley Sorrells — Highland, Calif.
Lisa Speaker — Ignacio, Colo.
Marline Sprague — Edgewood, N.M.
Sara Steelman — Summerville, S.C.
Rebecca Steffan — Karthaus Penna, Pa.

Jaren Stempfer — Winston Salem, N.C.
Joel Stephen — Little Rock, Ark.
K.J. Stiles — Franklin, Tenn.
Ryan Stivers — Anamosa, Iowa
Keith Stobaugh — Morrilton, Ark.
Amelia Streatly — Tigard, Ore.



Guitarist Doug Wood strums during a concert in the student center Oct. 4. Wood, a jazz and acoustic guitarist, was sponsored by the Student Activities Committee. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

so you wanna be a ROCK STAR?

In a world of tests, projects and studying, many Harding students found a bit of solitude while attending concerts.

Although most concert trips went off smoothly, some students said they caused some of the craziest, longest and most troublesome trips.

“When you know there is a great concert on the other end of your drive, it makes the trip shorter and a lot more enjoyable.”
— senior Stephen Osborne

“If I really like an artist and have been waiting to see them in concert, I will stop at nothing to get there,” junior Ashley Leath said.

Whether it was the atmosphere or the love of the music, several students sacrificed classes for their music.

“My best friend and I love Pat Green so we drove to Dallas on a Thursday night, listened to the best musician ever, skipped Friday classes and drove back so my friend could work on Saturday morning,” senior Jess Foster said.

However, some students weren’t as adventurous to miss school or chapel even for their favorite artists.

“I went to hear the legendary Willie Nelson in Atlanta on a Sunday night and drove back to Searcy in time for my 9:45 class on Monday morning,” senior Corey Keith said.

Junior Natalie Tyler also made it back in time for classes after a lengthy journey to see country singer Kenny Chesney in Nashville.

“I love Kenny Chesney. When I saw he was going to be in Nashville, I bought tickets,” Tyler said. “I didn’t even think about the drive because I live in Memphis, but the concert was when I was at school. My friend and I left on a Sunday morning and drove to Nashville. The concert started at

8 p.m. so we didn’t get to start our trip home until 11:45 p.m. We rolled into Searcy about 6 a.m. ... we were both in chapel Monday morning.”

Even during times when students had no money for food, gas or everyday necessities, they still made exceptions for a concert ticket.

“One of the exciting things about college is being spontaneous,” senior Stephen Osborne said. “When you know there is a great concert on the other end of your drive, it makes the trip shorter and a lot more enjoyable.”

By **NATALIE
WADE**



Adam Strouse — Selinsgrove, Pa.
Humberto Suarez — Managua, Nicaragua
Dustin Sullivan — Winfield, Pa.
Matthew Summitt — Paragould, Ark.
Melanie Switzer — Flint, Mich.
April Taber — Aurora, Colo.

Angela Tackett — Pleasant Plains, Ark.
Becky Tankersley — Searcy, Ark.
Tara Tarole — Upland, Calif.
Joel Taylor — Rossville, Ga.
Laura Taylor — Lucas, Texas
Michael Taylor — McAllen, Texas

Rebecca Taylor — McKinney, Texas
Amanda Terry — Ft. Worth, Texas
Julia Tews — Tomball, Texas
Daniel Tignor — Lebanon, Tenn.
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Jonathan Towell — Bryan, Texas

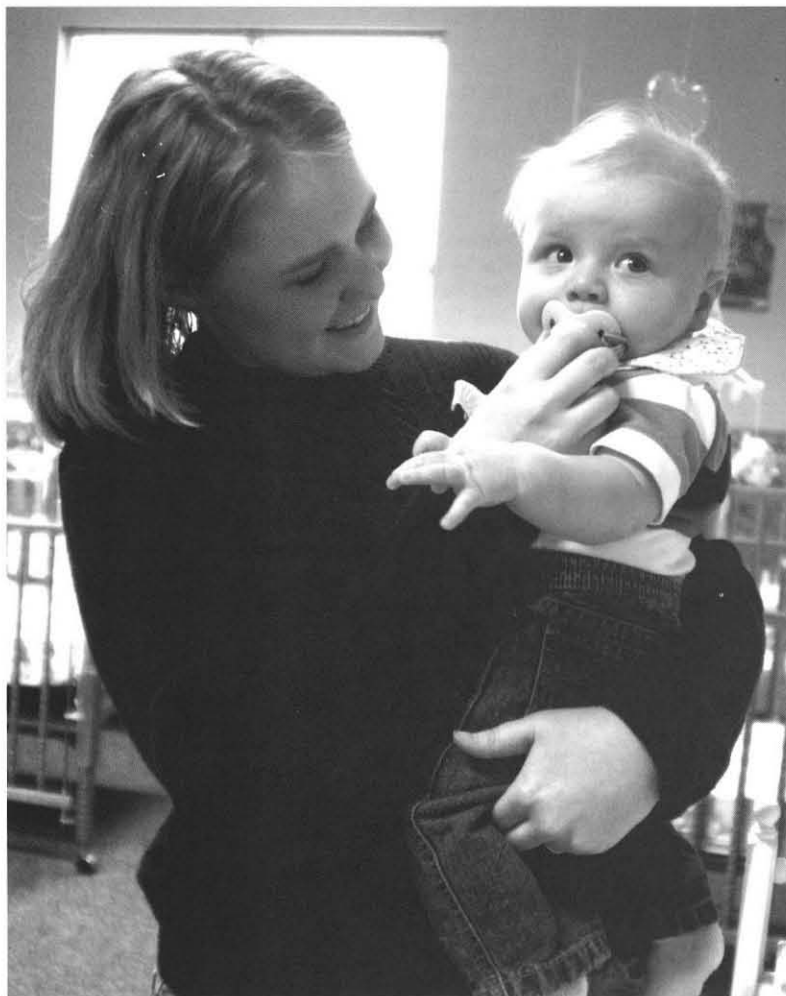
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Randi Tribble — Cookeville, Tenn.
Jordan Turbeville — Snellville, Ga.
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Luis Vargas — Santo Domingo Heredia, Costa Rica
Rachel Vaughan — Germantown, Tenn.
Synda Veitenheimer — Windthorst, Texas
Emilio Velasquez — Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Victoria Waite — Chattanooga, Tenn.
Ashley Walker — Lebanon, Mo.

Claire Walker — Monroe, N.C.
Fran Wallace — Lexington, Ky.
Matthew Walters — Sheridan, Ark.
Alecia Warren — Cabot, Ark.
Chelsi Watson — Muskogee, Okla.
Lea Ann Weaver — Rogers, Ark.

Amanda Weipert — Royal Oak, Mich.
Janna White — Charlotte, N.C.
Lauren White — Cabot, Ark.
Philip White — Chebanse, Ill.
Amy Whitfield — Ontario, Canada
Keith Whittington — Anna, Ohio

Megan Whittington — Spring, Texas
Rudolph Wigger — N. Charleston, S.C.
Tricia Wigner — Anderson, Ind.
Nicole Wilhelms — Ridott, Ill.
Laquita Williams — Lakeland, Fla.
Leianne Williams — Conway, N.H.



Junior Rachael Parker holds
a baby at the First United
Methodist Day Care Feb. 25.
Parker worked at the day care
since her freshman year. (Photo
by Amy Beene)

rachael PARKER

Some smeared cake all over their faces. Some just cried. And some simply smiled.

Junior Rachael Parker recalled the days when she attended birthday parties for the children she took care of on an almost daily basis at the First United Methodist Day Care in Searcy.

"When the kids turn a year old, we have birthday parties for them," Parker said.

"We have had some who will cry the whole time. So you have pictures of them sobbing, and others love to dig into their cake."

Parker, who has worked at the day care for three years, said she took care of about 12 children this year whose ages ranged from 2 months old to 1 year old.

"It's a challenge, but I love it," she said. "They keep you so entertained and on your feet."

She said the spring semester was hectic because of more children and viruses that spread around.

"This semester has been extra busy because we have had five new babies come in," Parker said. "[The day care] had to buy a new baby bed because there wasn't enough room for all of them."

She said two viruses spread in the day care, causing a little extra work.

"This semester has been really hard because there have been two viruses that have hit the day care," Parker said. "It's the worst time we've had with it. We have never had this many sick before."

Fighting off both viruses, one child had to quit coming to the day care.

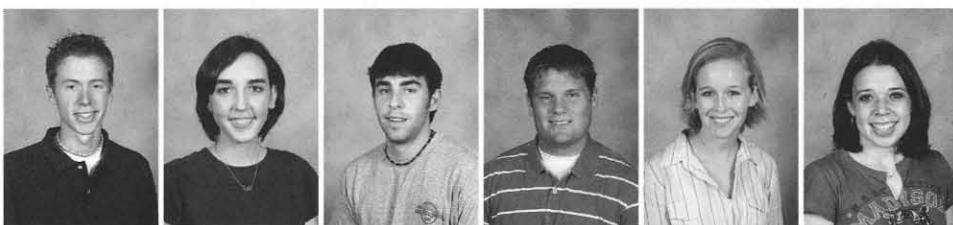
"One of our babies, Luke, has had to quit coming because his immune system is shot," Parker said. "He had two viruses right in a row. Doctors said it would take months to get his immune system back up and running."

As a special education major, Parker said she wanted to teach kindergarten after graduating from Harding. She said the job at the day care was good for her because she wouldn't get to see the infant stage in her career.

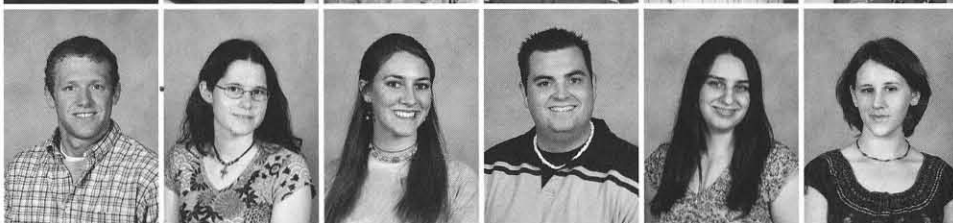
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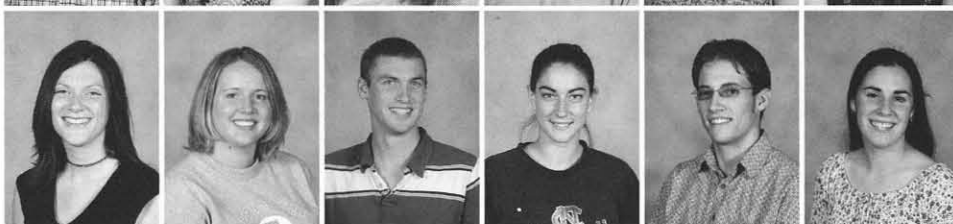
By RENEE
LEWIS



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 Jared Wilson — Monroe, La.
 Melanie Witham — Lynn Haven, Fla.
 Cassandra Withrow — Garland, Texas



Wesley Wittman — Northglenn, Colo.
 Stephanie Wolf — N. Richland Hills, Texas
 Breanna Wood — Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 Phillip Wood — Muldrow, Okla.
 Stephanie Wood — Sunnyvale, Texas
 Jenny Woodard — Camden, Ark.



Emma Woods — Searcy, Ark.
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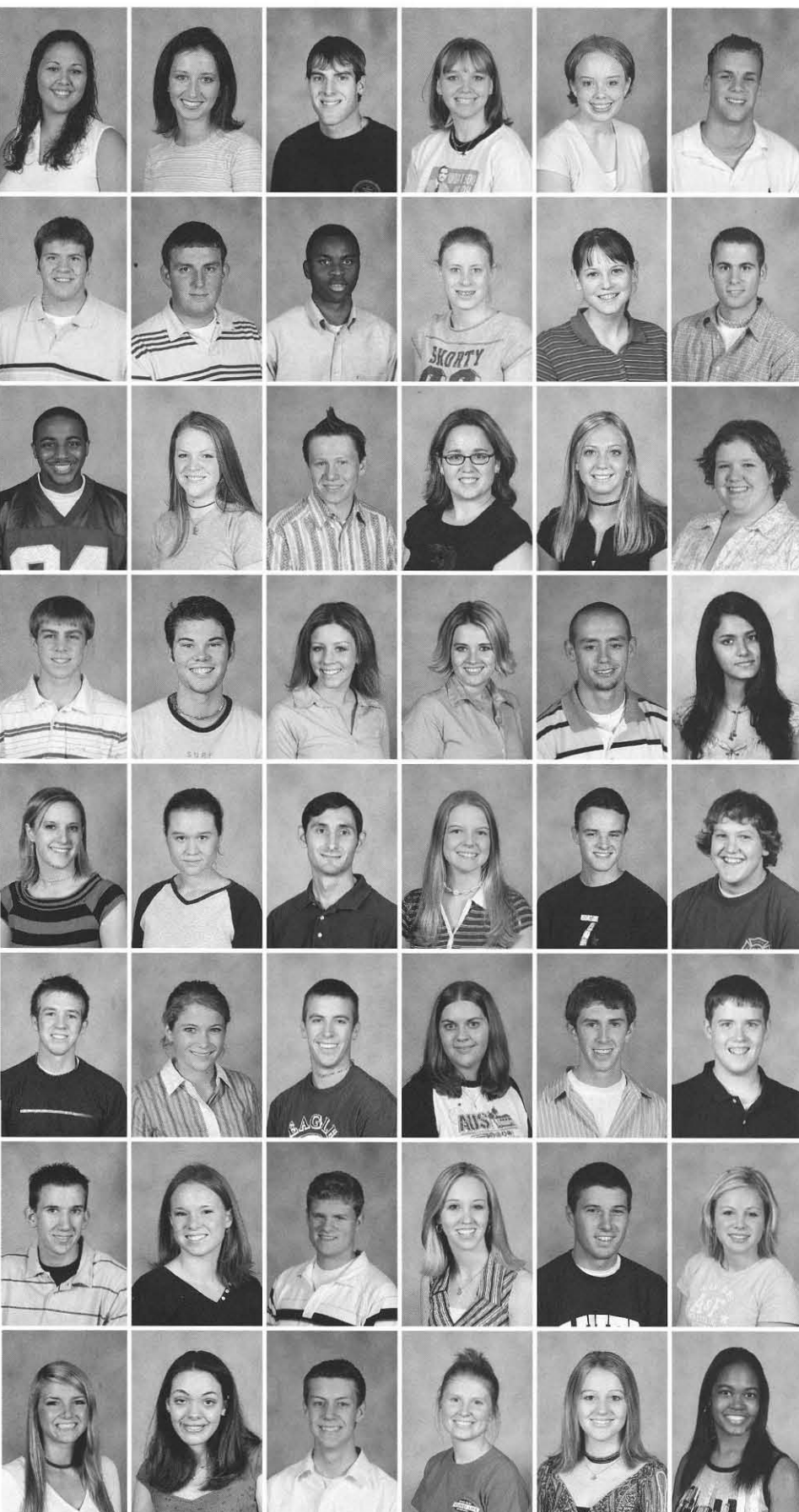
Adam York — White House, Tenn.
 Sarah Younger — Shreveport, La.
 Arlene Zuniga — La Ceiba, Atlantida

// freshmen

becoming established.



Freshman Pamela Sublett receives advice on a paper for English 111 from Justin Cox, 2003 graduate. Sublett made a four-year plan before coming to Harding, which included participating in a number of social and professional organizations on campus. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Mallory Abel — Hendersonville, Tenn.
 Rebecca Abell — Germantown, Tenn.
 Casey Abrams — Duncan, Okla.
 Amanda Adams — Burlington, Ky.
 Emily Adams — Nashville, Tenn.
 Heath Adams — Searcy, Ark.

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 Eric Aherin — Monticello, Ill.
 Osaro Aifuwa — Edison, N.J.
 Leslie Aldridge — Choctaw, Okla.
 Christina Alexander — Mountain Home, Ark.
 Aaron Allen — Searcy, Ark.

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 Kathryn Ambrose — Smyrna, Tenn.
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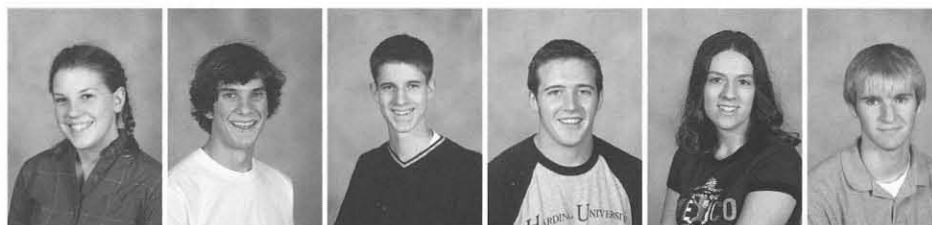
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 Stacie Barnett — Rockville, Ind.
 Daniel Bateman — St. Clair Shores, Mich.
 Andrew Battistelli — Pineville, La.

Timothy Baugh — Stafford, Va.
 Cassie Beagle — Batesville, Ark.
 Aaron Beaird — Nashville, Tenn.
 Laura Beamon — Cedar Park, Texas
 Jonathan Bean — Windsor, S.C.
 Paige Beck — Glenwood, Ark.

Jayci Beckett — Shreveport, La.
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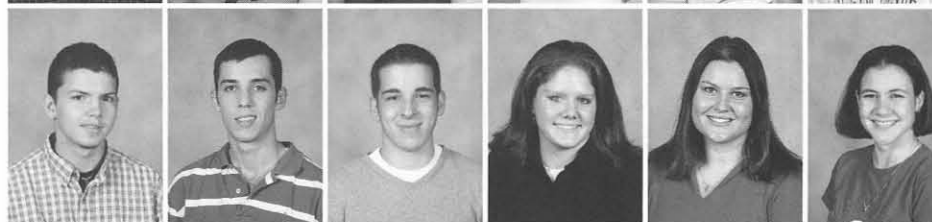
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Mason Binns — Little Rock, Ark.



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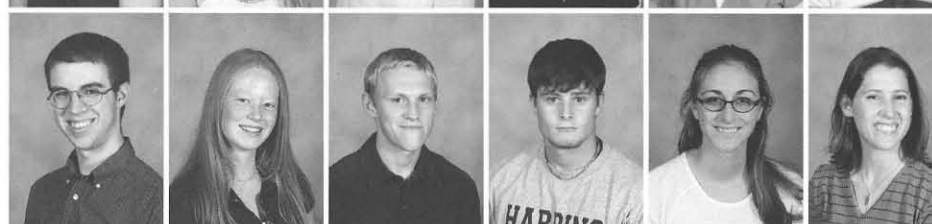
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Laura Bullington — Edinboro, Pa.
John Burkett — Searcy, Ark.



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Genevieve Burlingame — Rochester Hills, Mich.
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Crystal Byrd — Helotes, Texas



corey DEJARNETT

When freshman Corey DeJarnett was a junior in high school, he was riding in the passenger seat of his friend's car going about 90 mph on a winding country road when the car skidded sideways into an on-coming pickup truck. The car flipped over and over for 50 or 60 yards.

DeJarnett smashed into the windshield until the air bag jerked him back into his seat. The car slammed into a tree, causing the car to roll, and ejected DeJarnett out the side window. Once he hit the ground, there was nothing left to do except bleed to death.

When the paramedics arrived on the scene they hooked him up to an oxygen machine. However, it was too late. DeJarnett had lost so much blood that he had no pulse. The paramedics pronounced him dead and telephoned DeJarnett's father to tell him the horrific news.

Suddenly DeJarnett stopped bleeding, and when the paramedics checked his pulse again, he was alive.

DeJarnett was rushed to the hospital for further treatment. He woke up hours later during a CAT scan.

"I don't really remember waking up in the hospital. I just know what people told me about it," DeJarnett said. "I don't remember much of anything right after the wreck."

After more than 100 stitches in his head, treatment for whiplash and two sprained ankles, he left the hospital on his own will.

"I had to talk my parents into letting me go home," he said. "I just didn't want to stay in the hospital any longer."

The accident turned DeJarnett's whole world upside down.

"I used to be a big partier, like the stereotypical high school football player, until God used my wreck to open my eyes to all the stupid stuff I had done," DeJarnett said. "I thought if I had died, I didn't really show anything that let other people know I was a Christian. I went to church, but [my friends] always knew that I would be at the parties on Friday and Saturday nights."

Because his eyes were opened, he finally saw the direction in which God was pointing him.

"I just thought about how God had a plan for me because he spared me, so I started to get involved in church and even became a leader in my youth group," DeJarnett said.

Even with his new understanding, DeJarnett still wasn't exactly sure what God had in store for him.

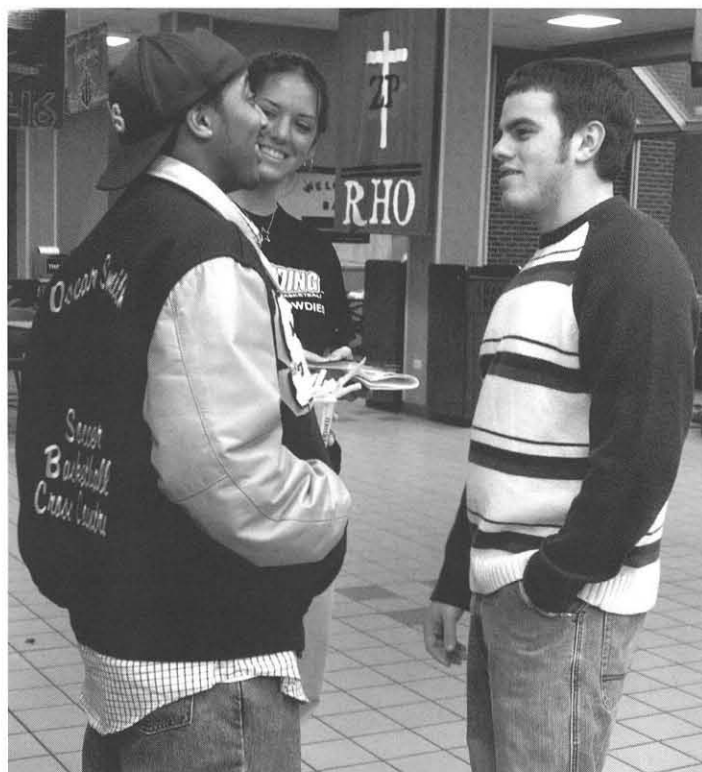
"A year before my wreck a friend of mine was killed from a less serious wreck than I had," DeJarnett said. "I just asked God why he decided to let me live."

DeJarnett's accident and survival had also left its mark on his peers in high school.

"A lot of people cleaned up their lives and it seemed like the outlook of the whole school changed," DeJarnett said.

DeJarnett said he wanted to share God's grace after the accident.

"I realized I needed to talk to more people about God's grace because with the amount of blood I lost, I shouldn't have made it," DeJarnett said. "It was only by his grace I survived."



Oscar Smith, sophomore Arielle Cox and freshman Corey DeJarnett talk in the student center. As a junior in high school, DeJarnett was in a car accident that almost took his life. (Photo by Amy Beene)

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Corey DeJarnett

By JUSTIN
BRONSON



Senior Lindsey Harriman props her feet up on President David Burks' desk. Senior Todd Ramsey fantasized about what it would be like to be president of Harding University. (Photo by Amy Beene)

if I weRe president of HaRdiNg, I would ...

I look good in a tie. I can tell jokes and make announcements. I can even spell camaraderie. My destiny is obvious; I should just take the following list of suggestions, ideas and requests to President David Burks and tell him, "Have no fear, Todd Ramsey is here!"

First, I think it's great that they're adding on to the science building, which will allow students to walk all the way from the caf to Biology 101 without ever getting wet if it is raining. However, it makes me a little jealous and seems a bit unfair. After all, there are students eating in the caf and then walking completely uncovered all the way to the Olen Hendrix Building. Even worse, students are walking to the Reynolds Center and the Ganus Athletic Center without a structure to protect them from the elements. That has to stop.

There are two easy solutions to this problem: 1.) Build a dome over the entire campus. Admittedly, that would be a bit pricey, so I offer another suggestion. 2.) Build walkways that go all the way from the cafeteria to each building on campus. And if we wanted to get really fancy, we could just install those moving sidewalks like they have in the airports.

The second thing I would do as president is fix the parking problem. Having to avoid hitting the cars parked in the middle of the street, parking at Kroger to go check your mail and paying \$15 (that 15-minute venture into the Bible building took longer than expected) would all be things of the past once I became president.

Once again I have two solutions for this problem. 1.) Invent the flying car. I mean it is the 21st century for crying out loud. Aren't we supposed to have those by now? 2.) Build a parking deck behind the Benson Auditorium. Students could pay extra and reserve a spot in the garage, creating the revenue needed to pay for the structure. Then we could have peanuts, popcorn, hotdogs and Harding foam fingers (hey, who couldn't use a foam finger?) sold on each level, creating much needed on-campus employment. We could even go as far as to have a person who makes sure the cars are safe (a car RA if you will).

The final thing I would do as president is make every business in town accept declining balance. Think how great it would be to walk into the Super China Buffet and when they ask if it will be cash, check or credit card, you could say, "Oh, no. It's DCB."

After all of these ingenious ideas offered by me, I think the next step is to march myself into Burks' office, sit down in that comfy leather chair I know he has, prop my feet up and tell him, "If I were president ..."

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Danielle Costello — Franklin, Tenn.

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 Slade Daniel — Sulphur Springs, Texas
 Patrick Darbee — Lagrangeville, N.Y.
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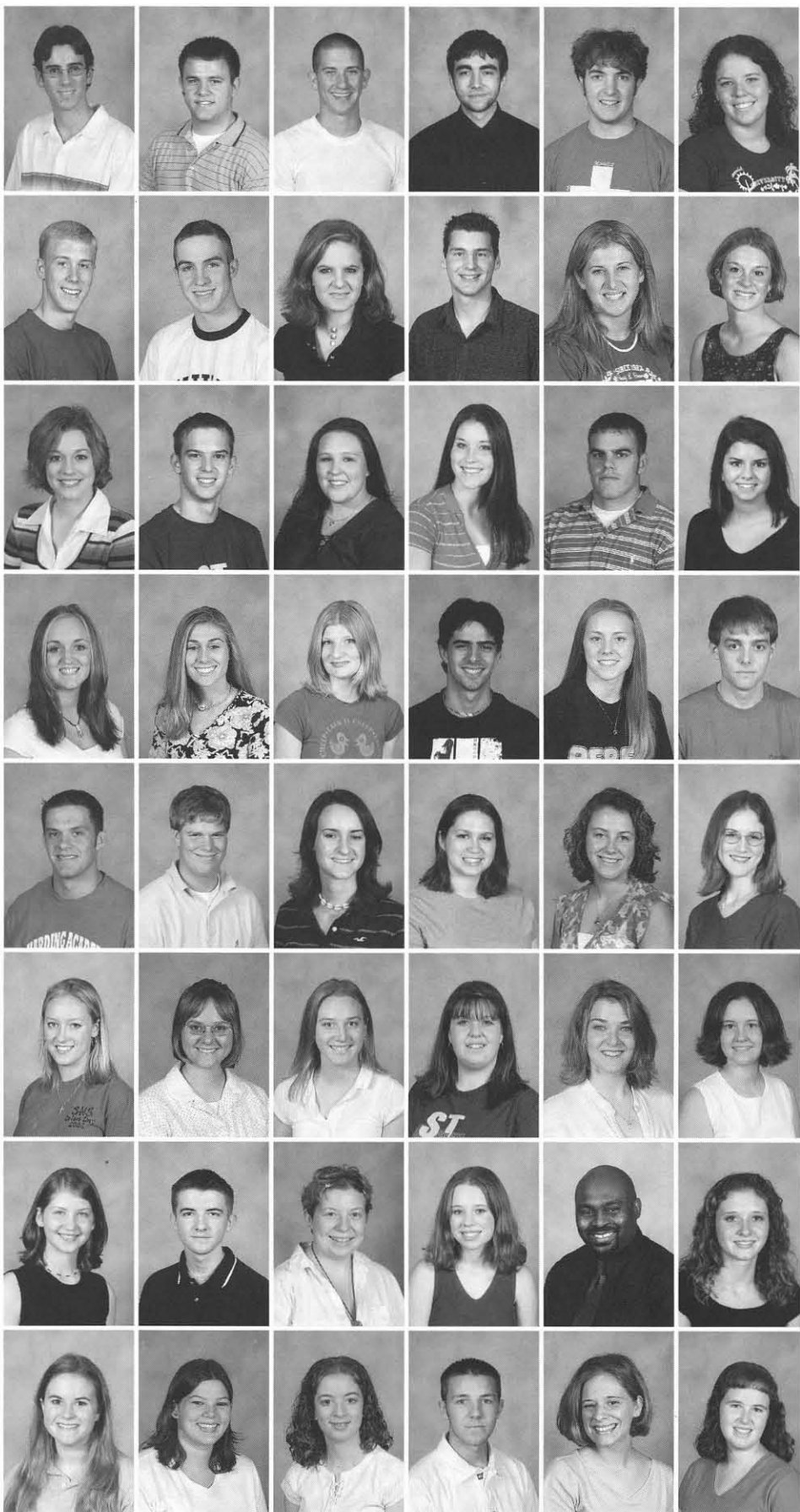
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Sophomore Steve Worthy swims the butterfly during a practice in the Harding pool. Worthy had the opportunity to go to school in Hawaii on a swimming scholarship in 2002. (Photo courtesy of Steve Worthy)

steve WORTHY

Time away from the familiar and the death of a friend helped sophomore Steve Worthy appreciate the simple things in life.

In the spring of 2002, Worthy received an offer to compete for the University of Hawaii in swimming.

"I went to Hawaii to swim for the [University of Hawaii Terrapins]," Worthy said. "I couldn't pass up being able to swim on the team with a half scholarship waiting for me. I wanted to go to Hawaii and compete in [NCAA] Division I."

One of the biggest events that affected Worthy while in Hawaii was the death of a training partner.

"We were doing easy-hard 50s, and he passed out underneath the water, and no one knew," Worthy said. "A friend and

I went under to get him, and my coach started to give him CPR. I was pumping his chest, but he didn't come to. He died about an hour later."

Worthy learned from the life his training partner lived.

"It was sad, but it made me learn a lot about life. It made me learn a lot about swimming," Worthy said. "He taught me how swimming isn't everything. He always [said] that there was more to life than swimming. At the time he died, he was not a Christian. That is one thing that I wished I had talked to him about."

Worthy's swimming, however, continued to progress until Oct. 15, 2002, when he tore three ligaments in his ankle in a pick-up game of basketball.

"My coach was not too happy because I was out for six weeks," Worthy said. "It took me until December to come back from that, but my coach knew that I was strong and I could recover."

After recovering from the injury, Worthy continued to swim, but did not live up to his own expectations.

"I did not swim well when I came back," Worthy said. "I just wasn't fast enough."

The lack-luster season and the absence of a spiritual focus began to affect Worthy in a negative way.

"It affected me a lot, it was one of the reasons that I came back [to Harding]," Worthy said. "The church there isn't very strong. It is actually dying. There is a great mission field there that is waiting to be harvested."

While in Hawaii there were things about Harding that Worthy missed.

"I missed the spiritual influence I had from Knights [social club]," Worthy said. "Being on a team in swimming, you get the team atmosphere and support, but no spiritual support. It played mind games with me a lot."

After swimming was over and Worthy had used all of his NCAA eligibility, he decided to come back to Harding.

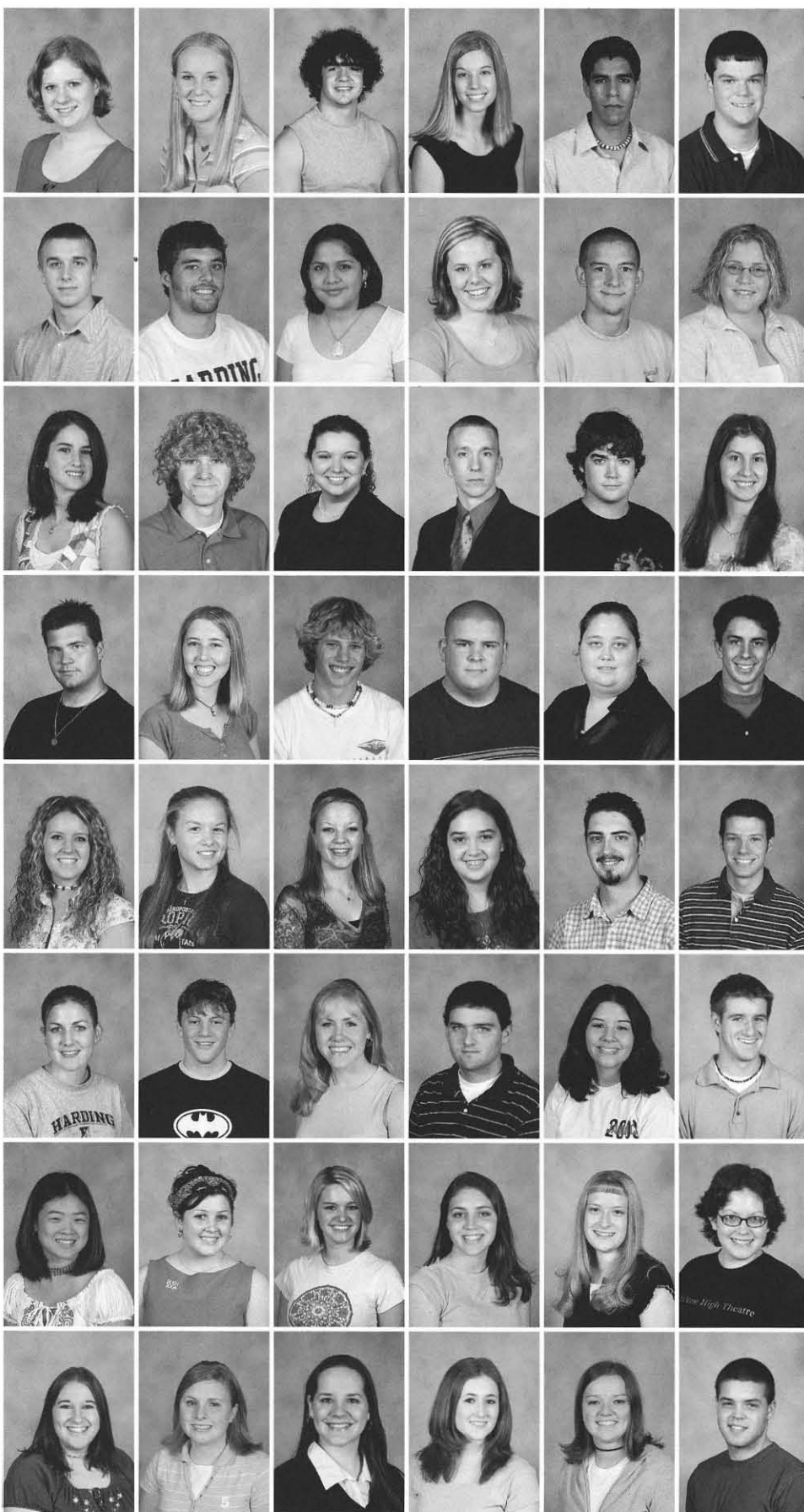
"I came back to Harding because I wanted to pursue other avenues of my life," he said.

Worthy said he remembered Jesus when he swam at Harding and Hawaii.

"That is what I think about a lot when I swim — about God and what He gave for us," Worthy said. "You are out there swimming laps and you are in pain and you think, 'This is the greatest pain that I have ever felt,' but then you think about God on the cross, and what His pain was. I think to myself, 'You know what? I can suck it up and do another 20-30 laps or whatever I have to do.'"

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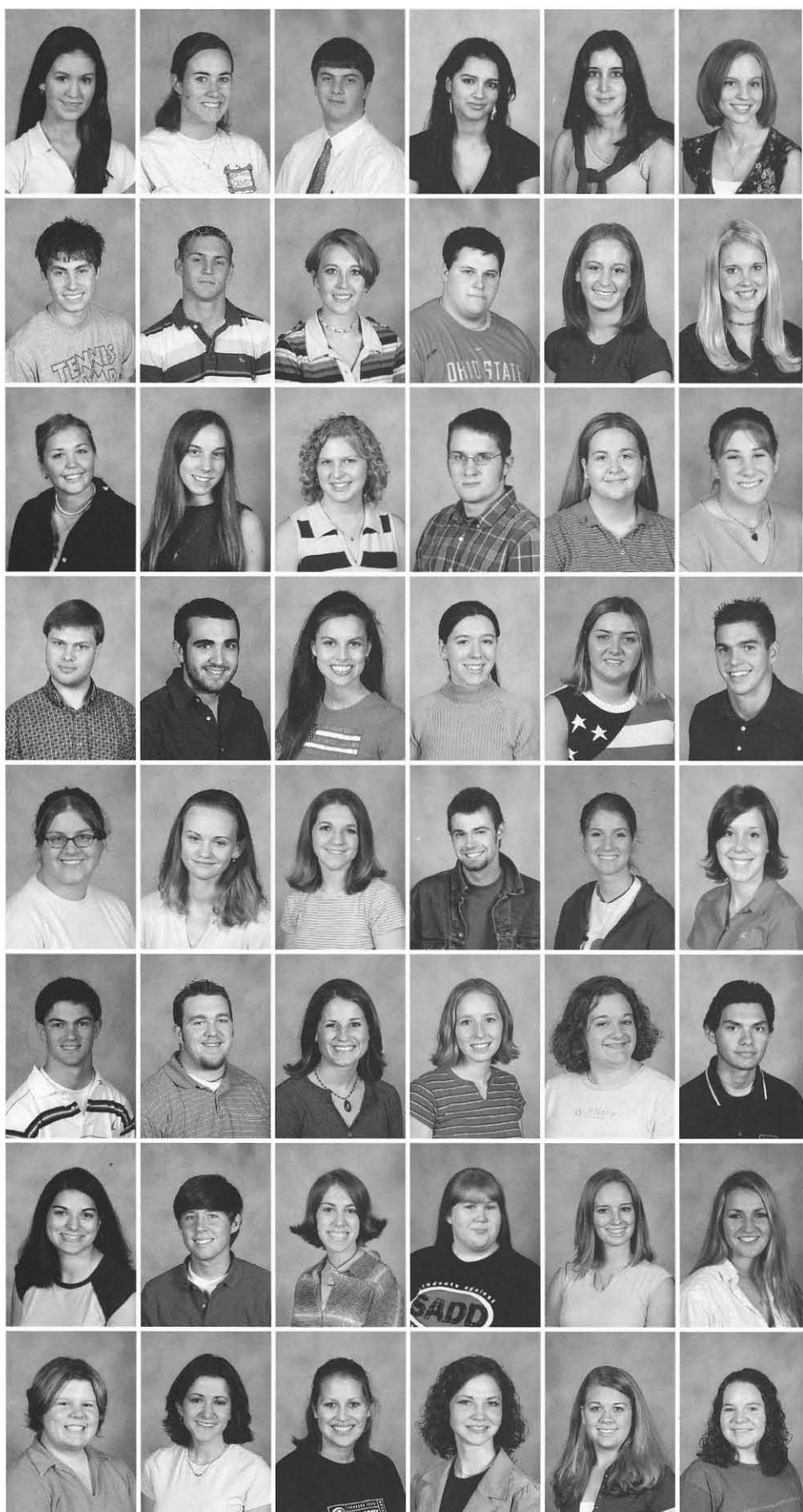
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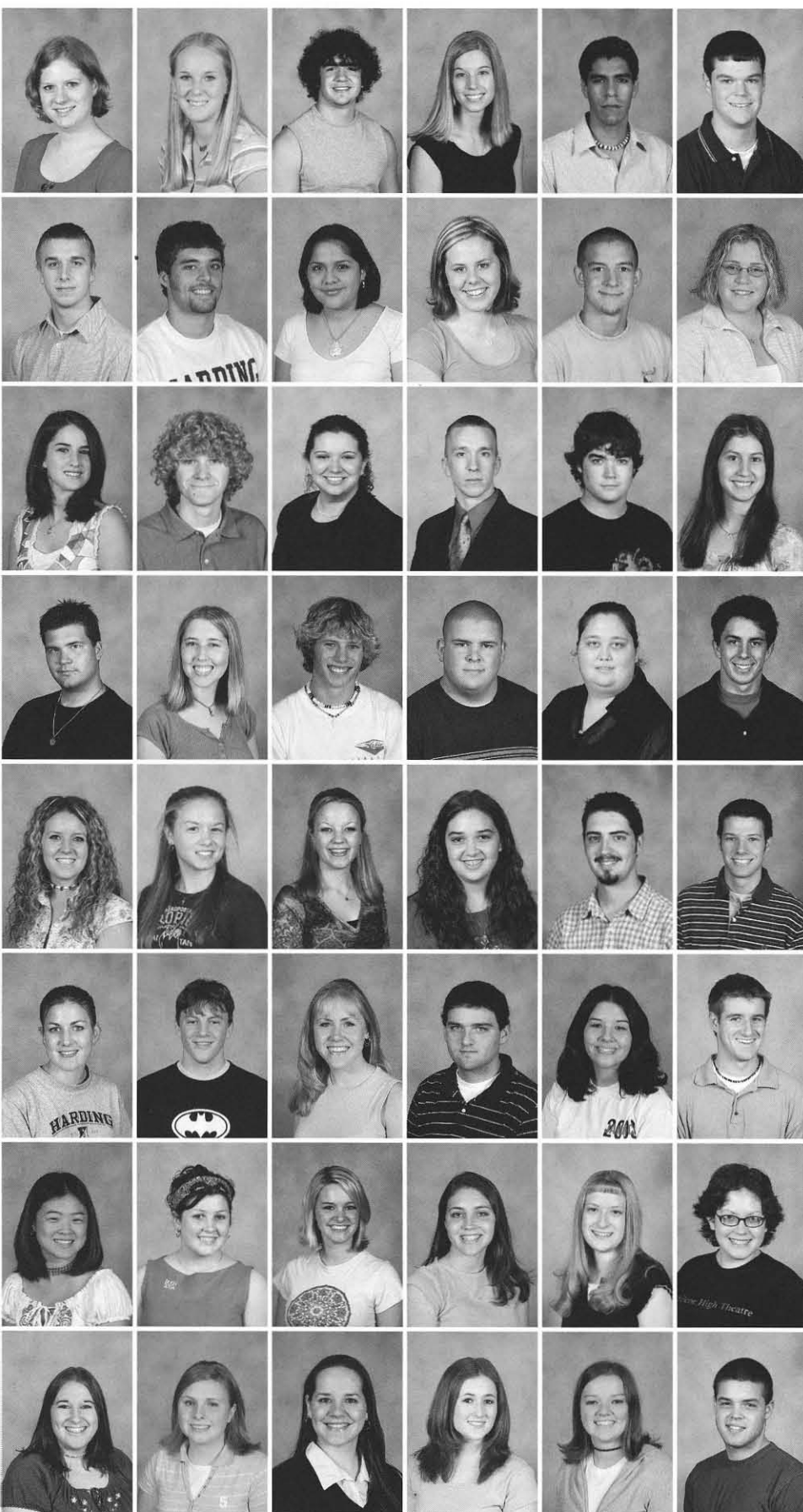
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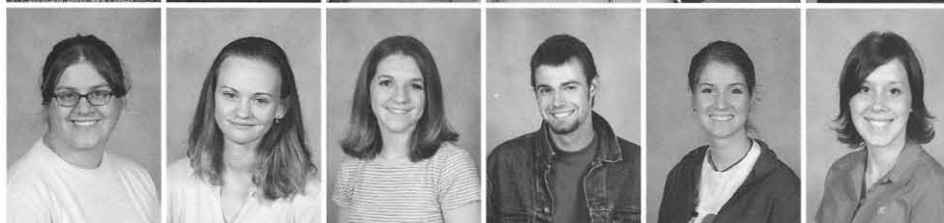
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Freshman Curtis Sullivan leaves his home in Cloverdale after visiting his parents. Sullivan, who grew up in Searcy, chose to live in the dorm and attend classes at Harding. (Photo by Russell Keck)

searcy NATIVES

Some wondered why they stayed so close to home. Others wondered why they lived on campus when their childhood bedrooms were only blocks away.

Regardless of the questions, many native Searcyites chose to stay in their home city and attend college at Harding. Sophomore Andrea Copeland chose to live on campus instead of with her parents in Searcy because of the appeal of dorm life.

"There is a social aspect of school you can only get in the dorms," she said. "Sometimes my friends and I will be sitting in the student center and on the spot decide to do something. Living at home requires more planning; you can't be as spontaneous."

Other Searcy students found different benefits.

Freshman Landon Ganus said freedom was a reason he lived on campus rather than at home.

Ganus' parents lived on Harding Drive, which was a closer walk from his dorm than the cafeteria.

However, in late September, Ganus admitted that he still had not gone home.

Freshman Curtis Sullivan agreed that living on campus had its benefits.

"[Dorm life] has a lot less responsibility and a lot more fun than home," Sullivan said.

Sullivan lived with seven other Searcy natives on the third floor of Harbin in the fall. His roommate, freshman Alan McAdams, believed that those seven, plus another non-Searcyite, had the most fun of all the people on their floor because they grew up together.

While many of these Searcyites were glad to live on campus, some said that having home nearby had its perks.

"You don't have to feed quarters at the Laundromat," McAdams said. "And you can get a home-cooked meal when you do your laundry ... but I still love the cafeteria."

Some Searcy students found the benefits of home too good to leave.

"I lived in the dorm for one semester," junior Priscilla Thompson said. "I hate the dorm."

Junior Jared Boyd agreed.

"I'm still glad that I never lived in the dorm," Boyd said. "I get a lot more sleep. One semester I didn't have to go to chapel, so I got up at 10 a.m. every day."

Some students even had their own parents for professors. For example, freshman Lisa Cameron had her father, Dr. Ken Cameron, for psychology in the fall.

"One day, when I wasn't feeling well, my mom called me and told me I didn't have to take my psychology test," Lisa Cameron said. "I thought that was pretty cool."

No matter what questions non-locals had about these students staying in Searcy, many of them utilized the Searcyites' comforts of home.

"I have a lot of parties, because we can't have boys in the dorms," Copeland said. "And my friends talk to my mom when they miss their parents. She's like a mom away from home."

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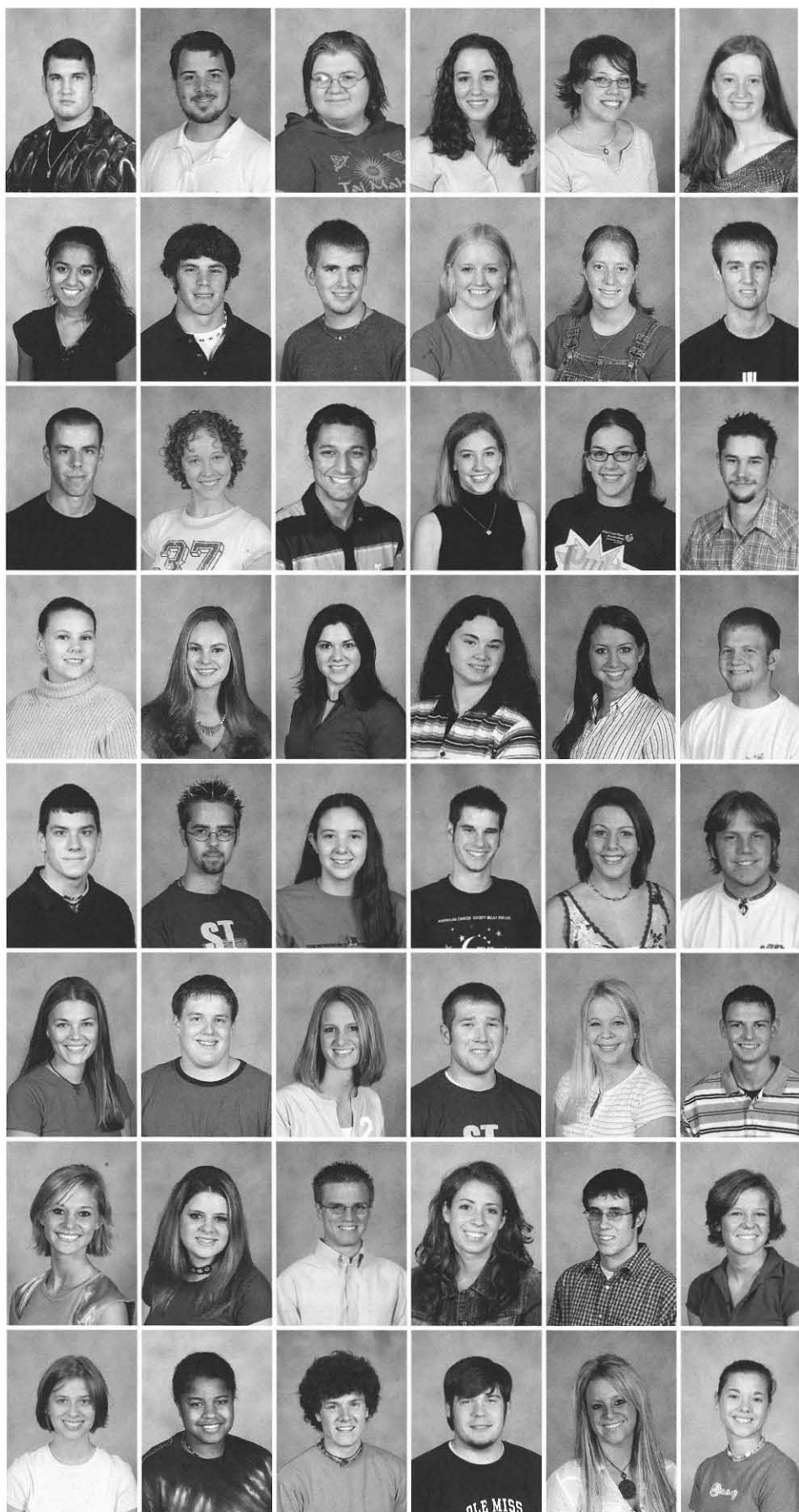
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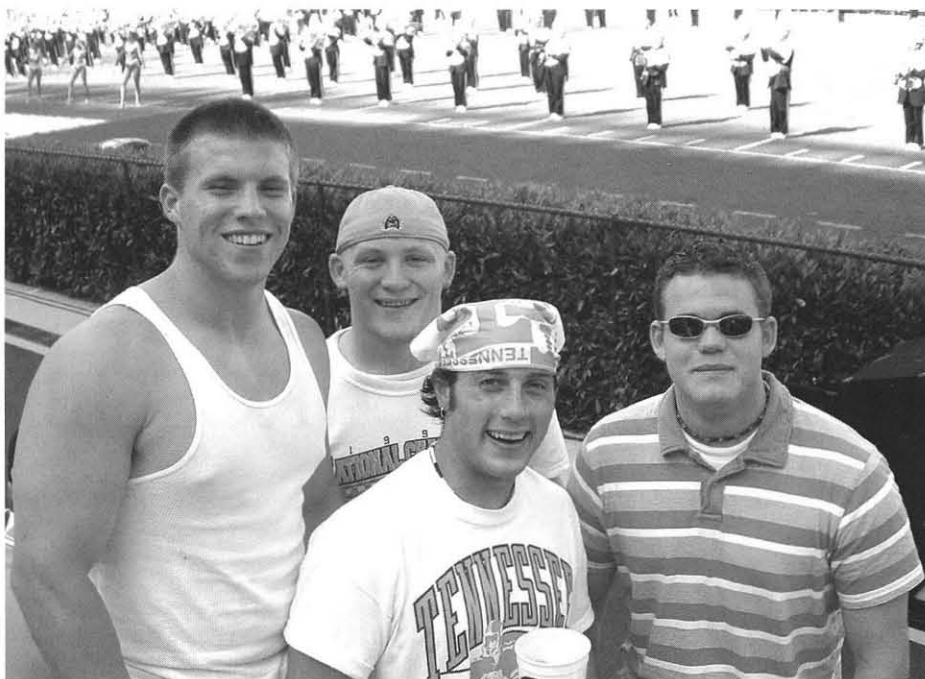
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Sophomores Adam Wisenbaker, Daniel Hester and Nathaniel Barnett and junior Andy Worley pose in the stands during a University of Tennessee football game. Road trips offered students an escape from classes and work throughout the year. (Photo courtesy of Andy Worley)

road TRIPS

Between project deadlines, homework and studying for exams, students needed a way to unwind after a week of classes. Taking a weekend road trip was one of the routes students chose to relieve the stresses of school.

Students headed out on road trips to watch ball games, visit friends and family or just to get a change of scenery from everyday life.

Junior Andy Worley and three friends made a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., to catch a football game between Fresno State and the University of Tennessee. Worley, a political science and history major from Lebanon, Tenn., said he and his friends made regular road trips to Knoxville during the football season.

He said every student should go on a road trip.

"Definitely, get away from campus," Worley said. "School's the last thing on your mind when you're on a road trip."

Not all road trips get started on the right foot, however. Some students ventured on road trips that took a wrong turn.

Juniors Mark Simmons and Ryan Fowler, and senior Landon Garner had an eye-opening experience on their way to see a Memphis Grizzlies game. While traveling to the Pyramid in Memphis, Simmons was pulled over by the police.

"I had never been pulled over and I didn't know what to do or expect," Simmons said.

After he pulled his vehicle to the side of the interstate, Simmons said the police officer acted suspicious of the three, as if they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"I was definitely panicking," Simmons said.

The officer asked to search the vehicle and the three were frisked and placed in the backseat of the police cruiser.

"We were just going to see the Spurs play the Grizzlies," Davis said.

After the police found nothing and apologized for the delay, the three continued on their way to the game only to find it was sold out once they had arrived. The group headed to Germantown where they had dinner and watched a movie.

"It was still fun," Davis said. "The main thing about a road trip is to be with friends."

That experience didn't stop the trio from taking road trips.

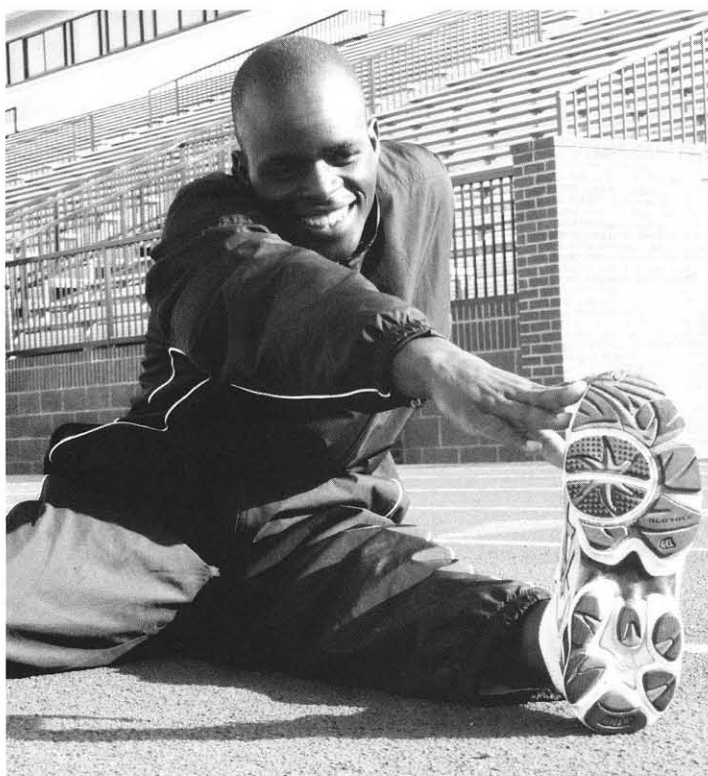
"I've been on some since then," Simmons said. "I think you need some kind of escape."

Davis agreed by saying hanging out with friends was what counted.

"Because of my major, I don't really have a lot of time for road trips. But, they are important because you learn more about your friends. It gave us an interesting time," Davis said. "It confirmed what I thought. It's fun hanging out with them — even in the back of a police car."

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By SARA
VAN WINKLE



Freshman Peter Kosgei stretches at a track practice in February. Kosgei, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya, received a full cross country scholarship to Harding this year. (Photo by Amy Beene)

peter KOSGEI

Waiting in a line with more than 300 other people in August, freshman Peter Kosgei knew he might not be one of the lucky 30 to receive a visa from the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kosgei, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya, had dreamed of coming to Harding ever since he, as a boy, saw Dr. Monte Cox, assistant professor of Bible and director of the Center for World Missions, at Sang'alo, a local church.

A leader of the Sang'alo church was Joseph Kituur, who lived a few huts down from Kosgei and later married Cox's sister, Mary Ann.

Struggling to get through school because of a lack of funding, the Kituurs, knowing of Kosgei's situation, raised enough money through the church for Kosgei to attend Chepkongony High School. It was there that missionaries from Harding realized his

potential as a long-distance runner.

Kosgei's only hope of funding an education at Harding would be a cross country scholarship. So he sent in his running times to Steve Guymon, cross country coach.

"Obviously, his talent is incredible," Guymon said.

Guymon awarded Kosgei with a full running scholarship. Now the only obstacle that stood in Kosgei's way of coming to Harding was receiving a visa.

"If he didn't get it at that particular time, he wouldn't have made it for the beginning of the cross country season or even school," Guymon said.

Kosgei said by the will of God, he was one of the fortunate 30.

"All roads have led to Harding for me," Kosgei said. "It is God's will that I made it here to Harding."

After obtaining the funds and the visa, Kosgei had to get to the airport. However, that trip didn't even go smoothly. Joseph Kituur drove Kosgei to the airport. On the way, they were in a car accident. Everyone in the car was hurt except Kosgei, Cox said.

"It was a miracle that Peter got to the airport when he did," Cox said. "The plane was about to take off without him."

Kosgei got on the plane and made it to Little Rock.

"He barely knows conversational English or how to use our currency; it is a pure miracle how he got here," Cox said. "We didn't even know he had made it to the United States or even Little Rock until he called us to come pick him up at the airport."

Since Kosgei has been at Harding, he has proven himself beyond expectation, Guymon said. At the national cross country championship, Kosgei finished third.

"He came in as an unknown," Guymon said. "No freshman has ever placed that high."

Guymon also said Kosgei's congenial spirit added to the cross country and track teams.

"He has such a dynamic personality," Guymon said. "He's just so friendly, it adds a lot to the team."

Once he stepped off the cross country terrain, Guymon said his friendly persona remained intact.

"He works in the cafeteria; and they claim he holds the lines up," Guymon said. "He talks to everyone as they come through. He likes to treat everyone like they're his best friend."

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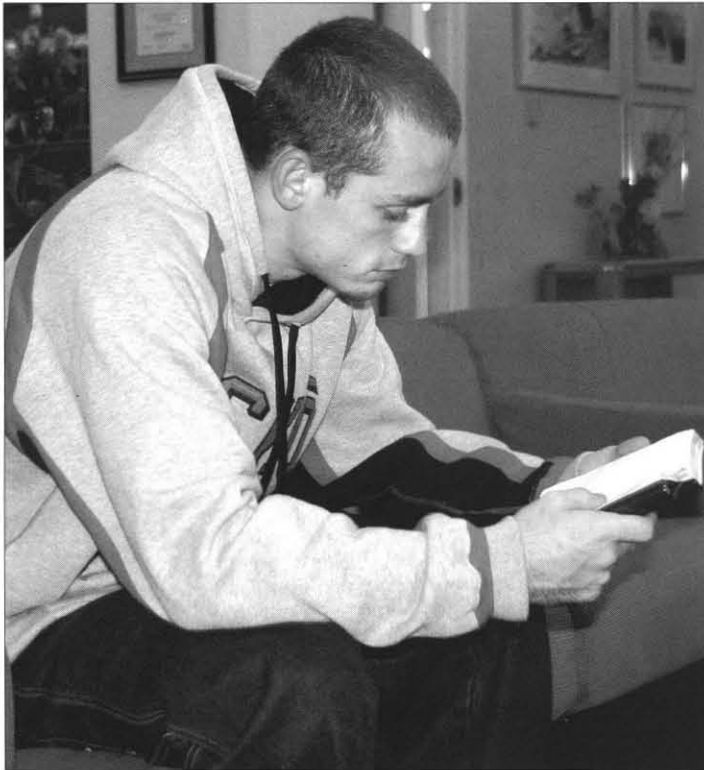
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tony AUSTIN



Freshman Tony Austin reads his Bible in the Heritage lobby Sept. 30. After a life-changing summer, Austin made the decision to come to Harding and follow Christ. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Jesus said to be like little children, and freshman Tony Austin listened.

Despite attending church since he was 9 years old, Austin wandered from the straight and narrow path in high school and was only a sophomore when he dropped out of school. He had been involved with the wrong crowd and had skipped so many classes he was close to failure.

Troubles with family and friends soon followed Austin and his decisions in life. However, the children he was involved with during the 2003 summer showed him the right direction for his life.

Despite all his troubles, Austin took a position as a youth minister during the summer. The church did not have a youth minister, and someone was needed to fill the position. Austin was chosen.

"I became a youth minister because [the church] didn't have anybody," Austin said. "I was interning at a boys' and girls' club, and I just brought about 30 kids from there to the church and worked with them all summer. It really blessed my life."

Austin then started to take his preaching to heart. He realized the things he was doing when he was not filling youth minister shoes were the same things he had been preaching against.

"When I first started, I was going out doing the things

that I wasn't supposed to be doing," Austin said. "But when I was preaching to them, I started looking into myself, and I decided I had to practice what I was preaching. I realized if I was going to help these kids, I was going to have to change a lot in my life. So I basically turned my whole life around."

Austin knew the people he was hanging out with did not have that same spirit in their lives or futures desirable to him. So he made the choice to turn back to Christ.

"I had a lot of friends, we had this big group of 10 of us, and they started to fade away," Austin said. "Some of them started to have kids, and they couldn't hang out anymore. Then I would see people get locked up, and I just saw the future. That could be me anytime if I keep leading this life, and that is not where I wanted to be."

"I have always had the church, the spiritual sense in me, but taking over [the youth minister] role just brought it out more. It made me tell my friends more and tell them where they need to be," Austin said. "It really helped me out a lot, uplifted me and helped put me where I need to be with Christ."

Jesus instructed his disciples to have the heart of a child. Austin said Jesus' words held a new meaning for him after the summer.

"With the kids, it is like the parents are always going to be there for them, no matter what," Austin said. "If you view life in the eyes of a little kid with no worries, like God is going to take care of it, it is going to make you a better person."

Austin came to Harding this year for an education and spiritual guidance.

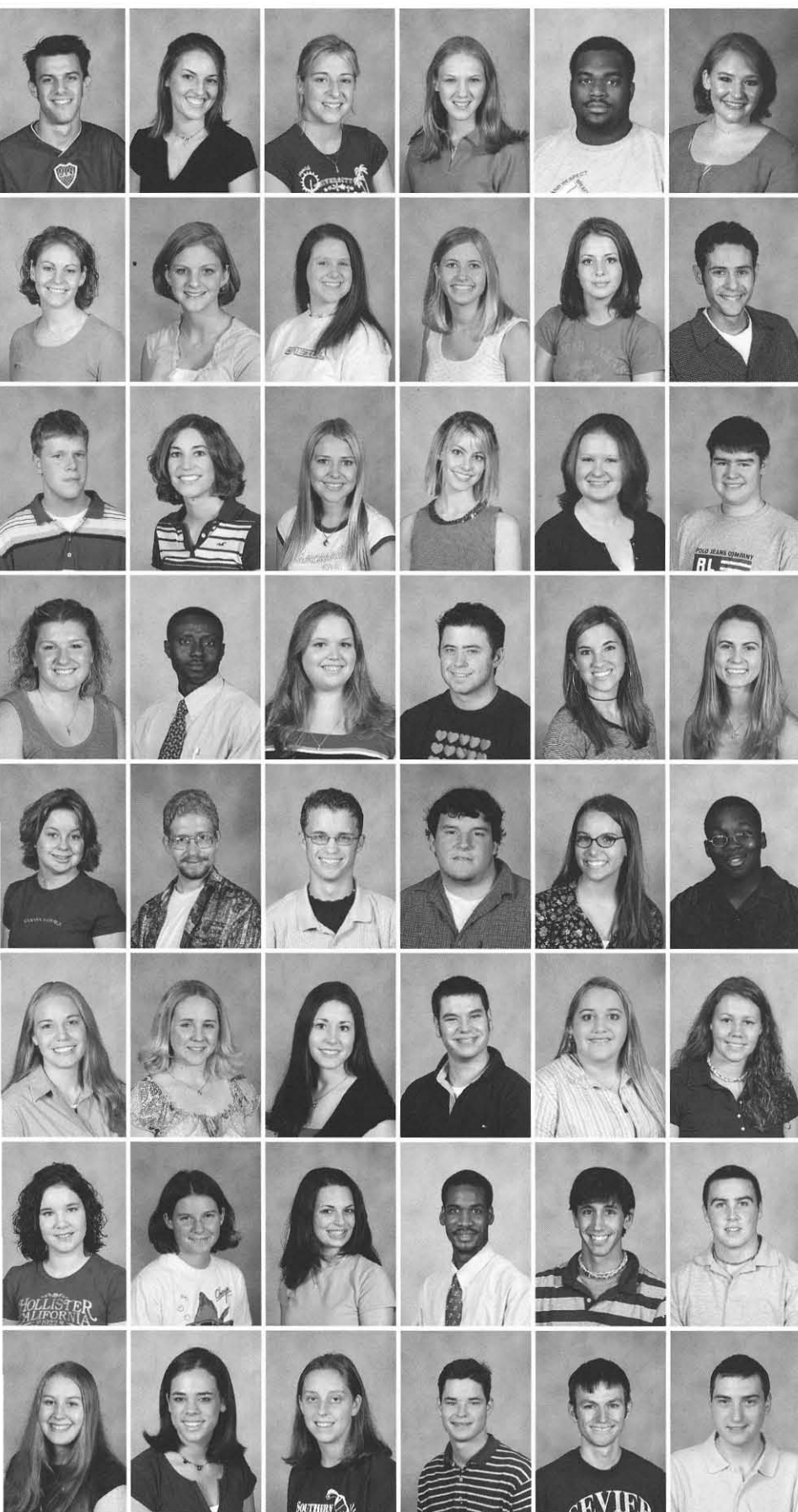
"It is a blessing coming here. It was all God in me coming here," Austin said. "I have really no money to get here — it is all loans. I know I am going to be paying for it once I get out. But money is not success; it is bringing people to Christ that is going to be a success. That is why I am [at Harding]. The kids really motivated me to come here."

Austin remained close with the youth group and continued to influence its members.

"I keep in touch with them, talk to them, visit home and talk to them when I can," he said. "I am getting them excited about college and trying to get them to come [to Harding] so they can grow."

"I realized if I was going to help these kids, I was going to have to change a lot in my life."
— freshman Tony Austin

By GARY
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Justin Morgan — Santa Rosa, Calif.
Lindsay Morris — Spring, Texas
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Matthew Murrain — Riverdale, Ga.
Alice-Anne Murray — Searcy, Ark.

Meredith Myhan — Searcy, Ark.
Chelsey Napier — Benton, Ark.
Leah Nave — Nashville, Tenn.
Jessica Neal — Lebanon, Tenn.
Alysa Neall — Lewisville, Texas
Brandon Nelson — Sunnyvale, Texas

Kevin Nelson — Mansfield, Texas
Emily Newell — Springfield, Ohio
Katie Nibert — St. Peters, Mo.
Natalie Nix — Moulton, Ala.
Jessica Norman — Brighton, Colo.
Nathan Norris — Searcy, Ark.

Sara Novakovich — Eckert, Colo.
Benjamin Okai — Searcy, Ark.
Andrea Orr — Fairview, Texas
David Owen — Hot Springs Village, Ark.
Jenna Owen — W. Monroe, La.
Brittany Pade — Castle Rock, Colo.

Amy Page — Murray, Ky.
Eli Parkinson — Quartz Hill, Calif.
Gregory Parks — Plano, Texas
Tyler Parks — Springdale, Ark.
Shayna Patete — Hanford, Calif.
Henderson Payne — W. Memphis, Ark.

Jana Pearson — Amory, Miss.
Erica Perkins — Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.
Megan Perry — Fresno, Calif.
Shelby Pettitt — Clovis, Calif.
Kathryn Pevahouse — Nashville, Tenn.
Kendra Phillips — Fayetteville, Ark.

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Leslie Pierce — Austin, Texas
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Michael Plante — Orange Park, Fla.
Clayton Platt — Midland, Texas

Jessica Poisel — Bloomington, Ill.
Melanie Ponder — El Dorado, Ark.
Laci Pounds — Pflugerville, Texas
Jeremy Poynot — Mandeville, La.
Joshua Pratt — Boerne, Texas
Seth Priddy — Wichita Falls, Texas

Alicia Prince — Russellville, Ark.
Eric Puckett — Memphis, Tenn.
Amy Putman — Searcy, Ark.
Kyle Queen — Pflugerville, Texas
Sabrina Queen — Round Rock, Texas
Billy Quinn — Searcy, Ark.

Andy Rabon — W. Columbia, Texas
Amanda Raibley — Loomis, Calif.
Randall Ramey — The Woodlands, Texas
Phillip Rampey — Jonesboro, Ark.
Kathryn Ramsey — Cabot, Ark.
Clint Rankin — Bulverde, Texas

Jamie Raudales — San Pedro, Honduras
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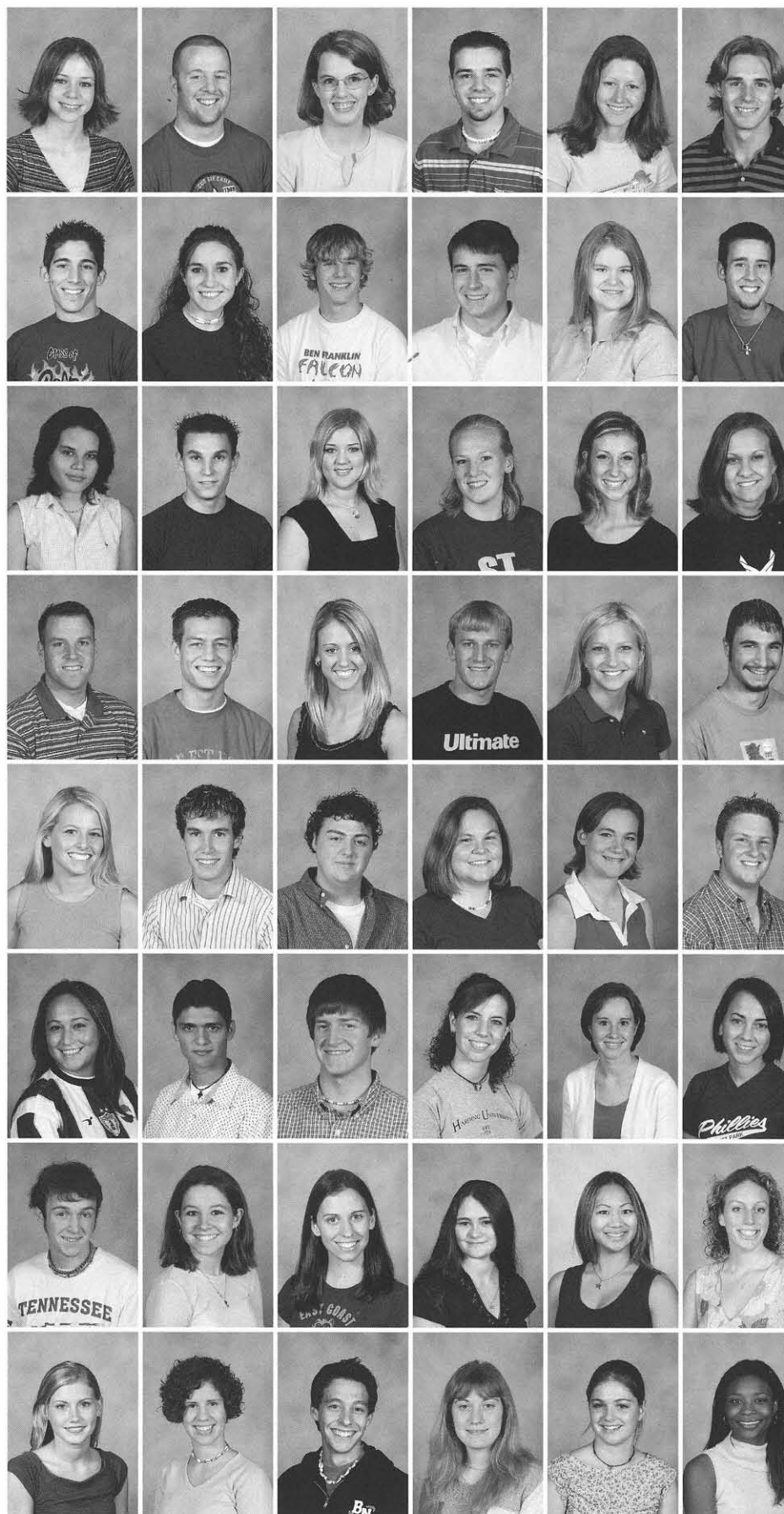
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Justin Richey — Houston, Texas
Laura Riley — Searcy, Ark.
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Ashley Robb — Searcy, Ark.
Andrew Robertson — Humble, Texas
Jordan Rode — Tipp City, Ohio
Charlotte Rodgers — Middleton, Wis.
Kimber Rodgers — Pflugerville, Texas
Sean Rodgers — Georgetown, Texas

Dulce Rodriguez — Norcross, Ga.
Jose Rodriguez — Chiriqui, Panama
James Rogers — Paragould, Ark.
Jessica Roll — High Point, N.C.
Brandi Rose — Franklin, Tenn.
Celeste Rose — Columbus, Ohio

Jonathan Ross — Kingsport, Tenn.
Emily Royse — San Antonio, Texas
Rebecca Rozear — Gainesville, Fla.
Bethany Russell — Swifton, Ark.
Sasha Sagadraca — Kapaa, Hawaii
Keri Salisbury — Texarkana, Ark.

Jennifer Sanders — Brentwood, Tenn.
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Stephen Sawyer — Farmville, Va.
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Jennifer Schrimshaw — Montgomery, Ala.
Christi Scott — Memphis, Tenn.





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David Scranton — Monticello, Ill.
Heather Scroggins — Searcy, Ark.
Kayla Seaman — Upland, Ind.
Jameya Seely — Mesquite, Texas
Jennifer Sego — Blue Springs, Mo.

Julia Selby — Rock Hill, S.C.
Lauren Setzler — N. Little Rock, Ark.
Marshall Sexson — Searcy, Ark.
Aaron Shaner — Woodridge, Ill.
Leland Sheldon — Searcy, Ark.
Jesse Shelton — Mineola, Texas

Ryan Shepherd — Brooklyn, N.Y.
Jeannette Shettlesworth — Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Sevea Shilts — Waukesha, Wis.
Caroline Shrum — Roseville, Calif.
Ashley Sides — Chester, Va.
Sarah Simkins — Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mark Simmons — Newport, Ark.
Jennifer Singleton — Garland, Texas
Julie Sinor — Mountain Home, Ark.
James Sisk — Nashville, Tenn.
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Tara Skelley — Germantown, Tenn.

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Kristy Sloan — Decatur, Ill.
Alethea Smith — Newark, Ark.
Ashlee Smith — Conway, Ark.
Austin Smith — Sugar Land, Texas
Danielle Smith — Fredericksburg, Va.

Desarae Smith — Telford, Pa.
Erin Smith — Little Rock, Ark.
Kinsey Smith — Lawrenceville, Ga.
Lambert Smith — Calhoun, Ga.
Lauren Smith — Batesville, Ark.
Rachel Smith — Quitman, Texas

Sara Kathryn Smith — Conway, Ark.
Shane Smith — Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Lucas Snodgrass — Florence, Ala.
Scott Snow — Garland, Texas
Vanessa Snyder — Gatesville, Texas
Jared Sparks — Bartlett, Tenn.

David Spence — Vicksburg, Miss.
Jacob Spillman — Choctaw, Ark.
Zachary Spivey — Bartlett, Tenn.
David Spoor — St. Louis, Mo.
Erin Springer — Tuscaloosa, Ala.
John Springfield — Pflugerville, Texas

Tyler Stafford — Cordova, Tenn.
 Michelle Staggs — Aiken, S.C.
 Ryan Stahler — O'Dell, Ill.
 B Kay Standifer — Monroe, La.
 Crystal Stanford — Franklin, Tenn.
 Dolly Stang — St. Petersburg, Fla.

Melanie Stanley — Boardman, Ohio
 Kendall Steele — Antioch, Tenn.
 Darby Stegall — Durant, Okla.
 Shirley Stephen — Fife, Scotland
 Ryan Stephens — Mobile, Ala.
 Kathryn Stewart — Colorado Springs, Colo.

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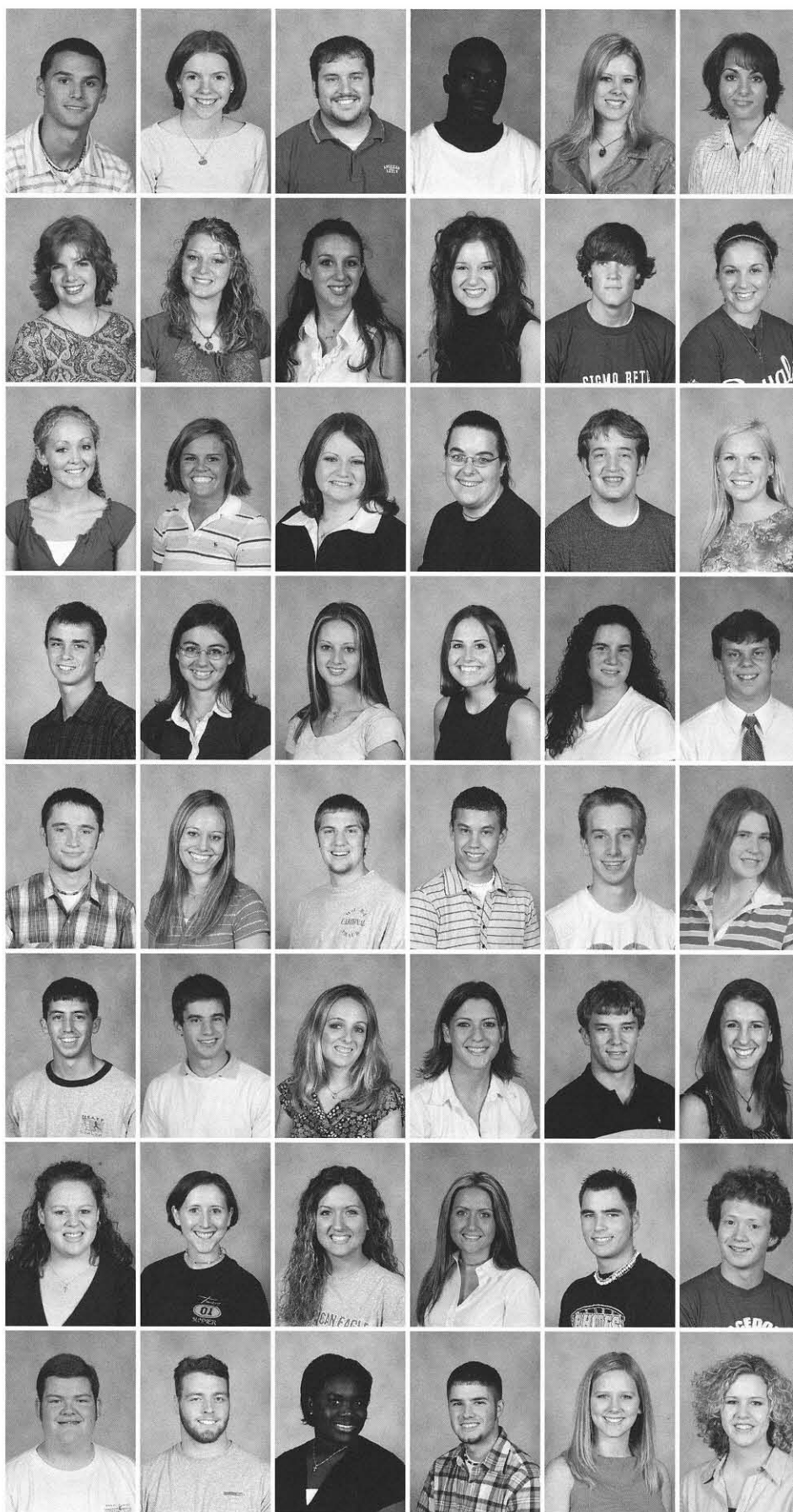
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 William Sullivan — Searcy, Ark.

Jordan Summitt — Conway, Ark.
 Keali Sutton — Tulsa, Okla.
 Alexander Swango — Decatur, Ill.
 John Swearingen — Memphis, Tenn.
 Kyle Symanowitz — Brookfield, Conn.
 Aleah Tabor — Olympia, Wash.

Christopher Taliaferro — Severy, Kan.
 John Tamas — Little Rock, Ark.
 Kristen Tappe — Arlington, Texas.
 Tessa Tarole — Upland, Calif.
 William Tate — Amagon, Ark.
 Brittany M. Taylor — Cordova, Tenn.

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 Jaclyn Tepe — Germantown, Tenn.
 Breanna Terry — Tampa, Fla.
 Jessica Terry — Tampa, Fla.
 Adam Thomas — Nashville, Tenn.
 Ian Thomas — Circleville, Ohio

Derek Thomason — Yukon, Okla.
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 Ashley Thompson — Apopka, Fla.
 Micah Thompson — Paducah, Ky.
 Treece Thompson — Searcy, Ark.
 Andrea Thornton — Searcy, Ark.



patrick CONE

Senior Patrick Cone experienced a corny encounter with "Friends" actresses Courtney Cox and Jennifer Aniston this summer.

Cone, while working as an intern for Gaylord/Pandora, a film company in Hollywood, ate lunch in the commissary on most normal days. This particular day was anything but normal for Cone, he said.

He was enjoying barbecue ribs and corn-on-the-cob when Cox and Aniston entered the room.

"I didn't want to seem star-struck so I just kept eating, but I got to thinking that this was my chance to say something," Cone said.

Cone only smiled when Cox and Aniston approached his dining area.

"I had to smile at them," he said. "It's Jennifer Aniston and Courtney Cox!"

So Cone smiled without realizing what he would later see in the mirror.

"Right as they approached, I smiled ... with corn stuck in my teeth," he said.

Cone said the actresses probably didn't see his true personality in those few minutes.

"Not a great impression, but they did smile back," Cone said.

Cone, who lived in Calabassas, Calif., during the internship, worshiped at the Malibu church of Christ, where Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton, figure-skater, attended.

One Sunday Cone was saving a seat for a friend when a man, who Cone later realized was Hamilton, asked to sit in that seat. Cone asked Hamilton to sit somewhere else because his friend planned on returning.

"The whole Scott Hamilton thing was an accident," Cone said. "I would have let him sit, but I was saving it. I didn't realize his pregnant wife was waiting in the aisle."

Even after Cone kicked Hamilton out of a seat, he still received the chance to attend Hamilton's wife's baby shower.

"I almost went to the shower," Cone said. "It was one of those church of Christ bulletin invites and I thought it would be cool."

Although Cone did have to work while in California this summer, he saw a number of celebrities including Adam Sandler, Cher and Emelio Estevez.

For the internship, Cone spent eight weeks reading scripts, planning premiere parties and networking with film industry executives.

"I had the opportunity to read scripts first to even see if they were worth passing along," he said. "You can get some really weird stuff."

Cone said overall the internship was beneficial.

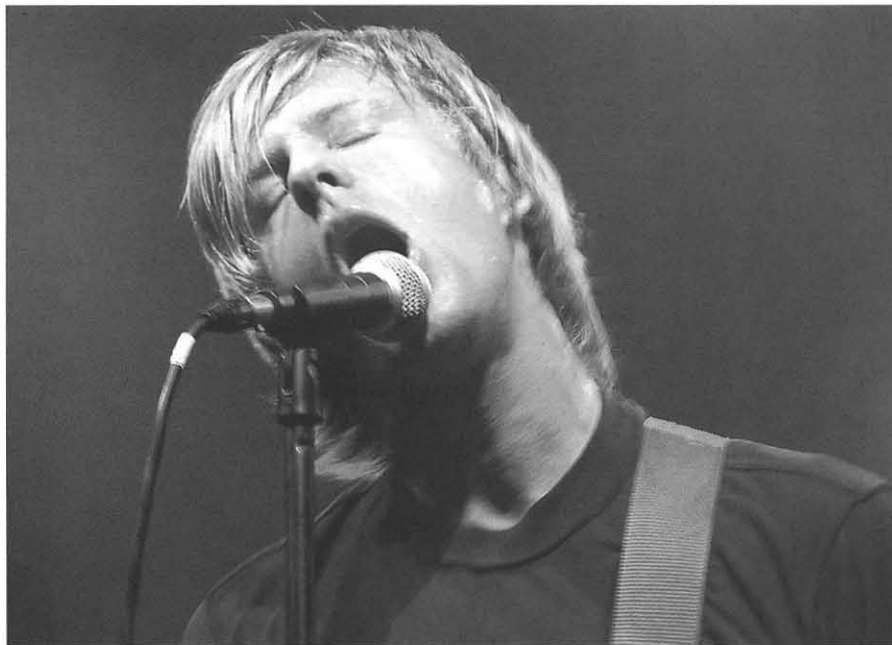
"I gained a good insight about the film industry because I saw it in a really good light," he said.



Senior Patrick Cone relaxes outside the Benson Auditorium. Cone had the opportunity to intern for a film company in Hollywood over the summer. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

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— senior Patrick Cone

By SARA
VAN WINKLE



Switchfoot lead singer Jon Foreman belts out a note during the band's Feb. 13 performance in the Benson Auditorium. Around 2,000 people attended the Student Activities event. (Photo by Russell Keck)

switchfoot CONCERT

Valentine's Day weekend meant spending quality time with that special someone for some students. For others, it was a time for hope. Still, for others, it was a time to pull the covers over themselves and enjoy that plate full of double fudge brownies. This year, on the other hand, was different for some Harding students.

Around 2,000 people found a solace from the rosy world of V-day in the Benson Auditorium Feb. 13, Valentine's Eve, when Switchfoot, a popular positive alternative band, took the stage.

"It was awesome," senior Michaela Rolen said. "They were really energetic and the crowd was pumped by singing along and jumping around. The thing that made it so great was that they told us stories about themselves and interacted with us. So it made it more personal."

The San Diego group worked its way up from being a garage band to being featured on shows like "Felicity," "Dawson's Creek" and "Regis and Kelly." In October, the music network "Fuse" gave Switchfoot the "Next Big Thing" award.

"I've been a fan of them since their second album, 'Learning to Breathe,'" senior Ashley Kennedy said. "And so when I heard they were coming [I thought] 'no way.' After I quit bouncing around, I went and bought a T-shirt and iron-on letters and wrote 'Switchfoot Rawks' on it for the concert."

Although excitement brewed after the Student Activities Committee announced Switchfoot was coming, a few eyebrows were raised because of the band's connection to contemporary Christian music. For many years Harding has maintained a policy of not inviting instrumental Christian artists to perform on campus.

Dustin Vyders, student activities coordinator, said the performance did not stray from the traditional policy.

"The members of Switchfoot are people of faith, but they do not include anything in their performances that promote worship," Vyders said. "There is a difference between being a Christian band and being Christians in a band. As far as genre is concerned, they are straight up rock."

Some students were excited to have this type of band bring their positive messages to the Harding stage.

"I couldn't believe that they were getting a pretty Christian group to perform here," freshman David Scranton said. "I mean it didn't matter to me one way or the other because I think it's important to have bands like that to remind us why we're here."

Scranton said after the concert he became an even bigger fan.

"I became a Switchfoot about three months [before the concert] when a friend of mine lent me their first CD," he said. "When I heard they were coming I stood in line for three hours to get tickets, and since then I went out and bought all their CDs."

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— freshman
David Scranton

By CAIREY
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Jackie Thrapp — Irving, Texas
Bonnie Thrasher — Mayti, Mo.
Holly Threm — Wynne, Ark.
Amy Tonick — Rockwall, Texas
Elia Toruno — Managua, Nicaragua
Manuel Tourlay — Toluca, Mexico

Tinley Treadway — Sheridan, Ark.
Brittney Treadwell — Searcy, Ark.
Brandon Tribbett — Castle Rock, Colo.
Joseph Tubb — Sparta, Tenn.
Paul Tubbs — Sebring, Fla.
Rebecca Tucker — Southbridge, Mass.

Jenny Turner — Colorado Springs, Colo.
Tara A. Turner — Germantown, Tenn.
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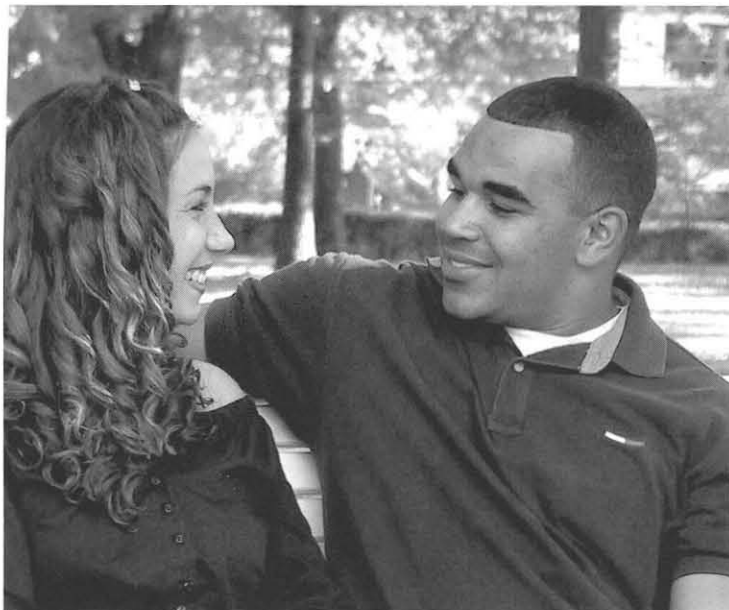
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Kathleen Vancil — Fayetteville, Ga.
Ivo Van Erp — Asten, Holland.
Michael Vanzant — Brighton, Tenn.
Terry Varnon — Searcy, Ark.

Daniel Vath — Cincinnati, Ohio
Susana Veliz — Panama.
Christopher Vendetti — Chenoa, Ill.
Hannah Vick — Stirling, Scotland
Laura Vick — Stirling, Scotland
Kristal Vickers — Bridge City, Texas

Jose Villatoro — Villa Nueva, Guatemala
Leslee Volkman — Burleson, Texas
William Wade — Memphis, Tenn.
Nathan Waggoner — Burleson, Texas
Cara Waiswilo — Opelika, Ala.
Benjamin Waldrop — Rockwall, Texas

Bethany Walker — Little Rock, Ark.
Holly Walker — Kiev, Ukraine
Abbie Wallace — Bartlett, Tenn.
Holly Wallace — Kennett, Mo.
Kelly Walls — Collierville, Tenn.
Blake Walpole — Bartlett, Tenn.

Tedrick Washington — Wheatley, Ark.
Keely Watson — Germantown, Tenn.
Joseph Watts — Sumerco, W. Va.
John M. Weber — Fort Wayne, Ind.
Darcy Weipert — Royal Oak, Mich.
Christine Wells — Bloomington, Ill.



Seniors Mary and Jason Darden sit on a Harding swing during a fall afternoon. Jason Darden, a member of the National Guard, received a waiver excusing him from his brigade's mission in Iraq this year. (Photo by Russell Keck)

jason & mary DARDEN

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— senior
Mary
Darden

Seniors Jason and Mary Darden sighed a big sigh of relief after the military handed them good news in October.

Jason Darden, a member of the Arkansas Army National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade, thanked the ROTC program for keeping him in the states.

"By letting me in the ROTC program, the Army is investing in me to become a leader in the Army of the future," Jason Darden said.

The brigade was called to active duty Oct. 12 and was expected to remain active in Iraq for 18 months. Seniors Nicki Thompson and Jacqueline Dillion were among the soldiers called up.

Jason Darden said becoming a second lieutenant in the Army was at the top of the Army's to-do list for him. If everything continued to go well, Jason Darden planned on being a commissioned officer — a second lieutenant — by May 2005.

"That takes priority over everything," he said. "I'd be a better asset to the military by becoming an officer because there's a shortage of officers."

The brigade, which went on alert in July, thought it might go on active duty in September, but a delay in deployment kept the unit in Arkansas a little while longer. Originally, the Dardens thought he would be leaving. However, faith kept their hopes high.

"For awhile it was up in the air," Jason Darden said. "My wife would tell me I'm not going anywhere."

Naturally, Mary Darden wanted her husband, whom she married March 15, 2003, to stay at home. However, staying at home meant more to the couple because they were expecting their first child later in the year.

"Especially being pregnant, I just thank God because I wouldn't want to go through this by myself," Mary Darden said.

Jason Darden would have missed the first year of his child's life.

"I want to be here for my wife and my new baby," he said.

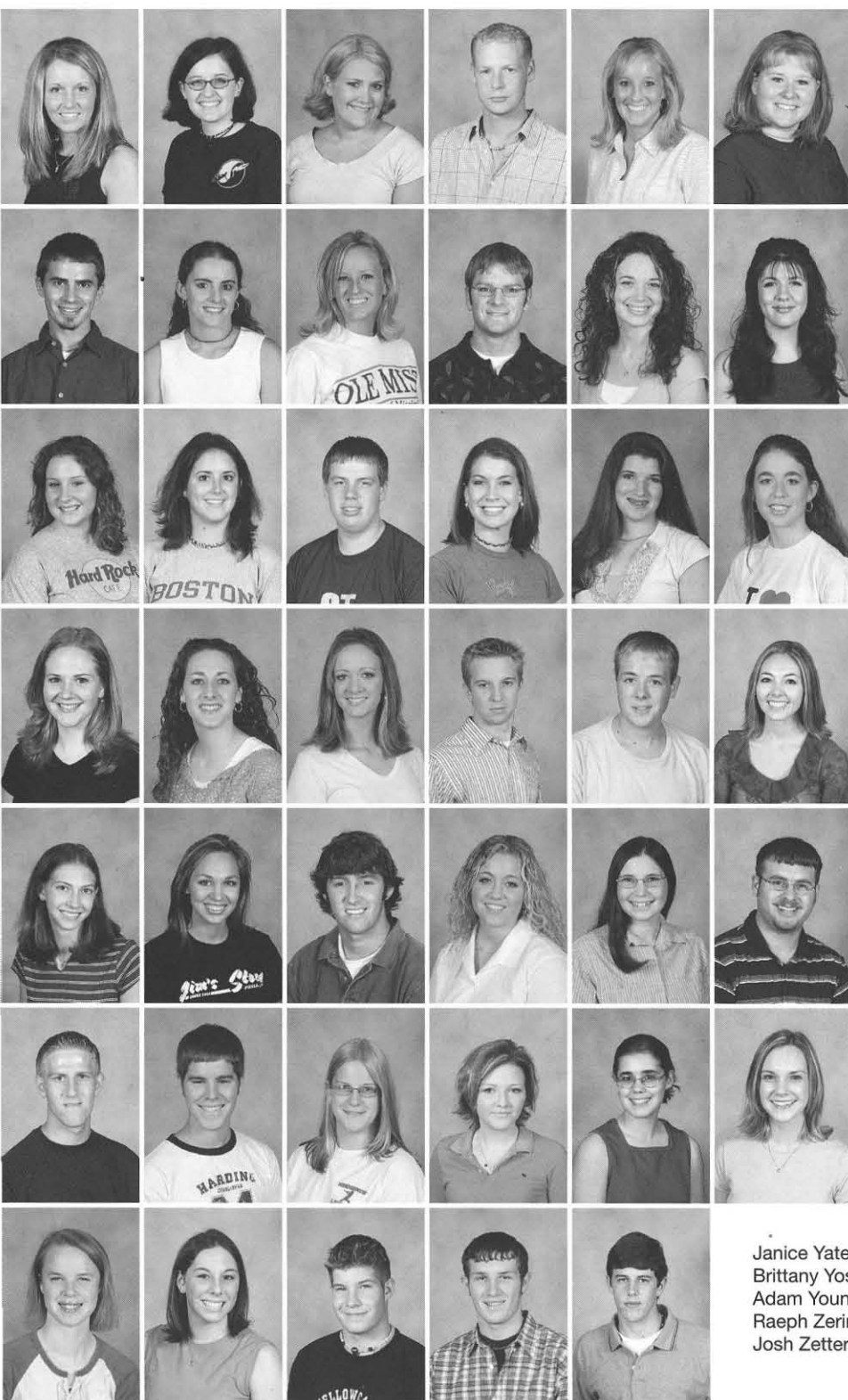
Jason and Mary Darden both said God was at the center of this situation.

"Prayer really, really works because I've been praying for this for a while," Jason Darden said.

Appreciating the little things became a lesson through all of this, Mary Darden said.

"You realize how much they mean to you and the petty little things don't matter compared to having him here and taking care of me," she said. "It makes me just appreciate little things."

By **RENEE
LEWIS**



Lindsey Wells — Lexington, Ky.
Katherine Wendt — Joplin, Mo.
Lindsey Wenner — Germantown, Tenn.
Nathanial West — Booneville, Mo.
Ali White — Memphis, Tenn.
Falon White — Cumming, Ga.

Jared White — Charlotte, N.C.
Jessica White — Charlotte, N.C.
Katie White — Memphis, Tenn.
Nicholas White — Little Rock, Ark.
Rachel White — Cincinnati, Ohio
Shawna White — Huber Heights, Ohio

Valerie White — Norphlet, Ark.
Ashley Wiegand — Roanoke, Ill.
James Wilhite — Mineola, Texas
Janelle Williams — Rogers, Ark.
Jessica Williams — Marion, Ark.
Megan Williams — Berryville, Ark.

Amanda Wilson — Trussville, Ala.
Carla Wilson — Round Rock, Texas
Janice Wilson — Benton, Ark.
Steven Wilson — Vero Beach, Fla.
Eric Winebarger — Durres, Albania
Ann Winkler — Plain City, Ohio

Briana Winland — Missouri City, Texas
Rachel Winston — McKinney, Texas
Jared Winters — Jonesboro, Ark.
Crystal Winton — Leeds, Ala.
Nicole Wise — Cookeville, Tenn.
Lance Wiser — Taft, Tenn.

Daniel Witcher — Austin, Texas
Jeremy Wood — N. Little Rock, Ark.
Emily Woodroof — Searcy, Ark.
Brittney Woods — Mountain View, Ark.
Sara Word — Ft. Smith, Ark.
Amanda Wright — Conroe, Texas

Janice Yates — Benton, La.
Brittany Yost — Alpharetta, Ga.
Adam Young — Apex, N.C.
Raeph Zeringue — Houma, La.
Josh Zettergren — Senatobia, Miss.

Dr. Barbara Cole, assistant director of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, and Dr. Linda Thompson, program director, interview junior Julie Byram for the federal grant meant to prepare students for graduate school. The U.S. Department of Education approved Harding in October to receive \$220,000 for its first year of the four-year grant. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

graduate STUDENTS



J Ashlin — Redwater, Texas. Education.
Carolina Banuelos — Durango, Mexico. Business.
Jeremy Beauchamp — Yucaipa, Calif. Education.
Sarah Carpenter — New Hartford, N.Y. Education.
Jeri Chapin — Sheridan, Ark. Education.
Daniela Ciliberti — Ferrara, Italy. Education.

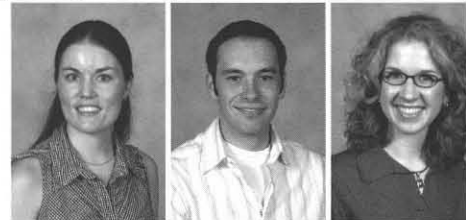
Patrick Dorriety — Katy, Texas. Business.
Brett Emerson — Northcoast, Mich. Education.
Angela Fortune — Stuttgart, Ark. Education.
Elizabeth Grampp — Broomfield, Colo. Education.
Tammy Guelich — Jacksonville, Ark. Business.
Ana Iacobaie — Bucharest, Romania. Business.

Devin Kniffin — Decatur, Texas. MFT.
Leslie Kukta — San Diego, Calif. Education.
Esperanza Massana — La Libertad, El Salvador. Business.
Adam Miller — Memphis, Tenn. Business.
Chad Mims — Holcomb, Mo. Education.
Amanda Mook — Fort Worth, Texas. MFT.

Melani Morgan — Searcy, Ark. Education.
Hiroko Okamoto — Tokyo, Japan. Business.
Douglas Phillips — Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Business.
Adam Sullivan — Jonesboro, Ark. Business.
Sarah Surgent — Marietta, Ga. MFT.
Bryan Thompson — Cumming, Ga. Business.

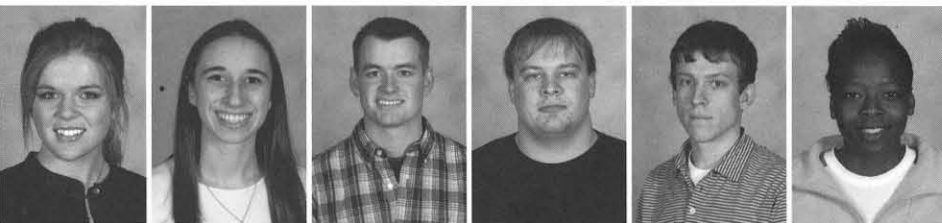


Kristen Thompson — Cedar Park, Texas. Business.
Dennis Van Erp — Astoria, Netherland. Business.
Amanda White — Indianapolis, Ind. Education.



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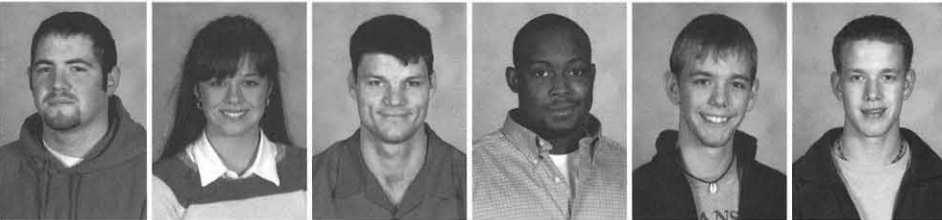
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 Joe Bedwell — Columbia, Tenn.
 Jared Boyd — Searcy, Ark.
 John Bradshaw — Glendale, Ariz.
 Janet Cherobon — Kapsabet, Kenya



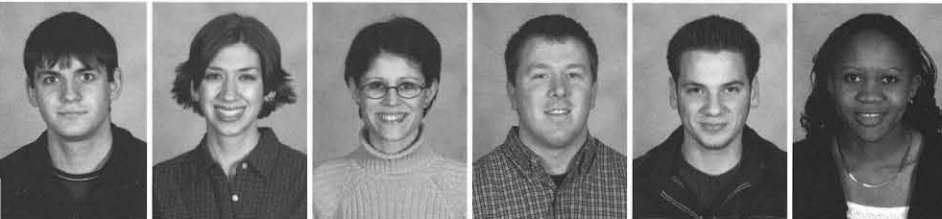
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 Tara Douglas — Ocala, Fla.
 Mike Ethington — Chesapeake, Va.
 Anthony French — Searcy, Ark.



Zach Hambrick — Crossett, Ark.
 Casey Hanson — Madison, Ala.
 Jeremy T. Holt — Judsonia, Ark.
 Kenneth Jones — Vallejo, Calif.
 Jeff Jordan — Cabot, Ark.
 Jess Jordan — Cabot, Ark.



Jodi Jordan — Cabot, Ark.
 Mandy Kitchens — Perryton, Texas
 Aaron Landry — San Antonio, Texas
 Abby Letner — Jackson, Mo.
 Courtni Lombardo — Searcy, Ark.
 Martin McLeod — Searcy, Ark.



Chris Petty — Chatt, Tenn.
 Erin Reed — Little Rock, Ark.
 Jennifer Reedy — McAlester, Okla.
 Levi Ross — Searcy, Ark.
 Ryan Saxton — Festus, Mo.
 Kester Siazuyu — Searcy, Ark.



Jamie Stengel — Moab, Vt.
 Elizabeth Sullivan — Jonesboro, Ark.
 Thien Van — Searcy, Ark.
 Jed Veatch — Searcy, Ark.
 Maggie Walker — Dousman, Wis.
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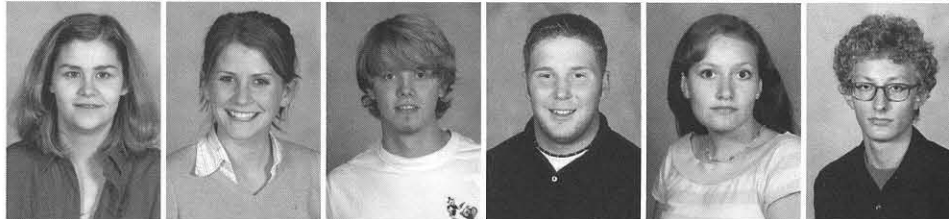
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 Jennifer Allen — Mayfield, Ky. HUG.
 Jessi Allen — Hoover, Ala. HUF.
 Emily Aylott — Bella Vista, Ark. HUG.
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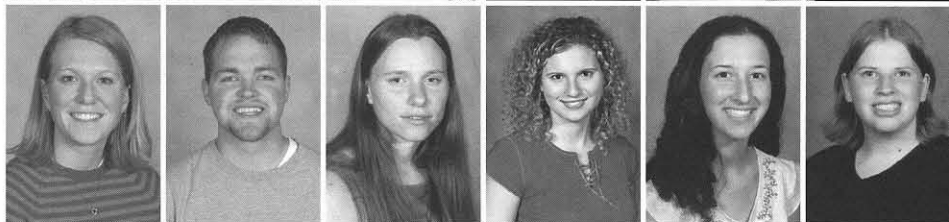
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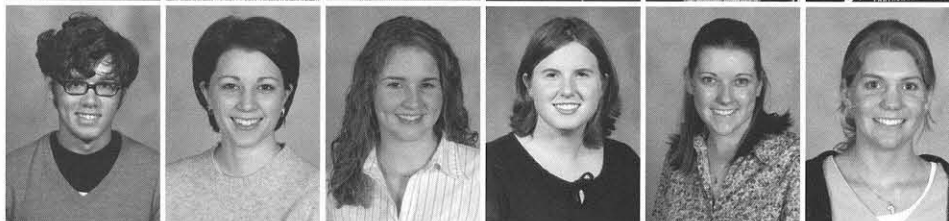
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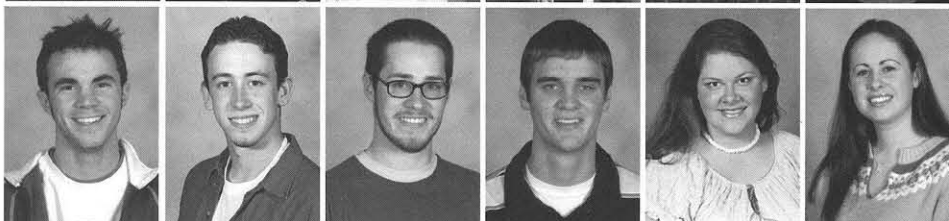
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 Amy Greek — Jellico, Tenn. HUG.



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 Emily Harless — Huntsville, Ala. HUE.
 Clint Harris — Columbia, S.C. HUA.
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Graduate students John Wrye and Jimmy Hinton study in the student center. Even though he attended the Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Hinton chose to reside in Searcy because of the atmosphere. (Photo by Russell Keck)

memphis COMMUTERS

To most, Memphis was the home of rock 'n' roll and barbecue. But to some it was a place of study and hard work.

Memphis did not seem like a long drive for students traveling to a concert or a sporting event. However, the 125-mile drive got longer and longer for the students who commuted on a regular basis to the Harding University Graduate School of Religion.

HUGSR student Jimmy Hinton decided to remain in Searcy because he liked the living environment the small community provided.

"I love the atmosphere of just being on campus in Searcy, maybe because of the close friendships I have developed," Hinton said. "Harding in Searcy is somewhat more personal."

The reasons HUGSR commuters chose to

stay in Searcy as opposed to moving to the Memphis area varied.

"The cost of living in Searcy is a lot better than that of the Memphis area," graduate student Hobby Chapin said.

Rent in Searcy averaged around \$325 to \$495 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, but the same size apartment in Memphis cost up to twice as much.

Some of the students also had jobs in Searcy, which kept them tied to the area.

"I have a job on campus, and I like it a lot that I can maintain the same ties with people that I had as [an undergraduate] student at Harding," Hinton said.

The thought of commuting to Memphis every day for classes bothered some. Some chose to manipulate their schedules to prevent everyday commuting. Students arranged their schedules with classes on consecutive days, so travel could be done only once a week.

"I have two classes on Thursdays and one class on Fridays," Hinton said. "I am lucky because I have family in Memphis and can stay with them on Thursday nights."

Graduate student John Hawkins also had consecutive classes, which made his commute more convenient.

"It's easier for me because I can drive up once a week instead of daily," Hawkins said.

"Sometimes I can carpool with other students making it even more convenient."

Fellowship with students in Searcy also made the drive worthwhile for Hawkins.

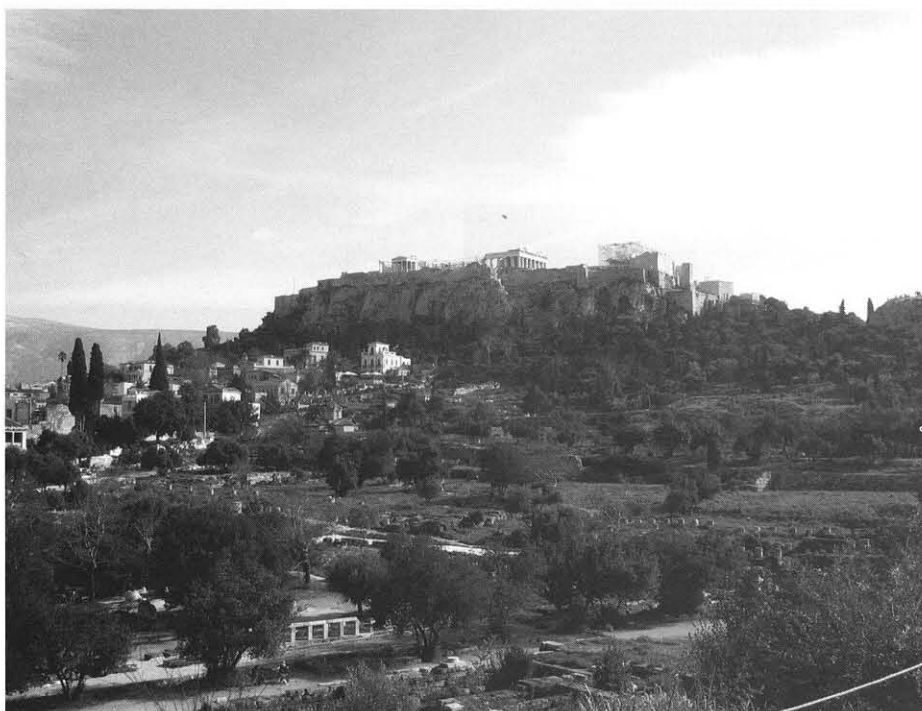
"I can maintain friendships with undergraduates at Harding in Searcy, be closer to my girlfriend and still attend HUGSR," Hawkins said.

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By **NATALIE
WADE**

The beauty of Athens,
Greece, shines in the
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University Greece students
raised \$3,100 for Harding
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who suffered third-degree
burns from a grease fire
Sept. 13. (Photo by Jeffrey
Hunter)



porto rafti GIVING

Distance could not beat the generosity of students at Harding's Athens, Greece, campus. Around 40 students raised \$3,100 in the fall for Marcella Fenske, one of their classmate's friends whose Omaha, Neb., home rests far from the shores of Porto Rafti.

Fenske, a 1999 Harding graduate, suffered third-degree burns on more than 25 percent of her body and face when a grease fire broke out while she was cooking dinner Sept. 13.

Family members said Fenske's extensive burn treatments, including surgeries involving staples and skin grafts, could total \$1 million. Fenske and her husband, Dale, did not have insurance.

Junior Trevor Goertzen, a student at HUG, grew up with Fenske.

Upset by the news of Fenske's injuries and troubled by her need for money, Goertzen told her story and asked for prayers during chapel on the HUG campus.

At the suggestions of Dr. Dale Manor, professor of Bible and faculty sponsor at HUG in the fall, the HUG students decided to raise money to help with Fenske's medical expenses.

"I wasn't thinking we would raise more than \$400 or \$500," Goertzen said.

The group not only met Goertzen's expectations, but they exceeded them by a few thousand dollars.

"The majority of the \$3,100 came from personal contributions," Goertzen said. "It was much more than I would have dreamed."

Goertzen attributed part of the overwhelming response and large contribution to the students' unique situation.

"It was just incredible," Goertzen said. "When you are a student overseas you just don't have a whole lot of money. But after seeing the quantity [of contributions] I was just amazed. Back on campus [in Searcy] it would be incredible to get this much from 40 students, much less get so much from traveling students."

While the total amount surprised Goertzen, he said the serving attitude and generosity of his fellow HUG students did not.

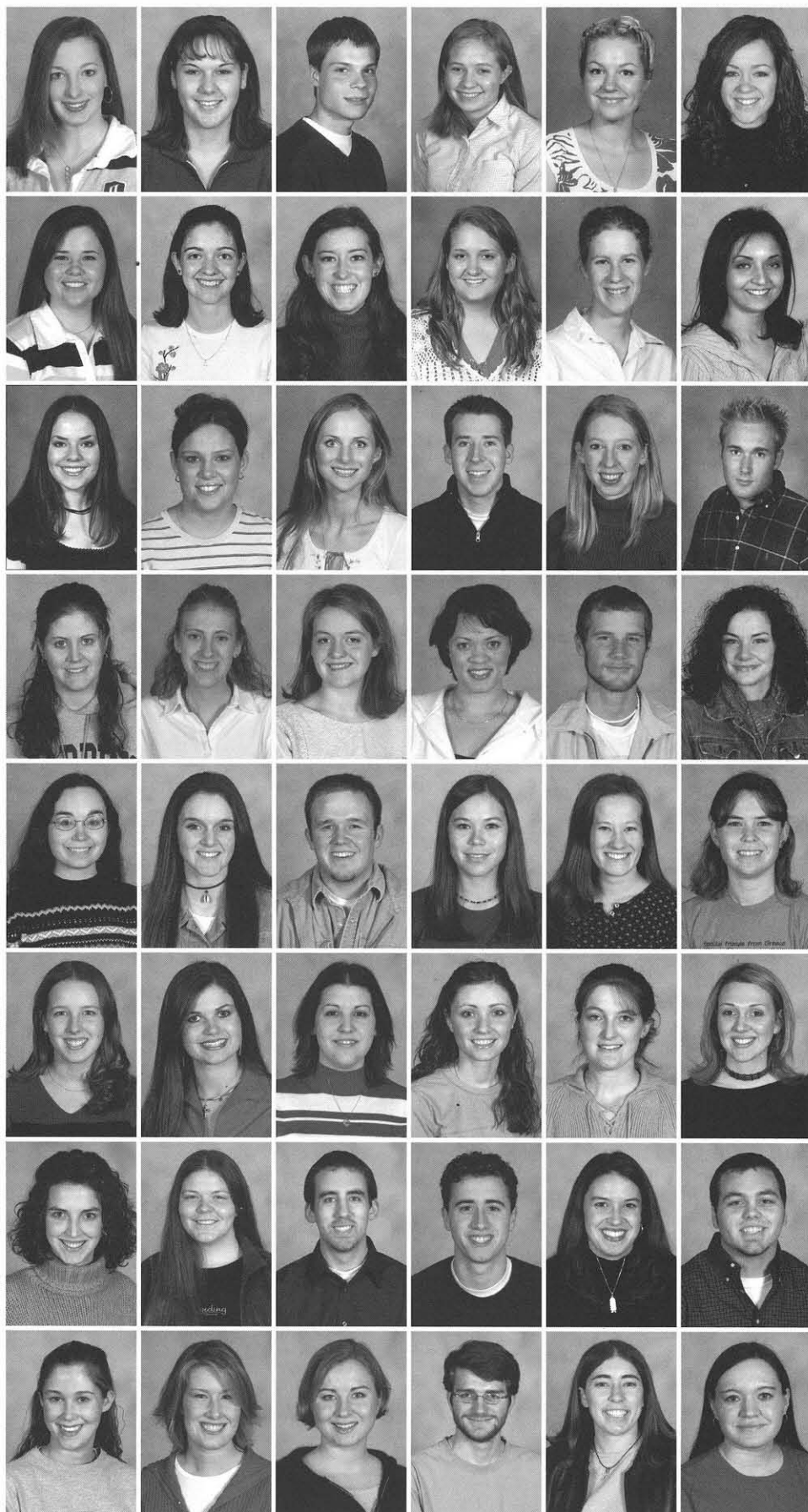
"You kind of learn to love each other over here," Goertzen said. "When one person hurts, everyone rallies around you. They take up the reins and help you go on."

Goertzen said the ordeal taught him much about the generosity of Christian friends and even more about himself.

"It makes you look good at your own life really close," Goertzen said. "You look to see if you are at the right place to be able to accept something like that in your life." *This story originally appeared in the Nov. 14, 2003, issue of the Bison.*

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