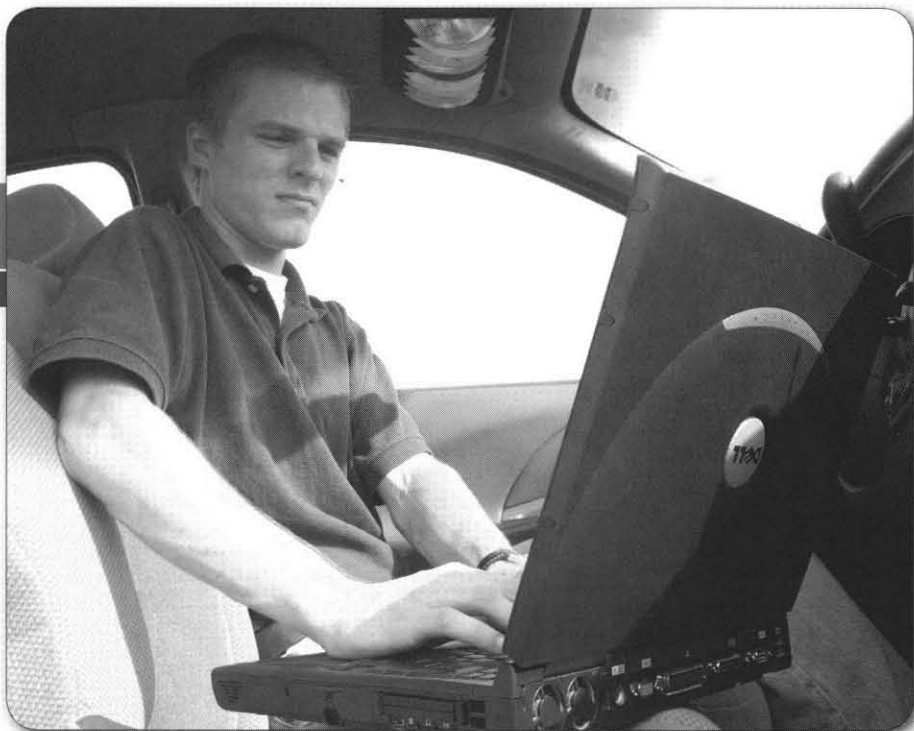




## People

*sophomores*

**SOPHOMORE ANDREW LEEPER CHECKS** his computer Oct. 7 for Central Arkansas weather updates. Leeper, a TV 16 weather anchor, became a certified tornado tracker two years ago for the Nashville, Tenn., and Little Rock areas. •A.INGRAM



# Weatherman specializes in Storms

## TV 16 anchor tracks area tornadoes

In the movie "Twister," a group of storm chasers risked their lives racing after a giant tornado. For most, this was just a movie. For sophomore Andrew Leeper, it was his job.

Leeper, who said he always loved watching weather, became a certified tornado tracker so he could help other people.

"The National Weather Service can't see everything on radar, so they rely on storm chasers to provide information," Leeper said.

Every day at 5 a.m., Leeper received a report from the National Weather Service detailing the expected weather for the day.

"If they are expecting severe weather, they put 'spotter activation' at the bottom of the report," Leeper said. "That means I have to be ready to go out and report on the weather in a certain area."

Once he approached the area of severe weather, Leeper reported back to the National Weather Service on

**"He is as good as some professional meteorologists on the air."**

DR. DUTCH HOGGATT, TV 16 ADVISOR

the nature of the storm. He reported things like the size of hail, rain, wind and the presence of funnel clouds.

Leeper's interest in weather led him to work as a weather anchor for TV 16. Dr. Dutch Hoggatt, associate professor of communication and TV 16 advisor, worked with Leeper at the news station and said Leeper's passion for weather was evident in his work.

"He is very knowledgeable about weather," Hoggatt said. "He is as good as some professional meteorologists on the air."

Hoggatt said Leeper often used his videos of storms as material for his anchor job.

"During severe weather he'll drive out and get video," Hoggatt said.

Chasing storms led to some pretty frightening situations, but Leeper said his scariest storm occurred in the spring of 2003.

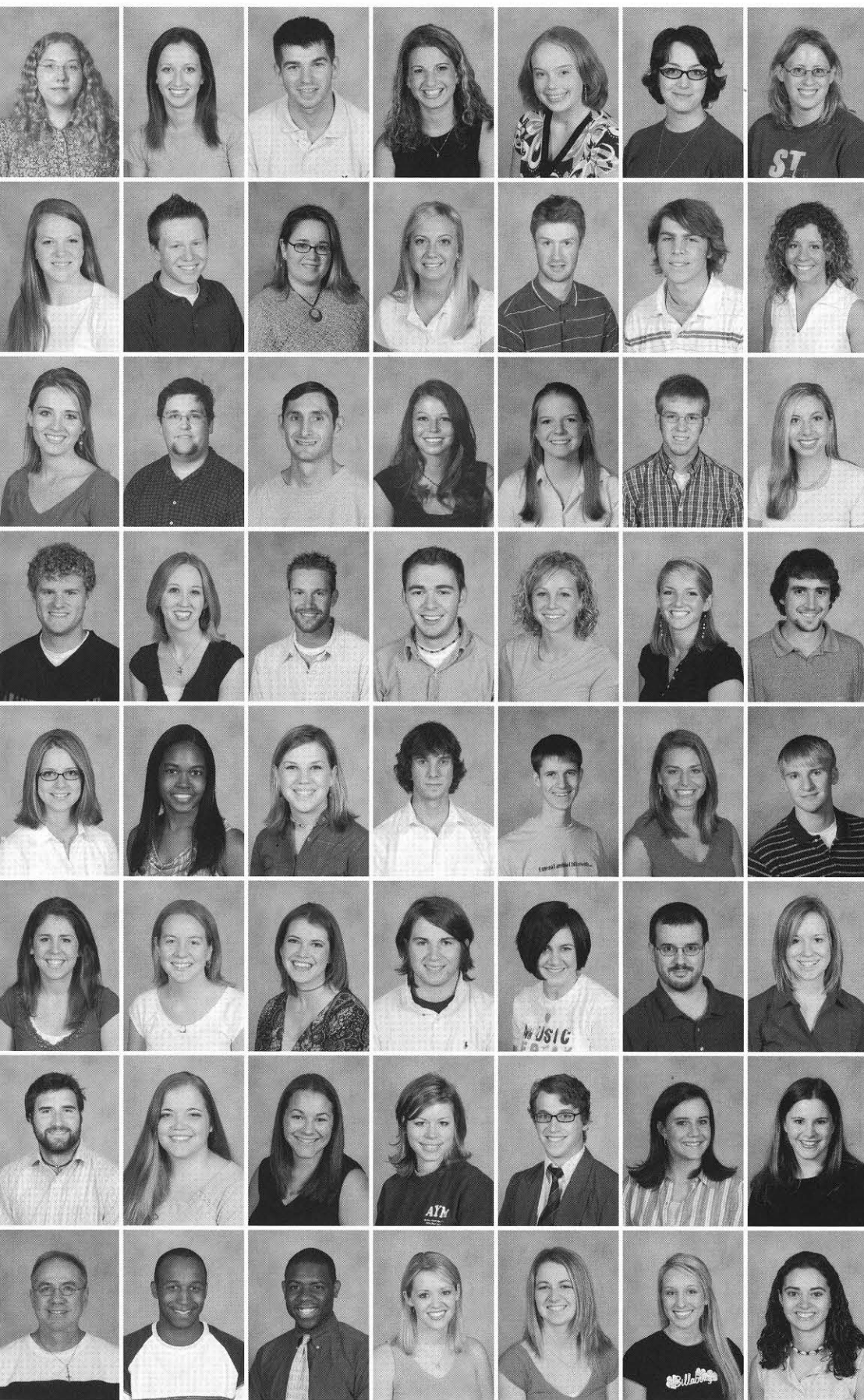
"I was in Fort Smith, Ark., watching a severe storm, when a tornado formed," Leeper said.

"The rain was really heavy and I couldn't really see where the tornado was, but from the information provided by my radio, I figured out it was right behind me and traveling at about 60 mph," he said. "I don't usually get nervous, but I had to drive pretty fast through blinding rain to get away from that tornado."

Hoggatt, who described Leeper as a "weather nut," said he thought Leeper's hobby was unusual, but suited Leeper perfectly.

"I think it's fun for him," Hoggatt said. "He loves weather and tracking tornadoes. It is exciting—a little dangerous—but exciting."

→ LAURA KAISER



Jennifer Abbott — Lancaster, Ohio  
 Becky Abell — Germantown, Tenn.  
 Alan Adamisin Jr. — Columbiaville, Mich.  
 Allan Adams — Ada, Okla.  
 Emily Adams — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Bonnie Aherin — Searcy, Ark.  
 Leslie Aldridge — Choctaw, Okla.

Kellye Allen — Searcy, Ark.  
 Adam Alter — High Ridge, Mo.  
 Kathryn Ambrose — Smyrna, Tenn.  
 Lara Anderson — Searcy, Ark.  
 Ryan Applegate — Stratford, Ontario  
 Kyle Arthur — Springfield, Mo.  
 Elisha Augsburger — Benson, Ill.

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 Thomas Austin — Merrimac, Mass.  
 Andrew Baker — Searcy, Ark.  
 Kristen Baker — Monticello, Ark.  
 Kayla Bankston — Cordova, Tenn.  
 Tyler Barnes — Ozark, Mo.  
 Emily Barth — Dublin, Ohio

Aaron Beard — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Laura Beamon — Cedar Park, Texas  
 Johnathan Beauchamp — Hazelwood, Mo.  
 Michael Beck — Pochontas, Ill.  
 Paige Beck — Glennwood, Ark.  
 Jayci Beckett — Shreveport, La.  
 Michael Bellen — New Bedford, Mass.

Brooke Bernard — Goose Creek, S.C.  
 Jennifer Berry — Duncanville, Texas  
 Bonnie Berryhill — N. Little Rock, Ark.  
 Jacob Beveridge — New Wilmington, Pa.  
 Daniel Bewley — Valley View, Texas  
 Amy Bingman — Maumelle, Ark.  
 Mason Binns — Little Rock, Ark.

Lindsey Blackburn — N. Richland Hills, Texas  
 Rebecca Blackman — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Rebecca Blake — Whitehouse, Texas  
 Trey Bliss — Tabernash, N.J.  
 Krystle Boise — Flower Mound, Texas  
 Jason Bowles — Searcy, Ark.  
 Kelly Boyett — Saraland, Ala.

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 Laura Brown — Vero Beach, Fla.

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 Shavar Brunson — Mayesville, S.C.  
 Sara Bryan — Moreno Valley, Calif.  
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 Meghan Bryant — Andalusia, Ala.  
 Leah B'Smith — Austin, Texas

Laura Bullington — Edinboro, Pa.  
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 Annie Cantrell — Carlisle, Pa.  
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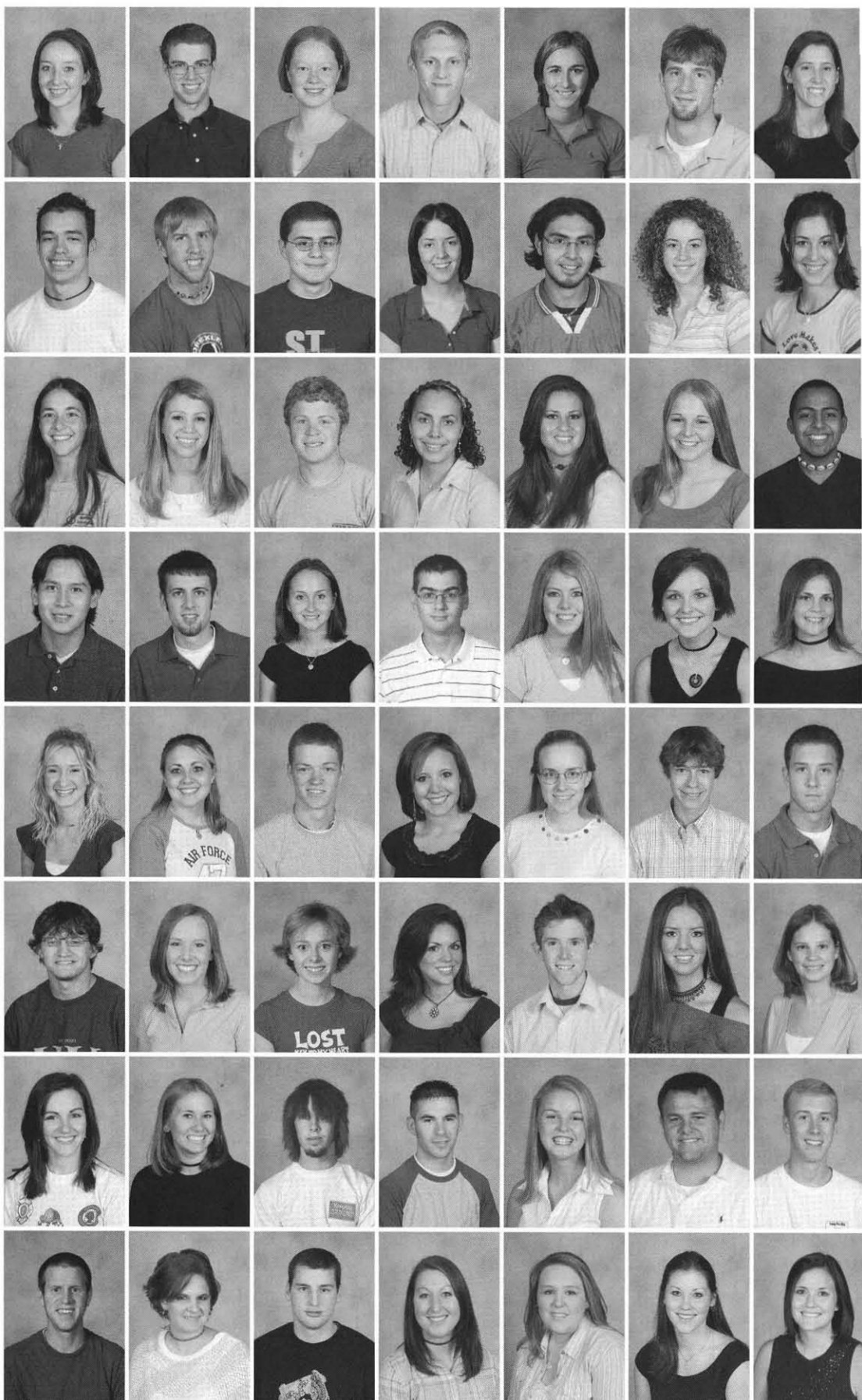
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 Jessica Cornett — Piketon, Ohio  
 Danielle Costello — Frankland, Tenn.  
 Preston Cottrell — Pinellas Park, Fla.  
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 Nicholas Dalton — Mayfield, Ky.  
 Jordan Davidson — Marshall, Ill.

Timothy Davidson — Goodlettsville, Tenn.  
 Cassi Davis — Garland, Texas  
 Jeffrey Davis — Ft. Lana, British Columbia  
 Rebecca Davis — Paducah, Ky.  
 Katie Dear — Troy, Mich.  
 Jennie Degge — Highland, Ill.  
 Whitney Degge — Highland, Ill.







**JUNIOR EMILYANNE DUMAS** LAUGHS at a conversation on AOL Instant Messenger Oct. 7. "AIM is very handy when you need to talk to someone," Dumas said. "You don't have to look up their number to call them, you can just IM them instead." •A. BEENE

# Chat time in the Dorms

AIM, MSN connect  
minds through  
keyboards, monitors

**A**s soon as the 11 p.m. curfew rolled around, most students said goodbye to their friends and headed back to their rooms.

But thanks to the technology of online chatting through services such as AOL Instant Messenger and MSN Messenger, students could talk to groups of friends at the same time without leaving the comfort of their computer chairs.

Senior Chris Guin said he often took advantage of online messenger programs to talk with his friends.

"I often talk to people after curfew, and occasionally before curfew, when they're too far away to reach, like across the hall," Guin said.

Along with communicating after curfew or across the hall, Guin said online messenger programs allowed him to keep track of his friends' schedules.

"Thanks to away messages, I know exactly where all my friends are at any given moment, even if I

haven't spoken to them since 1996," Guin said.

Junior Kyle Sullivan, who used AOL Instant Messenger a couple nights a week, said another advantage of online messenger programs was the ability to multitask while talking to friends.

"It's easier to do other things while you are talking," Sullivan said. "I don't sit still very well, and when you are actually speaking to somebody it's considered rather rude to get up and roll around on the floor or play really loud music while they are talking."

Guin said he also used online messengers to talk to his family back home, although it took awhile for his mom to learn the lingo.

"When she was just starting out, she didn't understand the difference between an instant message and a full-blown e-mail, so all her messages started, 'Dear Chris,' and ended 'Love,

Mom,'" Guin said. "It didn't matter what I said to her in between, she just kept typing."

While talking online was convenient, Sullivan said it did have its downsides.

"You can't really get to know somebody or even just know how somebody really feels about something from looking at words on a screen," Sullivan said. "That kind of knowing comes from being with the person."

In spite of the risks of being misunderstood,

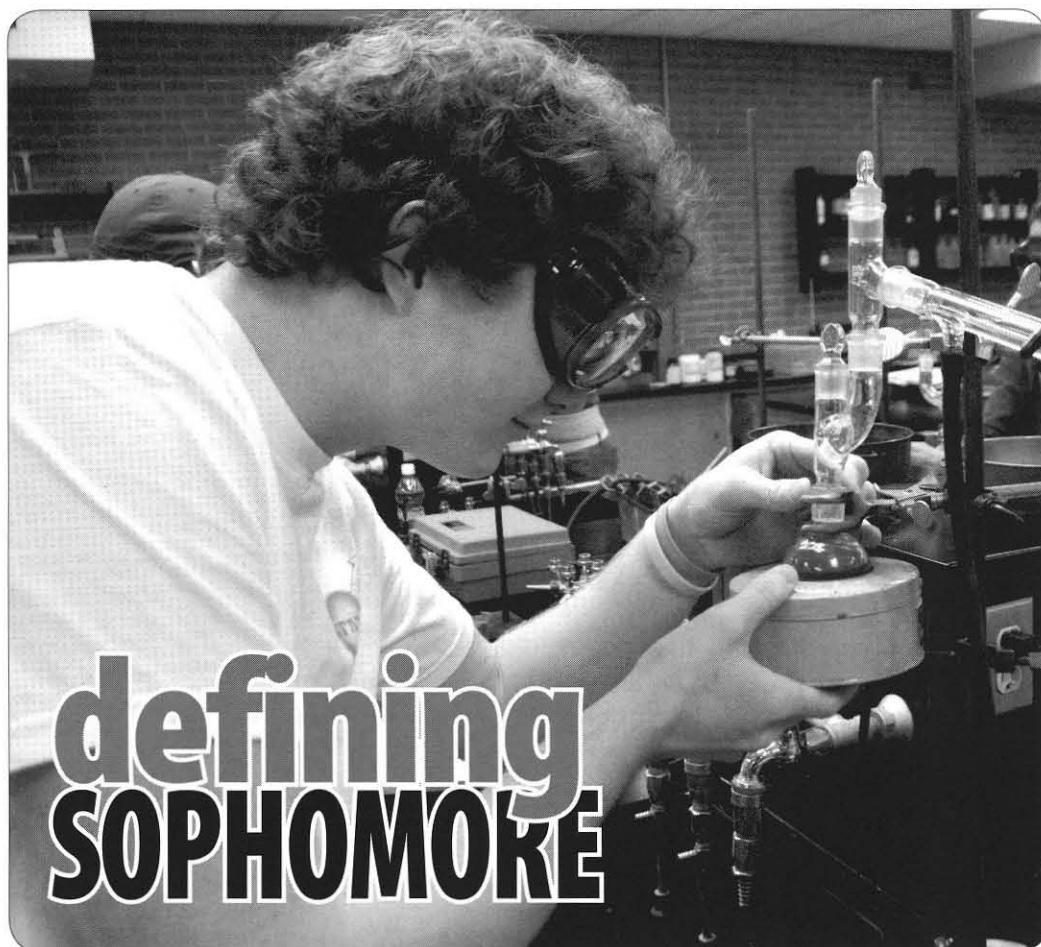
Guin said life was better with an online messenger program.

"When the Internet was down, I was absolutely miserable ... completely isolated and alone ..." Guin said. "When I finally got it hooked back up, every single person had their 'away' messages up. Surprisingly, I felt much better."

→MEGHAN MICHAELSON







**SOPHOMORE IAN THOMAS** performs an experiment Dec. 2 in Organic Chemistry 249. The second year of college often required adjusting to upper-level major courses.

•R. KECK

## defining SOPHOMORE

### Students reflect on 'wise fool' meaning

**W**ith a year of experience on her side, sophomore Rebecca Rozear said she knew what to expect when she returned to college in August.

"For the most part, I think I [have] things figured out," she said. "Things are always going to be a little different, but I'm used to the campus now and the people. It really feels like home to me now."

Rozear's attitude seemed to reflect many college sophomores who said they thought they had the routine of college down.

"My thought when I returned [for my sophomore year] was 'Here we go again,'" sophomore Aaron Moore said.

With his knowledge of the system and a close network of friends from freshman year, Moore said his sophomore year was simpler than his freshman year.

"It is not as overwhelming, because you know where everything is," Moore said. "For me, it was easier to meet new

people through my friends. Last year I had a strong group of five friends. Now I have close to two dozen."

Donna Strachan, Kendall Hall residence life coordinator, said she remembered her sophomore year as her best year of college.

"The stress from freshman year is not there, but the classes are not as hard as junior and senior classes," Strachan said. "It is a fun, laid back, social year."

Dr. Kevin Klein, chairman of the history and social science department, said being a sophomore did not always refer to a student in their second year of school.

"If you look it up in the dictionary, you will see the literal definition of sophomore is 'wise fool,'" Klein said.

Klein said many sophomores acted like 'wise fools' because they became over-confident after only one year of school.

"It kind of fits another adage," he said. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

However, Klein said a little bit

of knowledge was better than nothing.

"It is better to be a sophomore than just be a 'moros' — which is the root of moron," he said.

Morgan Carnley was one sophomore who said she could relate to being a 'wise fool.'

"It is kind of true because I'm horribly confused right now," she said. "I have goals but I don't know where I'm going. I feel silly because I'm in college, but I'm not sure what to do yet with my life."

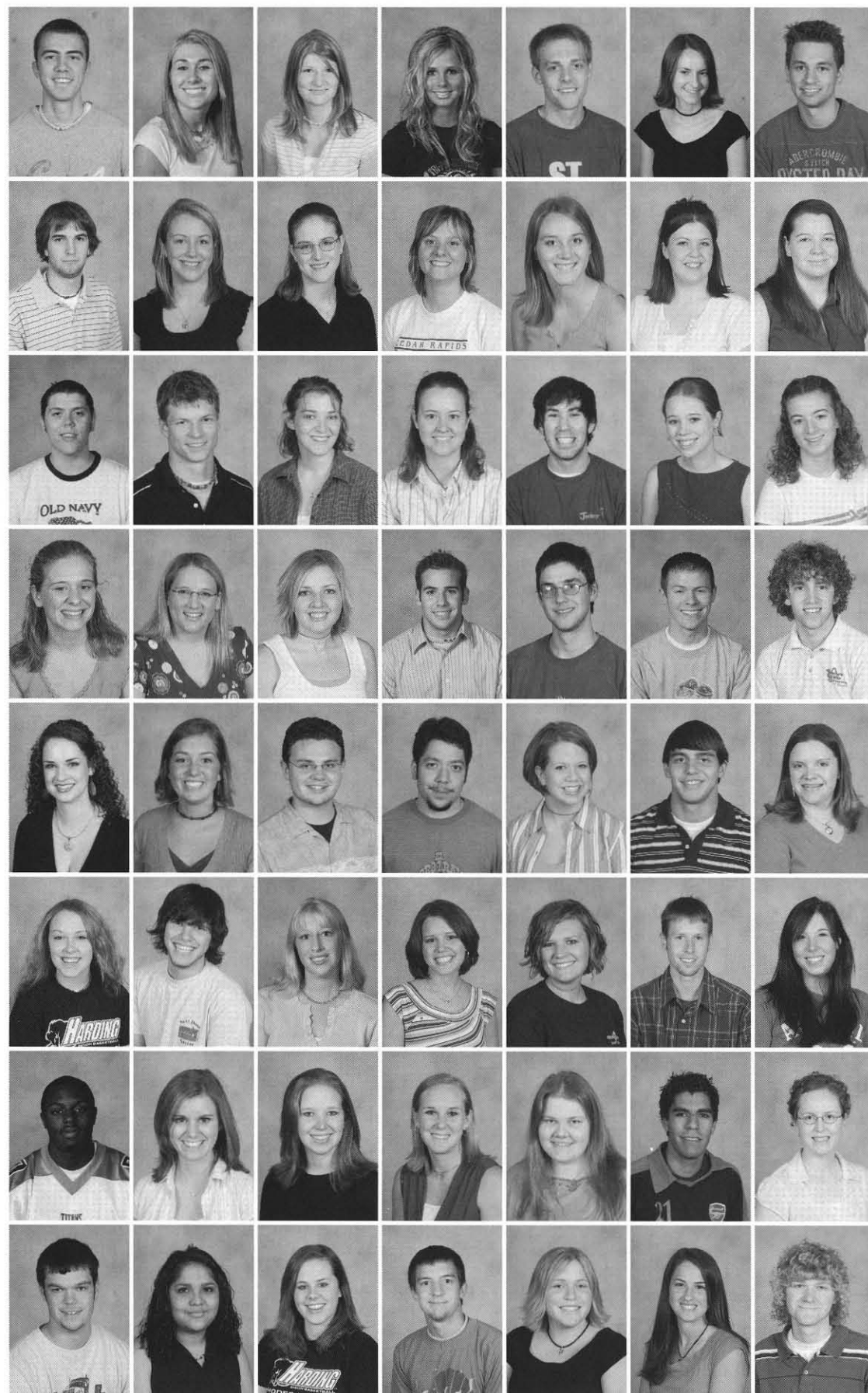
Carnley said in spite of her doubts, sophomore year was still exciting.

"This is where you start making the decisions about the rest of your life," she said.

According to Klein, sophomore was not just a classification, but a state of mind.

"There are plenty of sophomores who are wise, and some seniors who never get past being wise fools," Klein said. "Most of us hopefully get past it by the end of our sophomore year."

→ MEGHAN MICHAELSON



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Ashley Dixon — Searcy, Ark.  
Adam Dizer — Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Sarah Doty — El Dorado Hills, Calif.  
David Downs — Henderson, Nev.

Matthew Drake — Paragould, Ark.  
Erica Dugan — S. Williamsport, Pa.  
Heather Duncan — Fenton, Mo.  
Lisa Dunyon — Anamosa, Iowa  
Kelli Durgin — Portland, Maine  
Shellie Dye — Marysville, Ohio  
Elissa Dykes — Flower Mound, Texas

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David Easter III — Edmond, Okla.  
Megan Eastridge — Marysville, Ohio  
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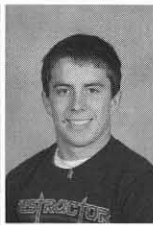
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Ashley Ganus — El Dorado, Ark.  
Robert Gardner — Rogers, Ark.  
Kyndall Garner — Rogers, Ark.

Paul Garrett — N. Augusta, S.C.  
Megan Gilbert — Hillsboro, Ore.  
Myriah Gilbert — Ooltewah, Tenn.  
Betsy Glover — E. Peoria, Ill.  
Jenny Goings — Osceola, Ark.  
Ivan Gomez — Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Holly Goode — Baytown, Texas

Slade Goodwin — Glen Allen, Va.  
Tania Grande — San Salvador, El Salvador  
Haley Grant — Mustang, Okla.  
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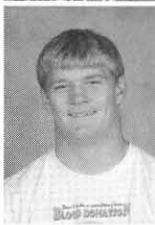
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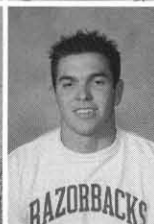
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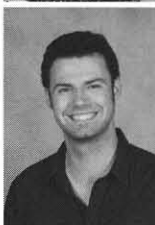
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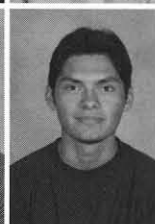
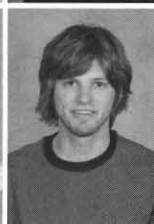
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 Logan Hunter — Ft. Worth, Texas



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 Lacey Icenhower — Paris, Texas  
 Ashley Ingram — Jacksonville, N.C.  
 Holly Irvine — Monroe, N.C.  
 Andrew Irwin — Memphis, Tenn.  
 Eric Isom — Searcy, Ark.



Blair Jackson — Bartlett, Tenn.  
 Elizabeth Jackson — Lewisville, Texas  
 Scot Jackson — Owasso, Okla.  
 Braulio Jaen — San Jose, Costa Rica  
 Rachel Javellana — Garland, Texas  
 Michael Jerkins — Memphis, Tenn.



Angela Johnson — Bearden, Ark.  
 Carole Johnson — Willis, Texas  
 Joshua Johnson — Cordova, Tenn.  
 Ryan Johnson — Searcy, Ark.  
 Stephanie Johnson — Huwitt, Texas  
 Alexa Johnston — San Antonio, Texas







**SOPHOMORES**  
**STEPHANIE EATHER-**  
**TON** and Daniel Witcher  
enjoy a snack and movie  
on Witcher's laptop  
computer Oct. 9 on the  
front lawn. Couples  
saved money by staying  
on campus rather than  
going to Little Rock for  
their dates. • **A. INGRAM**

# Adventures with Harding Dates

## Simplicity joins creativity for on-campus outings

**L**iving in a city with a population fewer than 20,000 people, some students believed their date options were limited to excursions to Little Rock. Other students, however, found ways to enjoy themselves on and around campus.

"Dating on campus is difficult," senior Robyn Bocks said. "You have to be very creative if you intend to have fun. When my husband and I were dating, we would play Frisbee in Harding Park, go for a run or have a picnic."

Adam Spencer, 2004 graduate, said he and his girlfriend, junior Krista Lee, also enjoyed simple activities around campus.

"We go on walks around campus and act goofy," he said. "We go to the playground at Harding Academy and swing. We try to talk a lot — that is the only way to get to know someone."

Lee said most women did not need

to go out somewhere fancy in order to have a good time on a date.

"I like doing the simple things like the walks, or playing on the playground, or a picnic, rather than a big extravagant dinner and a movie," she said. "You get to talk more and are in a more comfortable setting where you are not worrying which fork to use or how uncomfortable the dress shoes you are wearing are."

While they both enjoyed simple dates, Lee said Spencer did make an effort to be creative.

"A really sweet date we had was our picnic out at Riverside Park," Lee said. "Adam cooked pasta and bread, and had sparkling grape juice. Then we went to Berryhill Park and played on the playground because the [swings] at Riverside were taken. It was fun swinging and sliding and [acting like] kids again."

Seniors Jennie and Taylor Williams said their ultimate date was

when they picnicked at Petit Jean State Park in Morrilton, Ark.

"I was sure he was going to propose to me," Jennie said. "He reached into his backpack and said, 'I have something you've been waiting for a long time.' Then he pulled out a book he borrowed from me."

Jennie said her hopes were eventually realized when Taylor proposed to her underneath the Petit Jean waterfall.

Junior Matt Cherry said he tried to take advantage of resources available right on campus.

"When I have a girl I like, I stand outside her dorm with a boom box playing the song 'In Your Eyes' by Peter Gabriel," Cherry said. "When she comes down, I usually take her to the cafeteria and we use our meal plans. Then we go to see the [Campus Activities Board] movie, I mean, if she happens to have the Pass. Yeah, I know, I'm romantic." → **MEGHAN MICHAELSON**



**SOPHOMORES LISA DUNYON** and Hannah Hawkins, Pattie Cobb residents, enjoy a pillow fight Oct. 16 after curfew. "We try to go to sleep, but things like [pillow fights] end up happening," Dunyon said about after-curfew activities in the dorm.  
—A. BEENE

# AFTER HOURS

## RESIDENTS TELL OF TRADITIONS, ACTIVITIES IN DORMS

**A**fter a typical weekday, most of the 2,685 students who lived on campus this year were back together in their residence halls for curfew at 11 p.m. In addition to studying and sleeping, those living on campus also saw this time as an opportunity for socializing and recreation.

Junior Laurel McKinnon, a resident assistant in Sears Hall, recalled the bowling tournaments.

After setting up 20 to 30 water bottles at the end of the hall, the bowler rolled a volleyball or soccer ball to knock down the "pins."

McKinnon said the amount of time the women on the hall spent bowling developed unity.

"They really got into it," McKin-

non said. "They all made shirts, kept a scoreboard outside one of their doors and made a sign. They begged me to have hall slip-n-slides, and I told them they would just have to stick to bowling," McKinnon said.



**SOPHOMORE TIFFANY MORRISON** waits for the ball in a match of pingpong in Kendall Hall Oct. 16.  
—A. BEENE

Some men in Harbin Hall's third floor did produce hall slip-n-slides this year. The men called themselves the Floor Three Fellas, or the F3F.

One of the participants, sophomore George Wadsworth, explained the slip-n-slide in basic terms of a man who would slide down the hall on the combination of water and some variation of household cleaner.

Once he reached the end of the hall, the slider would push off with

his feet and slide all the way back to the starting spot.

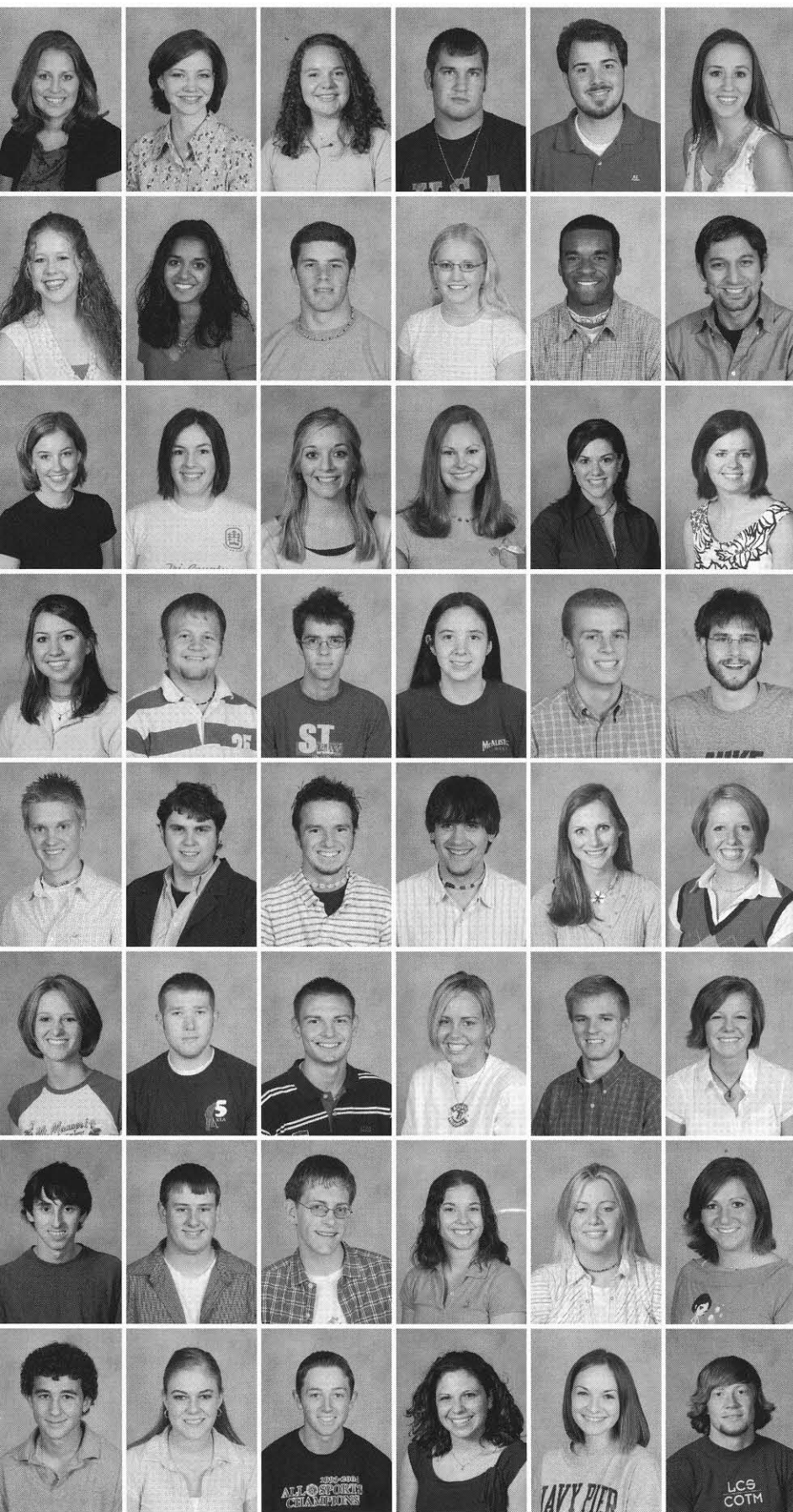
Wadsworth told of the fun he and his friends had making slip-n-slides, but that these friendships meant more to each other than just having fun in the dorm.

"Whenever something goes wrong we're all there for each other," Wadsworth said. "[Last year] we had prayer groups every night for a couple of months. That's probably our best after-curfew activity."

David Collins, assistant dean of students, said one of the roles of curfew was to help maintain Harding as a residential campus where students could experience a sense of community.

"There's no doubt that curfew is a beginning of a lot of fun times for people to get together, visit about the day and relax," Collins said. "It's a time when everybody is, in a way, forced to come together, but then they enjoy the benefits of being together."

→ AARON MILLER



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 Jeffrey Jones — Bridgeton, Mo.  
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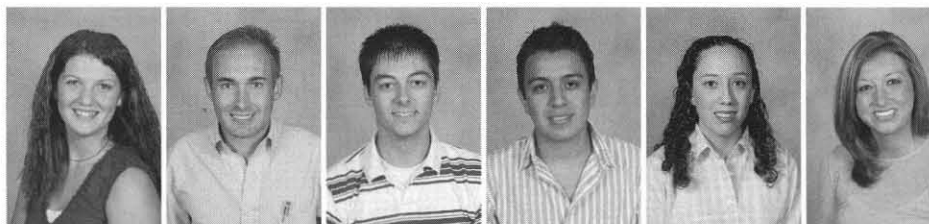
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 David Mainprize — Tulsa, Okla.



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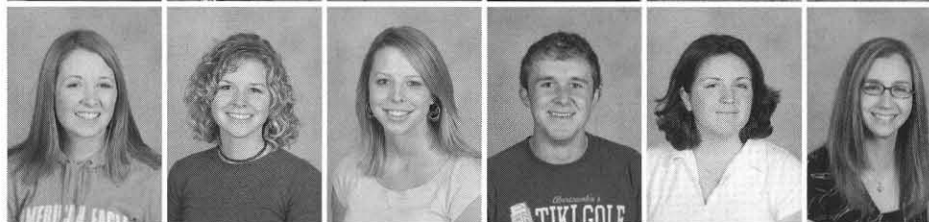
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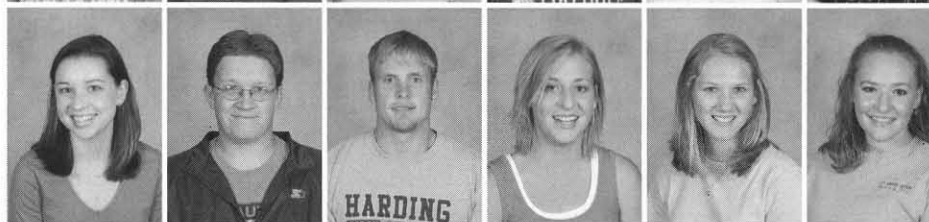
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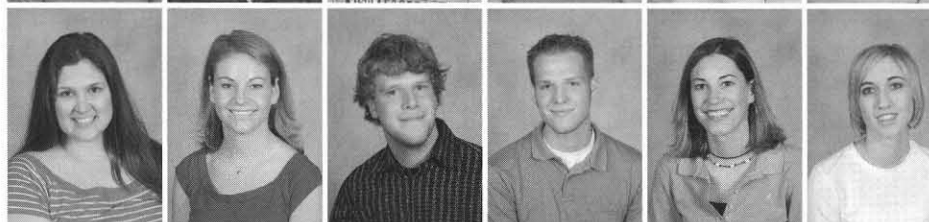
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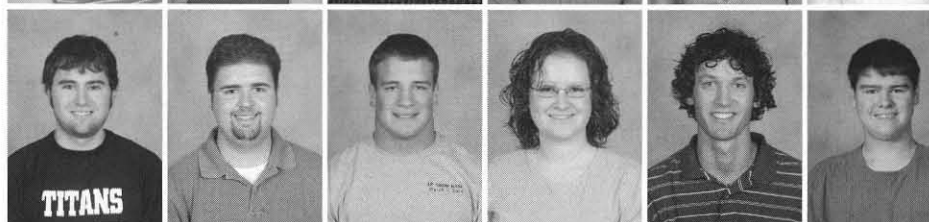
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 Meredith Myhan — Searcy, Ark.  
 Kevin Nelson — Mansfield, Texas  
 Jordan Nester — Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Emily Newell — Springfield, Ohio  
 Ashley Nichols — Smyrna, Tenn.



Jonathan Nichols — Cookeville, Tenn.  
 Sean Nine — Huntington, W. Va.  
 Andrew Norman — Searcy, Ark.  
 Jessica Norman — Brighton, Colo.  
 Ryan Norman — Sugarland, Texas  
 Nathan Norris — Searcy, Ark.



Amber Northup — Guthrie, Okla.  
 Daniel Ockay — Jackson, Mo.  
 Andrea Orr — Fairview, Texas  
 Austin Osburn — Bixby, Okla.  
 Jenna Owen — W. Monroe, La.  
 Brittany Pade — Castle Rock, Colo.



# Soldiers' families receive Support

## Sophomore's job tends to troops' loved ones in U.S.

**A**s she arrived at work each day, sophomore Brooke Bernard wondered about who she would talk to that day.

Sometimes the people she called were worried about serious issues like not receiving their support checks.

At other times the person on the other end of the telephone would just want someone to talk to about the struggles faced that day—crying children, problems at work or malfunctioning automobiles.

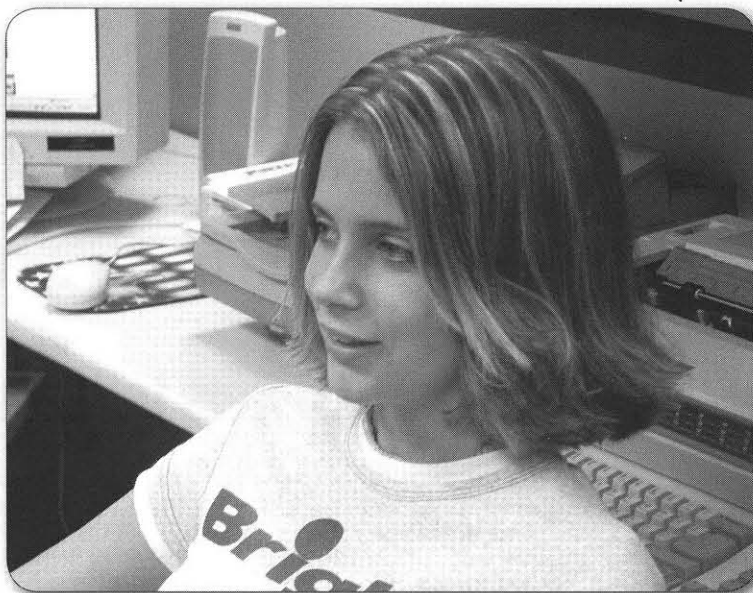
Working as a summer hire since her junior year of high school in the 315th family support offices at the Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, Bernard was responsible for calling the families of deployed soldiers to check on the family members and offer them support through child care services, car washes or vehicle tune-ups.

As soldiers were deployed overseas, they would fill out questionnaires at the family support office with information about their families, including contact information and family details.

"Sometimes, it just made them feel better to know someone was there who understood what they were going through," Bernard said.

When she arrived at work in the morning, Bernard would send out e-mails to some of the families who conversed through the Internet.

After lunch, she would make calls to people all across the coun-



**SOPHOMORE BROOKE BERNARD WORKS** at the Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina Aug. 1, 2003. Bernard, who worked during the summers, called deployed soldiers' families offering support.

►COURTESY OF B. BERNARD

try. Sometimes the people would just answer that they were fine and not want to talk, and sometimes people would want to talk for a long time, she said.

"The biggest thing was that they all missed their spouses," Bernard said. "I really found out how difficult it is to be a soldier's spouse. I developed so much admiration for them."

Bernard said she worked an average of 40-45 hours a week.

Despite long hours, she said her work was worth it when soldiers would come home and bring their families to visit.

Bernard said another high point for the job was when she got to meet President George W. Bush during his visit to Charleston in the summer

of 2002. Working with the military, Bernard was "coined," a military term that means rewarded with memorabilia.

In honor of their work, Bernard and two other summer hires were rewarded with the opportunity to shake the president's hand after he landed in Charleston.

While she enjoyed that experience, Bernard said the main reason she returned to the base every semester was because she loved seeing soldiers returning to their families and knowing others had cared for their loved ones.

"I got to do so much to help so many families," Bernard said. "That's why I go back — it's so rewarding."

→DEANN THOMAS

**TAKING A MOMENT OUT OF THEIR SEPARATE LIVES,** sophomores Breanna and Jessica Terry spend time together in the student center Oct. 26. The twins said one of their fears was not being able to have individual identities when they chose the same college. **•R.KECK**



# BREE vs. JESS

## Terry sisters tell tales of twin-hood

**I**t was not until Christmas 2003 when sophomores Breanna and Jessica Terry found out through a DNA test that instead of being fraternal twins as they always thought, they were, in fact, identical.

Although they could be classified as "identical twins," Jessica and Breanna said they have spent their lives trying to fight the twin stereotype.

"It's funny how people treat us," Breanna said. "For example, people send us birthday presents, and it's like one shirt for the both of us. It's really funny."

Coming to Harding was a big decision for both women, they said.

"I just decided that I had to go," Breanna said. "It was like an epiphany from God."

Three weeks before Breanna was scheduled to leave, Jessica too decided that Harding was the place for her.

Jessica said it was important to her that she and her sister establish their own lives apart from each other at Harding.

"It was really hard at first because I wanted to do my own thing," Jessica said. "I didn't want to be a 'twin' anymore."

Since childhood the sisters proved their individuality by enjoying different activities, creating different friendships and moving in separate directions.

Jessica said she loved to watch the Bisons play football, sing in the praise team and listen to Chris-

tian music. Jessica was home schooled her last three years of high school.

On the other hand, Breanna was Spring Sing director for Delta Gamma Rho and liked underground musical groups like Yellow Card. Breanna served as her high school's yearbook editor and was on the prom court.

"We're really very different," Breanna said. "I guess you can say that my sister is the sweet one, and I'm the blunt one."

Jessica also saw the differences.

"Breanna is more wild, passionate and unpredictable, and I'm more nurturing," Jessica said.

Having to share everything, especially their identity, was what both women said they believed was the most difficult part of having a twin.

"When I say that we have to share everything, I mean everything," Breanna said. "We share all the important steps and events in our lives, like birthdays, graduation and driving for the first time. As a twin you never get to have that moment to yourself."

Although both Breanna and Jessica worked to keep their own identities and establish themselves as something more than just a "twin," both agreed that having a twin had special advantages.

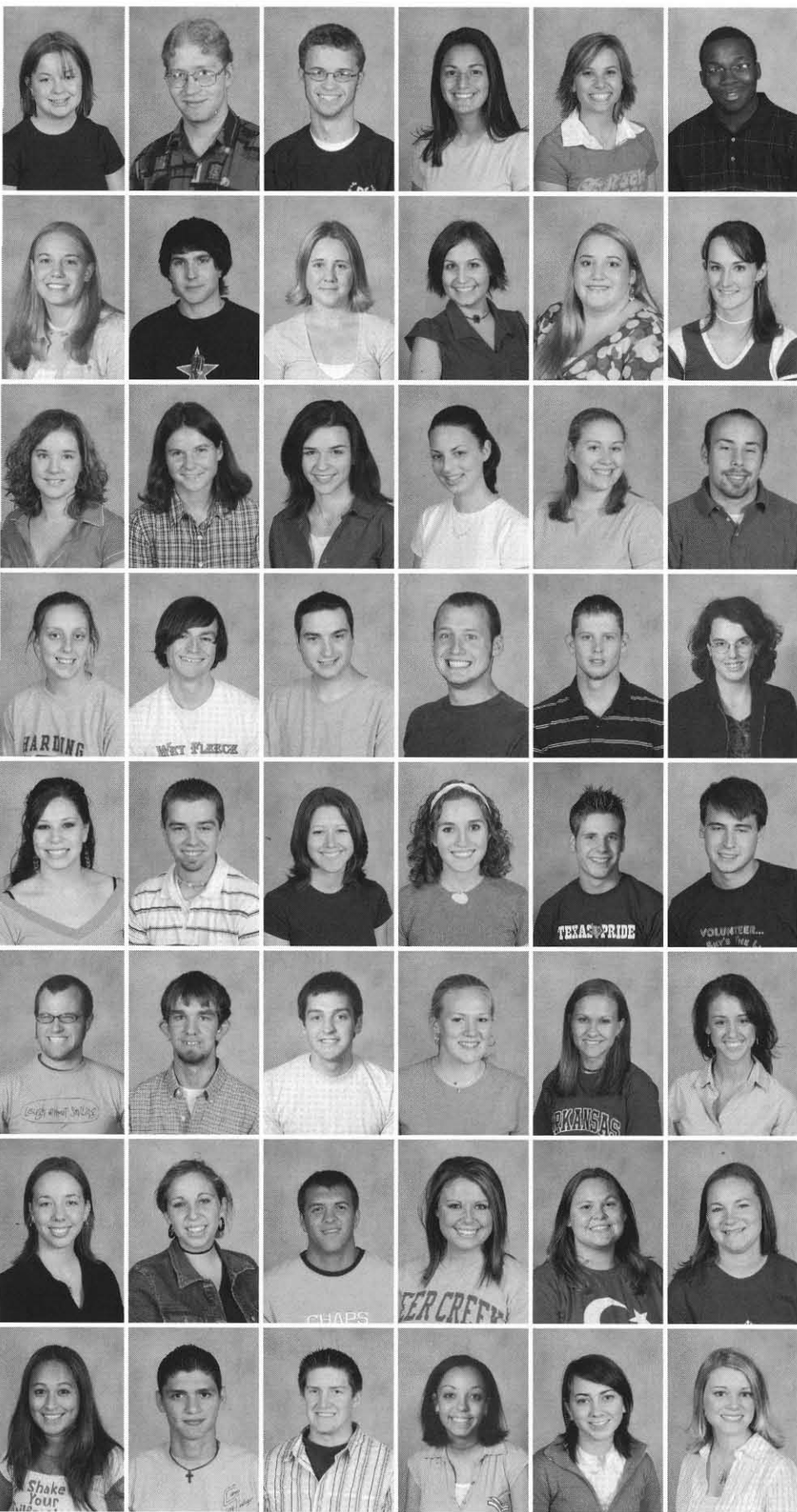
"She's my best friend," Jessica said. "I don't think anyone can understand what it is like to have someone going through the same things at the same time that you are your entire life. We are constantly experiencing life together. We really do complement each other; her strengths are my weaknesses, and my strengths are her weaknesses."

→ ERIN COOK



**SOPHOMORES BREANNA AND JESSICA TERRY** check to see if their mail went to the correct boxes Oct. 26. Jessica and Breanna said many people treated them as one person because they were twins. **•R.KECK**





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 Eli Parkinson — Quartz Hill, Calif.  
 Gregory Parks — Plano, Texas  
 Denise Pascuzzi — Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Shayna Patete — Hanford, Calif.  
 Henderson Payne — W. Memphis, Ark.

Jana Pearson — Amory, Miss.  
 Sean Perazzelli — Oaklyn, N.J.  
 Erica Perkins — Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.  
 Jessica Pettey — Houston, Texas  
 Kathryn Pevahouse — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Kendall Pfeifer — Ft. Gibson, Okla.

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 Jessica Poisel — Bloomington, Ill.  
 Michael Post — Coventry, Conn.

Alisha Pounds — Pflugerville, Texas  
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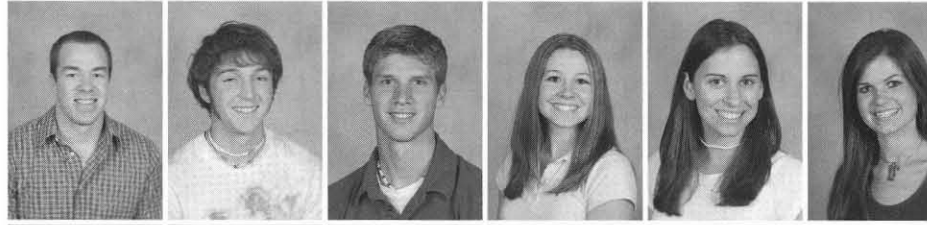
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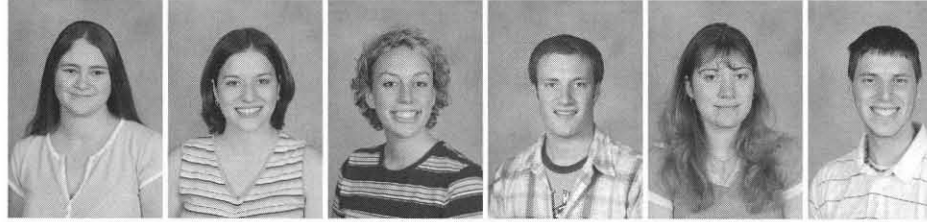
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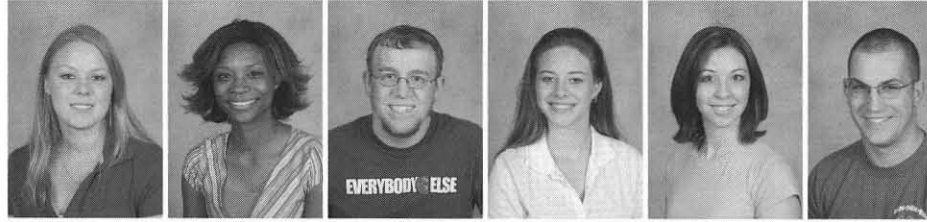
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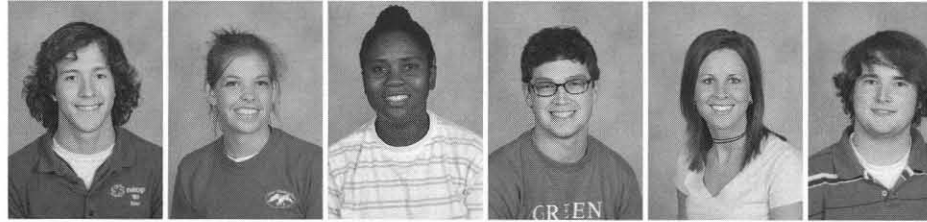
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Ryan Schlarman — Imperial, Mo.



Jolayne Schmerse — Waxahachie, Texas  
Christi Scott — Memphis, Tenn.  
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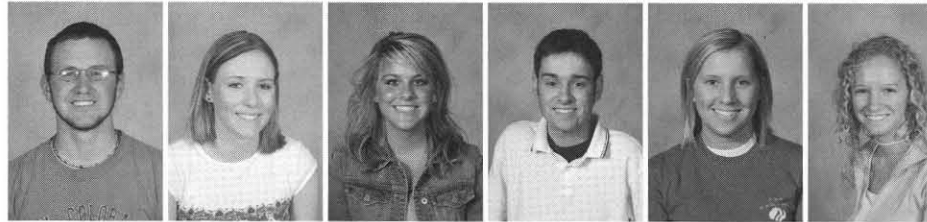
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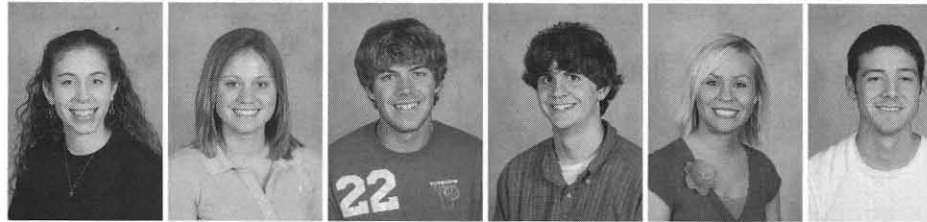
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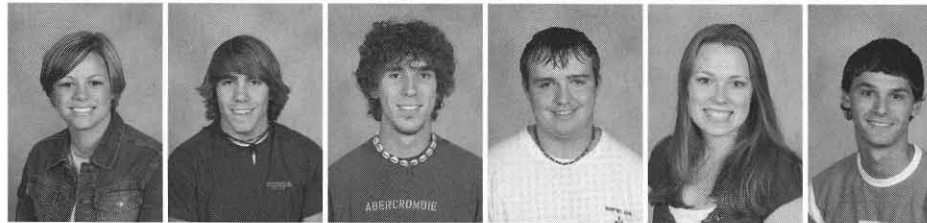
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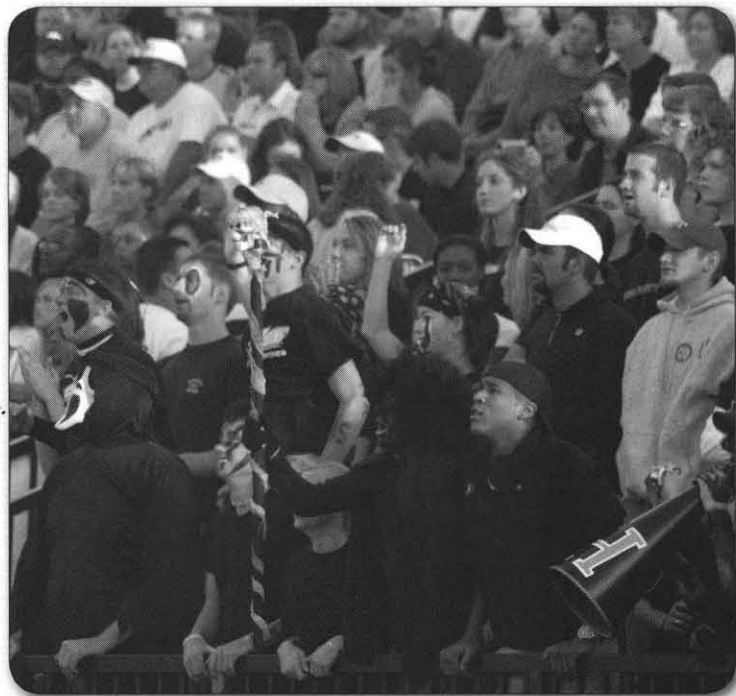


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Vanessa Snyder — Gatesville, Texas  
Anthony Sofio — Coppell, Texas



Krystle South — Mobile, Ala.  
Andrew Sowers — Springs, Fla.  
Jacob Spillman — Choctaw, Ark.  
David Spoor — St. Louis, Mo.  
Erin Springer — Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
C. Tyler Stafford — Cordova, Tenn.





**MEMBERS OF THE BISON STAMPEDE** show their support for the Bison football team during a home game against Henderson State Oct. 2. According to the averages, Bison football was attended by more people than Bison basketball. **•A.BEENE**

# or Rowdies Stampede?

## Students debate over which sport is the most popular

**W**hile almost every student had an opinion on what the most attended sports event on campus was, Student Association President Jimmy Huff said he was neutral on the issue. He said students usually believed their favorite sport was the most popular.

"Thus far all events have been attended well — as much as the facility can hold," Huff said.

Senior Brian Fowler said he thought basketball was the most popular sport.

"I think Harding basketball has to be the most attended sporting event because the field house is sometimes packed with people having to stand the whole game," Fowler said. "Everyone at Harding goes to the games because

they are the most exciting."

Senior Alan Woodward had a different take on what sporting event was the most attended. Woodward, vice president of Titans social club, said club sports attracted more fans than some intercollegiate events.

"You can't forget club sports," Woodward said. "Especially A-team games. There are rivalries between clubs which get a lot of people to come and watch the games — basketball especially."

Some students, like senior Chelsea Wilson, said they thought baseball was the most attended sport on campus. Wilson said baseball was especially popular this year because of the team's successful season.

"Who wouldn't want to come out and watch those boys?" Wilson said. "Baseball is America's sport."

But whatever students' opinions were, the numbers did not lie, and according to Scott Goode, sports information director, football attracted more fans than any other sport.

"Even though you think basketball is the most-attended sport at Harding, Harding football actually on average attracts the most in attendance," Goode said.

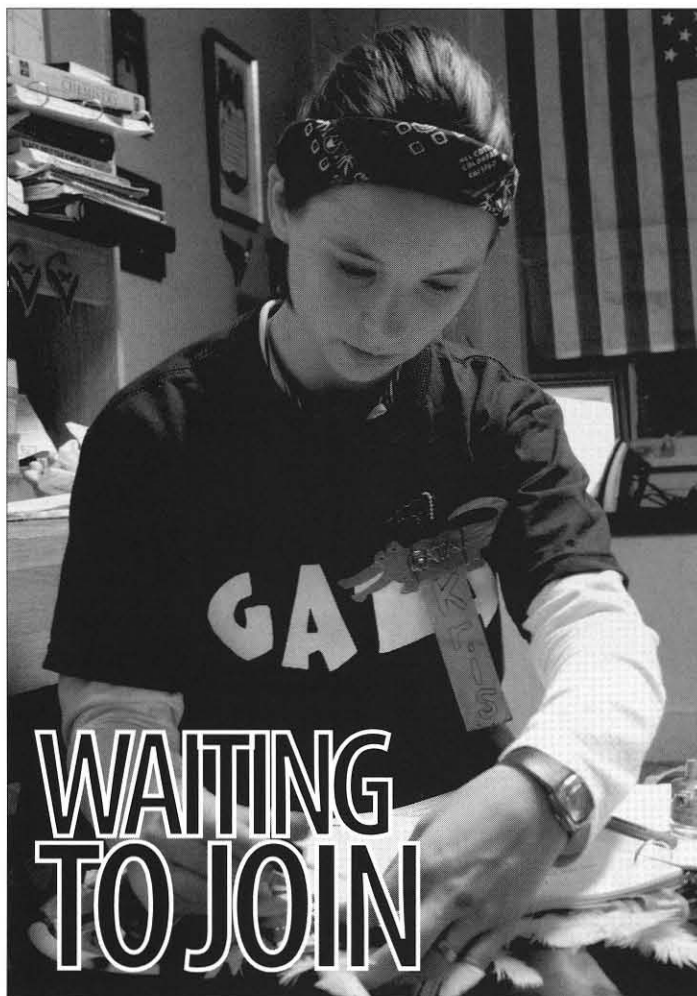
Goode said the football stadium held about 5,000 people while the Rhodes field house held about 2,000. The averages were taken during all home games, so the football team held the advantage since it only had five or six home games and basketball had 12 or 13.

"Football is the most attended sporting event at most colleges," Goode said. "It is no different here on Harding's campus."

→ **ERIN COOK**







**SOPHOMORE KRIS MILLER STRIVES** to finish her GATA induction book Nov. 9 in her Pattie Cobb dorm room. Miller decided to forego the induction process her freshman year and wait until her sophomore year to join a social club. •A. INGRAM

## WAITING TO JOIN

# SOPHOMORES PUSH BACK CLUB PROCESS

**W**hile freshmen scurried around the student center during Induction Week Nov. 8-12 looking for induction books to sign and

club members to meet, sophomore inductee Jen Singleton took a more relaxed approach.

Singleton said she did not get a bid from the club she wanted last year, but it turned out well anyway.

"God wanted me to wait [to join a club] until this year," Singleton said. "I went on a spring break campaign and got to know some of the people who were members of the club I decided was the one I wanted."

Sophomore Seth Daggett said there

were several deciding factors that contributed to his decision to join a club his second year. He said trying to handle joining a club freshman year was not an option.

"I have more of a hold on classes now than I would have had last year," Daggett said. "It wasn't so much about the stress with pledging but the stress with keeping up with my classes."

Singleton said the ultimate advantage of going through induction as a sophomore was that she knew what to

expect this year.

"You don't take it as seriously because you know these people already," Singleton said. "They're not just some mean person who I wouldn't have otherwise known."

**"God wanted me to wait until this year."**

JEN SINGLETON, SOPHOMORE

Senior Chris Morton said joining Gamma Sigma Phi as a sophomore was a better idea in the long run.

"Pledging as a freshman would have been really tough," Morton said. "It turned out easier because I knew more people and knew more of what the clubs were about."

However, Morton said that pledging under fellow classmates this year was somewhat awkward.

"I didn't really know how to interact, but I did what they told me and most importantly, I did the best that I could," Morton said.

Morton said his advice for sophomores planning to join a club was to spend as much time as they could with members of the club they want to join.

"Pledging a club gave me the chance to know more people I wouldn't have otherwise," Morton said.

→LISA BLOUNT



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 Diana Stang — St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 Melanie Stanley — Boardman, Ohio  
 Joel Stephen — Little Rock, Ark.  
 Ryan Stephens — Mobile, Ala.  
 Kristin Stewart — Lebanon, Tenn.

Megan Stewart — Lakeland, Tenn.  
 Briana Stinnett — Searcy, Ark.  
 Paul Stinnett — Searcy, Ark.  
 Jonathan Stinson — Arlington, Texas  
 Ryan Stivers — Anamosa, Iowa  
 T. Brandon Stone — Los Alamos, N.M.

Kelli Stracener — Searcy, Ark.  
 Kelly Stroh — Loveland, Colo.  
 Ashleigh Stutzman — Indiana, Pa.  
 William Sullivan — Searcy, Ark.  
 Jordan Summitt — Conway, Ark.  
 Keali Sutton — Tulsa, Okla.

J. Chris Swearingen — Cordova, Tenn.  
 Joseph Szostak — Harleysville, Pa.  
 Christopher Taliaferro — Severy, Kan.  
 Kristen Tappe — Arlington, Texas  
 Tessa Tarole — Upland, Calif.  
 Brittany Taylor — Cordova, Tenn.

Breanna Terry — Tampa, Fla.  
 Jessica Terry — Tampa, Fla.  
 Rachel Thies — Sewell, N.J.  
 Adam Thomas — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Ian Thomas — Circleville, Ohio  
 Derek Thomason — Yukon, Okla.

Micah Thompson — Paducah, Ky.  
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 Bonnie Thrasher — Kennett, Mo.

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 Daniel Troyer — Orrville, Ohio  
 Molly Truax — Lancaster, Ohio

Joseph Tubb — Sparta, Tenn.  
 Lacey Turner — Rogersville, Mo.  
 Tara Turner — Germantown, Tenn.  
 Tasha Turney — Yukon, Okla.  
 Brad Turpin — Troy, Mo.  
 Luke Underwood — Searcy, Ark.

# Paying for education Hurts



**SOPHOMORE AMBER MAYS STOCKS** her cleaning cart Nov. 11 in the Heritage building. Mays worked every weekday from 6 to 8:30 a.m. to make extra money for school expenses. •A. BEENE

## College tuition worth the financial sacrifice, some say

In a room filled with building blocks, coloring books and dolls, senior Kristen Stumpf prepares for another afternoon at work.

In addition to a full load of classes, working part time at a local day care became part of Stumpf's daily routine.

Stumpf's paychecks were not enough to cover all of her expenses, so she took out loans to cover the rest.

"I'll have to take out loans for the entire time that I'm [at Harding]," Stumpf said. "I'm also working now, and I've worked every semester, every summer and every break in between."

Stumpf was not alone in her sacrifices to be a college student.

Of the total number of graduate and undergraduate students at Harding, 3,049 of them received some form of federal financial aid, including loans, Pell grants, SEOG grants, and Federal Work Study, according to the student financial services office.

Junior Julie Burkert said she also had to juggle college finances.

"I'm using Stafford, my parents have taken out a Parent Plus Loan, and I have a small academic scholarship to help out," Burkert said. "My parents are paying the rest of the costs while I'm in school, but I'm going to pay off the loans when I get out of school."

Burkert also worked the desk as a receptionist for Searcy Hall as part of the Federal Work Study program.

Although some students complained about the cost of an education at Harding, others were aware of why they chose to make that sacrifice.

Sophomore Amber Mays worked for ServiceMaster every weekday from 6 to 8:30 a.m. in the Heritage building. Mays said the early morning hours were worth her education.

"Some mornings it is really hard to get up," Mays said. "But I want to be here at Harding, and I know I have to find a way to pay for it. That motivates me to get out of bed."

Junior Grant Dasher also said he thought his choice to come to Harding and deal with future loan payments was validated by what he received in return.

"I decided to come for the Christian atmosphere and the people," Dasher said. "It's obviously not the town or anything else that drew me here — it's the people."

Dasher said after graduation he would owe more than \$40,000 in loan debt.

Junior Sarah Gregg — who took out Sallie Mae loans, Stafford loans, and searched continually for scholarships to help support her while in school — said although paying for Harding was a large expense, Harding offered more than any other university she could have chosen to attend.

"Other schools have less people and less to offer, yet some are even more expensive than Harding," Gregg said. "Harding has a higher enrollment and seems to provide me with so much more than other universities would."

"My entire family went to Harding, and the familiarity of it drew me in. Harding has a way of doing that."

→ERIN COOK







Heather Valls — Lake Dallas, Texas  
 Andrea Valverde — Moriarty, N.M.  
 Daniel Vath — Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Susana Veliz — Panama City, Panama  
 Hannah Vick — Stirling, Scotland  
 Laura Vick — Stirling, Scotland

Jose Villatoro — Villa Nueva, Guatemala  
 Niki Volkman — Burleson, Texas  
 Jay Wade — Gainesville, Mo.  
 Cara Waiswilo — Opelika, Ala.  
 Benjamin Waldrop — Rockwall, Texas  
 Bethany Walker — Little Rock, Ark.

Holly Walker — Kiev, Ukraine  
 Jessica Walker — Flint, Mich.  
 Lindsey Walker — Dallas, Texas  
 Kelly Walls — Collierville, Tenn.  
 Matthew Walters — Sheridan, Ark.  
 Tedrick Washington — Wheatley, Ark.

Tyler Watts — Fayetteville, Ga.  
 Darcy Weipert — Royal Oak, Texas  
 Christine Wells — Bloomington, Ill.  
 Lindsey Wells — Lexington, Ky.  
 Lindsey Wenner — Germantown, Tenn.  
 Allison White — Memphis, Tenn.

Falon White — Cumming, Ga.  
 Jared White — Charlotte, N.C.  
 Nicholas White — Little Rock, Ark.  
 Rachel White — Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Shawna White — Dayton, Ohio  
 James Wilhite — Mineola, Texas

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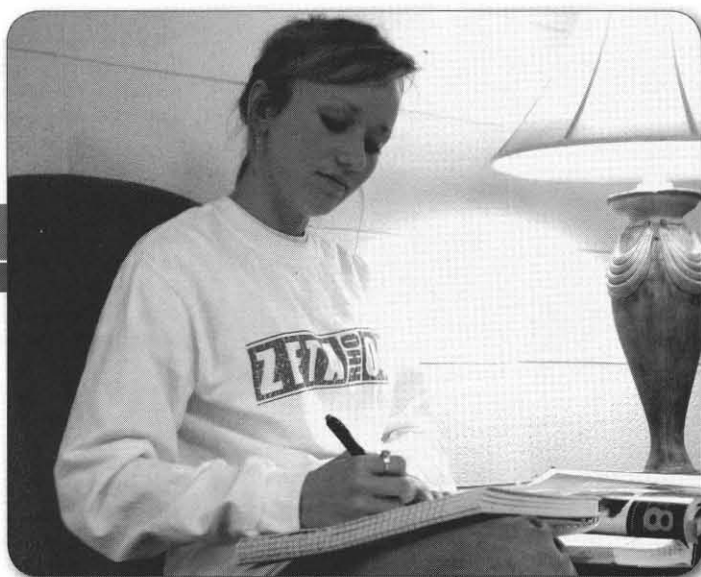
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 Jared Winters — Jonesboro, Ark.

Daniel Witcher — Austin, Texas  
 Jeremy Wood — Amarillo, Texas  
 Emily Woodroof — Searcy, Ark.  
 Amanda Wright — Spring, Texas  
 Stacey Wright — Mexia, Texas  
 Pei-Yin Wu — Tatchung County, Taiwan



People

*freshmen*



**STUDYING IN THE SEARS LOBBY JAN. 20,** freshman Molly Brooke Threadgill goes about her daily routine, which usually includes only three to four hours of sleep a night. "I get my sleeping habits from my dad," said Threadgill, whose extracurricular activities included serving the freshman class as a Student Association representative.

•R. KECK

# When the sun goes down

**Freshman occupies abnormal sleeping habits**

**I**n a dimly lit dorm room on campus, freshman Molly Brooke Threadgill sat and finished her homework.

Though it was common for a college student to be working on homework at 2:30 in the morning, the difference between Threadgill and the average college student was she was not waiting to go to bed, Threadgill was up for the day.

If she was not busy working on homework and preparing for the day ahead, Threadgill was out the door and jogging as soon as the sun came up. She averaged about four hours of sleep a night.

"I just can't stand to be inside when the sun comes up," Threadgill said. "I just have to go outside."

As freshman representative on the Student Association, Threadgill was actively involved on campus her first year at Harding. Though it would seem that doing so much

**"Sleeping only three of four hours a night is just how I operate."**

MOLLY BROOK THREADGILL,  
FRESHMAN

and sleeping so little would catch up with her, Threadgill said she had operated like this for years.

"I was really, really busy in high school, and I am the same now," Threadgill said. "Sleeping only three or four hours a night is just how I function."

Threadgill said she is not alone in her lack of need for sleep.

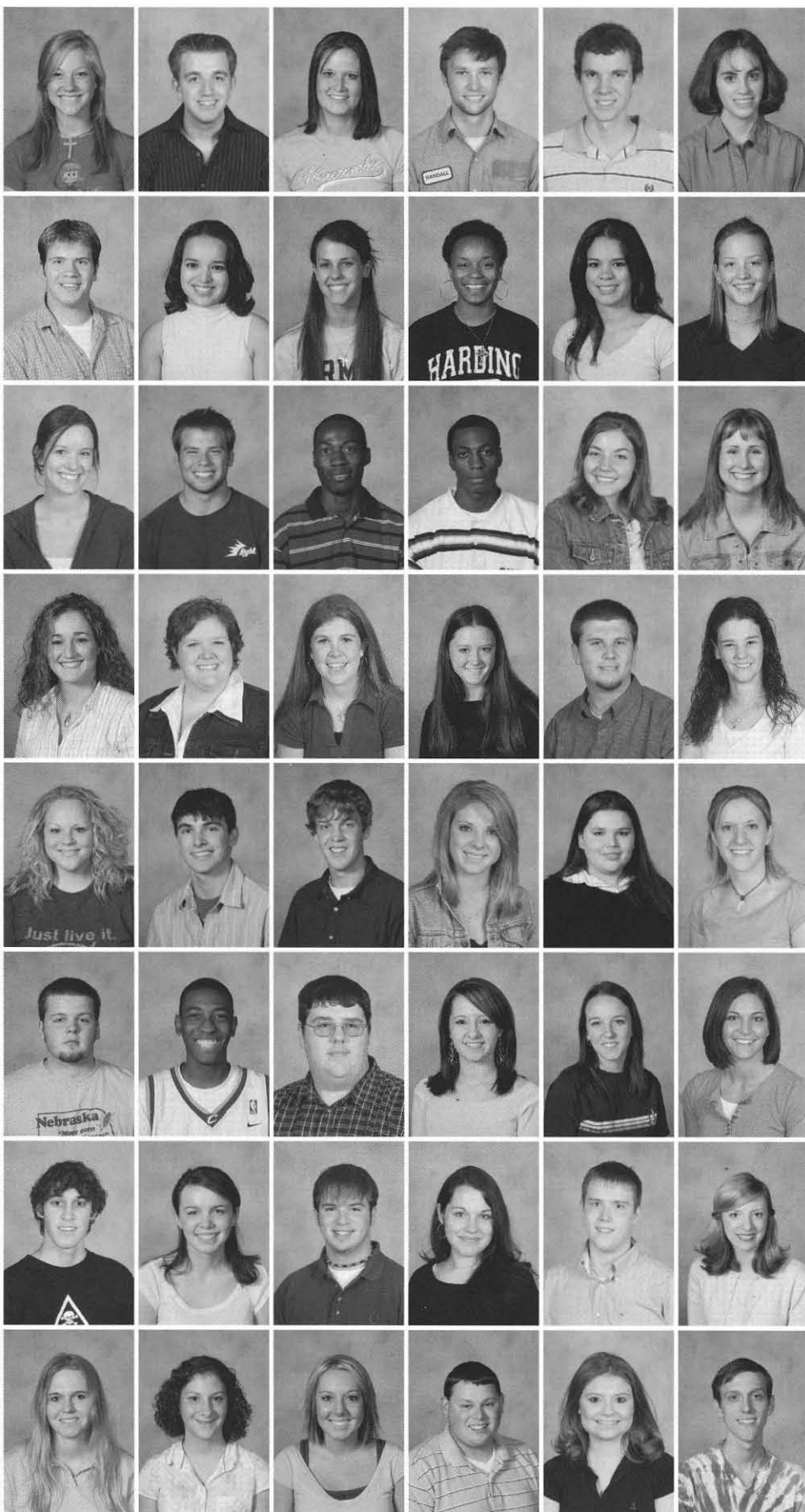
"I get my sleeping habits from my dad," Threadgill said, "He's an early riser like me. My mom even stays up until two, three or even four

in the morning and then gets up to take my sister to school at 6 a.m. My mom and I would always bond in those early hours of the morning when the world was finally quiet. They know that it works for me, so they don't worry."

Lacking sleep did not seem to affect the way Threadgill accomplished her job as an SA representative, according to SA President Jimmy Huff. He said Threadgill was helpful and upbeat.

"She's just incredible," Huff said. "I can always count on her to have a positive outlook on any situation. Even when I'm not enthusiastic about a project, I can always count on Molly Brooke to be enthusiastic. She has great initiative and is very dependable. It is weird that she doesn't sleep much because she does so much, but she doesn't get burned out. She seems to have it all together."

→ERIN COOK



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 Stephen Adkins — Brooksville, Fla.  
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 Kathryn Ashley — Maumelle, Ark.  
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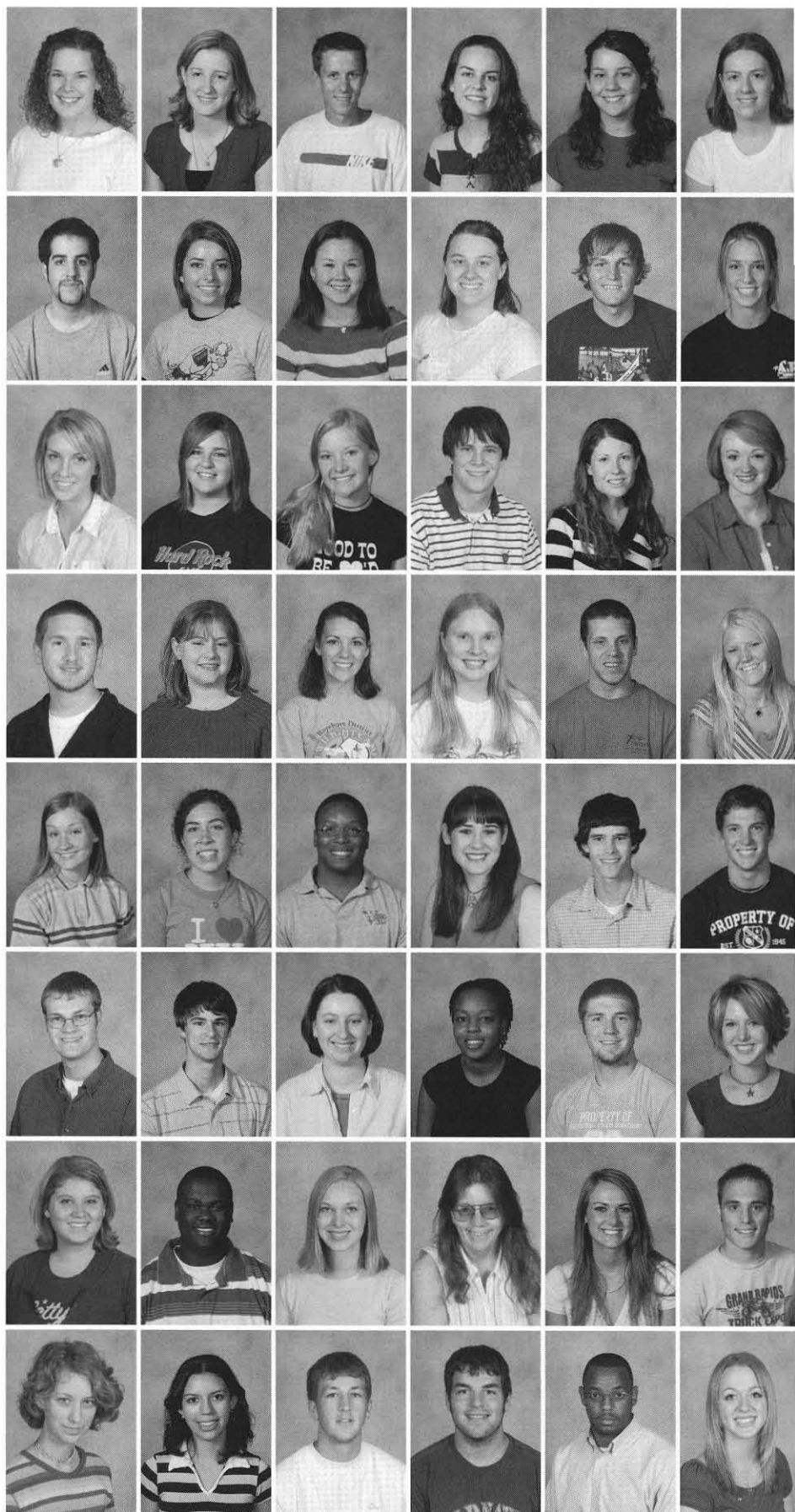
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# Burgers are things of the Past

## Tortilla Fresca offers new Mexican flavor, ousts American standard

**T**hree days after classes started, junior Andrea Copeland entered the student center with a craving for a hamburger.

Unfortunately for Copeland, she never received the letter sent to students over the summer that informed them Burger King had been replaced.

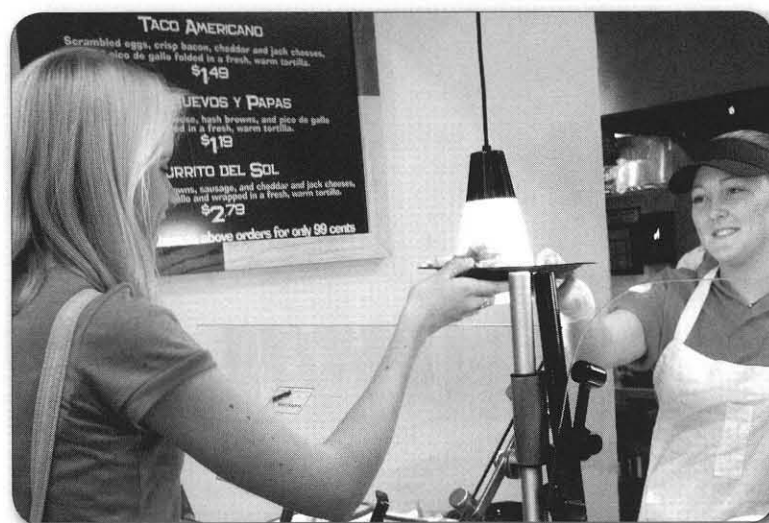
"I walked into the student center and I was like, 'Where did the Burger King go?'" Copeland said. "I was sad to see that it was gone, especially since I really wanted to eat a burger — that was the whole reason I went in there."

George Strachan, retail manager for Aramark, said Burger King's decreasing sales seemed to indicate that the fast-food restaurant was losing its popularity among students.

In order to find a replacement, staff from Harding and Aramark surveyed students and found Mexican food was the top pick.

The Mexican restaurant Aramark officials chose was Tortilla Fresca, which offered made-when-you-order Tex-Mex. The menu included beef, chicken and portabella mushrooms, as well as vegetarian alternatives.

"It's good, cheap Tex-Mex,"



**FRESHMAN REBEKAH GIBB**, a Tortilla Fresca server, hands sophomore Laura Vick her late afternoon snack Sept. 27. Tortilla Fresca, a made-to-order Tex-Mex restaurant, greeted students this fall in the student center food court. "It's good to have a new option — something different," Vick said. •A. INGRAM

senior Ashley Kennedy said. "The average college student can afford it, and the staff there is friendly and efficient."

However, student opinions of the new fare ranged from thrilled to underwhelmed, and not all complaints centered on food style or quality.

Students with particularly hectic schedules yearned for the grab-and-go style of the past.

"Overall, I miss Burger King," senior Christa Abernathy said. "We

no longer have a cheap meal to eat on the go."

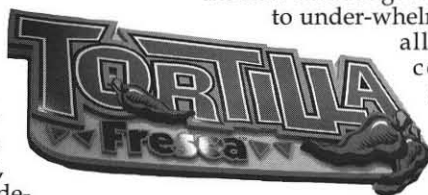
Aramark said it was trying to please both students who wanted to eat and run and students who wanted to sit and eat by diversifying food choices and campus options.

"We just try to keep it different and new and exciting for the students," Strachan said.

As for Copeland, she said that, while she missed Burger King, she liked Tortilla Fresca.

"I'm kind of sad we don't have Burger King anymore, but the quesadillas are good," she said. "Of course, you can't really mess up a quesadilla — it is just cheese and tortilla."

→BONNIE BOWLES



IN THE CAMBODIAN VILLAGE OF KOMPONG THOM, junior Casey Hanson reads the story of Jesus to local children. Hanson translated the story from English books into Khmer, the language of Cambodia.

•COURTESY OF C. HANSON

# CHRIST IN CAMBODIA

STUDENT'S DREAM TO SHARE COMES TRUE

**S**eparated from the familiar in a country far off, junior Casey Hanson lived out her one true passion: telling others about Christ.

For five months — July through December 2003 — Hanson stayed in Cambodia to spread the Gospel. The opportunity came when a temporary missionary in Cambodia heard of Hanson's interest in the mission field and invited her to spend time with his team.

Hanson said she realized what she was leaving when she was on the plane headed to Cambodia and watched the familiar Alabama red mud and cotton fields fade in the distance.

When the plane was over Japan, she said her spirit was eased when the words of Psalm 139 went through her mind.

"When you fight for something and then get it, you realize what you're really doing," Hanson said. "I knew that God had gone with me. I saw He was working."

In 2003, Cambodia was home to more than 13 million people, and 95 percent of them practiced Buddhism. Unlike in China, it was not illegal to teach Christianity in Cambodia, yet few Cambodians had heard the Gospel.

Hanson said most Cambodian citizens were born into the Buddhist faith — a faith that left many Cambodians with no hope of salvation.

"They have nothing to hope for," Hanson said. "When I asked them what they looked forward to, they had nothing, because they know that they have been bad. They know the best they can hope for is to be reincarnated as a human. Even if they could achieve enlightenment, to them it just means oblivion."

Hanson's time in Cambodia was not stationary. She went from city to city teaching free English courses and distributing Bibles written in a simple language that the students could understand.

Hanson said many of the students who read the Gospel story were amazed at the hope it gave.

"I had a student who I explained [the concept of] grace to, and she started crying," Hanson said. "These people never cry unless they are at

a funeral. She kept saying it was too incredible, just too amazing. The Gospel is more than anything they could hope for."

One of the most difficult times for Hanson was her work at the Monivong orphanage, one of many in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh.

"It was a place where two worlds collided," Hanson said. "On one hand, these children had hope because they were taken off the street and away from people who would try to [exploit] them. On the other, so many of them were sick

**"I KNEW THAT GOD HAD GONE WITH ME. I SAW HE WAS WORKING."**

CASEY HANSON, JUNIOR



**READING THE STORY OF JONAH AND THE BIG FISH,** junior Casey Hanson works to gain the trust of the Cambodians, who first believed Hanson to be a "white demon." Colorful pictures in the book she was reading aloud on the side of the road attracted the curious group, Hanson said. •COURTESY OF C. HANSON

from disease and malnutrition that we prayed for them to die. I had never prayed for that before."

Hanson said her faith in God kept her strong.

"In every situation and every continent, no matter what's going on, God is there and works in ways we don't understand," she said.

Although the future was uncertain, Hanson was eager to return to Cambodia and planned a survey trip for the summer of 2005.

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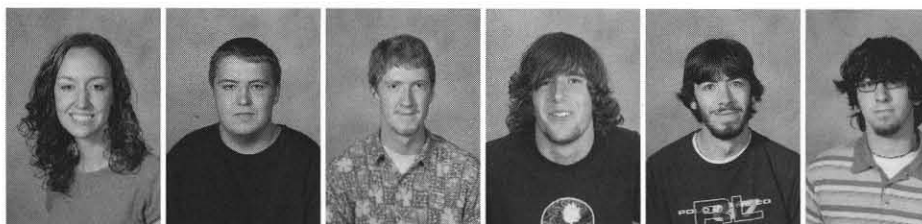
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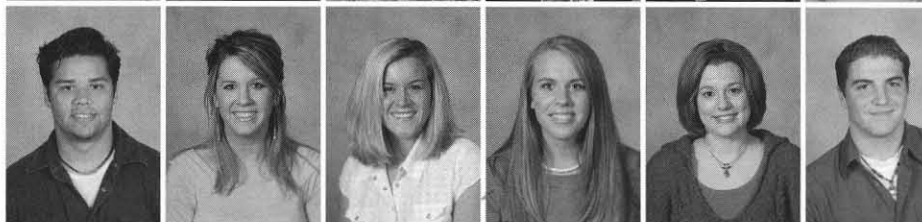
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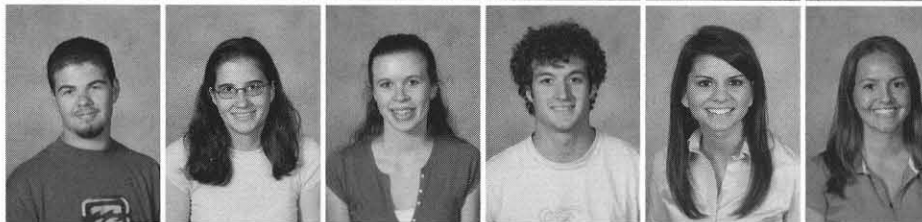
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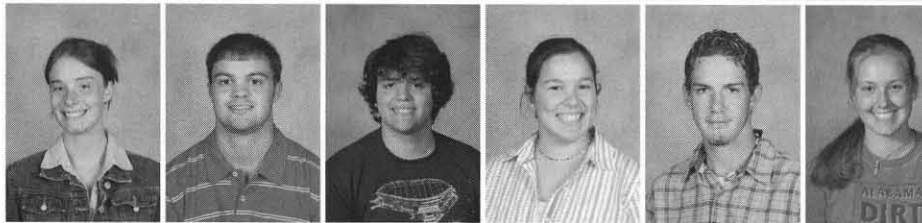
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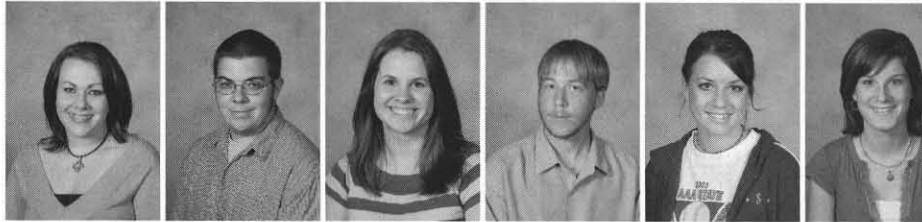
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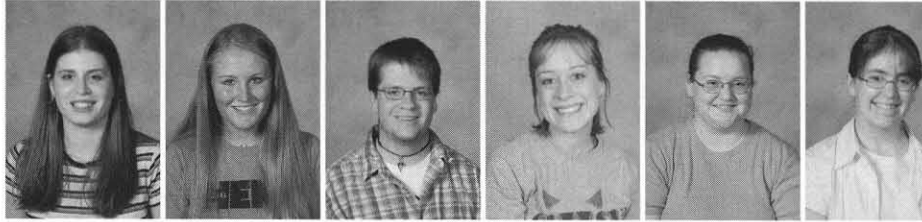
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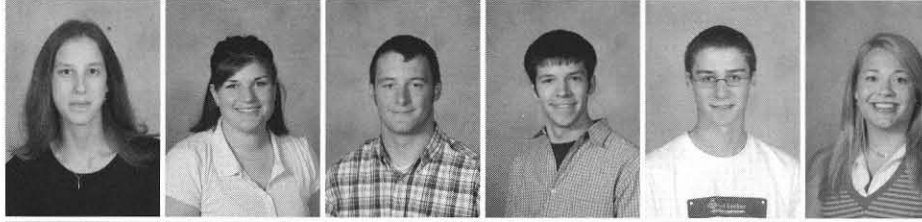
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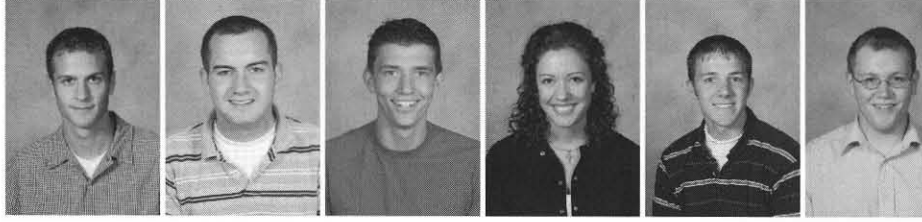
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**FRESHMEN KAYME LEWIS,** Lacy Smith, Stephanie Watkins, Erica Lewis and Mary Ashley Callaway sit in their uniquely decorated Sears dorm hallway Sept. 28. Sophomore Abby King, resident assistant, chose "Girls in the Hood" as the theme for Sears 2 South, decorating it with graffiti-covered walls and a "Word Yo Sista" board, which featured a different memory verse each week  
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# Living in the 'Hood'

**Freshman resident assistant trades in flowers, butterflies for caution tape, fake bullet holes**

**M**ost of the halls in Sears dorm had themes typical of a freshmen women's dorm: flowers, stars and luau. All strove for a cheery and warm atmosphere for incoming freshmen women.

One hall, however, stood out from the rest.

With walls and ceiling lights covered with black lining and spray-painted signs complete with fake bullet holes, the women of 2 South lived in a different sort of neighborhood — the "Harding Hood" to be exact. Sophomore Abby King, the resident assistant behind the decor, said she wanted to do something with her hall that had not been done before.

"I was trying to think about a theme that was different and more creative than the butterflies and stars decorations," King said. "It just popped into my head one day while I was brainstorming."

Freshman Lindsey Walters, one of the women who lived in the "Hood," said she was skeptical about her RA

and the decorations at first glance.

"Before I met her I thought she was a little ghetto, but that's not Abby at all," Walters said. "[The hall] is something to have fun with — it will be memorable."

King said she called Lisa Farley, the residence life coordinator in Sears, during the summer so Farley could approve her theme. Farley said she thought it was a neat idea.

"I thought it sounded really fun," Farley said. "No one had ever done one like that before."

It may not have been the sunshine and butterfly decorations that embellished other halls, but the "Harding Hood" emphasized the same concept — fellowship. The RAs' theme this year was the "Fruit of the Spirit." King said she picked someone on her hall who demonstrated that kind of spirit to be the "Gangster of the Week." King

also had the "Word Yo Sista" board, which featured a different memory verse on it each week.

Sophomore Michelle Staggs, another RA in Sears who used stars as her hall theme, was impressed by King's creative efforts.

"I thought it was really cool, and I was like 'Whoa, I wish I was that creative,'" she said. "You could tell that [Abby] had done a lot of work on it ... it almost made me feel like I hadn't done enough [on my own hall]."

Freshman Taylon Cook, a resident of the "Hood" said she found the theme funny, creative and different. "I'm happy that we're not like everyone else," she said.

Although the women in the "Hood" enjoyed their hall's decor, King said some of their parents did not relate to the theme as well as their daughters. As a result, King took down some of the decorations a few weeks into the fall semester.

—BRIDGET CLARK



**A PIECE OF CARDBOARD** and a black marker make the ghetto name cards that adorned each door in Sears 2 South. •A. BEENE





**SENIORS COLBY AND CHERYL BLAISDELL** cut their wedding cake at the reception following their Nov. 27 wedding in Plano, Texas. "Harding's environment is very conducive to marriage because it's such an accepted thing. You become ready for marriage here," Cheryl said. •COURTESY OF M. JAMES

# MYTH OR TRUTH?

## STUDENT SWINGS INTO 'MARRIAGE FACTORY' REPUTATION

**P**eople say that Harding is a "marriage factory," and often in a rather pejorative sense, as in, "Harding is such a marriage factory! Well, I'm never letting it get me!"

Girls say this as if handsome young men were leaping out of the bushes every day thrusting diamond rings in their faces, and people like me usually just nod and smile, when we are actually thinking, "Oh, please let it get me! Oh please!"

The rest of us are left still wondering if the idea of a "marriage factory" is really just a sick joke.

But bitterness does not become us. So I try to act happy when girls show me their engagement rings. To be honest, though, I really don't care about the ring. I may be happy that they are getting married, sure, but, being a single guy, my only experi-

ence in the ring business comes from walking briskly past mall jewelry stores on the way to Bookland. Also, I have no concept of what's attractive. So I have to pretend. "That is a stunningly beautiful ring!"

They never seem impressed by my reaction. "But don't you like it?" they'll ask. "Eh, why not?" I say, and by about that point they get the message.

It doesn't really matter. The girl does not care in the least what you think of the ring.

What she really cares about are the opinions of all of her girlfriends, many of whom are already engaged, or engaged to be engaged, or engaged to be engaged to be engaged, and the competition is getting fearsome.

For us actual purchasers of the stone, this can be a little daunting. We all understand that the ring has to be

absolutely perfect within a reasonable college student's price range (\$64.34 and a Pizza Pro coupon), and the pressure can sometimes be fairly high.

Then comes the wedding itself, which always starts out in the groom's mind as a small, intimate affair held in some suitable location such as Waikiki. When the bride-to-be hears this, she announces, "That idea sounds fantastic! I've never wanted a big wedding, anyway."

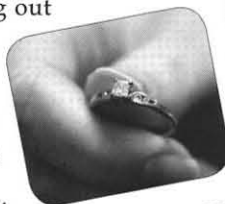
This, of course, is a preposterous lie, and occasionally the groom is dumb enough to buy it.

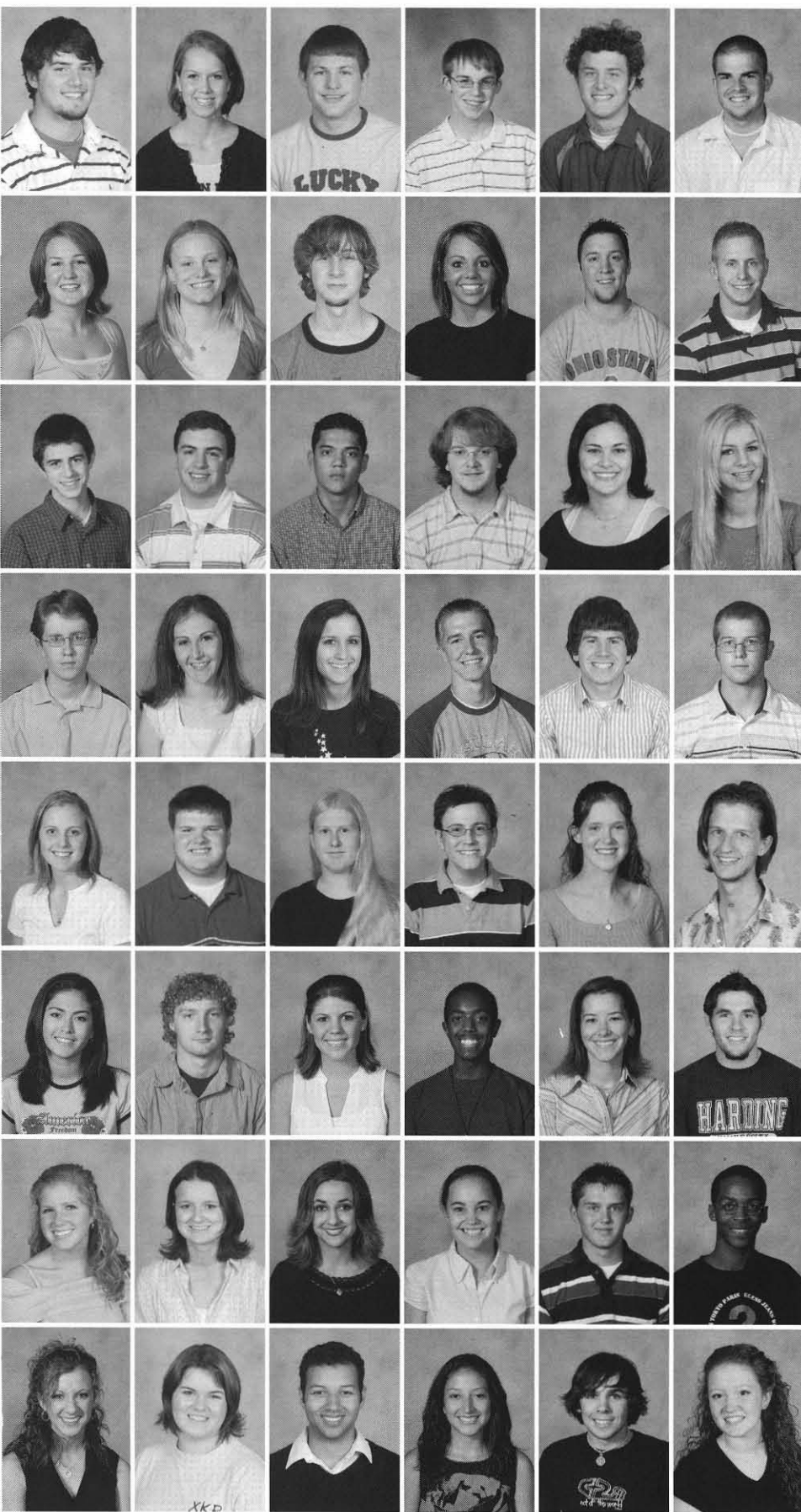
The bride has actually been planning her wedding down to the last flower petal since age 3, and she is not going to let something as insignificant as the wishes of the groom impede her glorious and life-consuming march to matrimony.

So, now that I've shared my feelings on engagement, I'm still eligible. Any takers?

—CHRIS GUIN

Editor's note: Chris Guin was a humor columnist for the *Petit Jean*.





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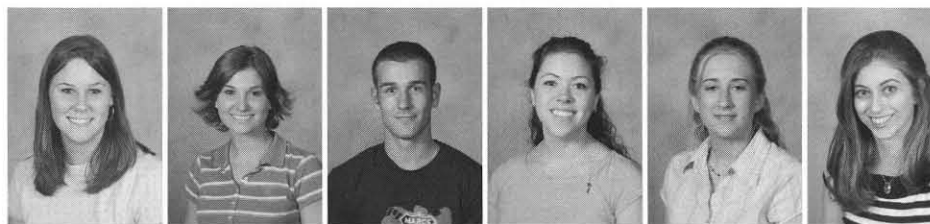
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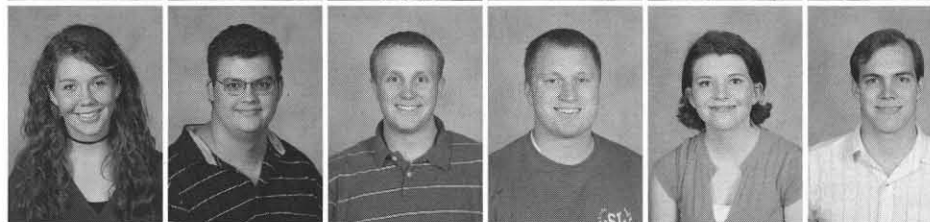
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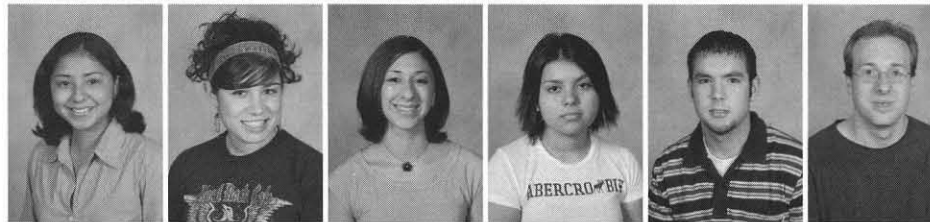
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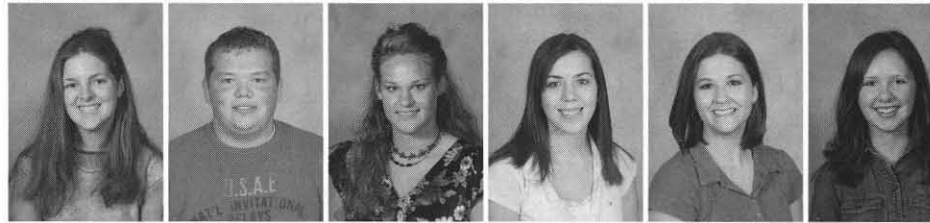
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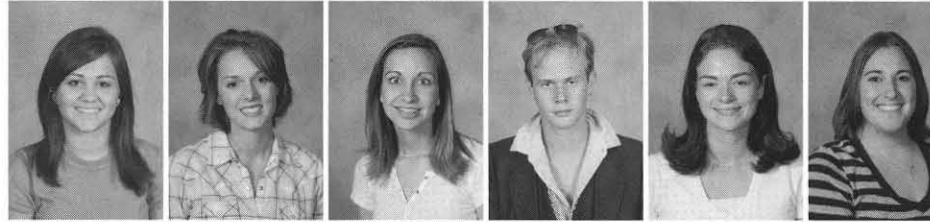
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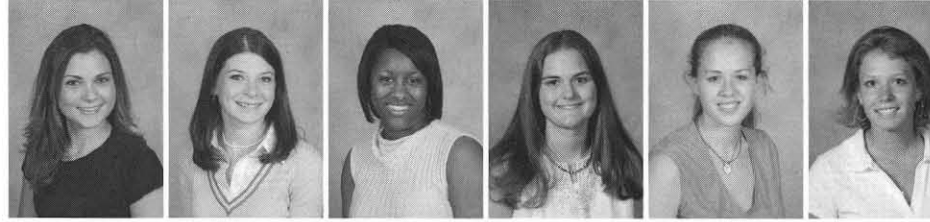
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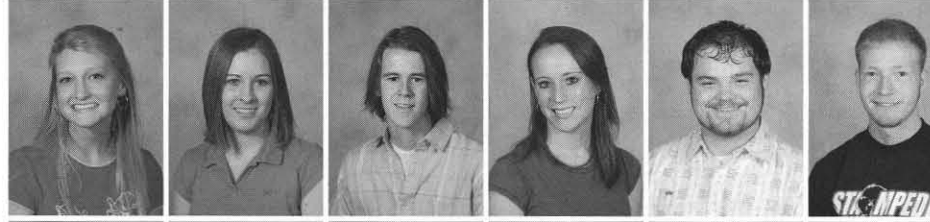
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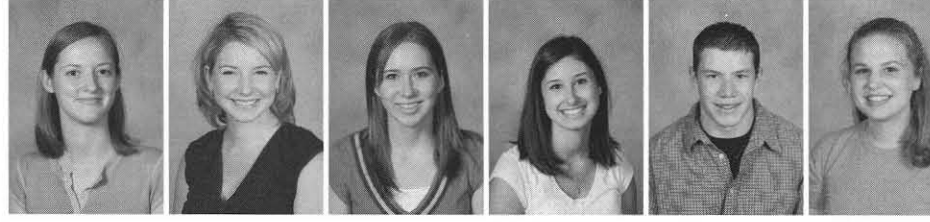
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# Colors of a Personality



**SOPHOMORE JON ROSS** puts finishing touches on a T-shirt he is tie-dyeing Oct. 6 in Allen Hall. Ross, an art major, said his interest in tie-dyeing gave him a greater appreciation for color. •R. KECK

## Tye-die artist develops hobby, life

**L**ed Zeppelin, Africa and Hawaii.

The three seem to share no common traits.

However, sophomore Jon Ross looked at each separately and poured all his artistic inspirations into exploring a new medium of art — tie-dyeing.

Ross, an art major, moved into Allen Hall in August without a painting he created over the summer specifically to fill the wall space above his bed.

Ross needed a replacement to make up for his memory lapse.

A Led Zeppelin DVD and a hike up the Hawaiian coast gave Ross the idea for a large, tie-dyed wall hanging with the Led Zeppelin angel in the foreground.

Ross started experimenting with small projects when he and a few friends tie-dyed T-shirts, jeans and other clothes the first weekend of the fall semester.

Some of the patterns were based on colorfully dyed skirts his sister brought back from a trip to Africa.

Still another source of ideas came from vintage 60s and 70s finds.

"It's kind of hippy-ish," Ross said. "I think the hippies have some characteristics Christians could go for, like peace and love."

Ross said his project was not only artistic, but also spiritual.

"Basically, I feel like through my summer and the first few weeks of school here that God's given me something new to do with color," Ross said.

Ross and his friends spent five hours dyeing pillowcases, clothes and the sheet that would serve as the angel's background.

"Since I've been wearing the tie-dye, half of my wardrobe is now tie-dye," Ross said. "After wearing tie-dye for two weeks, it's really weird wearing a regular shirt. It seems so bland."

Ross's varied inspirations for wearable art gave him a greater appreciation for color.

Until this tie-dye experimentation, Ross's preferred mediums were black and white charcoal, and pen and ink drawings.

Through tie-dye and painting, Ross expanded both his palette and his creative horizons.

"Through Led Zeppelin, tie-dye, color and nature, I feel that God's given me brilliant colors in my life," Ross said. "It has really changed my life."

→ BONNIE BOWLES



Maintenance  
Log

# logging in LAUGHTER

## Maintenance reports become comic relief

**A** toilet won't flush. A light won't turn on. A door won't stop creaking. Harding University's maintenance crews dealt with problems like these in the dorms every day.

Time after time they rescued damsels in distress by reviewing the maintenance logs located in each women's dorm lobby, calling in work orders and fixing the reported problems.

In spite of the serious nature of their jobs, however, maintenance officials said many of the requests they received were humorous.

For example, the ladies of Shores Hall reported a few requests that, if read in the right way, were quite entertaining.

"My mirror doesn't work!" one read.

Another: "The toilet isn't bolted down!"

The ladies of Searcy Hall, however, struggled with a different kind of problem at the beginning of the semester. The menace came in the form of bugs.

Junior Amy Greek, a resident assistant in Searcy Hall, said she recalled one girl last year who didn't see the need to use words for her bug report.

"She just drew ants across the maintenance log page, one by one, to illustrate her point," Greek said.

One girl wrote down, "There is a live bug in the bathroom ... looks like a black beetle."

Another girl: "There are beetles in the sink area! (alive)."

Besides the faulty mirrors, loose toilets and courageous bugs that live in a women's dorm, the other enemy

maintenance battled was mold that sometimes crept into some of the residence halls.

Senior Jennifer Holt, a resident assistant in Cathcart Hall, said she remembered a friend's report last year that was the cause of much laughter among her friends.

"There is always going to be some mold in the vents in the bathroom, but for whatever reason, this girl had way too much in hers," Holt said. "She reported it as the 'black mold of death' and it just struck us all as very humorous."

Danny DeRamus, director of Physical Resources, said he has seen and heard many funny things during the 20 years he has been

employed in the department.

"Over Christmas break a girl left a note on her dorm door that read, 'Dear Filter Man, please water my plants while you are here so they won't die while I am gone,'" DeRamus said.

Another story of horror and humor involved a girl who lived in Shores Hall shortly after it was built, DeRamus said.

"She called the department and said there was a stinky smell coming from her oven," he said. "When the maintenance men arrived to check it out, they discovered she was warming her food up in a Tupperware

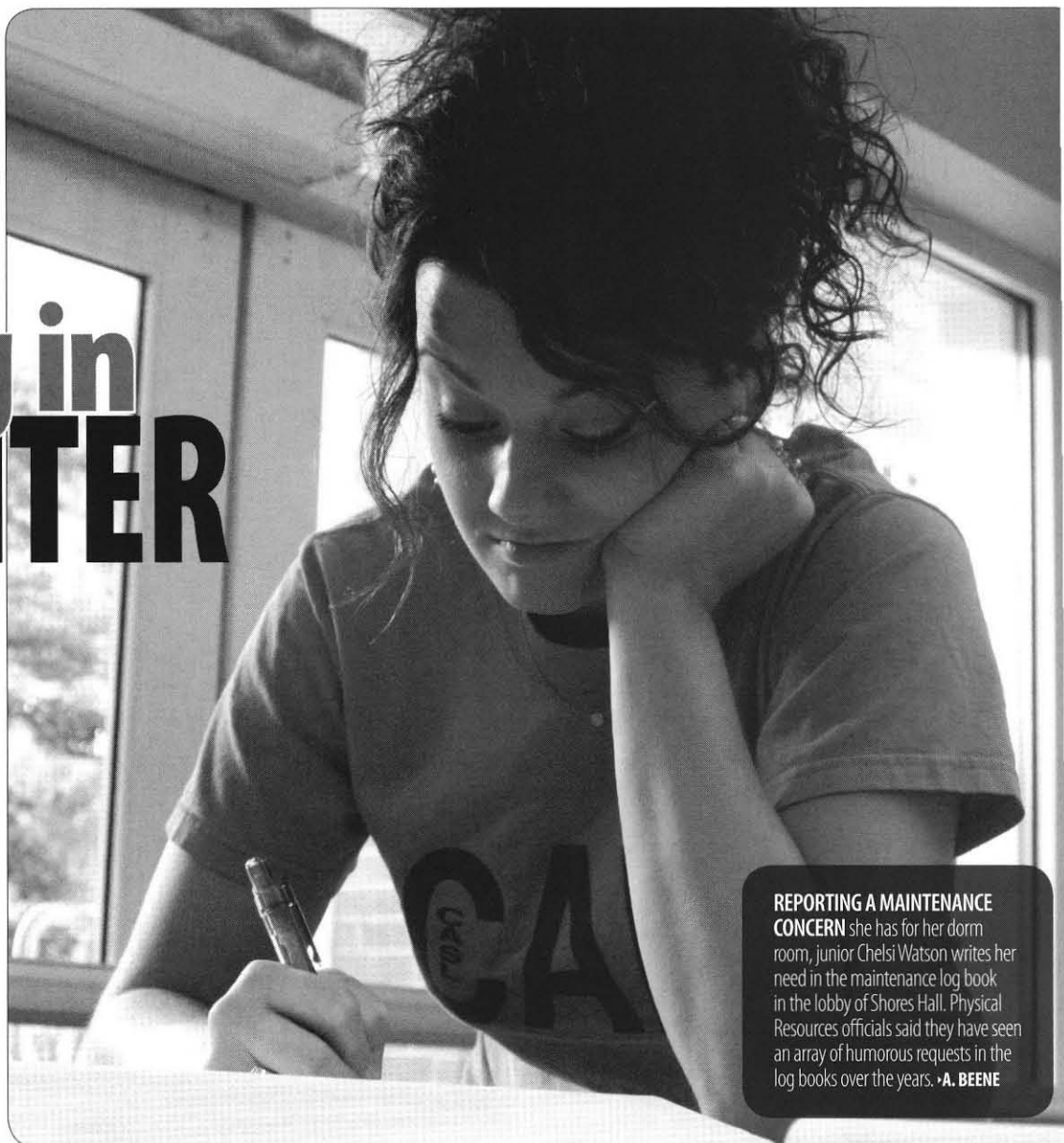
container, which was melting plastic all over the rack."

DeRamus also said a typical call from a girl's dorm was about the clogged sink drain.

"When we went to unclog the drain, our plumbers asked if she had dropped anything down the drain that could be causing the clog," DeRamus said. "The girl said, 'Well, I put an entire box of rice down the drain because it had bugs in it.' The plumbers worked for hours to remove the rice concrete from the drain. That is one of those things you should not try at home."

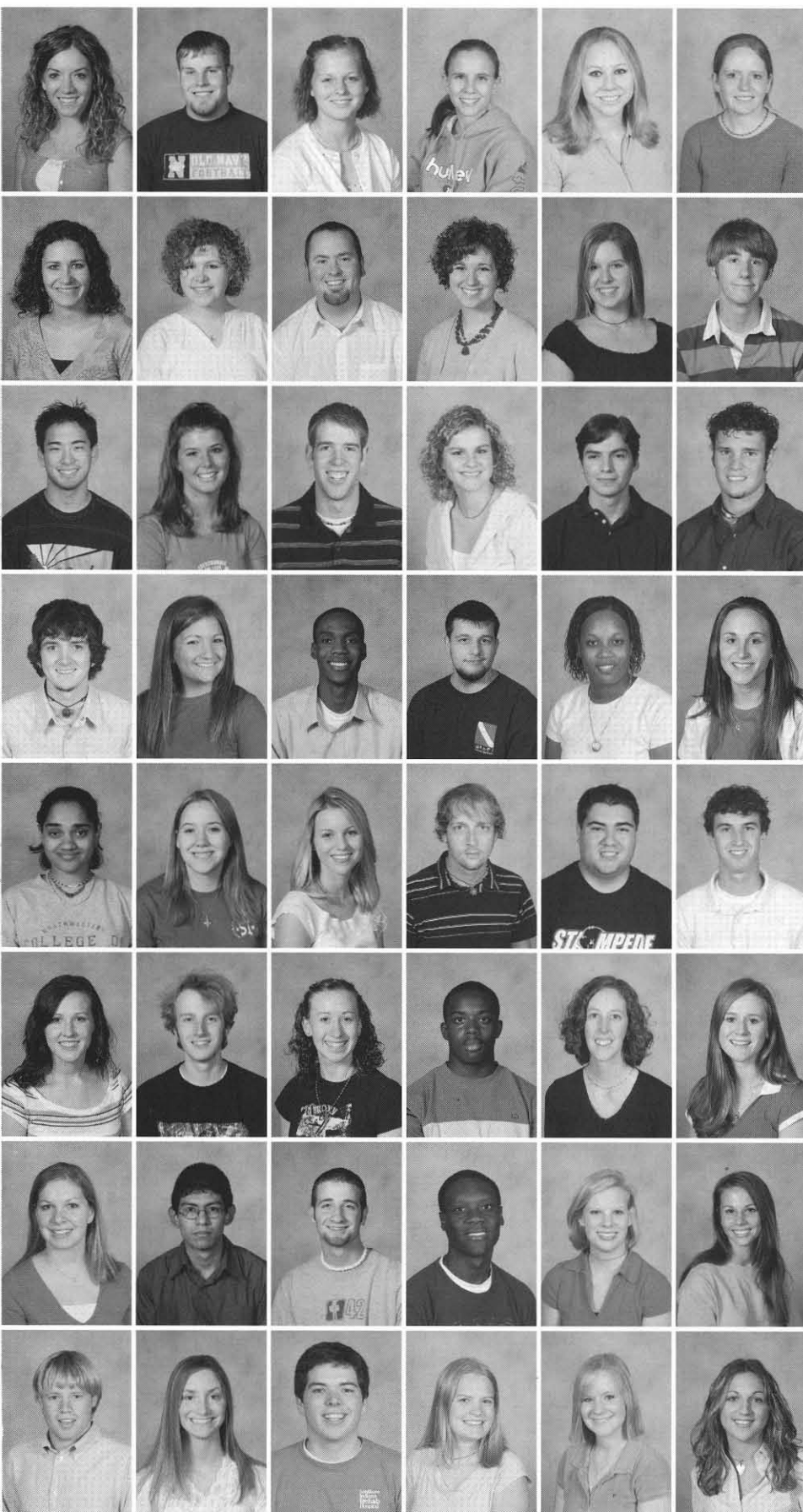
From getting rid of deathly mold to digging out rice from a drain, the maintenance men have seen and heard it all. So students beware — a call for help one day can be someone's punch line the next.

→LISA BLOU



**REPORTING A MAINTENANCE CONCERN** she has for her dorm room, junior Chelsi Watson writes her need in the maintenance log book in the lobby of Shores Hall. Physical Resources officials said they have seen an array of humorous requests in the log books over the years. •A. BEENE





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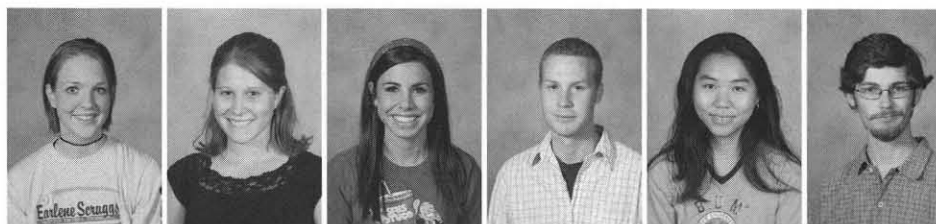
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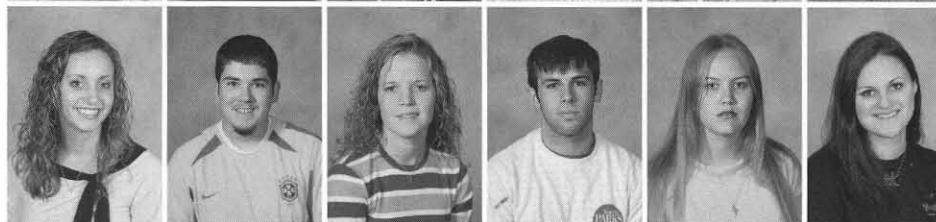
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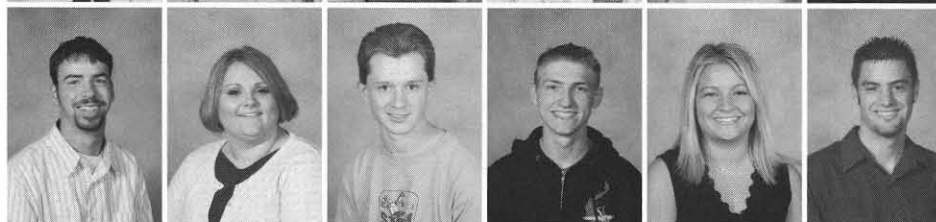
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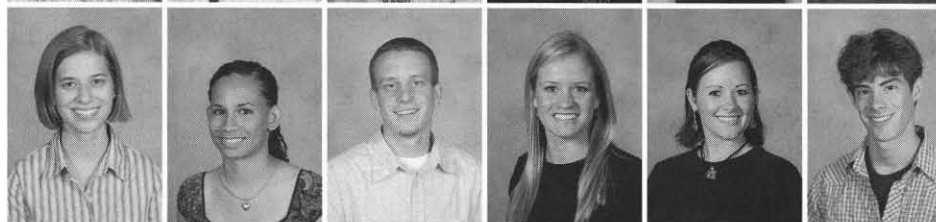
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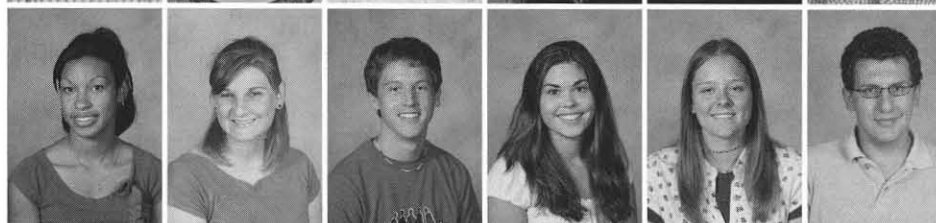
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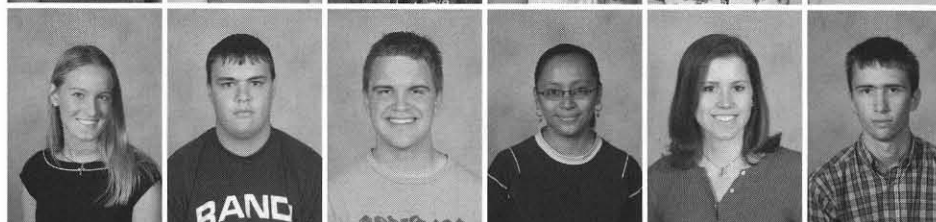
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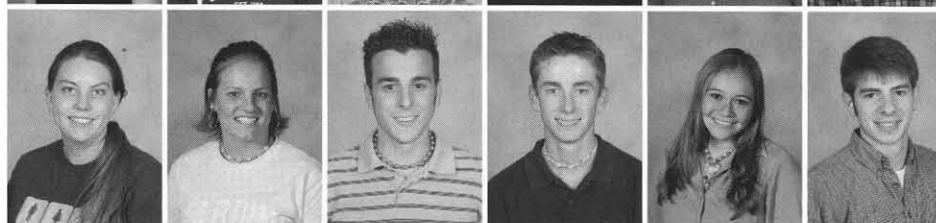
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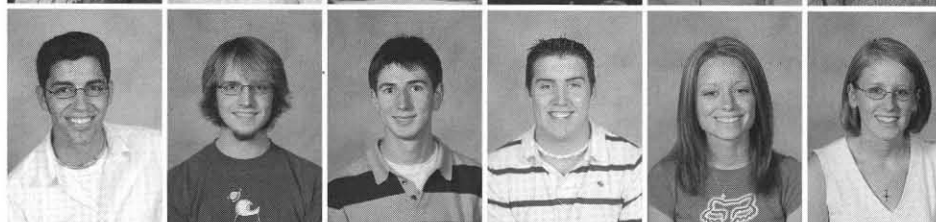
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 Erin Lowe — Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 Jason Loy — Hot Springs, Ark.



Crystal Loyd — McRae, Ark.  
 Amanda Makool — Wynne, Ark.  
 Tommaso Mariotti — Scan Dicc, Italy  
 W. Troy Marrs — Payson, Ariz.  
 Christie Martin — Panama City, Panama  
 Mitchell Martin — Edwardsville, Ill.



Juan Martinez III — St. Paul, Minn.  
 Lucas Matthews — Louisville, Ky.  
 Nicholas May — Searcy, Ark.  
 Carl McAfee Jr. — Kennedale, Texas  
 Vanessa McCormick — Imperial, Mo.  
 Morgan McCubbin — Charlotte, N.C.





**FRESHMAN LAUREN FRANZ** sifts through clothing at the Goodwill store on Race Street Nov. 12. "You can create your own unique style by mixing vintage and new clothing," Franz said. •A. INGRAM

# or Vintage Imposter?

Students discover the art of finding that 'one-of-a-kind' T-shirt

**A**ccording to fashion designer Tom Ford, the average clothing consumer in 2004 was only interested in wearing jeans and a T-shirt as his or her everyday attire.

Many believed Ford's evaluation proved correct on Harding's campus this year, as thousands of students donned the cotton tee for comfort as well as fashion.

But fashion-conscious students didn't wear just any T-shirts. Junior Brad Thornton said vintage tees appeared on the backs of hundreds of Harding students this year.

"The 70s style in general is back," he said. "And vintage shirts are included."

The phrase "vintage T-shirt," according to Thornton, encompasses anything from band shirts, such as Guns N' Roses or Motley Crüe, to goofy phrases such as "Lo Fat Pud-

ding for Cultural Change," to 80s cartoon characters.

However, a vintage T-shirt wasn't like a vintage car, which had to be 25 years old to be authentic, according to senior Courtnei Lambardo. Many clothing companies like Abercrombie & Fitch and American Eagle offered vintage-look-alikes.

Lambardo said while she thought original vintage shirts were cool, she happily bought remakes if she liked them.

"I think overall, they're all cute and trendy," she said. "I think it's cool that there are cute shirts with fun sayings on them instead of just regular baggy T-shirts."

Some students, however, thought the remakes, though stylish, were not up to par with the originals. Freshman Kelly Allen said she was not a fan of the "new" vintage shirts.

"I don't buy the vintage tees from any of the stores, and I don't really like

going to American Eagle and seeing tons of factory-produced 'vintage' T-shirts," Allen said. "But we have a really good thrift store back home that I like to look through."

Junior Jarod Stokes said true vintage tees hid in the racks at thrift stores, and seekers needed to be willing to spend time to find them. He said part of the fun of vintage tees was the hunt for those one-of-a-kind shirts.

"You can spend a lot of time scanning the racks for that perfectly cool shirt that everyone else overlooked," Stokes said. "One of the things that makes finding a good vintage tee so great is that you hope it is an original — something that nobody else will have."

Some vintage tee owners said they had one special shirt that stood out from the rest.

"I have this really old softball jersey that I found at a thrift store back home," Allen said. "It's green, and has the name of my dad's company on it, which makes it special." →ERIN COOK



**DRESSED AS A LADYBUG**, freshman Ashley Walker jokes with her sister, junior Lindsey Walker, about her costume in the student center Nov. 10. A Ko Jo Kai inductee, Ashley wore the costume as a part of Induction Week activities. **•A.BEENE**



# AWKWARD MOMENTS

## FRESHMEN TRY TO FORGET EMBARRASSING MEMORIES

**B**eep, beep, beep rages the sound of the alarm clock. The fluorescent numbers shout 6 a.m. Three hours should be enough time to get ready for the first day of school.

It is four minutes to chapel and the panic is setting in. Somewhere among the sea of people is the seat. Fears enter the mind, such as, "What if someone else is already sitting in the seat, or what if the seat doesn't even exist?"

Freshman year was a time of new experiences and feelings. For the first time, students were on their own. All the familiarity of high school was gone, and the transition into college had begun.

Not knowing what was ahead for a freshman could be exciting and a little scary.

These fears and insecurities could ultimately lead to the anxious dread of embarrassment and the fulfillment of that dread.

Freshman Ryan Dement said that one of the first days he was in the dorm he went in and lay on a bed that he thought was his friend's.

"I started looking around the room and thought, 'Hey, those pictures aren't my friend or my friend's girlfriend,'" Dement said. "It was a moment of horrific realization that I wasn't in the right room."

Dement said he didn't bother trying to figure out whose room he was really in.

"I ran [out of the room] full speed," he said.

While she never entered the wrong person's room, freshman

Laura Blount said she was afraid of waking up late and being tardy to class.

To make sure she didn't experience this discomfort, Blount said she devised a plan to make sure she would be on time.

"I set three alarm clocks one night so that I would be sure to

wake up in the morning," Blount said. "[The next morning] each of the alarm clocks went off at different times, and I hit the snooze button each time. I eventually got up and got to class in time."

Another cause of tardiness that haunted some freshmen was getting lost and being unable to find their class on time.

Senior Nathaniel Barnett remembered experiencing this fear when he was a freshman.

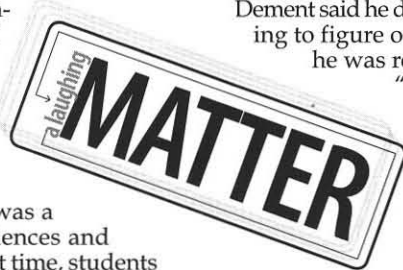
"I worried about teachers being mad at me for being late because there are so many buildings and I might get lost trying to find my class," he said.

The transition between high school relationships and new relationships in college was sometimes awkward, senior Jason Ayers said.

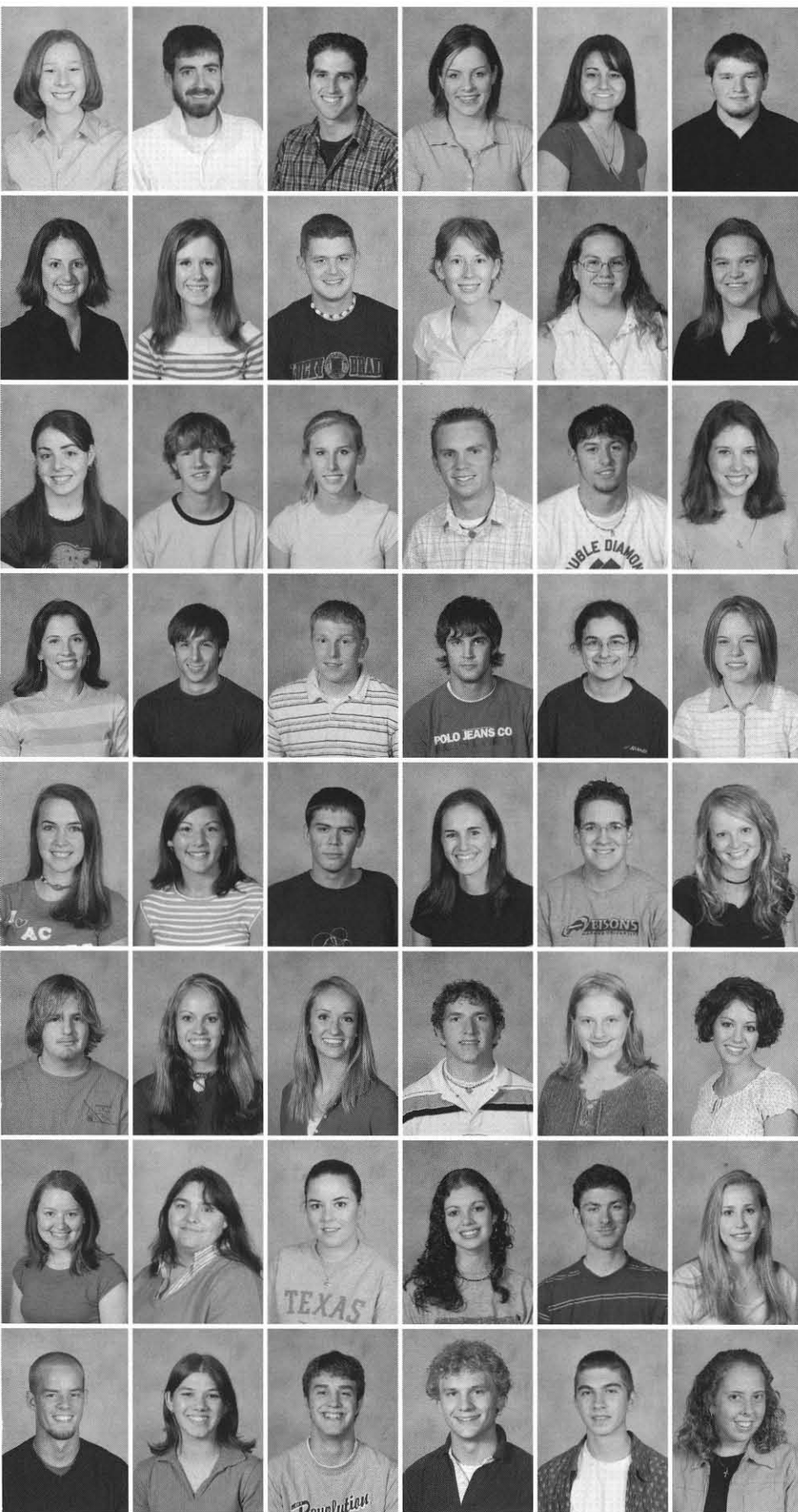
He said a blind date made for an embarrassing situation for him.

"I was going on a blind date, and before the date I was talking to the girl who set it up," he said. "I started talking about putting the moves on my date, but I had no idea the girl was sitting right there next to my friend."

→ AMY IRELAND







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 Benjamin McDonald — Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Casey McDonald — Middleburg, Fla.  
 Amanda McDougal — Pleasant Plains, Ark.  
 Jeanette McGee — Deer Park, Texas  
 Peter McGraw — Memphis, Tenn.

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 Kelley Passafiume — Little Rock, Ark.  
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 Lindsay Reese — Tulsa, Okla.





**JUNIOR RACHEL THIES OPENS** a birthday card at her birthday party in the Pryor multi-purpose room Oct. 5. Some students said that while they missed their families on their birthdays, they found unique, entertaining ways to celebrate the special day with friends. •A. INGRAM

# HU-Style Birthdays

Students find creative ways to celebrate at school

A pile of brightly wrapped presents, a gooey cake glowing with candles, Mom with the camera poised ready for action — this was the scene most students pictured when they thought of past birthdays.

At college, however, birthdays tended to be a little less stereotypical. For many students, freshman year was the first time they had been away from home on their birthdays, but they learned that the conventional cake and ice cream was not the only way to have a great birthday.

"We usually just take the person out to Little Rock for dinner and a movie," sophomore Amber Heffington said. "It is always a lot of fun."

More simpler plans involved staying on campus.

"On our friends' birthdays, we all go in together and buy a cake and have a little party on the front lawn," sophomore Anne Reinstein said.

Freshman Jessie Petersen's friends surprised her by toilet-papering her

room and sticking plastic forks to the wall.

"I was really worried, because it was my first birthday away from home, and I didn't know many people yet because it was only the second week of school," Petersen said. "My friends made it much easier to be away from my family."

Surprise parties were also a popular way to celebrate birthdays on campus. Friends of freshman Jessica Custer pretended all day that they had forgotten her birthday Oct. 1. That night a friend took Custer out until curfew, and Custer's friends decorated her room while she was away. Unfortunately, the friend returned Custer too early, and Custer surprised those at the surprise party.

"My friends were all yelling at me, because I had come back too soon," Custer said, "but I thought it made it more memorable. I was still sur-

prised, and it was hilarious."

Finding the perfect birthday gift could be difficult for college students living on a budget, but creativity often overcame this problem.

"For my friend [sophomore Scot Jackson's] birthday, we borrowed an orange construction barrel," freshman Katie Ulliman said. "We kidnapped him and drove out to where there were tons of construction barrels and told him that was his birthday present."

Junior Matt Alexander said he liked giving unusual gifts.

"The best thing I ever did was pretend to propose to one of my friends on her birthday," Alexander said. "I bought a huge glow-in-the-dark ring from Wal-Mart and stuck it in her roll at Colton's. When she noticed her roll was glowing, I dropped to my knee and popped the question."

→ LAURA KAISER





**FRESHMAN ERICA SEAWEL HELPS** her mom, Brenda Seawel, administrative assistant in the communication department, decorate her office door Dec. 1 for the department's annual door-decorating contest. "It is neat to get to see [my children] every day and hear what they are learning about," Seawel said. •R.KECK

# FAMILY ON CAMPUS

## Parents share in students' lives

**"It's kind of neat looking out at the faces in the classroom and seeing your own son."**

**DR. KEITH SCHRAMM,  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

In the past, Dr. Keith Schramm, associate professor of physical science, used a story about how his two sons shared their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle action figures as an analogy about polar covalent bonding.

However, when his youngest son, freshman Erik Schramm, joined his chemistry class in the fall 2004 semester, Schramm knew he would have to be careful not to embarrass his son.

"At the beginning of the semester, I was very careful about guarding his anonymity," Keith said. "Whenever I read through the attendance list, I would say, 'John Smith, Erik,' and continue without saying his last name."

When his classmates figured out the connection, Erik said many of them were convinced that he would know more about the class than they did and asked him for help on difficult questions.

"Just because my dad was the teacher didn't mean I knew all the answers," Erik said.

However, Erik said it was easier

to ask his father for help than it would be asking some professors, and he understood his dad's teaching style since the two knew each other so well.

"Sometimes you just understand certain teachers better because you think along the same lines they do," Erik said.

Overall, Erik said he enjoyed being in his father's class and he didn't mind other students asking him questions or having his father tell stories about him and his family.

Keith said having his son in class was fun.

"It's kind of neat looking out at the faces in the classroom and seeing your own son," he said.

Sometimes a family connection turned out to be a good way to make friends, according to freshman Erica Seawel, the daughter of Morris Seawel, assistant director of admissions, and Brenda Seawel, administrative assistant in the communications department.

Erica said having people recog-

nize her because of her parents was positive sometimes, especially during the induction process when she joined Zeta Rho social club, which her mom sponsored.

"It's really cool to have that connection with someone you really don't know," she said.

Because of her parents' personalities, Erica said it did not surprise her when her mom would jokingly bump into other students with her shopping cart at Wal-Mart or when her dad would stop in the student center to talk to people.

"My parents know just about everyone," she said. "It takes an additional 30 minutes to an hour to get through the student center because my dad knows everyone and is always stopping to talk and introduce everybody."

Brenda said she enjoyed having Erica and Erica's twin brothers, Derek and Dustin, graduate students, on campus with her.

"It's really neat to still get to see them every day and get to hear what they're learning about," Brenda said.

→DEANN THOMAS



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 Jennifer Sanders — Brentwood, Tenn.

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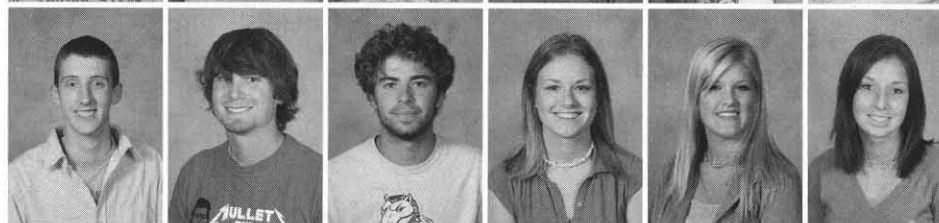
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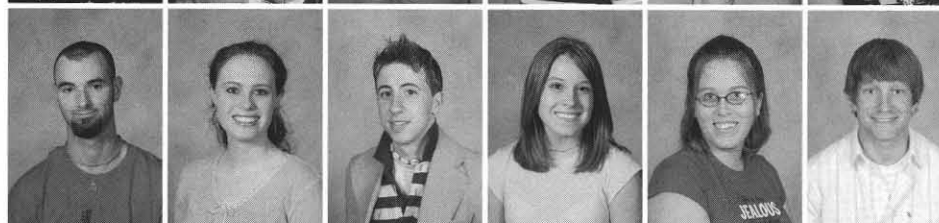
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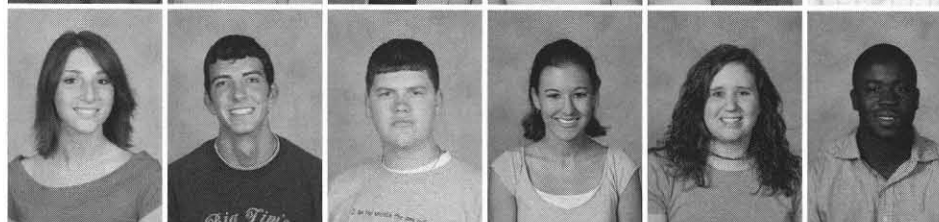
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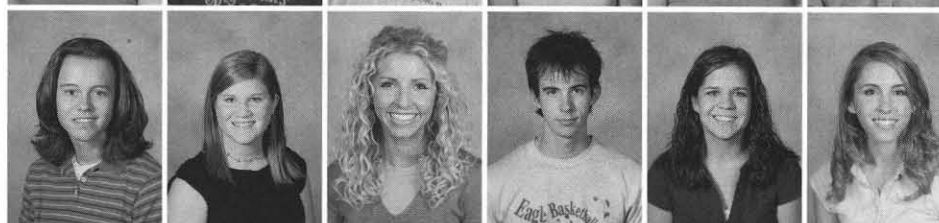
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 Todd Sparks — Wynne, Ark.



Vanessa Spoto — Woodbury, Minn.  
 K. Chase Springer — Florence, Ala.  
 Jesse Stacy — N. Little Rock, Ark.  
 Alexandra Stagliano — Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Loren Agee Stagliano — Searcy, Ark.  
 B. Kay Standifer — Monroe, La.



Lauren Stark — Round Rock, Texas  
 Rachel Starkey — Conway, Ark.  
 Erin Starnes — Shawnee, Kan.  
 Daniel Steele — Texarkana, Texas  
 Keri Stevens — Comfort, Texas  
 Tessa Stewart — Cleburne, Texas



Anna Stilwell — Palatka, Fla.  
 Jonathan Strasser — Wynne, Ark.  
 Katie Strasser — Burlington, Ky.  
 Abby Stutzman — Indiana, Pa.  
 Emily Stutzman — Brandon, Fla.  
 Nichole Styers — Searcy, Ark.







**SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT,** freshmen Samantha Craft and Reecie Abbott string lights around the McInteer plaza Dec. 2. The freshman class and the Student Association continued the tradition of decorating the campus for the Christmas season this year. **A. BEENE**

# Cheer

Spreading that wintery

**Freshmen deliver bright lights, Christmas spirit**

**W**hen students returned from Thanksgiving break, they noticed that someone had added a bit of Christmas cheer to the campus.

This year the freshman class continued a tradition of stringing lights on campus trees and buildings, helping the Harding family get in the holiday mood.

Freshman Class President David Flatt said hanging the campus Christmas lights was an honor.

"Traditionally, it was a job no one wanted to do, but this year it was sort of a gift from the rest of the Student Association," Flatt said. "They said, 'We trust you with this responsibility — enjoy it.'"

Freshman Samantha Craft looked at the task as a way to create her own niche at Harding.

"We are so excited to be involved," Craft said. "It's something you can

look back on and say, 'We did that my freshman year.'"

The freshman class added a new element of fun to the project this year.

"We tried not to make it a job," Flatt said. "We wanted it to be more like an event. We had cookies and sang Christmas songs."

Although the freshmen did the physical work of putting up the lights, they consulted some upperclassmen to help with the logistics of the project.

"Because most of us are new and haven't seen how the campus looks when it is lit up, we asked some former SA members to give us ideas about different ways to arrange the lights and where we should plug them in," Craft said.

The freshmen chose where they put the lights and decided to focus on well-traveled locations.

"We hung lights between the McInteer and the cafeteria, along the

sidewalk to the Front Lawn and on several trees and light poles," Molly Brooke Threadgill, freshman women's SA representative, said. "We went out there and did the best that we could."

Even with helpful upperclassmen and hard-working freshmen, the project did have a few bumps.

"One of the funniest things happened when we got all the lights in archways and flower beds put up," Threadgill said. "We didn't realize there were plugs in all the sidewalk lights, so we strung all the lights together. There were about 30 strands plugged into one outlet, and it stopped working after about five minutes."

The students were what made the job successful, Flatt said.

"We had a great group of people, and that made it a lot easier," Flatt said. "It was great to get out and feel like we really added something to Harding."

**MATT BLANSETT**

# Generosity teaches Lesson

Storage theft experience leaves students feeling thankful

**L**earning a life lesson so soon into the school year was not something seniors Ingrid Osorio and Valerie Singleton saw coming. Osorio and Singleton went to retrieve their belongings out of a rented storage unit Aug. 23. Expecting this trip to be like every other trip to storage they've made for the past three years, the two women found this trip to be the surprise of a lifetime — a bad surprise.

When Osorio and Singleton arrived at their storage unit they discovered what was left of around \$5,000 worth of personal belongings.

The women found a UPS box with Singleton's name and address on it, a pair of pants, a T-shirt, a picture of Osorio and a shoe, which had a damaged lock inside.

The unit also contained pieces of camouflage clothing, which did not belong to either of the women.

Singleton called her mother soon after. Her mother called Campus Minister Dwight Smith, who went to the storage unit with Osorio and Singleton.

Naturally, Singleton notified the police.

"[The police] did less than nothing," Osorio said. "[The officer] didn't look for fingerprints or even go into the storage unit — I did that. He said there was nothing he could do if we didn't have an exact list of what we lost with serial numbers."

Before counting their losses, the women talked to the manager of the storage unit.

The manager apologized. However, the only thing he could do was give back their \$10 key deposit.

"He said they do have insur-



**SENIORS VALERIE SINGLETON AND INGRID OSORIO** grin Sept. 21 as they show off the dishes that an anonymous donor gave them. "It was really nice that even in a moment like this there are people who will help out," Osorio said. **A. BEENE**

ance but the customer has to ask for it [in advance]," Singleton said. "I've stored my stuff there for three years, he's never offered us insurance once."

Osorio and Singleton knew then that the fight to get their stuff back was a dead end.

Those who knew Osorio and Singleton came together to help the women. Donations soon trickled in for the women.

They eventually had new dishes, clothes, bedding and other dorm room necessities.

"We have been so blessed," Singleton said.

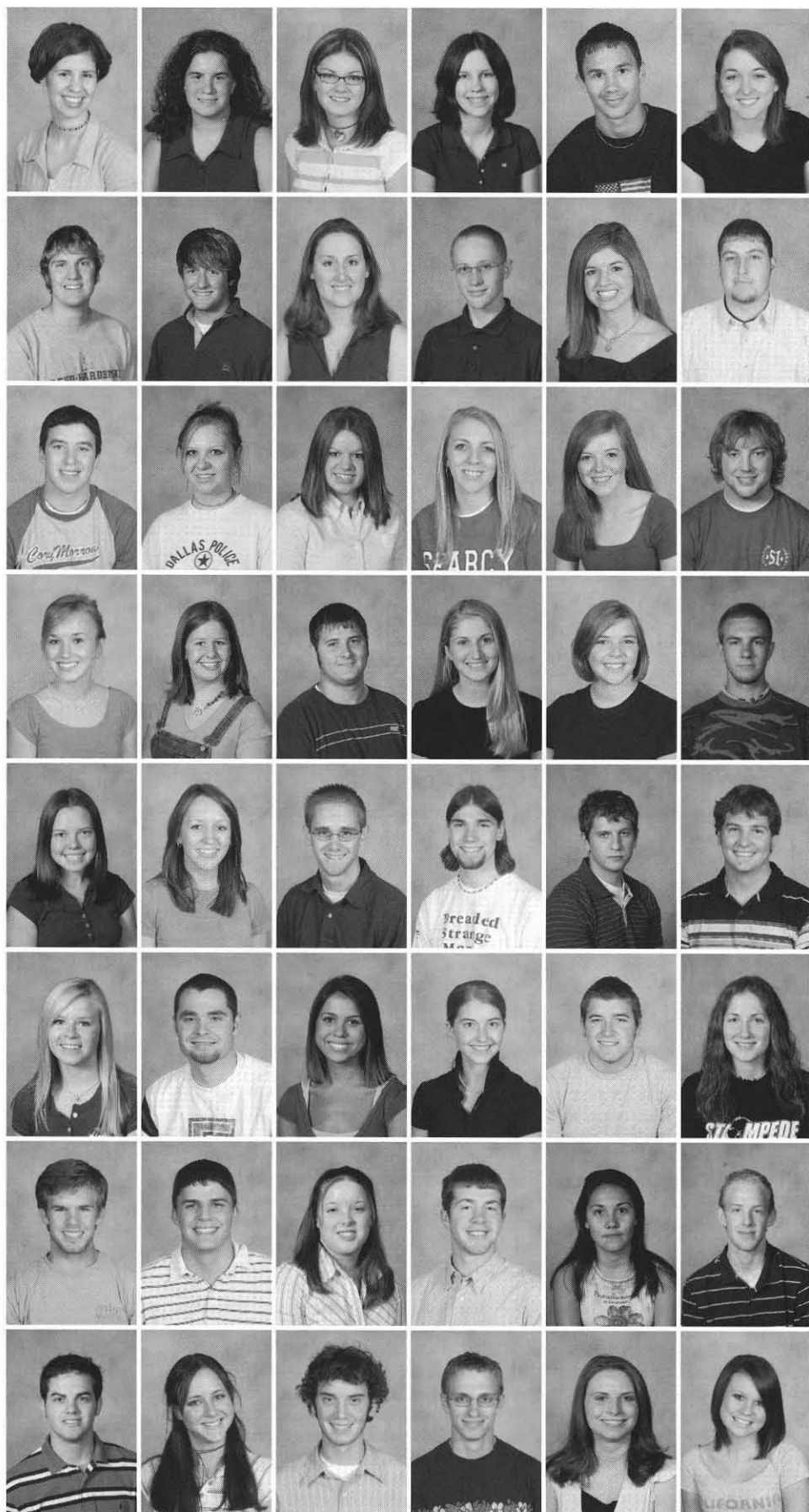
Peggy Huckeba, assistant dean of students, gave each girl \$25 to spend on bedding.

Campus Ministry supplied clothes and dishes through His House, a benevolent ministry of the College Church of Christ.

The women said the event was difficult, but they appreciated everything received.

They said on top of appreciation, they learned that it's not material possessions that matter the most.

"It taught me a lesson not to be attached to material stuff," Singleton said. "It's the irreplaceable stuff you miss the most." **ALISA MOLONEY**



Megan Suave — Searcy, Ark.  
 Pamela Sublett — Conway, Ark.  
 Ashley Sullivan — Cedar Hill, Texas  
 Kelly Sullivan — Lee Summit, Mo.  
 Jess Sutton — Lancaster, Pa.  
 Christa Swafford — Transylvania, La.

Alex Swango — Decatur, Ill.  
 Andrew Swayne — Sherwood, Ark.  
 Hannah Sylvester — Helotes, Texas  
 Glen Tankersley — Searcy, Ark.  
 Brittany Taylor — Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Trey Taylor — Snellville, Ga.

Ty Taylor — Huntsville, Texas  
 Sara Teel — Mesquite, Texas  
 Kara Teffertiller — Mc Leansboro, Ill.  
 Ashli Thomas — Searcy, Ark.  
 T. Nicki Thomas — Franklin, Tenn.  
 Darrell Thompson — Indianapolis, Ind.

Molly Brooke Threadgill — Decatur, Ala.  
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 Christopher Tinkle — Grand Junction, Colo.  
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 Jason Tooke — Conway, Ark.

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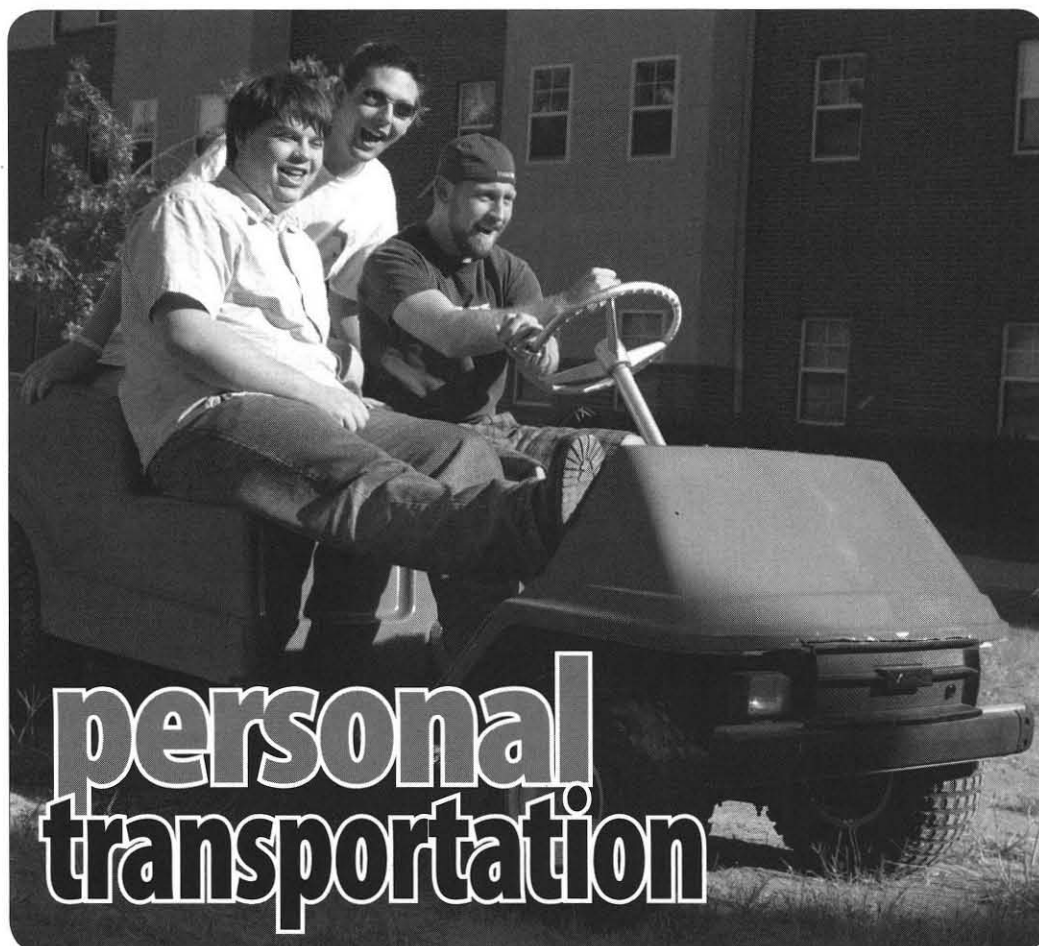
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 Meagan Van Handel — Hartford, Wis.

Scott Vantine — Tupelo, Miss.  
 Donald Venable — Longview, Texas  
 Emily Venable — Noblesville, Ind.  
 Kevin Vesely — Olmsted Falls, Ohio  
 Cindy Villalobos — San Jose, Costa Rica  
 Mark Voyles — Searcy, Ark.

Steven Wade — Russellville, Ark.  
 Samantha Waggoner — Tampa, Fla.  
 Nathan Wagner — Greentown, Ind.  
 Stephen Wagner — San Jose, Calif.  
 Kristi Waite — W. Pawlet, Vt.  
 Ashley Walker — Dallas, Texas



**SENIORS JASON GODFREY** and Brad Whitlock and junior David Hopper show off Godfrey's golf cart behind Cone Hall Sept. 27. The three once used the cart on a trip through the Wendy's drive thru on Race Street. **C. ROBERSON**



## Alternative modes help travel

**A**fter weaving her way through a maze of hundreds of students, down three flights of stairs and around those who had stopped in the middle of the hall to talk to everyone along the way, senior Emily Lloyd breathed a sigh of relief.

She had broken free from the noise and shuffle that had taken up about three of the precious 10 minutes she had between classes.

Lloyd was among the majority of students who traveled around campus the old-fashioned way — walking.

Some students, however, chose to ride bicycles on campus because of the physical fitness benefits.

Junior Steve McCubbin brought his bicycle to school when he was a freshman and has ridden it for three years.

"I prefer to ride my bike around campus," McCubbin said. "Short trips are not good for [my] car, so I ride

and walk as much as I can."

Golf carts also became a popular way to get around campus. While security, media center employees and other campus offices utilized golf carts for business purposes, some students, like senior Jason Godfrey, used them as personal transports.

"I wouldn't say we use it for the most conventional things," Godfrey said. "Most people use theirs to get to class, but we usually just drive it around at night. It has let us experience a different side of Harding."

Godfrey has also used the golf cart off campus.

"One night, we drove it to Wendy's, and the lady wouldn't take our order until we pulled up to the window," Godfrey said.

A third form of transportation students saw on campus was motorized scooters.

They looked similar to a skateboard with a large handle and a

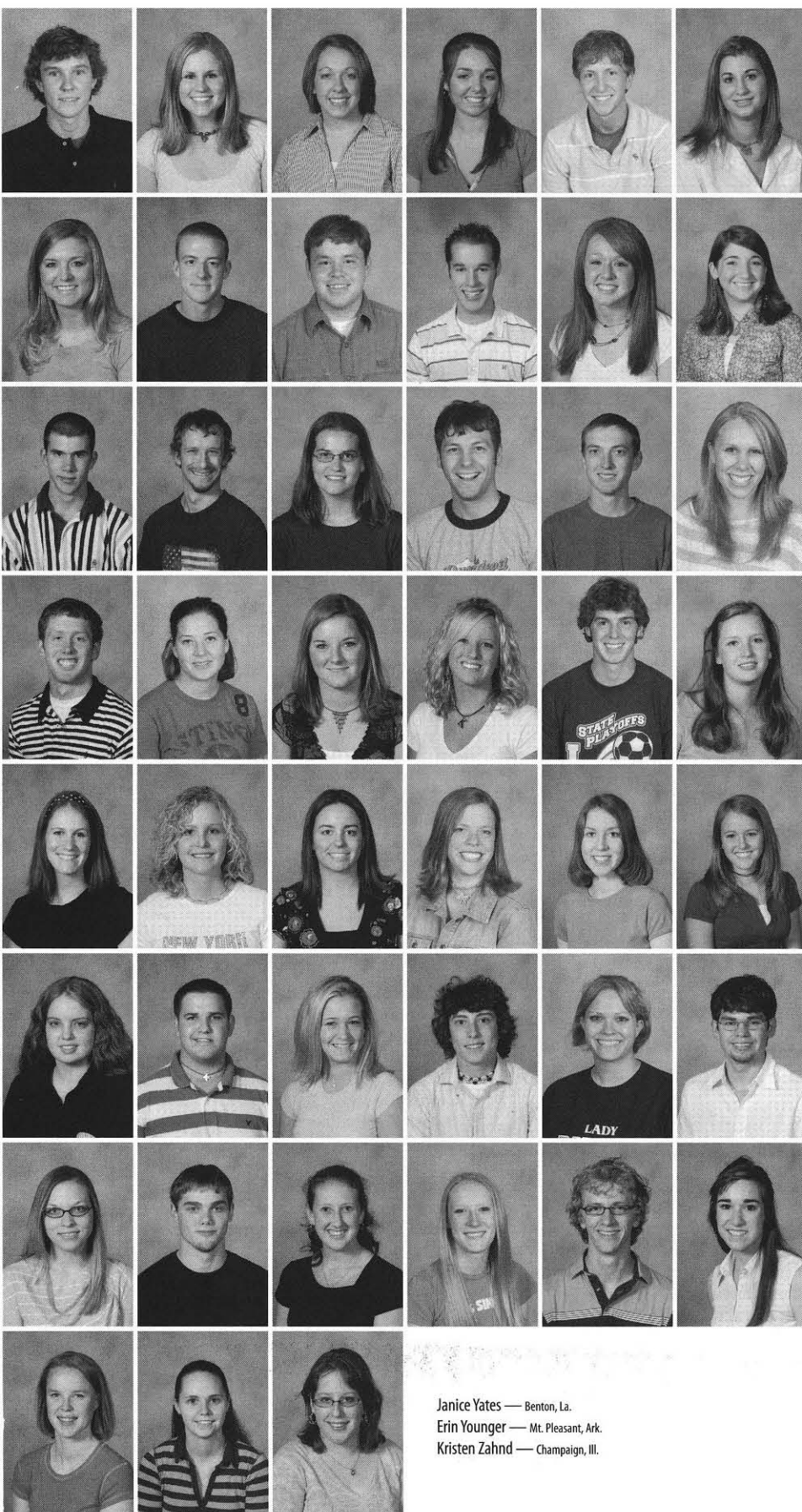
motor that the driver controlled, which enabled the driver to weave around people. Senior Jay Weaver said he used his scooter mainly to get to and from classes.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I have a class in the Reynolds Center that gets out at 12:25 p.m. and another at 1 p.m.," Weaver said. "There is no way I would be able to eat lunch and get to my 1 p.m. class in time without it. I now have plenty of time and am able to beat the crowd."

Weaver said he enjoyed riding the scooter, which he had used on campus for two years.

"I was afraid to bring it at first because I thought people would think I'm a dork," Weaver said. "But I visited some friends at Freed-Hardeman and saw people there riding them, so I decided to bring mine. I hadn't noticed anyone else driving a gas-powered one until recently."

**JENN BONZAGNI**



Charlie Walker — Decatur, Ala.  
 Kylie Walker — Lebanon, Mo.  
 Abbie Wallace — Bartlett, Tenn.  
 Rachel Wallace — Mabelvale, Ark.  
 Joseph Wallis — Jonesboro, Ark.  
 Lindsey Walters — El Dorado, Ark.

Rachel Walters — Dover, Ark.  
 Ryan Walters — McAlester, Okla.  
 Michael Walton — Searcy, Ark.  
 Brian Ward — Hazelwood, Mo.  
 Kendyl Washburn — Midland, Texas  
 Stephanie Watkins — W. Monroe, La.

Lucas Watson — Loganville, Ga.  
 Addison Weaver — San Antonio, Texas  
 Emily Wells — Grand Blanc, Mich.  
 Daniel West — Chapin, Ill.  
 Robert West — Erie, Colo.  
 Rachel Wheeler — Charlotte, N.C.

John Whitaker — Blytheville, Ark.  
 Alexandra White — Brownsburg, Ind.  
 Hayley White — Little Rock, Ark.  
 Katie White — Memphis, Tenn.  
 Michael White — Lufkin, Texas  
 Sarah Whitehouse — Clarksville, Texas

Amy Wiginton — Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Kristen Wilhelms — Ridott, Ill.  
 Jennie Wilkinson — Springdale, Ark.  
 Sarah Williams — Rogers, Ark.  
 Kristen Williamson — Allen, Texas  
 Abby Wilson — Maumelle, Ark.

Felicia Wilson — Thida, Ark.  
 Dale Winnett — Marion, Ohio  
 Katie Witter — Little Rock, Ark.  
 Jake Wood — Amarillo, Texas  
 Kayla Wood — Muldrow, Okla.  
 Kyle Wood — Marthaville, La.

Leah Woods — Westville, Ill.  
 Daniel Word — Ft. Smith, Ark.  
 Chelsea Work — N. Richland Hills, Texas  
 Margaret Worrall — Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Michael Wright — Nashville, Tenn.  
 Sharon Yarbrough — Calico Rock, Ark.

Janice Yates — Benton, La.  
 Erin Younger — Mt. Pleasant, Ark.  
 Kristen Zahnd — Champaign, Ill.



## People

### *graduate students*

**GRADUATE STUDENT**  
**CAROLINA ADAMS** sorts files in the international student services office Feb. 7. Adams began working in 2003 as a graduate assistant for Dr. Nicky Boyd, director of international student services, where she gathered supplies and books for international students. **A.BEENE**



# Assistantship leads to promising Career

## Students work, study post graduation

**A**fter the ceremony ended, most graduates left Searcy and headed to new jobs or graduate schools in other parts of the country. Of the 1,300 graduates who remained at Harding in the fall, 45 worked as graduate assistants while they pursued master's degrees.

Graduate assistant Kristi Lowery began her career on campus as an assistant in the American Studies office. She said she enjoyed her job because she was always busy.

"My job is never boring, because something new happens every day," Lowery said.

Lowery's job consisted of processing application papers for people who needed help being placed in graduate classes.

"I have helped students with their business accounts and dealt with all education assistants and planned their schedules," Lowery said.

Lowery graduated with a bachelor's in education and planned to teach in

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KRISTI LOWERY, GRADUATE STUDENT

Texas after she completed her master's of education in reading in the spring.

On the other end of campus was graduate student Jacob Rotich. Rotich received his undergraduate degree in information technology in 2004 and graduated with a master's of business administration Dec. 18.

"When I was an undergraduate, my major was information technology," Rotich said. "Then I graduated and that summer I taught computer basics to high school students."

While Rotich was finishing his master's degree, he worked as a graduate assistant in the Upward Bound office, a federally funded program that encouraged low-income high school

students to enter college. Rotich worked with the office's database, which organized the academic assistance given to students who qualified.

"I was a little nervous because of the new experience," Rotich said. "I knew it would be demanding and challenging, but after a while you overcome it."

He said he was glad he stayed at Harding to begin his work.

"I got to interact with professional people who are helpful and concerned with me," Rotich said.

Chris Morton was another graduate assistant working to pay for his education. Morton said he did "odd jobs" for Dr. Cathie Shultz, dean of the College of Nursing. Morton said that although he did not have the most glamorous job, he was grateful for it.

"I do great things like make binders and shred papers," Morton said. "I appreciate the opportunity to be a graduate assistant. Without it, I could not pay for graduate school."

STEFANIE SHEA





Emily Austin — Searcy, Ark. Business.  
 Carolina Adams — Durango, Mexico. Business.  
 Alina Carcea — Searcy, Ark. Business.  
 Marcel Carcea — Searcy, Ark. Business.  
 Sarah Carpenter — New Hartford, N.Y. Education.  
 Jeri Chapin — Sheridan, Ark. Education.

Ashley Churchman — Searcy, Ark. Education.  
 Anne Darby — Colorado Springs, Colo. Education.  
 Kacy Dawson — Searcy, Ark. Graduate Studies.  
 Melinda Flanary — Searcy, Ark. MFT.  
 Angela Fortune — Casscoe, Ark. Education.  
 Alisha Frazier — Jacksonville, Ark. Education.

Elizabeth Grampp — Broomfield, Colo. Education.  
 Tammy Guelich — Jacksonville, Ark. Business.  
 Jessa Hilliard — Spring Hill, Tenn. Education.  
 Chad Hirst — Metamora, Ill. Education.  
 Nathaneal Holland — Carriere, Miss. Bible.  
 Zeb Holland-Lake — Alvin, Texas. Education.

Jordan Howard — Searcy, Ark. MFT.  
 Daniel Hudgeons — Conway, Ark. Business.  
 Jenni Knox — Searcy, Ark. Education.  
 Leslie Kukta — Dunlap, Ill. Education.  
 Esperanza Massana — La Libertad, El Salvador. Business.  
 Jason McGlawn — Imperial, Mo. Education.

Adam Miller — Memphis, Tenn. Business.  
 Chad Mims — Holcomb, Miss. Education.  
 Timothy Nance — Signal Mountain, Tenn. Education.  
 Jonathan Reinhardt — Berlin, Germany. Education.  
 Alicia Roberson — Niceville, Fla. Education.  
 Jacob Rotich — Kabamet, Kenya. Business.

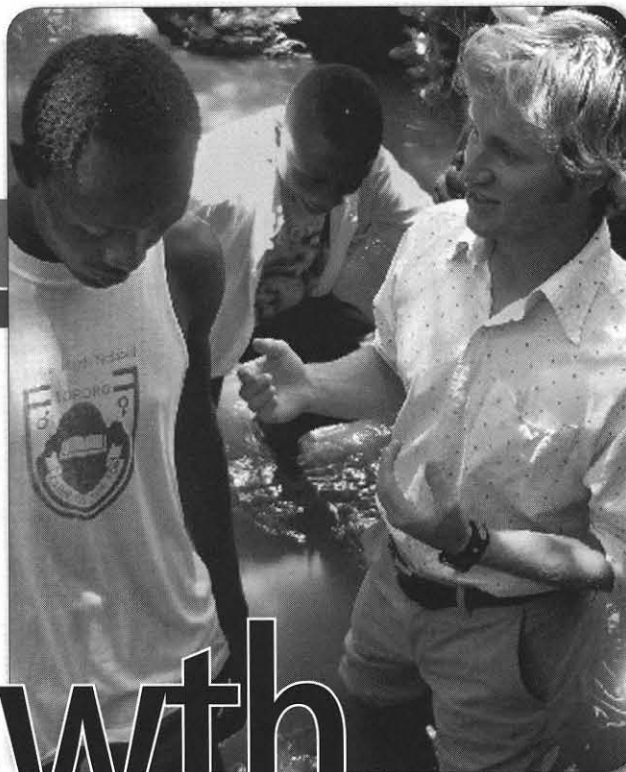
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 Angel VanDeBrake — New Richmond, Wis. Education.

Tanya Waldroop — Wenatchee, Wash. Education.  
 Mandy Warren — Troy, Mo. Education.  
 Carrie Wells — Wheeling, W. Va. Education.  
 Mitchell Wiggains — Las Vegas, N.M. Bible.  
 Alicia Young — Nixa, Mo. Education.  
 Natalie Young — Newport News, Va. Education.



People

*second semester*



**JUNIOR MARK JOHNSTON PREPARES** to baptize a new believer, Raymond, while in Kenya working as a missionary with three other Harding juniors. The group spent 10 months teaching at a Christian school in Kenya. **COURTESY OF KENYA MISSION TEAM**

# Growth in the Village

**Juniors teach in African school, forced to return early after visa troubles**

**A**fter nearly a year away from school, four juniors returned to campus in January to finish their education.

Chris Nicholson, Ben Gerber, Mark Johnston and Nathan Hendrix spent 10 months volunteer teaching at the Chepkong'ony Secondary School in Chepkong'ony, Kenya.

The men planned to stay until the end of November but visa difficulties changed their plans.

When their 6-month tourist visas expired in July, they said they were unexpectedly told they had only a few days to leave the country.

"We were supposed to leave in three days, so we started praying about it," Nicholson said. "We had a member of parliament for our area, and he made a way for us to stay there for three extra months."

In Kenya, all the men stayed busy teaching English and Bible at the high school. Hendrix taught French as well. On weekends, they hosted youth rallies at local churches.

The juniors said the majority of their mission work was not necessarily

**"The point of our going was to help people come to Christ."**

MARK JOHNSTON, JUNIOR

evangelism, but encouragement.

"When you think about Africa, you think about outreach," Hendrix said. "But in our area, there were just so many churches, so many Christians, even most of our students."

Though the group gave up some luxuries, including running water and plenty of electricity, the group said they did not feel they made any major sacrifices.

"The point of our going was to help people come to Christ," Johnston said.

While the four made some physical sacrifices, spiritual aspects were missing as well.

"One thing we had to sacrifice was good worship," Nicholson said. "I

mean, we were the only Americans around, and no one had a really good knowledge of the Bible anywhere close to us. We didn't speak the language, so we became more dependent on God and each other."

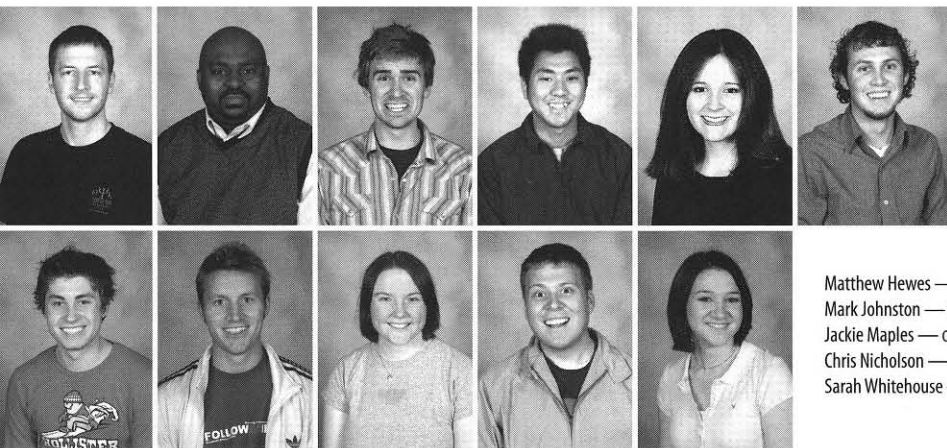
The men said that dependence helped them as they taught and encouraged those in Kenya. They said it even helped the team to deal with the unexpected.

"A woman almost had a baby in our car," Gerber said. "It's just life. You never know what is going to happen."

The four men said they planned to finish their degrees at Harding; however, they said they were unsure of their plans after graduation — a predicament some of them did not expect before going to Kenya.

"I thought I would come away from Kenya with a clear view of what I wanted to do," Gerber said. "That's definitely not the case, but I'm OK with that. It's OK to just surrender. It's just up to God, and it's something I'll be praying about."

REBECCA KING

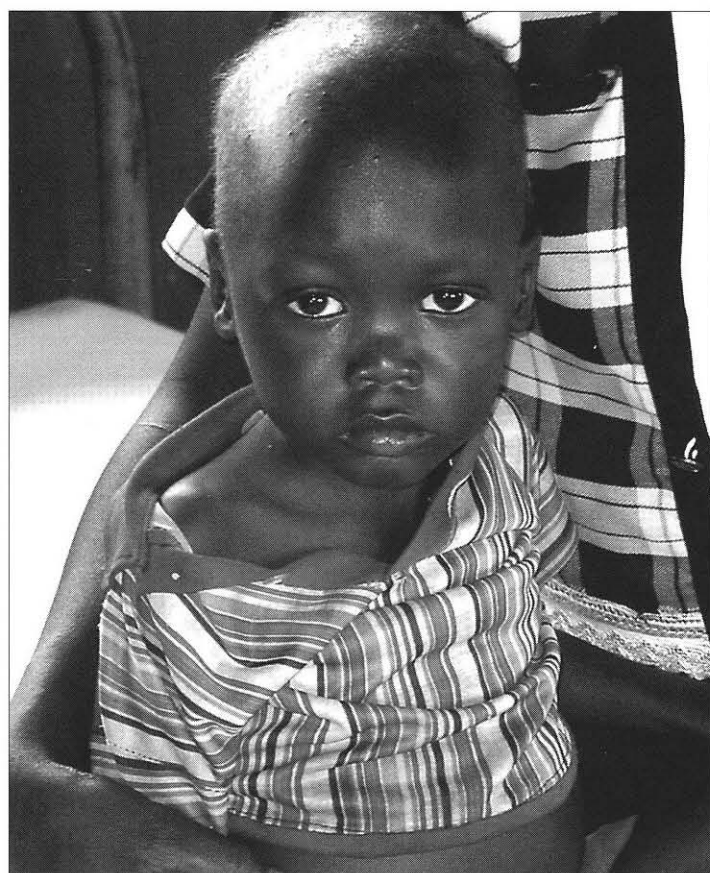


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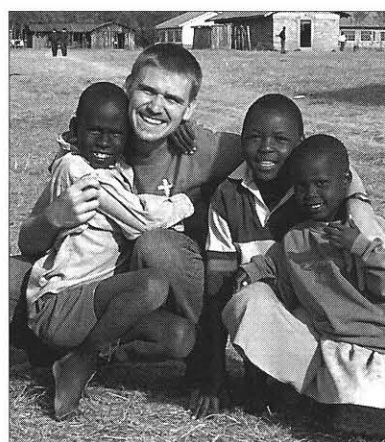
Matthew Hewes — Lubbock, Texas  
 Mark Johnston — Tipp City, Ohio  
 Jackie Maples — Conway, Ark.  
 Chris Nicholson — Portales, N.M.  
 Sarah Whitehouse — Clarksville, Texas

# SNAPSHOTS FROM AFRICA

▲ Juniors Mark Johnston, Chris Nicholson, Ben Gerber and Nathan Hendrix served as missionaries for 10 months at the Chepkong'ony Secondary School in Chepkong'ony, Kenya. The quartet returned to Harding this spring. The following are pictures the group took while in Kenya.



**A YOUNG AFRICAN BOY** sits in his mother's arms while the Kenya mission team takes a picture. "We didn't speak the language, so we became more dependent on God and each other," junior Chris Nicholson said. **COURTESY OF KENYA MISSION TEAM**



**JUNIOR BEN GERBER** gathers with three African children in the spring of 2004. "I thought I would come away from Kenya with a clear view of what I wanted to do," Gerber said. "That's definitely not the case, but I'm OK with that." **COURTESY OF KENYA MISSION TEAM**



**PATIENTS IN A KENYAN HOSPITAL** lie in their beds. Juniors Chris Nicholson, Mark Johnston, Ben Gerber and Nathan Hendrix taught and ministered in Kenya for 10 months. **COURTESY OF KENYA MISSION TEAM**





## People

*fall overseas*

**AT A LEATHER FACTORY** in Turkey, junior Ryan Kazmarek, a member of the spring 2004 HUG group, dons a leather coat and is escorted down a fashion runway by one of the factory's workers. Factory employees asked HUG students to volunteer in the humorous fashion show during the students' visit to the plant.

•COURTESY OF M. MANN



# Experiences shared from Abroad

**Students tell stories from foreign study**

**T**he office of international studies estimated this year that about 30 percent of the class of 2004 had traveled overseas to study abroad at one of the university's five campuses in Australia, Chile, England, Greece and Italy.

The percentage of students participating in international programs had been rising for several years, according to officials.

While earning college credit, students learned lessons about culture, not just in the classroom, but through their everyday experiences.

Senior Brian Ford, who went to Harding University in Florence, said he noticed how laid back the Italian people were.

"The biggest thing I had to get used to was their value of time," Ford said. "Businesses would take four-hour lunches, and I could hardly ever predict when something would be open."

Students said the changes in culture were eye-opening.

## "Living in another culture was a life-changing event"

REBEKAH WYANT, SENIOR

"Living in another culture was a life-changing event," said senior Rebecca Wyant, who went to Harding University in England.

Although England was a different culture, Wyant said she had an advantage, because she did not have to deal with a language barrier as did many students who went to other programs.

"It was easy to acclimate to their culture because they spoke the same language as us," Wyant said. "We lived in downtown London, so everything was at our fingertips."

Students said one of the biggest blessings of overseas experience was spiritual growth.

"I grew spiritually when I went to [Harding University in Greece],"

junior Amber Huston said. "I also grew close to the people I went there with, and now we are all best friends."

Huston said she wished she could go back to Greece because of the people there.

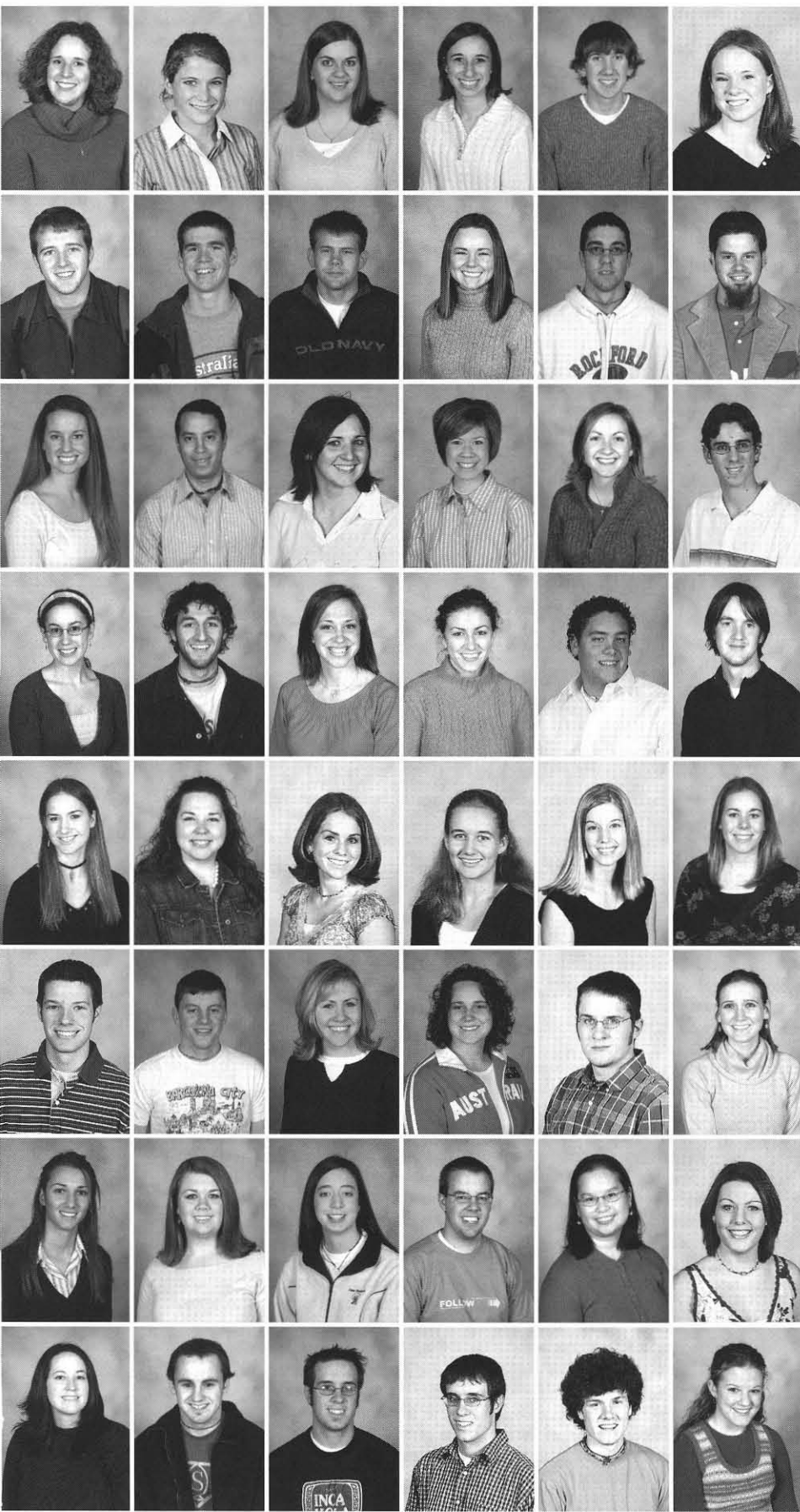
"[Greeks are] so compassionate, caring and very genuine," she said. "People in Greece care so much for the people around them, and they made me feel right at home."

Wyant said she appreciated the chance to visit different cultural forums. "We were able to walk out our front door and become immersed in their culture," Wyant said. "From museums to theaters, we were able to participate in so many English traditions."

Wyant said the greatest blessing she gained from her overseas experience was a new perspective concerning global matters.

"It made me aware of how big our world is," she said.

→CALLIE OWEN



Trina Agee — Franklin, Tenn. HUG.  
 Elizabeth Barnett — Portland, Ore. HUA.  
 Stacie Barnett — Rockville, Ind. HUA.  
 Bethany Bates — Sharon Center, Ohio. HUG.  
 Tim Baugh — Lorton, Va. HUG.  
 Cassie Beagle — Batesville, Ark. HUF.

Collin Bills — Tulla, Tenn. HULA.  
 B.J. Bland — Memphis, Tenn. HUA.  
 Greg Bradford — Damascus, Ark. HUG.  
 Taylor Branton — Eustis, Fla. HUA.  
 Shawn Brazas — Rochester, N.Y. HUF.  
 Justin Bronson — Danbury, N.C. HUG.

Brittney Burcham — Kennet, Mo. HUA.  
 Julio Coizman — Venezuela. HULA.  
 Michelle Coizman — W. Monroe, La. HULA.  
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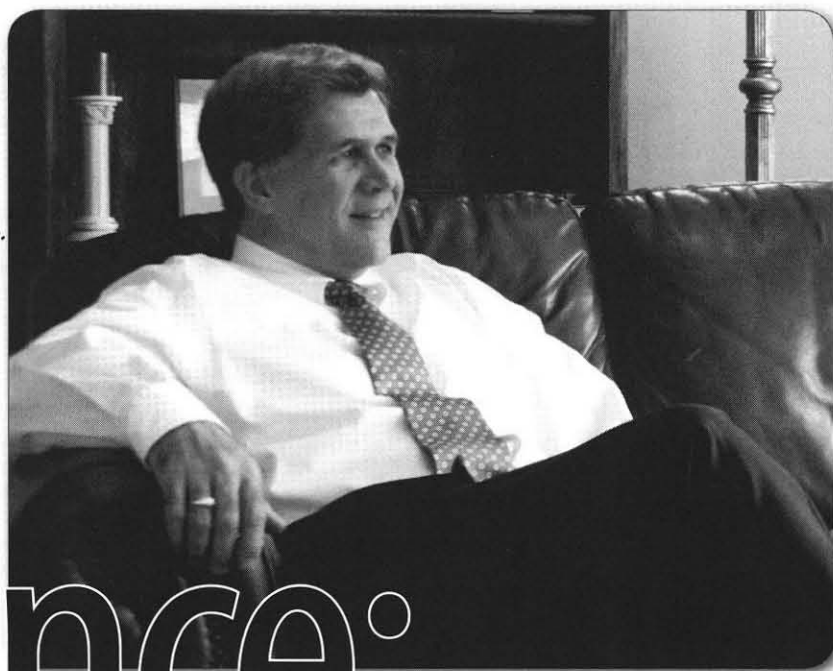
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**DR. JEFFREY HOPPER**, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, relaxes on a couch in the Honors House Oct. 11. Hopper announced this fall that a new overseas program would begin in French-speaking countries in 2006. •**R.KECK**

# France:

## Coming soon

### New overseas program slated to begin in 2006

**S**chool officials announced a new study-abroad program this fall that would travel through Switzerland and France.

In 2006, the first group of students was scheduled to start its journey in Geneva, Switzerland.

From Switzerland, they would travel through France, making extended visits to Paris, Strasbourg, Toulouse and Corsica, a French island located in the Mediterranean Sea.

These students were to take a bicycle tour of France, hike in Corsica, and while in Paris, attend classes in the Louvre.

Dr. Jeffrey Hopper, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, said he was excited about the France program because of the ability to experience the country in depth.

"You can study the entire history of mankind from within its borders, and we'll be able to get close to the people through various planned activities," Hopper said.

Dr. Robert McCready, associate professor of French, and the foreign language department proposed the program, Hopper said.

"The proposal was well thought out and designed consistently with the goals of Harding in mind," Hopper said.

"It will be a great asset to all our students who are interested in studying French."

McCready, who lived in France for 17 years, was named the field director for the France program.

One unique aspect of this international program was the prerequisite of having beginning foreign language skills, Hopper said. Although other

study-abroad programs taught a foreign language, this was the first that required language skills prior to attending.

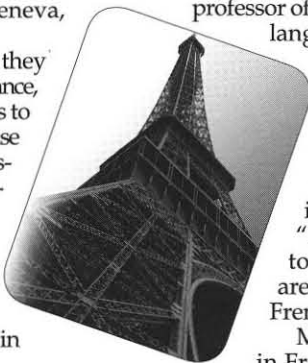
"It will be unique because it is the only program in a French-speaking country, and we'll ask that everyone who goes take at least one semester of French before they participate," Hopper said.

Harding University in France had set the count to a maximum of 25 students per semester. The French program at Harding's Searcy campus includes 60 students.

Officials wanted to make the program available often enough so that every student in the foreign language department would have an opportunity to attend the program.

"The way we've been growing [the international programs], I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't initiate another new program, but there is nothing on the horizon at the moment," Hopper said.

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