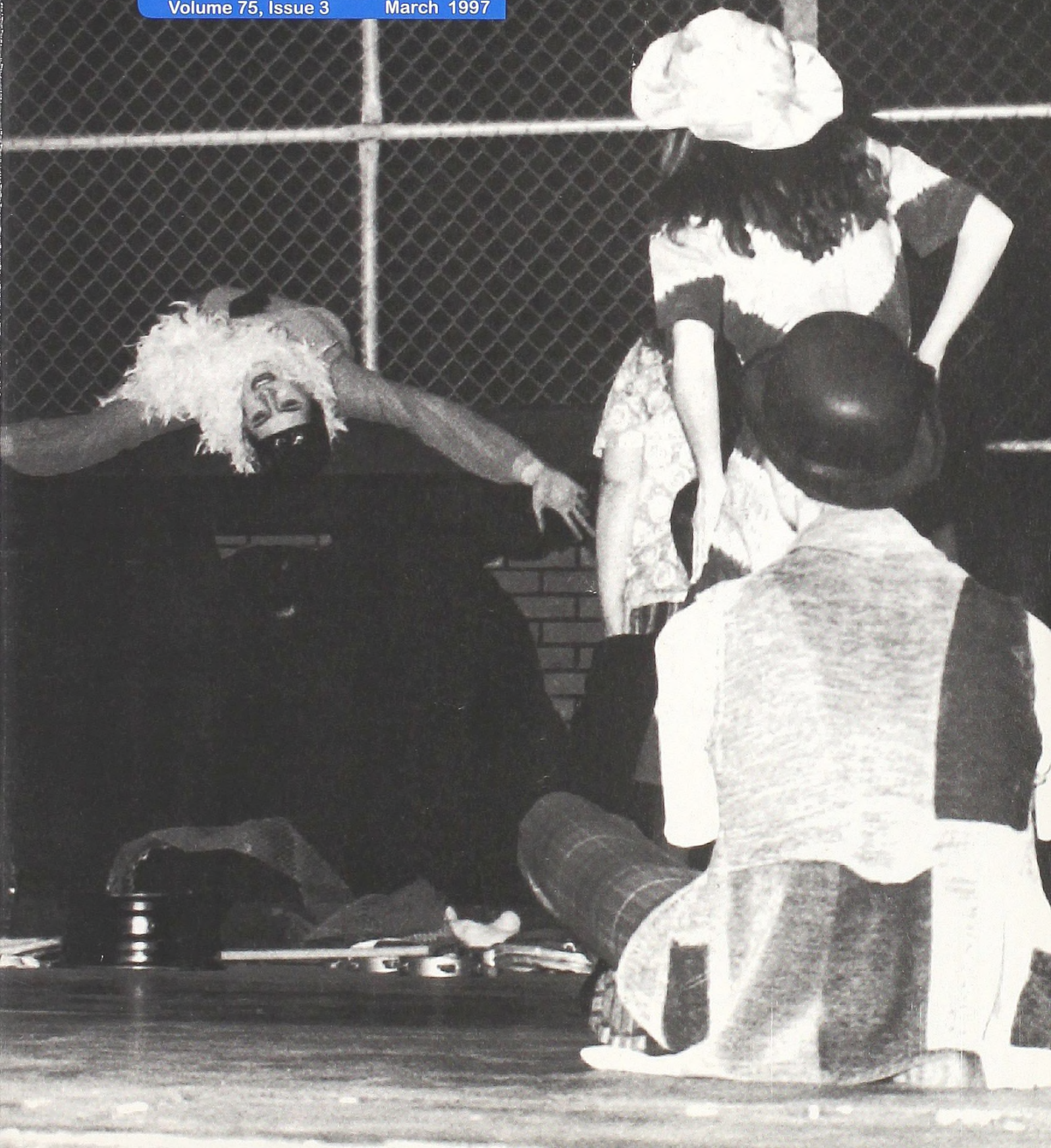


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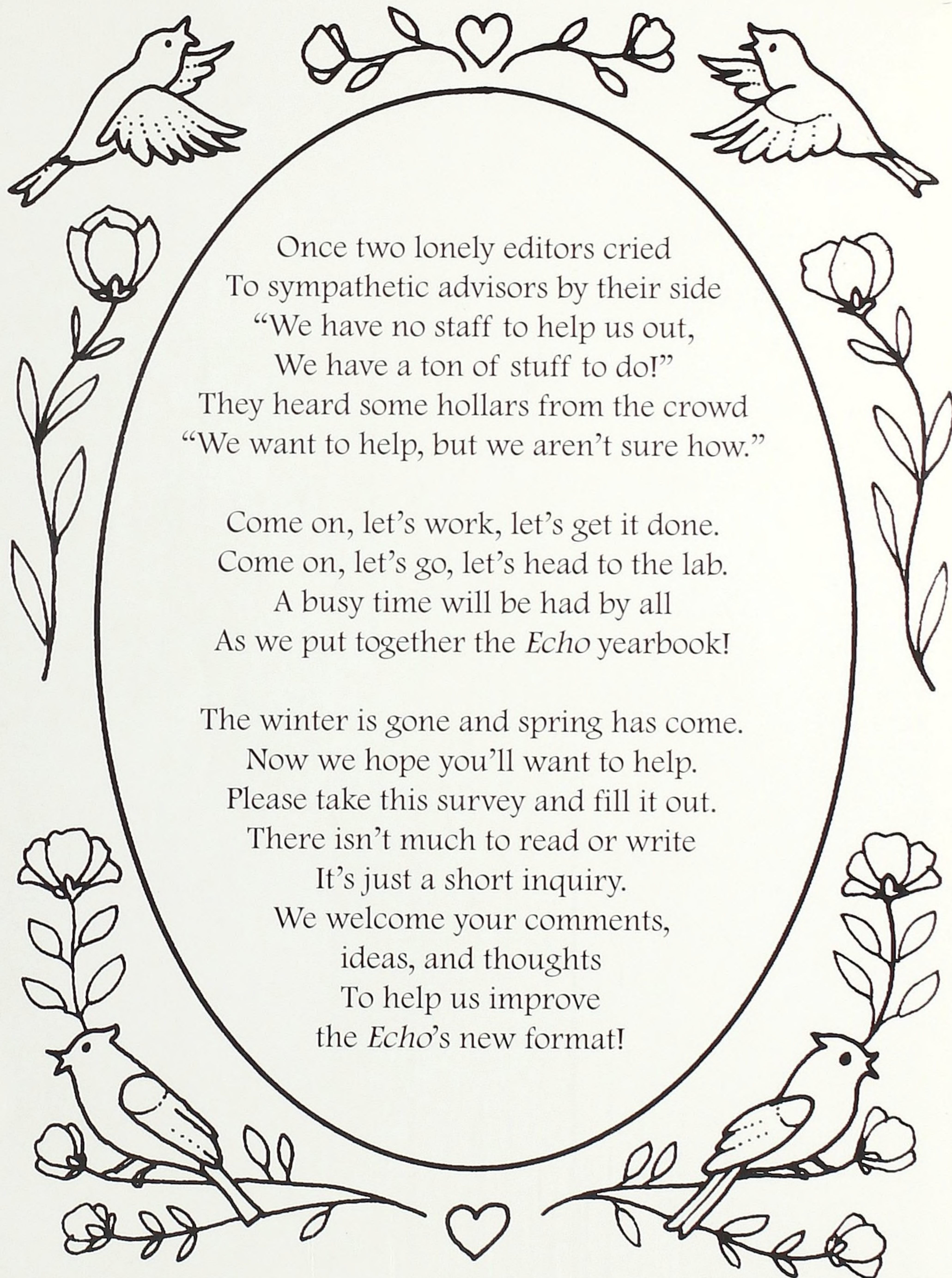
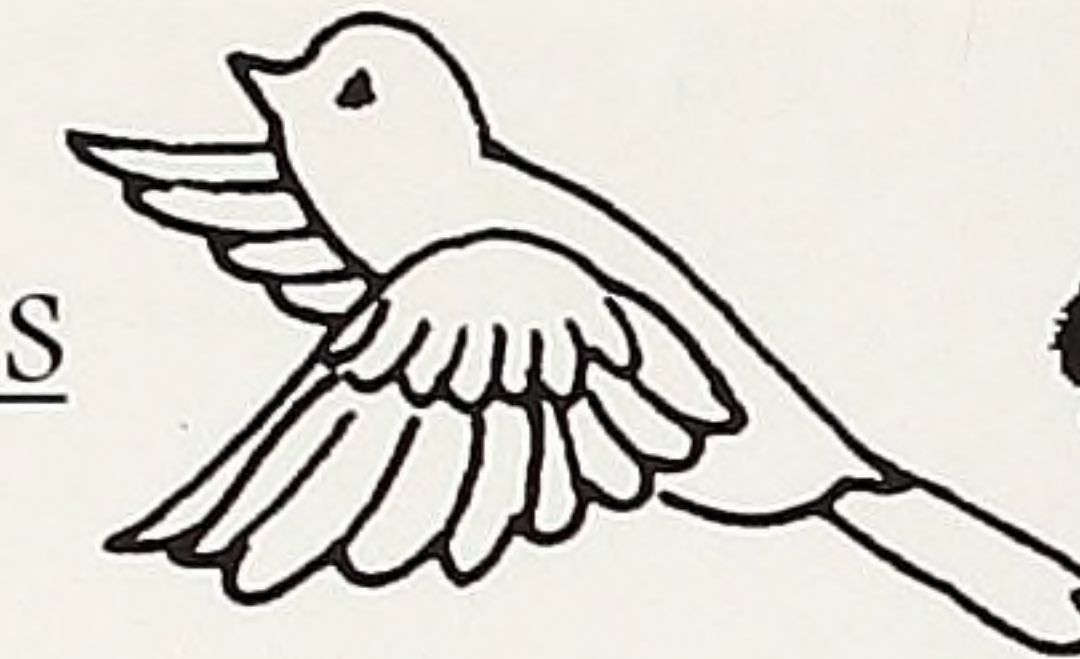


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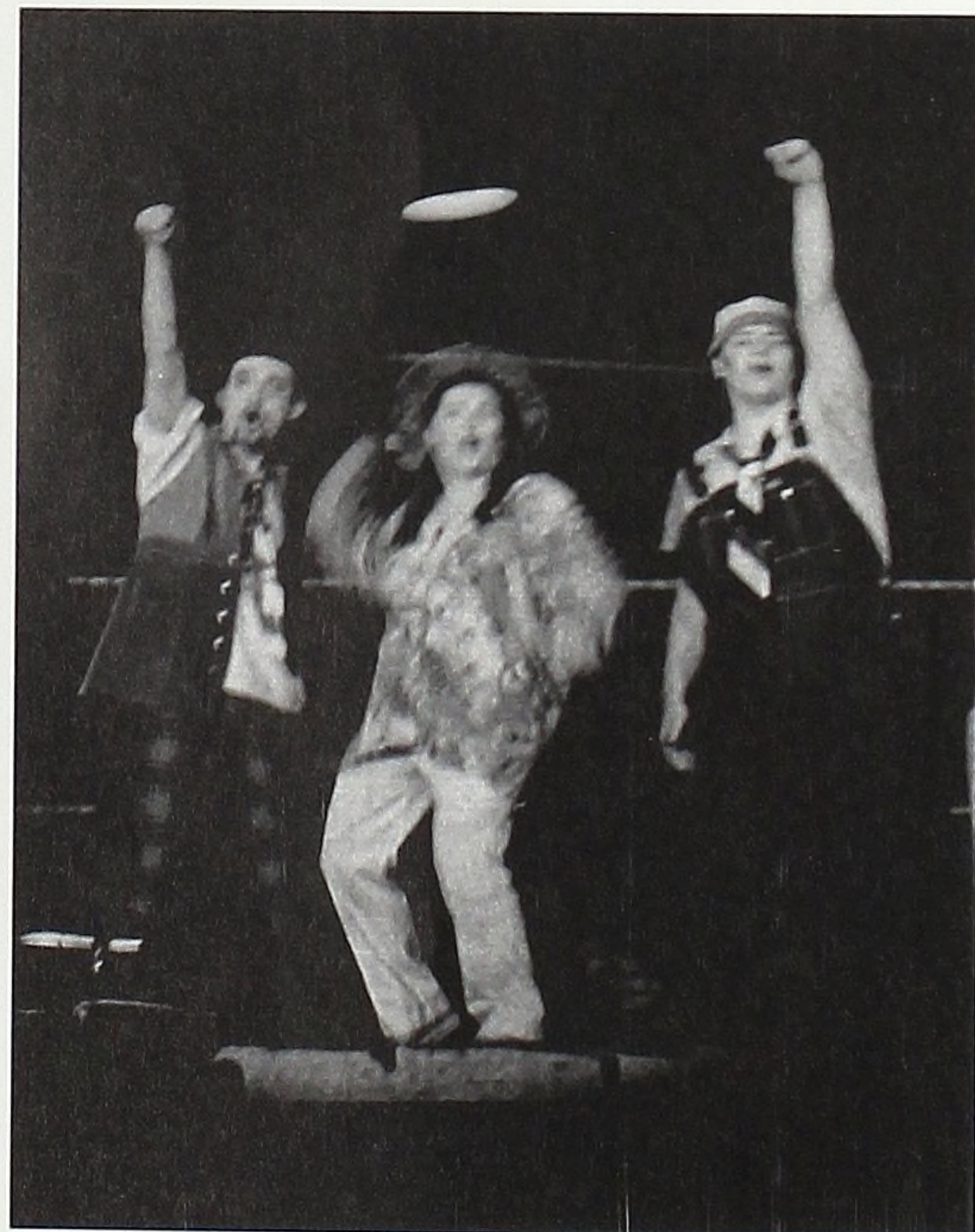
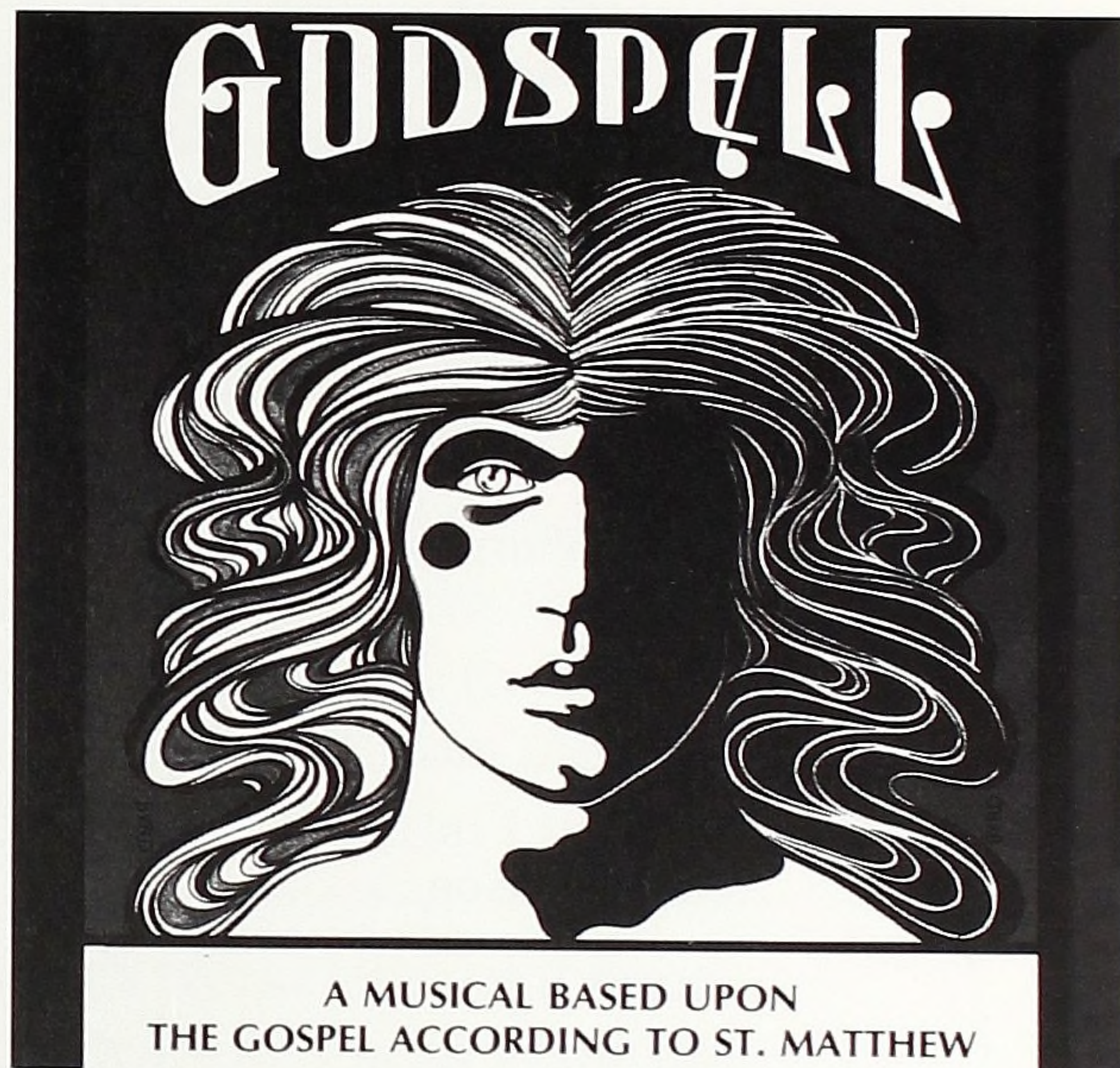
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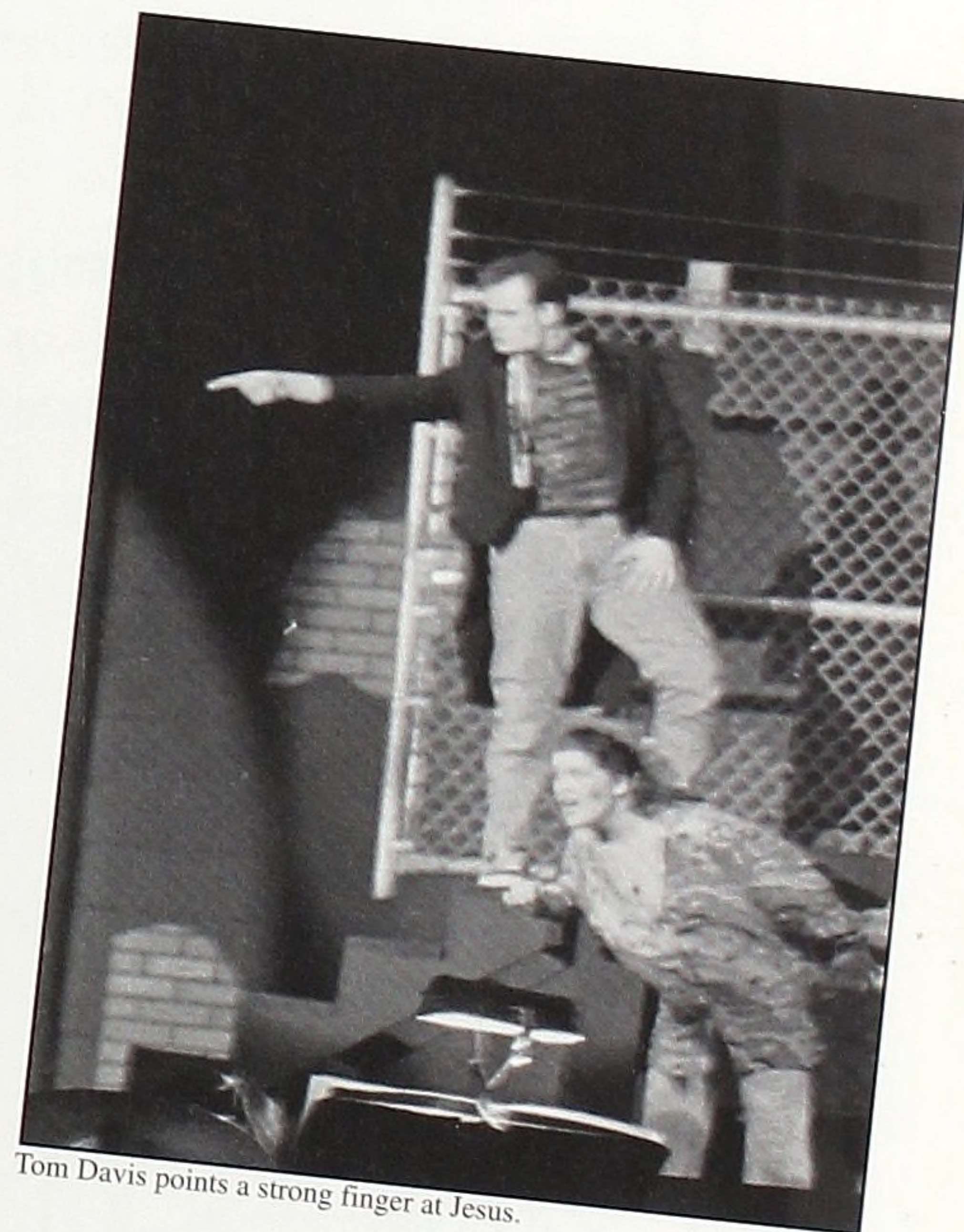
Drama during Interim

Ask a cast member of Godspell what Jesus is like and they will give you a personal glimpse of a daily friendship with the Master.

Chad VanMeter, who played "Herb", says "The experience of playing a disciple—having Jesus' words spoken for the first time—gave me a sense, more clearly than ever, of the depth not only of his humanity, but the disciples' enduring character. They were simple men who freely chose to do the most radical, scary, reckless thing they could: follow a moving Master." Jen Shunk, "Peggy", adds: "If God could do something with the bunch



Hallelujah, hallelujah, "Bless the Lord My Soul", as sung by Lesa Richert.



Tom Davis points a strong finger at Jesus.

Jen Shunk cowers as her friends turn to Jesus to have her stoned for her sins.



of rejects we played, then there's hope for us!"

When the cast auditioned for Godspell in November, most saw it as a theatrical, rather than a ministry opportunity. However, after opening night, the truth hit: people's lives were being changed because of the message.

Stephanie Stewart saw the show all six nights it was performed in E.P. Hart. Why did she go the first night? "My love for theatre, but it wasn't a theatrical experience. It was seeing Christ in a whole new way. I saw disciples as real men with real problems, the same problems as us. Every time I went I knew He was there. I've seen Him in church, in Bible studies, and in friendships. But I never saw Him like I saw Him in Godspell."

Katie Morris, who will be remembered best for her walk through the audience singing "Turn Back, O Man", said, "It was a blast to do!" She agrees with "Joanne", played by Lesa Richert: "It was a spiritual awakening to have the Word of God spoken before my ears instead of read before my eyes."

Shaun Gilroy, "Gilmer," was excited to be part of a musical again. "It woke up part of me that had been dead for a long time. It woke up thoughts and feelings I hadn't thought and felt for a long time."

No one involved was left untouched by the message. Lane Gordon portrayed Jesus' ministry to the disciples

from His baptismal beginning to His resurrection. Gordon, thrilled at the response of the SAC community to the show, said, "this showed what the power of the Word of God can do; how it can change lives."

The crew felt the Spirit each night as well. Danielle Campbell, the "Make-up lady for God", "found the whole experience a definite blessing from God."

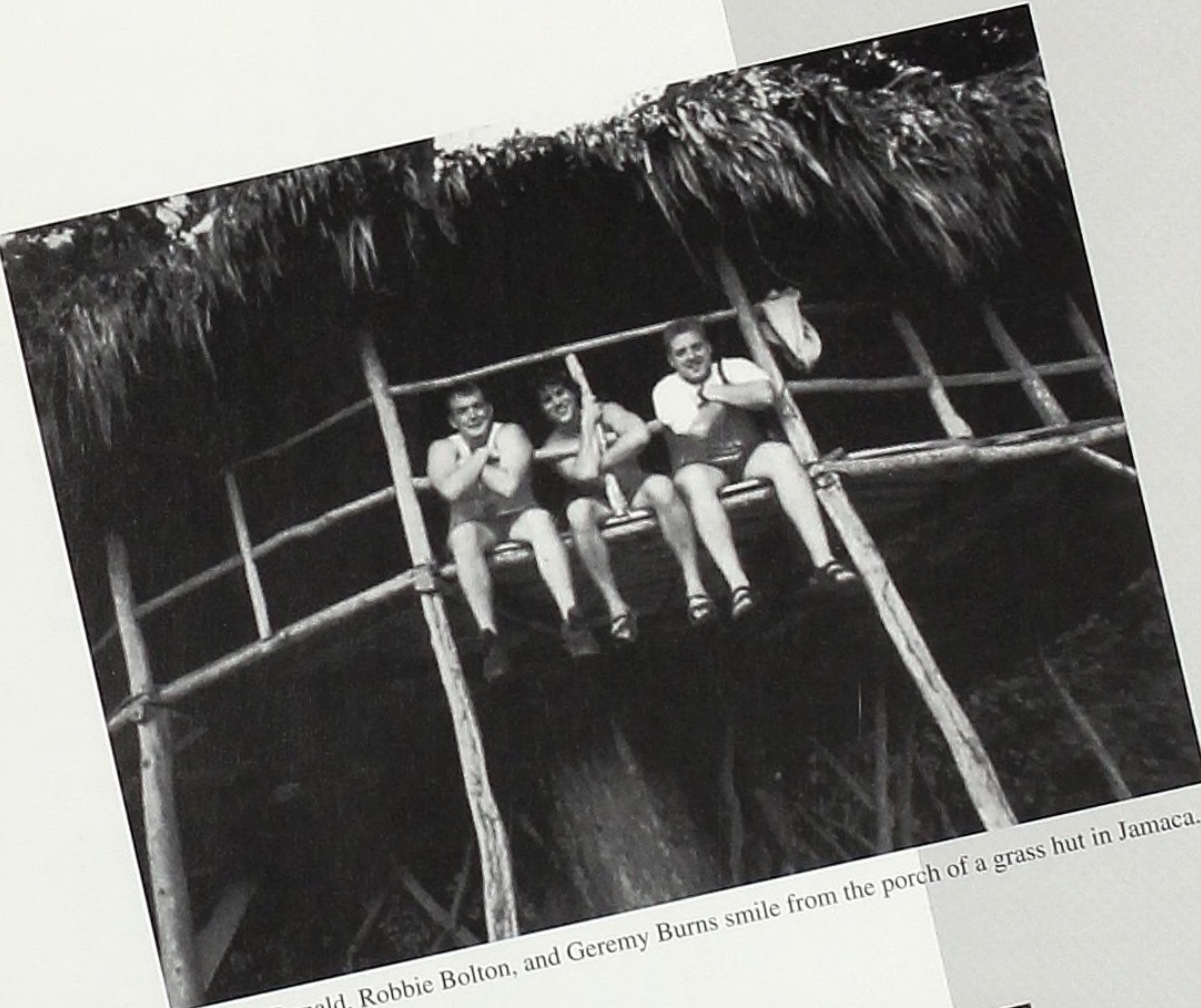
Tom Davis, who played both John the

Baptist preparing the people for Christ's coming, and Judas Iscariot, the traitor, summed up this short-term ministry best. "It wasn't just us up on stage; it was the Spirit of God bringing forth the message of His gospel. He deserves all the praise and glory for the performance."

By Amy Lamoreaux



Lane Gordon sings "Alas, Alas For You" to the Pharisees.



Ben MacDonald, Robbie Bolton, and Jeremy Burns smile from the porch of a grass hut in Jamaica.

Cross Culturalals

Juniors Explore the World

Have you ever been lost and had to ask a stranger for directions? Have you ever missed your mode of transportation and had to make alternate plans? Have you ever felt out of place or like a tourist? All of this is called a cross cultural experience. England and Scotland are home to beautiful cathedrals, theatres, and landscapes but the lessons learned are what a person will always remember.

In order to "get out of your comfort zone" completely, you must dive into the environment. This means becoming bold and willing to take risks. If you do not understand something, you have to ask for an explanation. People are more than willing to lend a hand when asked politely.

Whether people fly across the

ocean or drive across land to arrive at their CCS destination, God never left them alone. He is always watching out for you, whether you are crossing a busy intersection or being held up at gun point in an alley. The best thing to pack for your cultural journey is your belief and trust in God.

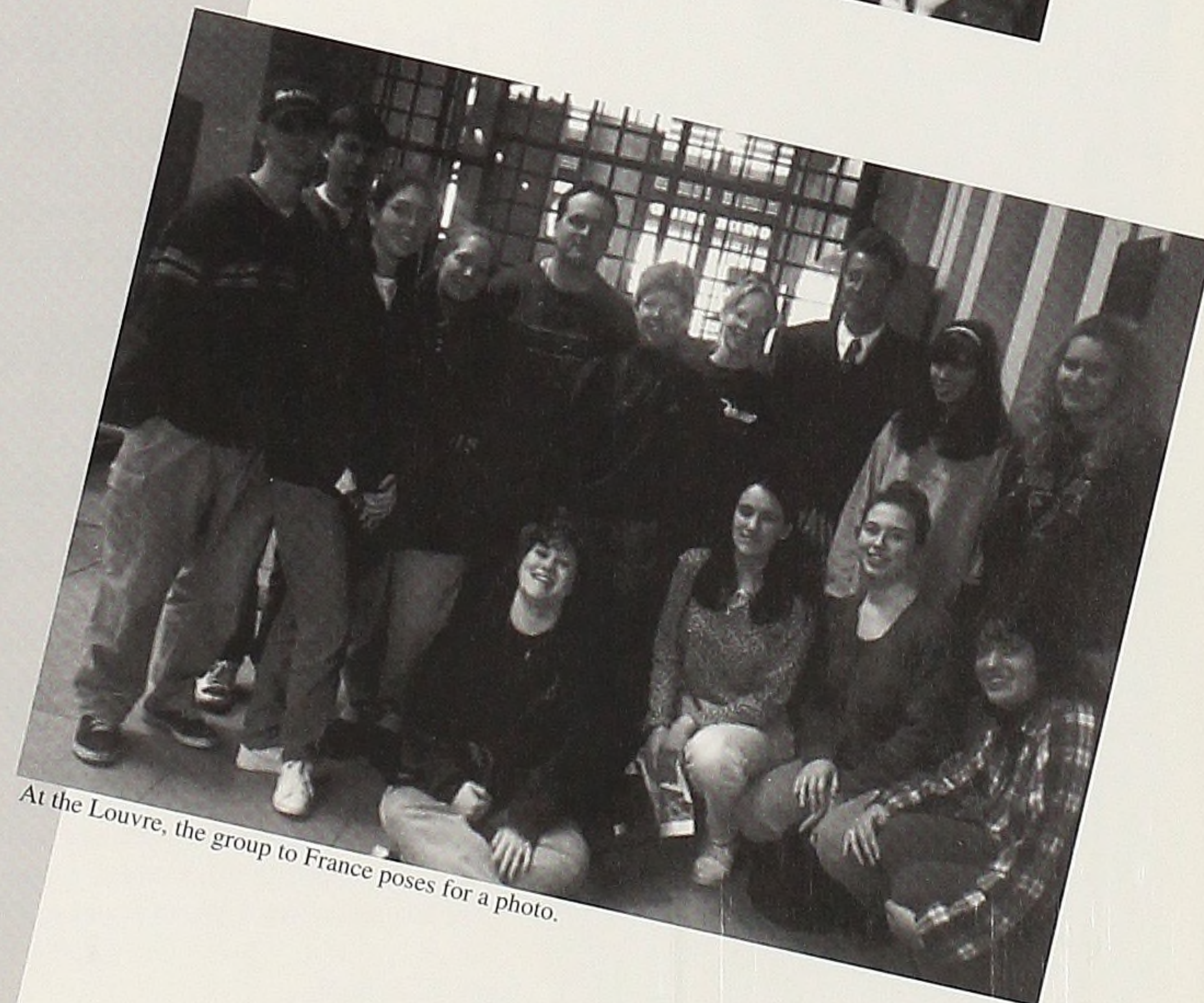
People are always in a hurry. You must stop and take time to enjoy the beauty surrounding them. This may range from places like Buckingham Palace to the toothless grin of a homeless man on a street corner. In either case, happiness can be found if you only look instead of passing by.

Sure, museums are educational and the theatre is entertaining; but the true cultural experience starts when you look at the lessons you've learned about yourself. The important thing is to use your knowledge and apply it to your life and the environment around you.

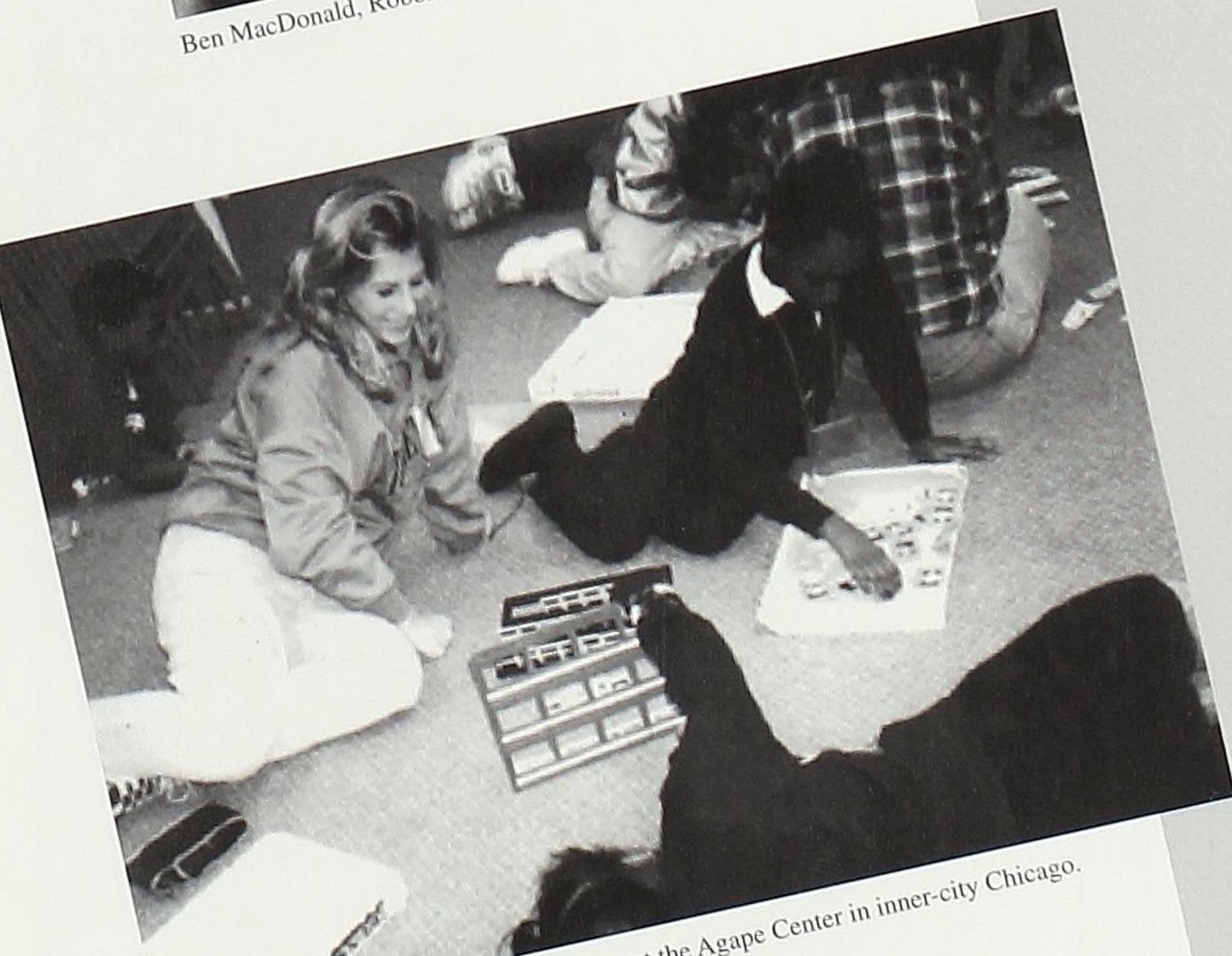
By Shelby Clark



The team in Belize/Guatemala takes time out for a meal.



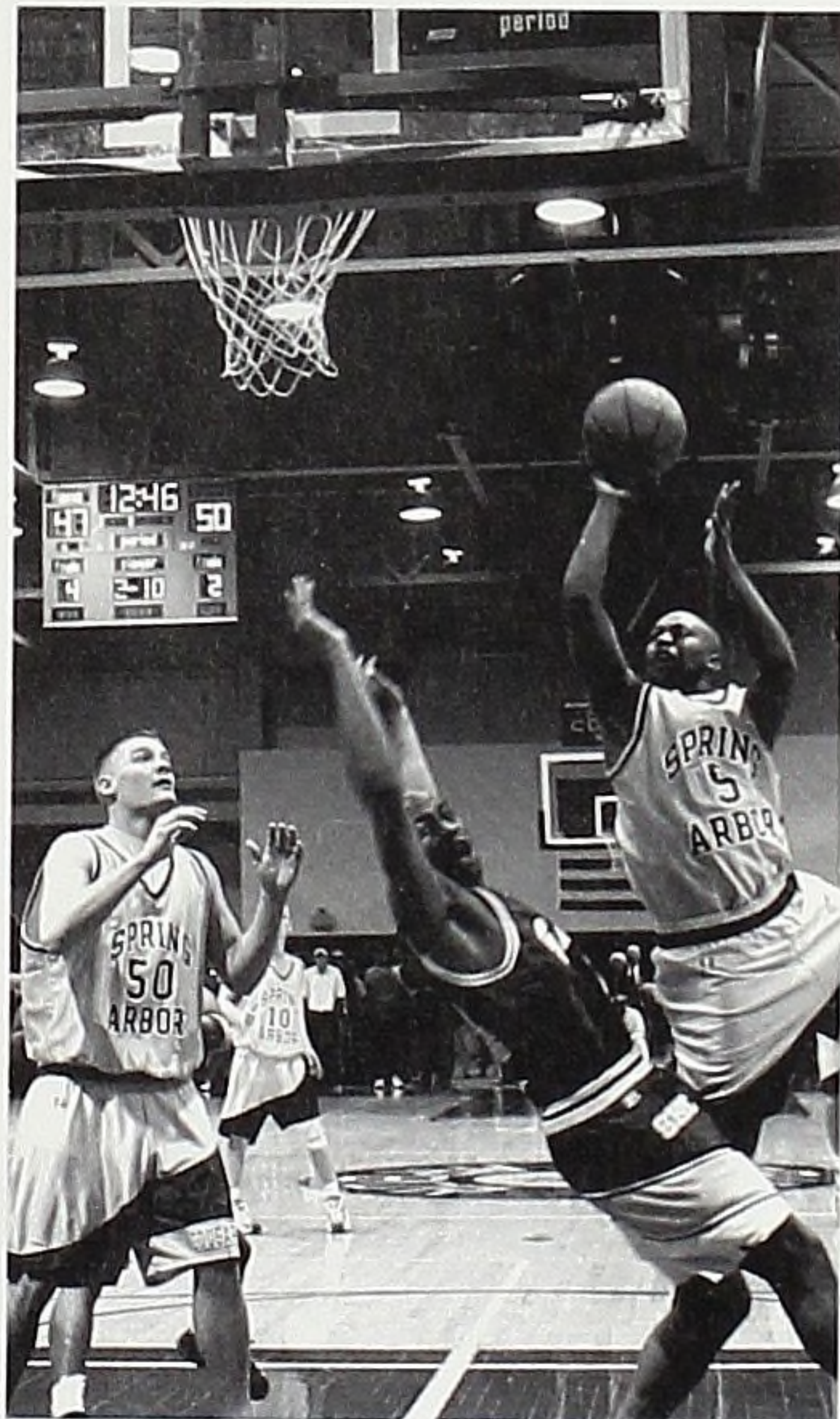
At the Louvre, the group to France poses for a photo.



Senior Christie Rutter spends quality time at the Agape Center in inner-city Chicago.

Sports

Men and Women Go For the Slam



The Cougar Men Score A Record Breaking Season

"Teamwork" is the word senior Jason Corstange uses to describe the Cougar's success this year.

The teams' regular season finish of 27-5 ranks them fourth in the NAIA Division II. This record breaking season will go down in the books as Spring Arbor Men's Basketball's most successful season. Coach Noll says, "this season will set a standard for taking the team to a higher level in years to come."

With the teams' 78-75 win over Sienna Heights, they head to the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference tournaments as champs.

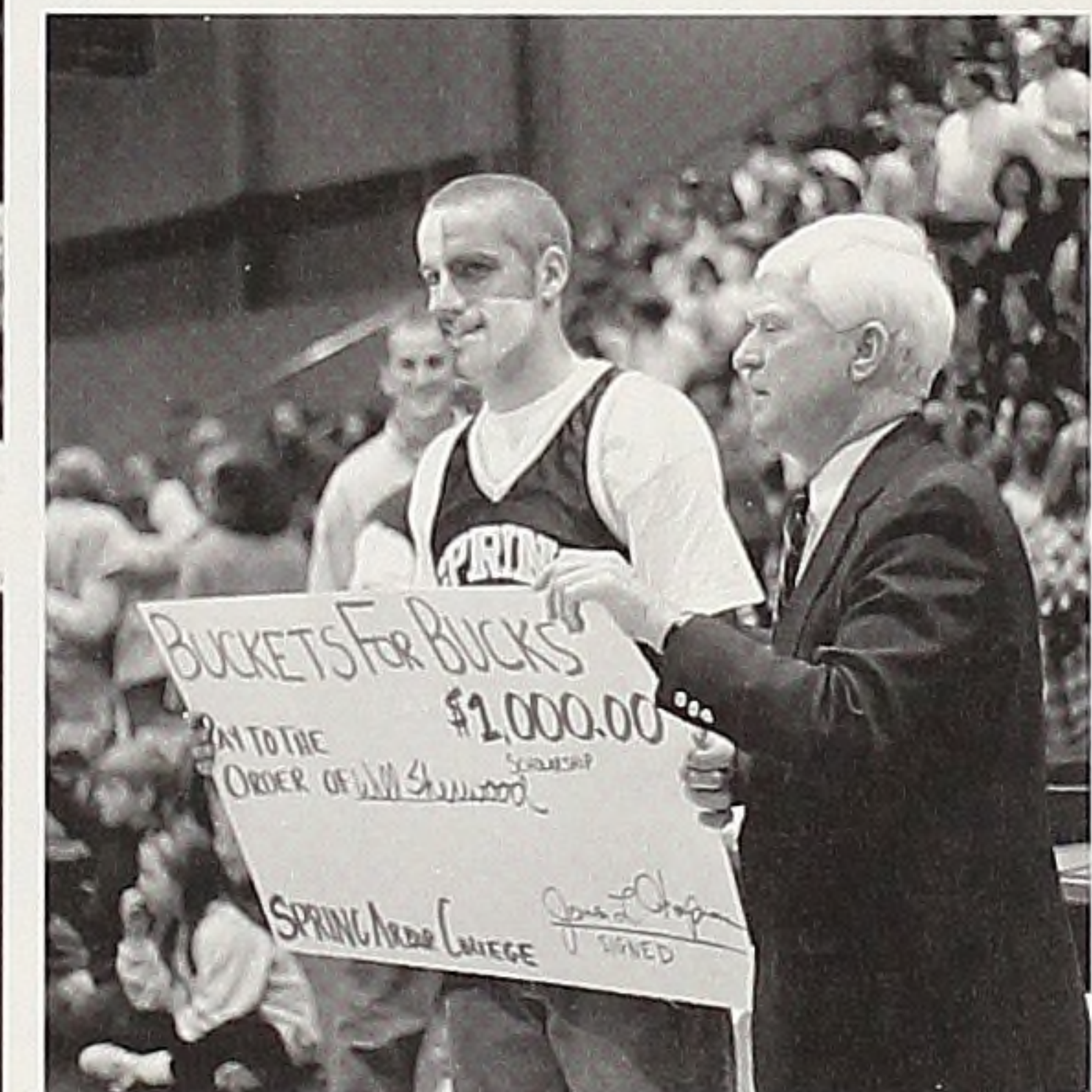
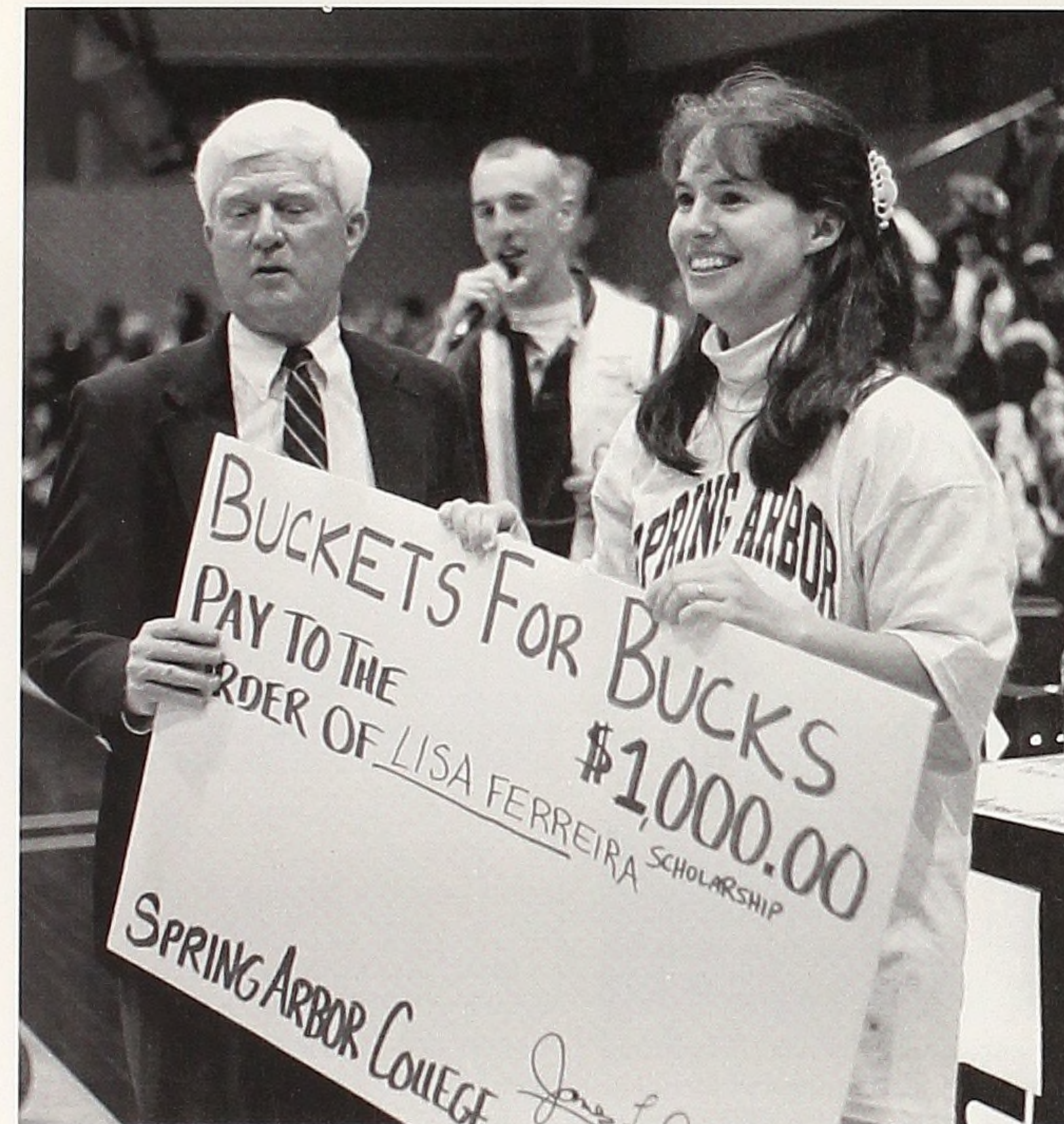
This season brought both team and individual success. Coach Noll, fifth year SAC coach, recently got his 100th career win with

the Cougars.

Jason Elder scored his 1000th career point this season, and is ranked 10th in the Nation in scoring with an average of 22.1 points per game. Elder also set a new school record in 3-point shooting with 93-pointers this season.

Jason Corstange is ranked 2nd in the Nation in assists and set a new school record of 264 assists; the previous record was 262 assists set by Monty Clary in the 1981-82 season. The 4th ranked Cougars will go storming into the Conference Tournament with homecourt advantage throughout. Coach Noll wants the team to, "control its own destiny," and with the outstanding season they are having, the Cougars have done just that.

By Paul Bohms



Injuries Plague Lady Cougars Season

After an outstanding 26-9 season last year, the Lady Cougars hoped for another great season. However, injuries plagued the team all year and prevented them from playing at last years intensity. In spite of the broken wrists, sprained ankles, and other illnesses, they earned an 11-14 record. "The girls are extremely hard working and have kept very good attitudes despite all the problems that we have had this year," says Tom Britsch, lady Cougars coach.

Junior Forward Michelle Brayton said, "We have a young team but also a very tal-

ented team." This is evidenced by Sophomore Center, Courtney Thompson's outstanding performance. Thompson leads the team in field goal percentage with 49.4%, in total rebounds with 9.31 per game, and in blocks with an average of 3.35 per game. She was also named WHAC Player of the Week and the National Christian Col-

lege Player of the Week. So, with every player returning next year, the Cougars plan to get healthy and come out playing hard.

By Paul Bohms

"Loud voices of excited crowds Who cheered on TEAMWORK and COMPETITION And applauded victory."
- Wordsworth

WHAC All-Academic Team
Jeremy Patterson
Jason Corstange
Matt Ray
Andy Gibbs

WHAC All-Defensive Team
John Moffitt
Jason Corstange

WHAC All-Conference
Jason Corstange
Jeremy Patterson

WHAC Player of the Year
Jason Elder

WHAC Coach of the Year
Doug Noll

Action Jackson

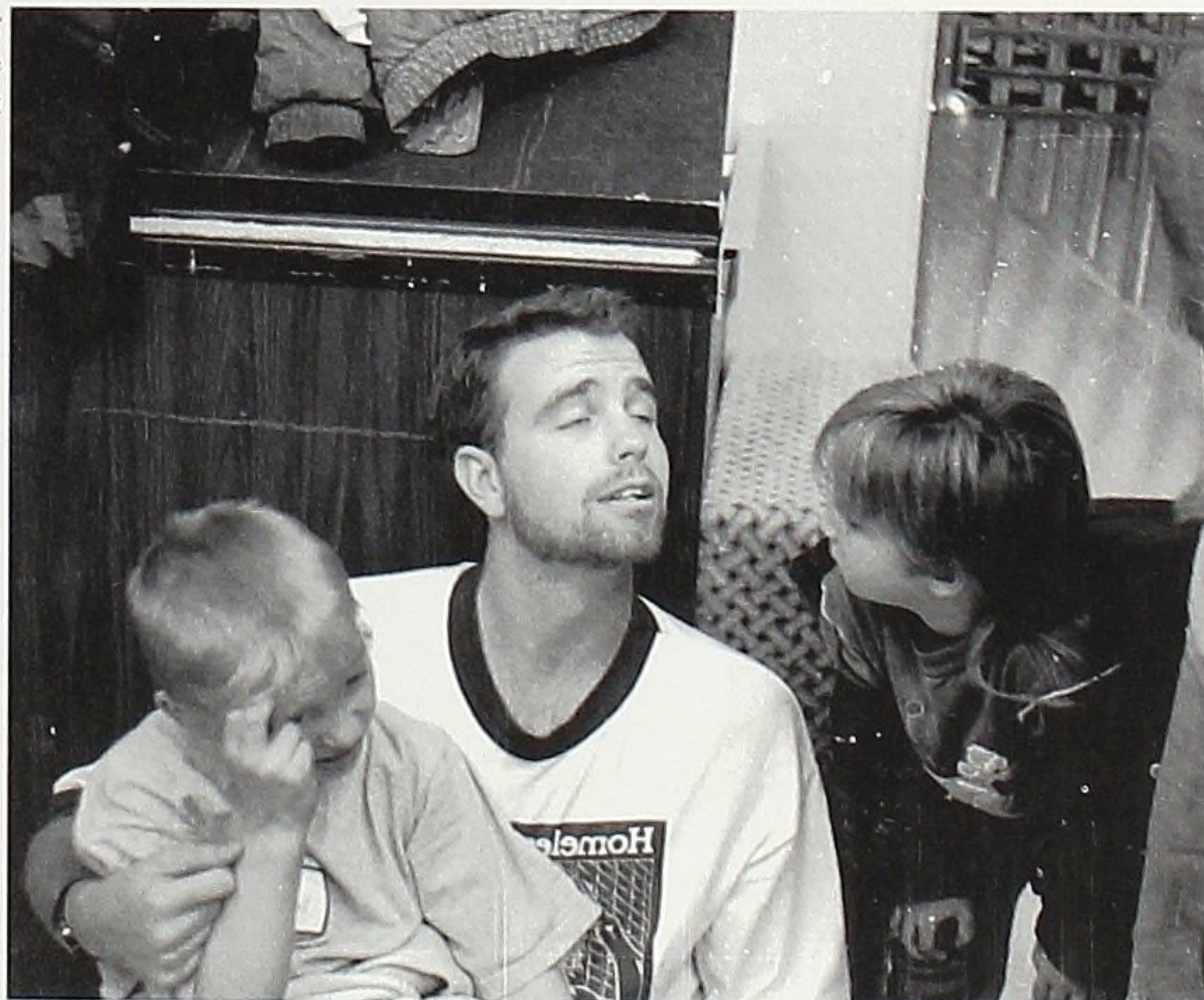
Big Kids Helping Little Kids

"...Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

The Spring Arbor College students involved in Action Jackson spread the love of God to the inner city children of Jackson as they build Christ centered relationships with them.

According to AJ leader Sophomore Brenda Ohler, "Working with the kids, having personal time with them, becoming friends and teaching them about God" is the best part of the eight year old program.

A.J. staff advisor Scott McFarlane gives his best "Goofy" look.



SAC students surround themselves with inner city children.

Every Tuesday at least 20 SAC students spend four hours with up to 80 children from the inner city; the program focuses on children ages 5-12.

During the activity time, the workers build one-on-one relationships with the children by telling them Bible stories, doing crafts, singing songs like "Father Abraham," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Funky Chicken," and hosting a lock-in each semester at the college where they swim, play games, and watch movies.

"This is my third year in Action Jackson and I love it. Seeing the smiles on the

faces of the kids because they know I am going to invest my time in them just melts my heart," says Misty Jones. "I have become committed to these kids because they need to know and be able to see that someone cares."

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14

By Sarah Gallup

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

"And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

Matthew 18:6



Laura Hnath poses for a photo with one of the A.J. kids.



Everyone look this way...smile!



Carmen Williams poses with an A.J. kid.

Annie Spencer, Jenny Kiehl and Carmen Williams spend time with kids in the AJ program.



The Bubble and Beyond

January

Tobacco Regulations—Federal regulations were put into effect requiring identification from anyone younger than age 27 attempting to purchase tobacco products.

TV Ratings—The U.S. television industry initiated a voluntary rating system to note which programs are suitable for kids, except for sports and news broadcasts.

Trilogy Returns—The Star Wars Trilogy returned to theatres twenty years after its first release. It reclaimed the all-time #1 spot at the box office and became the first movie to break the \$400 million mark.

Guinness Birthday—The world's oldest person celebrated her 122nd birthday via the Internet. Jeanne Calment ate chocolate cake and set up her own Web site to help celebrate the occasion. Last year, she released her own rap CD entitled "Time's Mistress."

Taylor's Tumor—Elizabeth Taylor had a benign tumor surgically removed from her brain. The two-time Academy Award winner also celebrated her 65th birthday with celebrities like Madonna and Michael Jackson.

Food Lion Findings—A federal jury ordered ABC to pay Food Lion Inc. \$5.5 million in punitive damages after a hidden camera investigation of the grocery chain.

Simpson Pays—The jury in the O.J. Simpson civil trial found him guilty of malicious wrongdoing, and made him pay \$25 million in punitive damages to the families of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson.

Empire Tragedy—A Palestinian man opened fire on the 86th floor of the Empire State Building. He killed one person and injured six others before shooting himself in the head.

Princess Killed—Six-year-old beauty princess JonBenet Ramsey was found murdered in the basement of her Colorado home. The former Little Miss Colorado was buried in Atlanta, Georgia.

1997 Winners—The 39th annual Grammy Awards ceremony was a memorable occasion. Winners included Hillary Rodham Clinton for the audio version of her best-selling book "It Takes a Village," and 14-year old country sensation LeAnn Rimes.

DuPont Verdict—Multimillionaire John duPont was convicted for the murder of Olympic wrestler David Schultz. The jury found him guilty, but mentally ill. He will receive psychiatric treatment before serving the remaining prison sentence.

Cosby Murder—Ennis Cosby was killed by a gunman while changing a flat tire on a California freeway. Two weeks later, father Bill Cosby admitted to having an affair with a woman arrested for attempted extortion.

History Celebrated—Baseball dedicated the 1997 game season to Jackie Robinson in honor of Black History Month. He became the first black to play in the major leagues on April 15, 1947.

China Mourns Death—Beijing mourned the death of their leader Deng Xiaoping during three minutes of silence observed nationwide. The Communist Party called him a great statesman, Marxist, and diplomat. Deng was 92 years old.



The SAC student body showed amazing support for the 1997 men's basketball team this season. The "Cougar Crazyies" used drums, megaphones, and other assorted noise-makers to help cheer the men onto the Conference Championship.



KTGG, 1540 AM, switched to Inspirational programming in an attempt to increase its listenership. It now features artists like Babbie Mason and Steve Green. It also offers programming such as Focus on the Family and Your Story Hour.



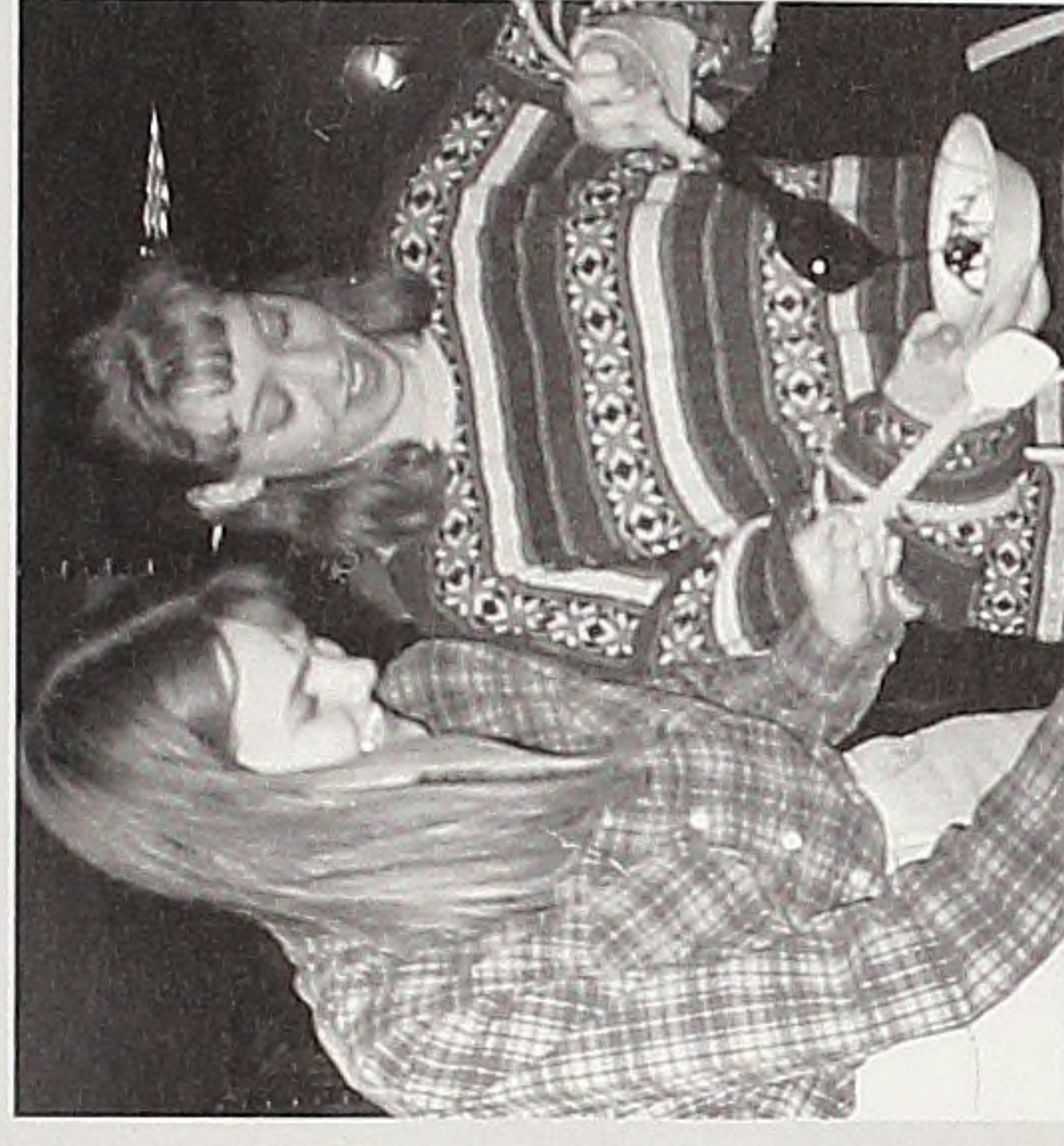
Many students left SAC for the month to study cultural differences in places like France, Belize/Guatemala, Jamaica, England/Scotland, and Chicago. They broadened their horizons

Chicago. They broadened their horizons from a Christian perspective and gained some lifelong memories.

February



SAC held its annual "Engaged Encounter" in the Smith Music Center. It gave couples a chance to discuss important marriage issues and prepare for a lifetime relationship.



The SAC musical Godspell was the first of its kind in E.P. Hart Auditorium since Interim 1992. The rock opera represented the Gospel according to Matthew and required a lot of time and energy by everyone involved.



Generation SAC

Job Hunting

Juniors Research The Future

College life can get hectic with deadlines looming at every corner. Even more frightening is the thought of life after college. Having a degree isn't worth anything without a job. Fortunately, juniors have an opportunity to get a jump start on the job search.

Junior students often choose to begin pursuing a job for after graduation. The process of searching for suitable jobs is both exciting and challenging. Contacting prospective employers as a junior allows more time for interviewing as well as exploring the opportunities that may exist with a given occupation.

Some think it is premature for juniors to begin searching for jobs, but according to Kim Hayworth, director of career advising, "...it is the proactive juniors who come in and use our services."

Hayworth provides several suggestions to increase personal growth in many fields of study. She encourages all students to gain actual experience in their field. This may be acquired through part-time or volunteer work, student leadership positions, and by attending conferences and seminars in the appropriate subject.

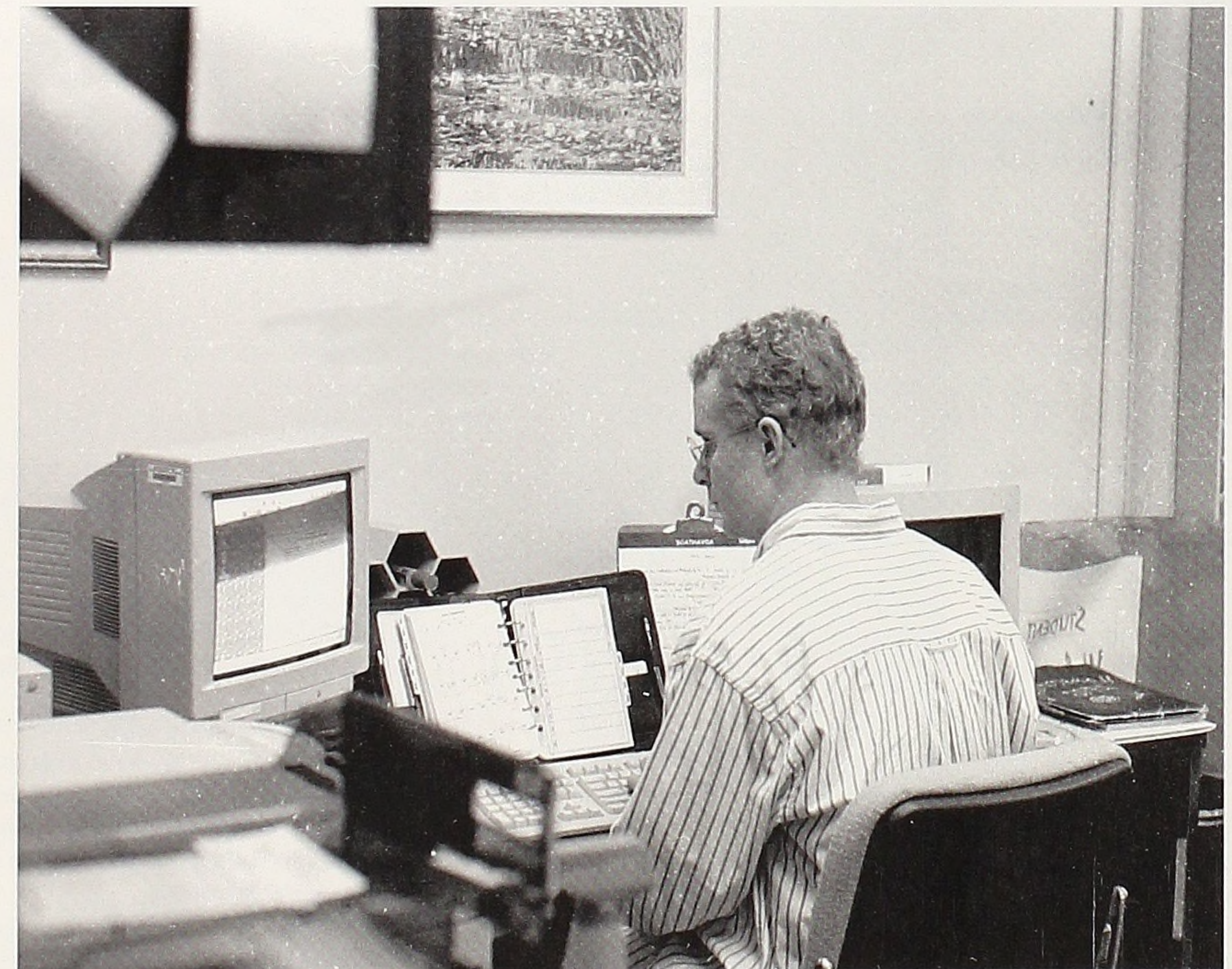
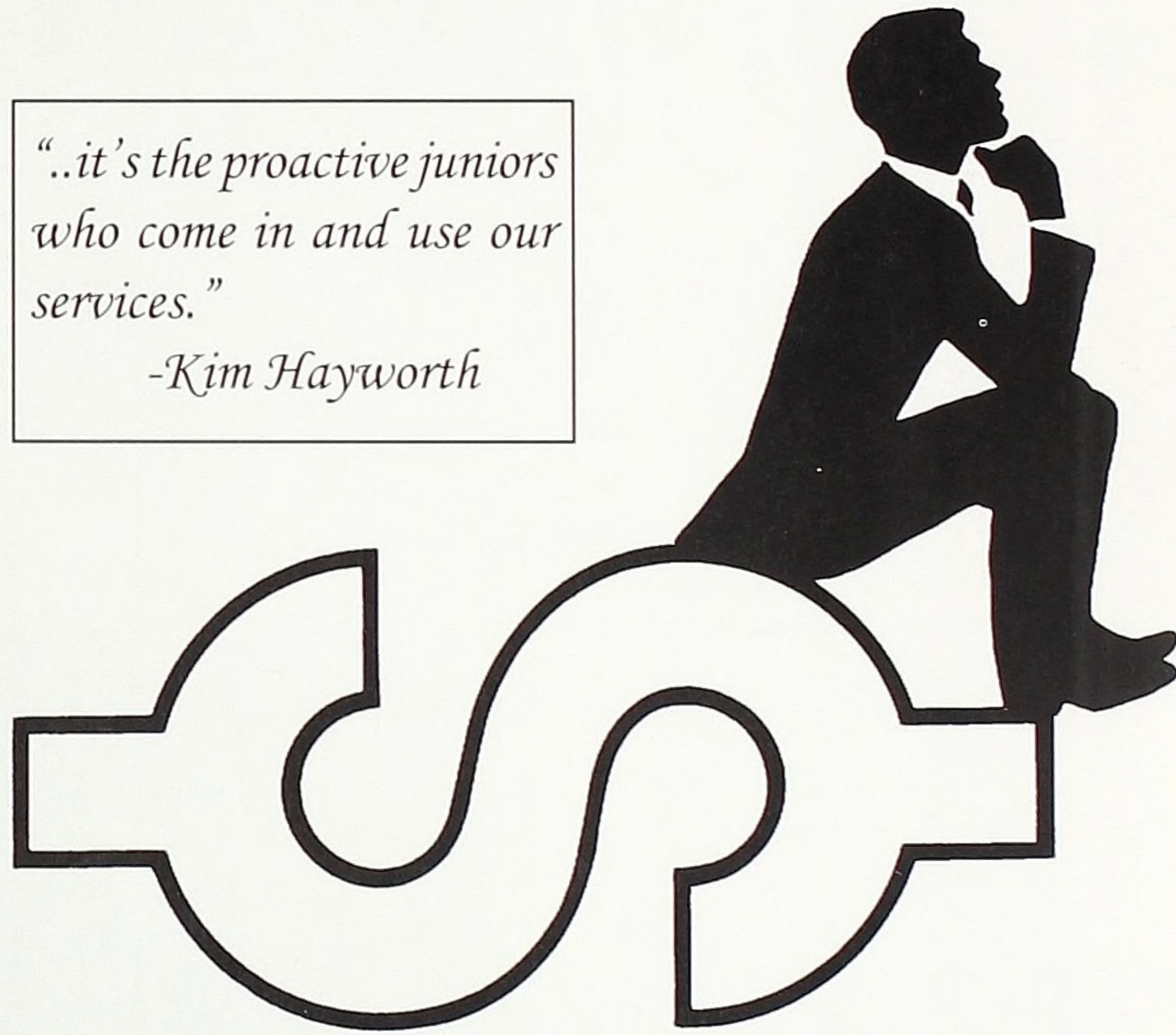
All students who seek help in finding a job are considered on an individual basis. If, for economic reasons, a student is unable to travel as an intern, they will be made aware of a variety of local possibilities for gaining experience. In addition, Hayworth mentioned juniors intending to further their education in graduate school should also prepare to take the GRE, GMAT, or LSAT exam.

Juniors can begin the fall of their senior year with the assurance that they have a place in the real world because they began job-hunting earlier than most college students.

By A'ndrea Shipp

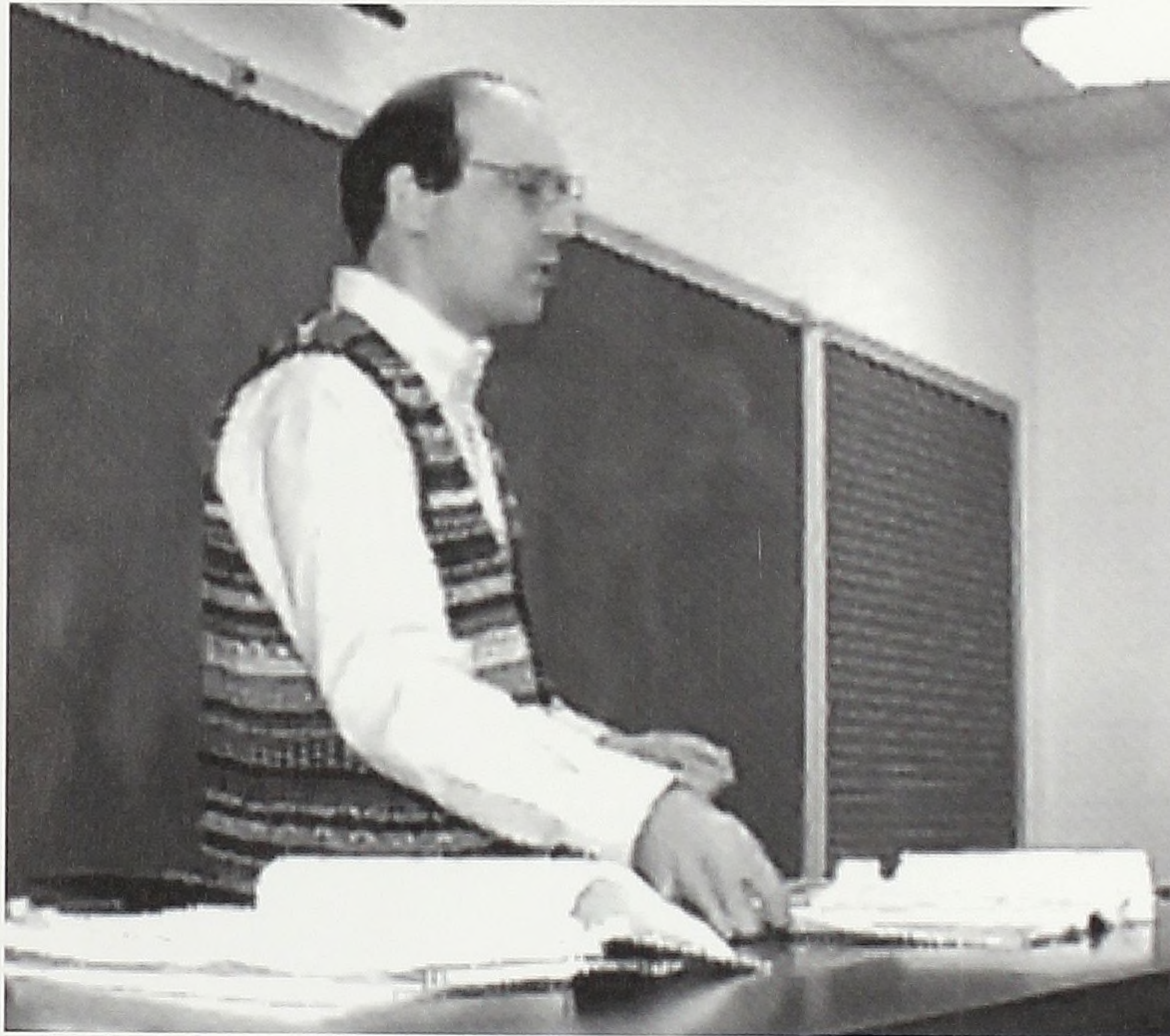
"..it's the proactive juniors who come in and use our services."

-Kim Hayworth



Joe Mole conducts an on-line job search (right). Steve Newton sits with a student during the Etiquette Dinner (above). A student speaks to a job recruit at the SAC Job Fair (left).

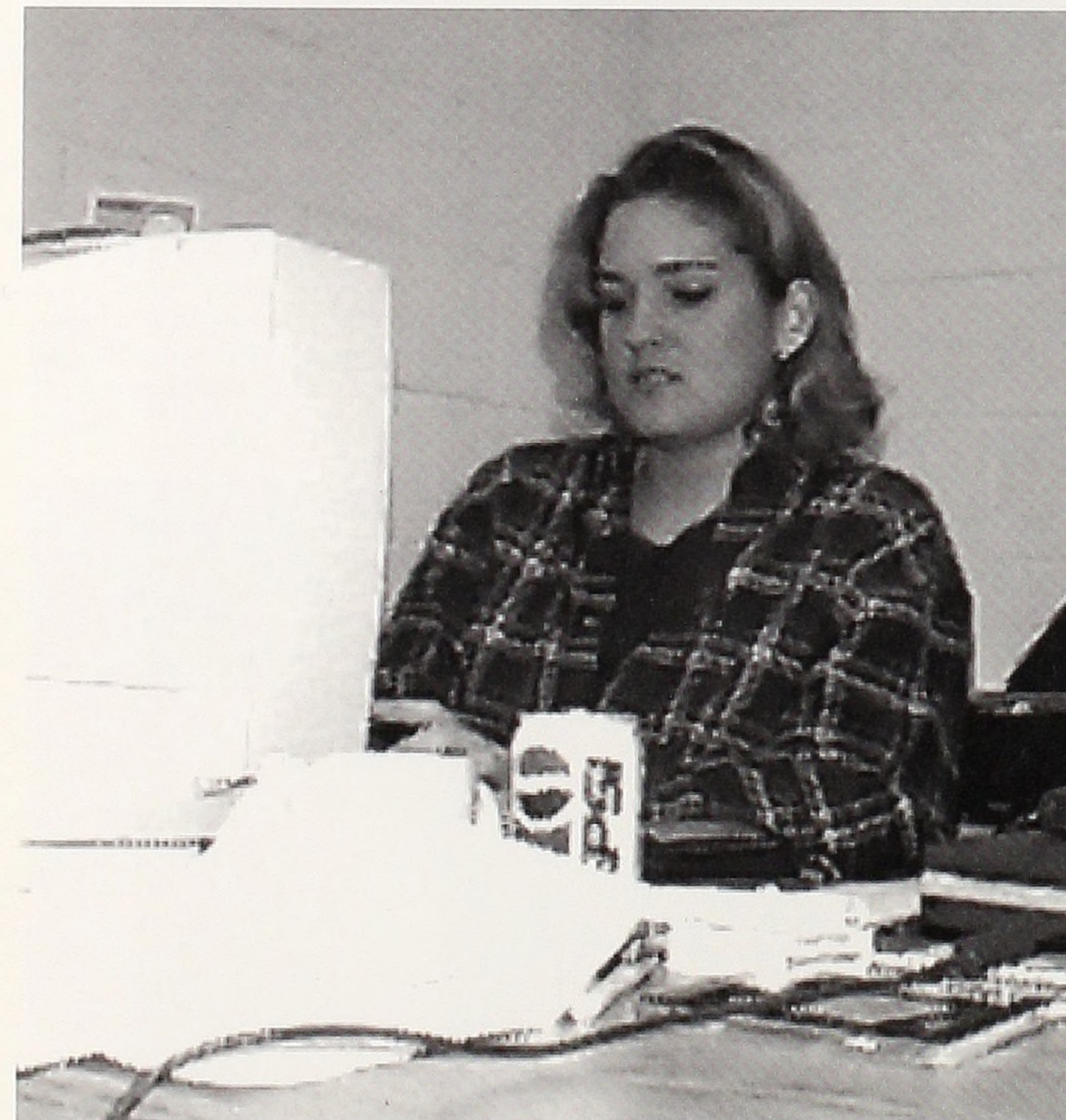
Computer Science



Neil Vanniman assists Ilona Kuzmicz with an Eimail problem in the CS lab.(above)

Professor Ed Crandell (left) teaches an advanced computer course.

Bethany Willick works hard in her office (right).



Computer nuts find niche'

Spring Arbor College has a Computer Science major? That was the reaction I got from my friends three years ago when I declared my major. I am happy to say SAC has come a long way since then. There were only six people in my introductory Computer Science course, but I am told the number is now up to about 25. I have never regretted the choice I made. The personal attention and experience I received made it very worthwhile.

SAC offers a Computer Science major with a math or business concentration. Future programmers and those going on to graduate school will want to choose math; those desiring to do systems design should

choose business. The courses offered are well-rounded and chosen with consideration for what is marketable.

Professors like Mary Hayward and Ed Crandell are always willing to offer outside help. While teaching classes, they consider the dynamic nature of Computer Science and place a strong emphasis on current events. If they hear about something you need to know when looking for a job, they do not hesitate to add it to their curriculum. I have been looking for prospective employers in the past month and I can vouch that my education is serving me well.

Field experience is fairly easy to obtain. Every year, the academic lab hires as-

sistants and the Administrative Computer Center hires Computer Science majors to work in the office. I have worked there for the past three years and it has been an invaluable experience. If an on-campus job is not available, the professors are also happy to help you search for an off-campus internship.

SAC has definitely come a long way in the past three years. We have a competitive major that will hopefully continue to grow in size, and the advanced technology on campus will continue to link us with the outside world.

By Bethany Willick

Global Exchange

Students Participate in Exchange Program

Each semester, Spring Arbor College sends students out into the world for a global education.

Last fall, over 10 students chose to study in places such as China, Spain, Los Angeles, Chicago, Colorado, and Washington D.C., with topics ranging from traditional medicine to urban life. In addition, a group of 16 students traveled to Europe to participate in the first EuroSAC adventure.

Jen Boog was one of those who spent her semester with Dr. Allan Carden and the EuroSAC program. "I went because it was



Clouds gather over the city of Jerusalem.

a dream of mine to go to Europe. I really wanted to travel and see things."

Many students have difficulty relaying their experiences to others when they return to SAC. "I can't sum up three and a half months in three seconds," says Boog, "but Italy was great because of all the art and architecture. Paris was cool because of the Eiffel Tower and Disneyland Paris and Russia was a growing experience!" She also emphasized that the worst part of her trip was the "Ferry crossing, definitely!"

Melinda Knapp spent last semester in Seville, Spain where she studied Monday-Thursday and traveled on the weekends. She started using Spanish as her primary

language before she even left the plane, and it didn't take long for her to adjust. "It took about a week to lose my nervousness," she said.

This semester, a new group of students are studying in Israel, Kenya, Germany, Russia, and Washington D.C.

Beth Burns fell in love with Israel on her 1996 Cross Cultural trip. This spring, she is studying at Jerusalem University College under a Jewish Rabbi who can trace his family back to Abraham.

History surrounds her quite literally because her school started out as a shelter for wayward boys. It was built by the



A visit to Samuel Wesley's church is just one of the ways that SAC students can explore their religious heritage.

Anglican Church in 1853 and it later served as a home for Israeli soldiers during the War of Independence.

Burns says, "The best part is stepping back into the past. History is all around. I can see the Hinsom Valley from my dorm room window. I can walk to the western wall of the temple mount in about 10 minutes. I can read about something in my Bible and then go out and see the place."

"It doesn't make me any more of a Christian to study here, but it challenges me to draw near to God," she adds.

Eric Painter returned to Russia this semester to study after spending several weeks there last summer. "I am studying language and history and doing volunteer work in an orphanage. I came because God inspired a love for the Russian people in me, especially the children. I came to be as bright of a light in the darkness that I can be."

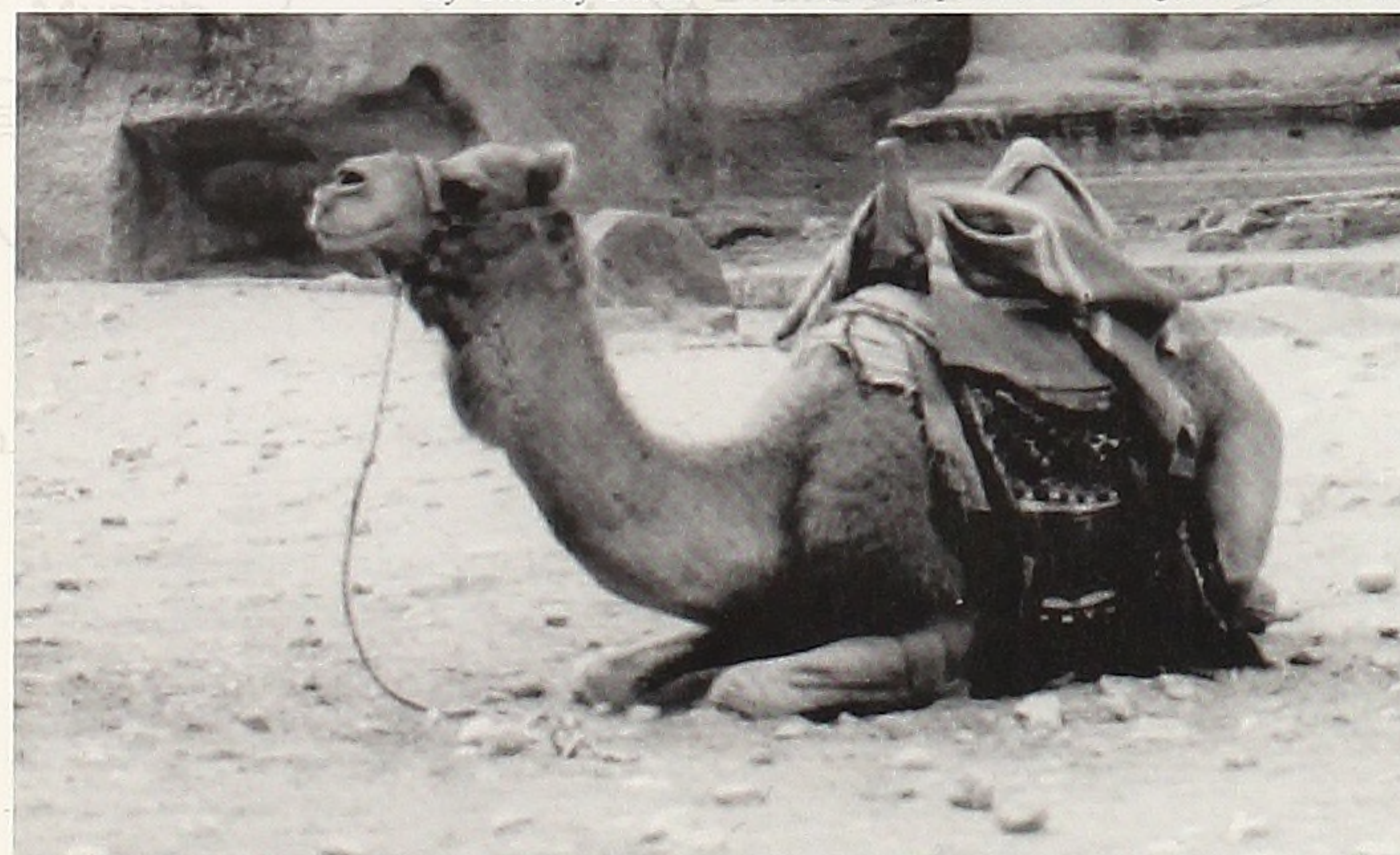
Painter continues, "My best experience has been helping a babushka (grandmother) across the street and receiving her life story in return."

Every Spring Arbor student who studies abroad does so for different reasons; but, in return, each person receives a special blessing from the culture from which they return.

By Charity Smith



EuroSACers brave the brisk English weather to visit Stonehenge.



An Israeli pack animal lounges in the desert sun.

Quirky quotes from semester abroad students...

Amy Lamoreaux, EuroSAC student, on humped Zebra crossings: "They put a speed bump there because it's a zebra crossing (It's actually a speed bump/cross-walk that is painted white and black)."

Melinda Knapp, after returning from Spain, says, "I am still adjusting to the language-sometimes I can't think of the American word."

Beth Burns on what to do in Israel on the weekends: "At SAC, the answer is usually 'Going to the movies;' here the answer is 'Going to Bethlehem' or 'Going to the sea of Galilee.'"

Eric Painter says the worst thing about Russia is "the toilet situation, namely Charmin-double thick."



Michael Metts continues the attack..



Jenny Kiehl traps Pilgrim Metts for a tickling attack as Joy Stillman looks on at the Muffitt Valentine's Day babysitting.

Cupid Plays Babysitter

Muffitt Girls Continue Romantic Tradition

For the third year the girls in Muffitt offered free babysitting services on Valentine's Day. Fourteen girls volunteered their time Friday night from 6-10 to babysit so that parents could spend some time together on Valentine's Day.

This year 19 children, ages 8 months to 10 years old, attended. The activities for the older children included making Valentines for their parents and a paper airplane

Pilgrim catches his breath between activities.



contest; infants and toddlers listened to stories and played with stuffed animals. Toward the end of the evening the children watched a movie.

The babysitting started three years ago under Resident Director Sarah Baldwin.

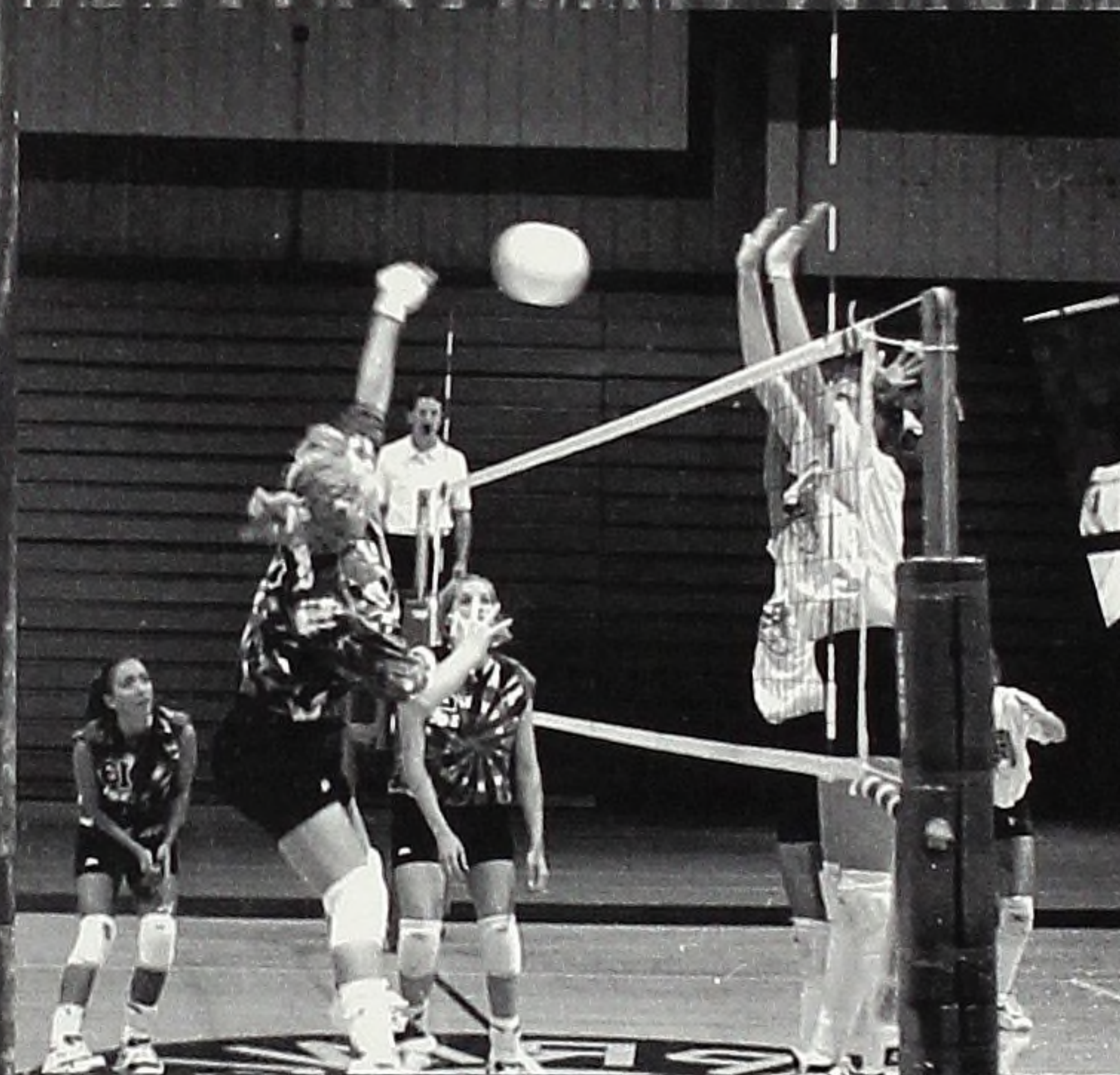
Joy Stillman, Junior, volunteered last year and says she volunteers because she loves kids and feels that parents deserve the time off. She also feels that parents need a break from the expenses of child care.

Freshman Laura Sanford volunteered this year "for the parents, so that they don't have to worry about the kids."

Jayne Brown, current Muffitt RD, says most of the girls find it to be a positive experience and volunteer because it is fun.

By Michelle Phelps





*What I had I gave it all in the game;
What I kept is lost forever;
It haunts me with regret.*



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