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Spring 2004

A Note From the Editor

What is an echo anyway?

Roughly, an echo is a repetition or imitation of something caused by a reflection. At the end of the year, after you move everything out of your dorm room, while surveying to make sure nothing is left behind, listen for the faint echo of your voice.

The bare cement walls of your room will holler back to you. In a way, this Echo, the one you hold in your hands, should holler back to you too—you don't even have to yell at it and listen, just look.

As you search through the pages I hope you find images that reflect you and your friends, the things you did, the places you saw. Just enjoy it. Within this book, I truly hope you find your own echo.

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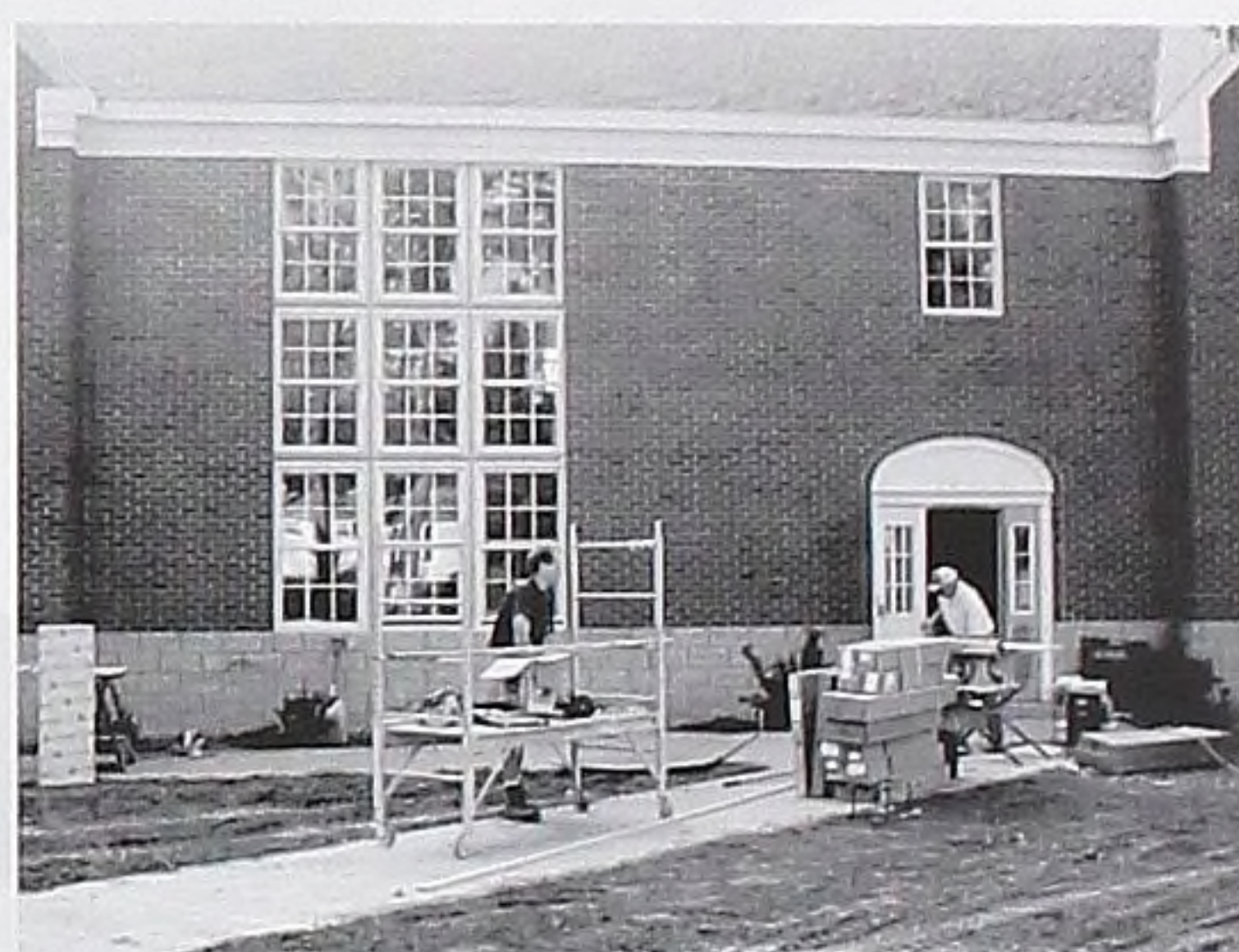
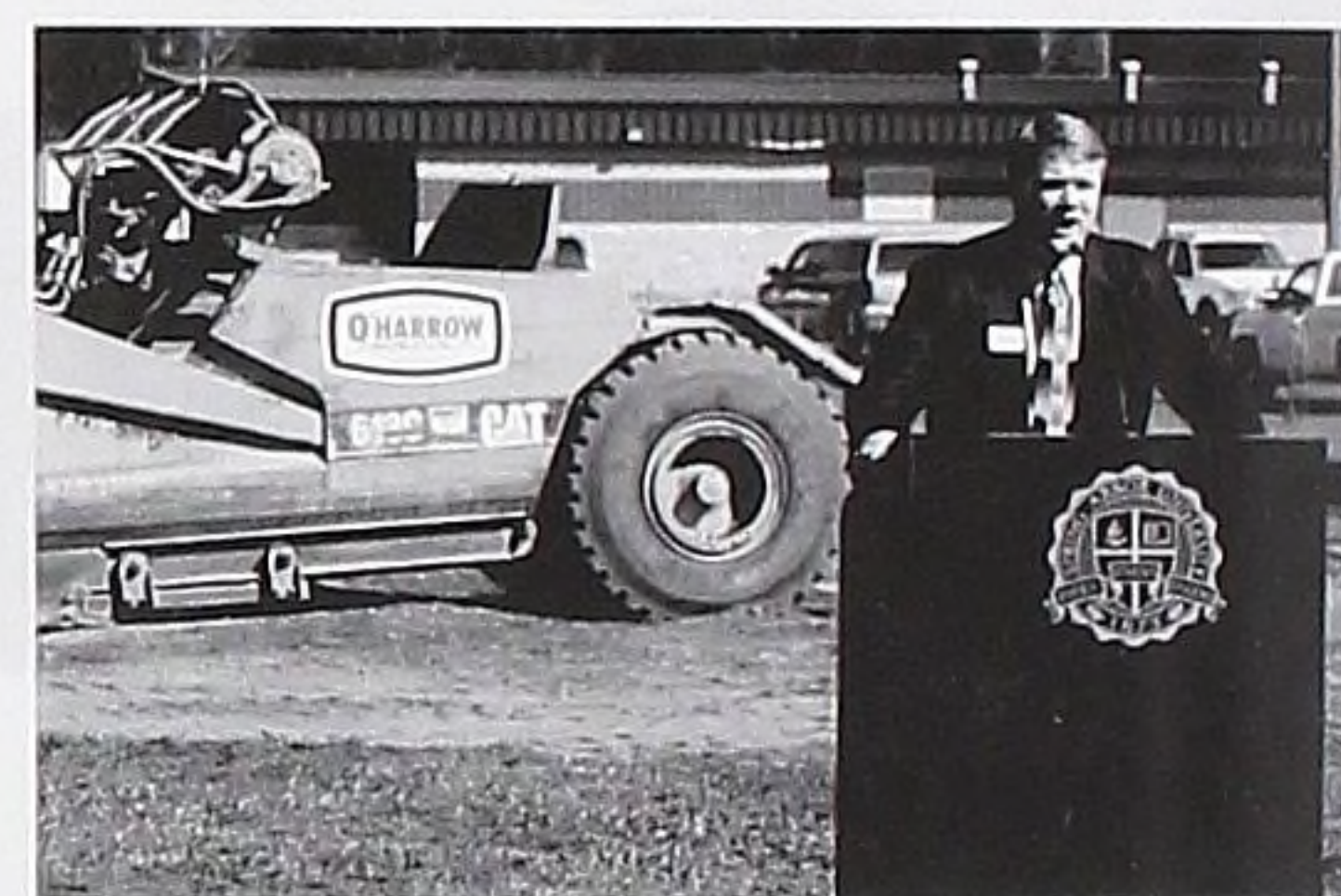
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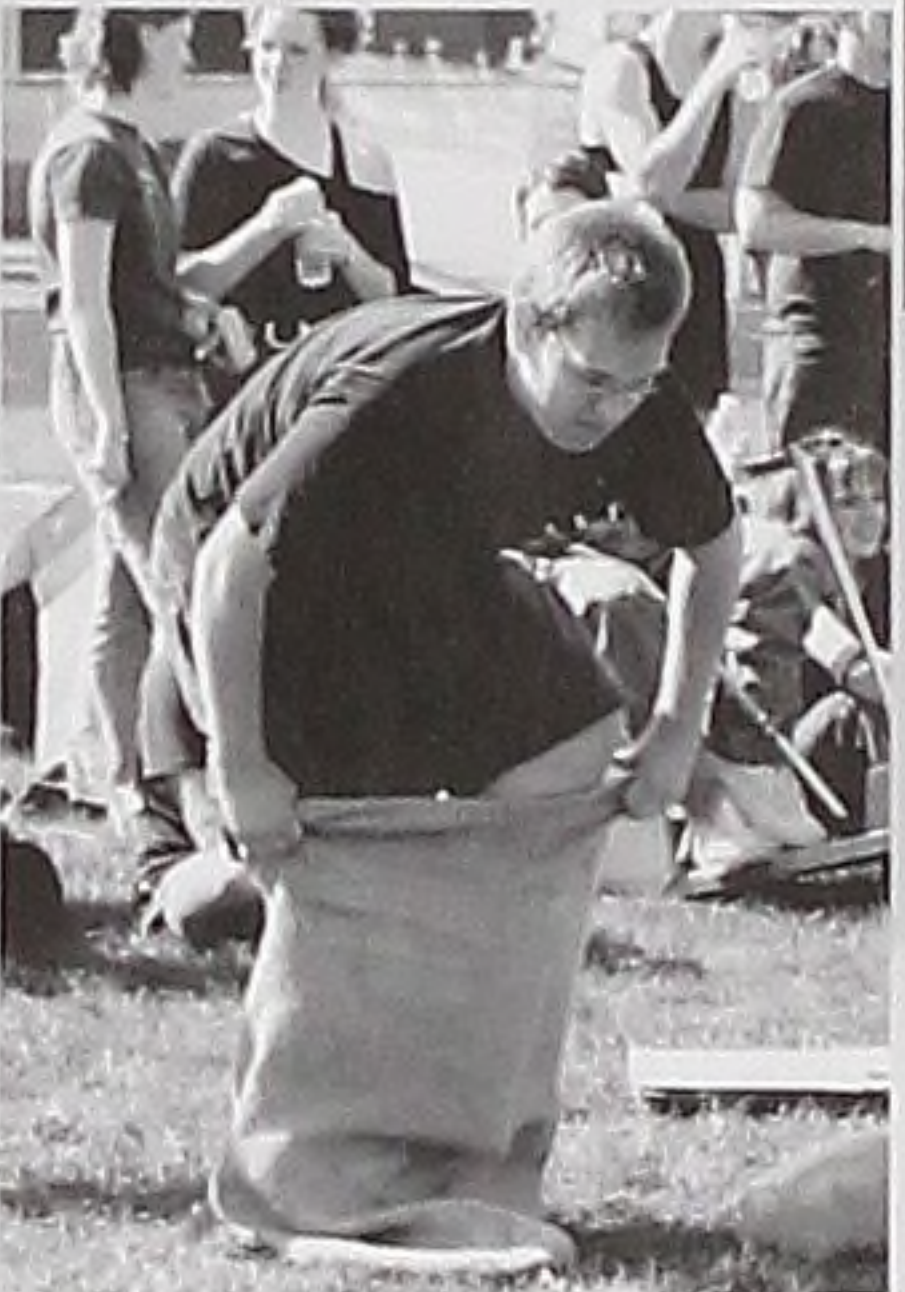


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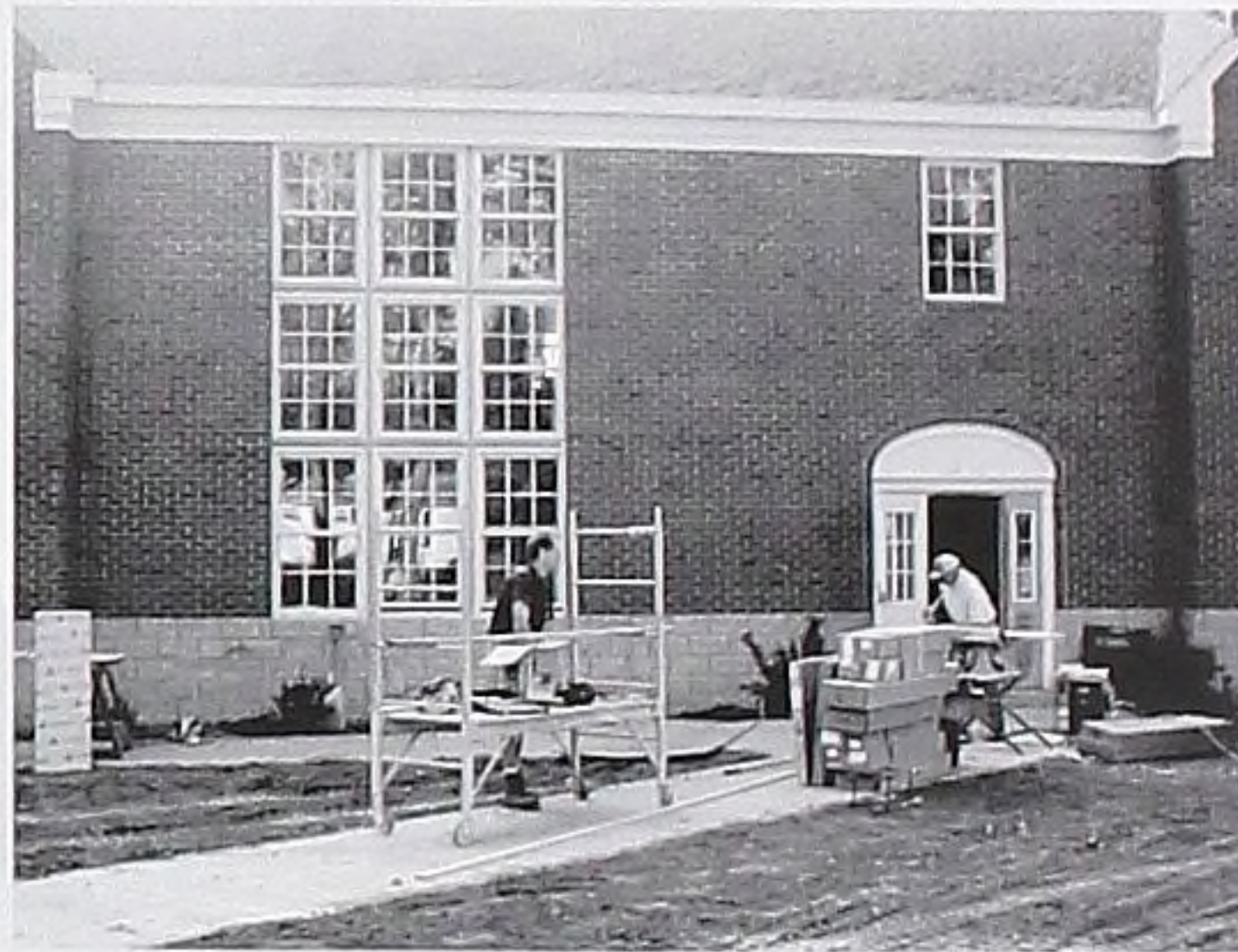
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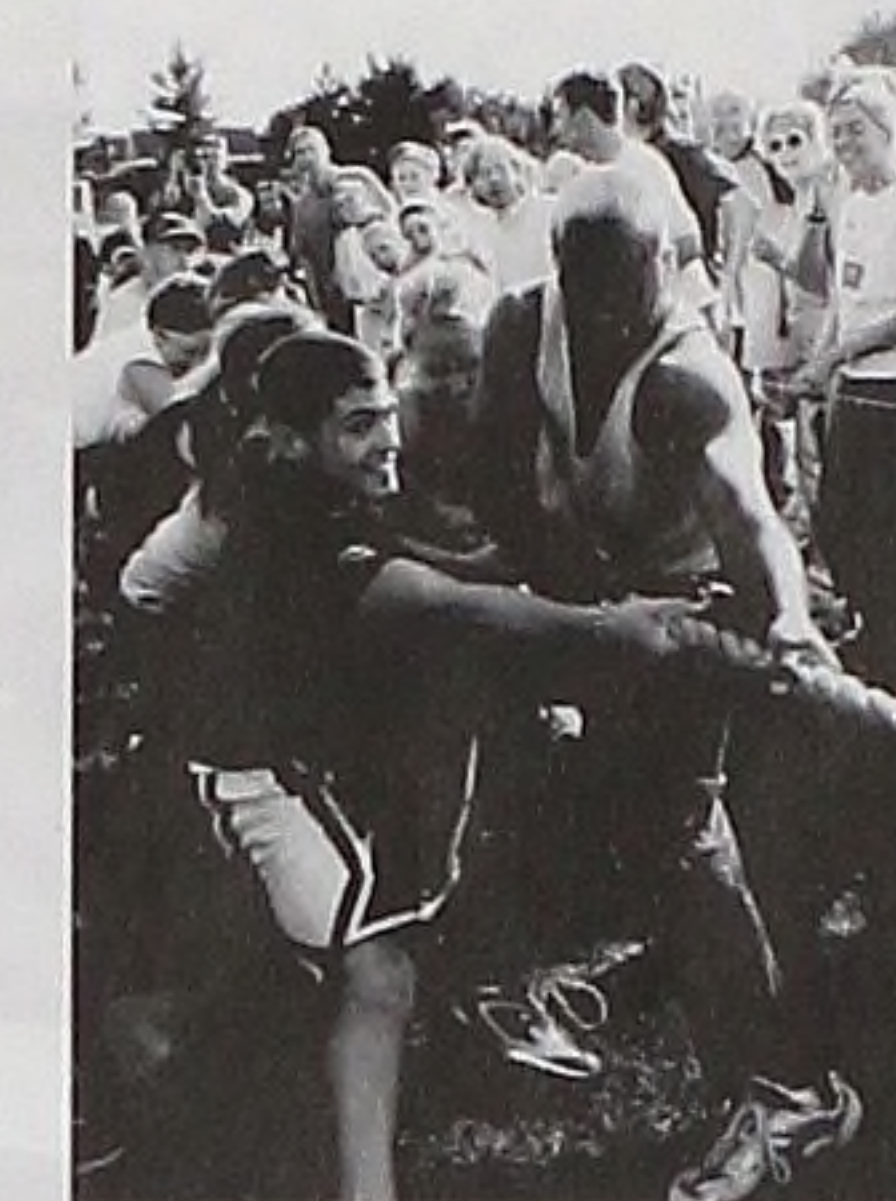


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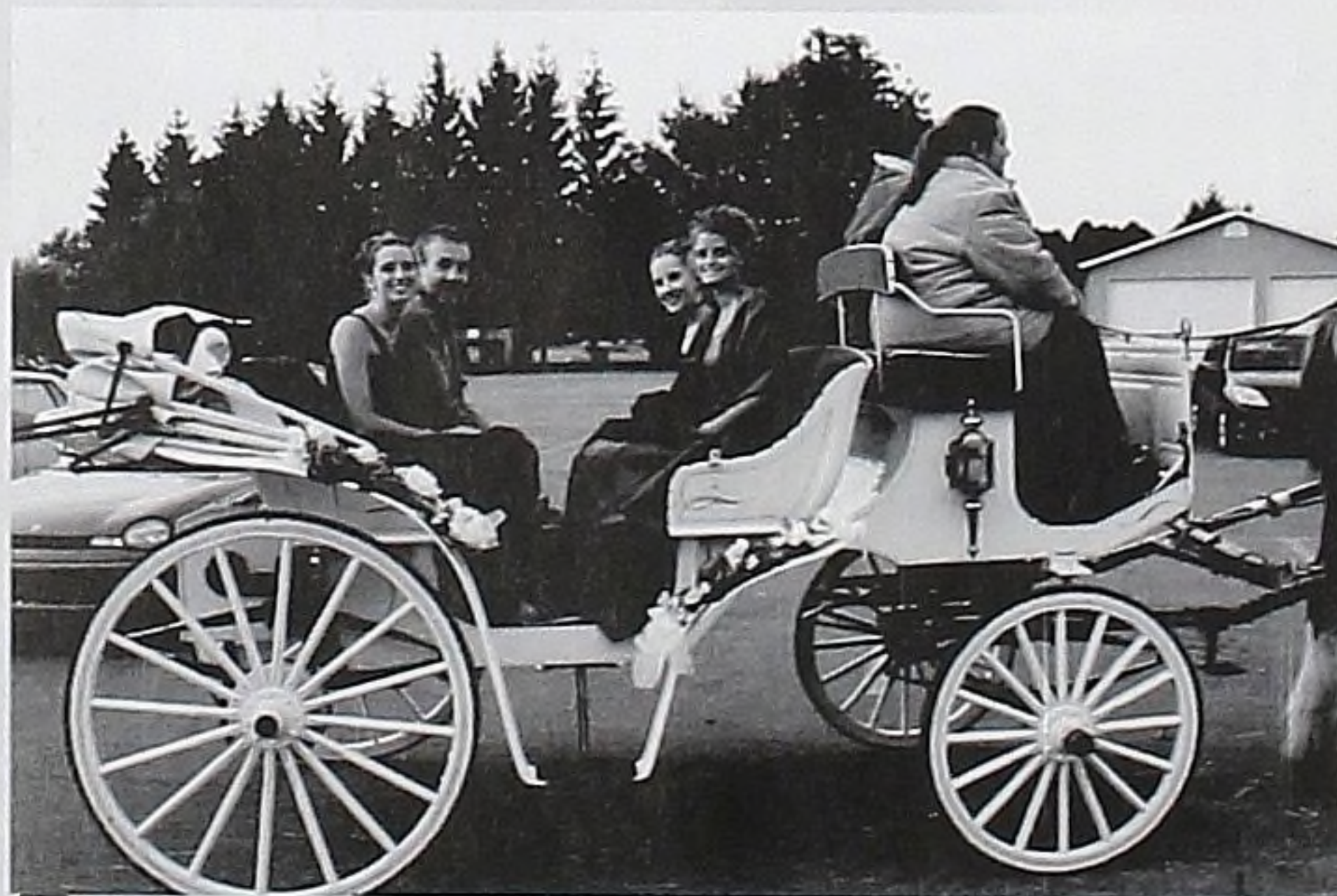
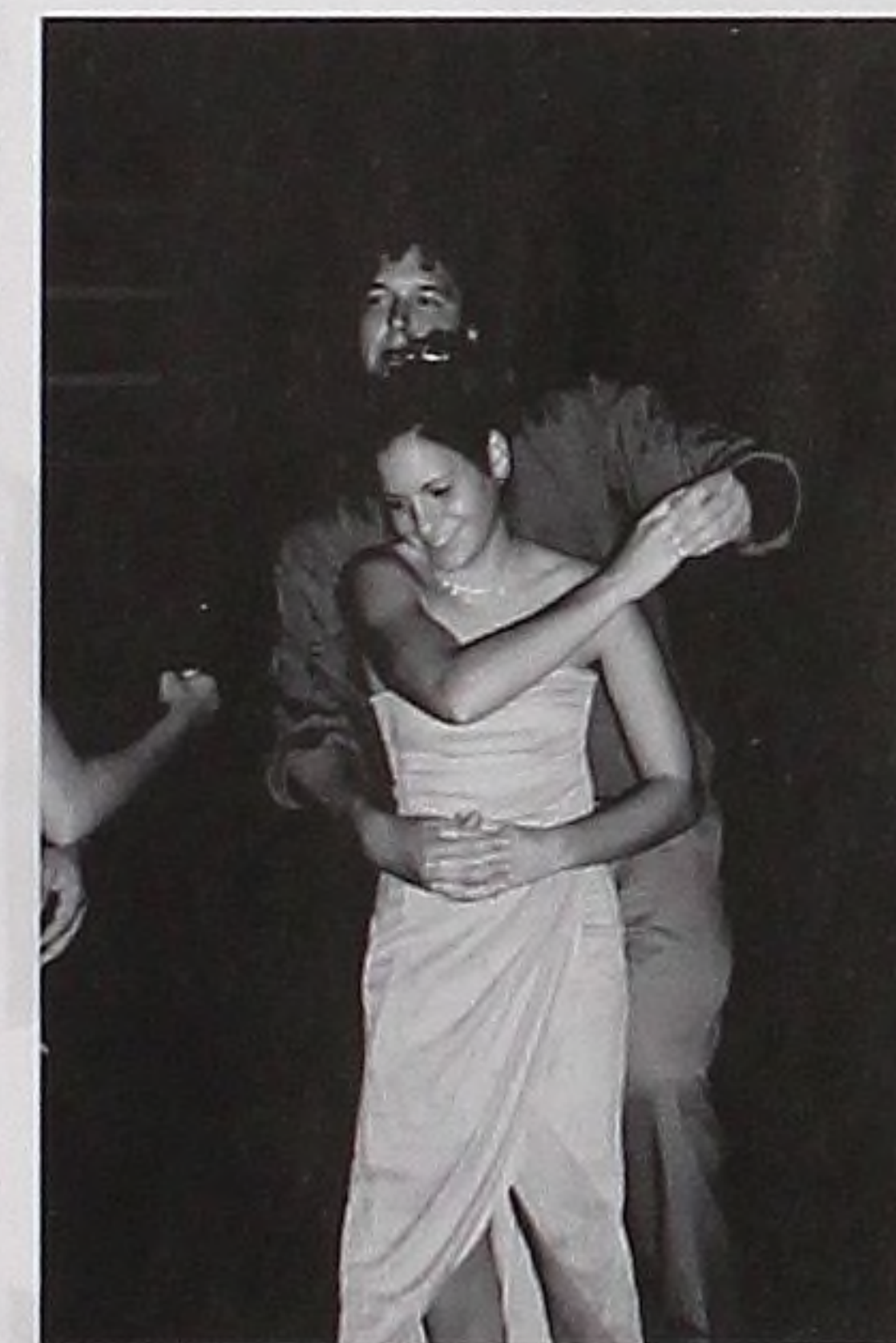
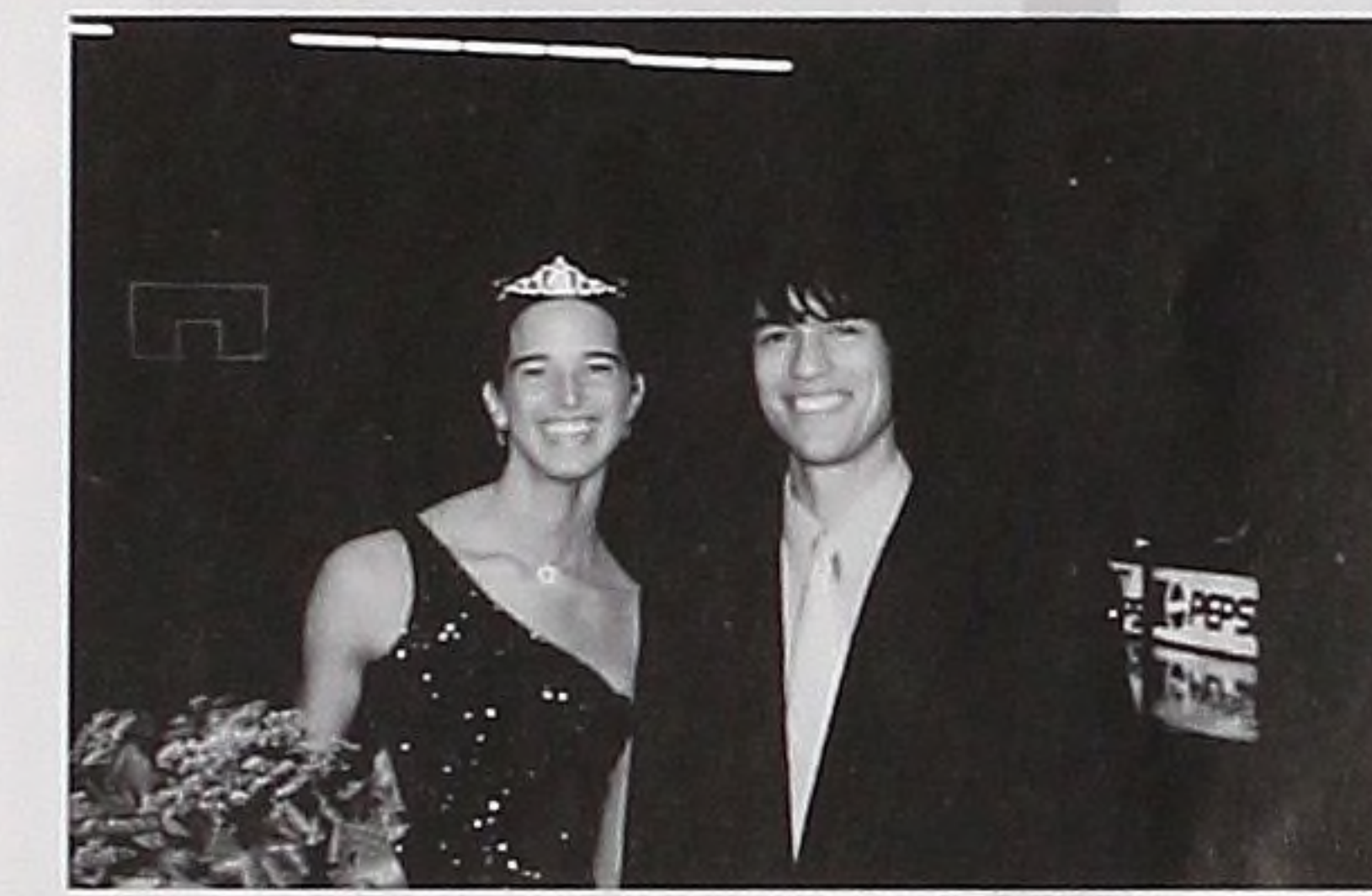
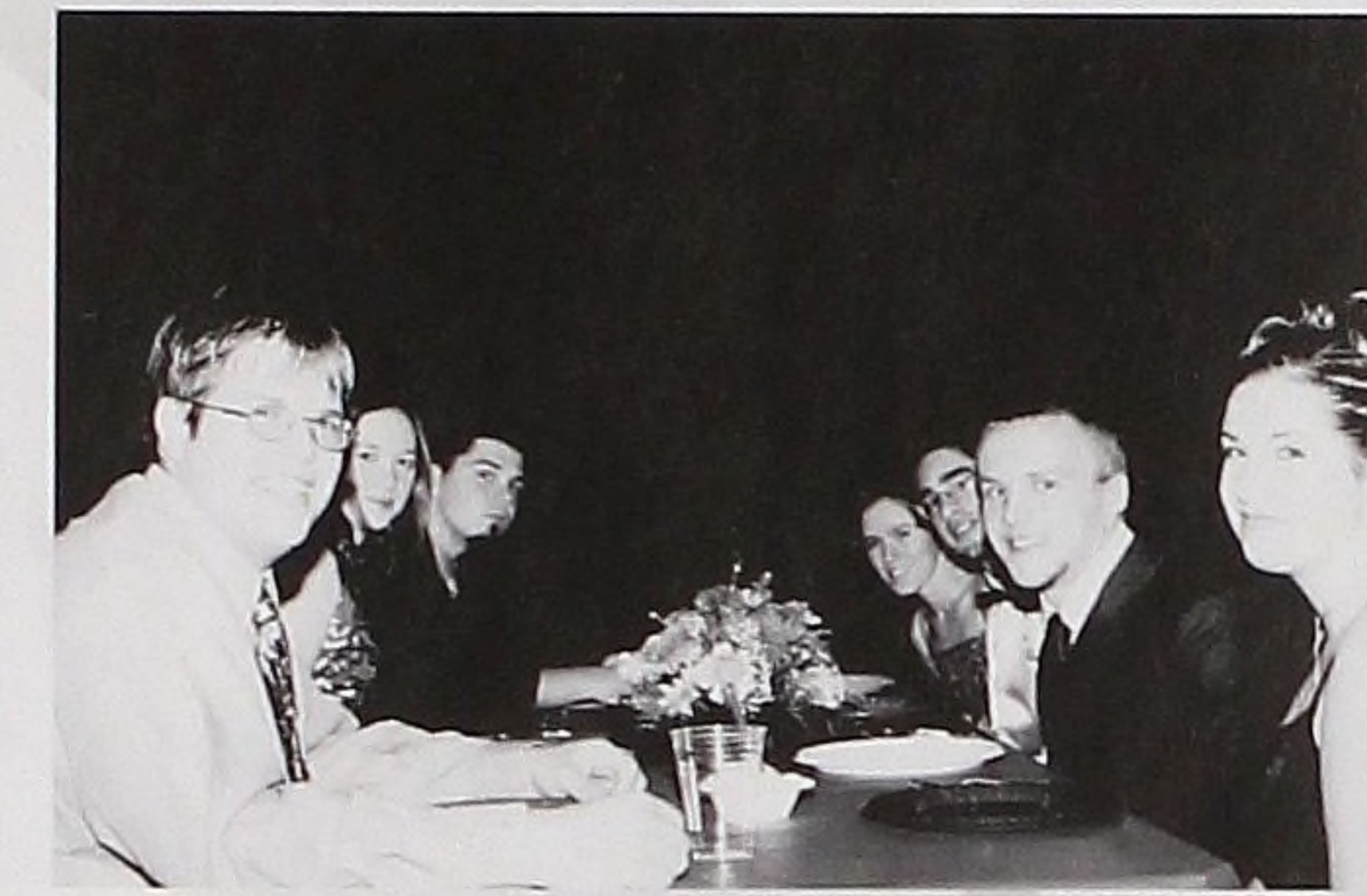
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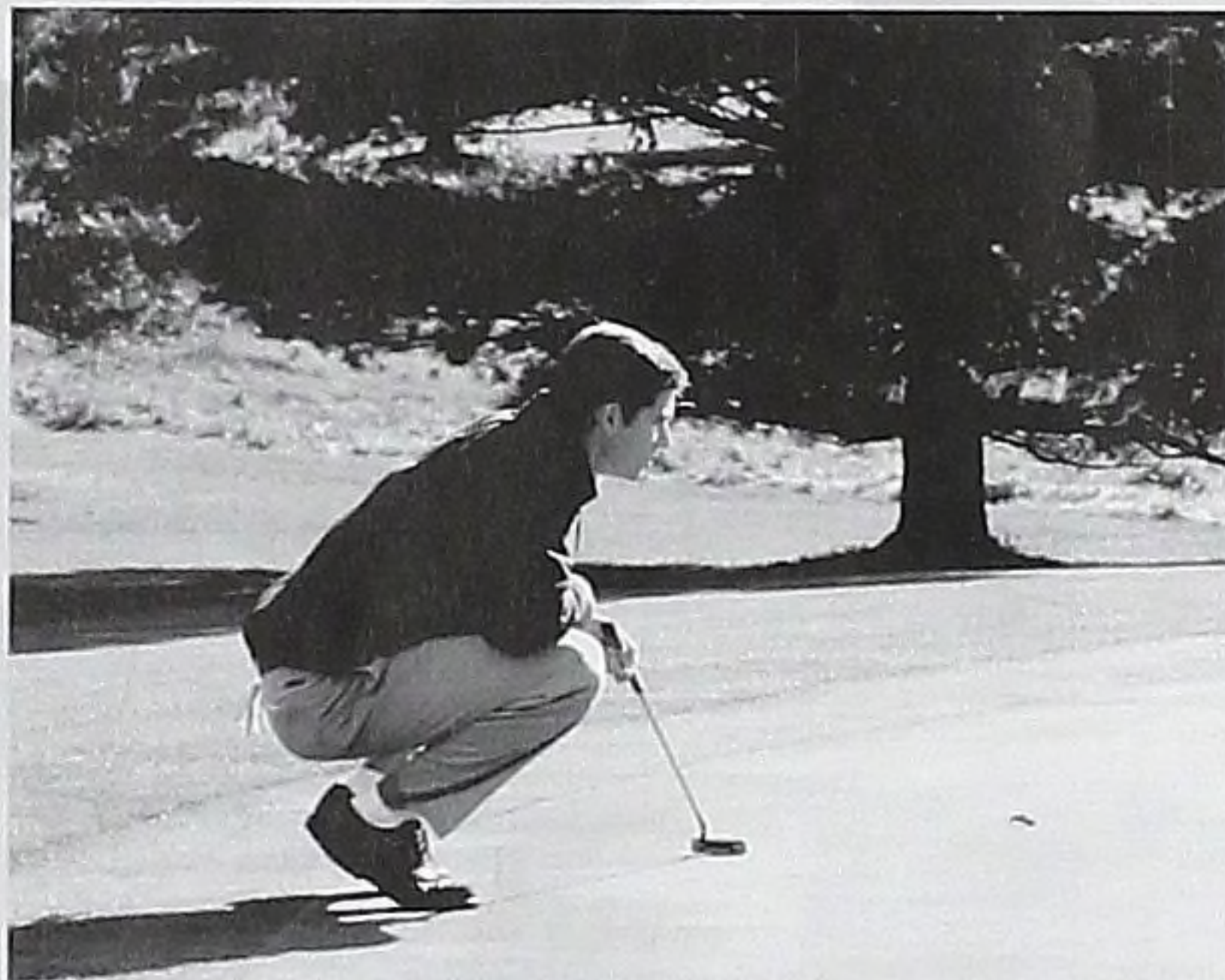
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Golf

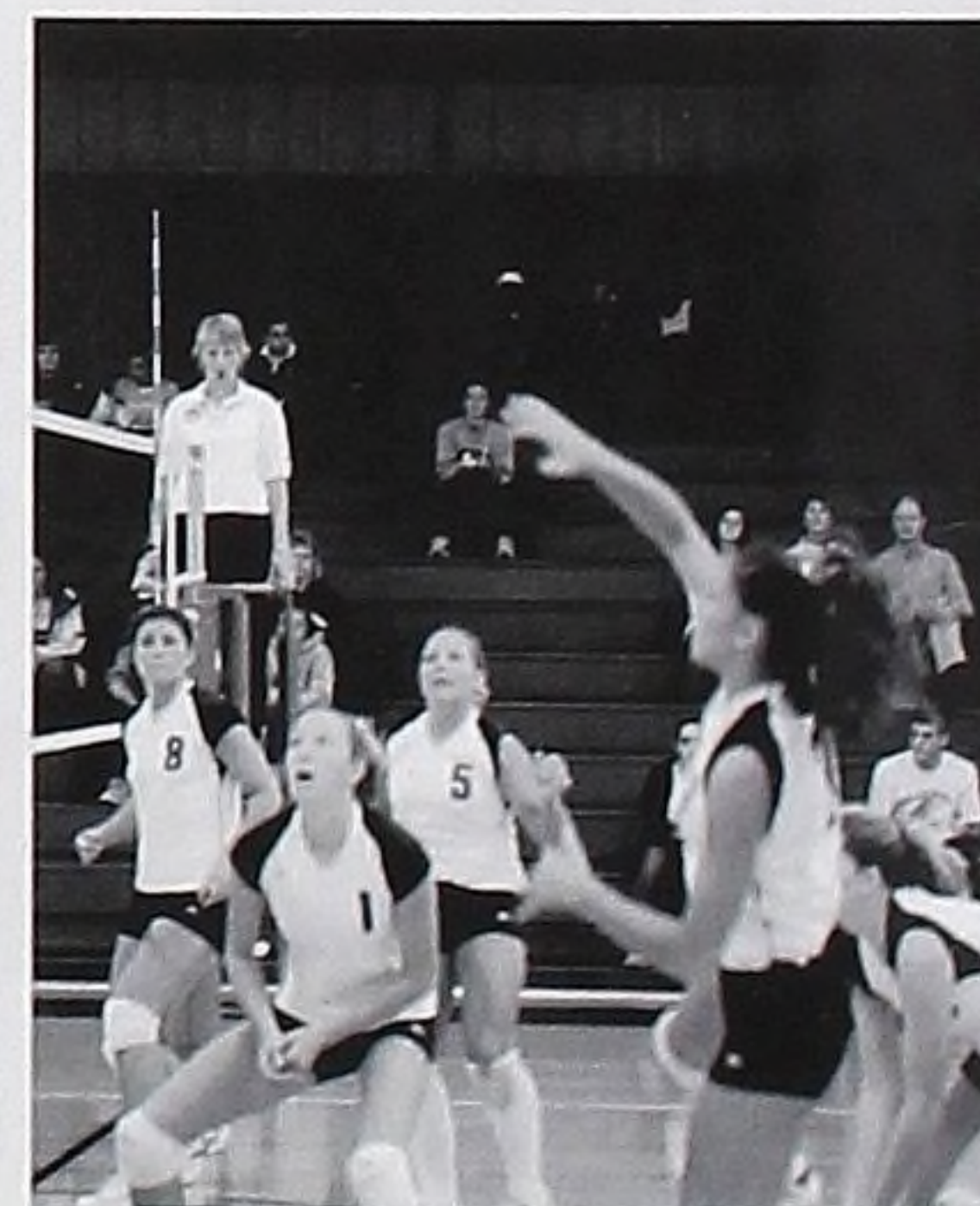
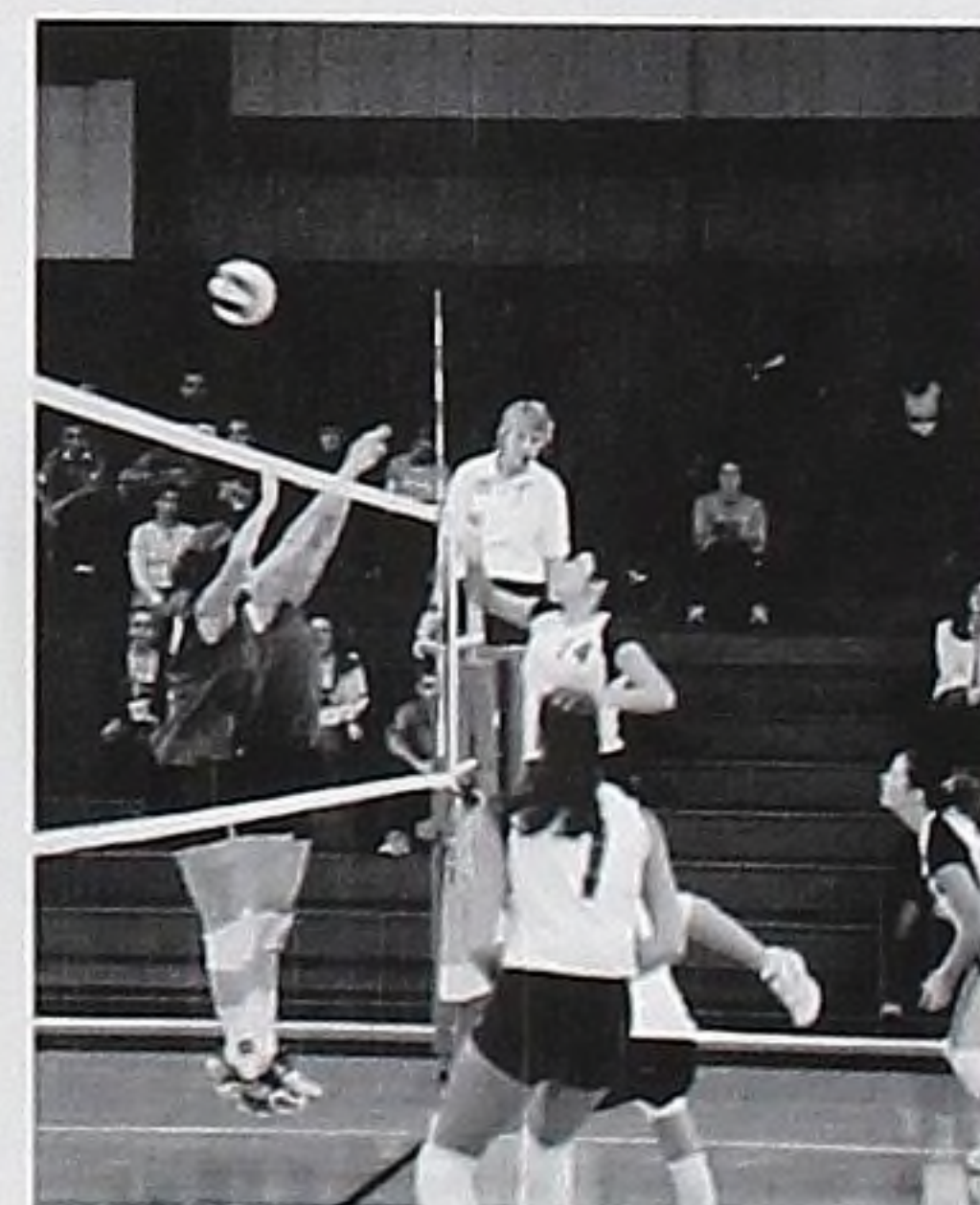
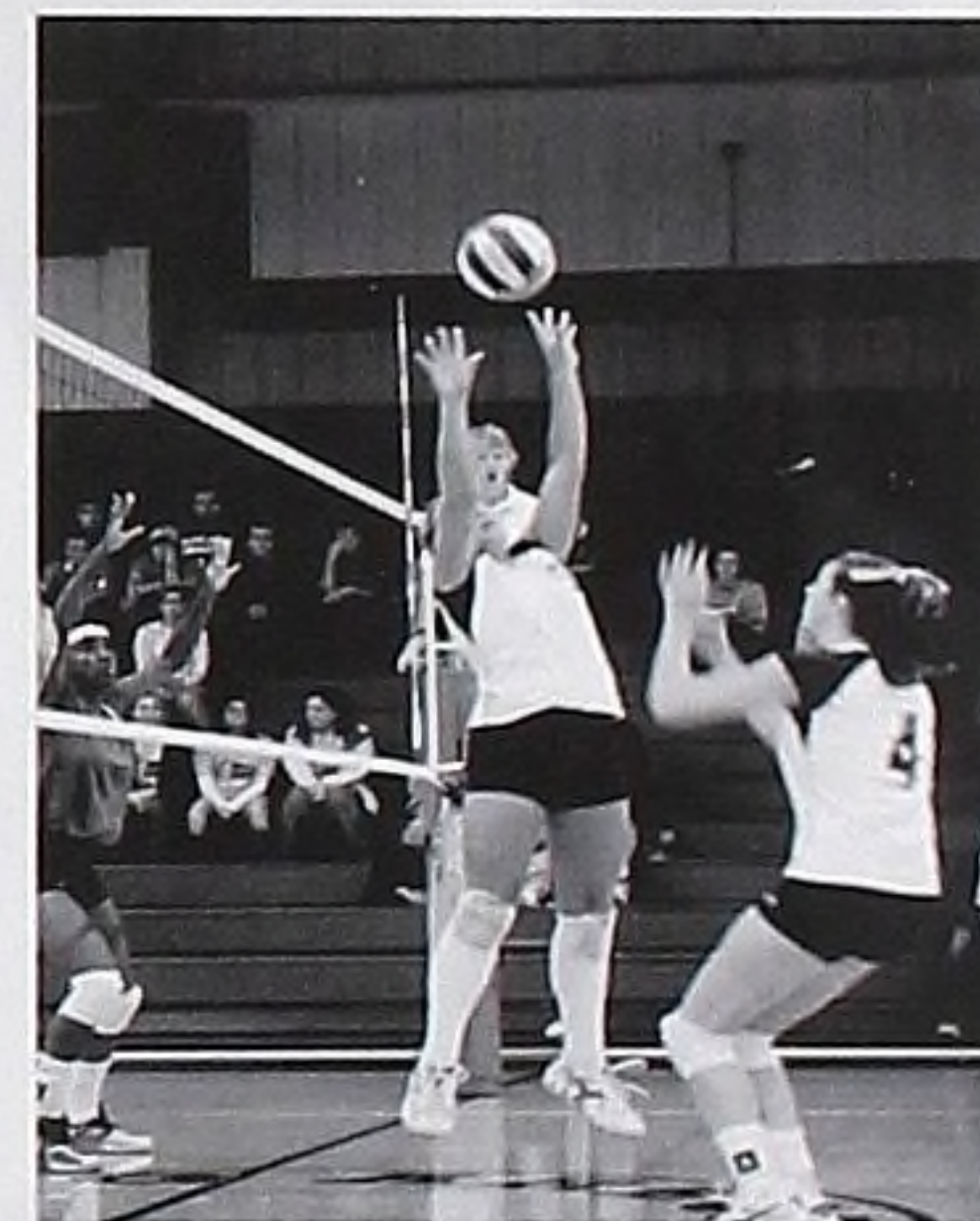
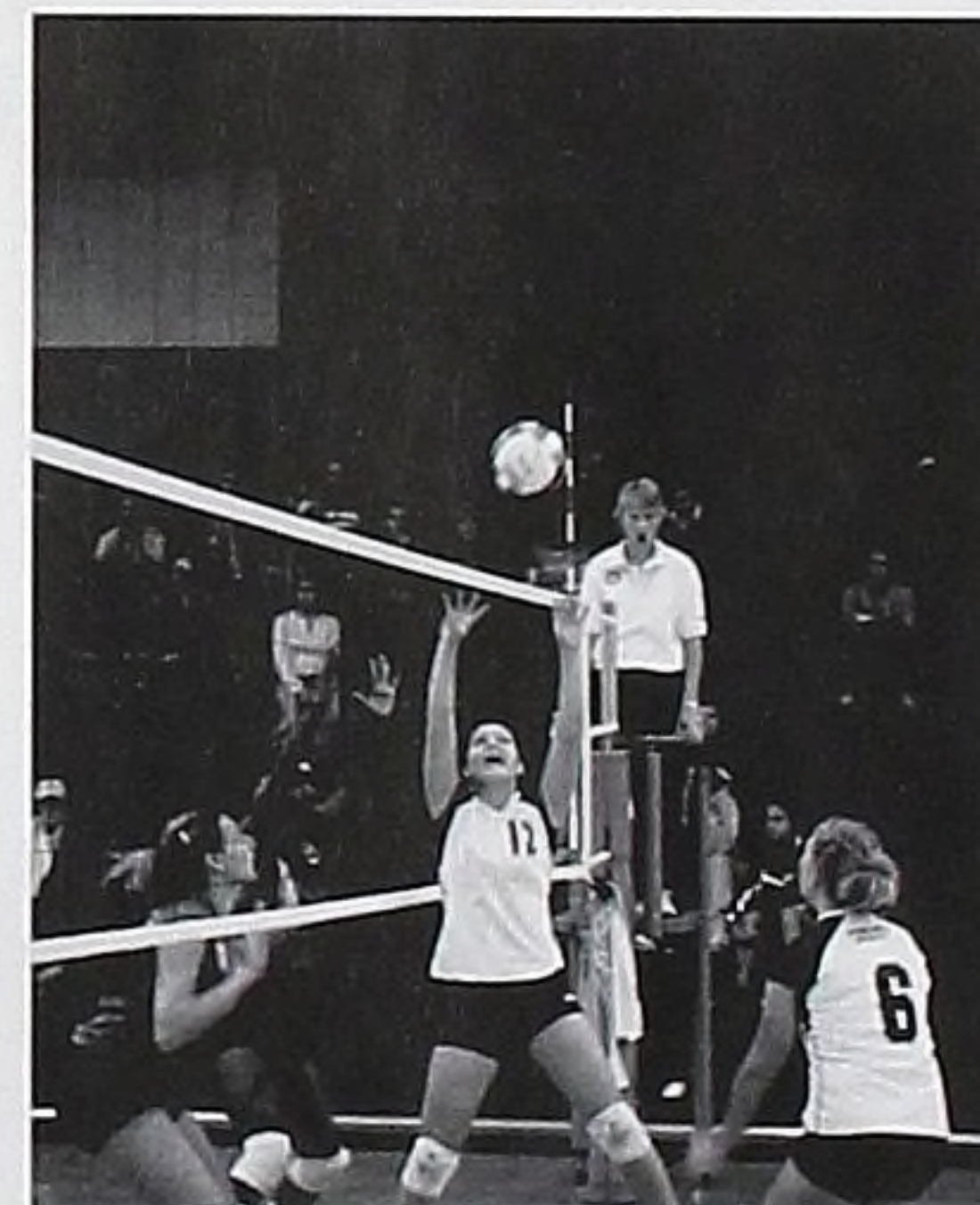


Jeff Boss Sr
Preston Meeder Sr
Travis Uphaus Sr
Aaron Morrow Sr
David Mickle So
Shaun Page So
Jeff Malburg Fr
Ken Unger Fr



VolleyBall

Sarah Glass Sr	Elizabeth Hays Fr
Lindsay Crider Fr	Melissa Kayser Jr
Rebekah Glass Fr	Beth Ludema Fr
Heather Sines Sr	DayeAnn Knight Fr
SJulie Maier Sr	Annie Charles Fr
Jodi Bartman Sr	Allison Boone So



Soccer

Men's Team

Cliff Orr So	Iain Bryant Fr
Ben Barth So	Andrew Toteoff Fr
Matt Miller So	Troy Avery So
James Bauslaugh So	Andrew Gibson Jr
Trevor Harding Fr	Craig Howell Jr
Peter Boyse So	Ryan Desantis So
Aaron Mason Fr	Gavin McGraw So
Adam Hallett So	James Delosreyes Fr
Lebeni Buconyori Sr	John Williams Jr
Ryan Trevithick Fr	Russ Perrin So
Horia Neagos Jr	Nate Coe Fr
Mike Decker So	Kenton Munn Fr



Women's Team

Kelly McKnight Sr	Diana Humphrey Fr
Natalie Zemlick Fr	Megan Bauhof So
Randi Siedzik Sr	Megan Medina Jr
Molly Comber Sr	Katie Philo Sr
Jessica Thomas Jr	Staci Miracle So
Christie Liversedge Fr	Erin Buehrer So
Laura Linderman Fr	Lyndsay Clevenger Jr
Stacey Harding So	Randi Baker Fr
Brittany Darling Fr	Ami Bennett Fr
Jennifer Moore Fr	Rhonda Ferguson So



Cross Country

Men's Team

- Enoch (EJ) Green Sr
- David Youngman Jr
- Matt Hawkins So
- Dan Lane So
- David Rotich So
- Stephen Chase Fr
- Todd Crouch Fr
- Herbert Rotich Fr
- Kevin Mills Fr

The 2003 cross country season is upon us and the Cougar harriers have been working hard in preparation for their first meet. Three of last year's top six runners have returned. With the addition of five Christian men, the team looks to build on last season's accomplishments which included a fourth place WHAC finish and ninth place NCCAA finish.

The Lady Cougars went to NAIA National Championship in Louisville, Kentucky on Nov. 22. This is the seventh time in a row Spring Arbor's women's Cross Country team has qualified for the National Championship meet.

As the lone qualifier for the men's cross country team freshman Herbert Rotich went into the championship meet ranked among the top 5 overall runners, but in the end, could not finish.

Spring Arbor University's women's cross country team enters the 2003 season with plans to capture its sixth conference title in as many years. Standing in the way is the the loss of three seniors and two more runners to season-ending injuries.

With good potential and a strong work ethic, the Lady Cougars will rely on the leadership of juniors Meg Peters and Alexis Smith to get them back to the NAIA nationals for the sixth straight year. A stronger conference could pose some obstacles for Spring Arbor, but with hard work and determination—and God as the focus—the team will be able to accomplish anything.

Women's Team

- Meg Peters Jr
- Alexis Smith Jr
- Liz Lamb So
- Christine Ingraham Fr
- Courtney Ingraham Fr
- Ashley Crawford Fr
- Nicole Harzdorf Fr
- Holly Pifer Fr
- Amanda Wheeler Fr

Track & Field

Spring Arbor University was well represented at the National Christian College Athletic Association national meet Saturday, Feb.21. The teams came away with three first place finishes and a second place finish as both the men and women finished in the top ten.

Senior Enoch Green won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:00.54, while the 4x800 meter relay team also took top honors in a time of 7:59.28, an entire 22 seconds faster than the second place team. The relay team consisted of Green, Todd Crouch, Dan Lane, and Herbert Rotich.

The men's team finished eighth overall with 31 points. Others who scored for the men included Crouch who placed fourth in the 800, Matt Miller placed eighth in the pole vault, and the 4x400 relay team finished fourth.

The women's 4x800 team of Courtney Ingraham, Holly Pifer, Christine Ingraham, and Meg Peters took first with a time of 9:47.18. Peters took second in the 800 in a time of 2:18.61.

Christine Ingraham placed fourth in the 800, Courtney Ingraham placed eighth in the 400, and the 4x400 relay team took fourth to round out the women's scoring. The women finished ninth overall.

The indoor track team is set to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national meet in Johnson City, Tenn. on Saturday, March 4.

Men's and Women's Tennis

Despite losing 2-time NCCAA All-American Dave Lassanske to graduation last year, the 2004 Cougars are optimistic about their upcoming season.

Returning NCCAA All-American junior Horia Neagos will lead the Cougars in the #1 singles position. Junior Ben Keaster will be in the #2 spot. Other returning players who plan to contribute to the success of this year's team include junior Ben Barth and sophomores Dan Peters and Jason Atkins.

Two freshmen have joined the Cougars. Troy Heselschwerdt, a 2-time state quarterfinalist and #1 singles player from Jackson High School, and Brent Schedeler, #1 player at Columbia Central High School bring good new energy to the Cougars.



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- Ben Keaster Jr
- Ben Barth Jr
- Dan Peters So
- Jason Atkins So
- Troy Heselschwerdt Fr
- Brent Schedeler Fr

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- Christy Liversedge Fr
- Laura Ganzer
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- Jennifer Walter Jr
- Shannon Skarritt Fr

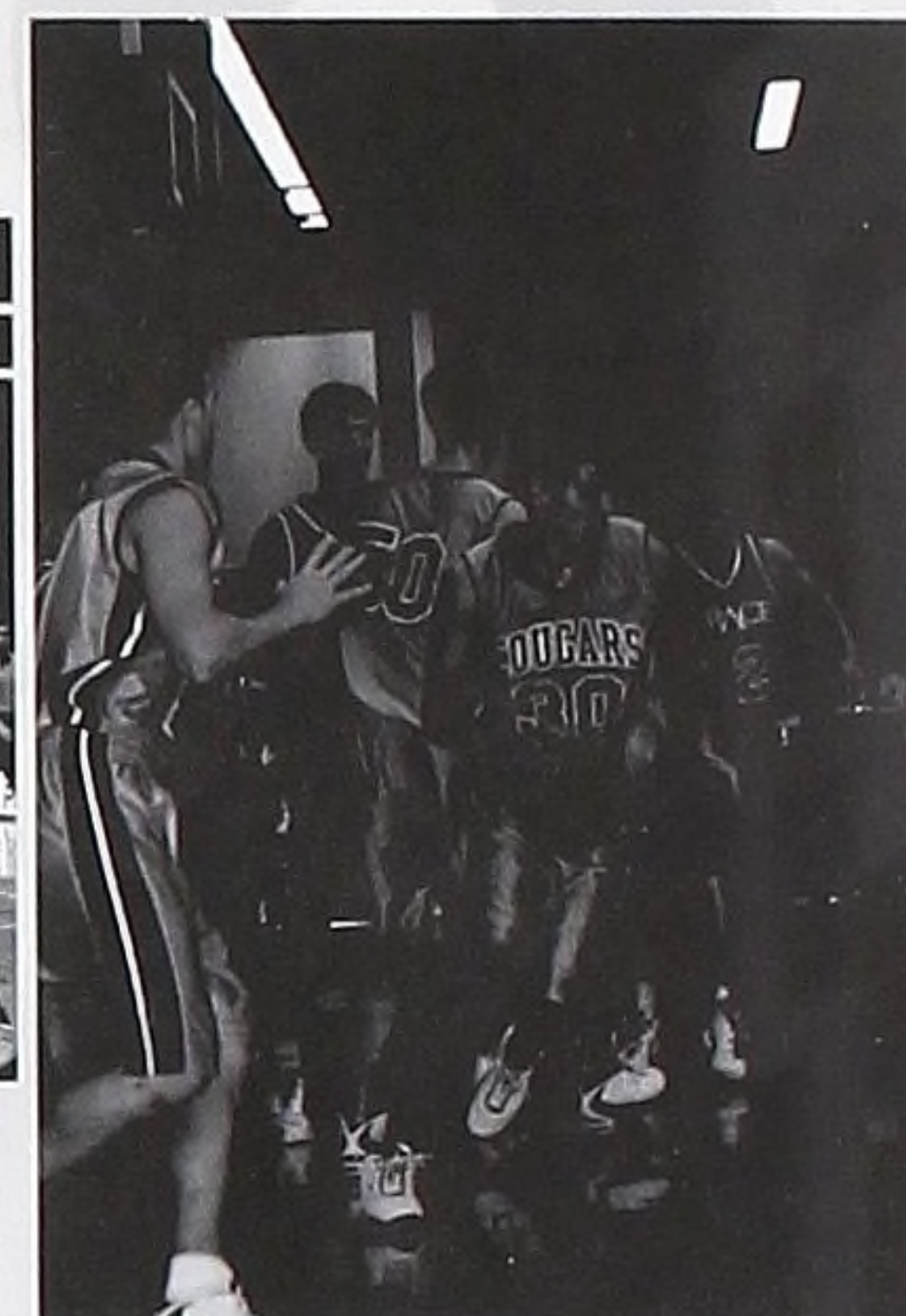
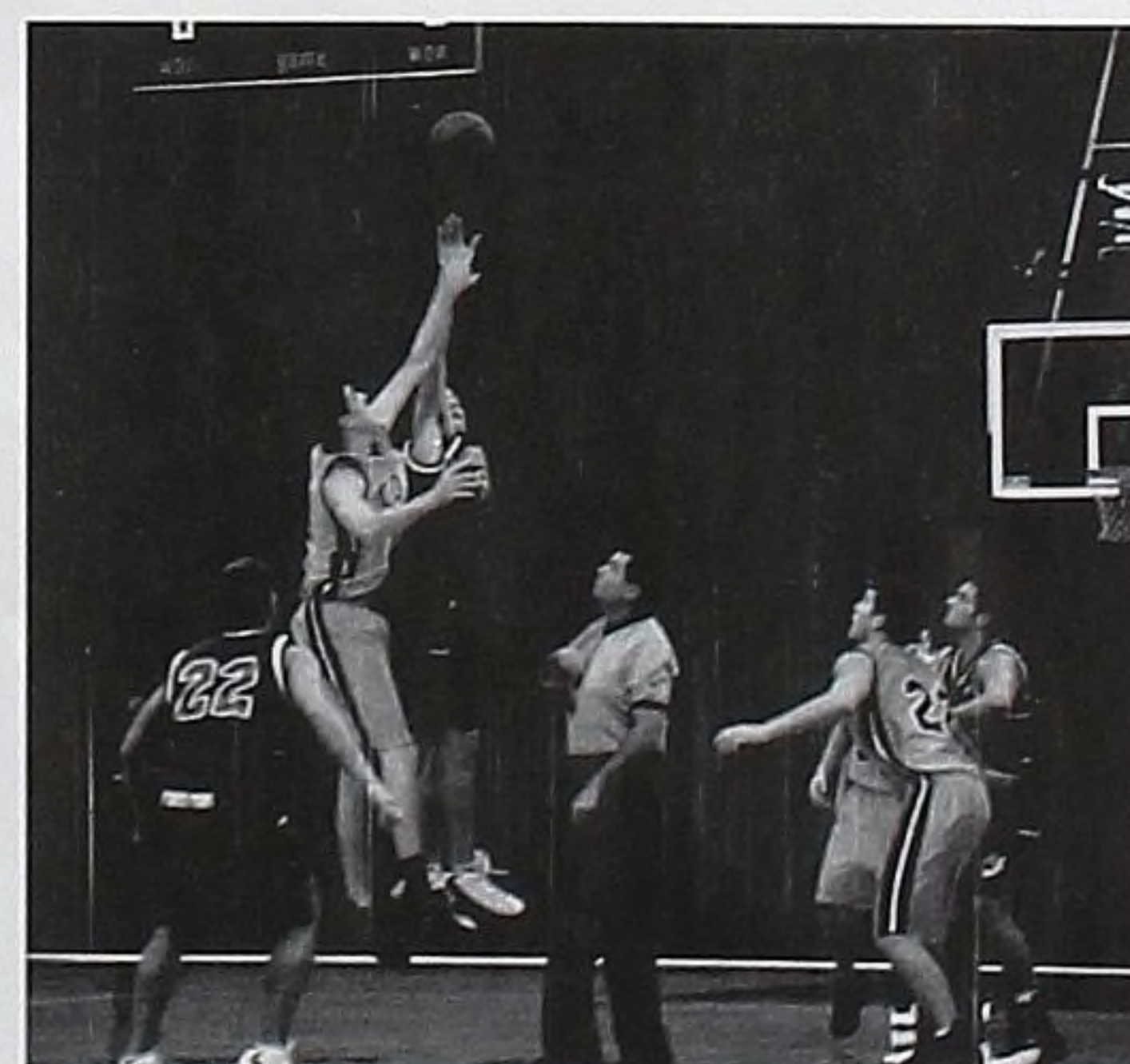
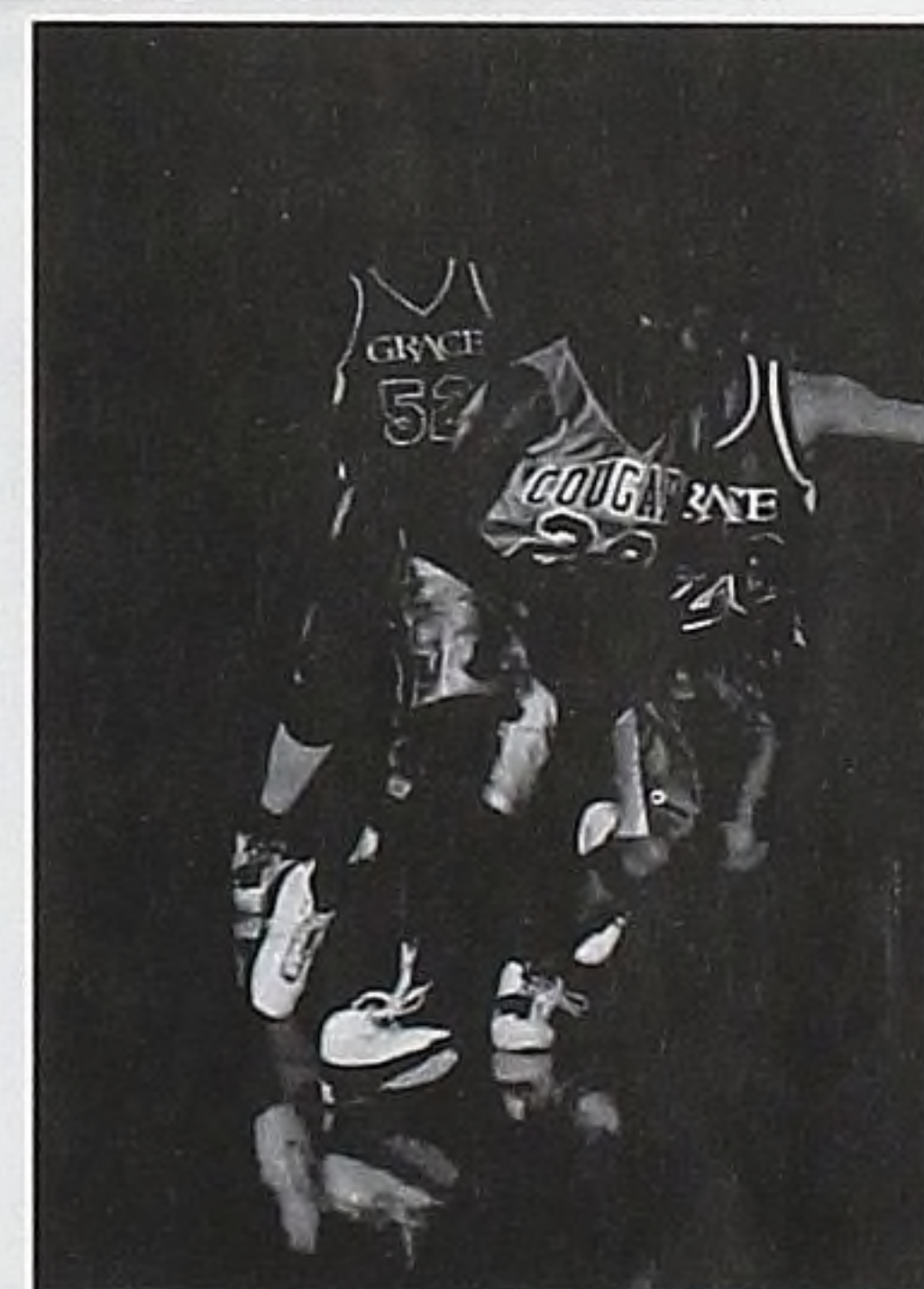
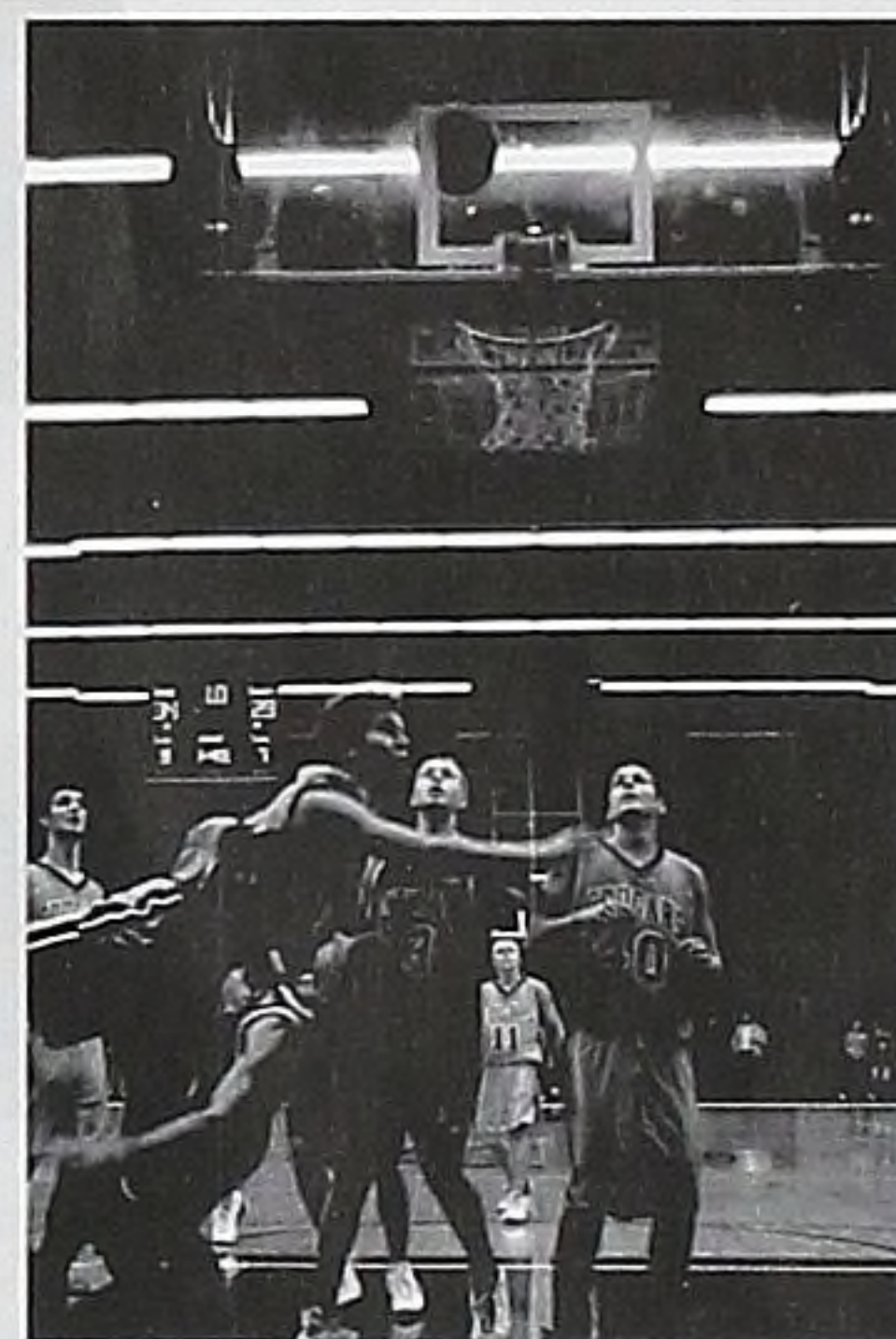
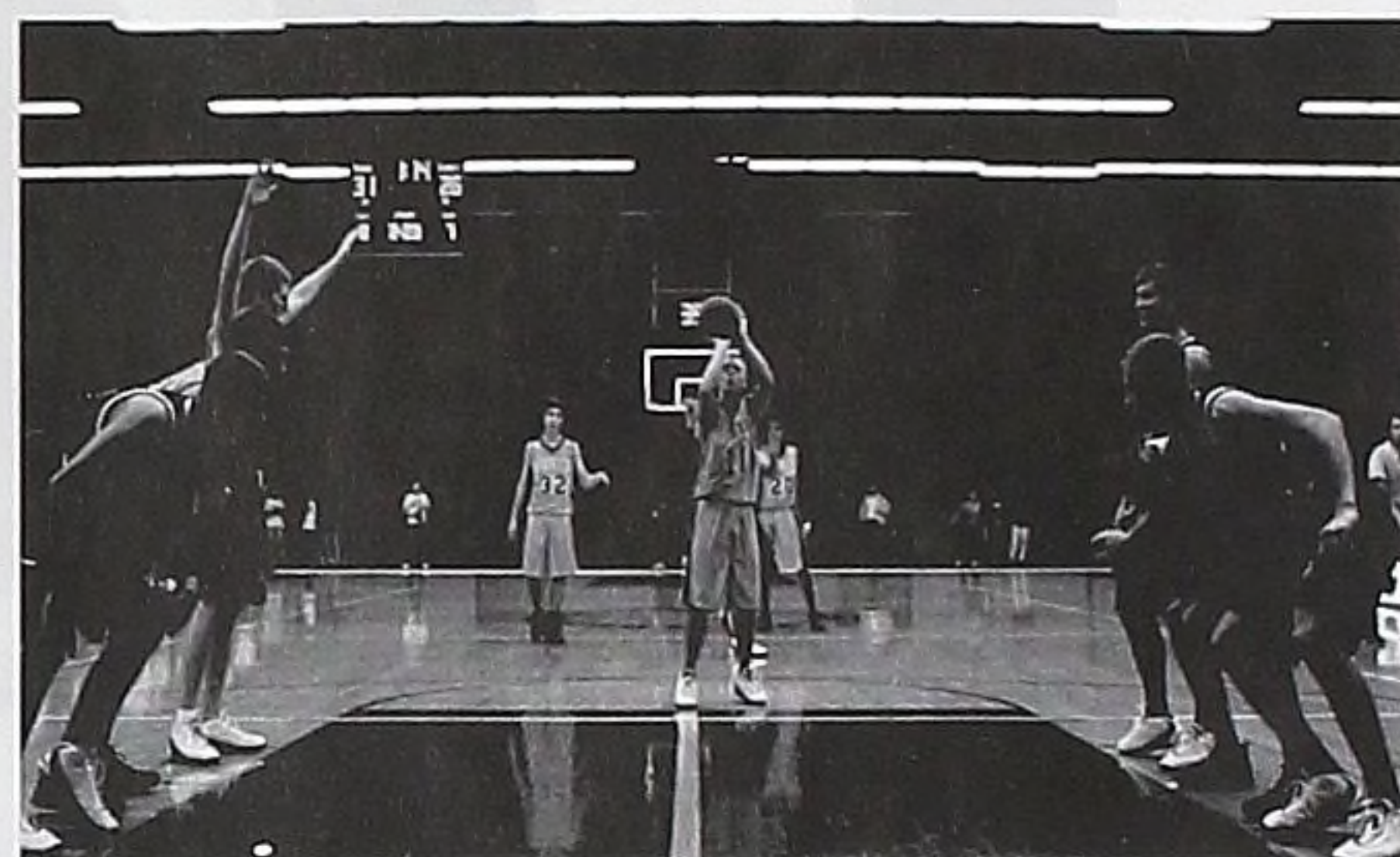


Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team finished the season with a 14-19 record. After a slow start in conference play, the Cougars came alive and defeated Aquinas and Cornerstone, two top teams, while losing by only 2 to Indiana Tech. They finished fifth in the WHAC.

Sophomore Micah Lancaster led the Cougars statistically throughout the season averaging 17.6 points, seven assists, and three rebounds a game. Sophomore Mike Folkert averaged 14 points, while senior Ryan Walter scored 12.5 points a game. Jason and Josh Desmyter also made great contributions averaging 10 and nine points respectively and six rebounds a piece.

The men received several individual honors at the season's end. Lancaster was a WHAC first-team selection and NAIA All-American honorable mention, while senior Ryan Walter was a WHAC Third-team selection. Junior Josh Desmyter made the WHAC All-Newcomer team, and junior Ben Gulker made the WHAC All-Academic team for the men.



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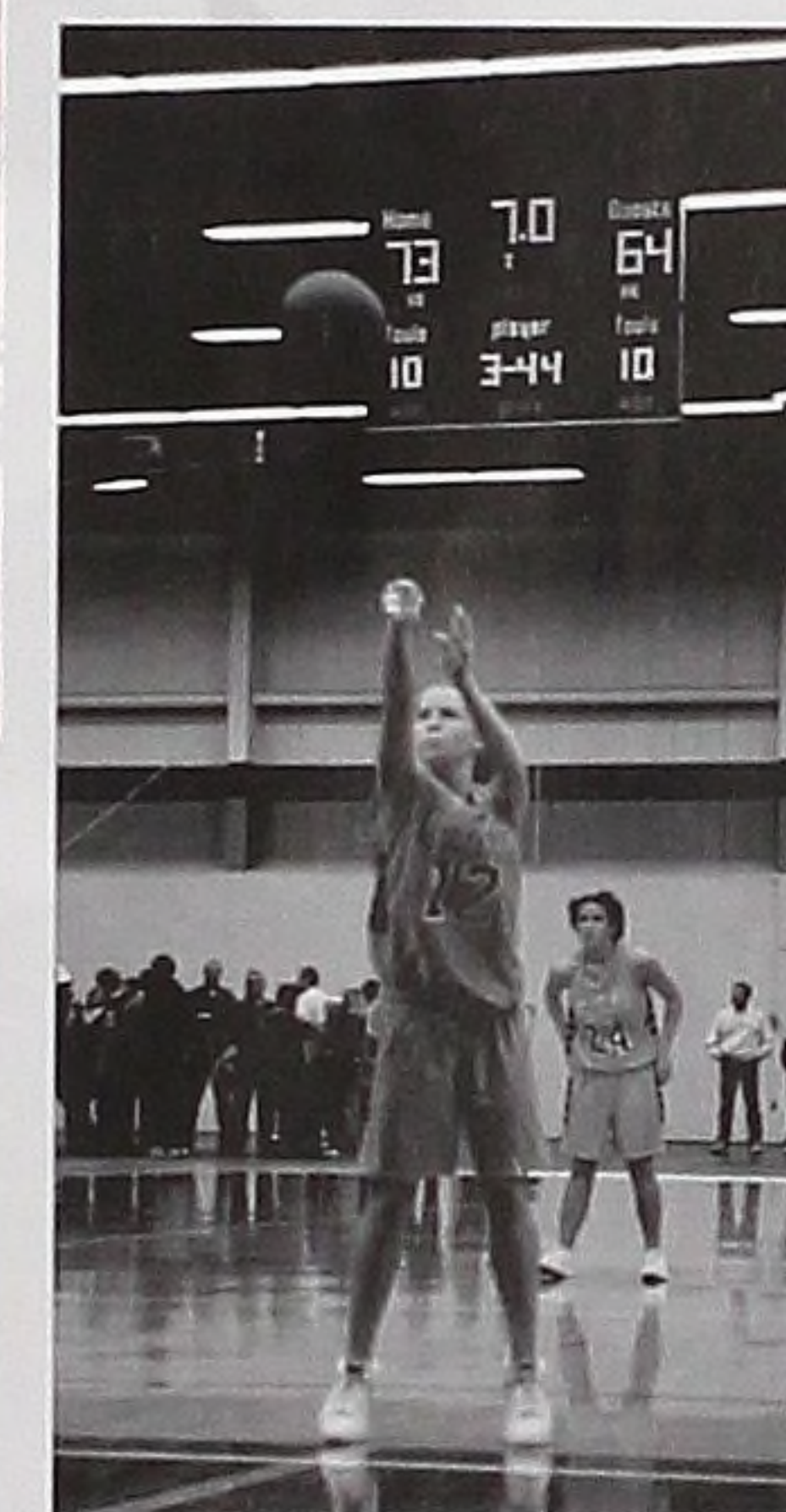
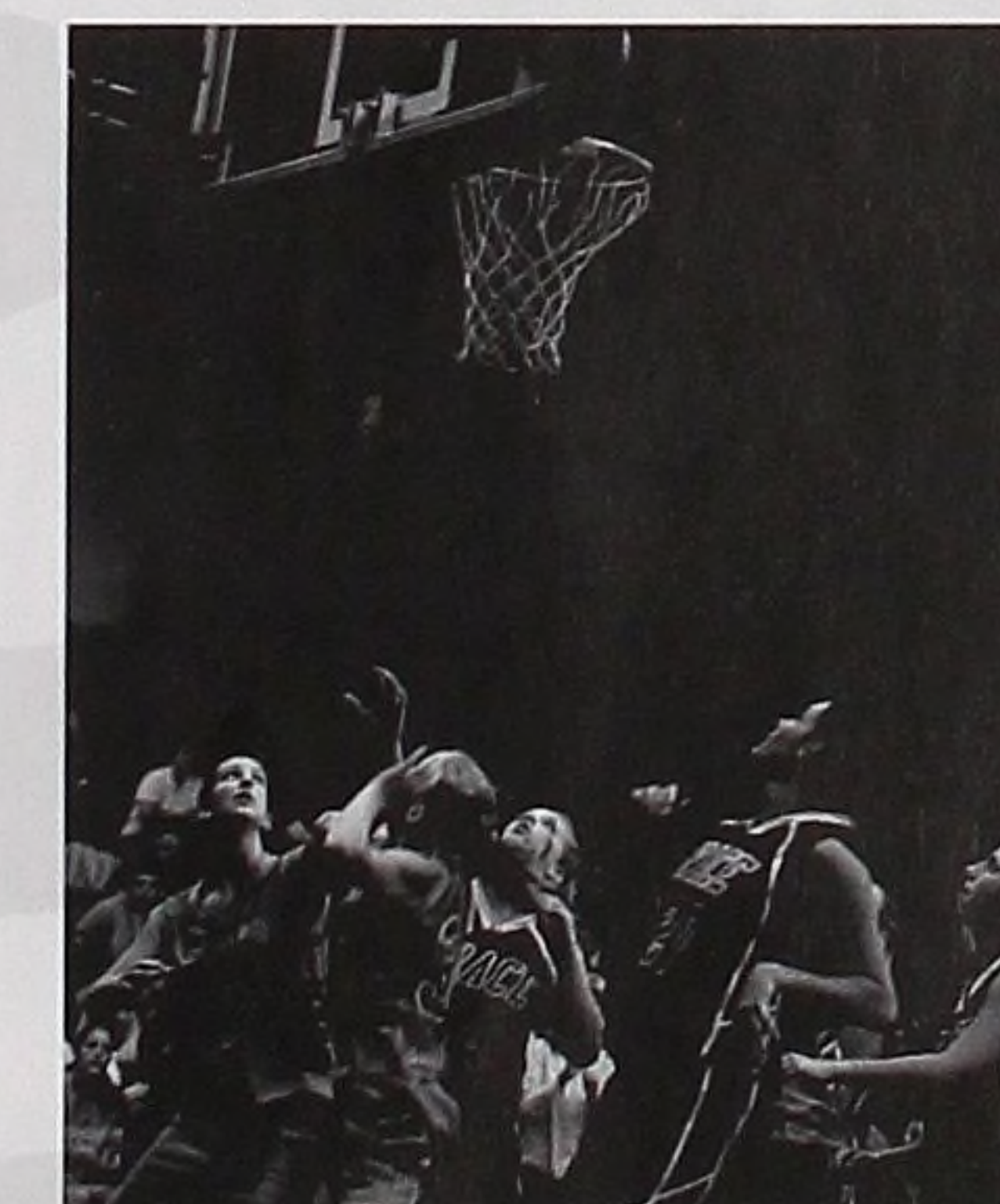
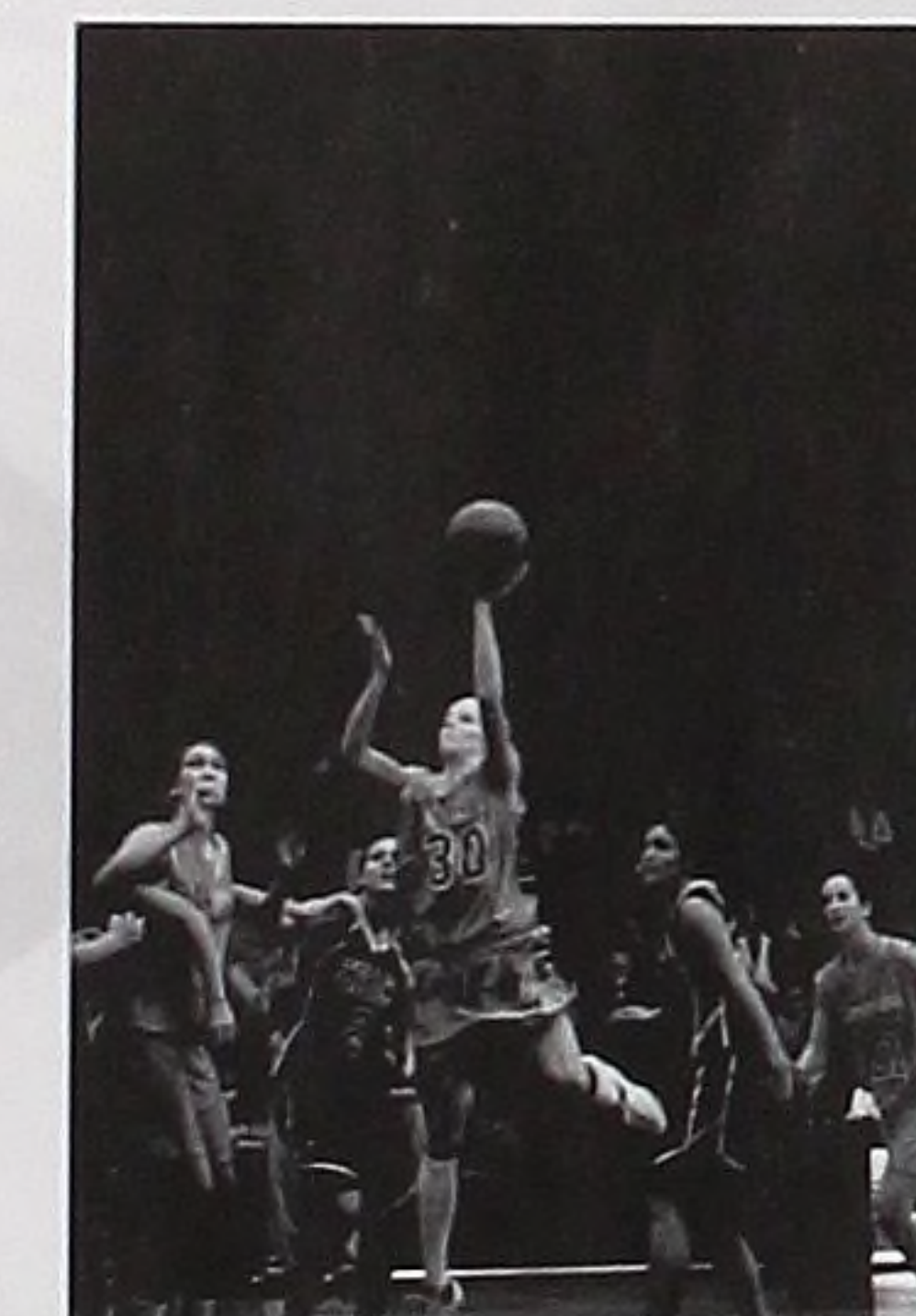
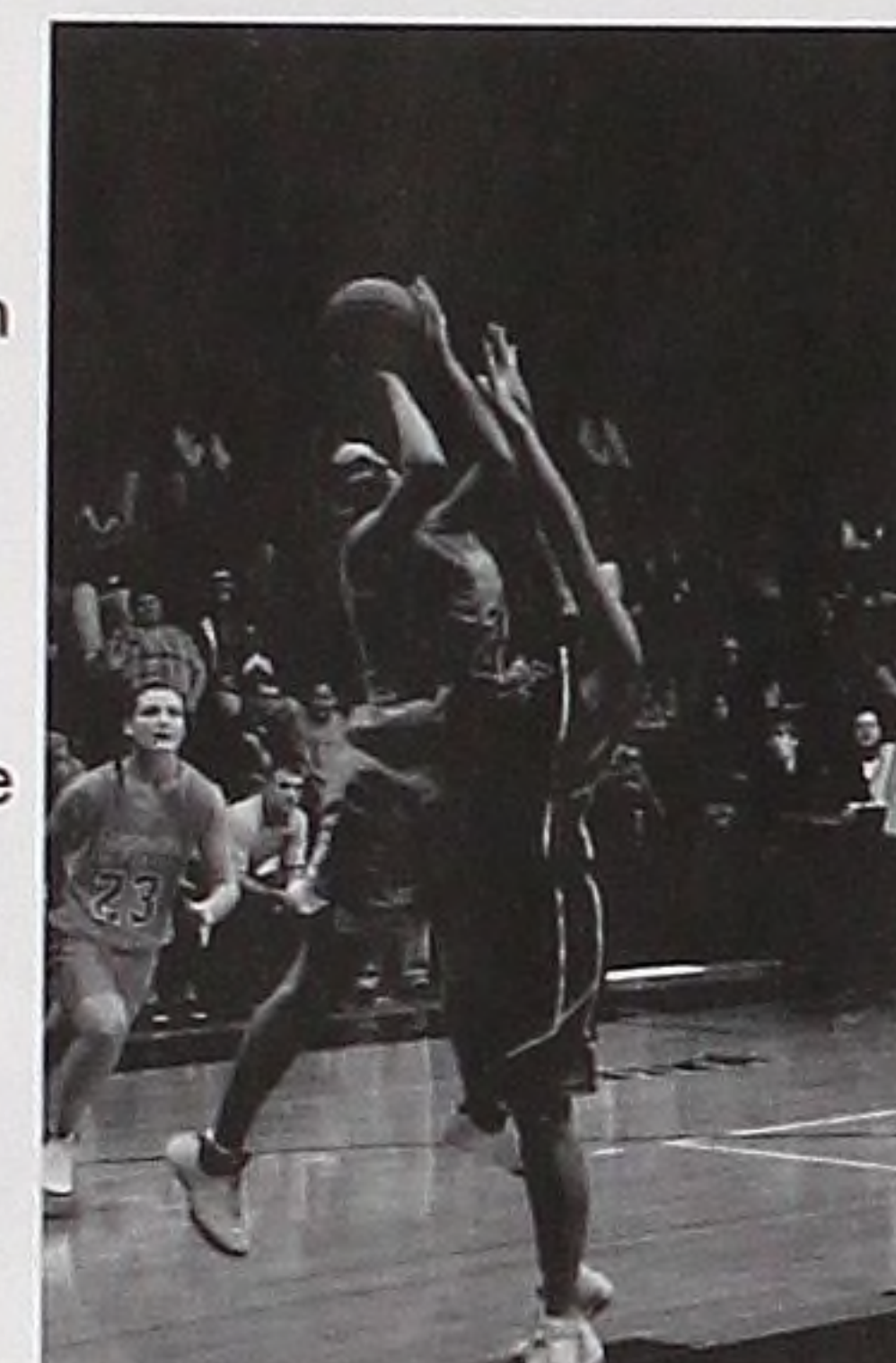
The women's basketball team finished the 2003-2004 season with a 25-12 record, placing second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic conference and seventh at the National Christian College Athletic Association national tournament.

Highlights from the past season include a fourteen game win streak during the middle of the season. The Cougars also broke the single-game team free throw shooting percentage when they made 17-of-18 against Indiana Wesleyan.

The Cougars were led by the dynamic play of post players Shanna DuBose and Kristin Van Valin. DuBose averaged 15 points and six rebounds a game and was selected as the most valuable player for the Cougars. She also received second-team NAIA All-American honors and was a first team selection by the WHAC.

Van Valin received NCCAA All-American first team honors and was a NCCAA All-Tournament selection for her contributions at the national tournament. She also received NAIA All-American honorable mention, WHAC defensive team honors, and was a scholar athlete in the WHAC, NCCAA, and NAIA. Van Valin averaged 13 points, nine rebounds, and four blocked shots a game.

Freshman Amber Huffman made the All-Freshman team in the WHAC, while Amanda Shirk and Julie Spencer received scholar athlete honors from the WHAC, NCCAA, and NAIA.

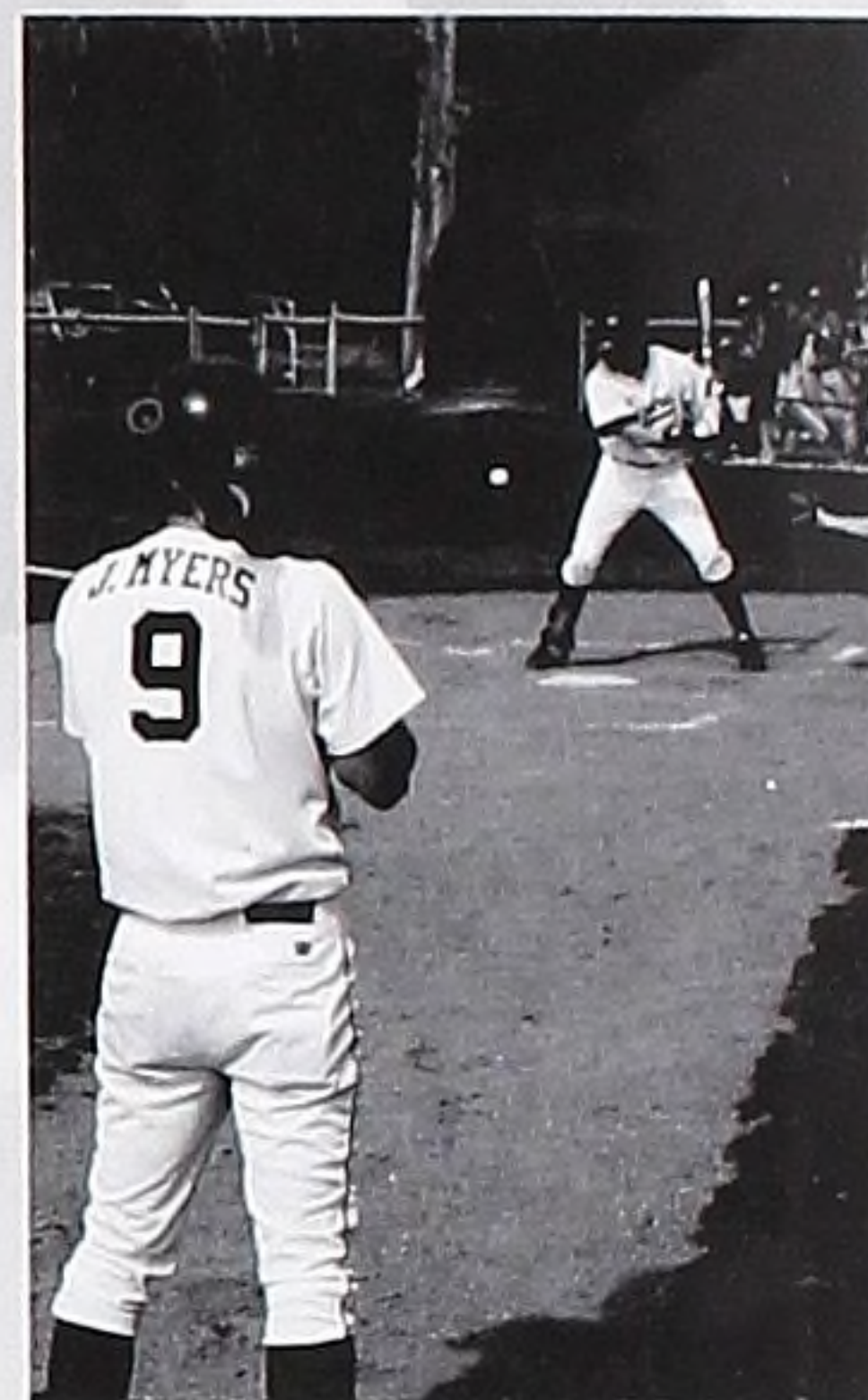
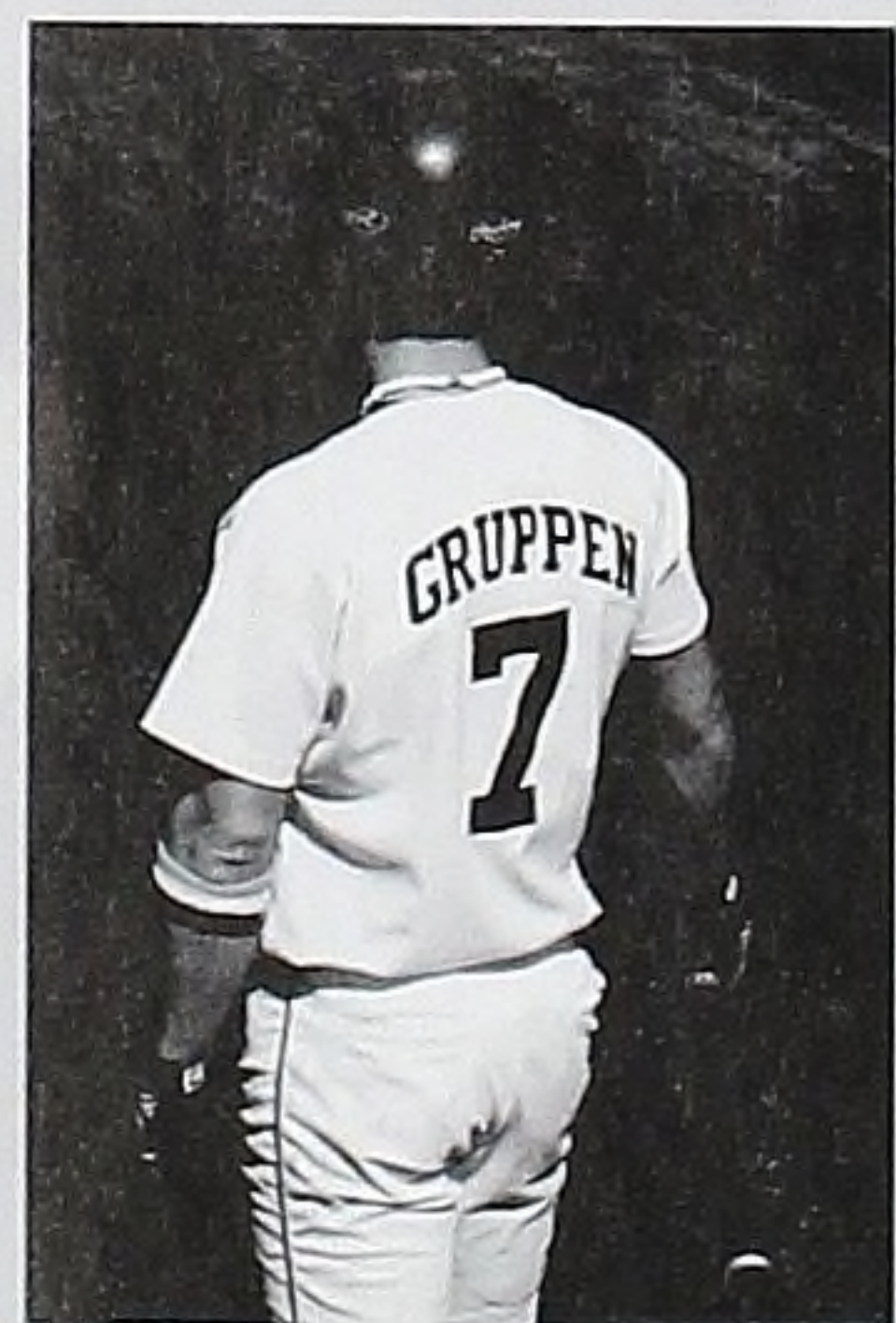
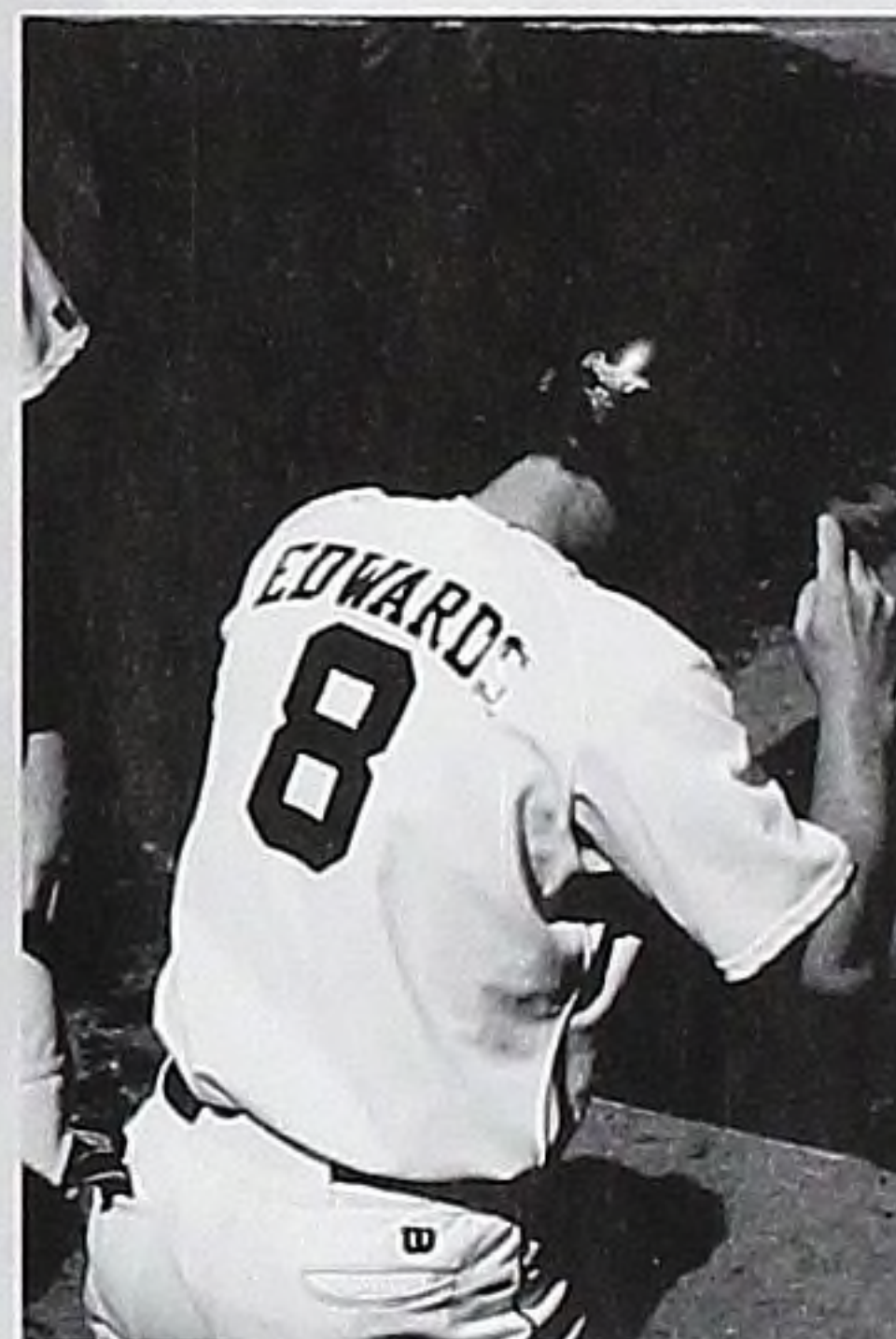


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Joey Sobocinski Fr
Jordan Gruppen Jr

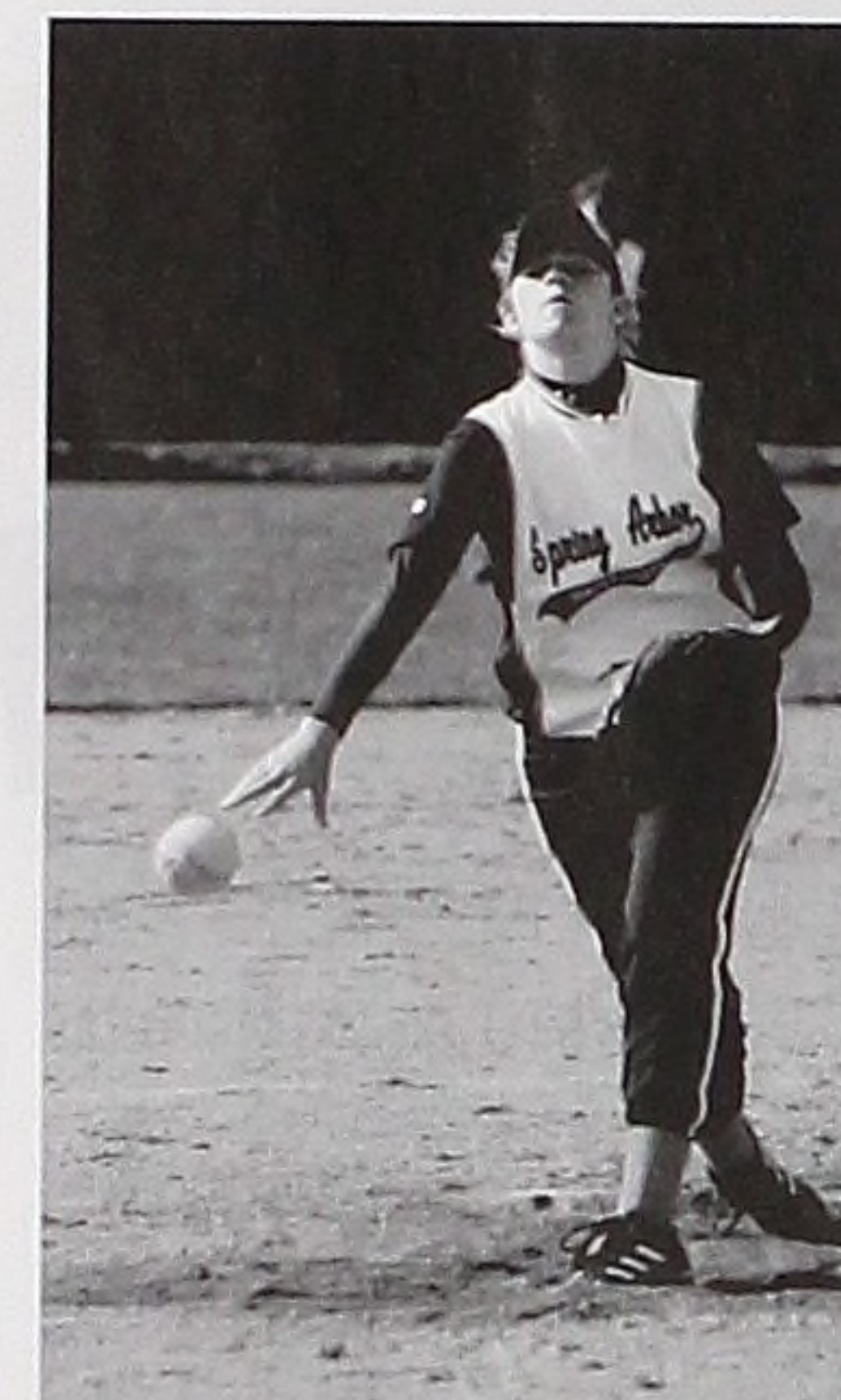
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Joe Myers Fr
Duke Solaita Sr
Brad Pollack Fr
John Germanceri So
Kyle Kennedy Fr

Bobby Hodges Fr
Rick Hapner Jr
Ryan Slone Fr
Aaron Colf
Tom Compian So
Brad Hinkle Fr
Tim Corser Sr
Brent Watkins Fr
Dan Loew Sr
Nic Johnston 5th



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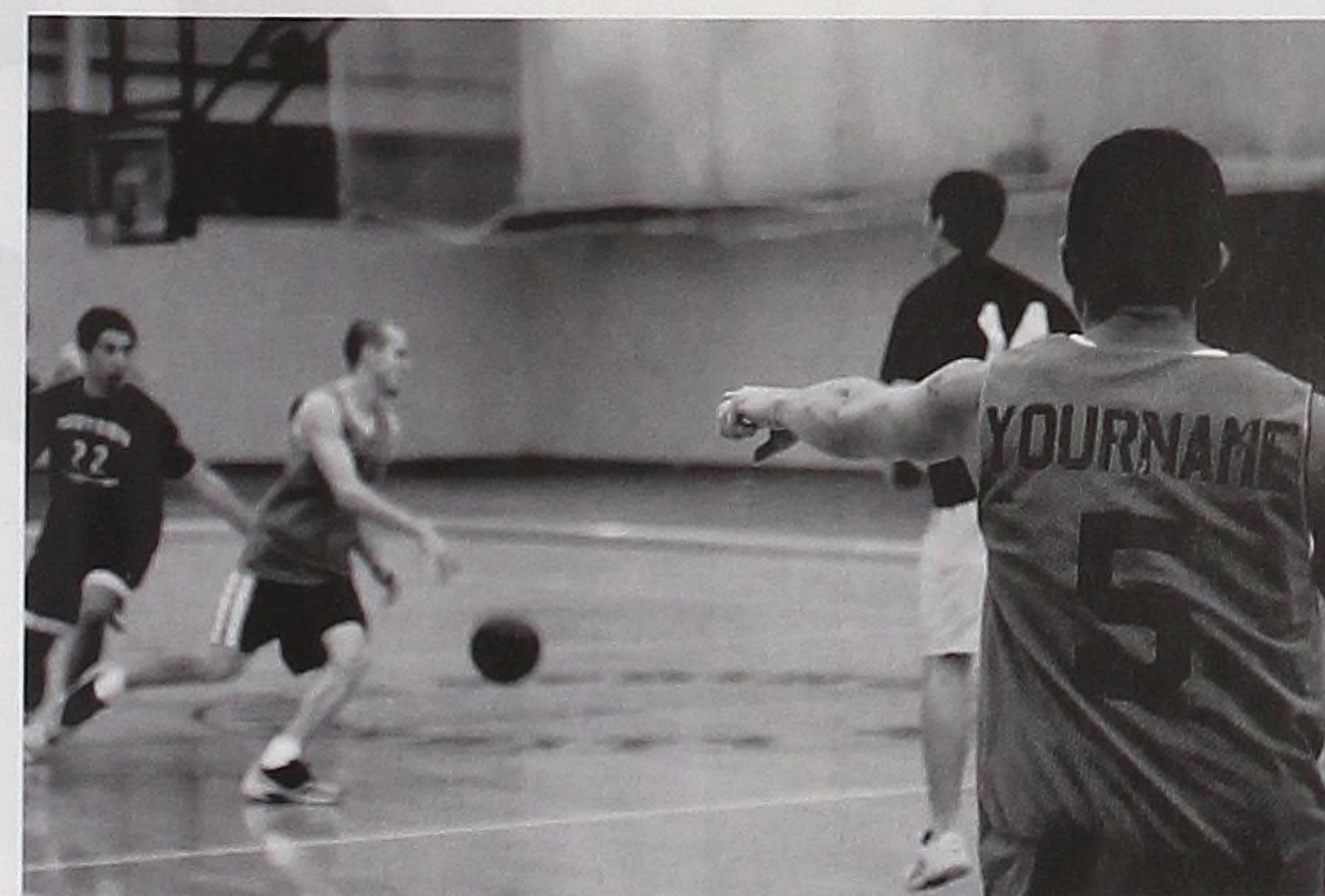
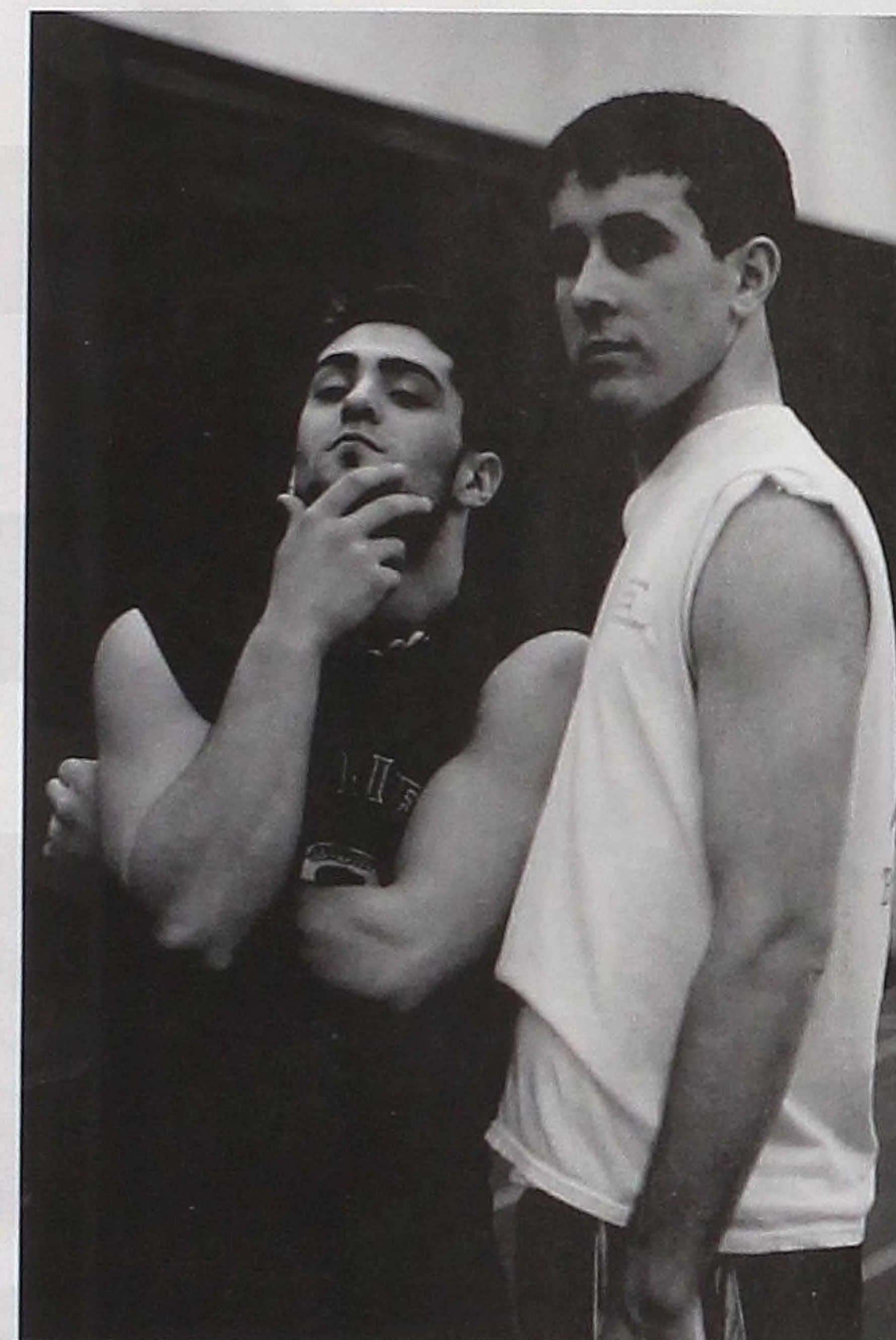
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Jessica Mancini Jr
Marcie Johnson Jr
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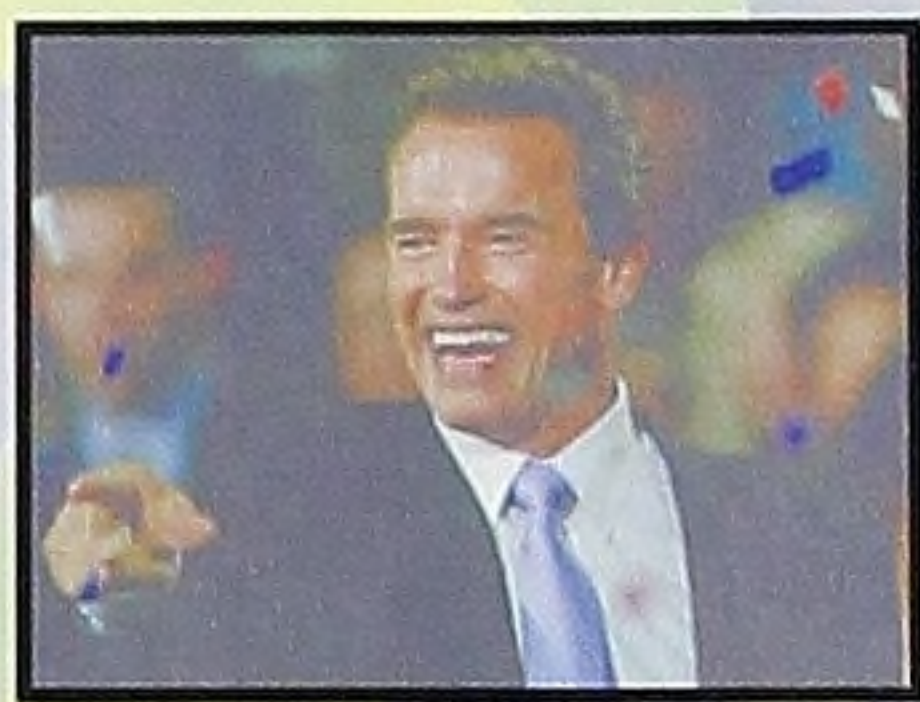


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Sept. 18 Hurricane Isabel knocks out power to 2 million



Oct. 7 Schwarzenegger elected governor of CA



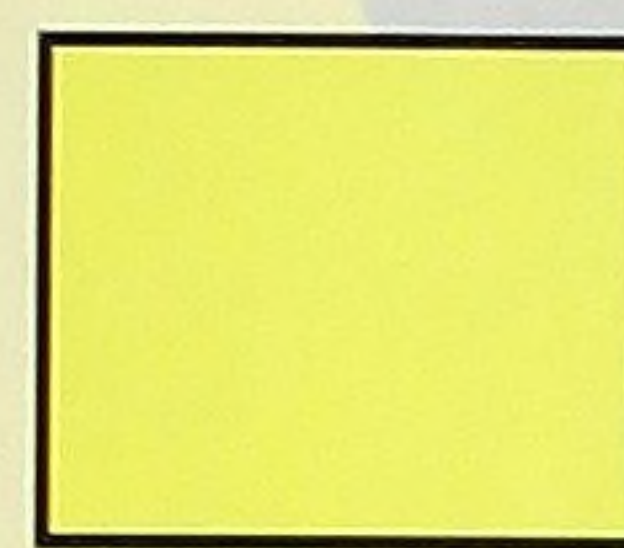
Oct. 28 Fires in Southern California consumed 500,000 acres



Oct. 26 Marlins win World Series



Nov. 20 Jackson arrested



Nov. 27 Bush visits Baghdad for Thanksgiving



Dec. 23 Mad Cow disease confirmed



Dec. 14 Saddam captured



Aug. 18 major power outage in New York City



S E P T E M B E R

Oct. 31 Natural Science seminar

Oct. 30 Dracula

Oct. 4 Fall Convocation

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Dec. 6 Hanging of the Greens

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Jan. 3 NASA rover lands on red planet



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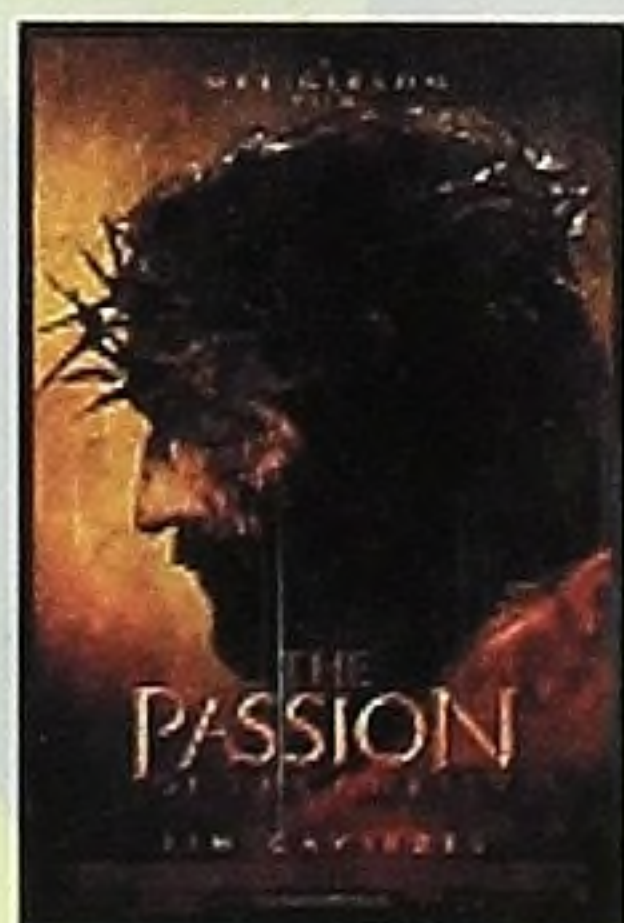
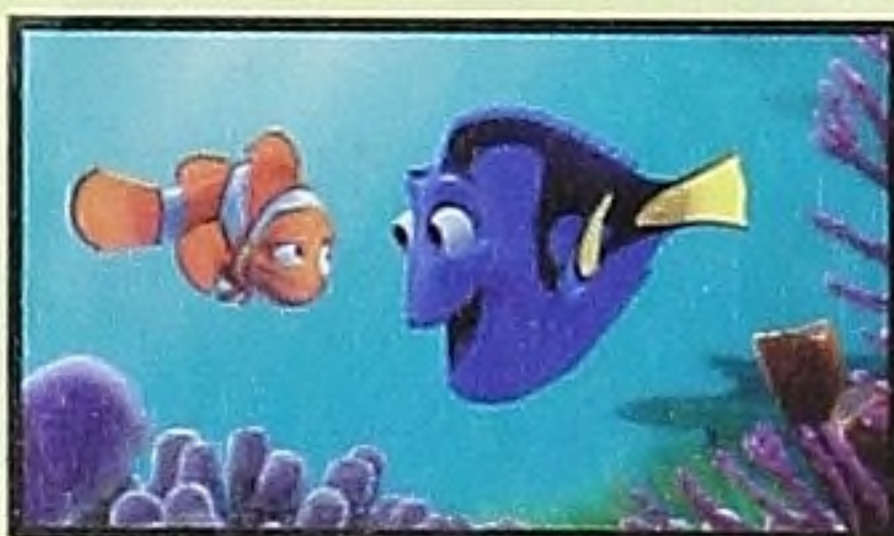
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April 24 Estee Lauder dies

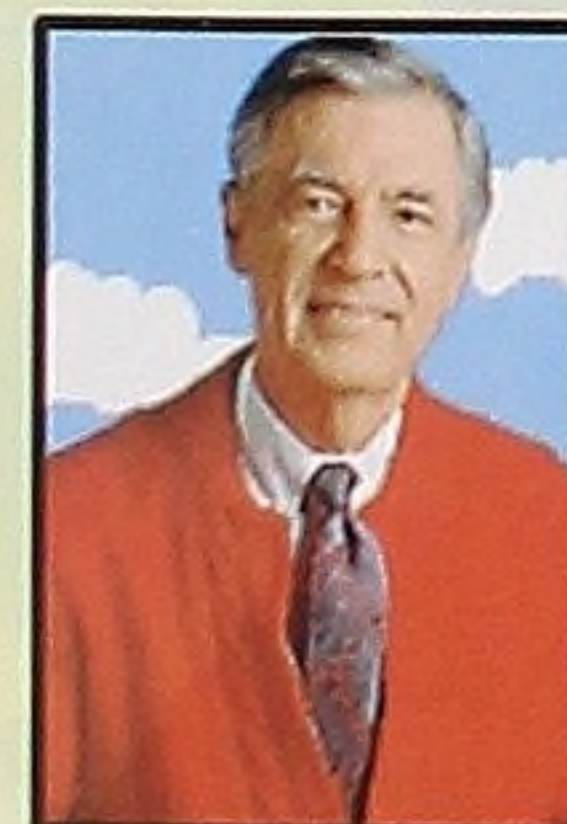


March 19 Bush marks one year anniversary of war

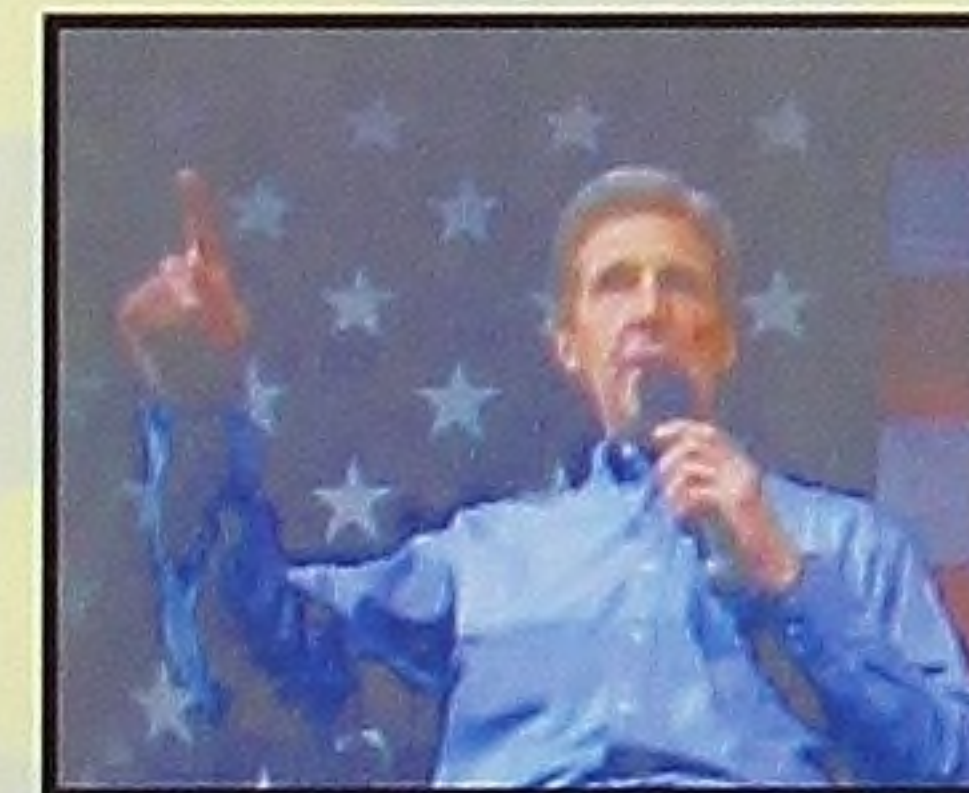
March 5 Martha Stewart guilty



Feb. 27 Mr. Rogers dies at age 74



Feb. 3 Presidential Candidate Kerry makes gains in polls.



Feb. 1 Patriots win the Super Bowl



Jan. 27 Soldiers in Iraq



Jan. Cross Cultural

F E B R U A R Y

Feb. 7 Winter Commencement

Feb. 29 A Meeting in Kansas

A P R I L

April 23 Jazz Concert

April 26 G. K. Chesterton and C. S. Lewis

April 27 String Ensemble Spring Concert



Jan. 20 Bush makes State of the Union address

Jan. 31 Janet Jackson reveals skin

Dracula

I was once in Scotland. While there I went to visit the damp drafty ruins of Slains Castle, a monstrous maze of stone walls and collapsing towers, perched at the edge of a cliff. A light mist made the foggy precipice slippery, so one had to be careful exploring the crumbling mossy rock. Standing at the edge of the treacherous cliff, the dark silhouette of the castle behind me, I peered down straining to see waves tearing at the rocks below. Reportedly Bram Stoker received his inspiration for *Dracula* while one lost night landed him at Slains Castle.

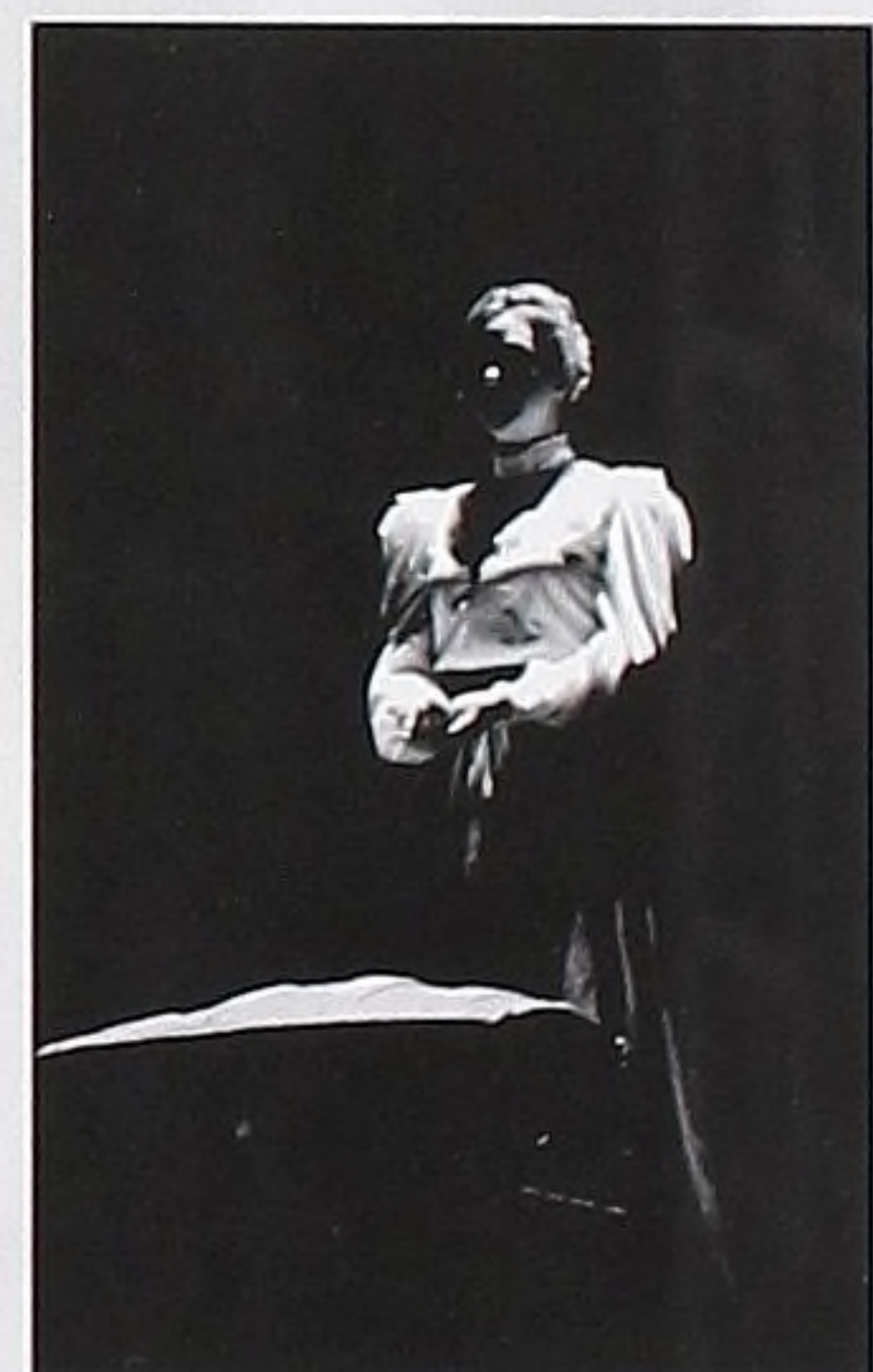
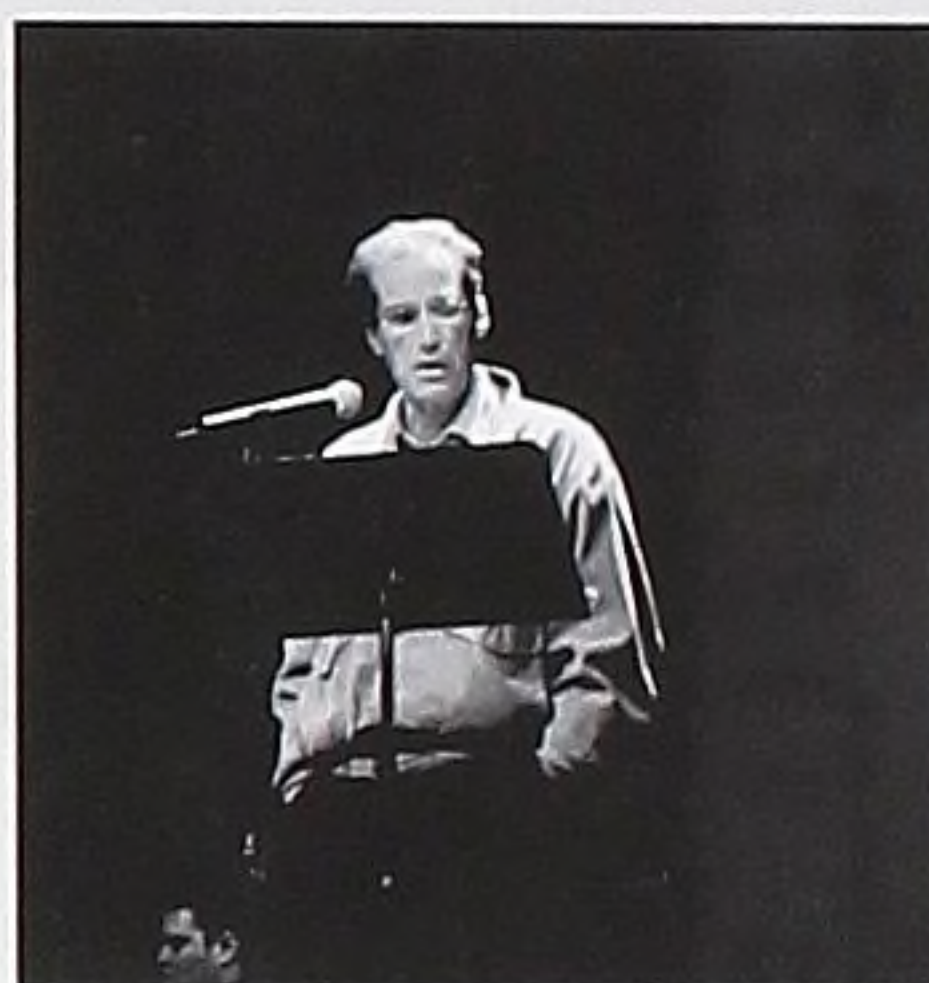
This Halloween, when rumors of *Dracula* spread throughout campus, some students and faculty were, well, scared. But here's what Steve Bohus had to say:

"One of the most famous villains of literature paid a visit to the SAU campus this last year and I was lucky enough to have been a part of it. When I first heard that the fall play would be *Dracula*, I couldn't believe it. I attended auditions with no intention of trying out (having never been a part of a full scale theatrical production before) but at Dr Patton's insistence, I did. No one was more surprised than myself when I was cast as Dr. Abraham Van Helsing."

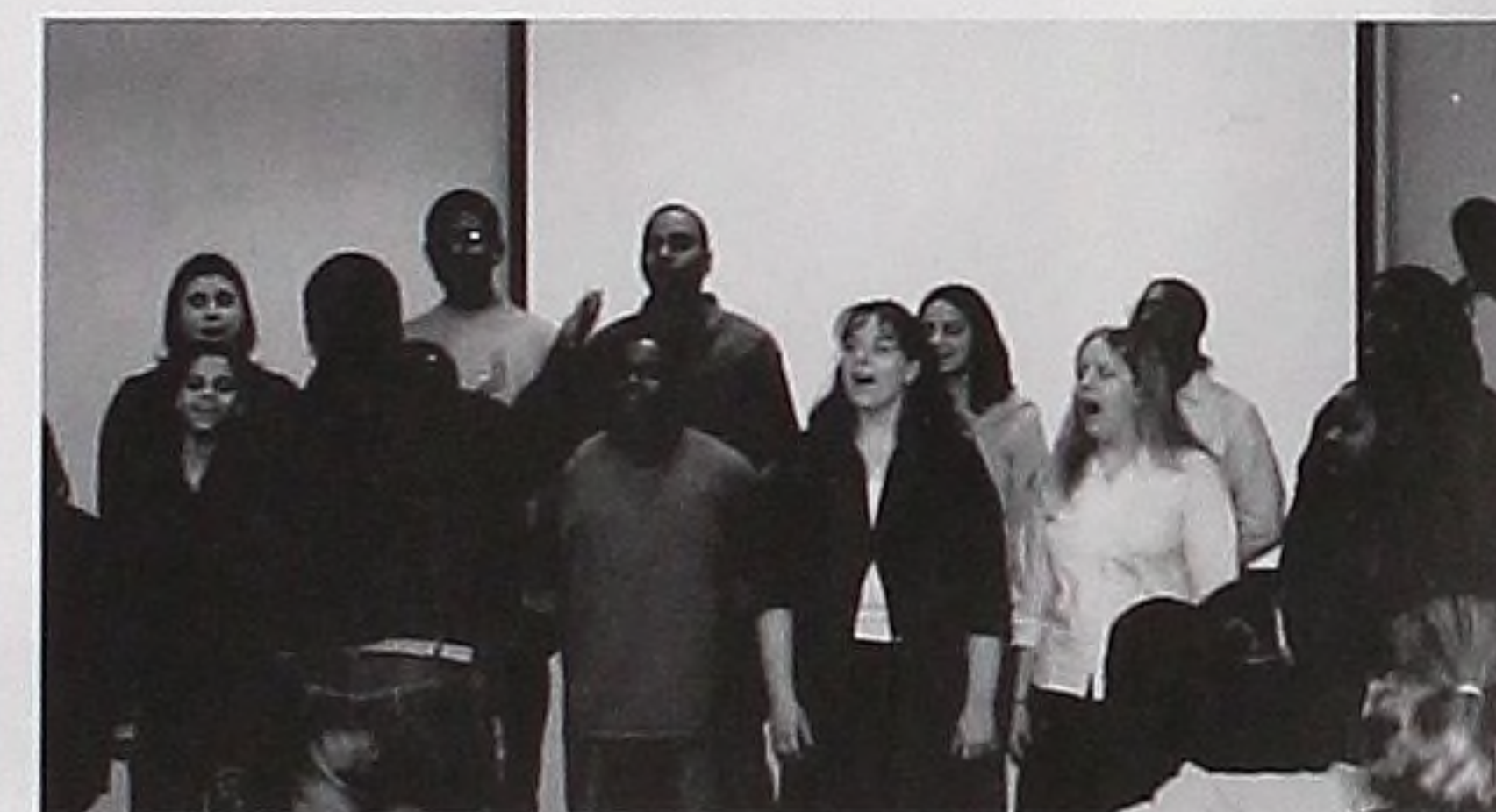
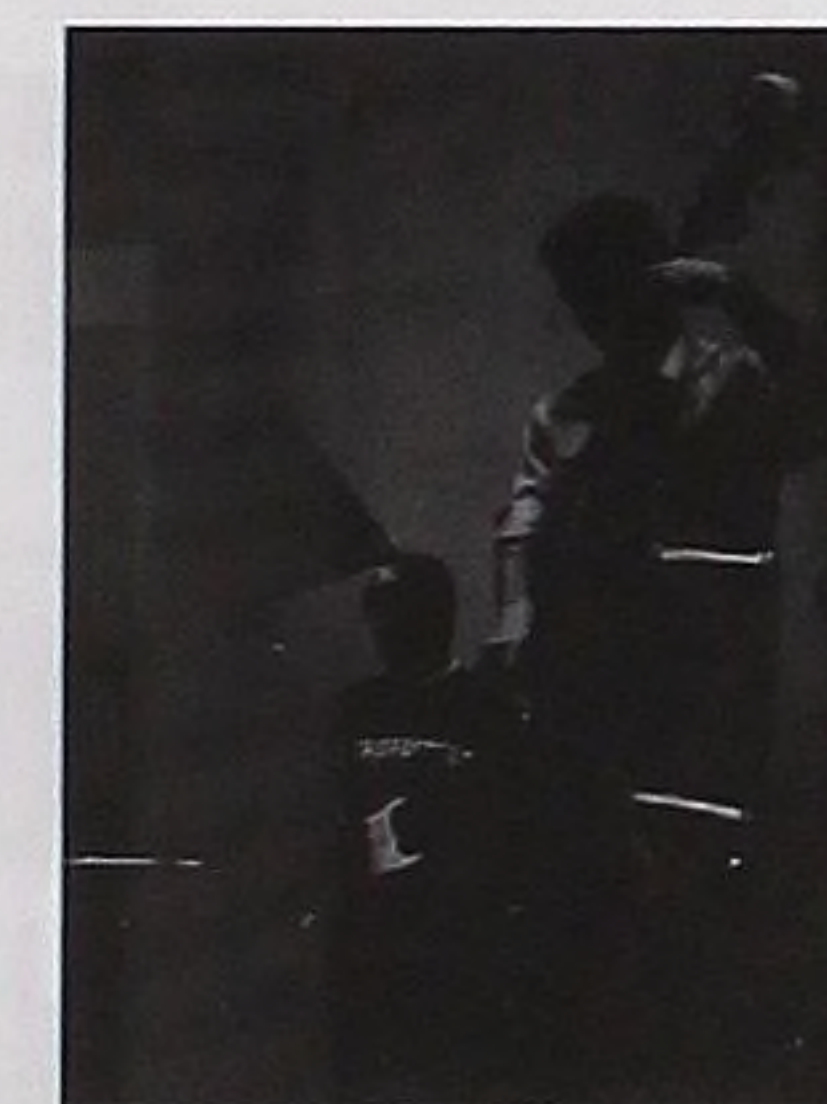
"After my experience with this production I now realize how much Hollywood has capitalized on *Dracula* and Bram Stoker's characters. Instead of focusing on the steaks, fangs, and blood, our adaptation recognized the incredible story of the struggle between Good and Evil. My character in particular, constantly referenced God and quoted scripture."

"Before *Dracula*, the only thing I knew about theatre was that the people were a little...odd. But after spending countless hours with the same people throughout the many rehearsals, you develop a bond and many inside jokes based on your characters. I have come to the conclusion that, while quirky, theatre people are some of the best people I have ever had the chance to work with. Every action is filled with passion. Every moment is full an energy that you don't find in conversation with 'normal' people. All in all, *Dracula* was an amazing experience that I will never forget."

Amy Berry



Music Groups

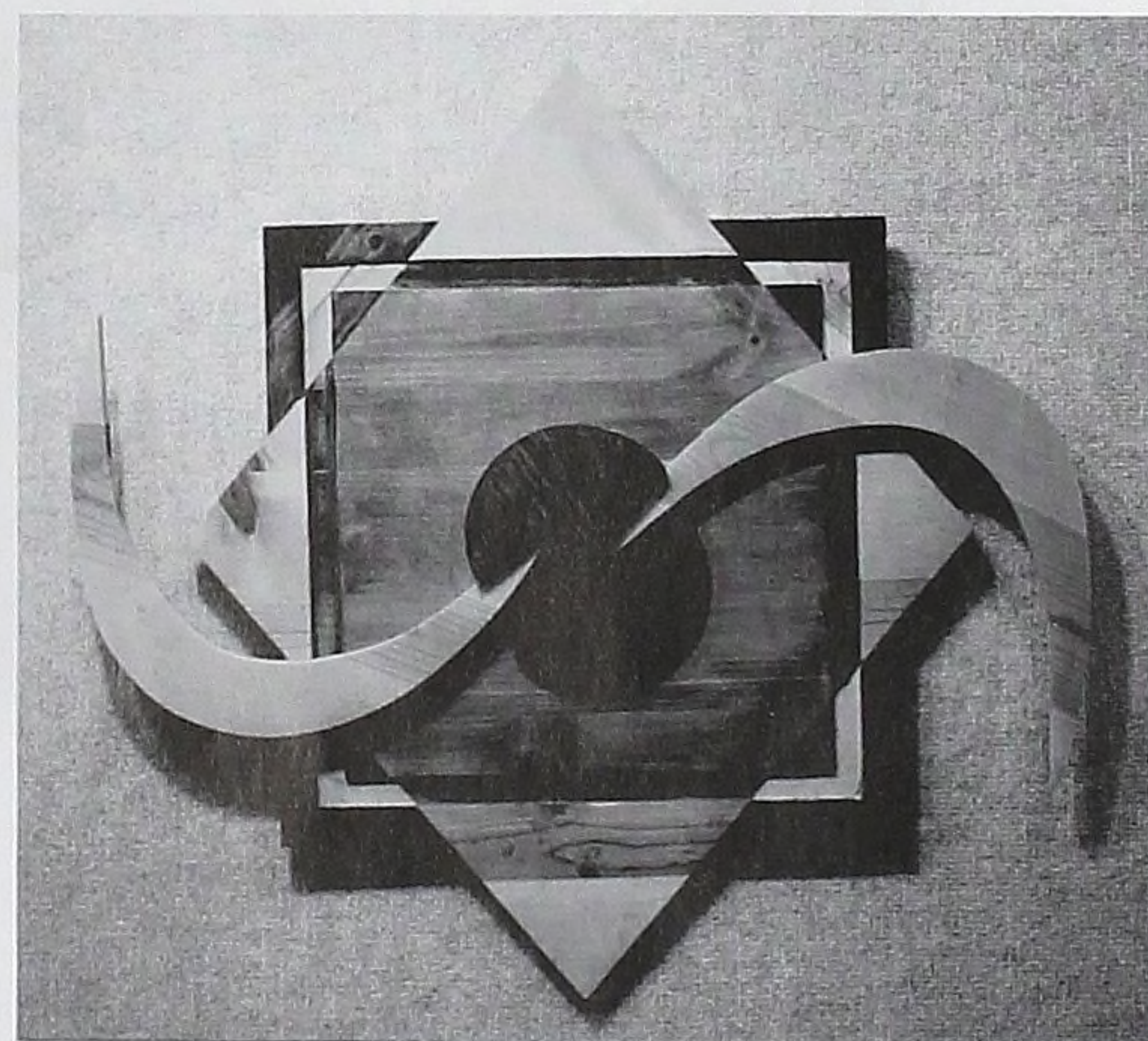


On March 31 the SAU Choir left Spring Arbor, MI for a five day tour through Ohio, where they sang thirteen songs for various audiences. Directed by Dr. Charles Livesay, the group had been practicing since the beginning of the semester. Their routine included, "Call to Silence," "Word Was God," "As the Deer," and "Magnum Mysterium." The Choir's first performance was at Galion Free Methodist Church, followed by Cuyahogo Valley Christian Academy and Living Water Free Methodist Church in Dayton, and Maranatha Christian School and Columbus First Free Methodist in Columbus. Their final performance was applauded by Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.



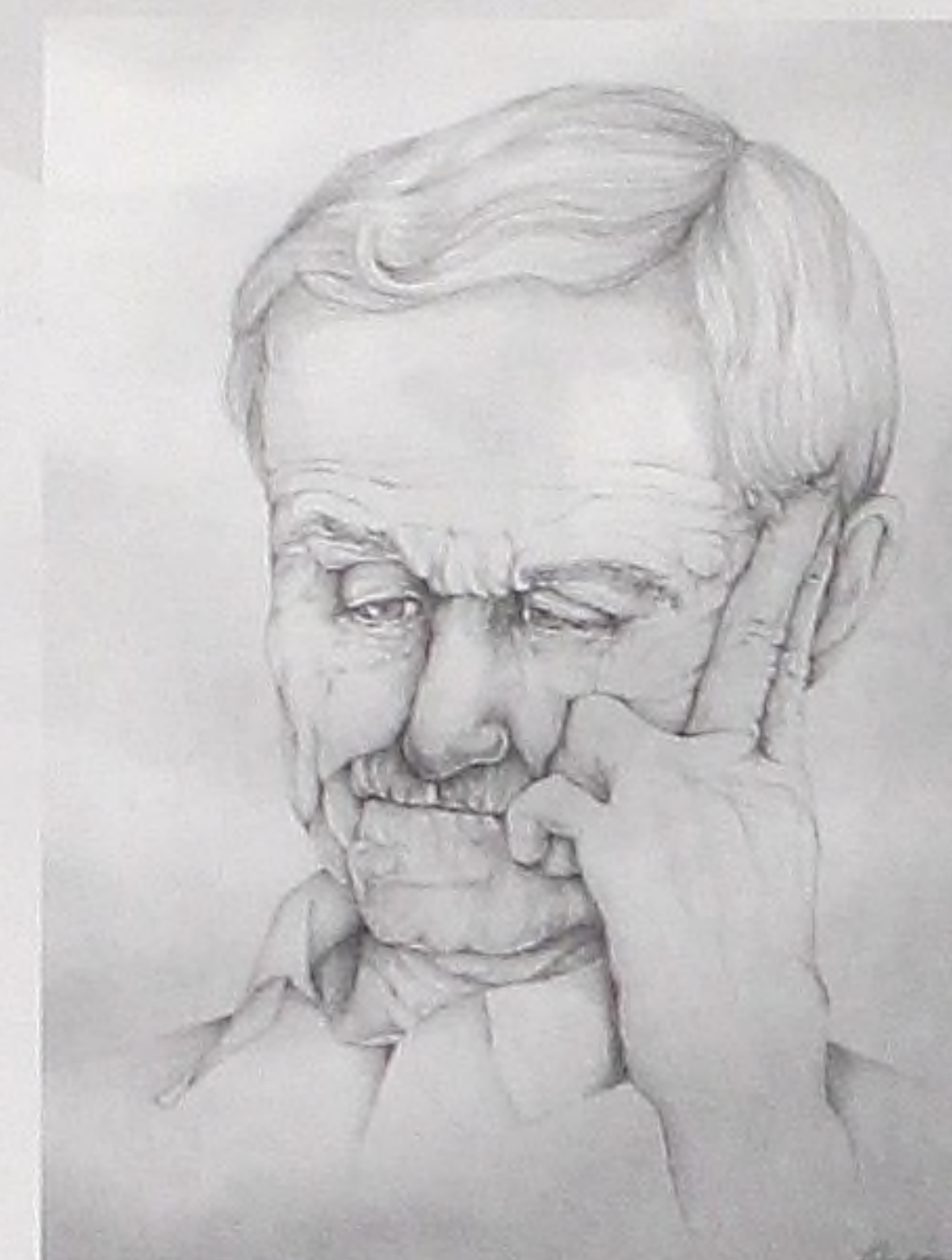
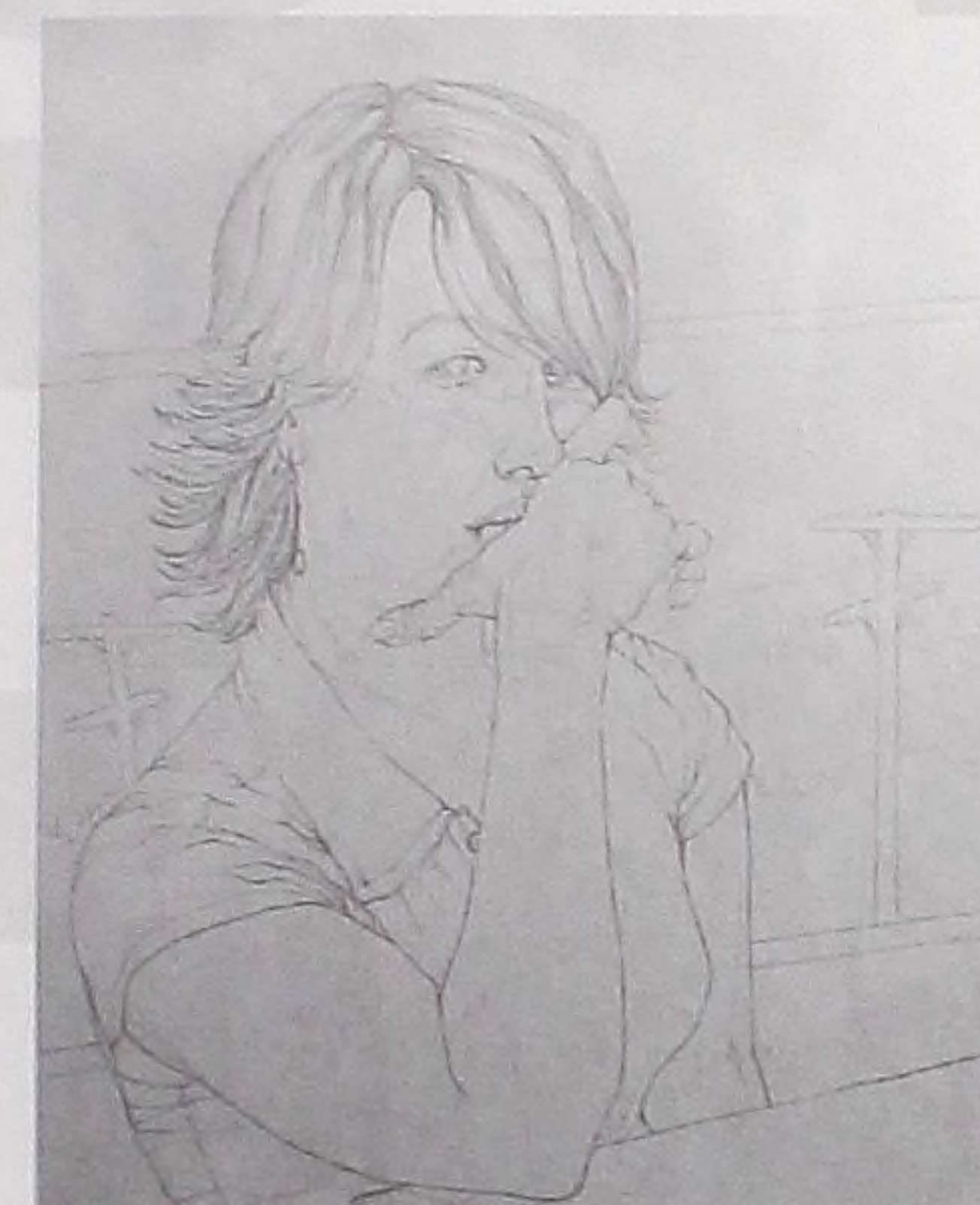
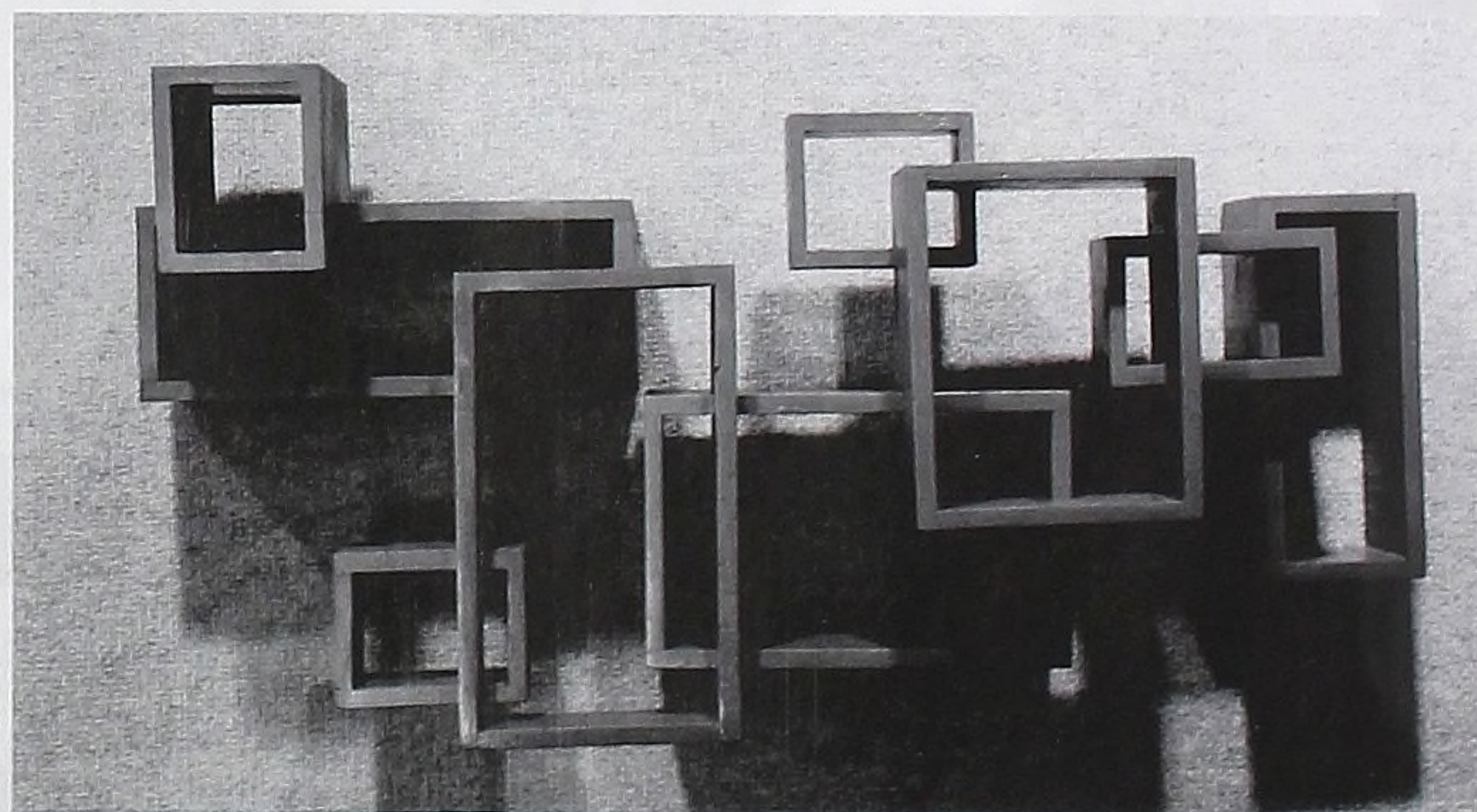
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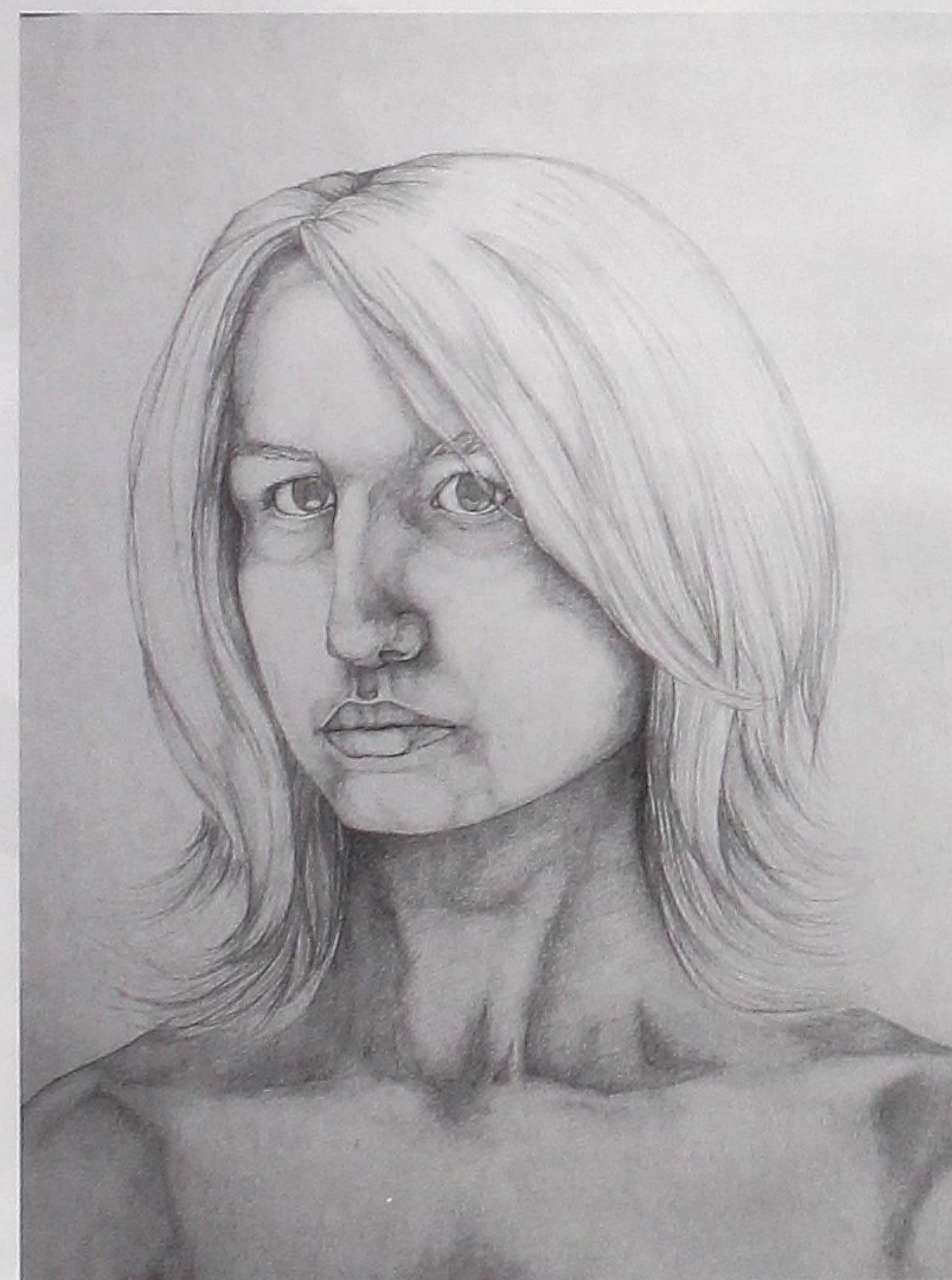
Matt Handy

Senior
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Painting



Kerren Farnbach

Senior Exhibition
Figure Drawing



Chapel

God isn't safe. Regardless of your feelings toward God, he is dangerous, and he is after you. And when he gets a hold of you the results could be fantastic. He has the power to change your life for eternity. Do you remember the Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis?

"Aslan a man!" said Mr. Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-Beyond-the-Sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion-THE Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver, "if anyone can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Like Aslan, God is good, but of course he isn't safe. He has the power and the desire to change you into something new. Maybe something you thought you didn't want to be...but ultimately into something good. He is chasing you ready to mold and use you.

Psalm 34:8-9 says: "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing."

God isn't safe, but He is good.

As God cultivates your mind, body, and spirit there is something you can do to foster that growth: Be excellent.



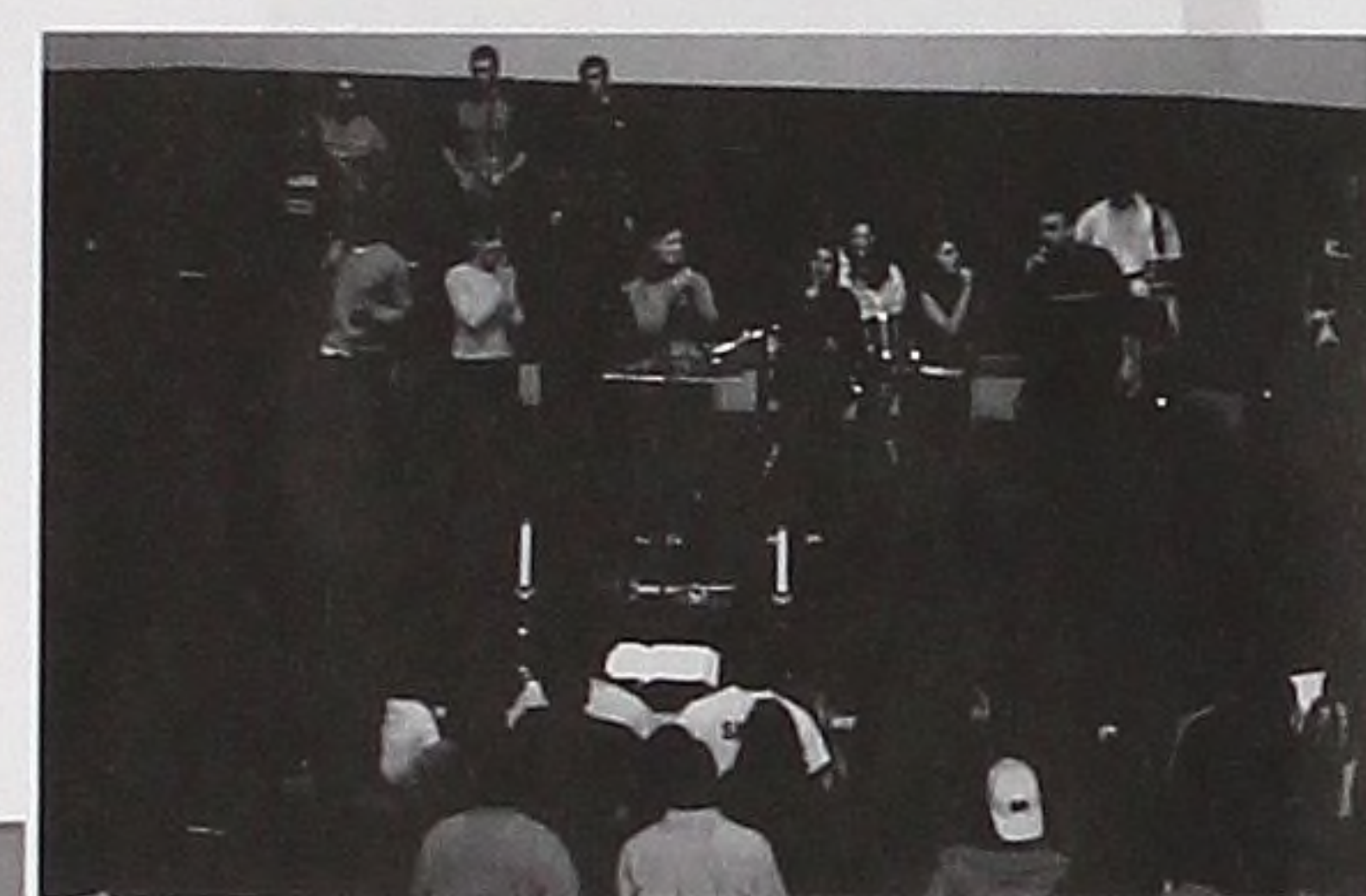
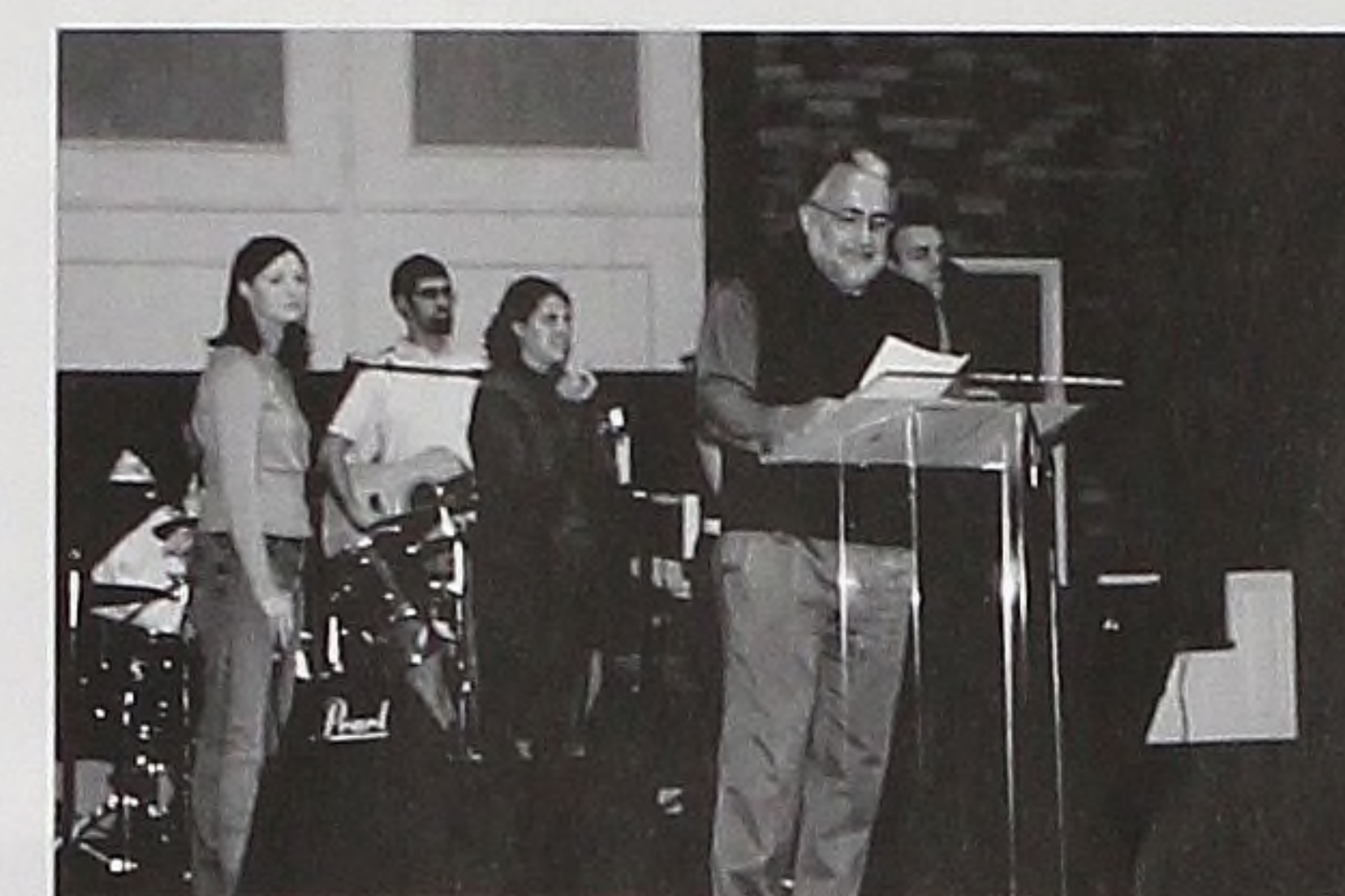
How can you be excellent?

- Memorize a book of the Bible. Hide the words of God in your heart; be knowledgeable of the savior, and ready for the changes He will make in you.
- Read three "other" books. Expand and indulge in reading for enjoyment.
- Find a mentor. Find someone to talk with on a regular basis; someone to hold you accountable.
- Get a 4.0. Forfeit less important "demands." Go ahead, sacrifice your time.
- Get in shape. Strengthen the temple of Christ and be healthy.

The benefits of being excellent are eternal and the motivation comes straight from the mouth of God: Colossians 3: ¹⁷"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

God isn't safe because he wants you to be excellent. And he will do whatever it takes to get you there.

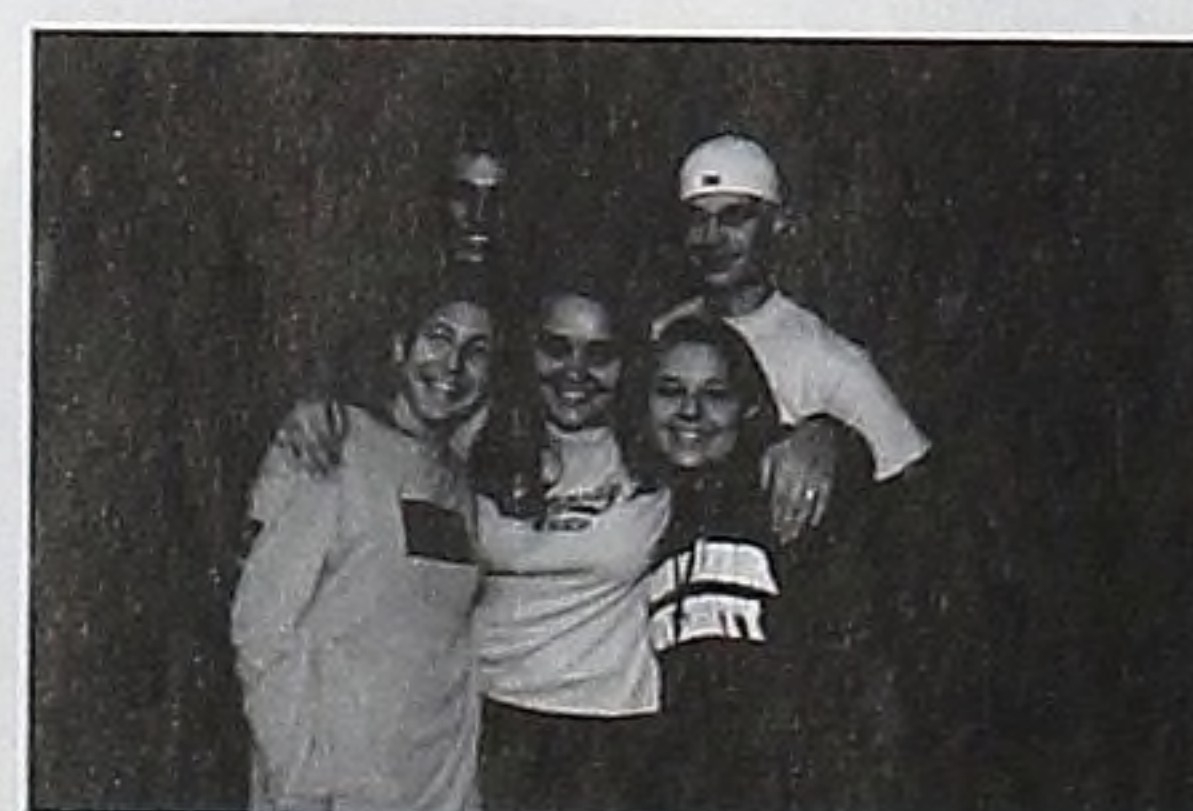
From your Student Body President to you, Adam Dawson.



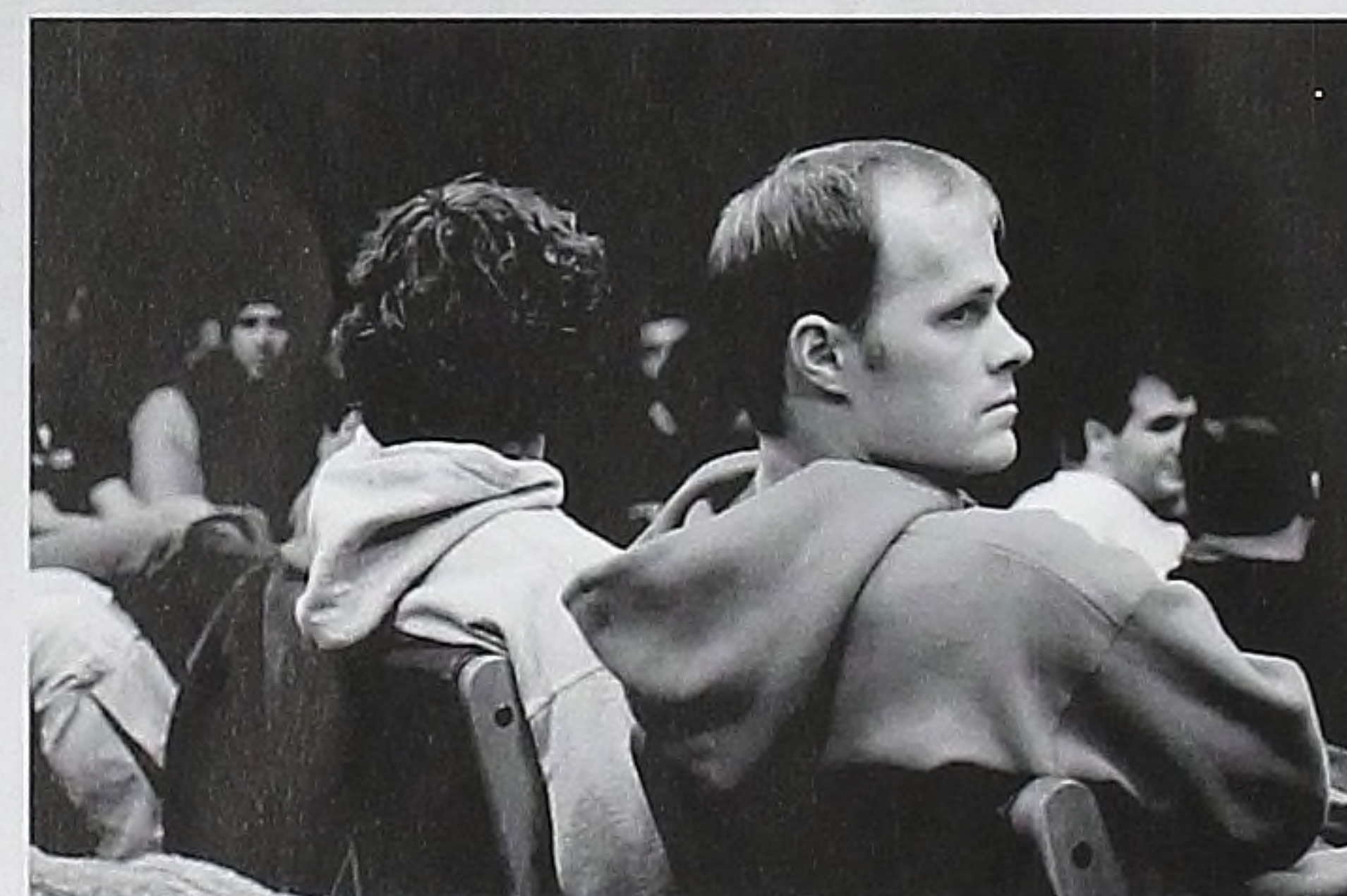
Spiritual Life Retreat

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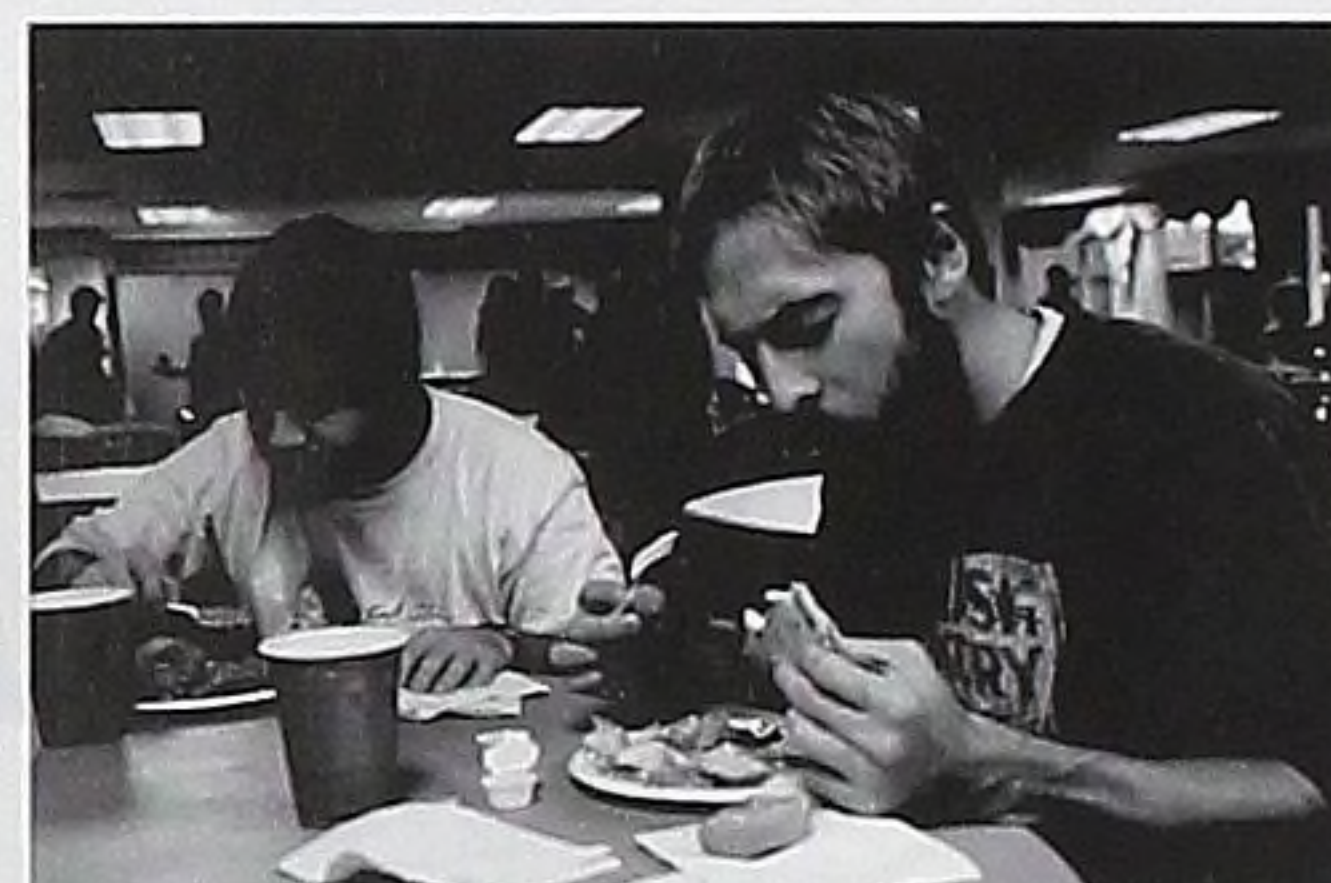


Heed the Man



Other On-Campus Ministries

Chat/Prayer Line
Grief/Support Ministry
Hebs (Heb. 3:13)
Ladies Night
Passion Night
SLAs
SPUR
Thursday Night Prayer



Iron Hour

It is more than a basic Bible study, it is also an accountability group. Iron hour meets each week to study God's word, share testimonies and pray. The group also encourages one another to spend a least one hour in God's word each day.

The Call

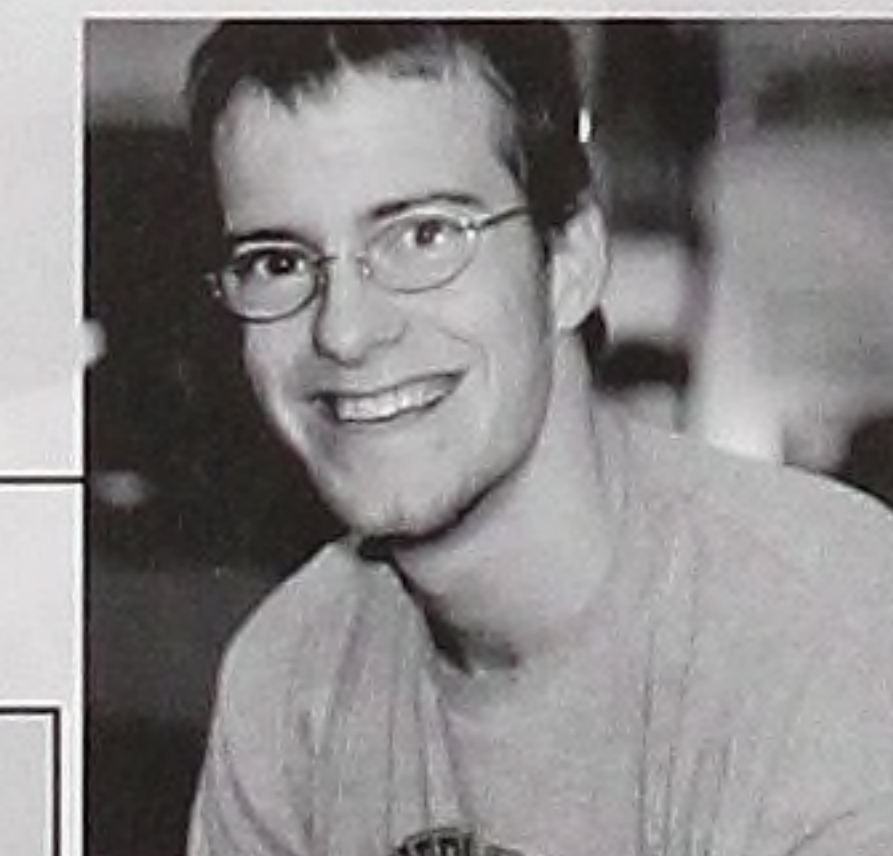
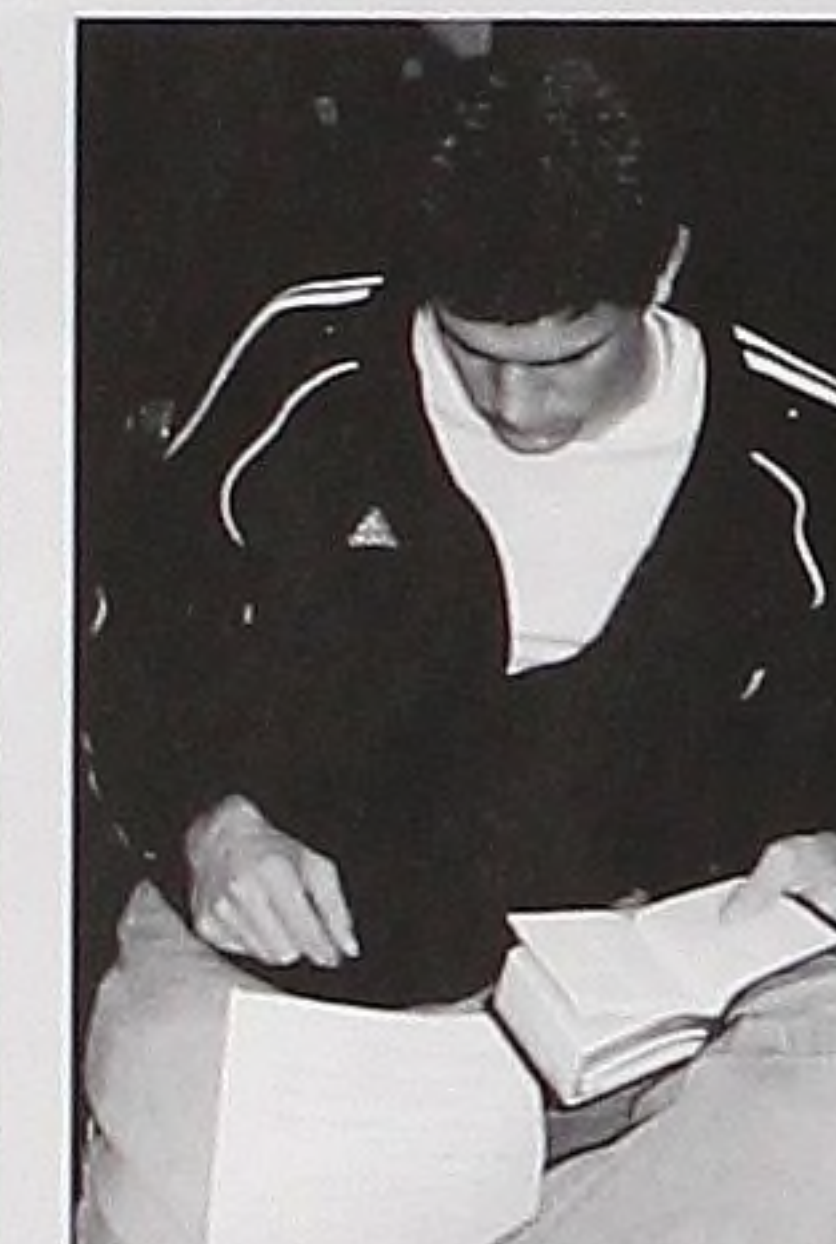
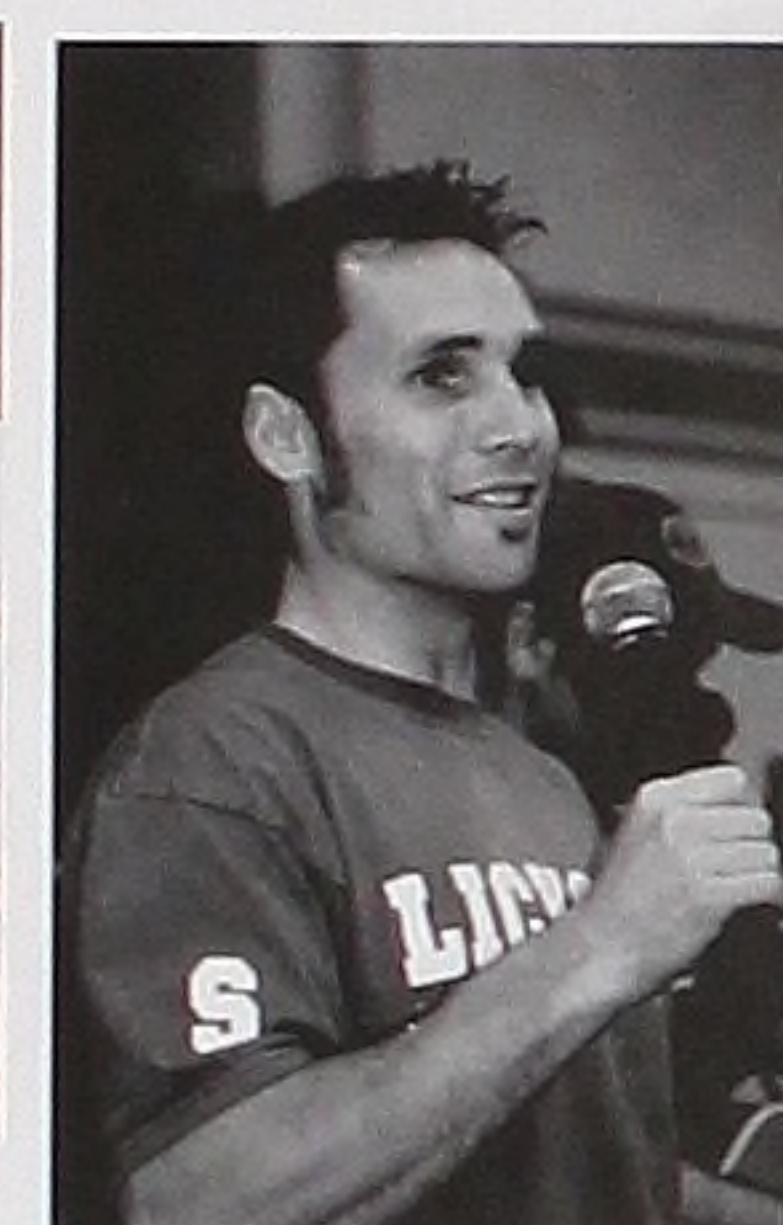
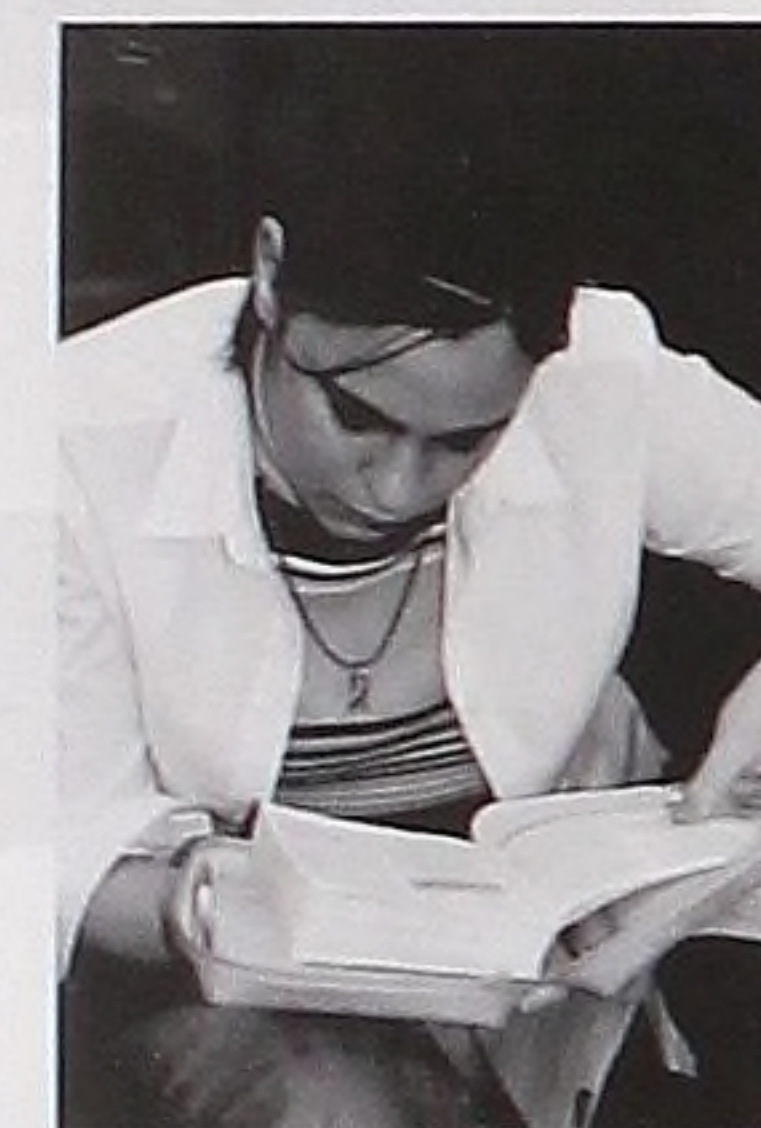
This on-campus ministry, formally know as Frapel, gives students the chance to gather each Thursday night to worship in song and praise.

Comunidad Agua Viva

I would have started out this brief explanation of CAV by saying something cool in Spanish, but since I don't know Spanish...Well, if you speak Spanish, join in ministry and worship, as this student-run church reaches out to new Spanish families in the Jackson area every Sunday.



By The Book



Other Off-Campus Ministries

Men's Prison Ministry
Arbor Manor Ministry
Praying For You
Door Keepers

Action Jackson

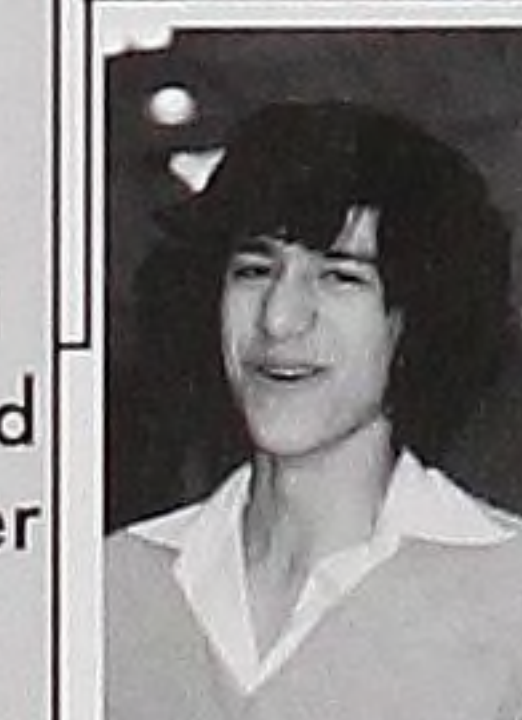
Every kid needs a mentor, and for 15 years SAU students have been just that for inner-city kids in Jackson. While swinging at the park, or enjoying an ice-cream cone SAU students use the opportunity to build strengthening relationships with kids who need encouragement, moral guidance, and more than anything a friend.

Interfaith Shelter

Each week, armed with compassion and friendship, a van of willing students spend time building relationships over a bowl of soup. Conversation, games, and prayer work together at the shelter to encourage the needy.

Heartside Homeless

While most people spend their Saturdays sleeping in, Students involved in this program spend two weekends a semester passing out sandwiches, warms blankets, and the truth of Christ to the homeless in Grand Rapids Michigan.



Porchfest

The evening air is warm, guys in cut off tees and stone wash jeans gather on the Ormston balcony around a smoking grill. As the smells of a cookout waft through out campus, girls with high side ponytails and big bangs dressed in neon pink join the boys for the first Porch Fest in Spring Arbor history. The year, of course, is 1982.

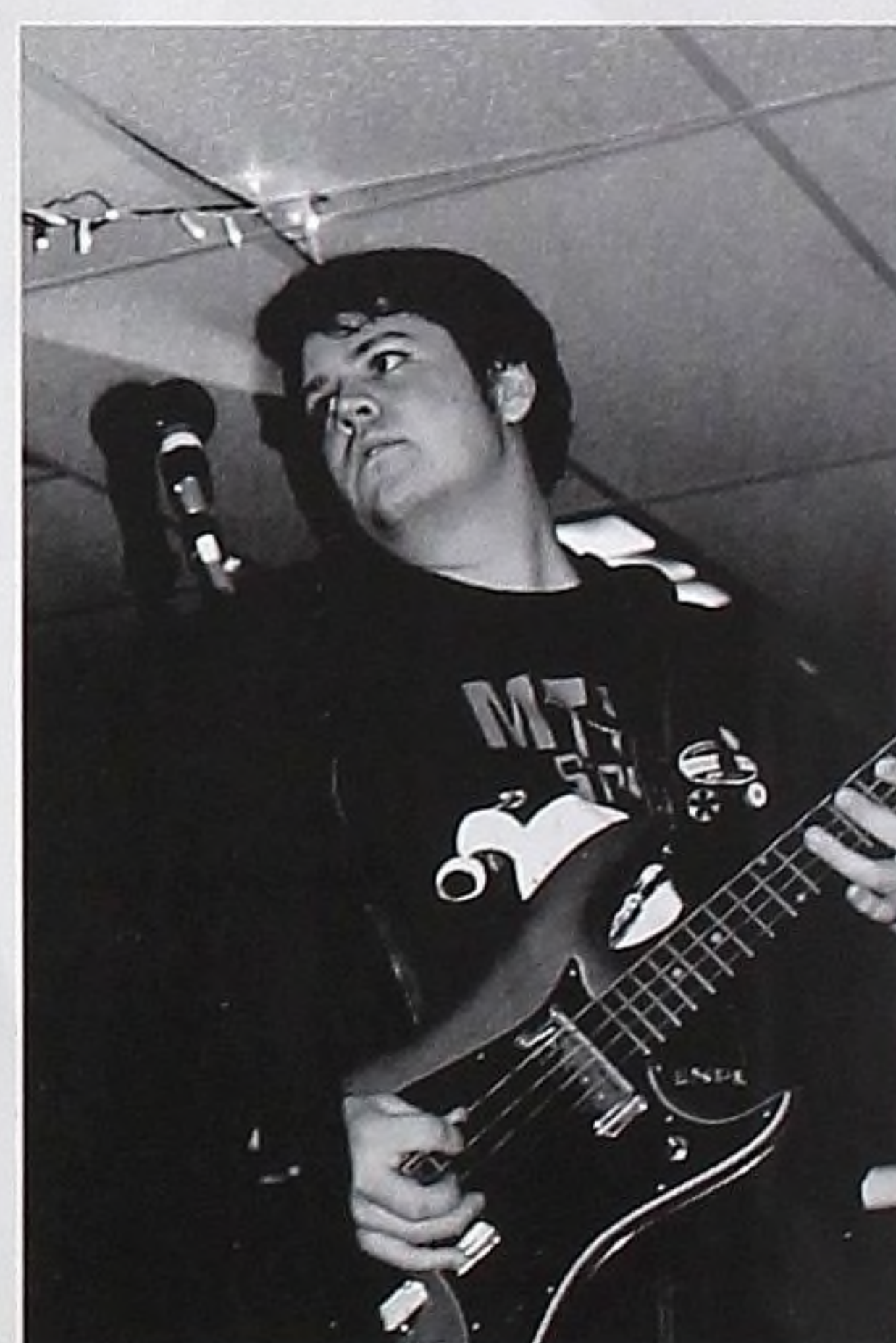
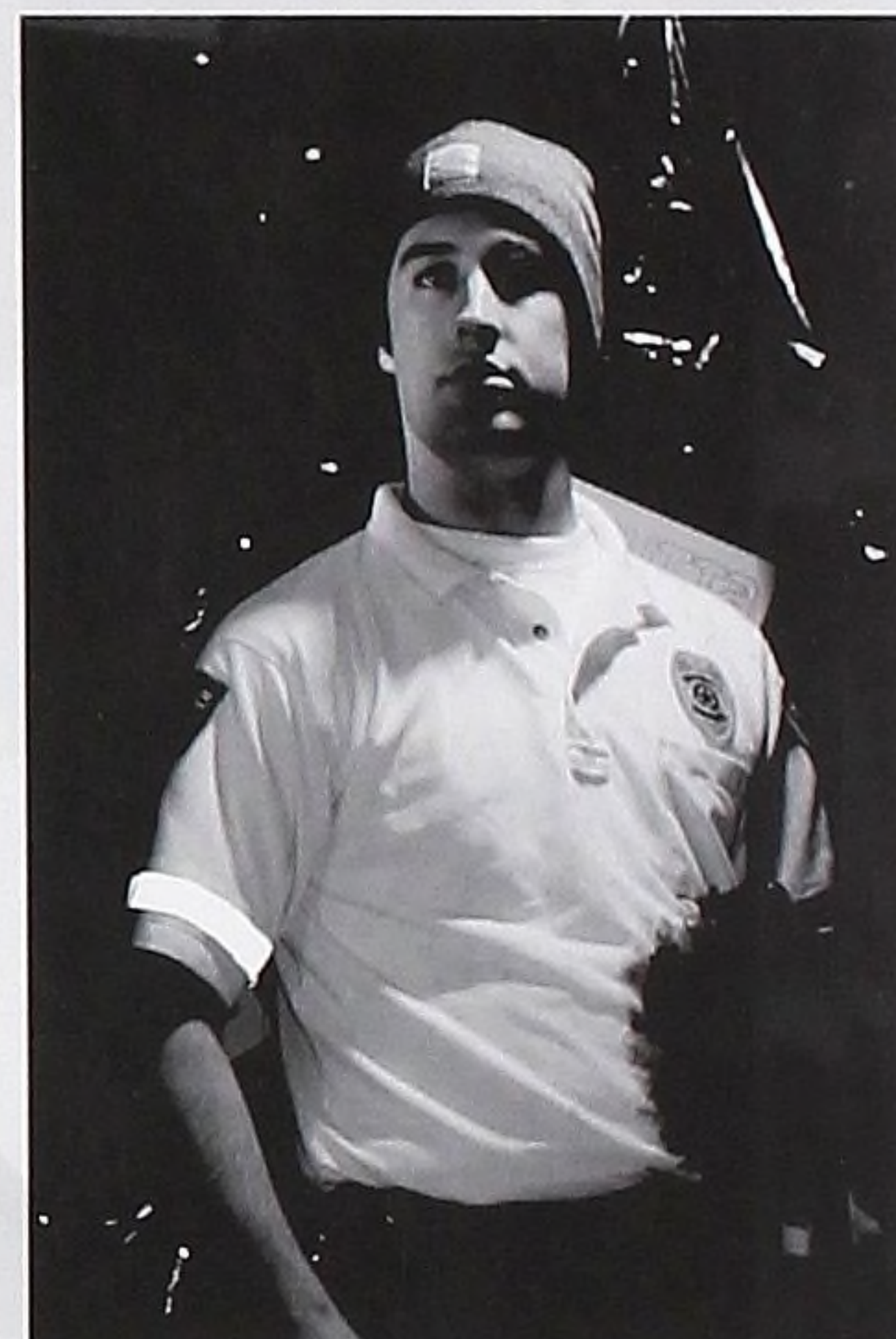
What began as a simple cookout has become an event students anticipate all spring. The evolution of this tradition began as 82's event quickly picked up momentum, and included a band the following year. Roger Varland, R.D. at the time, explained that *Chariots of Fire* inspired the first skit, as Ormston boys ran around the building like characters from the movie.

The following year, Varland brought in an old car and a few baseball bats. They spent the evening destroying the junker, which, Varland says, is not as easy as it sounds.

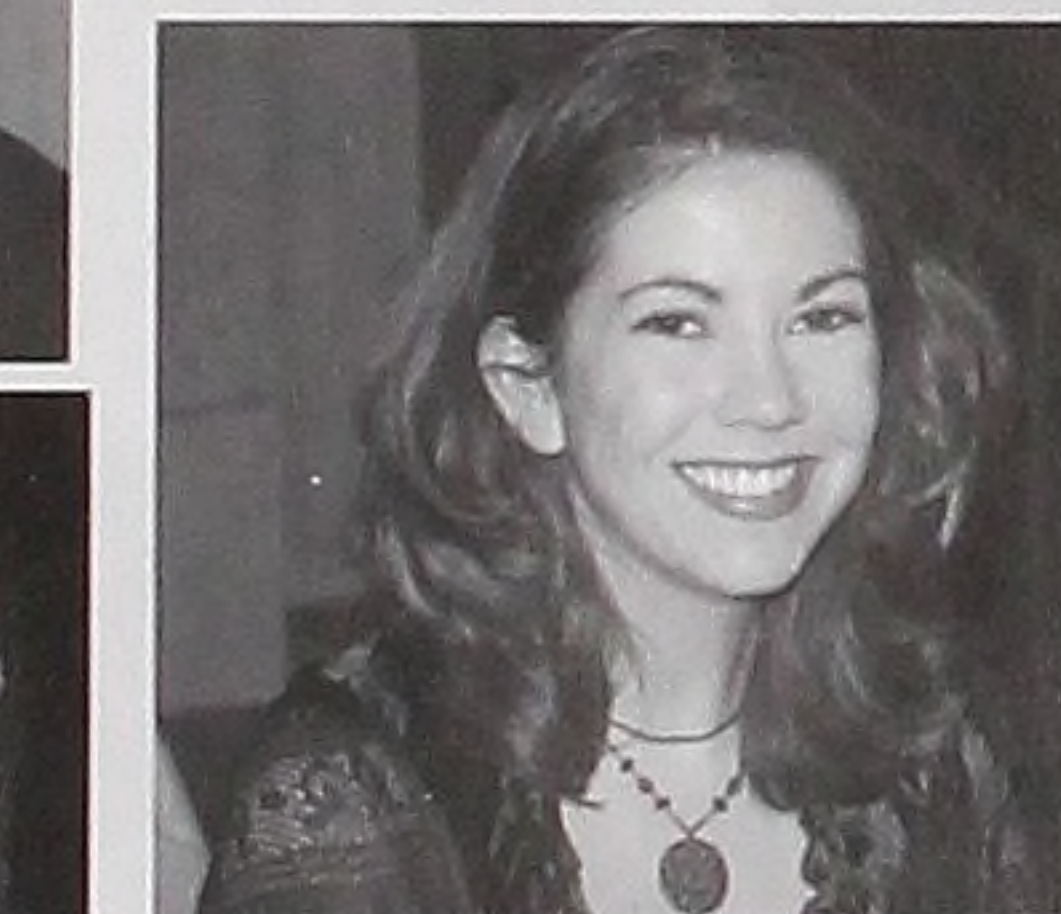
Their first huge bonfire, also a ceremonial burning, was the following year. In 1985, The Passion Pit, a worn out couch with no springs used by couples in the Ormston lounge, was set by the Centennial Gardens (which was actually a fountain at the time), doused with kerosene, and sent up a in a blaze.

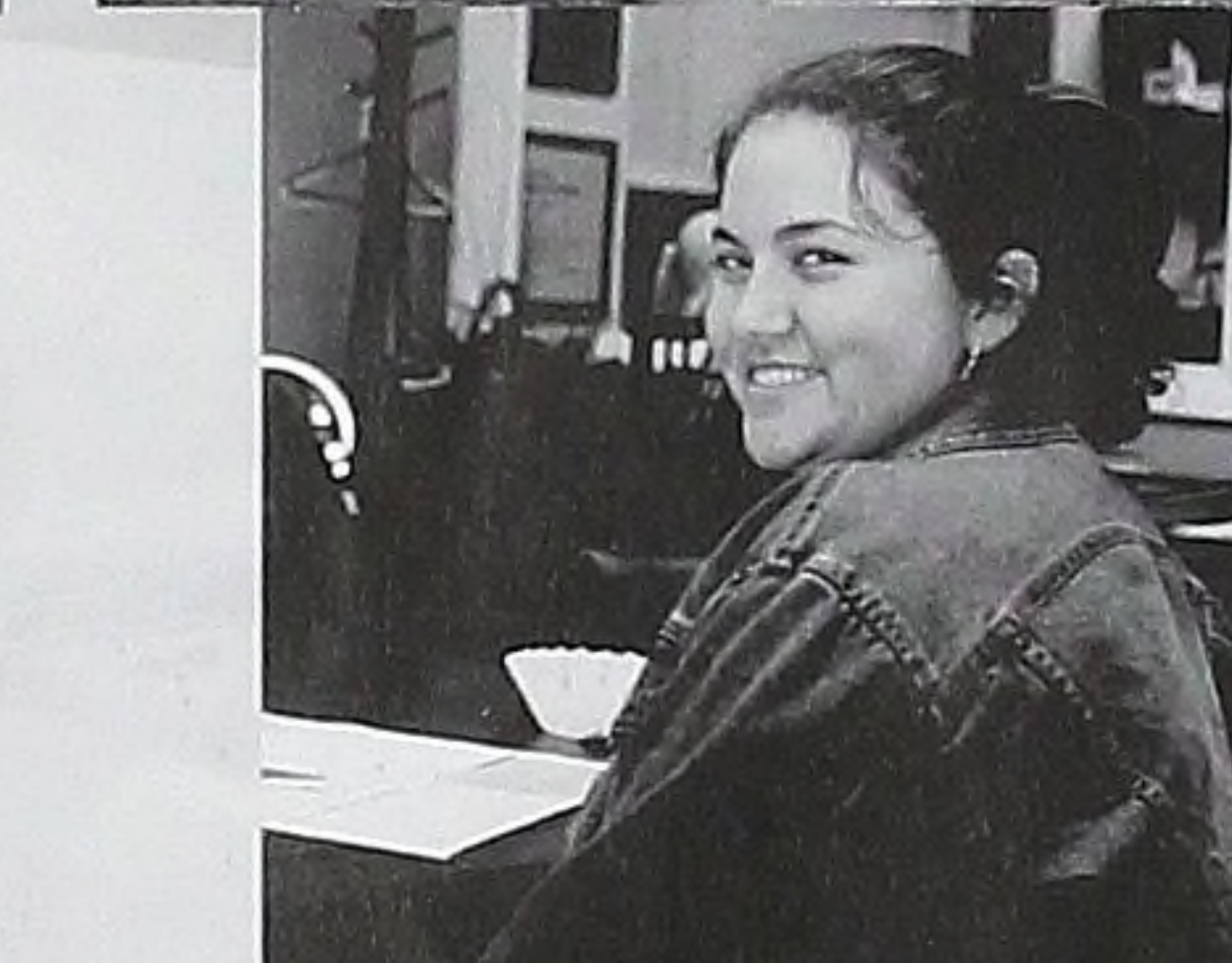
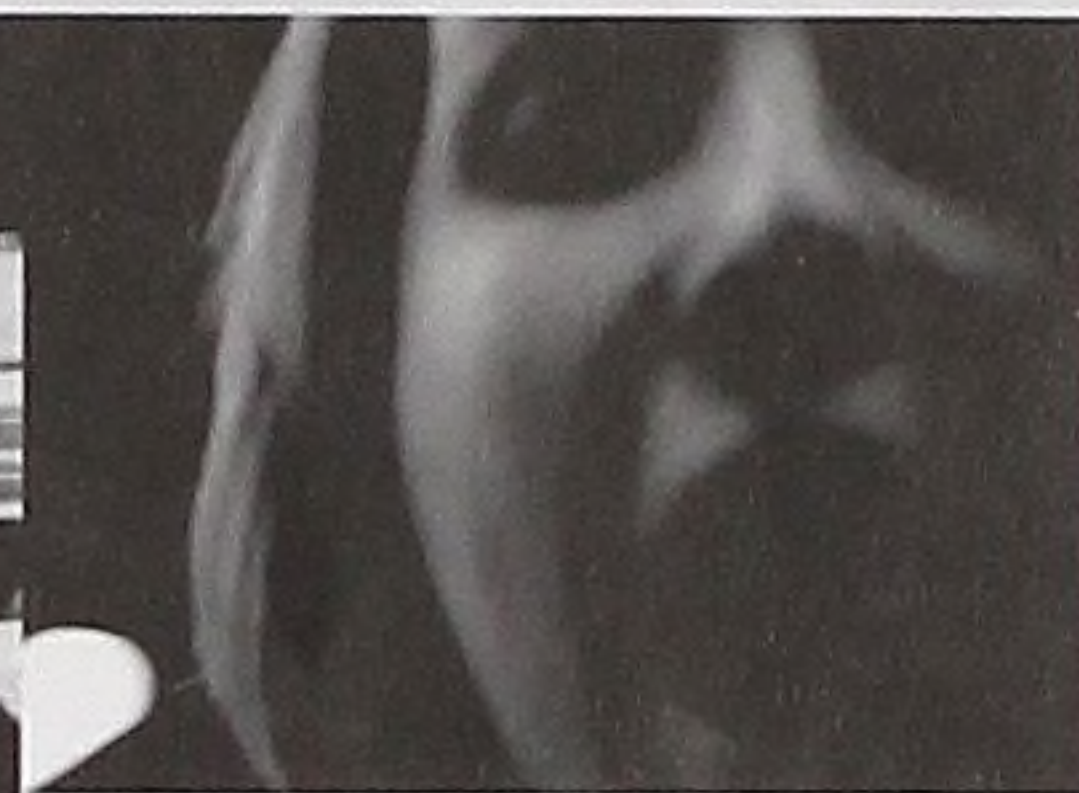
Eventually Ormston hosts were added, and the skits included a variety of acts from all over campus. As each year brings hilarious and entertaining new traditions, one thing has remained constant: "The events are always wrapped around a meal," says Varland.

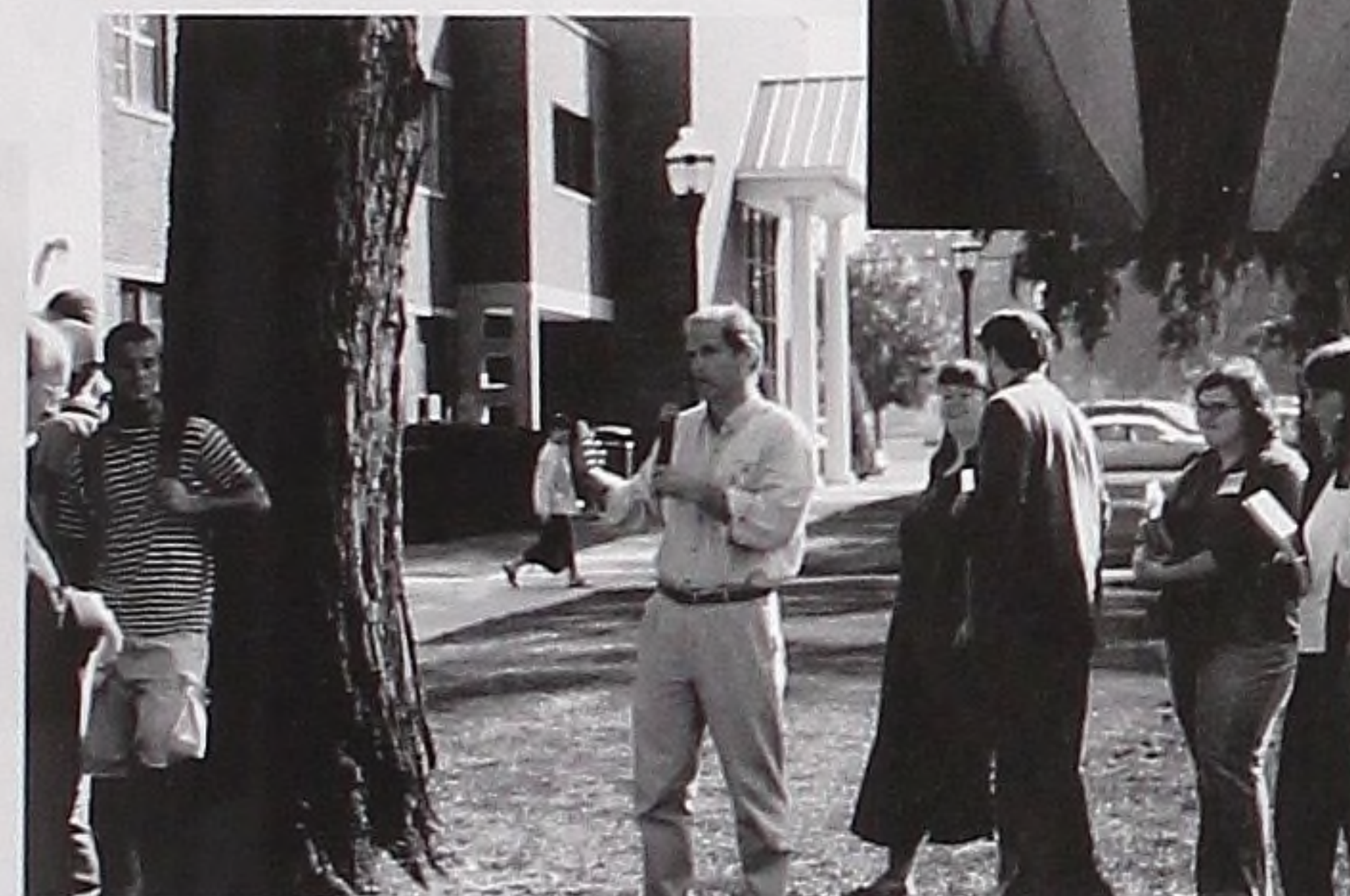
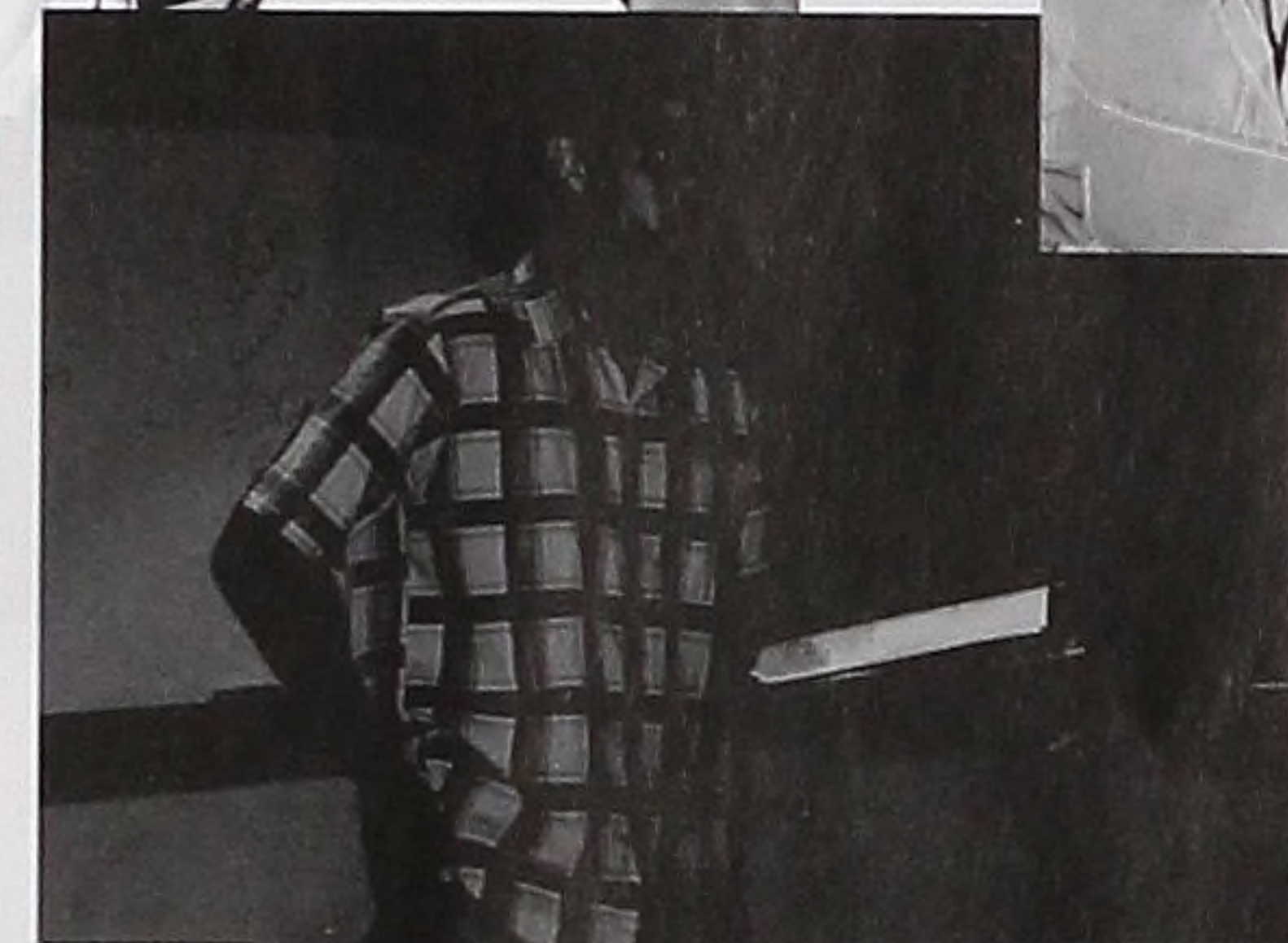
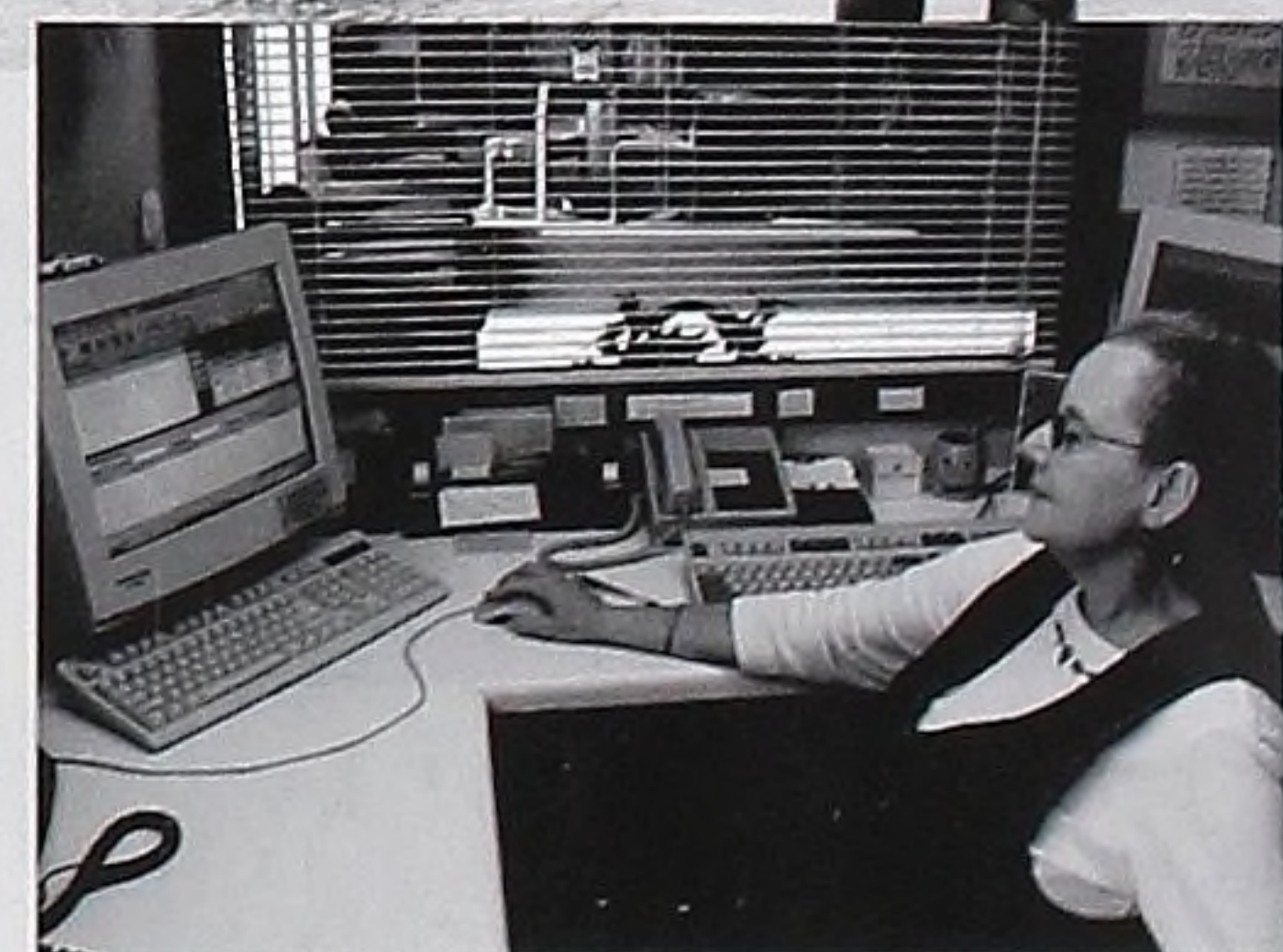
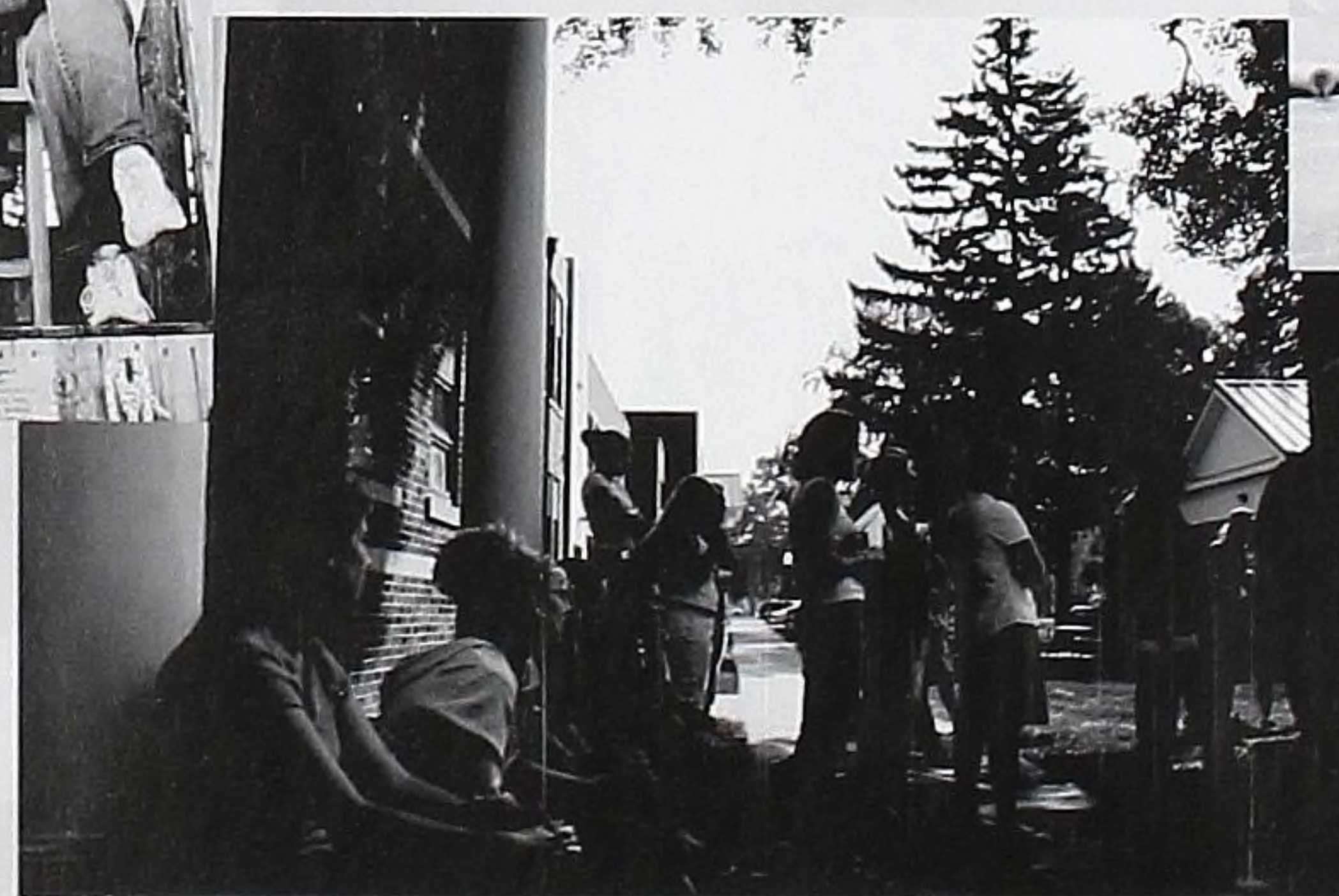
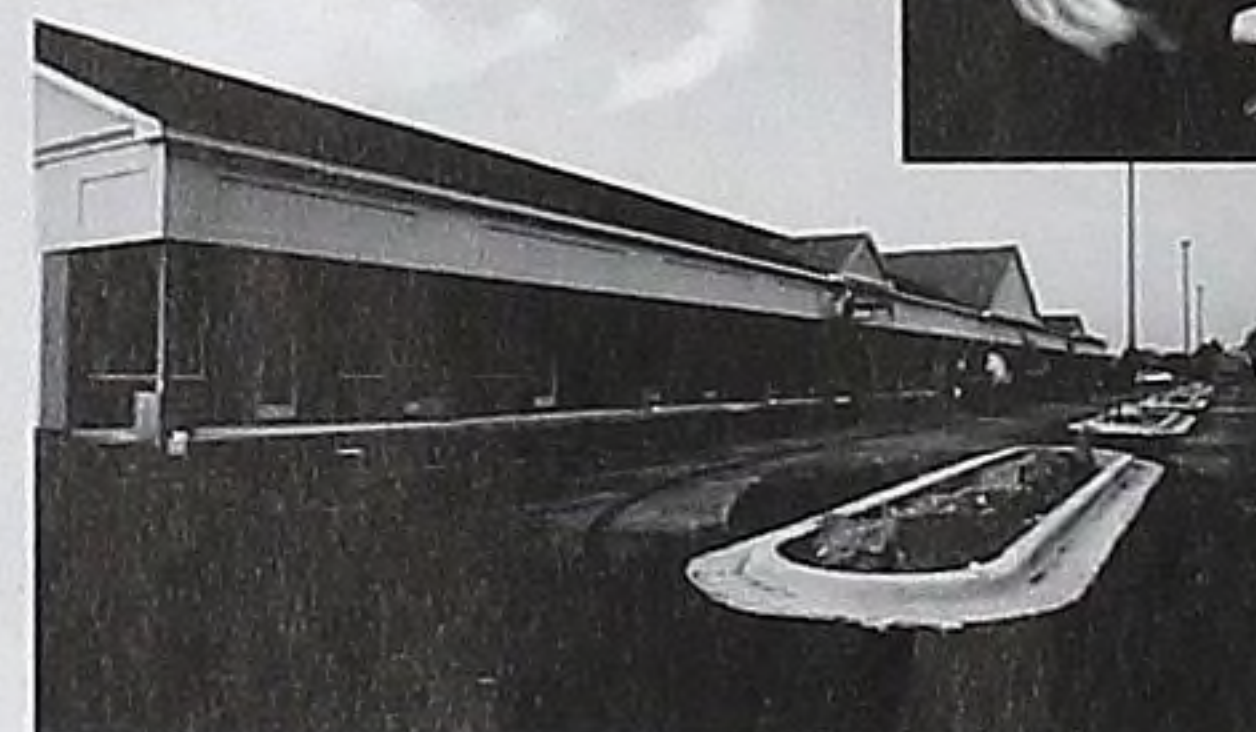
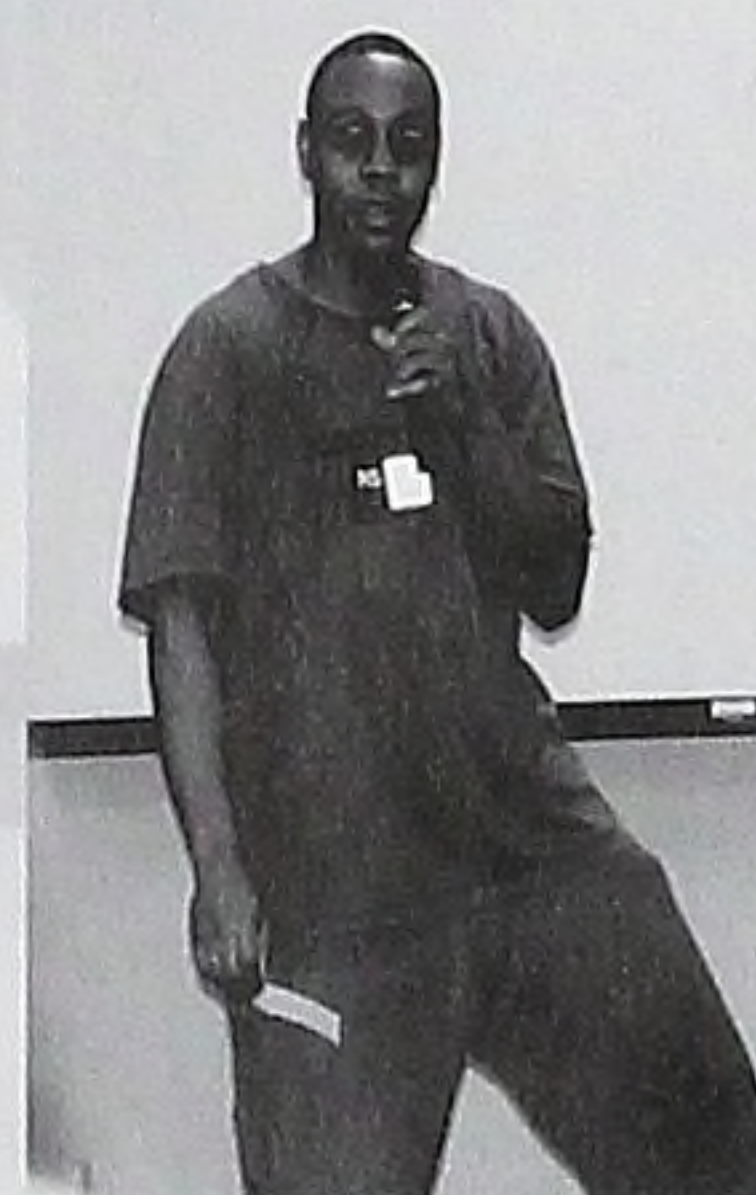
Each R.D. has been inspired by the Ormston guys to keep Porch Fest alive. Thanks to Roger Varland, Dane Davenport, Dan Vanderhill, John Kualga, Bobby Pratt, and Robbie Bolton for keeping the Porch Fest passion alive.

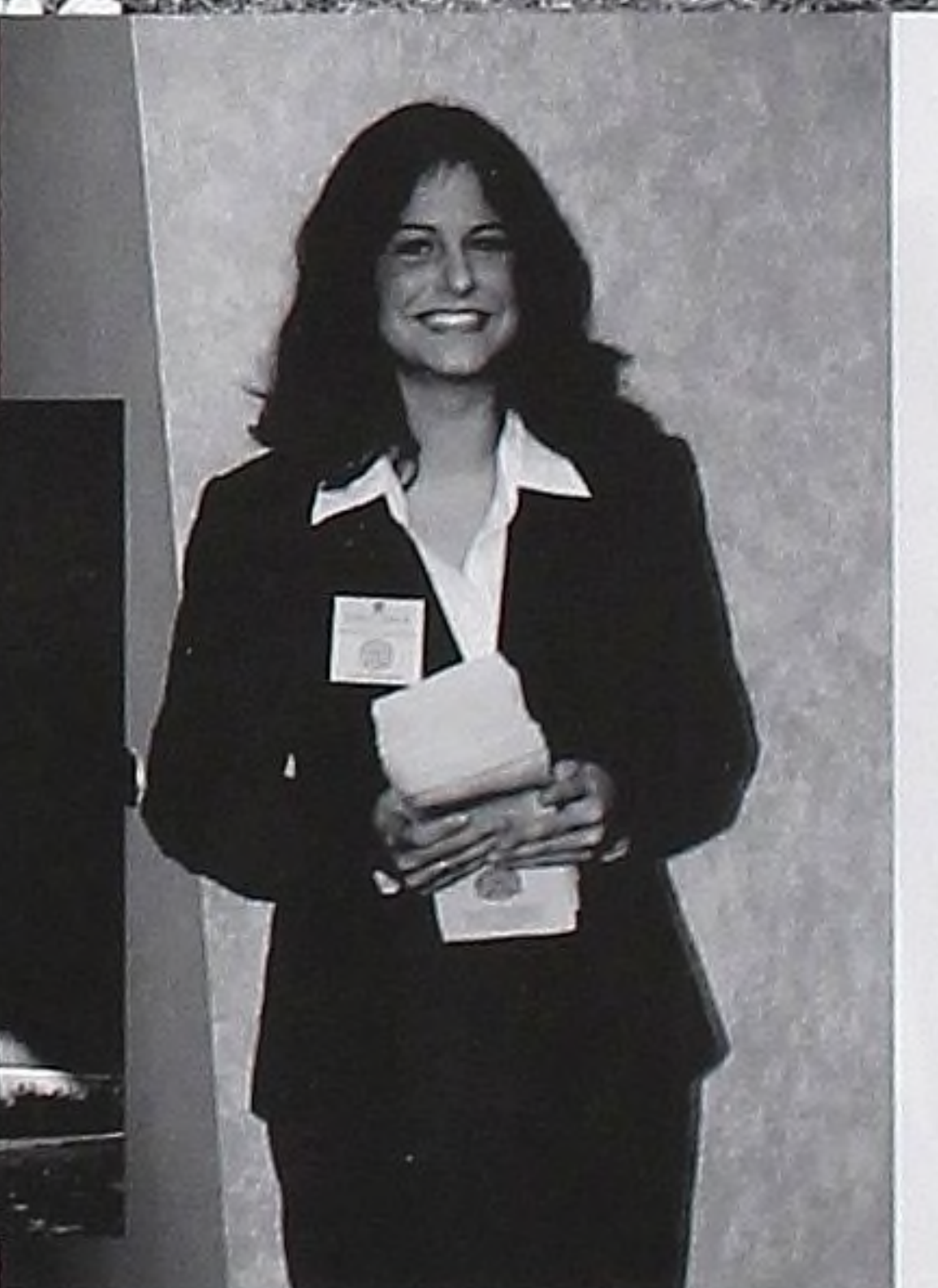
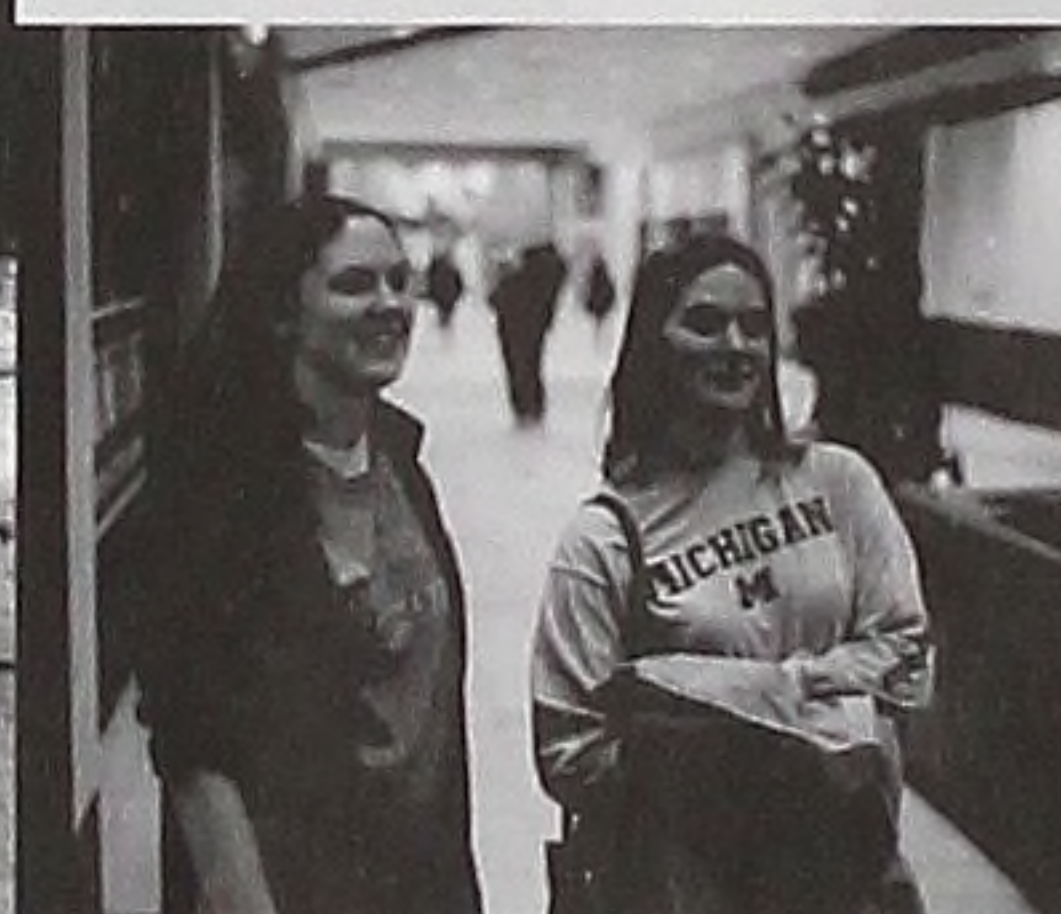


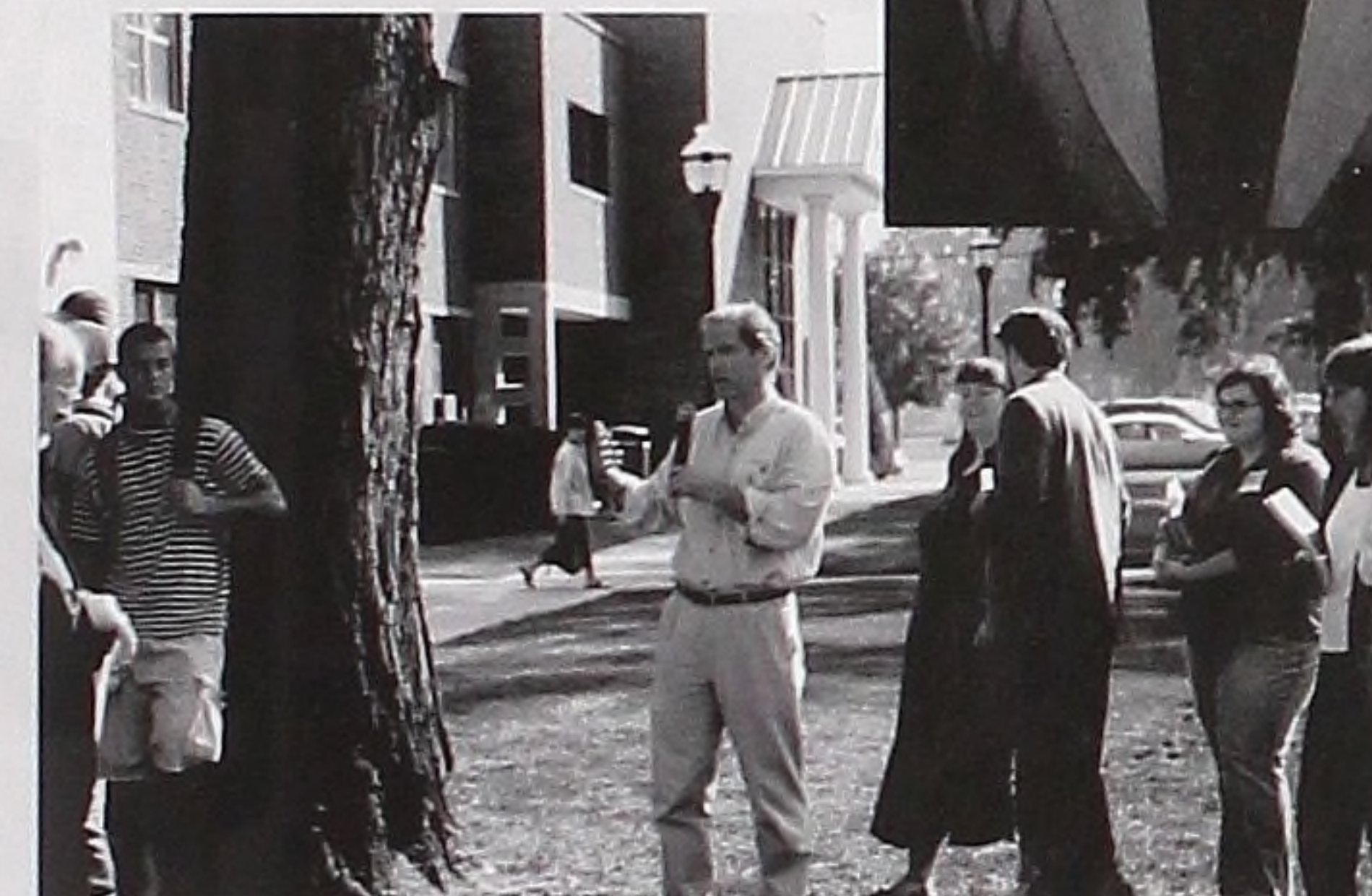
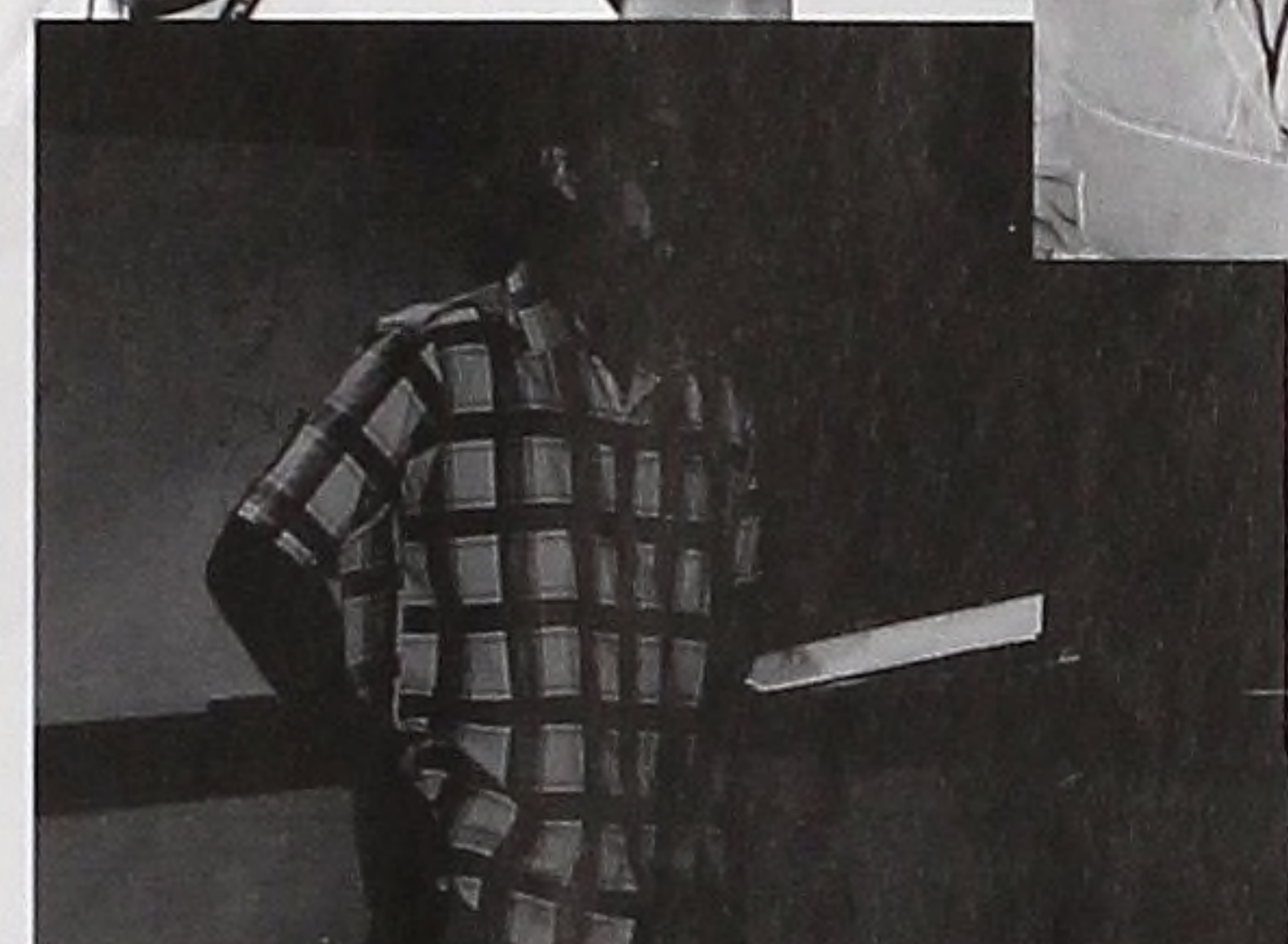
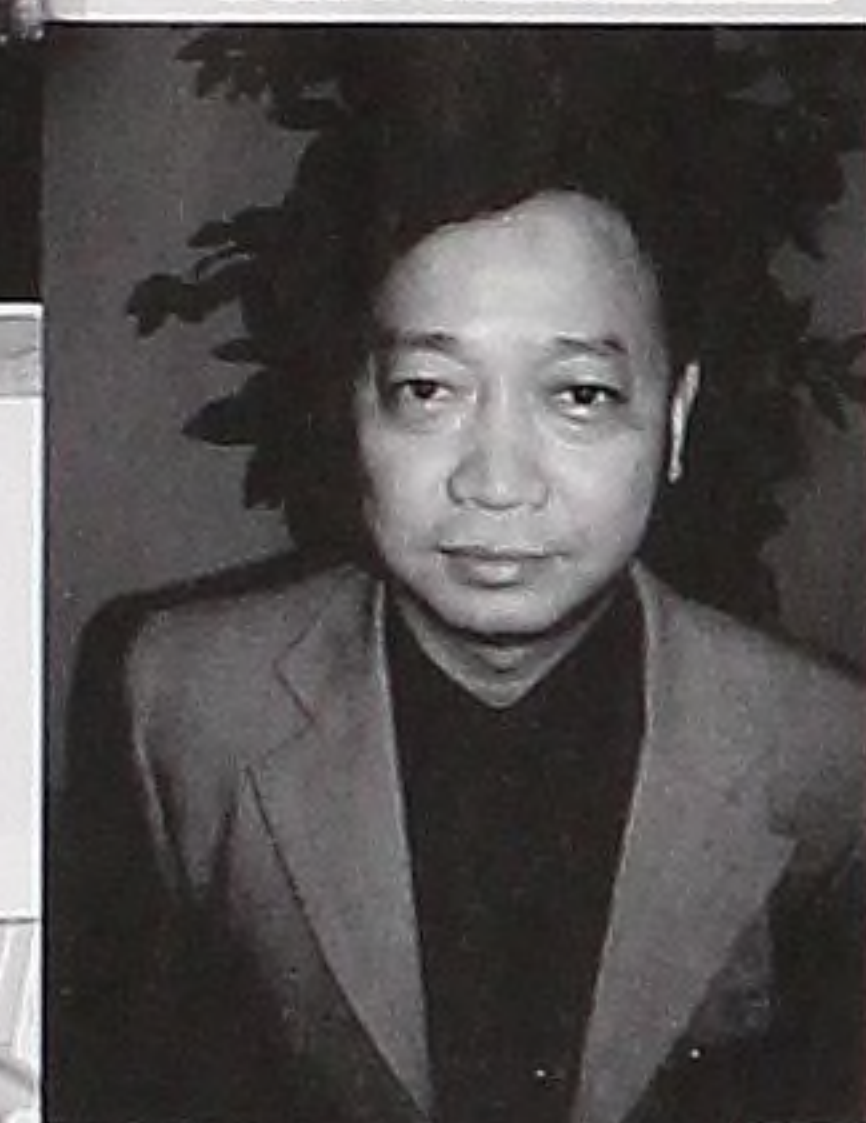
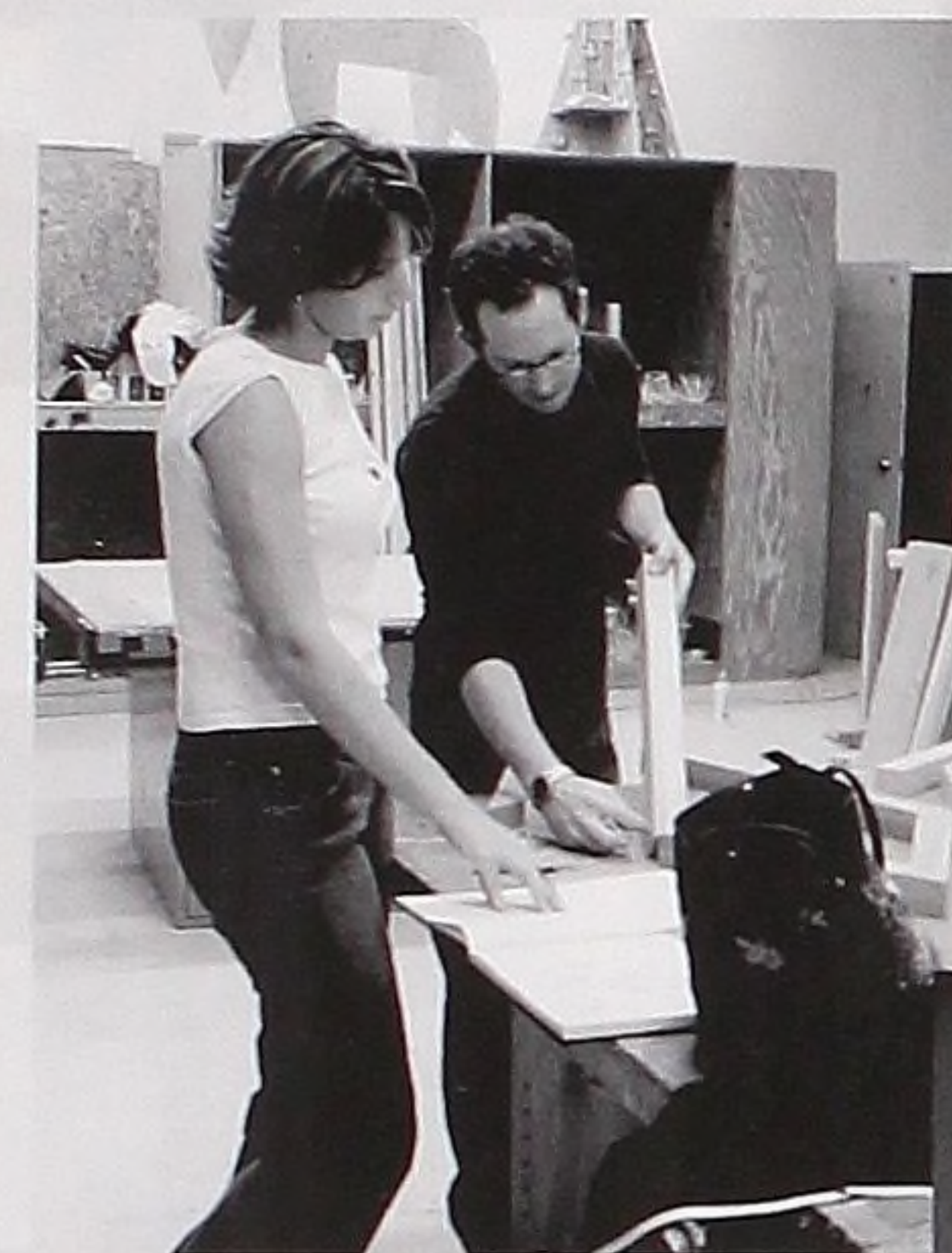
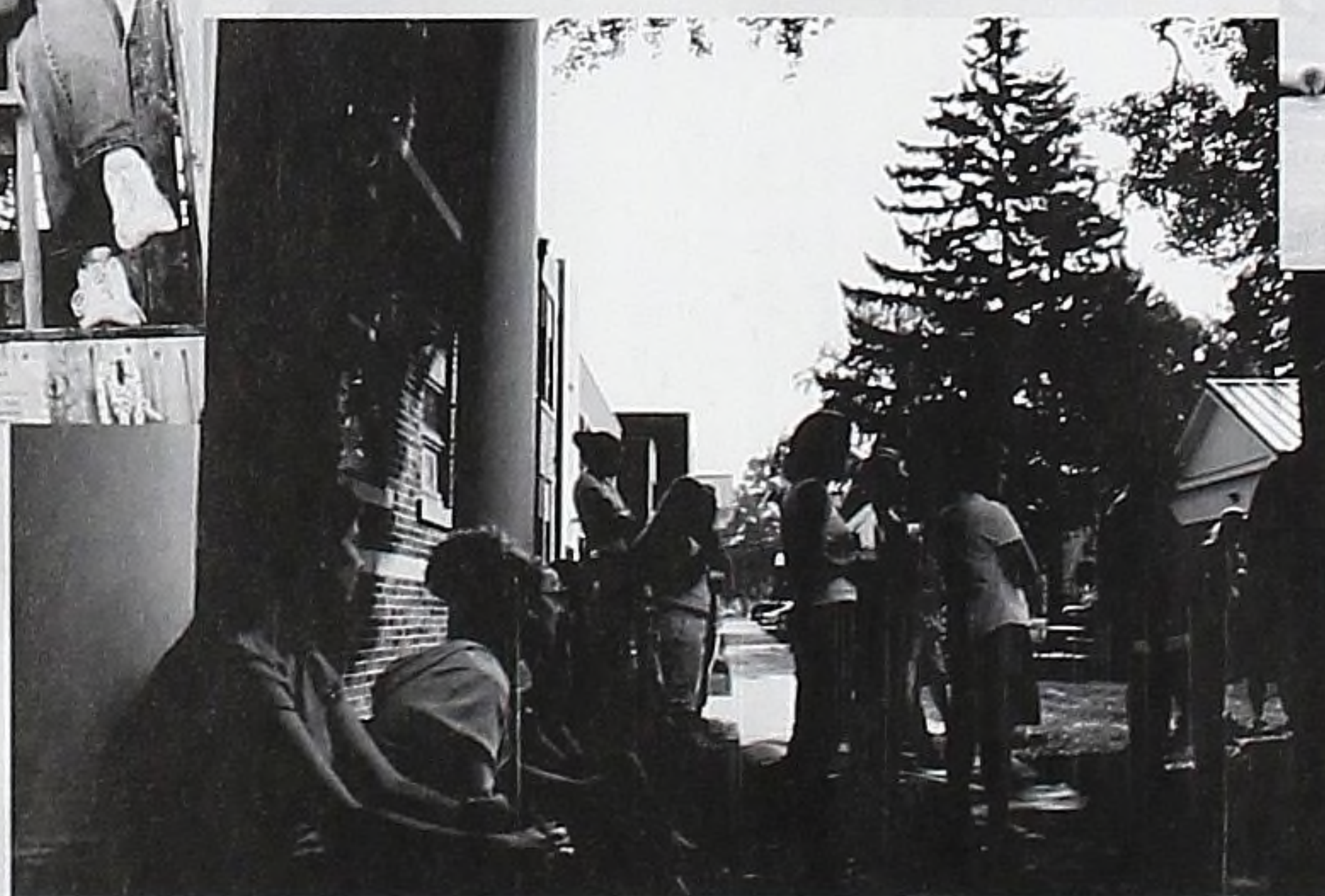
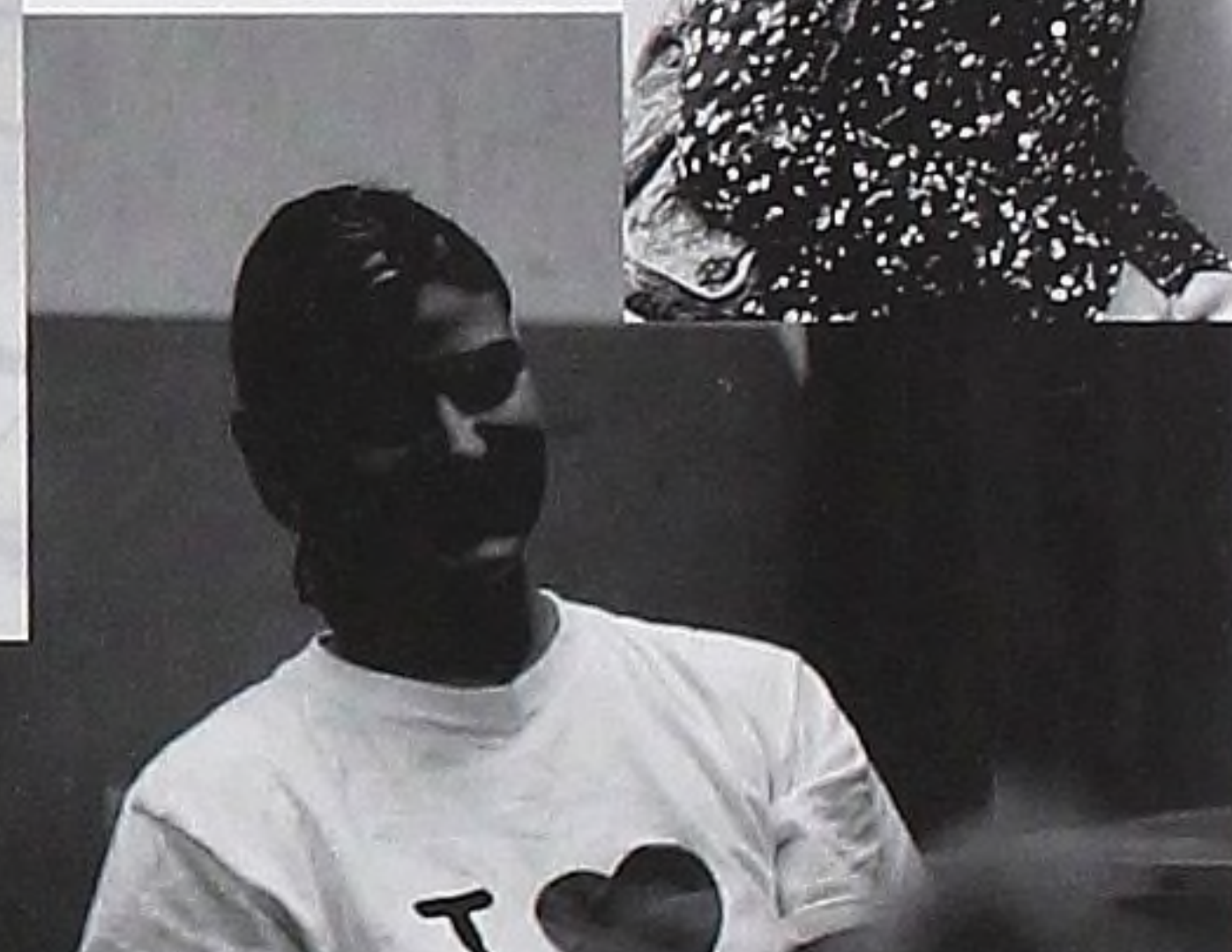
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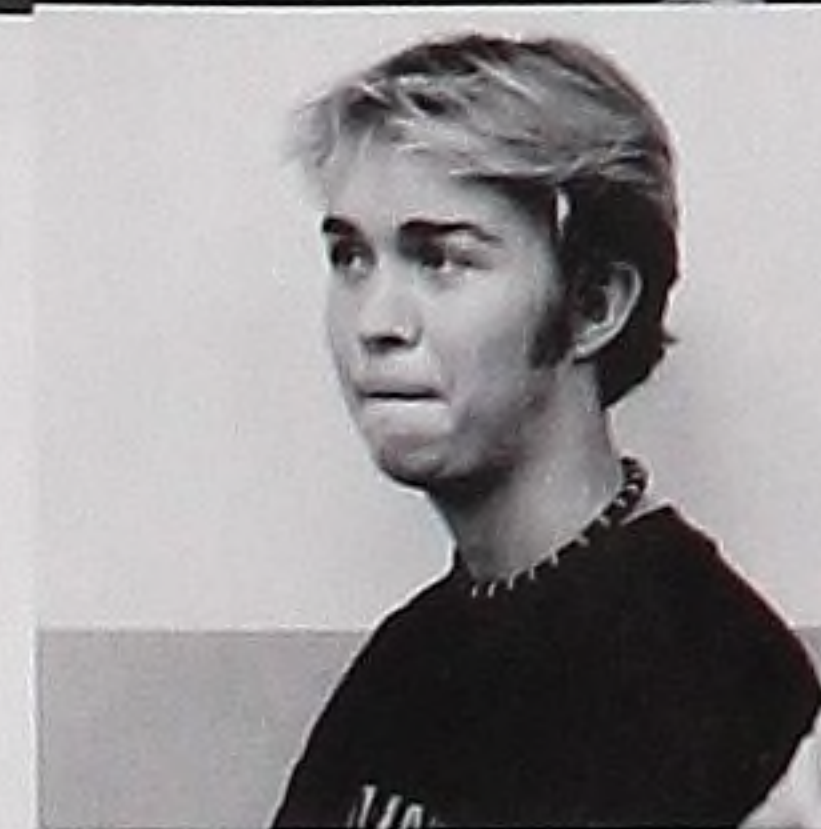
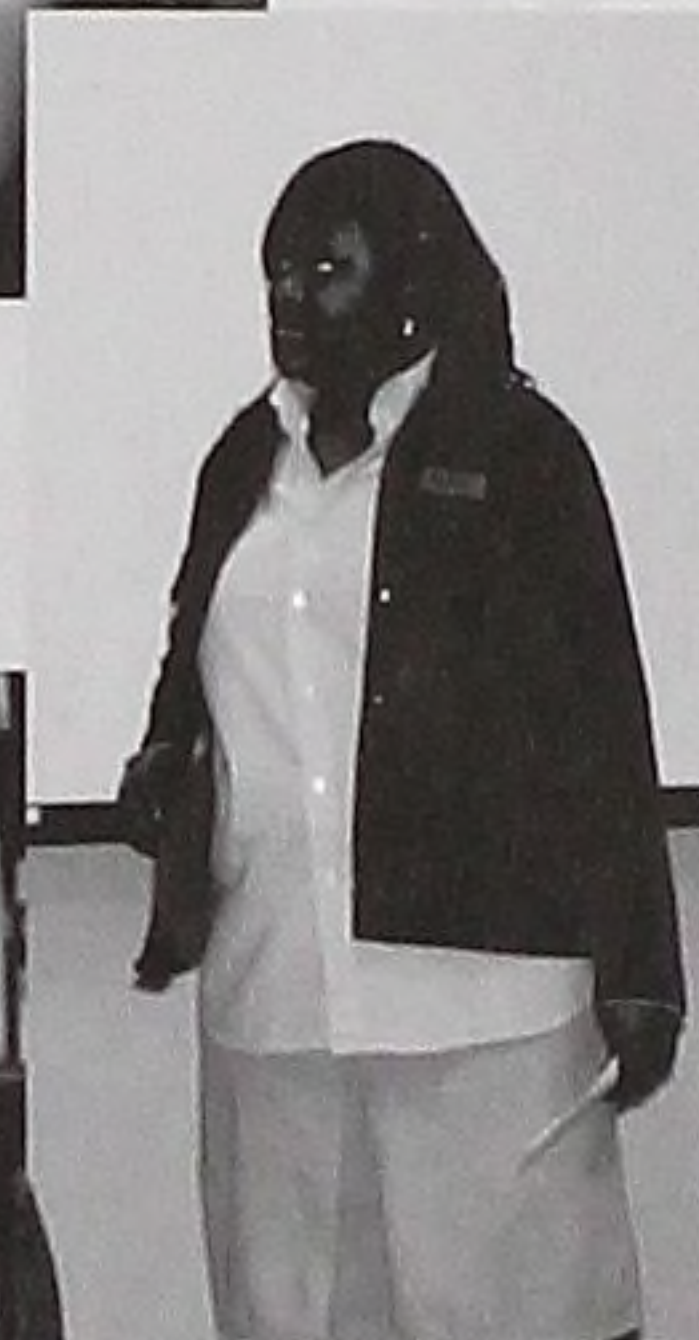
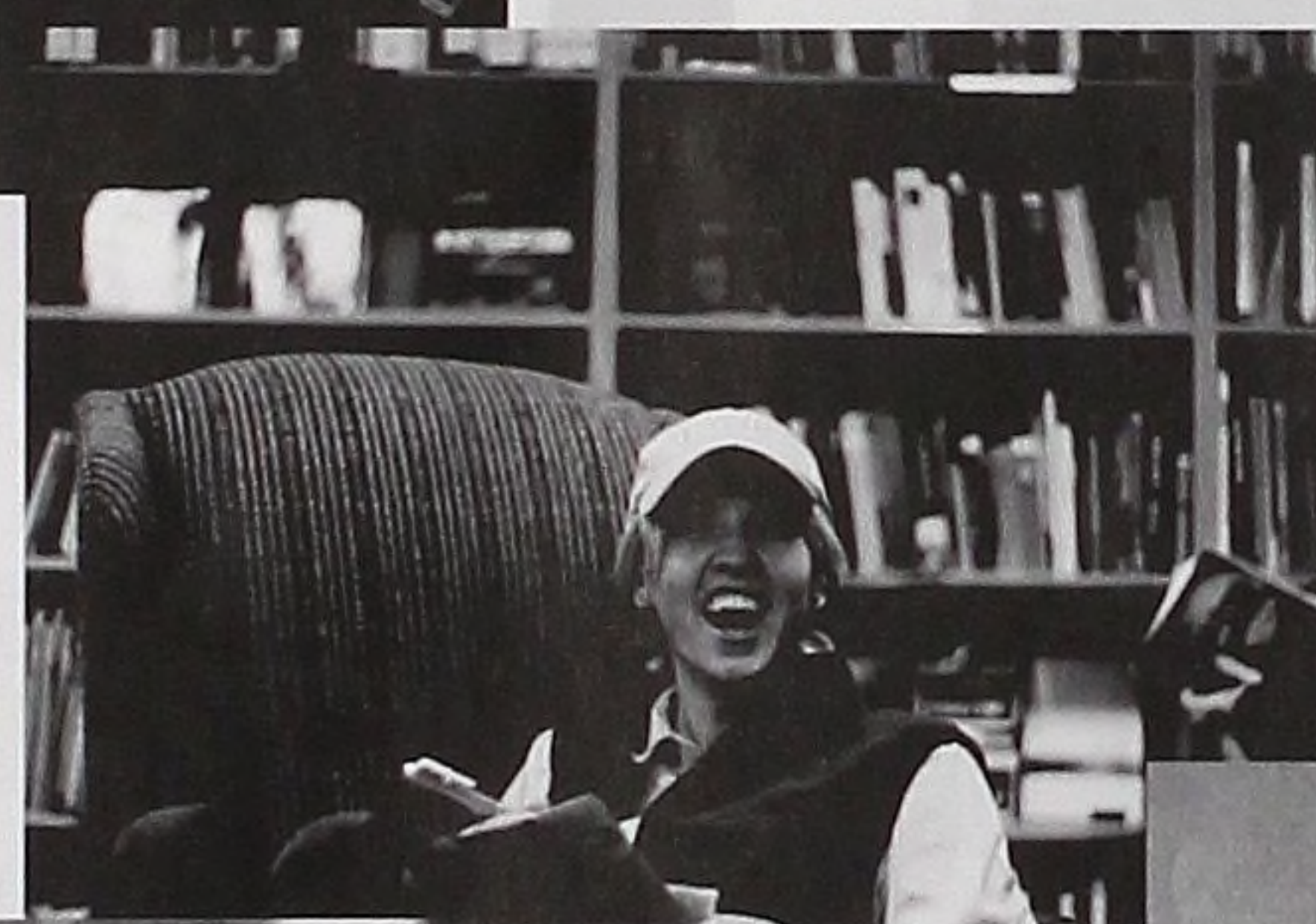
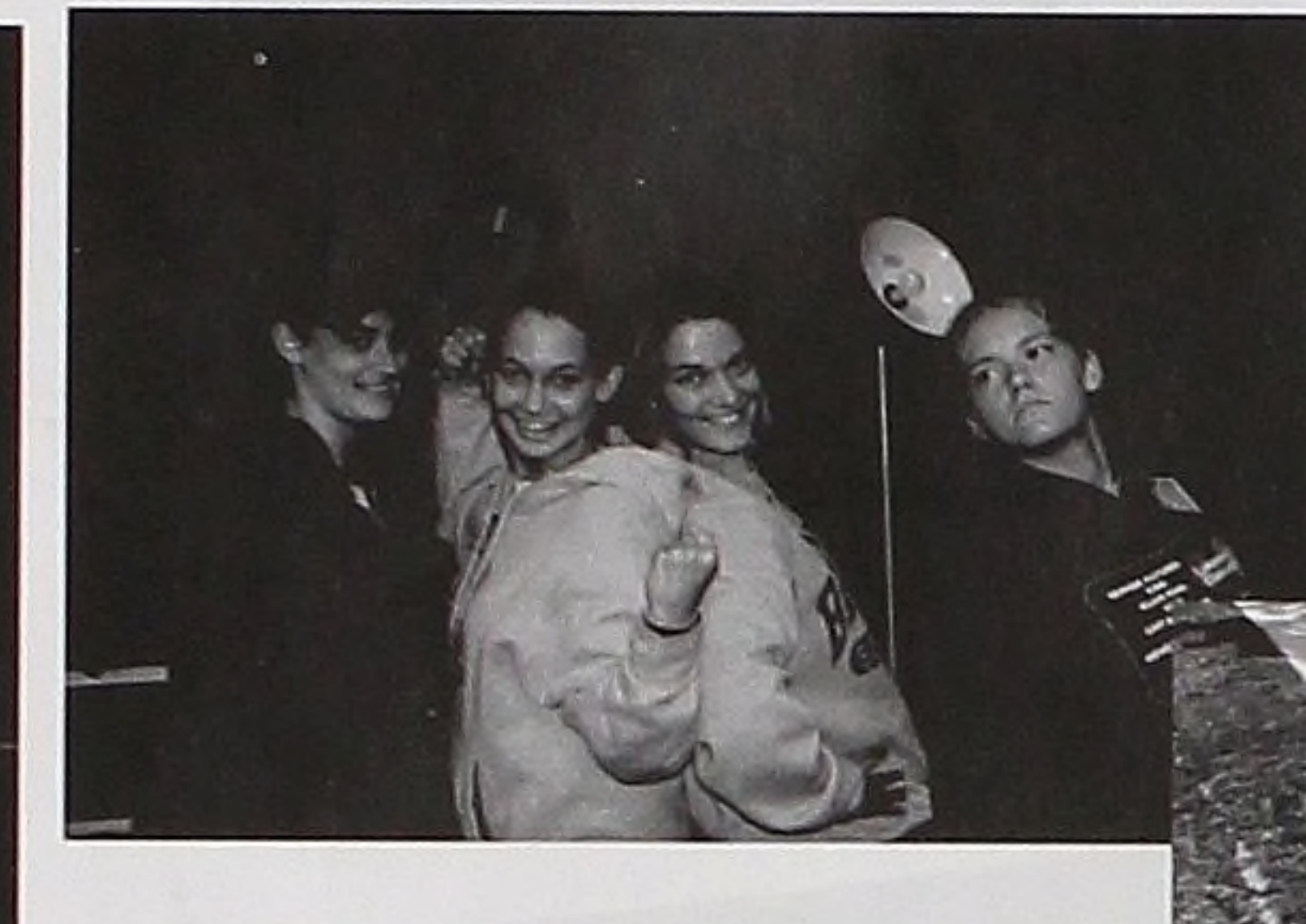
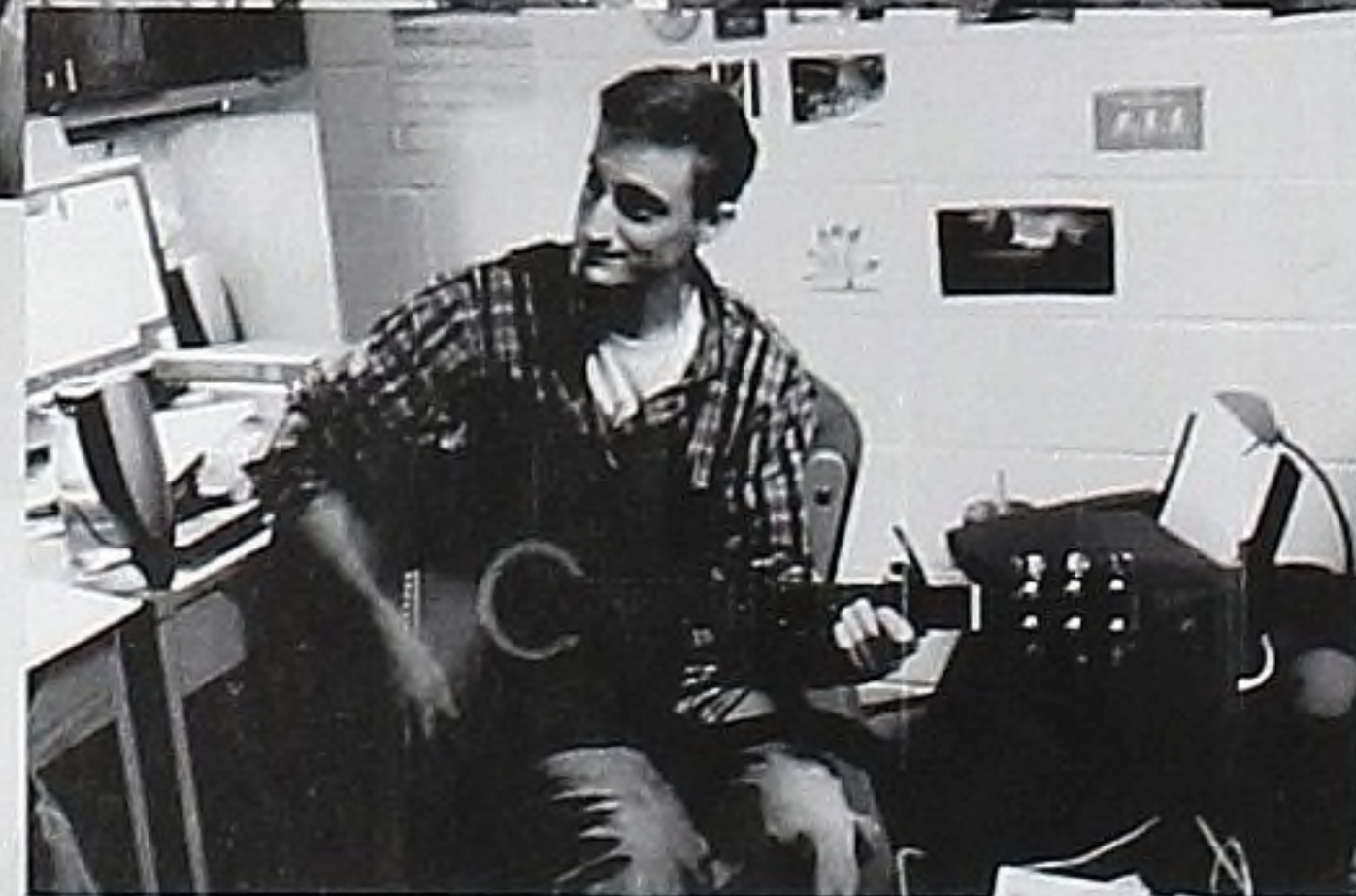
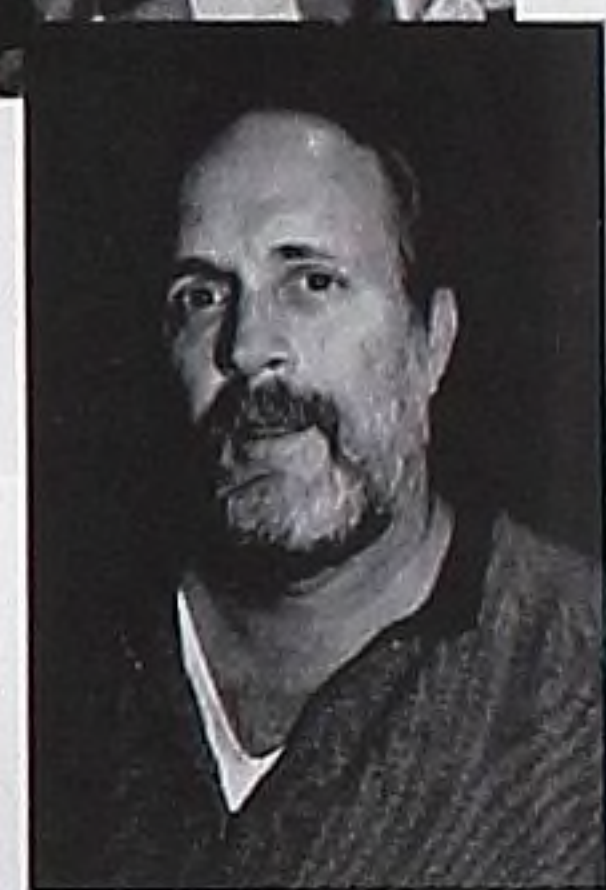














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