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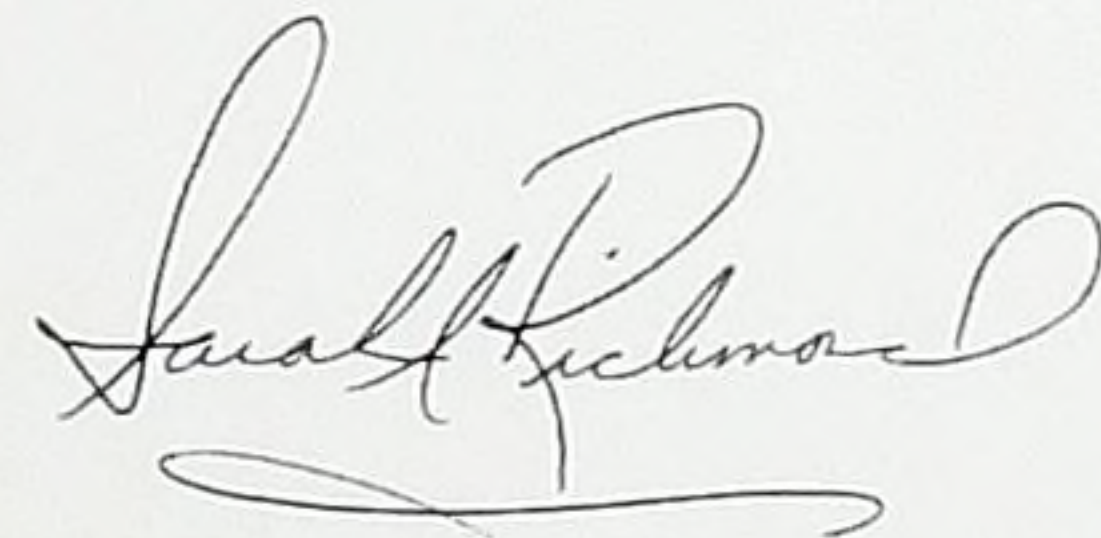
# Editor's letters

Greetings from Echoland!  
Happy Spring Everyone.

Here we are nine months later, ready to embark on summer. I personally would like to thank everyone for all of the encouragement and suggestions you've given to the ECHO staff. I have had a good time putting this issue together for a few reasons. First, we have been able to incorporate the writing and creative talents of many different people on campus for the issue. Also, as you may notice this edition of the ECHO has a lot of color! I like color! And finally, I have enjoyed being a part of this publication as a senior, because it has given me great experiences and lots of laughs.

I really don't have anything deep or philosophical to say, except have a great summer, seniors have wonderful lives, and everyone, ENJOY THE ECHO!

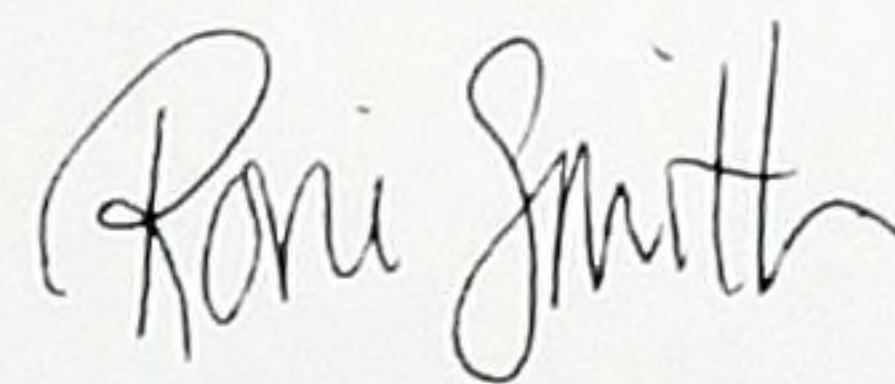
Thanks again! I will miss this place!  
Peace,



1998 - 1999: Spring Arbor College celebrated its 125th year. And to do our Echo-ly duty we have included a timeline of some events in SAC's history. Being a bit of a history buff, I enjoyed the long hours in the Archives (thanks, Karren for the help!). After looking through papers and yearbooks that were at least 20 - 100 years old, I was struck at how connected we are to the people in the beginning of Spring Arbor who had a dream of creating a school that focused on a Christian perspective for learning. Yeah, I know you've heard that phrase before. It's the one that goes along with blaming everything on being against the Concept. But think about it, SAC wouldn't be the same without this vision. I am grateful that Spring Arbor still has people dedicated to the Concept and to bringing together learning and faith.

Hope you enjoy this edition of the Echo! I just hope the senior confessionals doesn't get anyone in trouble. See you all at the reunions!

Love,



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## SAC: the institution...

The latest building projects to surface around campus.

Phyllis Miller leaves her final voicemail



The Welcome Center was finished early second semester and currently houses Admissions and Financial Aid offices. The building project provides a 'front door' for the campus.



photo from 1977 Echo

"This message is for all students..."



Are you feeling welcomed yet?

**1873**

Spring Arbor Seminary dedicated on September 2 by EP Hart and Clark Jones, the first principal.

**1897**

One term at Spring Arbor costs \$33.67 if a student works five hours a week; \$36.67 if they don't work.

*Ronette Smith*

Phyllis Miller began working at SAC in 1965 and in December she retired after 33 1/3 years of service. Miller's first experience with Spring Arbor was in 1954 when she was a student at the Junior College. In 1965,

she and her husband returned to the area and she started working in housekeeping. Three months later Phyllis was given the job as College Receptionist and had a phone with only three lines. Later she was the switchboard operator and

as the college grew she was moved up to Phone Systems Supervisor where she worked until retirement. But Phyllis's time at SAC was more than just work for her. "The love of the students -that's what Spring Arbor is," she said.

## Field house growth



A 40' x 120' addition to the Fieldhouse will add two new rooms. One for a new fitness area, combining the old free weight room and the machine weight room and the second room is for storage.

**1902**

The school receives a new sidewalk from the gifts of about 600 people.

**1903**

First foreign student comes to Spring Arbor Seminary, Peter Magubeni, from South Africa.



# student life...

Sports Highlights

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#### Joel Maust

Few could have predicted the frustration felt during the 1998-99, men's basketball season. Starting with an eight game losing streak and finishing with a 7-23 record, the team looks to put the past year behind them. It was a season plagued with an unsettled team that never gelled. The team constantly changed as players quit, were asked to leave, or became injured.

But, despite all the struggles, the team fought on. #1 Cornerstone felt the scrap of the Cougars in a near upset, here at Spring Arbor. The team trailed Cornerstone by two points with only three minutes remaining, only to see the game slip away in the final minutes.

Next year the team will be without Coach Doug Noll, Spring Arbor's most successful Men's basketball coach ever. The team and community will sorely miss him. But, with a new coach, new recruits, and a new season, the team anticipates improving and looks to be contenders once again.

### Men's Basketball



### Track

#### Joel Maust

Following the impressive indoor track season, the Spring Arbor College Men's and Women's Track teams look to continue their success, throughout the 1999 outdoor season. School records started falling from the very start, as the women broke three in the first two meets. The men have looked to take on the history books, or surpass personal bests in many events as well.

Coach Bill Bippes, Jr., especially commends the women's team, who has competed "phenomenally: this season. "They have a fire to perform at best no matter what the situation is," said Bippes.

The teams look forward to the NCCAA meet in early May. Both hope to place in the top ten. Bippes also plans on sending many individuals to the NAIA nationals at the end of the season.

### Softball

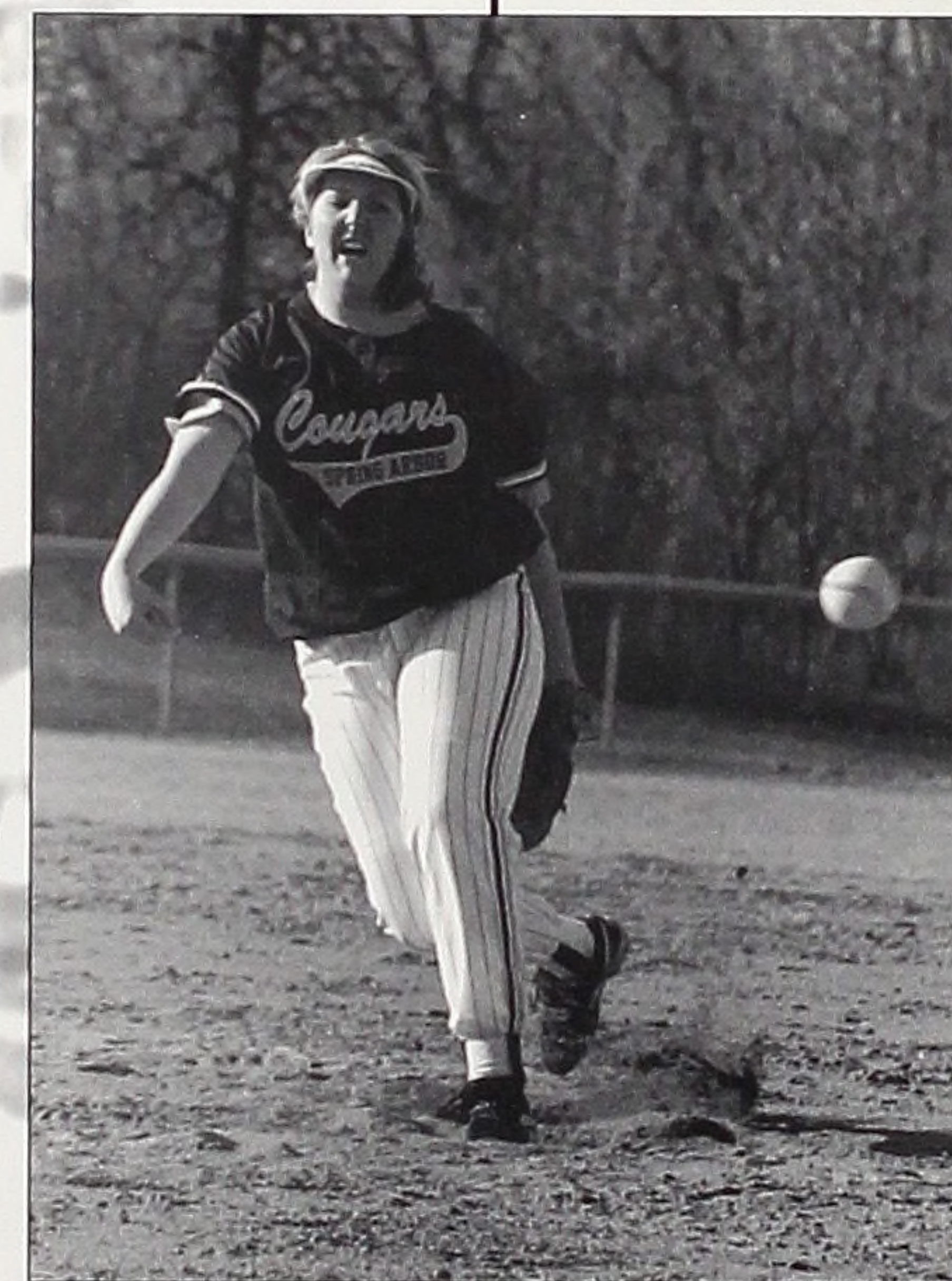
#### Joel Maust

The women's Softball team looks to improve upon last season's success, which included a 35-14 record. They claimed a 10-4 WHAC record and captured the conference championship. Coach Deb Thompson has every intention of defending that title, despite a very balanced conference.

The Lady Cougars have seen success thus far in the '99 season. Roughly midway through the season, they have fought for a 19-9 record. Two losses were one-point heart breakers, to larger schools, Grand Valley and the University of Tampa.

Leading the way for the team this season is shortstop, Erin Edwardson, and the deadly pitching combo: Lindsay Curtis Amy Frederick.

"Having two good pitchers helps a ton," said Thompson. "Get our offense and defense on at the same time and we're very scary."



### 1904

Two bathtubs are installed with the accompanying plumbing.

### 1905

Out of six faculty, only two had Master's degrees, one had a Bachelor's degree, and the the rest had some college work.

### 1909

"Physical Culture" classes began. The work consisted of Indian club swinging, dumb bell exercises, and various bodily movements.

### 1920

New rule: "Young ladies will be required to wear dresses reaching to the floor to the neck all around and to within one foot of the floor and sleeves to the elbow.



## Baseball

*Dan Gisel*

Making a run to win the NCCAA Nationals last year, coach Hank Burbridge was optimistic about his baseball team coming into the 1999 campaign. It was only after a couple of injuries and some tough losses in Florida, that the team was fighting to keep the season alive. Youth and inexperience led to many close games that came out the

wrong way and led to a 7-15 start overall. The team also began its conference season, and was 4-4 at the start. The team continues to have high hopes for a WHAC championship and a NAIA tournament bid as they keep on battling. And with a couple breaks down the stretch, who knows what could happen for the young Cougars?



## Tennis



## Woman's Basketball

*Dan Gisel*

It truly was an incredible season for the women's basketball team in 1998-99. First, they won the most games in school history, finishing an amazing 31-5. All of these wins, including the longest winning streak in school history of 19 games, led them to their second consecutive WHAC championship. They also defended their WHAC tournament title by winning the championship game against Aquinas by 41 points. All of these things would have been great for most teams, but this team was special. This team wanted more.

And they got it as the WHAC tournament victory earned them a spot in the NAIA National Tournament, in Iowa. At the national tournament, the team won their opening game against

Houghton College from New York. Then they advanced to the Elite Eight by defeating Mary from North Dakota. But every good thing has to come to an end, and this Cinderella season was finished by a loss to the eventual champion, Shawnee State, in the quarterfinals.

Senior Courtney Thompson, led the way for the team as she was voted First Team All-American, after breaking the record for most career block shots by any player in NAIA history. Andrea VanderHorst, a junior, led the WHAC conference in scoring which earned her Second Team All-American honors. But with only three seniors graduating from this year's outstanding team, it looks as if we will be seeing a lot more of the same from Coach Britsch and the Lady Cougars in years to come.



## November 21, 1921

Eighteen chickens disappear from Spring Arbor Seminary dining room. (1921-22 Echo)

## 1922

The Echo is born.

## 1928

Spring Arbor Seminary expanded to include a Junior College

## 1928

The Ohio Club was formed to "promote school spirit, to make Ohioians feel loyal to their mother state, and to create a friendly spirit among students from Ohio" (1928 Echo)



## Kreston VanDerMark

*Christina Corson*

Caution! This product may contain honesty, loyalty, sarcasm, dedication, and family love. Is this the complete collection of Shakespeare's works? No, it is senior art major, Kreston VanDerMark.

Looking at Kreston it is easy to see this man is not the typical Spring Arbor Senior. No, Kreston goes beyond that with the way he prioritizes his life. His first priority lies with his wife Jennifer, and 20 month old daughter, Emma. As if this were not enough, pile on his duty as a member of the National Guard and his student teaching at Jackson Area Career Center, and it is no surprise that even as he sits to do an interview, he pops a disk in the computer to begin working on yet one more thing.

This semester has been very busy for Kreston as he begins to look at the possibilities after graduation. "There are two things I have to do," says Kreston, "Teach, and finish Officer Candidate Schooling." Kreston is still undecided about what to do first, but he knows both are in his near future. He has been looking at different teaching options in the state, but is not limiting his options. As for the long run, this native of Jackson may find himself in graduate school earning a masters in Art History, and even possibly returning to SAC as a professor one day.

"I decided to go into teaching because I want to not only make a difference, but I also want to have time to work on my own art and this is one way that I can do that," Kreston explains. Kreston also mentioned that this would give him the same vacations as his family, whom he would like to be able to spend time with. For now, Spring Arbor is saying good-bye to a great senior, who began his journey here part time in the spring of 1994, and looks to see him grow as a husband, father, student, and soon a teacher.

*Sara J. Nelson*

Chances are if you ever visit the library, you've met or been helped by senior, Hiie Silmere. Hiie is one of the library's most dedicated employees, working in the college library as a student desk assistant for the past three years. "I have always loved reading and books. I have learned so much simply by talking to and listening to people. I feel at home in the library," says Hiie.

Home is a place far away for this graduating senior. Hiie is a citizen of Estonia, formerly a country of the Soviet Republic. She came to Spring Arbor in search of a Christian education that would enable her to return and make a positive impact in her homeland.

Hiie has almost completed her goals. She will graduate this May with a perfect 4.0 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in Social work and a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She has been inducted into the Who's Who Among Students in American colleges and universities for 1999 and has earned a spot atop the Spring Arbor College Dean's list all four years.

Aside from her studies, Hiie says she will leave Spring Arbor with roots a lot deeper than just what she's learned in the classroom. She says that the most important thing she has learned in college is, "knowledge apart from time with God and people, has little value if no value at all."

After moving to the unfamiliar U.S., Hiie sought refuge not only in the academics, but in the professors themselves. "All of them have been good teachers in some way or another. I especially appreciate those who have helped me to grow spiritually."

Hiie is planning on going to graduate school to get her master's degree in social work. She has been accepted to the University of Michigan and to Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Social Work is a newly developing field in Estonia. Upon receiving her master's, Hiie plans to return to her homeland Estonia where she would like to develop new services. "I simply want to help people."

## Hiie Silmere

## Jennifer VanDerMark

*Christina Corson*

Student, mother, wife, and caring social work major. These are but a few words that can be used to describe 23 year-old, Jennifer VanDerMark. Jennifer began her life here at Spring Arbor back in the fall of 1995. "I really did not have much of a choice as to what college to attend. I needed to go where I could afford it and Spring Arbor gave me some good discounts," Jennifer explains. Although SAC may not have been Jennifer's first choice, she has made a lot of life long friends while here at the Arbor. "I have met a lot of great people here and I have some very fond memories of this place."

One such memory is the cross-cultural trip she took to France and Germany. "It was really nice to sort of get away," she says. "Although at times it was hard to be away from my daughter and husband." Maybe these feelings have to do with the fact that Jennifer sees herself as someone who puts her family first. She feels she gives priority to her family above all else. There is one other person who agrees with this, her husband, Kreston. "Something that not many people know about her is that she is a wonderful wife and mother. She is so giving and caring, I do not know how she does it," says Kreston.

Jennifer not only gives to her family, but as a social work student she has also had the chance to work with Arbor Manor, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Jackson. What lies in Jennifer's future really rests in what Kreston does. "We are ready to be away from the Jackson area, but beyond that we are really flexible as to where we may end up," she says. You may find Jennifer here or not, but you can be sure that not matter where she goes, she will have Spring Arbor in her memories.

**1930**

Primary and intermediate departments discontinued.

**1930**

Board of Trustees donates land to community to build a public school. Warner Elementary is named after one of our principals.

**Dec. 6, 1931**

Boys' dorm burns

**Feb. 11, 1931**

Big fire in girls' dorm proved to be a slightly overheated glove drying on the stove." (1931 Echo)

**1931**

A campaign is launched to raise \$125,000 to replace buildings.

**1932**

Home Economics class started

**1933**

Six couples from Spring Arbor Seminary get married in the summer (the trend never stops!)

**1934**

"4000 quarts of canned stuff were sent to the school." (SA bulletin)



## Senior Memories

"I was returning to my room (on Muffitt 1) one day. I entered my room and started to put some things away. Then something caught my eye out the window. I did a double take when I saw that it was my friend Penny Suprian right outside my window waving to me and smiling. But all I could see was her head. My window is at least ten feet off the ground. What is she doing? It turns out she was standing on top of Misty Jones' shoulders!!"

*Jennifer Frechette*

"The icestorm of '97. We lost power — no heat, no lights, no hot water, no classes! Those of us still left on campus started a fire (in the fireplace of Lowell), and played games and talked and hung out. There were pizza parties over in Muffitt. It was a fun time when it could have been miserable. People bonded. Good times were had by all. This etched an awesome memory in my life, when I saw the "community" of SAC come together."

*Melanie Billings*



"My best photographed memories from SAC revolve around "girl chats" and birthday parties! Basically, anytime spent where the agenda was solely to enjoy the uniqueness of college friendships and the craziness only a late night can bring! Those moments when you do things that will be retold for years, your laughter becomes uncontrollable, and you talk about things you never thought you'd share... that's what it's all been about... that's what I'll take with me."

*Amanda Foley*

"My best memory of S.A.C. was getting initiated by my BIII brothers...it was cold but fun."

*Lane Gordon*

"My best memory of SAC relates to my freshman year when I lived on Delta 1. Early in the year, all the Delta freshmen were initiated. It just so happened that the initiation entailed running around Lowell hall in our bras. The last stretch of the run was up the then parking lot next to Beta where all the guys were lined up waiting to catch a glimpse of the freshmen. That moment made life at Spring Arbor a little more exciting!"

*Liz Stewart*

"I have had many good memories at Spring Arbor, but one of my best was my sophomore year. Doug Reed, Eric Wilkinson, Joe Crupper, Mike Gezelman and I all were bored one night so we decided to do something crazy. Two years ago was when the TV show *Cops* was pretty popular, so we decided that we would make our own *Cops* video. With Doug as our nervous camera man in the back seat of my Jeep Cherokee (he did not keep the camera straight for more than three seconds), Gez as Lieutenant Gezelman, myself as Captain Page, and Joe and Eric in the get away car (an old golden Grand Am), we decided to start filming."

*Dave Page*

*Folks, this is a long, but hilarious story, so be sure to hear the rest from one of the COPS!*



## Kelli Ludwig

*Sara J. Nelson*

Kelli (DeCamp) Ludwig will graduate with a degree in Exercise Sport Science with a concentration in Physical Fitness Management. During Kelli's four years, she has been an outstanding cross country and track athlete, and has earned countless conference, individual, and All-American awards from several associations. Last year she was honored as the 1998 female recipient of Spring Arbor College's Don McDonald Award, as an outstanding Junior athlete. Last November Kelli was honored as a recipient of the Student Honor Award given by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. This award was given to Kelli for excelling not only on the field, but in the classroom as well.

Currently, she is an intern at the University of Michigan's Preventive Cardiology Program at MedSport in Domino Farms, where she has been offered continued employment over the summer. Kelli said she has already used much of what she learned from Dr. Hayward's classes and lectures. She credits him with not only providing students with valuable knowledge, but also being someone who students can admire. "Dr. Hayward is a good person to model after. He is not only very knowledgeable, but the way he carries himself and the life he leads makes him someone whom I respect greatly."

This internship has not only provided hands-on experience, but also has gotten her foot in the door in the competitive work force. Kelli would love to continue her career at MedSport if an opportunity of full-time employment arises. However, many other opportunities await Kelli in her field of exercise physiology. Whether it's helping patients in cardiac rehabilitation, running stress tests, or interacting in cardiac units of hospitals and clinics, perhaps one of the greatest skills Kelli has learned from Spring Arbor College has been, "how to relate to diverse people and how to understand."

## Ryan Cobb



*Sara J. Nelson*

Ryan Cobb graduates with a double major in English and Philosophy/Religion with a minor in Political Science. By studying Philosophy/Religion, Ryan has emerged solidly grounded in faith. His English major has solidified his communication and writing skills and also reaffirmed his enjoyment and appreciation of literature, both for entertainment and instruction. Ryan credits Dr. Marsha Daigle-Williamson not only for being a challenging professor, but also an inspiration. "She infuses her teaching with her personality and sense of humor, is able to communicate her ideas clearly and convincingly, is enthusiastic about the subject matter," he says.

Ryan said the most important lesson he learned at college was that "reliance on myself and my abilities, on my plans and goals, or on other relationships is entirely insufficient. I learned humility through being exposed to how little I know and do."

Ryan also participated in the American Studies Program last semester, in Washington D.C. and interned at the International Justice Mission, a non-profit human rights firm that investigates, intervenes in, and publicizes cases of abuse that occur around the world. Through this he was not only confronted with the oppression and evil in the world, but also played a part in the work of justice. Ryan said, "I was also infected with the sense of mission and Biblical mandate to help those who suffer abuse and was able to clearly sense how a legal education can contribute to the effort."

Ryan plans to attend law school and has been accepted to Harvard and the University of Michigan. He feels called to use his experiences and gifts in the area of International Human Rights Law.

1937

Dorms crowded, students turned away.

1939

First floor of DeCan Hall built to house Chapel and two science laboratories.

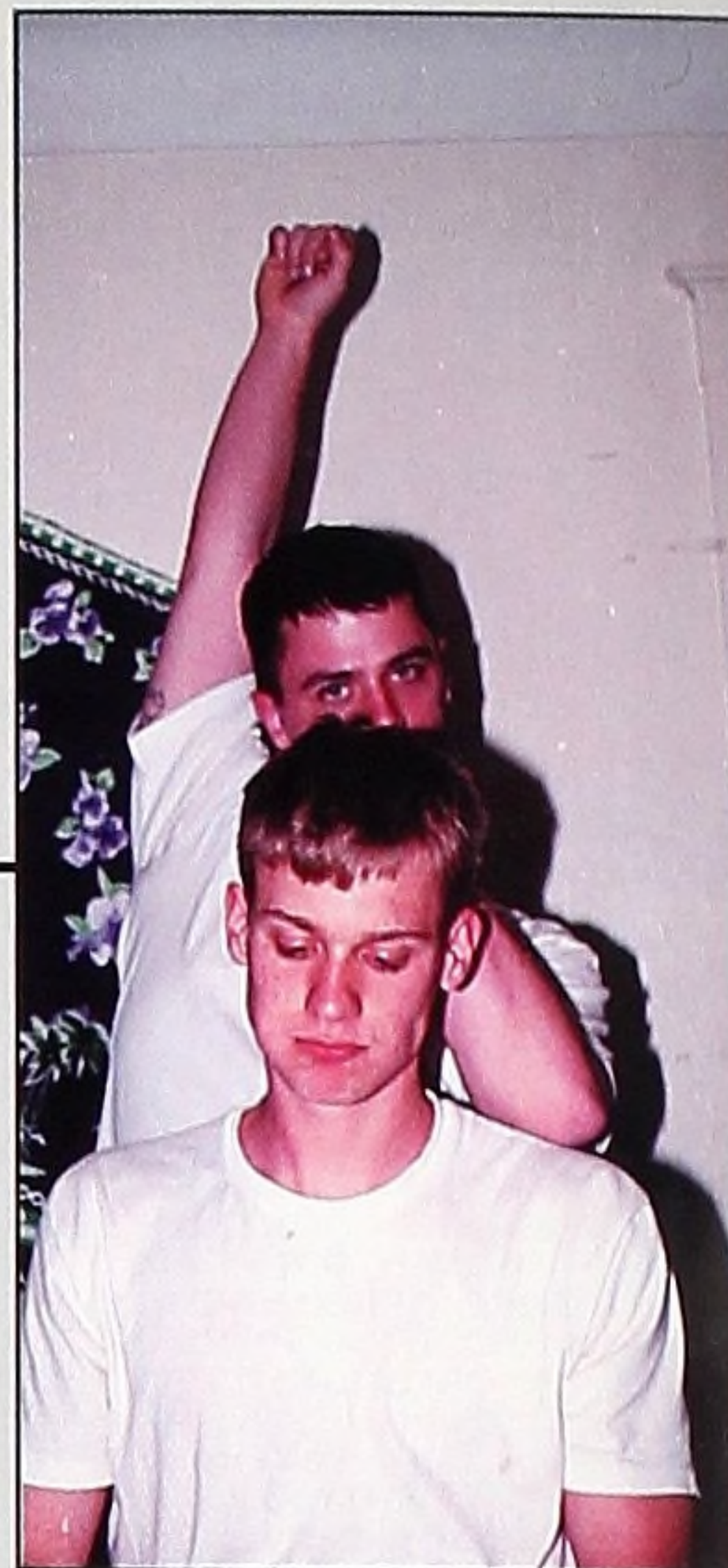
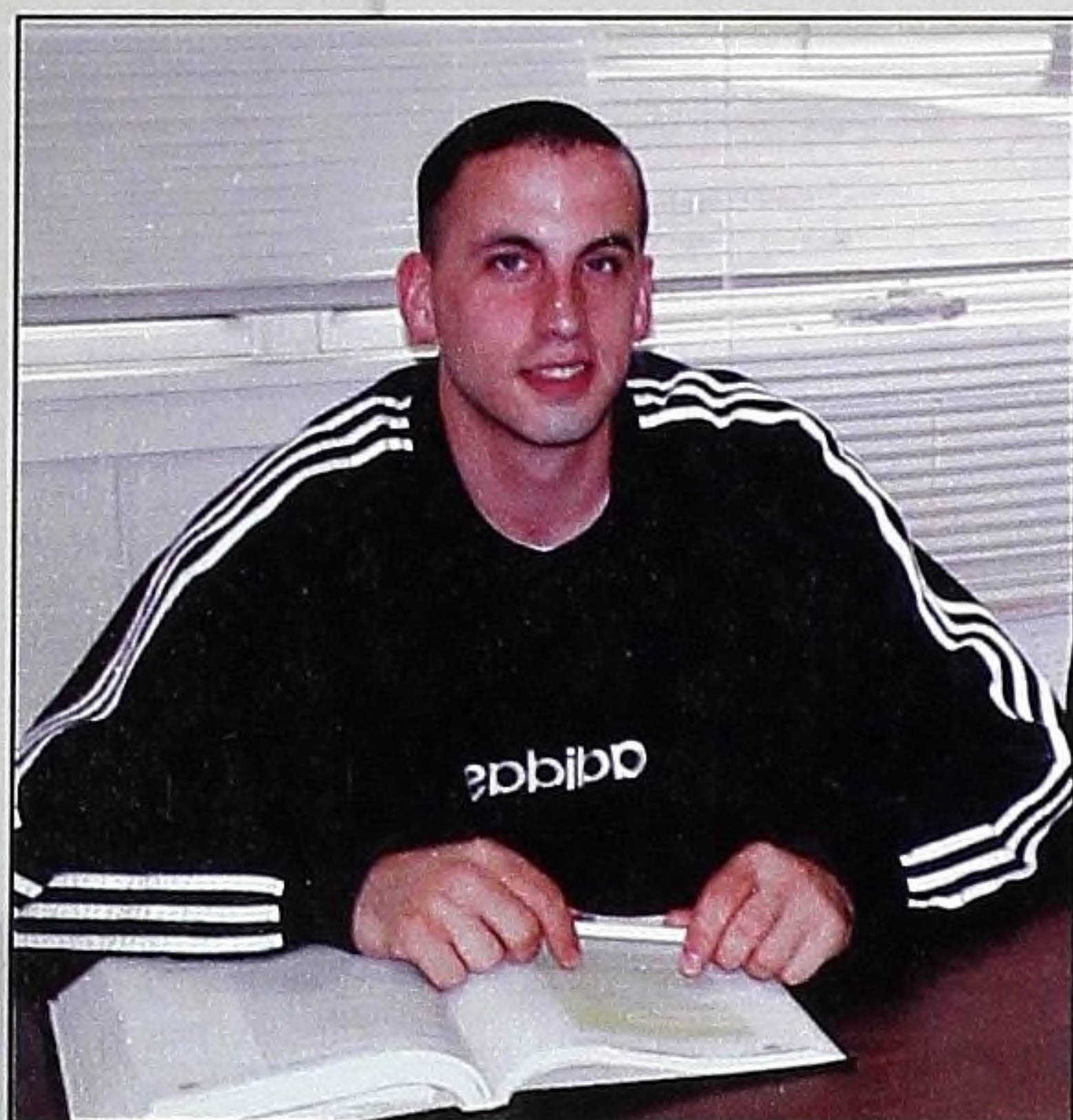
1939

\$125 for a year of school

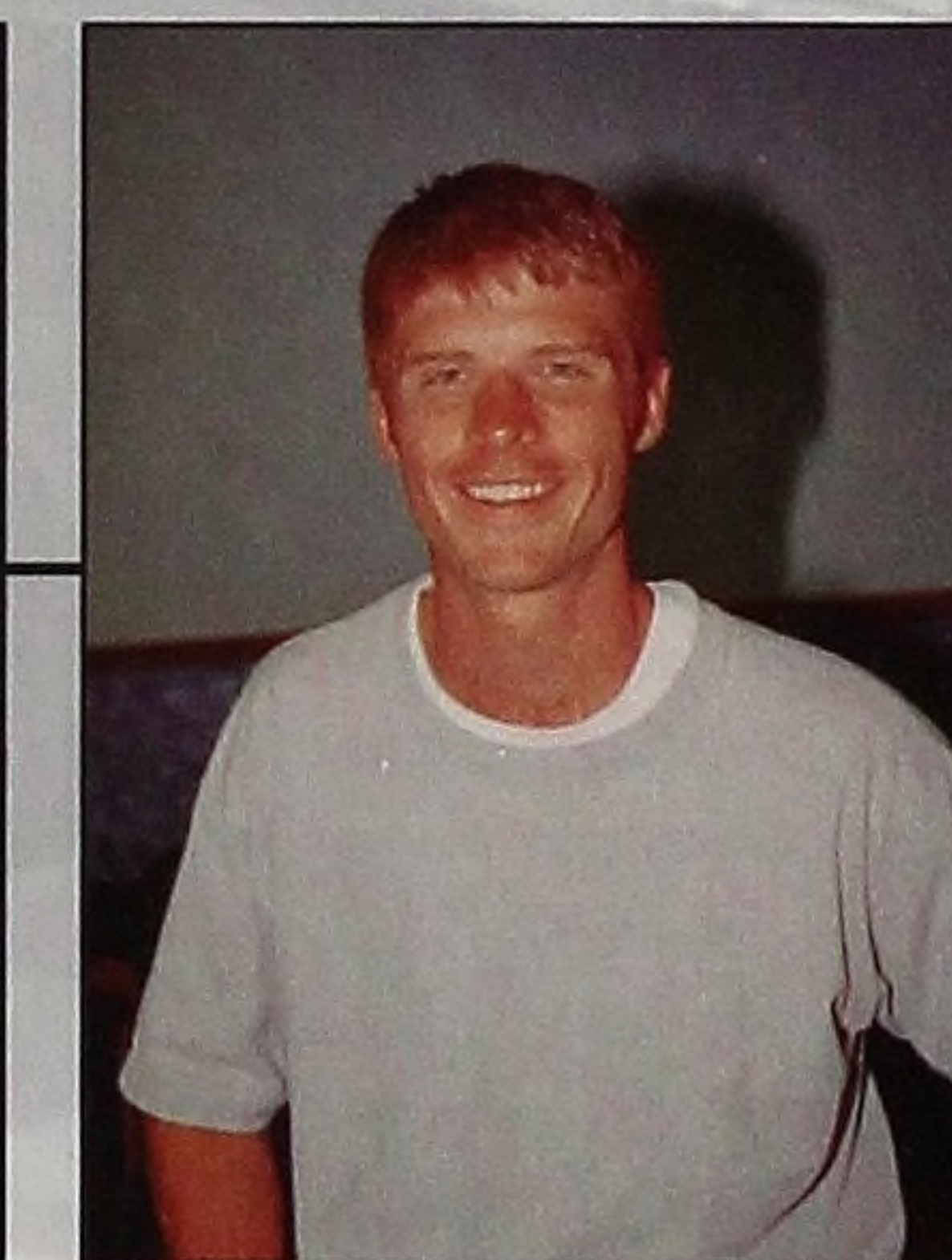
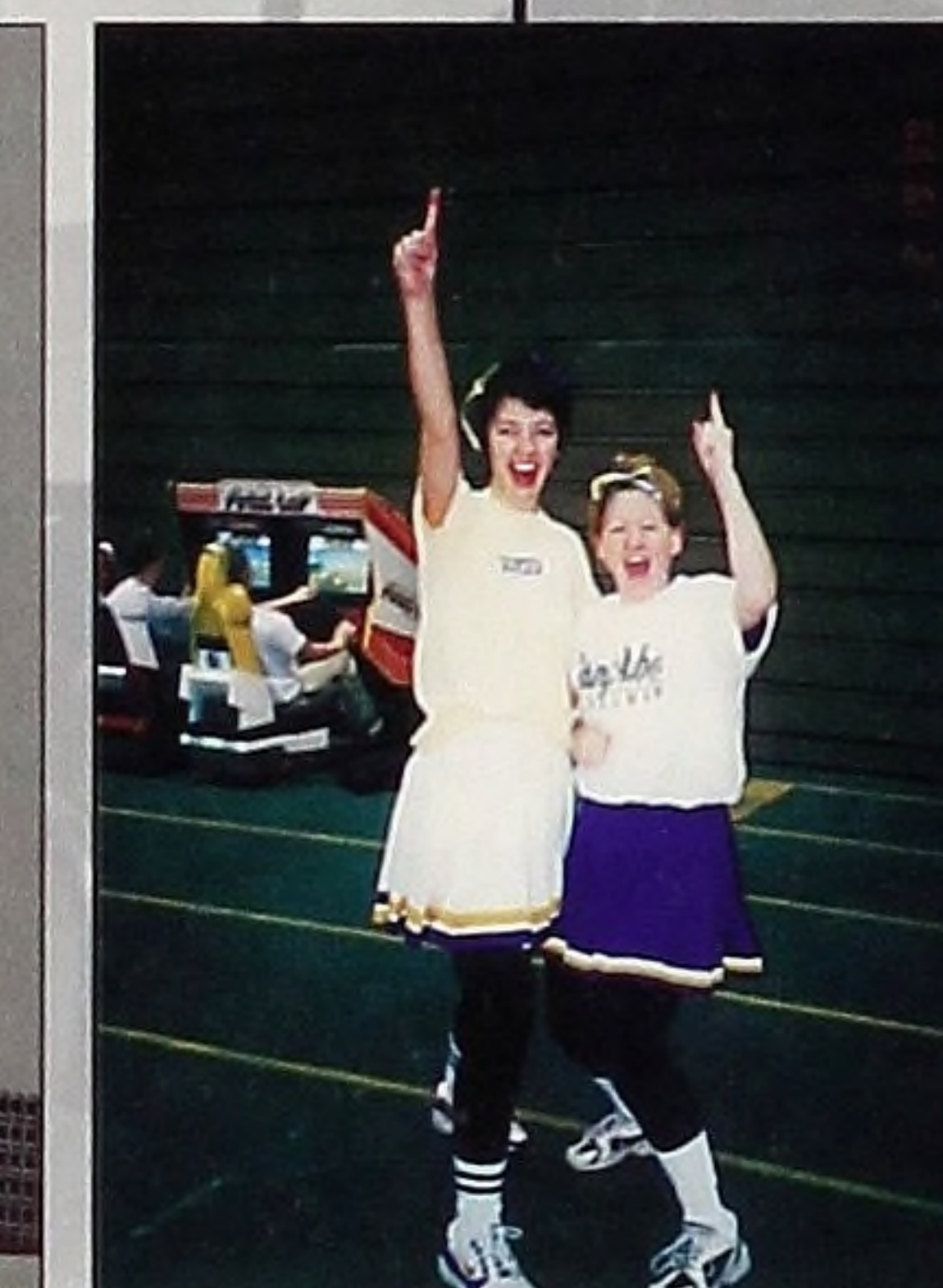
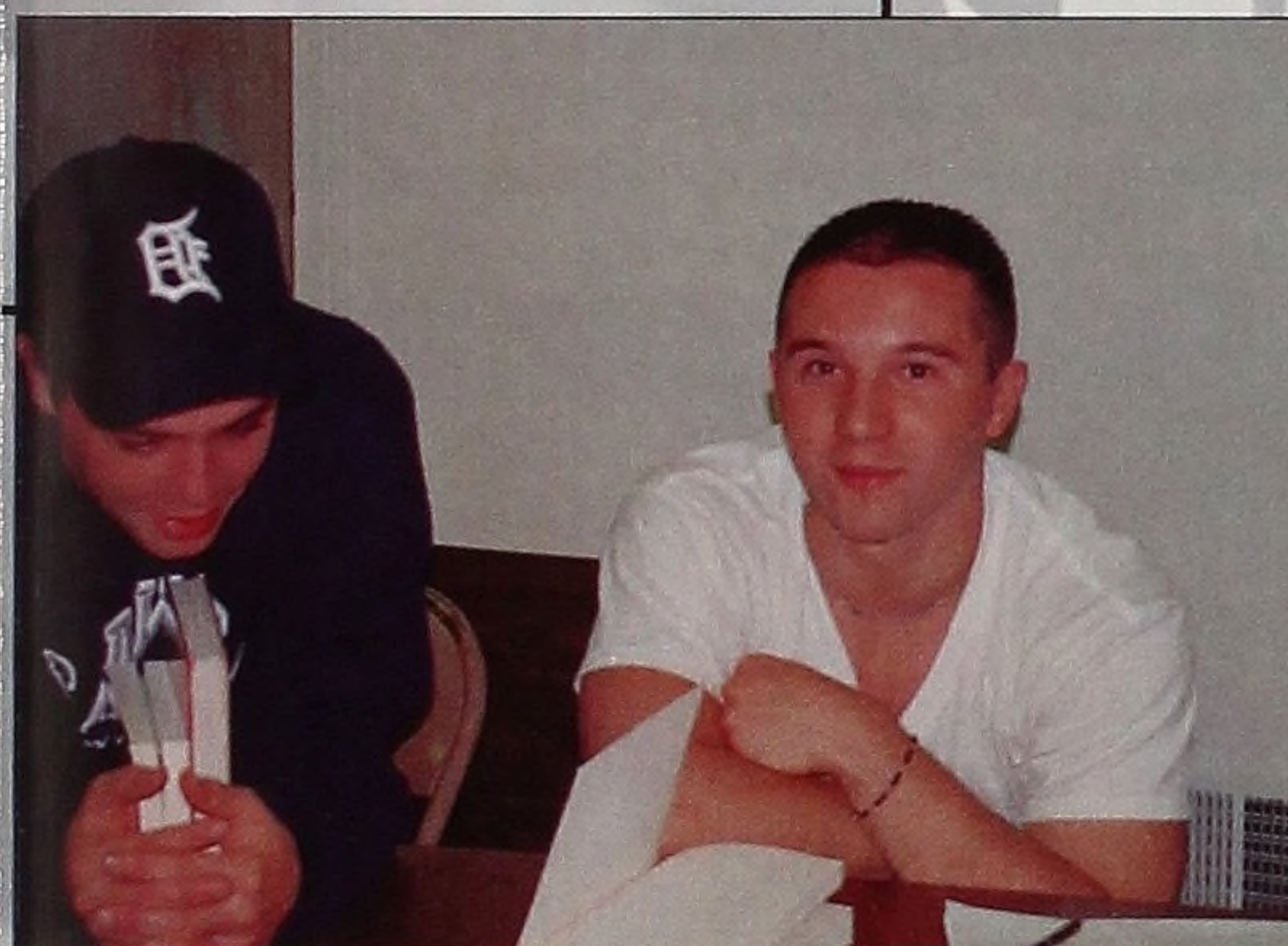
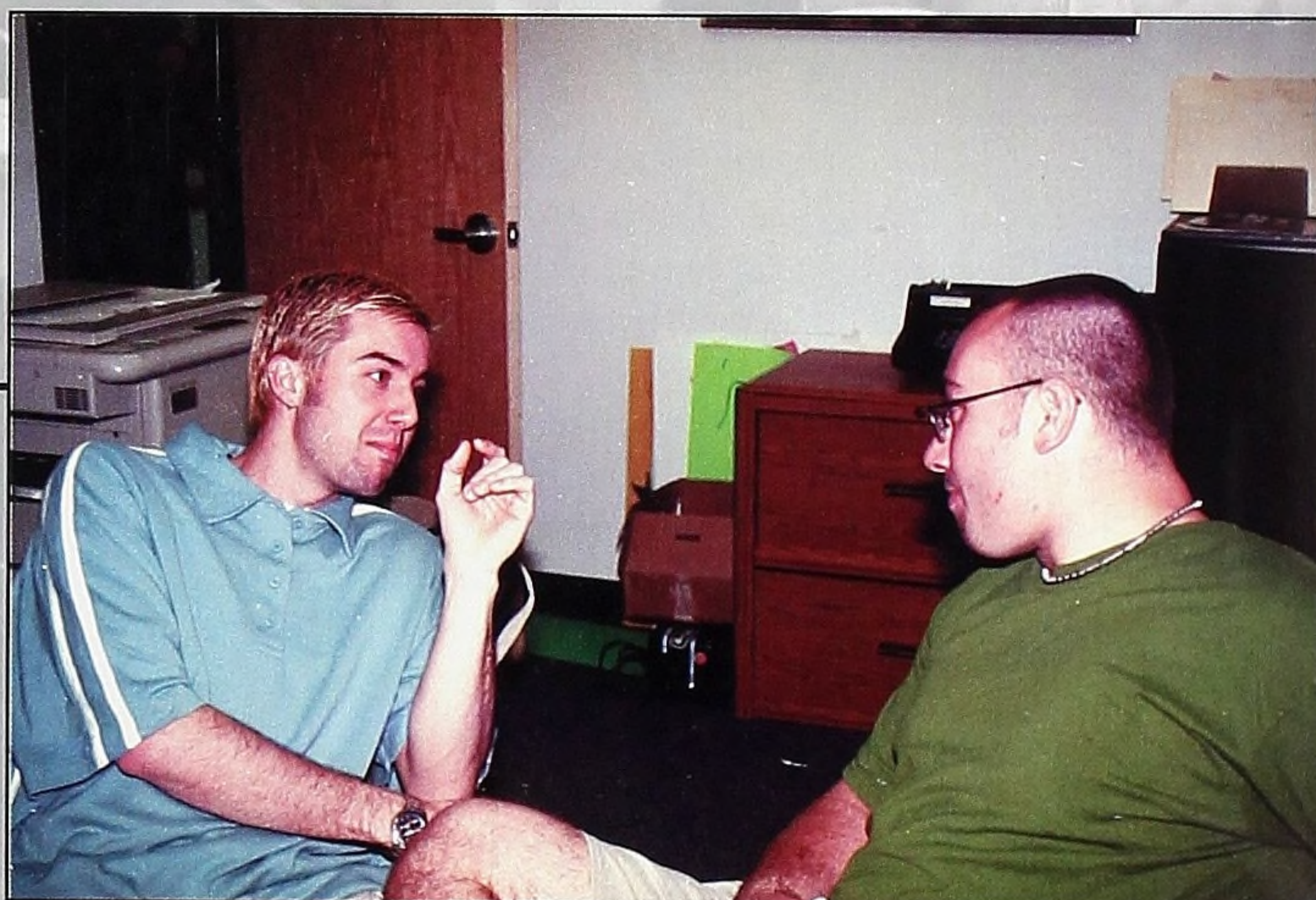
1941

Muffitt Hall put to use (named after Rev. W.C. Muffitt, former SAFMC pastor and Board of Trustees member.)





Picture pages, picture pages, time to get your picture pages!



**1943**

The Re-Dit, the student newspaper, was published by the sophomore class for its first six years.

**1943**

Ping Pong is second only to basketball among students.

**1946**

From the SA Bulletin, "Ellwood Voller and Roderick Smith have become real farmers since entering civilian life. Their daughters are real cute little milk maidens." Both of these men later became presidents of SAC. Voller in 1968 and Smith in 1957.

**1947**

Ormston built

**1947**

School name changed officially to Spring Arbor Junior College

**1947**

Second floor added to DeCan Hall

**1947**

SA Jr. College offers flying lessons as part of its curriculum. Course provided 50 hours of ground school and meets requirements for a professional pilot license.



Marty McGinn

Sherri Carroll

*Scott Cecil Allen*

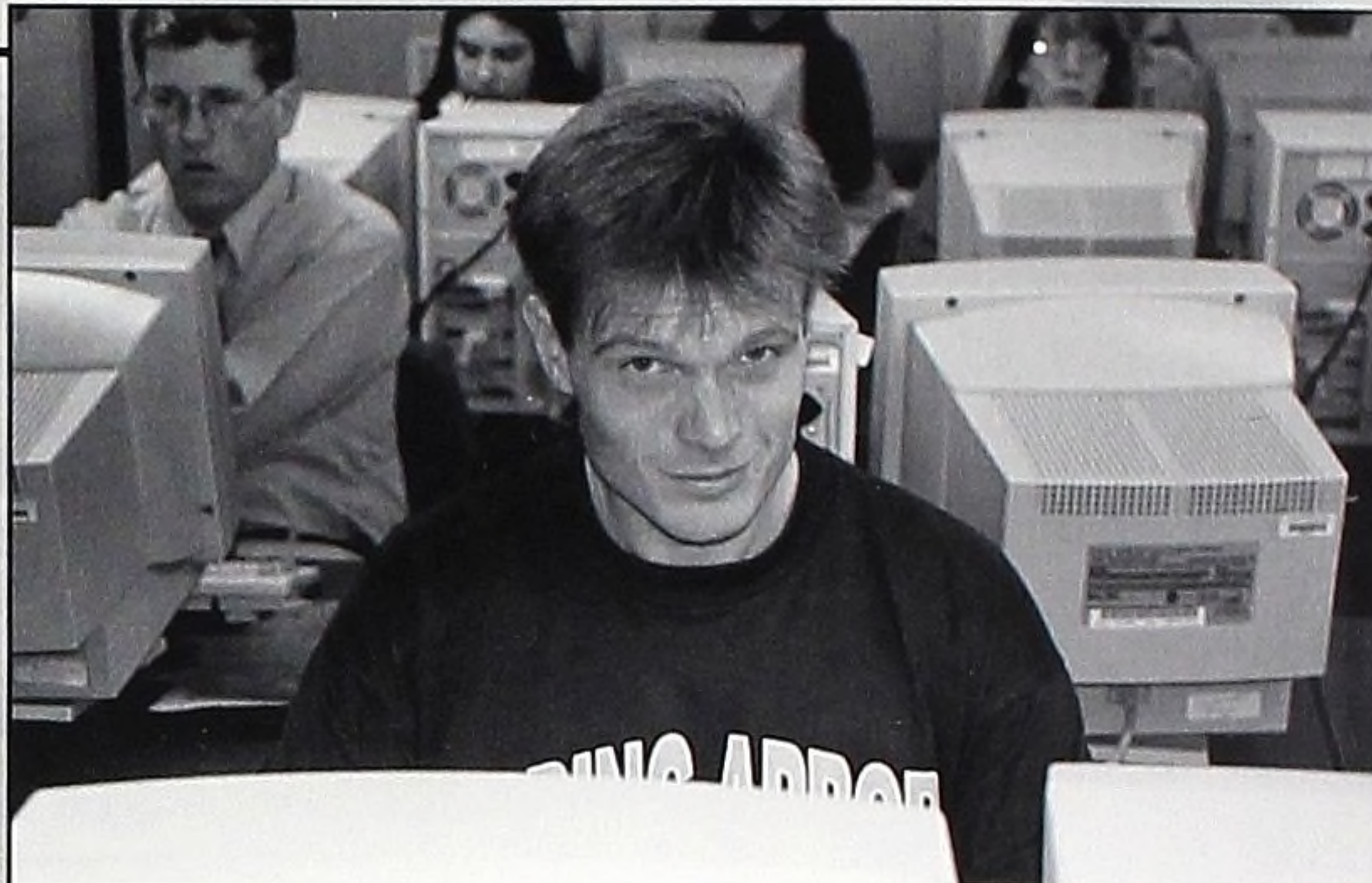
Sherri Carroll, a senior studying English and Elementary Education here at SAC. As a transfer student from Ontario Canada, Carroll focused nearly all of her time on her studies, and more recently, on the planning of her wedding. Like most education students Carroll overloaded in courses taken, but has remarkably maintained a cumulative 3.89 GPA. This hard work and dedication towards teaching and literature was partially inspired from a high school teacher.

Though Carroll enjoys many literary authors, her favorite remains William Shakespeare, which also happens to be her favorite course. Among her prized pieces of written work, Carroll shared her satire on Canada, written for the college newspaper, as her favorite.

Finally, one of her favorite experiences at SAC was partaking in Action Jackson. This voluntary activity allowed her the chance to help touch the lives of two wonderful children in inner city Jackson.

Carroll stresses the importance of reading and imagination of children. Not only does Sherri believe reading helps children think critically, but also how to word and phrase things. She goes on to mention that even in business, learning how to "talk diplomatically" is important. With art and music classes being pushed aside in schools, Carroll is somewhat concerned children are losing the chance to be creative. She has a fear that in the future, creativity in literature will also be lost. "It's emphasized, but not used," she said. As Sherri goes on to become a teacher, she will strive to teach her own children and students to appreciate literature to the fullest.

Sherri Carroll's future plans are to attend the University of Ontario to earn her teaching certificate and take extra courses in Honor's English. Other highly important plans are her exciting trip to Italy for her cross cultural experience, and her wedding taking place sometime after her arrival back home.

*Lydia Reynolds*

Though Marty McGinn didn't travel far to be a student, he plans to travel continents to be a teacher.

"The extra mile" accurately defines the amount of time McGinn, like many other seniors, chooses to dedicate to college. He is a double major in music and education with a minor in math.

"I've always followed such a rigorous, disciplined schedule, it'll be great to graduate and be free from that," he says. "For the initial time after graduation, I don't want to plan more than a year ahead because I want to make myself available to God. I want to take advantage of that freedom and go places and meet people and do crazy things and sleep on picnic tables and all sorts of stuff!"

"The extra mile" also accurately describes McGinn's life outside the classroom. A track and cross-country runner for eight years, Marty learned discipline, dedication, and confidence from the sport, and from his team. In addition, he consistently participated in the music department. McGinn gave his time to SAC's music group, "Wellspring," and regularly volunteers his abilities to various churches.

"My folks bought a piano when I was six and then I started playing drums when I was 10," he said. "I came to college with no plans for music as a major, but began playing piano to relax and realized I had perfect pitch."

Following his fifth year, Marty will graduate with the class of '99. However, student teaching gives him student status for another semester, while he student teaches band at the nearby Hanover-Horton school district.

"It's true for this and all things in life," concluded McGinn, "it's not about where I'm at but where I'm going."



"The first memory I have was when I became a movie star and a super hero over night. I can remember when Robby Bolton came up to me

and asked me, "Can I video you as Super Geze?" I said, "Ok, I don't see anything wrong with it." I thought it would be just one movie. The next thing I knew I made three Super Geze videos.

After I made the first movie, I became popular around campus known as Super Geze. The next thing I knew there was a fan club of Super Geze. Robby had some tee shirts made up with my Super Geze emblem on them. From this day on, I am still known as Super Geze. To me, it still seems to be a dream. I want to tell everyone who helped me video Super Geze movies, Thank You, I could not do it alone."

*Mike Gezelman*

"Another memory was spending the evening in the emergency after spraining my ankle during Arbor games at the [potato sack] race. My medical report said that I tripped out of a sack. Not one of my finer moments."

*Jennifer Thomas*

"My best memory of SAC was meeting the greatest four friends in the world...Emily Hawkins, Carole Stiles, Heidi Russell, and Miriam Dryer. We made some great memories!!"

*Angie Van Gieson*

"My best memory of all my years at SAC is of my Freshman year when the girls of Muffitt One wrote all over the square by the fountain in sidewalk chalk. I remember we had chalk outlines of a body leading up the stairs to Muffitt hall."

*Constance Dunten*

"The time I climbed on top of the student center and on the way down, my pants ripped. Before I climbed the student center, I thought that I should wear shorts underneath! It was a great thing that I listened to my conscience."

*Misty Jones*

"There are so many "best memories I have at SAC"... The many trips that I have made with Cari Davey and Amy Mackewich, memories of Gamma One and slurpee runs but the thing that all my memories have in common is that they all include the friends that I have made here."

*Mel Boughton*

"It is simply titled....Brian "the streak" Babbitt wins the 100 yd dash in record time.

Most people will know what that means."

*Jason Feig*

## Senior Memories



"My best memories of Spring Arbor College are from my athletic teams (volleyball and softball) and my cross cultural trip to England and Scotland. They were the best times!"

*Mandi Koch*

1948

Prohibition club organized.

October 21, 1949

"Pumpkin causes minor blaze in Green House."  
(1949 Echo)

1951

Dedication of EP Hart Auditorium. Money was raised by selling seats for \$50 each.

1952

Students raise money for a Brazil for Christ Crusade and sent the funds to buy land for a school there.

1953

James Chapman, student body president and a popular SA athlete, spent seven months in Brazil as SA's representative.

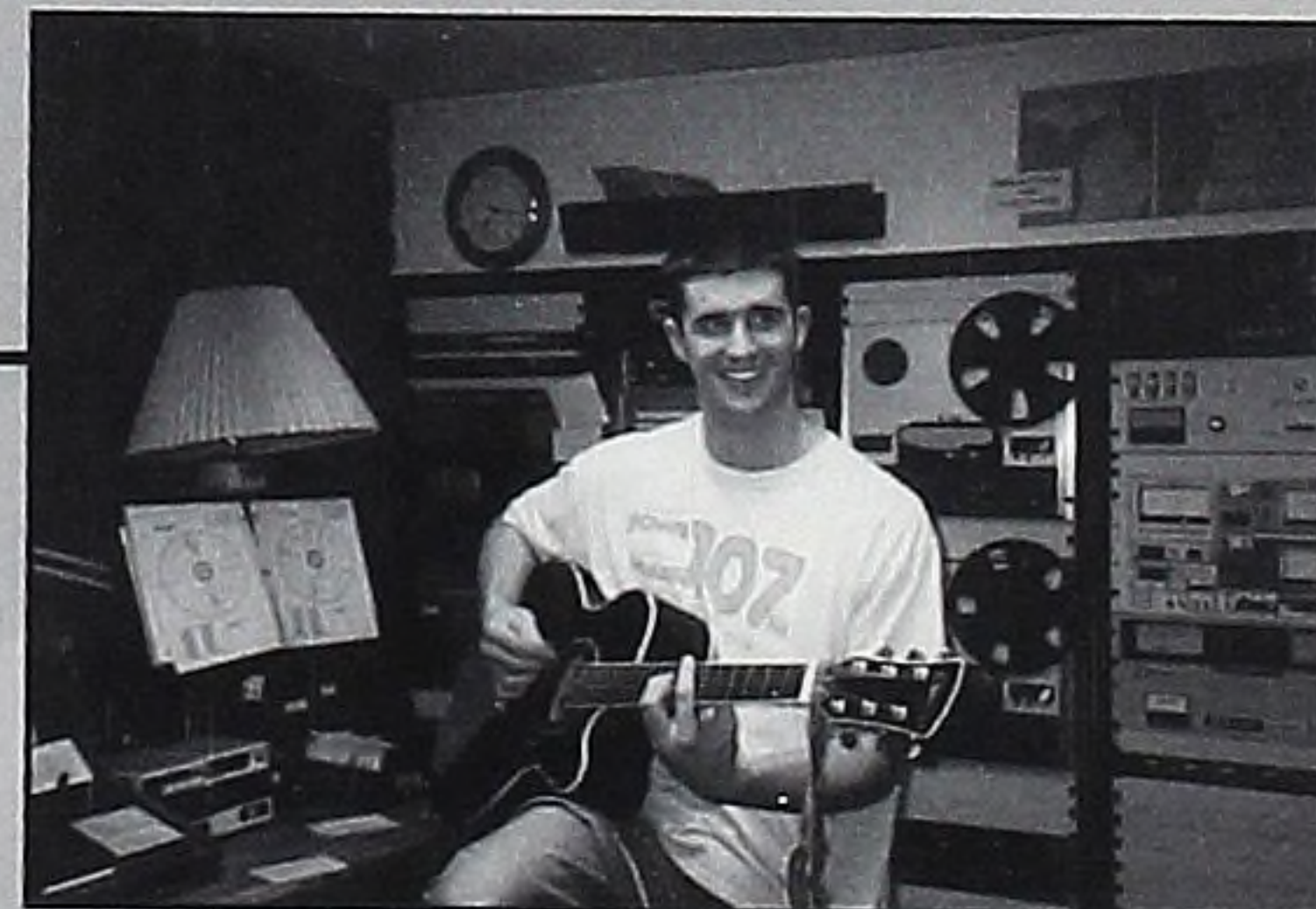


Lane Gordon

When people talk about Casey Turner, one word seems to be familiar on everyone's tongue. . . "dedication." Well known for his drive for perfection, Caey seems to have the ability to take his work to the next level. Working at WSAE for four years, Casey spent the of those years as the production assistant. "When it came to his work, Casey was very dedicated and conscientious, but he always put fun into everything he did for the station," said WSAE office manager, Pat Harbottle.

A newlywed in the summer of 1998, Casey now lives in married housing with his wife, Jen. "He always works very hard on everything he does; he is very disci-

Casey Turner



plined," said Jen. "I love him very much. He is a great role model for everyone."

Casey is curenly working as a freelance producer of short videos. "I do videos for churches, companies, and even a couple [videos] for SAC. The money is not really good, but I love what I am doing," said Casey.

Casey just recently was hired by Western School District to teach a video production class at Western High School. "I'm excited about teaching this class. It will give me an opportunity to pass some of my knowledge onto others," Casey explains.

Casey's desire to succeed in life has given him the motivation to be the best at whatever he does. WSAE's station manager, Michelle Dawson, says, "Casey is wonderfully creative and will definitely be a success at whatever he does in life."

Melanie Billings



Jacqlyn Black

Melanie Billings, an International Business Administration major, looks forward to wherever life may take her. She comes from St. Regis Falls, a small town in New York and started college with dreams ofteaching, but her interest in business changed that. She spent a semester in Costa Rica to study international business, attend language school, learn about history, and culture. "I learned a lot about dealing with other countries and living in them," Melanie said. "It was easy to fall in love with the simplicity."

Spanish Professor, Cathy Crater, remarked that Melanie has brought a lot to her classes from her experience abroad. "She has broadened her perspective of the world. Melanie will be very successful."

In November 1999, she plans to marry her best friend, Randy Streu. Randy proposed in November of 1998. They plan to move to California so Randy can attend film school. "She's incredible!" said Randy, "She is the most patient and giving person I know." Melanie is excited about moving to L.A. for Randy and said, "I'm willing to follow him to the ends of earth. This is a terrific opportunity for him, and I want him to be able to achieve all that he strives for."

After the move, Melanie and her husband will decide their next career step. They may pursue their current business, "Starving Artist Management", which helps up-and-coming Christian music groups.

Although Melanie has no specific road map for life, she will not worry. Her education, experience and attitude will guide her in the right direction.

Christina Corson

As a foreign student from Poland, Ilona Kuzmicz arrived in the United Sates five years ago as a Bad Axe high school student. "Seeing everyone applying for colleges made me want to do it too," Ilona says. And that determination brought Ilona to SAC.

At SAC, she has chose to study pre-med. Why? She just shrugged and said, "I'm not sure, I have just always wanted to be a doctor." Ilona has had a lot of experiences that have helped her to realize her dream. Last summer, she was a part of a research team at Ohio University, an honor only 10 out of 80 students can claim. She also worked in a hospital in Poland, where she interned in the surgery department. Although most of her work consisted of changing sheets and cleaning bedpans, sometimes Ilona was allowed to stand in on surgeries and observe the procedures.

Loud, independent, and stubborn, is how Ilona describes herself, but the word outspoken sticks out the most. "I think that people should stick to their beliefs, and speak out when they disagree," she says. Anyone who spends time with Ilona they will quickly learn that she does not let other people speak for her; she always states her opinion whether or not it is in concordance with anyone else's.

In the future it would be easy to see Ilona jumping from a plane, or climbing mountains. When she is not in class or studying you can find this woman hanging out with friends, playing her guitar or fooling around in the pool.

In the future Ilona plans to earn a master's degree in neurological science. Is a family and kids a part of those dreams? "Maybe in awhile," comments Ilona. "I'm just afraid if I had kids they would be crazy like me!"

Ilona Kuzmicz



1955

Photography club learned how to run a movie projector.

1955

Leroy Lowell served his second term as president.

1957

TVs were not allowed in the dorms.

1959

School newspaper, The Re-Dit, changes its name to The Crusader. (good decision)





## the year in review...

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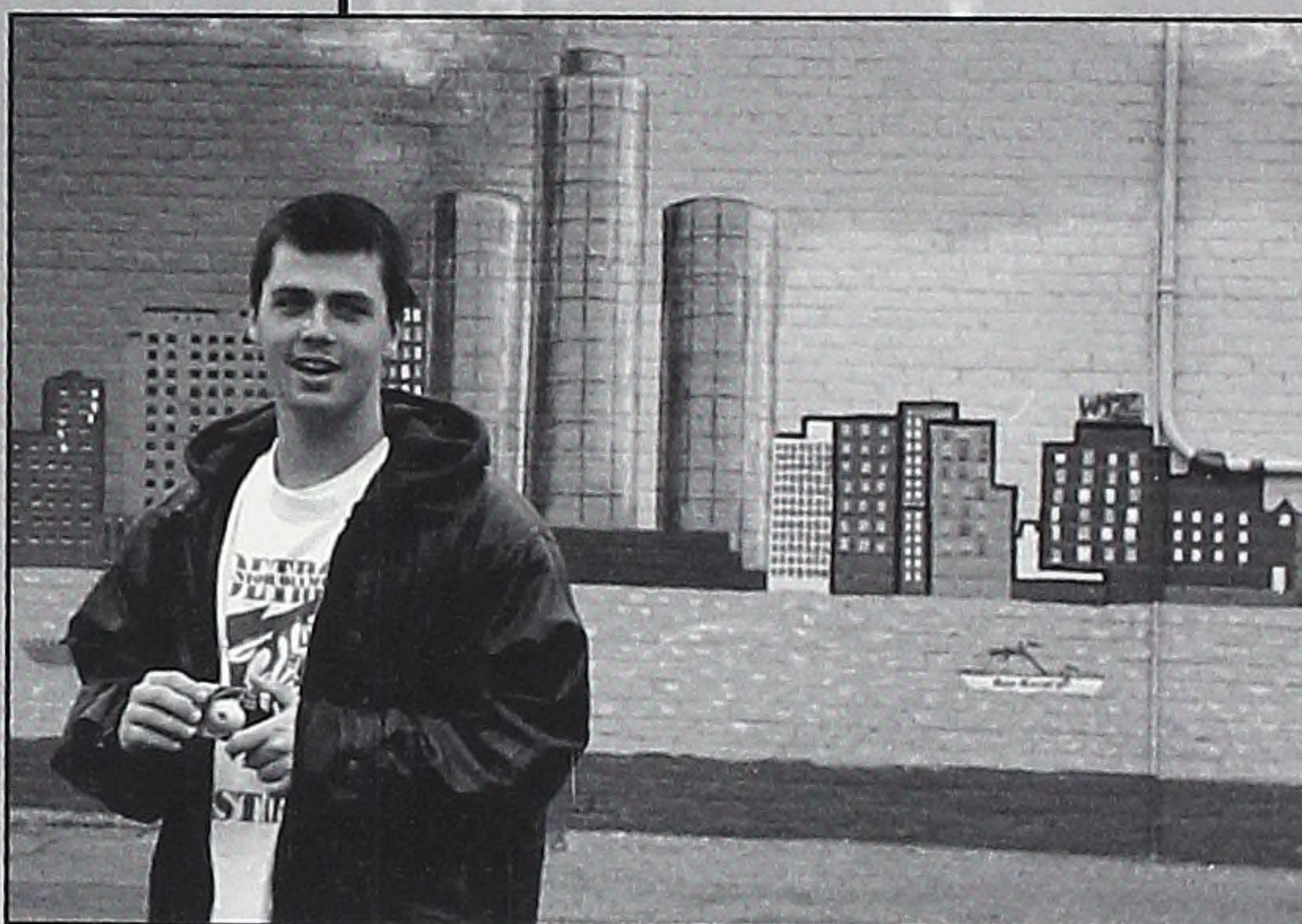
## "Hands On Detroit"

Rebecca Wright

It started with a feeling of homesickness. Erik Howard, a junior at SAC, sat in front of a computer in Los Angeles longing for the place where he grew up. Erik found himself staring at a screen with pictures and information about his home. He started printing out the pages, until finally he had a huge notebook filled with pages about Detroit, Michigan. Erik started calling around to different organizations; He wanted to get involved.

Erik eventually found "The Southwest Detroit Business Association" where he talked with Kathy Estrada. Kathy told him of volunteer opportunities, informing him on all the needs existing in Detroit. Erik learned volunteers are greatly needed to clean up the city in order to draw in new businesses.

After numerous attempts at promotion, Erik decided to talk to



students at Spring Arbor College, one-on-one.

"I like it better that way," explains Erik. "For one, I don't have to work with a bunch of people who don't want to be there."

The jobs volunteers are asked to complete vary. Most of the need has to do with clean-ups and painting houses around neighborhoods,

but Spring Arbor volunteers have also participated in a Christmas party for children.

"Right now, the focus of ["Hands on Detroit"] is the neighborhood service, but eventually I would like to see the focus steer toward people," says Howard. Erik would also like to see the service projects develop into a prayer

ministry.

"Students would be informed as to what is going on in the area where they are working and know how, what they are doing fits into a bigger plan. And knowing the needs and activity of an area would allow them to pray intelligently for it!" explains Erik.

Erik plans to continue his service throughout the summer, while also participating on the "Graffiti Free Collaborative" board.

Howard thinks many students forget about the needs of Detroit here at the Arbor. "Spring Arbor College is always going to Chicago and doing something- and that's great, but there is so much need only an hour away in Detroit."

## BURM

Sherry Owens

Deep within the bowels of the Kreske Student Center, (a place commonly known as the Ralph Carey Forum,) a group of stone-faced hoodlums meet to plot evil schemes. Okay, okay, maybe that is a slight exaggeration, but BURM does meet in the RCF, and a large eclectic group make up it's members...perhaps a hoodlum or two. In the dark of night, (10:00 p.m. on Thursdays) BURM meets to fulfill it's purpose; planning weekend events and uplifting others spiritually. "BURM is my whole encouragement in my spiritual walk," said freshman Canadian Sarah Winia.

Meetings open with BURM director Barry Briggs calling things to order with upcoming announcements. BURM meet-

ings may or may not include praise and worship, a brief message from the Word, and praise reports from members. However, prayer and good times are almost always present. "You never know what might happen at a BURM meeting," said freshman Nicki Keen.

Perhaps the only underground ministry on campus, BURM challenges the everyday perception of Christianity. "BURM is a group of tradition-breakers. We push the limits while keeping God at the center of all we do," said Briggs. This year, BURM held events such as Mystery Date, 30 Hour Famine, Battle of the Bands and several off-campus dances, (that's right, I said "dances.") The Masquerade Ball not only gave the ladies on campus a chance to reuse prom dresses, but it was also the most successful event this year as far as attendance and money goes. On May 8th, BURM hosted the third annual Love Feast: A Celebration of the Arts, which featured a free cookout and local college bands.

## ISO

Destiny Friday

An eighteen-year-old Korean student leaves his fifteen-story apartment building to pursue the American education his Korean uncle did. An American Samoan who is used to an island with one road, adjusts to a peninsula with hundreds of roads, highways, and expressways. A young Haitian math teacher leaves his family and friends to get the education necessary for the job he wants.

All of these students came to Spring Arbor College with a dream. A dream to study in the United States, to grow, and to learn. This year SAC has students from American Samoa, Estonia, Haiti, Japan, South Korea, Uruguay, Poland, and Canada."It means a lot for a Samoan to get off the island," said Soia Solaita of Nuuuuli, American Samoa,

"Many go to the community college on the island, or start working after high school."

All international students or students who have spent a number of years in a foreign country are, a part of SAC's International Student Organization (ISO). ISO is a loosely defined organization whom the Assistant Dean for International Education and ISO Advisor, Carla Koontz oversees.

International students hear about SAC through various means. The East/West Foundation of Tokyo works as a catalyst between Japanese students who want a U.S. education and universities and colleges in the U.S. The SAC website offers information to these students too. Other students come after hearing about SAC from Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church (SAFMC) missionaries in their country.

SAC International Students bring

with them various backgrounds and experiences. "I represent my country," explained a Haitian CPS major, Canis Arbrouet. "I feel proud when I do that because it's important to have the most accurate depiction of a country. I can give people here that depiction of Haiti."

The American Samoans remain the campus' largest population of International students from one country. Robert Pene of Nuuuuli, American Samoa, was first to arrive in the fall of 1996. Seven more Samoans have made their way to SAC. Freshman Biology Major Soia Solaita said she first feared coming to SAC. "Back home, I always saw riots at American universities on TV. Coming to SAC scared me because I knew it was close to Detroit, a big city." Solaita concludes, however, that SAC defied her fear. "I like the people because they are different, very friendly. When they ask you how you are doing, they really mean it."

## 1960

Full regional accreditation of the Junior college program.

## May 1960

Official name changed to Spring Arbor College!

## 1961

Dr. David McKenna became president.

## 1963

SAC Concept first printed in college catalog

## 1963

Hugh A. White Library dedicated. On moving day, students passed books hand to hand to the new library.

## 1963

WSAE takes to the airwaves.

## 1964

Baseball team won NAIA championship and Hank Burbridge was named NAIA Coach of the Year.



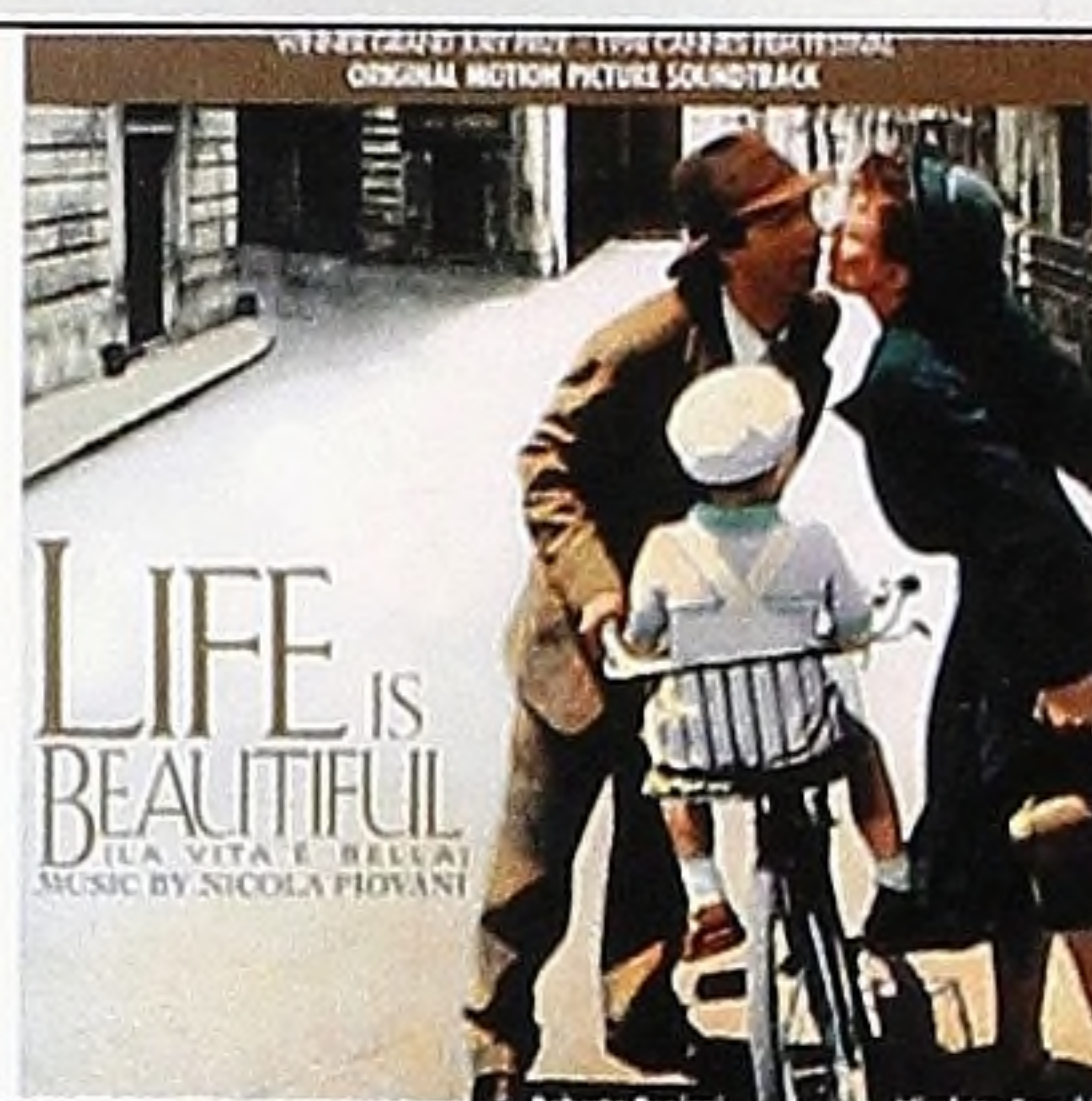
## 1998 - The Year in Film

Paul Nemecek

They just don't make them like they used to, and sometimes they make them better. The past year brought us two outstanding films about World War II and two films about Elizabethan England. This was the second time in recent years that a foreign language film was nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards (Life is Beautiful this year, and Il Postino a few years back). There were clearly some stinkers this year. Lethal Weapon 4 was formula schlock, and there were a whole host of adolescent angst films. Listed below are some of my personal favorites from the year just past.

## Life is Beautiful

Roberto Benigni's wonderful Chaplinesque comedy is filled with pathos and charm (in spite of being set during the holocaust). Life can be beautiful even under the most dire circumstances.



## Simon Birch

The little film about the little boy with a big heart. Good things sometimes come in small packages. This adaptation of a John Irving story is a good example.



## Smoke Signals

One of the best independent films of the year. Part buddy movie, part hero's quest, part coming-of-age film, and part social commentary on Native Americans in contemporary society.



## Saving Private Ryan

Speilberg in top form once again with outstanding performances and breathtaking visual effects (not to mention a poignant story).



## 1967

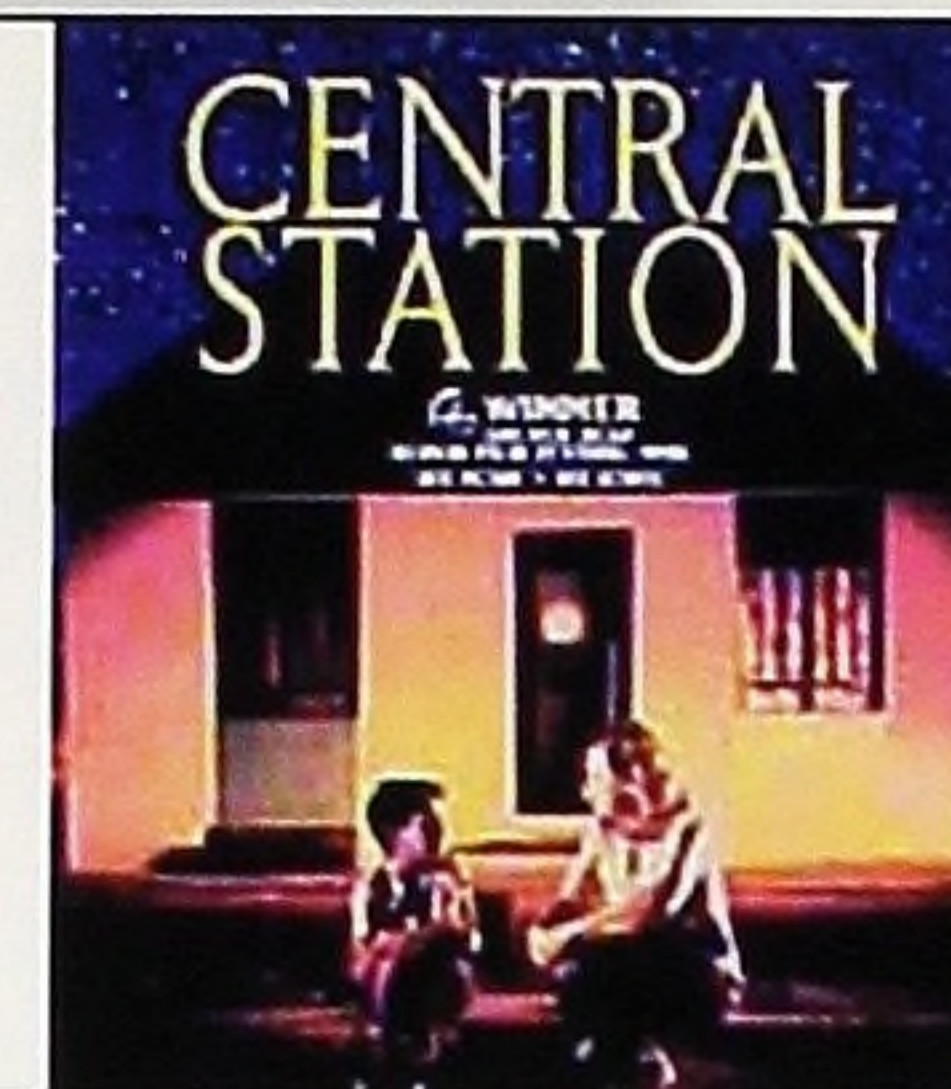
SAC had 29 full-time faculty compared to 18 full and part-time faculty in 1961.

## 1968

Ellwood Voller becomes president. His motto was "He knows, He cares — nothing His truth can dim, He'll give the best of those who leave the choice to him."

## Central Station

The Argentinian film nominated for best foreign language film. Fernanda Montenegro is outstanding as the cynic with a heart of gold.



THE NOVEL THAT BECAME THE HIT MOVIE!

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME

RICHARD MATHESON  
AUTHOR OF SOMEWHERE IN TIME

## What Dreams May Come

A little schmaltzy perhaps, and Robin Williams is over-the-top at points, but still in all a thought-provoking film with gorgeous cinematography and art direction.

\*image is from book, not movie

## The Truman Show

Peter Weir's wry commentary on our media-obsessed postmodern society. We have met the enemy, and he is us.



Others worth a look include: The Horse Whisperer, Affliction, Bulworth, Antz, The Thin Red Line, He Got Game, Hilary and Jackie, Buffalo 66, A Civil Action, Enemy of the State, The Prince of Egypt, Mulan, and The Mask of Zorro.

## 1971

Whiteman- Gibbs Science Center is built.

## Elizabeth

Cate Blanchett as one of two Queen Elizabeth's who chewed up the screen this year; Epic drama at its best.

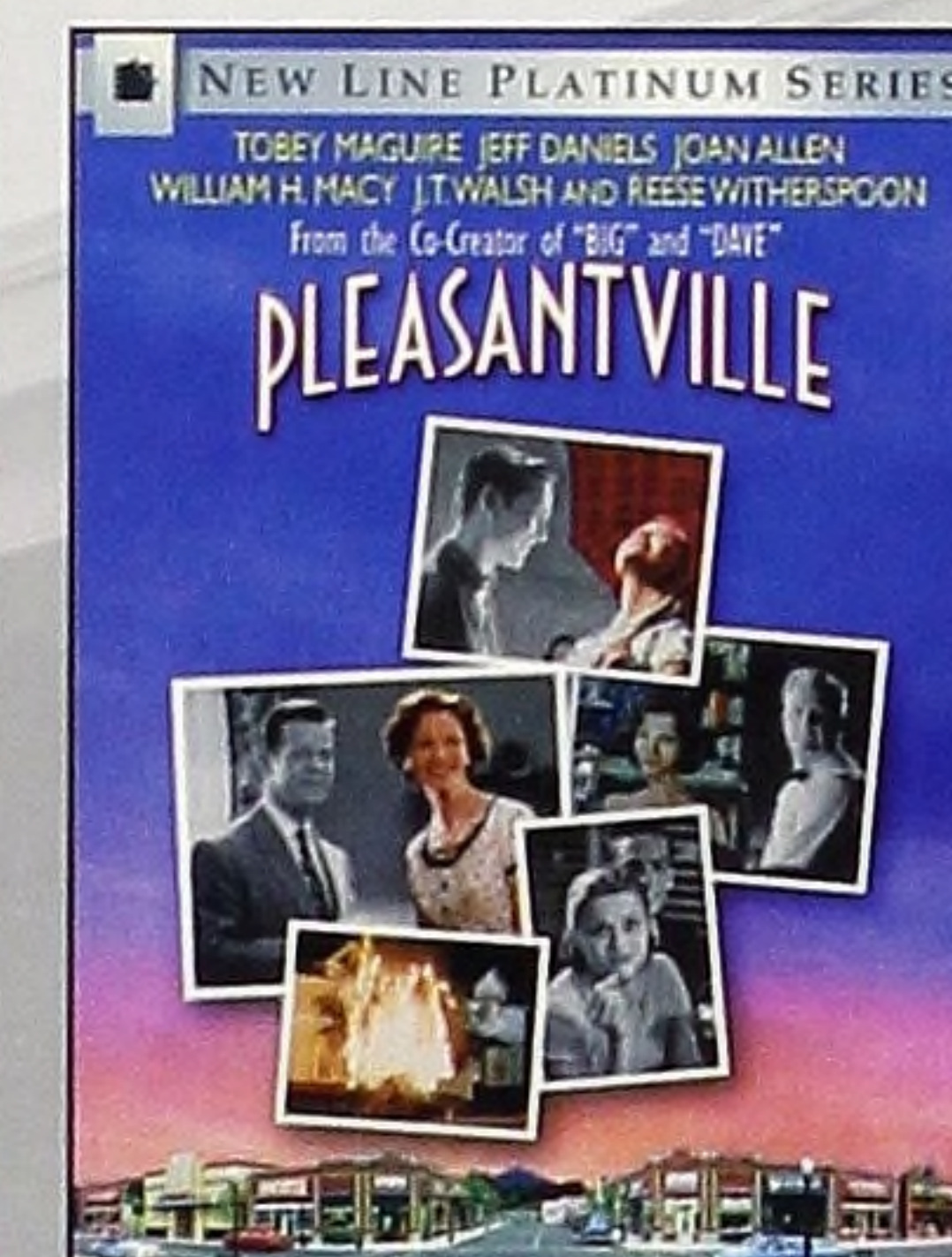


## Shakespeare in Love

Norman and Stoppard are the witty screenwriters who gave us Rosencratz and Guildenstern Are Dead. This follow-up to the tongue-in-cheek Shakespearean epic is full of romance, comedy, and clever wit.

## Pleasantville

A clever, brilliantly executed comedy and social commentary on culture wars, the fifties, and social intolerance in contemporary society.



## 1973

The Centennial Gardens, which we just call the fountain, was built to celebrate the anniversary.



Lydia Reynolds

Liz Stewart is confident that changing the world is not just youthful idealism. She has an education for politics, a mind for change, a heart for the world, and a passion for Jesus.

A major in social science with an emphasis in history and two minor concentrations in sociology and political science, Liz received just what she wanted - a broad liberal arts education. Now she wants to take her ambition to Washington.

"I have a grave concern for the Palestinians," she said. "I will try to work with this situation after graduation."

Liz says what she appreciates most about SAC is the opportunity she had to study for a semester in Egypt. "By far the most developmental education is learning from experience by getting to know people of another culture personally. You become involved with the world on a whole new level," explains Liz.

Although she will participate in the graduation ceremony in spring '99, Liz will retain student status and spend the fall of '99 in Washington D.C. with the American Studies Program. She will also intern with a human rights organization like the kind she wants to be involved with in her career.

"I hope to make policies that will better society and facilitate greater understanding between cultures for better



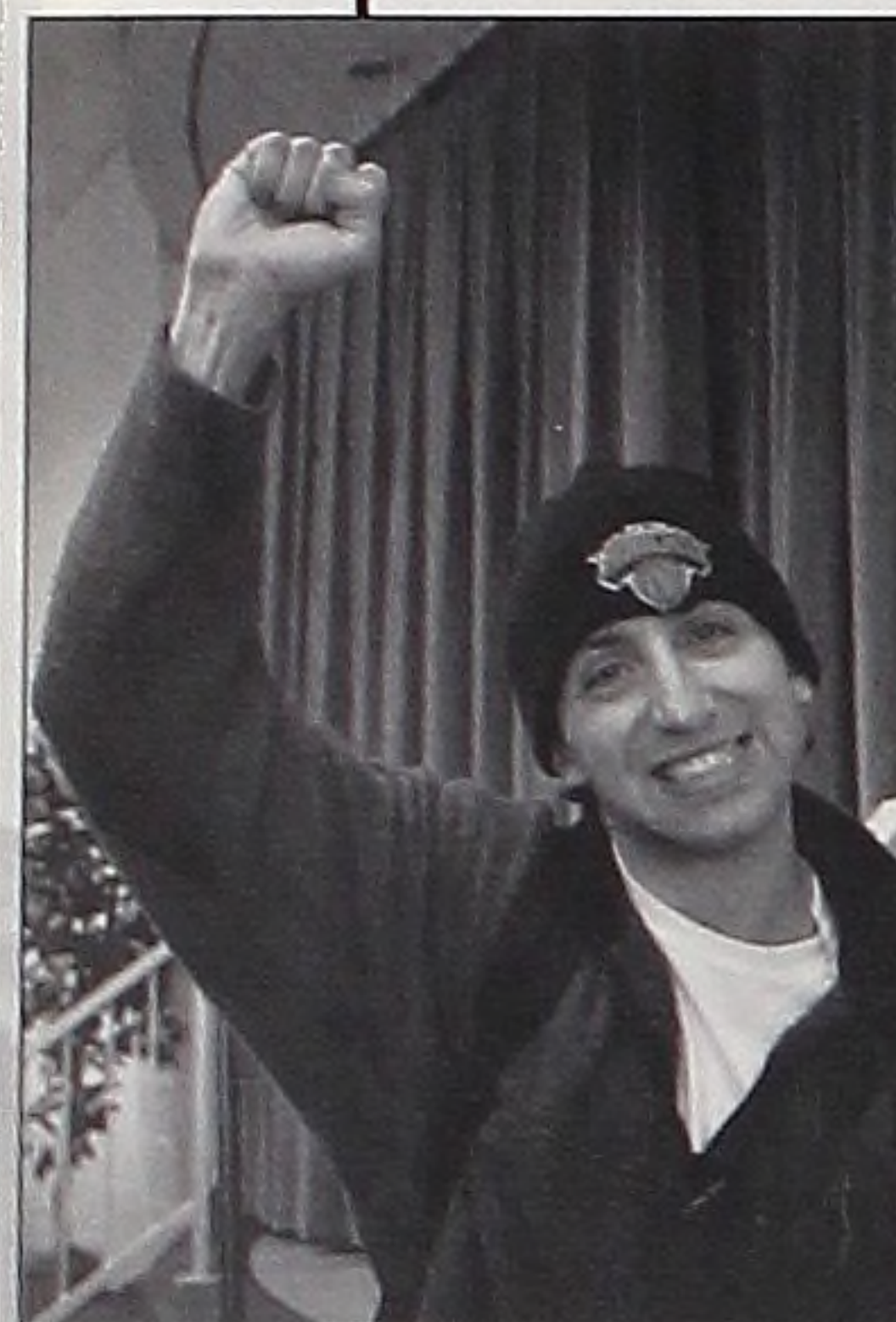
relations within our world," she commented. "I want to work to further God's justice and mercy."

Liz believes her professors helped her in several ways. "I appreciate the way the professors care. The faculty and staff really wanted me to succeed," she said. "They fostered my ambitions and built my confidence in a way I don't think would've happened on a large campus."

"Dr. Eells was the most influential," she continues, "because he taught me to be responsible for my own mind; to think abstractly and critically. Nothing was spoon-fed with him. Over the years I have seen my mind develop to be able to keep up with his mind. I see that as a mark of mental maturity."

Track and cross-country influenced Liz as well. "Running really helped me to structure my time, and it made me responsible to not procrastinate," she said. "It gave me mental and physical health."

Liz concludes, "College is fun and you will grow, but only for as much as you are willing to put into it."



by Robyn Holman

Most other fifth-year seniors won't declare, "I love school!" like John Paul Anderson does. But then again, most students haven't had JP's work experience either.

In the fall of '94, JP arrived at SAC from Rochester, New York with a specific career goal in mind. "I thought being in

business was a good way to play a lot of golf," he says. JP took the business and accounting track. After a year or so of partying (a.k.a. realigning his objectives), he found himself stuck somewhere he wasn't sure he liked.

Wanting to get his golf club in the door of big business, JP spent January of his junior year in Chicago as an intern at a non-profit organization. Rubbing shoulders with business owners was the plan. "I learned how to mingle. But all they wanted to talk about was golf and the stock market," complains Anderson. JP was looking for a little more from life now - money. His next chance to jump in was last summer, as a staff accountant in Ann Arbor for a health care business. Unfortunately, JP was bored sitting

at a desk without any contact with people. "Now I know I can't do [accounting] all my life," he says.

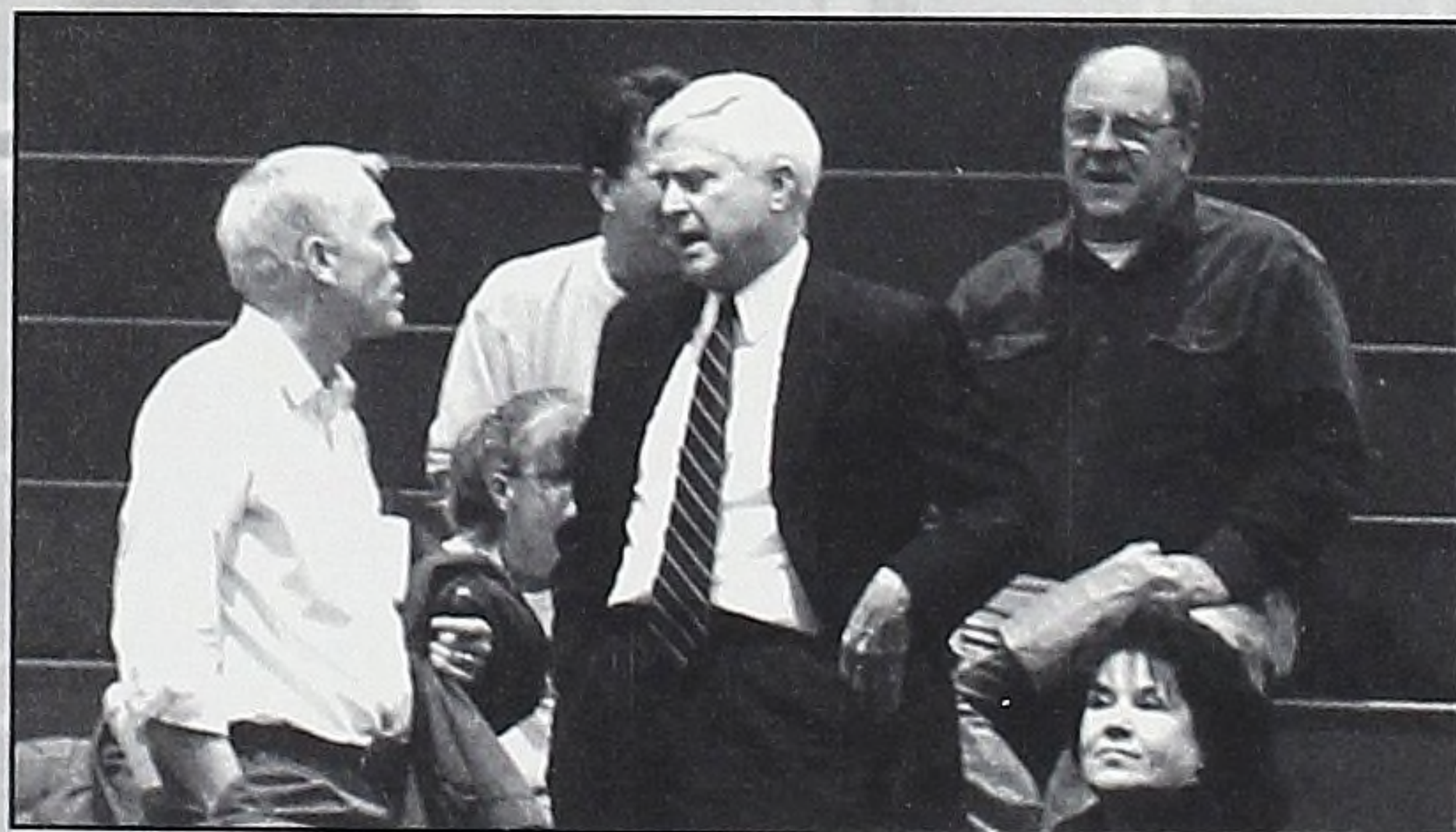
It seemed like everything was falling out of place in JP's plan for the future, "I found out that business is so one-person oriented. I know I don't want to be part of Corporate America. Do you work to live or live to work? I had a white-picket fence and everything, but it's all been shattered."

JP spent a semester in Costa Rica for yet another internship. This time, his purpose was consulting. He worked for a charitable organization that was heavily involved in agriculture, Baby chicken agriculture. JP illustrates, "My main question was, 'Should the company stay in the chick market or sell out?' Talk about a hard

research topic - and everything was in Spanish!"

JP decided not to decide and came back to the US.

John Paul's goals have changed through his internship experiences. Instead of playing golf and being filthy rich, his aspirations include having a job that is meaningful in the greater picture. JP has decided, "I want to use my time for the greater good." Now JP is ready for graduation, and looking forward to his fourth internship. This summer he will live in Washington D.C. as a Research Assistant for Prison Fellowship Ministries. But don't think JP has finally found his place in the world of business. "I like too many things now to narrow it down," he says. "Life was simpler when I knew what I wanted to do."



1975

Dedication of the Physical Education center.

1977

A new dorm policy allowed students to paint their rooms whatever color they wanted and SAC provided the paint!

1979

Mary Albert-Darling was on homecoming court.

1982

Ron Kopicko took the first team to Mexico.



## Students Take on Music City

Nikki Lane

Breathtaking. . . Confusing. . . Unbelievable. . . Unsolvable. . . Enchanting: a group of words that only begin to describe the southern attraction called the Opryland Hotel. For those students who had the chance to spend a few days there, it will remain an unforgettable memory of adventure, experience and fun. On Friday, January 27th, six communication students (including myself), along with Instructor Dorie Shelby and her family, packed up a van and began the trip to Nashville, Tennessee for the annual National Religious Broadcaster's convention, which took place at the Opryland Hotel.

Senior, Casey Turner, along with Juniors Tim Ambrose and myself, Nikki Lane, prepared to attend the Intercollegiate Religious Broadcaster's awards ceremony, where we each received national awards. Turner and Ambrose took first place in studio production for their episode of the college's cable show, "Epic." The duo completely scripted and edited the piece, entitled, "The Best of Epic." Ambrose also received a second place honor in field production for his entry, "The Jonesville Tragedy." My award was in the radio division, where I took first place for



radio demo tape.

Aside from the ceremony, the students, which also included Roni Smith, Anne Walcott, and Sarah Richmond, attended various broadcasting sessions, and had the chance to interact with many influential religious broadcasters. And, of course, the students took time to enjoy the mesmerizing atmosphere of the Opryland Hotel, with its array of flowers and trees, and the charming in-door river. After taking in the sights of Nashville, the group headed home Tuesday morning with handfuls of business cards, free CD's, and memories of their experience in Music City, USA.



New York

Jessica Dold

This year I was both honored and humbled to be chosen as part of the New York City mission team. Kim and Scott Hayworth were the leaders of the trip, and Lane Gordon was the student leader. They led Sean Coe, Amber Hines, Ann Walcott, Casey Taylor, Sarah Raymond, Nikki Lane, Becca Shabeck, Katee Philpott, Nate Lee and myself on a wonderful adventure.

Our main ministry focus was with the homeless. We spent time at the Bowery Mission in Manhattan dishing out meals and we also ventured out onto the streets at night to feed the homeless—both physically and spiritually.

Besides our work feeding the homeless, we had two work days. One of our workdays was spent in New Jersey at a Japanese church and the other at the Brooklyn Free Methodist Church, where we stayed throughout our visit.

The trip was eye opening for us. Not a single member of the team left NYC without something new. I left with a deeper relationship with God, knowing that I had seen Him in NYC. I saw Him in my leaders. I saw Him in my team members. I saw Him at the Bowery Mission, and I saw Him on the streets.

Another reason why the trip was great was because of all the people we met there. They were all so open and loving. It was neat because God used us to meet the people where they were at. Some of them just needed a drink, some of them needed food, some of the people needed to accept Jesus and some were just lonely and needed someone to treat them like a person, look them in the eye and talk with them. Whatever it was, God gave us the ability to meet their present need, no matter what it was.

I found out that truly amazing things can happen when you are open to the Lord using you.

Jennifer Frechette

New Mexico or bust!! The 1999 Navajo Nation team, led by Steve Newton, headed for New Mexico on March 26, 1999. Navajo Missions, the team's destination, responds to the needs of the Navajo people. Hundreds of helpless and homeless children have called the Mission "home" since 1953.

The team came prepared to serve the Mission in any way. We spent about four days clearing thornbushes and trees away from a canal on the mission grounds. Despite the numerous scratches and sometimes non-functioning chainsaw, we had fun and encouraged each other. At night, team members had time to relax and visit with the families there. The Navajo Nation team went to New Mexico to be a blessing, but it was returned to them in many ways.



## Mexico

This year's Mexico team was led by Bobby and Angie Pratt and Kimberly Halladay. They helped to build a church for the people in Sonora, Mexico.



## 1987

SAC raised \$10,584,422 from a capital campaign.

## 1990

The Arbor Ranch Fest included square dancing lessons by Mrs. Dunkel and even President Dorsey Brause kicked up his heels and donned a cowboy hat.

## 1991

SAC held their first outdoor track meet because an all-weather track finally replaced the crushed red brick cinder tracks.

## 1992

At President Allen Carden's inauguration celebration a spontaneous bunny hop started. Carla Koontz and Bob Bailey lead some of the lines.



## From the deans

*Ronette Smith*

The School of Education is rapidly growing. About 1000 students in both the undergraduate and the graduate programs have enrolled this year. This increase is causing the school to make sure they don't lose "our personal touch," said David Hamilton, dean of the School.

In addition to enrollment growth, the school added a new program at Alpena Community College (ACC). Juniors and seniors can now graduate in education with a degree from SAC by taking classes at ACC. Then students can continue their degree by going to the SAC's Alpena adult studies center for their graduate degree in education.

But the biggest achievement of all for the School of Education was doing well during the National Counsel for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) visit. SAC's education undergraduate program was reapplying for accreditation, and the graduate program hopes to be accredited also. If the graduate program is NCATE accredited, SAC will be the third Christian school in the nation to receive this honor. The official answer from the NCATE has not been given yet, but their visit went well and the School will know in September or October of 1999.

*Michael Clyburn*

Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences

The School of Arts and Sciences is a vibrant, healthy gathering of departments, faculty, and students whose disciplines and contribution insure the mission, vitality, and liberal arts character of Spring Arbor College. Recent developments include (but are not limited to):

1. Successful production of a professional accreditation self-study by the Social Work Department.
2. Signing of a program articulation agreement with Jackson Community College by the Social Work and Psychology departments.
3. Creation of a partnership between Spring Arbor College and Asbury Theological Seminary to offer graduate theological courses.
4. Development of a Management of Information Systems between the Computer Science and Business Departments.
5. Awards given to a nationally recognized video broadcast program, EPIC, sponsored by the Communications Department.
6. The Mathematics Department raised \$10,000 in donated funds for Physics lab renovation and curriculum revision.
7. The Mathematics Department provided leadership for the development of a campus-wide honors program.
8. The designation of Physics by the Michigan State Department of Education as a certifiable area in Teacher Education at SAC.
9. The English Department increased enrollment with 108 students declaring an English major.
10. Development of a Spring Arbor College handbook for freshmen and a research writer's guide by the English Department for upperclassmen.
11. The Exercise and Sport Science Department participated in a University of Michigan funded Statewide Assessment Initiative in the areas of physical fitness and health knowledge.

*Rick Wallace*

Dean of School of Business and Management

In the past year students at the School of Business and Management (SBM) have learned to become outstanding managers operating from a foundational faith in Jesus Christ.

For the last three years we have had 100% placement success of our majors indicating strong confidence from the business and management community. We're also frequently hearing of students deepening in their faith and even coming to faith in Jesus.

The SBM operates a vigorous campus program of offerings for majors and non-majors that include majors in business and accounting. We also offer a full-fledged Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program. Students in the MBA program are mostly mid-career persons seeking advanced training. Our graduate students are encouraged to see administration as ministry. Again the "outside world" confirms much success as employers honor our students with promotions. It is not uncommon for a graduate student to report major promotions or even double promotions during the approximately three years they are with us.

Overall, the School of Business and Management has had a great year.

*John Nemecek*

Director of Curriculum & Faculty Development in the School of Adult Studies

The year began with a name change. The School of Alternative Education became known as the School of Adult Studies. This school of the college (with over 1200 students at locations throughout Michigan) administers alternative, off-site programs including degree-completion programs and the Prison Education Program (PEP).

A second change this year was the move to a regional organizational structure. The move was designed to keep close personal contact with students while streamlining administrative processes. Each region has their own faculty, administrative and support services personnel. The north region has sites in Traverse City, Gaylord and Alpena. The central region includes Flint, Lansing and Jackson. Metro-Detroit (including Troy, Dearborn, and an inner-city site) and Metro-Toledo constitute the east region. The west region covers Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

The most significant change to the School of Adult Studies was the addition of graduate programs. The school developed a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management (MAOM), which received regional accreditation in November. Classes started this winter at Toledo and Battle Creek. Plans are currently underway to take this degree opportunity to other locations. Additional graduate degrees in counseling and family studies are planned for the near future.

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# Run to the Spring Arbor College Bookcellar!

The Spring Arbor College Bookcellar, open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, is more than just textbooks. The Bookcellar offers a variety of music, cards and clothing, along with school supplies and SAC memorabilia. The bookcellar welcomes students to stop by without having to buy a textbook.

## 1995

Ron Kopicko won a 1992 convertible by sinking a basketball from three-quarter court at a shoot-out contest at a home basketball game.

## 1996

Deb Thompson named WHAC "Coach of the Year"

## 1997

Cougar Crazies follow the Men's Basketball team to Idaho for NAIA National Championship. The team finished in the elite eight.

## Dec. 2, 1998

SAC celebrated its 125th year.



