

The call of Jesus refined its way through professional and social organizations to **establish** an underlying focus on unity.

Paul said in Romans 12:4-6, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

Members of organizations came together and used their traits to benefit the group as a whole and also to spread their knowledge and love throughout the campus, community and country. The Student Association led a campus of prayer. Lacrosse members took the field giving sports fans a new outlet for competitive entertainment and a new team for which to cheer. Regardless of the organization, members received a closer look into professional and social traits through the spirit of Jesus.

" Amanda Sember " organizations editor "



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Good News Singers' members senior Kimberly Cherry, sophomores Rachel Donald and Rebecca DeRamus, junior Melissa Ward and sophomore Sarah Lincoln sing in the Reynolds Center recital hall Sept. 26 as part of Family Weekend. Good News Singers tried to minister through song everywhere they traveled to. (Photo by Russell Keck)



youth corps

ministry gets technical

The field of youth ministry was constantly changing and one of the biggest changes that affected it was the technology-based culture. The incorporation of technology in youth ministry ranged from cell phones to pagers to projectors to slide shows.

"Some of the biggest impacts are cell phones because they make communication easier. Projection equipment makes delivery of ideas easier and more effective," Dr. Daniel Stockstill, associate professor of Bible and Youth Corps sponsor, said. "Beginning in 1990, Youth Corps has been helping students learn how to use modern ideas and techniques to preach the gospel message."

One of the focuses of Youth Corps was to prepare students to meet the needs of a changing culture.

"It has prepared me and blessed me with the tools to be the spiritual leader I need to be," senior Josh Bontrager said.

Youth Corps, a group dedicated to helping anyone interested in youth ministry, gathered and utilized the tools necessary to be an effective minister in a modern-day setting.

"Youth Corps is a professional association for those interested in working with teenagers in a church setting to learn practical techniques of the church's responsibility to adolescents," Scott Adair, assistant professor of Bible and Youth Corps sponsor, said.

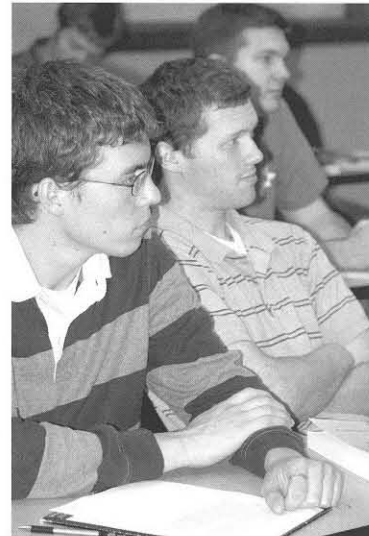
However, even with the changes in culture and technology, the message remained the same: spreading the Gospel to youth.

"Youth Corps constantly renovates ... and it is intentionally student-led so every new student brings new ideas," Stockstill said.

Stockstill stressed to all Youth Corps members that youth ministry was a challenging, but rewarding field.

"The basic lesson Youth Corps tried to incorporate was that youth ministry was not easy and took a lot of time and effort," Stockstill said. "No matter what happens to society or what technological advances came along, the message was Christ. We are always Christ's hands, feet and voices. We seek to encourage one another."

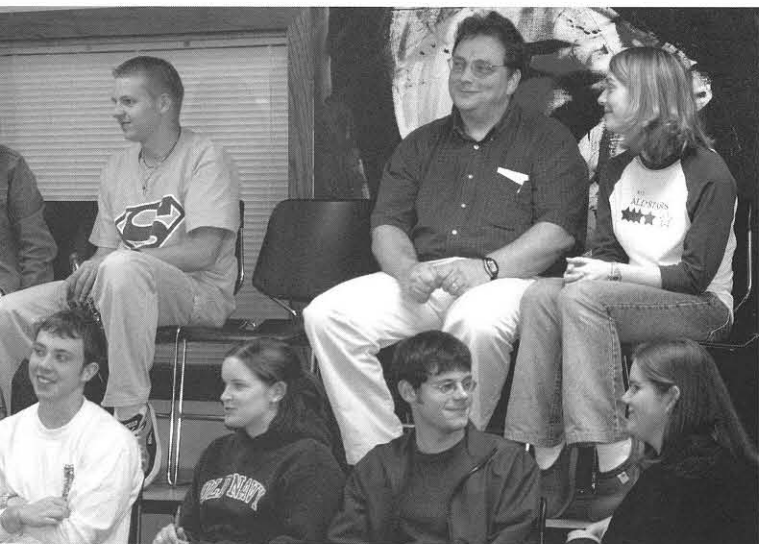
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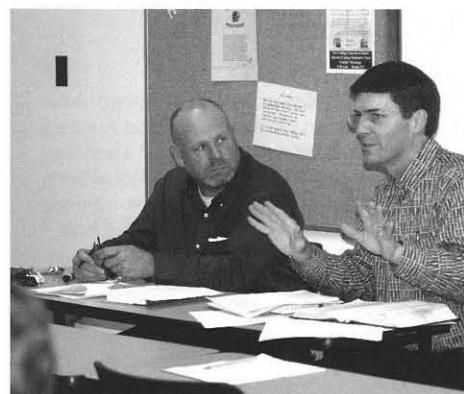
Seniors Robert Meyer, Michael Campbell and Curtis Seright listen during an Alpha Chi Malachi lecture Oct. 6.

The organization offered support and spiritual growth opportunities for students majoring in Bible, missions and religious education. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





Senior Matt Semanek, Dr. Dan Stockstill, sophomore Mindy Campbell, junior Matt Tignor, senior Amanda Lemmons and juniors Jacob Edwards and Joy Ellis fellowship before a Youth Corps meeting Sept. 30. Students interested in youth ministry learned techniques to minister to young people through the organization. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



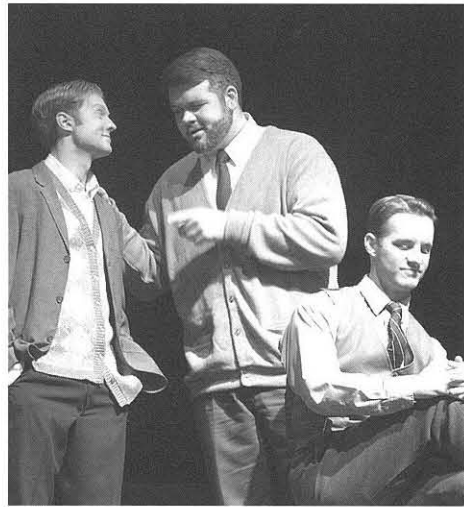
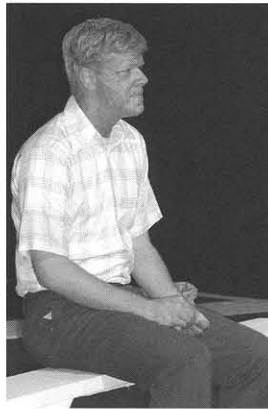
Alphi Chi Malachi sponsors Drs. Ross Cochran and Ken Neller, associate professors of Bible, share insight and encouragement to members at an Oct. 6 meeting. Various speakers shared their preaching and teaching experiences with Bible majors throughout the year. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Sophomore Nathan Copeland, a volunteer through the Bible organizations, cheers on participants in the pie-eating contest at Fall Fest Oct. 25. During the annual Student Association-sponsored carnival, Bible and service organizations were given an opportunity to mentor Kensett youth. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Graduate students Adam Sullivan and J Ashlin, and senior Tom Meadows, Alpha Psi Omega members, take the stage Nov. 15 in Alpha Psi Omega and Campus Players' fall performance of "Shadowlands." The play, set in Oxford, England, during the 1950s, was based on C.S. Lewis' book of the same title. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Freshman Kevin Nelson showcases his makeup and dramatic style as the lead in "World Without Memory," a production depicting the effects of Alzheimer's disease, Oct 3. "It was a very eye-opening experience ... one I learned a lot from," junior Grant Pinkston, participant, said. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Sophomore Megan Gilbert, junior Natalie Williams and freshman Joshua Lee practice a Pied Pipers skit Oct. 10 in the Reynolds Center rehearsal room. The troupe traveled the country performing improvisational children's theater. (Photo by Russell Keck)





theatron ministry

treating teens with therapeutic tactics

Although Theatron, a traveling Christian drama group that mostly ministered to teenagers, worked without an official sponsor for the first time in its 11-year history, the members strove to keep the message the same as years past.

Dr. Dan Stockstill, associate professor of Bible, who sponsored the group since its inception in 1993, decided to step down because of time commitments at the beginning of the school year. He hoped the group would remain true to the original purpose of the ministry — to communicate Christ's message.

"I hope they will remain Christ centered ... I hope they continue the original vision," Stockstill said.

Since Theatron's itinerary was set a year in advance, student members did not worry about scheduling. Stockstill managed that aspect of the group last year. As for travel necessities, the admissions office took care of those details.

Those interested in booking Theatron for the 2004-2005 school year did so through the group's Web site.

"Actually, it's been great," senior Tim Davis, Theatron member, said. "It's made us a little more responsible."

Although the idea of no sponsor had the potential for disaster, Davis said God blessed the group and its ministry as He did every year.

"I don't know if it's that we're mature enough to handle it or if God has taken care of us," Davis said. "I think it's the latter."

With 11 active members in the fall and nine in the spring, Theatron continued to travel to places such as Florida, New York, Washington and Arizona two weekends a month.

Senior Sam Peters, Theatron member, said being able to minister through humor and drama was great.

"It's really neat to be in a ministry that uses goofballs like us," Peters said. "I never thought that acting like a complete idiot in front of people could be used for ministry."

Peters, a four-year member, said his love for the group continued to grow.

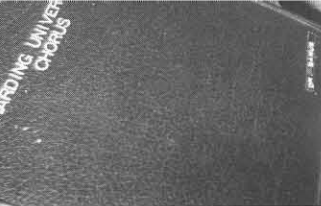
"I love what Theatron does," Peters said. "It's amazing to travel to churches that have never seen us, or anything like us, and watch people's faces as they laugh and get the point of what we're trying to do."

Through youth rallies, work camps and other events, God used Theatron to minister to the audiences and to the group's members, Davis said.

"I guess it has forced me to take a step back and realize college isn't just about a social life; it's also about a serving life," Davis said.

— Todd Ramsey and Renee Lewis

Senior Sam Peters shares some refreshment with senior Todd Ramsey during Theatron's performance of "First Date" at Student Impact Aug. 23. "It's a great skit about how God loves us for who we are, not who we pretend to be," Ramsey said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



university choir

sprinklers induct new members

A long-time tradition held in the woods for choir members seemed abnormal to some, but the same tradition was known to establish friendships and create memories for incoming members.

The choir members took an overnight retreat to Greers Ferry Lake in Heber Springs Sept. 6-7. The upperclassmen slept in the pavilion, while the freshmen and new members slept on the grass. Around 1 a.m., while the students slept soundly, Dr. Arthur Shearin, music department chairman and choir director, turned on the water sprinklers. All of the new members woke up confused and wet and struggled to find dry land.

"This outing is always an unusual experience for the new freshman members," Shearin said.

Although choir members pulled a few pranks at the beginning of the year, they spent time socializing with each other in other ways as well. The choir held an ice cream social, a burger cookout and a trip to the corn maze in Newport, Ark. The group also went Christmas caroling in December.

"This is not only a performance group, but a social group as well," Shearin said.

The choir helped make and maintain lasting friendships, junior Michelle Shanklin said.

"I feel like I get to know people more personally through choir and get to spend quality time with really great people," Shanklin said. "I love the long bus rides because the trips force you to get to know one another, sometimes better than you want."

The concerts benefited audiences and the choir.

"I love singing in a small church setting where the atmosphere is very intimate," junior Colleen Kinsella.

Shearin was proud of the talent in the group and the Christ-like attitudes members portrayed.

"Watching the members grow, mature and learn the values of hard work are three favorite aspects of my job," Shearin said. "I like to see the students take responsibility for their actions and be proud of their successes."

— Natalie Wade

Junior Melissa Ward warms up for the Good News Singers' first performance of the year Sept. 26 at the Reynolds Center recital hall. The a cappella singing group toured throughout the country and appeared at programs for churches and communities. (Photo by Russell Keck)





Opening the American Studies Lecture-ship series with Asa Hutchinson Sept. 25, the university chorus sings "Down in the River to Pray" from the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" sound track in the Benson Auditorium. Throughout the year the chorus prepared for a summer tour in Southeast Asia. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Junior Matthew Pruitt and sophomore **Stephanie Veech** entertain the crowd with fellow members of *Belles and Beaux* at the Jennings Osborne barbecue Sept. 27. The group's vocal and musical styles ranged from classical to country. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Senior Stephanie Sexton, sophomore **Jason Housby**, senior **Carrie Wright**, junior **Adam Dixon** and senior **Steven Kinyon**, concert choir members, sing songs of praise at the fall Lectureship Sept. 28. In addition to on-campus performances, the choir brought sounds of Harding to the nation as it toured throughout the states. (Photo by Russell Keck)



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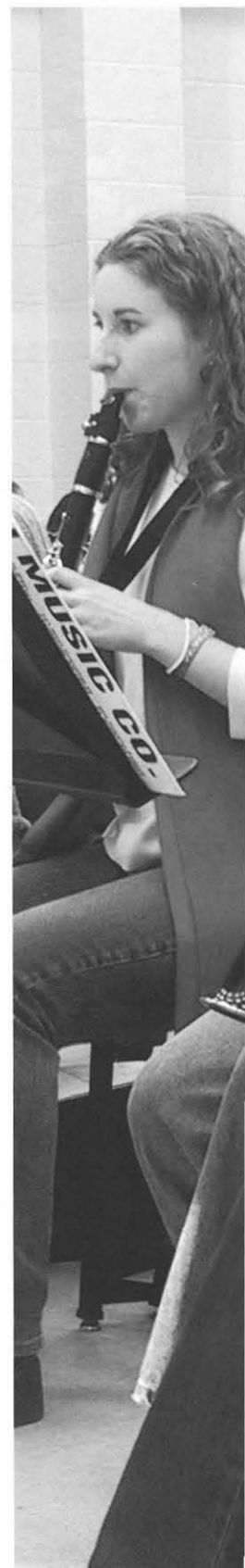
Senior Nicole Smith concentrates on hitting the high note during halftime at the Sept. 20 Bison football game. With the sounds of spirit and victory, the Thundering Herd marching band strove to energize the fans in the stands and the athletes on the field. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Encouraging the crowd, members of the pep band join the Rhodes Rowdies in cheering on the Bison basketball team Jan. 26. "It's such an adrenaline rush," sophomore Shane Johnson said. "When the band matches the excitement of the crowd and it echoes in the field house, you can't beat it." (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Tony Garcia accompanies the brass section in the jazz band's rendition of "Carnaval del Sol" Nov. 20 at the Reynolds Center recital hall. The band played a variety of member-composed arrangements, including blues, swing, bop, Latin and jazz rock pieces. (Photo by Russell Keck)





wind ensemble

seniors look to continue careers

Monday: marching band practice. Tuesday: jazz band rehearsal. Wednesday: wind ensemble concert. Thursday: chorus practice. Friday: chorus performance. Saturday: marching band performance. Sunday: personal recital.

Any given week could look like this for seniors Tony Garcia and Ashley Veatch.

Both members of the wind ensemble, Garcia and Veatch were involved in several other musical groups on campus.

However, both said the friendships and knowledge gained from the wind ensemble were invaluable.

"You learn discipline," Veatch said. "It can help you grow; not to mention you gain [around] 60 friends. It helps some people come out of their shell."

Garcia said learning to play with a group like the wind ensemble would benefit him later in life.

"Band really gives you a good basis and challenge," Garcia said. "It really forced me to play with an ensemble and learn to blend because to be a true musician is to learn to fit in your place and not over power everyone else."

Garcia and Veatch were both music majors who planned to further their education.

Auditioning at Julliard and Eastman in New York City spring semester, Garcia said he wanted to be a graduate assistant wherever he went. However, he had even bigger dreams in mind.

"Even though I would love to play in the Boston Pops, I know I have to work my way up the ladder," he said. "Maybe [I'll] play for a symphony ... or possibly even get my doctorate in music performance so I can teach upcoming trombone players."

Veatch, a French horn and trumpet player, looked at the University of Northern Texas and Wichita State for future graduate work.

"I could major in musicology and history, or perform in graduate school and teach private lessons at the college level or audition for some orchestras," Veatch said.

Veatch also considered mission work someday.

"[I could] possibly even teach music in South America to help schools there and do mission work at the same time," she said.

Regardless of their future plans, both musicians said they could use other talents while being musicians at the same time.

"Band let me apply my gift of encouragement to others because things get rough and stressful at times," Garcia said. "I could point out the good things to people when they needed it."

— Justin Bronson

Practice makes perfect for junior Jessica Weimer, freshman Nathalie Carbonneau and senior Amanda Evatt, wind ensemble members, as they prepare Jan. 21 for a performance. Directed by Mike Chance, assistant professor of music, the concert band, along with the pep band, orchestra and Thundering Herd, offered opportunities for music majors to showcase their talents. (Photo by Russell Keck)

campus civitan

more than just a service club

Two Mondays a month at 9:30 p.m. in the science building, students gathered to discuss and plan service projects for the community. These students identified themselves as Civitans because of their roots in the international branch, Civitan International.

Many students joined Campus Civitan to be involved in service projects outside of social clubs.

"I wanted to be more involved with service, but the social club I was in didn't really do a lot of that, and when they did it seemed like it was forced," senior Anne Roberts said. "Being with [Campus] Civitan not only allows you to do service projects with other like-minded people, but it gives you the chance to relax and have fun serving without feeling like it's something that you're forced to do."

Dr. Harmon Brown, professor of math and lifelong Civitan member, found the Harding organization in 2000. To join the club, members had to fill out an application and send it, along with the \$12 membership fee, to the headquarters in Tennessee. The membership fee helped fund the Civitan International Research Center, which was a research and treatment facility for people with developmental disabilities.

"I think it helps to expand our outlook. Even though the organization isn't church affiliated, it's still able to do some good," Brown said. "I also think it's a good way to become acquainted with what's going on in the community. It gives students a group to belong to outside of the church ..."

Among other projects, Campus Civitan was involved with the Sunshine School, Special Olympics and the Searcy Nursing Home. Every week members went to the Sunshine School and helped monitor recess.

"They're kids and so they like to play. They like having someone there who they can talk to and who cares about them," senior Bernadette Tovar said. "I think it's important for people to have an understanding of those with developmental problems because once you get to know them you see that they are so innocent and pure. Seeing that helps to give you a new perspective on His power of creation."

At the Searcy Nursing Home, Civitans hosted a chili supper and spent time talking with the patients. In addition, Civitans held a Halloween party for the Sunshine School and helped feed a needy family during the holidays.

— Cairey Tai

A JOY club member constructs a play house with a Sunshine School student Oct. 23 during a JOY club service project. "Volunteering with the JOY club has been an inspiration to me," junior Alison Brown said. "Through service activities you begin to see the light of God on the faces of those you've come to spend time with." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



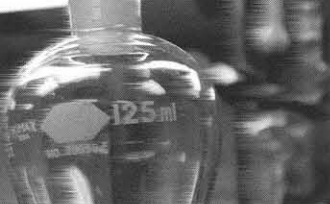


Sophomore Stephanie Wood, Circle K member, exercises her gardener's green thumb Sept. 11 at the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock. Painting and landscaping projects done at RMH were followed by other service projects during the semester. (Photo by Amanda Sember)

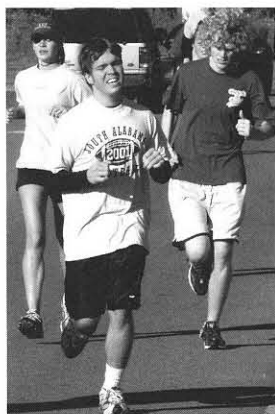


Social Work Club members present the Resident of the Month award to Louis Webb, resident at Beverly Health and Rehabilitation Center, during chapel in the Benson Auditorium Oct. 10. "Get your life right with God," Webb told the audience. "That sums it all up." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

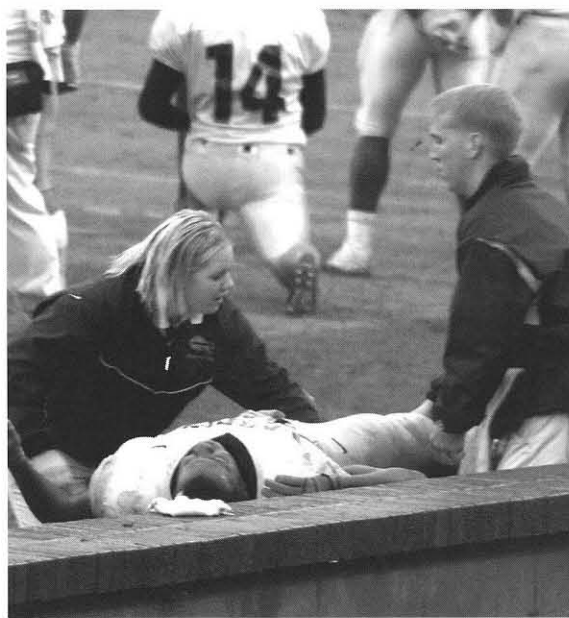
Seniors Bernadett Tovar and Ann Roberts relax with residents of the Searcy group home Dec. 11. After they enjoyed a chili supper together, Civitan members and residents decorated a Christmas tree and enjoyed each other's company. (Photo courtesy of Ann Roberts)



Freshman Sevea Shilts and senior **Patrick Carnathan** give aid to an injured Bison athlete at the Nov. 15 football game. Members of the Athletic Trainers Association attended athletic events to offer therapy and treatment for the athletes when needed. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Participants in the annual Bison Stampede 5K Run jog through the final lap Oct. 18. The athletic department sponsored the event as a fund-raiser during Homecoming weekend. (Photo courtesy of Sarah Johnson)



Community members inspect a Searcy rescue vehicle's equipment at the Student Nursing Association's Emergency Nursing Day Sept. 26. White County Hospital and Searcy Fire Department employees, and Searcy emergency medical technicians shared stories about their own experiences in emergency care at the event. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





computer scienceclub

competing across campus

For four years a group of 20-25 students gathered anywhere there were network hookups on campus to socialize and play computer games.

The Computer Science Club tradition began with students in the men's dorms playing against each other without any interaction except for through their keyboards. Club members thought it would be fun to take the individual game playing and make it into one large club event open to the entire campus.

"It's a lot more fun when you can actually see the person you're playing against," senior Jordan Powell, Computer Science Club president, said. "Before when you were playing in the rooms, all you knew about your opponent was his screen name. Now you can actually sit across from him and yell at him or harass him. So this way it's more personal, it's not like I'm just playing with my Internet friend."

The Local Area Network parties were usually held in student center 236, where students brought games, blankets, ordered pizza and played for up to eight hours at a time.

"It's something that we know everybody in the club likes to do and it's also a good way to meet other people," junior David Locke, Computer Science Club vice president, said. "A lot of the students who come aren't even computer science majors or in the club, so we get to know other people who like to play games."

The club also held a T-shirt design competition. While playing games with the club last year, a member began drawing designs of a T-shirt, which other members decided should be the design for the official club T-shirt. Since the designer graduated last May, the club decided to hold a competition to see who would be the designer of this year's T-shirt. The winner of the T-shirt competition won the bragging rights of having his design used on the shirt.

"Last year was the first time we ever had club shirts, and people liked having them so much that we decided to have them again," Powell said. "I guess it's a way for us to be identified together as a group."

— Cairey Tai

Sophomore Peter Kirby battles other Computer Science Club members in a game of "Counter Strike" at the club's Local Area Network Party/Gaming Day Nov. 8. The club met every month to discuss the newest computer games and programming tips. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Asa Hutchinson, former Arkansas congressman, speaks about the challenges of homeland security Sept. 25 in the Benson Auditorium. Hutchinson opened the 2003-2004 American Studies Institute Lecture-ship series. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

american studies institute

theme 'providential,' official says

Generation Y, which consisted of those born in or after 1978, was criticized prior to Sept. 11, 2001, by older generations for not having a cause or war to believe in. Most students would agree that before Sept. 11 they didn't think about homeland security and suicide bombers often.

However, the day after Sept. 11, it seemed that was all college students were talking about. It seemed as if this up and coming generation was given a cause to fight for.

With all of the talk still going on two years later, it was not surprising that the American Studies Institute stumbled across a Sept. 11 theme for this year's lecture series.

"We'd prefer to say the theme was providential rather than accidental," Dr. Bob Reely, ASI associate executive director, said. "The Sept. 11 event is the most significant event to take place in a lifetime of our students, and we hope that they will continue to remember the price we paid that day."

Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president, said ASI does not intentionally look for themes.

"We look for speakers who we think will supplement what takes place in the classroom," Carr said. "We don't go by themes."

Among some of the people invited to speak who had connections with Sept. 11 were Asa Hutchinson, director of the Department of Homeland Security; retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks; and Deena Burnett, wife of Flight 93 victim Tom Burnett.

"It just happened that way ... we had connections with all of them," Reely said. "Hutchinson was a long-time friend of Harding ... Burnett moved to Little Rock after Sept. 11 and used to reside in Searcy ... Franks' brother-in-law attended Harding."

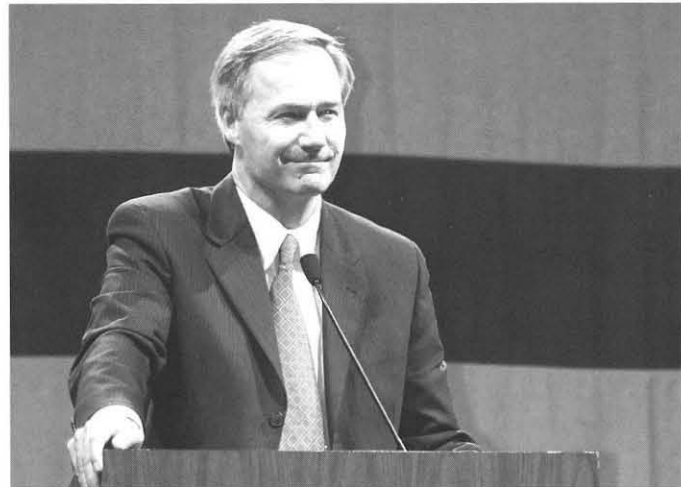
Although the topics spoken about varied widely in terms of issue and circumstance, they all reflected how much the world has changed in two years.

Hutchinson spoke about the challenges of heading up a new cabinet-level office and trying to combine departments such as the Immigration Naturalization Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Franks spoke about his experiences in Iraq; and Deena Burnett spoke about the loss of her husband.

Carr said it was important for the entire Harding community to remember the war that surrounded the year.

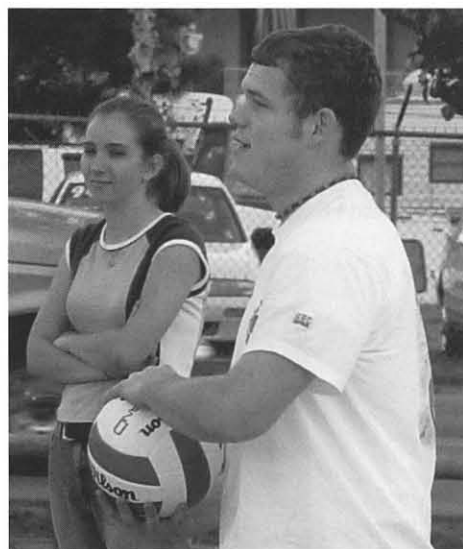
"It's important for us to remember this ongoing war on terror and support the ones out there fighting for us," he said.

— *Cairey Tai*



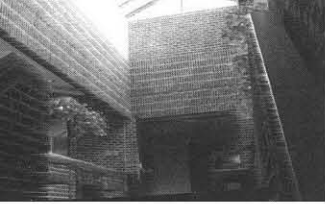


Jack McKinney, president of the Searcy Lion's Club, gives words of encouragement to Lance Cpl. Josh Goss of the United States Marine Corps at the College Republicans' "Support the Troops Rally" Oct. 21 on the front lawn. Goss was deployed to Iraq in March 2003 but returned seven months later to finish his studies at Harding. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

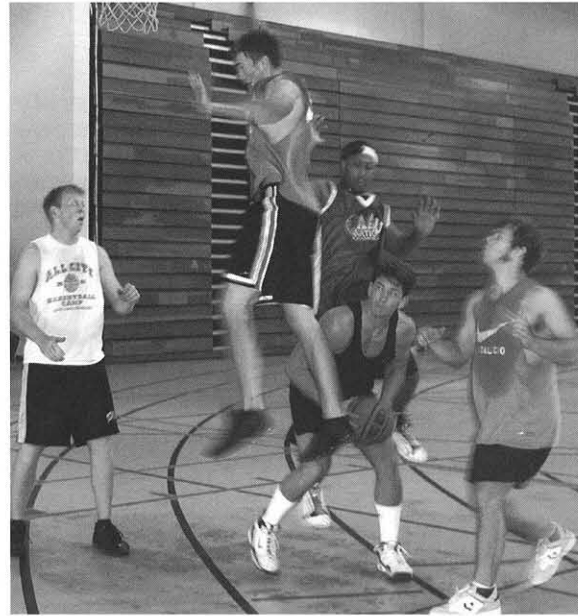


Junior Andrew Worley prepares to serve to the opposing volleyball team at the Barristers barbecue picnic Sept. 29. The organization focused on preparing pre-law undergraduates for law school. (Photo courtesy of Brian Richardson)

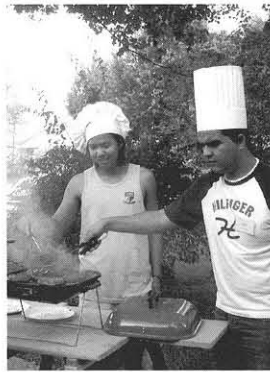
Rep. Jim Ryun of Kansas greets patrons at a book-signing session after his American Studies Institute lecture Nov. 17. Ryun also sponsored a voter registration drive with the ASI during the day in the student center to encourage students to vote. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Sophomores Andrew Conbrough, Travis Lauterbach and Anthony Bailey, and seniors Chris Casey and Dan Johnson compete in the Society for the Advancement of Management-sponsored three-on-three basketball tournament Oct. 11 in the Ganus Athletic Center. The event served as an SAM fund-raiser. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Junior Darwin Romero and senior **Jason Balota** grill hamburgers at the International Business Society cookout Sept. 13 at Professor of Business **Dr. Budd Hebert's** house. "It's a lot of fun and food," Balota said. "We invite potential IBS members to come check out what we do and meet the crew." (Photo courtesy of Jason Balota)



Junior Jeremy Bowls, senior Clay Waliski and juniors **Grant Jackson** and **Greg Mead** tour the Cintas plant in Searcy Nov. 17 with Cintas general manager **Lester Allen**. The Society for the Advancement of Management toured the plant to view Cintas products, interview employees and experience a day in the life of an operation manager. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





society for the advancement of management

fund-raiser helps build support

Each year there were countless fund-raisers on campus, but a favorite among students was the annual three-on-three basketball tournament hosted by the Society for the Advancement of Management.

"The players love it because they get a lot of recognition," senior Clay Waliski, SAM president, said. "They get to play in the championship game at the Rhodes Field House."

The tournament was the first fund-raiser of the year for SAM, and it barely came together because of unique circumstances involving the school calendar.

"This was weird because school started late and social clubs started early, so we had to push right in head first because we wanted to make sure to do this right," Waliski said.

The tournament held true to tradition by gaining club recognition and raising money, Waliski said. The majority of the games were played Oct. 11, except the championship game, which was played as part of the festivities at Midnight Madness Oct. 14. The single-elimination tournament consisted of 15-minute games, and players called their own fouls.

The final game was an inter-social club battle between members of Titans. The game, which featured blocked shots and slam dunks, ended with a score of 15-5, with the team of sophomores Aaron Davis, Brian Johnson, Chris Hart and Howard Nathaniel on top.

The money earned at the fund-raiser allowed SAM to provide speakers and funds for several of the organization's projects.

SAM provided opportunities for students to get involved in leadership and management roles.

"I personally feel it helps me learn how to manage by teaching me how to motivate people and deal with problems as well as schedule events," Waliski said.

The largest event SAM participated in was the annual case competition in Baltimore, Md. It was a competition where students analyzed a business-related case and attempted to solve the cases with their own solutions.

Overall the tournament and SAM was a success, Waliski said.

"Business is actually a lot like basketball, you have to work as a team and ... make good decisions in order to do well," he said.

—Justin Bronson

Sophomores Lauren Bryan and Sarah Gregg sample student recipes at the Society for Human Resource Management's Chili cook-off fund-raiser Nov. 6. "It was hard to pick the best chili because they were all so good," Bryan said. "It was great to meet other business majors in the department and bond over some home cooking." (Photo by Amy Beene)

student council for exceptional children

members learn to adjust

The thought of being surrounded by a group of children on a regular basis and trying to teach them was enough to send some people running in the other direction. Add to that thought the fact that some children had special needs and a disaster recipe may have brewed for some.

Although some would find this situation intimidating, it was what drove the members of the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

"If I were a parent who had a child with special needs, I'd want them to have a teacher who knew something about teaching children with special needs," senior Kimberlee Cox, SCEC president, said. "[As] a regular education major you don't get to learn how to handle special needs children, but with the council you do."

As a part of its activities, the council organized events with other education organizations and went to places like the Sunshine School where members played games with the children and helped with cleaning.

In November, members took a trip to Hot Springs to attend the Council for Exceptional Children's national conference. In addition to these activities, SCEC held monthly meetings, which featured guest speakers from Easter Seals, Hospice and educators of special needs children.

"I really wanted to be a part of the Council for Exceptional Children and be able to work for them," senior Jenny Bell said. "I love the field trip that we took [to Hot Springs]. Getting to see what steps they've taken in advancing the needs of these children was great."

By trying to equip students with skills to deal with special needs children, the council held events such as the Special Olympics in the Ganus Athletic Center and invited the student body to help.

"It's interesting to see how people react because I did the same thing at first; I felt sorry for them," Cox said. "But then you get to know them, and you realize how happy they are. They're in their own innocent world that we don't get to be in."

The CEC, a national organization since 1922, began the student section in 1965. The Harding chapter has been around for 10 years and had 15 members this year.

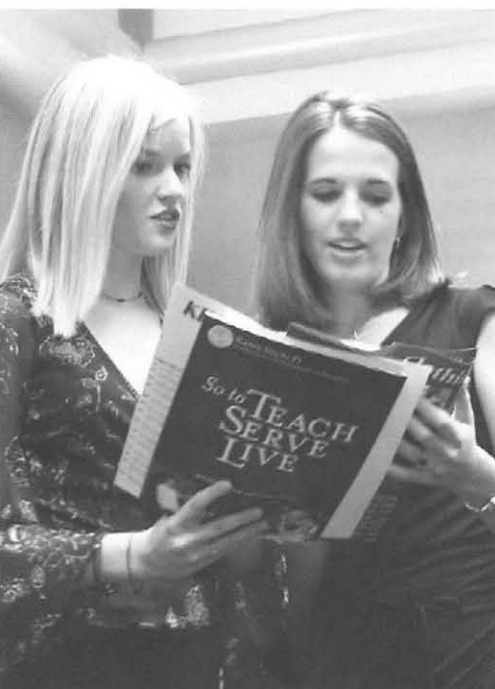
Bell said the experience she gained from SCEC was invaluable.

"It's an overwhelming satisfaction to be able to work with these kids," Bell said. "They are extra special blessings; I love being around them; and I'd recommend it to anybody."

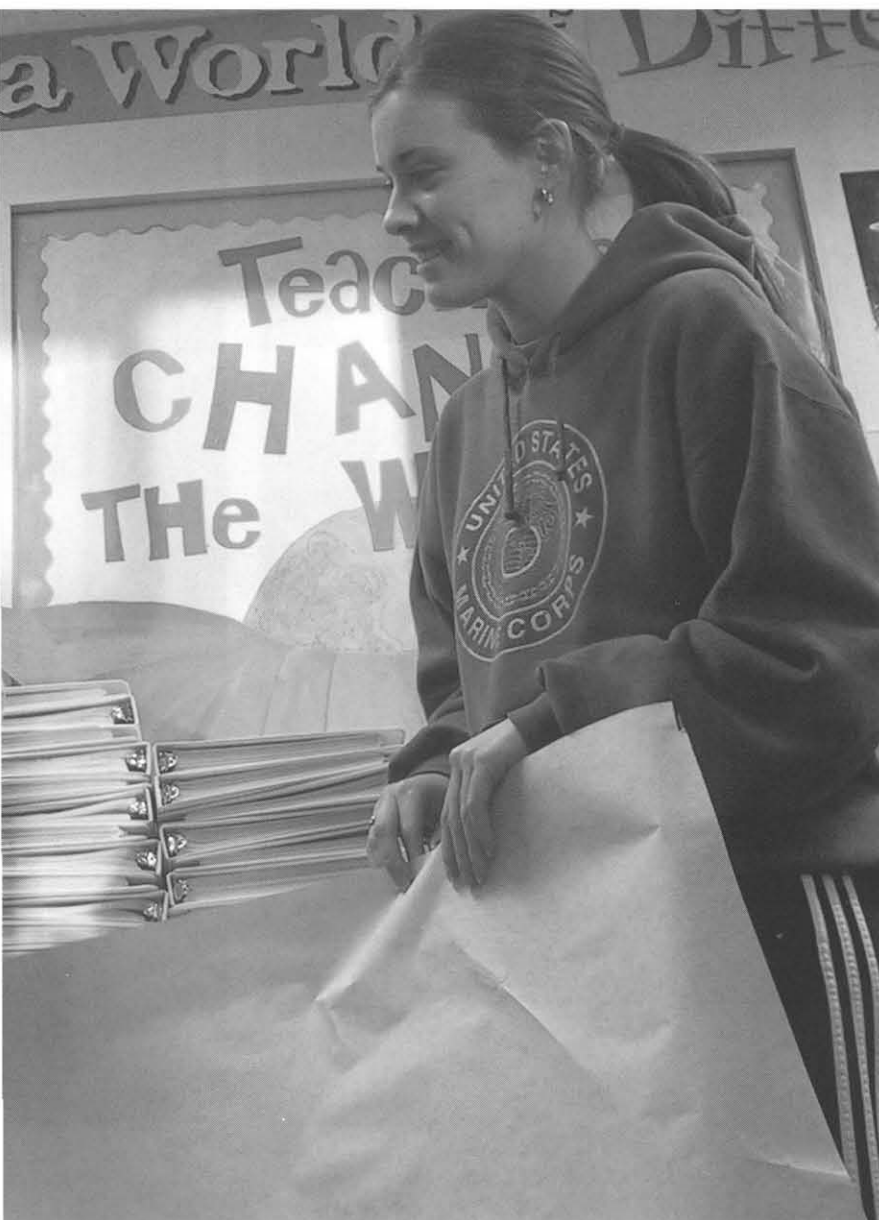
— Cairey Tai

Graduate student Penny McGlawn talks about her life as an eighth-grade science teacher at Cabot Junior High North to members of Students Advancing Learning and Teaching and other education majors Sept. 17. The seminar included other Harding College of Education alumni who answered questions about the job market, student teaching and education in general. (Photo courtesy of Peter Shipman)





Juniors Kelly Teel and Kathrine Orsburn look at Kappa Delta Pi's program after their induction into the education honor society Oct. 2. Senior Matt Souto, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, referenced 19th century Harvard University professor Henry Adams when describing his experiences in the College of Education, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops," Adams said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Laura Lorimore shares a laugh with her son, Ben, at the 2002 Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children fall conference in Hot Springs. Lorimore, a former member of Harding's Student Council for Exceptional Children, earned a master's degree in special education in 1999. (Photo courtesy of Carol Douglass)

Seniors Stefani Coble and Morgan Setzler, members of Students Advancing Learning and Teaching, cut a piece of paper for an education class project. As members of SALT, education majors seasoned their resumes with tutoring experiences and professional workshops the organization sponsored. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Junior Jo Ellis sketches out a floor plan for her 2-D design portfolio Oct. 21. Interior design majors gained experience and portfolio pieces through their work in the American Society of Interior Design. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Freshman Caleb Lowery reads his work "Light Bearer" to an audience in the Little Theater Oct. 16 as part of Sigma Tau Delta's Fall Literary Festival. The literary program provided educational and cultural experiences for students majoring in English. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Musing over traditional literary works and original compositions, members of the Scribblers club share their works with each other. The club provided an open forum for students' poems and prose stories. (Photo by Amy Beene)





redbrick studios

designers stack it up

For the first time in almost 10 years, Red Brick Studios, a student-run graphic design club, hosted its graphic design seminar, "Stacked," on campus Oct. 15.

The last time the club held its seminar was during the mid 90s when members asked former students to come back to showcase their work. This year, in addition to people showcasing their work, students were given the chance to have their work critiqued by professional graphic designers during portfolio reviews.

"It was a good thing for me because they were really honest," senior Jessica Campbell said. "Seeing them reassured me that we're going to get out there, and we don't have to know everything, but that's OK because we're going to learn. It was also helpful to get their feedback on my work because graphic design has a tendency to be subjective and so it was good to hear from four other professionals."

Throughout the day, 72 participants from the university and Harding Academy filled student center 236, to listen to speakers discuss what it's like after graduation and tips for getting a job. The keynote speakers were James Little, owner of Mmerse design firm; Isaac Alexander, an art director from Little Rock; Heather Wooten-Moore, a junior art director at Stone-Walton, and Ben Johnson, a graphic designer from Memphis.

"Students want to know about the real world aspect of graphic design," Stacy Schoen, assistant professor of art, said. "It excites them and creates enthusiasm about the field because with school you can't always see the end. This gives them a passion for what they do, and the portfolio reviews especially help them to hear beyond us [professors] what's really expected of you."

Apart from listening to speakers and having their work reviewed, students had the opportunity to compete for a \$50 prize. Students entered a contest to design a package and logo for a light bulb that was both protective and eye catching. The panel of speakers judged the entries and chose senior Adam MacDonald as the winner.

"It was really a surprise for me," MacDonald said. "In a way it confirmed my feeling that I've learned my trade pretty well."

The event went off so well, RBS hoped to make it an annual event, Dr. Daniel Adams, associate professor of art, said.

"It gives the students a chance to not only here from professionals in the field but also gives them the opportunity to make a connection with alumni and see past students who are successful," Adams said. "It also helps us assess our program and is a tool for recruiting high school students."

— Cairey Tai

Sophomore Annalisa Siegle and senior Amber Manis look at a portfolio at Red Brick Studio's "Stacked" conference Oct. 15. Manis, a member of RBS, shared her portfolio with professional graphic designers at the conference. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

public relations student society of america

organization offers networking

Students who took advantage of Harding's re-established chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America also took what they learned to the bank — the job bank after graduation.

The student version of the Public Relations Society of America was re-established this fall by Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication, who served as sponsor.

"It's [PRSSA] very valuable to be associated with the professional organization for continuing education and job and internship possibilities for the students," Shock said.

The opportunities the organization offered was one reason senior Christy Canady joined.

"It's a good opportunity for us who are public relations majors. It gives us the chance to get involved," Canady said. "It's good for networking."

Canady said she was excited about the organization.

"It's a tool," she said. "It's a resource. The advice that we get from people who are already in the professional world is very helpful. I want to have as much of an edge as I can [in the professional world]."

Senior Todd Ramsey, PRSSA president, said the organization gave students a springboard into the world of public relations.

"With PRSSA, we are given access to a job bank and are able to network with people in the professional organization just by being a member of the student organization," he said.

Shock said throughout the semester the organization held meetings with guest speakers and would participate in a national case study competition.

"I want my students to have as much contact as possible with members of the public relations profession," Shock said. "Some of the best learning happens in job-shadowing or internship situations, and I want our chapter to be actively involved with experience-based education."

Approximately 20 members joined in the fall, mostly seniors who planned to graduate in May, Ramsey said.

"The main benefit is the job bank and networking," he said. "That's why the club has reformed."

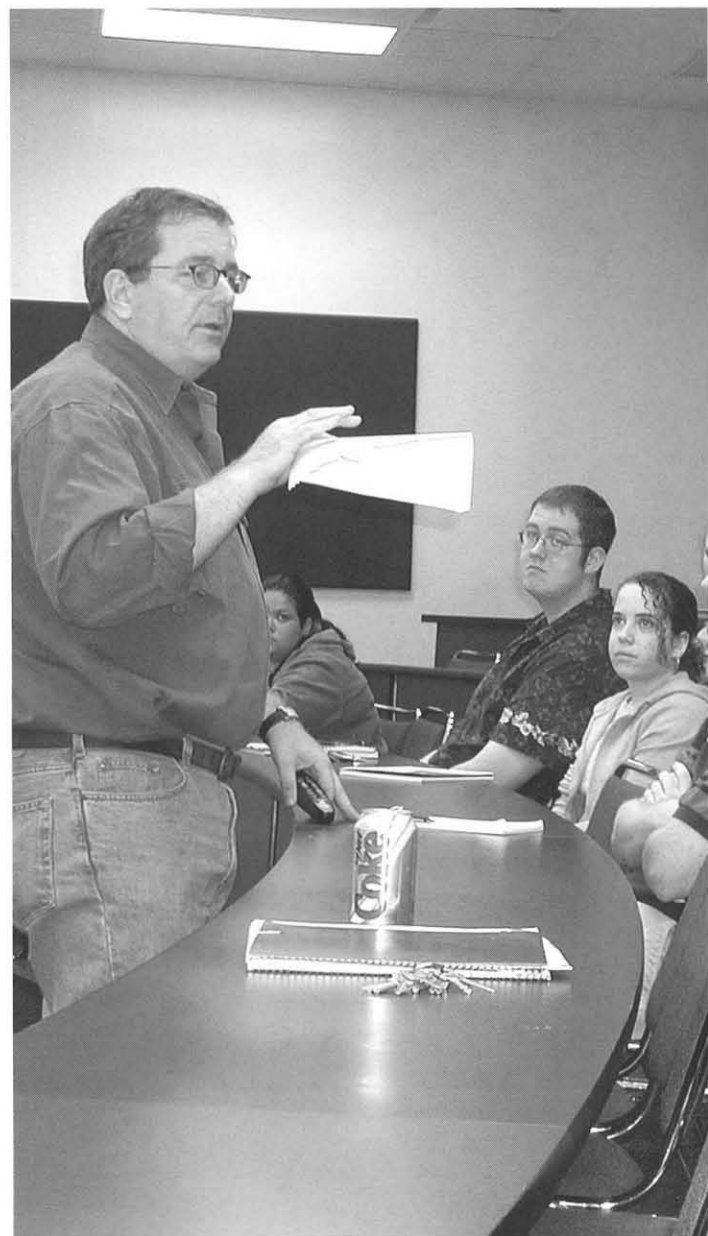
Canady said the organization was open to all majors, not just public relations majors, and she hoped more students from other majors would join the club.

Canady said the organization was a plus for the communication department.

"This is definitely something that will help us out," she said. "It's not just any other organization. I see this as another way for us to be involved and be active."

— Sara Van Winkle

Sharing silent conversations, freshmen Jessica Hooten and Ladoris Williams practice American Sign Language at a Dactylology Club meeting Sept. 23. The group taught and trained students to preach the gospel and serve within the deaf community. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





Senior Justin Bland skims through the *Bison* before heading to class Oct. 17. The student newspaper utilized aspiring journalists, editors, photographers and layout designers to report weekly happenings to the Harding community. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Senior Jessica Swindle, KHCA disc jockey, voices the next song before reporting the weather Oct. 11 as part of the radio practicum course. Radio practicum provided students with an opportunity for hands-on experience in radio news. (Photo by Russell Keck)

Public relations majors junior Jamie Higgins, senior Amanda Sember, sophomore Brian Hall and juniors Matt Blansett, Barkley Terry and Sarah Crist discuss future Public Relations Student Society of America activities with sponsor Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication. PRSSA picked up again this year after a lengthy hiatus. (Photo by Amy Beene)



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Senior Justin Bland and a Student Association volunteer rake and bag leaves during the SA-sponsored Rake and Run Nov. 8. For the annual service project students volunteered their time to help clear more than 50 lawns in Searcy. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Junior Kendra Stegall hands her ticket to a ticket-taker before the Benson showing of "Finding Nemo" Sept. 12. The Student Association Movie Committee, made up of about 12 students, chose movies based on student requests, entertainment value and availability. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Excited by the possibility of winning \$200, sophomore **Nakeia Monte** buzzes in during the Student Activities Committee-sponsored game show, "ThinkFast," Jan. 15 in the student center. Senior **Robbie Thompson** took home the cash during the trivia game. (Photo by Dustin Vyders)





student association

leading a campus of prayer

Even before the student body went to the polls in the spring of 2003 to vote for senior Michael Campbell as the Student Association president, Campbell had a vision for the campus.

Campbell longed to make Harding University a true "campus of prayer."

"This was a personal dream of mine," Campbell said. "I was inspired by Steve Cloer's service emphasis when he was president in 2001-2002."

To encourage a campus of prayer, Campbell designated February as a Month of Prayer.

"Prayer is a serious and powerful thing, and we don't always treat it that way," Campbell said.

Each week of February had a theme surrounding prayer. Week one focused on the power and importance of prayer in a Christian's life. Week two centered on purity, repentance and confession. Attempting to strengthen everyday living, week three concentrated on a Christian's role in the world; and week four was a week of prayer for missions and lost souls.

Students were given the opportunity to sign up for 30-minute time slots throughout the 29 days in February. Campbell hoped students would fulfill their promises to pray for 30 minutes straight.

"I hope that people would be in daily communication with God and be able to see something done in our lives," Campbell said.

Along with the Month of Prayer, Campbell continued the prayer boxes. Prayer boxes were placed in the cafeteria, library, student center and the Benson Auditorium, and students were encouraged to drop prayer requests in them. Members of the SA and the Spiritual Life Committee prayed for the requests daily.

"Just knowing that I could put in a prayer request encouraged me to think about my relationship with God and what I needed to work on," sophomore Nathan Looney said.

Graduate student Kristen Thompson said she appreciated the SA's interest in praying for the campus.

"It makes me feel at ease knowing that Harding is being prayed about on campus by so many," Thompson said.

With Campbell's dream coming true, he said the true accomplishments of the SA's goal could never be known.

"Students really liked and appreciated the idea after the election," Campbell said. "It is hard to measure the success of the campus of prayer because it is about the people."

— Renee Lewis, DeAnn Thomas and Jamie Higgins

Freshmen Holley Hogan, Jessie Ellis and Rebecca Tucker decorate the light posts for the annual campus lighting project in November. Members of the freshman class hung lights to help usher in the holiday season. (Photo by Russell Keck)

multi-cultural student action committee

serving community, each other

The Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee, founded in 1999, was formed to help all students, especially minority and foreign, connect to Harding's social pipeline.

Due to the growth of MSAC this year, the committee considered changing meeting locations because the conference room they met in became too crowded. However, for the year, the group continued to meet in the Student Association conference room.

"We had just a handful of members in the beginning, but now we have students sitting all over the room, in every available place," Butch Gardner, director of Minority Student Services and First Year Experience, said. "They have also [become] better at planning, and they have a sense of direction and seem to know where they are going."

The older members, who watched the group grow over the years, appreciated the direction the committee has taken since its inception.

"We are trying to focus on getting more of the student body involved and connected to all cultures, as well as get more faculty members to help us out," senior Lonnie Smith said.

The committee needed new ways to open doors for expansion, so they brainstormed to find ways to reach out to the diverse Harding family.

"We had an expansion in ideas — ideas to push out and get involved with the other groups on campus — to open up forums, [which would] address student and teacher problems with cultural differences," senior Sharhi Scraders, vice president, said.

Gardner said the committee served Harding because it gave many minority students a sense of belonging.

"The committee helps in the retention of minority students because they aren't usually as involved in social clubs, and the committee opens up an alternative that also promotes diversity," Gardner said.

Through service projects and other activities, MSAC helped students develop spiritually. Members participated in Fall Fest, a carnival for under-privileged children in Kensett, and a Christmas project for children in low-income housing.

The committee also organized social functions including a potluck dinner and a trip to the Halloween corn maze in Newport, Ark. They also planned activities for Black History Month in order to spread awareness of the history of black culture in America, including Gospel Explosion weekend Feb. 19-21, which featured gospel music groups. MSAC also sponsored a candlelight devotional Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

— Justin Bronson

Senior Renada Robinson, Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee president, talks with junior Cairey Tai, senior Shahri Scraders and sophomore Rachel Donald at the committee's weekly meeting Nov. 16. MSAC worked throughout the semester to promote diversity on campus and in the community. (Photo by Renee Lewis)





Freshman Keylor Campos plays "Twister," a unity game, with members of the International Student Society at a mixer Sept. 19 in the McInteer rotunda. Originating from more than 53 countries around the world, ISS members used their time together to share memories of home and the experiences of living abroad. (Photo courtesy of Ingrid Osorio)



Members of the International Student Society explore the grounds of the Global Village at Camp Tahkodah Oct. 23. The group joined the International Business Society and Dr. Monte Cox, assistant professor of Bible and director of the Center for World Missions, for a session about mission field training. (Photo courtesy of Ingrid Osorio)

Senior Larry Holliman shares his holiday spirit with children at the Searcy Housing Authority during the Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee's Christmas party Dec. 6. "Service projects with MSAC helped me out a lot spiritually," senior Lonnie Smith said. "It helped me connect with people and just simply be more culturally appreciative." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

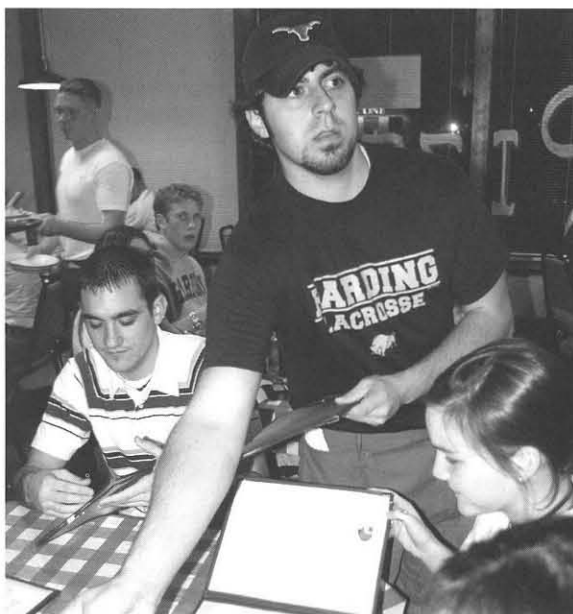


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Junior Corbin Wilhelmi takes orders from patrons at Charley's Pizza Nov. 11 as part of a lacrosse team fund-raiser. Because lacrosse was not an intercollegiate sport at Harding, the university's athletic program was unable to fund it. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Sophomore Aaron Miller, senior Jonathan Dean and junior Colby Blaisdell, members of the Ultimate Frisbee team, scrimmage at Harding Park Nov. 14. The team chartered as an official Harding organization Dec. 11. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



Freshman David Boyd and sophomore Kyle Latourette, dodge a Kansas State player at a March 29, 2003, lacrosse game. "We all love this game," junior Mark Bates said. "I think once people see what lacrosse is all about, they'll love it too." (Photo by Melissa Wilson)





ultimate frisbee

sports club charters in fall

Ultimate Frisbee — to some it was a relaxed pick-up game, for others it was an intense intercollegiate competition.

Either way, the spirit of the game prevailed, and a group of Ultimate players at Harding demonstrated that spirit through the Ultimate Frisbee club, which chartered Dec. 11.

"I like the spirit of the game," junior Ty Gentry said. "The highest authority you answer to are the players on the field, meaning a controversial call is never taken out of the hands of the players. It brings words like honor and integrity back into intercollegiate competition."

In Ultimate Frisbee, two teams tried to score by throwing the disc downfield to teammates and getting it into an end zone.

If, when passing, a team dropped the disc, the other picked it up at that spot and began advancing toward its opponent's end zone in the opposite direction.

"It's a really great sport with a lot of close calls," sophomore Jordan Walters said. "It gets intense. When you push yourself you can see results. It takes a lot of tough cuts out of me."

There were no referees, even in intercollegiate Ultimate Players Association-sanctioned tournaments.

The self-called fouls allowed the spirit to rule. The players said the spirit of the game was the most important aspect of Ultimate Frisbee.

"It's like pick-up basketball, you call your own fouls," junior Luke Dockery said. "You don't argue, you may just contest a foul and the disc goes back to the other team. The rules are set up so the game just continues on."

Playing in two tournaments in the fall, the club was off to a winning start. During the first tournament in Jackson, Tenn., the Blue Plate Special, the club came home with a first place win, beating seven teams.

"We went up there and destroyed everybody," Gentry said. "We beat the University of Alabama at Huntsville 15-4. We returned home with the first Ultimate Frisbee victory in Harding history."

At Itchfest in Nashville, the club placed ninth out of 16 teams.

"The schools that beat us [at Itchfest] were division one schools," junior Kevin Chastine said. "We weren't prepared to play at that level, so we struggled."

Besides the fun and competition the tournaments provided, the tournaments also gave the Harding players opportunities to show Christ to other schools.

The team prayed before and after each game, inviting its opponents to join.

"It's really good to play a sport with them and show them that we do it for a reason, to glorify God in all that we do," Chastine said.

— Staff reports

Stretching for the disc, juniors Daniel Tignor, Adam Williams and senior Luke Dockery compete in an Ultimate Frisbee match Nov. 14. "It's more than just a game of Frisbee," sophomore Aaron Miller said. "It's the fun of competition, teamwork and fellowship with our brothers and sisters." (Photo by Curtis Seright)



In the spotlight of candles,

Patty Barrett, director of residence life, Dr. Ken Cameron, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Dennis Matlock, assistant professor of biochemistry, welcome new members into the Alpha Chi honor society Oct. 19.

The organization inducted 63 students in the fall and 76 in the spring. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



alpha chi

students establish academic excellence

Alpha Chi involved students from different backgrounds and cultures who shared a common goal — academic achievement.

The national honor society had chapters located on more than 300 campuses around the nation.

Membership was granted to the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors in all majors.

The individuals considered needed to exhibit the character traits defined by the name of the organization: truth (alpha) and character (chi).

Dr. Ken Cameron, associate professor of psychology, who was in charge of organizing and guiding the members, led the local chapter.

"Our organization is unique in the fact that we involve students from all different cultures and types of life," Cameron said. "The tie that connects them all is their ability to strive toward academic success."

Senior Maria Rodriguez, a Honduras native, enjoyed being a part of a society that recognized her efforts and helped to provide motivation.

Doing well in school was not a new concept to Rodriguez because ever since she was a child, her mother encouraged excellence.

"My mom always gave me a good example; she showed me the way to achieve your goals was through trying over and over again until you were perfect," Rodriguez said.

After Rodriguez received her degree in

human resources, she planned to return to Honduras to help improve the country's labor practices. Rodriguez hoped her involvement in Alpha Chi would help others see her knowledge to make changes.

Rodriguez said Cameron was an encouraging voice she could turn to when faced with school struggles.

"Dr. Cameron is very understanding and a great motivational speaker," Rodriguez said. "Sometimes when I didn't think I would be able to get it all done, he would remind me I had done it before and could do it again."

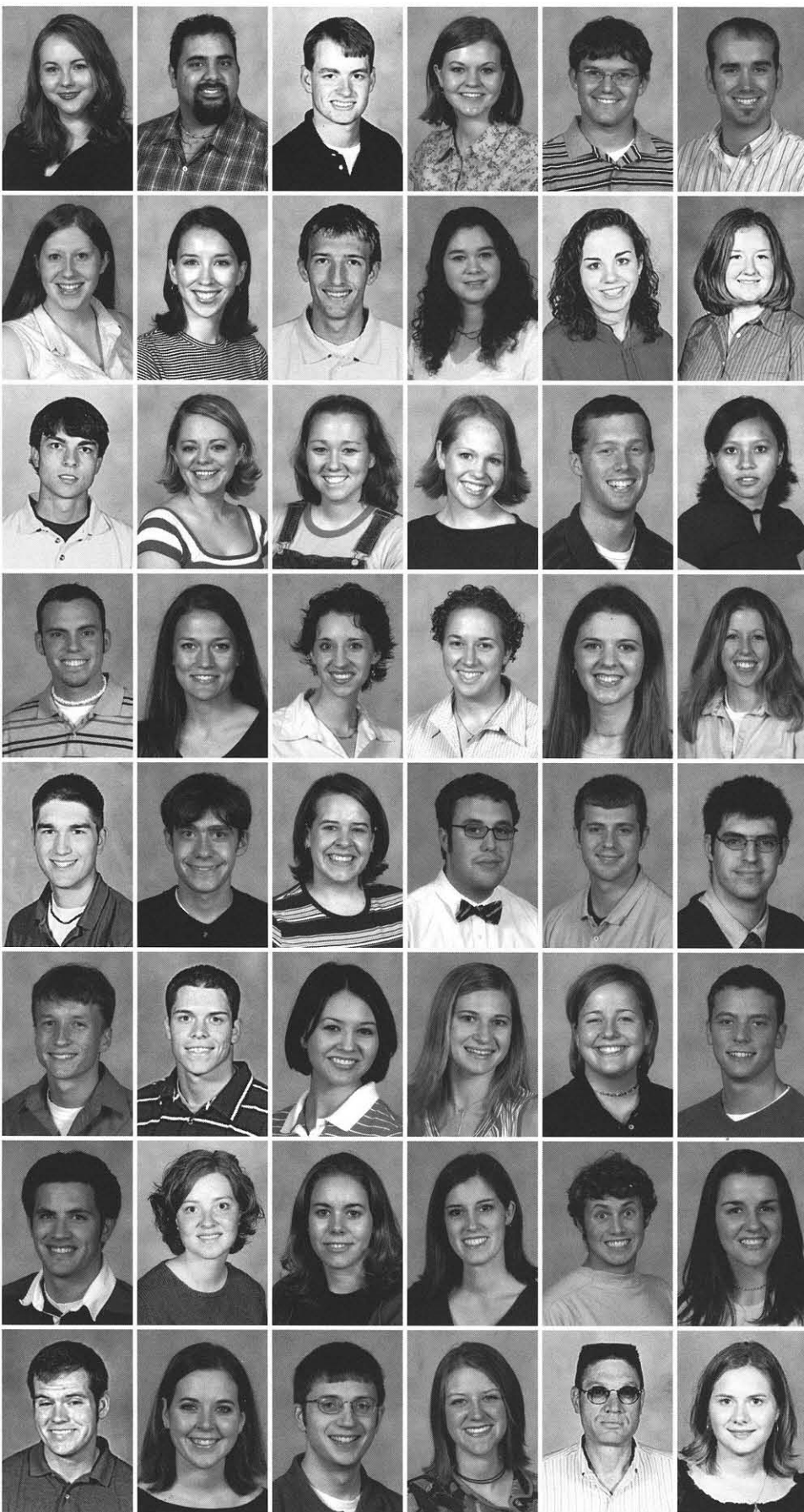
Other students also found support and encouragement from Cameron and their families.

"My family always expected me to do well in [everything] I do," senior Autumn Riley said. "At home our motto is, 'As long as you tried your hardest and gave it your best, then we are proud of you.'"

Riley said time management was another key component of her academic success.

"I am a prime example of the positive benefits of time management," Riley said. "Many people think you can't be concerned with anything else if you want to make A's; they often assume we spend our lives in the library. That definitely was not the case for me. I was always very involved on campus. In fact, this fall I was vice president for Zeta Rho."

— Lori Liming



Amelia Anderson — Alpha Chi
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Joe Bedwell — Alpha Chi, Who's Who
Amanda Beller — Alpha Chi, Who's Who
Gabriel Bennett — Alpha Chi
Daniel Bettis — Alpha Chi

Robyn Bocks — Alpha Chi
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Zachary Cheatham — Alpha Chi
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Lydia Christian — Who's Who
Rebecca Clausen — Who's Who
Ruth Anne Cox — Alpha Chi
Carolyn Crim — Who's Who

Jared Culbertson — Who's Who
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who's who among students in american universities and colleges

students establish collegiate honor

Each year faculty and staff members selected students to become members of the national honors program, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

These students didn't campaign for distinction; rather faculty members chose them based on criteria, which included academic standing and involvement in the community.

"The unique thing about the Who's Who program criteria is that GPA is not the only thing considered," Dr. Jerome Barnes, director of special projects, said.

In order for students to be nominated for Who's Who, the faculty had to nominate students who they thought were potential candidates. These names were compiled into a list.

All nominees were then asked to fill out an activities sheet detailing their extracurricular and academic activities.

The students' records were then checked to make sure they fulfilled all the criteria.

Ballots were then given to faculty members, and the votes

were tabulated. The chosen students were then sent certificates in the mail detailing their membership status.

"It's really neat to be listed among so many people who have both good academic standing and a desire to serve the community," senior Cheryl Calhoun said.

Calhoun said it was important to be involved in as much as possible while in college.

Calhoun, a psychology major, was a member of Delta Gamma Rho social club and Psi Chi, a psychology majors' association.

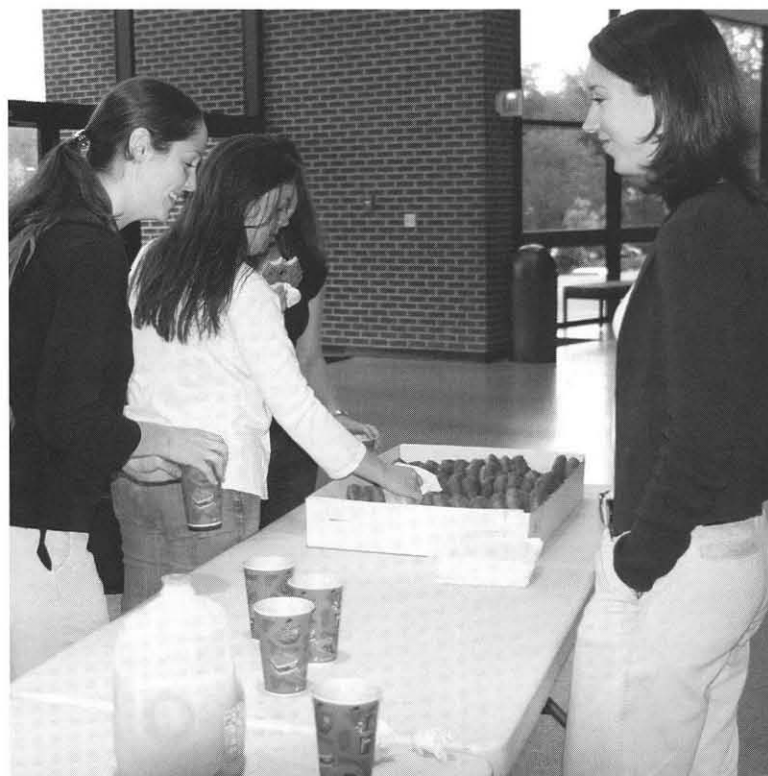
"A lot of time in school, people just focus on grades and don't pay attention to anything else," Calhoun said.

Senior Josiah Smelser said knowing so many people had a hand in the nomination process made this recognition much more important.

"It's nice to know the faculty thinks so highly of me," Smelser said.

Smelser, an accounting major, was a member of Knights social club and the Accounting Society.

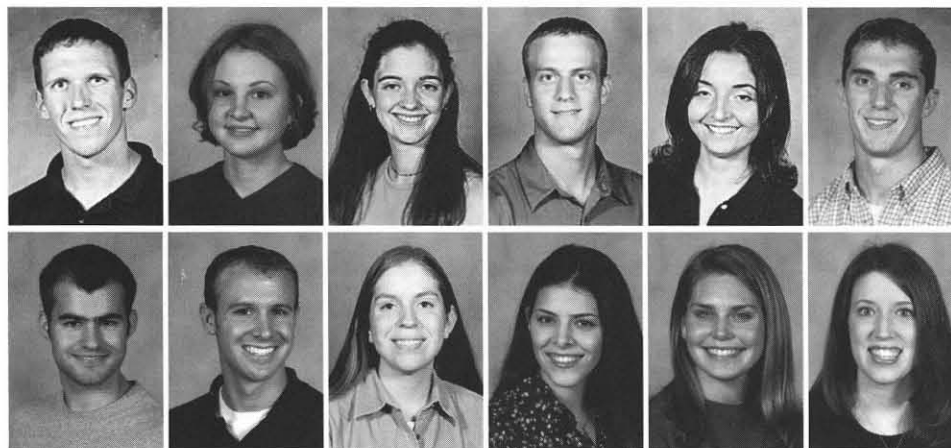
— Matt Blansett and Cairey Tai

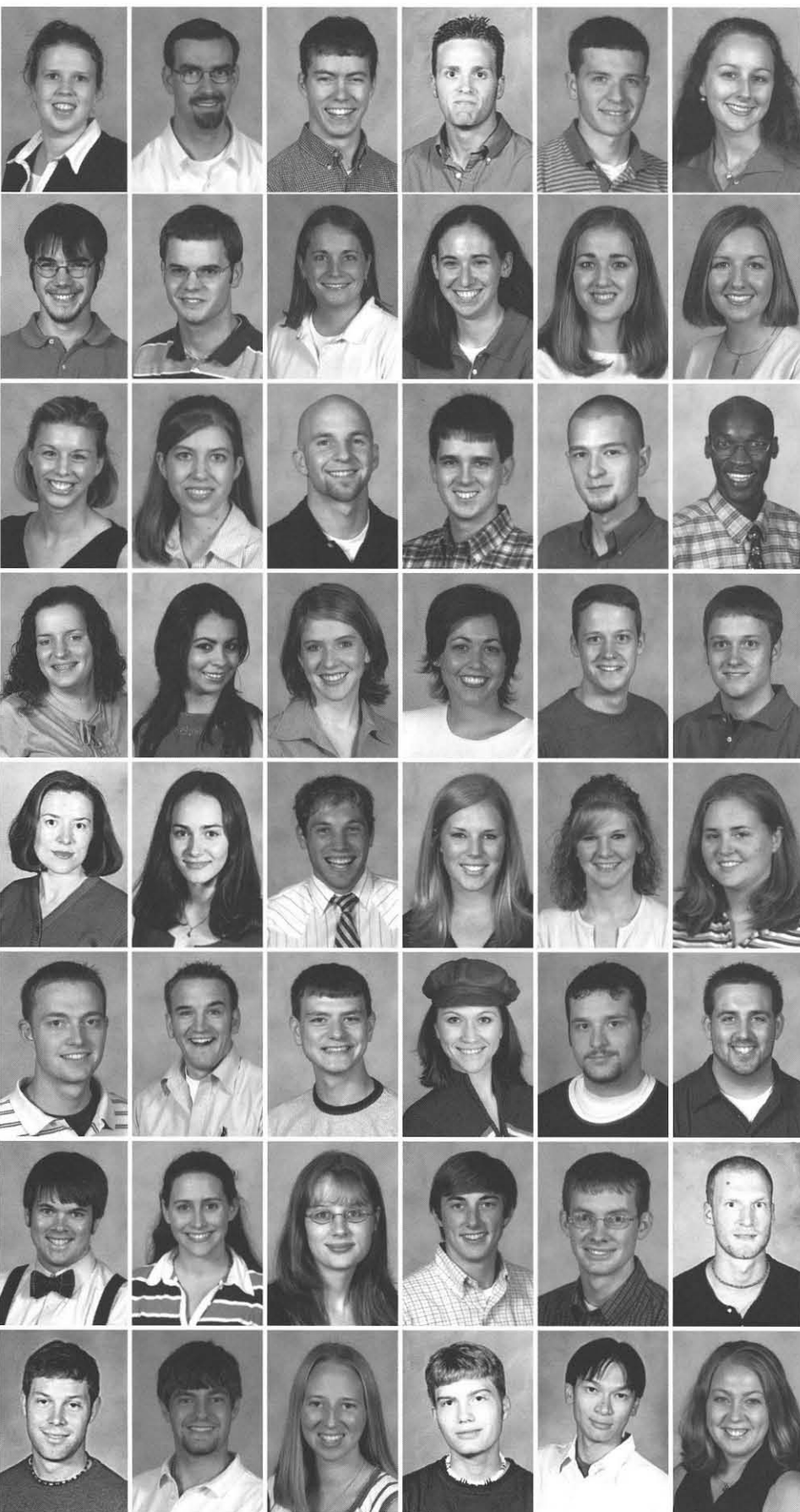


Senior Katie Bond, co-chairman of the Student Association Spiritual Life Committee, serves donuts and juice to students at a SA prayer breakfast. Bond was among 60 students who were nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for her work in and out of the classroom. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

James Huff — Alpha Chi
Bethany Jackson — Who's Who
Rebecca Jaquish — Alpha Chi
Jon Jensen — Alpha Chi
Rusudan Kambarashvili — Alpha Chi
Tyler Kemmerer — Alpha Chi

Alistair Kent — Who's Who
Jacob Kirby — Who's Who
Sara Langley — Alpha Chi
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