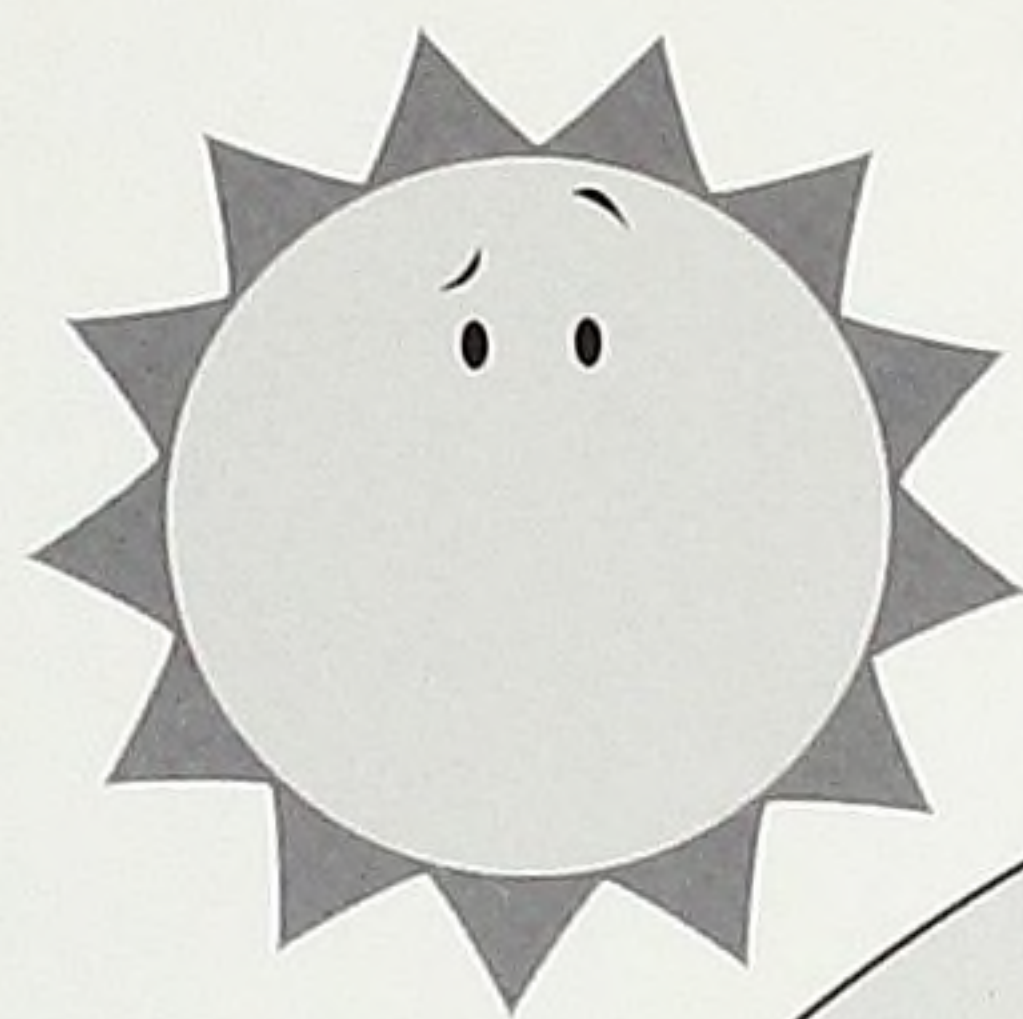


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The end is in sight! There is a light at the end of the tunnel! Is that a good thing? Or is it really a big train headed right for us? Well...the three of us who form the editorial staff of the Echo, Paula, Shaun and Charity, aren't quite sure.

Graduating is exciting. We'll be done with studies and can finally join the "real world!" But what about everything we will leave behind? Those closest to us are not just students, but staff and faculty as well. Spring Arbor College forms its own community where you can meet every special person in less than a week. How can we possibly count all the friendships we've made in our years here?

While in school we've done something amazing—learned a lot! It's cool to think of using our skills in the working world, but can we really do it? We can only hope we will apply both the knowledge we were awake for and what we slept through.

There will be no more Echo production weekends for us. We're moving on. (Does that mean we'll get some sleep?) As we train next year's crew we hear them whispering, "Can I really do this?" Well, we hope so!

Our pockets will belighter when we turn over our keys—between the three of us, we have nine to return! We'll go from being able to get wherever we need to...to just needing to find out where we are supposed to be.

The summer holds much for all of us: a wedding for Paula, moving for Shaun and Ireland for Charity, so we have lots to look forward to. Thanks Spring Arbor—it's been real, and it's been fun!

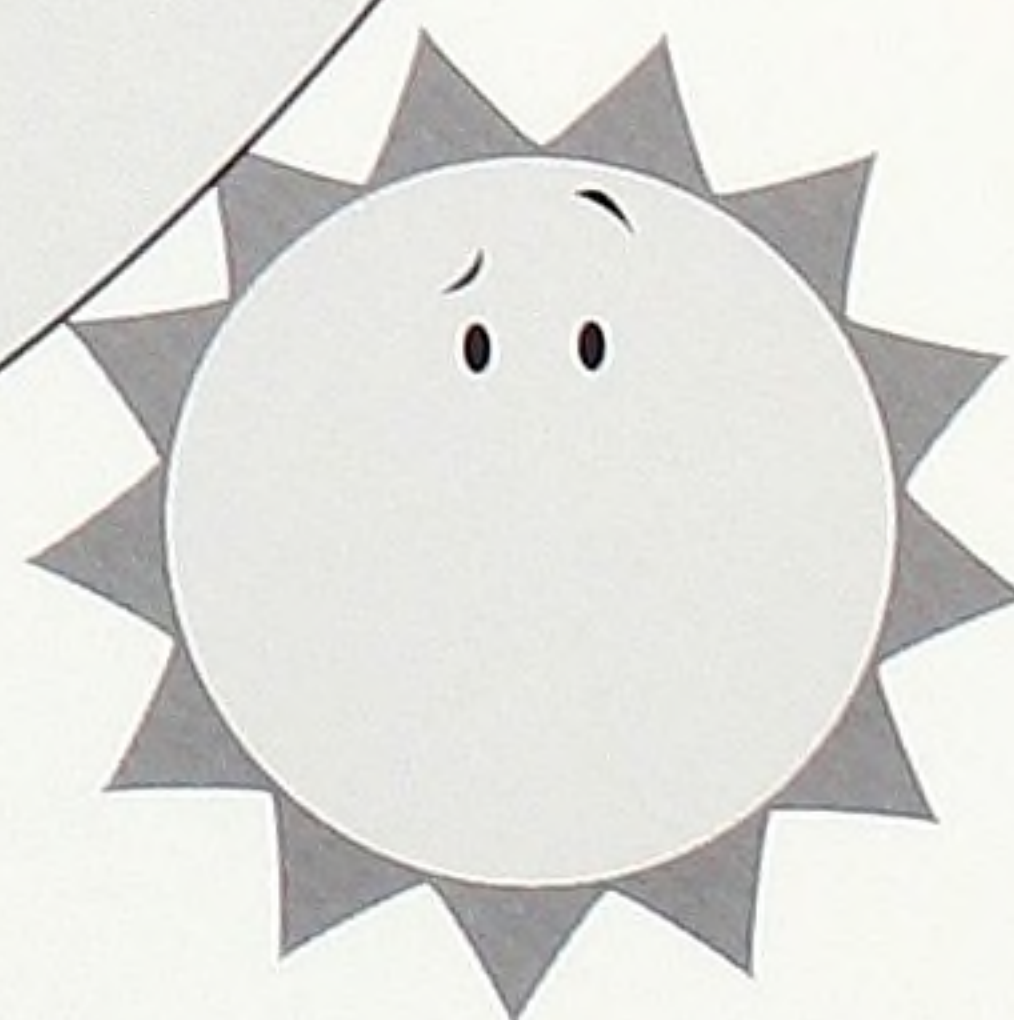
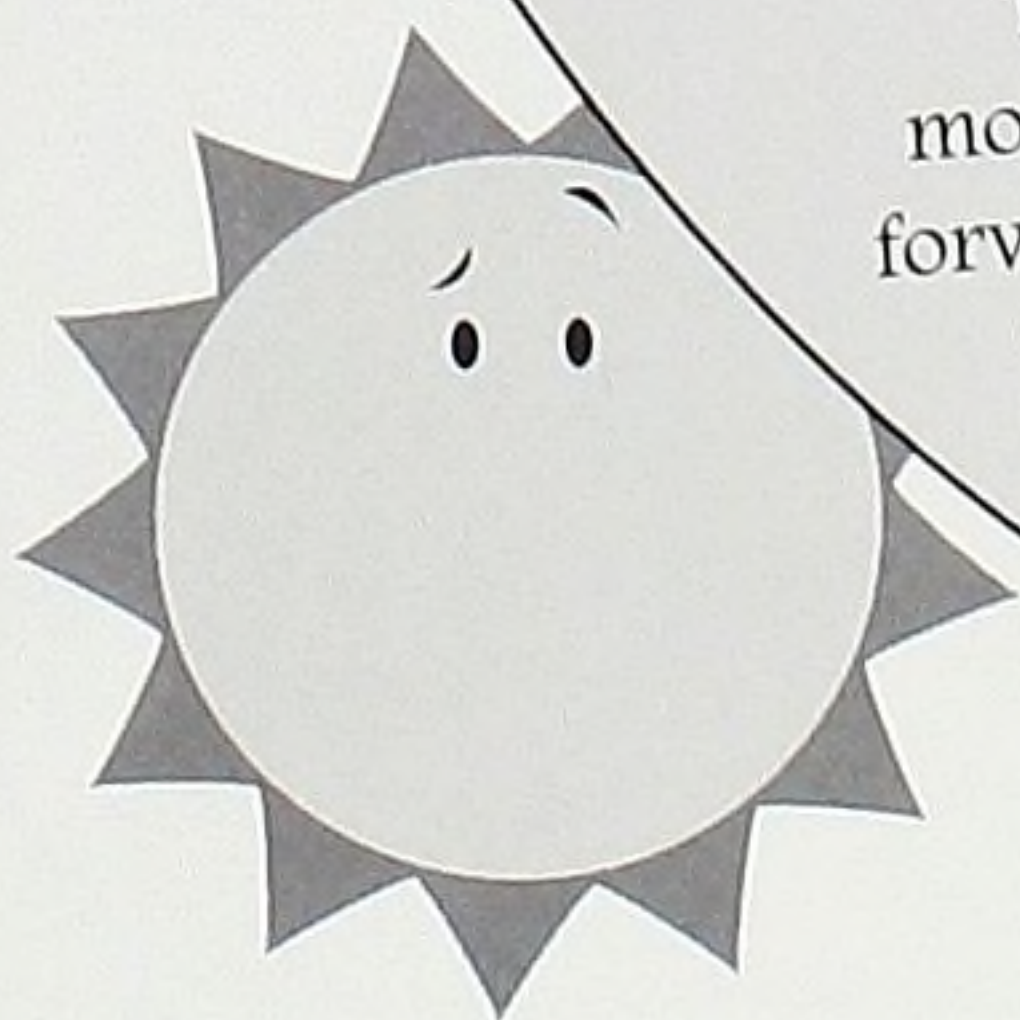


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Singing We Will Go

SAC Gives Praise Through the Ages

Singing praises unto the Lord is the mission of the Spring Arbor College

Concert Choir as they prepare for their upcoming tour. The group spreads the Word of God through music. The members have chosen to use their talents for Him and to bless the listeners.

Perfecting the music requires practicing many hours. Each piece provides the group with a new challenge to achieve rich vocal quality. Students attending classes in the music building hear harmonious sounds echo throughout the music building as the choir rehearses.

The Concert Choir is currently under the direction of Assistant Professor of Music Brian Walrath. He has recently filled

"It's been a treat for me to work with the concert choir this year. The group is hard-working, cooperative and enthusiastic."

~Brian Walrath

the position formerly held by Dr. Livesay, who is on sabbatical. Walrath commented, "It's been a treat for me to work with the concert choir this year. The group is hard-working, cooperative and enthusiastic."

Members of the choir are excited about the music that Walrath has chosen. "The music we're doing is wonderful!" exclaimed Licia Layson. "We're finally doing the whole program from memory," said Jen Shunk.

The tour began on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, as the charter bus departed from Spring Arbor at 5:30 a.m. The tour consisted of 12 performances throughout Michigan and Ohio. Walrath allowed the singers to contribute suggestions for concert

Euchre "pillow talk"...do you have a loner, partner?



Students express the joy of singing amidst pre-concert hubbub.

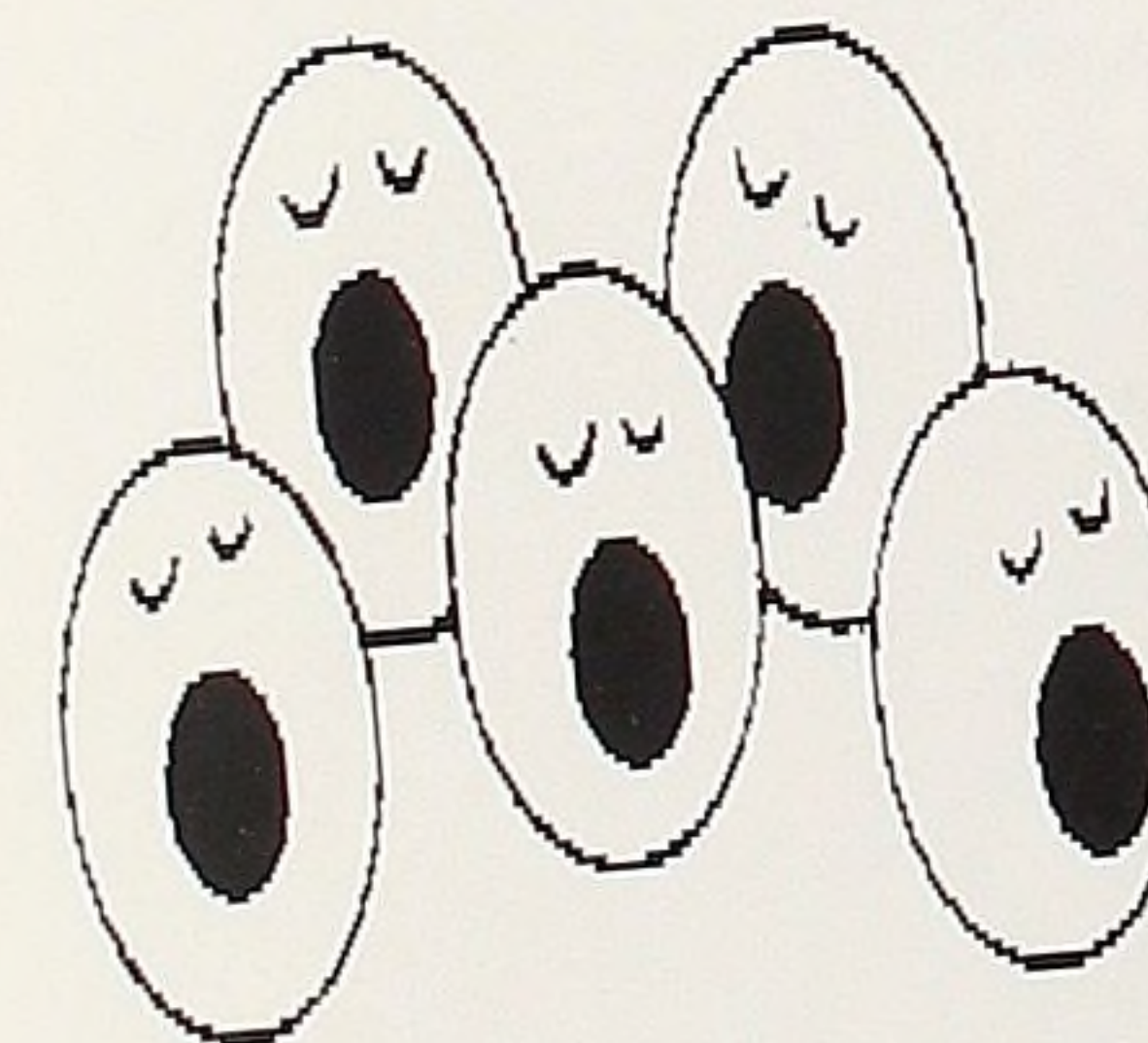
LET US SING HIS PRAISES

locations. Several choir members will now have the opportunity to perform in their hometowns. The local residents of each community volunteered to host the students as they passed through. At least two students stayed at each home.

The tour theme was "Praise Through the Ages." Anne Walcott said, "It's been enjoyable," and quite different from her high

school choir. "On Thursdays, we have a time of sharing and prayer requests." Walcott also mentioned that it has been great meeting many new people and building friendships.

By A'ndrea Shipp



The concerts would be duds without countless hours of preparation both in class and out.



Share-a-thon '97

Students get practical experience at fundraising

\$75,000 may seem to be an unreachable goal to some, but to WSAE it is a goal at the tip of its fingers. Spring Arbor College's Christian ministries radio station raised \$40,000 which makes this years Share-a-thon the most successful one ever.

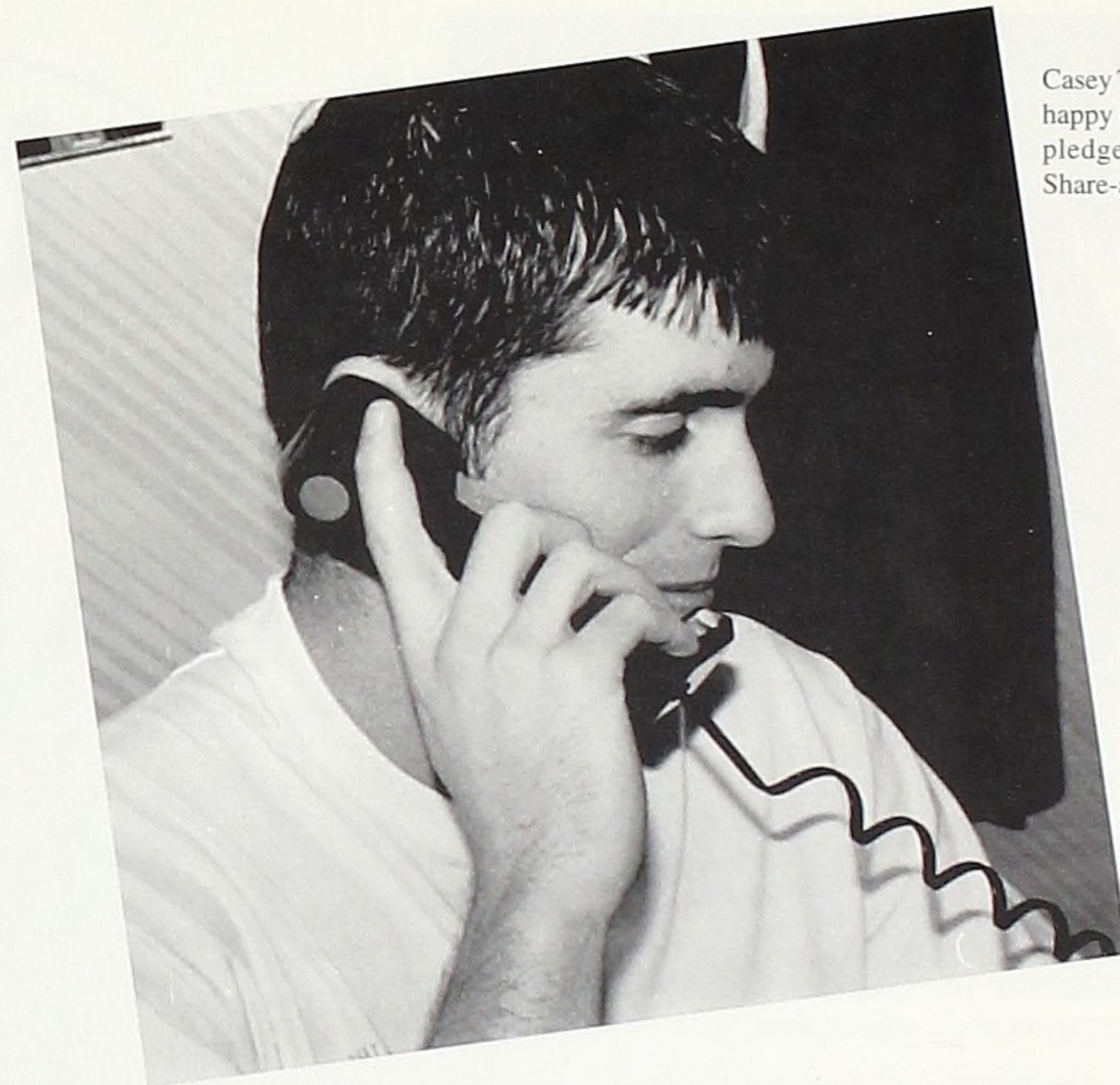
Marketing and Development Coordinator Chad Cole has high hopes for the station, all of which he believes are feasible. This includes the desire to be fully listener supported. "This year one of our goals was to reach out to those who have never donated before to be one of a thousand with a pledge of \$25." Cole says, "There are a lot of people out there who listen but do not support. They are the ones we are trying to reach."

The radio portion of the fundraising event took place March 19, 20 and 21 instead of on March 12, 13 and 14 as originally planned. The schedule change allowed the radio station to air the men's basketball games from Idaho. Senior Jen Dumont believes this was a hinderance to the fundraising. "A month prior to event we started promoting Share-a-thon '97 by asking listeners to pray about ways to be involved. Two weeks before [the event], all of that came to a halt [in order] to work the NAIA National Tournament into our programming."

The televised portion of Share-a-thon was recorded on March 10, 11, and 12 as scheduled. Auditions were held two weeks earlier to give both talent and crew members a chance to get comfortable with the studio equipment. The videos were then distributed to local cable stations and aired at various times on March 12, 13, and 14.

While this year was successful, plans are already being made to surpass this year. Share-a-thon is not only important because of the money it raises to help keep the radio and television studios up and running, but it also SAC students an awesome hands-on learning experience.

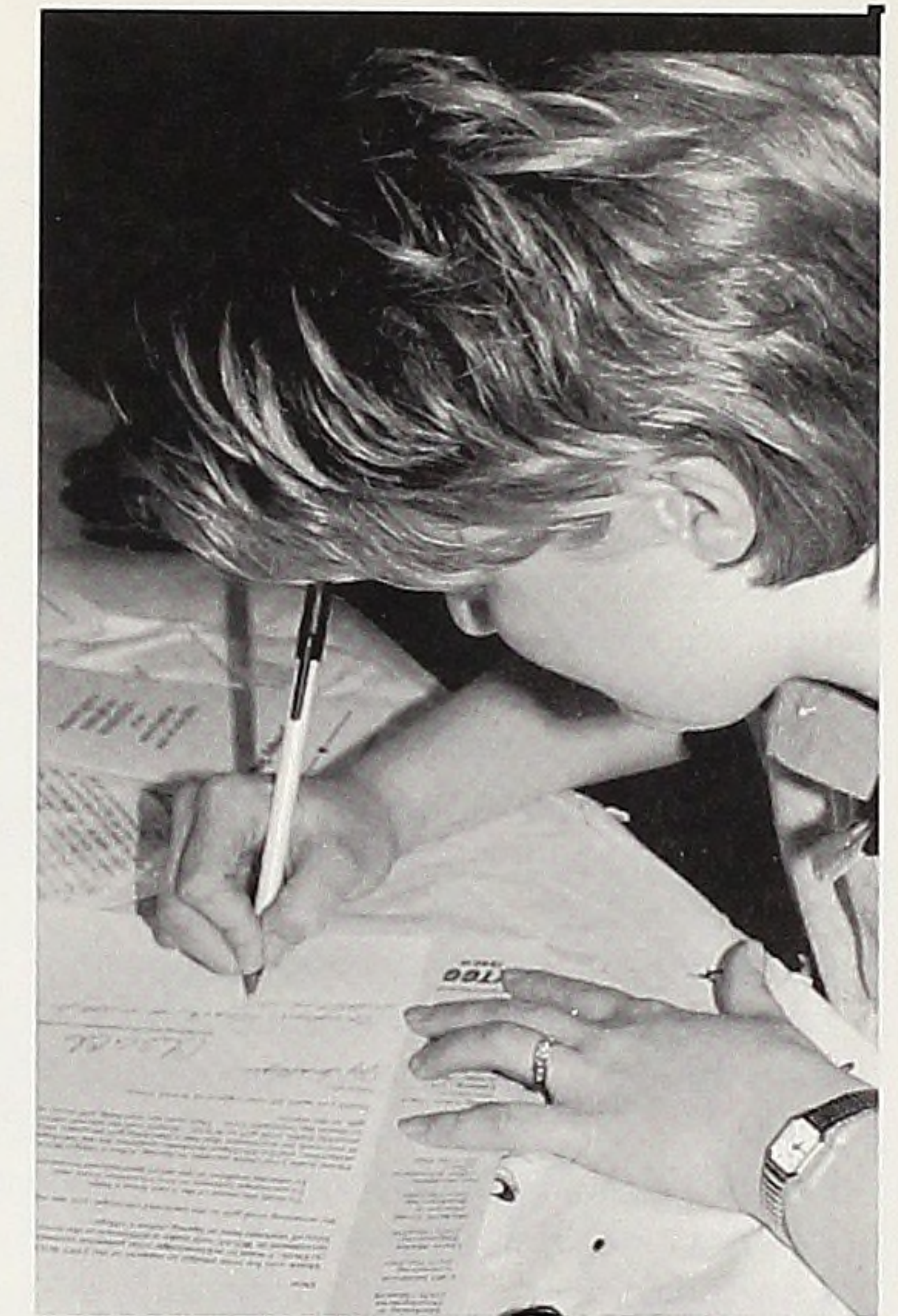
By Jennifer Dumont



Casey Turner is happy to take a pledge during Share-a-thon.

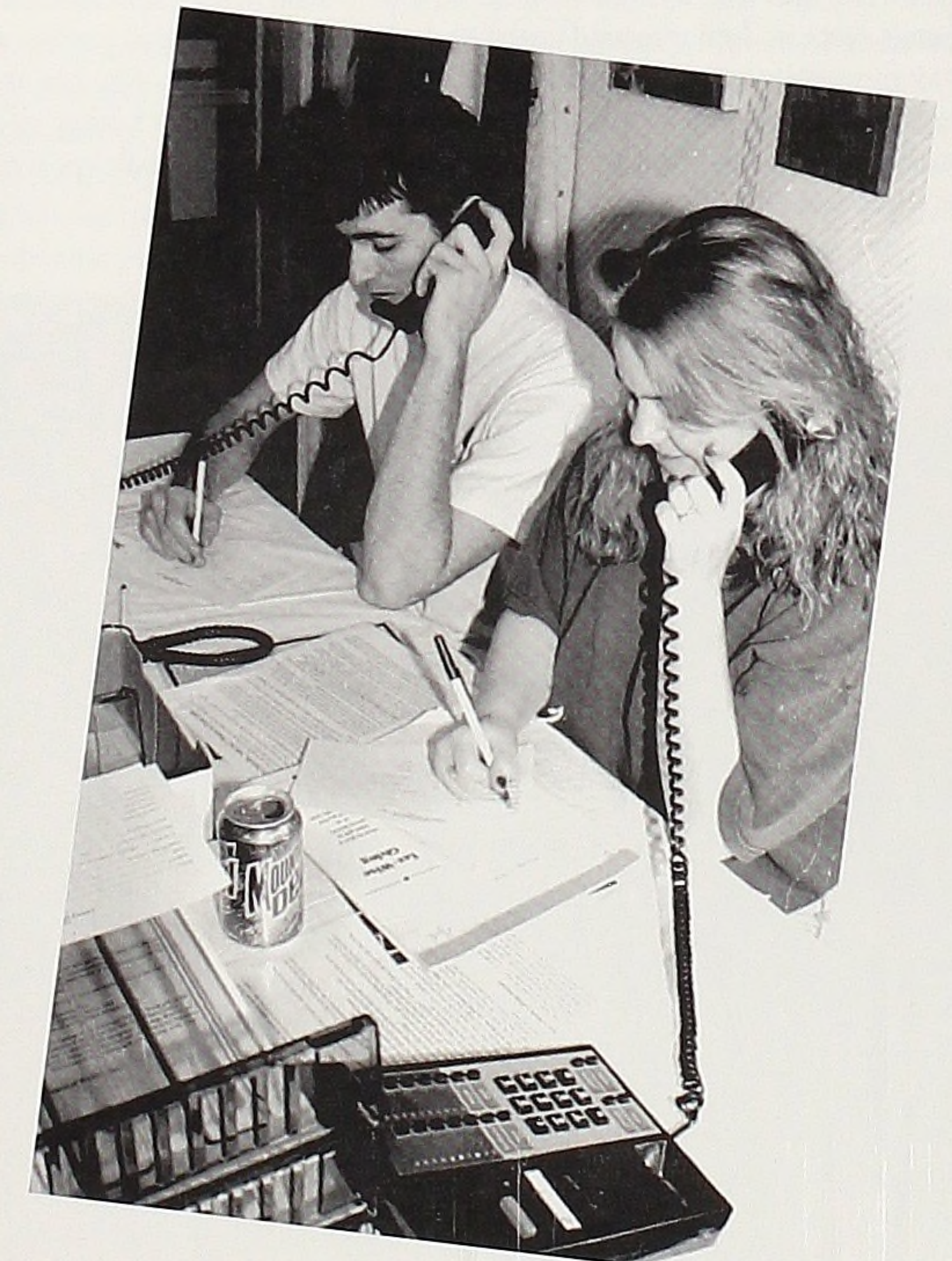
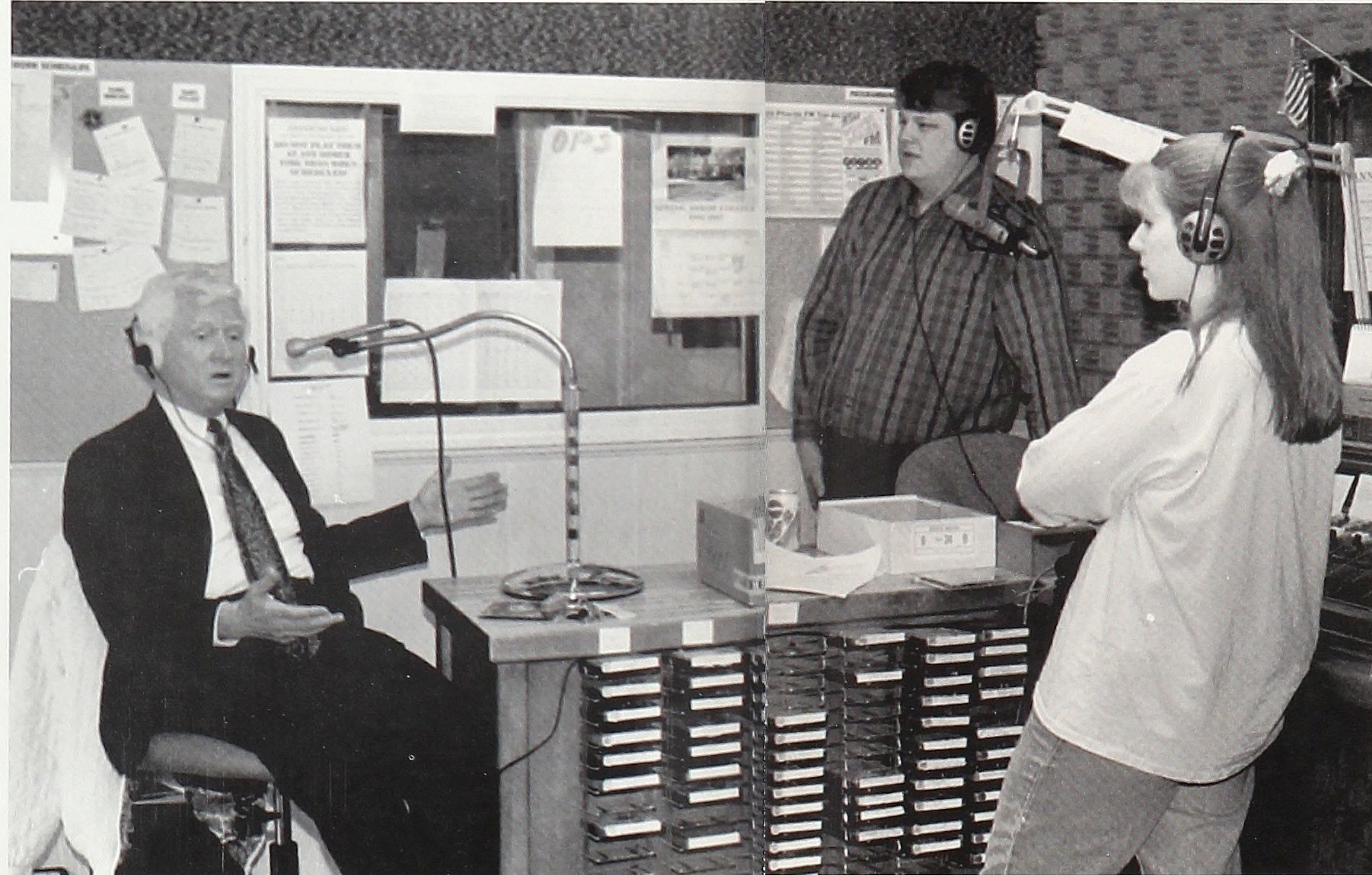


Communication students are responsible for every facet of production during Share-a-thon auditions and recording.



Joy Smallegan signs listener letters.

President Chapman gives a personal interview during Share-a-thon.



Jennifer Dumont and Casey Turner answer phones at WSAE.

Campus Culture

Lady Cougars Soar

The Spring Arbor Women's softball team can't wait to prove itself on the field. After finishing the Christian National softball tournament as runners-up, the ladies hope to have another successful season.

The team must overcome inexperience. With no seniors and only four returning juniors, teamwork is essential. "We hope to have a successful season," said junior pitcher Joey Bradshaw. "You can't work hard as a team and not be successful."

Teamwork is the key in filling 1996 graduate Jodee McDaid's position as pitcher. As an NCCAA All-American pitcher and the NCCAA's Most Outstanding Player, McDaid's cleats may be hard to fill.

Their coach, Deb Thompson, looks to the returning players for leadership. Junior catcher Amy Torok's consistent hitting and excellent defense will be crucial to the team's success. Junior second baseman Amy Baker continues to exhibit speed and dedication on the field. Junior third baseman/catcher Heather Norman will provide hard hitting and consistent catching.

Bradshaw's pitching, as well as her hard work and desire to succeed, will be great contributions to this year's team. Sophomores Kellie Keen and Jenny McPherson hope to step into leadership positions and usher the team into a successful season.

Four transfer students add experience to the team. They are: junior Becky Heller, sophomore Erin Edwardson, sophomore Kerri Zalba, and sophomore Lindsay Curtis.

Katie Anibal, Aimee Lawrence, Mindy Milligan, Sara Nelson and Amy Tuttle are the five freshmen who debut in collegiate softball this season.

The team feels despite their inexperience, they have enough love for the game and desire to win to be successful. "Once we get focused, we can get where we want to go," said Norman. Head Coach Deb Thompson also seems optimistic about this year's team. She has three main goals for this season: "I want us to glorify God, do our best at whatever we do, and have fun."

By Michelle Grimm

A SAC softball player circles the bases at a home game.



A SAC tennis player reaches for the sky.



Aces Hang Together

"We all have a common goal and we'll all work together to get there," explained senior co-captain Brain Crosby. "We have a lot of new guys and we're coming together now. Hopefully we can work together to get to the next level."

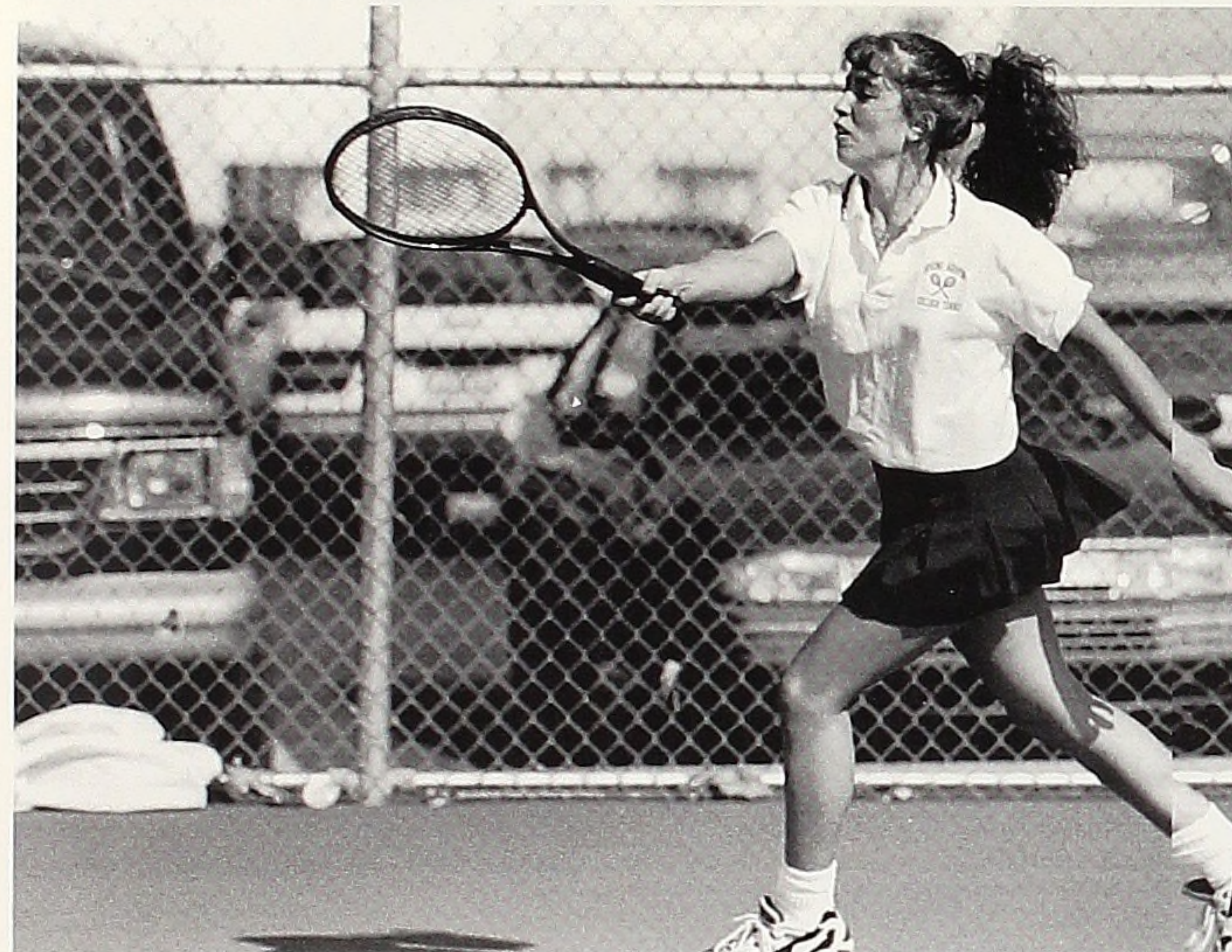
The aspects that possibly distinguishes them from other teams are their teamwork and mutual respect for each other. "We're a very tightknit team. They all root for each other," said Head Coach Terry Darling.

The team definitely notices a difference in this year's squad. "I've been told that this could be the best team in Spring Arbor history," said transfer freshman Matt Turner.

The team hopes to accomplish many things this year. "I think we have the talent to get to nationals," said Turner. "I believe it's possible for us to win the conference without losing a match."

By Michelle Grimm

Senior Jill Neuenschwander backhand shines while playing for her team at an SAC's home game.



SAC Points Loved

The Spring Arbor College Women's Tennis team works hard together. "The team is very close because we like each other's company," said Peggy Calderone, women's tennis coach. "We're like a family."

"The WHAC Conference has gotten tougher," said Calderone. "They've really stepped it up a level."

Confidence problems have effected this year's team as well. "I think we have a little lack of confidence and experience," said Senior Stephanie Geelhood.

"That's why this season has been so tough to take," Geelhood continues to serve as the team's leader. "Steph is such a good leader because she has so much tennis experience," said Calderone.

With an unbeaten record so far this season, Geelhood is in excellent position to win the WHAC championship for the fourth year in a row.

Geelhood wants the team to concentrate on more than just tennis, however. "I want us to represent SAC as a Christian school," said Geelhood. "Our attitudes need to show at all times that we are serving Christ."

A big change next year seems unavoidable. Seniors Joyelle Crownover,

Geelhood, and Jill Neuenschwander's tennis days are coming to a rapid end. The team will have to rely on juniors Kristy Aurand and Kristen Isbeque for leadership next year. The team will also rely on freshman Wendy Whitlock who has been a pleasant surprise for the team this year. "I love Wendy's 'freshman enthusiasm,'" said Calderone. "She is a real fighter."

Calderone has already found three soon-to-be freshmen to try to replace the departing seniors. "Recruiting fell right into place this year," said Calderone. "It doesn't always work that way so it's nice."

By Michelle Grimm

The baseball team swings to victory.



Hey Batter... Swing

Respect and comraderie can turn a group of good players into a great team. "This year's team respects one another for how they work, not just how they play," said Head Coach Burbridge.

After last year's disappointing finish, the team looks to improve on the 21-16 record. "Last year's team died out at the end of the season," said Burbridge.

Despite the rocky finish, Burbridge's record of 32 winning seasons in a row as the Cougars head coach remains unblemished.

After losing players such as Tom Wakefield and Eric Jacobs, now the team's assistant coaches, the Cougars have assembled yet another strong team. "We have a team full of hard workers," said senior first baseman Jeremy Patterson. "We have a lot of leadership returning."

One of the Cougar's greatest strengths lies in the diversity of their talent. The Cougars have outstanding players at every position. "We have developed a complete team," said Burbridge. "We are prepared in all facets of the game."

The team hopes to fulfill many goals this season. "I hope we can go to Nationals and make an impact," said Freshman third baseman Brandon Bell.

By Paul Bohms

Golfers Go Putt-Putt

O.K. so the Spring Arbor Golf Team didn't win the Masters by a record breaking 18 under par like Tiger but they play with the same drive to win.

The golf team is currently ranked 25th in the nation. "We got off to a slow start because of the bad weather that we have had," said Jason Swihart a junior at SAC. "Of the five people that qualify for a match, we can never get five solid games," said Jason.

Even though they are off to a slow

start, the team remains optimistic. "We have an advantage because our size helps us hit it long," said Jeff Swihart, a Sophomore at SAC.

The team goals this year include defending their Christian National Championship and winning regionals again this year. The team hopes to play well and enter the regional tournament in May with the momentum that they need to win.

By Paul Bohms



Golfers wish to swing there way to victory.

Practice makes perfect...so perfect the Men's Golf Team will be.



Men Run Away

The Spring Arbor Men's Track team is off to a running start. The outdoor season began Saturday with the WHAC Outdoor Meet. They finished fourth overall and qualified four runners for the Christian National Meet.

Senior Jeremy Nussbaum has also qualified for the 100-meter and 200-meter runs. Coach Bippes said, "Jeremy Nussbaum is an outstanding runner."

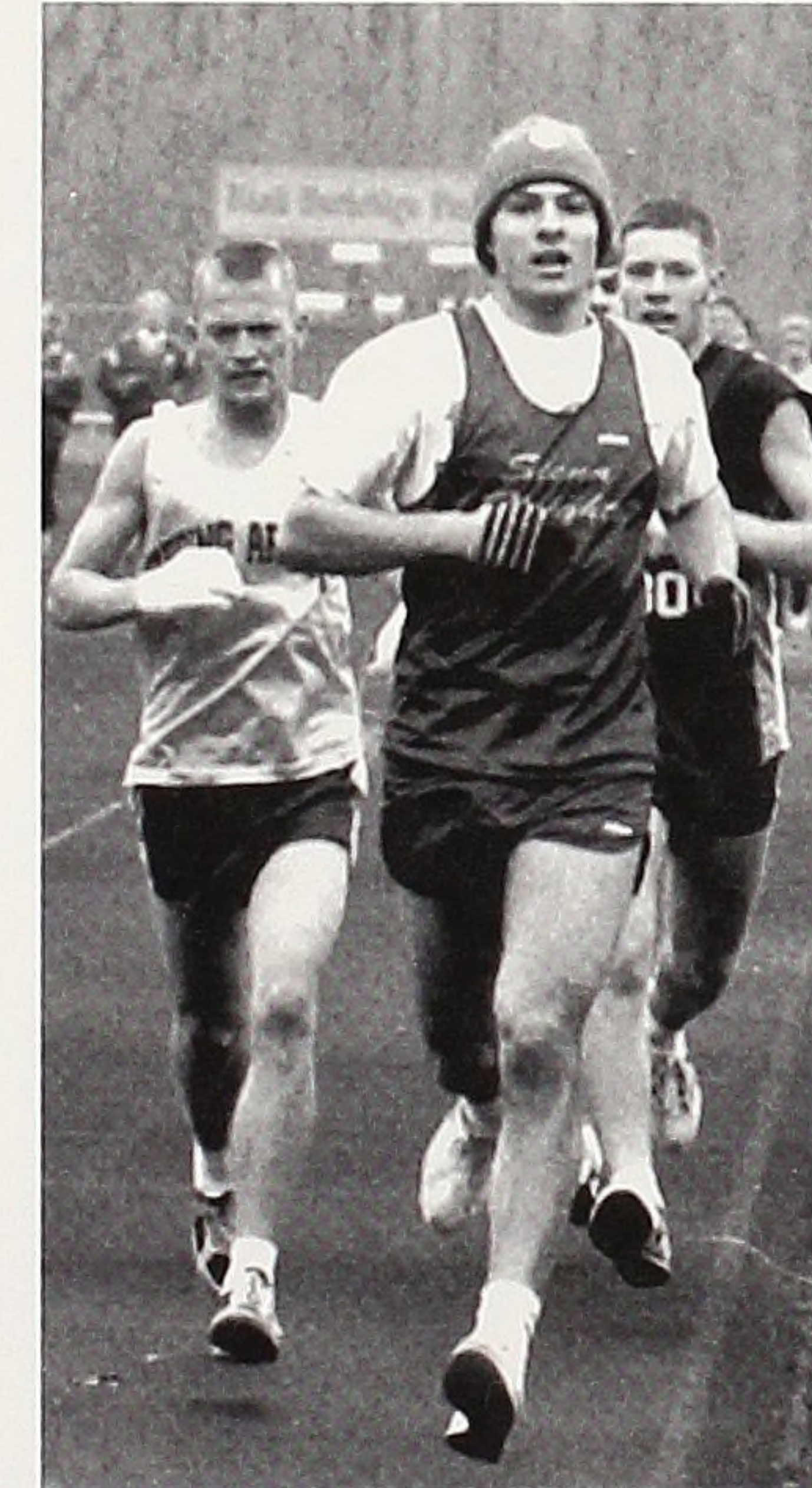
A back injury sidelined junior Casey Turner this season. "It was a hard loss for the team because Casey was an important member," said Coach Bippes. Despite being red-shirted this season, Turner should be able to rejoin the team for his senior year.

"Overall the men are bonding well as a team," said Bippes. Freshmen Nathan Harbottle, Josh Roley, Jason Norman, and Dave Wilhite are all taking on a lot of responsibility for the team's successes. "They have really stepped up and are working hard," said Bippes.

By Paul Bohms

Women Run Like Hare

"We're going to surprise a lot of people," said Head Coach Bill Bippes Jr. Spring Arbor Women's track team began their season at home on Saturday with a third place finish at the WHAC Outdoor Championships.



Men move in on the competition.

The cold, rainy weather did little to dampen the spirits of the determined team. The women recorded several key victories, including a record-setting 3,000 meters by Sophomore Kelli DeCamp. DeCamp broke the record she set last year by a full 15 seconds. Freshman Andrea VanderHorst tore up the field by winning the high jump, 100 hurdles and 400 hurdles. VanderHorst proved to be the most consistent athlete for Spring Arbor by placing in all six events she competed in. Junior Kim Sturm continues to be a leader for this young team by winning the shot-put.

One factor that hindered the women is the enormous amount of injuries. Key freshmen Carrie Burger and Lanette Mossolle were unable to compete at the WHAC meet due to injuries. Freshman Jenny Harper suffered a season-ending injury and has been red-shirted for the season. Harper practices with the team, but is unable to compete. "I wish we had 30 of her," said Bippes about Harper. "She never gives up or gives into pain."

Despite the amount of injuries, the team's numbers grew this year. "There are a lot more people this year," said sophomore distance runner Hilary Green. "With a bigger team, we have enough for relays."

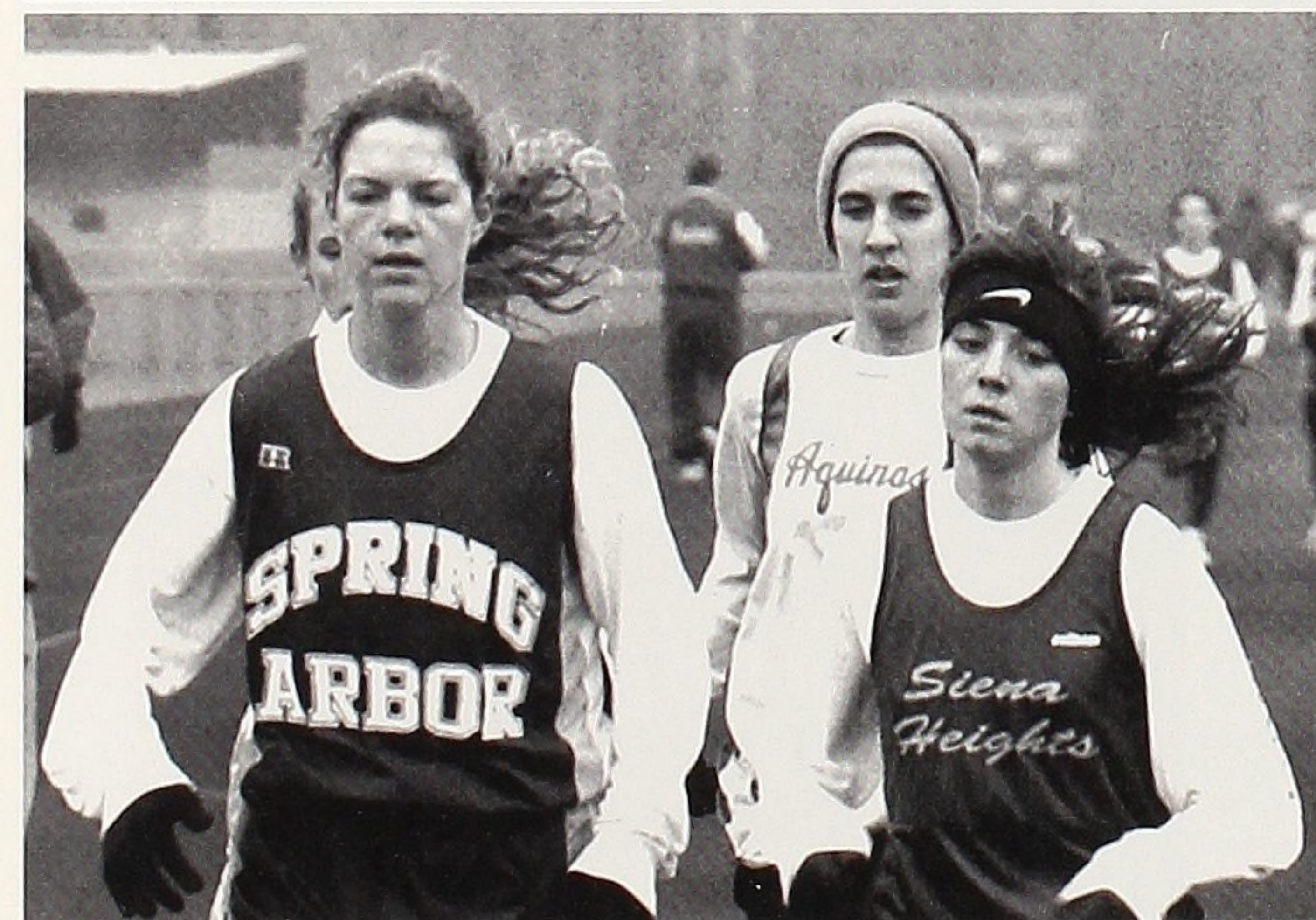
Many of Bippes' goals hinge on the Christian Nationals meet later this season. "One of my goals is for the team to do well at Christian Nationals," said Bippes. "We finished seventh last year and I'd like to be in the top four this year."

Fifteen out of the seventeen team members have already qualified for Christian Nationals. Junior Kim Sturm has won the shot-put at Nationals the past two years and hopes to continue her streak over the next two years, winning the title four consecutive years.

Bippes' main goals are not competition-related at all, however. "My main goals are for the team to stay focused and put God first," said Bippes. "I want the team to be whole individuals through a combination of sports and academics."

The WHAC Conference Meet on Saturday was Spring Arbor's only home meet this season.

By Michelle Grimm



Track runners keep pushing to faster paces.

Inter-Faith Shelter Gives Help, Hope

Volunteers make Inter-Faith ministry possible.

Walking through the door into Inter-Faith shelter, one would not expect to hear children's laughter, but that's the sound that greets you, because many families call this home.

"We take care of one another," said Cheryl Cox, a current Inter-Faith resident. Resident Michael Lewis said, "It's a place where people can come to get away from their problems." Some of these include drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, job loss, and personal difficulty. One of the problems Lewis won't have to worry about anymore is loneliness. Lewis and Cox met at the shelter a year and a half ago and are now engaged to be married.

Inter-Faith provides shelter and food for anyone in need. It helps residents find housing and become independent again. Last year the shelter provided meals for over 61,000 people and lodging for over 5,000.

Assistant manager Martha Moten is on her eleventh year at the shelter and said, "I have a lot of respect for (the residents), because it could have been me." Since 1974, she feels they have succeeded in keeping approximately 2,000 residents from returning. When asked about the goal of Inter-Faith, Moten stated, "My goal is to see them off of drugs, in their own place, and responsible for their children—to live like human beings."

Inter-Faith Shelter acquires their

funding by donation. People can give food, clothing, money, or time. Almost every day, a group or organization comes and serves at least one meal. Jim Thompson is a Spring Arbor College student and an Inter-Faith employee. "It's a place to get to know people, to share my faith with people," he said.

Thompson feels the shelter is like a crutch for some. For the few people it does help, there are others that take advantage of its services. Inter-Faith has realized this and now has limits on how long people can stay. Jackson county residents are allowed to live at the shelter for 90 days while out-of-county residents can stay for two weeks. The lodgers agree to work two hours a day cleaning tables, sweeping floors, or other chores while staying at the facility.

Inter-Faith owns 14 rental homes for various families, with the most expensive apartments costing \$300 a month. They plan to add housing for 32 extra people during the summer of 1997. The project, originally slated for January, was pushed back due to a lack of funds.

"It's a challenge," Moten said, "but if you've got the Lord on your side, you'll be able to make it."

By Dawn A. S. Williams



Clothing, time and money are just some of the things needed by Inter-Faith Shelter.



The shelter offers Jackson area residents a place to rest.



Women and children are among those most affected by homelessness.



No matter where home is children need to play.



Taking out the trash and wiping down tables are just two of the jobs residents volunteer for at the shelter.

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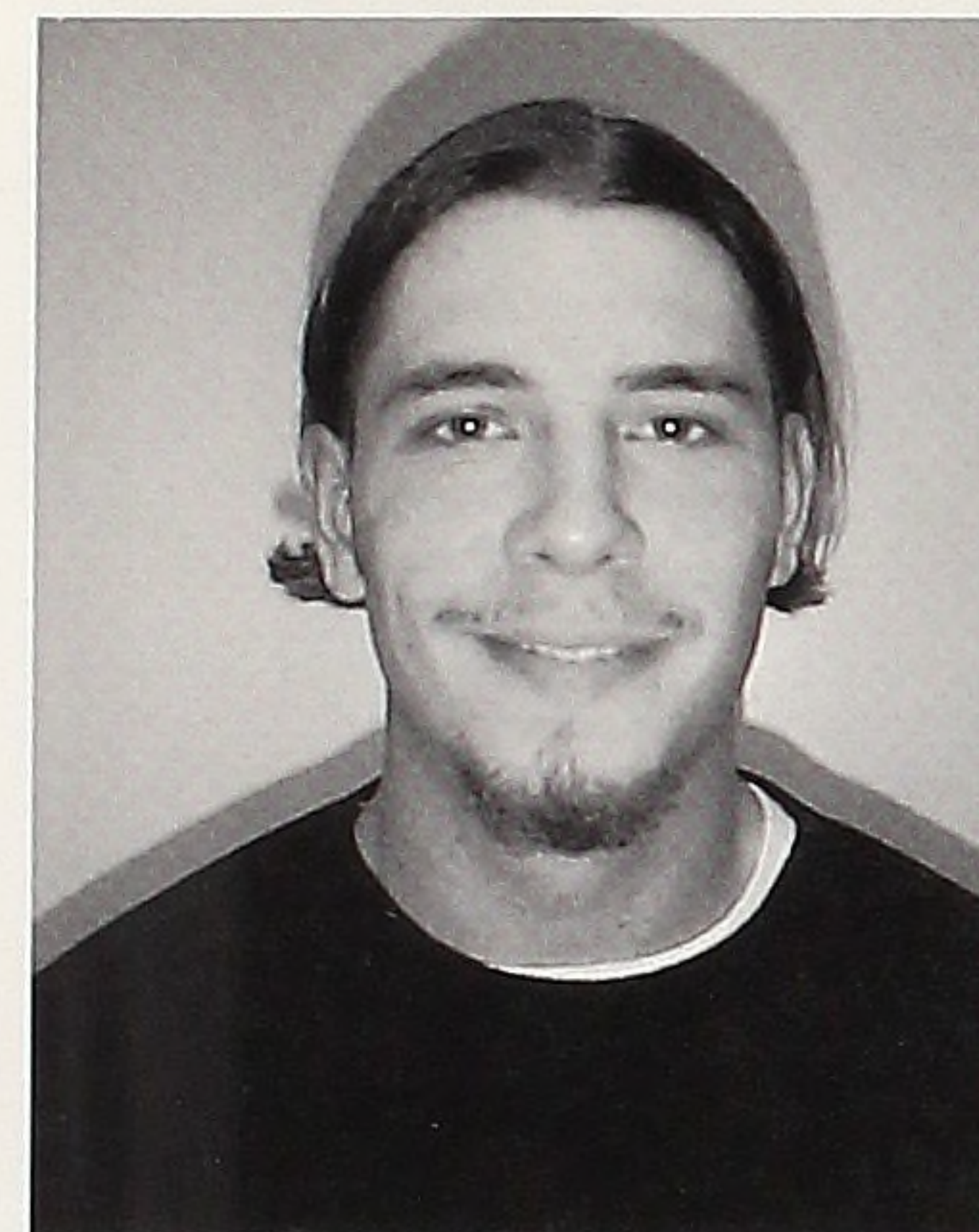
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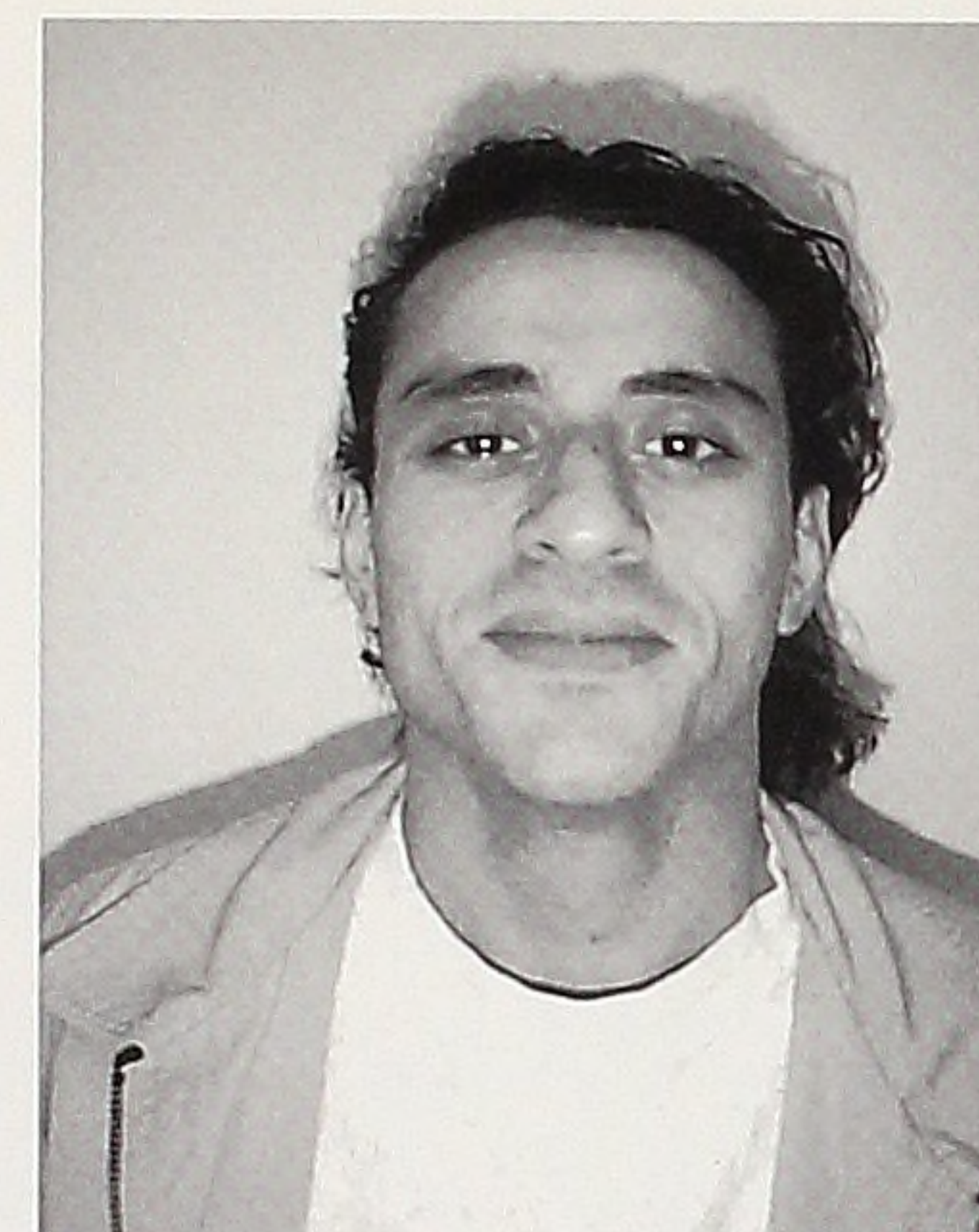
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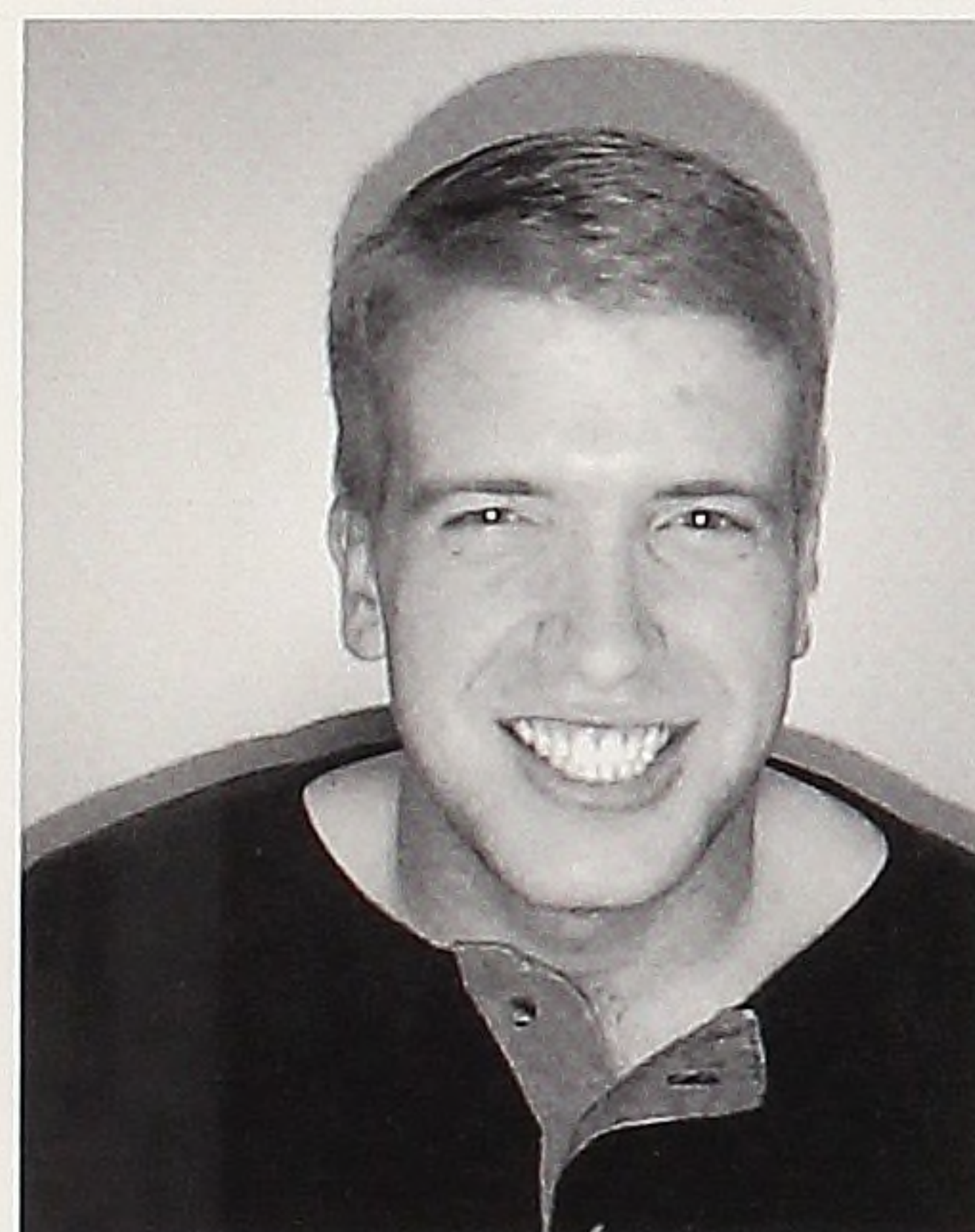
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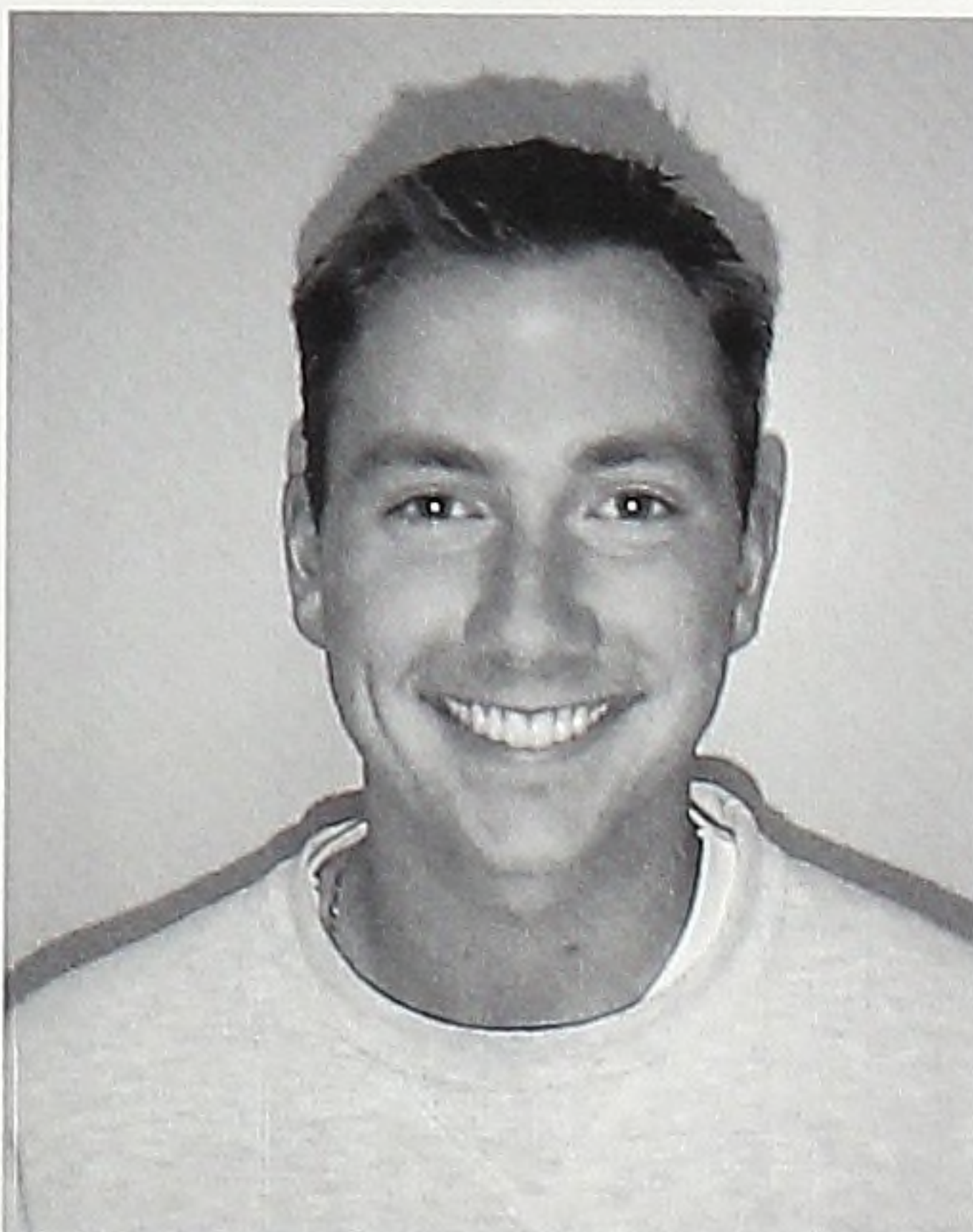
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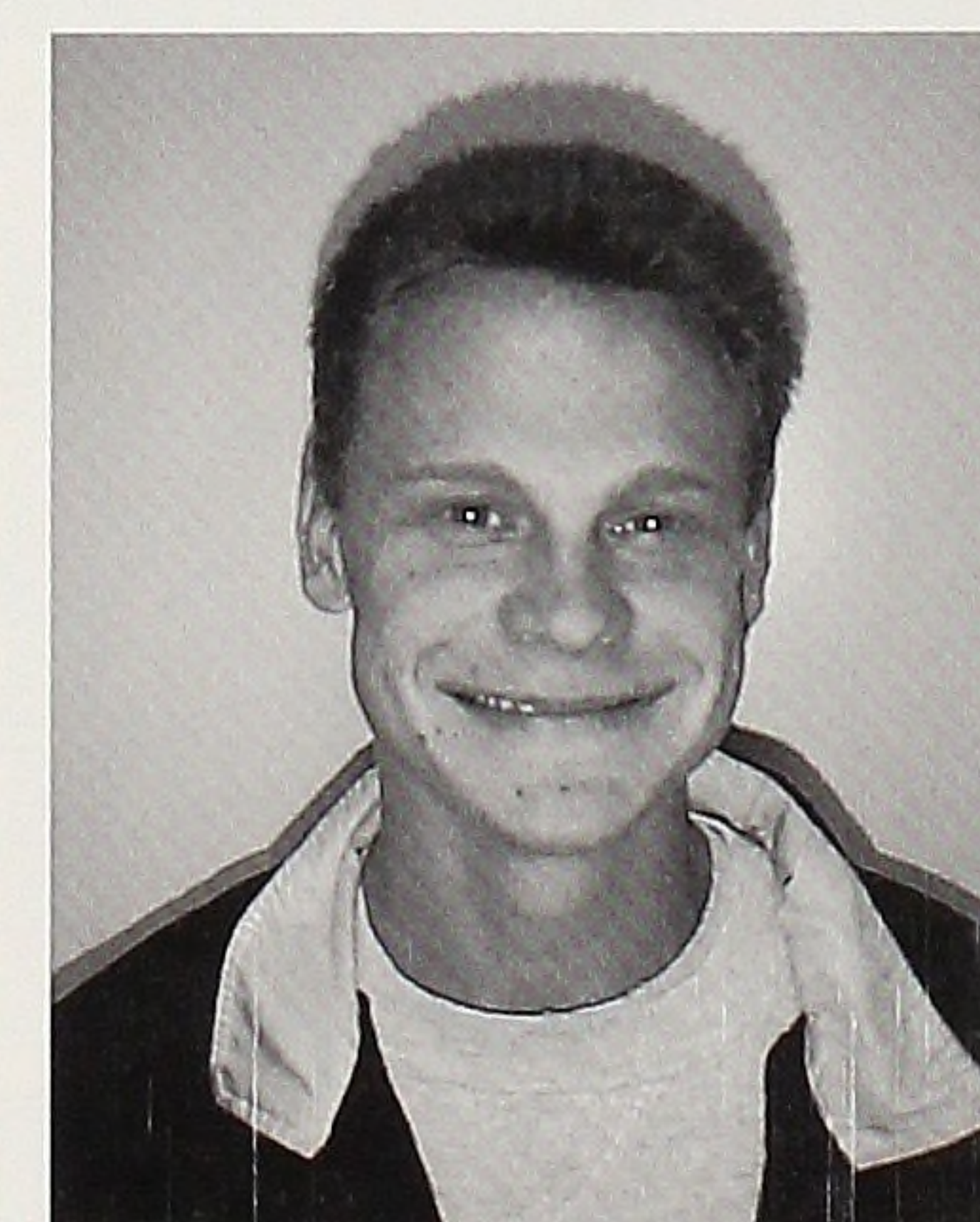
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Heather Davey



Kendi DeCamp



Jeff Dietz

*What will you
remember most about
Spring Arbor College
in 15 years?*

The "community..."

My wonderful Christian bosses in
the Career Center and the
bookstore...

The great teachers I have met here:
the ones who teach not just
academics, but what life is all
about...

Choir tours...especially my
freshman year to Florida. Without
that tour I would have become a
completely different person...

Good times I had with my friends...

The teachers...

The athletic programs...

A Christian atmosphere...

The Bubble and Beyond

A 63-year old woman became a mother for the first time when she gave birth, to a daughter conceived by in-vitro fertilization, by Caesarian section. The woman lied about her age when she entered the reproduction program. Her 80-year old mother now helps care for the girl.

Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, is stepping down from his position this September. He helped mobilize millions of evangelical, conservative Christians into a powerful political force.

A fire broke out in a Saudi Arabian tent camp, killing 343 people. Two million Muslims were making a pilgrimage to Mecca. This ritual has been practiced for centuries.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich was fined \$300,000. An ethics committee found him guilty of providing false tax information. Gingrich is the first House speaker in U.S. history to be punished by a formal vote on misconduct.

A partial lunar eclipse and the red planet Mars had to share the night sky with Comet Hale-Bopp. When Mars became visible, the comet passed Earth at its closest point—123 million miles away.

Peruvian troops stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima and freed 72 hostages after 126 days in captivity. Fourteen rebel members died in the raid.

Capt. Craig Button disappeared for 18 days in an A-10 attack jet after veering off-course during a routine training mission in Arizona. Plane wreckage, along with Button's remains, were located in the Rocky Mountains.

Tiger Woods made history in Augusta as the first black player to win a major golf championship. The 21-year old also became the youngest Masters champion ever.

A California company illegally sold Mexican-grown strawberries to the nation's school lunch program. They are being blamed for an outbreak of Hepatitis A among 187 Michigan students.

The trial of Timothy McVeigh began in Denver, CO. for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Powerful eye witness testimony is expected to last several months, and the FBI's crime lab has come under scrutiny for its handling of the evidence. McVeigh could face the death penalty.

Student Association sponsored an evening coffee house full of food, coffee, and entertainment. Mitch McVicker traveled all the way from Arizona to share his message of love with the Spring Arbor College community. He combined his guitar and harmonica skills with some thought provoking conversation.



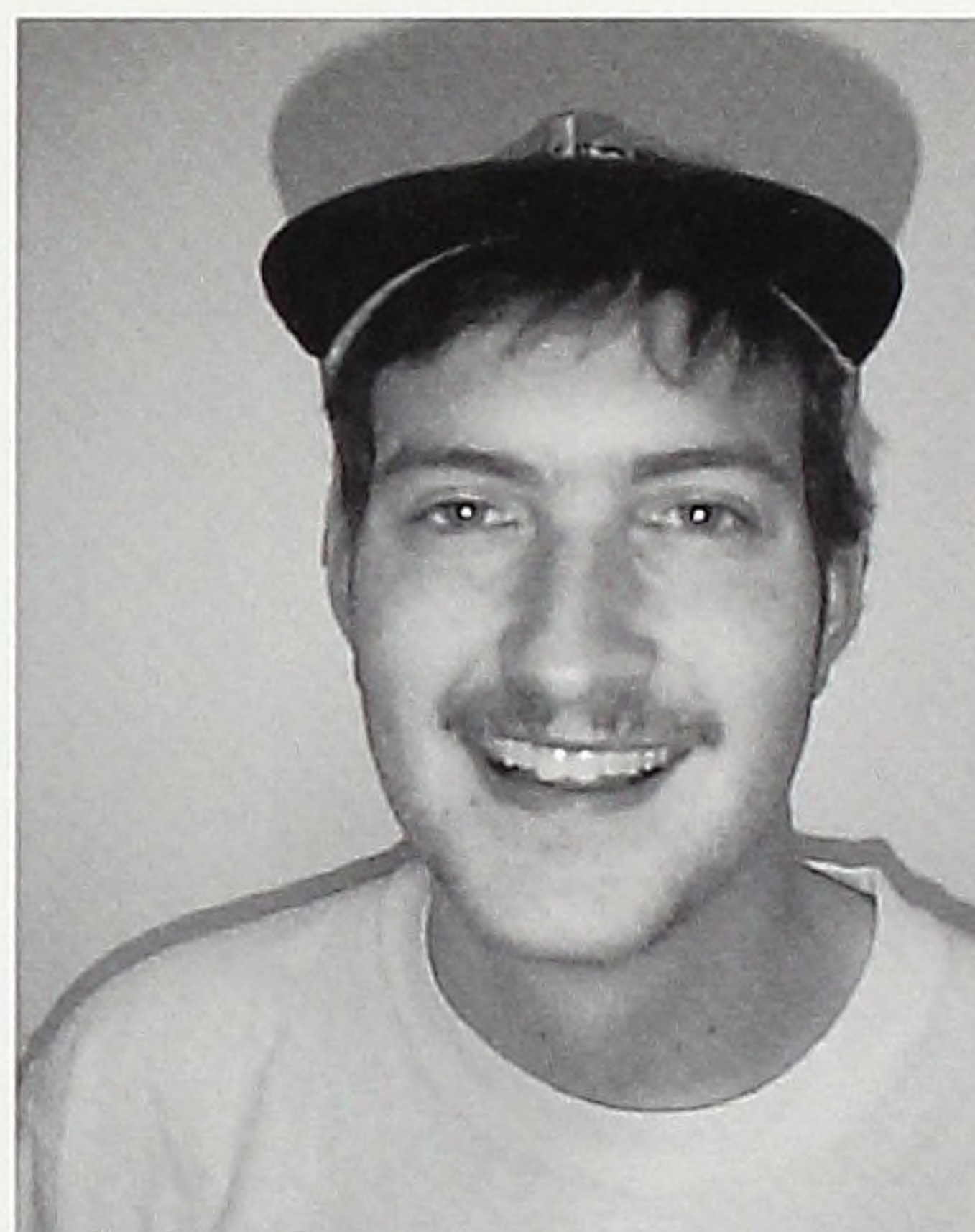
Several students spent Spring Break '97 traveling to places like New Mexico, Arizona, New York City, and Mexico as members of different missions teams. While each group did a lot of manual labor, they were able to see the sights and make new friends. In return, they were given the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and learn about unconditional love first-hand.

Spring Arbor was hit by a major ice storm, leaving thousands of people in Lower Michigan without power. SAC cancelled classes for the first time in 19 years because of downed electrical lines and hazardous traveling conditions.

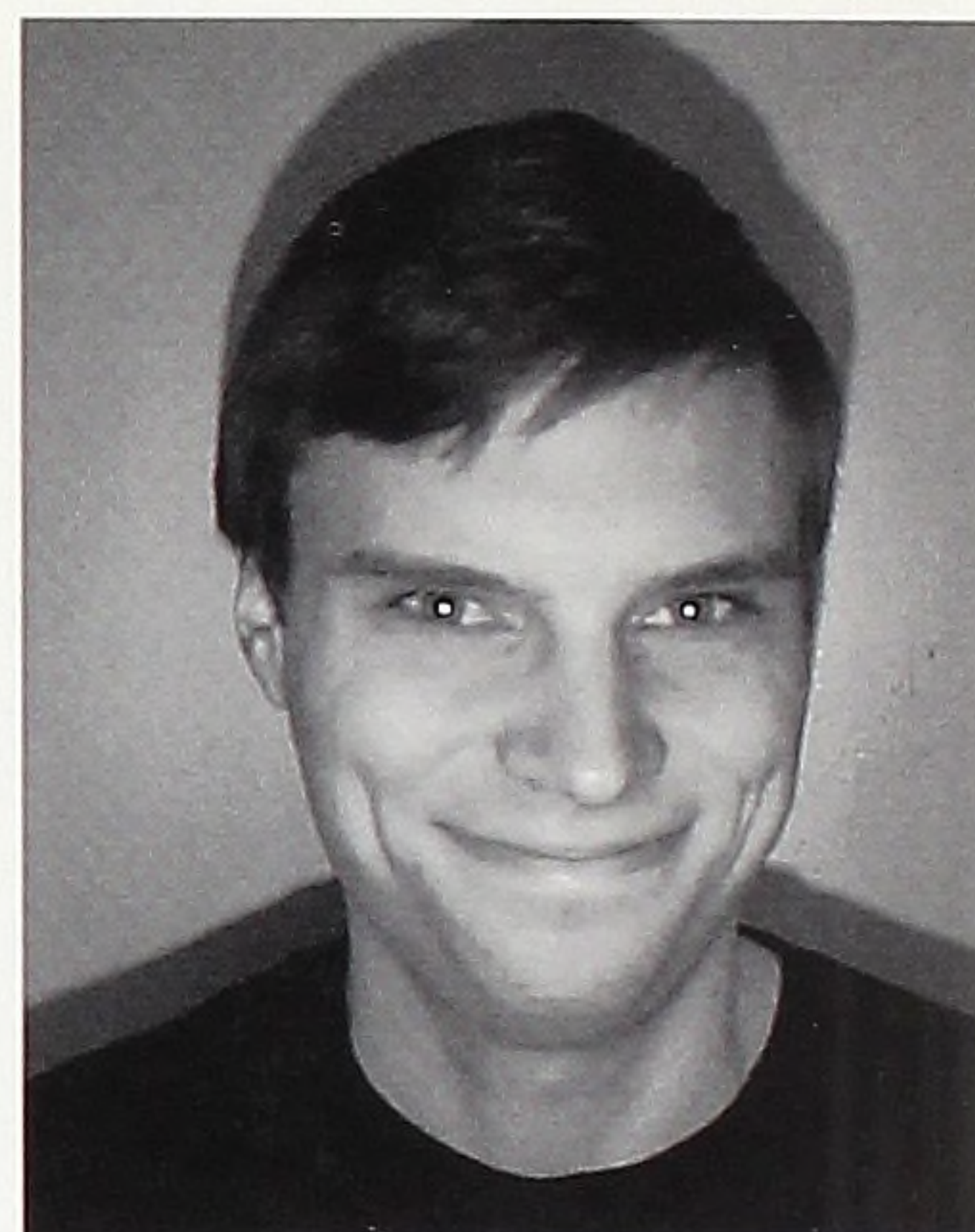
The SAC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers traveled around the state of Michigan for its annual spring tour. Assistant Professor of Music Brian Walrath led the group of 54 students in a series of 13 performances in various churches and schools.



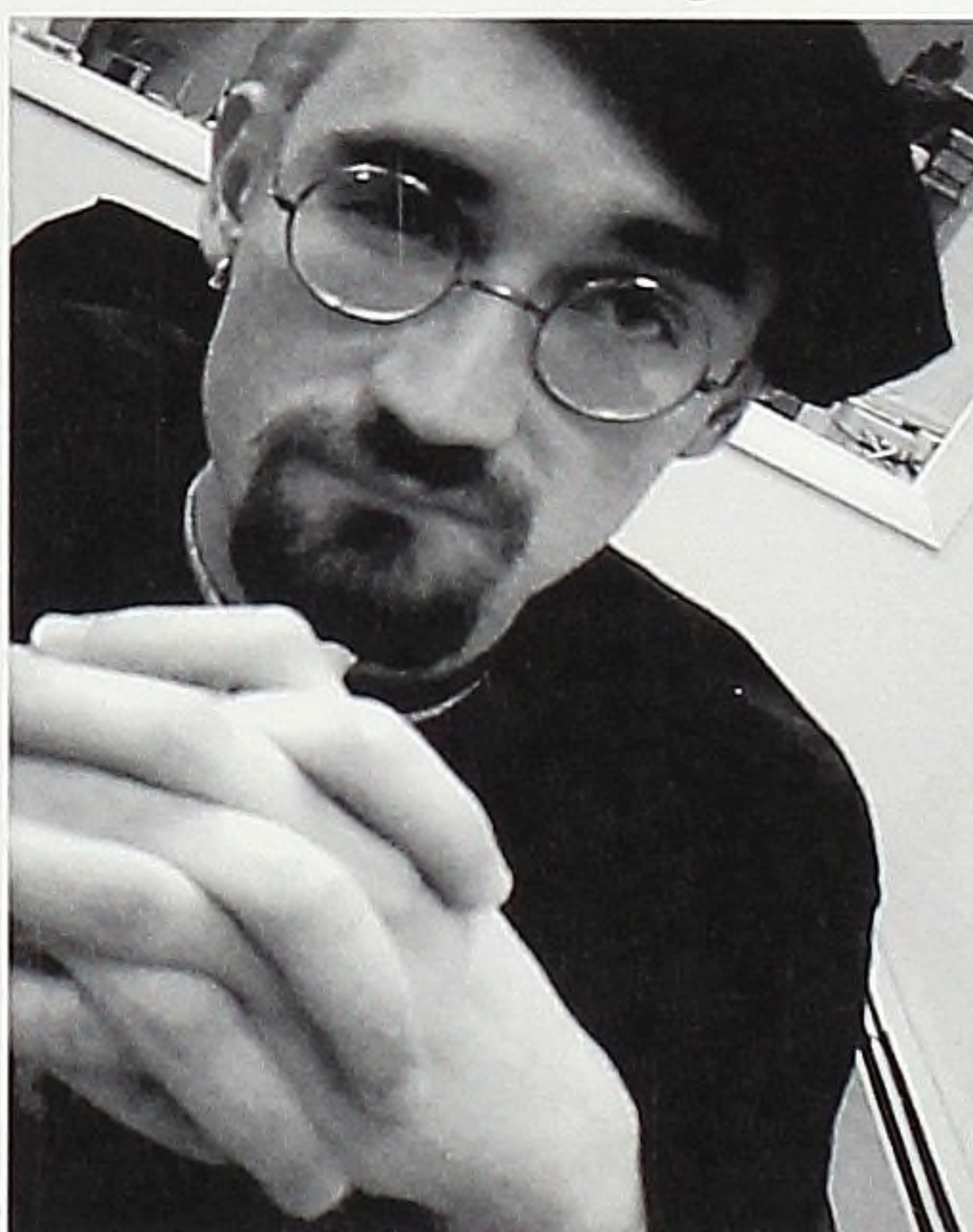
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Jennifer Dumont



Jason Engle



Stephanie Geelhood



Michele Gray



Mandi Green



Paula Hansen



Jodi Johnson



Kevin Kilgore

What professor has the biggest heart?

Marsha Daigle...good listener.

Paul Nemecek...has a heart for students.

MaryDarling...great Christian.

Dr. Eells...cracks jokes in class.

Dr. Johnson...encouraging

Dr. Campbell...very patient.

1997



Allison Kirby



Nathan Kopek



Emily Laverley



Lisa Layson

*What is the one thing
you couldn't have done
without at college?*

Best friends and my teddy bear...

Financial aid...

My car and a telephone...

The strength of God...

My computer and e-mail account...



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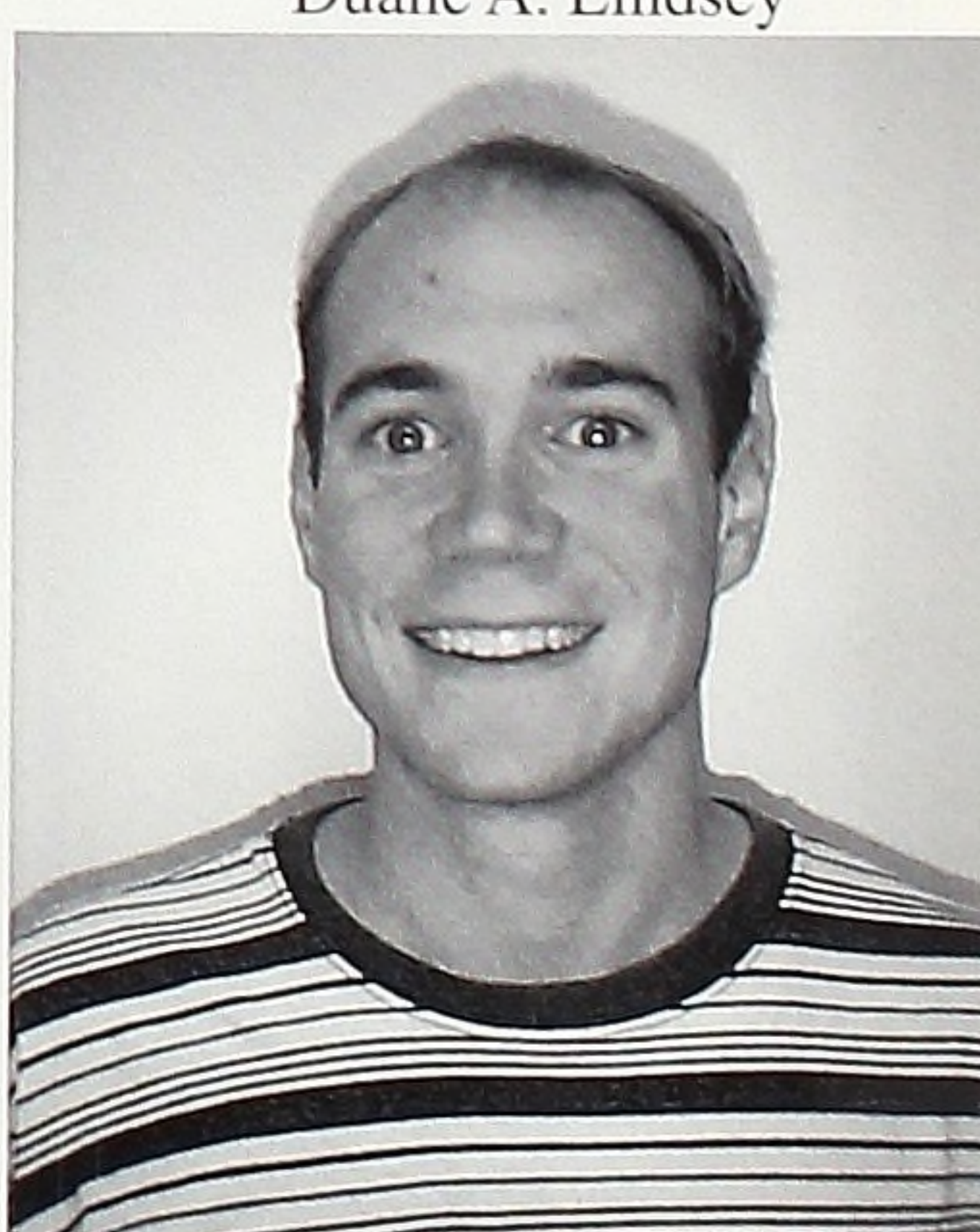
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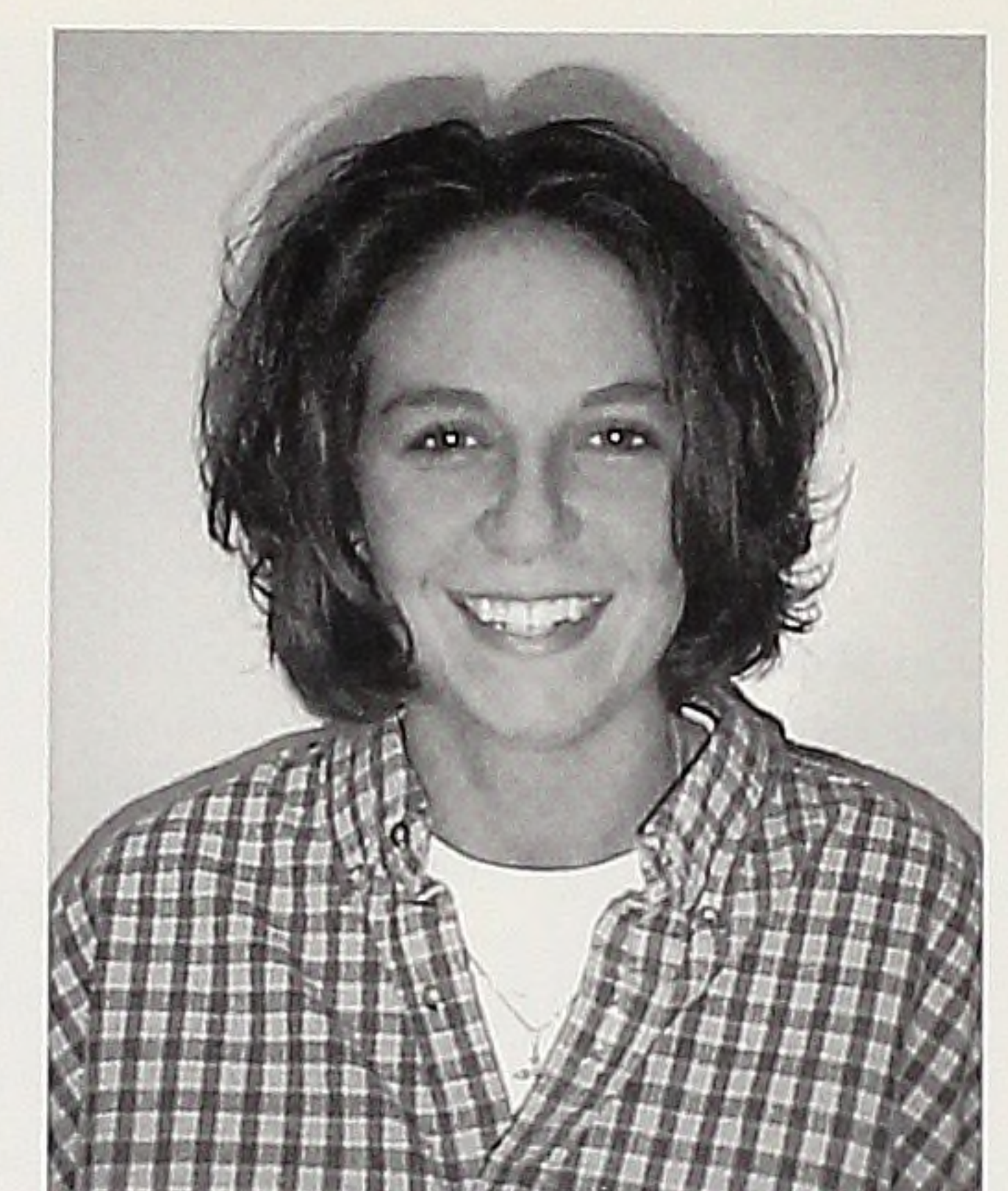
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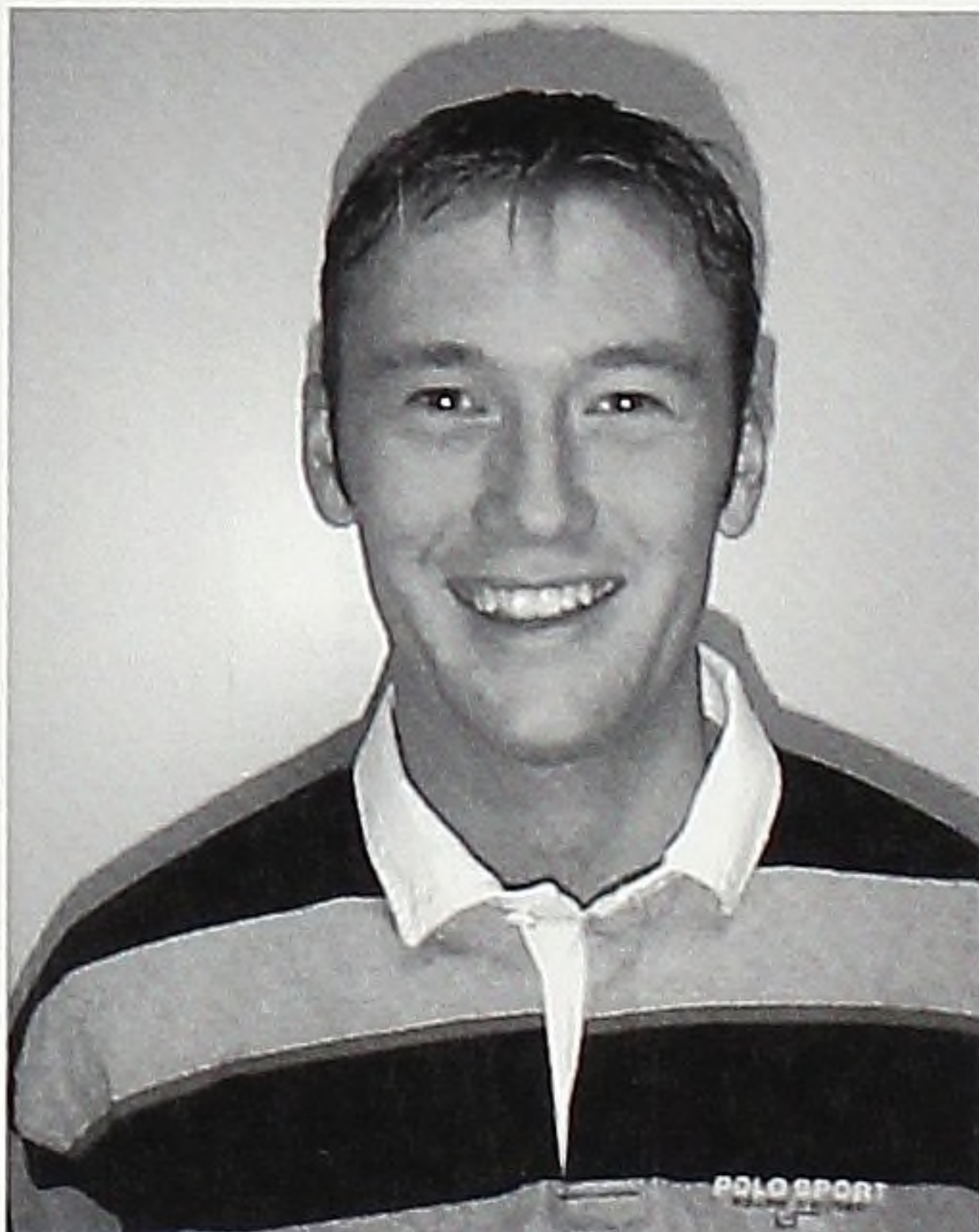
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Carmen Williams



Bethany Willick



Karen Wylie



Amity Wyma



Angie Zimmerman

If you could have one wish for the future, what would it be?

To live a happy life and become a good witness for Christ...

Continuing my education because I like to know things...

Pay off my loans...

To see where I will be in four years from now...

To know God's will...

To be married with lots of children so that I may train them in the Lord...

My dreams and plans come true...

To be a loving spouse...

To do everything to the best of my ability and honor God in all of it...

To teach what I have learned through personal experience to others...

Students Learn to Teach

Education Department Still Growing at SAC

One of Spring Arbor College's goals is to shape students into "lifelong learners" who not only receive a degree in their chosen field, but become well-rounded individuals who will continue to grow in all areas of life.

One of the best ways to learn is to teach, so it's not surprising SAC's education department is so important. "We are trying to help students connect with a practical and strategic approach to teaching methods," said Assistant Professor of Developmental Education Carolee Hamilton. The education department is constantly changing because of new teaching styles and ideas. The attitude toward lecturing is one trend that has changed dramatically; studies show group work is often more effective than lecturing.

Teaching trends are not the only changes over the past few years. The education program at SAC has recently grown from a department into a School. This is due to the availability of two masters degrees, including master of Arts and Teaching, and master of Arts and Education. The programs are only two years old, but are growing fast. Approximately 500 student enrolled when the program was offered last summer. "The program has grown mostly by word of mouth," said David Hamilton, Dean of the School of Education. "We've spent very little on advertising. One teacher goes through our program, likes it, and tells other teachers. Most teachers like the fact that we teach things that are practical, things they can go out and use the next day in their classrooms."

Students like the education program at SAC for different reasons. "It's one of the best, and I know they have a good placement rate," stated sophomore Amanda Grams. "I also like the fact that at SAC you're able to have more of a personal standpoint with the professors." Senior Jason Bailey adds, "The professors are friendly and helpful. They really try to work with schedules and are there to help if there's a problem." Freshman Kirstin Young said,

"They are accredited with NCAT as well as North Central licensing, and it's reciprocal with Indiana. That way I only have to take the state boards to teach in my home state."

When choosing a college to attend, there are a wide range of things students look for, and find, at SAC. Young said, "I think the Christian background here is important. I want to know how I can incorporate those values into my teaching even in a public school." Grams was looking for "a small college with nice scenery and good credibility." Hamilton added, "SAC students have Christian character to offer. That can often be a big help when it comes to dealing with big issues."

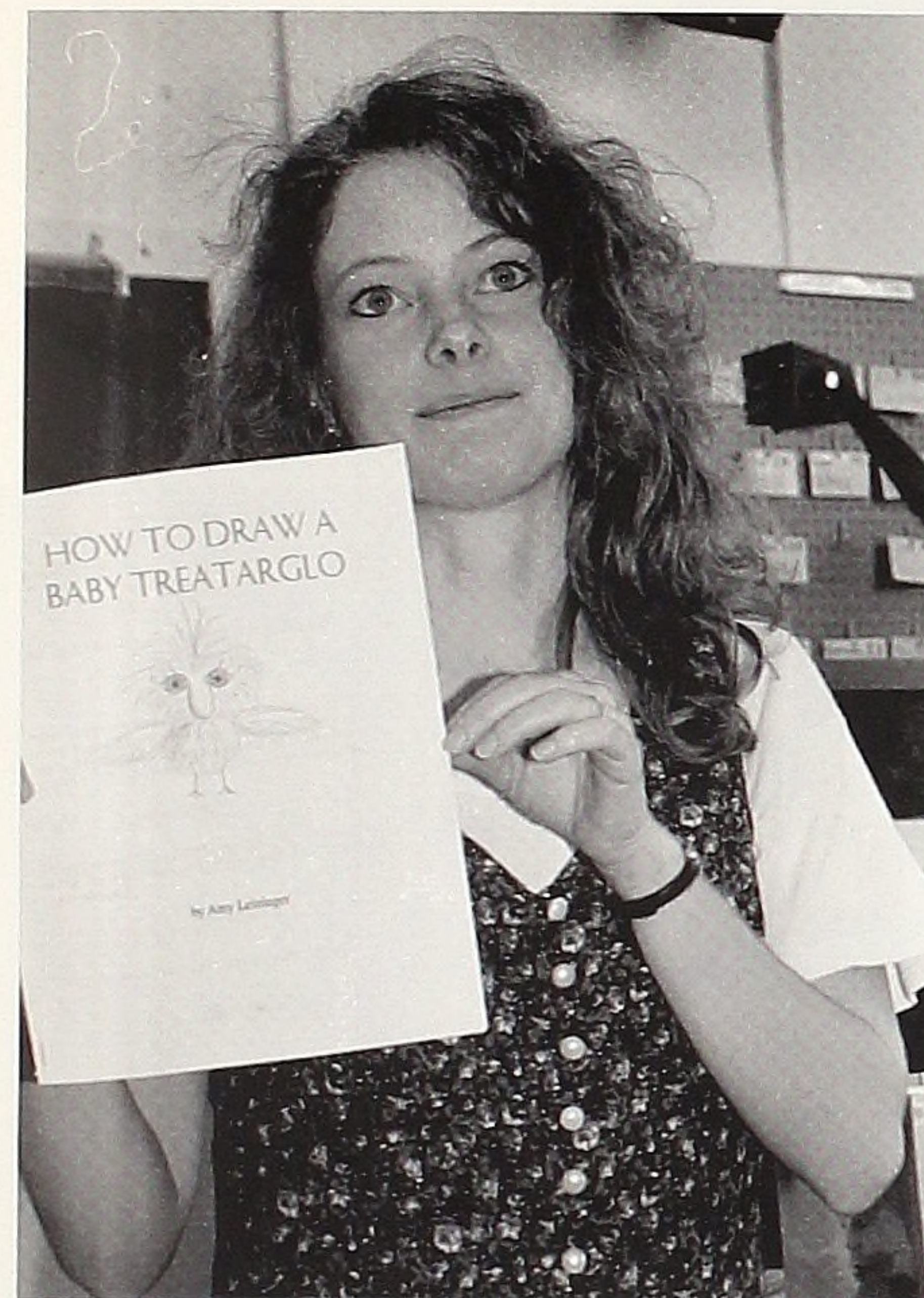
The School of Education's placement rate is high for a couple reasons. "We try to keep up with what is currently working in classrooms and we have good, caring faculty," stated Hamilton. "Also, I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that the

students go out embodying the SAC concept, and with the confidence that they have been well trained. That comes across in the schools they go to. We have teachers tell us that our students seem more experienced and more prepared to handle situations than most student teachers."

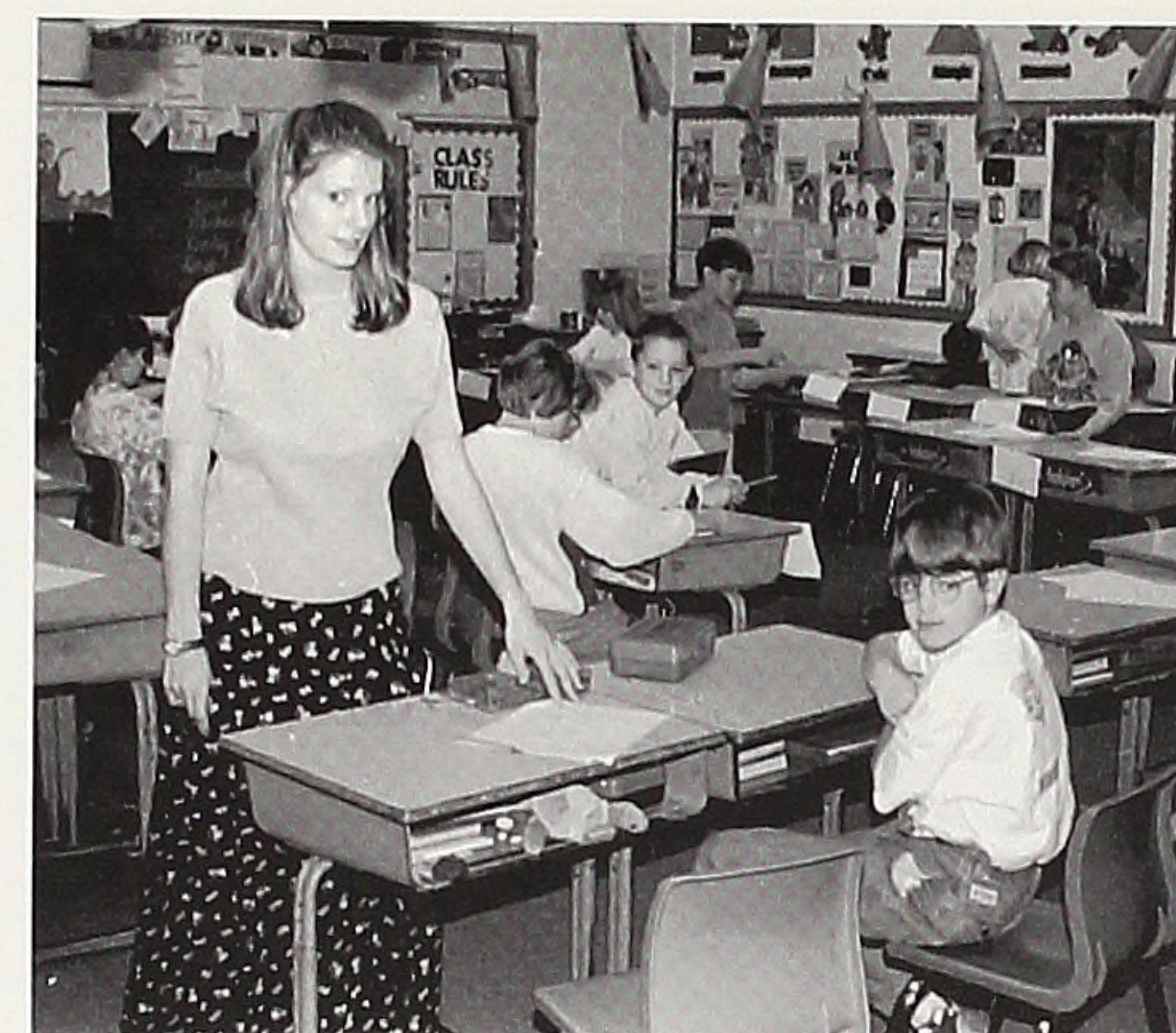
Some of the goals the education program would like to meet in the future include more sight-based courses. This would allow students to observe the lessons they are taught in an actual classroom setting. There is also a desire for the Masters program to be expanded into the Alternative Education centers around the Great Lakes area. "We would like to expand our masters program to our other branches, but we want to keep the quality that we have here in Spring Arbor," said Hamilton.

By Rachel Smith

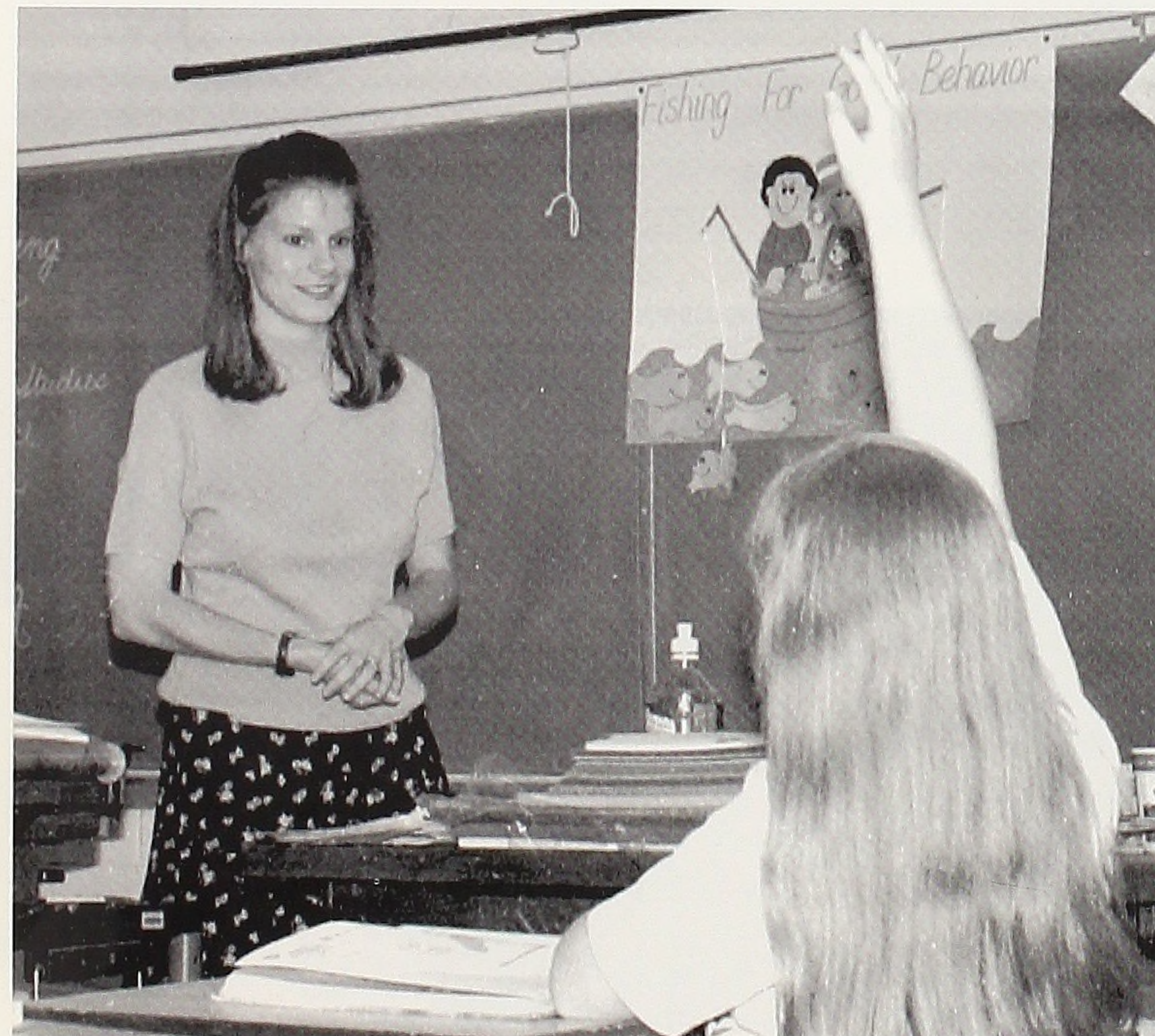
Before heading out to teach, SAC students spend plenty of time in the classroom.



Students get hands-on experience with lesson planning and creativity.



SAC education students spend 120 hours in classrooms observing before they begin student teaching.



Teaching is a continuous education; as the teacher instructs, they learn themselves.

Generation SAC

Dr. Chapman Is Here to Stay

Spring Arbor College Completes Presidential Search

What do you do when the college president resigns? Form a committee, of course!

When President Carden announced his resignation in April of 1996, fourteen Board of Trustee members, led by Harold Munn, formed the Presidential Search Committee.

The college was placed under the direction of Interim President Dr. James Chapman.

In December of 1996, applicants were selected for a preliminary interview. Applicants were chosen according to the Presidential Profile; a successful candidate would have educational leadership, executive leadership, advancement leadership, developmental research and spiritual leadership.

A candidate was selected to meet with students at the end of February 1997, but withdrew before the meeting could occur. The candidate was eliminated not because

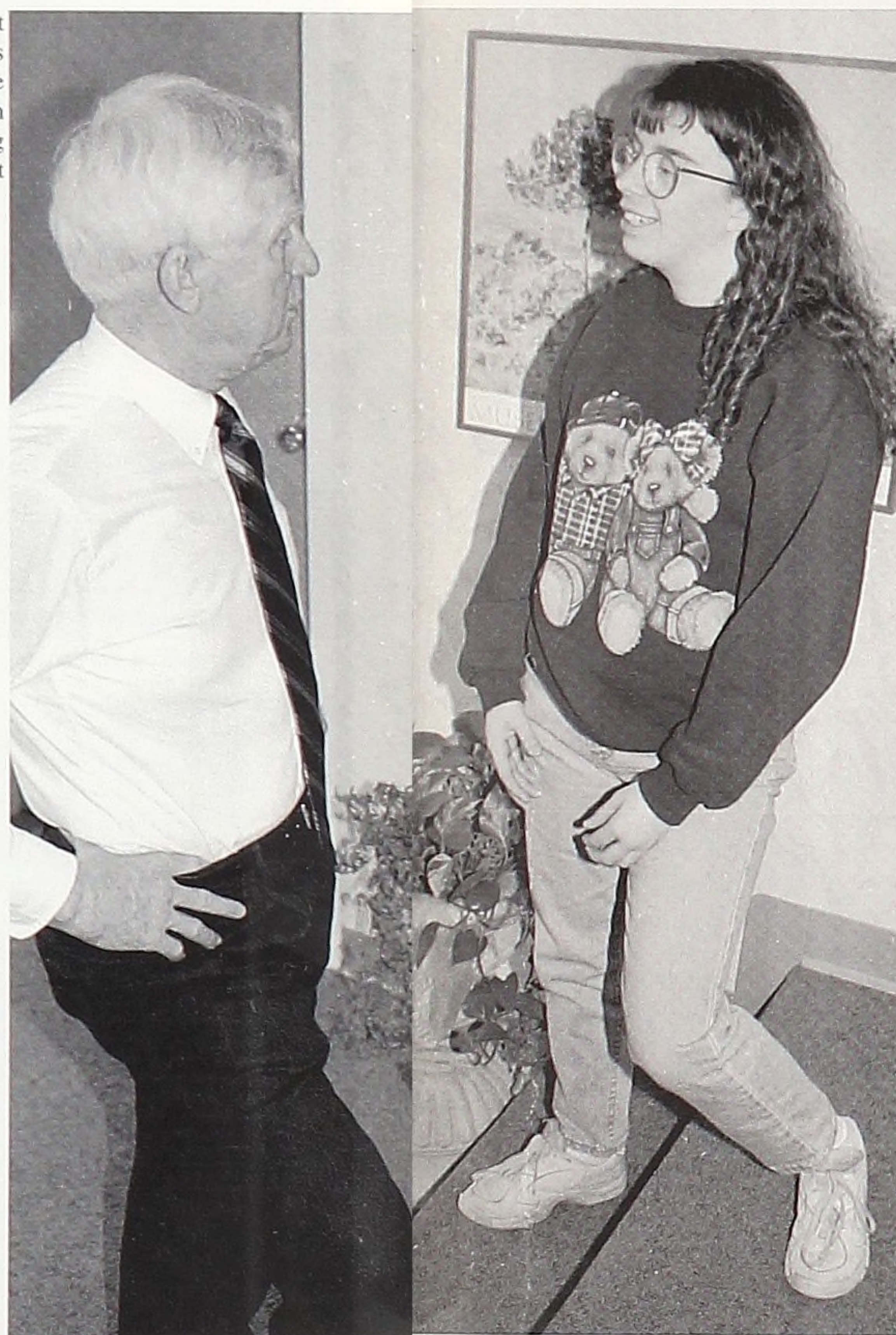
of moral concerns, but due to "circumstances arose that eliminated the person from the process," said Harold Munn. Interim President Chapman denied rumors that he was a candidate. He confirmed he "is not and will not be considered."

The committee continued to search for a candidate who demonstrated personal integrity, academic achievement and intellectual maturity.

After the presidential search recommenced, Chapman accepted the office on March 3. His inauguration is scheduled for May 25, during the Baccalaureate service.

By Charity Smith

President Chapman steps out of his office to speak with students passing through Muffitt Hall.



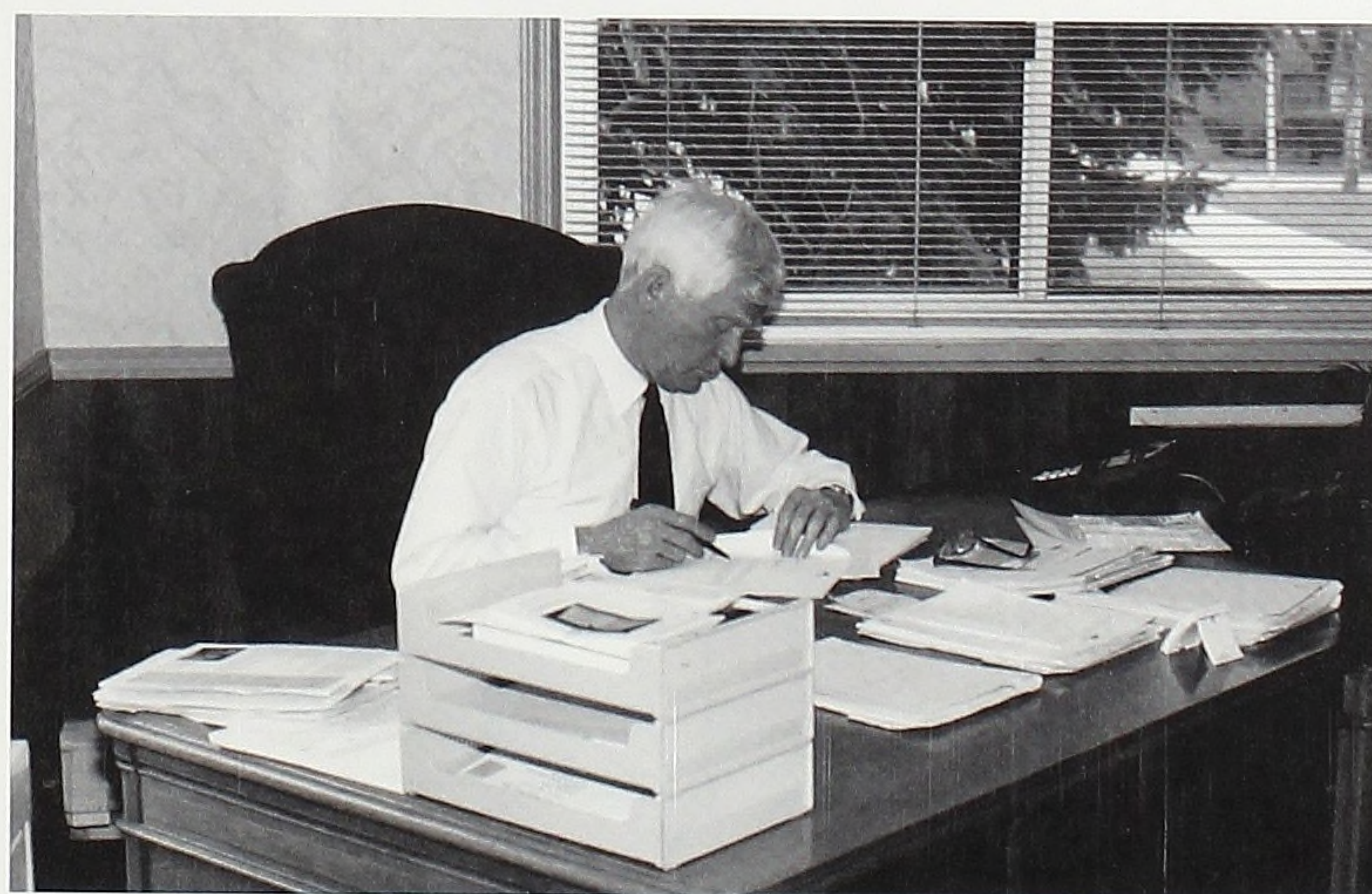
Duties keep President Chapman inside even when it is nice and sunny outside.

Students gathered April 25 for an evening of food and fun with President and Mrs. Chapman.



Facts about President Chapman

- graduated from SA High School in 1951
- met his wife before graduating from SA Junior College in 1954
- between 1956 and 1967 he was Dean of Men, Officer of Church Relations, an admissions worker, and Dean of Students here at SAC
- other jobs held: associate dean of students at the University of Iowa, president of the West Liberty State College in West Virginia, an educational consultant, president of a securities corporation, and independent contractor and investor
- his likes are southern gospel and country music, southern fried chicken, grits, and catfish
- began presidency at SAC in August of 1996



President Chapman sits in on a chapel service featuring speaker Brenda Salter McNeil.



The Boys Are Back

Ormston Carries On Porchfest Tradition

Right: Claude (Doug Reed), henchman to Super Geze's archrival, spends his leisure time working on his muscles.

It's spring once again. Time for robins, picnics, flowers, and of course, Ormston Porchfest. To most people around here, Porchfest is a time to kick back, relax, and watch Ormston go nuts.

The first Ormston Porchfest was held spring of '82. Then-Resident Director Roger Varland wanted to do something to involve not just floors, but the whole dorm. It began as a movie night, but the second year the powers-that-be decided to add a variety show, and invite the whole campus. It hasn't changed much over the years, except to grow and become one of the years' biggest events.

The participants provide the entertainment, such as skits, live bands, lip synching, and belching contests. Then there's the Car stuff: when they find a really small car and stuff as many people as they can inside it.

"It's a time when people can kinda throw off some of their inhibitions and let loose," says senior Jason Bailey. "I mean, how often can you see people dressed up like 'Kiss' except at Porchfest?"

"It's a real classy event," says former RD Dan Vanderhill, as he laughingly recalls when Chad Cole won the belch-off by burping the entire alphabet.

Under Vanderhill's direction, Porchfest added a new tradition: the Ormston Family Singers. "I don't think anyone who saw it will ever forget the sight of Dan Vanderhill in a dress singing 'So Long, Farewell,' or Robbie Bolton as Gretl during 'My Favorite Things.'" says Bailey.

Senior Casey Turner remembers a slightly messier skit. "We had four guys up front, a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, and gave them each a caramel covered apple-only the one we gave the freshman was an onion. He figured this out and didn't eat it, but then, Robbie Bolton and Eric Platt did a midget skit where Robbie was the face. Someone put the onion on-stage, and Robbie got it smeared all over his face. It was pretty nasty," Bolton says, "I thought it was sweet. I was pretty shocked though."

Both Jason Bailey and Dan Vanderhill remember when a live band got a little more showy than planned. "They drove across the lawn on the roof of a conversion van, and when the driver hit the brakes, the lead singer flew off, over Ormston Rock, and somersaulted into a guitar solo. It was pretty spectacular." Recalls Vanderhill.

Present RD Scott McFarlane is looking forward to continuing the grand tradition of Porchfest, with a few improvements of course. One of these being the cleaning up of the skits. The basic rule has been: It has to be clean. But it hasn't always happened that way. "I'm hoping to possibly hold auditions or something to guarantee this," says McFarlane "I want to get it a little more Christ-centered."



By Margaret Metts



Above: Super Geze (Mike Gezelmmann) takes flight from the Ormston porch to combat the forces of evil in the world. Left: The heroine from Porchfest '97's Super Geze one-act (Jason Feig) gazes into the unknown while arranging her green hair.



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-Jason Bailey



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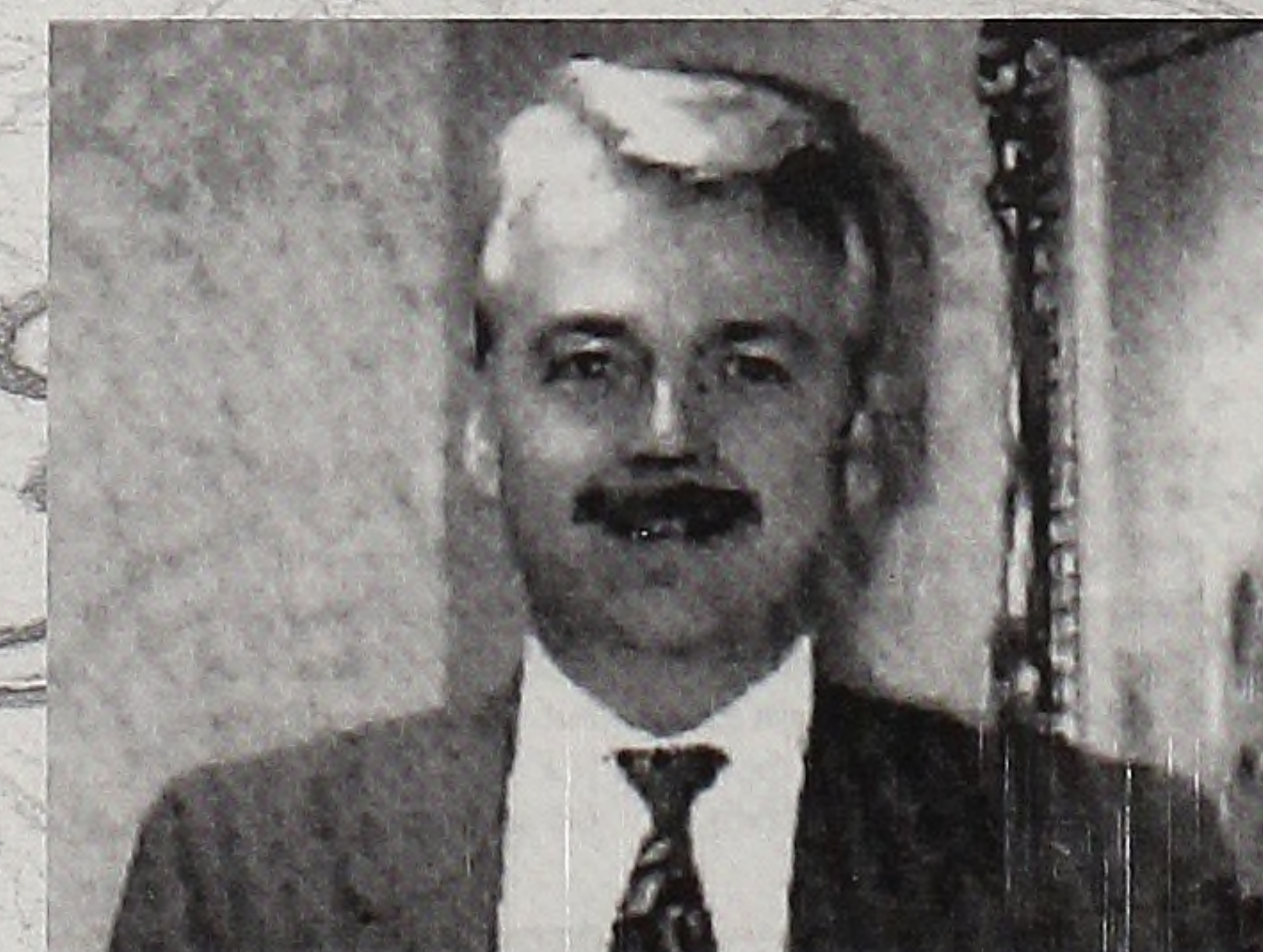
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