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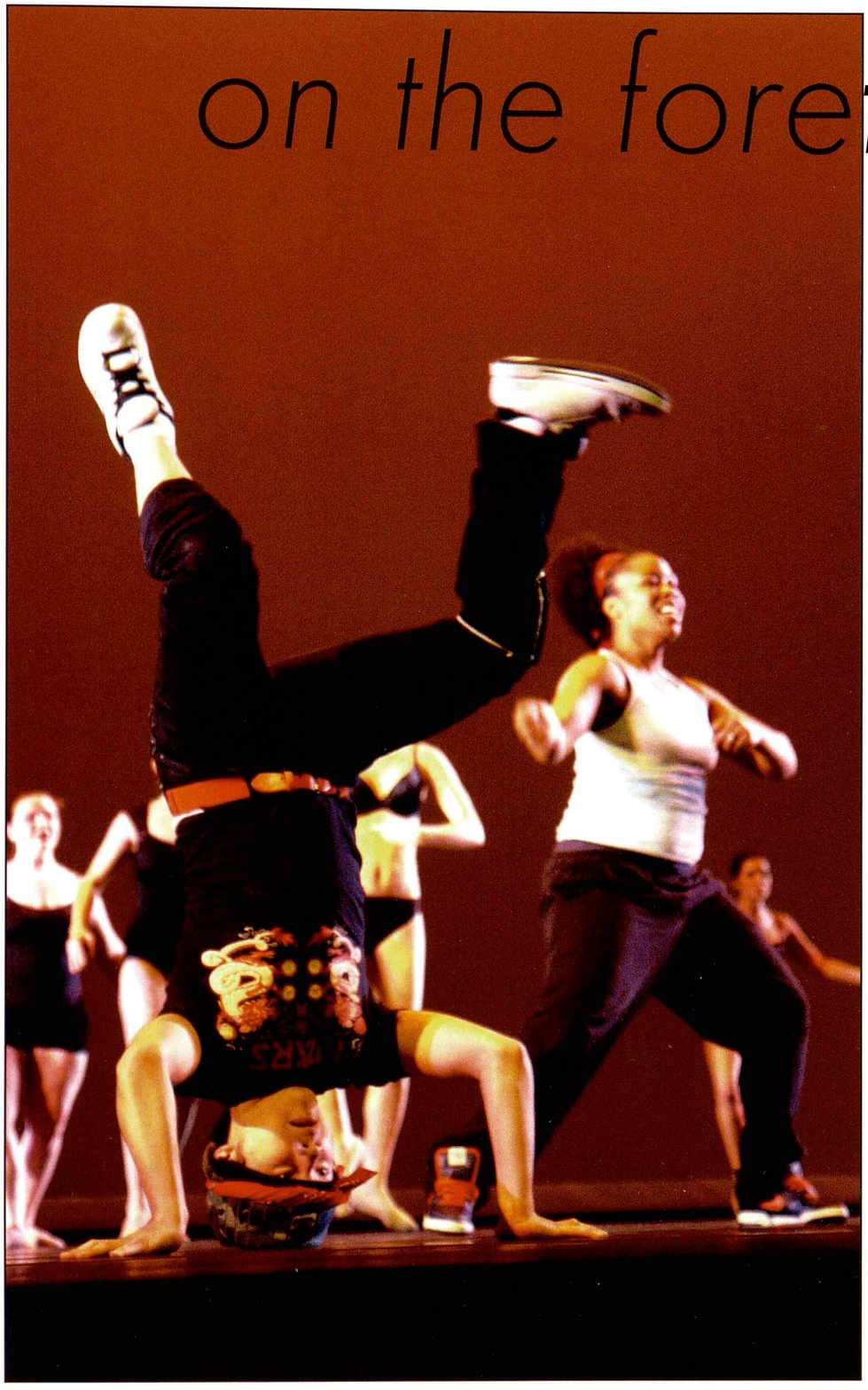
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While the blood rushes to his head Ching Her, sophomore in open option, performs a solo. The piece was choreographed by Joyce Yagerline, associate professor in communication studies, and was a part of the theatre and dance during the Spring Dance Performace.
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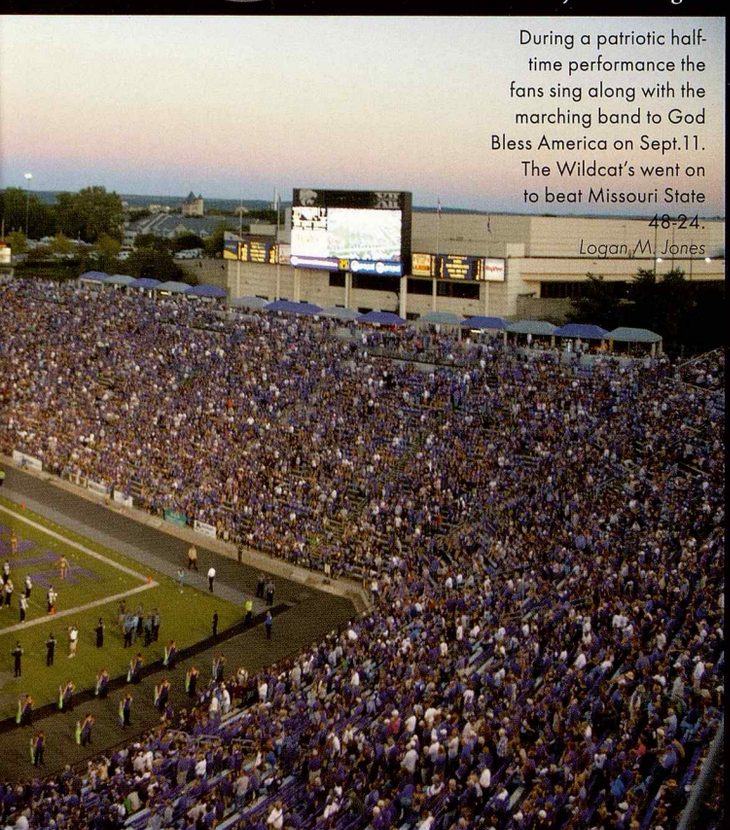




For the second year in a row the football team takes on the Iowa State Cyclones at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City... *Nathaniel LaRue*

front

by Ellie Long



During a patriotic half-time performance the fans sing along with the marching band to God Bless America on Sept.11. The Wildcat's went on to beat Missouri State 48-24. *Logan M. Jones*

People often say college is the best four years of your life. What you make of it is up to you, and the people you surround yourself with impact the years that are soon to follow.

Whether it is the beginning of a new journey or the continuation of one, students are taking the initiative to plan for their future. For some, it means leaving behind friends from high school, and for others it's carrying those friendships to each milestone in college.

Most decide on a major, a passion, a career and most importantly who they are as an individual. What happens during your short years at the university are small steps leading you through a path which most people hope to travel the rest of their life. It sets the stage for your future.

Students are setting their own trends and making decisions that open up many opportunities for the years to come. Each person has a chance to earn the grade they deserve, make the team they have fought endlessly for and stand up for a belief he or she feels so passionate about.

The university is continuously pushing the limits and is on the horizon of expansion. As a university, we are on the cutting edge of technology and moving forward in size, academics, athletics and organizations.

As a whole, we are at the starting line. The beginning of an exam. The last few credit hours. We are on the forefront.



Fans fill Bill Snyder Family Stadium to watch the Wildcats play on September 25. After almost a two-hour rain delay, the Cats took home the win against the University of Central Florida. "[The storm] was amazing," Sigrid Brusca, business student, said. "I've never seen anything like it. Everybody was huddled in the same place or they left the game."
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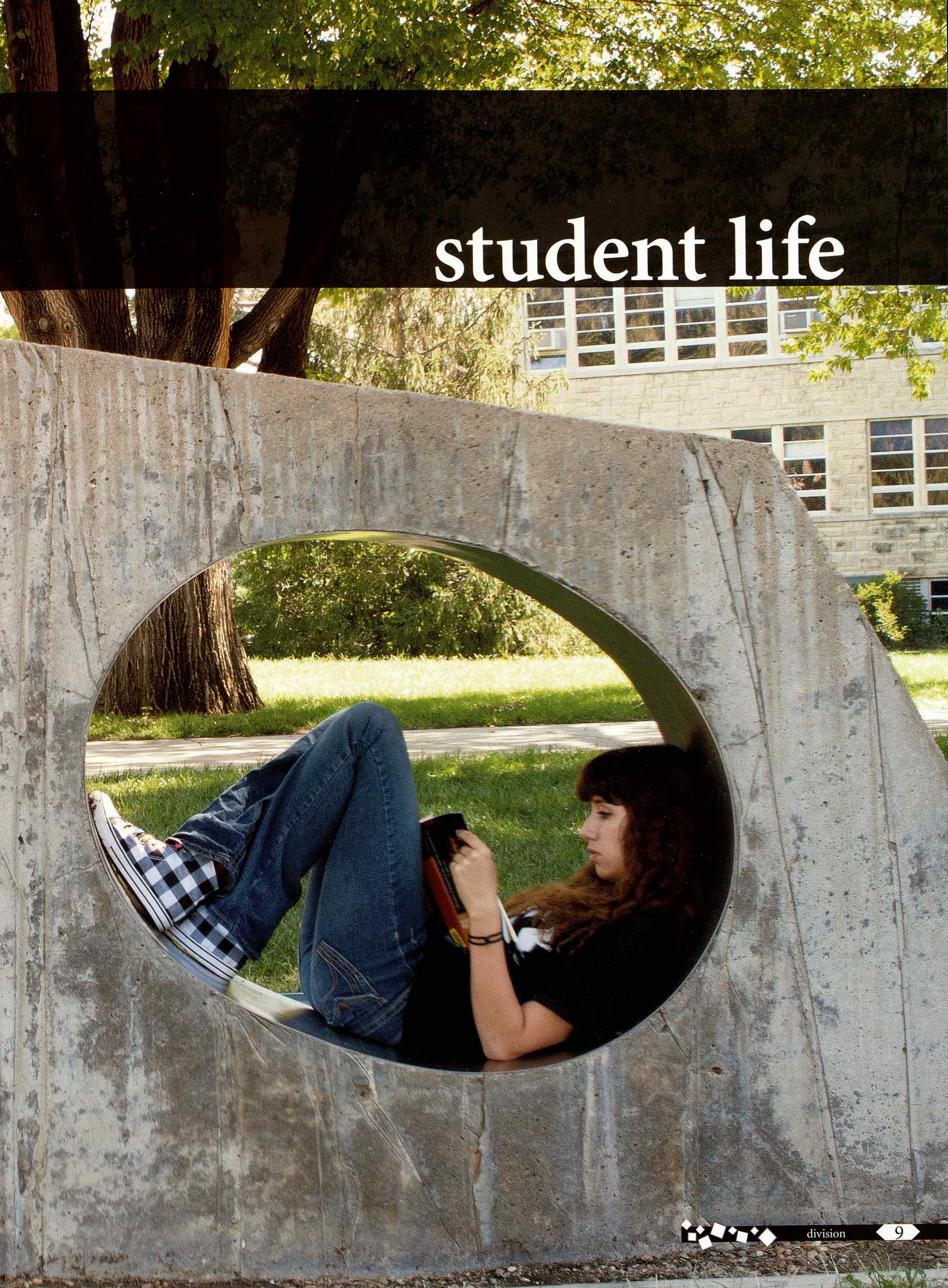




With influence from Lady Gaga's style, Eryka Stabel, senior in business administration, demonstrates her talent during the Student Spotlight Dance. The event took place in May and was performed by dance students. "Lady Gaga has a style where you can have your own personality and let your own spirit through, and you don't have to be afraid of who you are," Stabel said. "It was for a student concert, and they are different from faculty concerts because they are more focused on having fun and being goofy and experimenting with different styles."
Erin Poppe



A student takes time in between classes to catch up on some reading. While many students prefer ed to read and study inside the library, others found their study spot outside to be just as useful.
Logan M. Jones



student life



As the prideful two-day event continues, Jessica Tracz, junior in mass communications and baton twirler, dances her way down Poyntz. "This town has always been incredibly supportive of everything K-State," Tracz said. "It's been a great experience to be able to see that. It has been an even greater experience being a part of the spirit." The band performed on Thursday night. *Heather Scott*

Pride on Poyntz

by Colleen Quinn

It was the second week of classes for the fall semester, and even though it was only a Thursday, it looked as though the weekend had already begun. Mimes froze until money was placed in a hat, the smell of crisp funnel cakes filled the air and a sea of purple flocked to Poyntz to start off the athletic seasons with a touch of pride.

"Just by walking down the street you could see purple pride," community relations undergraduate assistant for Fan Experience and junior in mass communications, Lauren Halsey said. "From the amount of people in attendance, to the streets lined with purple T-shirts and decorations, it was hard to not be proud of being involved with such a great university. It was a successful event because of everyone that came out to pump our athletes up and start off the athletic year with a bang."

Students, faculty, alumni and other community members came together to take part in the annual event. This wasn't limited to any group of people and even new Wildcats got to see what it was all about.

"It seems like there is so much pride in the community," Carlye Simons, freshman in life sciences, said. "You can see the pride when you walk around. I honestly had no idea what Purple Power Play was. [When I got there] I was excited this was a place with friendly people, and many activities to be involved in."

Booths lined the blocked off streets with enthusiastic sponsors ready to talk to any person who walked their way. "I got a free manicure, pom-pons and a koozie," Kristin Willert, freshman in interior design, said. "I wish they had more free food, like popcorn, a funnel cake or even Applebee's," she jokingly said.

The atmosphere of this two-day event shone through, both for the fans and behind the scenes.

"Behind the scenes you can't act like a fan," Halsey said. "It's a business. It's cool seeing alumni come back and get their posters and team schedules. What makes our Fan Experience Program great is the fact that we cater to what our fans want. Being a fan myself, I can say that having the teams appear at Purple Power Play was a great way for both the teams and the fans to feed off each other and create a great atmosphere to start the athletic season."



The Manhattan High Scool Improv Club performs to raise money. The club struck a pose and held it until money was placed in the hat early in the night on Thursday in the middle of a blocked off street. They repeated this process throughout the first night of the event.
Heather Scott

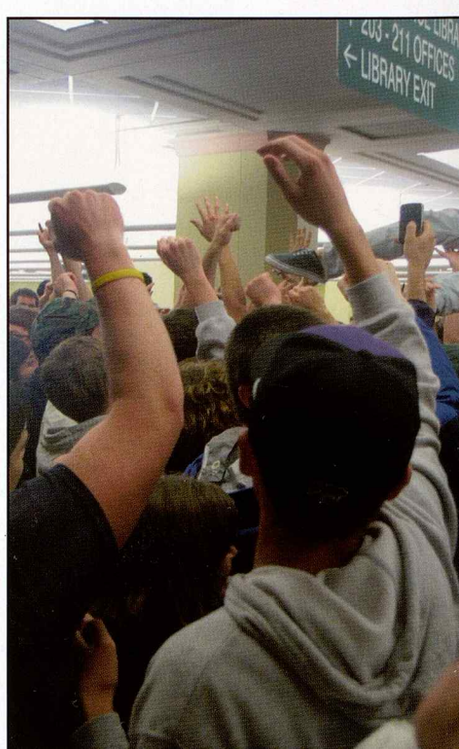


"People were happy with how it went, and it was cool to see students celebrating. The basketball team was there. Wally Judge was crowdsurfing. There were no distances that night. Everyone was the same. Everyone wanted to celebrate."

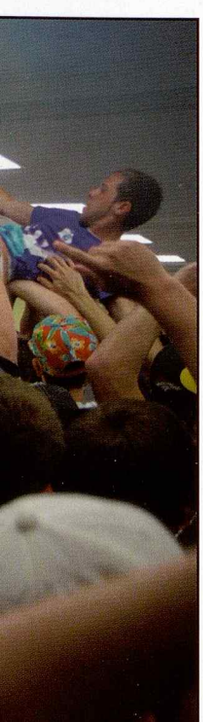
Timmy Specht, senior

Students pack inside the second floor of Hale Library May 12 during finals week to take a study break consisting of dancing to techno music, doing the 'K-S-U' chant and the Wabash."It seemed pretty cool to have that kind of spirit," Timmy Specht, senior, said, "especially during finals week. I got a lot of messages after the rave that said it was the best way they could ever think of to end their college career." Hundreds of students attended the rave.
Erin Poppe

One student crowd surfs through the mass of people while his peers dance. "I was surprised that there were so many people at the rave," Pete Smith, freshman in construction science, said. "I was expecting it to be a bust. I believe it rained that night, but that didn't keep people from raving at Hale. Us K-Staters are down to party no matter the conditions." Although it's been done on other campuses, this was the first time the university participated in a rave at Hale.
Erin Poppe







HALE STORM

by Stephanie Mikuls

Students flooded through the doors, covering the entire second floor of the library, while more students at the back of the throng pushed to get inside. On May 12, hundreds of students gathered outside Hale at 11 p.m. to take an unusual study break—and to take Hale on by storm.

Students who had been studying upstairs leaned over the banisters and watched the chaos below. A speaker system had been set up, and an 18-minute song played a nonstop mix of techno that ended with the Wabash and the K-State fight song. Although the music was difficult to hear over the roar of the crowd, the repetitive chant of "K-S-U" was loud and unmistakably heard by anyone near Hale.

"I made a Facebook group for it on a Monday," Timmy Specht, senior, said. "I invited all my friends at K-State which was about 150. I just said invite your friends and did a little description of what we were going to do. I created the group at about midnight, and by 1 or 2 a.m. there were between 600 to 1000 confirmed people already. Facebook exploded the event."

Campuses nationwide participated in similar spontaneous raves that had required the police to disassemble, sometimes resulting in the arrest or injury of students. With the expected attendance, Specht thought it might be best to inform the authorities of the upcoming library rave. The library was already aware of the rave, and appreciated the contact from Specht.

"We were aware of raves that had taken place without incident in other libraries, and we based our response, in part, on their experiences.," Lori Goetsch, dean of K-State Libraries, said. "Also, since the rave was for a limited time, we decided that the disruption was tolerable."

Although students danced on tables that had computers on them and pushed through the metal detectors at the entrance, little damage was done to the library.

"One of those green signs that hangs from the ceiling got unhooked while someone was crowd surfing," Specht said. "Another student grabbed it and returned it to the help desk. One of the librarians that keeps a blog on the KSU website said they were going to replace those green signs anyways, so it was fine."

The rave at Hale was covered by local media stations as well as Topeka's WIBW and KCTV5 and KMBC out of Kansas City. A few days later, footage of the rave also appeared on CNN during "Morning Express with Robin Meade."

"The rave at Hale Library was probably one of the coolest things that I have ever seen," Pete Smith, freshman in construction science, said. "It was amazing how the majority of campus came together for such an event. It was one gigantic party that consisted of glow sticks, drunk people, boom boxes, and a huge line. Not every college campus can say that they have raved at their library. One word—EPIC."



While students wander around campus wearing their brightest clothes, some take the time to participate in the Wabash in Bosco Plaza outside the Student Union. Students had to improvise since there was no music to follow along with.
Erin Poppe

BRIGHT OUT

by Erin Poppe

A week before the event, 308 people had clicked the "I'm Attending" button on Facebook for the K-State Bright Out. This confirmed that students would wear their brightest clothes to show their spirit.

Sponsored by ReadyU, this online site was dedicated to being a real resource for college students dealing with life on campus. On Oct. 6, ReadyU decided to scatter across 150 college campuses, including The Univsersity of Kansas and Wichita State University, in order to promote being bright and cheerful even when school is bogging you down.

Ashley Frerking, senior in marketing, was the university's local ReadyU ambassador who helped put it all in motion.

"Basically it's a competition," Frerking said. "The best photos and videos can go nation wide on MTV. We're trying to get everyone excited about this."

There were giveaway prizes for students who participated. The prizes, such as neon colored sunglasses, mini laundry bags and samples of Cheer laundry detergent, were donated by Procter and Gamble.

"The Cheer samples are actually what's behind the theme of Bright Out," Frerking said. "Their motto is 'keep your clothes cheery and bright', so it just worked really well with what we wanted to promote."

From 11-3p.m. ReadyU representatives took photos, videos, and signatures in hopes to dominate the competition. Frerking was especially into the idea of beating KU.

"We want everyone to know that we're the best, because we are." Frerking said. "I think we have a very spirited university. The students love getting involved and they responded well to this."

Yet there were some students that felt there wasn't enough information out there prior to the event to get into it. Kasey Dassel, sophomore in business administration, was one of them.

"Sure they made a facebook group," said Dassel. "But it was only up for a short amount of time beforehand, and I didn't see any personal publicity. If they had come to talk to my sorority house during dinner, we would have had the information first hand and I think a lot more people would have wanted to join the fun."

However there were students that gathered at Bosco to celebrate Bright Out, fully decked out in neon clothing. They performed the Wabash and the fight song for onlookers as the ReadyU representatives documented the event. Monica Klawuhn, senior in marketing, enjoyed watching all the festivities.

"I'd say it was pretty successful," said Klawuhn. "People were really excited about the products and the ReadyU website. And getting dressed up in neon colors. Who doesn't love that?"



Students sign up and gather free prizes and give-aways during the university's first Bright Out Day. Students and faculty were invited to dress up in their brightest colors to wear around campus on Oct. 6. Various activites and games were played during the event.
Erin Poppe



While she settles into her new home, Deondria Cay, freshman in electrical engineering, peers out the window at her new residence in the Clarion Hotel. Cay was one of 70 students who lived at the hotel. "It was different," Cay said. "But my experience was better than I thought it would be."
Erin Poppe

Campus Flood

by Eric Hostetler

The university scrambled to find housing for more than 405 students who were part of a housing and dining overflow.

As 4,100 freshmen showed up on campus Aug. 24, Tony Linden, freshman in park management and conservation, headed to the Pittman Building, home of Housing and Dining Services instead of going straight to the dorms. This was due to a letter he received after notified he was part of an overflow. For 70 of the students in overflow, their temporary home was on Fort Riley Boulevard: The Clarion Hotel.

"Our goal is to house every single student that is admitted to K-State," Chuck Werring, vice president of Housing and Dining Services, said. "However, there are a limited number of beds on campus and in the Jardine community, so we try to make sure that those students have the ability to live on campus."

Linden was just one of the many students who were considered part of the overflow. Derek Jackson, associate director of Housing and Dining Services, estimated the maximum capacity for residence halls was 3,750, which left 210 students living in the Jardine Apartments, 45 students living in study rooms and 80 students living with RAs.

"We've been in overflow," Werring said. "This is not the first time. We think there's an unanticipated number of people that try to sign contracts very late in the process."

Although the process of overflow had been seen in the past, there had never been an overflow this extreme. Werring said this was the biggest overflow since the 1990-1991 academic year. It required the use of a hotel operation to house extra students. Jackson said that 90 students were assigned to the Clarion Hotel and 70 of them showed up.

"I didn't expect it to be this nice, that's for sure," Linden said. "You can do pretty much whatever you want. You've got a nice huge bed, free cable and free Internet."

The use of facilities at the Clarion Hotel also added a strain to the costs that Housing and Dining Services had to pay for. Jackson estimated that every student living at the hotel was costing the department $10 per day.

"We are losing money on the Clarion," Jackson said. "But if you've got 70 students living in the Clarion that would otherwise not be at K-State and not paying tuition, the ballpark number is 100 students is $1 million in tuition. In the big picture, it's actually beneficial to the university, even though Housing and Dining is initially going to lose money on the contracts. It's a win for the university from a financial standpoint."

Even with a large increase in the number of overflow students, Werring stated there was no justification in building a new residence hall. He estimated the university would absorb most of the overflow by the holiday period, which meant there was no need to burden students with a facility that was not needed.

"Being in overflow right now might be a bad thing, but it's good that you're here as a student," Werring said. "The key part of it is we want that student to be a K-State student. And that's important. That's the experience."

Young and comedic

by Erin Poppe

At the young age of 16 comedian Bo Burnham knew what his true calling was in life. He traveled to Kansas to perform in front of residents and students at McCain.

He started off on YouTube with his comedic songs. He then frequented local comedy clubs performing stand-up, wrote a screenplay and won Comedy Central's Stand-up Showdown; all before he reached the age of 21.

This man was Bo Burnham. Towering at 6'5", the 20-year old found his passion of comedy at the young age of 16, something most high school students wouldn't necessarily consider at such a young age.

Burnham headlined for a UPC sponsored event at McCain Auditorium Feb. 7 with comedian/actor Rob Riggle opening. Attendance boomed as 1116 tickets were sold. Burnham really knew how to play to the Wildcat crowd.

"Muck Fizzou?" he asked the crowd about a t-shirt of a woman in the front row. "What is this witch talk? Oh, another rival? Well MUCK 'EM."

On stage, Burnham appeared to be aggressive, even angry as he paced around the stage like a madman. But prior to the show during sound check, Burnham lounged around in sweatpants, a common outfit from his YouTube videos, and cracked jokes with the workers. He seemed like a completely different person.

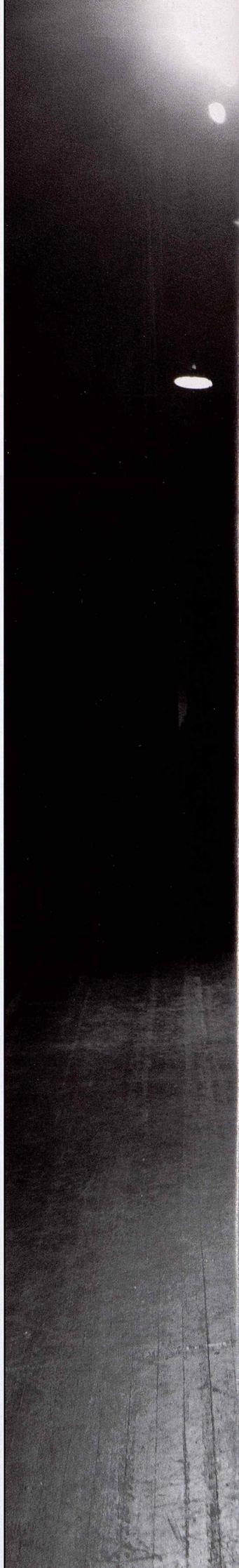
"I'm not myself on stage," Burnham said. "On stage I'm a bit more aggressive…a character of myself. That character thinks he knows everything. People think I would be a douche in real life. I would think it too."

Burnham was just a guy doing what he loved. He didn't need to go to college either to know it. After being accepted to several different colleges, including New York University, Burnham decided to follow his passion instead. He planned on taking sporadic classes in the future, to keep his mind sharp.

"I would have been a junior now," Burnham said. "But I feel like I am learning a lot, even though I am not in school."

And yet school is where it all had started. His freshman year of high school he learned his first instrument, piano, and from there he had taken off. His YouTube songs such as "Perfect Woman", a love song for Helen Keller, and "I'm Bo Yo" elicited a combined total of 18,822,428 views since being posted in 2008. However, Burnham didn't reminisce in the past.

"I didn't look back on the stuff I wrote at 16, it would be pointless," Burnham said. "Going from 16 to 20, that is the largest four year jump of your life. You grow so much during that time you become a different person. One who doesn't believe or need what they had at 16."





During his sound check and rehearsal, comedian Bo Burnham visited the university with comedian and actor Rob Riggle to put on a show for the students and residents of Manhattan. Burnham and Riggle were in McCain Auditorium in early February.
Erin Poppe



Students and Manhattan residents volunteer their time working at the recycling center for the university located across the street from the Derby Dining Complex.
Lisle Alderton



SafeRide:

Keeping students from drinking & driving

by Brent Gipson

New routes decreased waiting times

After a long night out in Aggieville, the last place most students wanted to be was pulled over by a law enforcement officer for driving under the influence. To prevent this, the university implemented a system to transport students to their homes. SafeRide provided a free, safe ride home to individuals who lived within the city of Manhattan and along the confines of the fixed-route system. Funding for SafeRide was provided through campus privilege fees, which were tacked at $24.93 per credit hour and distributed by the Student Governing Association.

When SafeRide was first introduced to the university in 2003, the service functioned as an on-call taxi service system. In order to get a ride to their homes, students had to call the SafeRide phone number and wait for a taxi to show up. SafeRide, the Student Governing Association and the taxi company that worked with SafeRide collaborated and compiled data to find out where the most common stops were in Manhattan. While the new system saved miles for the taxi company, it came at a cost of convenience for some customers.

"The new setup is terrible," John Roberts, sophomore in agricultural technology management said. "We should have just called our DD [Designated Driver]. I don't know why we didn't."

> "People had complained that the wait could be anywhere from 30-45 minutes before you got a ride. With the new system, the longest you wait is 15 minutes."
>
> *Victoria Hatch, SafeRide director*

Every 15 minutes, buses showed up at the K-State Student Union and proceeded to make stops in increments of two to three minutes. The "purple" route circled Aggieville, the neighborhoods on the east side of campus and the Derby complex, while the "white" route provided service to the neighborhoods on the west side of campus, the Jardine Apartments and the residence halls at the Kramer Dining Center.

Victoria Hatch, SafeRide director and junior in sociology and psychology, said that one of the benefits of the fixed-route system is a significant decrease in waiting time.

"People had complained that the wait could be anywhere from 30-45 minutes before they got a ride," Hatch said. "With the new system, the longest you would have to wait is 15 minutes."

Concerns of the fixed route system also involved the safety of customers who had to walk a distance from the SafeRide drop off point to their homes in an inebriated state. Customers, such as Hannah Brooks, junior in family studies and human services, lived off the corner of Laramie and Juliette and found the service convenient. Her home is steps away from a SafeRide drop-off point.

"How lucky are we that SafeRide drops us off at our house?" Brooks said. "I knew I moved into this house for a reason."

SafeRide was created to save lives and prevent injuries and damage to property by offering students a safe alternative to drunken driving and other threatening situations. According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, driving while intoxicated was the No. 1 killer of young adults ages 16 to 24 in 2009. SafeRide started operating in August from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

"SafeRide hopes that people will use our services instead of making the decision to get behind the wheel when they are drunk," Hatch said. "Although we can't cater to everyone, we hope that people will see our service and think of calling a designated driver or bring a designated driver to their festivities instead of choosing to drink and drive."



With a group of friends, John Roberts, sophomore in agricultural technology management, commands the conversation in the SafeRide bus on the way home from Aggieville. Roberts and his friends did not enjoy their ride on the SafeRide bus because of the fixed-route system. "Designated Drivers are more convenient," Roberts said. "We should have just taken ours around all night." *Erin Poppe*



Lauren Lickteig and Katie Harrison, seniors in mass communications, enjoyed their ride on the SafeRide bus. SafeRide was used for another purpose on this adventure. "Can you take us back to the bars," Lickteig said to the driver upon entering the bus. "We're not done having our fun yet." *Erin Poppe*

traditional education, non-traditional student

by Nicole DeBrie

Many people in their 40s have a well-established career and a growing retirement fund. Tim Wallace, a 48-year-old sophomore in management information systems, however, was just beginning his new career.

Wallace decided to begin college in January 2009 and attend the university after he spent many years of his life in and out of schooling and different jobs.

"I've been in the IT [information technology] industry for 12 to 15 years but I never had the degree," Tim said. "When the market downturn started to happen, if you didn't have a degree nobody hired you."

> "I have to get a job and be very successful right out of the gate. As opposed to someone who has just graduated college and can afford to make $30,000 a year, I can't."
>
> *Tim Wallace, sophomore in management information systems*

Wallace and his wife, Janet, senior administrative assistant, both struggled for years to find and keep a stable job with the income they desired.

"We worked at two or three different places and were finding either a low income or fighting a company that would open its doors for a while then close," Janet said. "If we don't have that paper degree we already know the low income we're going to have and we're not going to rise above that. We're not happy with just getting by."

Tim's college experience wasn't the same as a typical college student. Being a non-traditional student, he noticed differences in his priorities.

"I'm more focused on my studies. I don't have tickets to the football games or any of that," Tim said.

Wallace often brought his family along to weekend movies at the Student Union.

"I do enjoy the student union movies. It's nice to be able to go someplace to see a big screen without having to pay $10 for a ticket."

There were also some difficulties Tim found being older than the average student.

"There's been a bit of a problem with attitude. Everyone looks at me as if I know what I am doing because I am older," Tim said. "Suddenly you become an authoritative figure just because you're older."

However, Tim realized there are some advantages as a student, having more years of life experiences under his belt and being closer to the age of the faculty.

"It's a lot easier to connect with the instructors," Tim said. "I can talk to the professor and say 'Oh yes, I remember when gas was 47 cents a gallon.' There's a commonality there that younger people don't have."

Tim was not the only one in his family attending the university. Sean Wallace, Tim's son and senior in mechanical engineering, often had classes at the same time as his father.

"He has a tendency to sort of avoid me, but he's cordial," Tim said. "He asks how my classes are going and I ask how his are going, then we go our separate ways."

Tim was going to school full time but was still interested in any available jobs. Tim applied for multiple jobs on campus, specifically in the computer area. However, he seemed to often get turned down with the same response: "We've found someone who is a better fit." Tim said he assumed



portrait by Matt Binter



that meant "we've found someone younger and perkier."

With the downfall of the economy, Tim had high hopes to find a job with the income he desired right after graduation in May 2012.

"I don't have 20 years to build a reputation," Tim said. I have to get a job and be very successful right out of the gate. As opposed to someone who has just graduated college and can afford to make $30,000 a year, I can't."

Janet also hoped to follow in her husband's footsteps and return to college and earn a degree.

"The goal is that once he graduates, I can either go back to school full time or I can work and go back part time," Janet said. "Financially, there's no way we can do it at the same time."

The couple was sure to pass on the idea of college to their children by encouraging them to go at a young age instead of waiting like they did.

"We knew our children needed to be pushed in the direction of college and to do better than what we've done," Janet said. "College isn't just an option anymore."





portrait by Erin Poppe

FRESHMAN EXPECTATIONS

by Erin Poppe

Not fitting in, no spare time and getting lost are just a few fears some freshmen shared as they began their college career. Whether it was their first time living on their own, or they've experienced time away from their parents, some loved it while others hated it.

Allison Bosch, freshman in business administration, from Clay Center, Kan., loved it. Bosch admitted to having those fears when she moved to here.

"I think I was just worried about fitting in and people liking me," she said. "I just wanted to branch out and meet new people."

Bosch laughed about how she encountered so many new faces within the first month of school that she struggled to remember them all. It seemed as though most of her fears and ideas about college had been laid to rest fast.

"I didn't think I would have as much freedom as I do now," she said. "We have so much free time, even with classes. Even just walking to and from class, I just love it because you're outside and you have your own space."

Having your own space was something many students struggled with as freshmen, especially when moving into the residence halls.

"I was a little worried about living in the dorms," Bosch said. Bosch moved into Boyd Hall in August. "Having 70 girls on your floor, I really wouldn't have minded going coed."

Although she said she ended up loving her living situation, something did strike her odd.

"I did think there would be more farmers," Bosch said.

Since the College of Agriculture is such a prominent school at the university, many people thought most of the students would be cowboys. Bosch said she came to realize there were more city people than she thought.

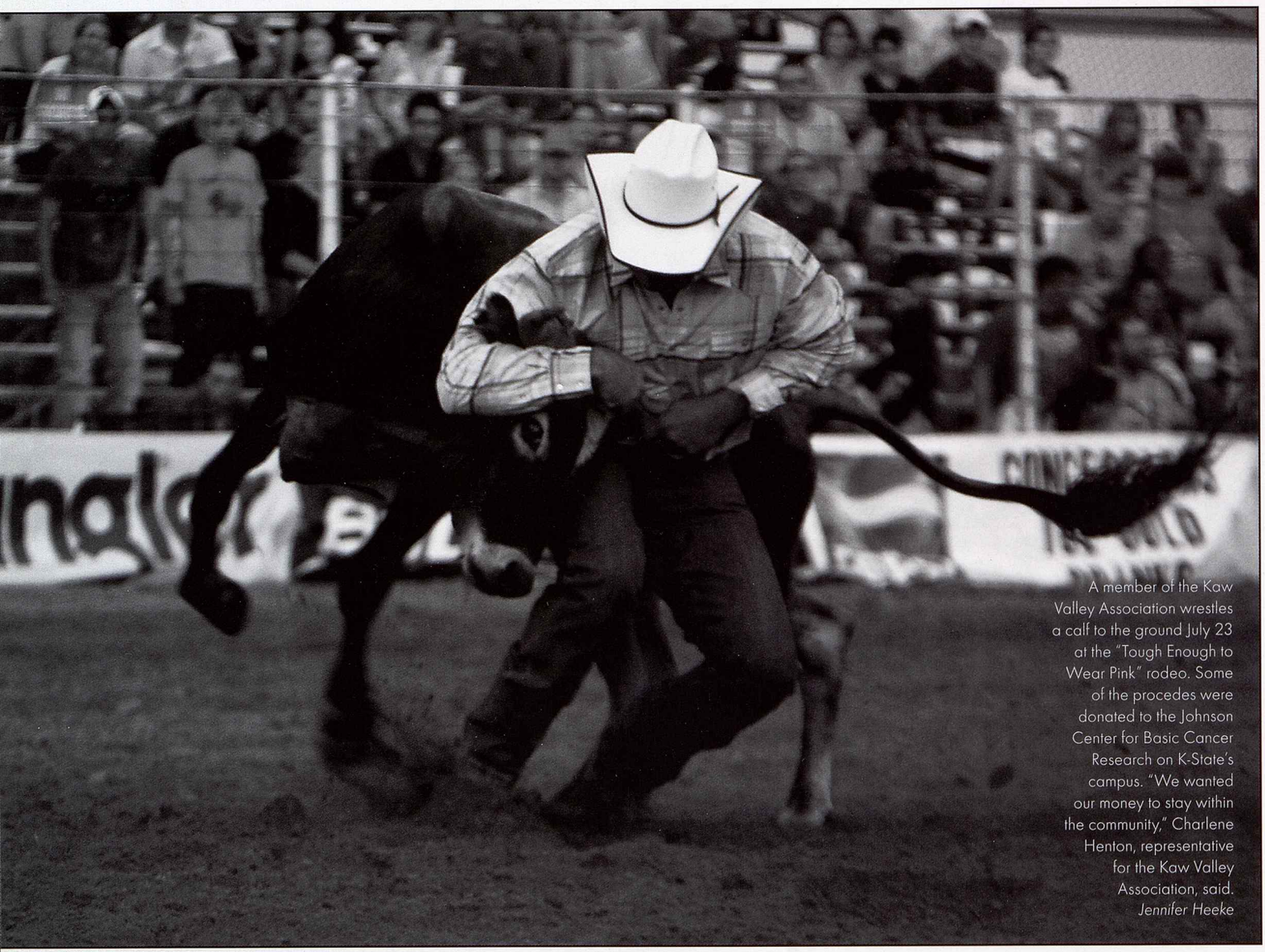
When she saw how diverse the campus was, Bosch realized this was the school for her. Not once in the first month of school did she get homesick, or go home for that matter.

"Sure my mom has visited me," she said. "But I think that was more for her than me."

A TOUGH FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

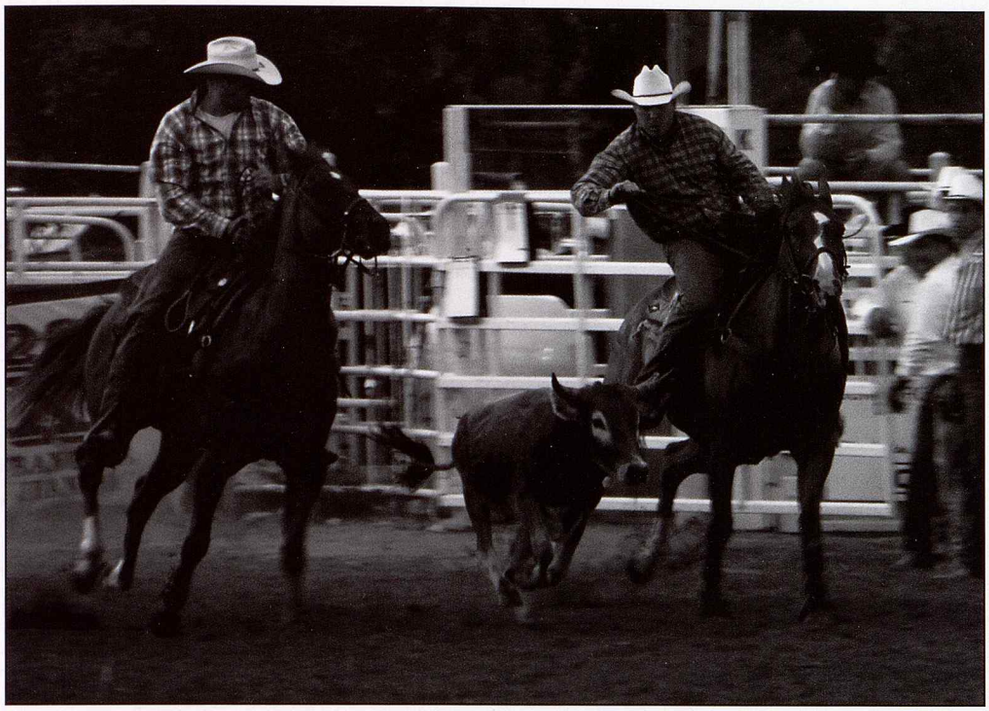
by Ellie Long

A sea of pink T-shirts and cowboy boots filled the Wells Arena July 23 for the fourth annual Kaw Valley "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Rodeo.



A member of the Kaw Valley Association wrestles a calf to the ground July 23 at the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" rodeo. Some of the procedes were donated to the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research on K-State's campus. "We wanted our money to stay within the community," Charlene Henton, representative for the Kaw Valley Association, said. *Jennifer Heeke*

> "One hundred percent of the donations go to cancer research and education. We are a major resource to the community."
>
> *Marcia Locke, Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research*



Two members of the Kaw Valley Association team rope a calf at the Kaw Valley "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Rodeo. "We're unique being at a university that's not a medical school. The depth of research and number of faculty will continue to grow like it has the past ten years," Marcia Locke, Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, said. *Jennifer Heeke*

This year the Kaw Valley Rodeo donated a portion of the proceeds earned at the Riley County Fair to Kansas State University's Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research located in Chalmers Hall.

"We wanted our money to stay within the community," Charlene Henton, representative for the Kaw Valley Association, said. "We especially liked how it not only went to breast cancer research but all types of cancer."

What started off as a nation wide effort by Wrangler turned into a local event by the Kaw Valley Association. Four years ago Marcia Locke, public relations and outreach coordinator for the Johnson Center, said she was contacted by Henton about donating the proceeds to the Johnson Center.

"The Kaw Valley Association donates the money raised from the rodeo every year to the Johnson Center because they want their funds to stay local," Locke said. "One hundred percent of the donations given to us go to cancer research and education here at K-State."

Family members and friends wrote names of people they knew who had battled cancer onto pink balloons and released them before the rodeo started.

Locke said she received an interesting e-mail the following week from a woman in Illinois. The woman had found one of the released balloons in her field, more than 330 miles away from Manhattan, with the name "Wilma" written on it. If it weren't for the Johnson Center logo on the balloon, she said she wouldn't have had any idea where the balloon came from.

"It's a neat connection that something we did here in Kansas is making its way across the country, literally," Locke said. "Not many people, or even students for that matter, know about the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, and it is right here on campus."

With balloon sales, admittance and donations, the Tough Enough to Wear Pink rodeo brought in almost $7,000 for the Johnson Center. Since it was founded in 1980, the Johnson Center has won more than 50 cancer research awards, and there is now an award titled "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Cancer Research Award." There are 71 affiliated faculty doing research at the Johnson Center where all types of cancer are researched and studied. The Johnson Center is one of the only places in the county that allows undergrads to do research.

"People do kind stuff like this for us all the time, and it gets us in the news, which helps get the word out about our center," Locke said. "It's great for us."

Henton said this year's rodeo was very successful. Compared with past years, she was especially impressed with the turn out and the amount of money that was raised.

"We usually judge it by how much pink we see in the crowd," Henton said. "This year there was definitely a lot of pink."

Bagels for sale

by Dani Row

The university anticipates the arrival for the new Einstein Bros. Bagels on campus. In early September Hale opened its doors and the first 100 customers received free bagels for a year.

Students were able to study in a quiet and convenient location and enjoy food and beverages. Einstein Bros. Bagel opened in September in Hale Library where the 24 hour quiet study room was. Einstein Bros. was the only one located in Manhattan, making it a unique place to eat. They served breakfast as well as lunch and were open late for students who needed a late night snack. In order to promote the new venue, Einstein Bros. gave away free bagels for a year to the first 100 students in line. Students camped out for hours in order to receive the promotion.

"I really wanted free bagels for a year, but even though I didn't make the cut, I still go about twice a week" Alli Dandurand, junior in sociology said.

Einstein Bros. was built as an alternative place to eat while on campus. It was located centrally making it convenient for students to stop in during passing periods. Large tables were set up near power sources so students could study and do homework while eating a quick bite.

"I come here to eat instead of going to the Union because it is more quiet, but I still like the variety the Union has to offer," Raaven Crockett, junior in social work said.

Einstein Bros. provided bagels, paninis, pizza bagels and bagel dogs with a to-go food service easy for students in between classes.

"Anytime I have a break between classes I come here to get food or coffee," Brittany Blattner, senior in life sciences said. "The Union is too noisy to study so I can come to Einstein Bros. and know I will get my homework done."

The new food venue created for more on-campus job opportunities for students. The set schedule allowed employees to base their work schedule around class.

"The managers are very flexible and they are willing to work with me when I am busy with school work," Elizabeth Zabel, sophomore in political science said.

The constant flow of people kept Zabel busy during her Tuesday and Thursday shifts. The earlier days of the week were usually the busiest and most people came in for their most popular item, the tasty turkey sandwich.

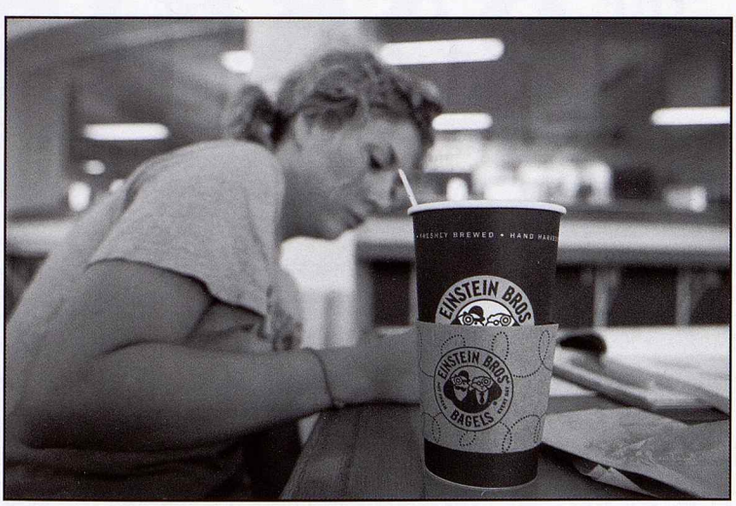
"My favorite part about working at Einstein Bros. is seeing the same people every day and getting to know their names and orders," Zabel said.

Einstein Bros. was a great asset to Hale Library and the rest of the campus.



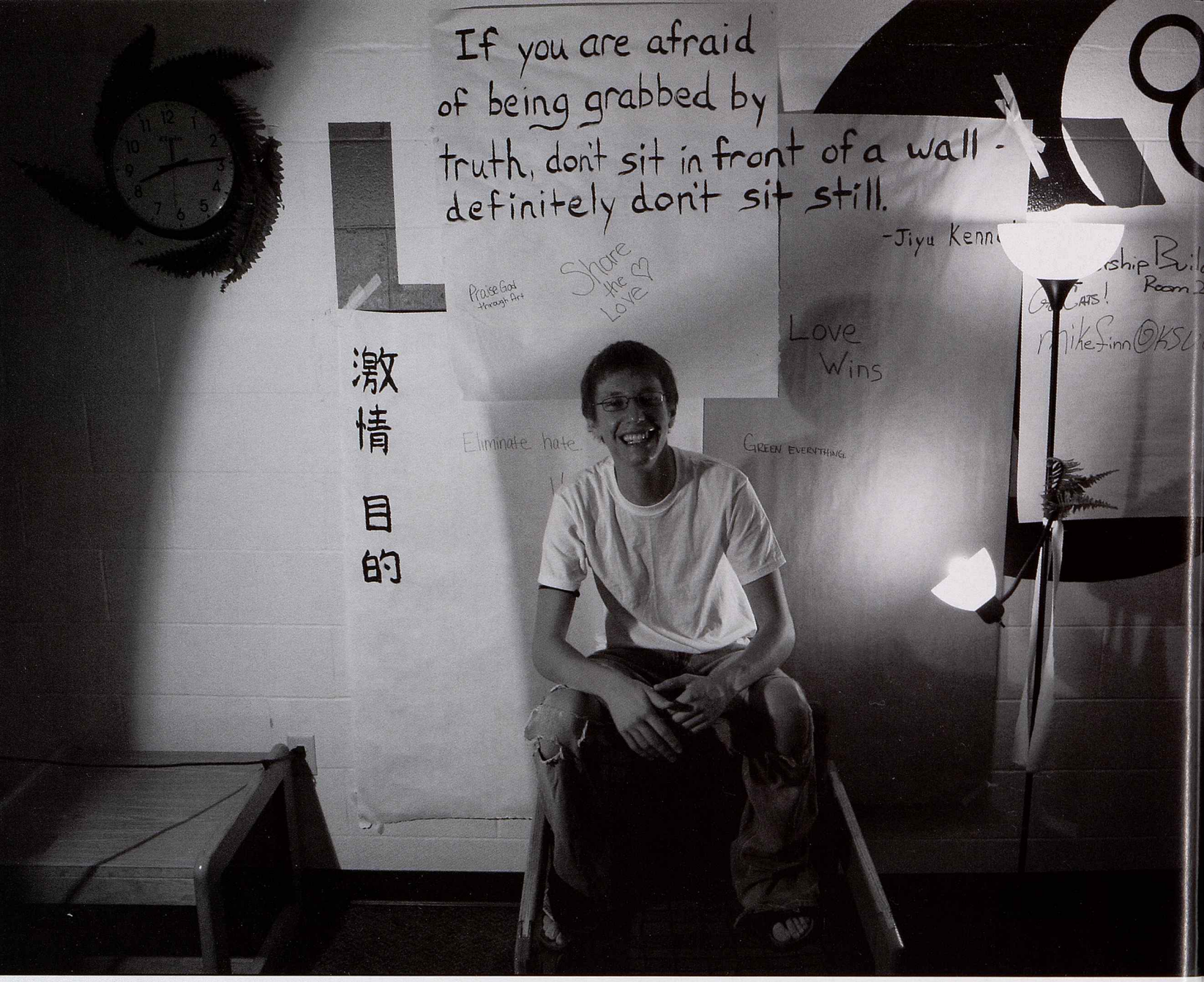
At the grand opening of the new Einsten Bros. Bagels in Hale, students lined up during the warm weather to get their chance for free bagels for a year. The first 100 people in line received the free bagels for a year.





With all the bagels and other pastries and treats it was good to have something to wash it down with. Smoothies, blended coffee and tea were just three of the numerous types of drinks offered at the new Einstein. Employees were equally as excited as customers were for a new addition to the university.

The new Einstein was located in the study area of Hale so students could enjoy a bagel and nice cup of coffee while they studied. Many students prefered to come here instead of the union to eat because it was a quieter option. Einstein was located on the first floor of Hale.



BREAK THE BARRIERS

by Kelsey White

The wall covered with multi-colored construction paper, standing tall in Haymaker Hall's eighth floor lobby, acted as much more than just the focal point of the room. It symbolized the unity and understanding of many students who called the floor, better known as The Love Shack, their temporary home.

Taylor Schmidt, sophomore in political science and resident assistant, established a series of seminars called "The Wall," which focused on convincing students they are part of something bigger than themselves.

"It is a place where students are able to speak about truth, love, life and compassion," Schmidt said. " When the truth is actually spoken, it is a powerful thing."

Every two or three weeks The Love Shack's lobby was turned into a central zone of tranquility and acceptance. Within the first few sessions, the idea of these thought-provoking seminars sparked interest from more than 45 students on the eighth floor alone. No matter the topic of discussion, the students were encouraged to dig deeper and discover their passion in life. Each session focused on different issues that held the residents back from reaching their full potential.



Taylor Schmidt, sophomore in political science, credits his loving personality to all of the blessings he has been given in his life. "I have witnessed extreme outpourings of love and have been shown beauty and love," Schmidt said. This is what drove him to start this series.
Erin Poppe



International students are not strangers to sessions. "Any student can have an impact on the world's worth," Schmidt said. The wall is diverse and has many different languages written on construction paper because everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the sessions.
Erin Poppe

Topics "The Wall" Covered:

- love
- acceptance
- personal growth
- purpose
- passion
- compassion
- truth
- grace
- prejudice & equality
- doubts & fears
- connectedness

"The definition of success is so warped in society today," Schmidt said. "We all, as college students, kind of lose sight of the bigger picture: What is life?"

At the end of each seminar, students gathered around the wall to physically shed their expectations and thoughts onto the construction paper. Covered with phrases of all shapes and sizes, languages and meanings, Schmidt said each symbolized one step closer to harmony.

Travis Fritson, freshman in architectural engineering, lived on the eighth floor and was a regular at each of "The Wall" sessions. He said he whole-heartedly enjoyed the results that these discussions produced.

"It is a great way to get to become a family as a floor," Fritson said. "We can hopefully extend that feeling into our classes and into the university, and that could in turn make an impact on the world."

Schmidt summarized his thoughts and feelings about his drive to pursue these meetings with a quote from well-known Christian author and speaker Rob Bell:

"There is nothing you can ever do to diminish your worth, and nothing you can ever accomplish to make you better than you are now."

The bagpipes could be heard all over campus as Josie Doefer, freshman in architectural engineering, plays the instrument on top of the parking garage. "I like practicing on top of the parking structure because it is nice, open space," she said.
Heather Scott

Doefer played the bagpipes early in the morning before her classes. "Hearing a bagpipe being played in the morning made waking up completely worthwhile," David Colmer, senior in construction science and management, said.
Heather Scott



melodies from above

by Cheyanne Alvarado

On an early morning walk through campus one could be sure to see squirrels and sleepy-eyed students, but what one may not have expected was the sound of bagpipes. Atop the campus parking garage, Josie Doefer, freshman in architectural engineering, played the bagpipes for all to hear.

While some students were simply entertained by the sound of the bagpipes on their stroll to class, some were perplexed. Students were curious as to where the music came from and wandered to the top of the garage to observe Doefer.

"Hearing a bagpipe being played in the morning made waking up completely worthwhile," David Colmer, senior in construction science and management, said. "It also gave me some momentum to start off the day."

Doefer, who owned her own bagpipes and played for several years, practiced playing the pipes several mornings a week so that she could keep up with her hobby while at college.

"I like practicing on top of the parking structure because it is nice, open space," Doefer said. "It is better to be out in the open because then it doesn't echo quite as much."

The opportunity for Doefer to learn to play bagpipes arose from her high school band. Coming from Howell, Mich., Doefer's high school mascot was the Howell Highlander. Because of the Scottish mascot, bagpipes were a common part of her high school band.

"There was a girl who played [bagpipes] for the marching band before I got into high school who was graduating, so I started taking lessons from her to play for the band the next year," Doefer said. "That's how I got started, and it was a terrible down hill roll after that because [playing bagpipes] is not something you can do halfway."

Aside from playing with the high school band, Doefer also played with a bagpipe band from Flint, Mich., near her hometown. This band, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, was a competition band that consisted of bagpipes, snare drums, bass drums and tenor drums. Doefer's father played bass drum for this band, and her mother was learning to play snare so she could play with the band as well. The band competed in many competitions and allowed Doefer to travel around the country as well as Canada.

"I like how it connects me with people," Doefer said. "There are people in the pipe band who used to play with people who play out here, and they tell me, 'You should call them' or, 'You should talk to them.' It's a good way to network."

Aside from being a difficult skill to master, Doefer said playing the bagpipes can be a workout for the body.

"You build up a lot of strength in your abs and through your shoulder," Doefer said. "I can take someone out with this [left] arm, because the pressure of the bag is on this arm."

As for her future with bagpipes, Doefer was hoping to find a pipe band near the university that she could play with during the school season and planned to continue playing with the Flint Scottish Pipe Band on her return to Michigan during the summer.

"I started playing because that's what my school needed at the time, but I keep playing because I like doing something different," Doefer said.

fast money

by Ellie Long

Students found unique ways to guarantee they had extra cash during the year.

Besides the regular stressor of homework, tests, quizzes and papers, students constantly had one other thing on their minds: money. Students spent money faster than they could make it, causing them to come up with unconventional and creative ways to make money.

Most of the after school jobs students went to required a uniform or a dress code of some sort, but when Lauren Perez, senior in theater, went to work twice a week in the art department, her only requirement was that she wear no clothes at all.

"One of my friends in the theater department told me about nude modeling for art classes, and I decided to do it," Perez said. "I am very comfortable with nudity."

Perez had been a nude model for the university's art classes since her junior year. She was paid twelve dollars an hour and worked two classes a week that were each three hours long.

"I don't find anything hard about it, people don't scare me," Perez said.

She said her friends supported her, however the only people in her family that knew she did nude modeling were her sisters.

"I did not tell my family, and I will not tell my family," Perez said. "My mom is just really religious, and I know she wouldn't like it."

Perez said even though people have negative opinions about nude modeling, she has a great amount of gratitude for it.

"The students are really appreciative of the nude models," Perez said. "I love the environment. Everyone is so welcoming no matter what your body type is. I could walk in the room 60 pounds heavier and they'd still be excited to draw me."

Perez said that nude modeling is only sexual if people make it that way.

"There's something different about taking a picture and actually drawing a human body," Perez said. "The artists really look at it as an art form and not anything inappropriate."

Perez had several other part-time jobs. She worked in Caribou Coffee, in the university's Theater Steam Shop as a Purple Mask Manager. She worked so much because she liked to take trips to New York and Chicago for theater and had to pay for a lot of things in college on her own. Not only did she make money while working, she also made friends.

"Sometimes I still see people on campus that drew me and I'm like, 'Hey, remember when you drew me naked,'" Perez said. "It's a really neat experience."

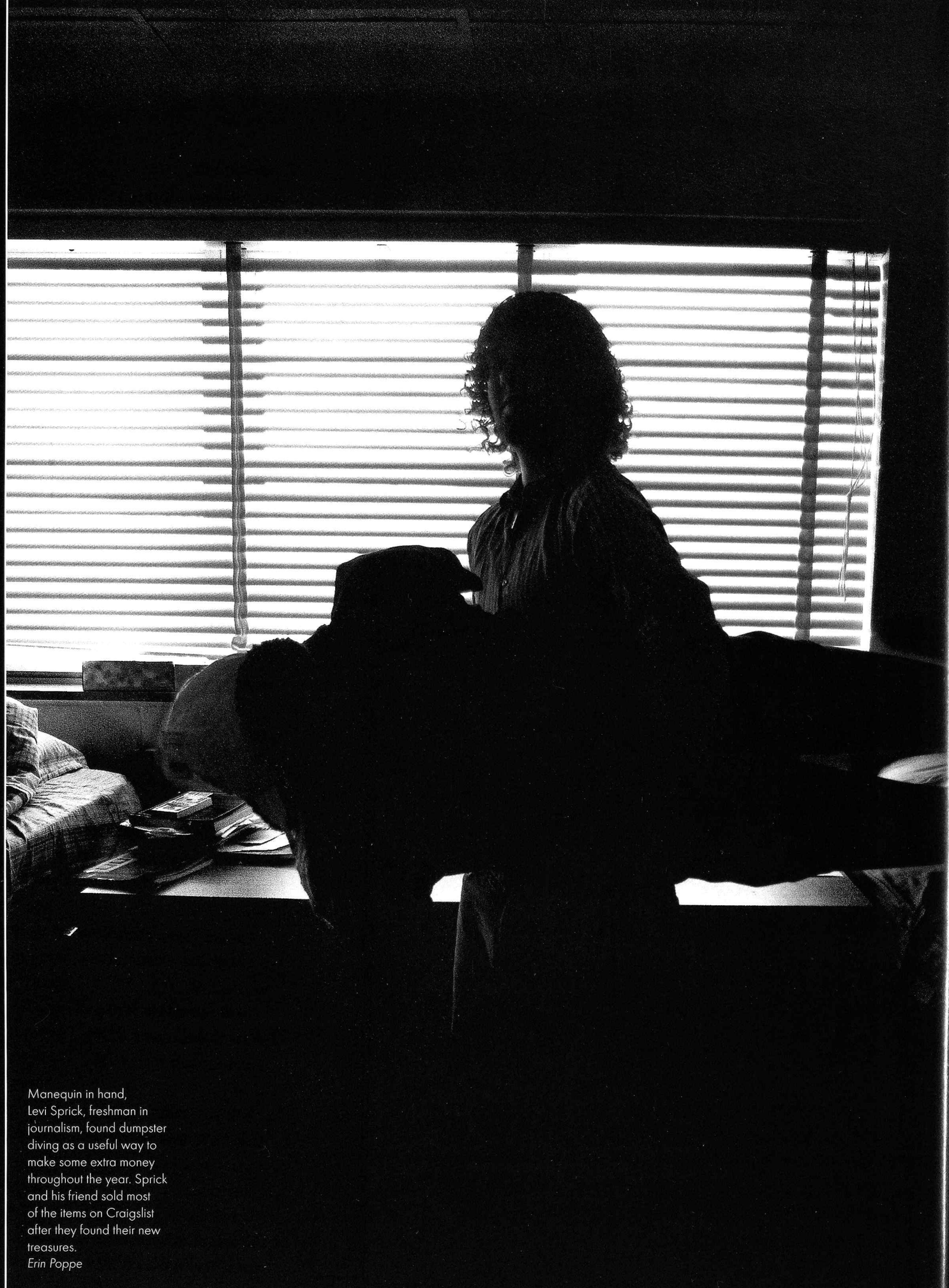
Some people took to more alternative, unclean ways of making money.

"My friends and I were walking and we saw some old

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Along with other jobs, inlcuding Caribou Coffee, Lauren Perez, senior in theater, put in a few hours a week working as a nude model for the art department. Even though she knew some wouldn't agree with her decision, Perez saw the opportunity as simply art and nothing more.
Erin Poppe



Manequin in hand, Levi Sprick, freshman in journalism, found dumpster diving as a useful way to make some extra money throughout the year. Sprick and his friend sold most of the items on Craigslist after they found their new treasures.
Erin Poppe

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furniture by a dumpster so we decided to check it out," Levi Sprick, freshman in journalism, said. "I was actually joking when I said, 'Hey, we should sell this stuff on craigslist for money,' so we did."

Sprick and his friends found an unusual way to make money, dumpster diving. They rummaged through dumpsters looking for valuable things and later sold them on eBay or craigslist.com.

"I found a couple pairs of really nice high-end jeans in a dumpster close to my apartment," Sprick said. "Once I had a friend who found a unicycle!"

The kind of items Sprick looked to sell were things that had been thrown out and were still perfectly good, or odd things that you wouldn't see everyday.

"It really depends on what you find. I have found some pretty cool things in dumpsters before, and of course some pretty disgusting things too," he said. "People want the valuable and odd things that get thrown out. One of the funnier things we have found was a perfectly good winter hat from Wal-Mart with the price tag of $10 still on it. It could probably still sell for close to that."

Sprick said he had a couple jobs at home in Osborn, Kan., working on farms and mowing.

"Dumpster diving could be considered a job too," Sprick said. "The funniest part of dumpster diving is on those rare occasions when somebody walks by and gives you a very strange look, and then you just smile and wave."

While dumpster diving was proven successful, some students thought of more convenient, cleaner ways to make some extra cash.

"I needed extra money because I was getting a little low," April Hiatt, junior in accounting, said. "Selling my football ticket was a fast and easy way to make a little cash."

Students like Hiatt would give up having a fun time cheering on the Wildcats in Bill Snyder Family Stadium to earn some extra cash. Hiatt sold her ticket for $80 on Facebook Marketplace.

"My friends told me about Facebook Marketplace a few years ago, and it was just an easy way to buy and sell not only tickets, but other things too," Hiatt said.

Hiatt said she sold one ticket per football season and about three during basketball season as well.

"Currently I don't have a job, which is why I needed an easy way to make a little cash," she said. "So right now I do little things like sell my tickets to earn some needed cash."

There were painful ways to make money in desperate times. Max Goering, freshman in mathematics and physics, donated plasma every Wednesday and Friday morning, adding up to about eight to ten times a month.

"No other options have been available to me," Goering said. "Otherwise I would take them."

Goering said he got the idea when someone on his dorm floor asked if he wanted to go donate plasma with him. After he asked a few questions about it, he decided to try it at least once, especially since the clinic paid him in cash.

He said he started donating plasma the third week of school, but it was a long process. To donate plasma Goering had to provide three proofs of identity and had to give the clinic a proof of residence. However, donating plasma wasn't Goering's only form of income. He also worked at Quiznos.

"I donate plasma because even though I make less than I do at my part time job," he said. "I only spend about four to five hours a week donating, but I make as much as if I worked nine hours that week at Quiznos."

Goering said people who donate plasma are paid differently depending on how much they weigh. The more you weigh the more plasma you can donate each time, and the more plasma you donate the more you get paid. The first time Goering went each week he got paid twenty dollars, and then thirty five dollars each time after that.

"I give plasma for money because college is expensive," Goering said. "Donating plasma has already paid for the cost of books for both of my semesters this year."

While some students found themselves strapped for cash, others found alternative and unique ways to squeeze in time between the other stressors of college to make some cash during the school year.

ABROAD YET AT HOME

by Natalie Rauth

Many students at the university hoped to study abroad at some point in their undergraduate career. What they didn't consider was the possibility that there may have been a student right there in Manhattan from the country they hoped to travel to.

K-State hosted over 1,700 undergraduate and graduate students from 99 different countries. Over 800 of the international students were from China, while India and Saudi Arabia were home to the second and third largest groups of international students. Although the most popular major among international students was business administration, their majors ranged anywhere from aviation to plant pathology.

International student enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year was up by 20% from the previous year's total of 1,400 students. The increase in enrollment totals was due in large part to a change in administration. Since the new Director of International Student Services was hired in January 2008, the program had improved drastically.

"When I landed at the airport in Kansas City, no one was there to pick me up," You Zhou, senior in engineering, said. "I didn't even know where Manhattan was, so I called a cab. It was $200."

Zhou moved to Manhattan in Spring 2007 from a city in China's northern peninsula called Dalian. Throughout his career at the university, Zhou has noticed the positive changes in the international program.

"The International Student Center has really improved," said Zhou. "They helped me get set up with a bank account, took me to Lafene and now I get notifications about international student events."

The program improved their technology, services, forms and more thanks to their new director, Sara Thurston-Gonzalez. Originally from Kentucky, Thurston-Gonzalez came to K-State after working as the Interim Director of International Student Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Although Thurston-Gonzalez enjoyed working in Wisconsin, she began searching for a new position.

"When I interviewed at K-State, I was immediately impressed," she said. "I loved the campus, I loved the people, I loved that the university was student centered, and I also saw I had a great opportunity to create an amazing program here and I knew I would have the support to do so."

Thurston-Gonzalez's passion for helping international students developed when she studied abroad as an undergraduate.

"I knew I could make a difference combining all my passions by working either to send US students abroad or by helping international students here," she said. "Then, I ended up working in the helping international students' side and I love it."

Wei-Jen Fan, junior in English from Taiwan, has enjoyed his time at the university thus far.

"I really like it here," Fan said. "The students are all very friendly and Manhattan is a nice town."

Fan is from Taiwan's capital city, Taipei. The city is the largest in Taiwan and is home to 2.6 million people.

"It was interesting coming to K-State,"



photo by Erin Poppe

Fan said. "My city is much larger. Everything here seems so small."

Fan took advantage of the many services that ISSS offers, including the International Buddies Program. The program paired local university students, staff and community members with international students and scholars. Once paired, the buddies met regularly to learn about each other's customs, culture and languages.

"The program is awesome," Fan said. "I have learned so much."



International Student Center Facts

- The university has Offices in Dehli, India and Beijing, China.
- It costs an average of 17 million units of Chinese currency (RMB) to attend K-State per year.
- K-State averages 1,717 international students.
- An english language program is offered to help international students further their language skills.
- An office focuses upon immigration and helps them get the necessary visa to enter the country.
- Shuttle services to campus are offered from the KC Airport for 3 days before the semester begins.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor was a speaker at the university's Landon Lecture in Forum Hall. Sotomayor was the first female Latin American to serve as Justice.
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"I didn't decide to go into law because I wanted to become rich; I went into it because I love the letter of the law and because I wanted to make a difference."

Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

making justice and history

by Eric Brown

For the first time since 1988, a U.S. Supreme Court Justice represented the university's Landon Lecture.

This year the university had the privilege of listening to the court's newest Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Princeton in 1976 and then went on to receive a degree in law from the University of Yale in 1979. After several years of practicing law as an attorney in 1994 Sotomayor, a New York native, was nominated by President George H. W. Bush to become a U.S. District Court Judge in the Southern District of New York. In 1998 she made yet another vertical move in the legal profession when she joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She stayed with this position until 2009. In May of 2009 Sotomayor was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Barack Obama; she was then later sworn into the position on Aug. 8, 2009, making her the first woman of Latin dissent to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

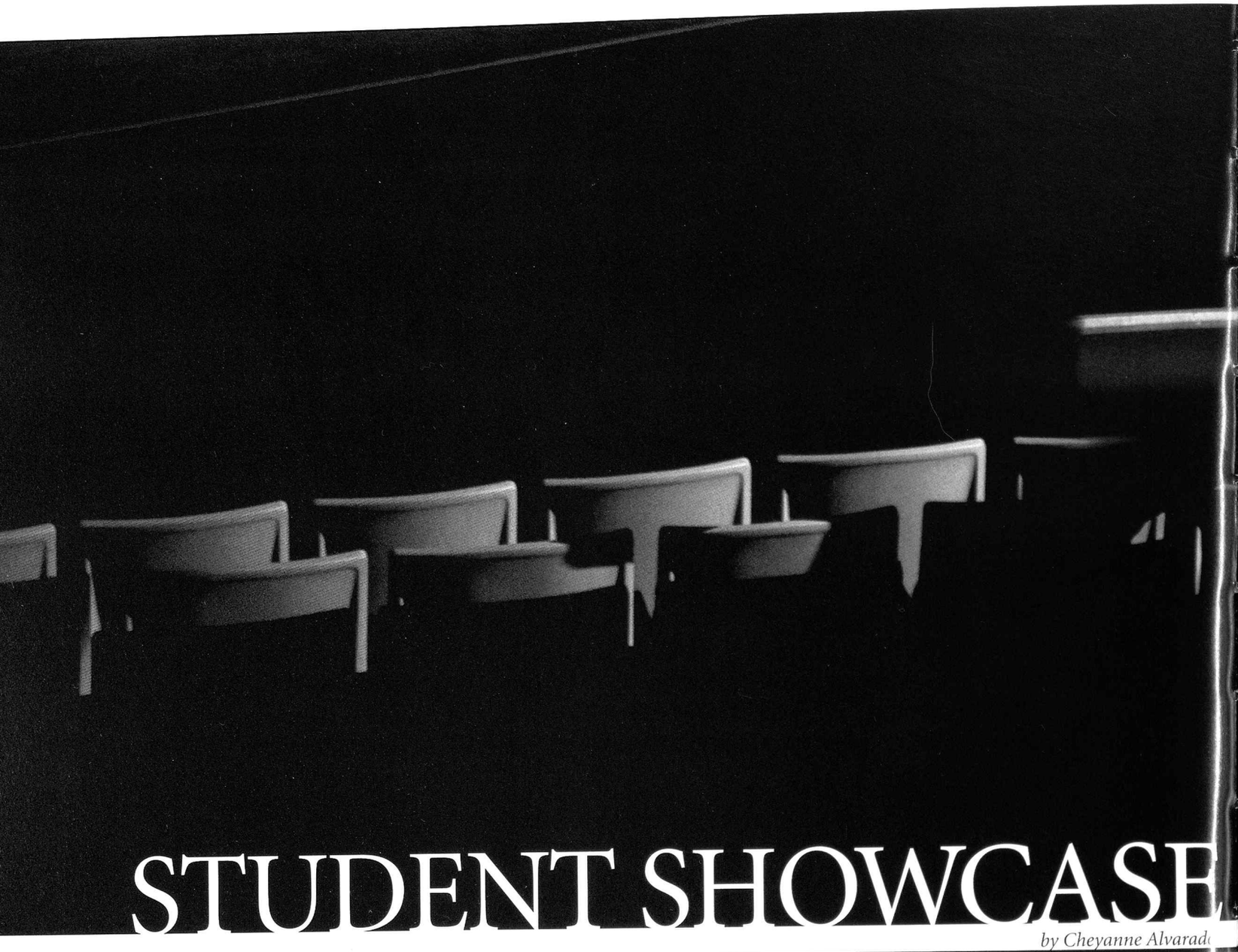
"It meant the world to have her here for the Lecture to me," Oscar Garcia, junior in political science said. "Not only do I want to one day be a lawyer but I am also Hispanic so it was very inspirational to hear someone with a similar background as me talk about how they became so successful."

The Landon Lecture was usually given in a lecture format, but for this years event the lecture was delivered in a forum format. This meant that Sotomayor answered questions from a panel of three selected individuals. Two of the members of the panel were accomplished judges themselves in lower circuits and the other panel member was student body president Danny Unruh, senior in political science. The questions that the panel members asked were taken from students and faculty members prior to the event. Jackie Hartman, the chair of the series and the university's director of community relations and assistant to the president said that the special forum format would allow the audience the opportunity to learn more about Justice Sotomayor.

"I personally loved the format," Landry Mastellar, sophomore in secondary education said. "It allowed the event to have a bit more life in it. The Lectures I've seen in the past have always been a bit sterile."

Sotomayor basically focused on her early days and how she decided to pursue a career in law. She talked having a general interest in the law even as a child. She said she wanted to be just like Nancy Drew but because she had diabetes she thought it might be more practical for her to become a lawyer. The lecture ended with her answering a question about whether she thought students should pursue financially sound careers or their passions in light of the United States, at the time, still sluggish economy.

"You have to follow your passions, no matter what," Sotomayor said. "I didn't decide to go into law because I wanted to become rich; I went into it because I love the letter of the law and because I wanted to make a difference. I'd be doing this even if it meant that I was barely surviving financially."



STUDENT SHOWCASE

by Cheyanne Alvarad

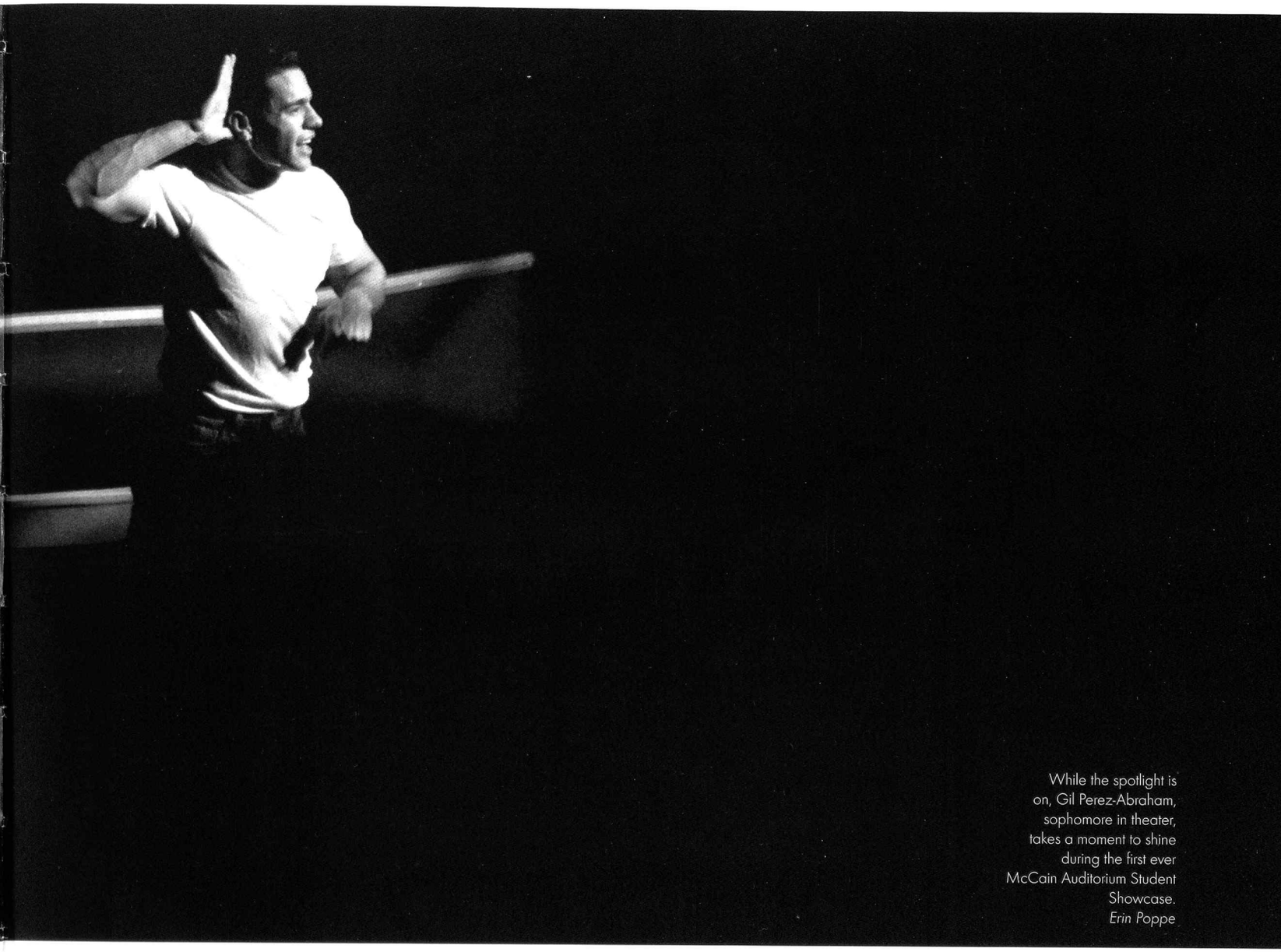
Forfeiting all Super Bowl XLV parties, students in music, dance, and theater departments came together to show off their talents at the first ever McCain Student Showcase. The show took place on the evening of Feb. 6, in McCain Auditorium and featured performances ranging from tap dancing to opera.

"McCain Auditorium has helped shape the lives of countless K-State students in the last 40 years," said Todd Holmberg, executive director of the auditorium. "This performance is intended to honor that lasting legacy."

Tap and tribal dances took the stage at this performance. Members of the KSU Tap Dance Ensemble performed the tap number "This and That" while the tribal number was called "Gota." Julie Pentz, associate professor of dance and director of the K-State dance program, choreographed all dances that were exhibited that evening.

"I'm actually not a dance major or minor," Caitlyn Vohs freshman in electrical engineering, said. "I wanted to be a part of the K-State Tap Dance Ensemble because even though I don't want to pursue a career in dance, it has always been a big part of my life that I couldn't part with yet. Tapping is a welcome break from my engineering classes."

Acts from the Ebony, K-State, and Opera theatre programs entertained the crowd. Actors from the Ebony Theatre performed a snippet from the production "For Colored Girl Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," which was performed Feb. 19 and 20 at Nichols Theatre. K-State theatre actors sang "Dentist" from "Little Shop of Horrors,"



While the spotlight is on, Gil Perez-Abraham, sophomore in theater, takes a moment to shine during the first ever McCain Auditorium Student Showcase.
Erin Poppe

which was performed Nov. 11-14. Opera theatre also presented a piece for the audience.

"I thought the McCain Student Showcase was a beautiful exposition of the talent here at K-State," Erika Williams, sophomore in theater, said. "'For Colored Girl Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf' is an imperative story that needs to be told. A lot of what the women in the show experience relates to women both of color and not of color, even today."

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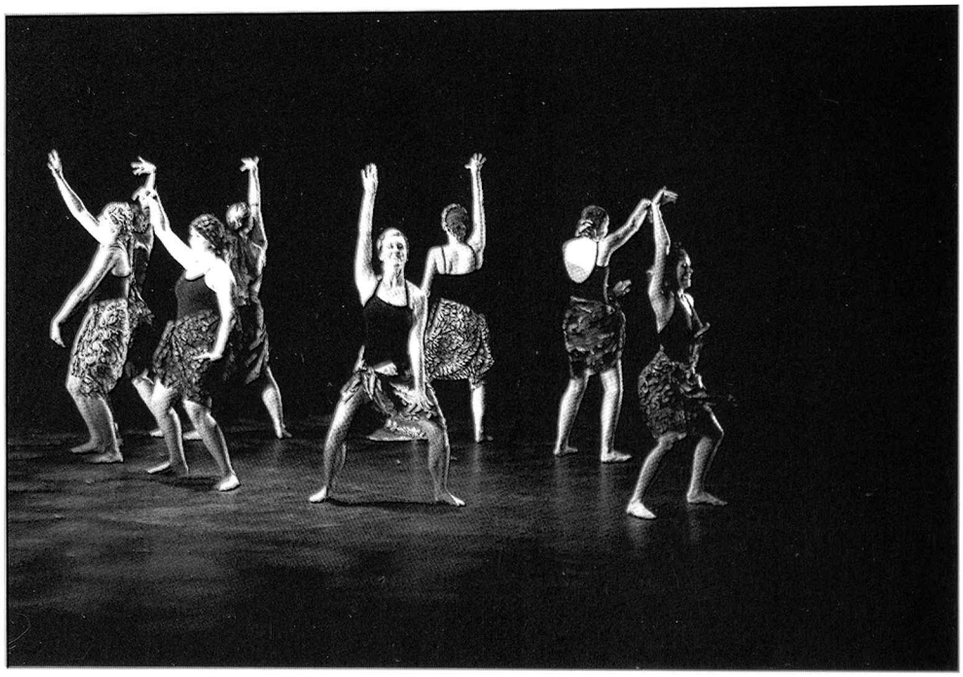
The university concert choir sang "Alleluia" by Mozart in a perfect harmony. The Kansas

State University Saxophone Quartet performed "Quator" composed by Jindrich Feld at the showcase. An ensemble of percussionists rose from the orchestra pit to end the show with a bang.

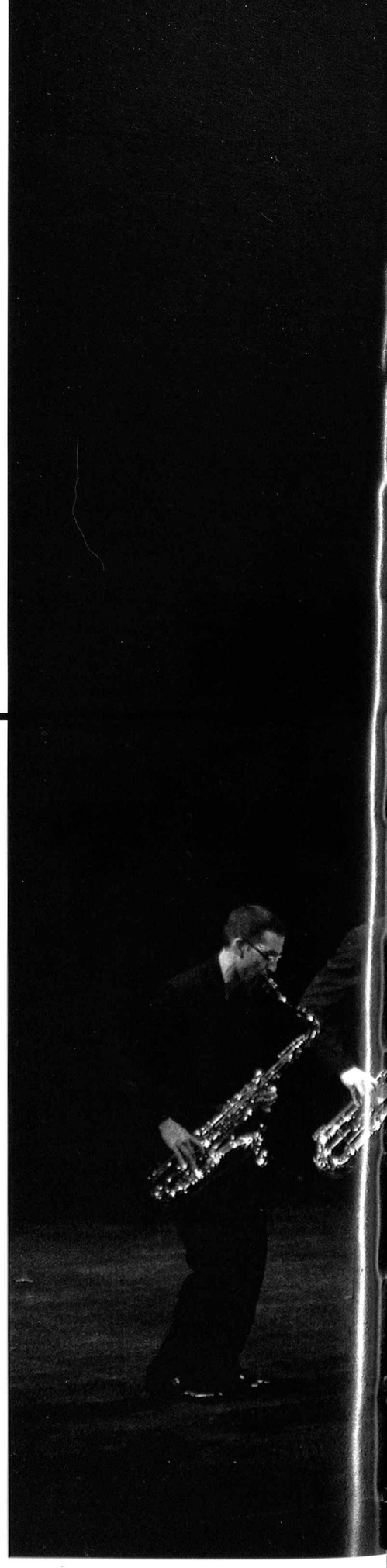
"The Student Showcase is a great event to give the community a chance to see the artistic capabilities of our students at K-State," Adam Lundine, senior in music education and soprano saxophonist for the KSU Saxophone Quartet, said. "We have world-renowned musicians, performers, and various acts as part of the McCain Series, but many students don't take the opportunity to see the extremely talented musicians right here at K-State. There are free concerts and recitals going on almost every night of the week. More students and faculty should take advantage of the musical and educational experiences we can provide."

McCain Auditorium has not just been a place for students in the arts to sharpen their talents and begin their careers.

"The building has fed students' creative souls and has provided a place for inspiration for decades," Holmberg said. "These experiences are continuously influencing hundreds, if not thousands, of former K-State students in their everyday lives, no matter what their chosen career."

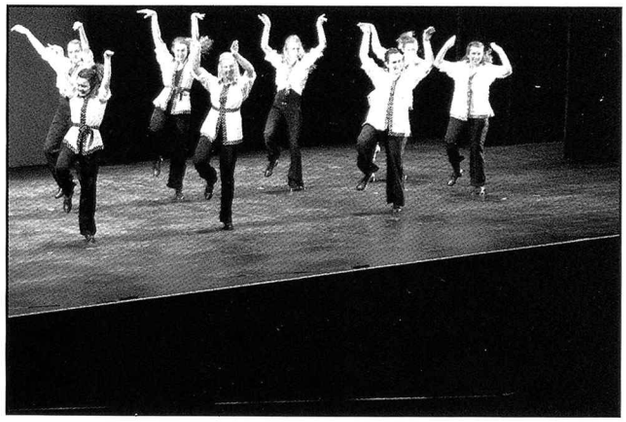


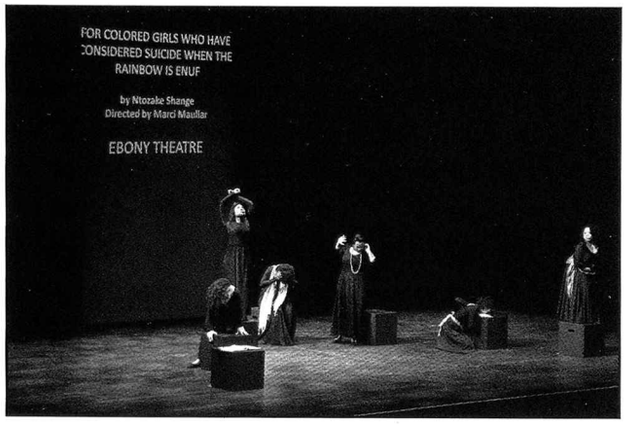
While the spotlight shines on the stage in McCain Auditorium, the African Dance Ensemble
Erin Poppe



As the three men took the stage, the Kansas State University saxophone quartet played Quartor de Saxophones on Sunday night in February.
Erin Poppe







The university's tap ensemble performs in February for an audience. These dancers weren't all dance or theater majors but did it because they were passionate about it.
Erin Poppe

The group of women perform the act For Colored Girls Who have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is ENUF and get a good reaction from the crowd after their performance.
Erin Poppe





K-State students throw shredded newspaper into the air as the Wildcat's starting line-up is announced. The home team Wildcats won, 89-55, beating Alcorn State.
Logan M. Jones

Confessions of a fifth-year senior

Whether they had too few credit hours or had trouble deciding on their major, some seniors disclose why they stayed an extra year.

by Becca Passannante

College was traditionally a four-year period of schooling. However, some students got either the pleasure or burden (or both) of staying in college longer. Some switched majors, others studied abroad and some failed classes.

"It was poor planning on my part. It was me not really paying attention to my DARS report as closely as I should have," David Kaufman, senior in mass communications, said. "The year before I thought I was going to graduate I found out about hours I wasn't completely aware of. I probably put too much trust in thinking my advisor knew everything I should be doing and not knowing I should be doing everything he was just to double check," Kaufman said.

Despite his poor planning, his parents supported his decision to stay, and he did not regret it.

"With my workload they thought it was probably smart to go ahead and do four and a half years instead of trying to cram everything and work at the same time," Kaufman said. "[Being] a student is a nice excuse for not having to work so much."

For some students it was a matter of finding what they were passionate about. Anthony Halling, senior in biological systems engineering, had trouble finding his niche.

"I started off freshman year majoring in architecture," Halling said. "Architecture was a big time commitment that involved many hours in studio. The first semester was mostly free hand drawing – not my cup of tea. I liked the designing process but I couldn't get over the late nights and all-nighters necessary to finish projects on time. In high school I got into drafting and I thought that architecture would be similar. Turns out it wasn't."

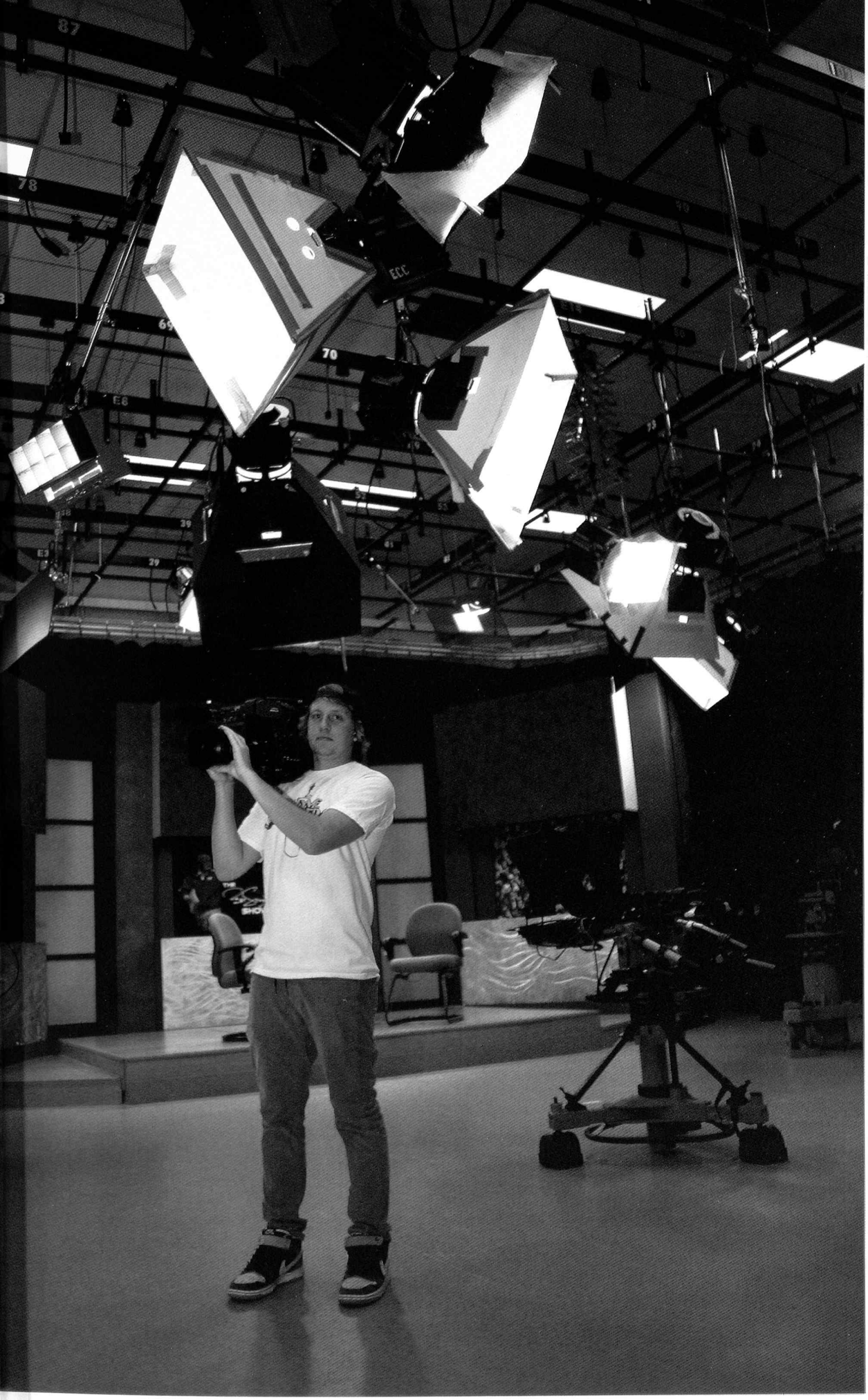
He then enrolled in the engineering department and took all of the basic, general classes until he discovered what he liked best.

"I have always liked being outdoors and working with the environment, so environmental engineering seemed the way to go," Halling said. "The civil engineering department has an environmental option but it mainly deals with storm and waste water treatment. The BSE environmental option has many different opportunities ranging from restoration projects to wetland systems to bioengineering. It deals with soil and water conservation and environmental preservation."

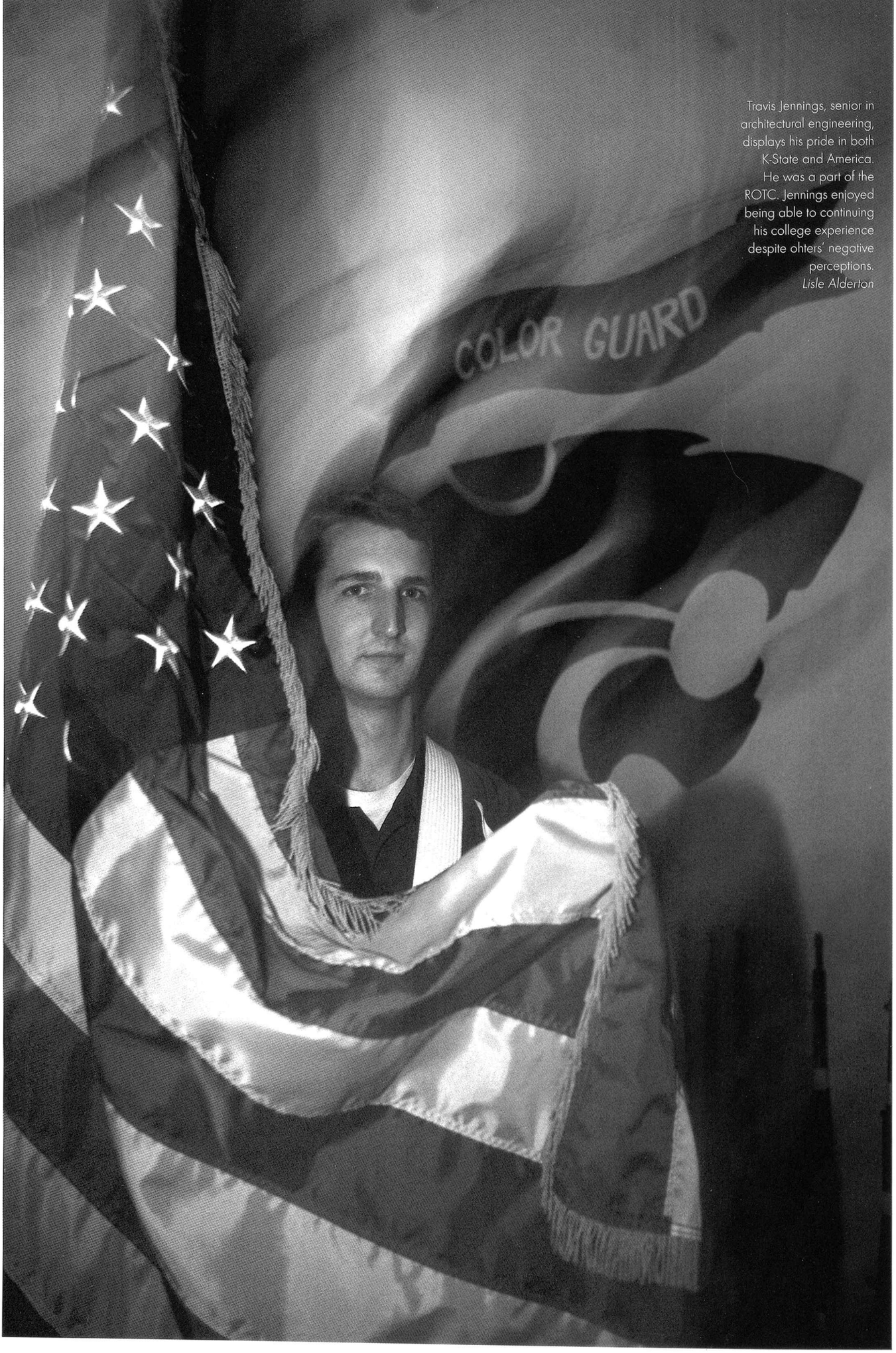
Halling was happy with the decision he made and planned on receiving even more schooling.

"I have not regretted staying in college the extra time at all. I am planning on going to grad school in the fall of 2011," Halling said. "I want to do something where I am not working in the office all of the time. I would like to work for a consulting firm in the future but [I'm] not sure with whom. Having a degree with a wide field leaves a lot of opportunity."

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With his busy work load, David Kaufman, senior in mass communications, films for K-State TV. Despite not being able to graduate in a full four years, Kaufman enjoyed staying in school and being able to pursue his passion.
Lisle Alderton



Travis Jennings, senior in architectural engineering, displays his pride in both K-State and America. He was a part of the ROTC. Jennings enjoyed being able to continuing his college experience despite ohters' negative perceptions.
Lisle Alderton

Seniors focused and determined

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Some students had no choice but to stay an extra year simply because of the program they were in. For Travis Jennings, senior in architectural engineering, it was just that.

"It gets to the point where if you talk to somebody and tell them you're a fifth-year, they assume you've slacked off somewhere or spent too much time in the Ville," he said. "When people ask me why I am a fifth year, I tell them the truth, that my degree is designed for a fifth year because of the additional credits required for graduation. Furthermore, by extending the time in school, I learn a lot more with less stress."

Despite these annoying assumptions, Jennings enjoyed his extra time.

"By being a fifth year student, I am still allowed to network with more people or organizations," Jennings said. "I can still enjoy hanging out with close friends, and continuing to have the college experience but with a more mature outlook."

Through the discovery of a newfound passion, Katie Niederee, senior in public relations, realized what her true calling was. Although this resulted in an extra semester of classes, she knew it would be worth it.

"I came to K-State as a nutritional science/ pre-medicine major and have been just about 'pre' everything," Niederee said.

Along with pre-medicine, Niederee had also been pre-optometry and pre-dentistry. What she came to discover, however, was that her problem wasn't finding the right 'pre' field to go into.

"I realized what I like about all the health fields is the relationship formed with patients." Niederee said. "The realization really came when I was involved in the communications and public relations aspect of every club and/or organization I was involved in on campus. I would spend hours dedicated to those organizations versus studying [for] my science classes, because that was really my passion."

Niederee then decided to completely switch majors.

"I changed to public relations spring 2009 and haven't looked back," Niederee said. "Before coming to K-State, I didn't even know what a career in public relations meant. Especially being from a smaller town, you don't hear about numerous jobs in that field. However, making the transition from one major to another was not difficult. Especially when I began taking my public relations courses, I realized that my final major choice was a perfect fit."

Niederee credits her smooth transition to the resources available at the university.

"Having the flexibility to change my major is one of the many great things about our university. I could easily transition into a completely different field and only have to gain one extra semester. The extra semester also gave me the opportunity to have a summer internship at a full-service branding agency, which was a huge learning experience," Niederee said. "I think coming to college is all about figuring out what you want to do and who you want to be, and that's something that K-State has helped me to do."



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>
> *Kaitlyn Dewell,freshman in journalism and mass communications*



In his audition, Blair Kocher, junior in management, sings for the judges of K-State Idol. "As a large committee we decide who we want to put in the show," Dani Lucas, junior in family studies and human services, said. "There's a lot of input in that too."
Nathaniel LaRue

Laura Wetzel, junior in family studies and human services, plays an original piece called "What Am I to You?" Wetzel continued to finals where she placed 2nd. It's something I was doing from my heart," she said. "If it's for you, don't let anything else get you down."
Nathaniel LaRue

Reality check

Students showcased singing talents for the title of K-State Idol

by Eric Hostetler

Students were given the opportunity to make themselves celebrities of the university through Union Program Council's K-State Idol. The event was a spin-off of American Idol to showcase the talents of students.

"We have a reality theme in February," Dani Lucas, junior in family studies and human services and co-chair of the UPC music committee, said. "It's been fun for students and it's something UPC has been known for. All the events we do for reality month have been really successful and really fun for students to participate in."

Auditions began Feb. 3 with nearly 30 students participating. They were given a select amount of time to perform a selected piece for the judges to vote on.

"I didn't feel very good about my audition," Laura Wetzel, junior in family studies and human services, said. "The piano was not very good and was very loud, much louder than my voice. I didn't use the microphone because it was just in a very weird spot."

Students were told the day after auditions whether they made it or not. Judges, made up of the music committee, selected ten students to continue on to the final round of the competition.

"I've done it the past couple of years and I've really enjoyed it," Wetzel said. "You get to meet a lot of very talented people and it's just a good chance to test your nerves and see how you do on stage in front of a big audience."

Kaitlyn Dewell, freshman in journalism and mass communications, had previously auditioned for American Idol. There she stood in line for hours and was not able to make it past the first round.

"When you finally get your chance to audition, you go in four people at a time and they have twelve tents and you don't even audition for anyone you see on the show," Dewell said. "You get to sing for ten seconds and they either send you on your way or let you go through to the next round. It wasn't that great of an experience. I mean it was educational but it didn't really do a lot for me."

The finals had many different groups and individuals with diverse genres of songs to perform. Nearly 200 people showed at Forum Hall on Feb. 8 to see the competition take place.

"While we were doing the sound checks I got a chance to size up the competition," Dewell said. "There were some incredibly talented people on that stage. They were all phenomenal performers."

A new addition to K-State Idol was text-to-vote where the audience was given the chance to text to a specific number who their favorite performers were. Those that entered were also entered in a chance to win gift cards.

"We'll probably do the same thing next year," Amanda Shankle, senior in marketing and co-chair of the UPC music committee, said. "There was a lot of audience participation and they all seemed excited about it."

Once the performances were finished, the judges were set with the task of choosing the top 3 for prizes. Dewell went on to win the grand prize of $300.

"I was kind of disappointed to see some of the people who had really great quality talent not place because it just turned out a lot different than I would have expected it to based on last year's performance where they really awarded originality," Wetzel said. "I felt like it didn't quite go the same."

Although not all the performers won, they were all given the opportunity to showcase their talents to fellow students and the university.

"I'm ecstatic to have done this as a freshman," Dewell said. "I'm not a music major but I would love to have a career in the future. It kind of gave me a brighter outlook on the future."

Students in Senate

by Ellie Long

Four students use their time and voice to compete for the position of student body president and vice president.

Students couldn't walk more than 20 feet on campus the first couple weeks of March without seeing "Vote Grice and Rauth" or "Nate and Kate" chalked all over the sidewalks. This year's Student Government Association student body president and vice president elections were a well-matched race, both parties publicized hard and campaigned strong.

Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural economics, and Kate Bormann, senior in agricultural communications and journalism, had the campaign slogan of, "Your voice, your campus." They led their campaign on a three-part platform which included making campus events more affordable for students, installing Safety Information Centers inside different buildings on campus and updating the university's classrooms with new technology.

"The entertainment program we want to have up and running by orientation this August so that freshman will be able to buy their tickets then," Spriggs said.

Spriggs and Bormann had tough competition throughout their campaign.

John Grice and Natalie Rauth led their campaign with the slogan of, "Planning, connecting, developing." Grice, senior in political science, and Rauth, senior in mass communications and marketing, had a completely different campaign than Spriggs and Bormann.

"We want the issues to drive our campaign," Grice said. "Safety is talked about each year."

Their platform included engaging the incoming freshman and sophomores in activities on campus and improving the job placement of K-State graduates by fusing the efforts of Career and Employment Services and the K-State Alumni Center. They also addressed the issue of tuition costs and maintaining high retention rates within their campaign.

Grice and Rauth gained 46 percent of the total in the primary election, totaling just 1,285 votes, falling short of Spriggs and Bormann's 51 percent, 1,425 total votes, losing by only 140.

"Kate and I plan to continue with the public relations approach to the campaign process," Spriggs said. "It was tiring but we really enjoyed it."

The number of students voting in the primary election March 2 was noticeably lower than in the past, but because there were only two candidates running, it was a sure thing both of them would make it to the final election. There had been a pattern in the past where the student body president and vice presidential candidates who won the primary election didn't go on to win the final election.

"I know that is a trend, but hopefully Nate and Kate can break that trend," Bormann said.

And they did. Spriggs and Bormann were announced the new student body president and vice president March 9, with a victory of 2,667 votes to Grice and Rauth's 2,113 votes. Even though they never had a victory in the election, Grice and Rauth stayed optimistic.

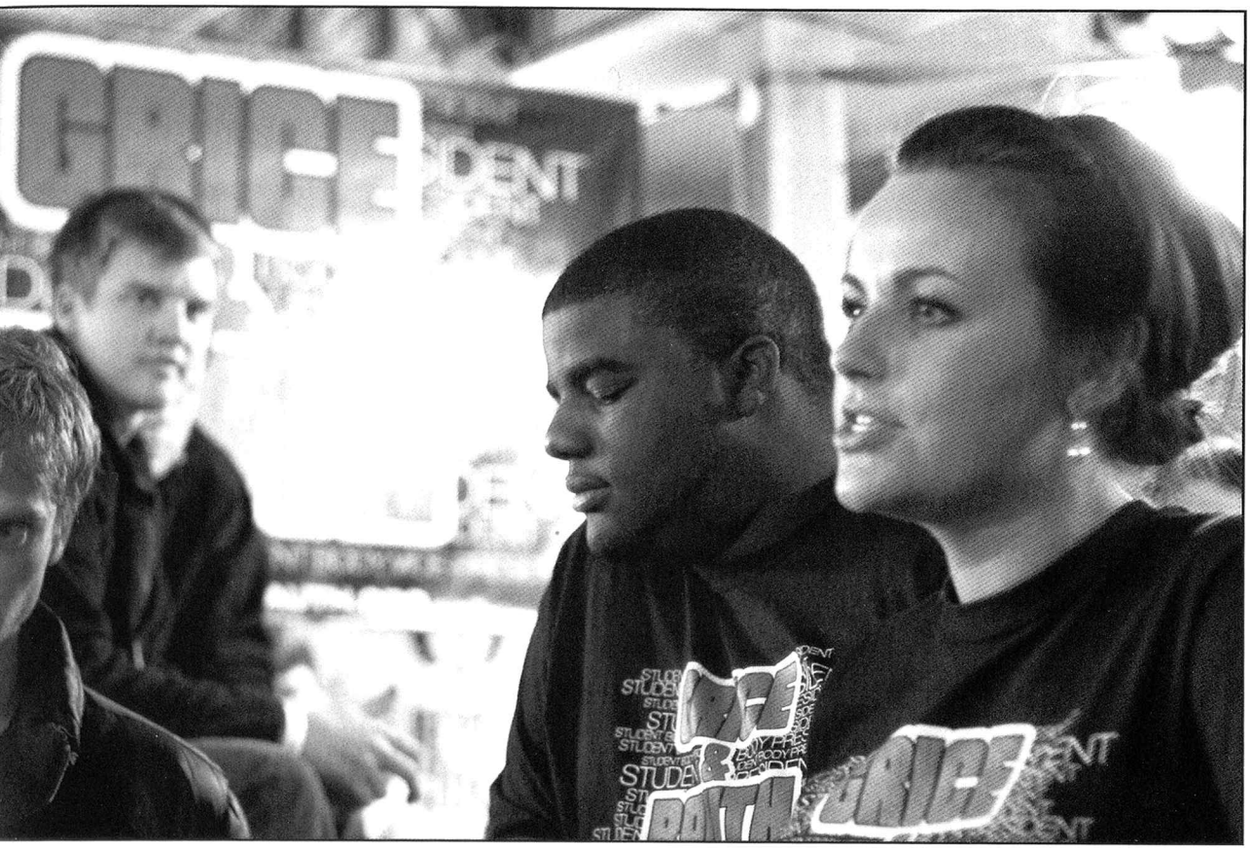
"Thank you to the people who supported us in the late nights and early mornings," said Rauth, senior in mass communications and marketing. "I'm so proud to be surrounded by such amazing people.

Grice and Rauth said they look forward to working with Spriggs and Bormann in the future with other bodies of student government.

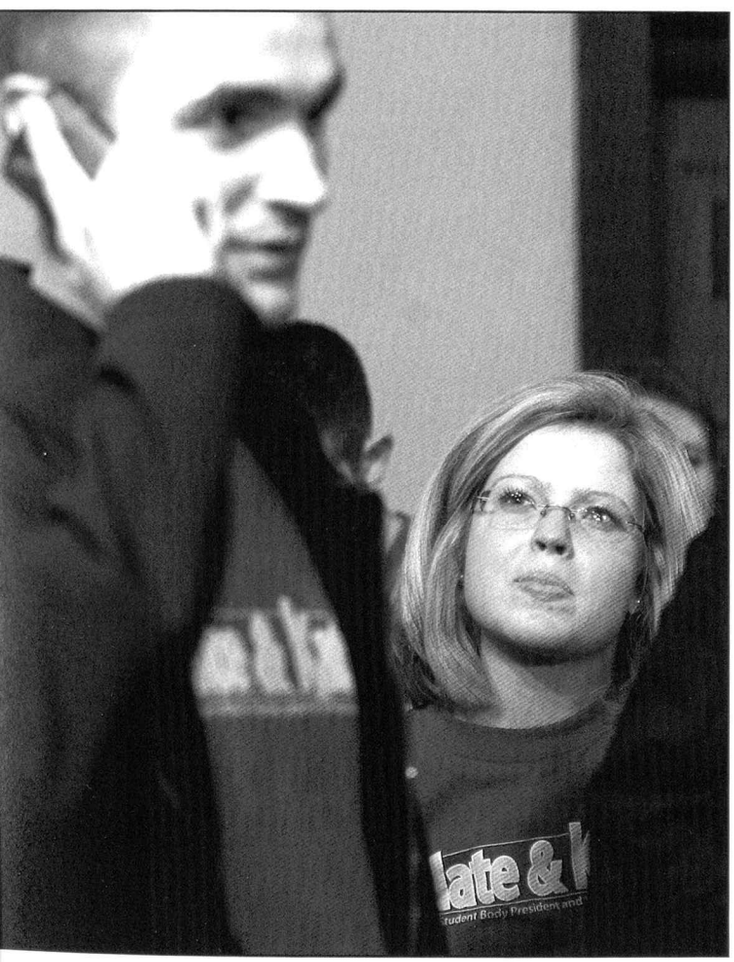
"Our decision to run wasn't for the title, but to talk about the issues and make them known to the student body," Grice said. "We are really appreciative of this experience."

Spriggs and Bormann looked forward to filling the role of student body president and vice president.

"I am very, very excited to work with student governing association as a whole," Bormann said. "It's a very important organization that we have here on campus. They make a lot of big decisions that affect all 23,000 K-State students and that's a big deal. To get to be a part and be a leader is a tremendous honor."



One of the two teams running for student body president and vice president, John Grice, senior in political science, and Natalie Rauth, senior in mass communications and marketing, campaign at Ale House in Aggieville on a Wednesday night in early March.
Carlos Salazar



While waiting to hear the final results of the election, Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural economics, and Kate Bormann, senior in agricultural communications, are surrounded by friends and family. Bormann and Spriggs went on to win the elections on March 9.
Lauren Gocken

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Natalie Rauth, senior in mass communications and marketing





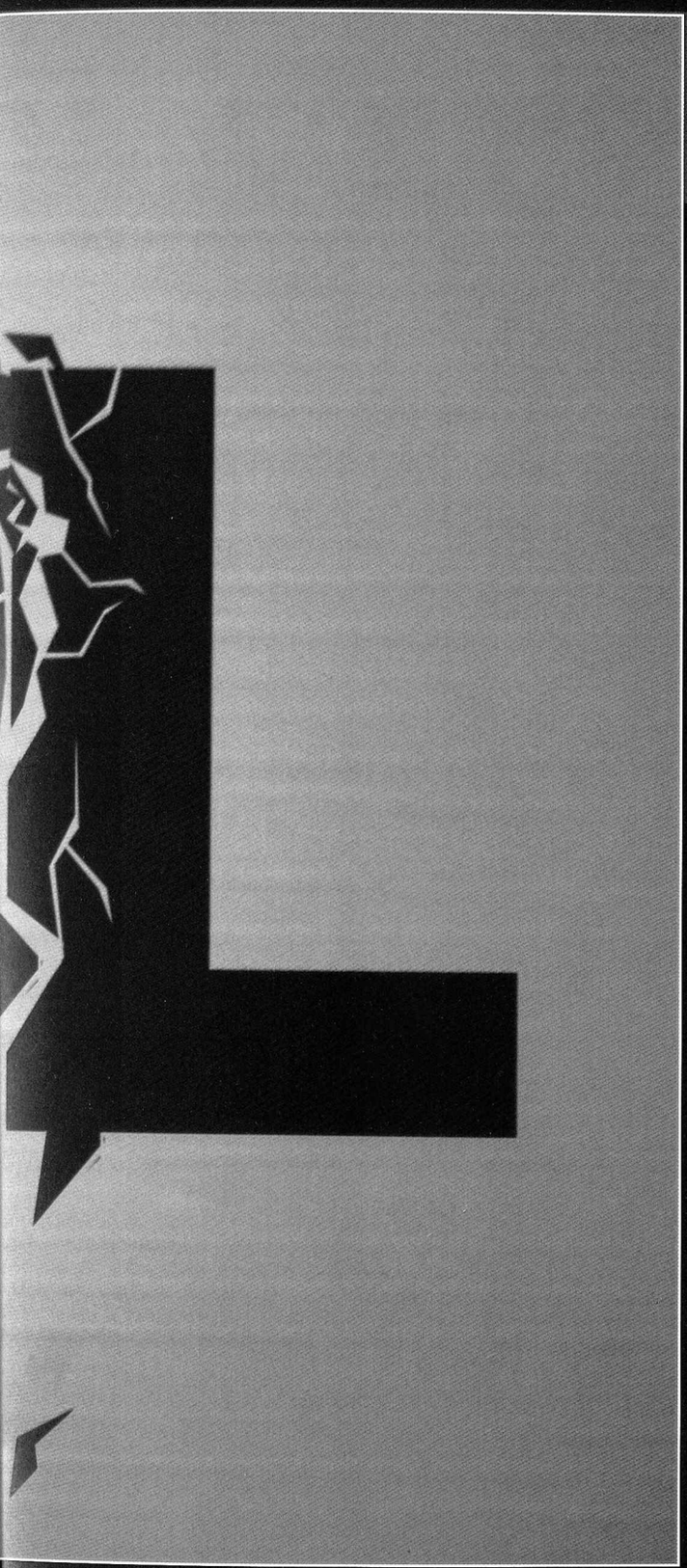
After weeks of campaigning and getting their message out across campus, the race for the presidential and vice presidential position is over. Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural economics, and Kate Bormann, senior in agricultural communications, give each other a celebratory hug at Kites Bar and Grill.
Lauren Gocken



Displayed in the Student Union, this is one of many posters Brian Bookwalter used to help pass a bill against texting while driving. *Matt Binter*

"The only risk was that I would not pass my oral examination as part of my thesis presentation."

Brian Bookwalter, graduate student in fine arts



To Design a Law

Master's student helps pass a bill with his art work.

by Colleen Quinn

As the first days of summer slowly approached, those who texted while driving in Kansas were in for a quick reality check. For Brian Bookwalter, graduate student in fine arts, his ability to create and inspire led him to come up with a unique thesis. Posters covered with messages discouraging texting while driving produced results that were not only noticed by the staff and faculty on campus, but also recognized and put to use by the state.

"These posters attempt to raise awareness about the dangers and risks involved with texting behind the wheel," Bookwalter said. "My entire thesis work involved using emotions and web speak within graphic design concepts. However, as a branch of that idea, I wanted to design posters which communicated to the viewer via the new and adopted language we use on our cell phones."

The yellow posters used a combination of text language and graphics such as a tag attached to the bottom of feet, hinting to be in a morgue, which read, 'NT BSY JUST DRVN.' With his personal story in mind, Bookwalter decided to take what he was passionate about and turn it into art.

"I was involved in a close-call traffic accident, and it sparked a few ideas about wanting to use graphic design to raise awareness about the topic," he said. "It is a growing concern nationally as more and more people are involved in traffic accidents related to distracted cell phone use. I hadn't seen much graphic design work which tried to get to the point of awareness."

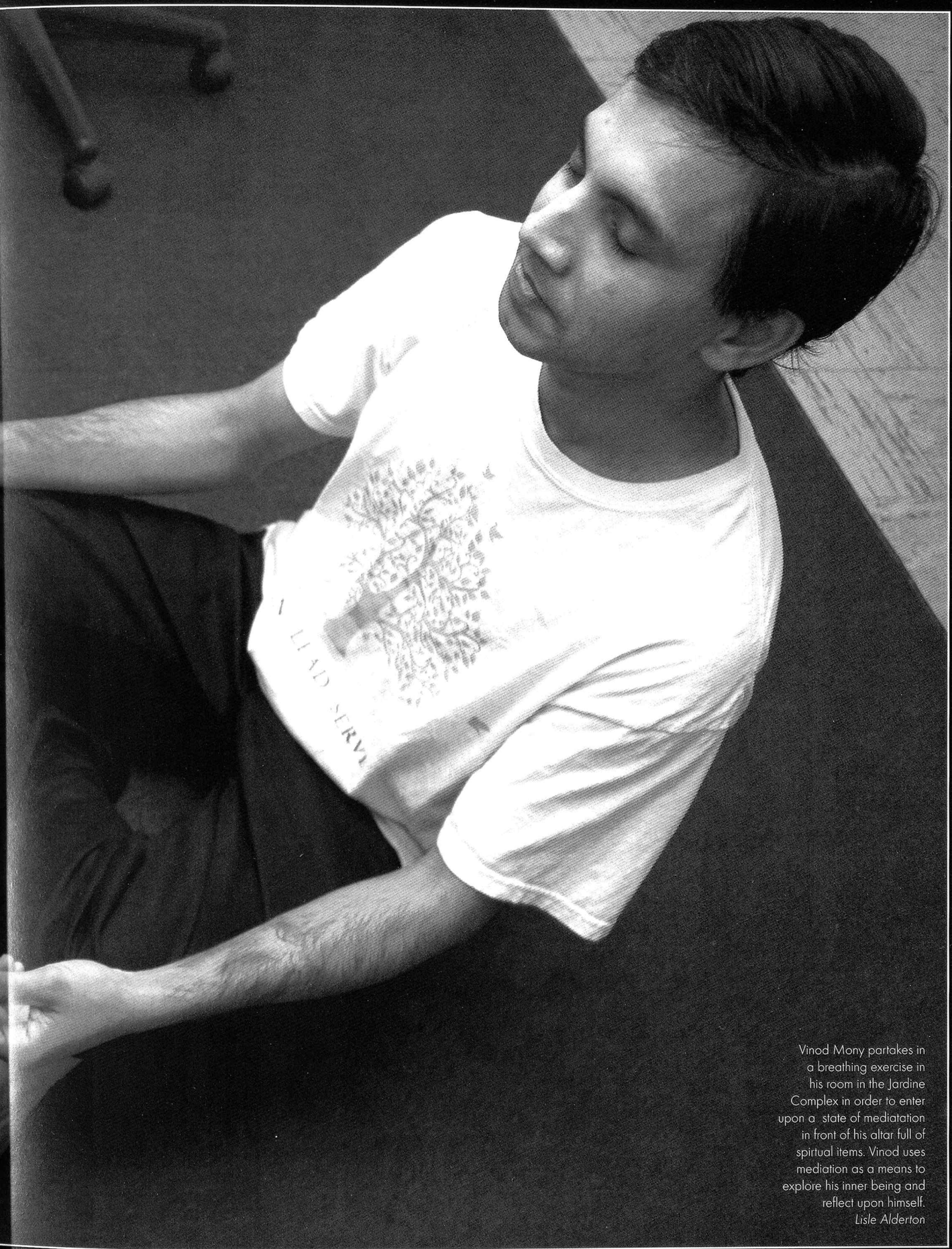
Under the impression this was strictly a requirement for him to graduate, Bookwalter's only concern was passing his master's thesis. Little did he know, there was another authority eager to promote and display his art.

"I was approached by the Kansas Department of Transportation after they viewed the work in the William T. Kemper Gallery in the union," he said. "They asked to use the work to support the texting and driving bill that was to be reviewed by the Kansas Legislature when they reconvened April 28."

The dedication and long hours calmed down and eventually Bookwalter returned to life post-thesis. The bill passed the state vote in May and went into effect July 1.

"I've gotten positive feedback and plenty of exposure," he said. "It has made it seem very worthwhile after all the studio hours put into this work and my graduate degree. I spent quite a few late nights in Willard Hall wondering if any of this would work or make sense."





Vinod Mony partakes in a breathing exercise in his room in the Jardine Complex in order to enter upon a state of mediatation in front of his altar full of spirtual items. Vinod uses mediation as a means to explore his inner being and reflect upon himself.
Lisle Alderton

surfing the radio waves

by Cheyanne Alvarado

The university radio station goes on the air for students and faculty to listen to.

The university's radio station, Wildcat 91.9, was not your typical station on the airwaves. Completely run by students, the station offered diverse music, opinions and entertainment.

"It is non-profit, non-commercial educational station," Kristin Russell, Wildcat 91.9 station manager and graduate student of journalism and mass communications, said. "So that means it has service to the public and also serves as an educational outlet for students at K-State."

The station was funded through student fees since it was a service to the students. Wildcat 91.9 broadcasted not only to K-State and Manhattan, but reached several other surrounding communities as well.

"The station operates on 1400 watts, which is a pretty good size radius, especially for a college radio station," Russell said. "It extends from Abilene to almost to Topeka."

Any student who was interested could become involved with Wildcat 91.9. However, the station did require that students who wanted to participate take a short course on the operation, rules, and regulations of the radio.

"Something that makes 91.9 a little bit more unique than other college radio stations is that rather than having an application process, we like to promote that anyone who is interested can go on air," Russell said. "We have everyone from first semester freshmen to PhD students who participate. The levels of experience and interests are wide and range all sorts."

With around 80 students bringing varying personalities and opinions to the station each semester, the music and shows hosted on 91.9 ranged widely. Programs varied from metal music nights to sports talk shows to political opinions. One talk show hosted by Brian Stinson, senior in computer science, talked about technology. Stinson's show, Master Control Program, was co-hosted by Parker Wilhelm, freshman in open option.

"College students, and people in general, are moving more and more of their lives online, connecting with friends, sharing photos and watching movies," Stinson said. "We like to let people know about some of the cool upcoming things that they might be able to use to make that experience more fun. I have always been a little bit of a nerd, so I have always enjoyed playing with gadgets and gizmos, and I wanted to share a little bit of that



In the Student Union across from Caribou Coffee, Ross Conner, junior in secondary education, or as his listeners know him D.J. Captain, introduces the Irish theme of the show in honor of Saint Patrick's Day on Thursday.
Erin Poppe



Part of hosting a show is fielding calls from the public. Connor and Lundy discuss the song selections for listeners during their Saint Patrick's Day show on the day before the festivities were to begin. The radio station was the official station for the university.
Erin Poppe

experience with others. My co-host, Parker, is a die-hard gamer who really enjoys telling people about new games and commenting on everything to do with video games. Having a place to express our opinions about gaming and technology, I hope, allows people to first know about what events are effecting their lives online, and second to form opinions about those events."

Other than discussing serious topics, some students got involved with the radio for the thrill and excitement of it. Ellen Ludwig, junior in art education, got started with the radio when one of her friends asked her to be a guest on his show.

"The first time I went on air, I was so nervous," Ludwig said. "I had 'oh my god,' 'what's going on,' and 'thousands of people are probably listening to me right now and I'll feel stupid if I say something wrong' going through my head. I was so nervous, and after we went on air once my friend told me all you have to do is imagine it is just a conversation between us. And after that, it didn't faze me anymore."

After her first experience, Ludwig decided to continue with Wildcat 91.9 and began hosting a show with Lance Leonard, freshman in journalism and mass communications, called Dazed and Confused, which consisted mostly of rock music.

"We play pretty much anything we want and say random things that people probably would be like 'what?' and laugh at," Ludwig said. "We play anything from old school Pink Floyd to Blink-182 to Sublime to MGMT to just popular rock. You never know what is going to come on."

What gave Wildcat 91.9 its uniqueness and popularity was that every student could find something they enjoyed.

"A lot of students are looking for certain music or an opinion or some sort of outlet, and oftentimes they find their place at the radio station," Russell said.

dance, dance

by Cheyanne Alvarado

It was not often you got to see K-State "celebrities" out of their element during a performance. But on Feb. 24, eight prominent K-State personalities took the stage of McCain Auditorium to compete in the 3rd annual Dancing with the K-State Stars.

The friendly competition was set up very similar to ABC's reality show "Dancing with the Stars." Like the show, it consisted of a number of couples, one star and one professional, who performed a dance for the judges and audience. The judges gave their opinions and scores, but the audience also had a chance to cast their vote. This year, the audience members of Dancing with the K-State Stars had the opportunity to text their vote for their favorite couple. Unlike the show however, the competition did not continue for weeks, but took place on only one night with the winners being announced at the end of the evening.

The event was hosted by the Union Program Council and had been in preparation since November. An event such as this took a lot of work to organize.

"The whole month of November my co-chair, Coleman Younger, and I were brainstorming ideas for who we wanted to be stars, what they were going to do and everything like that," Christina Ballew, junior in hotel and restaurant management and UPC community co-chair, said. "He took care of the stars and I did professionals. I have a lot more contacts in the dance world, and he had a lot more contacts to football players and all that. We had a sheet of our first priority of who we wanted. Trying to get 16 people on board and on the same page is a very difficult task, but we got a lot of our first choices."

The final list of stars that agreed to participate was student body president Danny Unruh, volleyball player Kathleen Ludwig, baton twirler Jessica Tracz, Collegian writer Beth Mendenhall, football player Andre McDonald, radio personality Luke Wempe, Associate Dean of Student Life Heather Reed and Willie the Wildcat. The professionals consisted mostly of students in the K-State dance department.

"Dancing with the K-State Stars was a kick!" Reed said. "I felt honored to be asked and would never turn down the opportunity to be involved in such a fun event with K-State students. I don't have much dance experience, so it was a challenge but my partner, Chris Zimmerman, was wonderful. He was patient and inspired confidence in our ability to do well."

The professionals choreographed the dances performed. The dance genres ranged from disco and west coast swing, to hip-hop and Broadway. The stars, although not their forte, picked up on the choreography rather quickly.

"We had about nine days to get ready for the show," Maddy Beck, junior in food science and industry and Luke Wempe's dance partner, said. "We were short on time because Luke's original partner didn't contact him to start rehearsing and ended up backing out. My friend was asked to be his partner next and when she wasn't able to, I filled the spot. That's why we were on a time crunch. I think Luke picked up the choreography very quickly and did a great job performing, he really captured the hip-hop style naturally."

At the end of the night, Ludwig and her partner Kyle Landau, senior in marketing, took home the trophy with their disco performance. But, no one went home empty handed. The couples that placed first, second and third won tickets to the Jason Derülo concert in Bramlage Coliseum April 11. And all participants received gift cards to the union.

"I was so excited that we won!" Ludwig said. "I knew that there were several other couples who had impressive dance routines and had worked just as hard if not harder than Kyle and I had. I was so pleased with the response from the crowd, and especially thankful to my volleyball team, coaches and staff who all came out to support me. I think it was their support that made me comfortable enough to go for it when it came time to dance."



Hand in hand, partners Anne McClain, senior in education, and Willie the Wildcat, school mascot and mystery, dance to the music during their performance during the fourth annual Dancing with the K-State Stars.
Anthony Drath

STARS AND PROFESSIONAL PAIRS

1st place – Kathleen Ludwig & Kyle Landau

2nd place – Beth Mendenhall & Tyler Nenaber

3rd place – Danny Unruh & Heidi Hilton

Luke Wempe & Maddy Beck

Andre McDonald & Michelle Dick

Willie the Wildcat & Anne McClain

Heather Reed & Chris Zimmerman

Jessica Tracz & Tom Badeen

On stage at O'Malley's Bar in Aggieville Joe Goll, sophomore in business administration, performs on Fake St. Patrick's Day for a crowd.
Rebecca Tincher



three men, one voice

by Eric Hostetler

After one YouTube video with thousands of hits, these three guys had a song that took them to a whole new level of fame.

Students had much to offer to the university. Whether it was through organizations, student government, or filling job positions on campus, they contributed what they could. However, a more unique contribution was made through Tyler Keast's infamous song "K-State Standup," featuring Ray'vonne Freeman, freshman in English, and Joe Goll, sophomore in business administration.

"I was originally going to do the song myself and then I got the idea of conjoining fanbases with somebody else who was big in the area," Tyler Keast, senior in marketing, said. "I asked around and got Joe and Ray Ray's name. I threw the chorus together, put my verse on it and I just sent it out to both of them."

After joining with Keast, Freeman and Goll recorded their own lyrics to add to the song. The results created a pride song for the campus community.

"We all recorded separately so none of us knew what the others were going to say," Keast said. "So we got back together and none of us talked about the same thing but at the same time we were all talking about stuff related to the university. It's one of those things where it was meant to happen."

Once the song was put together, Keast uploaded it to YouTube. Within three days, the song had received over 30,000 hits and the popularity of something they never saw going anywhere shot through the roof.

"We never intended on it being as big as it was," Freeman said. "It was just a bunch of dudes recording in a closet, showing some spirit for our school. Turns out we made a hit."

The song continued to gain popularity as Manhattan's radio station 96.3 sent a message to Keast for a request to use the song.

"That night I shot it over to him and the very next day it was on 96.3," Keast said. "They were playing it on game nights and started doing their own things with it. We didn't even know how much it was getting played and then one day I flipped on the radio and I heard the chorus. I turned it up and then I realized they were using it as a commercial for their radio station."

Three days after the song was put on YouTube, Keast received an e-mail from the university. The e-mail requested that he remove the song from YouTube as it violated certain copyright laws. However, Pat Bosco, dean of student life, had heard the song and contacted Goll to set up a meeting for them with the university marketing team.

"I go in for the first meeting with Ray Ray and Joe and it went from 'How can we put it back up on YouTube' to 'How can we work something out to where we can play it at the games,'" Keast said. "We're still stuck in negotiations right now but hopefully something's going to come out of that."

The song's popularity came from more than just students. Alumni and faculty had also played the song originally on YouTube. Bosco became known as their "number one fan."

"To be candid, I like the fact that the words seem to capture what K-State is all about," Bosco said. "It talks about our brand, it talks about our community and sense of family, and I like the beat."

Keast stated that during negotiations with the marketing team, Jeff Morris, vice president of marketing, said the song was "the biggest thing since the Wabash."

The marketing team worked with the boys to find a possible compromise for them to put the song back into the community as well as be able to play it at games.

"Their hope is to get this song out by the beginning of next year" Goll said. "Depending on when we get this thing going, they wanted to reveal it either the first or second football game."

Bosco also included his ideas to the boys by asking them about the possibility of creating a song targeted to high school teenagers for recruitment.

"There are schools that have taken a song that has been commissioned for young people by a student group with the school and they've used it on their official websites and their recruiting campaign," Bosco said. "I'd like to do that but I've got to see what we have first."

As negotiations were still in the works, the boys continued making their own songs such as "Get Ya Green On," dedicated to the celebration of Fake Patty's Day. No matter what results came from "K-State Standup," they were happy just being able to get the song into the community and making it as recognized as they could.

"It's kind of like our generation's contribution to the school," Freeman said. "There other things like SGA that students use to contribute to the university but as far as regular students go, I think we did pretty good."

Choosing the Alternative

by Erin Poppe

Eight women opt for a spring break helping teenage moms in Denver, CO

When they loaded their bags into the university van at 8 a.m on the first Sunday of break, they didn't know what to expect. Eight girls had been selected to volunteer at the Florence Crittenton School in Denver, CO after being accepted into the Leadership Studies School's Alternative Breaks program. It was an opportunity to spend their spring break volunteering instead of going home or to popular vacation destinations.

"We chose to go on this trip because we wanted to make an impact," Sarah Milazzo, graduate in modern languages, said. "I wanted to really help those girls and I did not want to be there for just our own purpose."

That had been the purpose for the trip, to use the free time allotted by spring break to help those who could use it. Working at the school from 9 a.m to 3 p.m, the girls spent their time helping out anyway they could. Some played with the children in the early learning center, while others performed random tasks such as sorting donation clothing or cleaning equipment.

"You could play with the babies for a day, which only helped them for that day, or you could do something that would last them for a while," Kristen Burton, sophomore in family studies and human services, said. "We cleaned the laundry room and sorted some clothes. It was rewarding."

However, their time spent at Florence Crittenton did not just benefit the school, nor had it just been a simple community service project. It had been an enlightening experience for the girls to the reality of teenage pregnancy and motherhood.

"They were high schoolers — they were still teenagers," Emily Robson, sophomore in family studies and human services, said. "Sure they had to mature a lot, but they were still kids. I could not imagine having a child at 15."

The girls realized that even with though they had the school, being a teen mom was not an easy task.

"I had overheard a conversation between moms that they had barely been able to buy lunch," Becky Ast, sophomore in family studies and human services, said. "It turned out they only had $10 in their bank account. It was troubling that they only had $10 and they were raising a kid."

During group discussions the girls discussed Ast's alarming discovery and remembered that at 14 they hardly had money to their name. They had relied on their parents just as those teenage moms relied on theirs to not only provide for them, but for their children.

And the similarities the group found between themselves and the moms did not stop there. Just as the university girls had pursued college to find their passions, the teen moms at Florence Ctrittenton were interested as well. Some of the teenage moms used their opportunity with the K-State girls to ask about the college and its academics. Many had been interested in furthering their education, looking to find the path towards careers such as nursing, law, and business. They inquired about majors, classes, homework loads and discussed how they would balance everything out with their children.

"Those girls had goals for what they wanted to do with their lives," Marcia Jamison, volunteer and special events manager, said. "And while their children were part of it, they still saw so much they wanted to accomplish. Many were taking [Certified Nursing Assistant] classes now so they could jump into a career of nursing after graduation."

"It was really great to see that those girls wanted to continue with their education," Jurdene Ingram, graduate student in family studies and human services, said. "It had given me hope for their futures and their children's futures."

The eight girls of the Denver, CO Alternative Break trip loaded the car the last Friday of spring break at 6 a.m to make the 8-hour drive back to Manhattan. They had come to Denver not knowing what to expect, but had left with the agreed feeling that they had spent their vacation the best way possible.

"I was so happy I went on that trip," Jenna Simpson, sophomore in early childhood development, said. "I believed we made a difference."



Kristen Burton, sophomore in family studies and human services, and Becky Ast, junior in astronomical physics, sort clothing for a free garage sale at Florence Crittenton. Teenage moms were able to come and find resuable items which saved them money.
Erin Poppe

WING N' WATCH

by Stephanie Mikuls

Manhattan residents and K-State students went to Buffalo Wild Wings for the amazing wings, discounted beers and televisions broadcasting basketball and football games. But for four weeks in a row, the Public Relations Student Society of America gave customers a new reason to come.

The Wing N' Watch events were held on Feb. 23, Feb. 28, March 10, and March 17 at the Buffalo Wild Wings located in Aggieville. Dates for the events corresponded with dates that the men's basketball team played away games. Along with watching the game in a Wildcat-charged atmosphere and enjoying 50 cent wings, customers were able to win prizes by playing a K-State trivia game, guessing the correct score of the game, and being "fan of the game." Prizes included Koozies, t-shirts, hats, wrist bands, door basketball hoops, and $50 Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards.

"I went with girls in my sorority and stayed for the whole game," Rachael Miller, senior in elementary education, said. "We won the trivia contest as 'Team Awesome' and it was really fun. The atmosphere was really high-energy."

Customers could also compete in a bracket challenge. The customer whose tournament bracket was the most correct won 50 free wings from Buffalo Wild Wings.

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Lauren Swirbul, sophomore in public relations, and Courtney Boman, junior in mass communications, were co-leaders of the Wing N' Watch campaign and had a committee of five other members of PRSSA who helped get the word out.

"Lots and lots of planning went into the event," Swirbul said. "We wrote press releases, made flyers, placed ads in the collegian and had a booth and display case at the union. We also made a twitter, facebook and a blog."

The sales for each day the event sponsored by PRSSA was held were compared to the sales made on the same day of the previous year. The sales on the days of the previous year were lower than those of the days with events.

Public Relations Student Society of America is a professional development organization that prepares students for their future careers in public relations. The Wing N' Watch events help members of the organization get real world experience by participating in a public relations campaign.

"Wing N' Watch is a national competition held by Fleishman Hillard and Buffalo Wild Wings and multiple universities were in the competition," Swirbul said. "We were really excited at how successful the events were and how much fun people had. It was hard work, but hopefully we win the competition when they tell us in mid-April."





Courtney Boman, junior in mass communications, and Lauren Swirbul, sophomore in public relations, were co-leaders of the Wing N' Watch campaign . The committee was composed of seven society members.
Erin Poppe

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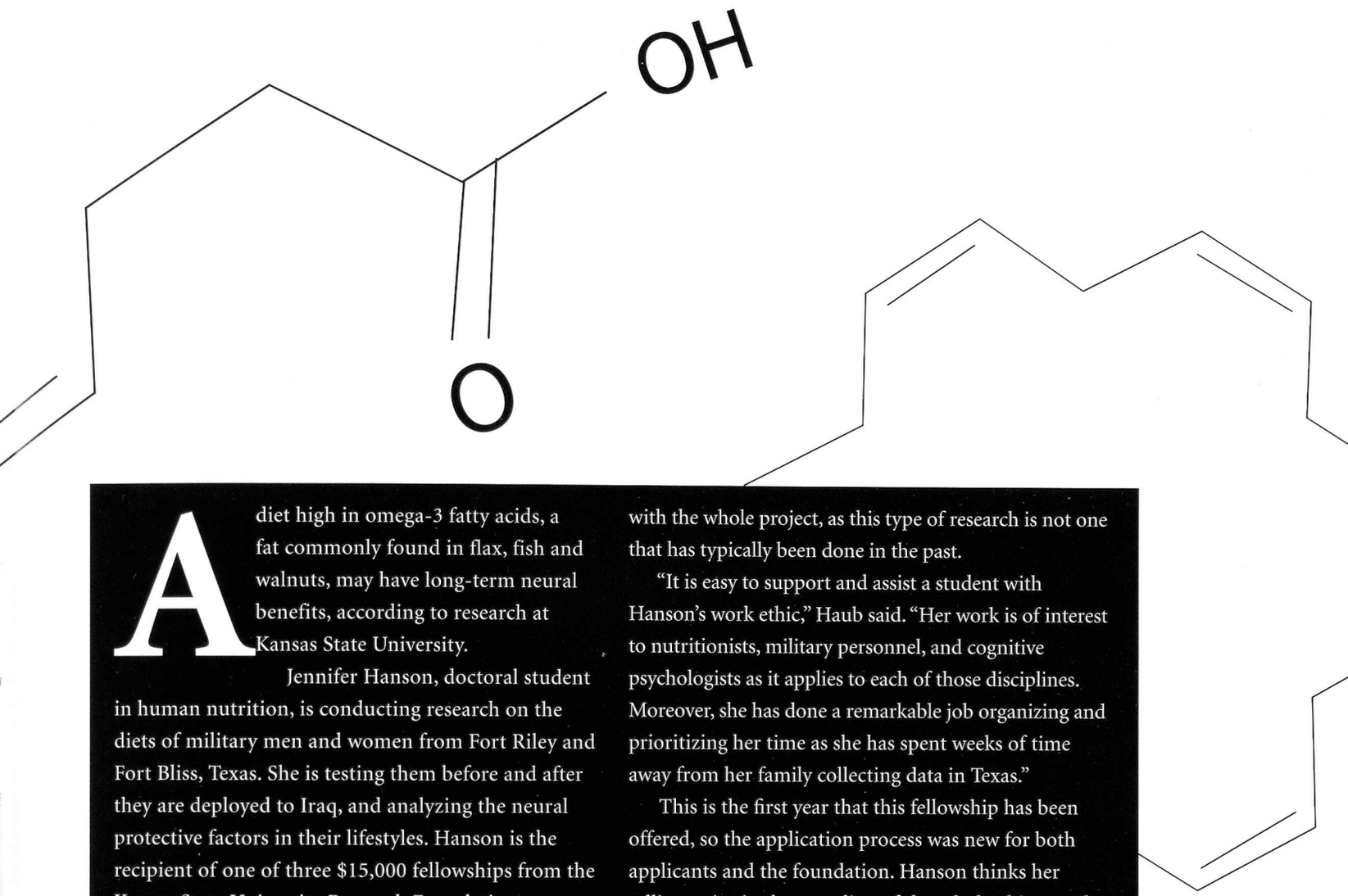
Four seperate Wing N' Watch events were held by the Public Relations Student Society of America at Buffalo Wild Wings, where customers could eat while they watched K-State basketball games.
Erin Poppe



Improvement through Omega-3s

With a passion and dedication for the soldiers who serve our country, one doctoral student conducts research on Omega-3 fatty acids.

by Shaley Van Loenen



A diet high in omega-3 fatty acids, a fat commonly found in flax, fish and walnuts, may have long-term neural benefits, according to research at Kansas State University.

Jennifer Hanson, doctoral student in human nutrition, is conducting research on the diets of military men and women from Fort Riley and Fort Bliss, Texas. She is testing them before and after they are deployed to Iraq, and analyzing the neural protective factors in their lifestyles. Hanson is the recipient of one of three $15,000 fellowships from the Kansas State University Research Foundation.

"I thought of the military because my husband is still in it," Hanson said. "We have some friends that have suffered from brain injuries, post-traumatic stress and depression. I started to wonder if omega-3's would be beneficial for them."

Hanson's interest in omega-3 fatty acids was first sparked by her research regarding children's nutrition and the long-term effects of breast milk. Omega-3's occur naturally, and past research has shown that adults who have a regular intake of omega-3's seem to have less cognitive decline as they get older.

"My husband and I were in the reserves together in college," Hanson said. "When I graduated, I spent my first year on active duty. Then we came to Kansas on my husband's assignment."

Hanson has received a lot of support. Without her husband, Hanson would not have been able to obtain the assistance from the Army. Her professor is Mark Haub, the assistant department head for the human nutrition department. She said Haub has been very supportive with the whole project, as this type of research is not one that has typically been done in the past.

"It is easy to support and assist a student with Hanson's work ethic," Haub said. "Her work is of interest to nutritionists, military personnel, and cognitive psychologists as it applies to each of those disciplines. Moreover, she has done a remarkable job organizing and prioritizing her time as she has spent weeks of time away from her family collecting data in Texas."

This is the first year that this fellowship has been offered, so the application process was new for both applicants and the foundation. Hanson thinks her selling point in the awarding of the scholarship was the fact that her plan for her research had already been set in place when she applied for the fellowship.

Money for the fellowship is generated through patent money. When a researcher at KSU patents something, a portion of the earnings go back to the Research Foundation, and that money funds the scholarship.

Of the nearly 5,000 military personnel deployed from Fort Riley and Fort Bliss to Iraq, 250 of them agreed to participate in Hanson's research, which consisted of a diet questionnaire, blood samples, cognitive mood testing and memory exercises. The Fort Bliss soldiers have returned and finished the last of their testing. Hanson will get the results of those tests at a later date. The Fort Riley soldiers have yet to return.

Military aside, head injuries are common in young adults, and not a lot of treatments are available. If it can be proven that the consumption of omega-3 fatty acids could help, it may be a beneficial treatment for all people who have experienced head trauma.

Allegiance and Education

by Kelsey White

The close location of Fort Riley to the university's campus always encouraged a close relationship between student and military life. For students like Jonathon Unruh, senior in social sciences, that relationship was carefully intertwined, and established a unique lifestyle most a students didn't face.

He not only served the country and actively perused a college degree, but was also an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He formed a sincere bond with that group of men that has grown beyond the lines of basic friendship and stretched far past any geographical border that he crossed.

"I have served one tour with over ten months that I spent in the theatre of Kuwait and Iraq," Unruh said. "I am currently preparing for my next but it is not clear where I will be sent."

With the interruption of these tours to our protect our country, Unruh was given the challenge of trying to find a way to take classes at the university as well as actively serve.

He first enlisted in March 2005 and has currently made it to the ranks of a Sergeant in the Transportation Corps.

"It probably sounds quite strange to take a break [from school] and go into a combat zone, but I've really wanted to do that since I enlisted," he said.

The university made it easy for him to deal with all of the transitioning by being very flexible and accommodating to his situation.

His membership in the Sig Ep house also helped him immensely.

"I couldn't have done any of this without the support that I've had from the brotherhood," he said. Throughout his first tour, he kept in contact with them through phone calls and care packages that kept him motivated. Even though his leaves of absence kept him at the university for a prolonged amount of time, he stayed confident that the bonds of brotherhood would last through the years.

"When I come back from this deployment, things will be different because I will be without all the pledge brothers that I had when I enrolled in school," he said. "That will be tough but the house will always be there."

Unruh's dedicated ambitions to serve our country and get a college education drove his motivation through the years. His university and fraternity support systems helped make it all possible. When he pledged to be a Sig Ep before his deployments, he established lasting friendships through the experiences on American soil that went on to help him get through the trying times overseas.



portrait by Carlos Salazar

a white semester



After returning for the winter semester, unexpected university closings left students excited and stuck inside with the dangerous roads and sidewalks. *by Erin Poppe*

For the first time in three years the university closed its doors to students because of snow. Due to a large winter storm that engulfed much of the Midwest and Eastern states, students were advised not to venture out into the dangerous conditions on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration and finance, was the one who had decided on the matter. He sent out a message at 6 a.m. through the K-State email system each morning to tell the students what was going on.

"We do not cancel class a lot, however, when I came to campus the ice coating we had, in my judgment, made walking and driving treacherous," Shubert said. "Our primary concern is safety."

According to the university's Inclement Weather General Policy and Procedure, the vice president is responsible for making an assessment of weather conditions, including snow removal, streets and sidewalks, hazards to employees traveling to and from the campus and ability to provide energy.

The few extra days of weekend had been a surprise to many students. The last time the university cancelled classes was December 2007 during finals week. The power went out due to a massive ice storm.

Sam Diederich, senior in english, had been a sophomore when the last ice storm had struck K-State.

"The storm in 2007 was so much worse than this year's storm," said Diederich. "I lived in the dorms at the time, and they had lost power. It was freezing and cold and it wasn't even entertaining to go outside."

This year's storm had been less intense by comparison. Activities of the day ranged from playing in the snow, staying curled up, or even using the time to get caught up on some homework. That had been the case for Nichole Finke, sophomore in architecture.

"It was such a relief, the snow days," Finke said. "It had given me more time to get stuff done that I would normally have put off until the last minute."

While some students, such as Finke had spent their time being productive, others had ventured out into the snow and ice to play in the freezing temperatures.

"We had a big hill by our house," Mandy Prather, sophomore in accounting, said. "My friends Megan, Hayley and Rachel and I decided to grab some cardboard boxes and garbage pan lids to race down it."



After she was away from her car for a short amount of time, Mary Hineman, Manhattan resident, cleans off the ice on her back window in Aggieville on Tuesday afternoon. The major amount of snow lasted from Jan. 31 until Feb. 4.
Jennifer Heeke



A student walks home past Hale after a cold night in February. For the semester classes were canceled a total of three times including one Wednesday night sessions and Jan. 31 because of ice that was dangerous to walk or drive on.
Nathaniel LaRue



Students play table tennis inside one of the gymnasiums at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex on a Wednesday evening in late September.
Logan M. Jones


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april

by Becca Passannante

National:

The Deepwater Horizon mobile drilling rig exploded April 20 due to high pressures that caused methane gas to shoot up and out of the drill column, expand onto the platform, ignite and then explode. This explosion not only killed 11 workers and injured 17 others, but caused an oil spill that lasted three months. This oil spill threatened marine life and beach-goers in the Gulf of Mexico. The BP energy company received most of the blame for the spill because it was the one drilling the well. It was estimated that by April 30 the total spread of the oil was 3,850 square miles (10,000 square kilometers).

Local:

At the city commission meeting April 6, Manhattan Mayor Bob Strawn proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Oasis Runaway Prevention Program Coordinator Jeri Greer and Flint Hills Child Care Resource and Referral Program Coordinator Patty Peschel were present to receive the proclomation.

World:

Tensions in the Middle East increased over nuclear weapons. Kuwait signed a memorandum of understanding regarding nuclear cooperation with France This memorandum was aimed at building the network of nuclear reactors and infrastructure, as well as building and training in Kuwait's nuclear sector.

may

by Colleen Quinn

National:

Known for his famous line "What'choo talkin' 'bout, Willis?" Diff'rent Strokes actor, Gary Coleman, died at the age of 42. After suffering from a brain hemorrhage, he was rushed to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Since Coleman dealt with kidney issues his whole life, he never grew more than 4 feet 8 inches and was constantly in the center of mockery.

Local:

Mercy Regional Health Center held the Mercy Wild Run May 1. The run included a 5 kilometer, 10 kilometer and a kid's run at the Sunset Zoo. After the race, participants were invited to have food and drinks and mini massages inside the zoo. All money raised benefited the community health initiatives for Mercy Regional.

World:

A ship headed for the Gaza Strip was invaded May 31 because of links to the terrorist group, the al-Qaeda, and a pro-Palestinian activist group on board. The ship had been warned in advance not to cross the blockade that was set but they didn't follow orders. Nine people were killed and dozens were injured.

june

by Stephanie Mikuls

National:

Elena Kagan received the support of President Barack Obama as she tried to become the 112th Supreme Court Justice. Justice John Paul Stevens was retiring from the position, which would leave an empty seat to be filled. The President's support made Kagan a promising candidate.

Local:

Two deaths were reported during Country Stampede. The four-day music festival was held every year at Tuttle Creek State Park. Jacob Kruetzer, 19-year-old Nebraska resident, died of an unexplained internal injury. Thirty-two year old Luke D. Nihart lost control of his ATV and died shortly after the consequential crash.

World:

The 19th FIFA World Cup was held in Johannesburg, South Africa from June 11-July 11. Thirty-two teams participated in the world championship for men's national association of football. The Netherlands and Spain competed in the final which was held on July 11. Spain defeated the Netherlands 1-0 and obtained its first World Cup title. Spain was the first team ever to win the tournament after a loss in the opening round.

july

by Colleen Quinn

National:

President Barrack Obama announced they would be sending 1,200 National Guard troops to aid in the protection of the southwest border according to CNN. An increase of Customs and Border Protection agents were also added with an increase in technology and aircraft.

Local:

After traveling the world then ending up in Manhattan, Harald Prins was named top undergraduate teacher in anthropology by the American Anthropological Association. The Netherlands native was recognized for many university accomplishments since he joined the faculty in 1990 such as the Conoco and Presidential awards.

World:

Flights were delayed at Hangzhou's Xiaoshan Airport on July 7 after there were UFO sightings. It was said that there were "lantern-like objects forming a diamond shape" hovering for about an hour, according to CNN. It was said the unidentified object had a military connection and nothing was ever formally ruled in our out.

august

by Ellie Long

National:

Food and Drug Administration officials recalled more than half a billion eggs after inspecting Iowa farms because of samples' testing positive for salmonella. The eggs were sold in more than 20 states and have been linked to more than 1,400 illnesses across the country.

Local:

Manhattan Mayor Bruce Snead proclaimed Aug. 6-7 the Relay for Life of Riley County Days. It was a 12-hour event that offered people an opportunity to participate in the battle against cancer and raise money to fight it. Snead said the Relay for Life greatly increased community awareness of cancer, and stimulated a real sense of relationship and camaraderie among the participants and community.

World:

The H1N1 influenza pandemic was declared over by the World Health Organization and the International Health Regulations and Emergency Committee on Aug. 10. The declaration was made on strong evidence that H1N1 was changing to seasonal patterns of transmission and out-of-season H1N1 outbreaks were no longer being observed.

september

by Nicole DeBrie

National:

Student gunman fired shots from an AK-47 at the University of Texas in Austin Campus on the sixth-floor of the Perry-Castenada Library on Sept. 28. The gunman was then found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No one else was injured. Campus was shut down and classes were cancelled for the day while police searched for possible explosives left behind.

Local:

Kansas State University was named one of the most desirable undergraduate institutions in the fall 2010 edition of the Kaplan/Newsweek College Rankings guidebook. K-State ranked 16th among the 25 most desirable large schools in the nation. Schools in the guide were chosen and ranked based on academics, social life, school size and location, diversity, admissions rate, test scores, endowment, student-to-faculty ratio and quality of housing and dining facilities.

World:

Hundreds of people were buried in their homes after a rain soaked mountainside collapsed in Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec, Mexico, a town of 10,000 in rural southwestern Mexico. The landslide dragged homes packed with people, along with cars and light poles, downhill, some 1,300 feet. Over 300 homes got buried in mud and up to 1,000 people were trapped.

october

by Cheyanne Alvarado

National:

A California woman who befriended a homeless woman and let her sleep in her car told police she didn't know where to turn when the woman unexpectedly died — so she drove the body around for ten months along with a box of baking soda to hide the smell, authorities said on Oct. 21. The woman who drives the car, a 57-year-old who herself had fallen on hard times and was living with friends was afraid that she would be accused of something and with everything going on in her life, she didn't want to deal with that.

Local:

Riley County police said Bradley Murray, a university student, was found about 1:40 a.m. Oct. 8 in a ditch in the 1700 block of Manhattan Avenue. Investigators said he was intoxicated and suffering from severe head trauma. Murray later lost consciousness and was taken to an area hospital. He died Oct. 12 after being taken off life support. Murray was originally believed to be a victim of aggravated battery, but after further investigation police said there is nothing to indicate a crime occurred.

World:

On Oct. 13, the last of 33 Chilean miners were rescued from the collapsed mine that they had been trapped in since Aug. 5. One by one, the miners climbed into a specially designed steel capsule barely wider than a man's shoulders and took a 15-minute journey through 2,050 feet of rock to the surface. The 33 men are believed to have survived longer underground than anyone else in the history of mining accidents. Each man emerged in seemingly good health, wearing dark sunglasses to protect his eyes after 69 days in the dark, humid cavern under the Atacama Desert.

november

by Brent Gipson

National:

Elections took place during the month and leadership of the House of Representatives changed in January as a result. Nancy Pelosi, a Representative representing the 8th District of California, was ousted as the Speaker of the house and John Boehner, a Representative representing the 8th District of Ohio replaced her.

Local:

The debacle of the Manhattan City Commission arguing an anti-discrimination lawsuit that stated individuals and businesses hiring could not discriminate against sexual orientation or gender identity continued well beyond November. The ordinance was met with much battle, both on and off-camups. Several rallies were held throughout the month to bring the ordinance to a halt.

World:

Towards the end of the month, the European Union, an economic and political union of 27 member countries, agreed to an 85 billion Euro ($112 million USD) rescue deal for Ireland. The bailout follows two years of budget cuts that failed to restore stock market conditions as the cost of the financial industry climbed. The bailout money was also used to help Ireland's bank crisis, with most banks in the country losing 8 percent of capital.

december

by Eric Hostetler

National:
A powerful storm in Fargo, N.D. caused a car crash involving 100 vehicles Dec. 29 on Interstate 94 when two semi-trucks jackknifed because of the weather. The wreck was responsible for four injuries, one of which was critical. Because of the snow, ice and rain that caused the wreck, North Dakota officials temporarily closed I-94 from Jamestown to Fargo.

Local:
Three professors at Kansas State University used $99,000 from the $300,000 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dec. 31 to develop new ways of teaching veterinarians about food safety. Robert Larson, professor of clinical sciences at the university, stated the goal of the project was to provide more instruction on food safety without creating additional labs and courses. Faculty will work with the College of Engineering to develop ways of teaching and learning in the veterinary school.

World:
An American woman named Kristine Luken was found dead Dec. 18 in Israel after being stabbed to death by two men. Luken's body was discovered after her co-worker Kay Susan Wilson ran into a picnic area, hands bound and with several stab wounds.
The two were hiking in a forest near Beit Shemesh when two men ambushed them, tied them to a tree and stabbed them. Luken and Wilson worked for CMJ UK, a Christian ministry in England. Despite the attack, CEO Robin Aldridge said their work in Israel would continue.

january

by Kelsey White

National:
On the morning of January 25, a mysterious 650 pound grand piano was found on a sandbar 200 yards offshore in Miami's Biscayne Bay. A few days into the very confusing investigation, teenager Nicholas Harrington stepped forward as the perpetrator, claiming it was an "artistic statement" helping him build his portfolio for his upcoming college applications. Harrington, along with his father and some friends, used a boat to transport the piano onto the sandbar, leaving it there as if it had just "washed up" on its own.

Local:
The thriving shopping center on the corner of Tuttle Creek Boulevard and Bluemont Avenue became home to a new steakhouse January 24. LongHorn Steakhouse provided a different type of cuisine than the newly opened Olive Garden, giving Manhattan citizens more restaurant variety. They looked forward to offering a quality dining experience to their customers with great service from their staff.

World:
Australia's Queensland territory was hit with major floods during the middle of the month. The death count due to the immense flooding rose past 15, along with over 70 people listed as missing. One death included a 13 year old boy with a fear of swimming, who begged the rescuers to save his younger brother first, leaving him behind.

february

by Katie Lucas

National:

Car sales drastically rose this month, which unfortunately brought higher gas prices. Nationwide gas was $3.37 a gallon, raised 27 cents in a month and 20 cents in one week. It is said that gas could potentially rise to $4.00 by summer 2011.

Local:

K-State Proud raised $117,618 in the annual students helping students campaign. They surpassed the goal of $100,000. They ended their game at the home basketball game against Oklahome State and had Bramlage Collesium "blacked out" with everyone wearing their K-State Proud t-shirts.

World:

Libya faced violence, turmoil, and protests. The high unemployment and dissatisfaction with the government, ruled by Moammar Gadhafi, had the people of Libya unhappy, causing the country to break out into chaos. The threat of Libya turning to civil war was high.

march

by Dani Row

National:

Army Cpl. Frank Buckles, died February 27 and was the last remaining U.S World World I veteran. He enlisted in the army at 16 and was born in Bethany, MO. He died at the age of 110 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on March 10.

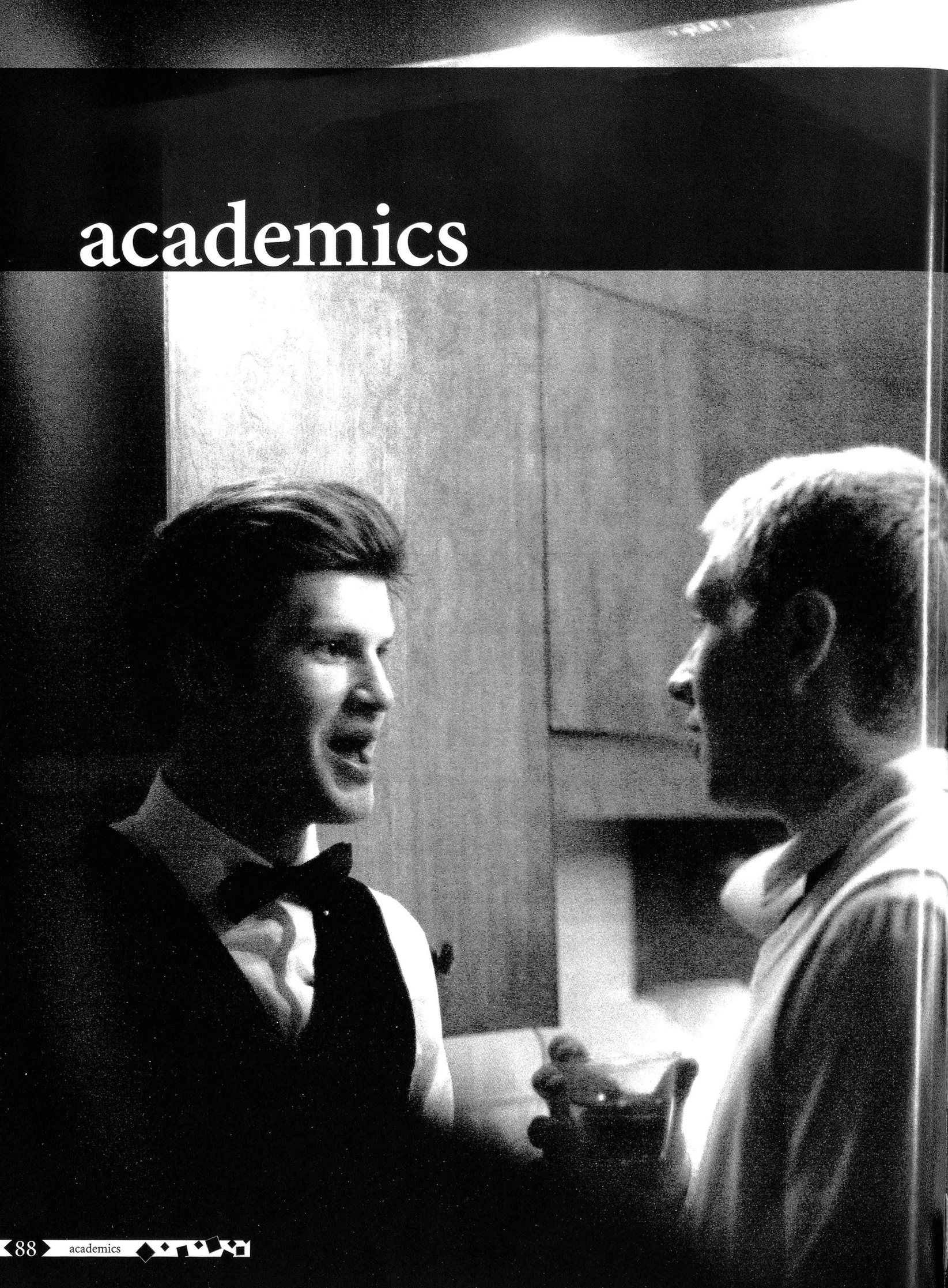
Local:

The Kansas legislature reconsidered the conceal and carry law as it applied to public universities in Kansas. The law would allow students to carry guns on campus as long as they had a gun license. This decision would ultimately strip the Board of Regents of their power to decide whether universities can have conceal and carry laws.

World:

On March 11 an 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck Japan The earthquake triggered a 23-foot tsunami, killing 2,414 people and leaving 15,000 missing. The tsunami destroyed towns along the coast. After the earthquake was over, 50 aftershocks rippled through the land, some 6.0 magnitude.

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Students and faculty gather in Seaton Hall on a Friday night in November for a wine and cheese tasting. It was one of the only times of the year the studio students could enjoy the company with each other without worrying about projects due.
Lisle Alderton.



photo by Erin Poppe

Cruise. Commute. Connect.

by Nicole DeBrie

[redacted] landscape and community planning students [redacted] in the city of Manhattan.

By identifying the barriers of getting around Manhattan safely on bicycles, the project was one step closer to making Manhattan a greener, healthier and more bike-friendly community.

Design Days took place Aug. 23-25 and involved about 180 students. The students were broken into groups of five or six for the project and assigned an area of Manhattan to conduct fieldwork and site analysis. The groups covered all areas of Manhattan from north of Tuttle Creek Boulevard to south of Fort Riley Boulevard.

"Our job was to see how bike trails are being implemented and how they could be improved," Rachel Barth, junior in landscape architecture, said. "Instead of meeting in class, we broke up into our groups and rode our own bikes at our assigned area in Manhattan. My group had north of Tuttle. We rode along the trails that existed in the area and found the difficulties for bike riders in that area."

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> *Ben Champion, director of sustainability and university representative for the city of Manhattan bicycle advisory committee*

Director of sustainability and university representative for the city of Manhattan bicycle advisory committee, Ben Champion, joined the Design Days organizing committee early in the planning process to help decide what the students could do to benefit the community and bicycle advisory committee.

"The committee represents a broad swath of the community and is composed of people that not only represent certain entities but are also biking enthusiasts of one form or another," Champion said. "I bike to work everyday and I am also trying to promote bicycling on campus so I am a logical person to be on the committee."

The students consulted the website bikemanhattan.com, which had all of the streets in Manhattan color coded by safety level for bikers, as a reference point when they began the project. The students and faculty worked to re-create and update this map so new paths could be added and others recommended for improvement.

The technology for the project was coordinated by Michael Wesch, associate professor of cultural anthropology, and Toby Murray, the computer systems analyst for the office of mediated education. The two met through the open street map website, which Murray said is a Wikipedia for the world map.

"I am just a local user of world street map; it's a world-wide project. I first started working with open street map because I wanted to add bike trails in the area," Murray said. "The roads on the site were previously imported from the U.S. Census Bureau, and they were so far off I actually had to correct the roads before I could add the paths I was trying to add."

Wesch and Murray also made it possible for students with iPhones, Androids and other smart phones to download applications that were able to track where they were biking or walking and have the findings instantly imported to the website.

"I think it was cool because I've heard so much about Michael Wesch and I was really excited when we got to work with him," Lauren Ewald, junior in landscape architecture, said. "He's a very avid bike rider so he knows the streets of Manhattan, like which ones are really safe and which ones are really hazardous and not bike friendly."

Ewald's group found a path in its assigned area that was not paved but just a nature trail in a wooded area. This path was created in eight to nine weeks by local elementary students and was often used by the Manhattan High School cross-country team.

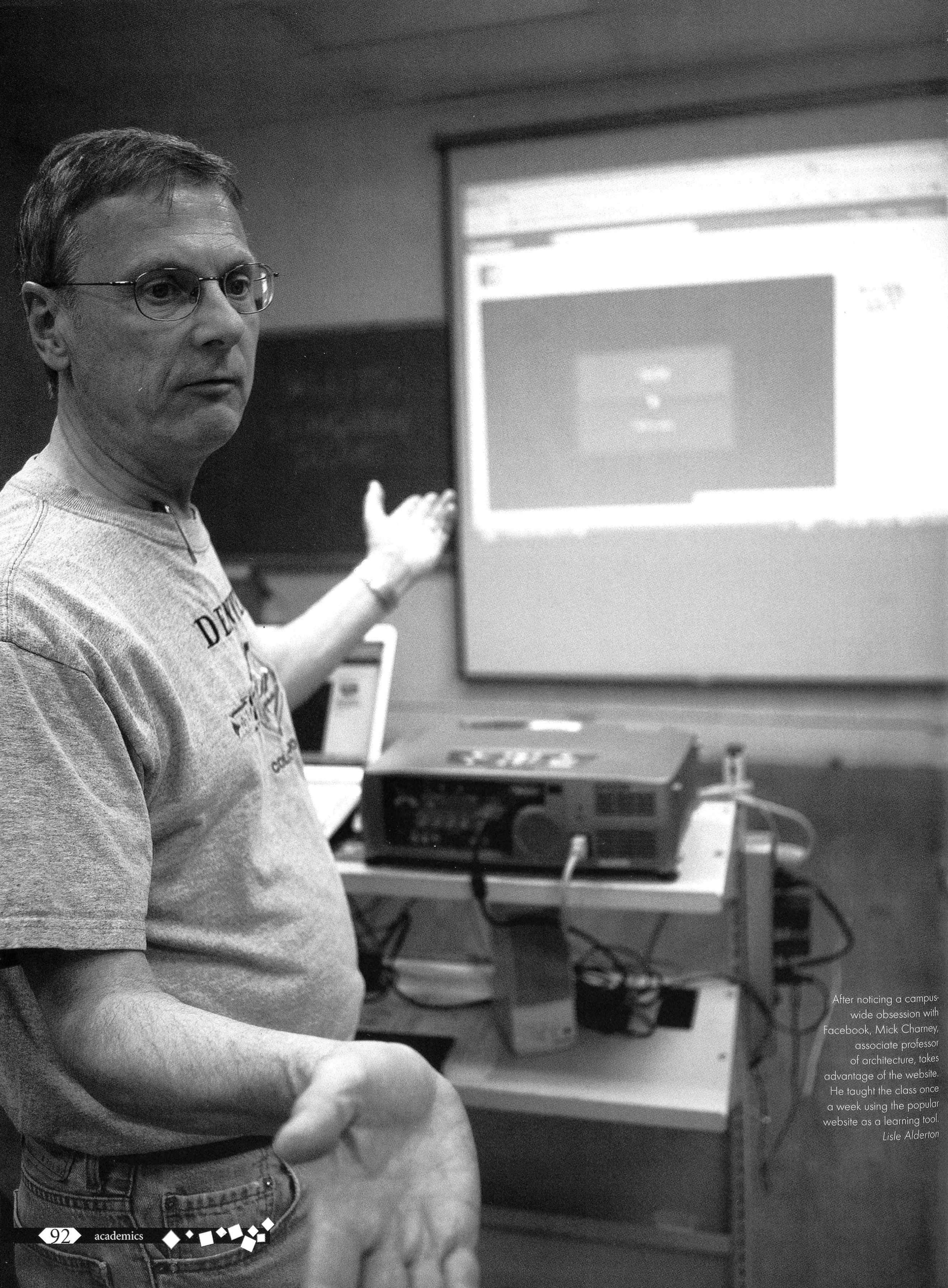
"Our team actually found a track that wasn't on the map. That is when we pulled out the Android and it tracked us walking along that path, so that path could be on the map," Ewald said. "Since there were so many of us working on the project, we could cover a large area. If you were by yourself doing this, it would take a long time to figure out all of the tracks."

In the end, the students created a map of the city's bicycle resources and needs, as well as creative design proposals to address those needs. The students then had a presentation and hosted an open house where the public could view their findings. The entire bicycle advisory committee attended the presentation to view the proposals the students came up with.

"A lot more work can still be done on taking those ideas and condensing them into integrated solutions for our community," Champion said. "I think that work needs to be done in order for the committee to take those ideas and really promote them within the city. It was a great first step in having to do with everything from new signage, to new surfaces on campus, to adding bike lanes, to developing new bike trails, to building new bridges and underpasses over major road barriers, all kinds of ideas from very expensive to not very expensive at all."

Design Days 2010 brought the city of Manhattan closer to becoming biker-friendly and provided students with a unique way of learning.

"The Design Days concept was very effective at what it was intended to do," Champion said. "I think it demonstrated that we can have very diverse and intensive service learning projects that break the mold of the standard approach to learning, and they can be a success."



After noticing a campus-wide obsession with Facebook, Mick Charney, associate professor of architecture, takes advantage of the website. He taught the class once a week using the popular website as a learning tool.
Lisle Alderton

Professor request accepted

by Cheyanne Alvarado

With his knowledge of the Facebook frenzy, a professor adapts the website and implements it into his curriculum to use with his students.

With more than 500 million users worldwide, Facebook is undoubtedly an Internet phenomenon. Though most people used this website simply to connect with friends, one university professor found a way to make this social networking site into a collaborative learning tool.

Mick Charney, associate professor of architecture, said he saw Facebook's potential to be incorporated into education when he realized it could be a great repository for information. With Facebook's ease of use and ability to post photos, links and notes neatly on one page, Charney was inspired to create a group project called "Looking for Mr. Wright" for one of his architectural history courses in the spring 2010 semester. The "Mr. Wright" the students were looking for was famed American architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed more than 1,000 projects such as Fallingwater, Imperial Hotel and the Guggenheim Museum. The objective of the project was to work collaboratively to find and reveal the full, robust nature of the architect through a closed, virtual social network that re-created personal relationships he forged over a 92-year-long life.

"At the end of the semester students had to take the whole class on a tour of their particular page to show off the kind of jewels, the gems they found," Charney said. "If students really got into it, they could assemble material that is just astounding."

Charney said it wasn't until one student posted a link to a YouTube video displaying Wright on a 1950s game show that he saw the significance this project held.

"Here he is moving around and talking and gesturing," Charney said. "This sums up our goal. We did actually find him here because we see the glint in his eye. We see his personality. We see him as a human being."

The project was such a success that Charney and two 2010 university architecture graduates, Eric Salmon and Matthew Shepard, presented a workshop about the class at the 35th annual Improving University Teaching International Conference in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2010. The focus of the workshop, "Looking for Mr. Wright … and Finding Him on Facebook," was how to use Facebook as a research tool in the classroom.

"I had a great experience in Washington, D.C., as it was my first time ever presenting research in a professional setting," Shepard said. "The audience was very interactive asking numerous questions, and seemed to be really interested in what we had done and what we had to say."

Because of the positive feedback Charney received on Looking for Mr. Wright, he initiated a similar project in the fall 2010 semester called "Looking for Mr. Wright 2.0," which included more digital tutorials, in-depth reflection and displays of creativity.

As the appointed coordinator of the university's Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence, or FETE, Charney also created a Facebook page to make FETE a 24/7 exchange of information. Now, instead of being limited to regular meetings and yearly teaching retreats, the exchange can be accessed by all members at any time thanks to Facebook.

"So far I like the use of Facebook. When used correctly I think it can be an excellent tool to share information," said Cathie Lavis, FETE advisory committee member and assistant professor of horticulture forestry and recreation.

Facebook FETE members range from graduate students to K-State President Kirk Schulz.

"Once you get past the stigma that Facebook sometimes has as being a trivializing thing, it has tremendous value as a medium of exchange," Charney said.

To uphold the honor

Teaching students proper ethics

by Eric Hostetler

Plagiarism was the most frequent form of cheating among students. Those who were caught were reported and sanctioned accordingly. But even as some students deliberately did so, others had no idea what they were doing was considered cheating. They were not educated to know so. These students had found themselves in the courtroom, shaking and fidgeting, only to then figure out what they had done wrong.

"Cases are always difficult because most likely students don't realize that they did something wrong," Sarah Hart, graduate student in mass communications and member of the honor council, said. "When they come here as freshmen they sign an honor code pledge, but I don't think they really pay attention to it. So then all these issues come about. They don't realize that their actions can be a violation of the honor code."

The creation of the honor and integrity system was due to a large cheating scandal that erupted in 1994 and made national news.

"They felt that the integrity of the university itself had been damaged by this large cheating scandal and they wanted to work to do something so we would have a system in place to handle these situations," Allen said. "They approached Provost and they formulated a small committee involving faculty and students. That committee grew into a larger body that drafted a constitution. They created the Honor and Integrity System."

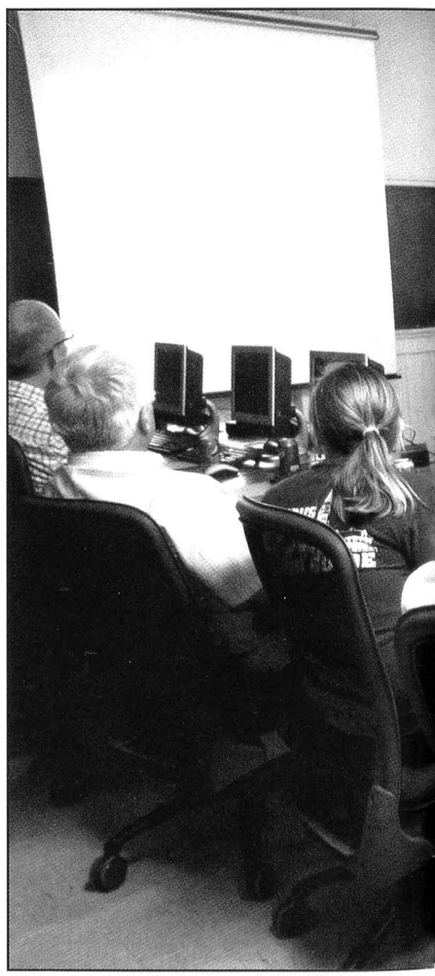
Within the Honor and Integrity System was the honor council, which was made up of 54 members, including 22 faculty, 22 undergraduate students and 10 graduate students. Leading the honor council was Kim Pierson, senior in architectural engineering.

"Dr. Allen and Dr. Roberts are in charge of the entire system and then it falls on me to run and make sure honor council is moving smoothly in the right direction," Pierson said. "They give me the tasks they want completed and then I'm free to come up with everything else on my own and decide what I want to implement and what I want to change. As long as I have those approvals for what I'm doing, I pretty much just go on my own."

The Honor and Integrity System implemented specific behaviors that were considered cheating and a violation of the honor code. According to Allen, most students either hadn't acknowledged the honor pledge that every student signed upon admittance, or hadn't realized what they had done was considered cheating.

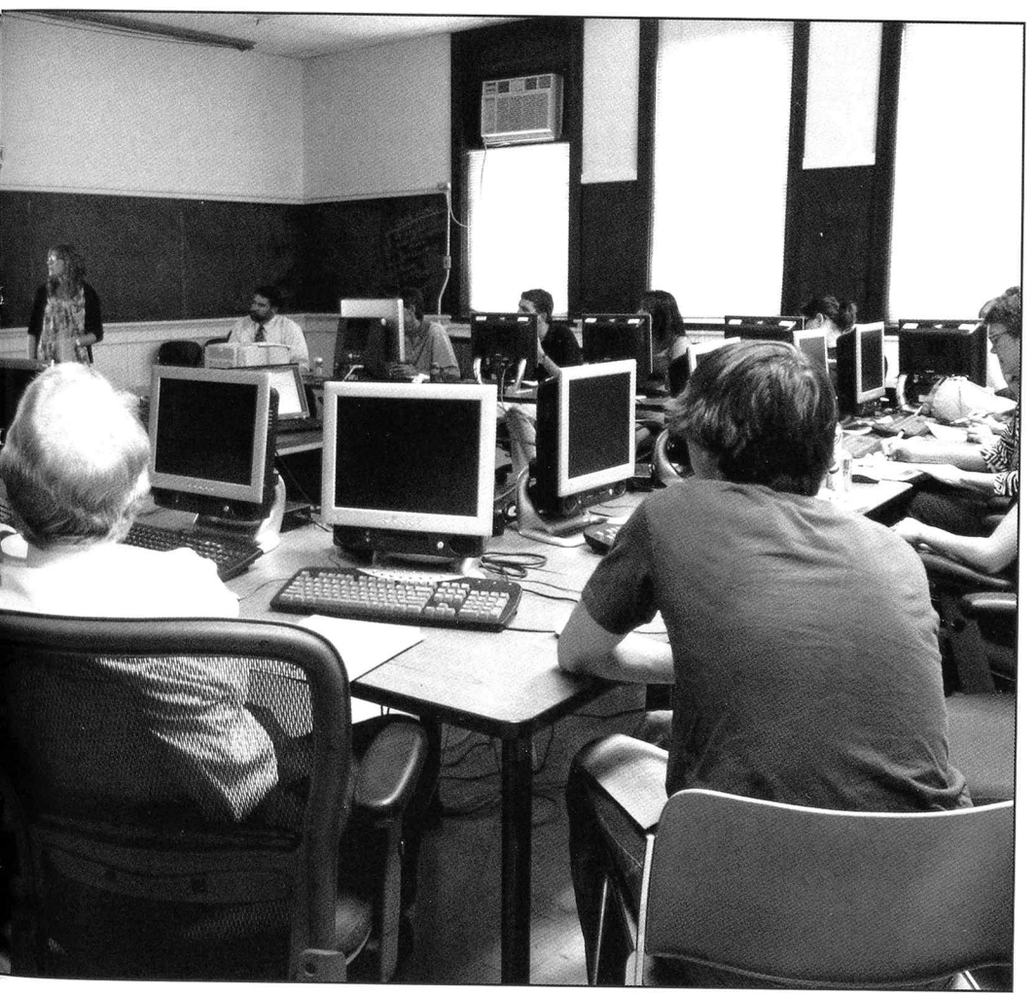
"We try to avoid terms that are legalistic," Allen said. "We don't use 'guilty' or 'innocent' and we don't use 'evidence.' We talk about

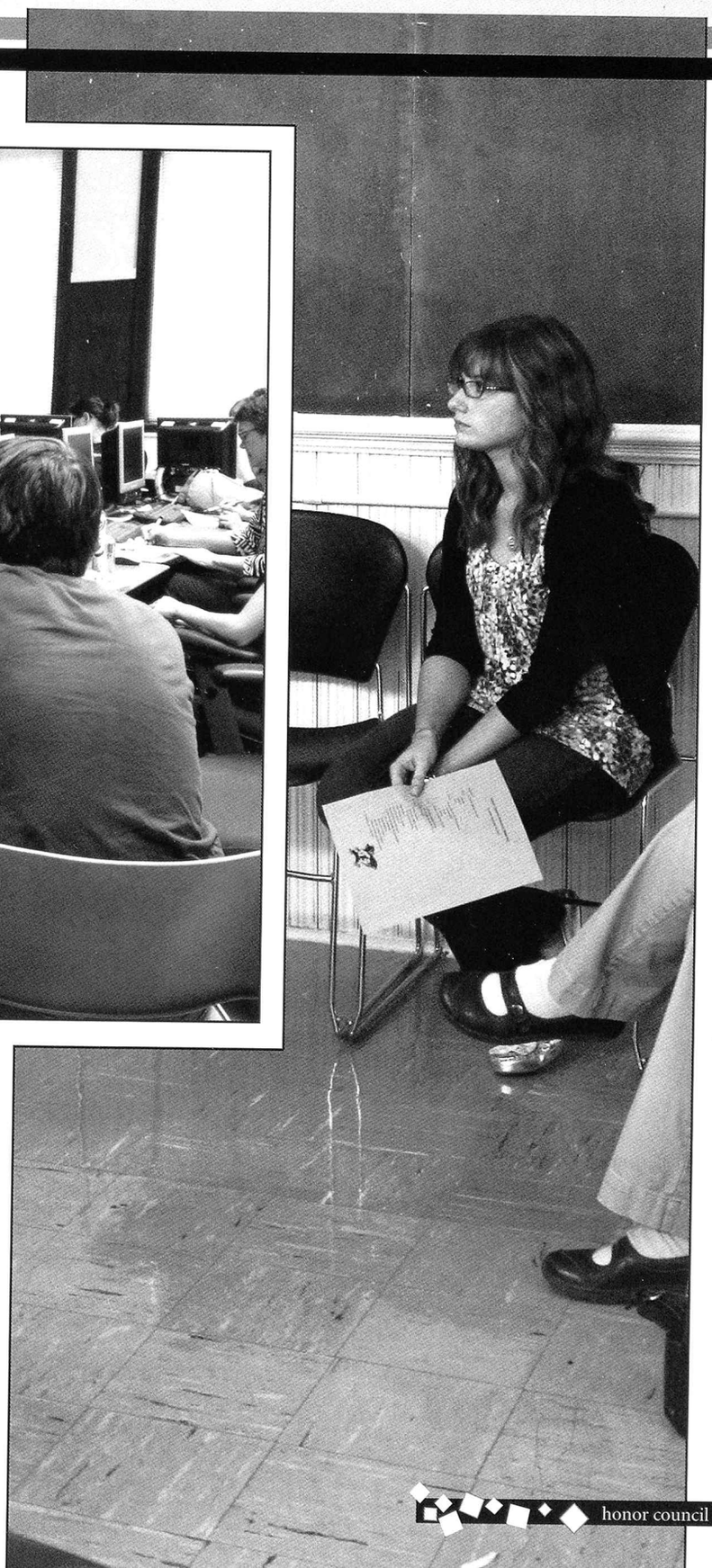
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The first honor council meeting of the year takes place in Fairchild 215. "Honestly, it doesn't take a lot of work," Sarah Hart, graduate student in mass communications, said. "It's actually one of the more easy-going clubs because we only have two meetings a year."
Erin Poppe

In solitude, Kim Pierson, senior in architectural engineering, waits to present information for the council. "I like making sure everyone's involved," Pierson said. "We've been very active in getting people involved and coming and serving on the hearings."
Erin Poppe





> *We believe that the students should be educated and make wise decisions. We're not going to penalize a freshmen for making a mistake and kick him out.*

David Allen, director of the Honor and Intergrity System

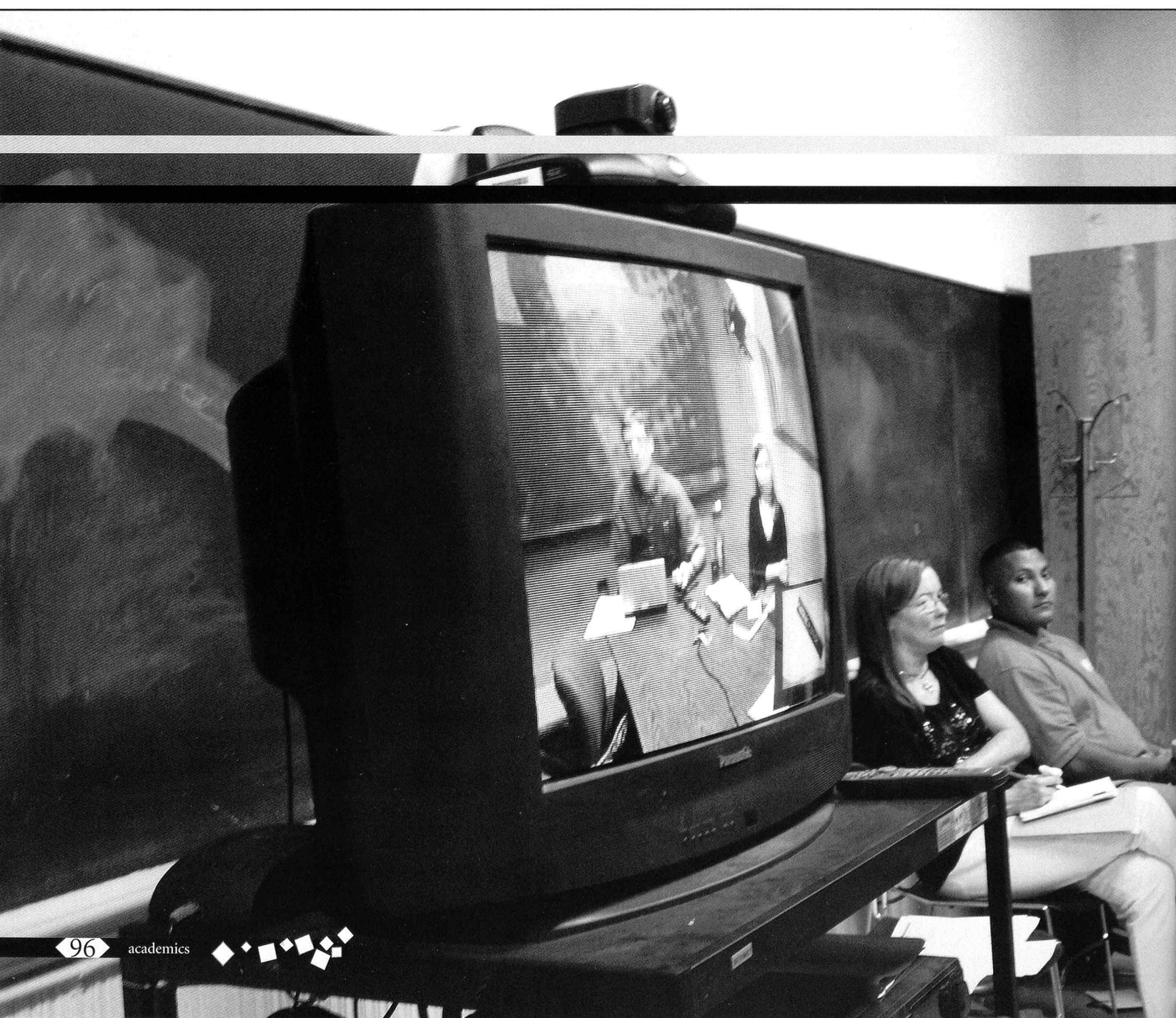
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information; so the information that comes to us is reported by a faculty member. It's not considered evidence, just a piece of information. The students are said to be found 'responsible' or 'not responsible' for the violation."

Allen explained two goals that the Honor Council has. The first was an educational goal, and the second was to give a ruling for the university. The university established an expectation for academic conduct. However, most incoming students weren't aware of this expectation due to high rates of cheating in high school.

"I think it's very easy to cheat without knowing you're cheating, especially with freshmen coming in," Pierson said. "I remember in high school, it was very different what you could and couldn't do. You could borrow information and just write that down whereas in college they want you to cite your sources. I think it's something we can use as a great learning opportunity because we all make mistakes. We're human."

The lack of understanding of the honor code was not only among students, but teachers as well. The honor council served faculty members when they didn't know what to do after a student was caught or suspected of cheating. They helped them decide if



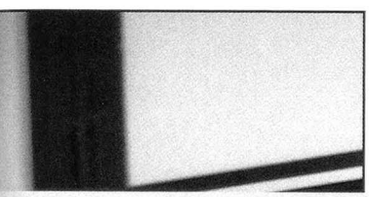
the student should receive an XF; a letter grade that signified a failed course due to cheating.

"They're kind of emotional about the whole process, so we come in and help them work through the paperwork and the process and we recommend or share with them similar cases so they can then make a reasonable, sanctioning decision," Allen said. "Not every case deserves an XF. The adjudicating rights are set up to protect the rights of the students."

According to the Honor and Integrity System's annual report, the 2009-2010 academic year had 134 cases involving 181 students, the highest number of cases seen since its inception in 1999.

"I don't [think] that increase is saying more students are cheating," Allen said. "I think it just means that I've made some efforts to reach out to faculty members about our process. I think more faculty members feel comfortable with this system and I think more of them will report it."

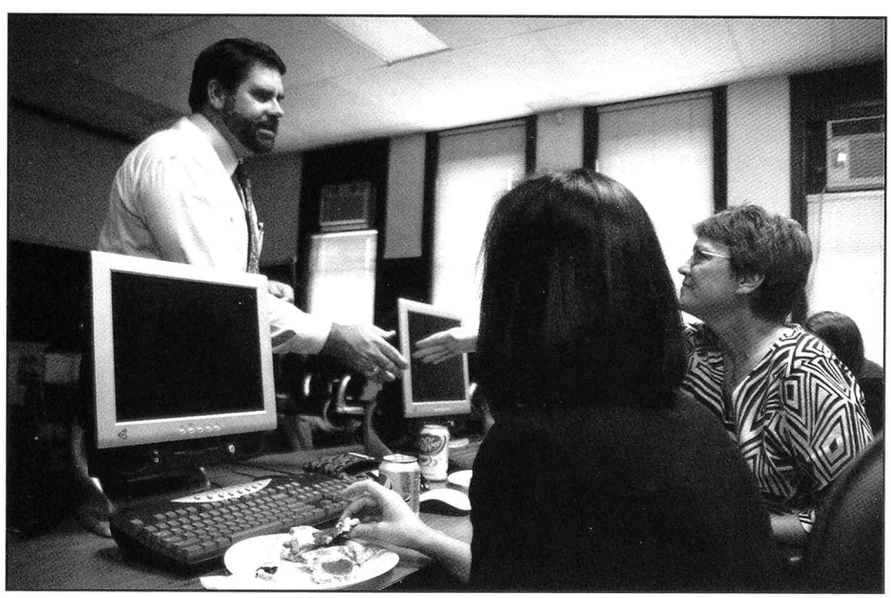
Although many students had been investigated for violations against the honor code, Allen worked hard to educate teachers and help them make the best possible decisions when dealing with students. That way, in turn, the students would learn from their own mistakes and understand what it meant to uphold the honor code and the integrity of the university.



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David Allen, associate director of the honor council, shakes hands with a staff member. "I take everything he does and translate it to the Honor Council members to make sure they're aware of what's going on and they're doing their job correctly," Kim Pierson said.
Erin Poppe

Members of the council participate in the meeting digitally. Eight members were selected from the Salina campus and used the television so they could save time and gas. David Allen said they've had problems with the digital connection in past meetings.
Erin Poppe



Jack Hanna, accompanied by an employee of the Columbus Zoo, holds a python on stage with a member of the audience at his performance in McCain Auditorium Oct. 1. "I'm very fortunate to have a job I love," Hanna said. *Logan Jones*

Anteaters, sloths, pythons and cheetahs weren't the typical creatures you would expect to see in a performance in McCain Auditorium. However, America's favorite zookeeper, Jack Hanna, performed live Oct. 1 with many animals the audience had never seen before.

Hanna, from Knoxville, Tenn., was the star of two famous television shows, Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures and Jack Hanna's Into the Wild.

He said he knew he wanted to be a zookeeper since he was 16 when he worked at a veterinarian clinic cleaning animal cages.

Hanna started his performance by showing one of four short videos. The first was about his experience tracking a family of 17 silver back gorillas in the mountains. He observed the family of gorillas while they ate, played and made nests from just ten feet away.

"If I died tomorrow, my life would be complete," Hanna said on his experience with the gorillas.

Hanna first brought out on stage animals such as a prosimian, armadillos and a lesser anteater.

"I've seen animals all over the world, but I've never seen an animal like the large ant eater," Hanna said. "You know, they do smell real bad though."

The next video he showed was about a woman named Daphne and her village that raised infant elephants. Hanna stayed with the villagers and watched them raise the elephants from 4 a.m. to 12 p.m., and said that taking care of a baby elephant was almost more work than taking care of a human baby. The village returned over 75 infant elephants back into the wild.

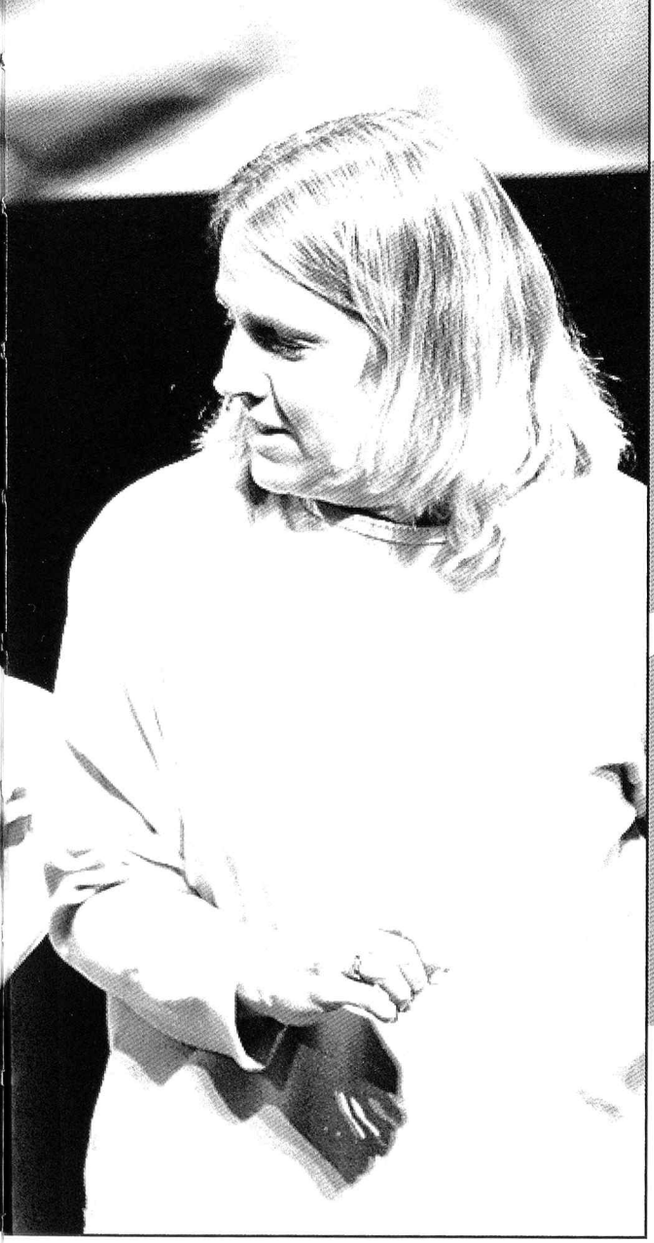
"Elephants are probably my favorite animal," Hanna said.

After that, he brought out a clouded leopard, snow leopard and fennec fox. He told a story of how a fox got into his chicken coop at his home, and he borrowed a gun from his neighbor to kill it after it spared only four of his chickens.

"My wife said, 'You're Jack Hanna, you can't shoot a fox,'" he joked. "Maybe that's why I have about three pet foxes now."

Next, Hanna showed a video of when he tracked a black bear and her cub during hibernation in New Mexico 12 years ago. He held the baby cub and said it was one of the coolest experiences of his life.

Hanna then asked for volunteers to come



McCain Gone Wild

by Ellie Long

up on stage. A woman volunteered and he said he was going to make her touch three animals with her eyes closed. First was a cane toad, then two Madagascar cockroaches and then a python named "Julius Squeezer."

"Aren't you happy you came out tonight?" Hanna asked the volunteer as she almost jumped clear across the stage after touching the giant toad.

Hanna said he sometimes carries the cockroaches in a sock in his pocket, and he joked that occasionally he would put them in breadbaskets at restaurants to get his meals for free.

After that, Hanna brought on stage four animals; a Siberian lynx, groundhog, large sloth and wallaby.

The grand finale, and what most people came to see, was the fastest land mammal, the cheetah.

"Unless you can get up and go to the bathroom at 70 mph," Hanna said, "please don't get out of your seat when this animal comes out."

Hanna said when he filmed the cheetah for his shows, his crew had to use three cameras because of how fast it was.

"It's truly a beautiful animal," Hanna said.

The final short video Hanna showed was about a husband and wife in Montana that gave their lives to saving animals. They took in handicap dogs, blind cats and horses and even a dog whose mouth was wired shut. The animals were either neglected and abused or given to shelters because of their birth defects.

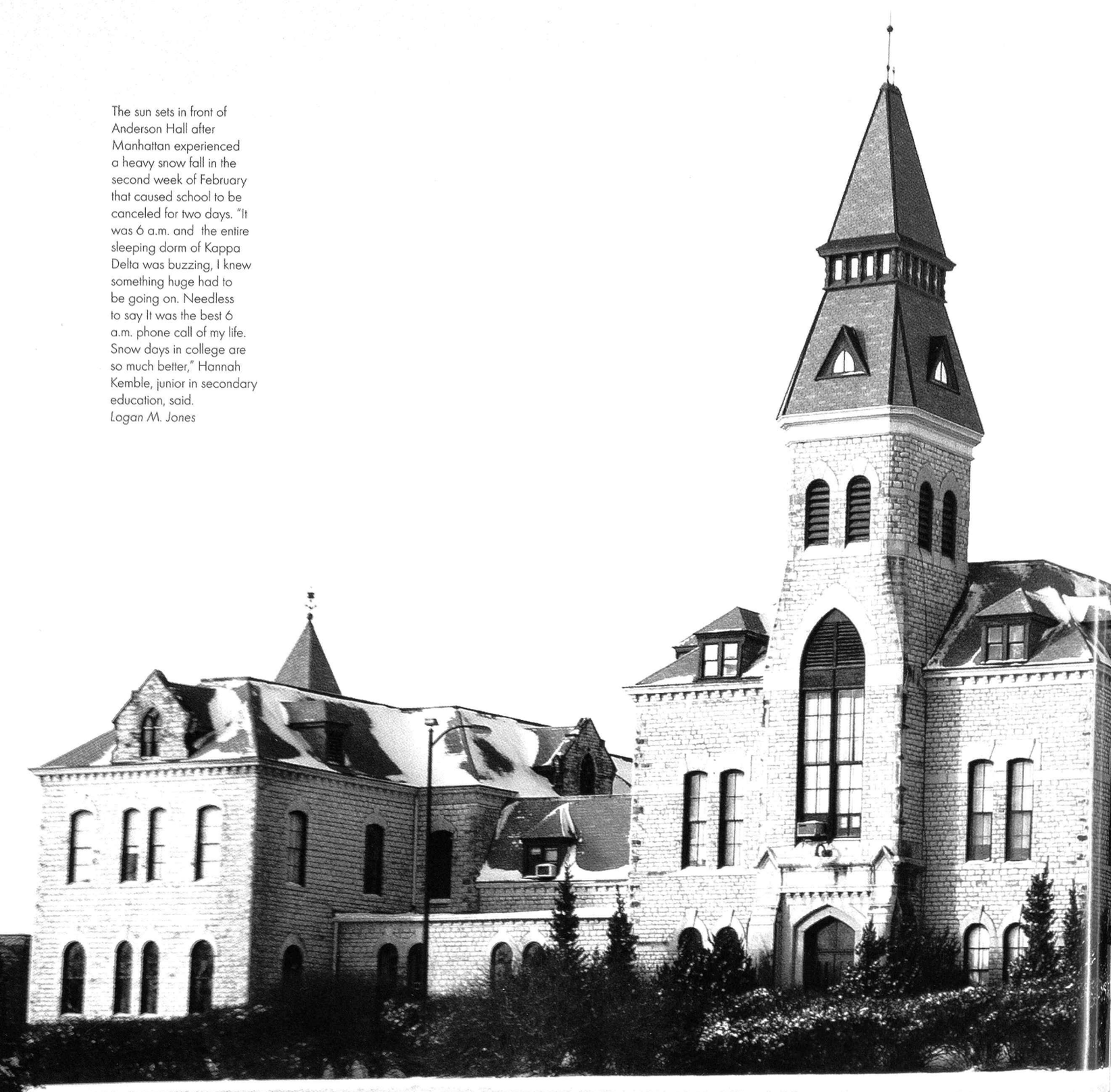
"I loved his passion for the animals and how much fun he has with his job," Trevor McCarty, junior in biology pre-med, said. "The last video was really touching."

Hanna was a known animal rights activist. He worked for many zoos and conservation projects across the country, and said that he has never had a bad experience with an animal.

"Every time an accident has happened with one of the animals, it's been my fault," Hanna said. "You really have to keep your cool when working with animals."

He said in most situations he was prepared and knews what to do, but there were times when he got nervous about the animals he was working with.

"It was awesome that we had someone like that come to K-State," Laura Oxler, sophomore in advertising, said. "I mean how often can you see a cheetah in McCain?"

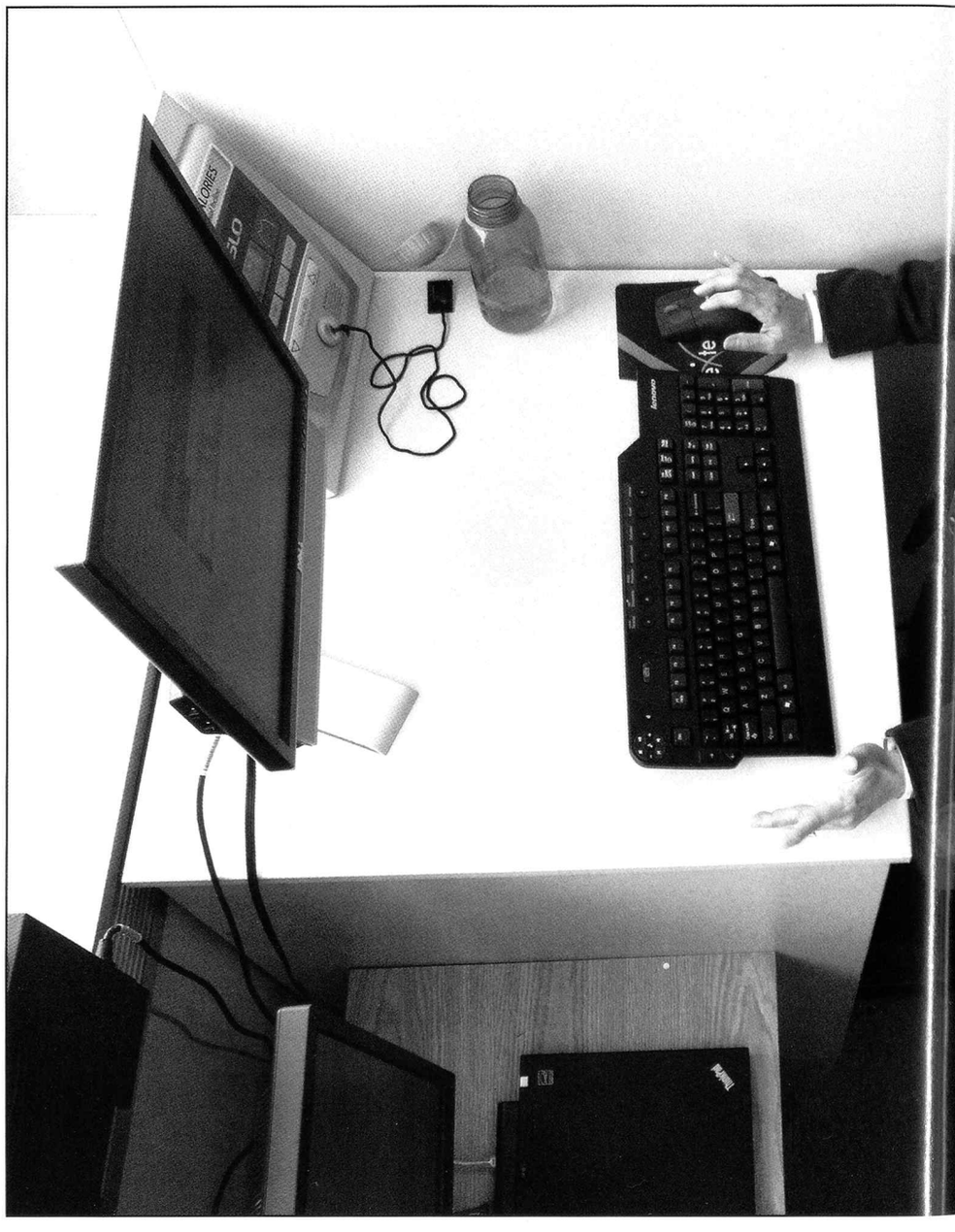


The sun sets in front of Anderson Hall after Manhattan experienced a heavy snow fall in the second week of February that caused school to be canceled for two days. "It was 6 a.m. and the entire sleeping dorm of Kappa Delta was buzzing, I knew something huge had to be going on. Needless to say It was the best 6 a.m. phone call of my life. Snow days in college are so much better," Hannah Kemble, junior in secondary education, said.
Logan M. Jones



An A-Typical Routine

by Nicole DeBrie



One mile per hour, one mile a day on a treadmill is all it took for Deb Sellers, assistant professor and extension specialist in adult development and aging, to successfully integrate more physical activity into her work day.

Sellers is a resident of Council Grove and had an hour commute from her house's front door to the front door of Justin Hall every day of the week.

"I realized that I had a lot of seat time between my work day and my commute," Sellers said. "So I was really just looking for a way to incorporate physical activity into my work day, since I already worked out in the evenings five to six times a week."

Sellers researched different forms of physical activity online last spring before stumbling across an idea on the Mayo Clinic website: a treadmill desk. A treadmill desk was a desk built around a treadmill, which allowed one to do work at the desk while exercising. Sellers decided with the help of her husband's woodworking experience she would attempt to create a type of treadmill desk on her own to use in her office in Justin Hall.

"I had someone who had the woodworking experience so that was free," Sellers said. "The treadmill was the biggest piece of equipment that had to be bought but it was relatively cheap."

Prior to taking any action on the project, Sellers spoke with her department head for permission and researched some other issues as well.

"I did some research on the amount of electricity the treadmill would use," Sellers said. "I didn't want to be responsible for a huge spike in the energy bill."

The treadmill used about the same amount of electricity as a mini-refrigerator so Sellers didn't feel like the request for the treadmill was out of bounds since other people in the office had mini fridges.

Sellers bought a relatively cheap treadmill from a department store in town and brought it home to her husband where he developed a prototype model with heavy cardboard.

"He didn't attach the handrails and ran the wire up the back of the treadmill," Sellers said. "He measured me in terms of height to determine how high to put the desk and built a monitor to sit on the desk where the treadmill was turned on and off."

The prototype was brought into Seller's office in Justin where she used it for a few weeks to decide if it was going to work.

"Although I wasn't going to be pounding the pavement at 4 miles per hour, 8 hours a day," Sellers said. "It was working for me."

She checked with her colleagues prior to building the final model to ensure it wasn't bothersome.

Seller's husband built the final model and brought into her office in late summer.



Sellers' treadmill is built around her desk so she can still do work on her computer while she gets in exercise. "This really seemed to be something that made sense to me and something I thought I'd be able to do," Sellers said.
Erin Poppe



Sellers walks on her treadmill while she's in her office. "My goal was not to be on the treadmill eight hours a day," Sellers said. "This is an hour of moving that I wouldn't have done otherwise, so that is the benefit for me."
Erin Poppe

"It has taken some practice but I have found that it is possible to type while walking on the treadmill," Sellers said. "It's wonderful for things like conference calls or webinars, which is a conference or a meeting that takes place over the web."

Sellers had two computer monitors, one on her normal desk and one on the desk above the treadmill. She also had a wireless mouse and keyboard which she moves from monitor to monitor depending on which she wants to use.

"It wouldn't have been possible without the two monitors and wireless keyboard and mouse," Sellers said, "but I already had those before so it was something I could incorporate into the idea."

Sellers set a goal for herself of one mile a day when she first began using the treadmil.

"It has made me feel better about myself because it was a goal that I set, achieved and I am continuing to work on," Sellers said. "There are days I come home and say to myself, 'I did two hours on the treadmill today,' and that's a great feeling. I try very hard to look at the physical activity piece that I do at work as being on top of my regular workout routine and not substituting for it."

Sellers found her colleagues to be very supportive of her idea.

"I'll get an email once in a while that says, 'Are you on your treadmill while you're reading this?'" Sellers said. "But it's all in fun."

Sellers credited a lot of her desire to stay physically healthy to her prior work experience and subject interest.

"I worked for many years as a therapist in long term care programs," Sellers said. "This certainly had an influence on my desire to stay healthy as I grow older and to make lifestyle changes that I know will likely have a positive impact as I age."

Students and faculty often had their nose in the same book after the university integrated a new campus wide reading program in the fall of 2010. The novel selected to be integrated was a New York Times best-seller, "The Hunger Games," by Suzanne Collins. It focused around a society that is fascinated with a brutal reality television show. Each year a lottery selected representatives from each region of the nation to compete in a televised fight-to-the-death known as the Hunger Games.

"Having a common intellectual experience for all incoming freshmen, as well as other students and faculty, is a good strategy for building community," co-chair of the Kansas State Book Network (KSBN), Stephen Kiefer said. "If two freshmen got together from different states and majors and they both have read the book, they have something to talk about."

The committee that chose the book was made up of students and professors including Kevin Blake, professor of geography. He said the committee searched for a book that was readable, engaging and had significant themes that could be discussed so it would have utility in several different classes.

"When I read the book I was impressed with how many different themes could be drawn out," Blake said.

All freshmen received a copy of "The Hunger Games" with their orientation packet. Some chose to read it on their own as soon as they got it and others read it because they were required to for a class.

"I read the book because we each got a copy, Kaycee Brown, freshman in life sciences, said. "I ended up falling in love with the book, and read the second and third in less than a day. I liked the series so much, I ditched friends to read it."

Faculty was encouraged to incorporate the book into their courses. Every teacher who taught "The Hunger Games" had the task to try to make it fit in their lesson.

"I love to use literature in the classroom," Blake said. "We have a geography textbook to cover the basics but what I hope to do as an educator it to stimulate people's minds to go beyond memorizing."

The students in Blake's world and regional geography course were required to read the book, participate in class discussion, complete an online homework assignment and then complete a project.

"By this time I thought everyone should have a feel of the inherent geography and also how the literature conveys geographical ideas," Blake said.

The project required students to interpret geography in the book through some sort of visual way, such as a physical map or model, video or electronic file. There were several choices as to what geographical area the students could interpret.

"I bought foam board to use as a base and created a physical representation of the arena in the book," Clint Newton, sophomore in entrepreneurship, said. "I used Easter eggs cut in half to represent mountains, a balloon to represent the cornucopia, green confetti to represent tall grass and for trees I used toothpicks broken in half."

"The Hunger Games" was also incorporated into an introduction to music course by professor Gary Mortenson. The course consisted of 20 freshman students.

The students were to pick a scene from the book and give direction to the person who was composing the film score on what kind of music they wanted at that particular scene. They had to use their imagination to bring the scene to life and figure out how they had to translate what was going on into music for the background.

"Since this particular book had so many really vivid scenes in it, it just seemed to jump out at me sort of cinematically," Mortenson said. "What better way to incorporate music than to put the students in the shoes of someone in Hollywood who is trying to describe to a producer what they want musically in a scene."

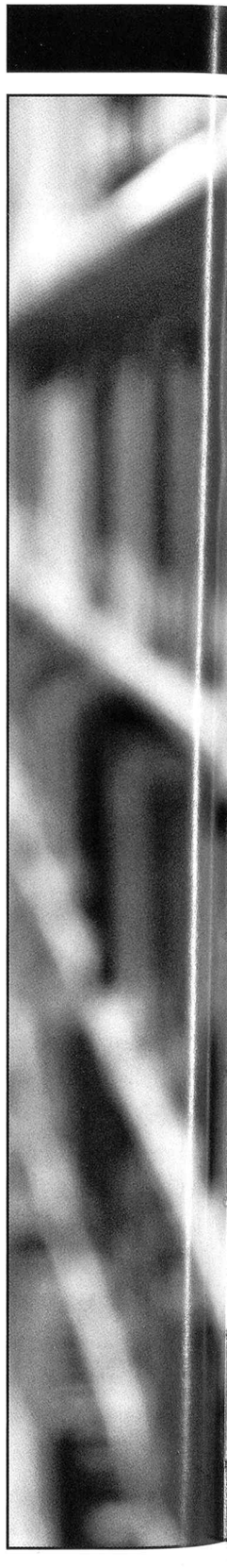
Campus discussions, visiting media critic Judith Posner and a campus-wide multiplayer game were all offered in the fall, which revolved around "The Hunger Games."

"We had the students in Union Program Council generate a hunger game and picked students to compete in trivia and a scavenger hunt to win an iPad," Kiefer said.

There seemed to be a great response from both students and faculty through an informal survey, Kiefer said. Some faculty objected to the book on various grounds but it was difficult to find a book that made everyone happy.

The KSBN was already hard at work selecting a book for next school year.

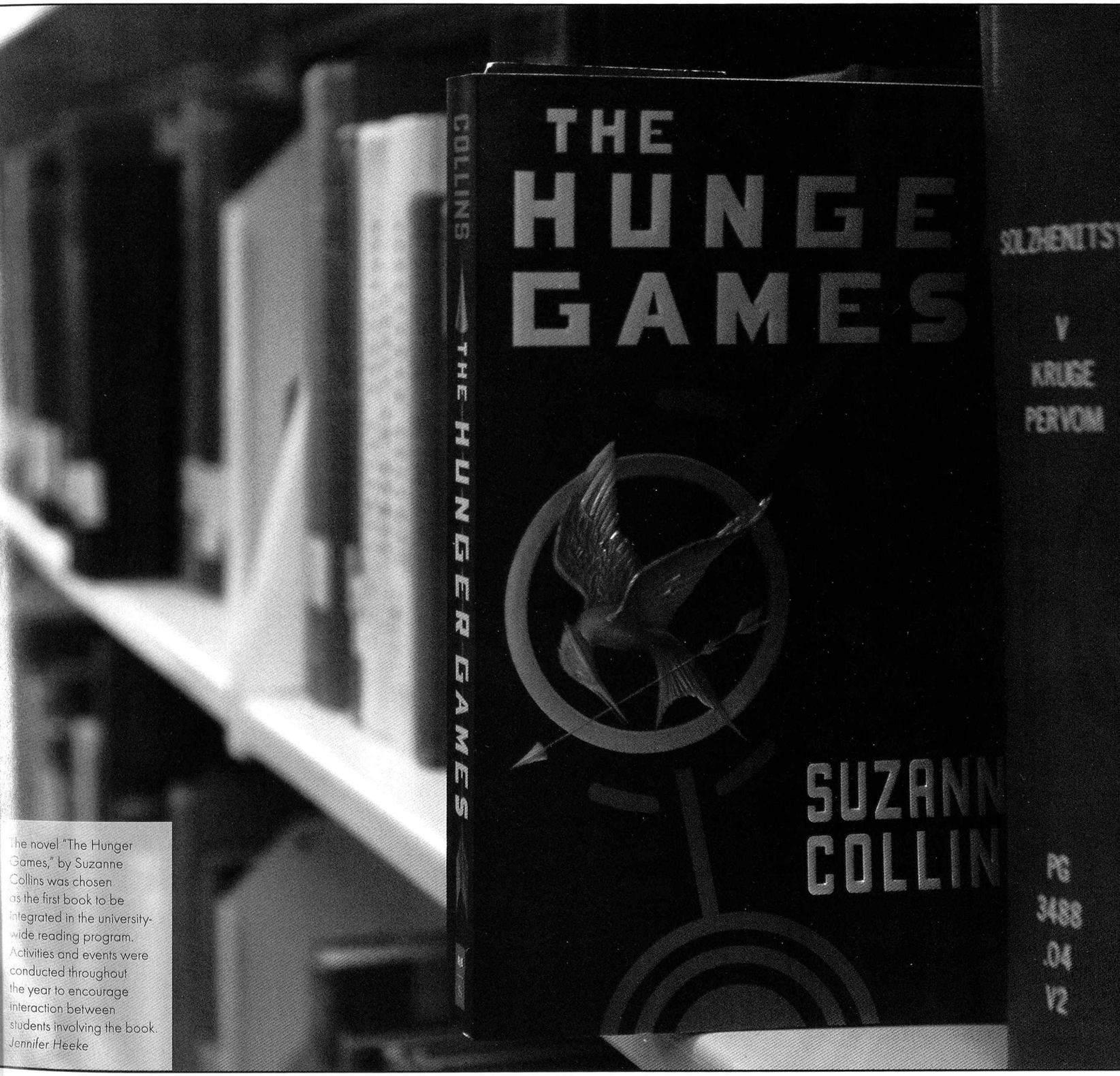
"Whatever book they choose I plan to incorporate it again," Mortenson said. "Depending on what book is chosen I'll have to tweak the assignment."



Literary Inspiration

by Nicole DeBrie

University-wide book encourages communication among students and teachers

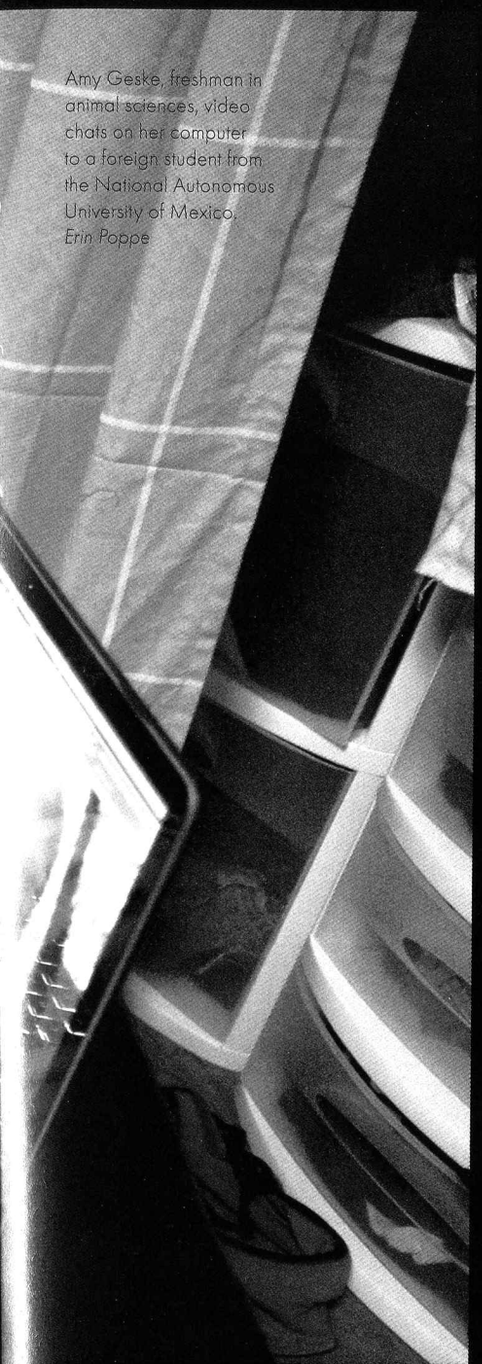


The novel "The Hunger Games," by Suzanne Collins was chosen as the first book to be integrated in the university-wide reading program. Activities and events were conducted throughout the year to encourage interaction between students involving the book. *Jennifer Heeke*





Skype



Amy Geske, freshman in animal sciences, video chats on her computer to a foreign student from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. *Erin Poppe*

Pals:

by Eric Hostetler

Communication with foreign students becomes easier using video chat

For decades, foreign friends were contacted using pen, paper and a stamped envelope, or even an electronic letter that could be sent at the speed of light. However, communication began to adapt from pen pals to Skype pals. In the advanced Spanish conversation course, Laura Kanost, visiting assistant professor of modern languages, developed a service project for her students to participate in. The project was to communicate with Hispanics from another country using Skype, a video chat application that allowed people to view and hear each other through the Internet.

"The students that we're working with there are taking English on their own," Kanost said. "They aren't taking any English classes. They are students who are motivated to learn English because they want to."

The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) worked with several universities in the U.S. to partner up with students who didn't take official English classes.

"I always remind my students that they're acting as ambassadors of the university and [they should] try to be professional and courteous," Kanost said.

Several students, including Marlena Birkel, freshman in biochemistry, chose the Skype opportunity as a service project. Birkel had two partners from Mexico, Ana and Nancy, and they e-mailed each other and planned times to video chat. The chats usually lasted one hour, with 30 minutes in English and 30 minutes in Spanish.

"In our e-mails, we'll come up with ideas to talk about because it's weird talking to a stranger for an hour about random subjects," Birkel said. "Sometimes, we have one of those awkward silences. If we have ideas to talk about, it really helps."

To complete the project, students were required to put in nine hours total at least six different times with their partners. The video chats differed greatly from foreign pen pals.

"You're talking in real-time," Mitchel Loring, sophomore in regional community planning, said. "You're not writing about something that happened and then waiting a week later to get a message back. This is something that you need to respond to right away. You can't have an 'LOL' in a conversation."

This option was great for flexibility of students' schedules as well as making new friends. Most of all, it gave students the opportunity to exchange cultural differences and learn to speak Spanish fluently.

"Students don't have a lot of confidence in their abilities to converse with native speakers, but they typically do have the ability to converse on a wide variety of subjects," Kanost said. "They just need some experience."





these students

RESEARCH

Most undergraduate courses at the university required little to no research for graduation requirements. As a psychology graduate student, they had to go the distance to choose, prepare and conduct a study in order to graduate. *by Eric Hostetler*

Undergraduate students gathered around the conference table as Jericho Hockett, graduate student in psychology, presented the next step in research. Whether it was how people reacted to specific stereotypes or why a person chose certain tastes rather than another, surveys were being filled and data were being collected. The research laid specific groundwork of continued findings for psychology students and professors.

"Everybody has things that they're working on and different topics and different aspects of research that they're developing," Gary Brase, associate professor of psychology, said.

During their studies, graduate students had specific research projects they started and worked on for their degree that tended to last a full two semesters.

"People who go into graduate school have to be driven to be successful," Brase said. "They have to enjoy doing research because of what research is: uncovering the truth about how the world works."

The research was an in-depth process. The first step was to come up with an idea, which could take anywhere from a few days to an entire semester.

"We have to look at the background research to make sure it's a legitimate course of action to pursue," Jericho Hockett, graduate student in psychology, said. "It has to have a solid, theoretical basis before our adviser will let us start giving surveys and questionnaires to various people."

After the idea was established, the next step was to come up with the different measures to use for their research. This involved gathering materials, organizing their ideas, and setting up data collection



During one of their many meetings Jericho Hockett, graduate student in psychology, works on her research project that is a lengthy process. *Nathaniel LaRue*

sessions. From there, it was a matter of analyzing the data and writing a report. The report could be a poster or a written report consisting of 20 to 50 pages to submit for publication.

"Publications are the biggest factor in what people consider success," Brase said. "Deans of the schools will refer to it as the 'coin of the realm.' That's what people will evaluate you by."

Hockett's research analyzed the formation of prejudice, including the different types of oppressive beliefs. One specific topic she researched was on the perceptions of rape victims. She found from collected research of other sources that most people perceived rape victims negatively and that there needed to be more research on the subject.

"There needs to be more research done that looks at a wider range of victim, crime and perpetrator characteristics," Hockett said. "Maybe she's presented provocatively or as having gotten drunk at a party or as having multiple sexual partners. These are all reflective of stereotypes about rape victims that don't actually fit what we see rape victims as in the real world. More research needs to be done that looks at a more realistic representation of rape victims."

The research that graduate students did was important for the career that lay ahead. Whether they had a job as a researcher or as a professor of psychology, research played a significant role.

"For graduate students, it's really important for them to be able to demonstrate their proficiency to get a job," Brenda McDaniel, assistant professor of psychology, said. "At every single step, doing research is going to be beneficial for your career."

David Littrell is a distinguished professor of music at Kansas State. He spent 15 months planning for the sabbatical he took with his wife in April. He traveled England and played cello.
Jennifer Heeke

"You always gain something from foreign travel. [You make] new friends, it broadens one's education, you get the thrill of seeing things that you've heard about and just the experience of traveling is great."

David Littrell, professor of music and orchestra



Littrell conducts the KSU chamber orchestra. In addition to working with students at K-State, Littrell restored an old schoolhouse that he used to hold practices for both the KSU orchestra and other musical groups he was involved with, including the Gold Orchestra. The Gold Orchestra was an orchestra Littrell started. It consisted of students 5th through 10th grade who performed both competitively and for fun. He also hosted music camps there during the summer and rented out the building to others to teach music.
Jennifer Heeke

Internationally *Inspired*

by Becca Passannante

Imagine getting time off from school or work and traveling a foreign country. In April, David Littrell, distinguished professor of music and orchestra, did just that.

He decided to take his second and last sabbatical, a period of leave granted to university staff.

He got the idea to go on another sabbatical after taking students from the chamber orchestra to parts of England and Scotland in March 2008. During this trip they played in an old church in York, England that was being restored.

"It was a very inspiring concert," Littrell said. "It started percolating in my mind that it might be fun to take a sabbatical again."

Littrell wanted to tour England with his wife and play the cello. The trip took 15 months to plan. He contacted churches and cathedrals, as well as an Anglican Vicar (equivalent to a priest) he met in 2008 to find places to play.

"It really took a lot of planning," he said. "Thank God for e-mail."

Before his trip, he practiced in Topeka, Manhattan and Englewood, Fla.

"You go try it out before you take it to England," he said. "It's a bit nerve wracking."

In order to assure a spot to play, Littrell secured seven churches and cathedrals throughout England.

"They were all nice in their different ways," Littrell said, "[My favorite] was the Lincoln Cathedral. It had just fabulous acoustics."

The Coventry Cathedral was also an inspiration to Littrell. The story of its history made him proud to play there.

"I was really moved by the place because it was bombed in 1940 by Germans," he said. "The original structure of the cathedral still stands in ruins with a cross in burned timber preserved from the bombing."

A new cathedral was built next to it, which was the one Littrell played in.

After all flights were cancelled due to a volcanic ash cloud, Littrell and his wife were held three extra days. They took advantage of this delay and went sight seeing. One place they went was the Buckingham Palace in London to see the Queen's Gallery, which consisted of pieces chosen by Queen Victoria.

"[It was] the most beautiful art exhibit I've ever seen," he said. "It was real thrilling to see it."

Also on his list of sights to see was the Chatsworth house, which served as Pemberley, the home of Mr. Darcy in the movie "Pride and Prejudice" and the Lake District.

"I had always wanted to see [the Lake District]," Littrell said. "It's a gorgeous area with steep hills and valleys. It's just a beautiful area."

Originally, Littrell had been nervous about the trip. He eventually came to terms with it.

"It was a stretch, but I'm a firm believer in stretching yourself, and not just sitting around," he said. "It's one thing I always try and teach my students – the importance of foreign travel. It just keeps opening doors to the places you'll go, it broadens your horizons and you learn about a different lifestyle. I never expected to play in England. I think you need to spend your whole life learning and forging ahead. It's what makes life exciting."





While glancing down at his sheet music, Littrell continues to conduct the KSU chamber orchestra. After taking a group of students to parts of England and Scotland in 2008, Littrell got the idea to take another sabbatical. He performed at seven different churches and cathedrals throughout England. He also got to sight-see because of a volcanic ash cloud that caused all flights to be canceled. Littrell said the experience allowed him to grow as a person. He believed anyone could benefit from foreign travel. *Jennifer Heeke*

Bottoms Up

By making a required program for all incoming freshman to take before classes started, the university hoped to diminish negative consequences of alcohol use by students. AlcoholEdu was designed to educate students about alcohol and alcohol-related issues.

AlcoholEdu for College was a program created by Outside the Classroom Inc., an organization dedicated to reducing alcohol-related risk and preventing harm. Over 500 colleges and universities nationwide used the curriculum. It was designed to directly target and inform college students about alcohol. The program included interactive exercises, videos, personalized feedback, surveys, tests and reports. It covered content such as how and why students drink, blood alcohol concentration (BAC), standard drink sizes, blackouts and advertising's effect on alcohol consumption, as well as what to do in real-life situations involving alcohol.

> *It is a non-opinionated research and theory based program that is really the cutting edge of alcohol education.*
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> **Bill Arck, counseling services director**

"It just underscores K-State's commitment to the health and welfare of our students," Bill Arck, counseling services director, said. "It is a non-opinionated research and theory based program that is really the cutting edge of alcohol education. It talks about alcohol and how it affects the body and the mind, warning signs and how to party safe."

Last year, Brandon Busteed, founder and CEO of Outside the Classroom, made a presentation to a group of teachers, administrators and students. Arck described Busteed as "very bright" and "very articulate."

"He knew his stuff," Arck said. "Everyone was so impressed that Dr. Bosco looked for funding for it and actually came up with not just one year but four years of funding for the program."

The university was not trying to use this program to stop students from drinking, but merely to inform them about alcohol and all aspects involved with drinking.

"We're not saying don't drink," Arck said. "What students tell us is when it comes to partying and having a good time, they don't want to be embarrassed, they don't want to get hurt and they don't want their alcohol use to impact their academic performance."

Arck believed this program would allow students to party safely without these negative consequences.

"A year ago at KU there were a couple of student deaths from alcohol overdose," Arck said. "We are aware of the students, non-students and townsfolk who go to the emergency room here in Manhattan every weekend with alcohol poisoning. We realized there was just a need to get this out."

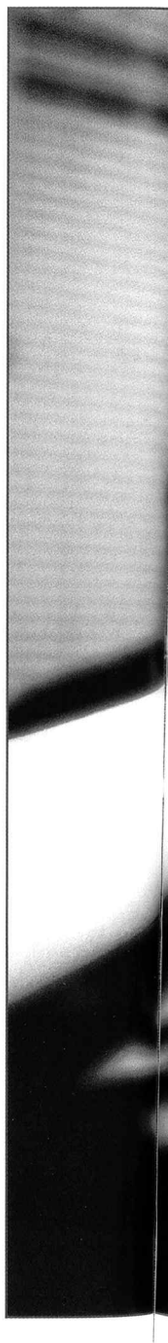
Arck said the problem with a program like this is that results were difficult to measure.

"Measuring the effects of programs on alcohol and alcohol-related behaviors is extremely difficult," Arck said. "The thing about AlcoholEdu is it is research based. It looks like it has moderated extreme use and cut down on a per occasion number of drinks. So their research of 500 institutions, tens of thousands of students, says it looks like it is effective."

However, Saraya Penner, freshman in restaurant and hotel management, believed the program wasn't effective enough to make an actual change.

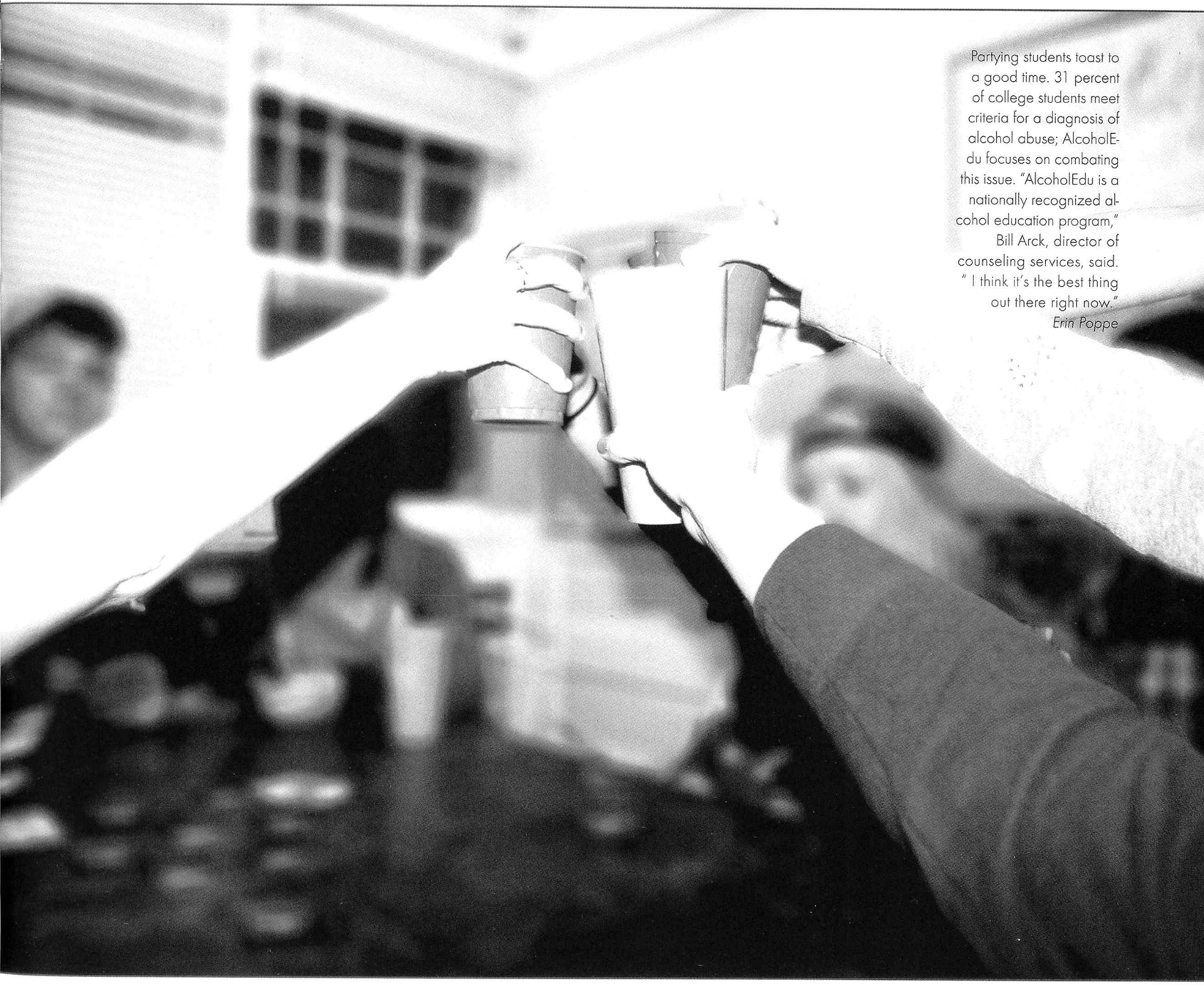
"I think it's just something to make the university look good," Penner said. "Kids this age are going to do what they want to do no matter what because they're just leaving home and they don't have rules now.

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New alcohol abuse prevention program implemented at K-State

by Becca Passannante



Partying students toast to a good time. 31 percent of college students meet criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse; AlcoholEdu focuses on combating this issue. "AlcoholEdu is a nationally recognized alcohol education program," Bill Arck, director of counseling services, said. " I think it's the best thing out there right now."
Erin Poppe



An unopened can of beer waits to be consumed. Bud Light was a common drink at college parties. "AlcoholEdu is just so K-State looks better than every other school," Madison Oles, freshman in secondary education, said. "I don't think they make us do it for our benefit." *Erin Poppe*

statistics

Death: 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

Injury: 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.

Assault: 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

Sexual Abuse: 97,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.

Unsafe Sex: 400,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 had unprotected sex and more than 100,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 report having been too intoxicated to know if they consented to having sex.

Academic Problems: About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking including missing class, falling behind, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall.

Health Problems/Suicide Attempts: More than 150,000 students develop an alcohol-related health problem, and between 1.2 and 1.5 percent of students indicate that they tried to commit suicide within the past year due to drinking or drug use.



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They're going to drink if they want to."

She believed the program could be improved by interviewing students with more diverse views on alcohol and drinking. Madison Oles, freshman in secondary education, also believed the program was ineffective.

"It was a little too long and the information just kept repeating itself. It was super boring," Oles said. "I learned nothing new because it was the same stuff you learn in all the seminars and classes they make you take throughout high school."

Oles said the program did not influence her attitudes about drinking.

"It may help some kids, but I honestly think K-State makes us do it to make the school look better," Oles said. "If other schools see the students at K-State all actively participated, they will think more highly of us."

Arck, however, believed the program did what it was supposed to by providing students with information.

"One in five of our students don't drink alcoholic beverages, so for them it's just a program about the effects of alcohol. The vast majority of our students drink moderately and responsibly most of the time and then we have a very small percentage of our students who drink way too much, way too often," Arck said. "So this program is one that teaches them the basic information and has them think about their own choices so that as they come to K-State they are well prepared with information. Whether or not they make good choices all the time is still up to them."

Because the program has been purchased for four years, it will allow the university to measure its effects on students and their drinking to a degree.

"At the end of this, basically all of our students on campus will have gone through the program," Arck said. "At that point we can look at DUIs, MIPs and hospital visits, as well as asking the Dean of Student Life personnel, the residence halls and the Greek chapters to see if they believe that it has had an effect."

Research conducted by AlcoholEdu concluded that after taking the program, 72 percent of students said they knew more about alcohol and blood alcohol concentration, 70 percent of students said they would recommend the program to other students and 89 percent of students said they actually paid attention to the program. The evaluation of students who completed the program showed that 50 percent had less negative health, social and academic consequences related to drinking versus students who had not completed the program.

"The research is there," Arck said. "It's not an inexpensive program but I applaud the university for finding the money to do this. I think it may be the best thing we've done for alcohol abuse prevention since I've been here."

Drunk Driving: 3,360,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 drive under the influence of alcohol.

Vandalism: About 11 percent of college student drinkers report that they have damaged property while under the influence of alcohol.

Property Damage: More than 25 percent of administrators from schools with relatively low drinking levels and over 50 percent from schools with high drinking levels say their campuses have a "moderate" or "major" problem with alcohol-related property damage.

Police Involvement: About 5 percent of 4-year college students are involved with the police or campus security as a result of their drinking, and 110,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are arrested for an alcohol-related violation such as public drunkenness or driving under the influence.

Alcohol Abuse and Dependence: 31 percent of college students met criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse and 6 percent for a diagnosis of alcohol dependence in the past 12 months, according to questionnaire-based self-reports about their drinking.

Sources: Hingson et al., 2009. Hingson et al., 2002. Engs et al., 1996; Presley et al., 1996a, 1996b; Wechsler et al., 2002. Presley et al., 1998. Wechsler et al., 1995. Knight et al., 2002.

From Class Project to

Two students turn a classroom assignment into something

Two students took a class project and turned it into something real. Steven Coen, senior in finance and entrepreneurship, and Jordan Sterling, senior in management, designed the website called MyRibit.com in a new venture creation class and won first place at the 2010 K-State Next Big Thing Competition. The $3,000 they won from the competition was put towards bringing MyRibit.com to life.

It was a website that had a free market exchange, contributed by the students that allowed users to buy and sell items such as books and school supplies, athletic tickets, apartment subleases and even promote events to students.

"I see all these notes sites, sites to sell your books, tickets and school supplies, and I thought, 'What if you just combine them all into one for free?'" Coen said. "So that's what we did."

Coen said Sterling got in contact with him after the competition was over and wanted to create the website. They created it with three topics in mind: resource files, books and supplies, and teacher recommendations. It was specific to K-State students and was designed so they could go onto the site and directly upload their own notes and study guides for classes they had taken right onto the website. Students could even write recommendations for teachers they liked.

Taylor Phillipi, sophomore in kinesiology, said he found out about MyRibit.com when other guys in his fraternity started uploading their old textbooks onto the website.

Phillipi said he uses MyRibit.com to sell his old textbooks over other websites such as craigslist.com and half.com. "This was specific to K-State students," Phillipi said. "I felt more comfortable using it and knowing that pretty much only other students were on it."

The website cost $1,000 to build, and the funds from the competition were used to start the site. Sterling and Coen said after the website was complete the only thing it cost them to keep it going was their time. They met in their new venture creation class where the website was started, and Coen estimated since then they put about 3,000 hours of work toward running the website.

"We just met in class, but now he's like my best friend," Sterling said. "We spend a lot of time together."

Sterling said the website got an estimated 150 visitors a day since it was created on Dec. 6, and about 13 percent of campus had visited the website since then as well.

"Right now we're working on a user incentive," Coen said.

Coen said they worked on an incentive for people who use the site a lot, such as the more posts a student had the more points they got, and eventually would get a type of score card or gift card for the site.

"We want to give back to those students who give to us," Sterling said.

Students could follow MyRibit.com on Twitter and become fans on Facebook, and Sterling and Coen were working on a marketing plan to make MyRibit.com more widely known. They said they planned on keeping the website going even after they graduate.

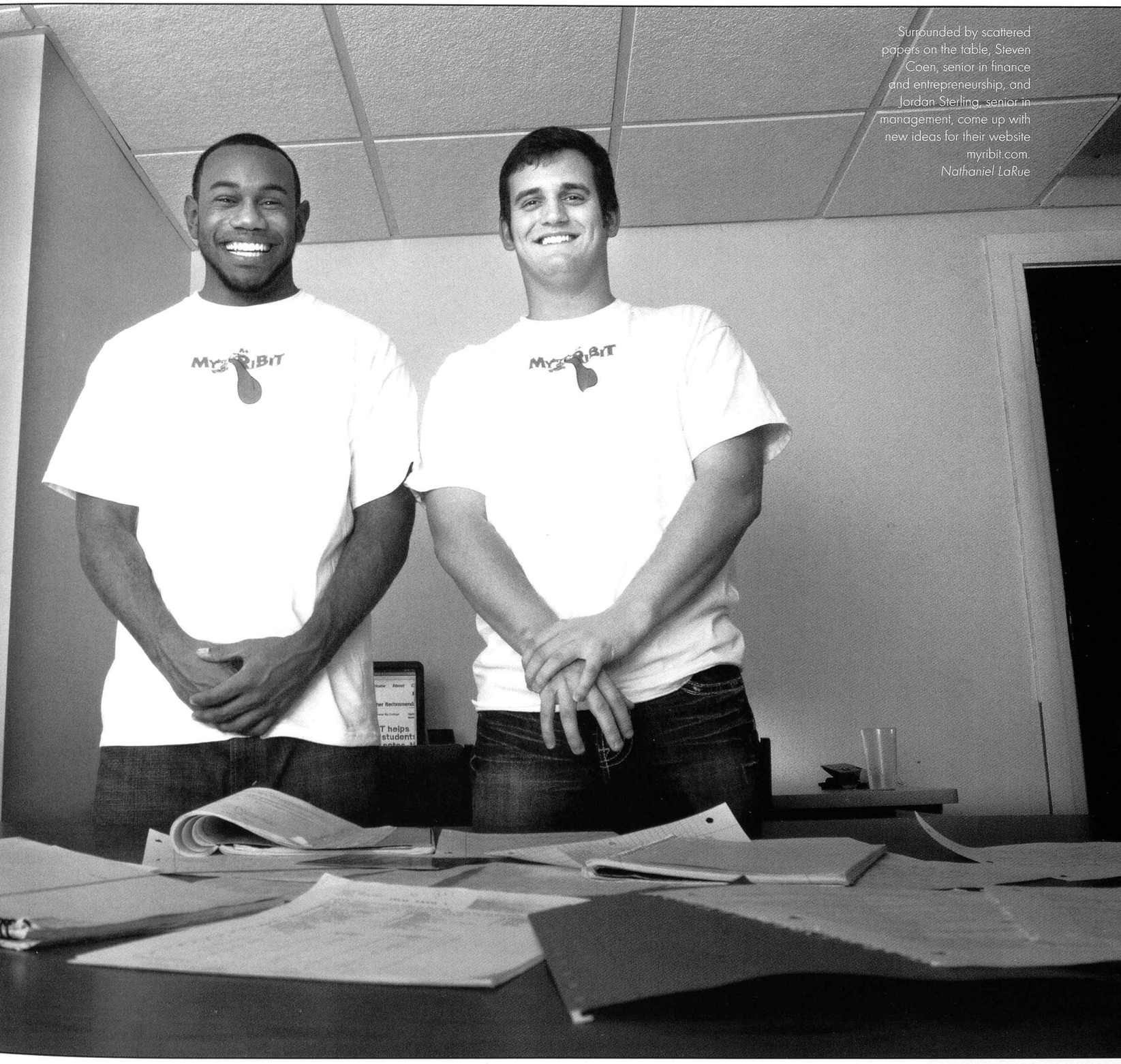
"We'd potentially take it to other universities," Sterling said. "There's been some interest from Duke. We may try to keep it away from KU though."



Business Endeavor

all students can benefit from

by Ellie Long



Surrounded by scattered papers on the table, Steven Coen, senior in finance and entrepreneurship, and Jordan Sterling, senior in management, come up with new ideas for their website myribit.com.
Nathaniel LaRue

perfecting a craft

by Nicole DeBrie

After a dare by some classmates in high school, one theater major has never looked back on his true calling in life.

By sophomore year, students usually knew how the grind of school worked: listen in class, study hard and take a test. However, for a theater major, each semester was a new character and a new role developed through practice after practice.

"Theater is such a large time commitment and it's so much dedication in the way that we study and perfect our craft," Gil Perez-Abraham, sophomore in theater, said. "It's almost like a pre-professional school."

At the beginning of each semester, all of the actors auditioned for a whole semester worth of shows. They were either cast in a production or helped with the technical work.

"I have been pretty blessed and have been cast every single semester so far since I've been a freshman," Perez-Abraham said. "As a requirement, we have to be involved in at least one production every semester."

Perez-Abraham did not start doing theater until his junior year of high school. He was dared to try out for his school musical and was cast as the lead. He continued doing other musicals at his high school but it wasn't until he worked his first professional show that he decided he was set on doing theater for the rest of his life.

"I was lucky enough to work professional theater right after high school doing High School Musical in which they were looking for younger performers," Perez-Abraham said.

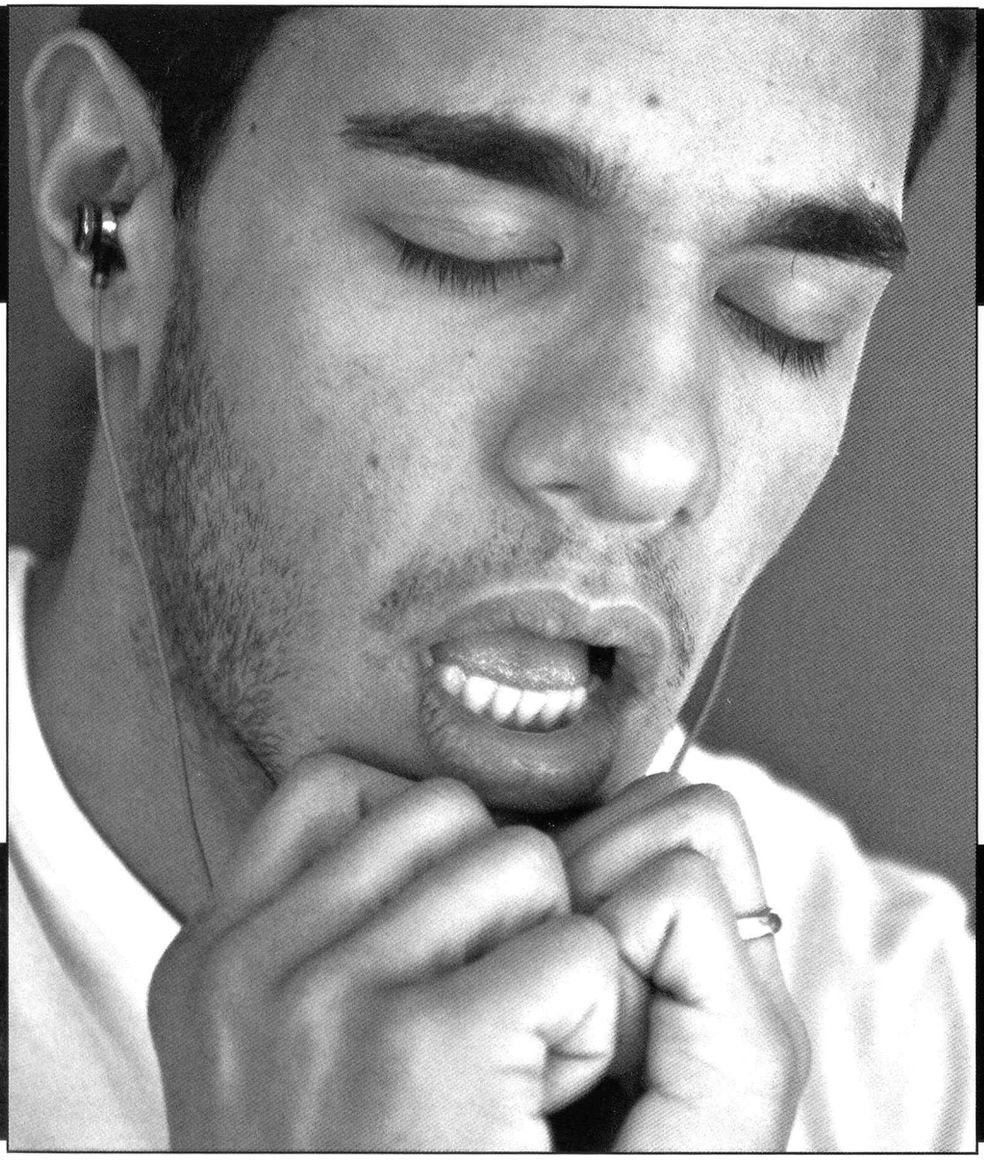
He was the youngest cast member at 17 years old, while all of the other performers were in or out of college.

"I just saw all these actors who were pursuing acting full time, like that was their job," Perez-Abraham said. "I realized there was nothing I would rather do for the rest of my life then share my emotions with people."

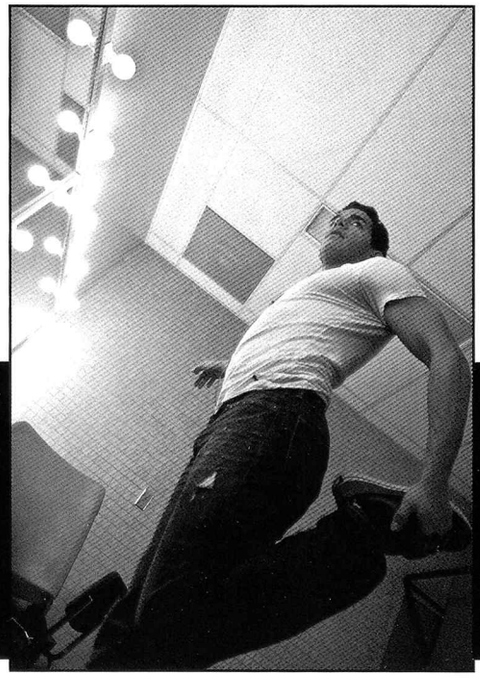
Balancing practices, productions and classes was a very demanding task as a theater major.

"Ultimately, my priority is school," Perez-Abraham said. "Even though we're pursuing acting, you still want to have good grades when you graduate from college. If you need a back-up plan you will still have to go out and apply for 'normal' jobs."

This could easily be forgotten in the life of a theater major because most time was spent



As he perfects his craft, Gil Perez-Abraham, sophomore in theater, warms up his vocal cords and listens to his music before he takes center stage in McCain.
Lisle Alderton



Stretching was often an important part of his warmups in order to perform to the best of his ability. Perez-Abraham makes sure he stretches his legs.
Lisle Alderton

focusing on roles in upcoming productions.

"The biggest challenge is that as a performer I want to dedicate all my time to what I'm doing," Perez-Abraham said. "I want to dedicate all of my time to mastering my emotions, learning new roles, learning new monologues, learning scenes, and being part of a play, but as a student at a state university I also have to concentrate on school."

Perez-Abraham originally came to K-State with a double major in political science and theatre but decided to drop the political science major and minor in business.

"The reason I added the business minor is just to diversify myself in case I need a back-up job," Perez-Abraham said. "Also, since I'm at a university I have the opportunity to study something else at the same time and it won't take up all my time and distract me. You can't be too prepared."

Theater majors often had reservations because of the unknown future that came after graduating from college.

"I was a little bit reserved because I wasn't sure yet if I wanted to devote my life to this 'crap' and I didn't know how much I actually loved it," Perez-Abraham said. "As an actor you watch people quit all the time, whether it's in professional theater or on TV because they just get to the point where its not worth it to them anymore."

After college, Perez-Abraham planned to move to New York City and pursue acting full-time. He was interested mainly in musical theater performing, and that seemed like the right city for him.

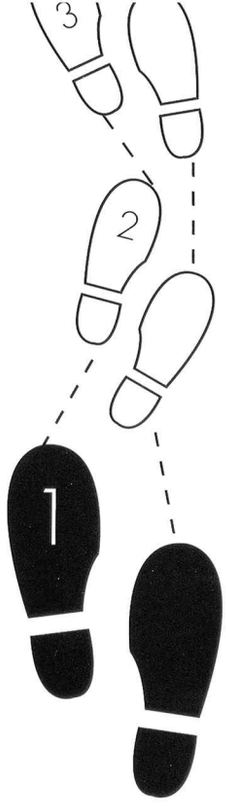
"I'll just audition, audition, audition and see what happens," he said. "It just depends what audition I get lucky at."

Perez-Abraham saw his theater performances as his way of giving back to society.

"Everybody has a gift that they can offer to society," he said. "I think that what I can offer to society is to share my talent, share my feelings and share my emotions and kind of like portray these characters that can change somebody's life. That is what made me truly fall in love with theater and made me realize I wouldn't rather do anything else with the rest of my life."

Students invloved in the Kansas State Tap Ensemble put on their tapping shoes in preparation for their busiest day of the year. The members delivered "Tap-a-Grams" to students and faculty in their classrooms. *Chelsea Leuth*





the LoveTap

Students spread holiday cheer through dance

by Kelsey White

For many students, Valentine's Day was filled with the usual flowers, chocolates and poems, but one group of students filled their day by showing a little love in a less conventional way. The Kansas State Tap Ensemble performed "Tap-A-Grams" year-round, but Valentine's Day was their busiest holiday.

"About a week before school starts in the fall, we all get together and have a sort of boot camp training session to learn all the tap routines for each holiday or occasion to music," Heather Haberberger, senior in vocal performance and music theater, said. "This is also when we video tape the e-grams (e-mail tap-a-grams) that also get sent out."

The cost to send a loved one a Tap-A-Gram was solely donation based, but they made around $10 for each one sold. The money went towards things like uniform polo shirts for the ensemble, traveling costs to attend a concert, or for basic equipment updates.

"We are not a student club," Julie Pentz, associate professor in dance and artistic and managing director of the Tap Dance Ensemble, said. "So it is nice to be able to use the money to maintain the equipment and ensemble once people graduate and leave the group."

When a student received a Tap-A-Gram, a group of tap dancers came into one of their classrooms during the school day and performed a choreographed dance number to a song specifically for that particular holiday. Beyond that, each Tap-A-Gram varied depending on which dancers came to perform it.

"I sometimes pull a student up to the front of the room," Amanda Meinhardt, junior in psychology, said. "I really embarrassed a girl once."

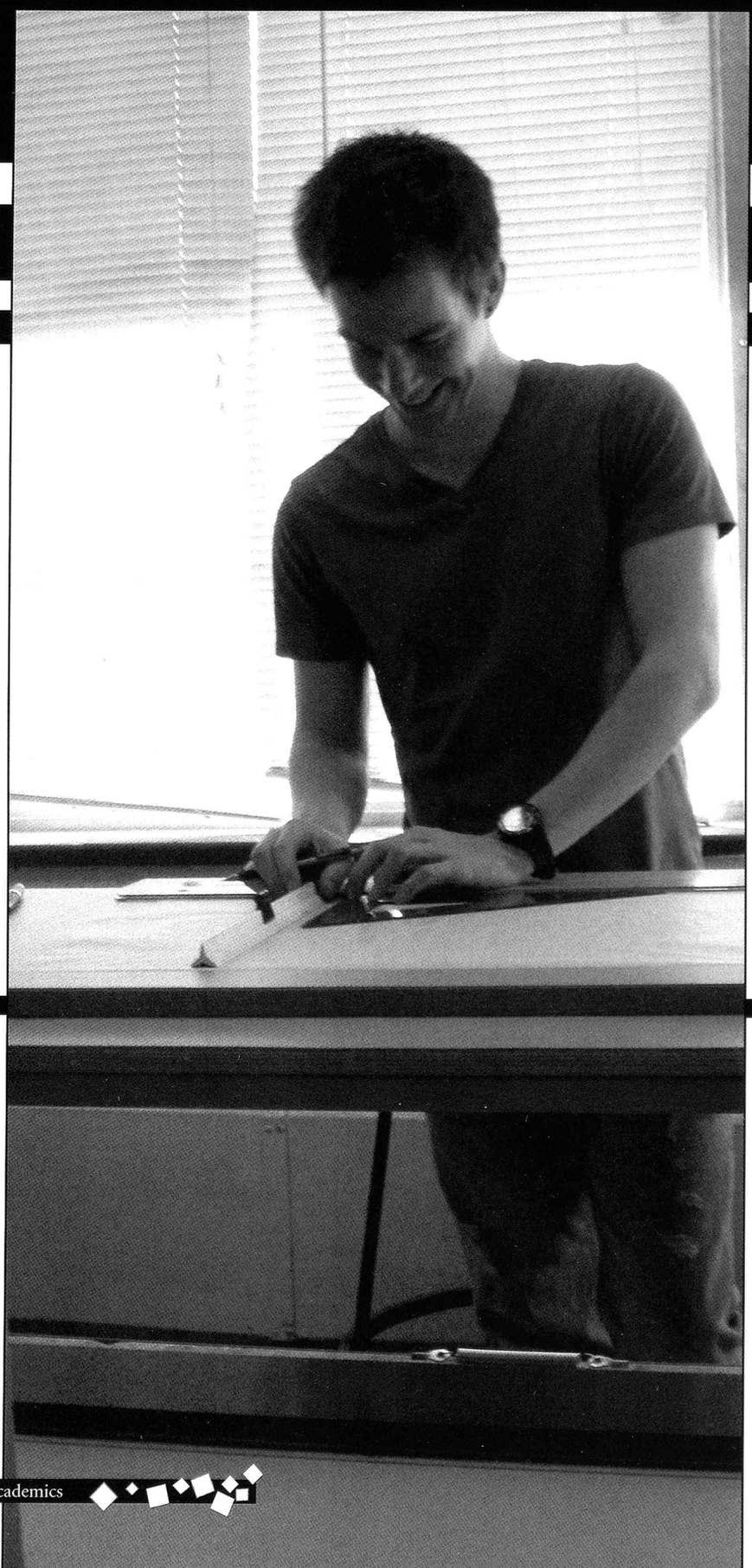
No matter the type of class, whether it is a lab, lecture or studio, the tap dancers' show had to go on. As often as they could, the tap ensemble would try to arrive at the class either toward the beginning or the end to avoid any type of inconveniences. However, when they did "interrupt" with the personalized Tap-A-Gram, they got many different reactions from the professors and students.

"I only really get nervous when the teacher doesn't seem too into it," Michelle Dick, senior in kinesiology, said. "It kind of kills the mood."

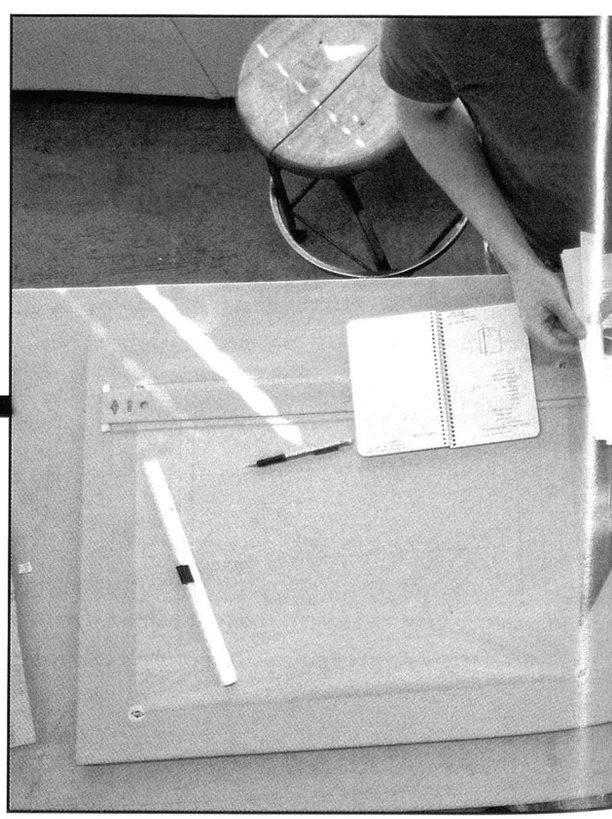
Despite some unwanted stares and looks of confusion, the dancers put their heart into each performance. Durland Hall may not have been the ideal location for an impromptu tap show, but with the motivation of raising money for the tap program, the dancers headed into the large lecture hall to deliver the special performance to one lucky engineering student.

a life in Seaton Hall

by Erin Poppe



On an Sunday afternoon Bryce Cummings, sophomore in architecture, hits the drawing board in Seaton Hall. He found out at a young age what he wanted to do with his life so he knew the university was the place to go.
Erin Poppe



It all started with Legos. At least it did for Bryce Cummings, sophomore in architecture. As a sophomore, Cummings followed his passion of Lego building to K-State's Architecture Planning and Design school.

"I always said that I wanted to do residential design, but I don't think that was fair. I hadn't been exposed to something too far removed from designing a house. But we worked on a project called Craft's Center for the Kansas City Craft's Guild. There was a lot more freedom to it."

Cummings knew that there were other choices for Architecture students in terms of majors. Each offered something new to the all-encompassing program. It was his decision to stay in the main Architecture Planning and Design school. A decision he made back before he had even made a decision to enroll at K-State.

"In high school we had a really great architecture teacher," Cummings said. "I took classes with him all four years, ranging from mechanical engineering to architecture and design. He had given me a desire to learn and do everything I could."

But Cummings learned that the Architecture major demanded complete confidence in the major. By the end of his freshman year 56 students had dropped.

Yet Cummings stuck with it, and was happy in his choice too.

"I knew it was going to be time consuming," said Cummings about the hours he put into his major. "My old neighbor was in the program, so I heard a bit about what it was like. And the college didn't hide the fact that this becomes your life."

When he finished his freshman project, Cummings remembered prospective students wandering the halls of Seaton on a campus tour.

"There were easily ten people sleeping on the large staircase, and 80 others or so still working," he said. "It wouldn't have looked odd, except for the fact it was at 10 a.m. The students had been working in studio all night."

And it was not abnormal at all for students to go sleepless for days during project crunch time. Cummings' personal record has been 48 hours without sleep, but he protested there were students that have gone even longer than that. But at the end of the day, it was what Cummings and the students signed up for when they declared a major of Architecture.

"For any prospective students, I always told them one thing," said Cummings. "Make sure this is what you want to do. Even though there were times where I was overwhelmed, I don't think I would have enjoyed anything else nearly as much."



From a birds eye view all Cummings work is laid out in front of him on his drawing board. Everything from his sketch book, to measurements to his cell phone was at an arms reach away.
Erin Poppe

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Stories in the Prairie

students become published writers with help of professors

by Colleen Quinn

Each year, English 100 and English 200 students had the opportunity to use their writing for more than just a university requirement. "Prairie Lights" was a 30-page, miniature book filled with previous English students' essays and writings, put together for incoming students to use as a guide for writing their stories.

"Instead of just having generic essays professionals wrote, this gives us a way to get a new cycle of essays every year, which will be real for the students to use," Phillip Marzluf, associate professor in English, said. "Sometimes students ask me if it's an 'A-plus' example. It's not necessarily so but we think they fulfill the assignment requirements."

One of the most useful examples was the paper for English 200 that required students to think critically about a problem on campus.

"In English 200 they pick a problem on campus or the local area and they try to find a solution in order to solve this problem," Marzluf said. "It's very easy for students to slide into a generic way of thinking in which parking is the problem. Papers that take a new perspective or angle on something and ones that are doing things different are the ones that stand out."

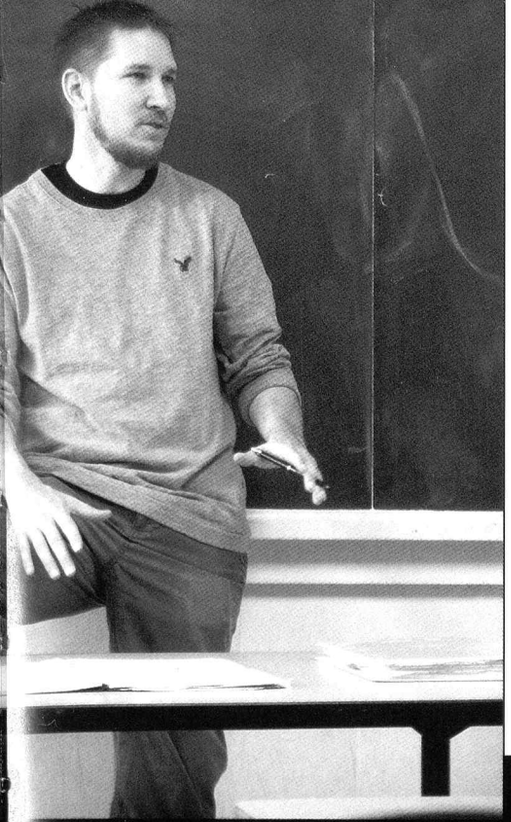
Students found themselves using the book as a way not only to improve their stories but to organize their thoughts and come up with ways to better understand the assignment.

"Some of the papers get pretty lengthy and when you're trying to cram all your ideas into one you find your ideas get jumbled together," Deanne Petersen, sophomore in regional and community planning, said. "Reading the examples gives you a clear distinction of where the thesis is, where they used research and where their own ideas are so you can see how you need to layout your paper so you can get a really good grade in the class."

The book wasn't just used for students, however. It acted as a guide for the graduate teaching assistants so they could better understand their students' level of writing in the classroom.

"Not only does 'Prairie Lights' serve as a guide for my students, it provides me with a valuable teaching tool and a way to recognize my student's perspectives," John Kulikowski, graduate teaching assistant, said. "I can show them how a sample essay in 'Prairie Lights' has been constructed, and then have them deconstruct their own essays in the same manner. As I work with each student, this process helps me to identify strengths and potential areas of improvement, both for the student and for myself."





On an early Friday morning John Kuliwoski, graduate teaching assistant, goes over his lesson plan for the day. Most teachers incorporated the "Prairie Lights" into their curriculum and thought it was a helpful part of the writing process. *Jennifer Heeke*

> *If I identify a recurring issue in my students' papers, I can then tailor my lesson plans to address that problem, and as a result hopefully making both the students and myself better at our respective jobs.*
>
> **John Kuliwoski, graduate teaching assistant**

While his teacher continues on with class Scott Cooper, sophomore in biology, looks over his homework during expository writing during an early morning session in Seaton Hall. *Jennifer Heeke*





Tweed Ross, director of the Catalyst Center, checks his email outside Bluemont Hall on his iPad he received from the university. "It's a game changer," Ross said. "Mostly it's easy to carry and use online and freely." *Lisle Alderton*

Doctors in training

by Eric Hostetler

Veterinary students at the university take a trip to the Topeka Zoo to see what it's like behind the scenes for a zoo veterenarian.

Many veterinary students go through veterinary school studying for their courses to get their veterinary medicine degree. What some of them don't realize is the experience they need dealing with veterinary medicine outside of classes. To help give students that experience, the veterinary school created several organizations including the Exotic Animal Medicine Club (EAMC).

"A lot of them will join because they want to be in exotic veterinary medicine, but for some of them, they may be curious about the field," Anna Faro, first year veterinary student, said. "Students who are interested in a mixed field of practice need a lot of variety and can come to the Exotic Animal Medicine Club and see what kind of variety we have."

The club was visited by Dr. Shirley Llizo, zoo veterinarian at the Topeka Zoo, on March 1. Llizo was a famous veterinarian born in Singapore and has worked at the Branc Zoo, London Zoo, and the Houston Zoo.

"She's extremely experienced and definitely a go to person for exotic animal information," Faro said. "She's definitely a big name in exotic animal medicine."

Llizo gave them the opportunity to go behind the scenes at the Topeka Zoo and see what a zoo veterinarian does. The EAMC made that trip March 7. Once there, the tour began by looking at some of the larger animals, such as elephants, and see how they were able to take care of them when they were sick.

"We know what the daily life of a normal vet is like so it was good to get this experience for a lot of the students," Philip Allen, second year veterinary student and president of EAMC, said. "Usually it's 'What do you want to do? Well I want to work with lions, and tigers, and bears, oh my.' There's a lot more to it than just working with those exotic animals. There's a lot involved."

After viewing the elephant cages, Llizo brought them into the zoo hospital for a tour to see what they did for smaller exotic animals.

"This hospital is not as fancy as other zoo hospitals like San Diego, St. Louis, Kansas City Zoo, and Sedgwick County," Llizo said. "But a lot of times I believe it's not so much the hospital as it is whose running it that makes it really good."

Although the hospital was small, students were able to see behind the scenes of a zoo veterinarian and get a good idea of the demand being one has compared to a normal vet.

"Essentially all of those animals are your pets," Allen said. "If I were the normal vet and I were to see your dog, I would see him when he's sick during the day. If he had an emergency, you would take him to the emergency vet.



Students in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the university visit the Topeka Zoo in March to get a behind the scenes peak of a day in the life of a zoo veterinarian. *Erin Poppe*

With zoo vets, they're both of those."

Veterinary students had a great opportunity with the EAMC because it gave them exposure to a wide range of animals. Exotic animals included all non-standard animals or animals you wouldn't see in a vet's office or on a farm.

"There's going to be a greater need for those types of veterinarians and so it's important to have exposure to all different species," Falo said. "Those of us who aren't specifically wanting to be an exotic animal veterinarian can certainly come and get exposure. That way, in the future, they have someone to turn to if they get a strange case."

The EAMC also held meetings once a month to correlate with each other for upcoming events. They also brought in a professional representing a particular aspect of exotic animal medicine to speak to them and help them gain the experience they needed as a veterinary student.

"It's an opportunity to be exposed to it but also to learn about how you're going to interact with clients when they bring those animals in," Allen said. "You can never be too experienced because either you've never experienced it before so it's your first time experiencing it or you've seen it before but you're learning new skills about how to handle it more in practice."

The main purpose of the EAMC and other clubs in the veterinary school was to open a doorway for students by giving them professional contacts for the future. The club provided names for students to use for internships, externships and questions as well as resources to use once they became veterinarians.

"Experience is the biggest thing," Falo said. "You can study all day and night, but you really won't know what veterinary medicine is about, you won't know what that small section of veterinary medicine does until you go out and start talking to people like Dr. Llizo."



BRINGING KANSAS HOME

The crowd flooded McCain auditorium as the doors flung open. Silence filled the air as the lights slowly dimmed. The sound of classical strings broke the silence with a soft melody. The crowd went wild with screams and hollers as four silhouettes entered onto the stage. Then the quiet sounds of classical music were dissipated as rock music rang through the auditorium. It wasn't often that McCain hosted celebrities such as these.

"I have not seen them before and I'm really excited," Abby Laughlin, junior in biology, said.

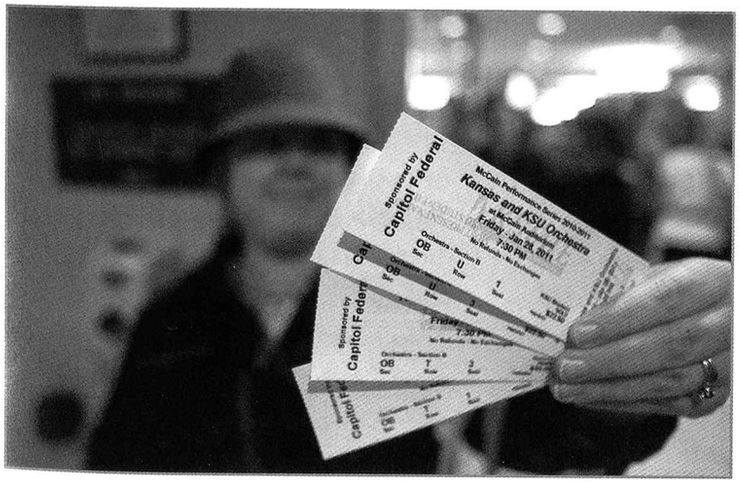
The classic rock band Kansas performed in McCain auditorium Jan. 28 with the university orchestra. The orchestra was given orchestral pieces to play along with the songs by Kansas.

"Usually we're playing music by composers that are pretty old, most of them dead," Ben MacGill, senior in applied music, said. "So this was a newer style and less symphonic and classical. It was a change of pace for the orchestra and new to us."

Kansas came through on their tour to celebrate Kansas Day, the state's 150th anniversary, which took place on Jan. 29. Fans of Kansas came from Manhattan as well as around the state.

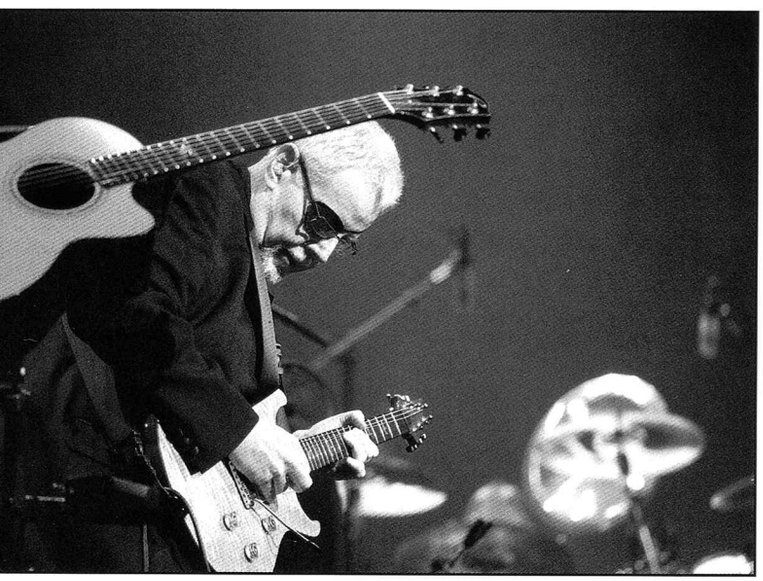
"My dad has loved Kansas for a long time and I went to one of their concerts when I was eight and it was great," Allyson LeRock, sophomore in history, said. "I

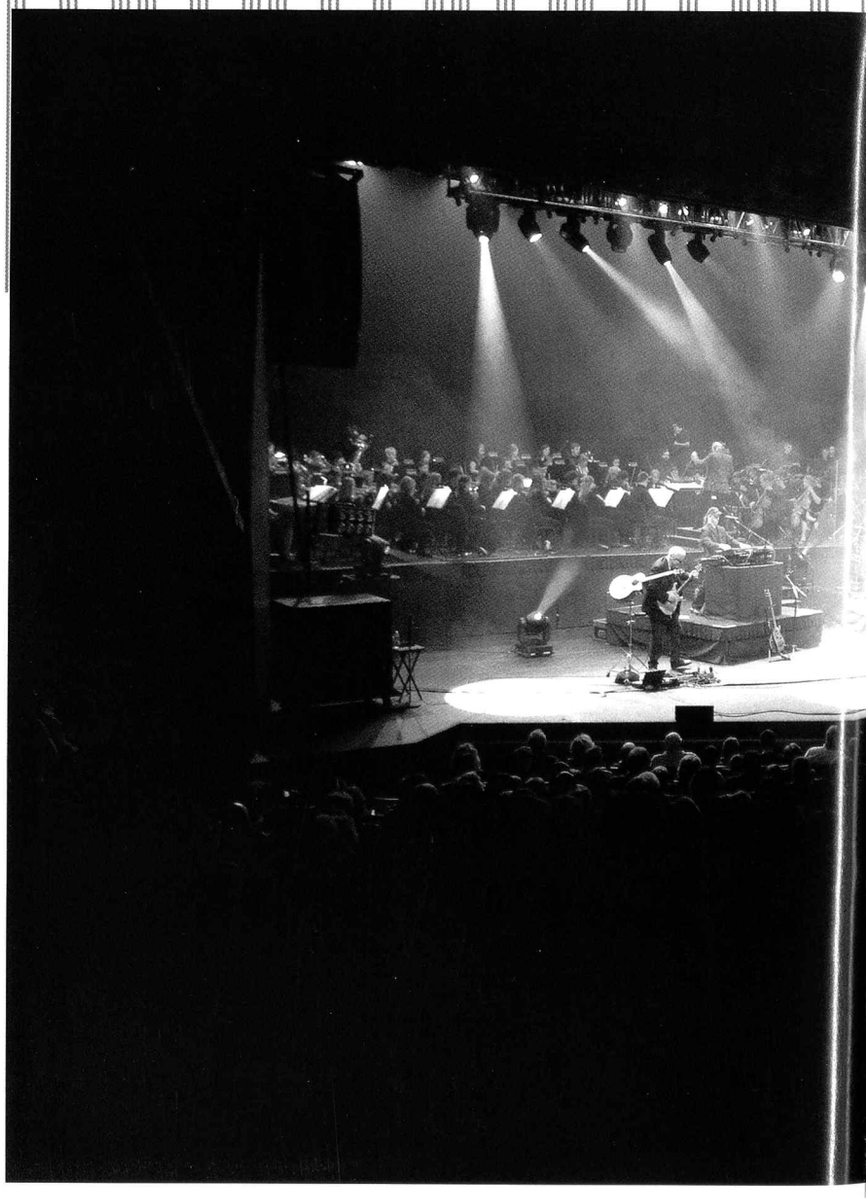




A fan shows off her tickets for the Kansas concert. The concert was one of four events at McCain that year where tickets were sold out. "We were all excited," David Littrell, distinguished professor of music, said. "I don't know who was more excited, the students or their parents. They even have a fugal in one of the pieces. How many rock bands have a fugal?"
Logan Jones

David Ragsdale, violinist for Kansas, plays his violin along with the Kansas State Orchestra. Kansas came to McCain theater for the state's 150th anniversary. "My band instructor said that I had already topped his resume of people he's performed with," Ann Nguyen, freshman in music, said. "Everybody knows who Kansas is. They're on Guitar Hero."
Logan Jones





Strumming his guitar, Rich Williams, guitarist for Kansas, provides music for the fans. "Seeing a rock band live is kind of a one time thing," Collin Dansel, junior in journalism and mass communications, said. *Logan M. Jones*

really love Kansas. They're a great band."

The orchestral arrangements were written by Larry Baird, Kansas' conductor. The arrangements were written to play with 12 of Kansas' songs. Baird directed the orchestra's last rehearsal as well as the concert.

"I didn't think he'd be that impressed with us, but he seemed to be," Ann Nugyen, freshman in music, said. "He kept telling us that we did a lot of the work for him getting the pieces prepared. He was just a good conductor, easy to follow and he was cool."

The orchestra received the music two weeks before the concert. They had eight hours total as a group and whatever individual time they needed to practice.

"When we performed just as an orchestra, it sounded kind of lame, but once we put it with the actual band, it all just made sense and clicked and it was just amazing," Nguyen said.





Kansas fills the room with rock music for a Manhattan crowd in McCain theater. "I grew up with that kind of music so having the opportunity to see them before they sign off is nice," Abby Laughlin junior in biology, said.
Logan M. Jones

A member of the orchestra watches Kansas' conductor Larry Baird, and focuses "He's a really big name in the music industry," Ben Macgill, senior in applied music, said. "Just to say I got to work with him is special."
Logan M. Jones

MacGill, as a member of the orchestra, was given the chance to play violin rifts back and forth with Robby Steinhart, member of Kansas.

"It was great just to come down and improvise with them," MacGill said. "Playing with someone in a rock band is just a really neat experience."

The concert provided many benefits for the music department. The D'Addario Company gave a $2,000 scholarship as well as $3,000 for new musical equipment. All of the tickets sold out which provided revenue, and the orchestra received a lot of publicity and recognition for the concert.

"It was a neat thing to expand everyone's experience overall," MacGill said. "There may have been some who have never been to a rock concert and some that have never been to a classical concert so it was nice to get the best of both worlds."

for the Cows

by Glendolyn Neely



photo by Erin Poppe

Cure

Researchers at Kansas State University are focusing on how cattle's diets and their living conditions can be potential causes of lameness, a disease that affects nearly 10 percent of the nation's dairy cattle.

Johann Coetzee, an associate professor of clinical pharmacology, is one of three researchers studying bovine lameness at Kansas State. He said how there are several causes of bovine lameness including high concentrate, high acid diets and keeping cattle on concrete flooring. Heavier cattle and higher reproducing cattle are also more susceptible.

"Increasingly, consumers are becoming concerned about how we raise cattle in this country and so looking at these populations of cows that are housed this way and that are lame – it's a major animal welfare issue," Coetzee said.

Bovine lameness, also known as laminitis, causes the cow to become tender-footed, sometimes to the point of hardly putting weight on the foot. It is more widespread in dairy cattle with an average of eight to 10 percent of dairy cattle in the United States being lame at one time. This percentage can be as high as 30 to 40 percent at times. Overall, an estimated 1 million dairy cows are lame at any given time in the United States.

"The main issue is to communicate to producers what you can do about it," Coetzee said.

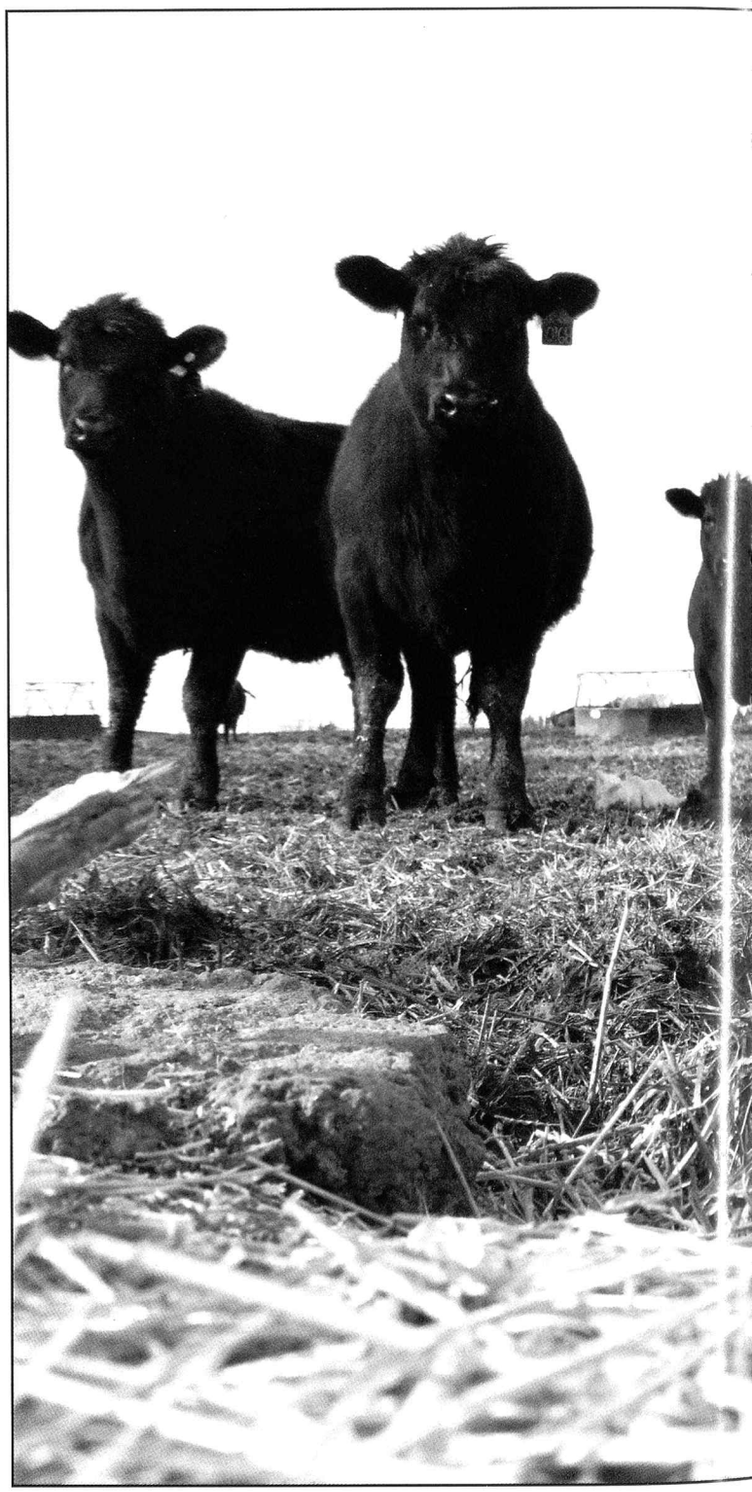
Economically, bovine lameness takes a toll. It reduces the amount of milk that is produced, and the cow is also unable to become pregnant. It costs about $200 per head to help treat the cattle by reducing the symptoms of the disease.

Management is most important when it comes to treating and preventing bovine lameness. David Anderson, professor of clinical sciences, said the goal in managing lameness is to prevent it.

"The importance to research the topic is about preventing lameness primarily so that you preserve animal genetics and improve animal welfare," Anderson said.

While bovine lameness is a big problem in the U.S because of high concentrate nutrition, it is also a common issue in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. In those locations cattle are raised on the pasture, which decreases the chances of lameness due to the cattle's diet, but the problem instead lies within the environment. Because those locations are usually wet or moist, the cattle are continuously standing in mud, which is exposing them to the disease.

"Kansas State University and the research teams here at the veterinary school are deeply concerned with addressing the need of cattle and things that negatively impact animal welfare as well as helping the producers taking the most out of their genetics," Anderson said. "We're dedicated to that mission and lameness is one of those areas."



SOCIOLOGY

While the fall semester begins, students flock to the union bookstore to get their required books for classes. Often times the bookstore would run out of the books early on, leaving them no choice but to order more in.
Lisle Alderton





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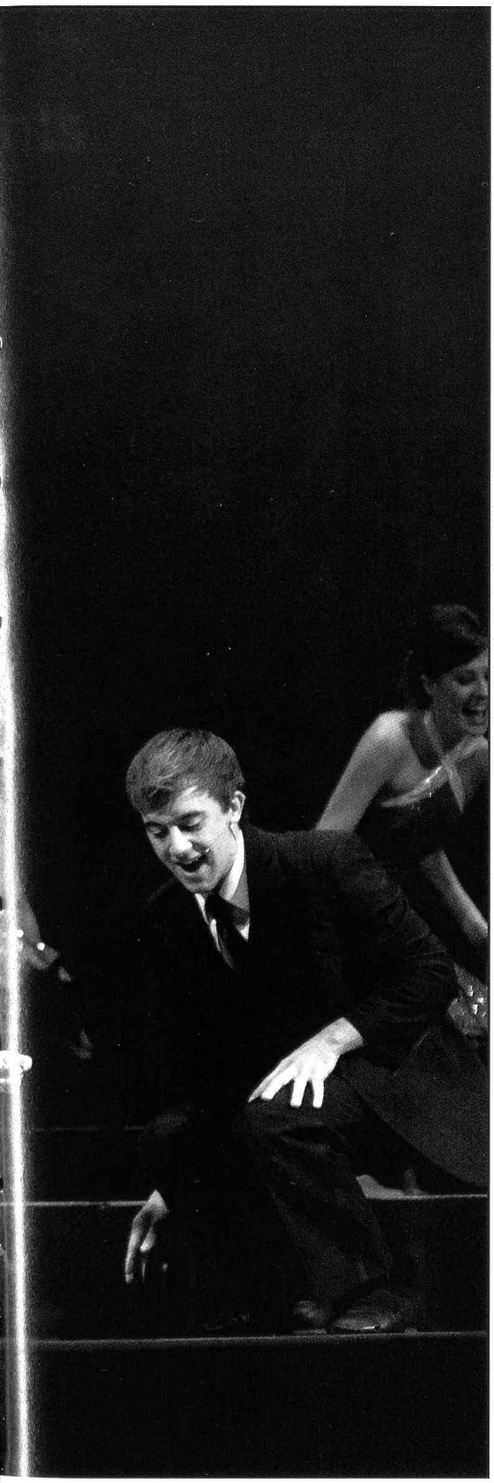


While studentst gather around and listen, Lisa Kranz, junior in theatre, sings and plays the ukulele in Bosco Plaza. Kranz is apart of Be Bold Be Red, an organization for the equal treatment of colored women.
Anthony Drath



K-State singers perform "Rockin' in the USA" during the fall concert Musical People. "We learned so much about one another that we knew exactly how to bring each individual up to perform whole-heartedly," Alyssa Peppiatt, freshman in open option, said. *Lisle Alderton*

> *The level of professionalism is off the charts with this group. It's always been high but just exceptional with this group.*
>
> **Julie Yu, co-director of the K-State Singers**



friendship through harmony

by Nicole DeBrie

Change occurred for the K-State Singers when graduate student Ryan Bogner took on the group for the fall semester while co-directors Julie Yu and Joshua Oppenheim, were on leave.

"Both of the co-directors were on maternity and paternity leave," Bogner said. "She took off the first part of the semester and he took off the second part. We have a lot of grad students this semester so they handed them over to us so there wouldn't be a lot of turnover."

Being under the direction of a graduate student forced the students to step up and take ownership for the success of their shows.

"It was a new learning experience for everyone in the group," Alyssa Peppiatt, freshman in open option, said. "It caused stressful times when it came to trying new things that took us out of our comfort zone, but in the end it was necessary for the growth of both the grad student and the singers."

After being co-director for three years, Yu said it was difficult to step back for a semester, but she was impressed with the leadership that came from the group.

"It was very interesting because the first show was so good and we had nothing to do with it," Yu said. "That just tells you how hard the students worked. They have always been student led and student oriented, there was a lot of leadership from within."

For the first show of the year, the members went out and found outfits on their own for the finale. In past shows, the group had few costume changes and had worn the outfits they purchased at the beginning of the year for the entire show. Yu said this proved they were that invested in the group and truly wanted to be a part of it.

This year's group was smaller in numbers than the past. It was composed of only six females and six males, while in previous years the group had up to nine males and nine females.

"We do a balanced number of males and females because we do a lot of partner dancing," Bogner said. "We tightened up our numbers but increased the quality."

Having a smaller group brought the members closer together. They spent more time with one another on weekends and outside of practice, something not all groups have done in the past.

"They hung out a lot more and it was like a small family," Bogner said. "Because the numbers are smaller, they really went out of their way to increase comradery."

In addition to the 10 hours of rehearsal a week, Yu said the singers averaged about 20 performances a semester, which includes their big shows as well as other things such as scholarship days, senior days and performances throughout the state for any civic groups or large celebrations that need entertainment. By spending this much time together, the singers became more than just a show choir.

"The smaller numbers in the group caused us to truly become close to one another," Peppiatt said. "My fellow singers are my family here at K-State. We learned a lot about each other through our talents in class and our social life outside of class."

Highway Clean-up

by Cheyanne Alvarado

With hearts of service and helping hands, members of Phi Delta Theta made a difference in the Manhattan community. The fraternity developed a system that made serving the community not only fun, but also a brotherhood-bonding event.

"The way we do community service is not by hours, but by community service projects as a chapter," Adam Rezner, chapter president and junior in geography, said. "Our members are required to go to two out of three of those a semester."

During the fall semester, the chapter held four service projects. These consisted of a highway cleanup, lending a hand at an animal shelter, and working at a track meet.

"When we take part in community service projects, I honestly have so much fun that it makes me enjoy volunteering more on my own as well," Matthew Dodge, junior in construction science and management, said. "Whenever an opportunity arises, I am always willing to help, whether it be helping a buddy move or picking up trash on a highway."

If a member failed to attend his required amount of service projects, he would be given a monetary fine. This was a rare occasion, however, because of the fun and simple way the fraternity had its projects set up.

"It's really not that hard," Rezner said. "It used to be that we had five community service hours that you had to do. No one would do them or they would forget. It's a lot easier and more fun doing the service as a chapter instead of individually."

The fraternity also held a philanthropic golf tournament in August that many alumni attended. The tournament raised $2,500 for ALS Association, which is the fraternity's international philanthropy. ALS stands for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The ALS Association is a non-profit organization that aims to treat and cure Lou Gehrig's Disease. This association is special to Phi Delta Theta because Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig, after which the disease is named, was a fraternity alumnus.

"Lou Gehrig's disease affects the nerve cells in the central nervous system causing the loss of all voluntary muscle movement," Christopher Lara, chapter secretary and sophomore in journalism and mass communications, said. "As a member of Phi Delta Theta, I think it is important to raise awareness about the disease, help raise money for research to find a cure, and help out those who are unfortunate to have been diagnosed with the disease."

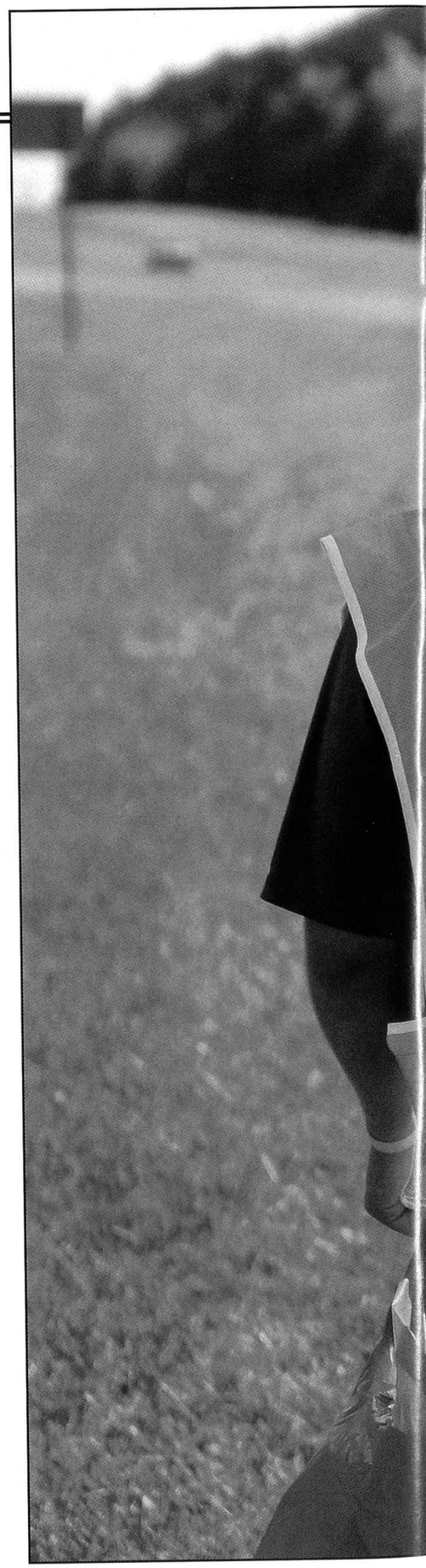
Aside from the golf tournament and the community service, Phi Delta was hoping to create an even bigger way to serve.

"We're looking at starting a thing called Dance Marathon," Rezner said. "We are the only Big 12 school that doesn't have that. It's a big thing across the nation."

The concept of the charity dance marathon arose in the 1970s when schools like Penn State and Northwestern University brought together students, faculty, and staff to participate in 30 straight hours of dancing, games, and fun in order to benefit children's hospitals. Since its first year in 1973, Penn State's Dance Marathon called "THON" has raised nearly $60 million to defeat pediatric cancer.

"We would really like to bring that here and help headline it," Rezner said.

The successes of Phi Delta Theta's many service projects and charitable events were proof that their philanthropic future is bright.





Members of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity participate in various community service projects throughout each semester. One of them included the highway cleanup.
Nathaniel LaRue

One wheel at a time

by Kelsey White

On any given day, Bosco Plaza was filled with students coming and going from the Student Union. The occasional student athlete passed followed by a faculty member and a prospective student. However, every Tuesday afternoon, the subtle footprints made by the combination of thousands of students' feet and sidewalk chalk were overlapped by interesting patterns made by dozens of bike tracks.

Unicyclists United, a group founded this year, held its Tuesday meetings outside of the union to spark interest in the new club. The gatherings included the members riding around, testing tricks and skills on the unicycle until they were worn out for the day.

"Outside of our weekly meetings, we meet throughout the week to get together and ride around campus and the rest of Manhattan," Levi Delissa, sophomore in industrial engineering, said.

The club was initially started by a group of students, including Levi Smith, freshman in communication studies, who had realized this growing trend needed to be recognized on campus.

"With 25,000 students at the university, it is definitely time to promote unicycling." Smith said.

Whether each member became interested in riding a unicycle from family members or from an impulsive eBay purchase, this club was open to anyone at any skill level.

"We really encourage teaching people who are interested because it's exciting to have more members in the group," Delissa said. "I actually learned how to unicycle by using a pair of crutches to balance and 'crutched' around town for a month until I caught on."

This uncommon sport gained momentum around campus, and more than likely a student would see a unicyclist during their walks from class to class. Ben Leuthold, freshman in electrical engineering, came into the club as an experienced unicycle rider.

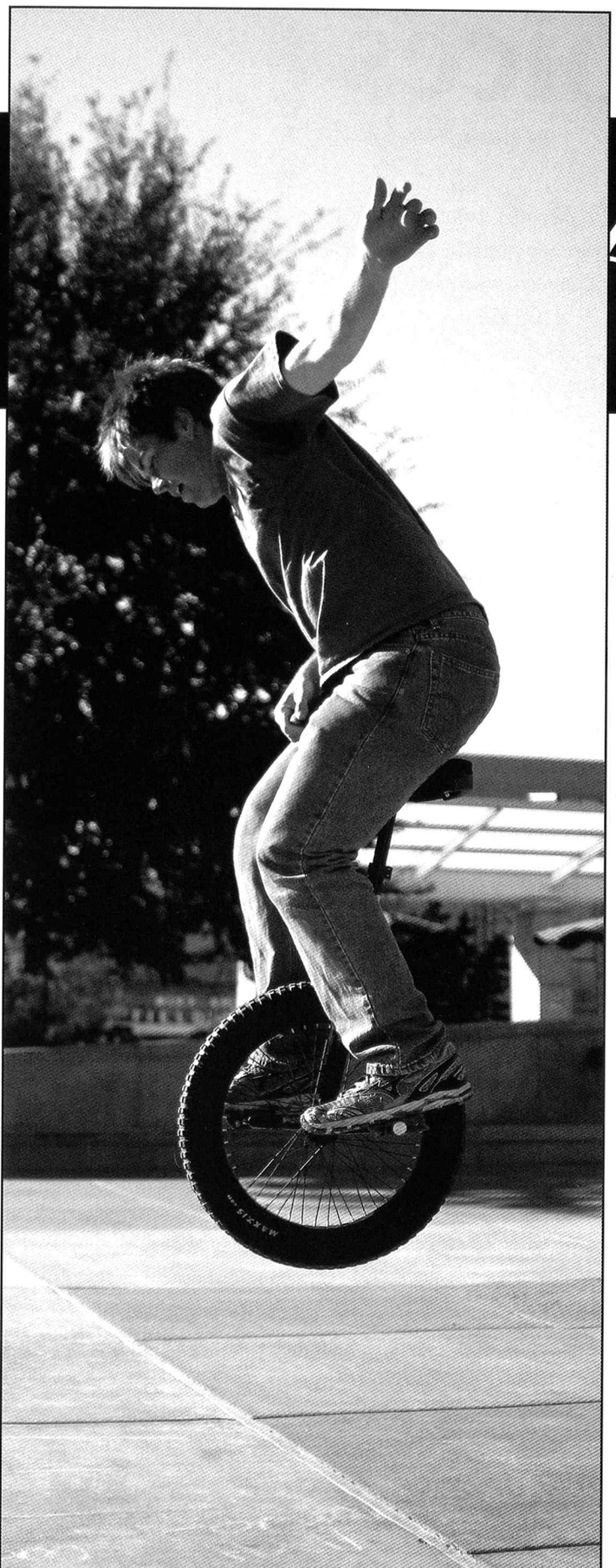
"I have managed to only get a few scrapes riding around campus," Leuthold said. "That's normal bike stuff."

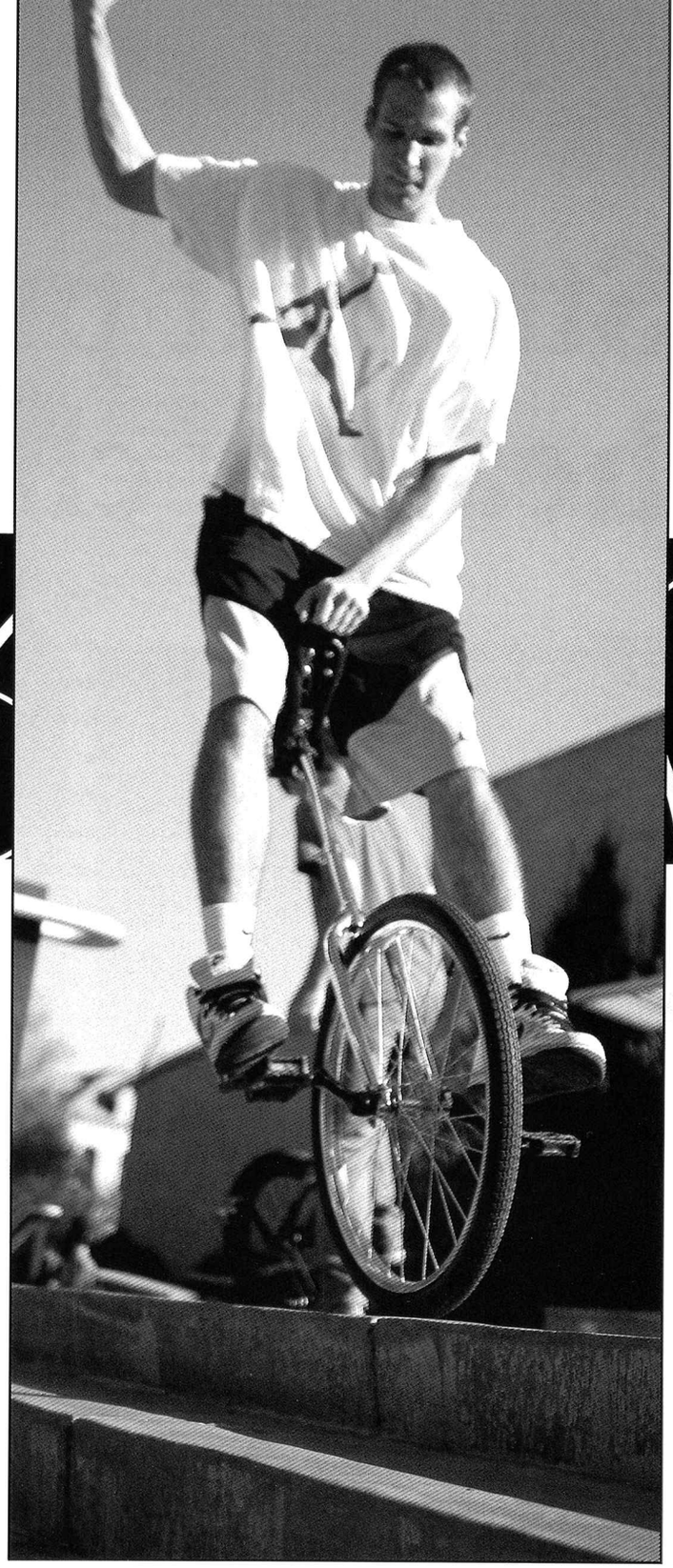
Extreme balance and convenience were two of the main components that set riding a unicycle apart from a standard bicycle. With the exception of the five-foot unicycle that might have been spotted around campus, a typical unicycle had shown to be portable and practical.

"I think the main difference between bicycling and unicycling is that unicycling is a lot more fun," Delissa said. "You can definitely be creative with a unicycle. You can dance and play around with tricks while you are on it. Being creative is definitely one of my favorite parts."

The small number of students who founded the organization displayed their hobby as they traveled to each building. With each turn of the wheel, Unicyclists United became a more recognized name on campus.

A student balances on his unicycle on the steps outside of the student union in Bosco Plaza. This was for the unicycle club that began meeting on Tuesday's in October.
Anthony Drath





Students met up every week to practice their unicycle abilities in Bosco Plaza on Tueday afternoons. They taught each other tricks and ways to improve.
Anthony Drath

Student promotes healthy choices

by Brittany Stevens

Like most women do, Emily Boardman, senior in public health nutrition and gerontology mused, "What is beauty?" Instead of demarcating the term, Boardman spent the last year as a peer educator and treasurer of the K-State organization, Sensible Nutrition And body image Choices (SNAC). She promoted a healthy body ideal to men and women alike, both at K-State and in the Manhattan community.

"Beauty — it's not one definition, the 'perfect,' ideal type of thing," Boardman, a slender, brunette, Chi Omega with a stunningly white smile, said. "Everyone is beautiful. Everyone sees it in a different way."

Unfortunately though, Boardman said, society projects one ideal: a thin and long-legged woman with sun-kissed skin, blond hair, blue eyes, big breasts and poise to boot.

"The 'perfect' woman is what society pounds into our heads," she said. "It sticks. Women beat themselves down about it if they don't fit."

This is not to say men did not go without their fair share of the same pressures, she added.

"Eating disorders and body image are more focused toward women because there's a larger number of women that do have them, but men do." Boardman said. "We don't want to forget about men."

Although she understood beauty as a relative concept and did not suffer from an eating disorder herself, fashion magazines chock-full of airbrushed models, witnessing her mother tanning growing up and overhearing "fat talk" among girls at the high school lunch table, made Western culture's beauty ideal real for her.

Born and raised in the small Kansas town of McPherson, Kan., Boardman still did not escape the confines of "beauty." She remembered gazing in the mirror, chastising herself, "Gosh, I need to lose weight," or covering up her bathing suit with a pair of shorts until seconds before slipping into the pool so no one would catch a glimpse of her body. "Heaven forbid!" Boardman laughed.

Through SNAC, Boardman resisted these, at times, negative voices of the media, parents and friends by spreading awareness about eating disorders and body image.

"They know they're influential, but they don't necessarily know the message is going to impact as much as it really does," Boardman said. She said telling someone, "You shouldn't be eating that," or, "Maybe you should go on a diet," takes a toll on an individual.

SNAC provided resources to students about eating disorder prevention, body image, healthy eating and physical activity through interactive classroom presentations, handouts and referrals.

"Stress often times, especially during the difficult college years, can put them at higher risk for turning to those eating behaviors as a coping tool," Dianna Schalles, the advisor for SNAC, registered dietician and director of nutrition services at Lafene Health Center, said. "I have just seen a continual increase in the number of students who come in with eating issues: disordered eating and body image."

This is why SNAC began Full of Ourselves, an eight-week preventative program in the summer for sixth and seventh grade girls to build leadership, confidence and girl power. Boardman acted as one of four group leaders. Although she did not personally see girls in this age group with disordered eating, she said the problem exists.

"Grade schoolers have said that they would rather be hit by a bus than be fat," Boardman said. "We are showing these girls they are beautiful and they are perfect in their own way, not to give into what society says."

Boardman also served as one of two leaders for SNAC's Reflections program. Reflections shared the same focus as the youth program, but served about 20 of the university's greek women.

Both programs presented the healthy ideal: feeling comfortable in one's skin, embracing differences and having confidence, Boardman said.

On campus, the healthy ideal might not have been as prominent as Boardman would have liked, "I don't think people pay attention to it," Boardman said. "I don't think if a girl is



As she lays in pages ripped out from magazines, Emily Boardman, senior in public health nutrition, discusses the importance of good body image. Boardman is a peer educator and helped promote a healthy body image to both men and women in the Manhattan and K-State community
Erin Poppe

Surrounded my magazine images of the stereotypical "beautiful women and men," Boardman tries to show men and women there is no one definition for beauty. Being involved in SNAC, she had a helping hand in showing others just how to prevent disease such as anorexia.
Erin Poppe



really skinny I don't think they think 'eating disorder.' Being skinny is too much of a 'great deal' that people don't think about it too much."

Because of this, this year the organization decided to turn their attention to campus at large.

On Oct. 20, SNAC appealed to both sexes with "Love Your Body Day." Members of SNAC showed the 2008 documentary "Bigger, Stronger, Faster" about steroid usage, handed out information about anorexia and bulimia in men, and displayed posters of the ever-changing silhouettes of G.I. Joe and Barbie dolls through the decades.

Regardless, man or woman, "Love your body, feed your body, treat your body the way that it is meant to be because it is fascinating and it does do everything for you," Boardman said. "And, you don't want to harm it in any way. Be comfortable in your genes — that was our SNAC motto."

The theme of defining beauty for oneself carried through to SNAC's annual event, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, held Feb. 20–26.

The week's film "America the Beautiful" shed light on the fashion and beauty industries, while Linda Yarrow, assistant professor of human nutrition, gave a speech discussing the prevalence of undiagnosed eating disorders among college students. Boardman and the SNAC members introduced an addition this past year, a "What is beauty?" wall-size board where students expressed what beauty meant to them in words, pictures and other artistic forms.

Although Boardman was to graduate in May, she said she will incorporate SNAC training into her career working as a physician assistant or medical doctor.

Boardman said she planned on working in preventative medicine, acknowledging potential issues, like eating disorders, before they occur.

"You can't turn your head and say it doesn't exist," she said.

According to a Jan. 5 Newsweek article, only about 38 percent of college campuses offer resources to students regarding eating disorders and body image issues, like SNAC, Reflections and Full of Ourselves do.

"I think that we're ahead of the game," Schalles said.

Covered With A Cause

by Dani Row

Project Purple was a new campaign to raise money and bring awareness to the Manhattan community about cystic fibrosis, a disease that affects 30,000 people a year in the United States. Project Purple raised $12,843.02 in two months through T-shirt sales and business donations. For every $1,000 raised, a letter on Manhattan Hill was covered with purple fabric-the color of cystic fibrosis awareness and the university. After raising $9,000, all nine letters on the hill were covered.

"We were trying to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis, so it just made sense to do something that the whole public could see and get involved in," Winston Wolf, co-founder and junior in architecture, said.

Covering Manhattan Hill generated a lot of free publicity for Project Purple. With limited funds, the group reached a large number of Manhattan residents in a short time. There were booths set up at the K-State Student Union and in front of Wal-Mart and HyVee. Their goal was to raise $9,000 by Homecoming week and the T-shirt sales were so successful they were backordered.

"To exceed the goal by a third was crazy, I wasn't even sure we were going to have enough to cover the hill," Sierra Cuda, co-founder and junior in interior architecture and product design, said.

Each letter on the hill took the group two hours of manual labor and many last minute runs to Wal-Mart. They bought all the purple fabric in Manhattan and had to travel to Topeka to buy more. Manhattan Parks and Recreation approved the idea to cover the hill but somehow the maintenance workers in charge never received the message. As quickly as the letter "M" was put up, it was taken down and thought to be a form of vandalism.

"We were glad they didn't throw it away because we only ordered the exact amount of fabric we needed," Felicia Balestrere, co-founder and junior in interior architecture and product design, said. "It was expensive and a huge pain to get it here and a lot of hours of arguing with people on the phone."

The Project Purple Campaign brought together people who had been affected personally by the disease. Students approached the group thanking them for their support and hard work.

Because this was a student-oriented campaign, adults in the area were less receptive to the idea and were not aware the letters on the hill were going to be covered. In order to reach a larger audience, Project Purple buckets were distributed at home football games where people were asked to donate any kind of money that they had, and even the small change added up. At least $300 of the total funds that were collected came from change people had given. The group hoped to start a new tradition and have the hill covered every year during Homecoming week.

"It was our pleasure to be a part or an organization that raises money for cystic fibrosis and to see how we're affecting people positively and that the community is really grateful for what we are doing makes all the work worth it," Balestrere said.







On top of the hill, Felicia Balestrere, junior in interior architecture and product design, cuts away the strips of fabric used to cover the nine letters. The organization Project Purple donated the money raised through T-shirt sales and donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for research. "I check on the hill every morning on my way home from rowing and text Felicia and Winston if the wind or rain has messed up any of the letters," Sierra Cuda, junior in interior architecture and product design said.
Matt Binter

In mid-November Winston Wolf, junior in architecure, Felicia Balestrere junior in interior architecture and product design and Sierra Cuda, junior in architecture and product design fold the nylon sheets in order to be saved for next year's campaign. The group approached friends and family for money before asking students and the Manhattan community to contribute. "The Collegian artcile written about Project Purple is even being published in an Ireland paper," Winston Wolf, junior in architecture, said.
Matt Binter

> *"I hope Project Purple will continue on every year and eventually everyone will look forward to the hill turning purple during homecoming and that it will become a new tradition that we can appreciate as adults."*
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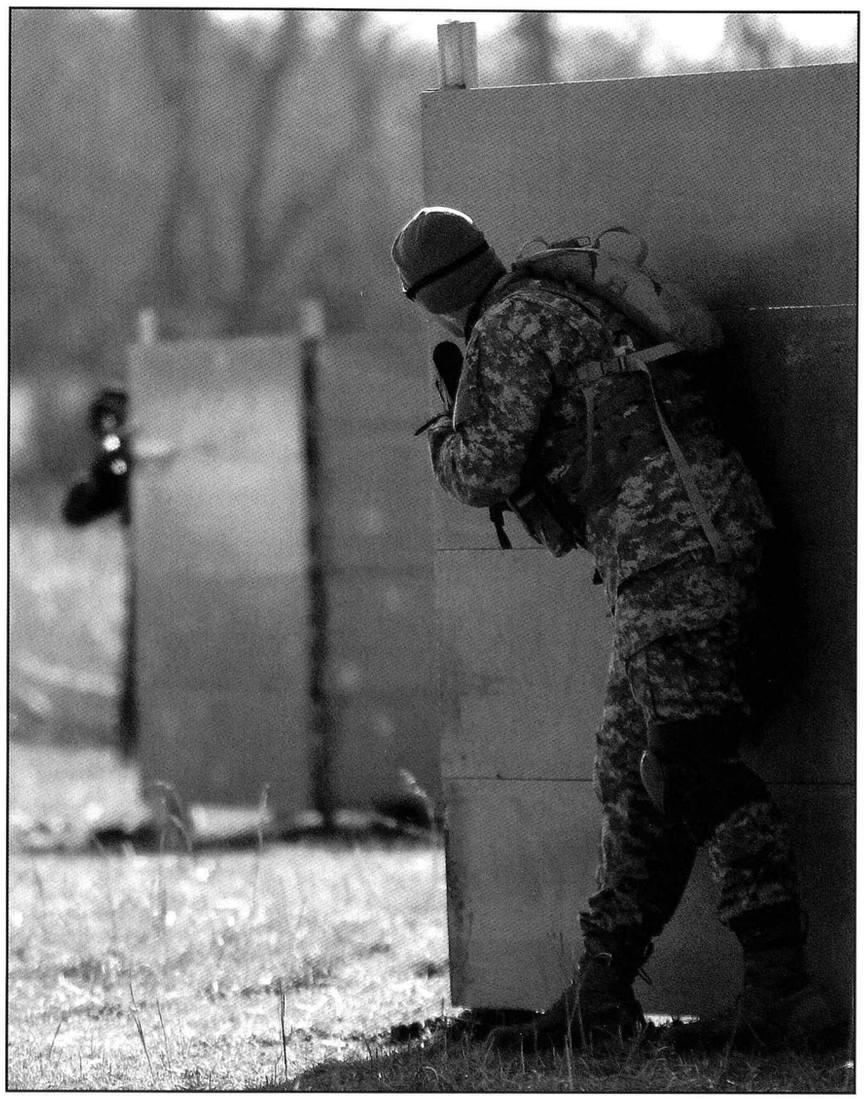


Airsoft afternoons

The university airsoft team met and played throughout the year, even in the cold of December.

by Cheyanne Alvarado





Combating the cold, the university airsoft team practices on a Sunday afternoon in December. The guns used by the team were replicas of military weapons. "I always had an interest in the 'military type thing' and had played paintball," Logan Matthias, junior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, said. "Airsoft took it to the next level." *Anthony Drath*

Hiding behind a barrier, Joe Reichard, sophomore in history, shoots at an opponent. Though the sport was combative, the members formed friendships. "The best thing about the team is the fun of going out on the weekend and getting to shoot at your friends," Benjamin Cisneros, sophomore in biology, said. *Anthony Drath*

Weapons, camouflage and military scenarios were not your typical form of Sunday afternoon entertainment. It was, however, for the university's airsoft team, also known as KSUAT. The team found recreation, enjoyment and friendship through this military simulation sport.

Originating in Japan in the 1970s, the game of airsoft grew increasingly popular in the U.S. and became a thriving club at K-State. Greg Payne, university alumnus, founded KSUAT in 2005.

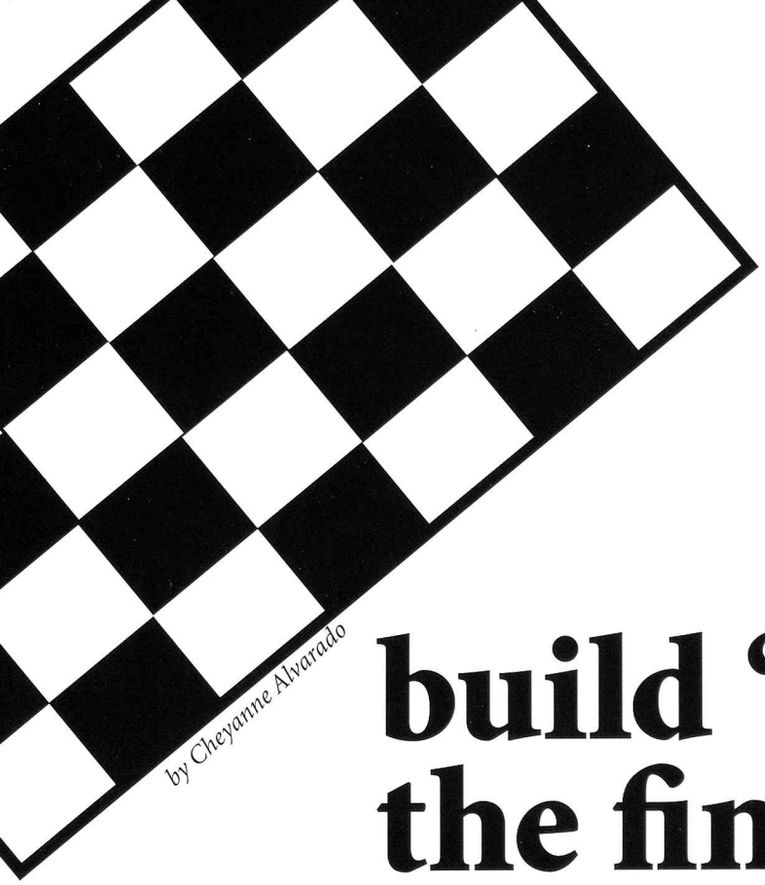
"I wanted to do something that would draw people together, keep them in shape and shape their characters," Payne said. "It's a teambuilding exercise in a high stress environment, and I think that's something everyone needs. It's also an amazing stress reliever."

Airsoft is a sport similar to paintball. In airsoft, players participate in mock combat with military style weapons and tactics. The "weapons" used in airsoft are full-size replicas of military weapons. Unlike paintball, which uses paint projectiles, airsoft uses small plastic pellets.

"I always had an interest in the 'military type thing' and had played paintball," Logan Matthias, KSUAT president and junior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, said. "Airsoft took it to the next level. It took it towards another step of realism. But of course, it's not real at all."

Though the sport was combatively oriented, KSUAT focused on making the team about integrity, friendship and enjoyment. The team created a principle of truth by operating on an honor system during plays and strived to create an environment where everyone was welcome and friendships were created.

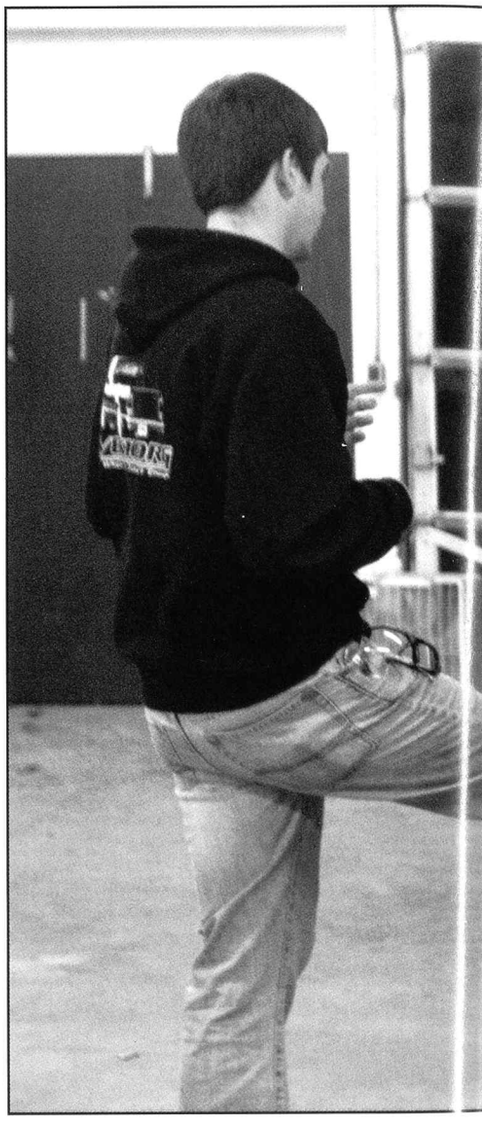
"The best thing about the team is the fun of going out on the weekend and getting to shoot at your friends," Benjamin Cisneros, KSUAT public relations officer and sophomore in biology, said. "We do take it seriously, but we're all friends at the end of the day. There are no rivalries."



by Cheyanne Alvarado

build 'till the finish

Students from different colleges throughout the university come together with one purpose; building and racing cars.



Members of the Powercat Motorsports club discuss details and analyze what they can do to improve their formula car. The 25 members used their cars to compete in a national tournament every year. *Anthony Drath*

What do you get when you combine a determined group of university students, a passion for innovation, and countless hours of hard work? Powercat Motorsports. This extracurricular club and premier racing team was composed of students ranging in majors from engineering to marketing.

"From the very basic root of it we are an engineering competitive design team," Tim Mourlam, senior in mechanical engineering and Powercat Motorsports president, said.

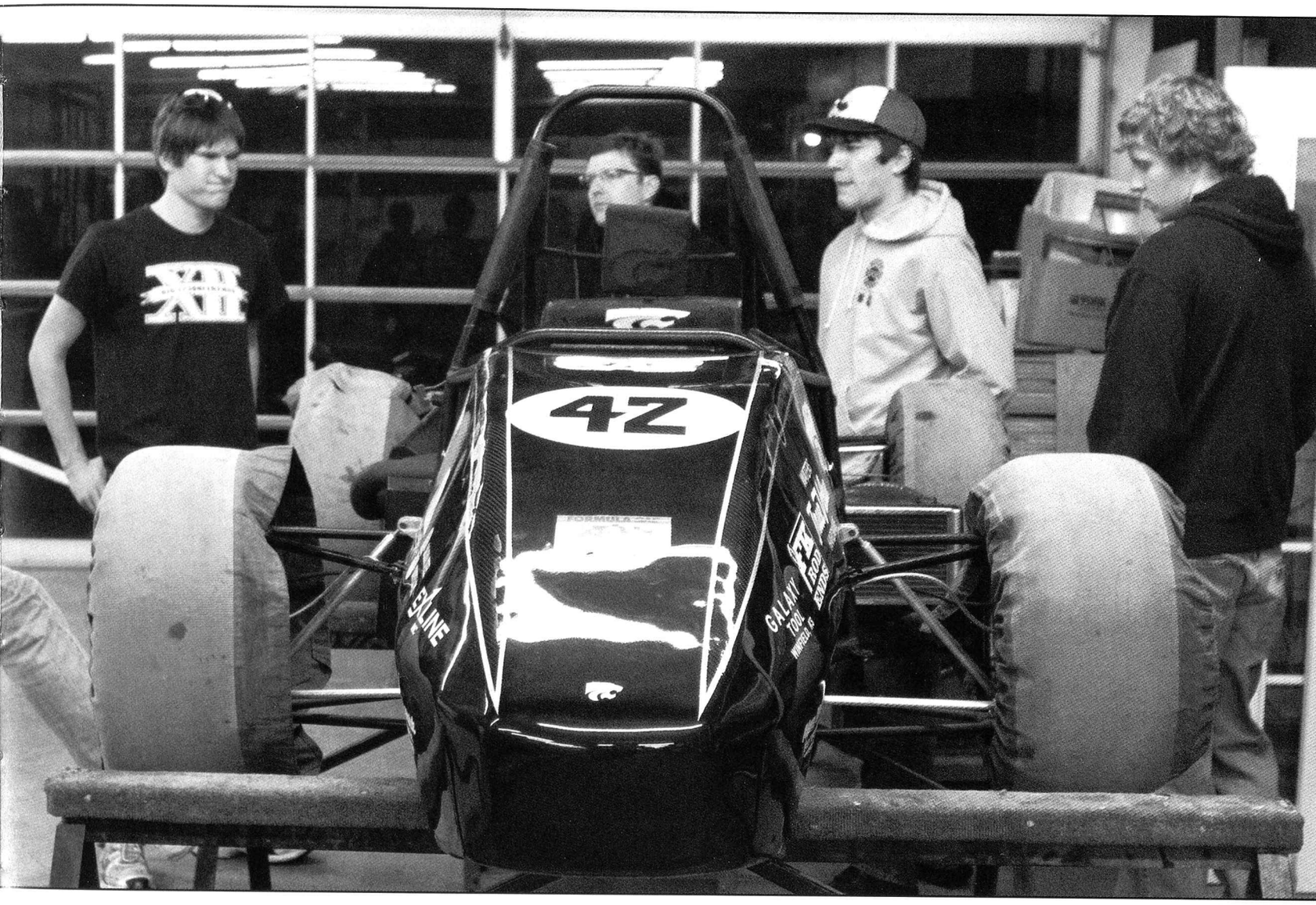
When the team first began in the late 1990s, it was a small group of engineers. Today, the group has grown into a team of about 25 dedicated students working throughout the year for one common goal.

"Powercat Motorsports has given me opportunities I certainly would not have had if I had not joined," Karl Hertel, senior in industrial engineering, said. "Not only has it given me real world experience, it has allowed me to further my professional career by playing the deciding factor in the decision for BMW to hire me as an intern. For anybody that has a passion for cars, racing or being part of a great team, we are an expanding group always looking for new members regardless of majors."

The team's purpose was to design and create a formula-style car to race in an autocross-type course, which is a large, dynamic course with different curves and turns. They competed in the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers competitions. The concept behind Formula SAE was that a fictional manufacturing company had contracted a design team to develop a small formula-style racecar. Each student team designed, built and tested a prototype based on a series of rules whose purpose was both to ensure onsite event operations and promote clever problem solving.

"The competition we compete in is the largest one in the world, with about 500 engineering universities," Mourlam said. "There are about a dozen of these competitions throughout the world, and we compete in the ones here in the United States, which are held in Michigan and California."

The competition had two different aspects of judgment. The categories were static and dynamic events. During the static events, the car was scrutinized by judges concerning the design of the vehicle, the cost to produce, and how the team could market it to potential investors or buyers. Each event took place in front of a panel of judges and required a short presentation followed by an intense question and answer session. During the dynamic events, the actual driving took place. The four racing events were acceleration, skid pad, autocross and endurance. These events proved



the car presented earlier could perform well on the track.

"The judging process at competition is very harsh, crude and challenging because its like trying to sell your design to a professional engineer who has a lot of experience in the field," Eric Cunningham, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "The judges also seem to see things as their way is the only right way. So for them to think your design is good is quite the accomplishment. Last year at competition, we had a great time looking at all the other school's cars and getting ideas for this year's design."

To build something like this took a lot of preparation, labor and money. The team began in the summer with research. In the fall, they worked on their designs and raised money. In spring, they began building. With nearly every piece of the car being custom-made, it took around $75,000 dollars to build.

"A part of our funds come from the college of engineering and the mechanical engineering department; they help us get started," Mourlam said. "About two-thirds of our money comes from sponsors. We have about ten from here in town, about a dozen from Kansas City and another fifteen or twenty from around the nation. We call someone up and say 'Hey we're from K-State. We are making this car. Can you help us?' Probably about 95 percent of the time, people say no. But it's worth it for that other five percent that say yes."

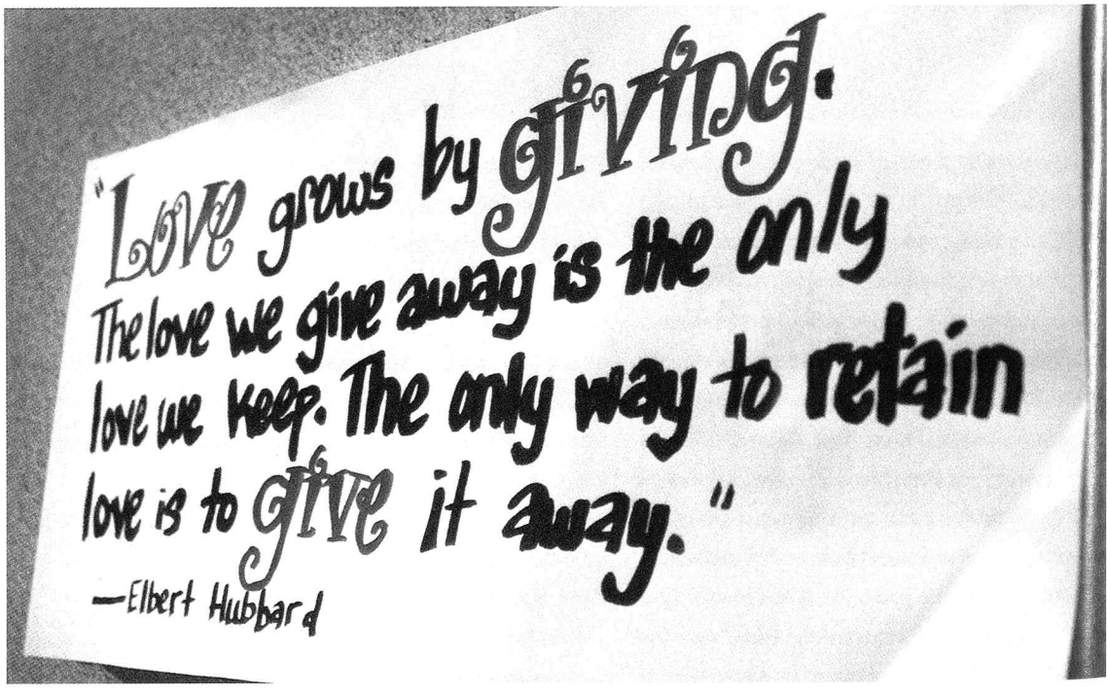
The team grew ever more successful throughout the years. Their highest achievement was in 2009 when they placed fifth at the FSAE competition.

"The team has its eye on the sky; we continue to look to the future," Rebecca Anderson, senior in mechanical engineering, said. "We have built a good foundation for the team over the last few years, and we hope to continue building and improving the team and creating top running cars."



After t-shirts were handed out, Jessica Conwell, freshman in sociology, models this year's K-State Proud t-shirt for a friend Tuesday night in the K-State Student Union.
Anthony Drath

While students wandered around the union on Tuesday night, a sign was hung from the wall with a quote on it by the members of K-State Proud.
Anthony Drath



PROUD

by Brent Gipson

K-State Proud raises funds for Student Opportunity Awards

K-State Proud, a nationally recognized philanthropic venture by university students, raised more than $100,000 this year for student opportunity awards. K-State Proud was started in 2006 by Student Foundation leadership and other leaders from around campus. Its mission was to raise awareness of student philanthropy by raising money for students who could no longer afford to attend K-State. Today, all the money raised goes to K-State Proud Student Opportunity Awards. There are two types of Student Opportunity Awards. The first is the K-State Proud Award. This award is given to students who have exhausted all financial resources and are in danger of leaving K-State. These awards are allocated every week and there is no limit on the number or size of awards given. The second award is the K-State Hero Award, given to students who go above and beyond for the university. There are five K-State Hero Awards of $500 awarded each semester.

"The success of the K-State Proud campaign can be directly attributed to the students at K-State and their willingness to give to support their fellow students in need," Phillip Harner, senior in Industrial Engineering and co-chair of the 2010-2011 Proud campaign. "The K-State Student Foundation is always among the top student foundations in the country."

K-State Proud is a project of the Student Foundation, which is a student organization that works with the KSU Foundation as ambassadors of philanthropy. K-State Proud is one of many programs within the Student Foundation. For a minimum donation of $10, students were able to receive a custom, K-State Proud t-shirt by donating February 14-19 in the student union, or in one of the residence hall cafeterias. The organization also hosted a table at the Salina campus for students to get their shirts. The shirts were also sold at any GTM location, and on the concourse of Bramlage Coliseum. Proud kicked off its 2011 campaign on January 25.

"K-State Proud is about giving back to the university and making a positive difference in the lives of our fellow students. K-State is unique in that it has a very close family feel among its students, faculty and staff," Harner said. "Because of this, we have the opportunity to affect positive change among our peers. K-State Proud is the perfect vehicle to make this change and impact others for the rest of their lives."

For students at K-State, being 'Proud' has many connotations. Through academic and athletic excellence, students are excited to be a part of their university in any way.

"Being K-State Proud means one thing to me," Ella Rethman, sophomore in advertising said. "It means to support not only your team, but your university as a whole through difficult times."

Cox Communications, is the third-largest cable television provider in the United States, serving more than 6.2 million customers. Since 2008, the Proud campaigns have been generously sponsored by Cox Communications. Director of Bands, Dr. Frank Tracz was chosen as this years campaign honorary chair. Harner, John Grice, senior in political science, Rebecca Sullivan, senior in agricultural communications, and Ariel Sinha, junior in mass communications, all served as co-chairs for the 2011 campaign.

The 2011 campaign showed the nation what it means to be K-State Proud. Students wore their shirts at the men's basketball game vs. Oklahoma to provide a "blackout." This game was televised on the Big 12 Network.

women helping women

by Ellie Long

An organization helps connect female students and alumni for support and opportunities



The Women of K-State host performer Nancy Maultsby in the All Faiths Chapel in February. Maultsby performed "Unbewegte laue Luft" by Johannes Brahms in front of a large audience
Matt Binter

The Women of K-State was an organization started in the fall of 2009 by First Lady Noel Schulz to enhance the roles of the women and alumni of the university. The mission of the organization was to create a structure and support system that helped K-State provide a superlative environment for the growth and advancement of all women.

"It's basically an organization to network and communicate and create opportunities for women," Schulz said.

The organization was represented by a unique symbol: a tapestry. Each vertical strand within the tapestry represented the different roles women played on campus such as staff, faculty, administrators, future students, undergraduate students, graduate students, alumnae and friends. The vertical strands of the tapestry represented the different groups the women of K-State belonged to, such as women of color, sororities, athletes, early career, mothers, etc.

"The whole idea behind The Women of K-State is as an individual strand we're not that strong, but if we stand together we're very strong," Schulz said.

When these strands were woven together, they made a tapestry known as The Women of K-State. The organization believed when each individual strand was woven together they made a strong network of women.

Annie Oliver, senior in life sciences and student body president, was invited by Schulz to be on the leadership team for the Women of K-State.

"As a leader in Student Government, I have looked up to several women in student leadership positions ever since I was a freshman," Oliver said. "The Women of K-State really expands upon that inspiration and invites all K-State women to have those same experiences in a diverse and cultured manner."

Oliver said her favorite aspect of the organization is that it gave women an opportunity to meet other female leaders who came from all walks of life.

"Having a Women's leadership organization is a unique and important part of the campus because it not only identifies strong females who currently serve at the university, but also provides support to these women," Oliver said.

Schulz also looked for other women in leadership positions on campus. She invited Kara Dillard, graduate student in sociology and former president of the Graduate Student Council, to help spearhead the Women of K-State project.

"I was surprised there were not a lot of women student leaders on campus with any sort of decision-making or advisory power," Dillard said. "I was very excited to be asked to be a part of this group and I hope we will start to see more women stepping into leadership positions on campus."

Dillard said Schulz and the leaders of the organization created networking groups for women to meet other women with same backgrounds and experiences.

"This type of network or connection is invaluable in boosting morale in women on campus," Dillard said.

The Women of K-State held events at women's basketball and volleyball games supporting women's teams, had group activities such as bowling or lunches, watched theatre performances, and had networking sessions, among others.

"It's basically a support network for women related to K-State," Schulz said, "but this really helps all people on campus. We touch on safety issues, lights issues, child care and a lot of other things that aren't gender specific."

The organization got women leaders on campus together to see how they could leverage each other and worked on planning events ahead of time so more women could attend more events on campus.

Dillard said the Women of K-State also had the opportunity to work with the Presidential Commission for the Status of Women on issues such as finding space for nursing mothers on campus outside of restroom stalls.

Every year the university has a diversity seminar, and this year the seminar's main focus was on women.

"I look forward to seeing our group spread across the campus and community in the near future," Oliver said.

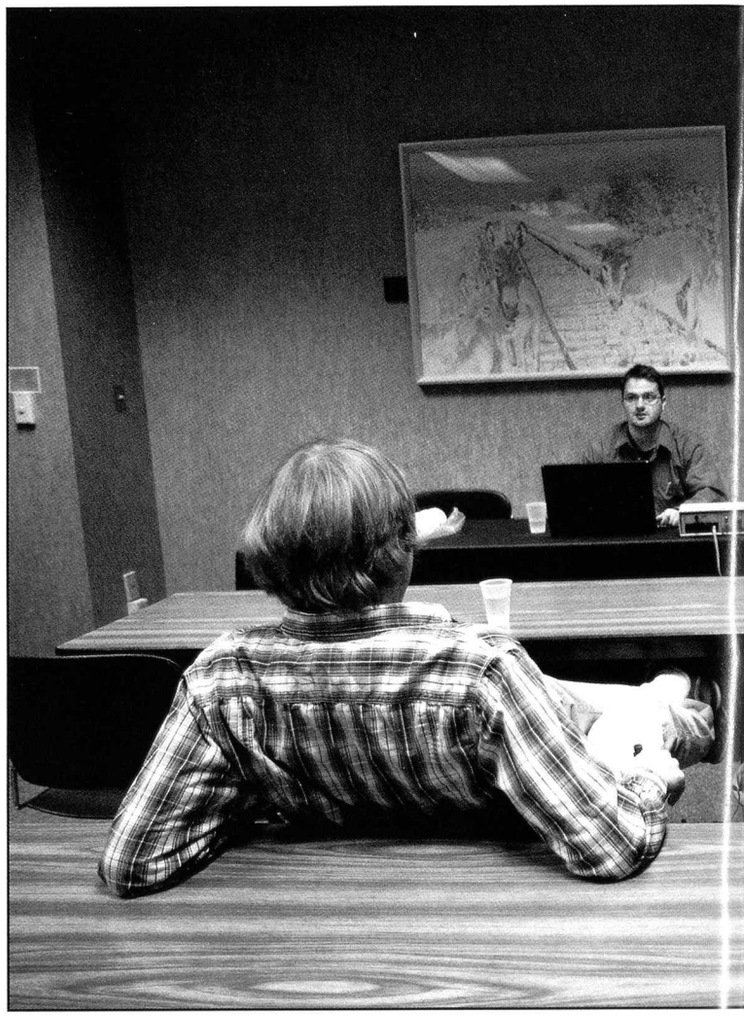
Schulz said she had a lot of plans for the organization in the years to come, and she wanted to see the organization grow.

"My grand scheme goal is to every year have a seminar and have alums come back and talk to K-State students," Schulz said.

Schulz said the organization was looking to expand its student impact, but they were not trying to replace any of the organizations that were already on campus.

"Part of the reason this is so important to me is as a woman in engineering we're a minority, we want to seek out others," Schulz said. "We want to create networks for professional development, but also personal development."





Quizzed

by Natalie Rauth

Students join and participate in the Quiz Bowl club and make friends and have some fun along the way.

Debating about which Star Wars series trumps the others or discussing the relevance of icons in ancient Greek history aren't typical ways to start a meeting. For the university's quiz bowl team, this is a very normal start to their unique meetings.

Quiz bowl is a game of questions and answers on all topics of human knowledge. The team at the university met twice a week to practice their trivia skills and expand their intellectual capacity.

"We meet regularly to practice our skills and to tell jokes in bad taste," Ben Detrixhe, sophomore in geography, said. "The best way to get good at quiz bowl is to read past packets from tournaments."

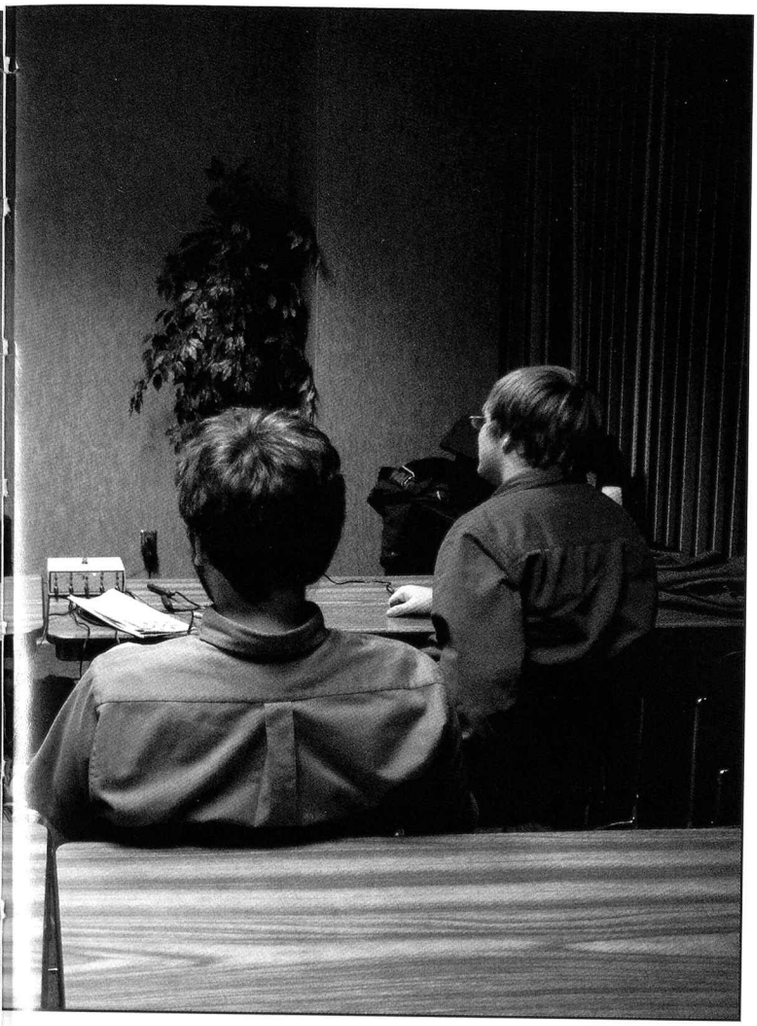
Tournament packets are composed of questions and answers about specific topics such as Harry Potter or continental geography.

"The questions at tournaments and in the practice packets are very wordy," Scott Roberts, freshman in mechanical engineering said. "Some of the topics are boring, but every once in a while you get something awesome, like Pokemon."

The team competed in regional tournaments several times each year. At these competitions, two teams of four to five members competed for the highest number of points. A moderator read the questions to the teams, whose players buzzed in with the correct answer, and thus, scored points for their team.

"You learn to pay attention inside and outside of the classroom," Mike Uphoff, graduate student in political science and founding member of the quiz bowl team, said. "You have to stay up on current events because those questions tend to rear their heads in tournaments."

One competition the team participated in each fall was a national tournament at Truman State.



Participants in the Quiz Bowl club used a device to buzz into when they wanted to answer the questions. A moderator read the questions from a list and the person to buzz in the fastest got to answer the question. *Erin Poppe*



The students in the Quiz Bowl club listen to the moderator while he asks them questions during their practice. They club met Tuesday and Thursday nights in order to better prepare for competition. *Erin Poppe*

Friends and teammates joke and laugh in between sessions during practice. They competed in various tournaments in different states throughout the course of the year while they were involved. *Erin Poppe*

The Academic Competition Federation hosted the competition and the event drew participants from a variety of colleges in the Midwest.

"Traditionally, we have had pretty good success at tournaments," Roberts said. "Washington University, Truman State University and the University of Illinois have given us a hard time though, those schools are definitely our biggest competitors."

Team members attributed their success at tournaments to classes they took at the university.

"I have found certain classes to be pretty helpful," Uphoff said. "I have taken several history classes that have definitely provided me with answers to many tournament questions." The university's quiz bowl club was created in 2004. Uphoff remained active in the club and later served as president. The participants worked to acquire more members by word of mouth or chalking throughout campus.

"It's free to join, and we are open to anybody interested in participating," Uphoff said "If you don't know a lot about a topic, great; if you do know a lot about a topic, that's great, too. You just have to enjoy it."

While members enjoyed participating for a wide array of reasons, the group agreed that the winning was always an added bonus.

"The camaraderie is great," Detrixhe said. "But, it's also nice to win bragging rights and eternal glory."

Team members could utilize the skills they learned through their quiz bowl experience throughout their lives. Their trivia expertise could be employed at job interviews, in their future professions, or even to garner fame.

"I am going on Jeopardy to break Ken Jennings record," Uphoff said. "Or, at least to win enough to cover my plane ticket."



While the trapshooting team shoots their guns, they practice aiming for their target. "We tailgate, hunt and help at benefit shoots together," Sal Van Lerberg, senior in construction science and management, said.
Erin Pappe

SHOT DOWN BUT NOT DEFEATED

by Dani Row

Trapshooting is more than a recreational activity. It is a popular Olympic sport and caught the attention of 37 members of the university. Since its return in 2005, trapshooting became widely known and evolved greatly.

The trapshooting club used clay pigeons that were shot from a machine called the "trap house." The team traveled to different schools in the nation and competed for the highest overall score. The competitive members participated as individuals and as a squad, which was made up of five shooters.

"Usually you are scored out of 100 and someone will be behind you keeping score," president Sal Van Lerberg, senior in construction science and management, said. "That way, if you think you have visual separation of the target, you can dispute the call made by the score keeper in order to get an X, or one point."

Members were not required to travel because sometimes the sport could get expensive. On average, it cost about $300 per shooter to go compete at other schools. Most shooters decided where they wanted to go based on the type of shoot being offered at the competition; some preferred trap and others preferred skeet.

"K-State is more of a trap team than a skeet team, but our members get to experience both during competitions around the country," Van Lerberg said.

Although trap and skeet may have seemed similar, there were many characteristics that make them more appealing to different types of shooters. Trap required only one trap house and skeet had 2, a high and low house. Trap had one clay pigeon that was shot out straight from five posts and skeet was shot out at different angles from eight posts. There were a few rules that a shooter had to abide by in order to make sure the shoots were regulation.

"During skeet, you have to hoop the two targets at a white post in between the high house and low house," Andy Shoen, senior in mechanical engineering said. "Sometimes you have to adjust the house to make them regulation because of the wind."

Trapshooting club was open to any student at the university. It didn't matter if students were experienced shooters, the team accepted anyone willing to learn and contribute to the team.

"I would recommend trapshooting to any student because of how much fun it is," Bethany Boyer, sophomore in animal sciences and industries, said. "No matter how good or bad a person is, our teammates are always there to help keep your spirits up."



At practice Wade Hughes, sophomore in mechanical engineering, shoots at a clay pigeon. He watched as the target exploded in to a million pieces. "When I shoot, I forget about the stresses at school," Bethany Boyer, sopomore in animal science, said. Members of the club wore protective glasses and ammo belts to hold their bullets.
Erin Poppe

Disabled but not discouraged

by Brittany Stevens

It was easy to stereotype a person based on superficial characteristics. Morgan Stock, junior in kinesiology, fit into the college backdrop, at least for appearances sake. She sported her Alpha Delta Pi sorority T-shirt around campus and high ponytail like many other female students; her only distinguished physical marker being her jet black and lime green glasses.

Stock's trendy eyewear was more than a mere accessory or bad heredity; it was a product of her birth.

She and her twin sister had arrived three months premature and their untimely arrival had its consequences. Both infants suffered a brain hemorrhage in the womb, and, because of this, each was born with severe optic nerve damage.

"You never expect anything that severe, especially with two of them," Stock said of her parents' reaction. "It was definitely a shock to them."

During the first three years of Stock's life she underwent three surgeries to try and salvage her vision. Without them she would have been blind throughout her college career.

Now, Stock has her full-range of sight, but has difficulty seeing peripherally.

The eye fatigue Stock experienced each time she flipped open a textbook or stared at a computer monitor for a long span of time reminded her of her visual





With a smile on her face, Amy Kells, Manhattan resident and cheerleader, does the splits during a cheerleading practice at the Community Building on Sunday February 6. *Nathaniel LaRue*

As she spends time with the community, Morgan Stock, junior in kinesiology and vice president of EmPower Cats, helps lead cheerleading practice at the Community Building. *Nathaniel LaRue*

impairment, her disability.

"It affects me a lot," Stock said. "They get really tired and my eyes will start jumping. I'll be reading one line and it will just start skipping around."

Stock's "minor" disability lit a passion in her to team up with other students with and without disabilities to promote self-advocacy and to break down the stigma that comes with being disabled through the K-State organization for students with disabilities, emPower Cats.



"Disability itself — a lot of people do think of the extremes: wheelchair bound, or mental disabilities like autism," Stock said. "But really it is something as small as being colorblind or having anxiety."

Members of emPower Cats with a range of disabilities, like Stock, endeavored to impart the importance of speaking up, going through Disability Support Services (DSS) to receive classroom accommodations and working alongside professors to follow those through.

To accommodate Stock, professors allowed her to sit in the front of the classroom, made test-taking adjustments and provided textbook audiotapes.

"Students with disabilities, whether it be a minor disability or a major disability feel a lot of times intimidated and judged," Stock said. "A lot of them are just afraid to be active in organizations, to speak up in class due to the fact that they have a disability. They feel like they are going to be looked at differently."

Stock set an example for her fellow members, of what she called "strength and confidence." With academics, athletics and involvement in campus life as a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, community service chair of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and president of Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society, she had a full plate.

"I do have a visual impairment, but look at me, I'm involved," she said. "Just because you have a disability doesn't mean you can't take on challenges and impact a community in a positive way."

Stock got involved with the organization, tied to DSS, as a freshman and presided as vice president for three years.

Although emPower Cats became an established organization a few years ago, Stock said, "we've been trying to build it up and build it up and I think this year we've done a great job of making a statement about who we are and what we do."

At Memorial Stadium March 12, as the finale of the fourth annual Disability Awareness Week, "K-State For All," emPower Cats hosted the first ever "Walk for Awareness," a free, two-hour walk in which teams of four to six people participated, increased disabled students' visibility at the university, and fundraised for the Manhattan Special Olympics, an organization close to Stock's heart.

Each Sunday Stock and another member of emPower Cats volunteered by coaching basketball and cheerleading to Special Olympics athletes from 8 to 55 years old at the Manhattan Community House.

"They are doing a great job of learning fundamentals of each sport as well as the concept of teamwork which is really rewarding to see as coaches," Stock said.

Stock wanted those without disabilities to understand something about her, the Special Olympics athletes and the members of emPower Cats.

"They are people," Stock said. "They are equal. They are just as important and capable as people without disabilities."

by Brittany Stevens

Sexpertise

Students quizzed their sexual knowledge in SHAPE's Battle of the Sexperts

Let's get ready to rumble! In corner one was The Sexcapades, an all girls undergraduate team ready to show off their sexpertise. In corner two was Car Ramrod, an all-male team of animal science graduate students prepared to dominate.

These were two of the five teams who made it to the finals of Battle of the Sexperts held March 1. Teams of five to six students tested their sexual knowledge at the annual event sponsored by Lafene Health Center, SHAPE, Healthy Decisions and the Student Governing Association.

Kaitlyn Tompkins, president of SHAPE and senior in secondary education, said the competition, which has been going strong since the 1990s, was a "fun, educational way to learn information so that people could gain knowledge about their sexual identity, to know where they stand on sexuality — their true self."

SHAPE, or Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators, was the peer education group on campus. Members tried to be a support, but not a medical replacement for students who might have been too timid to approach their family doctor about their sexual health.

After jotting down notes during a SHAPE presentation outlining risky sexual behaviors, the teams battled it out in three rounds. Round one involved thinking up the best pick-up lines. In round two the teams answered jeopardy questions, and in round three they got physical in a relay race. The top two teams went on to play in a final round.

Although students might have taken sexual education in high school, teenagers have a tendency to overlook the subject matter Julie Gibbs, director of health promotion at Lafene and SHAPE instructor, said.

"It's good to be reminded," Gibbs said. "We tried to get even people who didn't want to be on a team. We just wanted to get audience members that they would still get that knowledge."

The material, presented under a fun guise, ranged from learning how to create a dental dam to putting a condom on a banana.

Nevertheless, the lighthearted mood foreshadowed the real consequences of sexual unawareness.

"I see patients who are devastated because they have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection, are pregnant or have been sexually assaulted," Wendy Blank, sexpert panelist, director of the Women's Clinic at Lafene and board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist, said. "All three of these issues can affect the rest of the person's life. The primary means of prevention is education."

Tompkins said only certain subject areas request SHAPE's classroom presentations, like freshman courses. With Battle of the Sexperts, SHAPE aimed to reach the rest of the student population.

"We don't tell them sex is bad or good," Tompkins said. "Here's your facts. You're in college. You can make up your mind. Everyone needs to know this information."

Eric Bailey, a member of the Car Ramrod team and graduate student in animal science, said he and his friends signed up for the event as a joke, but said he grasped the importance of the event recollecting his high school days.

"As an 18-year-old you're 10 feet tall and bulletproof," Bailey said. "I used to think that I was the biggest and baddest and the best at everything; nothing bad was ever going to happen to me — students being naïve basically. Programs like this go on and they don't take it seriously. They have this attitude of 'Oh, that won't happen to me.' It's just pure ignorance. They choose to look the other way."

By presenting sexual facts in an exciting way with prizes for incentive, Tompkins said students have a better chance of retaining the information.

First place went to Car Ramrod, the new owners of condom package-shaped pillows. Second place went to The Sexcapades who won condom-carrying cases. The rest of the teams went home with as many condoms as they had points.

Bailey's team, Car Ramrod, won the event, but he said they had an advantage up their sleeve.

"The fact that we had a couple of members with white hair that had been around the block a time or two helped us out," Bailey said. "We're just a little older than everyone else."

No matter who the winner was in the end, Blank said overall the students impressed her with their sexual knowledge.

With accurate information, Tompkins said, students can explore safely, "College is your time to discover yourself," she said. "Be any type of sexual being you want to be."



Members from each of the five teams buzz in their jeopardy answers. "Sexpardy" was the second round of Battle of the Sexperts. Students guessed at questions regarding contraception and STDs. The event was held in the K-State Union Courtyard.
Logan M. Jones

Wendy Blank, obstetrician and gynecologist, ponders a group answer with Theresa Doyle, graduate student in academic advising, and Kerry Herndon. The sexpert panel was in charge of approving answers for correctness. Doyle and Herndon were previous members of SHAPE.
Logan M. Jones

FINDING TRUE LOVE

by Eric Hostetler



Everyone sat in awe at the powerful words coming from the speakers of the night. Things like it were rarely said and not many had seen such a thing.

"You are looking at a man who is deeply and passionately in love with this woman," Bob Taussig, retired professor of K-State, said.

Bob and his wife Mary spoke at the Navigators' annual Valentine's Day party, which took place Feb. 10. The Navigators was a worship group that focused on building students' faith.

"I personally haven't been involved in their ministry or leadership team but I've gone to their parties and bible studies," Blaine Busenitz, freshman in agriculture economics, said. "It's building relationships with fellow believers and really strengthening each other and their walk with the Lord through personal devotions and fellowship."

The evening began with desserts that were provided and served by several volunteers. The desserts ranged from raspberry cream trifles to Dutch apple cheesecakes.

"They were very tasty, very good," Mitchell Kidd, junior in sociology, said. "I probably shouldn't have had the second thing, but I figure I'm going to the Rec anyway so I can work it off."

After students were finished with their desserts, the speakers made their way to the front. The speech was a story of their marriage and how they managed to stay together for over 65 years.

"A lot of times today, we see marriage as something that's a temporary thing," Andy Ross, senior in biology, said. "There are high divorce rates and things like that, and hopefully people will see how marriage is a serious thing and how they can really use it to glorify God in that relationship over an entire life."

The speakers began with their consolation and how they celebrate their anniversary monthly as they don't plan to make it to the yearly anniversary.

"He comes in with a love letter and some candies and the letter never says the same thing," Mary said. "It's amazing how he can show how much he loves me on the 24th of every month."

They continue with how they met and fell in love. From there, they moved to how they discovered what love truly was

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Two students prepare the guest speakers with songs of praise. Students were given the opportunity to become disciples for others in the Navigators. "Our goal is to teach people the truth of the gospel and also equip them to be able to lovingly share it with the rest of the world," Andy Ross, senior in biology, said.
Aaron Bisch

Students eat dessert while they wait for the main event. They were brought together for a night of fun as well as a message for Valentine's Day by a couple married for over 65 years. "I can look forward to finding that special someone and having a life as rich and full of love as they have," Mitchell Kidd, junior in sociology said.
Aaron Bisch

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and how they were finally able to love each other through the love of Christ. They stated that a majority of the population doesn't realize how important the spouse is to the family.

"Most people think that the mother comes before the wife so the husband is left out in the cold," Mary said. "That's not true. Whenever it came to a choice between the children and Bob, I chose Bob first."

Their speech ended with the final remarks of "make love your aim." Many students left with a new idea in their head of what love truly meant and an inspiration for future marriages.

"I thought it was a very enlightening evening," Kidd said. "I think it's good to see couples of that age who are still together. It's refreshing to see a couple that still loves each other that much."

The message was made possible due to the purpose of the Navigators. Their purpose states is "to advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nation

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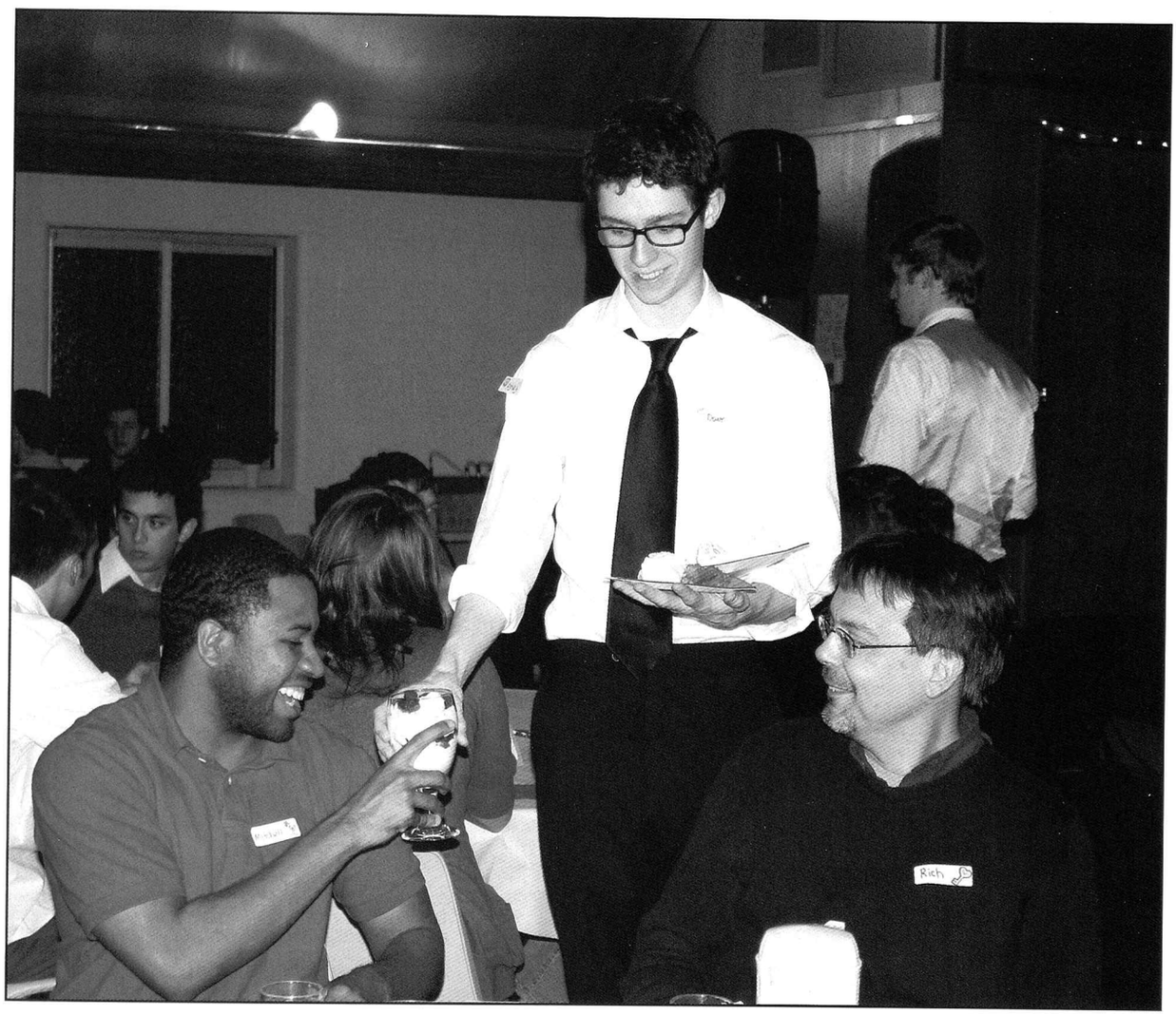
through spiritual generations of laborers living and disciplining among the lost." Through this purpose, they had reached out to many students.

"You get to see generations of laborers of being the seniors or juniors teaching sophomores and freshman and just continuing to pass the knowledge of Jesus on throughout the generations of K-State students coming to school here," Caroline Bacon, senior in bakery science and management, said.

With events like these, the Navigators were able to influence many students and help them grow in their faith as well as grow in leadership.

"I found that they've pushed to be more of a ministry on the dorm floor and serve Christ and imitate Christ and really show his love to others," Busenitz said. "It's really pushed me to show my roommate and other people. I'd like to move somewhere where not all those other guys are at and just be a witness to other people through the Navigators."





Bob Taussig, retired professor of K-State, and his wife Mary speak about their marriage. The speech was intended to send a message to students about love. "People think love is those funny feelings you get," Mary said. "But that's not love. When we look to the Bible, it says God is love."
Aaron Bisch

Being a waiter to his guests, Dave Porter, junior in anthropology, serves desserts. The desserts were provided by volunteers of the organization. "Anyone who wanted to could go and make desserts," Caroline Bacon, senior in bakery science and management, said. "It was just to help us out."
Aaron Bisch

RAPE from taboo to truth

by Cheyanne Alvarado

In the United States a sexual assault occurs every two minutes. One in every six women and one in every 33 men have fallen victim to attempted or completed rape in his or her life. From these astonishing numbers, 20% of victims report the assault and 90% knew their attackers prior to the assault. Wildcats Against Rape are an important part of the campus that shed some light on the subject.

Rape. It was a topic that everyone wished to avoid. One organization on campus, however, found the courage to combat the serious and common issue of sexual assault. Wildcats Against Rape, also known as W.A.R., aimed to create an environment where everyone was able to trust, be trusted and live outside the confinements of fear.

"We are students working toward increasing awareness about sexual assault and promoting a more peaceful, safe campus where there's an environment of mutual respect," Liz Davis, junior in psychology and W.A.R. president, said. "We want a campus where we feel safe walking around. We don't want to have these stories and myths of attacks on campus."

Wildcats Against Rape originated several years ago when members of the Proactive Educators for Eliminating Rape and Sexual assault class, otherwise known as P.E.E.R.S, were appalled at learning that a student was raped in a bathroom at an Aggieville bar. The bathroom had no lock on the door and the bar didn't have security cameras to help identify the victim's attacker.

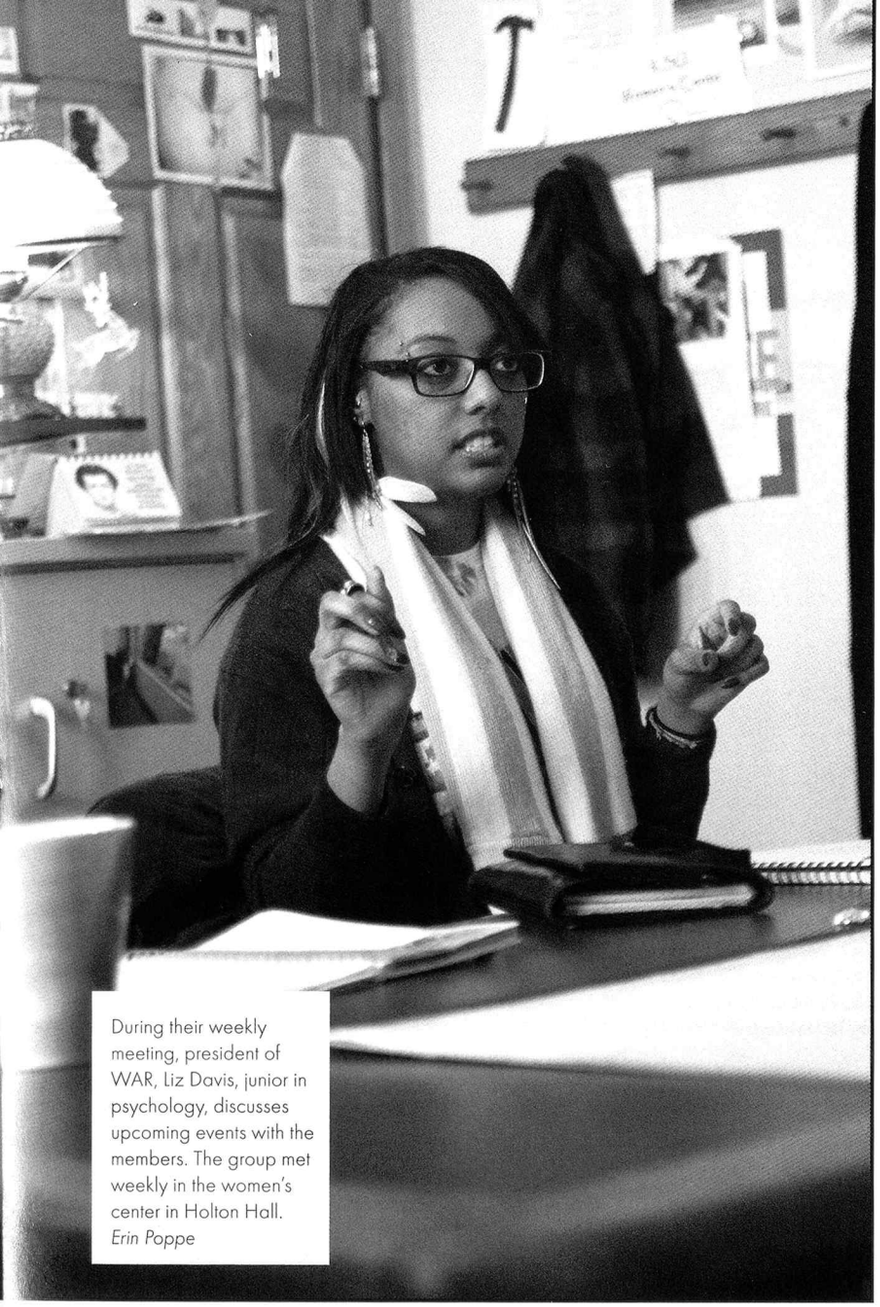
"The students were really upset about this and wanted to do something about it," Davis said. "Traditionally, the members of W.A.R. would go bar to bar completely sober and look at the conditions to make sure there were cameras around, locks on the doors and the bartenders were being observant of what was going on."

W.A.R. worked in conjunction with the K-State Women's Center which assisted students who had been victimized by violence.

"My job is to educate students about the risk for violence and sexual assault, druggings, domestic violence, to help any student who has already been hurt, and to promote a campus culture of care and nonviolence," Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center and W.A.R. faculty advisor, said. "I know that W.A.R. has made a positive impact on the campus. There are many students that have come to the Women's Center through a W.A.R. referral to get assistance and information about rape and assault. Besides coming to join the group, students hear about the topics from W.A.R. and come pick up materials to share with other students."

After having worked at the Women's Center for several months in the spring of 2010, Davis decided she would take on the responsibility of being the 2010-2011 W.A.R. president.

"The fact that I barely saw my boss was frightening," Davis said. "Mary is the only trained advocate in our office and she is really busy. She is always behind her



During their weekly meeting, president of WAR, Liz Davis, junior in psychology, discusses upcoming events with the members. The group met weekly in the women's center in Holton Hall. *Erin Poppe*

With their calendar in front of them, Stephenie Klotzbach, junior in psychology, Kaitlin Downing, freshman in english and Kent Downing, graduate student in microbiology, plan events. *Erin Poppe*



Wildcat's Against Rape wasn't just for women. Jay Timmerman, senior in management, shares his opinion with the group. Each semester the organization holds events and sponsors speakers. *Erin Poppe*



door speaking with someone. I'm so much more aware after working there."

Kent Downing, graduate student and W.A.R. treasurer, said that he joined W.A.R. because of the experiences his friends had with sexual assault and to help make K-State a safer place for his sister and friends.

"Our society often places the responsibility on the victim – 'she needs to learn how to defend herself and stay away from dangerous situations,'" Downing said. "This is totally against my view. While it may be a terrible reality that women have to protect themselves in this way, my efforts in W.A.R. are directed at making sexual assault the responsibility of all of us. Educating men can decrease date rape. For example, that 'no' really does mean 'no.' The media does not teach that. It teaches, 'push a little more and then she'll happily submit.' If we all take responsibility, things can change."

There were many misperceptions regarding rape. Women in intimate relationships were at a greater risk of being violated by their partner than being attacked by a serial rapist. While date rape was much more common than random assaults in the street, it was the more dramatic events that received the publicity.

"Since I started working at the Women's Center I started talking to my friends casually about this issue and realized they don't know much about anything related to sexual assault," Davis said. "I had to tell them 'you know, when you're drunk with a guy and he touches you and you don't want him to, you say no, but then just give in anyways, that is an assault.' I kind of probed them to really think about it more."

Spreading information about sexual assault to the campus community was key to W.A.R.'s efforts in protecting women of the K-State community.

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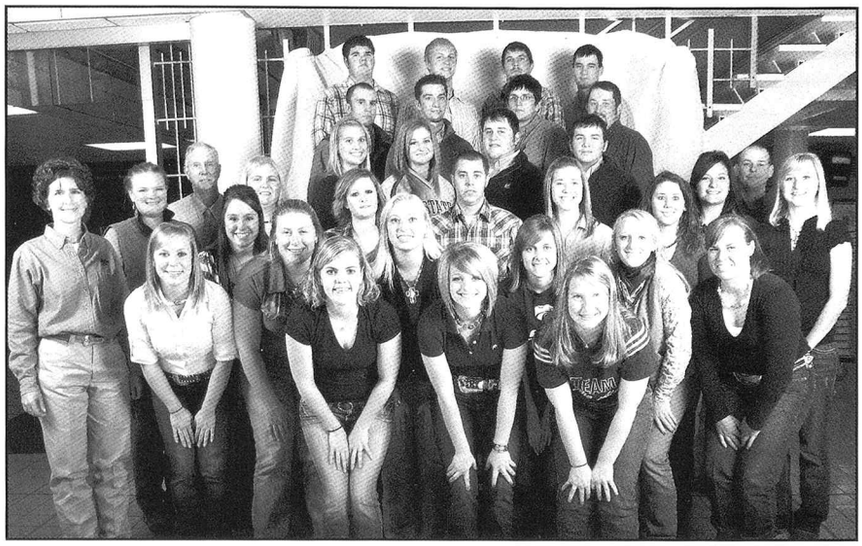
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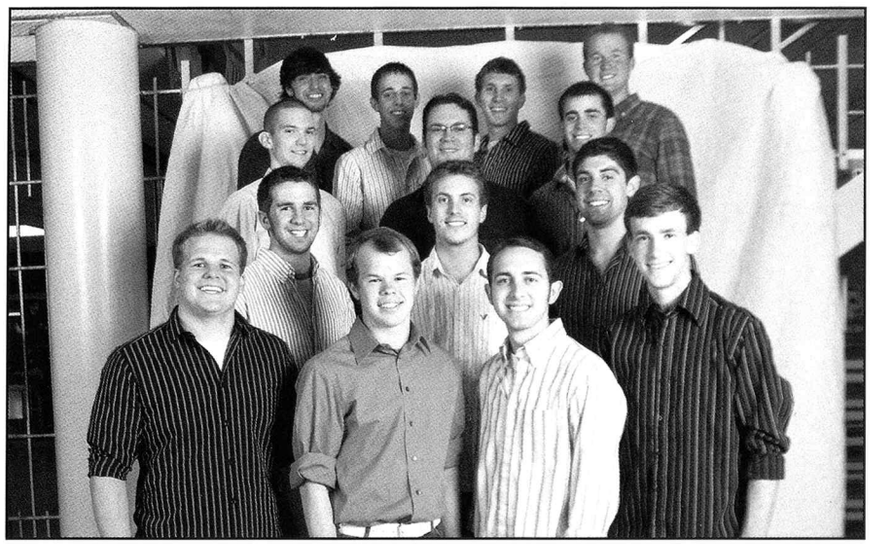
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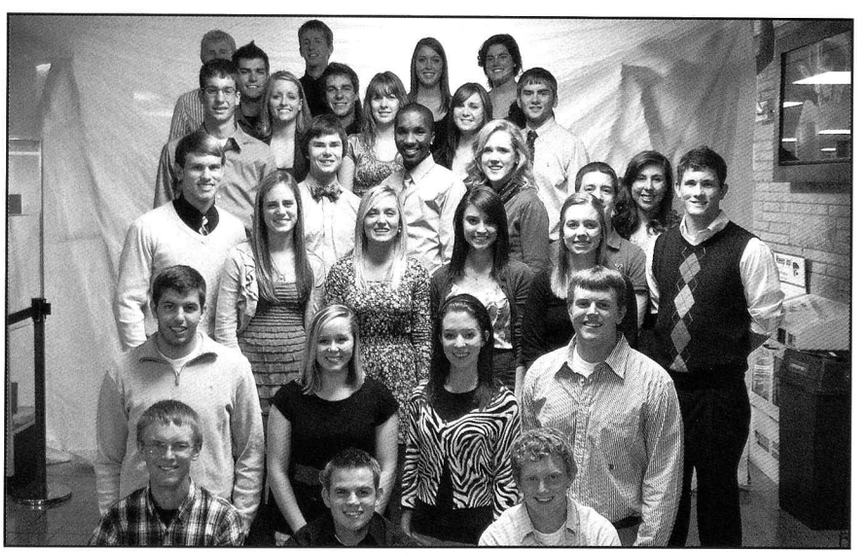
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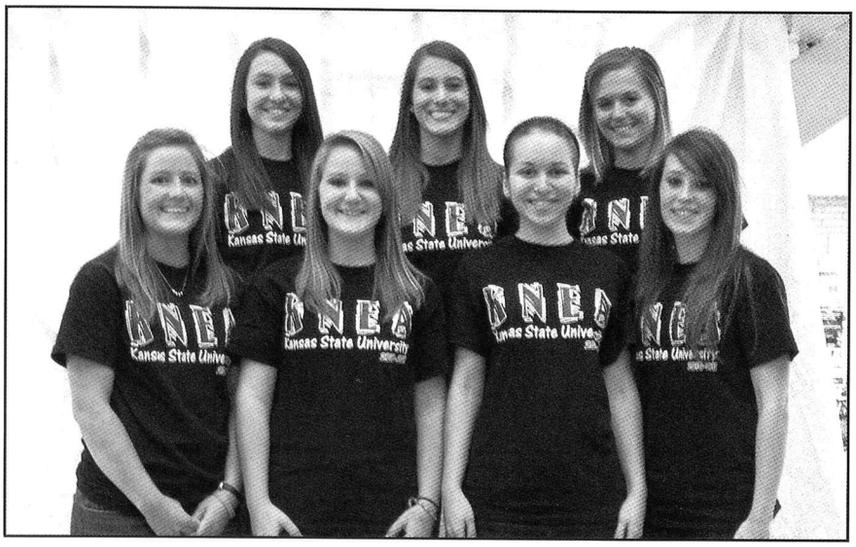


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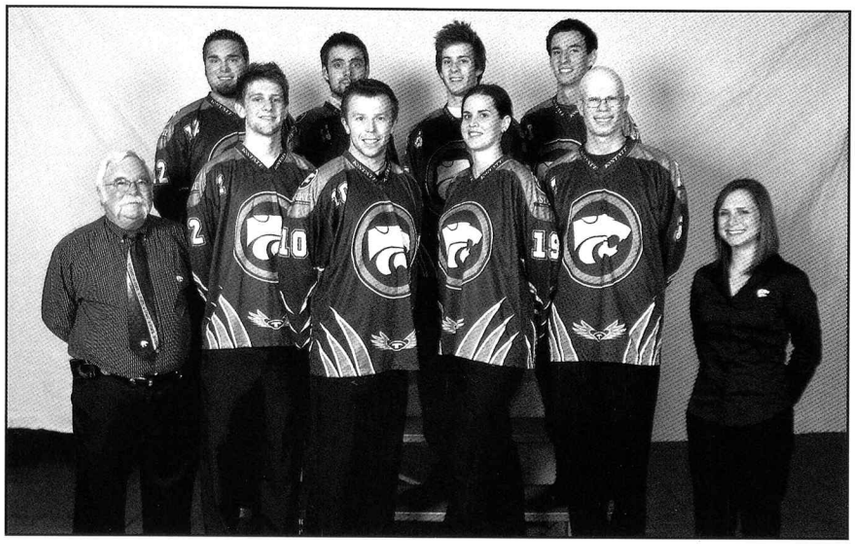
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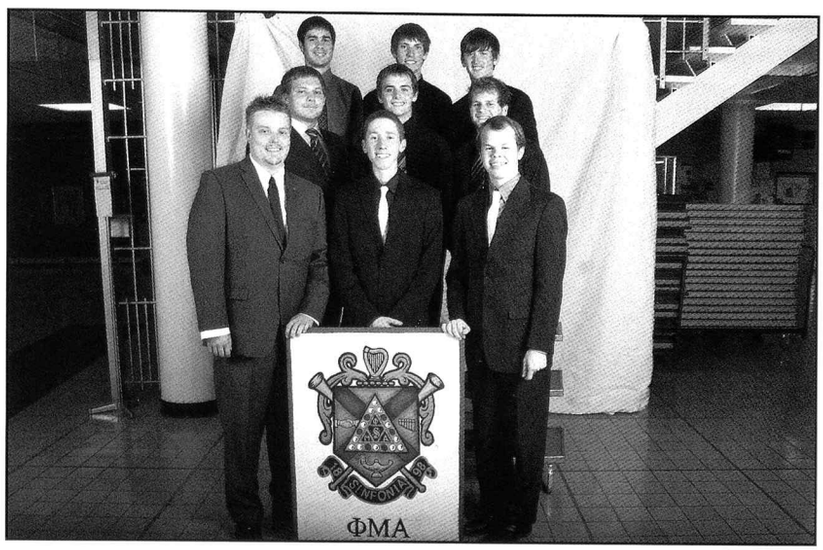
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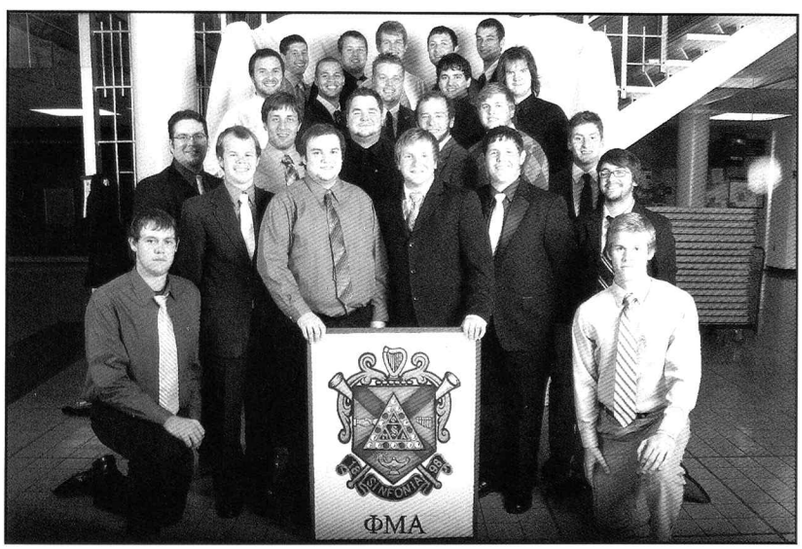
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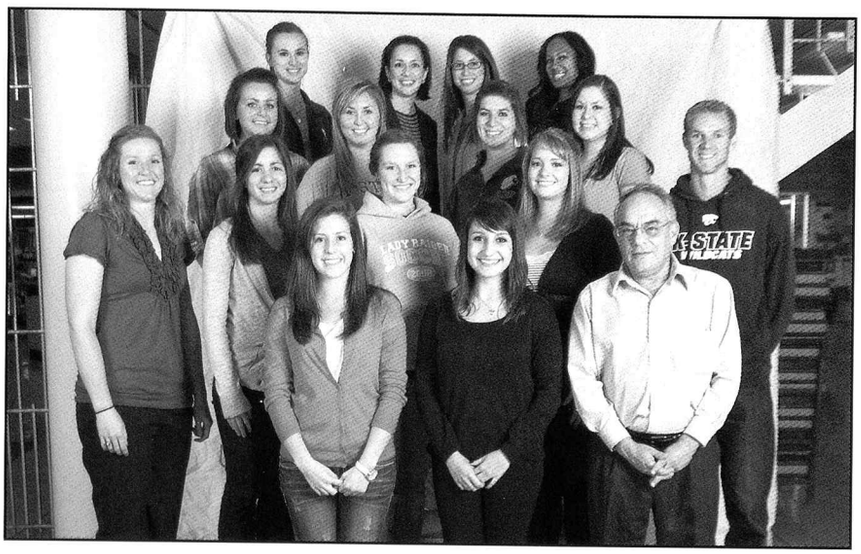
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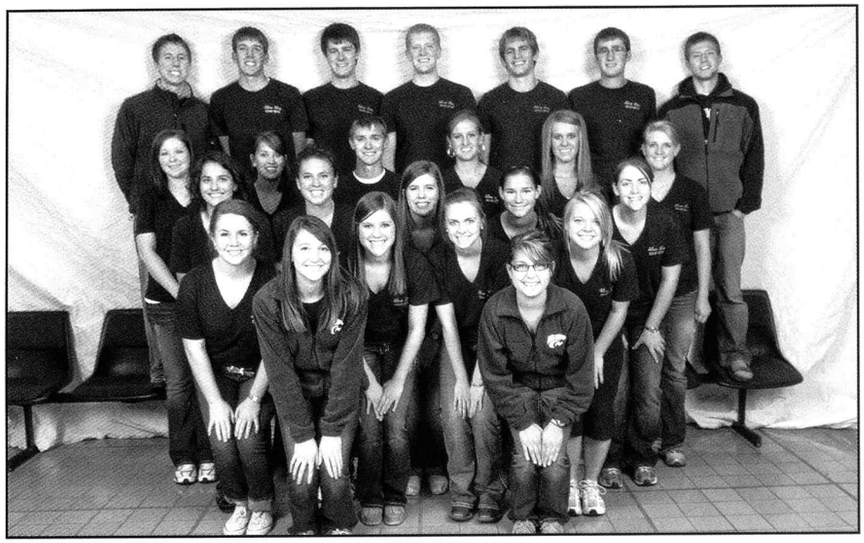
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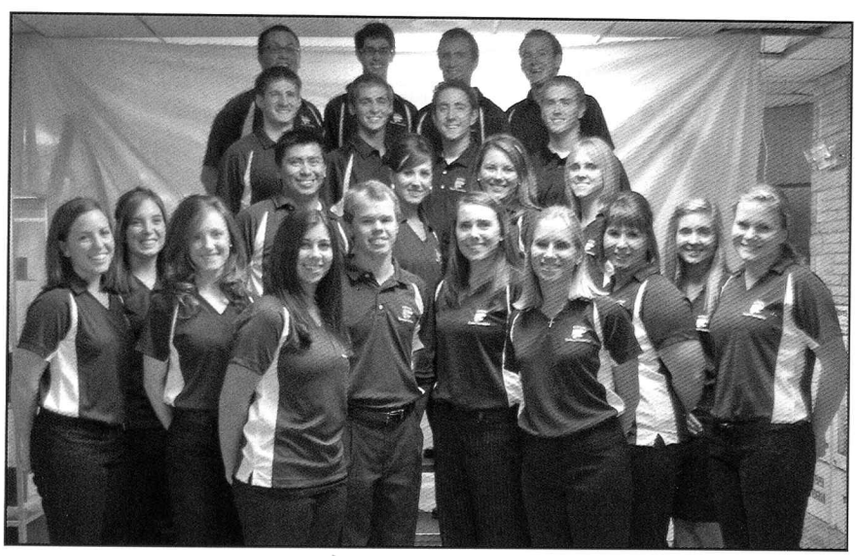
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Leanne Milleret, freshman in agricultural economics, and Ashley Rector, freshman in agribusiness, Clean up with the LEAD 212 class in City Park after Fake St. Patty's Day on Sunday March 13. *Lauren Gocken*

All hands wanted

by Brittany Stevens

After a weekend full of green and beer, volunteers came together to help clean up the Manhattan community.

Jimmy John's sandwich wrappers, hundreds of crushed beer cans and metallic green confetti littered the streets, sidewalks, grassy areas and alleyways of Aggieville and surrounding Manhattan neighborhoods.

Scattered by the cool March wind the debris was the only evidence of the student non-holiday Fake Patty's Day: according to Nicole Allen, co-coordinator for Manhattan Good Neighbors and senior in animal science it was without a doubt the dirtiest celebration all year

On March 13, the day after thousands got "faked" up, Manhattan Good Neighbors hosted a Fake Patty's cleanup from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The organization was a division of the volunteer clearinghouse HandOn Kansas State supported by the School of Leadership Studies.

"Yes, K-Staters can have a fun time, but we can also be responsible and clean up the messes that we make," Allen said. "We would like to improve the relationships between K-State students and permanent residents, to have permanent residents see K-State students in a positive light."

Clad in t-shirts that read in green lettering, "Nothing fake about the mess we make" donated by Threads, the 30 student volunteers covered Aggieville and dispersed toward 17th and Ratone. They covered the streets of Juliette Avenue, City Park and the area behind Manhattan Christian College to pick up trash and recyclables, sometimes stumbling upon the rare $20 or half of a bowling ball.

The organization only advertised to student volunteers, as Allen said it was not the community's mess to clean up.

"We have always had some who just out of the goodness of their heart want to volunteer," Allen said. "Of course you have some who just think a free t-shirt and free lunch is cool too."

She pointed out Manhattan Good Neighbors' purpose was to connect university students with Manhattan residents and smooth out the tension between them.

"It's all about being good neighbors," Lynda Bachelor, director of HandsOn Kansas State, said. Since the inception of the event last year, they have received an outpouring of community support, she said.

Five students from an introductory leadership studies class spearheaded the publicity for the event and acted as site leaders.



"It turned out really well," LeAnna Gerhardt, a site leader and freshman in biology, said. "The community really liked it. We were walking around and people would say, 'thank you' to us. It helps to rebuild. We don't have a very good reputation."

After making the area spick and span, the volunteer task force, with trash bags slung over their shoulders, rejoined in Triangle Park for lunch donated in appreciation by Buffalo Wild Wings and Pita Pit.

For most businesses it was very lucrative, according to Evan Tuttle, the executive director of the Aggieville Business Association. For a handful the celebration adversely affects business.

"It is so bad that they have to close for the day because the crowds are in the way of their normal clients," Tuttle said. "Nobody likes a mess, especially me. That's why we're very grateful to this group."

If the volunteers had not shown up to brave the 40-degree temperatures and dirty undertaking, the responsibility to clean up the truckloads of trash would have fallen into the hands of property owners, and eventually burdened the city, he said.

The volunteers overcame a daunting task that day, but Allen said she hoped on a larger scale the event would break down the negative stereotypes of university students.



As he winds his swing back, Shawn Butler, sophomore in social sciences, slams a sledge-hammer towards a red and yellow car during the Arnold Air Society's car bash in Bosco Plaza Mar. 4.
Jennifer Heeke



Badminton extraordinaire

by Brittany Stevens

When asked what athlete inspired Cong Ye, senior in finance and president of the KSU Badminton Club, he won't tell you some great American football or baseball star's name. He replied with Lin Dan, otherwise known as "Super Dan," a Chinese badminton player who has smashed his way through all of the major world titles in badminton.

"We usually follow anytime he has a competition or any match," Ye said. "We want to learn. It's like entertainment to watch him play."

Ye, a native of Shenzhen, China, admitted he is no "Super Dan," but has been striking shuttlecocks since he was about seven years old. It was his mother who prompted his interest in the sport. She and Ye would practice badminton in the backyard together after school.

Badminton is played on an indoor court by singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Players hit a shuttlecock, or birdie, made of goose feathers or plastic, back and forth over a net with a racket. The game is broken up into three rounds on a 21-point rally system.

Compared to tennis, Ye said, the net is higher, the racket is smaller and there is a large amount of jumping and running involved.

"You don't need a lot of strength to play badminton," he said. "It is more comfortable for ladies. It's not as expensive as tennis."

Ye loved the grip of the racket in his hand smashing the aerodynamic birdie because he said he's good at it.

As Ye got older, his trainers became his high school classmates and then a professional coach, with whom he spent two hours training every day for two months.

"Badminton is way universal in China, very, very popular," Ye said. "It's not like here — totally different. People just play it anytime for fun, on the street, in the backyard."

With eight Thomas Cup wins, 11 Uber Cup wins and having earned the most badminton medals at the Summer Olympics, Ye said China is at the forefront of the sport along with England and Denmark. He equated badminton popularity in China to that of American football in the U.S.

Having left China in 2008 to get his college education in the U.S., Ye found a cultural base in the KSU Badminton Club.

"I just went to the rec on Friday night," Ye said. "I saw a lot of Chinese playing there. I just go to talk to them and kind of fit in. It is very nice to meet Chinese abroad."

The club's 30 members were mostly international students, faculty and alumni, but not all of them. Chinese students initially established the club in 2008, but Ye said this year the club recruited anyone who expressed an interest, including Americans.

The club held practices three times a week to teach new players basic skills and to train for regional tournaments throughout the year.

The club attended the Ray Scott Memorial Badminton Tournament Oct. 30-31 in Omaha, Neb., taking home three silver medals with Ye placing second for mixed doubles. The KSU Badminton Club competed again at the Iowa State University 2011 Spring Badminton Open Tournament in March.

Affiliated with USA Badminton, the club's mission this year was to "increase awareness among the K-State community about badminton and generate resources to motivate individuals and groups to come enjoy this sport," according to the club's website.

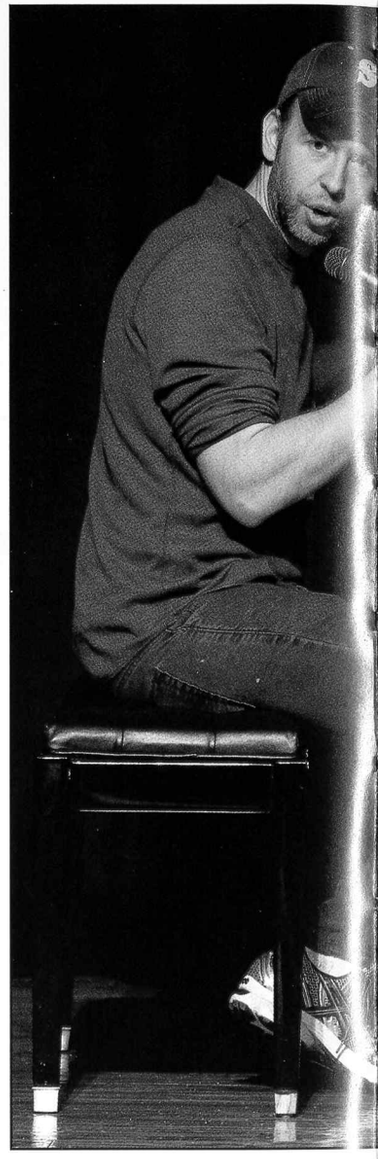
Ye, a longtime badminton enthusiast, plans on graduating in May 2012, going on to attend graduate school or get a job in the U.S. before moving back to China.

Ye came here searching for "better higher education," but also found a "more open, more relaxed" American culture and an interim Chinese circle of friends.



After coming to the university and continuing his passion for playing Badminton, Cong Ye, senior in finance, dedicates a few nights a week to playing the sport with friends.
Matt Binter





ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

The Union Program Council provides students with the luxury of special performances and unique events that cost little to no money.

Cheyanne Alvarado

There was only one organization students could count on to keep them entertained nearly every day of the school year. Union Program Council, or UPC, brought around 180 events to campus each year. These ranged from movies on the weekends to big-name entertainers like this year's Bo Burnham and Rob Riggle.

"Union Program Council is a student organization whose goal is to provide quality entertainment as well as knowledge and comfort around the student union and around campus," Chris Wallace, UPC president and senior in psychology, said. "It gives students an opportunity to see things they perhaps might not see otherwise, whether because it is expensive elsewhere or it's not normally in this area. It also provides opportunities to get involved with event planning and to understand how to bring events to campus."

Successfully creating, organizing and putting on such a large number of events was no small task. The students behind UPC were broken down into nine committees so events could be put together more easily. These committees consisted of After Hours, Arts, Community, Entertainment, Films, Forums, Multicultural, Music and Summer.

"When I first started with the organization my freshman year, it felt very independent," Wallace said. "This committee would do this thing and that committee would do that thing. Lately, we have gotten along with the idea of more co-sponsorship within our organization, having two committees work together on an event. To me, that is the most fun because it allows multiple people to get the same experience."

Any student who was interested was able to work with UPC. All positions were voluntary, and co-chairs were required to work five hours in the UPC office each week.



Stand-up comedian Kyle Cease plays the piano during part of his stand-up set on a Friday night inside Forum Hall. Cease was just one of many entertainers that came to the university to provide a good laugh and great environment for students, faculty and Manhattan residents looking for a good time.
Logan M. Jones



Buddist Monks from a monestary in Tibet entertained a crowd with traditional music during a UPC sponsered event. During the event they constructed a sand painting titled "Mandala." The monks were setup in the courtyard of the Student Union during the week of March 14.
Lauren Gocken

"What is really amazing about this organization is that it is volunteer," Wallace said. "We still have that level of enthusiasm."

Volunteering for UPC also came with its perks. Volunteers often were reserved seating and had the opportunity to meet the entertainers that performed at UPC events.

"There are perks such as meeting some of the entertainers that come to K-State," Karina Garcia, UPC vice president of operations and senior in communication sciences and disorders, said. "I did get to meet Bo Burnham and Rob Riggle this year. Meeting them was a lot of fun, and it was a great experience over all. In previous years I've gotten to meet Loni Love, Quietdrive and Joel McHale."

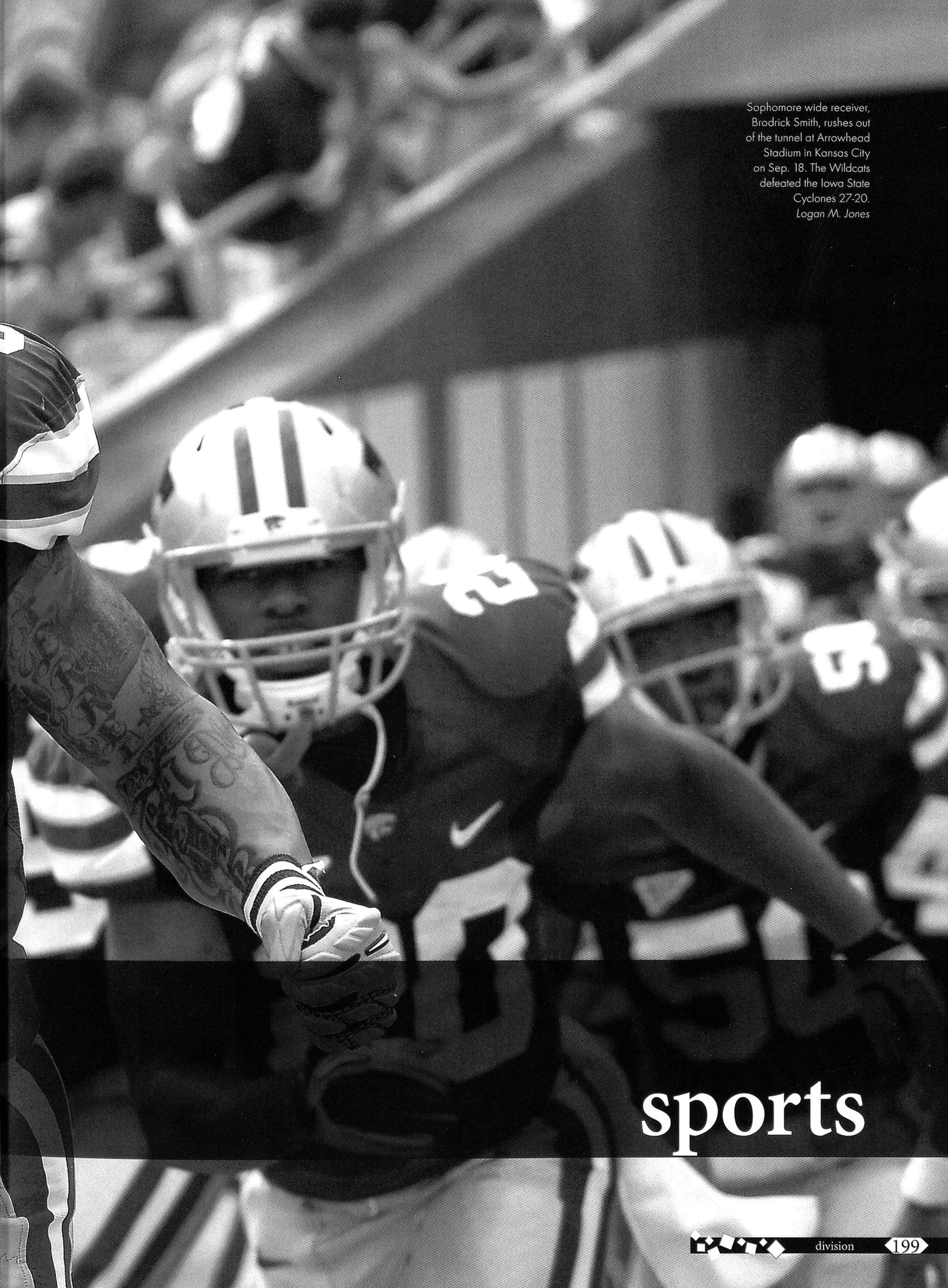
The purpose of UPC was not to generate revenue. The student government and the student privilege fee students paid each semester funded the organization.

"We really encourage students to help out not only on committees, but to attend as many events as possible because to some degree they are paying for these events," Wallace said. "There are some events that we have to charge tickets, but we try to make our tickets as affordable as possible. If we don't have to charge, we won't."

Ideas for the kinds of events put on by UPC stemmed from the students. The weekly meetings held by UPC were open to all and new ideas were always welcomed. When a fresh idea was brought to the table, UPC volunteers worked hard to accomplish it so the students could be provided with the entertainment they enjoyed.

"The best thing about being involved with UPC is having the opportunity to plan great events for students and being able to gain valuable work experience, Alicia Shankle, UPC entertainment co-chair and senior in marketing, said. "UPC has also given me many unforgettable memories and friendships."


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Sophomore wide receiver, Brodrick Smith, rushes out of the tunnel at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City on Sep. 18. The Wildcats defeated the Iowa State Cyclones 27-20.
Logan M. Jones

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MADNESS



Under the watchful eye of an ESPN camera, K-State students participate in the Wabash Canonball, a long-standing university tradition. This was the first year the event was televised.
Logan M. Jones

IN MANHATTAN



by Brent Gipson

Hundreds flocked to Bramlage Coliseum on a late October night as they celebrated the teams and the future of the university's athletics.

Different from years in the past, on Oct. 15, Madness in Manhattan was a nationally televised event on ESPNU. K-State was chosen to be one of six men's basketball programs featured on the network's coverage of elite collegiate basketball programs midnight madness events. K-State's 29-8 run through the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament in the 2009-2010 season led the university to this opportunity.

To begin the night, the volleyball team thanked the crowd for making Ahearn Fieldhouse a competitive environment throughout their season. After the volleyball team was done on the floor, the lights went out and a video introduced the future of the university's basketball programs.

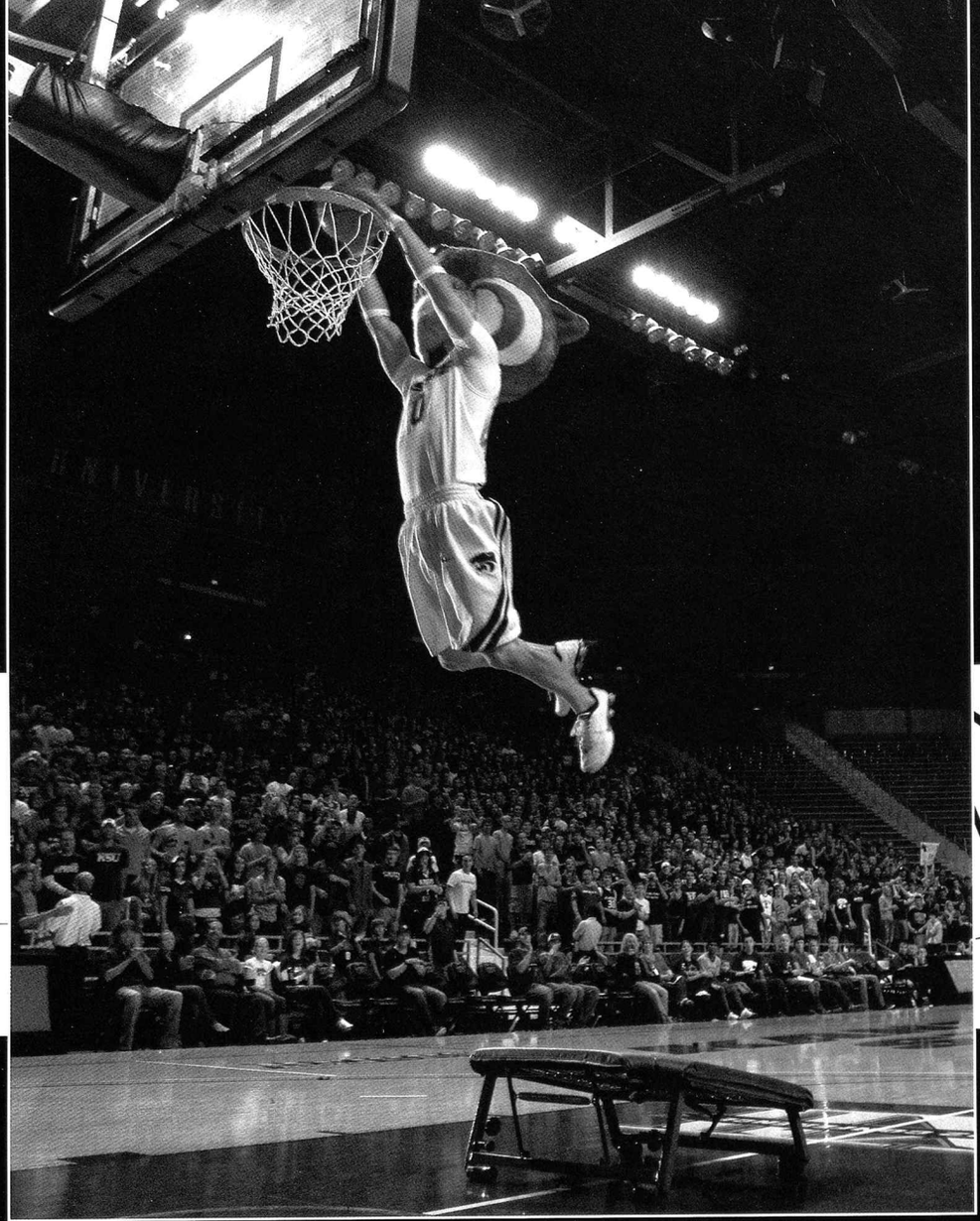
"Building a new basketball training facility is another way K-State is moving toward the top 50 of the nation's public universities with the K-State 2025 initiative," Kirk Schulz, university president, said in a press release on K-State Athletics website. "I appreciate the leadership of our donors and applaud the innovative thinking of our athletic director and our great head coaches."

The features planned in the practice facility included two full-length practice courts with men's and women's basketball coaching offices overlooking them. The facility was said to house locker rooms for both of the teams, lounges for coaches and players, meeting rooms and a state-of-the-art weight room and training facility.

"I look forward to seeing the joy and pride in our players' eyes each day as they walk into a first-class facility comparable with those of our Big 12 peers," Deb Patterson, women's basketball head coach, said. "What I am most thrilled about is that our players will have full-time access to an awesome and much needed multi-basket court and this facility will open a tremendous door of opportunity for individual player and team development."

After the introduction of the practice facility, the women's basketball team was introduced and played an interactive game

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The university mascot Willie the Wildcat, whose identity remains a secret, opens up the Madness in Manhattan event with a dunk with the help of a trampoline. Willie had to rehearse the dunk many times, even the night before the event at the run-through.
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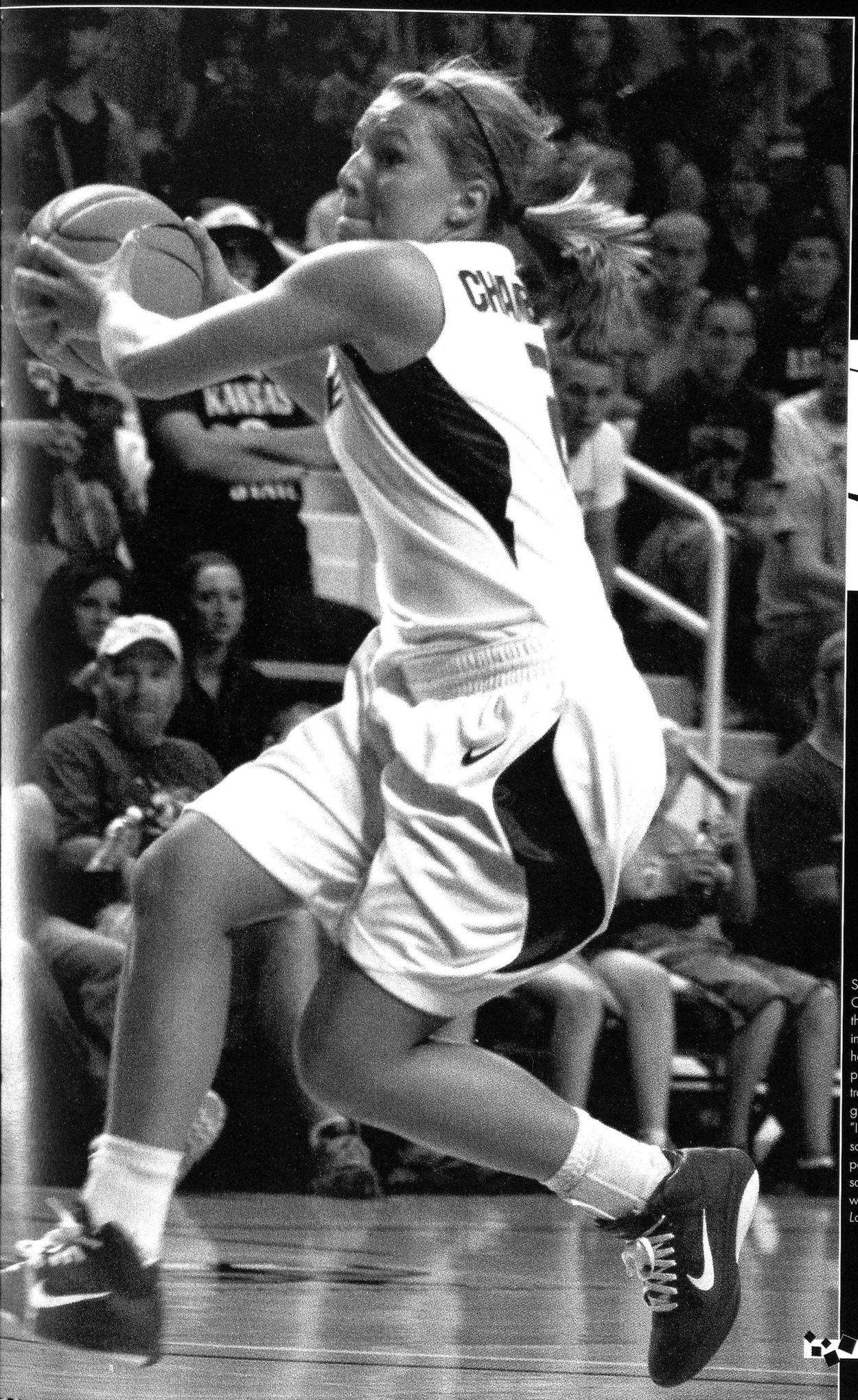
of knockout to win 100 T-shirts for their section and then scrimmaged for ten minutes.

"There was so much hype around the men's basketball team," Lauren McClenton, freshman in sociology and criminology, said. "They did impress the crowd however."

The men's basketball team took the floor for introductions, and then a competition between the guards and the forwards took place. Wally Judge, sophomore forward, secured the dunk contest with a powerful dunk that rocked Bramlage Coliseum. At the conclusion of the dunk contest, a three-point shooting competition took place. Jacob Pullen, senior guard, took time away from his last "money ball," a ball that granted two points instead of one, to high-five his fellow teammates. Pullen's three-point shootout performance handed the guards a win in the skills competition.

The men's team then took the floor for a 15-minute scrimmage, exciting fans and giving them a great outlook for the season. At the end of the event, Frank Martin, men's basketball head coach, took the microphone to address the crowd.

Martin's comments to the crowd were abrupt and to the point. He told the crowd that he was privileged to coach at the "best place in the country." The crowd went wild. The two-hour event fulfilled its name and lived up to the hyped 'madness.'



Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers drove the ball to the basket during Madness in Manhattan. Chambers had to adjust to a new position this past season, transitioning from the point guard to the shooting guard. "I played both in high school, but definitely more point guard," Chambers said. "But I felt comfortable with both."
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What is Rugby?

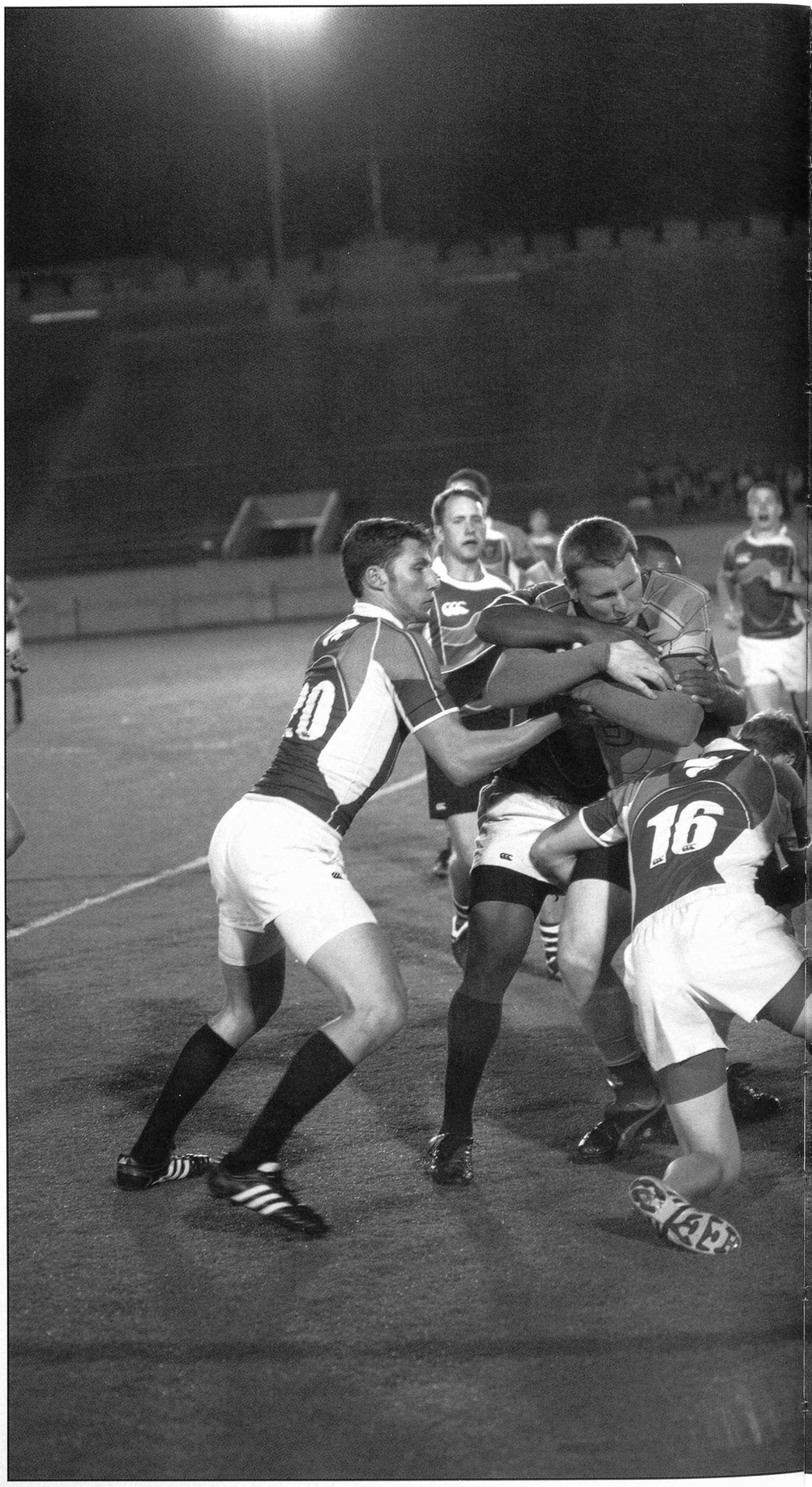
1823- The year the sport was discovered

100- The length of the field in yards.

2- 40- minute halves

15- players on the field per team

3- points for a field goal



Three members of the K-State/Fort Riley men's club rugby team tackle a player of the Oklahoma team Oct. 30 at Memorial Stadium. "I love how physical the game is," Dann Knapp, captain and senior in advertising, said. "My favorite part is the hitting and tackling."
Lisle Alderton



Strength and leadership

by Ellie Long

The men's university club rugby team thrived on their abililtiy to work both as a team and build on one another's performance on the field.

Not many people knew what it took to be a rugby player on the K-State/Fort Riley men's club rugby team. A tough game combining soccer and football included a lot of constant mental and physical play from each person on the field. However, this didn't stop the 22 players on the team from playing the continuous contact sport.

"My favorite part about rugby is the hitting and tackling, offensively and defensively," Dan Knapp, captain and senior in advertising, said. "You're always recovering from some injury, you're never 100 percent but you have to play like it."

Knapp said he watched the game in sixth grade and was mesmerized by what was happening, and it inspired him to play in high school and later on in college.

This year's scouts and coaches in the league selected four members to play in the Collegiate All-Star game Nov. 6 in Glendale, Colo.: Tyler Hodges, president and senior in mechanical engineering, Joe D'Agostino, co-captain and senior in social science, Kenny Scott, vice president and junior in sociology, and Knapp.

"Coaches in our league got together and voted on who should play in the game," Scott said. "Forty people from nine different teams tried out, and 28 guys total made it."

For Hodges and Knapp, it would be their fourth year playing in the All-Star game.

"It's cool it's the fourth year Dan and I have been selected, it's a lot of fun," Hodges said. "It's fun to play with people who are good and at a more competitive level."

The players who are chosen for the All-Star game can potentially be scouted for the U.S. rugby team.

"It's always good to play at the highest level of competition," Knapp said. "It's an honor."

Hodges said because of Knapp's drive and competitiveness, the members of the team look up to him on the rugby field.

"He's our team captain and our leader on the field," Hodges said. "He always goes hard no matter what, and I think people respect that."

Knapp said he practiced three days a week and would sometimes work out three more days to ensure he stayed in shape for the season.

"I love the physicality of the game," Knapp said.

Hodges said what his team had that most teams didn't was a lot of experience with the game and playing together as a group. There were nine seniors on the team who started each game and had played together since their freshman year.

"This is the best, or close to the best, the team has ever been since I've been here," Hodges said.

Coming into the semester, the team was ranked first in their division and ranked ninth nationally.

"The strongest part about our team is that we've been together for four years and we have a lot of experience together as a team," Danny Blea, head coach and former university rugby player, said. "They just keep getting better as they get older."

double dipping

by Colleen Quinn



With a shared love for two sports, JuliAnne Chisholm proved that she was capable of playing both volleyball and basketball.

Typically, a student athlete was driven toward their sport of choice. This was a different year. It was the year two sports combined to produce an athlete who proved what a little hard work and love for the game could result in. JuliAnne Chisholm, senior in life sciences and gerontology, always knew she wanted to play basketball in college, but things changed once she was a senior in high school.

Coming out of high school I didn't have any intentions on playing volleyball," Chisholm said. "I was sold out on my first love, basketball. I had been playing basketball since I was six and hadn't played volleyball until seventh grade. I was being recruited a bit here with basketball and with volleyball I went to one of their summer camps and Suzie was like 'hey you got to come here and play volleyball.'"

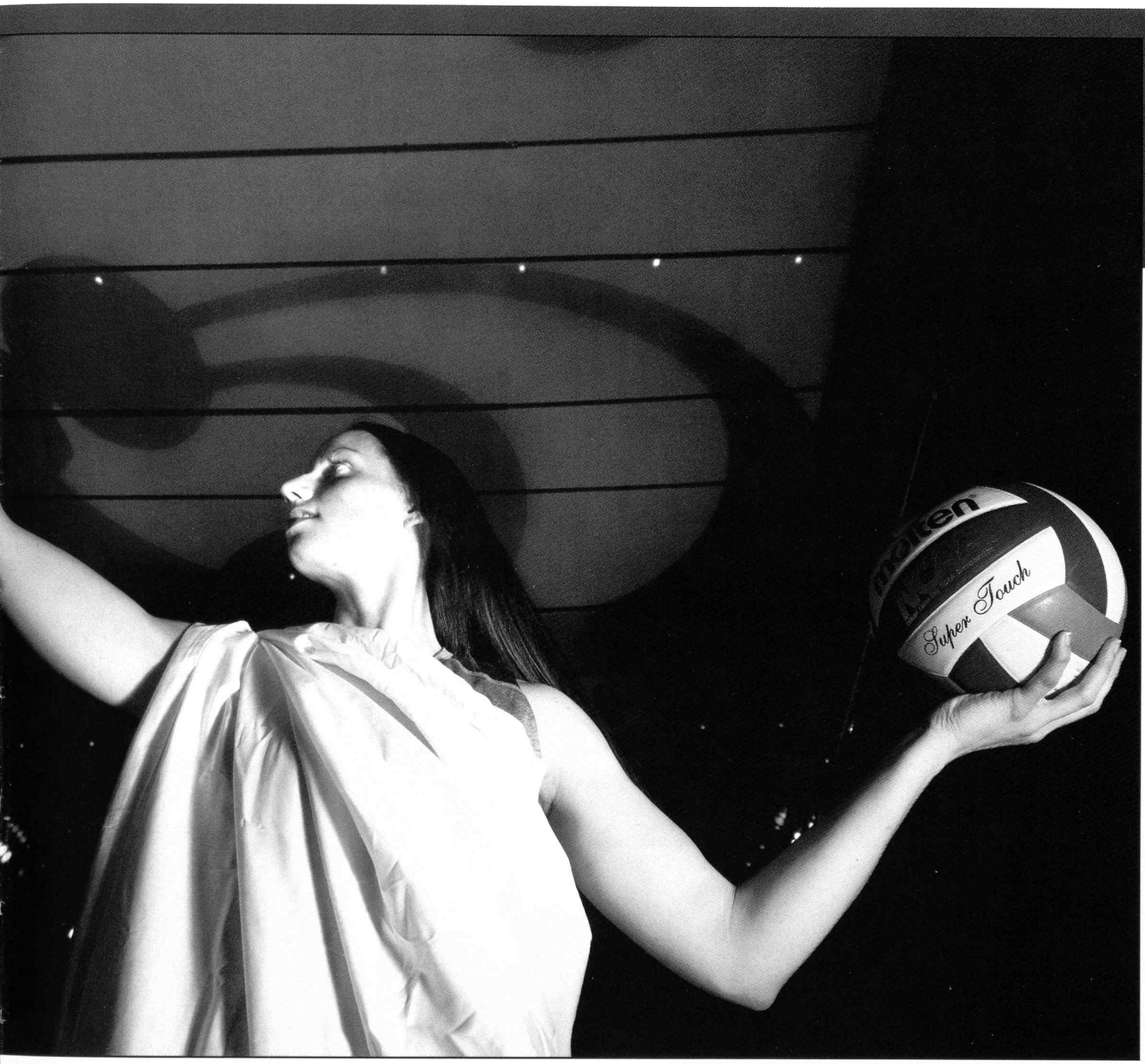
While her first choice was basketball it wasn't an easy decision for her to make on the spot. After going back and forth between both sports she knew what it was going to come down to.

"It was a shock Suzie wanted me to play volleyball," she said. "At the end of the day I ended up choosing volleyball. We considered playing both at first, but realized it would wear me down all four years. I ended up playing volleyball and don't regret it for a second. Since I didn't red shirt my freshman year I knew I had another year after this year to play according to NCAA rules."

Since Chisholm decided on volleyball for all four years, this allowed her to play basketball her senior year. By receiving a second degree she was qualified to play as a fifth year senior as well. It wasn't an easy transition coming from volleyball to basketball though.

"Conditioning was the biggest challenge," Chisholm said. "In volleyball we didn't run as much as you do in basketball. You jumped all day. My first couple weeks of practice I was sucking air. I couldn't run, couldn't breathe. It was just sad. As I've gone I've gotten in shape and that feels way better. Once you don't feel like you're dying you can put your efforts into something else."

Next to getting fit and in shape for basketball, there were more technical struggles that got in her way of playing the sport she loved for so long.



"Learning the plays was the next big thing," she said. "When you don't know what you're doing on the court you look like a chicken with your head cut off. The one thing that could have been a struggle but wasn't, was fitting in with the girls. They're wonderful teammates and I love them all dearly. They helped me make the transition way easier than I could have imagined."

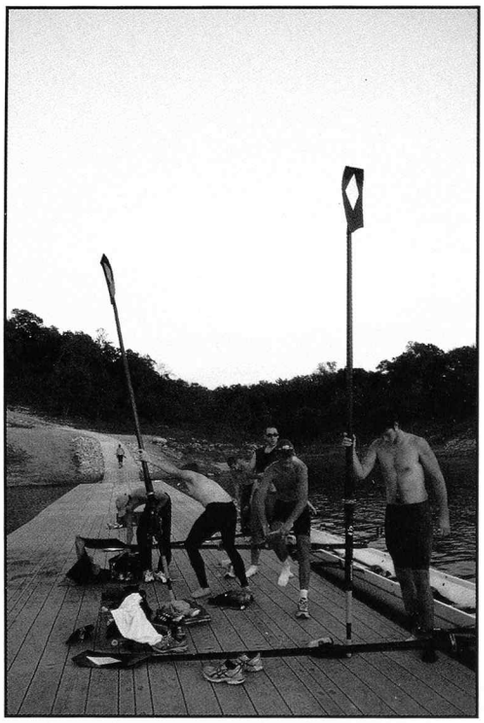
With her parents and friends' support fully behind her, Chisholm had time to reflect on the years she had grown as a person, an athlete and a teammate.

"You play with so many types of girls and people need different things," she said. "Some girls need a positive 'that's ok' pat on the back and other girls need you to get in their face and yell at them and then they will turn around and start playing. It's been a growing experience as a leader to find the strengths of everybody else and fit them in as a puzzle."

Chisholm herself had personal endeavors after her years here at the university. She planned on attending medical school and one day becoming a family physician.

"Not everybody can be the same thing that's why we are all different and we all bring different things to the floor," she said. "If we were all one person we would be terrible.

in water,



The team sets up and breaks down all of the equipment in unity. "It is cool to watch them take the boat out of the water because all the motions are in unison," Kaitlyn Gilmore, freshman in food science and industry, said. After the boat was raised from the water, the team had to walk up dozens of stairs to the boathouse to end practice.
Erin Poppe



Strong communication is a necessity in rowing. Speakers were placed throughout the boat to help echo the communication during a race or a regatta. "You really have to trust your coxswain," Gilmore said. "They are like the eyes of the boat because they are the only person facing forward."
Erin Poppe

With almost no prior experience, the university's novice rowing team was more than eager to hit the ground running to be able to compete with the best teams in the nation. Dedication was an understatement to describe the emotion of the men and women each day at practice. Trying to stay in a unified motion, the rookie team listened closely to the experienced coach Craig Doan, as he constantly spit advice and direction from his coaching boat.

"If you get the body forward, everything else will come in line," Doan said. "If we can get in sync on the swing, the boat can hit his max speed and everything will come together."

The rowers practiced and repeated drills until the whole team worked cohesively. From executing drills based on time, all the way to mastering the technique by rowing with their eyes closed, the team conditioned every aspect of the sport.

"People normally think it is an arm sport, but it is most definitely a leg work out," Kaitlyn Gilmore, freshman in food science and industry, said. "I would say its 80 percent legs. The seats glide back and forth, and depending on how hard you drive your legs, it causes your boat to advance forward."

Gilmore was one of 40 new members that the novice team recruited for their fall season. Competing in a league of over 150 teams, the novice team had definitely made their mark and upheld their competitive reputation throughout the years.

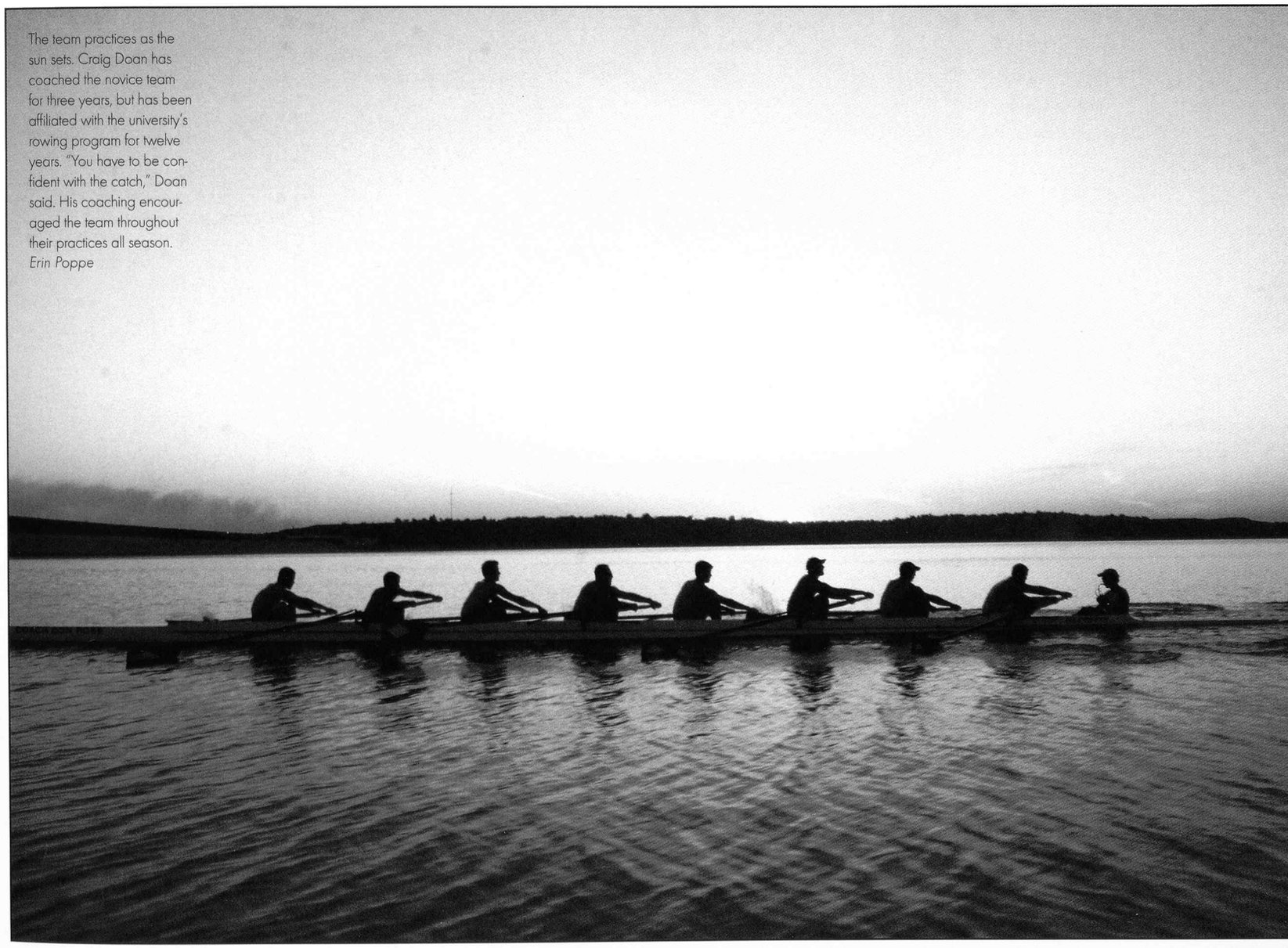
"Relaxation and confidence makes everything fluid," Doan said. "We are at the beginning of the season, conditioning is at its peak of what it can do for us."

Practice ended with a reassuring pep talk and a more confident feeling than they had before.

"Maybe we should row with our eyes closed more often," Doan said.

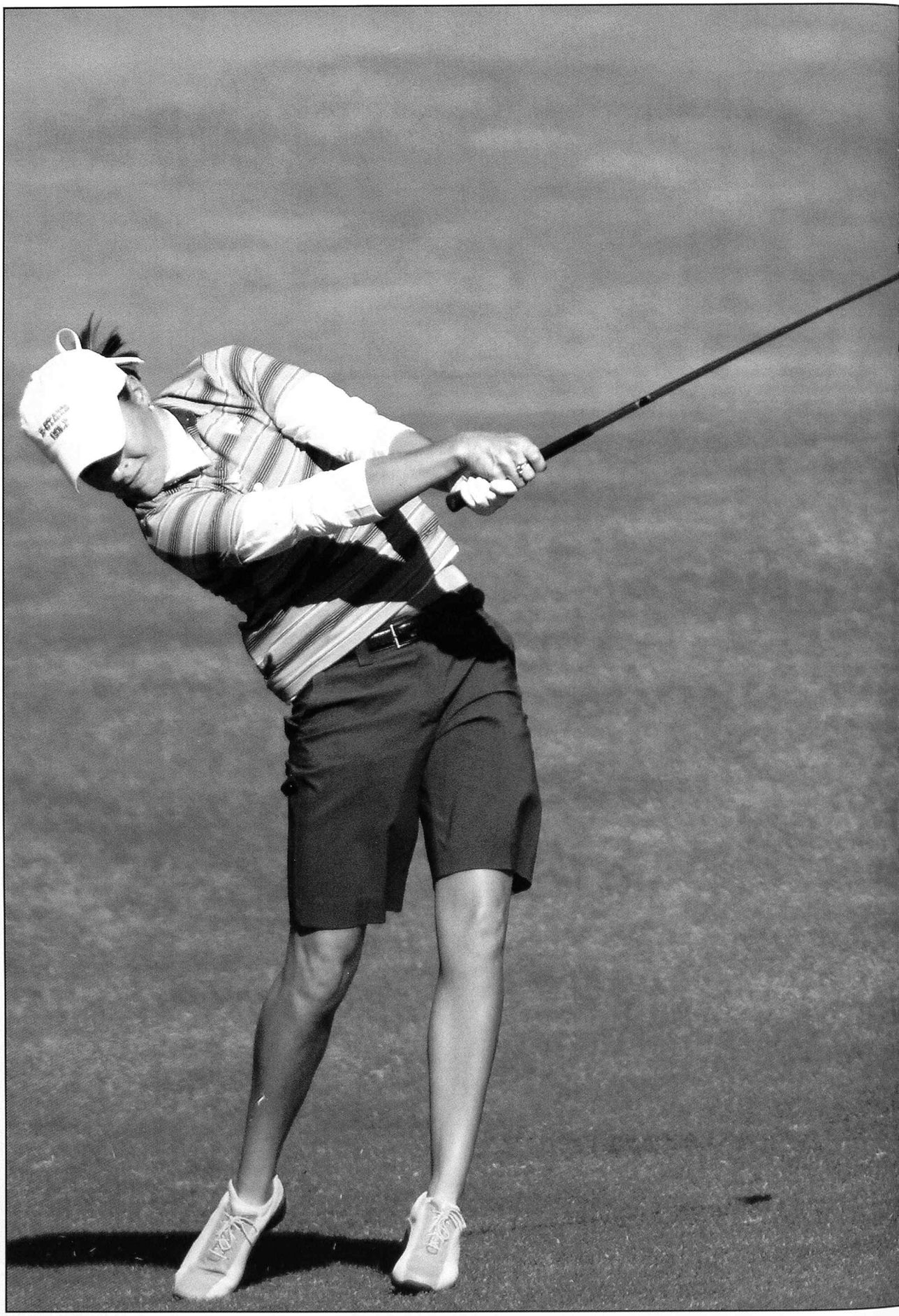
in sync

by Kelsey White



The team practices as the sun sets. Craig Doan has coached the novice team for three years, but has been affiliated with the university's rowing program for twelve years. "You have to be confident with the catch," Doan said. His coaching encouraged the team throughout their practices all season. *Erin Poppe*

As she launches the ball towards the green from the fairway, senior Elise Houtz perfects her form. "Emily and Elise both hold themselves with class; not once have they represented the golf team in a bad way when it come to golf, school or life," junior Paige Osterloo said. "We are all very lucky to call these two girls teammates and friends."
Nathaniel LaRue



seeing double

Twins take on the women's golf team and strive to push each other and their teammates competetively. *by Ellie Long*

Sibling rivalry was an understatement for seniors Emily and Elise Houtz. Not only were they twins and each majoring in accounting, they were also both on the women's golf team.

"We push each other in a good way," Emily said. "We're naturally competitive."

The girls said even though they always wanted to win and beat each other, they were happy when the other one succeeded.

"Normally if you get beat by someone you get upset," Elise said. "But if I lose I know she had to do better so I'm happy either way. There's always something positive about one of us doing good."

Golf had been in the Houtz family for a long time. Both Emily and Elise started playing golf when they were about five years old and hadn't stopped since.

"When we were little our dad and older sister played," Elise said. "That's what got us into it."

Their older sister, Amanda, also played golf in college at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The girls also played together on the Manhattan High School girls' golf team, with Emily placing top 20 all four years at the state competition and tying with Elise for third place their senior year.

The twins might have been a lot alike, but their strategies on the golf course were extremely different.

"Elise and Emily are actually very different when it comes to golf," junior Paige Osterloo said. Osterloo played with the Houtz girls for three years. "Emily is the more calm and collective one who will most likely play it safe on the holes. Emily may not drive it as far as Elise but you can bet it is going to be in the middle of the fairway or green every time. Elise is more powerful when it comes to her swing and length. She is more daring and is more willing to take a risk out on the course."

Even though their golf games are a lot different, the girls said they each have specific qualities about their game they each admire.

"Elise can be a lot more aggressive in her game plan when she's on the course," Emily said. "I wish I did that more."

What Elise admires most about her sister's game is the exact opposite.

"She's so steady and consistent," Elise said. "There's never really any bad with her, she knows how to control things."

The twins said they chose to play golf together at the university for a number of reasons.

"Growing up around K-State athletics and football really inspired me," Emily said. "I wanted to be a part of the athletic program that I admired so much."

The girls didn't choose their school with the intention of staying together, but it definitely helped.

"It was nice to always have someone there in the beginning," Elise said. "We've come to feel like [everyone on] the whole team is our sister."

During their collegiate career, both Emily and Elise were named 2008-2009 Academic All-Big First Team, and in 2008 Elise was named All-Scholar Team Selection.

"Not only are Elise and Emily great golfers, they are great students," Osterloo said. "The twins are a great example of a few of the role models we have on our team. They assisted us in building confidence and character not only on the course but off the course."

The twins said they planned to continue playing golf even after they graduate, whether it's for fun or professionally.

"Playing pro has always been in the back of my mind," Elise said, "but I need to take a break to get back to simple basics and just enjoy the game."

Baseball season ends in NCAA regional

University took part in regional for second year in a row

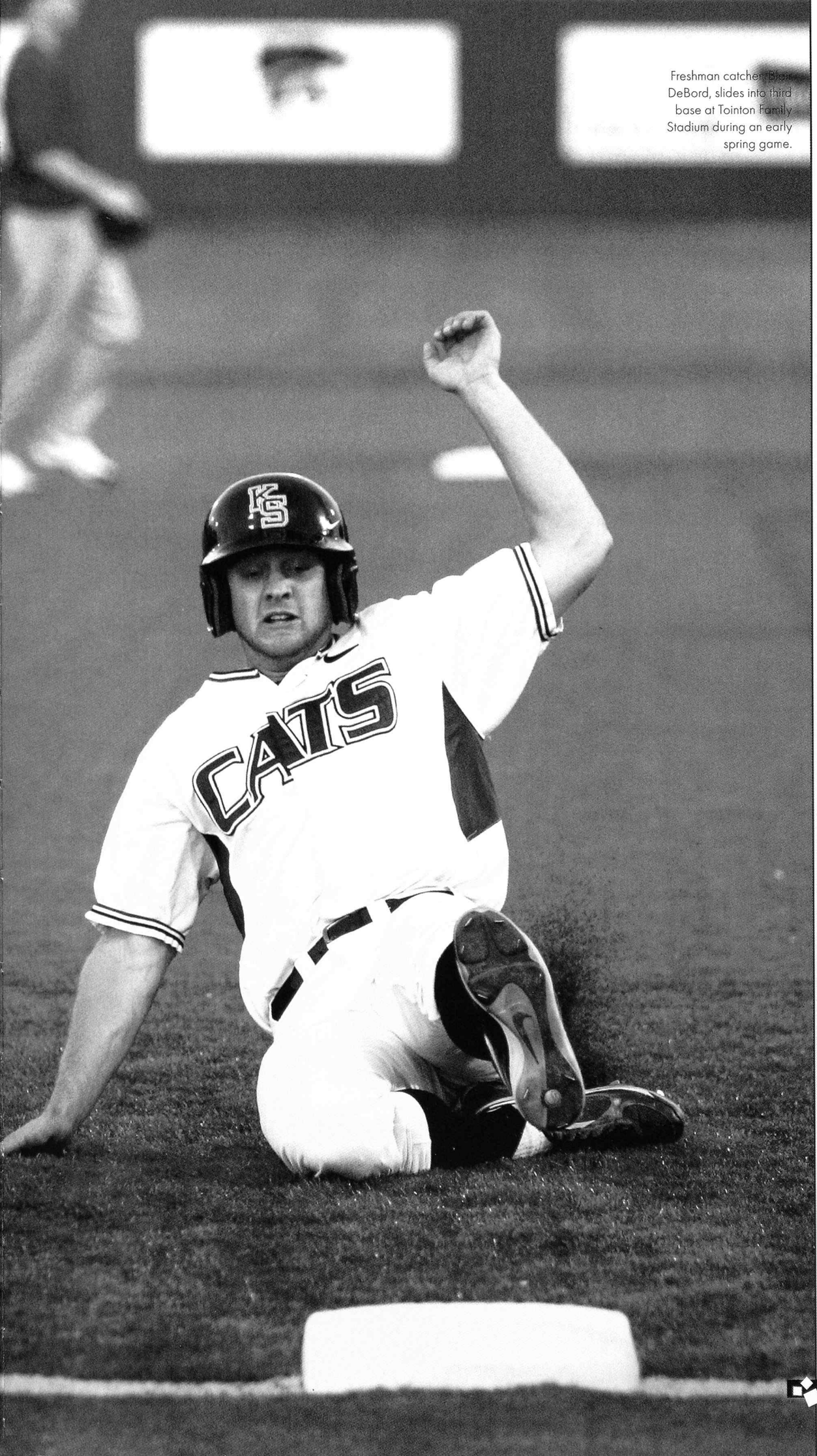
by Brent Gipson

Baseball players, coaches and staff gathered to watch ESPN's selection show on May 31. They were forced to sweat it out when the team was the second to last regional to be announced as a participant in the 2010 NCAA World Series. With a disappointing end to the season –the Wildcats went 1-2 in the Big 12 Tournament–the team was given a No. 3 seed in the Fayetteville, Ark., regional. This regional took place in Fayetteville included top-seeded Arkansas, the Wildcats' first opponent second-seeded Washington State and fourth-seeded Grambling State.

The Cats had three games, facing Washington State twice and playing Grambling State in between. They fell to Washington State in the first game of regionals losing 8-6. Sophomore pitcher James Allen helped carry the Wildcats to their first win in the regional, beating Grambling State in the second game of regionals 9-8. Allen allowed his first home run all season by Cody Bartlett in the third game against Washington State, which propelled the Cougars to a 9-6 win over the Wildcats for the second time in regional play.

"We got off to a good start," sophomore center fielder Nick

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Freshman catcher Blair DeBord, slides into third base at Tointon Family Stadium during an early spring game.

results

Delaware
W 11-5

East Tennessee State
L 10-6

The Citadel
W 2-1

Duquesne
W 10-3

Northeastern
W 6-1

St. Bonaventure
W 14-7

Western Michigan
W 27-8

Villanova
L 8-5

Stetson
W 14-6

Notre Dame
W 5-2

Harvard
W 6-1

Kent State
W 11-8

Kent State
W 10-9

Kent State
W 7-1

Kent State
W 11-0

Creighton
L 7-4

Milwaukee
W 4-0

Milwaukee
W 2-1

Newman
W 7-1

Oklahoma State
W 14-11

Oklahoma State
W 9-3

Oklahoma State
W 13-3

Wichita State
W 8-3

Texas Tech
L 8-5

Texas Tech
L 13-4

Texas Tech
W 10-6

Nebraska
L 5-3

Nebraska
W 13-5

Nebraska
W 8-3

BYU
L 15-9

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Martini, said. "But I think we knew when we were up 6-1 that Washington State was never going to quit. They didn't quit against Arkansas, and they didn't quit the first time we played them."

K-State's rise to baseball excellence was not easy. Talent and recruiting were some points that Hill had to improve and expand upon. Although talent had been coming in for some time now, K-State players said their tenacity helped them create a "rebound situation."

"We play harder than a lot of other people out there," senior infielder Adam Muenster, said. "That's something we really hang our hat on."

Playing harder began to pay off for the Cats in 2007, when they advanced to their second Big 12 Tournament. They had qualified every year since, and had become a staple in the national polls.

With a 36-20 end to the regular season, Hill commended his team for persevering and making it to the NCAA tournament.

"It was 109 years before we ever made one before," Hill said. "I hope it won't be 109 years again. It's been a work in progress. The second year was a lot easier, but next year's club must build its own stuff."

The team had many honors, including Martini being named co-player of the year in the Big 12, after hitting .416 with 53 RBIs. Junior infielder Carter Jurica, hit .359 with 11 home runs and 65 RBIs. Muenster hit .368, scored 62 runs and had a team-best 25 steals.

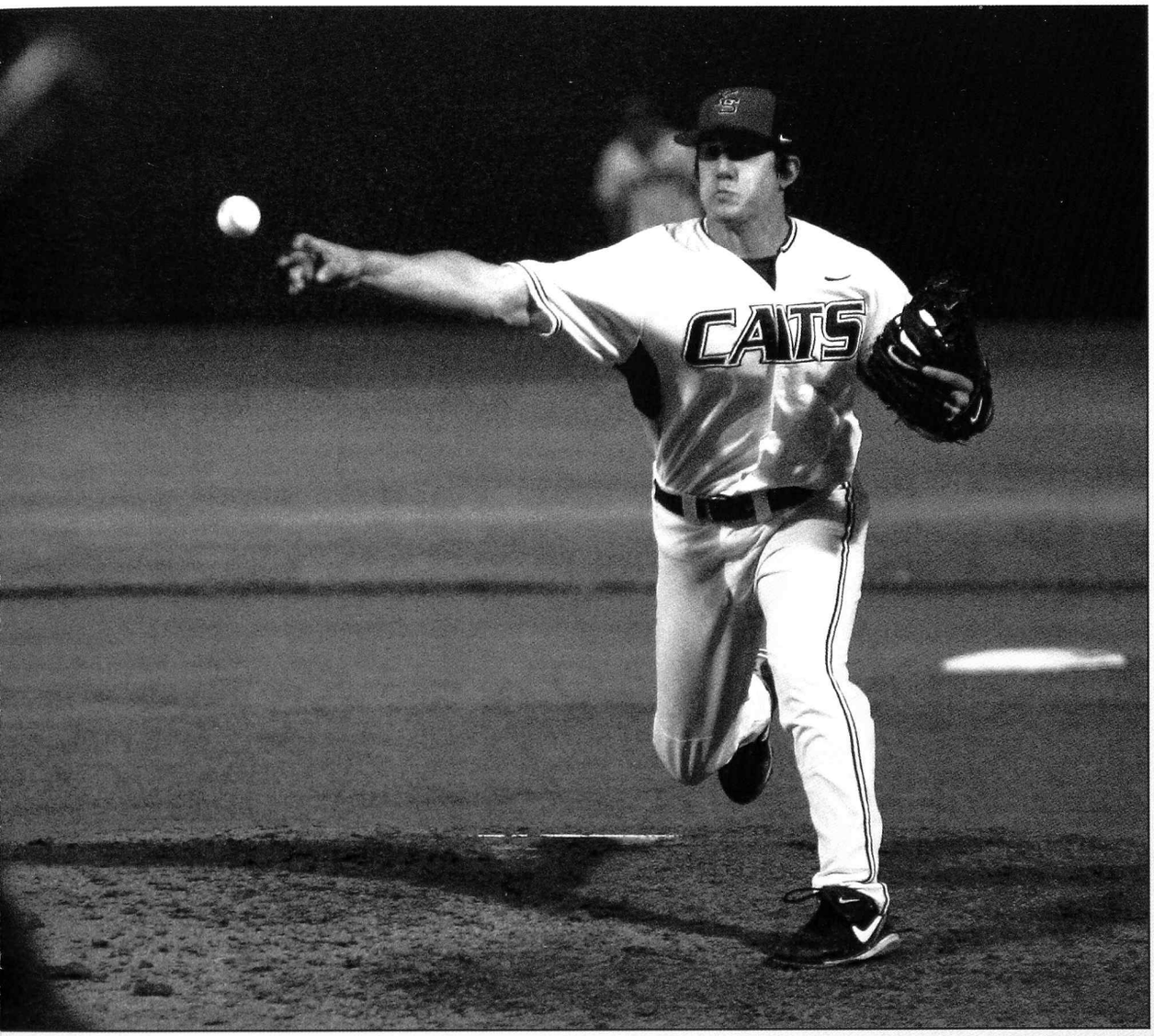
Although Hill was proud of his team's success, he said he was always optimistic and sought room for improvement.

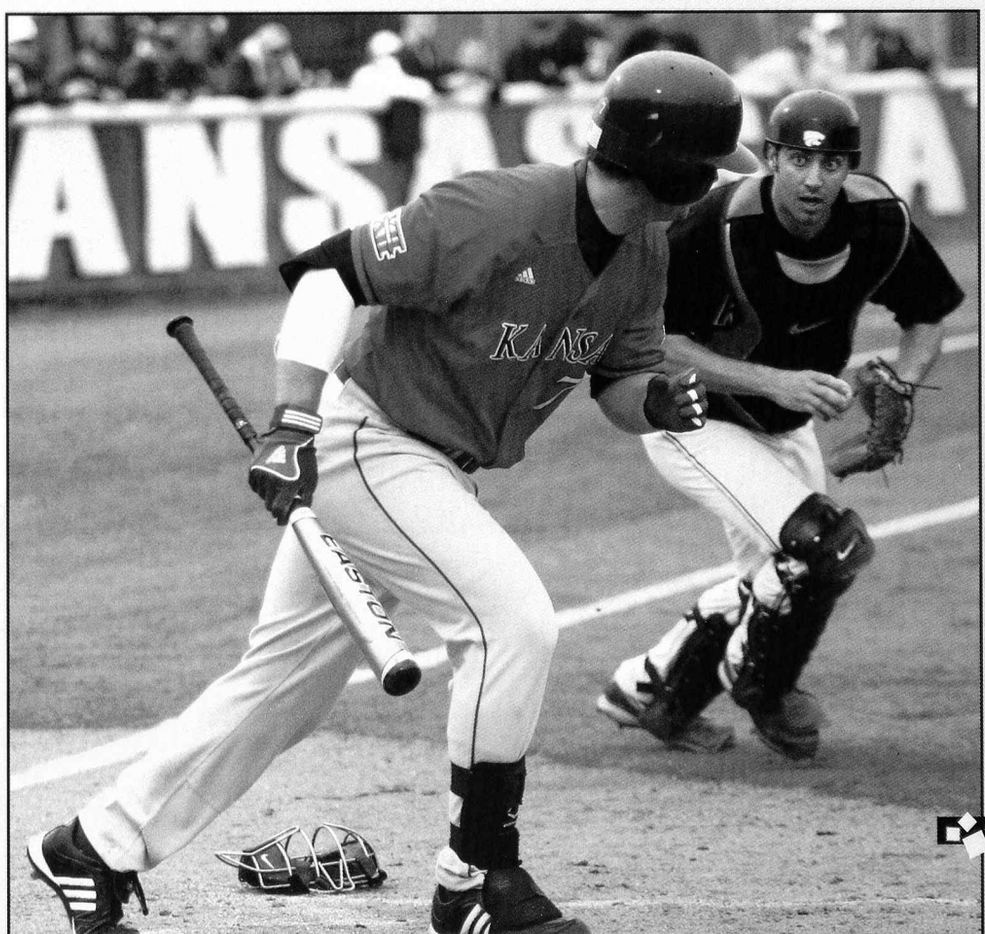
"We had a lot of new players, but at the same time we had enough back that they have an idea about what to expect," Hill said.



As he strategically places his left foot on the mound in front of him, freshman right-handed pitcher Keith Picht nails his throw against his opponent. *Nathaniel LaRue*

> *"We play harder than a lot of other people out there. That's something we really hang out hat on."*
>
> **Adam Muenster, senior infielder**





After recovering the dropped ball, senior catcher Daniel Dellasega follows the batter for the University Kansas as he tries to make a run for it to first base.
Nathaniel LaRue

results

BYU
L 13-10

Baylor
W 5-2

Baylor
W 5-2

Baylor
W 3-2

Wichita State
W 7-4

Missouri
L 4-2

Missouri
L 9-8

Chicago State
W 12-4

Chicago State
W 20-2

Oklahoma
L 14-3

Oklahoma
W 14-9

Oklahoma
L 15-11

Minnesota
W 12-6

Minnesota
L 3-0

Texas
W 2-1

Texas
L 17-2

Texas
L 6-5

Kansas
W 5-4

Kansas
L 7-3

Kansas
W 8-5

Texas A&M
W 8-7

Texas A&M
L 10-2

Texas A&M
L 3-2

Baylor
L 11-8

Kansas
W 10-5

Oklahoma
L 13-2

Washington State
L 8-6

Grambling St.
W 9-8

Washington State
L 9-6



Senior quarterback Carson Coffman blocks off a defender for Iowa State as he charges for the endzone at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City in mid-September.
Jennifer Heeke



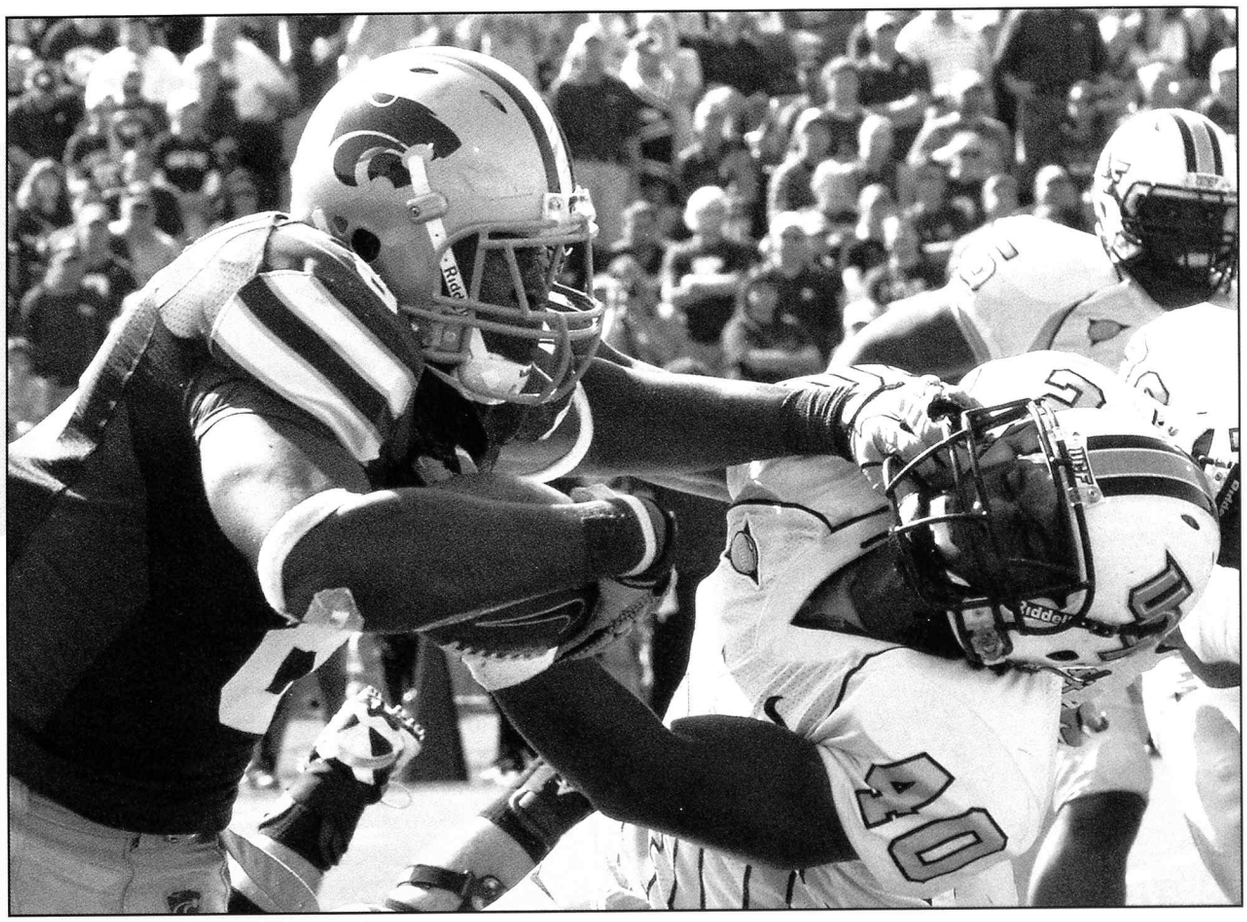
Football has successful season

Head Coach Bill Snyder leads Wildcats to 7-6 record, bowl berth

by Brent Gipson

With an opening day record attendance of 51,059, the Wildcat football team took the field for their first game against UCLA. The team rallied for a 31-22 victory, including three touchdowns by both teams in the final 123 seconds; two by the Wildcats. Senior quarterback Carson Coffman hit Broderick Smith, sophomore from Garden City, with a 5-yard touchdown pass. This put the wildcats ahead 24-16 with 2:03 left. With 1:19 to play, the UCLA Bruins hit a touchdown, and failed a two-point conversion. With under a minute left in the game, an illegal participation penalty was called on the Bruins and the Cats didn't pass up an opportunity to score as senior running back Daniel Thomas picked up the last touchdown.

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Senior wide receiver Daniel Thomas pushes past senior defensive back Reggie Weams from the University of Central Florida. The game continued after a long delay due to storms surrounding the Manhattan area. The Wildcats defeated the Knights 17-13. *Jennifer Heeke*

The dedicated students cheer on the Wildcats during the game against the Texas Longhorns in the student section. That was the third win in a row against the Longhorns with a total of 125 points scored in the combined three games. "It really was a team performance all the way around," sophomore quarterback Collin Klein, said. Jennifer Heeke

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"He was pretty good," head coach Bill Snyder said. "He turned the ball over one time which nobody likes, but other than that I thought he did quite well. Daniel is such a quiet young guy, most of you have interviewed him and he doesn't have much to say, but he plays so hard. Second, third, fourth effort, that is just his way. I am awfully proud of him."

With week number two at our grasp, the Cats were able to breeze past Missouri State, 48-24. Coffman threw three touchdown passes and Thomas rushed for 137 yards. With a 13-0 lead, and 9:45 left in the second quarter, sophomore place kicker Anthony Cantele, was set up for a kick. Sophomore punter and placeholder Ryan Doerr took an option to toss the ball to the right side and hit Cantele for a 3-yard touchdown.

"I just got the opportunity to play a couple of other positions and that's how I started out the game," senior place kicker Josh Cherry, said. "Anthony has been kicking really good lately so he's been doing all the kicking duties. I got in on some kickoffs and towards the end of the game I got in on a little bit of punting. It was a lot of fun because it's something that I've always really wanted to do since I've been here. In high school I played a lot of other positions and ever since I've been in college, all I've ever really done is kick. So it's kind of a dream come true to be able to go back to those and just put forth a little more effort in the game when it comes to playing other positions."

In week three, the Wildcats visited Arrowhead Stadium, a neutral site, to take on the Iowa State Cyclones. With an attendance of 38,468, the K-State Athletic Department sets up a game yearly in Kansas City to draw alums to the game.



results

UCLA
W 31-22

Missouri State
W 48-24

Iowa State
W 27-20

UCF
W 17-13

Nebraska
L 48-13

Kansas
W 59-7

Baylor
L 47-42

Oklahoma State
L 24-14

Texas
W 39-14

Missouri
L 38-28

Colorado
L 44-36

North Texas
W 49-41

Syracuse
L 36-34

Thomas rushed for 181 yards and scored two touchdowns on a career-high 34 carries. K-State rallied to beat Iowa State 27-20. Thomas's 2-yard touchdown run gave K-State a 24-20 lead with 6:47 left in the fourth quarter. The game averaged 11,000 less fans than averaged throughout the season.

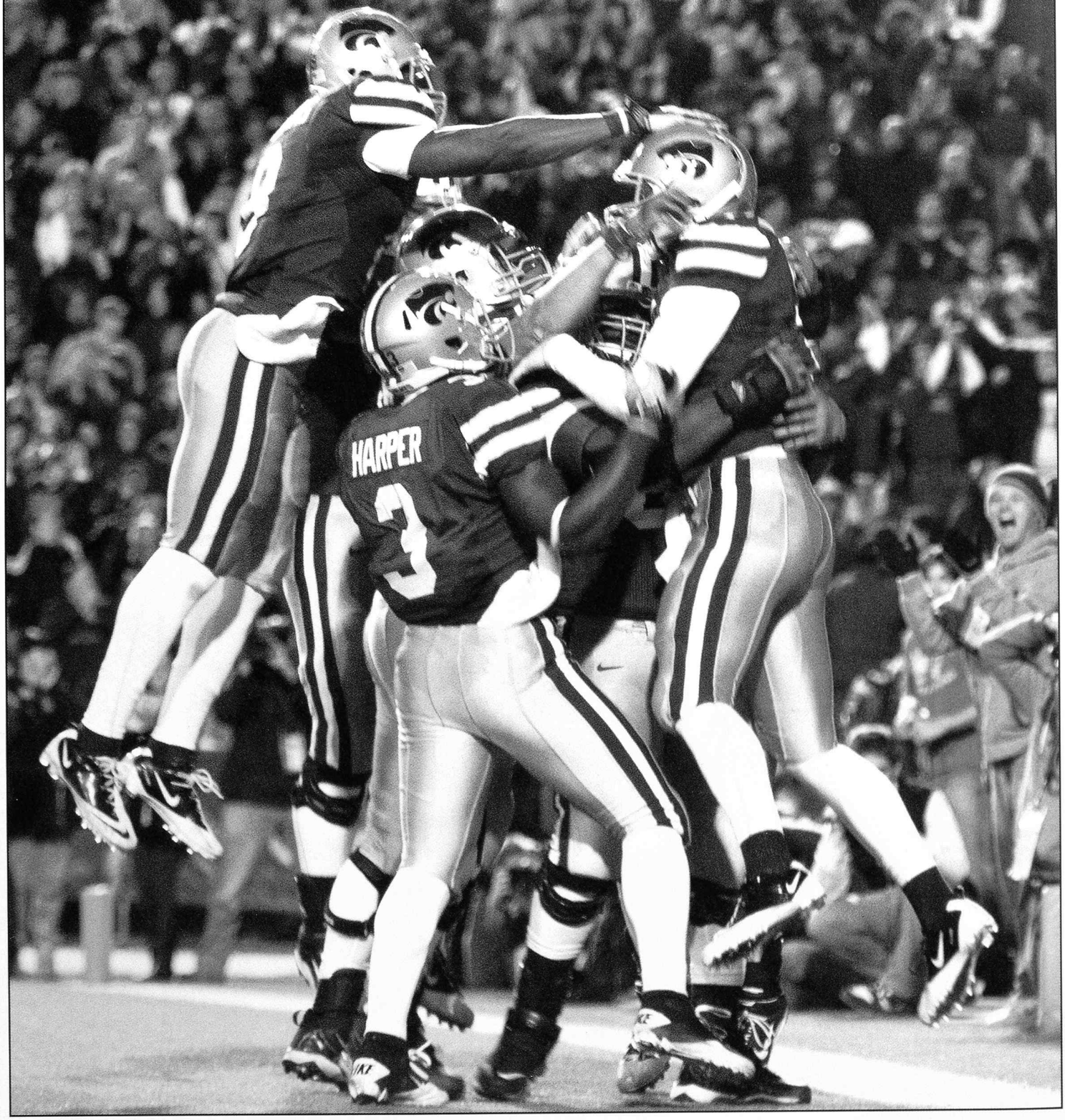
"I think we went out there and executed a lot better on offense. I think we became a lot better offensively, defensively and on special teams," Smith said. "I think we will go out there next week and know that we have to get better and execute again."

In week four, Coffman ran the ball with 24 seconds left in the game to a come-from-behind victory over Central Florida. The Wildcats had a 4-0 start on the season since 2003. With less than 3 minutes gone in the first quarter, officials halted play because of lightning accompanying a heavy storm bearing down on the greater Manhattan area. Dark, ominous-looking clouds enveloped the stadium before heavy rains pelted the area and caused a rain delay of 1 hour, 26 minutes. Many fans stayed in the stadium, while the team took shelter in their respective locker rooms. Other fans took refuge in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats won the game 17-13.

"You just have to believe," senior defensive back Terrance Sweeney, said. "This is why you go through two-a-days in the summer, so you can finish close games like we have. You really have to believe in what you are doing and the rest plays out."

With week five as the team's bye week, the Wildcats took the week off to prepare for their next battle. When the Nebraska Huskers rolled into Manhattan, most students and fans were expecting a win from the Wildcats. Unfortunately, the Huskers ended the Cats unbeaten run. The Nebraska

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defense held Thomas to 63 yards on 22 carries, compared to his average of 157 yards a game. This game was the last time the team played the Huskers; Nebraska chose to move to the Big Ten Conference. The team's only touchdown came on a 2-yard pass on a fourth down from Coffman to sophomore wide receiver Chris Harper in the fourth quarter. The Cats were defeated 48-13.

"We didn't run the ball very well, we didn't throw it extremely well, we didn't play defense against the run or the pass very well," Snyder said. "I told our players that this could easily come down to the kicking game and we did well enough in the kicking game that everything else fell on its face. So I don't think it's one aspect of it that I'm as concerned about, I'm concerned about all of it collectively and just how good we are in any aspect of the game."

Traveling on the road to Lawrence in week seven, the Cats shutout the Jayhawks until the fourth quarter, leading 52-0 before Kansas was able to score. Coffman ran for three touchdowns and threw for two more, completing 15 of 16 passes, and leading the team past Kansas 59-7. This was one of the most lopsided victories in the rivalry that dates back to 1902. Snyder, who had not won a road game since ending a three-year retirement in 2009, raised his personal record against the Wildcats' archrival to 15-4. He has won 14 of his last 15 against the Jayhawks.

After a Wildcat touchdown, senior running back Daniel Thomas and sophomore wide receiver Chris Harper celebrate with their offensive line in the endzone. The Cats played against Texas at Bill Snyder Family Stadium and defeated the Longhorns 39-14 on senior night. "We wanted to go out and make it a memorable game for all the seniors and for the fans," Thomas said. "It is our last home game, and we wanted to make it special." *Jennifer Heeke*

"It was a blast in the locker room," senior wide receiver Aubrey Quarles, said. "The governor of Kansas presented us with the trophy. It was definitely a good thing especially being a senior and going out with a win like this against KU."

On a visit to Baylor, the Cats experienced a loss of 47-42, but William Powell tied the school record with a 100-yard kickoff return in the third quarter for a touchdown. Thomas rushed for 113 yards and scored twice for the team. The team did not score on their next two drives and the Bears were able to pull away. Baylor once had a 30-game conference losing streak. They were the only Big 12 school that hasn't played in a bowl game. The game was delayed 1 hour, 47 minutes because of a thunderstorm; similarly to our game against UCF. Four plays into the game, the coaches and players were sent to the locker room.

"Sometimes we ran it reasonably well, once again not as consistently as we needed to," Synder said. "We had to punt the ball too many times and that means we didn't run it well, particularly the fourth-down play we had in the second half that cost us. That was a 14-point swing, not converting that."

The Wildcats were overcome by the Oklahoma State Cowboys in the second half, still searching for their sixth win of the week. No. 20 Oklahoma State won 24-14. This was the fourth sellout in five games at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"I feel like we had a lot of opportunities on offense to win the game, but most of all I feel like I let the team down," Coffman said. "I did not play very well today. I gave up two interceptions and seven points."

The Wildcats became bowl-elgible for the first time since 2004 with a mauling over the Texas Longhorns, 39-14 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium under a national audience on ABC. Sophomore quarterback Collin Klein ran for two touchdowns each. The team intercepted Texas player Garrett Gilbert five times. The win was also K-State's third straight win against the Longhorns. In these three wins, the Wildcats scored 125 points.

"It really was a team performance all the way around," Klein said. "My hat goes off to our defense and special teams for giving us some really short fields, starting with William (Powell) taking the opening kickoff back into their territory," Klein said. "It was a credit to our offense that we were able to execute much better than we had in previous weeks. We knew we needed to cash in on those opportunities and we did. Again, it was just a great all-around team effort."

No. 20 Missouri topped the team, 38-28. The Wildcats had four turnovers, one of them wasting an opportunity to tie the game in the final minute of the half when Coffman fumbled the center snap at the Missouri 1-yard-line. Thomas had 66 yards on 12 carries, scored two touchdowns for the second straight game.

"We really didn't get into a rhythm until the last drive," Thomas said. "We tried to put offense together but it was too late by then so we didn't get a rhythm at all."

The team which had a record of 6-5 at this point lost quarterback Klein late in the second quarter and couldn't keep up with the Colorado Buffs, losing 44-36. Klein suffered an injury when he was sacked hard by a Colorado defensive end. He was replaced by Coffman who threw for 270 yards and yielded two touchdowns. This was the last battle between the Wildcats and the Buffaloes, with Colorado opting to move to the Pacific 10 Conference next season.

"We had difficulty stopping the run which has been kind of a nemesis for us. I thought we came over the hump in the past couple ball games in that respect," Snyder said. "We had trouble with that, and what I mentioned a minute ago, we were not very good on third down and conversions on third down."

With the last game beneath them, the Wildcats ended 6-6 on the season, waiting for a berth to a bowl game. The Wildcats opted to accept an invitation from the New York Yankee's and the New Era Pinstripe Bowl and compete in the game December 30, 2010 in New York City. The team lost the game 36-34, stemming from a penalty flag that was dropped after the infamous "salute" by receiver Adrian Hilburn.

they make the call

by Nicole DeBrie

Students take a time-out to work a part-time job as an intramural referee at the rec

The blow of the whistle and sound of the buzzer were among the most dreaded or anticipated sounds at the recreation complex by teams during intramural games. Intramurals often ended with mixed emotions and heated arguments as participants pointed fingers or raised their voices at the referees, who were their peers and friends.

Students found intramural refereeing to be a fun, yet exhausting job during the academic year.

"I decided to become a referee as a way to make a little extra money," Michael Edwards, senior in civil engineering, said. "Since I love anything to do with sports and athletics, it was an easy choice."

Whether it was just to make money, or to socialize, students had their own reasons for applying to become an intramural referee.

"I really enjoy the game of basketball, so when I was in high school officiating little league was an easy way to make money doing something I love," Todd Severson, sophomore in computer engineering, said. "I figured, 'why not continue that and do the same thing at Kansas State.'"

All of the intramural referees were students, which allowed them to bond and become friends on the job.

"The best part about intramural reffing is getting to know the other refs," Kate Ehmke, junior in secondary education, said. "Most of the refs are people I wouldn't necessarily know because we have different majors, live in different places and just have different interests. It makes going to work so much more enjoyable when I know I'm going to work with people I like."

Being an intramural referee had many perks that came with the job besides, of course, a paycheck.

"I grew up around sports whether it be participating or attending events," Edwards said. "K-State has a lot of students that are pretty good athletes and occasionally some pretty entertaining games break out. Being a referee gives you the best seat in the house when that happens."

Prior to refereeing games, the student referees were required to go through training to learn the rules of the sport, as well as how to deal with certain circumstances they may encounter.

"There are mandatory training sessions for each sport that every referee has to complete before the beginning of each season," Edwards said. "The instructors usually spend a couple ofdays going over the rule book as well as simulating game situations for us to practice."

Intramural games came with twists and turns that could not be predicted, but the referees were prepared to the best of their ability for situations that could arise.

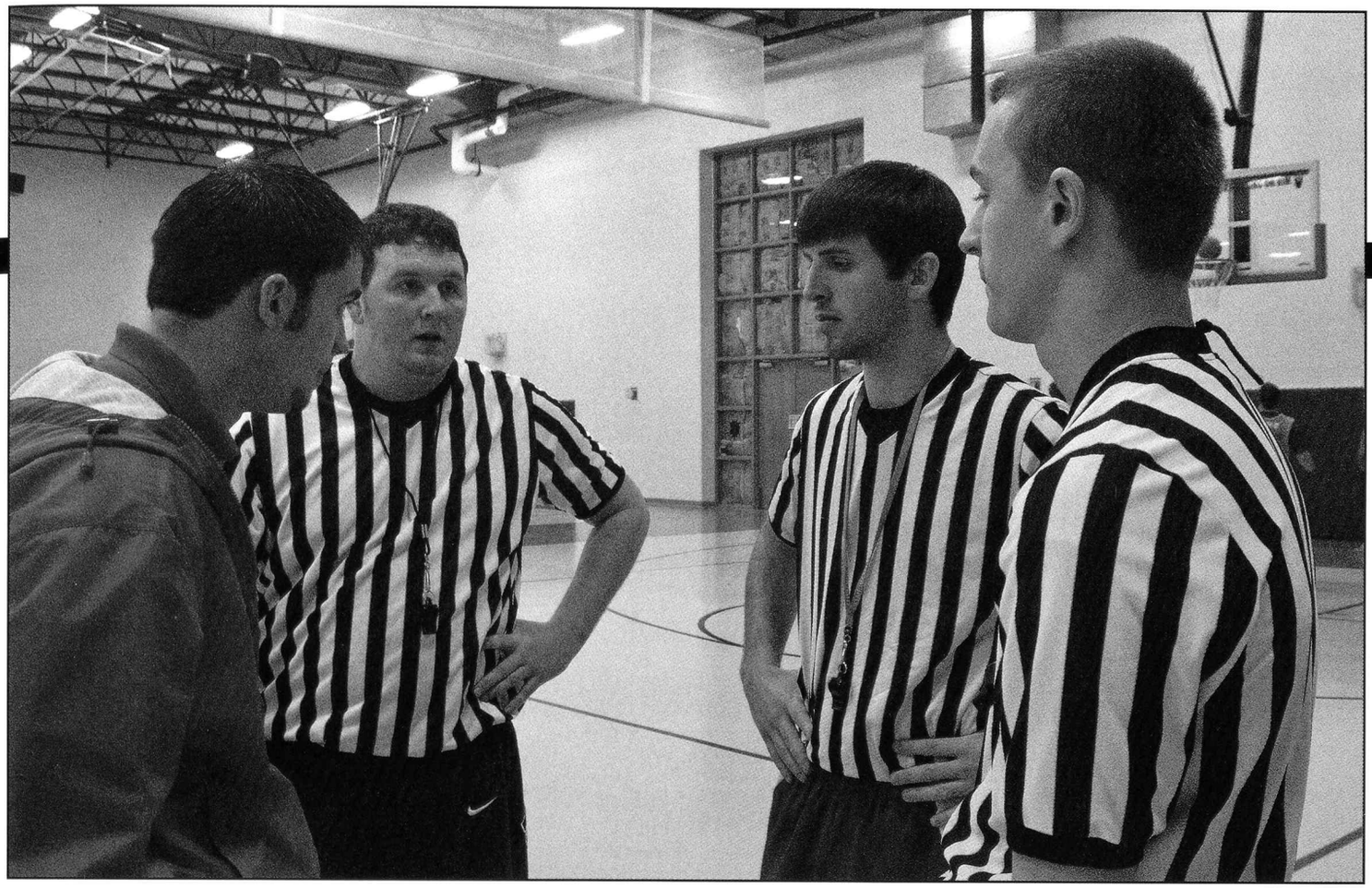
"I would say the major challenge of being a referee in any sport would be to keep control of the game," Edwards said. "Some people are naturally more competitive and emotions can get high on occasion. A referee needs to be able to foresee potential disputes before they occur and work to diffuse the situation in the most calm and professional way possible."

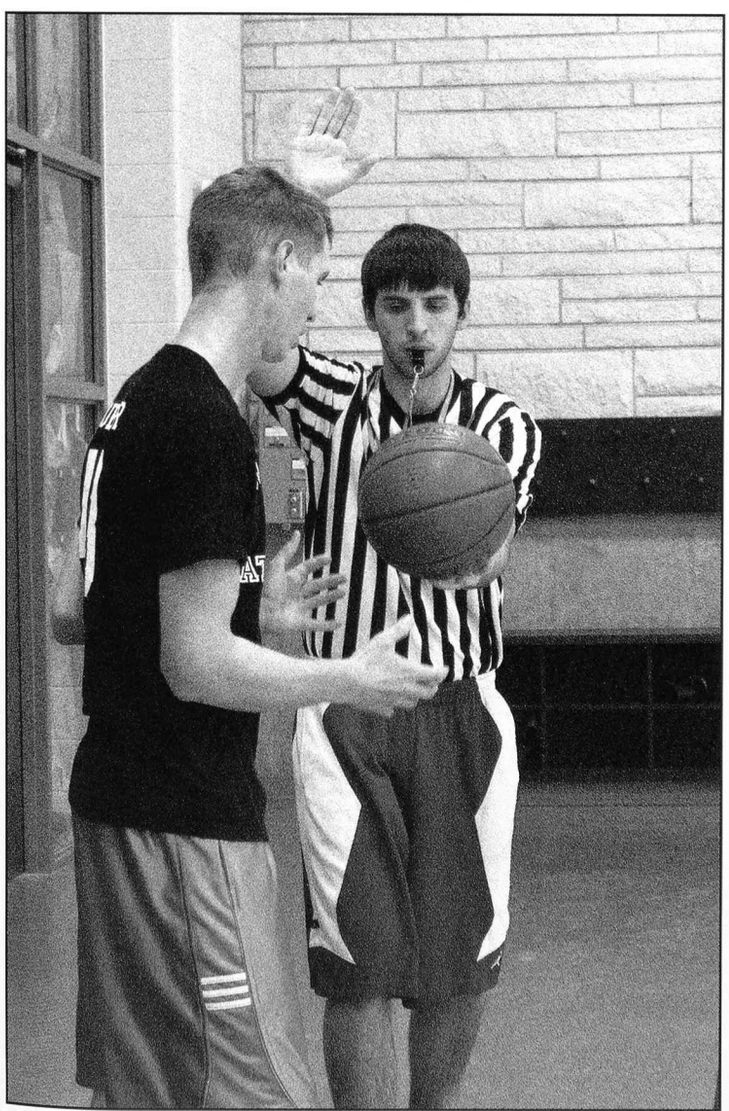
Students did not take intramurals lightly. Referees had to be prepared to step in and take control when situations got out of hand.

"There are some very competitive teams and they all want to win," Severson said. "Refs are in charge of managing that emotion and keeping the game in control so the game goes smoothly. The challenge is to remain objective and in charge."

Refereeing intramurals was not an easy job. The student referees were sometimes scrutinized for their calls during games.

"One time I made a call for an 'unnecessary roughness' penalty," Edwards said. "The guy preceded to get in my face, yelling something about how my blown call was going to end up on Sports Center and that the whole nation was going to know how bad of a ref I was. I had to hold back my laughter because I thought that was actually a pretty creative way to verbally abuse me."





The referees meet on the court to review the rules before they begin afficiating an intramural basketball game. "There are mandatory training sessions for each sport that every referee has to complete before the beginning of each season," Michael Edwards, senior in civil engineering, said.
Erin Poppe

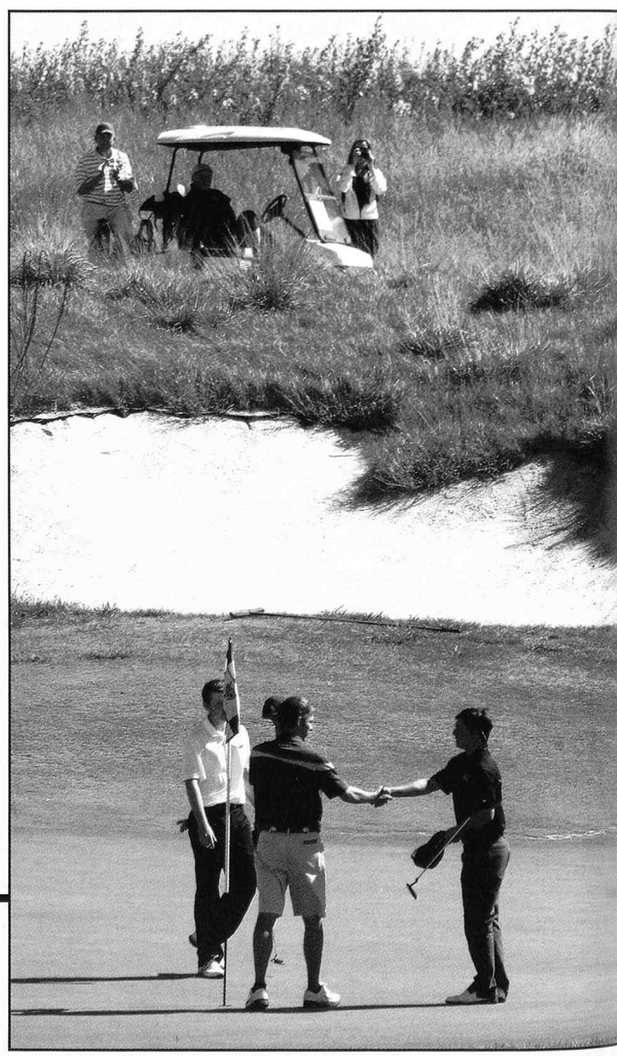
> I decided to become a referee as a way to make a little extra money. Since I love anything to do with sports and athletics it was an easy choice.
>
> *Michael Edwards, senior in civil engineering*

An intramural referee hands the ball to a player before throwing it in to his teammates. "There are some very competitive teams and they all want to win," Todd Severson, sophomore in computer engineering, said.
Erin Poppe



Competitors at the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate make their way to the next hole. The Colbert Hills Golf Course has the reputation of being one of the nation's toughest courses. "Our course here has a lot of tricks, its quite windy and very hilly," head coach Tim Norris said.
Lisle Alderton

Following the final round of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate tournament, Thomas Birdsey, freshman in communication studies, shakes the hand of his oppenent. Birdsey shot one under par, finishing in third place, while the team finished second overall, being defeated by Central Arkansas.
Lisle Alderton



"You count four scorers and everyone has a good player or two but the difference makers are the third and fourth scorers and we were weak in that area this fall."

Tim Norris, head coach

Morris Williams Intercollegiate 13th place **Mizzou Intercollegiate 2nd place**

Young team, young leaders

by Nicole DeBrie

After graduating four seniors last season, the newest recruiting class for the men's golf team made an immediate impact on the course.

"We had really good seniors last year so obviously all the guys knew it would be a different team this year," head coach Tim Norris said. "Our best players at the end of the fall season were freshmen. Thomas Birdsey and Jack Watson really stepped to the front."

Norris said Birdsey had a good record coming into the season and was not at all surprised by his success. Watson, however, was somewhat of a surprise.

"Not that I didn't think he could do it, but he latched onto it pretty fast," Norris said. "That was good to see. Our course here has a lot of tricks, its quite windy and very hilly, and he played the course great."

Watson finished in second overall at the fall home tournament, the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate, shooting an even 72-par the final round, finishing with 2-under par at 214.

Another young key player was sophomore Ben Juffer, who was part of the scoring lineup every tournament of the fall season.

"I knew Ben made improvement over the summer," Norris said. "I think all the guys now have a little more appreciation of how much work it takes just to stay where you are in this game, let alone try and improve."

With the loss of key players from last season, Norris said the team experienced some "growing pains" and it took time for new leaders to develop.

"I think the two seniors this year, Ross Geubelle and Jason Schulte, are both great guys and we finished the fall season knowing from a leadership standpoint they needed to be a little bit more vocal as leaders," Norris said.

The two seniors on the team were left to lead the team and had big shoes to fill. They were often looked to as leaders of the team.

"I make an effort every day to set the example for my teammates regarding how to succeed not just as an athlete, but as a student-athlete overall," Schulte said. "I work very hard to improve myself in both areas and make it very clear that I want each and every one of my teammates to succeed, and that I am always free to serve as a mentor for them."

Some of the players found advantages to the fact that the team's roster was 70 percent underclassmen.

"We were a really young team which actually made it easier," Birdsey said. "When you have a team that's mostly seniors, there is a four-or five-year age difference, but this way it was a lot easier to relate to each other."

Many players on the team had their time to shine throughout the season, but the team struggled to put together a complete performance.

"We had enough talent to make a great team but we were inconsistent with when we all played good and when we all played poorly," Birdsey said.

The team ended third overall at the David Toms Intercollegiate tournament in Baton Rouge, La., in October. After struggling through the first round, the team finished strong in the last two rounds with one under par.

"This was our best tournament," Norris said. "Those were competitive rounds and we had the third best team score the final day. I thought that was our best display of team golf."

Each player had his good days as well as his bad. Norris said he saw multiple players step up at some point in the season.

"There isn't a huge difference between players one and 10 on our team," Norris said. "If they have a good day on the course they can all be pretty competitive."

results

Big 12 Championship 5th place Wolf Run Intercollegiate 15th place Kansas Invitational 6th place Jim Colbert Intercollegiate 2nd place

Firestone Invitational 11th place David Toms Intercollegiate (9th of 14) Pacific Invitational 10th place

out with the old, in with the new

by Ellie Long

The women's equestrian team gains many new members and talent

The women's equestrian team graduated 26 seniors last season, leaving them with half their numbers and half the talent. That void was filled with 24 new freshman that brought spontaneity and skill to the team.

"It's a complete revamping," Casie Lisabeth, women's equestrian coach, said. "We got a new coach and new facilities, it's just starting new."

Not only was this year's team primarily made up of freshman, it was the biggest out-of-state group the equestrian team had in a long time.

"People think it's our rebuilding year, but it's our time to prove ourselves and show them we're a strong, competitive team," Alecia Zimbelman, a senior in biology and captain of the team, said.

Many members of the team agreed that the freshman brought just as much talent to the team as the older girls did.

"If you put all these girls in a ring, you can't tell their age," Hannah Ribera, sophomore in industrial engineering and captain of the team, said. "They're all competitive riders."

Jennifer Rawle, senior in management and member of the team, said having this many freshmen join the team has made the leadership position that an older teammate holds even more important.

"I want to set an example for them, so they have someone to look up to and make the team a comfortable environment for them," she said. "They have brought strength in their riding ability, positive attitudes, and a drive for success that pushes everyone on this team to get better."

Not only were half the members new to the team this year, but the facilities were new as well. The 51 members of the team used the Timber Creek Stables. The horses and stables were taken care of by two student full-time student workers, and the day-to-day responsibilities were divided up to each member of the team.

"You're assigned to a horse every day," Ribera said. "I like using the same horses; it gives you a level playing field against the other teams."

The team has about 30 horses they share and practice with three days a week, and they all do their part to take care of them.

"It was definitely a transition to get used to," Kelly Bovaird, freshman in animal sciences and industry, said. "It was all about me, now it's more about the team, but I love it."

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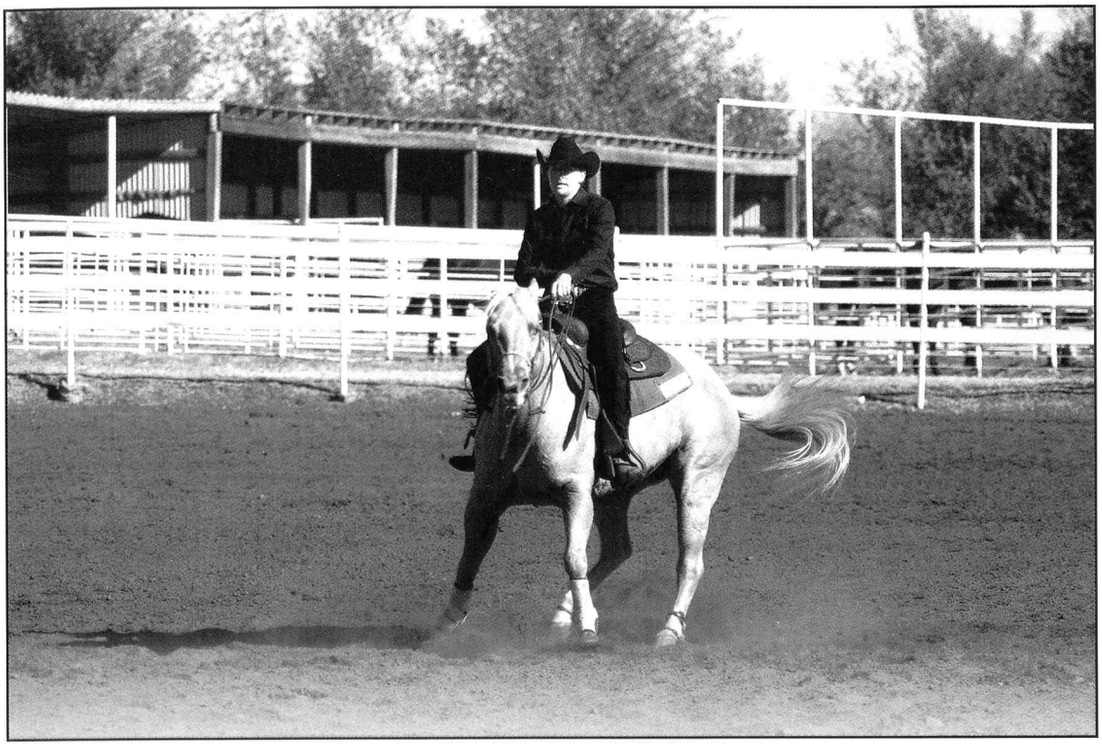
While she slows down her horse, Smarty, Emily Stockford, freshman in animal sciences and industry competes against Oklahoma State in Manhattan on Nov. 5. This was one of three competitions held in Manhattan during the fall. *Jennifer Heeke*

While she turns her horse, Smarty, around Emily Stockford, freshman in animal sciences and industry, concentrates on her next move during the Reining competition Nov. 5 at the K-State Equestrian stables during the match against Oklahoma State. *Jennifer Heeke*



With their love of horses and riding, the equestrian team travels across the country to compete. The team ended the fall season with 4 wins and 5 losses to their record.
Jennifer Heeke

> We work very hard and it doesn't take much to forget the reason that we are here. We love horses and riding, and it is this love that pushes us to get better and work harder.
>
> *Jennifer Rawle, senior in management*



Even though they tried to keep it close to home, the team traveled to Georgia and Atlanta and ending their fall season in Texas for their final two competitions.
Erin Poppe

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The team agreed that the best part of the competitions was getting to travel.

"You really do bond with people on the road," Ribera said.

Zimbelman said traveling was a good way to get to know her teammates.

"You find out who snores," Bovaird said.

One freshman got to experience some competition on the road that other members of the team didn't. Catherine Avolese, a freshman in English and member of the team, was picked to represent the university at an invitational equestrian collegiate cup in Wellington, Florida. It was only the second time the NCAA competition was held.

"Being a freshmen and getting picked to go was a real big accomplishment," Avolese said. "I was a little nervous but incredibly proud to be able to go and represent my team."

Most of the girls competing against Avolese had competed at the invitational the previous year as well.

"It's an honor to be up against a senior and know you're that good," Avolese said.

Avolese said she worked extremely hard and put in a lot of time and dedication for the competition.

"It was a great experience and I'm very happy I was the teammate that was picked to represent such amazing and talented girls," Avolese said.

The team swept both divisions against the 4th-ranked South Carolina at home in the Spring season.

Lisabeth said the Spring season was "a growing point, we definitely played some tough teams, we had a hard schedule."

The team set high goals for the Fall season, but for the seniors, it will be there last time riding for the team.

"I see a lot of improvements being made this semester, and I see us peaking at the right time achieving great success this post season," Rawle said. "I can't explain how amazing every girl on this team is, and how supportive we are of one another in and outside of the arena."

Bovaird said the team this fall season the team's plan was to "dominate and beat everyone."

"Being on the equestrian team is just a way to continue what I love in college," Zimbelman said. "It'll be exciting to see how the team grows."

from Europe to Kansas

by Eric Hostetler

After deciding she wanted to play tennis in college, Petra Chuda had to find a school that would allow her to play tennis and earn a degree.

Being a part of a team and continuing to play was all Petra Chuda, senior in finance, wanted. She loved tennis and had to find a university that would allow her to play, so she left her home in the Czech Republic to play for the Wildcats.

"If you want to play tennis plus study at a university, it's hard because the university's really time-consuming and we don't have a university team," Chuda said. "So it was best for me to come here because I could still play tennis at a very good level plus I could get my degree."

Chuda came to the university as a sophomore in college. However, because there was no tennis team at her previous university, Chuda was eligible to play as a freshman. Just 10 years before, her sister Katerina played tennis for the university as well.

"Kathy was very competitive and pretty tough," head coach Steve Bietau said. "Petra didn't come in that way, but she's made herself much stronger and by the end of the year last year, was one of the most reliable players."

The main reason Petra came to the university was because her sister had enrolled here. Katerina was a major influence in the growth of Petra as a tennis player.

"She was a really good tennis player," Petra said. "I would say probably better than me, if I should be honest. She was the oldest and she was good, so I sort of tried to compete with her so I could be better."

Since her first year here, Petra had improved greatly on many things, including how quickly she moved and the style in which she played against her opponents. These improvements made Petra one of the most valuable players on the team.

"For me, the biggest [success] was being chosen to go to regionals," Petra said. "This was the first year I went."

With nine players on the team and only six spots available, Petra continued to push herself and live up to her sister's legacy.

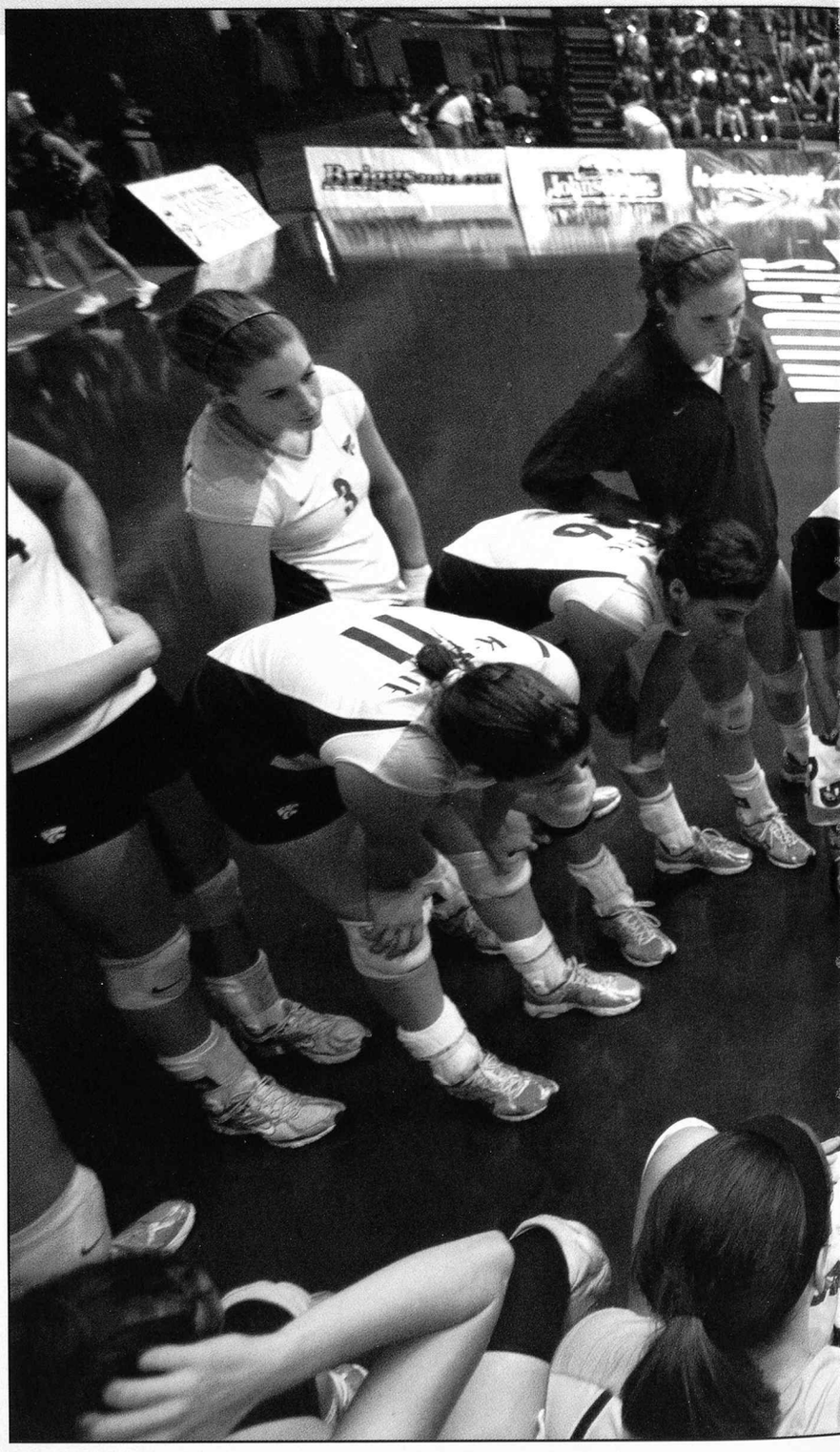
"She's automatically a good leader because of the improvements she's made," Bietau said. "The example she sets is a real strong one for everyone else on the team, so I see her being a major part of what we do."



During a match against Drake in late January, Carmen Borau Ramos, sophomore in civil engineering, returns a volley during doubles play. Ramos was one of eight girls on the team that came to the university from Europe.
Nathaniel LaRue

a season

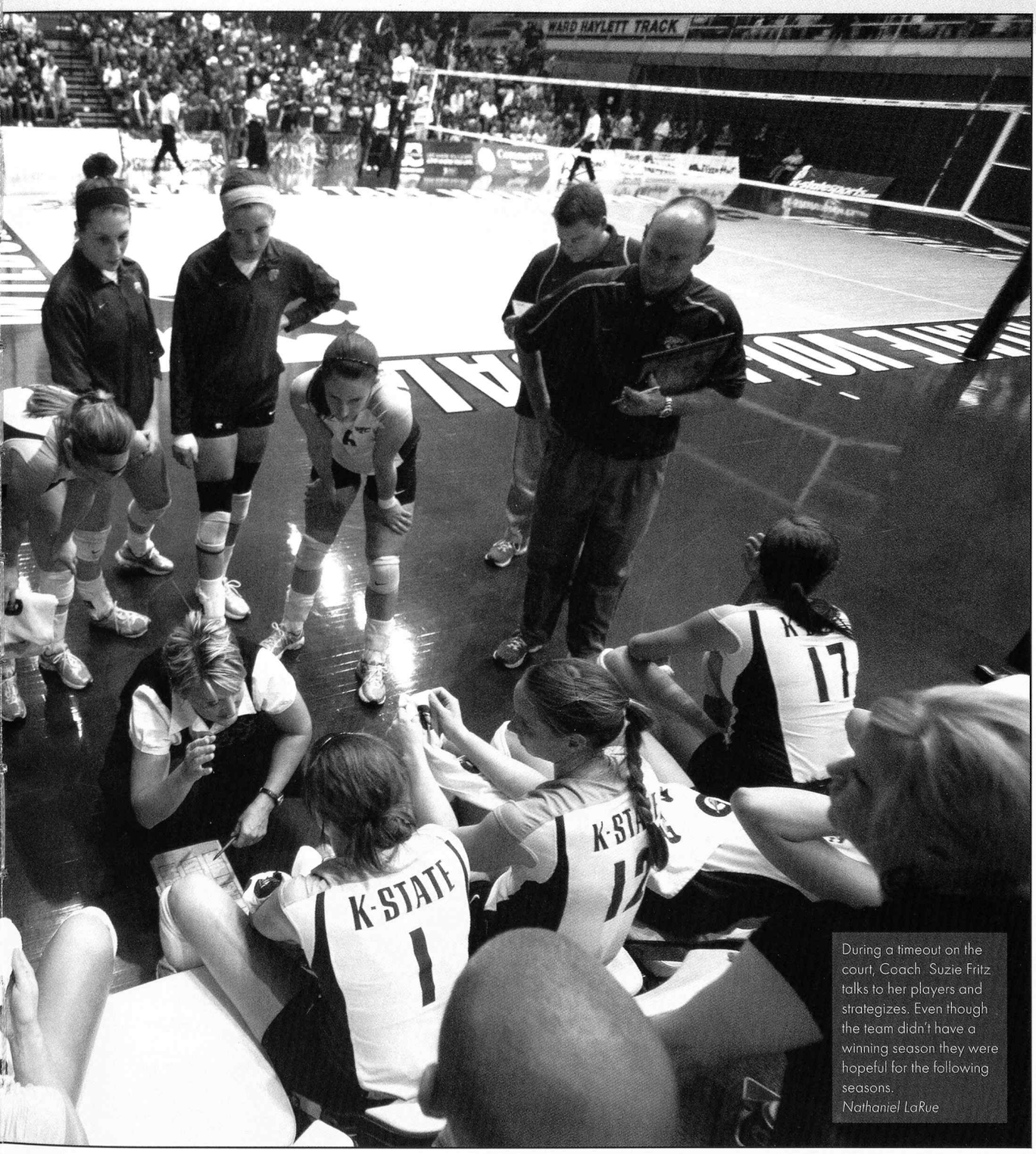
by Colleen Quinn



After a season of ups and downs, the volleyball team faced struggles halfway into the season. With a little bit of team chemistry and the will to win, however, they knew they could pull through. Lead by two upperclassmen, who were both seniors, the team relied on them and the strength of the underclassmen to succeed in all aspects of the sport, on and off the court.

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remembered



During a timeout on the court, Coach Suzie Fritz talks to her players and strategizes. Even though the team didn't have a winning season they were hopeful for the following seasons.
Nathaniel LaRue

season of the past

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It was a season unlike any other. With two seniors leading the team, it was primarily made up of 13 freshman and sophomore players. While there was a lack of collegiate experience on the court, the team formed together to work with the talent they were given. After finishing the season with a record of 12 wins and 19 losses the team already had plans for improvement for the following season.

"It was a season of growing pains to some degree," head coach Suzie Fritz, said. "We didn't feel like we met our internal expectations in terms of wins and losses, but we did make an enormous amount of progress and we played quite well towards the end."

Starting the season in late August the Wildcats didn't get off to a winning start, but once September rolled around they had four wins in a row at home. As October approached, the Cats had one win in October and eight losses throughout the month.

"We hit a stretch of matches where we played seven top 15 teams in a row," Fritz said. "That was the gauntlet of destruction if you will. It was really hard to regain the momentum after that stretch of matches in October. We made progress with a lot of our young players who will contribute later on down the road."

With the tough losses behind them the team tried to focus on the positive aspects of the season.

"As a team I think one the games we will remember is when we swept A&M at their place," senior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, said. "I had an awful game but the girls played so well and they were so encouraging and even though I was struggling they lifted me up which was really nice because I'm half the seniors. The underclassmen really picked it up and pulled their weight and more."

The team thrived on their younger players like freshman middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger. There was not one particular player that carried the team on her own, however.

"Kaitlin Pelger had a really nice freshman season," Fritz said. "She was a bright spot for us from a performance perspective. We threw her out there and very often times she lead our team in hitting efficiency so I was proud of the start she was off to. Tristan McCarty was a Manhattan High product that also played as a freshman, so I don't have one particular player that stood out. We had so many young players contributing."

Even though the younger players lacked experience in college, that didn't interfere with the determination each girl had.

"Being a young team we had a lot of energy and enthusiasm this season," sophomore hitter Katherine Ludwig, said. "What was challenging in some cases were the types of close ending matches that required quick decision making that comes with experience. It was difficult to try and grow up fast because we have such a large number of young, newer players on our team. We did our best to play bigger but at the end of the day, we gave it all we had."

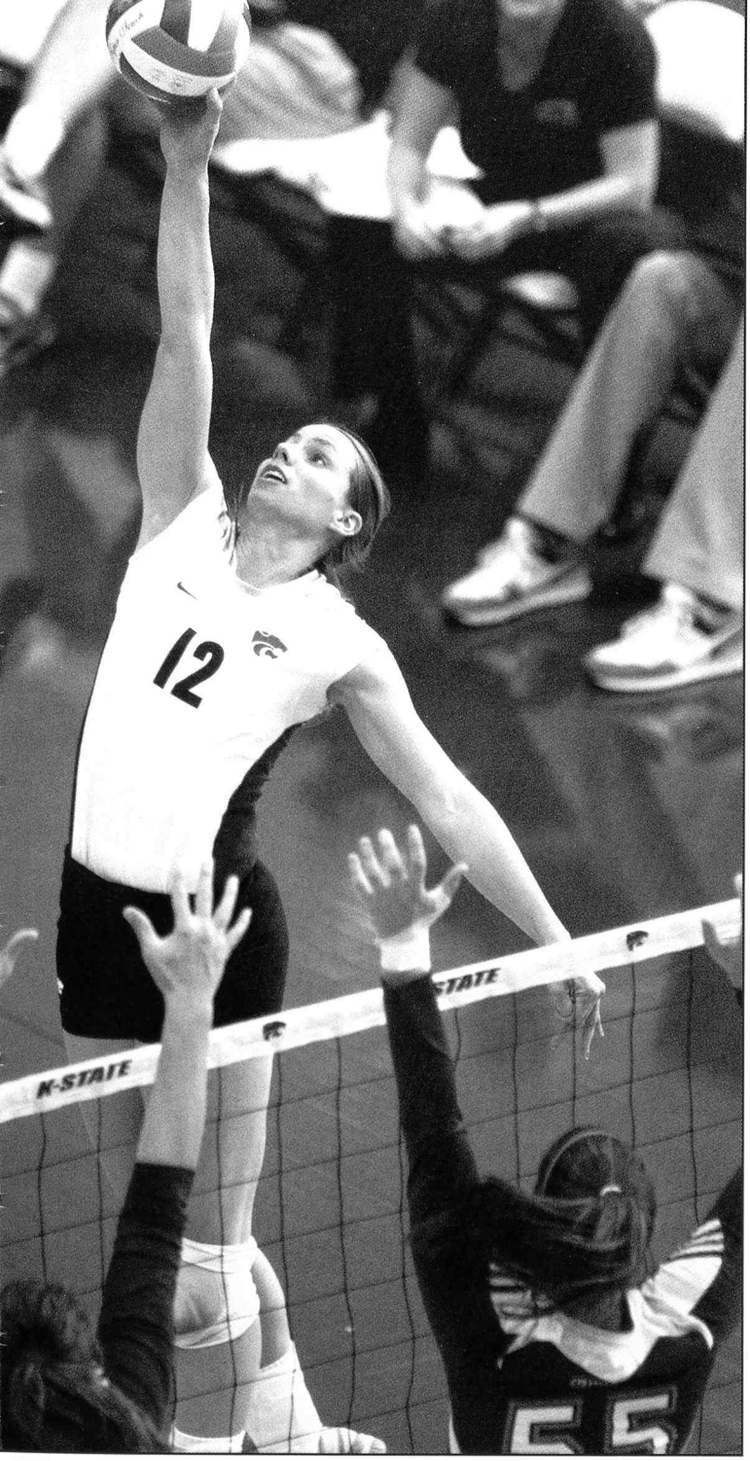
The goals the team had were steady and rarely changed. Team and individual goals were set and it was just a matter of time before they were met.

"Our goals are very specific in terms of each individual player and team goals," Fritz said. "We have some arm strength goals we want to fix. We've go to be a more productive offensive team. We've got to put up better numbers, hit for higher efficiency and kill more balls. We were working a little bit on offensive set speed so we're going to try to play a little faster."

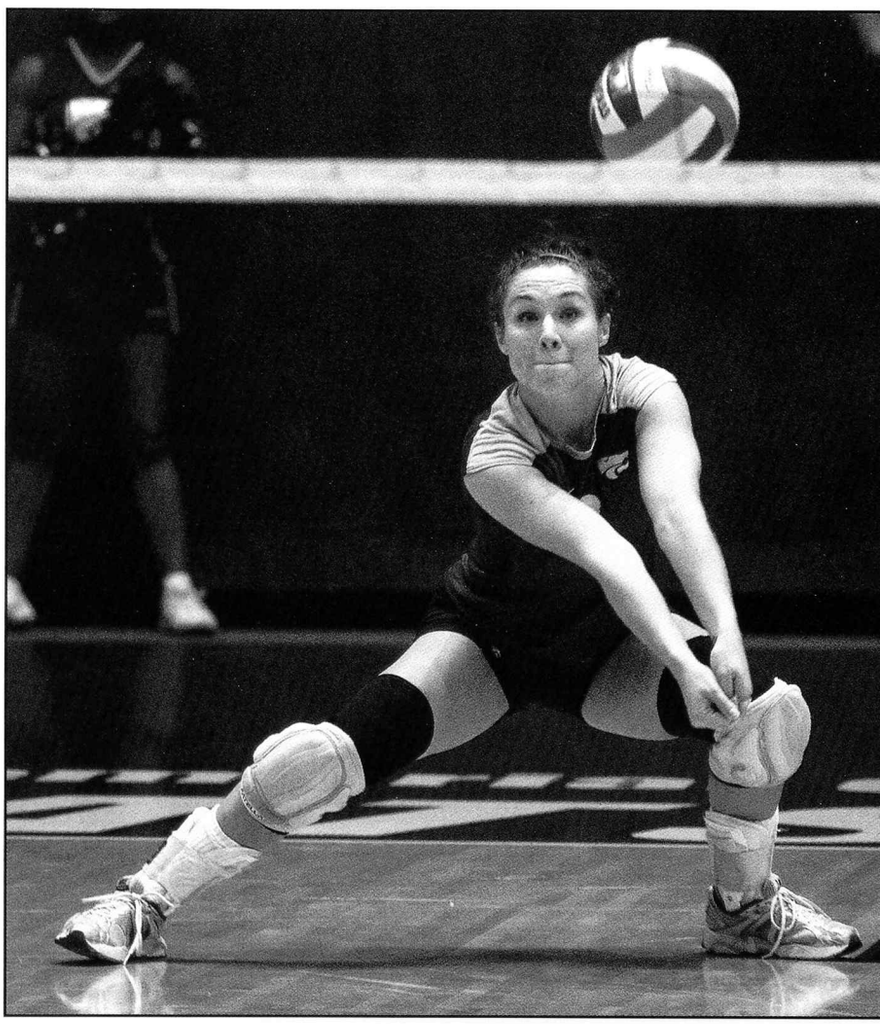
What made all the difference to reach their goals and work together was the chemistry the team had off the court.

"We had really good friendships off the court," Chisholm said. "I think that makes a huge difference in a team because those friendships can carry over onto the court. Losing seasons bring out the worst in people and we had to put our struggles aside and stay positive and look to what we could be because we had so much potential and so much talent we were just





Senior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm reaches for the ball to assure the spike. After volleyball season Chisholm went immediately into basketball season with the women's team.
Logan M. Jones



Senior libero Lauren Mathewson recovers the ball during a game where the volleyball team hosted the Texas Longhorns at Ahearn Fieldhouse. Mathewson was one of two seniors on the team.
Logan M. Jones

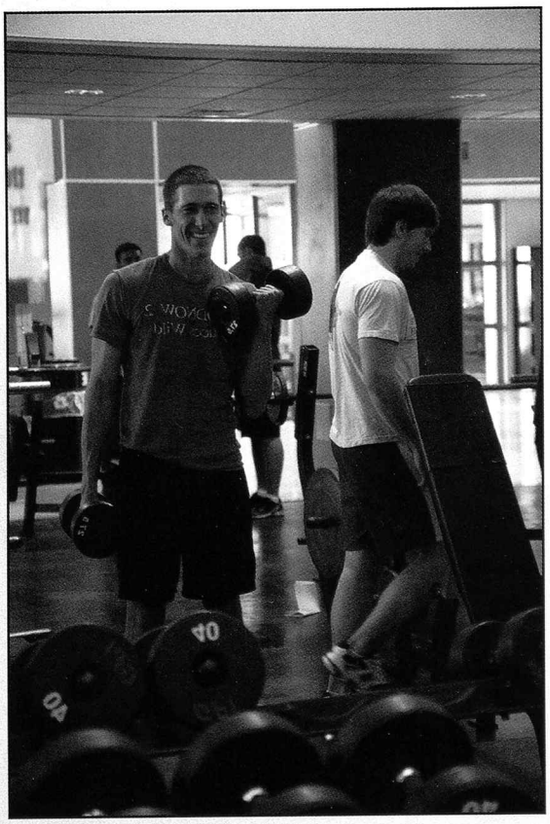
trying to figure out how to put all the pieces together and make it work for everyone and get wins."

Although the frustration of losing could get in a players mind and never leave, the girls relied on each other to stay strong.

"I think realizing that no matter what other people said about us, or no matter what other people expected of us, it was just us girls on the court," Chisholm said. "We had to depend and rely on each other and keep each other up because at the end of the day it was just us girls on the court. Pulling inward and relying on each other made a big difference."

Coach Fritz attitude and determination to continue recruiting the best and upholding the teams best was confident. She knew just what it took to compete at a division one school and knew the type of person she was looking to help carry the team.

"You can't just be a great athlete but you have to have a certain skill level because volleyball is very much a skill game," Fritz said. "Character is part of what we try to evaluate in the recruiting process in the short amount of time we get to work with them. Are they a good person, are they a good student, are they a good athlete and are they a good volleyball player? If the answer is yes to all of those questions then they have a chance to help us out."



Eric Mann, graduate student in statistics, works his biceps by doing dumbbell curls. Mann anticipated the longer track. "The track will be nice because I like to run in the winter," Mann said. *Erin Poppe*

> Compared to the other Big 12 schools, we're the lowest, meaning our students are paying the least amount of money for their rec complex and are getting a quality product.
>
> *Steve Martini, director of recreational services*

The construction crew tore out the basement of the Recreation Complex for the new storage and restrooms, even as the students continued to use facility. Out of the $23 million spent on the expansion project, about $19 million went to construction costs. *Erin Poppe*



Phase One: Complete

Rec Complex expansion project finally underway

by Becca Passannante

Massive dirt piles, construction vehicles and men in hard hats were seen along the south side of the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex. Although several years had passed since students voted on the Recreation Complex expansion project in November 2007, the project finally began construction during the fall 2010 semester.

"There's finally actually some activity going on," Steve Martini, Director of Recreational Services, said. "We want to add new parts on and make it larger, renovate the entire rec and tear down some parts."

The project was done in phases. Weather and funds permitting, the goal was to be completely finished in the early months of 2012.

"We're working on phase one right now," Martini said. "The final date isn't set, it mostly depends on weather and things like that."

Plans for the rec included adding a south entrance off Kerr Drive and a second parking lot and purchasing new equipment for each of the additional exercise rooms. Another thing being added was a multi-activity gymnasium.

"It's different from a normal gym floor and has a hockey rink and dasher boards," Martini said. "Students will be able to play indoor soccer and rollerblade on it along with playing basketball, tennis, volleyball and all those activities. We will also incorporate inline hockey."

"I think it's a good idea," Allison Cushing, sophomore in kinesiology, said. "It gets really crowded so it will make it less congested.

Eric Mann, graduate student in statistics, was not as sure about the changes being made.

"It think it will be cool," Mann said, "but I'm not sure if it's worth the money."

Renovation of the rest of the rec included adding new flooring, repainting and fixing up anything that needed it.

"It's going to be great," Martini said. "The only thing really missing is a pool, which could be another phase maybe down the road."

It was approximately a $23 million project with funding coming in from student privilege activity fees. At about $60 per student per semester, the money was divided to pay the rec's student employees, pay off the original loans and fund the expansion and renovation.

"Compared to the other Big 12 schools, we're the lowest," Martini said, "meaning our students are paying the least amount of money for their rec complex and are getting a quality product."

Martini believed the new and improved rec complex would benefit students in several ways.

"It will provide a new, larger facility," Martini said. "More groups will be able to reserve rooms for things like dance practices, and we will be able to do more programs and activities. It will be more current with the trends of fitness because of space and equipment."

Included in the rec expansion project:

- ☑ 40-foot climbing wall and boulder area
- ☑ a juice bar and a lounge
- ☑ a weight room twice the size of the original
- ☑ a cardio room
- ☑ a personal training studio
- ☑ a mind and body room for yoga
- ☑ a new spinning room for biking & cycling
- ☑ a combat room
- ☑ track length increased to one-fifth of a mile



by Brent Gipson

The team was picked to finish ninth in the Big 12, but finished the season in third place.

With only one active senior on the roster, the women's basketball team was not expected to match the same quality of play that has been seen in previous years. The team achieved a record of 21-11 and a 10-6 record in Big 12 Conference play to tie for third in the league. K-State notched the 22nd 20-win season in school history and was selected for the 12th NCAA Tournament appearance in the program's history.

The team became the 13th program in NCAA Division I women's basketball history to reach the 800-win mark and achieved the 300th career victory for head coach Deb Patterson. On the floor, the team was led by All-Big 12 selections sophomore guard Brittany Chambers and junior forward Jalana Childs

Freshman forward Brianna Kulas had a coming out party in the team's first exhibition game against Fort Hays State University, scoring 19 points and leading the Wildcats in the category. The squad hit their first five of seven shots, propelling an 18-2 run to open the game. The team routed the Tigers 91-25.

In the team's final exhibition tune-up against Washburn, Childs scored a game-high 17 points and lead the Cats to a 91-47 romp of the Ichabods. Chambers and Kulas both scored in double-digits to help lead the team.

Opening the 43rd regular season of women's basketball at K-State, the team, led by Chambers' 21 points, defeated Grambling State 67-44 in the final Commerce Bank Classic held. The team advanced on to play St. John's in the championship round of the classic, defeating them 64-53. Sophomore guard Mariah White led the team with 17 points, which garnered her a Big 12 Player of the Week honor. The Wildcats won 13 of the 16 tournaments, and extended their winning streak in the event to 10 games.

On the team's first road trip of the season, the team visited the home state of Branshea Brown, junior in elementary education, to play the College of Charleston. Throngs of K-State fans from Brown's hometown, Walterboro, 45 minutes from the game site, cheered on the team during their Saturday victory. Sophomore guard Taelor Karr had 16 points, while Brown finished with 10 points, five rebounds, three steals, and two blocked shots.

For the fifth time in school history, the Wildcats moved on to a 6-0 record after defeating South Dakota State 56-51, despite trailing by as much as 14 in the first half. Chambers led the squad with 18 points.

"I think I was trying to do too much in the first half and I thought I was over-penetrating," Chambers said. "I didn't have very good offensive balance."

As a part of the Big 12/Big 10 Conference challenge, the Wildcats sailed north to play number 18 Iowa. Although the team grabbed a 29-25 halftime advantage, the team had its first loss of the season through a second-half surge by the Hawkeyes.

A true team effort fueled a victory against North Dakota, as nine team members scored at least five points in the 76-49 victory. Karr led all players in scoring 16 points, and shot seven out of eight on her field goal attempts. Just a week after joining the women's basketball team from volleyball, junior guard and forward JuliAnne Chisholm scored seven points to

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Branshea Brown, junior forward drives toward the basket as she steps over Chelsea Poppens, sophomore forward, during the game against Iowa State Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats lost 58-51.
Jennifer Heeke

results

Grambling State
W 67-44

St. John's
W 64-53

Indiana State
W 64-48

Western Illinois
W 63-53

Coll. of Charleston
W 56-46

South Dakota State
W 56-51

Iowa
L 62-68

North Dakota
W 76-49

UC Davis
W 61-41

UTSA
L 55-72

Middle Tennessee
L 49-63

Dartmouth
W 69-48

Vermont
W 68-39

Oklahoma State
W 63-45

Oklahoma
L 45-52

Texas Tech
L 66-68

Missouri
W 66-63

Nebraska
W 64-37

Colorado
W 72-59

Kansas
W 65-60

Missouri
W 60-55

Texas
L 59-69

Iowa State
L 53-61

Colorado
W 78-51

Nebraska
W 69-64

Baylor
L 48-75

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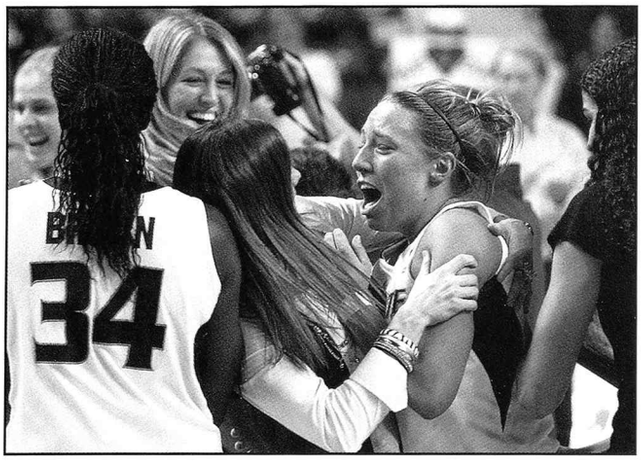
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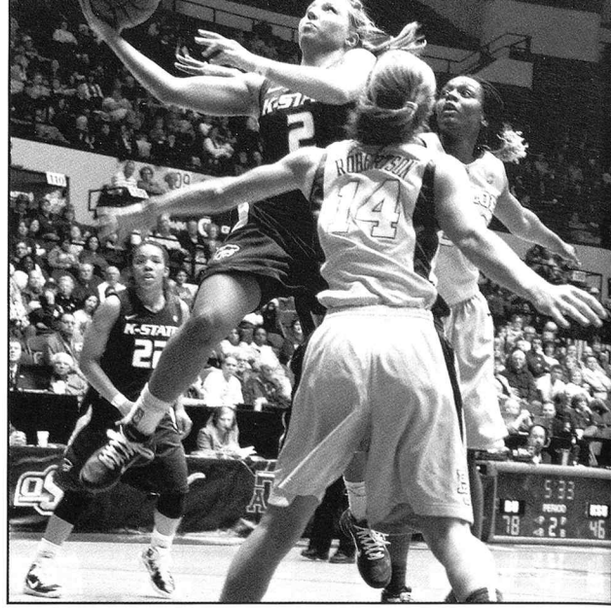
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help in the drubbing of the Fighting Sioux.

The team closed out the non-conference season with a perfect record at home. Karr scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to mark the first double-double of any team member this season. The Wildcats beat UC Davis 61-41.

"I thought offensively we came into the game wanting to be aggressive with our mentality," Patterson said. "I thought we were far more aggressive and smarter in the first half than the second half."

Before returning home for the holidays, the team headed south to San Antonio to take on UTSA and Middle Tennessee State in a neutral site challenge. The team had an eight-point lead in the first half against UTSA, but went on to lose the contest 72-55. The team shot cold, with field goal percentage of 25 and a 19.2 three-point percentage. The team looked to rebound from this loss, but was once again greeted by a plague of cold shooting and turnovers that cost the Wildcats the contest against Middle Tennessee State, losing 63-49.

After the holiday, the team once again headed to the east coast to participate in the Dartmouth University/Blue Sky Classic. The team ended the two game slide with a 69-48 win over Dartmouth. Chambers and Chantay Caron, freshman in pre-professional education, combined for 39 points and 22 rebounds. In the second game of the classic, the team held Vermont to their lowest scoring game of their season, defeating the Catamounts 68-39 and handing them their 11th loss of the season. Chambers and Childs both scored in double figures during this game.

To open the Big 12 season, the Wildcats participated in the NCAA's Pack the House initiative, bringing in season-high 9,024 fans, ultimately leading the Wildcats to the Big 12 women's basketball title in this initiative. K-State defeated Oklahoma State 63-45 in this contest, connecting for 12 three-point field goals, the most the Wildcats had hit this season.

"We were very well prepared for the game. We knew exactly what they were going to run and the tendency of the other players," Chambers said. "I thought we stuck really well to our game plan."

A hard fought, three-point victory over Missouri opened a home stand for the Wildcats, with Childs scoring 21 points in the victory, 66-63. A Tiger player scored 33 points, but was unable to carry her team to a victory.

"The coaches and my teammates have been on me about stepping up and trying to win games," Childs said. "There was not anything different about this game."

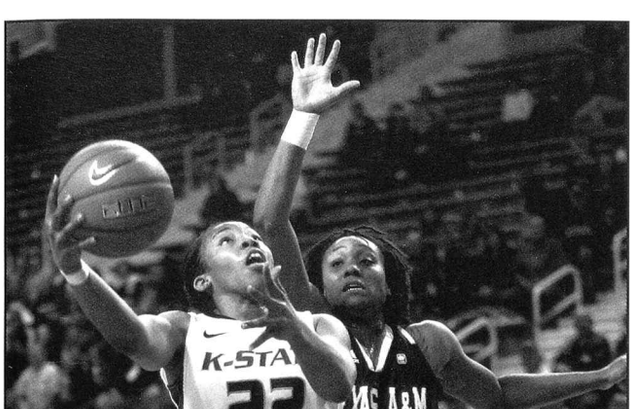
The Wildcats in their next contest against Nebraska held them to their lowest point total in the series since 1975. Chambers exploded for 26 points in the victory, blasting the rival Huskers 64-37. She recorded her third career double-double, and pulled in a team high 11 rebounds.

On the final road trip to Colorado, Chambers once again led the team to a victory against the Buffs 72-59. The Buffs cut a Wildcat halftime lead to one during the second half, but the tenacity of the Wildcats rallied them to a victory.

Staying unbeaten at home, the Cats won 10 in a row against KU, tarnishing the Jayhawks, 65-60. Karr added 19 points, while hitting four free-throws in the final minute of the game to seal the victory for the team.

"It is nice that we have a four game win streak right now," Karr said. "The Big 12 is a great league, and there is no easy team, no cake walk. We have to go in and show up every night for whatever team we play."

Entering February, the statistically toughest month for the Wildcats, the team was greeted by a victory against



Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers and Assistant Coach Shalee Lehning celebrate following the second half of the Cats victory over Texas A&M in Bramlage Coliseum. Kansas State defeated the Aggies 71-67. *Johnathan Knight*

Sophomore Guard Brittany Chambers jumps past the defense and lays one up past Baylor freshman guard Makenzie Robertson in. The Cats had a tough loss against the Bears that night for a score of 75-48. *Jennifer Heeke*

K-State sophomore guard Mariah White shoots around Texas A&M junior guard Tyra White during the first half of their matchup in Bramlage Coliseum March 2. It was a Wildcat victory for the women's basketball team. *Jonathan Knight*

Missouri on the road, 60-55. The team erased a 12-point half-time deficit in the overtime victory, fueled by Chambers' 27 points extended the squad's winning streak in conference to five. Chambers was named Big 12 Player of the Week after the victory.

Texas handed the Wildcats their first home loss of the season, defeating the team 69-59 at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats could not find a way to extinguish red-hot shooting by the Longhorns. Childs' 17 points led the team.

Under a national audience on ESPN2 for the first time in three years, the Wildcats dropped the game against Iowa State, 61-53. The 20th ranked Cyclones hit 10 of 12 free throws in the final three minutes of the game to clench the victory. Childs scored 21 points, while Chambers added 19.

In the team's annual Pink Zone game for breast cancer awareness, the team was handed its second loss at home by #24 Iowa State, 58-51. An Iowa State player made several key baskets down the stretch to solidify the victory for the Cyclones. Childs raked in 18 points, with Karr adding 12.

"I am very grateful to all o the fans that came today to support the Pink Zone Initiative. It was fabulous to see all the pink in the house to know that everybody was making a statement in the fight against cancer," Patterson said. "Their attendance at today's game, their willingness to wear pink, the support of the program and really just when people come together and make a statement that this cause really does matter I think that it perpetuates its self across the country."

An exciting end to the home slate of the season, the unranked Wildcats defeated #5 Texas A&M 71-67. Chambers scored a career-high 35 points, including seven 3-pointers to lead the program to its best at home win in nearly 30 years. Karr finished the game with 14 points.

Winning in Lawrence is always a bittersweet feeling for Patterson and her Wildcats, but this victory had an even more special meaning for Caron. Caron was born in Lawrence and attended Lawrence Free State High School. Childs lead a trio of Wildcats in double figures with 16 points, while White chipped in 14 and Karr added 12.

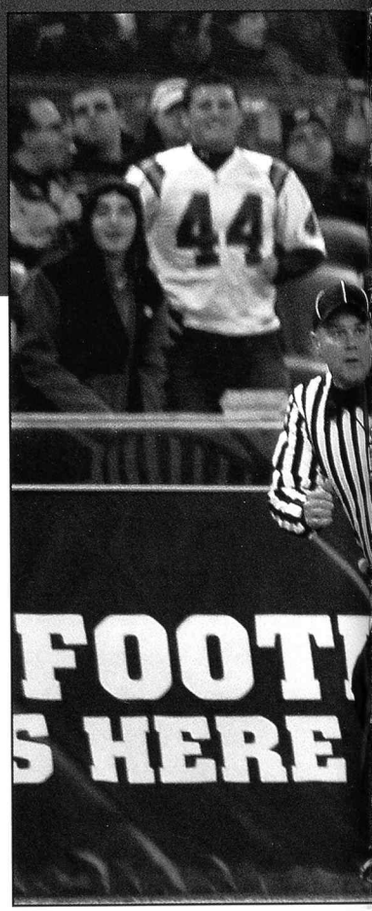
"We are just really proud of our basketball team. We had an unbelievable performance today in terms of toughness and courage from Jalana Childs," Patterson said. "Nobody would know it, but she played hurt today. She just really brought it for her team. It was an amazing, courageous step up moment for her."

Unanimous Big 12 First Team selection Chambers scored a game-high 20 points, while Childs added 14 as the fourth-seeded Wildcats defeated the fifth-seeded Iowa State Cyclones, 56-53, in quarterfinal action of the Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship in Kansas City.

Pitted against #3 Baylor in the semifinals of the championship, the Wildcats were once again romped by the Lady Bears, 86-53. Kelsey Hill, senior in agricultural communications, led the scoring column for the Wildcats, adding 14 points, including four three-point makes.

The Cats finished the season with a 21-11 record, after being handed a loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament by the ninth-seeded Purdue Boilermakers, 53-45. Chambers added in a game-high 19 points at the contest in Storrs, Conn. Both teams missed the NCAA tournament the previous year.

The Cats closed the year after advancing to its 12th NCAA Tournament in program history and eighth under Patterson. Chambers finished the season with 514 points and made 88 shots from long range to rank fifth in school history. This was the eighth 20-win season in the Patterson era.



Sophomore tight end Travis Tannahill dives into the endzone to make the save for a Wildcat touchdown at the Pinstripe Bowl in New York on Dec. 30. *Luke Townsend*

A salute to the bowl

The football team heads east to compete in its first bowl game since 2006.

For most K-State fans, the 2010 Pinstripe Bowl left one image engrained in their minds: senior wide receiver Adrian Hilburn saluting a small group of fans. The "salute," was a game-defining unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that will be heavily remembered by the Wildcats and students.

"My emotions took over me," Hilburn said. "That's what happened."

With three minutes, and eight seconds left in the fourth quarter, Syracuse, the opposing team of the bowl, took a 36-28 lead on a field goal. Senior quarterback Carson Coffman hit Hilburn for a 30-yard touchdown pass with 1:13 remaining in the game.

After the touchdown and the infamous salute, Hilburn remembers an official telling him, "wrong choice, buddy," and then seeing the yellow penalty flag hit the ground. The excessive-celebration penalty that was called was defined in the NCAA Football Rules book under Rule 9-2-1d: "Any delayed, excessive, prolonged or choreographed act by which a player attempts to focus attention on himself (or themselves)." K-State staff, players and fans on the sideline could not believe the call. This put the two-point conversion, at the 18-yard line, after a 15-yard penalty was assessed. Head Coach Bill Snyder refused to comment on the penalty. Coffman had no problem letting coaches, players, fans and media in on his feelings.

"It was a bogus call," Coffman said.

According to the Big 12 Conference, at the request of the media, a media regulations designee may accompany reporters to the officials' dressing room for a rules clarification. "It was the salute, which was the judgment of the calling officials, which were the head linesman and the back judge," Todd Geerlings, the referee and lead official of the Big Ten Conference officiating crew, said. "Two officials threw a flag, both judged it to be drawing attention to themselves, and that's what the flag was for."

The Wildcats, up to this point, had not lost their previous 3 bowl games. It was a painful way for the team, 7-6, to end their season. In post-game media, Hillburn took time to defend his actions.

"I give a salute, what's that? Representing our soldiers? It hurts," Hillburn said. "I know I was on their turf and maybe I shouldn't have done that, but I still don't think it was a good call."

Even though the Wildcats lost the game, 36-34,



the university was still well represented, both in person, and through a national audience on ABC/ESPN. According to K-State athletic director John Currie, the university sold 50 percent more tickets than it had estimated, and was happy to clear the required allotment of 2,500. Athletic department representatives estimate that close to 3,300 K-State fans purchased tickets through the departments, and several more bought tickets on their own from other sources. Of these fans, a conglomerate of students traveled to support the Cats.

"I'm not sure how much I spent on the trip," Brett Seidl, freshman in public relations, said. "After a little begging, my parents agreed to buy my plane ticket as a Christmas present. A big group of us shared hotel rooms, so that kept the costs lower. Game tickets weren't too bad because we got discounted student tickets through the athletic department."

A blizzard hit the Northeast over the weekend, but following several days of work from maintenance crews, the rest of the venue, including the stands, was snow free. The game started with clear skies and temperatures in the 40s. New York Yankee's President Randy Levine said snow left on the side of the stadium were left for one sole purpose: the national audience to notice the game was being played outside in the elements.

Although the playing surface at Yankee Stadium was cleared of snow, it still showed effects of the cold. K-State players and staff said the ground was hard and slippery. Even though the environment was wonderful, they thought it affected their performance.

"That was the toughest field I've ever played on," Felder said. "It was really slippery, and hard to deal with."

Seidl and his traveling partners from fraternity Delta Sigma Phi flew out of Wichita, near his hometown of Valley Center into the snow-blanketed east coast and faced weather and flight cancellations. This didn't stop fans.

"It was amazing to talk to K-Staters about how they got here, and I think for the next 30 years those fish stories will get bigger and bigger," Kirk Schulz, university president, said. "I think that's all part of the experience. There are a lot of people we saw this morning, they just talked about, 'Hey, we're just glad to be here in time for the bowl game.'"

Jeffrey Julmis, junior in social sciences, raced over hurdles along side his teammate in Ahearn fieldhouse. All student athletes were expected to keep their grades up while they attended athletic competitions in Manhattan, as well as on the road. *Jennifer Heeke*

the Speed &



the Smarts

by Kelsey White



With the combination of two simple words, the dynamics of a student's life could completely change. The term "student-athlete" described thousands of collegiates over the years that were chosen to represent the university in athletics. Dealing with both academics and athletics had always been a challenge for student-athletes and to find the perfect balance between the two elements was always an achievement.

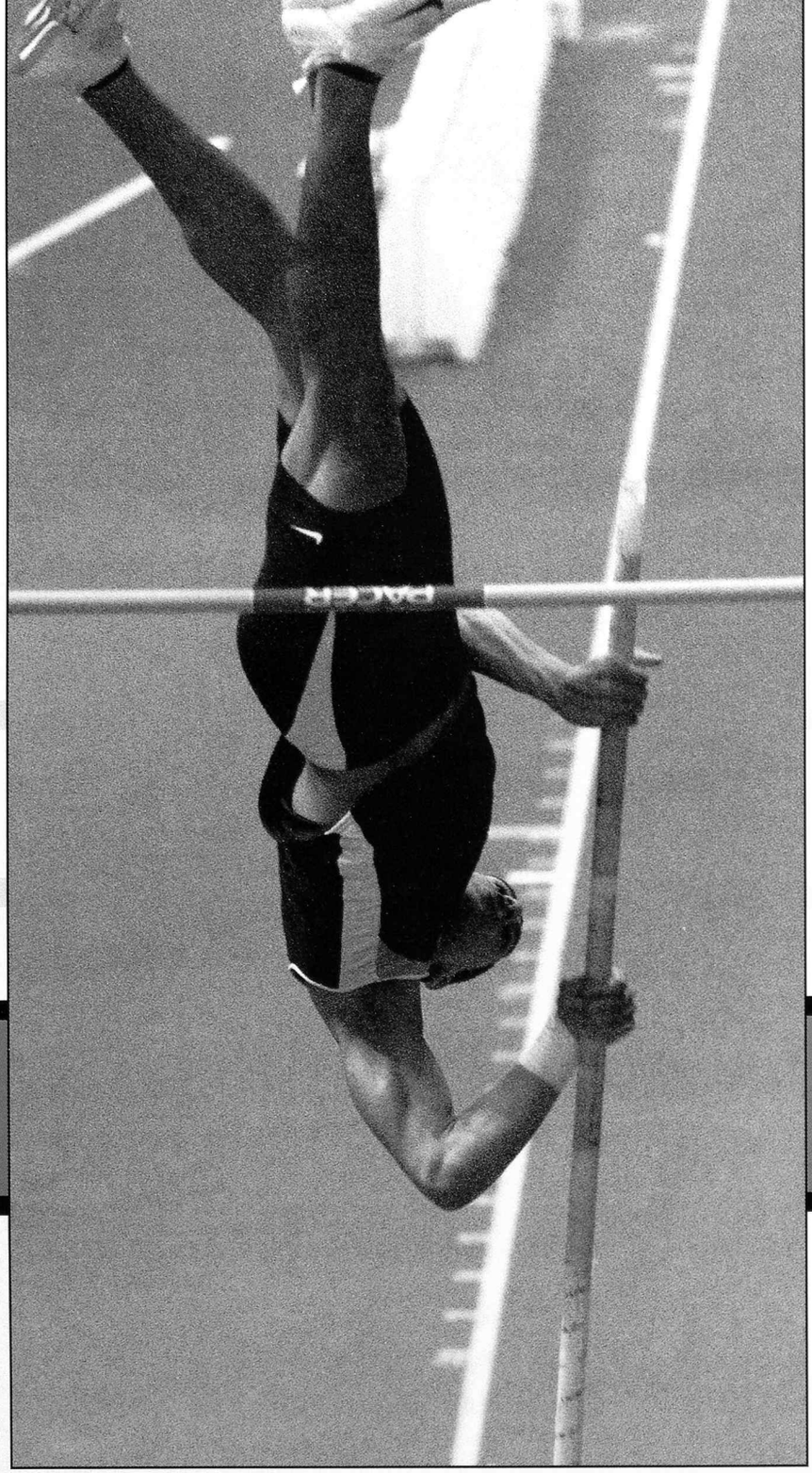
The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) recognized four track and field student-athletes for this particular achievement this past year. Beverly Ramos, senior in physical science and chemical sciences, Sara Stoakes, sophomore in animal science, Moritz Cleve, sophomore in mass communications, and Jack Sachse, graduate student in counseling and student development, were named to the Division All-Academic Track and Field team, one of the most prestigious honors given by the USTFCCCA. They were specifically recognized for being student-athletes that met and exceeded expectations in both the academic and the athletic part of their college careers.

"It's definitely an honor," Stoakes said. "To be an athlete and to do well in the classroom is really a challenge because you have to put a lot of time into both, so it is an honor to excel in both."

To be named to the All-Academic team, the student-athlete must have a cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.25 or higher and meet NCAA Division 1 athletic qualifications.

"I think this particular award is cool, because it does have an athletic component to it," Sachse said. "There are some solely academic awards that are out there, but with this one, you have to qualify athletically as well."

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Physical strength helped this pole vaulter clear the bar in a meet that was hosted in Manhattan. Ramos and Sachse agreed that the importance of being a student athlete not only came from the physical aspect alone, it is just as much the academic side that makes one become successful.
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The student-athletes made it a habit of juggling long hours of conditioning and practice squeezed in between classes and homework assignments. They would wake up before the sun rose to run various routes through out the city of Manhattan, just to arrive back at Ahearn Field House right before the morning classes started at the university.

"It helps that our coach is really organized," Sachse said. "He gives us our training about a week in advance with the practice times, so you can plan your class schedule and organize everything around that."

The not-so-secret ingredient to this success was something that these athletes held dear. They all agreed time management and determination were two of the main components that helped them strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives.

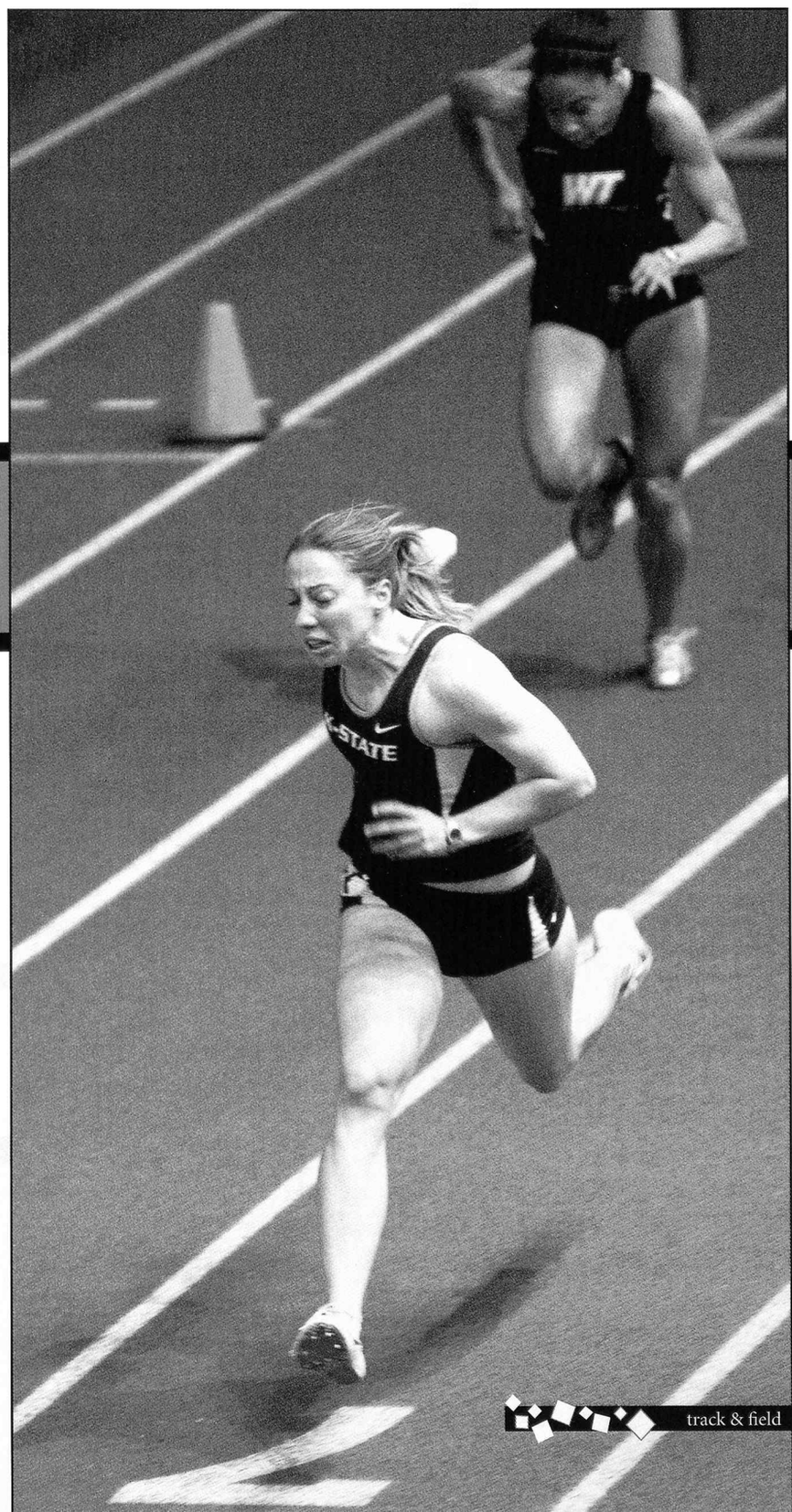
"I was able to maintain high levels in both academics and in track, but it takes a lot of time," Ramos said. "I learned the importance of managing responsibilities and I think that is what really

helped me out."

Ramos had a specific perspective on what it meant to a be a student athlete at a Division I university, and as a recent graduate and newly named member of the USTFCCCA All Academic team, she was more than qualified to give her two cents on the subject.

"My advice is to keep in mind that being an athlete is a privilege," Ramos said. "Not everyone has the talent and it is really an honor. The staff and the coaches here really help us stay focused. They help us realize that if we put our mind to it and realize how special the sports aspect actually is, we can really achieve anything academically."

With endless determination and potential, these student-athletes set an example for the rest of the university. Between sleeping and eating, squeezed amid school and homework, these four distinct students used organization and time management to rise above the rest.



As she pushed toward the finish line, Denise Baker, senior in dietetics, gave her utmost effort to finish the race. The USTFCCA honored athletes who exemplified exceptional efforts in both academics and athletics.
Jennifer Heeke

Twice as nice

Back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances fuel the WIldcats

by Brent Gipson

With an Elite Eight appearance during the 2009-10 seasons behind them, the 2010-11 Wildcats took to the floor, setting a goal not to stop until they reached the pinnacle—the Final Four. This train however took an unwanted course when the team was knocked out in the second-round of the NCAA Tournament, falling to the Wisconsin Badgers 70-65 in Tucson, Ariz.

Opening the season as the number 3 team in the nation in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, the Wildcats took the floor to entertain in an exhibition contest against Newman. The Cats were led by All Big-12 selection and senior guard Jacob Pullen who contributed 14 points to the contest. Fourteen of the team's fifteen-member bench saw floor action during this game.

To end the exhibition slate, the Wildcats cleaned out the Washburn Ichabods, defeating them in the contest 90-44. Sophomore guard Rodney McGruderled the team with 18 points. McGruder was on fire throughout the contest, only missing one field goal throughout the entire game.

"I thought defensively, we were a heck of a lot better today than we were the first time out," Head Coach Frank Martin said. "I am telling you, our guys were nervous that first time out."

To open the regular season, the Wildcats opened action against James Madison, drubbing the Dukes 75-61. The team was led once again by Pullen, contributing 20 points. This was the opening round of the 2010 O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic, with the regional taking place in Manhattan.

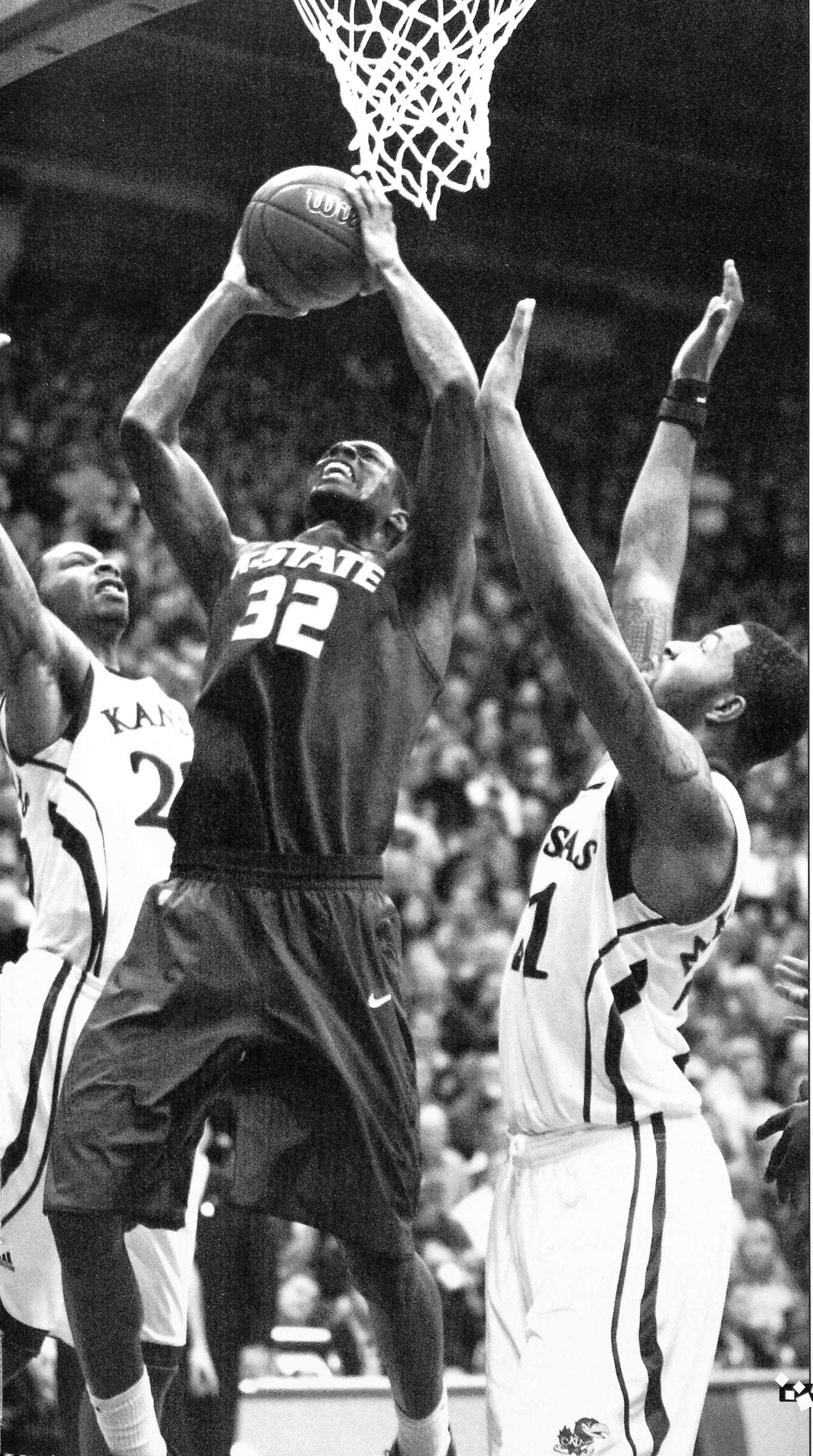
As a part of ESPN's College Hoops marathon, the Virginia Tech Hokies visited Bramlage, only to be blasted with a 73-57 defeat. Pullen was in foul trouble throughout the game, which led members of the bench to out-score the starting lineup 37-36.

Concluding a home stand, the Wildcats brought Presbyterian to town, defeating the Blue Hose 76-67 in the CBE classic. Pullen led the team with 15 points on 4-of-12 shooting. The team advanced to play Gonzaga in the semifinal round of the tournament in Kansas City.

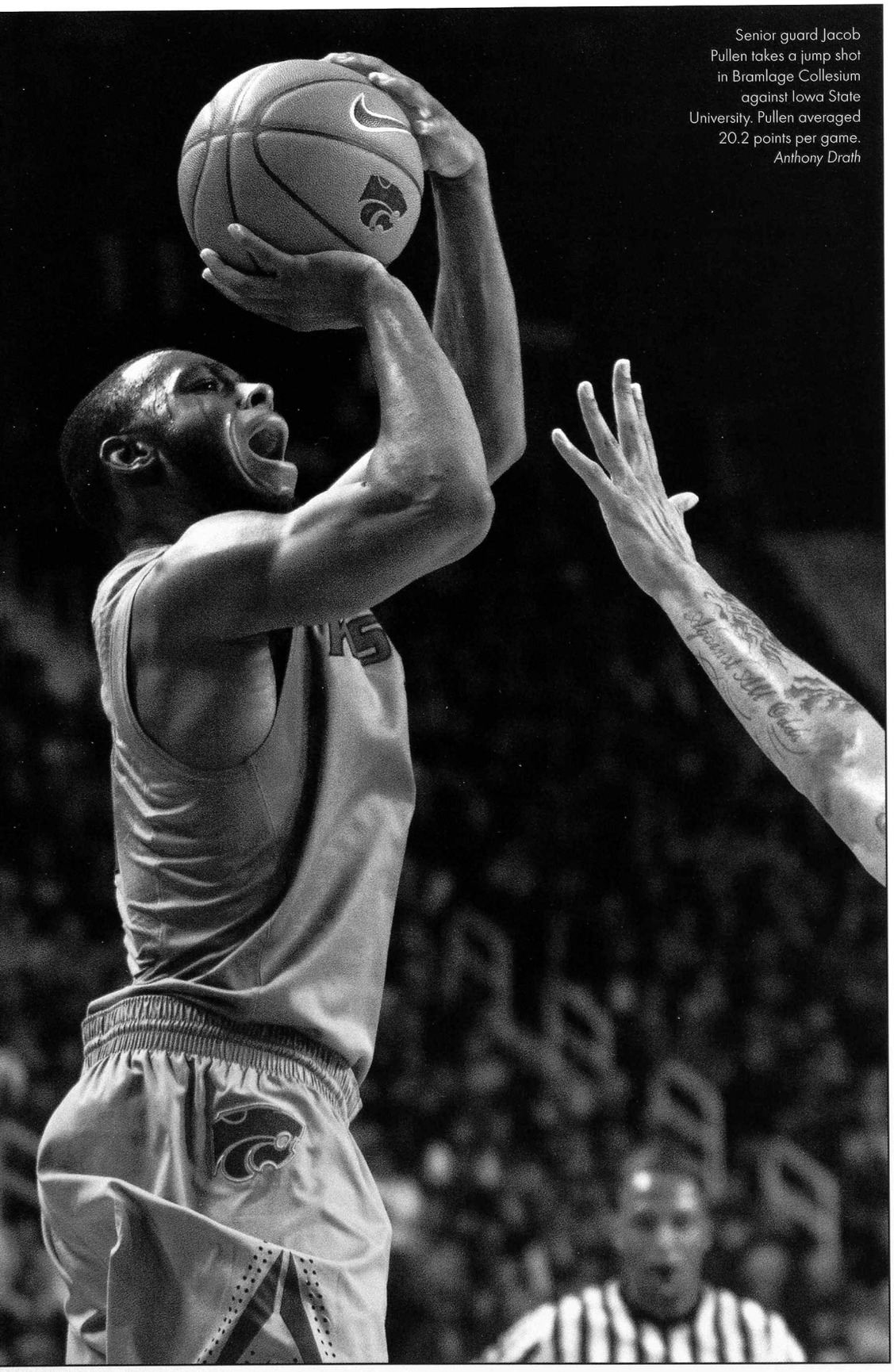
Taking on the nations top team in the Duke Blue Devils diminished the Wildcats record, losing 82-68. A flurry of turnovers plagued the somber Wildcat offense. Senior

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Junior forward Jamar Samuels jumps to the hoop against the University of Kansas in Lawrence in January. The Wildcats lost 90-66 against the Jayhawks.
Anthony Drath



Senior guard Jacob Pullen takes a jump shot in Bramlage Collesium against Iowa State University. Pullen averaged 20.2 points per game. *Anthony Drath*

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forward Curtis Kelly led the Wildcats with 19 points.

Coming off of one of the worst shooting nights for Pullen in his career at K-State, he bounced back and led the Wildcats to a 84-60 win over Texas Southern. Pullen also dished out seven assists during the game.

"I thought we bounced back well," Pullen said. "We did a good job of guarding the ball and forcing them into things that we wanted to do so we could get into position to take

A homecoming for Pullen was in order when the Cats traveled to Chicago to defeat Loyola, 68-60. Pullen contributed 19 points. This contest was the fifth straight win for the Wildcats. Pullen stated he had "over 100" friends and family members in the stands watching.

As a part of the Orange Bowl Classic, the Florida Gators beat the team 57-44, ending the hot streak for the Cats. During one stretch of the contest, the team missed 19 of 20 shot attempts.

"We were executing and getting shots and doing the things we talked about trying to do, and the ball didn't go in the basket," Martin said. "And then it broke our spirit."

Returning to Kansas City, looking for another victory, the Wildcats were defeated by UNLV, 63-59. A second half surge by the Rebels cost the Cats the contest. McGruder recorded his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

With a pre-holiday game against the UMKC Kangaroos, the squad connected on a season-high 57.9 percentage from three-point range. McGruder contributed a game-high 24 points, powering the Wildcats to a 80-64 victory, and ending a two-game losing streak in Bramlage Coliseum.

"I hit a couple of shots back-to-back," McGruder said. "My jump shot felt really good. When I released it, I felt like it was going

in every time."

Posting the first 100-point game of the season, the Wildcats closed the calendar year in Manhattan, defeating North Florida 100-76. Junior forward Jamar Samuels led all scorers with 26 points in the contest, while scoring seven of the teams first 16 points.

Coming off a three-game suspension, Pullen was nearly perfect from the floor, leading all scorers with 24. The Wildcats defeated Savannah State by 31, 92-61 in the non-conference finale.

"I got a lot of shots up [during my suspension]," Pullen said. "I got a lot of shots before the game. During my little time off, I just stayed in the gym."

Opening the conference season with a road trip to Oklahoma State under a national audience on ESPN2, the Wildcats were edged by the Cowboys 76-62. The Wildcats hit a cold streak in the second half that proved to be costly as OSU came from behind and eventually built a double-digit lead in the final 10 minutes. Pullen and McGruder both scored 19 points.

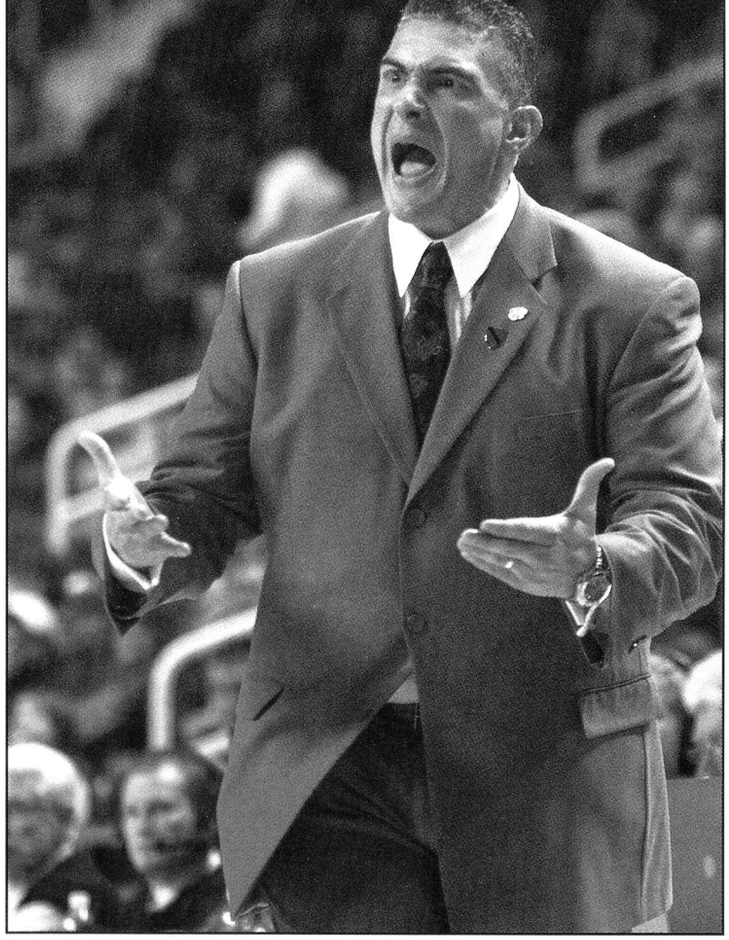
Pullen contributed 22 points against Colorado, but that proved not to be enough with a second-half drought by the Wildcats cost them the game 74-66. The Buffaloes, making their final trip to Manhattan, out-rebounded the Wildcats 38-29.

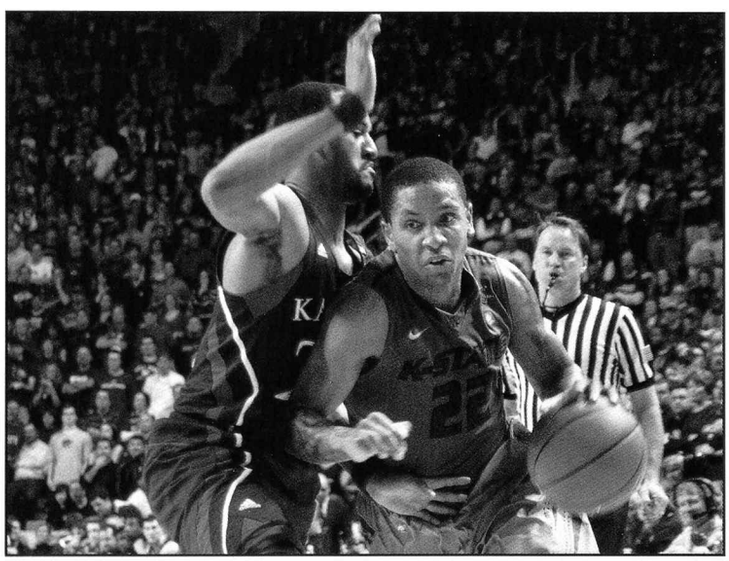
Dropping to #21 in the polls, the Wildcats were out for vengeance against Texas Tech. Samuels scored 22 points and Pullen added 21 to lead the team to the victory 94-60. McGruder added 16 points, with Kelly contributing 12.

Traveling to Missouri, the Wildcats led by Pullen's 16 points, dropped the contest 75-59. The team lost the last three-of-four contests. Falling out of the top 25, Martin blamed his teams loss and down rise to sloppy play.

"Lackadaisical travels, forced plays trying to go one-on-one, lazy passes, lazy cuts,"

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Head Coach Frank Martin yells at his players on the court against the University of Nebraska. It was a Wildcat victory against the Corhhuskers with a score of 69-53 at home. The Cats also went on to beat the Cornhuskers away with a score of 61-57.
Jennifer Heeke

Sophomore guard Rodney McGruder oushes past the University of Kansas defense in Lawrence. Even though the Cats had a tough loss that night, they came back to defeat the Jayhawks on Valentine's Day in Bramlage Collesium with a score of 84-68.
Jennifer Heeke

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Duke
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Emporia State
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Washington State
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Alcorn State
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Loyola
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UMKC
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North Florida
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Savannah State
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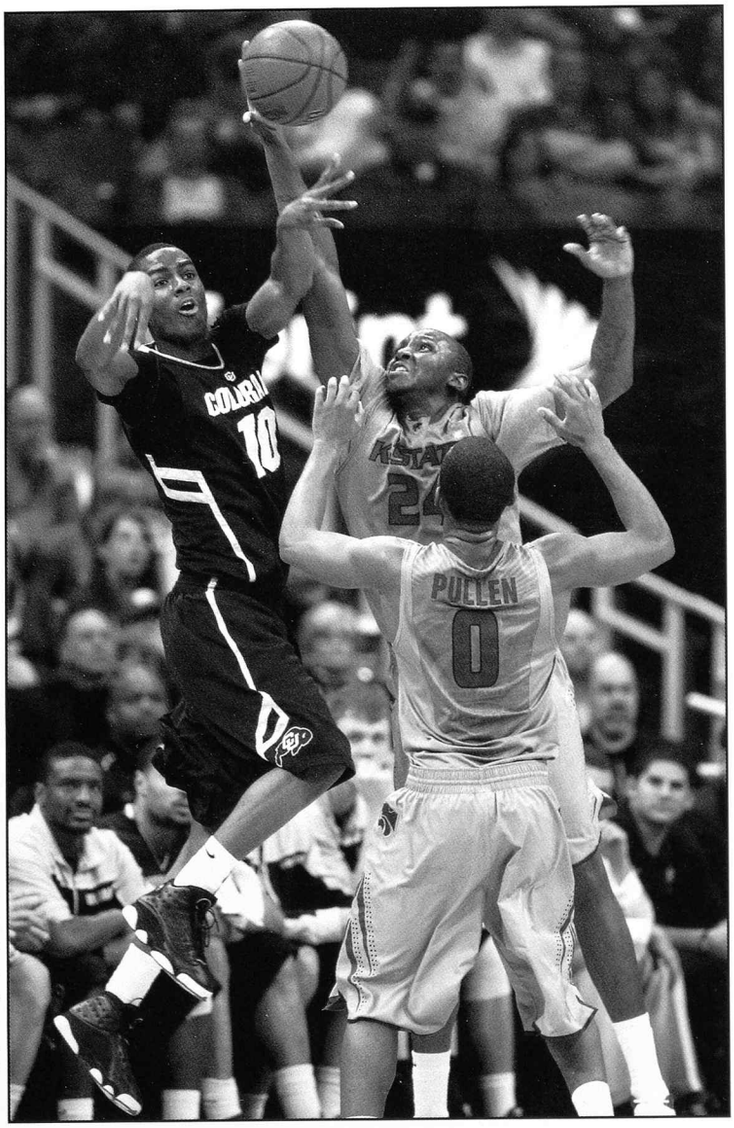
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Wisconsin
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Senior forward, Curtis Kelly and Senior guard Jacob Pullen defend against the University of Colorado. The Cats lost to Colorado both at home and in Boulder this year.
Jonathan Knight

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Martin said. "You're going to turn it over a couple of times against Missouri, it's what they do, but we had bad turnovers."

Bouncing back, the team defeated the Baylor Bears 69-61. The ESPN Big Monday contest was seen coast-to-coast. Pullen, along with Will Spradling, freshman in open option, each contributed 17 points, combing for 34 of the teams 69.

The Wildcats travelled to Allen Fieldhouse to a drubbing by against in-state rival Kansas, 90-66. Pullen contributed 21 points in front of the sellout crowd of 16,300.

Bound for the Big 10 Conference, the Nebraska Cornhuskers made their final trek to Bramlage, only to be greeted with a stomping by the Wildcats. The team won 69-53. Pullen netted 18 points, making this five straight games that he led in scoring.

"I thought we played well," Kelly said. "I thought that we played hard and with a lot of excitement. I think that our defense helped our offense out a lot."

Pullen hit a layup with 2.6 seconds left in a nail-biter contest against Iowa State, leading the Wildcats to an 86-85 victory in Ames. Pullen scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half to lead the team to their second straight victory. Pullen was named the Big 12 Player of the Week.

With the Wildcats final visit to Boulder, K-State ended a 10-game winning streak in the month of February. McGruder sank a long three-pointer at the end of regulation, but after further review, was deemed not good because the ball did not leave his fingertips in time. The team lost 58-56.

On Valentine's Day, Pullen and the Cats warmed the hearts of a sellout crowd during the drubbing the number one ranked University of Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum, 84-68. Pullen propelled 23 points in the contest. Following the game, the fans rushed the court in celebration.

"As the game went on, I think that the crowd started believing just like our players," Martin said. "As the game progressed the crowd just kept getting better and better. We play well here because of those crowds. Our guys love playing in front of those fans."

Running past the Oklahoma Sooners, Pullen continued his impressive play with 27 points in the 15-point victory. McGruder added 20 points, sailing the team to a 77-62 win. Pullen became the first Wildcat to record 1,800 points, 400 assists, 300 rebounds and 200 steals in a career. Pullen was once again named Big 12 Player of the Week after the contest.

During the team's final visit to Nebraska, Pullen lit up for 27 points for a big road win. K-State held off Nebraska's late comeback, winning 61-57. The senior was only seven points shy of achieving a 2,000-career point mark.

Missourri, ranked 20 in the nation, visited the "Ocatgon of Doom," to be greeted by a sellout crowed that helped the Wildcats to a 80-70 victory. Pullen scored 24 points, surpassing the 2,000-career point mark. Kelly added 15 points and six rebounds for the team.

"We got some clean looks and we did a good job of running our offense. The ball went through the net and we got some really clean looks," Pullen said. "Transition-wise, it was the same thing. We

got the ball out and played good defense, which turned into good offense and we caught on fire really early. "

In a road trip to Austin, the Wildcats surged to a 75-70 victory over a number seven ranked Texas. McGruder scored 22 points, with Pullen adding 20; 16 of which came in the second half. The Wildcats send the Longhorns their second straight loss of the conference season.

"Everybody wrote us off," Pullen said of the Cats 1-4 start in the conference. "They cast our season down the drain. People say we're a good team again but we can't let things like that get into our locker room and we can't let down our guard. Our morale is to the sky."

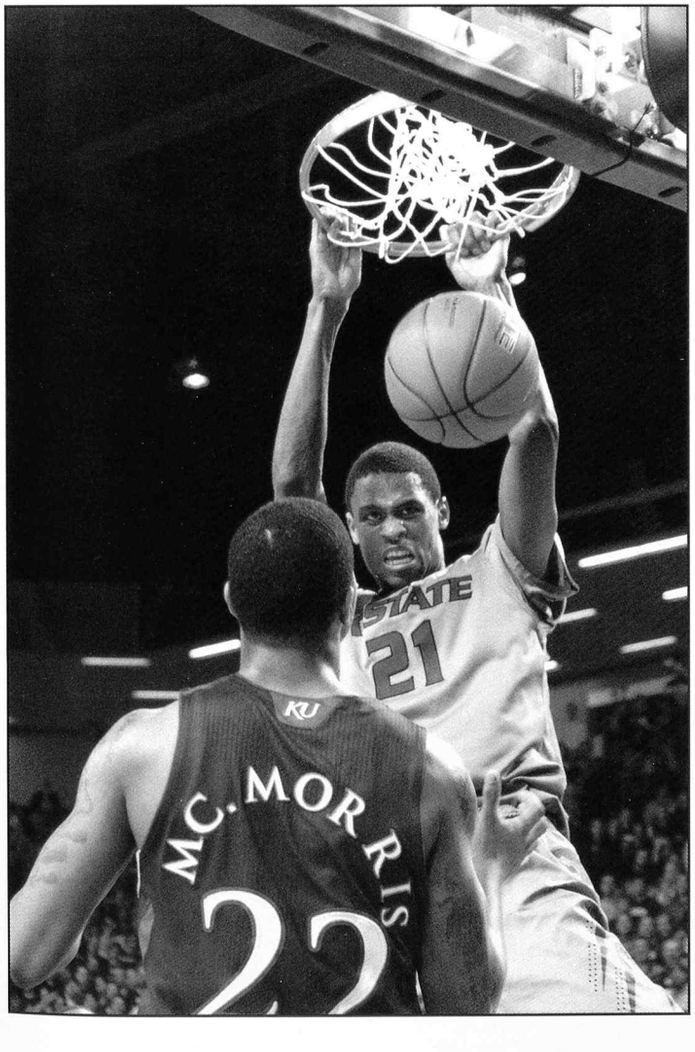
Pullen and Kelly led combined for 30 points in their final home game, defeating Iowa State 67-55 in the senior day matchup. Pullen led the Wildcats with 17 points and four assists. Pullen and Kelly were both named to the Big 12 Coaches team after the contest.

With an end to the regular season, the Wildcats clenched a fourth-seed in the Big 12 Tournament. Four Wildcats scored in double-figures but fifth-seeded Colorado proved to be too much down the stretch as the number 19 ranked team dropped the contest 87-75 in the Sprint Center. With the loss, the Wildcats moved to 22-10 on the season.

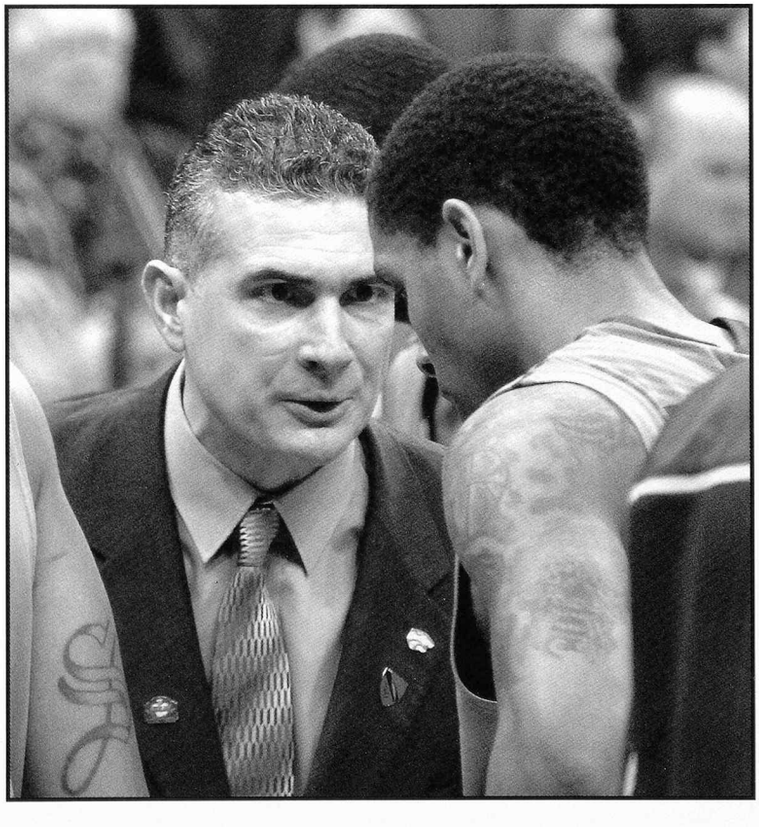
Selection Sunday was an awaited day for most members of the K-State community. The Cats were selected to a fifth seed in the Southeast region, playing in Tucson, Ariz. against the Utah State Aggies. Pullen was diagnosed with the flu the day before the game, inhibiting his practice and pre-game activities, but still added 22 points in the 73-68 victory. Kelly added 15 while McGruder added 10.

Pullen torched an unprecedented career high 38 points in the sub-regional final of the NCAA Tournament against the Wisconsin Badgers. The Badgers proved to be too much down the stretch, sealing a 70-65 victory with clench free throws. Following the game, an emotional Pullen could be seen on the floor dejected and wiping away tears from his jersey.

"I'm a competitor, man," Pullen said. "I just wanted to win the game. I don't care about a scoring record or anything else, man. I wanted to get to the Final Four and I didn't get a chance to do that."



Sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts slam dunks on the University of Kansas' Marcus Morris in Bramlage Collesium on Valentines Day.
Jennifer Heeke



Head Coach for the Cats Frank Martin discusses play tactics during a time out on the court. Martin was infamous for his glare he gave his players during games.
Anthony Drath



You saw them at sporting competitions, pep rallies and campus events. They were always in purple costumes and had a powercat tattoo on their cheeks. You may not know them individually, but as a whole they were recognizable by any student on campus. The Classy Cats were a dance group of 18 to 24 women on campus who performed dances at halftimes and cheered on teams at campus events.

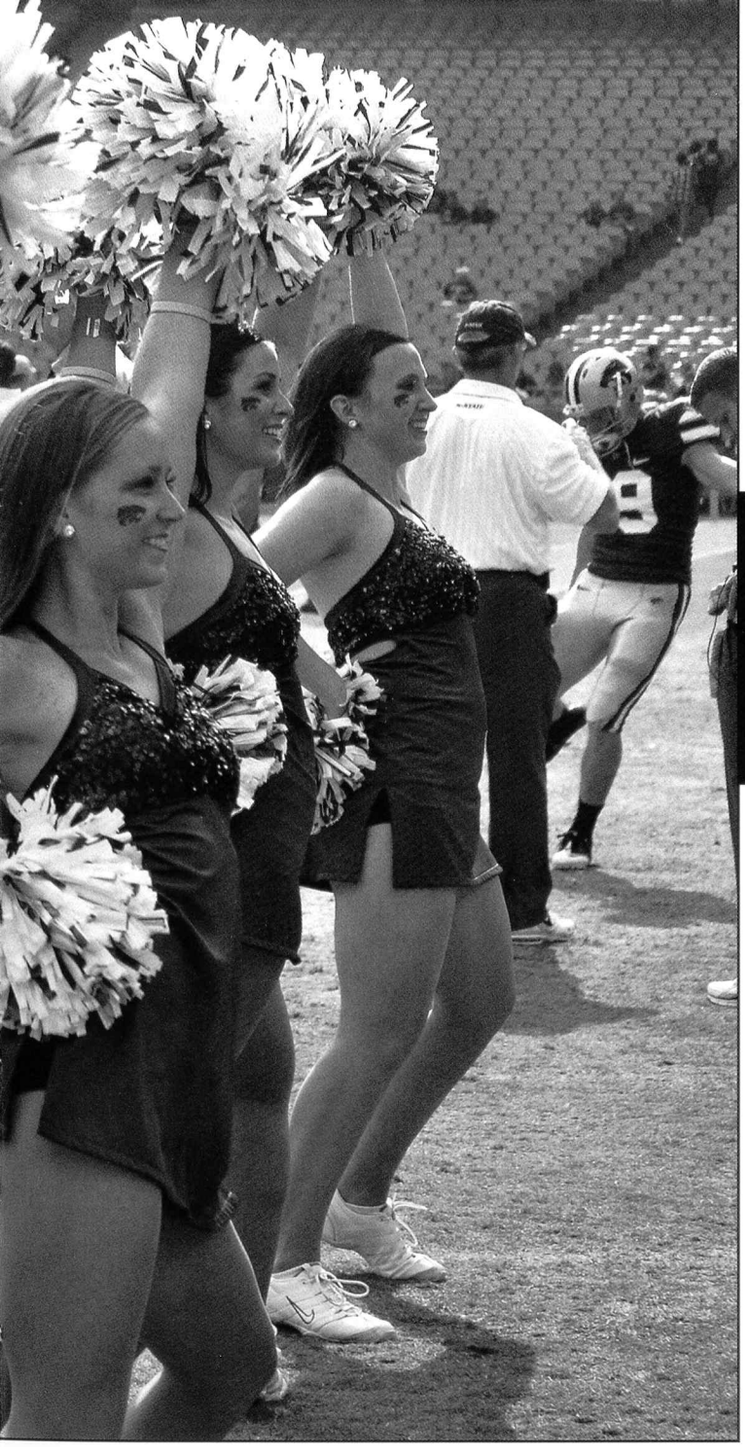
"Classy Cats is different than other organizations on campus because we are in the public eye a lot," Cayla Sherbert, junior in life sciences and three-year member of the squad, said. "Our participation at sporting events is vital and we also do a lot for the Manhattan community as well."

The Classy Cats were a part of the marching band that performed at football, basketball and volleyball games, parades, pep rallies and other assigned events. The positions were one-year positions, and each member was required to try out at the beginning of ever year.

Members of the group had to learn how to manage their time wisely with the stresses of school and the extensive practices and performance schedules.

"Classy cats takes up a lot of time, on top of that I have school as well," Bettina Carey, sophomore in journalism and mass communications and two-year member of the team, said. "The hardest part of being on the classy cats is learning how to manage my time.

Sherbert said being on the squad requires a lot of commitment from each person on the team. The members had to balance their time between school, work,



The Classy Cats get the crowd pumped up while they perform a number during a football game against Iowa State. "We're involved in something we like to do and we put a lot of time and dedication into it," Bettina Carey, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, said. *Jennifer Heeke*

CLASSY CONGREGATION

by Ellie Long

The university's dance team boosts spirit on campus, making strong friendships along the way.

practice, performances, cheering at games, band practice and workouts.

"One could easily compare our practice and workout schedule with some of the other sports on campus," she said.

Aside from the demanding schedule, being a Classy Cat did have its benefits.

"The best thing about being on classy cats would have to be being able to perform at football and basketball games," Carey said. "The energy the crowd has is amazing and it gets me really excited!"

Many members of the team agreed that being able to cheer at the sporting events was the best part of being on the squad.

"My favorite memory of being on Classy Cats was probably just this entire football season," Sherbert said. "We all get this huge rush when we are on the field performing with the band before the game begins."

The squad traveled with different sporting teams throughout the year, including to New York for the Pinstripe Bowl game in January.

"My favorite memory of being on classy cats was when we got to travel to New York for the bowl game," Carey said.

Spending so much time together made the members of the team's friendships grow. Whether their dancing shoes were on or not, these girls formed unbreakable bonds.

"What I like most about being a Classy Cat is the best friends I have made," Sherbert said. "It is such a unique opportunity in itself, but experiencing it with so many really close friends I have made is what I am so thankful for and will ultimately never forget."


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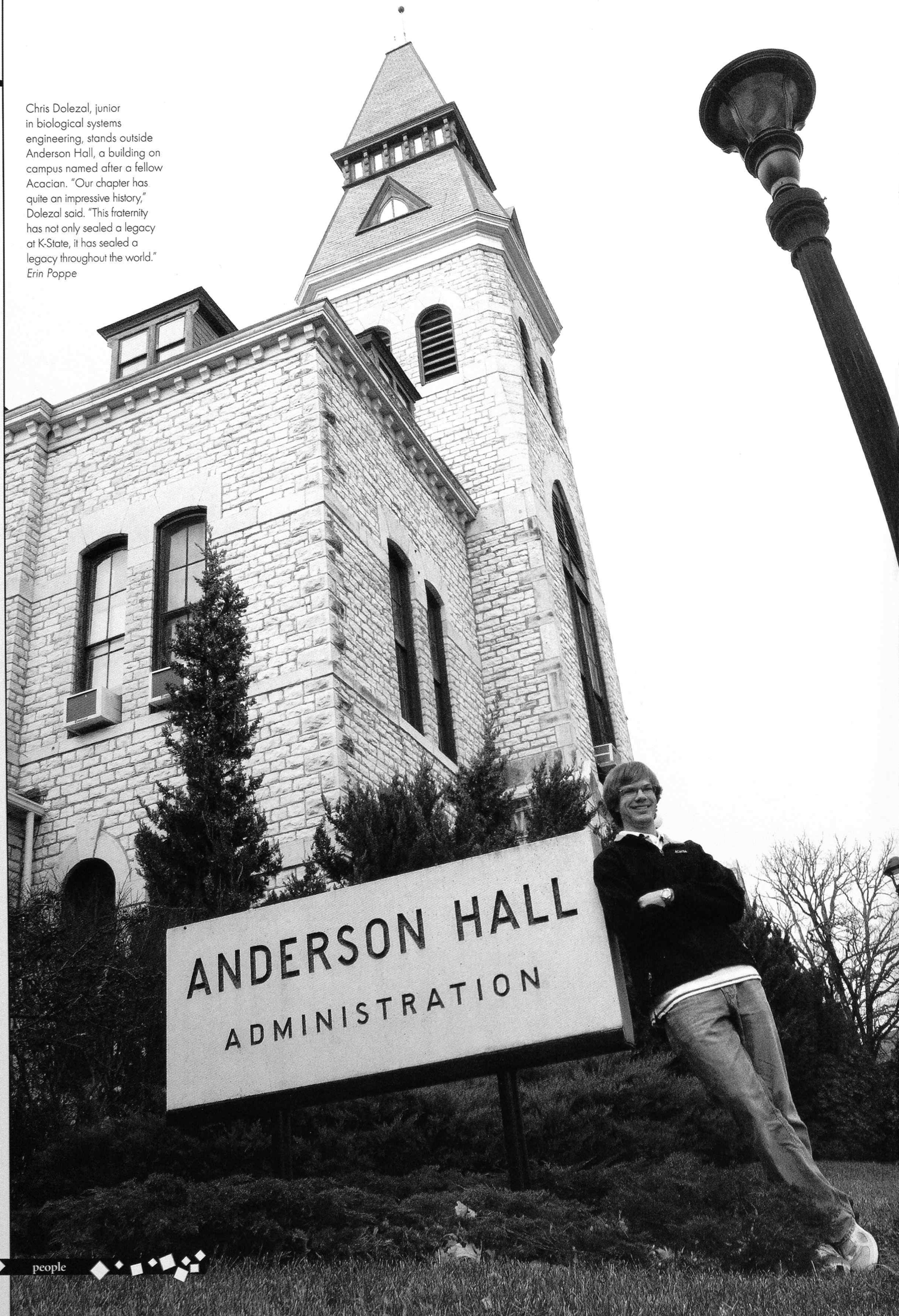
After pulling off an upset and defeating the University of Kansas in basketball, the crowd rushes the court to show their excitement. Students had to wait in line for hours to hold their spot for the game on Feb. 14.
Jennifer Heeke





In between classes, Christian Maud, freshman in secondary education, and Mark Bohme, sophomore in mechanical engineering, throw darts into pumpkins outside General Richard B. Myers Hall Oct. 28. The event was part of the Airforce ROTC Halloween day.
Lauren Gocken

people



Chris Dolezal, junior in biological systems engineering, stands outside Anderson Hall, a building on campus named after a fellow Acacian. "Our chapter has quite an impressive history," Dolezal said. "This fraternity has not only sealed a legacy at K-State, it has sealed a legacy throughout the world." *Erin Poppe*

Brotherhood With A Vision

by Natalie Rauth

Many college students spent a majority of their time focused on academics, but that wasn't the case for Chris Dolezal. Dolezal, junior in biological systems engineering, found that most of his time was focused on activities outside of the classroom.

Dolezal served as president of the Acacia chapter at the university, participated in Chimes Junior Honorary, maintained academic honors from the university, and played table tennis in his free time.

"I think with the experience you gain from extracurricular activities helps you to relate to people," Dolezal said. "Relating with other people and working with those people gives you a great opportunity to build yourself and grow yourself into a person who is ready to apply themselves in the real world."

While many fraternities in the Greek system had other priorities, Acacia took a different approach to the social scene. The fraternity was founded in 1904 by a group of men at the University of Michigan. The founders intended for members to be motivated by a desire for scholarship and of such character that the fraternity would be free of the social vices and unbecoming activities that for years had been prevalent in fraternity life.

"We're here to help each other grow," Dolezal said. "And we're here to make sure that all of us reach our goals as undergraduate students first and foremost, then we have a set of guidelines or principles that we fall back on after you graduate. Like other fraternities, you have a lifetime of support; if you ever need help, you can come back."

Acacia has deep roots as a leading organization at the university. An example of the exemplary leadership at K-State, the buildings Seaton, Willard, Waters, Ford and Bushnell were all named after previous members. In addition, Acacians have represented Kansans in political offices including senators and governors, led international businesses and coached Division I football teams.

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After leaving the university Greek system in 1999, Acacia was reinstituted in 2001 with a new vision of "Together Building Exceptional Lives." Between 2007 and 2010, the chapter grew from seven to 57 members. Increased membership was attributed to enhanced programming in the areas of brotherhood, community service and philanthropy. The vision for Dolezal's presidency was to enhance leadership and involvement on campus.

"Thanks to Chris, we have gotten to a point now where a lot of the in-house programs are working," Josh Linn, senior in chemical engineering and member of Acacia, said. "So we thought it was our responsibility to take some of the leadership training and education we received in-house and take it out of the house to influence campus."

As president, Dolezal was able to include all members of the chapter, regardless of whether or not they lived in the house, in the fraternity mission. He was instrumental in helping the fraternity to take the next step as a chapter.

"I respect Chris's ability to relate to all people," Linn said. "He was able to create a fun, yet developmental atmosphere in which others could learn and live."

Not only was Dolezal an asset to his chapter, he was also well known and liked within the College of Engineering. Louise Claassen, an administrative assistant in the engineering department, spent quite a bit of time with Dolezal on recruitment efforts. Claassen and Dolezal gave tours, answered questions, and served as resources for high school seniors.

"Chris is very personable," Claassen said. "He makes both the parents and the prospective students feel very welcome and he is very knowledgeable about the engineering department."

Dolezal planned to graduate in May 2012 and go on to study to be an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Kansas Medical School. He hoped that the Acacia chapter would continue to strive for excellence in academics and maintain the upstanding social behavior that he had worked hard to preserve throughout his presidency.

Dream Chaser

by Katie Lucas

America's Next Top Model was a television show that captured young women trying to pursue their dream of modeling. Jennifer Coen, sophomore in life sciences and member of Alpha Delta Pi, auditioned for the show for modeling experience and to fulfill her own dream.

"I was in Gulf Shores, Ala. for a summer project called Kaleo," Coen said. "Through Kaleo we were all required to have jobs, so I worked at Coach in the Tanger Outlets. There was a sign outside the Tanger Outlets that said that there were auditions for Americas Next Top Model taking place in one of the empty suites in the outlet. I talked to my parents about it, and they really encouraged me to try out for it since I've done modeling a huge portion of my life. I filled out the application and waited in line for the audition."

After filling out a short application and waiting in line for about four hours, the judging process began. Each audition only took about ten minutes because of the amount of women trying out. About three weeks after the first audition, Coen received a phone call asking if she would like to go to Nashville for the second round.

This process was essentially the same except the women were measured, photographed and interviewed by Tyra Banks, former model and executive producer for the show.

Banks' questions were geared to determine the motivation and reason she tried out for America's Next Top Model.

"My advice was to be herself," Monica Hart-Coen, Jennifer's mother, said. "She is a confident young lady who is very grounded. A sweet girl from Kansas might just be the person they are looking for. Even though she was not chosen, being a semi-finalist was a wonderful experience she will never forget."

Along with modeling, Coen also had a passion for singing. She had been singing since seventh grade and was on the Campus Ministry choir at the university. She planned on trying out for American Idol or recording a music demo over winter break.

"I have a couple of connections to people who are big in the industry so it would be great if they would listen to my music and take the opportunity to meet with me and help me grow in my music career," Jennifer said.

This opportunity to audition for America's Next Top Model helped her gain confidence and opened many doors.

"It really helped me gain self-confidence to know if I could do this," Jennifer said. "I could accomplish almost anything since these people are huge in the business. Another thing my mom has always said to me is there is no such thing as luck. It is when hard work meets opportunity that things like this happen. It's important to always work as hard as you can towards a goal, and if they see that that hard work has paid off they will recognize that."



portrait by Nathaniel LaRue

A NIGHT IN THE 'VILLE

On a cold November night before Thanksgiving break, some students decided to stay in, some wanted to finish their last paper before heading home for the week-long break and many decided to venture to the infamous bar scene in town, Aggieville. While the reason for going to the 'ville past 9:00 p.m. on any given night of the week might seem ridiculous to some, it was completely normal and a time to enjoy a night out with friends.

"It's a small town feel where you can see people you know, but it's big enough where you can branch out and meet new people," Jessica Brahar, junior in family and consumer sciences, said. "Some bars are there for dancing and some you can play card games."

Each bar has their share of usual customers who they see almost on a daily basis, but every now and then a few newcomers to the bar scene show up. Aggieville tended to be the hotspot for newly 21-year olds.

"I'm excited to be legal and go out and experience the full Aggieville," Lindsey Thompson, junior in architectural engineering, said on her first legal night out. "I still have that stigma that I've got to watch my back."

The cleaner, more spontaneous side was to freely float from bar to bar whenever one wished. It was a different case for the bartenders, door guys and waitresses, however.

"One guy got knocked out one Friday night," Max Bennett, junior in business administration and door guy for Kites Bar and Grill, said. "This kid said something to another guy and he was screaming so I had to grab him and his friend by the neck and throw them out."

The location and convenience could hardly keep many from walking through the front doors of their favorite bar. Located just one block east of campus, it was within walking distance for most students who wanted to grab a few friends and go out for a drink.

"The placement for the bars is great because if you're not getting a good vibe from one of them, well it's time to walk to the next which at max is like 2-3 blocks away," Scott Hoffman, senior in biology, said. "I go with my cousins and my brother and a lot of our friends and we usually go with a group of 15 to 20 people depending on the night. Thursday nights we go with a lot smaller group, but the best deals are at Rusty's where you can get wells for 50 cents with a K-State ID so it's hard to pass up."

While some may argue it is pricier to hit up the bars than pitch in a few dollars for a few of your friends to drink, it can have its upside.

"The bars and house parties are really

Ale House Tubby's Bomb Bar The Purple Pig Campus Tavern

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Friends, classmates and co-workers alike enjoy a night out from class and work at Kites Bar and Grill. People mingled from table to table while they tried to stay warm inside.
Lisle Alderton

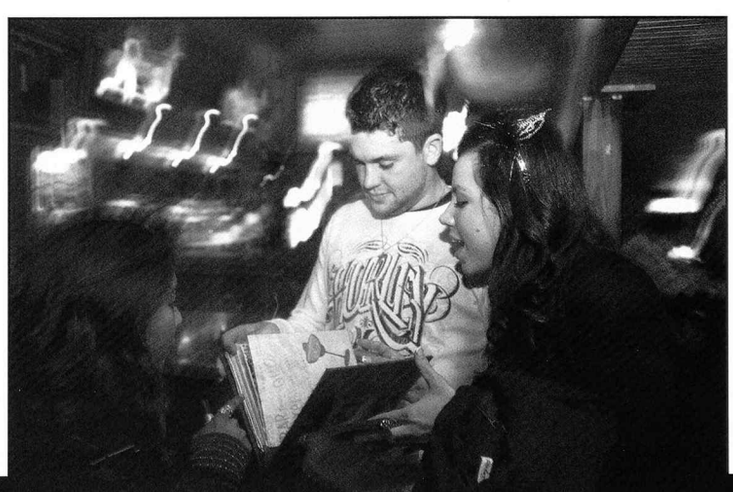
alike and not alike at all at the same time," Hoffman said. "The biggest difference I would have to say is house parties usually always have minors drinking so it's illegal while at the bars rarely do minors get in unless they have a good fake ID. House parties are also BYOB, which can burn a lot less of a hole in your pocket than going to the bars does. I've heard of some of my friends throwing down 100 bucks in a night and not remembering it that well until the next morning."

The reason as to why most people go to the 'ville may never be answered, but most people agreed the environment and the people had a lot to do with it.

"All together I think Manhattan is a pretty friendly and social community," Hoffman said. "The bars are a good way to meet friends you haven't seen in awhile or meet completely new people."



Co-workers Vinny and Corey, Manhattan residents, get into a heated debate over a few beers at Tubbys Sports Bar. "I graduated from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in December and I'm still transitioning from college so I don't come to Aggieville much but I enjoy it when I do."
Lisle Alderton



On her first night out being 21, Lindsey Thompson, junior in architectual engineering, stops in at Tubbys Sports Bar to flip through her shotbook with friends. "I like coming to Aggieville and not having to worry about getting in trouble," Thompson said.
Lisle Alderton

Pat's Blue Rib'n BBQ

Last Chance Saloon

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Charity

by Dani Row



The women of Alpha of Clovia dedicated their time and money to bake 500 cookies and cupcakes for the 58th annual Lee Elementary School's chicken dinner. Chapter members heard the school was in desperate need of desserts for their dinner, so they decided to take it on as another philanthropic event.

"The volunteers at Lee Elementary School loved all the colors and were flabbergasted at how many we did," Katie Price, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, said. "Some of them were simply speechless over how many goods we had baked in a short period of time."

Three members baked the entire batch of cupcakes and cookies while the others decorated them. They divided baking into two days because of the lack of space and abundance of treats. After the baking was completed, the 40 participating members ate dinner and had a decorating and frosting party. It took less than an hour to complete, but toward the end, they ran out of powdered sugar to make frosting.

There were over 100 treats that were not needed at the school, so the members decided to give back to the people who helped make their house successful. They delivered the leftovers to their handyman, Pat, and the people at their foundation house. Everyone at the foundation was extremely grateful to the members for going above and beyond and including them in their philanthropy.

"It's nice to help out those in the Manhattan community who need and appreciate us, it makes you feel really good afterwards," Jancey Hall, sophomore in agricultural economics, said.

During the holidays, Alpha of Clovia made Christmas cards and sent them to wounded soldiers and bought morning snacks from school fundraisers in order to give money back to local schools.

"One of my favorite things about Clovia is the fact that we have such an emphasis on sisterhood," Bailey Myers, sophomore in secondary education, said. "There's always someone there for you, whether it's picking you up from class in the rain or just listening to you vent about whatever is on your mind."



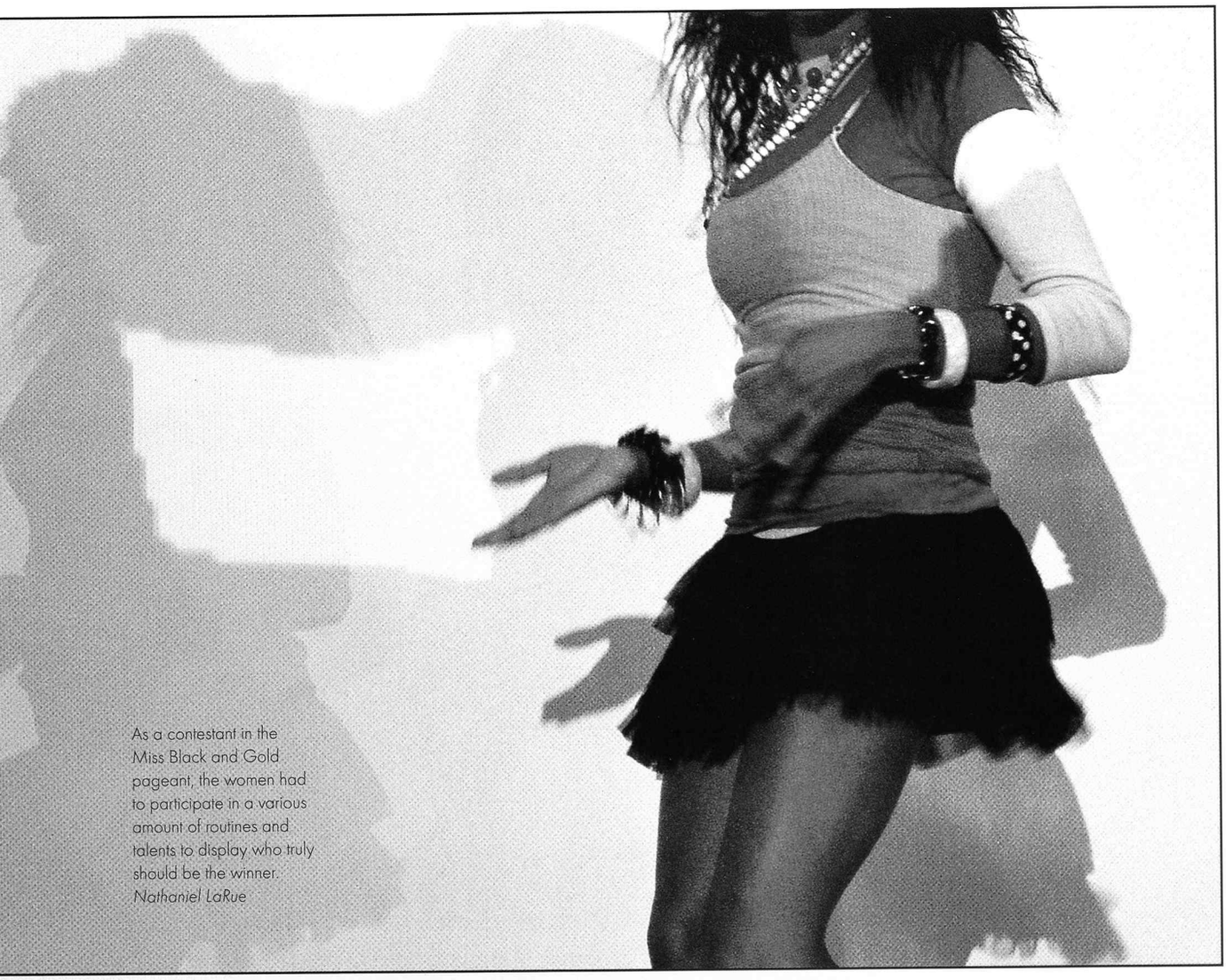
Over 500 desserts are boxed together to send to the elementary school. "They loved all the color and were flabbergasted at how much we did," Katherine Price, junior in animal sciences and industry, said.
Erin Poppe

Abbey Pomeroy, freshman in interior design, and Bailey Myers, junior in secondary education, sprinkle cookies for Lee Elementary School. "Doing projects like these are great because not only do we get to help someone out, but we also get to spend time with our sisters," Myers said.
Erin Poppe



Students take a stroll through the quad to get to classes. "Whether it is full of leaves falling or white snow, it always looks beautiful anytime of the year," Amanda Albert, senior in elementary education, said. *Lisle Alderton*



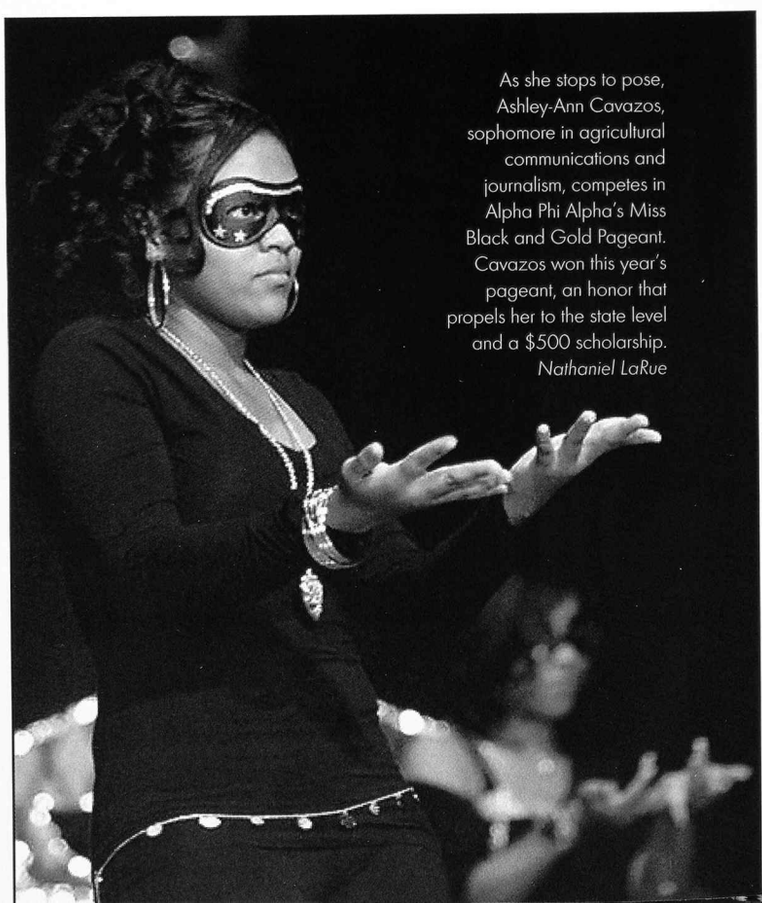


As a contestant in the Miss Black and Gold pageant, the women had to participate in a various amount of routines and talents to display who truly should be the winner.
Nathaniel LaRue

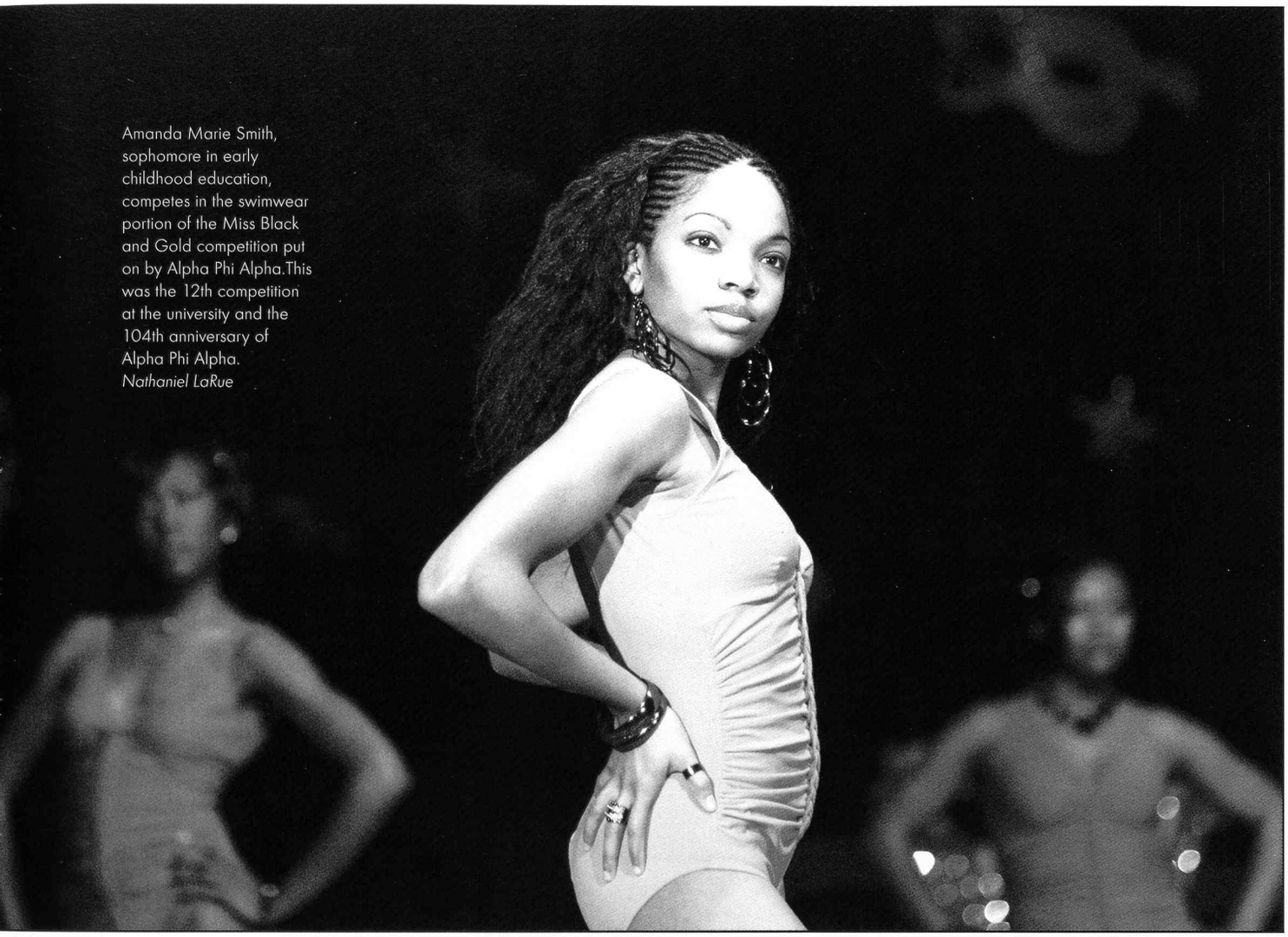


Strut your Stuff

by Dani Row



As she stops to pose, Ashley-Ann Cavazos, sophomore in agricultural communications and journalism, competes in Alpha Phi Alpha's Miss Black and Gold Pageant. Cavazos won this year's pageant, an honor that propels her to the state level and a $500 scholarship.
Nathaniel LaRue



Amanda Marie Smith, sophomore in early childhood education, competes in the swimwear portion of the Miss Black and Gold competition put on by Alpha Phi Alpha.This was the 12th competition at the university and the 104th anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha. *Nathaniel LaRue*

Alpha Phi Alpha hosted the 12th annual Miss Black and Gold pageant Dec. 4, 2010. The pageant was designed for the minority women on campus as a way to show their appreciation for who they are as individuals. They showcased the talents and beauty of the participants in a tasteful manner.

"Although this is a competition, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha want to help the ladies build friendships and sisterhood so they can have young ladies they can depend on for the rest of their lives," Abdulrasheed Yahaya, senior in computer science, said.

The members devoted many months in preparation for the pageant and practices for the women began in October. A week before the pageant the contestants sold souvenir books designed by Alpha Phi Alpha members. Ten girls walked the stage and gave their all to win the title of Miss Black and Gold, but only one was crowned winner.

"My favorite part about the pageant was hearing everyone screaming my name," Ashley-Ann Cavazos, sophomore in agriculture communication and journalism and pageant winner, said. "It was so cool to see how much support I really do have in this community."

In order to show their appreciation for the women, the members performed a step show at intermission. They also showed their support by watching and actively participating in practices. The men asked questions during the question and answer portion to help calm the ladies' nerves. They wanted them to be comfortable with people watching so they didn't freeze up when it was time for the real performance.

Cavazos went on and performed at the Kansas Miss Black and Gold as a representative for the Kappa Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"The men of Alpha Phi Alpha are like brothers to me and I will never stop giving back," Cavazos said. "I will continue to display the elegance and intelligence of the African American women."

Dinner Date

Coach Frank Martin enjoys a meal with the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta *by Dani Row*



The women of Alpha Xi Delta made "Alpha Xi Loves Frank" shirts and attended the greek night baseball game on April 27. Because of their participation and enthusiasm, they were chosen to host basketball coach Frank Martin and his wife at the chapter dinner Sept. 29.

"Alpha Xi was the first sorority house that Frank Martin had ever been to and you could tell he was a little uncomfortable," Laurren Rehkop, junior in hotel and restaurant management, said. "He kept making comments about how he was under dressed but we didn't mind at all, I mean Frank Martin was sitting in our house."

The dinner allowed for all the girls to interact with a campus celebrity on a personal level. Martin shared stories from his college years and how he and his wife, Anya Martin, met. He joked about being a seventh-year senior and how he would skip class to go to the beach in Miami, Fla. He made sure to mention that he regretted skipping class and gave advice to the Alpha Xi's to stay in school and never skip class.

"I think he felt at home in our house," Courtney Drane, senior in marketing, said. "He did seem nervous at first though because he was surrounded by so many girls."

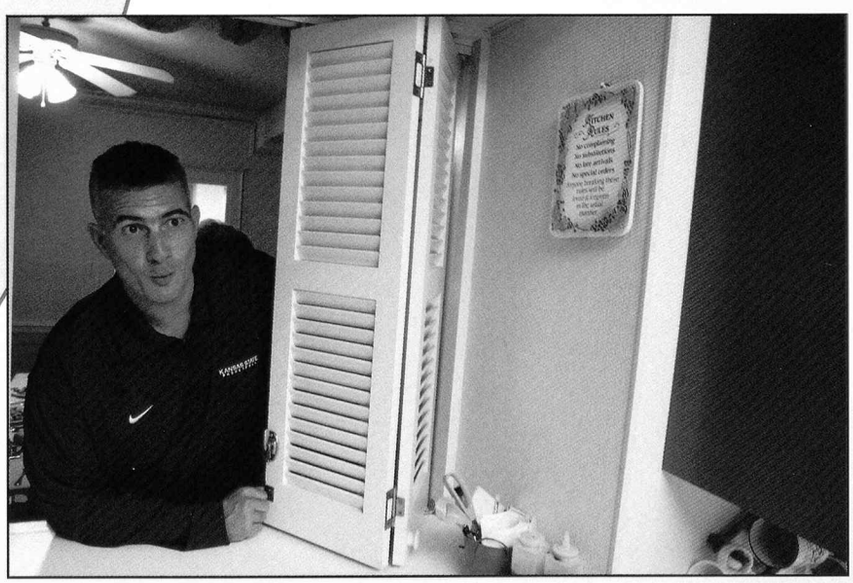
Dinner consisted of barbeque beef and potatoes. Martin was shocked when the houseboys served him his dinner. He popped his head through the window to the kitchen and cracked jokes to the houseboys. After dinner he stood up and thanked the women for their support at the games and for allowing him to come eat dinner at their house. Before leaving, Martin took a group picture with the girls and signed a basketball for the house.

"We didn't want to overwhelm him with pictures and autographs, so we thought the basketball would be a great souvenir for the house," Katarina Tusten, senior in communication sciences and disorders and president of Alpha Xi Delta, said.

Having Martin at dinner was an experience that many women at this university cannot say they have had. The women of Alpha Xi showed their support for the baseball team and in return received a unique incentive.

"The most exciting part about having Frank Martin at dinner was knowing that we were the only house who had this special opportunity," Drane said.





Members of Alpha Xi Delta visit with Frank Martin and his wife, Anya Martin, at the dinner table. "We had a drawing for one girl from each pledge class to sit at Frank's table with our president and house mom," Olivia Pitt-Perez, junior in landscape architecture said.
Erin Poppe

After being served dinner by the Alpha Xi Delta houseboys, Frank Martin pops his head through the kitchen window and cracks jokes with the houseboys. "He was really gracious and kind," Pitt-Perez said. "He's not like the Frank we see on TV."
Erin Poppe

shine a light of hope

by Natalie Rauth



The women of Alpha Chi Omega hold the sixth annual "Lighting up the Little Apple," during dead week to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

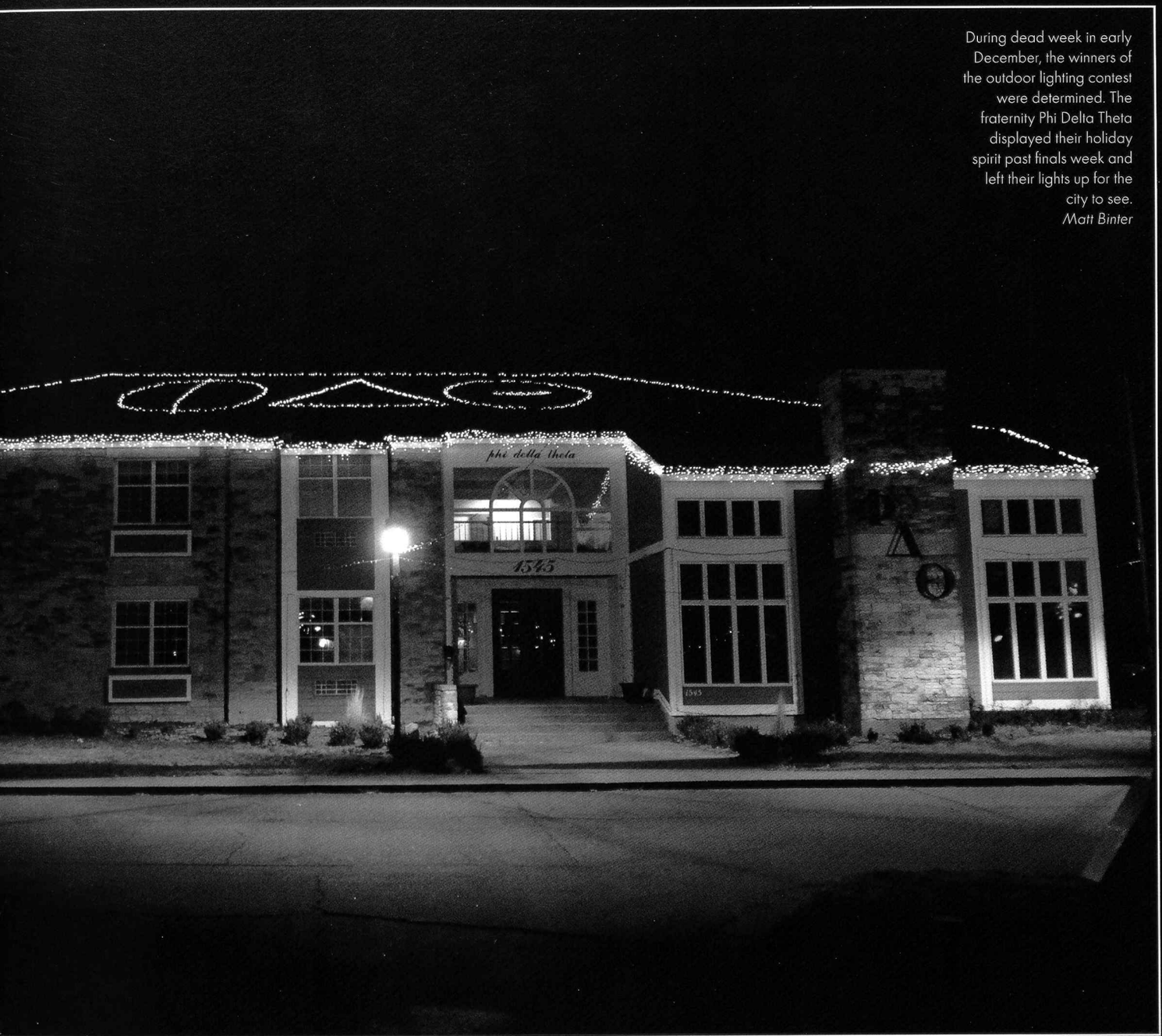
Each house in the Greek system at the university displayed Christmas spirit in a variety of ways, and the women of Alpha Chi Omega chose to turn these exhibits of holiday cheer into support for a local cause.

"I like the competition we host because it involves the whole Greek community," Emily Chartrand, junior in mass communications and member of Alpha Chi, said. "The whole idea behind the event is that it is supposed to shed a light on victims of domestic violence and raise awareness."

The event, called Lighting Up the Little Apple," was the sixth annual competition within the Greek system to determine which chapter exhibited the best display of holiday cheer. The participants were judged on their outdoor lighting, indoor tree decorations, out-of-house décor, or all of the above.

"When you see the Greek houses with lights and decorations up, it is cool knowing they're doing it because of our competition." Megan Sorrick, senior in finance and Alpha Chi philanthropy chair, said. "Plus, you know it's for a good cause."

The proceeds from this philanthropy event benefited The Crisis Center, Inc., a local provider of resources and support to victims of domestic violence, abuse and sexual assault. Alpha Chi hosted this event each season as an attempt to spread cheer to those who



During dead week in early December, the winners of the outdoor lighting contest were determined. The fraternity Phi Delta Theta displayed their holiday spirit past finals week and left their lights up for the city to see.
Matt Binter

desperately needed to be shown love and hope.

"One of the things I like about the Crisis Center is the safe house they provide," Sorrick said. "Victims' risk of violence increases dramatically after they make the decision to leave their situation. The shelter is an awesome way to help the victims get back on their feet."

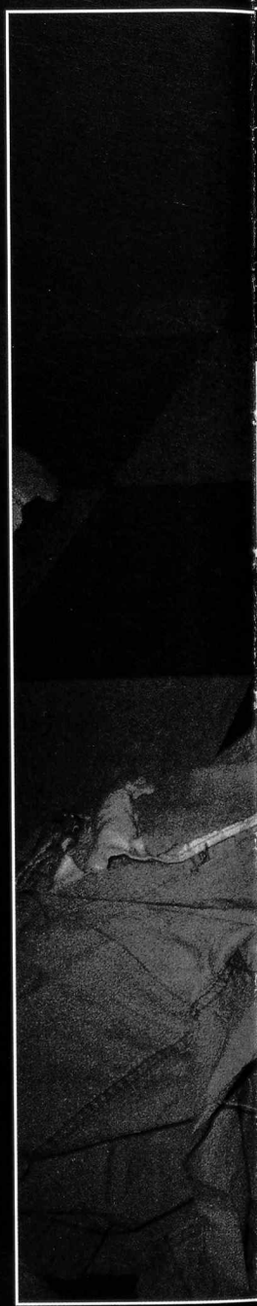
A select panel of university celebrities served as the judges for the event. This year, junior forward for men's basketball, Victor Ojelay, Gamma Phi Beta housemother Pam Risley and Alpha Chi housemother June Wilson served as the critics. The group went from chapter house to chapter house evaluating décor throughout dead week.

"I love the event," Wilson said. "It amazes me, the amount of talent that is on this campus. It really comes out when the students decorate the exterior of their homes."

The Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter won the outside décor prize, the members of Delta Delta Delta were the winners of this year's sorority Christmas tree decoration competition, and Theta Xi was the winner of the fraternity Christmas tree decoration contest. Winners received a pizza party, decorated cookies or a performance by Cadence, a male a cappella group on campus. In this year's Light up the Little Apple competition, Alpha Chi raised more than $700 for the Crisis Center.

SCARES FOR A CAUSE

by Nicole DeBrie



For the ninth consecutive year, the men of Beta Theta Pi dug out their scariest masks and covered themselves in fake blood for their annual philanthropy, Beta Boo. Beta Boo was a haunted house the members put on each year the weekend before Halloween for university students, as well as children in the community.

"We wanted a philanthropy that was unique and would be fun for both K-State students and community members and thought a haunted house was the perfect idea," Andrew Waldman, sophomore in industrial engineering and Beta's philanthropy chair, said.

Planning began months prior to the event by ordering banners and T-shirts, getting flame-retardant tarps and making fliers. However, most of the preparation for the event happened the day of, which caused some chaos.

"We don't want to destroy our house for weeks so we kind of have to wait until the last minute to put everything together," Waldman said. "We were literally putting the finishing touches on everything as people were showing up."

The Beta house was completely transformed from a home where 50 men live, into a full-fledged haunted house with scary noises and bloody victims. One difficulty in the planning process was attempting to not violate fire codes with hanging tarps and scary attractions.

"We had to be in constant communication with a fire inspector every step of the way," Waldman said. "We had somewhere around four fire inspections before Beta Boo even happened."

All live-in members of Beta and many live-out members helped with the philanthropy in one way or another.

"The guys put a lot of time and effort into coming up with a scene for their room that would actually be scary," Waldman said. "It was up to them to come up with an idea for the room they chose, buy everything they needed and ultimately man the room as people came through."

Other members were not designated to a certain room, but instead were tour guides. The tour guides led groups of about 10 visitors through the house.

"I was a tour guide so I introduced people to the house," Matt Hildebrand, sophomore in biology, said. "I first showed them a video to get their nerves going, then walked them through the house showing them all of the scary features."

There was a suggested donation to experience the haunted house of $5, or $3 along with a canned good. The canned goods were donated to the Flint Hills Bread Basket and the monetary donations went to a children's program through the Manhattan Fire Department, which advocated fire safety to children and other community members.

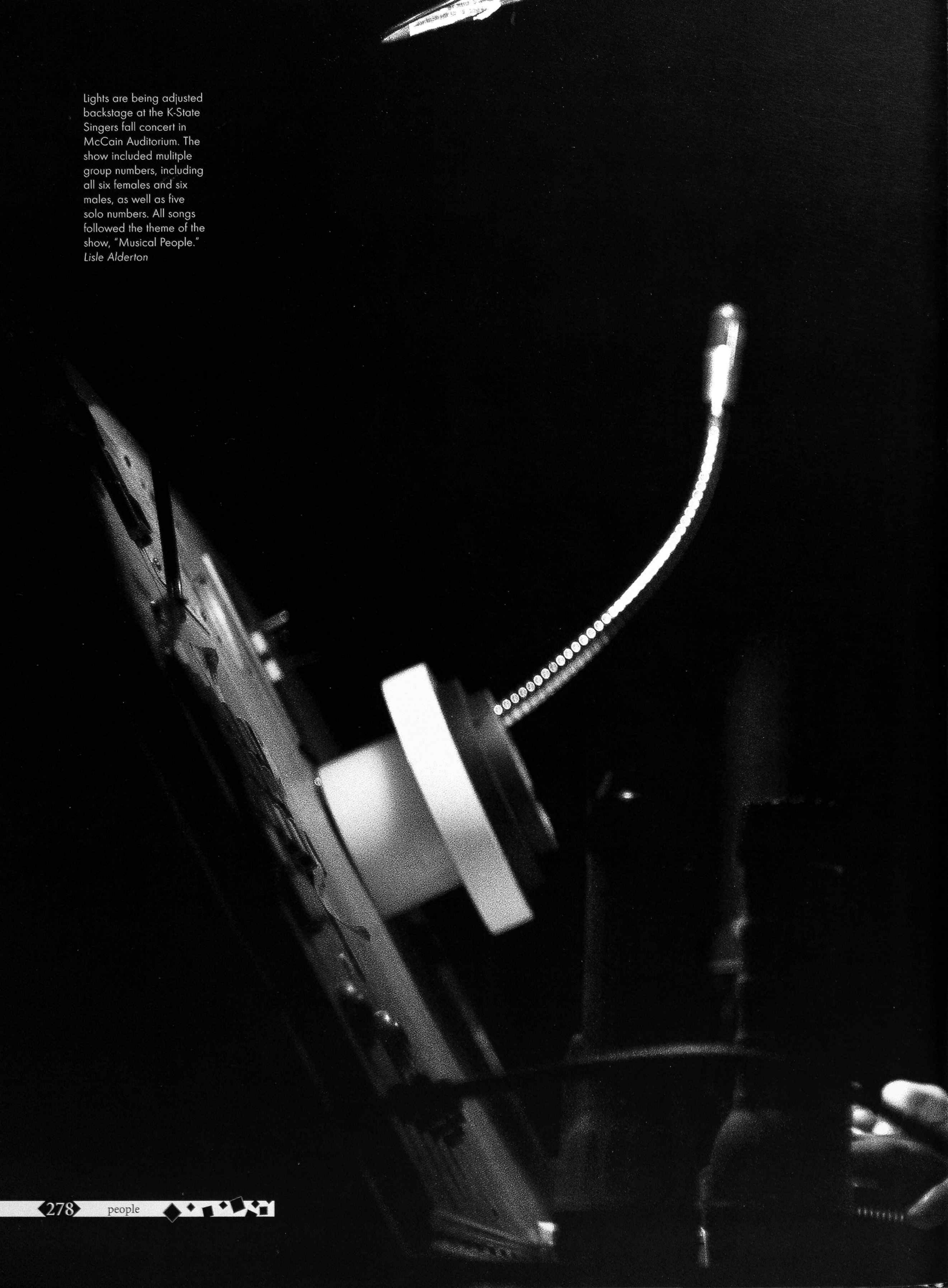
Beta Boo was more than a philanthropy to raise money, it was also a time for the men of the house to come together and all contribute to a common goal while increasing their brotherhood.

"It's a blast transforming the house for Beta Boo," Cooper Mach, junior in journalism, said. "It takes a couple of days and is a lot of work but it's fun because all of the guys are pitching in. Come to think of it, it probably takes so long to set up because half the time is spent laughing and playing jokes on each other."

Stuart Jones, freshman in business administration, puts on an act as a human corpse with fake blood and tattered clothing. All of the men of Beta Theta Pi were in charge of creating a scary scene for Beta Boo in the room which they were assigned.
Erin Poppe



The visitors attending the Beta Boo haunted house were led by a Beta Theta Pi tour guide throughout almost all the rooms at the Beta house. "Obviously we didn't want people to cross paths, so deciding which rooms to use and how people would get from the entrance to exit was tough," Andrew Waldman, sophomore in industrial engineering and Beta's philanthropy chair, said.
Erin Poppe



Lights are being adjusted backstage at the K-State Singers fall concert in McCain Auditorium. The show included mulitple group numbers, including all six females and six males, as well as five solo numbers. All songs followed the theme of the show, "Musical People." *Lisle Alderton*



by Nicole DeBrie

Carside Cocoa



Members chat while preparing hot cocoa. Each member had a specific job in order for the event to run smoothly. "It was a little rocky at first just getting into the groove because we hadn't done it for two years," Lindsey Bjerg, junior in industrial engineering, said. *Erin Poppe*

After a bitter cold walk home from class Dec. 7, students were invited to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie while listening to Christmas carols at sorority Chi Omega's Cocoa and Caroling. Cars pulled right up to the Chi Omega house where members would deliver cups of cocoa and cookie to their window.

"We set up a type of drive through that went around our house," Lindsey Bjerg, junior in engineering and Chi Omega member, said. "When you came up to the side there were girls at a table playing Christmas music where you would order what type of cocoa you wanted; mint, regular or with marshmallows, as well as your type of cookie. When you got to the back you would pay and a girl came out with your order."

The set-up was very conveniently organized so everyone got their treats in a timely manner.

"The best part was not having to get out of our car," Neal Rasmussen, sophomore in geography, said. "The girls brought the cocoa right to our car, we gave them a little cash and that was that."

Members sang Christmas carols sporadically throughout the event or upon request.

All of the materials needed for the event, such as cookies, cocoa, marshmallows and cups, were donated by Chi Omega members, which allowed for all of the proceeds to go straight to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The proceeds came from the small fee guests were charged for the cocoa and cookies.

"Make-A-Wish is Chi Omega's national philanthropy," Brenna Mitchell, sophomore in biology and Chi Omega's community service chair, said. "It sends terminally ill children and their families on vacations. It's a really good cause and we are fortunate enough to be able to view the benefits of our donations."

Planning for the event started about two months in advance in October when the date was set. Most of the preparations happened the days closest to the actual event.

"As far as planning goes, we bought decorations for the house, made signs and advertised through Facebook and announcements in classes," Mitchell said. "We tried to jazz up the house in Christmas decorations as much as possible."

This was the first year after taking a couple years off that Chi Omega did Cocoa and Caroling. Previously, donations were only made to Make-A-Wish in the spring but they decided to reconvene Cocoa and Caroling again this year so they could make a donation in the fall semester as well.

Luckily there was no rain or snow on the date that was chosen, which could have affected the driving of the guests.

"The day we chose was very successful," Mika Domsch, junior in life sciences and Chi Omega member, said. "We started in the early evening when it wasn't too terribly cold and the cocoa kept us warm later in the night"

This year Chi Omega made some changes from previous years in hopes of raising more money than usual.

"We encouraged much more participation from our members and we also sold cookies to hopefully entice more donations," Mitchell said. "Advertisement was also key."

Almost all members of the sorority helped out in one way or another. Overall, about 75 percent of Chi Omega members participated.

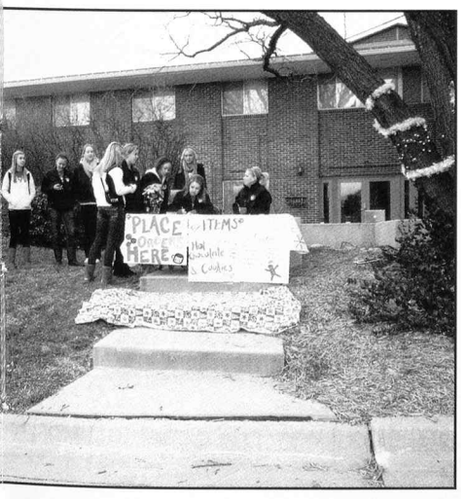
"My favorite part was making the orders in the kitchen with the other girls," Bjerg said. "It was nice to spend some time with the freshmen to get to know them."

Cocoa and Caroling provided an opportunity for the sorority sisters to spend time together, as well as a time to raise money to support a cause.

"It was fun to see our chapter excited about helping out," Mitchell said. "I think it made us all realize that giving back is truly the reason why we are an organization in the first place."

Mitchell said the event raised close to $700, which was satisfying considering hot cocoa and cookies are two items that typically do not cost very much money.





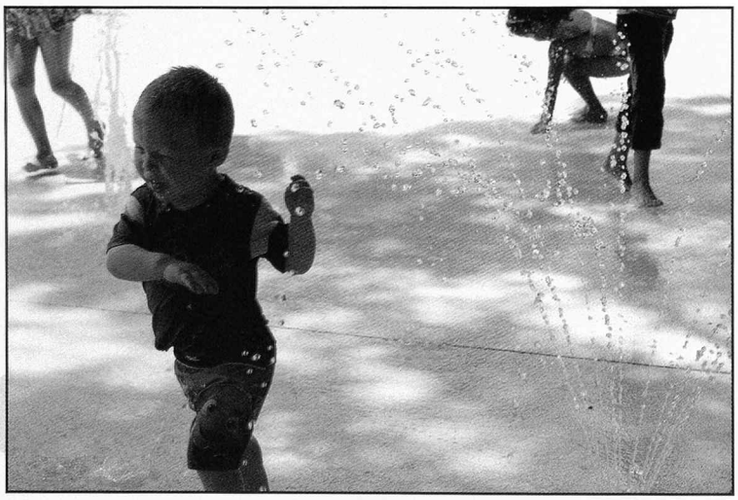


A drive-through was set up around the Chi Omega house where guests could order and pick up their hot chocolate. "We had girls holding signs with instructions at different parts outside the house dressed in Christmas attire," Brenna Mitchell, sophomore in biology, said. *Erin Poppe*

Chi Omega members prepare hot cocoa for customers in the kitchen. The guests had a choice of regular or mint hot chocolate, with or without marshmallows. *Erin Poppe*



Construction workers continue building Manhattan's new water park. The park officially opened on July 4, allowing college students to relax and have some fun in the summer before working at the pool. "I took summer classes so it was nice to devote time to my school work before starting work at the water park," Keely McKernan, lifeguard and junior in kinesiology, said.
Erin Poppe



Water sprays from the underground sprinklers at the city pool as a young child cools off. The water park's many features made it enjoyable for not only young kids, but also adults and college students. "When the city pool opened it was the place to be for kids of all ages," Jordan Meyer, head lifeguard and junior in kinesiology, said.
Erin Poppe



Making a Splash in Manhattan

by Ellie Long





A construction tractor digs around the unfinished water park early in the summer. The city pool opened later than planned due to last minute finishes and fixes and closed early because of the lack of employees able to work. "We wanted to keep it open longer but we simply didn't have the staff to run it since our employees went back to school," Bernie Hayen, director of finance for Manhattan, said. *Erin Poppe*

Residents of Manhattan found a new way to have fun and stay cool during the summer when the water park opened in City Park July 4.

"The new city pool has really been great for our town," Bernie Hayen, director of finance for Manhattan, said.

The water park consisted of a lazy river, drop slide, surf machine, vortex pool and bubble slide. Mostly middle school through college students visited the pool each day.

"I loved working there," Jordan Meyer, head lifeguard and junior in kinesiology, said. "There was always so much going on that the eight-hour shifts flew by." Meyer worked six eight-hour shifts a week.

One of the favorite features of the water park was the Stingray Surf Machine that blew a wave of water up a half pipe slope.

"It was the world's first Stingray Surf Machine," Meyer said. "Now-a-days it seems like a pool isn't fun unless it has slides and extravagant features, but I feel like it will keep people from traveling to other towns to swim and also bring some people to Manhattan."

The pool opened at the perfect time for college students to take a break from their studies and work to have some fun.

"I would say my favorite part was the inflatable object that you could climb up and then bounce off of once you made it to the top," Kara Gudenkauf, junior in life sciences, said. "It was hard, but really fun."

A full schedule had 27 people working at the water park at a time. The rotation was worked out for the day and so that the staff had to rotate to different areas of the water park.

"We wanted to keep it open longer but we simply didn't have the staff to run it since all our employees went back to school," Hayen said.

Meyer said the lifeguards worked well together and kind of formed a family. They were together from 9:00 a.m. teaching lessons until late at night after work, and sometimes they would all pitch in to make dinner and hang out.

Meyer said the lifeguards did face some problems when the pool first opened. Many of the lifeguards had never worked at a water park before, and many of the lifeguard's previous experiences were at simple pools.

"When the pool finally opened there were several areas that presented challenges for our guards to see, so setting our guard stations was a major challenge," Meyer said. "We relied on a lot of input from our guards on how to change a station to make it easier to keep the patrons safe."

At the water park, lifeguards had to be looking for so much more than they did at other pools. He said a lot of pools only had a handful of saves in a summer, but the water park had around ten saves or assists a day.

"At my previous pool a four-hour shift seemed like an eternity, but not at the new city park pool," Meyer said. "My favorite part about working at the water park was being in charge of something so big. When I was young and went to water parks I always thought the lifeguards were so cool because they got to play at the water park every day."

tacos to go

by Brent Gipson

Portable meals create a chance for sorority sisters to do their part to help a nationally known research hospital.

The Delta Delta Delta sorority annually raised funds for its national philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, which provided services to children with severe cancer and other rare diseases. At the football game against the University of Texas, Tri Delta and its philanthropic supporters gathered in CatTown, an enclosed grassy area by Bill Snyder Family Stadium, to feast upon walking tacos.

"With a walking taco, you can walk and eat, making it very convenient," Lauren Dreesen, junior in food science and industry and sorority philanthropy chairwoman, said. "A walking taco consists of a 1-ounce bag of Doritos chips, taco beef, shredded cheese, lettuce, sour cream and salsa all inside the bag. Add a fork, and you've got a meal on-the-go."

The sorority also partnered with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity in the sprint to co-host Wildcat Shootout, a 3-on-3 soccer tournament that raises about $400 annually. In October, the sisterhood also took part in a letter-writing event called Sincerely Yours that raised around $34,000 annually to benefit St. Jude's.

"We chose to hold our event in CatTown because K-State Athletics prohibits solicitation on their property," Lindsay Johnson, junior in elementary education and sorority public relations chair, said. "CatTown is owned by Veterinary Alumni, so this location did not apply to K-State Athletics policies. There was a large fee to host in this location."

Tri Delta sorority national headquarters, located in Arlington, Texas, with the input of their chapters in 1999, chose St. Jude's Children's Hospital as their national philanthropy. In 2006, the organization made a pledge to St. Jude's to raise $10 million in 10 years. In the summer of 2010, the sorority reached their goal, meaning that the goal was set six years ahead of schedule. The organization reset the goal to raise $15 million in five years.

"Resetting the goal to me meant that K-State needed to step up our philanthropic efforts to help the national organization reach the goal," Dreesen said. "Tri Delta has been dedicated to raise the funds for new research."

St. Jude's has a different approach to healthcare. No child is turned away from the hospital due to their inability to pay. St. Jude's covers all costs so that the families may focus on one important thing.

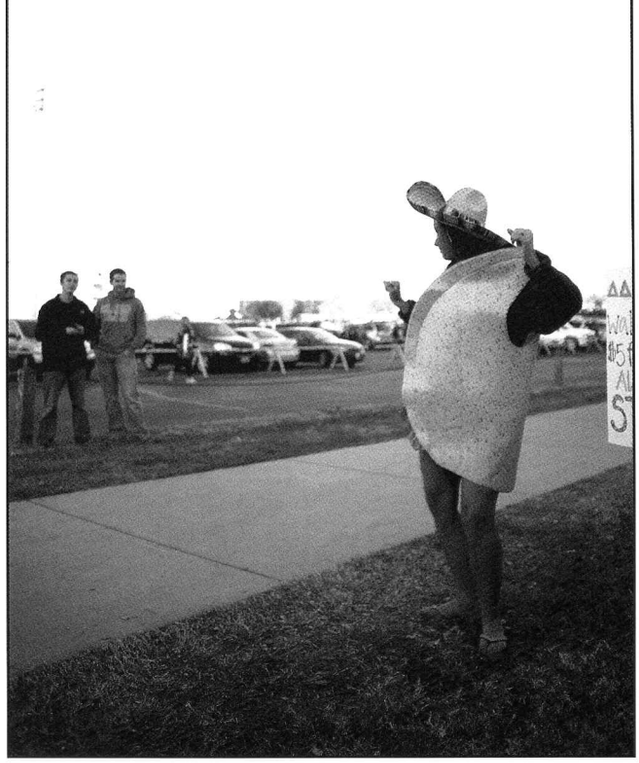
"Getting their child well is the most important thing," Johnson said. "Every meal I scooped was worth it for the sick children."

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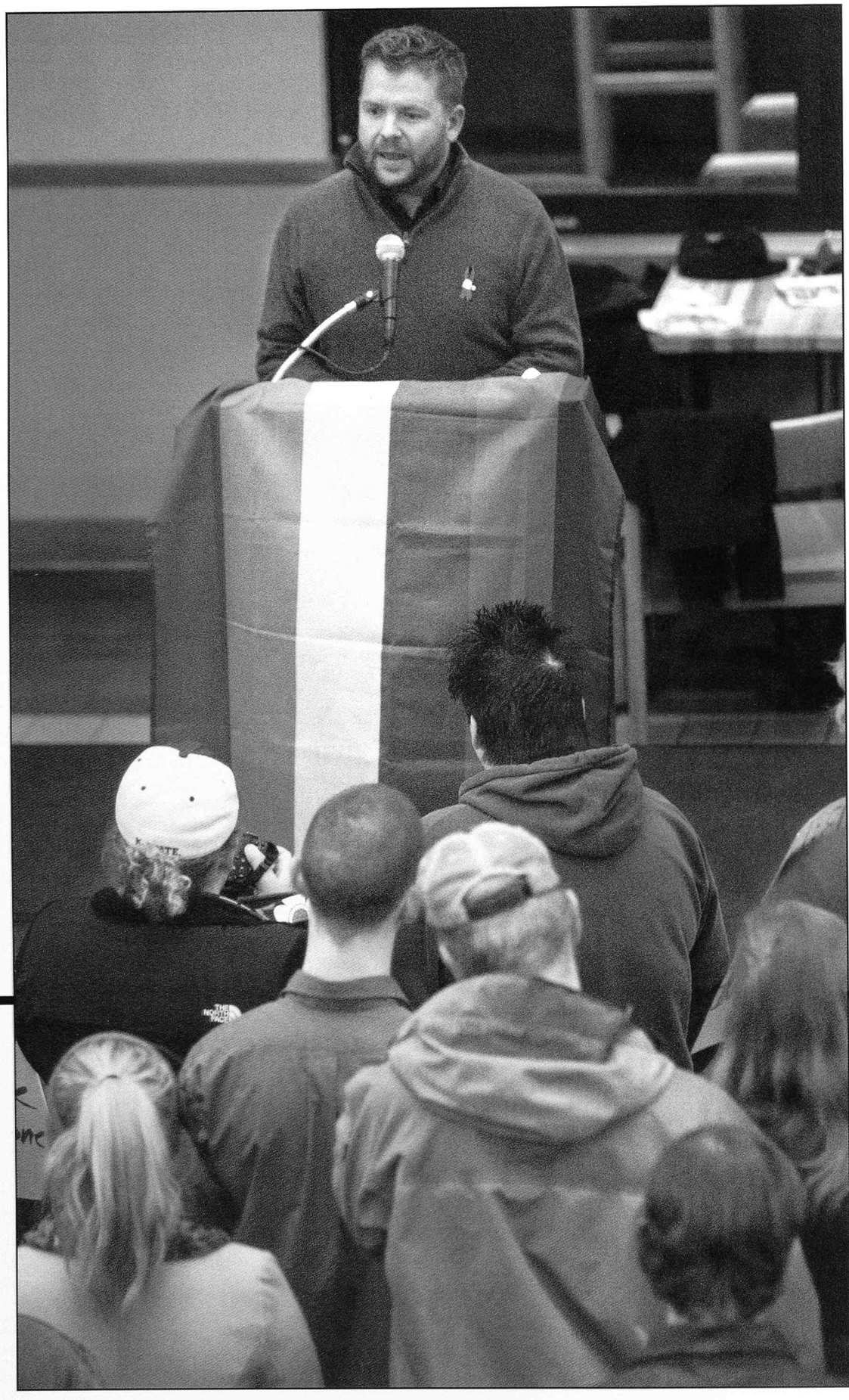


Members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority work in an assembly line to create walking tacos, a meal on the go. All proceeds benefitted the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. *Erin Poppe*



Jacquie Lewis, senior in elementary education, dresses as a life size taco to encourage passersby to participate in the Delta Delta Delta walking taco philanthropy Nov. 6. *Erin Poppe*







Members of the community sign a petition for the ordinance. The ordinance was created to add LGBT people to the anti-discrimination clause in Manhattan. "Almost every time that it's come up, the ordinances have had some conflict of interest", Dusty Garner, senior in political science said.
Jennifer Heeke

Dusty Garner addresses the crowd in the K-State Student Union Courtyard as part of the 'Stop the Hate: Rally Against Awaken Manhattan's Anti Gay Rally.' "We didn't feel [the rally] was appropriate for a group that is aligned with a recognized anti-gay hate group," Garner said.
Jennifer Heeke



Date of rally:
December 1st, 2010

Number of attendants:
500

Number of Facebook invitations: 7000

Hours in ordinance meeting: 6

rally FOR rights

by Eric Hostetler

Hundreds of people swarmed the courtyard. Amidst the clustered traffic of people were rainbow hats, men wearing drag and make-up, signs that said, "Moving equality forward" and a banner that screamed, "God doesn't exclude."

"I believe every individual should have the right to live freely and work freely and visit the restaurants and businesses without the fear of some kind of persecution based on who they love," Dusty Garner, senior in political science, said.

An ordinance was created to include an anti-discrimination clause for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in employment, accommodations, and housing in Manhattan. However, an organization called Awaken Manhattan hosted a rally Dec. 1 to oppose the ordinance. In response to it, Garner organized a counter-rally at the same time.

"Students are protected while they are on campus, but most students don't live on campus or work on campus," Garner said. "Most of them live and work in the community. And so the community organizers thought it was important to protect LGBT people outside of the K-State university."

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In support of Garner was his fraternity Delta Lambda Phi (DLP). Several DLP members were there for the rally and several spoke to its participants.

"The goal of the rally was to send a message that this is an ordinance that goes beyond religious values," Garner said. "This is about people's individual liberties and freedoms and the ability to have a home and not fear that they will be kicked out or to have a job and not worry that they could be fired simply because of who they love. I think we were very successful in getting that message across."

Garner discovered the plans for Awaken Manhattan's rally after seeing a full-page advertisement in both the Collegian and the Manhattan Mercury, consisting of a letter from 16 local ministers urging city commissioners not to support the ordinance because it goes against their religious values. One of the points made at the rally Garner organized was to raise enough funds to print a full-page ad in support of the ordinance. The money was easily gathered within the time of the rally.

"It was amazing just to see we have that much support for the city ordinance and just for everything in general in the LGBT community," Derek Manzaneres, sophomore in music education, said. "I just stood back and took it in for a second. It was really moving for me."

The rally also covered several other issues involved with the LGBT community. The first issue was reparative therapy, a technique used by religious institutions to attempt to change a person's sexual orientation. This can be done by means of electroshock therapy, diversion therapy, various hypnosis techniques, or prayer techniques.

"What really sparked [the rally] was the group on campus who held — what us in the gay community figure — are pretty radical thoughts about gay reparative therapy," Charles Johnston, graduate student in theatre and president of DLP, said.

Garner stated that reparative therapy tends to cause a high rate of suicide and low self worth because those feelings are intrinsic to a person's being.

"Time and time again these things have proven to be very dangerous to the person receiving the treatment," Garner said. "When you start trying to change them, that sends mixed messages to the brain."

The other issue was about a researcher at the university who published research stating that LGBT people are not fit parents because their children tend to grow up gay. It also included research that said LGBTs are more prone to depression and other mental disorders and that they tend to be LGBT because of early childhood abuse.

"I believe that researchers should be free to do the kind of research they need to do whether it's popular or not but there is a very fine line that is sometimes crossed when a researcher does research that is biased to their own set of opinions rather than based on fact," Garner said. "That's when the research needs to be called into question and that has not been happening well here."

The rally ended with one last holler of support with the hopes that it "would interrupt their praying, at least for one minute." This sounded throughout the entire Union and lasted the whole minute.

"I appreciate more than anything that the discussion has been very civil," Garner said. "The city commissioners have done a very good job of listening to all sides of this issue so as to craft an ordinance that is all encompassing.

Following the rally, a meeting for the ordinance was held Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Supporters for and against the ordinance gathered for a heated debate. The meeting lasted until 1 a.m. when the ordinance was finally passed to a second hearing where it will be voted whether or not to uphold the previous vote.

"Because of that, there's a good chance that it might go through," Manzanares said. "It starts with one city, and hopefully it'll go up to county and state and eventually it'll get to a national level. This is the first step of a very big journey."

All of these events, including the rally, were made possible due to the message of Delta Lambda Phi: Make your presence, make a difference. The philosophy encouraged others to make a difference in the LGBT community and show support for what they felt was right.

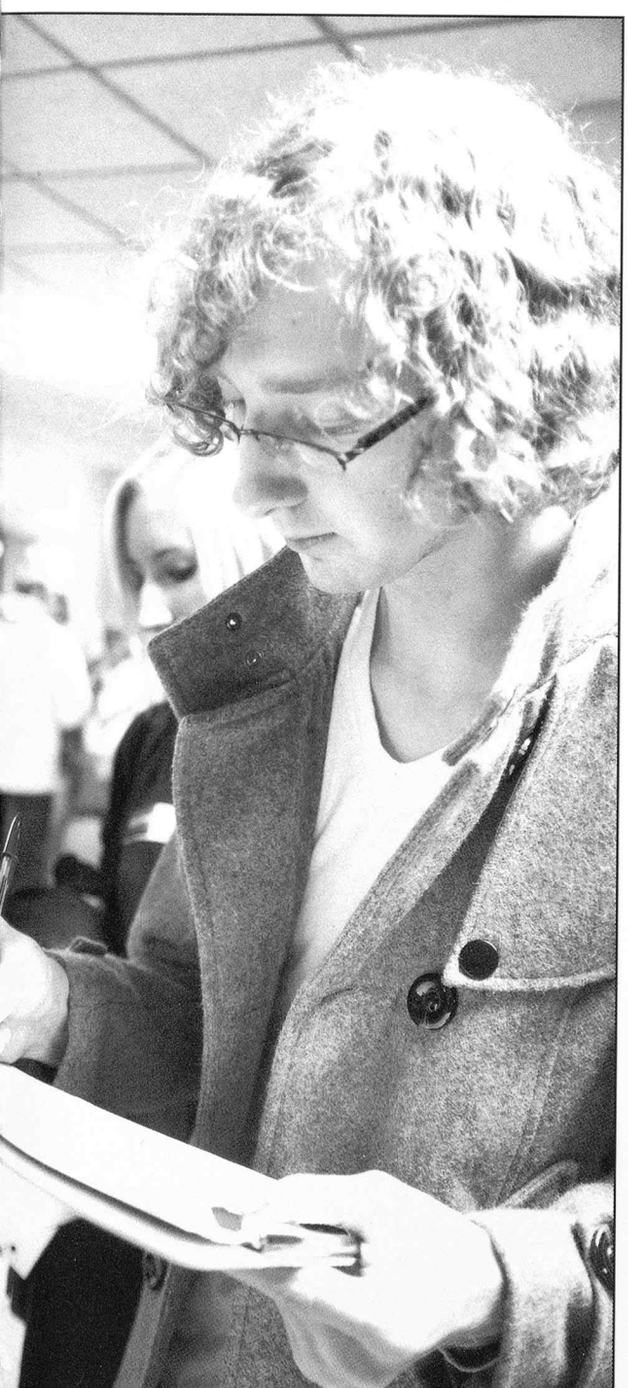
"When I was in high school, I never would've told anyone that I was gay," Manzanares said. "Through the pledge process of my house, it's really brought me out of my shell and I'm a much more open person. That was probably the biggest thing I got: I could be myself and not be ashamed of it. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for my fraternity."



Ellen Welti, senior in history and biology, and Libby Uthoff, senior in theater and geology, show off a sign with a bible verse to support the goals of the rally. "The purpose of the rally was to send a message that the Manhattan and K-State community was an inclusive community, one of love and acceptance," Garner said.
Jennifer Heeke



Brent Sweaney is signing the petition at the gay pride rally. The rally covered everything from the ordinance to reparative therapy. "[Reparative therapy] was the most excruciating process in my life," Sam Brinton, senior in mechanical engineering, said.
Jennifer Heeke



"I identify as a gay man so I think these protections are important as a basic human right. I believe that every individual should have the right to live freely and work freely and visit restaurants and businesses without the fear of some kind of persecution based on who they love."

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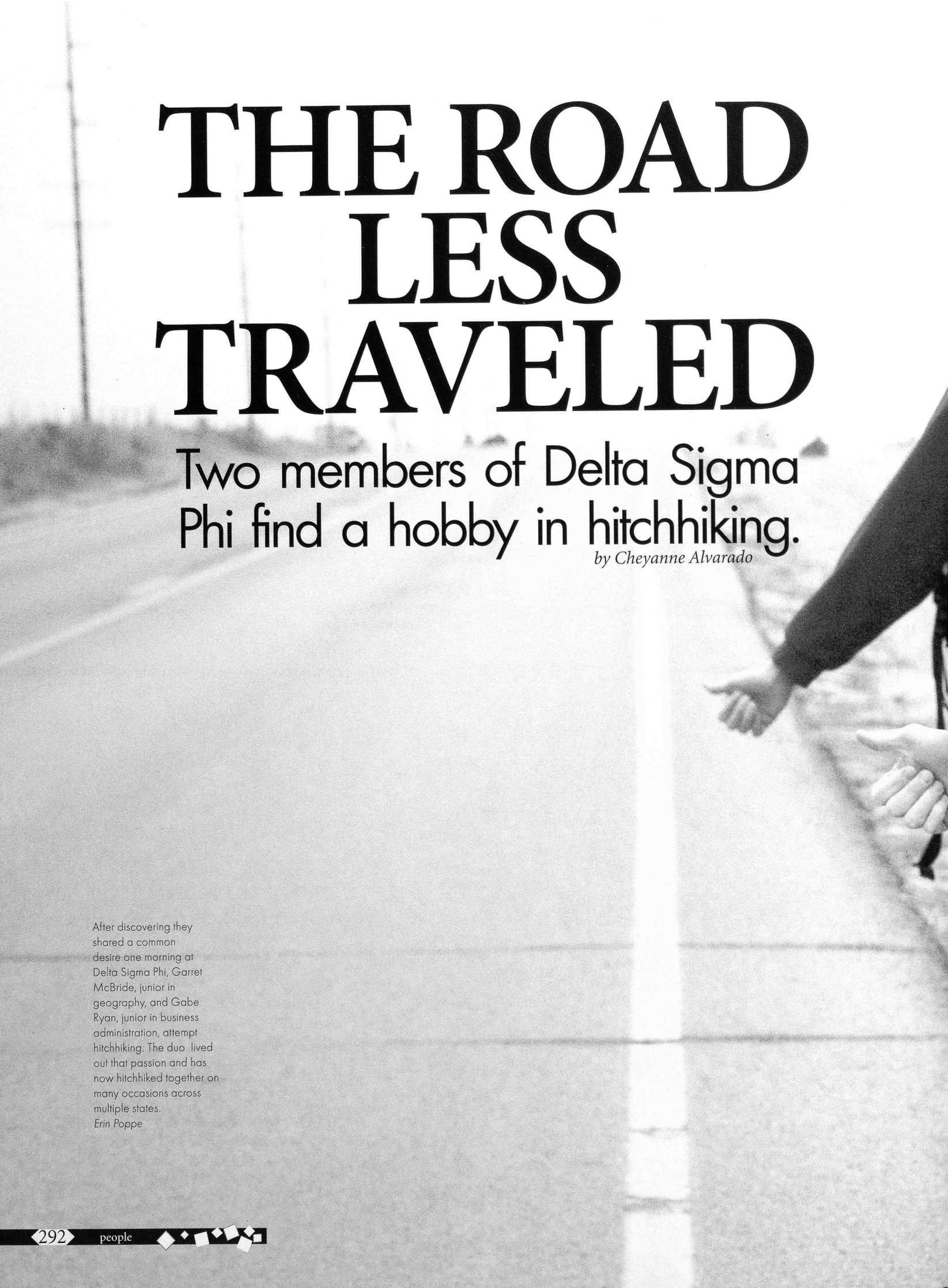
Brandon Haggard, freshman in business administration, surfs on his Fiji brothers during Serenading. Serenading was a tradition where the fraternities go to all the sororities and sing to the new sorority pledge class on the Sunday after rush week. "Serenading was epic," Huggard said. "It was a great time to grow close with the guys and meet girls."
Erin Poppe



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Two members of Delta Sigma Phi find a hobby in hitchhiking.

by Cheyanne Alvarado

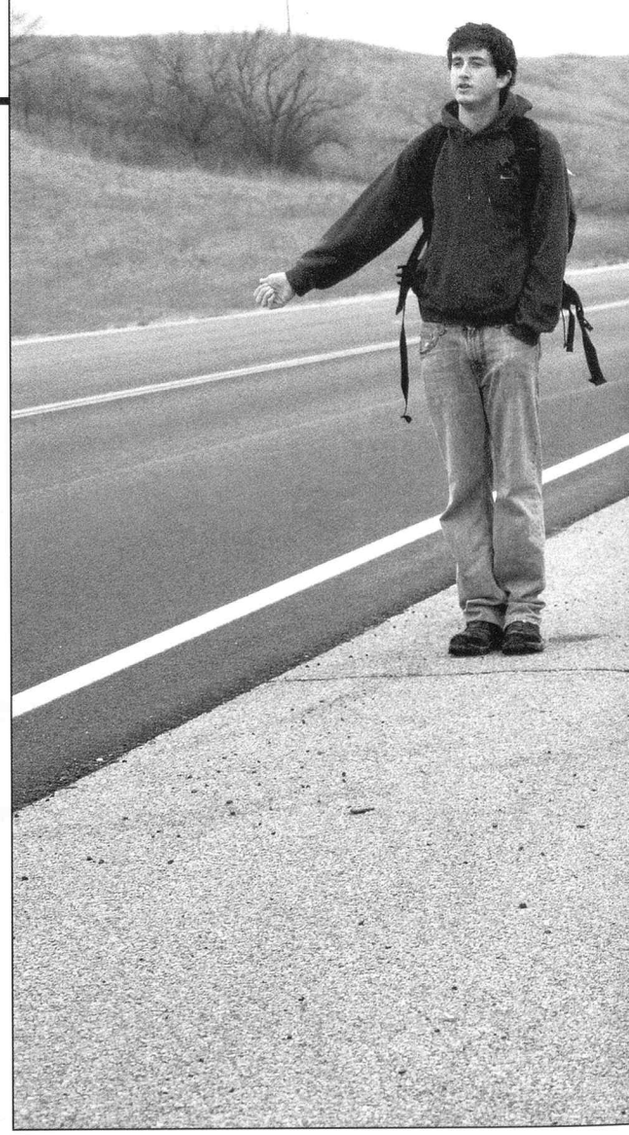


After discovering they shared a common desire one morning at Delta Sigma Phi, Garret McBride, junior in geography, and Gabe Ryan, junior in business administration, attempt hitchhiking. The duo lived out that passion and has now hitchhiked together on many occasions across multiple states.
Erin Poppe


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"Basically all you need to do is find cardboard somewhere, like behind a gas station or something, and pens or sharpies. Then you make a sign saying where you want to go."

Gabe Ryan, junior in business administration



Most college students did not get to experience the luxury of traveling cross-country due to lack of time or money. However, two Delta Sigma Phi members discovered a way to go wherever they wanted without spending a dime, albeit not so luxurious. They found that hitchhiking was an exciting and cheap way to travel.

Gabe Ryan, junior in business administration, and Garrett McBride, junior in geography, said the idea first came to them freshman year when they were talking over breakfast. They found out that hitchhiking was something they both had wanted to do in high school, but their parents would not allow it. The pair decided then that they would make their first hitchhiking trip to a barbecue in Kansas City over fall break.

"That was the first time, and we've just kept doing it since," McBride said. "That spring break we went to California."

When going on a hitchhiking trek, the only things the two took with them were items needed for sleeping outside, clean clothes, and 20 dollars. With all needed items in tow, they would begin a journey by hitching a ride to the interstate.

"We never hike," McBride said. "We just hitch. We're really lazy hitchhikers."

Standing on the side of an interstate with your thumb out wasn't the most promising way to bum a ride. The pair caught drivers' attentions by "smiling and being cheesy" and "just being a kid." Even doing this, they sometimes waited as long as two hours for someone to pick them up.

"We always talk trash on cars that don't pick us up," Ryan said. "But, we smile doing it so they don't know. We say really, really mean things as we smile."

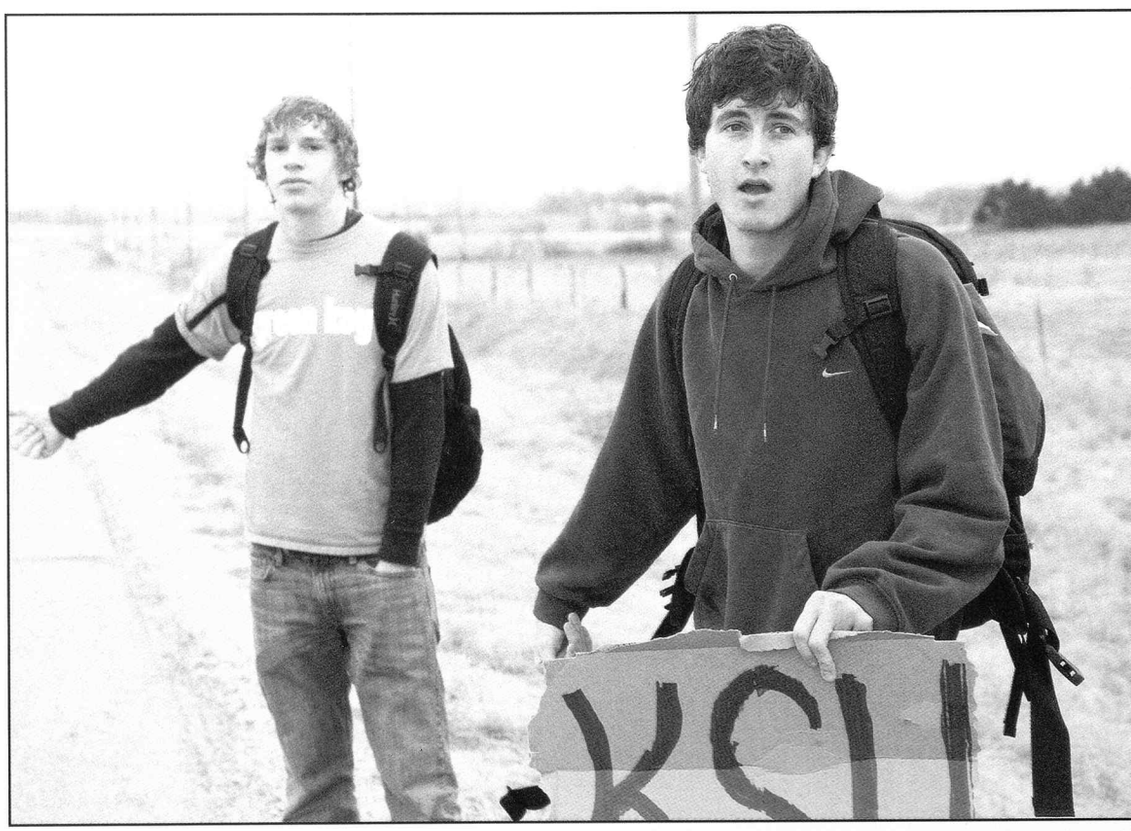
To get across one state, the pair estimated it took about four different rides.

"If you get a truck driver, they'll usually go two states at a time, but sometimes it takes around 15 rides just to get across one state," McBride said. "It just depends on how lucky you get and where you get dropped off."

Though the people who gave rides to Ryan and McBride couldn't always be described as average, the two rarely had trouble finding food or a place to sleep due to the generosity of those giving them a lift. When they weren't so lucky, they would resort to stocking up on Gatorade and peanut M&M's from a convenience



Hitchhiking cross-country, Garrett McBride, junior in geography, juts out his thumb in hopes of catching a ride. McBride made numerous hitchhiking trips throughout college; one trip took him all the way to Guatemala. "I've hitchhiked alone quite a bit," McBride said. "It's just so easy. You can get a ride to wherever." *Erin Poppe*



Gabe Ryan, junior in business administration, and McBride use a cardboard sign to catch drivers' attentions. The pair sometimes waited hours for someone to stop and give them a lift. "You'll always get picked up eventually, but it could be the second car or the second hundredth car," Ryan said. *Erin Poppe*

store and sleeping in a field. Sometimes they found shelter in other Delta Sigma Phi chapter houses.

"We've been able to visit probably four different chapters," Ryan said. "We use them like free hotels. We get to know them, and it's pretty sweet."

Although the anxiety of not knowing what to expect on the road might be too much for some people, McBride and Ryan agreed that hitchhiking was a good way to de-stress and have a good time.

"It's good to be able to just get away from everything," Ryan said. "You don't have your phone. You don't have money. You can't bring your books along. So you're actually out just not caring for a week."

The two never knew what they would come across on one of their trips. From riding in an Oscar Mayer Weinermobile to singing "Total Eclipse of the Heart" with a homeless man in Mexico, Ryan and McBride undoubtedly made great memories while hitchhiking.



> This demonstrated that there wasn't one generic answer for all women to any of the questions. Women look for different things in relationships, just like men do.
>
> *Jennifer Pike, senior in communication sciences and disorders*

What Women Want

by Ellie Long

Each Sunday night the new member class of Delta Upsilon participated in different seminars to better educate them academically, fraternally and socially. One week's edition of the Sunday night seminar was entitled, "What Women Want."

"The opening of car doors, payment at dinner, calling versus texting, et cetera are all somewhat up in the air now compared to 20 years ago," John Grice, junior in political science and chapter president, said. "We decided that as a part of our Sunday night seminars we arrange for our new members we would have a 'what women want' session where we bring in trusted females from the community of varying collegiate ages and have a down to earth panel."

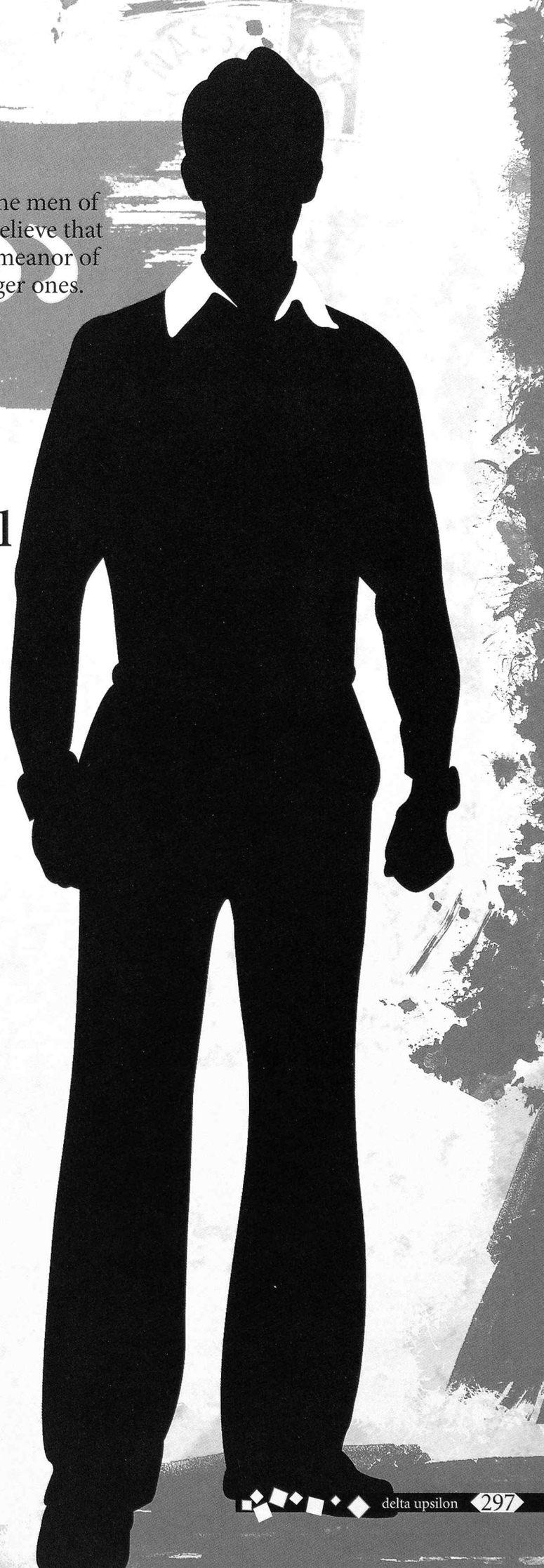
The goal of this seminar was to facilitate discussion in a very down to earth, relaxed manner. DU asked three women and their house mom to answer any questions and give insight into dating and other areas.

"I think it was pretty important because I know the opposite sex can be very confusing sometimes," Hillary Boyle, junior in accounting, said. "They had a lot of good questions."

During the seminar, the new members had the opportunity to ask questions about anything from dating, relationships, nightlife, pick up lines and how to dress.

"It's important to go through stuff like that as a new member so you can realize what dating is like in college," Kent Schmidtberger, junior in industrial engineering, said.

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> I feel that it was very important that the men of DU participated in this seminar and believe that it has had a positive impact on the demeanor of our members, particularly the younger ones.
>
> *Steve Seiler, senior in chemical engineering*

The men of Delta Upsilon tried to answer the question men of all ages have been pondering over for years: what do women want?

questions about relationships with female friends and beyond.

"They asked us what a good way to get a girl's phone number that's not creepy, what's the best date we have been on in Manhattan, what the creepiest pick up line was, how not to make a date awkward when it's over and good gift ideas," Boyle said.

Grice said the chapter chose women who knew DU as respectable gentleman who they felt would help their new member class grow.

"At first it was awkward and embarrassing telling my insight on guys," Boyle said. "But as it went on the room loosened up and it was kind of fun."

Grice said undoubtedly every fraternity recruits whom they deem to be the best pledge class on campus, and the eighteen-year-old boys they welcome into their brotherhood are socially incompetent 95 percent of the time.

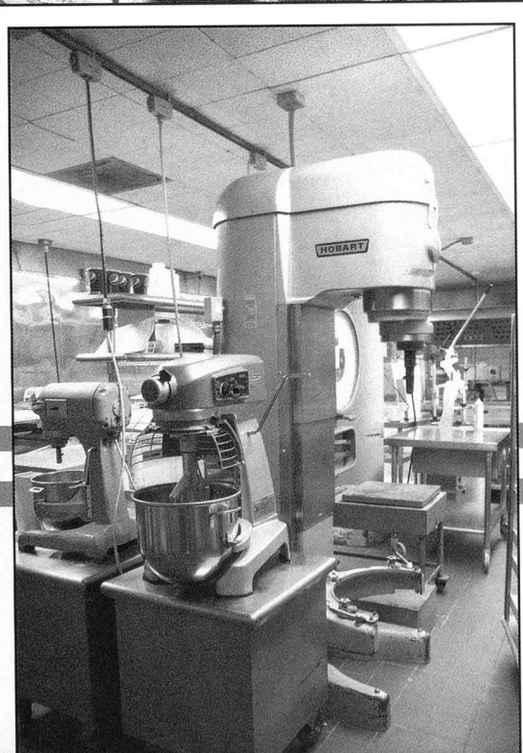
"As more justifications for creating something of this nature, the dating game has changed," Grice said. "What young men learn from their mothers and fathers as acceptable is oddly weird and awkward in most dating situations these days."

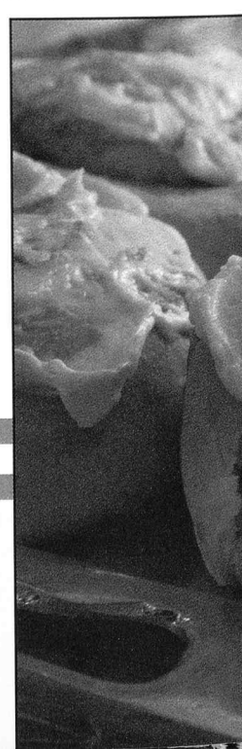
Grice said overall this was one of the best Sunday night seminars the men of DU had all year.

"These answers may or may not apply for all girls," Grice said. "Some always want the guy to pay, some want to fight over the check only to give in and have him pay, and some will always go Dutch. We just wanted to give insight to our new members on what some females think."

Eliot Hardin, senior in fine arts, works at The Bakery serving baked goods to customers in the Derby Dining Complex. The Bakery's busiest times were during finals weeks and toward the end of the school year. *Erin Poppe*

The Bakery uses a lot of equipment to produce different baked goods daily. "Unless you are deathly afraid of large machinery and ovens, there aren't too many difficult tasks involved in working at the bakery," Claire Jensen, sophomore in business administration and bakery employee, said. Erin Poppe





freshly baked, made to order

by Nicole DeBrie

Students from all over campus were often found taking a break from studying to pick up a treat at The Bakery from early morning to late evening. The Bakery, located in the basement of the Derby Complex, was a favorite among many students because of the fresh, homemade goods.

"My freshman year I lived in Ford so I was very close to the bakery," Sarah Snell, junior in communication studies, said. "I would stop by the bakery multiple times a week because it was on my way. This year and last school year I lived clear on the other side of campus but still managed to find myself at the bakery multiple times a week. It's just that good."

Much more happens at The Bakery other than retail sales of baked goods. Most of the production and baking of the treats happens in the back, as well as the preparation of some food items served in the dining centers.

"In the back I make sub buns, pizza dough and large batches of cookies for the Derby, Kramer and Van Zile dining centers," Claire Jensen, sophomore in business administration and bakery employee, said. "When I work in the front, usually I will set up the display case, bake cookies as needed, bag the daily bread and put together special orders for the day."

Special orders varied from custom ordered cakes to big batches of cookies, as well as rice crispy treats and brownies for events like finals or birthdays. It was popular for parents to call and order something special for their student to get through finals week.

"The most stressful times are when everybody is ordering special orders for finals. It gets super busy towards the end of the year," Jensen said.

The Bakery was made up of all student employees, besides the supervisors.

"We hire mostly students because it is convenient for them and it is convenient for us," bakery supervisor Jen McCown said. "It allows for students to work between classes without them having to leave campus."

Students who worked at the bakery were still able to enjoy their usual school breaks, as well as enjoy other incentives through their employment.

"There are many perks," Jensen said. "If you don't already live in the residence halls, you get half price meals at the dining centers. I don't have to work breaks and weekends are optional. The perk that seems good but can be bad at the same time is getting to eat what all is being made. There is always extra of everything we make."

Whether it was the monster cookies or the peanut butter rice-crispy treats, students all had their own favorite. A treat from The Bakery was often times the thing students needed to get through studying for their next big test.

"I think one of the main reasons students like it so much is because most of us don't get those home-baked goodies here at school like when we're home," Snell said. "The bakery is the way I personally sort of get a little taste of my mom's baking while I'm busy at school."



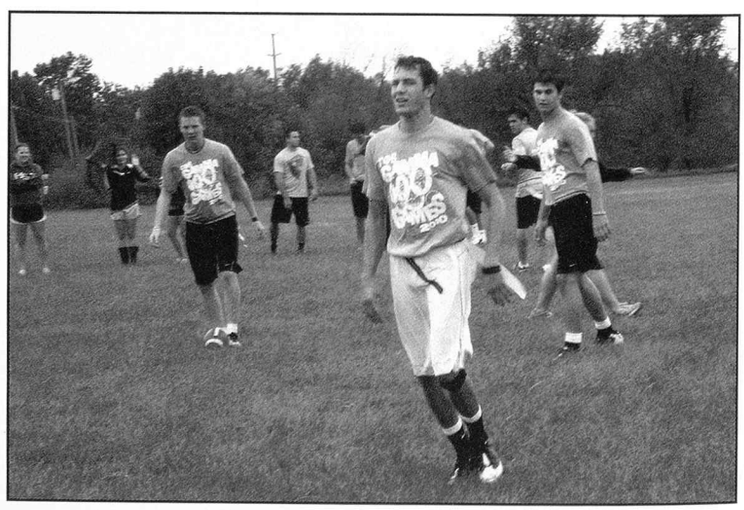
The Bakery sold a variety of baked goods ranging anywhere from cookies, rice crispy treats, brownies and cinnamon rolls. The employees had to make sure the bakery was always stocked with the students' favorite treats.
Erin Poppe



Ashley Klingler, sophomore in regional community planning, turns to look at the line of people filing in the door at the Rocky Horror Picture Show pre-show in the Grand Ballroom on Oct. 29. Participants in the pre-show paid $5 to get in and received a prop bag to use during the show. "In the movie, there's different words they say where you're supposed to throw stuff," Klingler said. "The whole room's doing it and the whole group watching the movie is kind of like a cult." *Lauren Gocken*



Chase Copeland, freshman in education, Ally Scott, freshman in life sciences, and Lili Flores, sophomore in kinesiology, play a game of ladder golf in the back yard of Gamma Phi Beta during a celebratory barbeque for Pi Kappa Alpha's victory in Gamma Games.
Erin Poppe



Three men from the Beta Theta Pi fraternity participate in the last event of Gamma Games, the flag football tournament. Beta made it to the semifinals of the flag football tournament and placed seventh out of seventeen teams overall in the three-part Gamma Games competition.
Erin Poppe

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

For the first year, Gamma Phi Beta rounded up 17 fraternity teams for three consecutive evenings in September to compete in an all new philanthropy event, Gamma Games. The event consisted of three different rounds, including a volleyball tournament, relay races and flag football.

In the past several years, Gamma Phi Beta has hosted campus golf as their philanthropy event. Campus golf hadn't brought in the proceeds or involvement they hoped for, so they decided it was time for something new.

"We felt like we needed a change," Sarah Bruner, junior in finance and Gamma Phi's philanthropy chair, said. "We didn't feel like our old philanthropy was having the greek involvement we wanted. We tried to find something that would involve more people."

In order to participate in Gamma Games, fraternities could enter a team for a fee of $75. They also had the option of making a monetary donation and purchasing Gamma Games T-shirts.

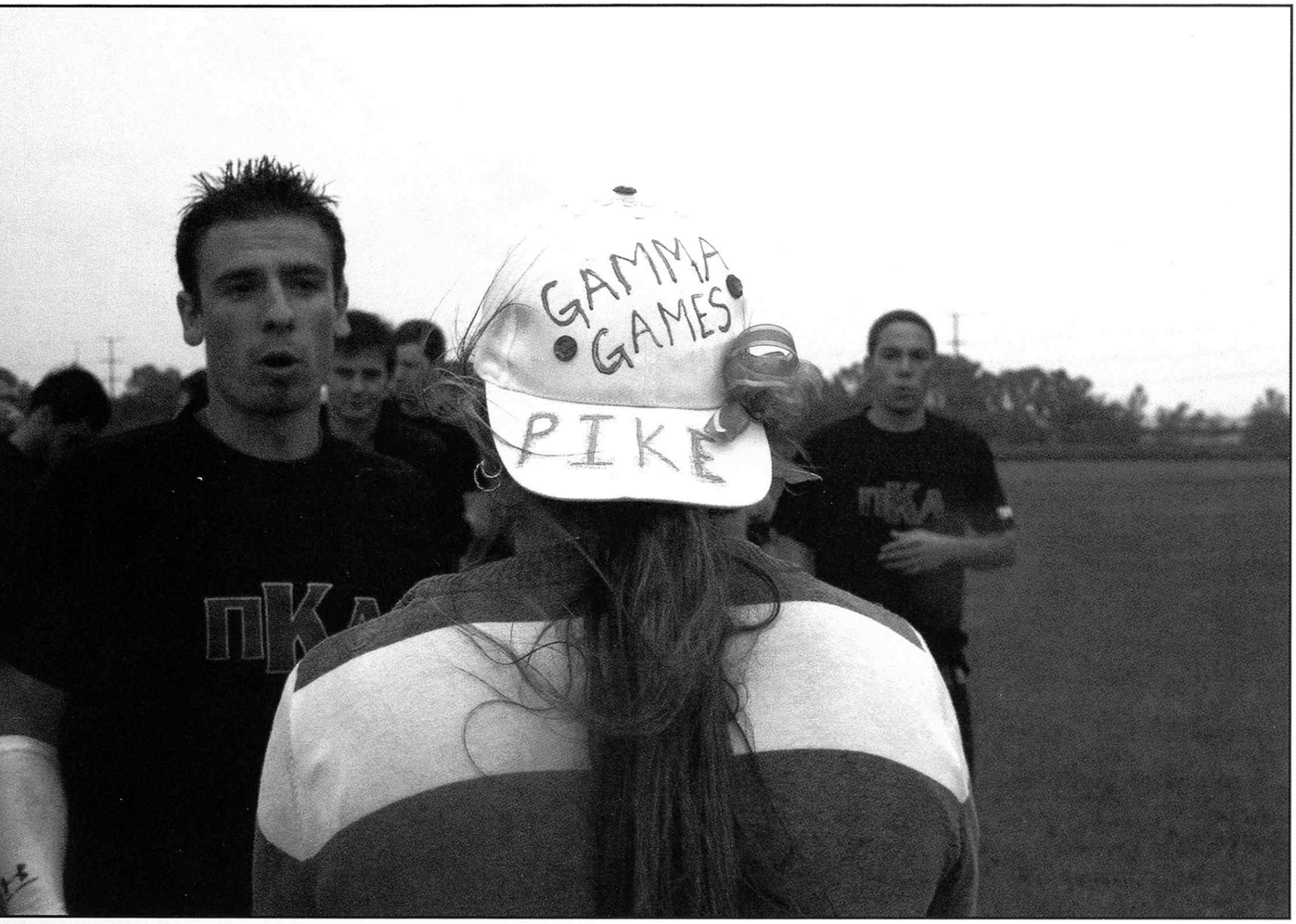
Gamma Phi has two philanthropies, one local, the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, and one national, Camp Fire USA. The proceeds from entry fees, T-shirt sales and monetary donations were split evenly between the two organizations.

"Since it was our first year we didn't really know what to except as far as proceeds goes," sophomore Kelly Downes, Gamma Phi's internal philanthropy assistant, said. "We set a goal to raise 500 dollars for each of our philanthropies. We exceeded that just from t-shirt sales, which was outstanding. We definitely surpassed what we thought we were going to raise."

Gamma Phi began the fund raising process months before the event took place by asking local businesses for sponsorship.

"As a member of the philanthropy committee, I found a list of all the businesses

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in Manhattan we wanted to contact and wrote up a sponsorship letter. We then had the girls take a letter to their assigned businesses to ask for monetary or food donations," Jaylee Henkle, junior in communication studies and Gamma Phi's chapter relations chair, said.

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> **Jaylee Henkle, junior in communications studies and chapter relations chair**

After tallying up and combining the scores from each of the three rounds, Pi Kappa Alpha was announced the winner of Gamma Games. The fraternity was presented with a traveling trophy to display in their house until it is passed off to next year's winner. Gamma Phi also hosted a barbeque for the winning fraternity following the final day of competition.

"Overall we had a great experience," Henkle said. "Everything went really well for it being the first year and for it being an event this large. It was cool that even though the guys were really competitive during the games, they got along well and had good sportsmanship."

On the third day of Gamma Games, the flag football tournament, rainy weather could have easily ruined the hard work everyone had put into the event. However, the fraternity men didn't seem to care, and the tournament still took place.

"I heard one of the guys complain about the rain and one of his brothers say to him, 'this is going to charity,'" Downes said. "It's really great to hear that and realize people do support the cause."



Rudy Amato, sophomore in construction science and management, talks strategy with his Gamma Games coach Cheryl Yacenda, sophomore in business administration, during the flag football portion of the Gamma Games competition. *Erin Poppe*

Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Gamma Phi Beta sorority celebrate the end of Gamma Games with a barbeque and ice cream social. Members from both houses played washers and ladder golf in the back yard of Gamma Phi while celebrating Pike's victory over 17 other fraternities in the first ever Gamma Games competition. *Erin Poppe*



Two men of the Sigma Nu fraternity try to catch the ball while competing in the flag football tournament of Gamma Games. Cool temperatures and rainy weather didn't stop the 17 teams from competing in the third and final event of the philanthropy. Sigma Nu finished in ninth place out of the seventeen fraternities overall that competed in the Gamma Games philanthropy. *Erin Poppe*

GAMMA GAMES RESULTS

Pi Kappa Alpha	350
Phi Gamma Delta	260
Delta Sigma Phi	225
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	215
Phi Delta Theta	200
Alpha Gamma Rho	200
Beta Theta Pi	195
Delta Upsilon	195
Sigma Nu	180
Acacia	180
Farmhouse	170
Sigma Pi	165
Lambda Chi Alpha	145
Phi Kappa Theta	120
Kappa Sigma	105
Tau Kappa Epsilon	75
Phi Beta Sigma	32

Gamma Phi plans to continue Gamma Games in future years. Small adjustments will be made to the event, but the main concept will stay the same.

"We plan on keeping the same events for next year, but there are just some minor details we didn't think about until the last minute that we can perfect for next year," Downes said. "Since it was our first year, we didn't know how long things would take so it was difficult to know what time to start each day."

One other change that may be made is to include independent and residence halls teams, along with the fraternity teams.

"Our goal is to get as much involvement and proceeds as possible, so we might open the event to other organizations and individuals on campus," Henkle said.

No moms allowed

by Eric Hostetler



In a key dance lesson, Joe Frasier tried his best to complete each step without ruining the routine. His partner, Emily Frasier, junior in landscape design, realized he was struggling but didn't let it ruin the time they had together. Even with a failing attempt, she continued to enjoy being with him. This was the relationship between father and daughter.

"It was fun," Emily said. "We had one step that took a while to get used to, but eventually we got the idea."

Dads and daughters were reunited Nov. 6 for Kappa Alpha Theta's annual Dad's Weekend. The event began with the dads' club meeting where they met other fathers and voted on an item to donate to the house.

"In years past, they've gotten a TV for the downstairs," Madeline Logan, junior in marketing and event planner of the house, said. "They always get little things that will make Theta more comfortable for us."

After the meeting, fathers were released to spend the rest of the time with their daughters. Some went to the football game while others stayed at Theta to hang out. Logan said that this event was held so Theta girls could have one-on-one time with their parents. Many of the girls said it was one of their most memorable times in college.

"He's my best friend," Katelyn Schleicher, sophomore in education, said. "I love spending time with him. We have a lot of father-daughter moments."

When asked about the relationship between father and daughter, John Schleicher, father of Katelyn Schleicher, was left speechless.

"That's hard to say," John said. "I just don't know what to say about that."

The following day, fathers and daughters received a special breakfast from the sorority and were given a dance lesson at the university's recreation center. Logan set up the Sunday activities for families who came from far away and had to stay the night.

"We've always been close so it's nice to see him come up and interact with all the other dads and interact with everybody I live with on a daily basis," Allison Pfeifer, senior in human resource management and president of the house, said.

The event was a great opportunity for daughters to spend time with their fathers. More importantly, dads were able to see what the sorority and college life were like for their daughters.

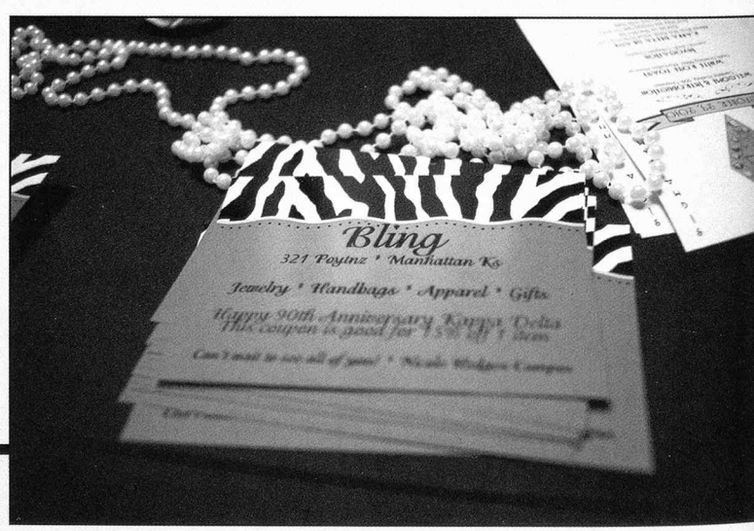
"It's like her second home," Joe Frasier said. "She lives about six hours away, so it's like having a bunch of sisters. We know they watch out for her so we don't have to worry so much about her."

Prior to the football game, Samantha Schmitt, sophomore in life sciences, plays washers with her father, Steve Schmitt. "[Dad's weekend] gives all of us sorority sisters and our dads an opportunity to enjoy a whole weekend together.," Samantha said.
Erin Poppe



Decorations line the tables at Kappa Delta's 90th anniversary celebration. The event was held in the union ballroom.
Lisle Alderton

Aside from an evening to remember, guests were also given gifts and discounts to local shops. Bling, a Manhattan fashion boutique, was among the stores who sponsored the event.
Lisle Alderton



Celebration of Sisterhood

by Cheyanne Alvarado

Current members and alumnae of Kappa Delta had reason to celebrate when the chapter commemorated its 90th year of being a sorority at the university on Oct. 23. It was on this day in 1897 that Kappa Delta was nationally founded. The university's Sigma Gamma chapter was established on Dec. 4, 1920.

"It was a celebration of how long we have been here on campus," Danielle Huskey, junior in hotel and restaurant management and apparel marketing, said. "Ninety years is a really long time. We had been planning this event for over a year, so we had a lot of time to nitpick all the details."

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>
> *Erica Hamman, freshman in biology*

The celebratory event began with the welcoming of alumnae to the chapter house on Saturday morning. Brunch was served, house tours were given and Kappa Delta merchandise was available for purchase. The national vice president of membership, Kim Flood Ryan, was present at the event and was given a reception by the women of the Sigma Gamma chapter.

In the evening, a formal dinner was held in the Union's Grand Ballroom. The women dressed up and brought dates to the celebration. Along with dinner, there was also a live disc jockey and dancing.

"I thought the 90th anniversary was amazing," Kristie Clark, sophomore in accounting, said. "It was a really fun event. It gave us a chance to socialize with the alumnae, and you don't always get that opportunity. It meant so much to me to be able to witness the 90th."

On Sunday, the festivities turned from celebrating the past to honoring the present as the chapter initiated its new members. Initiation for the chapter was generally held earlier in October, but this year's initiation ceremony was made even more special by being given directly following the 90th anniversary.

"For me, initiation was more meaningful after attending the 90th celebration because I could see myself in 20 years being a part of the Kappa Delta legacy," Erica Hamman, freshman in biology, said.

Through a weekend filled with celebration, the women of Kappa Delta gained a greater appreciation for their chapter and their sisterhood.

"One of the things that I learned throughout the experience of planning the 90th was that the bonds of sisterhood go beyond collegiate years," Huskey said. "I worked with many alumnae in organizing this project and became really good friends with them. If we had been in the same pledge class, there's no doubt in my mind that we would have spent the last 50 years together. It was definitely something that was really rewarding, and I would never go back and change anything about it."


IMAGINA



A lit up sculpture of a globe reading "imagination" sits in the middle of the Jardine Apartment Complex. "I've lived at Jardine for two years and I really enjoy it," Katie Kermashek, junior in entrepreneurship, said. "It's a really diverse, friendly and safe community for college students who are looking for nice apartments that are close to campus.," *Jennifer Heeke*

Bonds Beyond Borders

by Kelsey White

Globe-trotting women experienced the importance of sisterhood in their travels while overseas



The university's personality and attitude made Manhattan a safe environment to study and thrive as college students. Spending days in Hale library and nights in Aggieville, it seemed to be a comfortable place to develop a routine and some lasting friendships. However, four eager women of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who were much accustomed to this life, decided to shake it up a little and test their luck at the college life in a culture much different than that of Manhattan.

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> *Ali Meyer, junior in nutritional sciences*

Blake Leonard, junior in accounting and Spanish, Rachel James, junior in humanities and Spanish, Ali Meyer, junior in nutritional sciences, and Jessica Everhart, junior in accounting, all made the decision to study abroad with a group of students from the university in Salamanca, Spain during the summer of 2010.

"I knew I wanted to go to Spain, but I was nervous about going and not knowing anyone," Meyer said. "That is when I heard about the faculty-led program, and I loved it because it was all K-State students."

One by one,the four Kappa's jumped on board at this unique opportunity. Through this program, each student received nine credit hours for their five-week trip overseas during the summer.

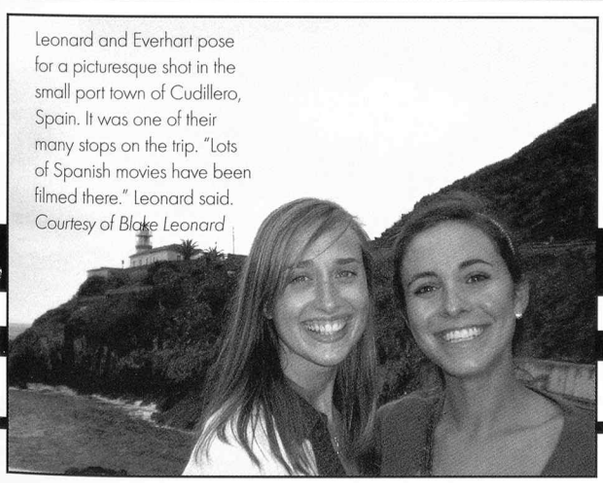
"I thought it was nice to go over the summer because I didn't want to be away from K-State for a whole semester," James said. "It's hard to be away for that long because I love the sporting events and I love Kappa, and I didn't want to miss things in Manhattan during this time. There is always time to travel after college, but you really only get one chance to be in college."

In Salamanca, they were fully immersed in the culture by attending classes that were taught in Spanish each weekday and stayed with a host family each night. Each of the women were exposed to different perspectives of the city because of where their host families resided, but that did not stop them from embracing every aspect of the foreign culture.

"We did hang out and get closer, but we also all kind of branched out and did our own thing in Spain," Meyer said. "Coming back to the States and Manhattan, we are definitely closer this semester because of our experiences."

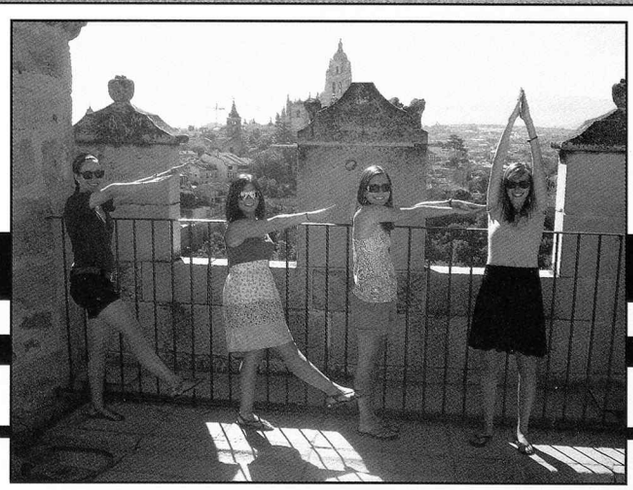
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The four girls describe a special bond that came from that trip. Their travels in Spain led to the girls forming unique relationships with one another. "Ali and I have actually decided to live together next semester and next year." Leonard said.
Erin Poppe



Leonard and Everhart pose for a picturesque shot in the small port town of Cudillero, Spain. It was one of their many stops on the trip. "Lots of Spanish movies have been filmed there." Leonard said.
Courtesy of Blake Leonard

The four women form the letters of Kappa Kappa Gamma at a historical site in Spain. Their close bond helped them through some of the hard times in being away from home. "I am not one to get homesick, but being five weeks away, you just can't help it," James said.
Courtesy of Ali Meyer



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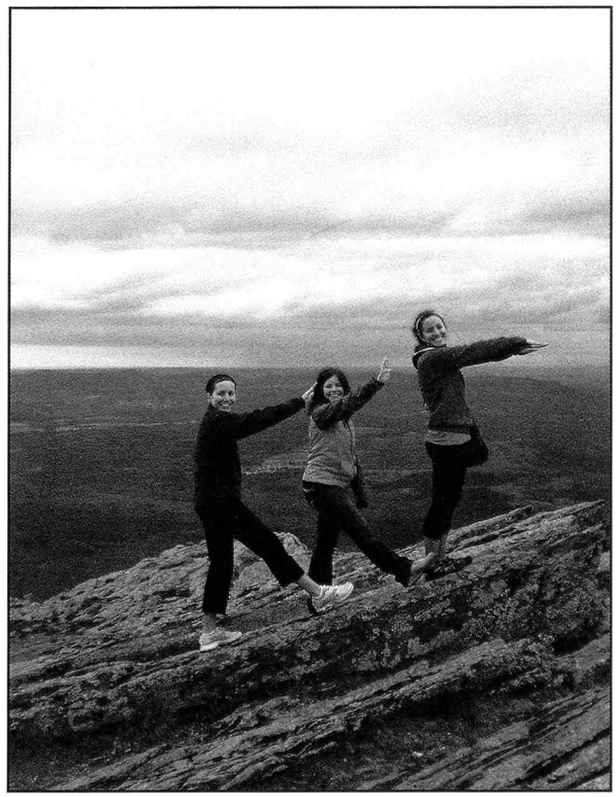
These experiences included day trips to surrounding cities in Spain, as well as traveling to the neighboring country of Portugal. They lived on their own unique schedules during the week with classes and host families, but came together on the weekends to travel and take in the atmosphere.

"[These trips] were like vacations in our vacation, which were much needed," Everhart said.

These excursions gave the girls an opportunity to get to know one another better as sorority sisters, while experiencing an entirely different culture.

"There were people that didn't know anyone going over there first, and it was nice for us to have a few familiar faces," Leonard said. "I actually think other people were kind of jealous of us and the friendships that we had."

Being away from the states for five weeks in the summer, each of the girls faced their own challenges in getting used to the culture shock. However, each of the women agreed that it was nice to have friends who understood and could relate to this unique experience. It just went to show that the strong bond between sorority sisters reached far beyond the borders of the United States.



Meyer, James, and Leonard show their Kappa spirit on the tallest peak Sierra de Francia mountains. Not only did they study, but they did plenty of sight-seeing, as well. "The culture is so different, and it took a little time to adjust to it," Everhart said.
Courtesy of Blake Leonard



"We are a lot closer. Even though we didn't hang out the entire time, I feel like we became closer because we got to experience each other outside of Kappa and outside of K-State."

Rachel James, junior in humanities and spanish



While touring the country during their stay, the four women of Kappa Kappa Gamma stop for a photo opportunity overlooking the ancient architecture.
Courtesy of Blake Leonard



Singer Sammy Adams performs on a stage in the back yard of Lambda Chi Alpha for a concert benefitting the Flint Hills Bread Basket Sept. 10. Adams was arrested 45 minutes into his performance for violating a noise permit.
Lisle Alderton

LIVE IN CONCERT

by Natalie Rauth

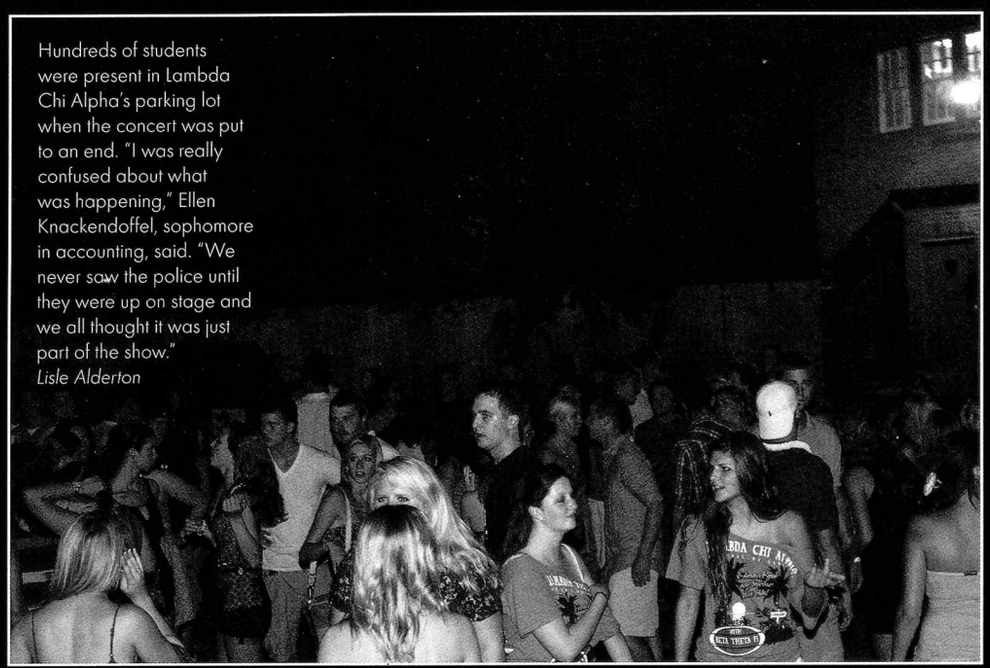
It was typical for fraternities and sororities at the university to host concerts throughout the year. However, most didn't end with the lead singer being arrested. Lambda Chi Alpha and Beta Theta Pi fraternities hosted a typical concert in September with a not-so-typical ending.

Sammy Adams, a rapper and native of Cambridge, Mass., served as the headliner for this event benefiting the Flint Hills Bread Basket. The men of Lambda Chi and Beta sold over 700 concert T-shirts, which served as tickets for the event.

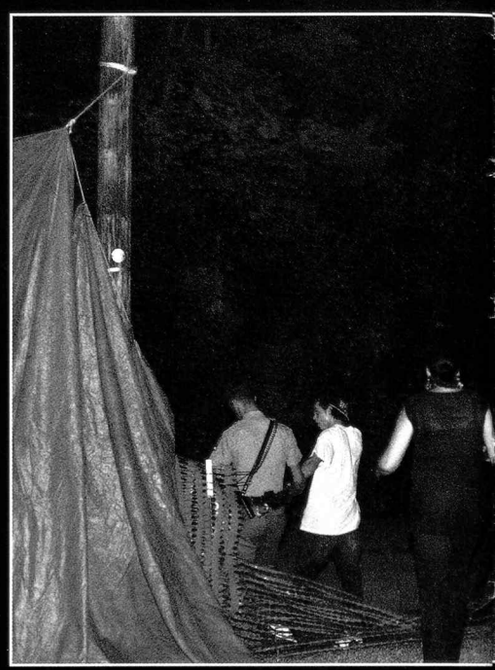
"Bringing Sammy to Manhattan was expensive," Justin Huschka, junior in management and social chair for Lambda Chi, said. "After all the costs to host the concert, we had around $2,500 to donate to the Flint Hills Bread Basket."

Unfortunately, the fraternities were unable to donate all $2,500 to the charity. Forty-five minutes into Adams' performance, officers of the Riley County Police Department escorted the

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Hundreds of students were present in Lambda Chi Alpha's parking lot when the concert was put to an end. "I was really confused about what was happening," Ellen Knackendoffel, sophomore in accounting, said. "We never saw the police until they were up on stage and we all thought it was just part of the show."
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performer off stage and arrested him.

"We spent $2,000 bailing Sammy out of jail, so we only had $500 left over to donate to the charity," Huschka said. "I actually enjoyed getting to know Sammy's manager while sitting in the jail's waiting room, though."

According to the RCPD, Adams was arrested for violating a noise permit issued by the City of Manhattan. The hosts of the event had obtained the permit for the concert, which was to last until 11 p.m.

"The most frustrating part was that we had talked to [the police department] several times and they had okayed the concert," Huschka said. "I guess it was just disappointing that it turned out the way it did, even after all the hard work."

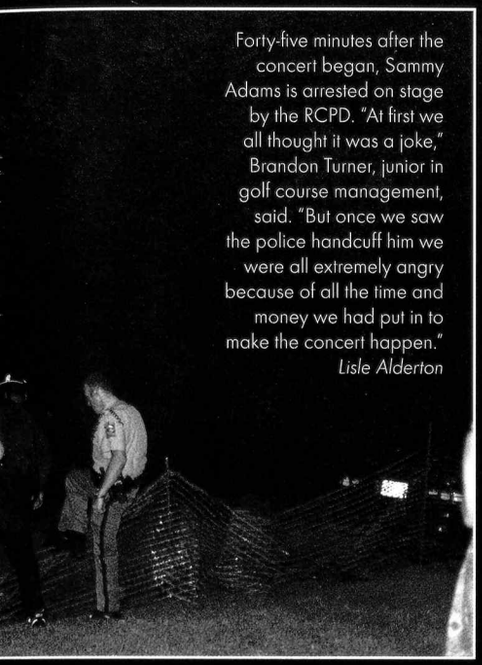
This particular incident was one of many frustrating occurrences that the Greek system faced with the RCPD that fall. Increased tension between law enforcement officials and Greek community members led to intervention by the administration.

"This year, we have tried to focus on addressing issues before they became a serious problem," Brad Schoen, Director of the Riley County Police Department, said. "We entered into the semester realizing that we usually have issues [with the Greek community], so we said, 'let's see what we can do about it.'"

The Riley County Police Department Community Advisory Board was a group designed to counsel the police department when faced with issues such as the Adams debacle. Several fraternity presidents from the university were invited to attend a meeting several weeks after the concert.

"I felt like the initial meetings with the police officers were just frustrating," Tom Chaffee, junior in social sciences and gerontology and president of Beta Theta Pi, said. "But the meeting with the advisory helped both sides move past being defensive so that we could look forward into how to actually change things."

Although many members of the police



Forty-five minutes after the concert began, Sammy Adams is arrested on stage by the RCPD. "At first we all thought it was a joke," Brandon Turner, junior in golf course management, said. "But once we saw the police handcuff him we were all extremely angry because of all the time and money we had put in to make the concert happen."
Lisle Alderton

Multiple run-ins took place between the RCPD and the Greek community throughout the year. While in handcuffs, Sammy Adams manager, Alex Stern, waits to be escorted out by police officers on an early night in September. The concert was just getting started when the singer was quickly arrested and removed from the stage.
Lisle Alderton

department agreed the situation at the concert was not necessarily handled appropriately, they argued that they had no choice but to respond to the multiple complaints from neighbors.

"The truth is, we can't make both of the groups happy," Schoen said. "We just have to make some conscious decision about how to solve these issues, one side is always going to be upset."

Relations between the police department and members of the Greek community continued to improve in the months after the concert. Greek students hoped that the strides the two groups made wouldn't regress.

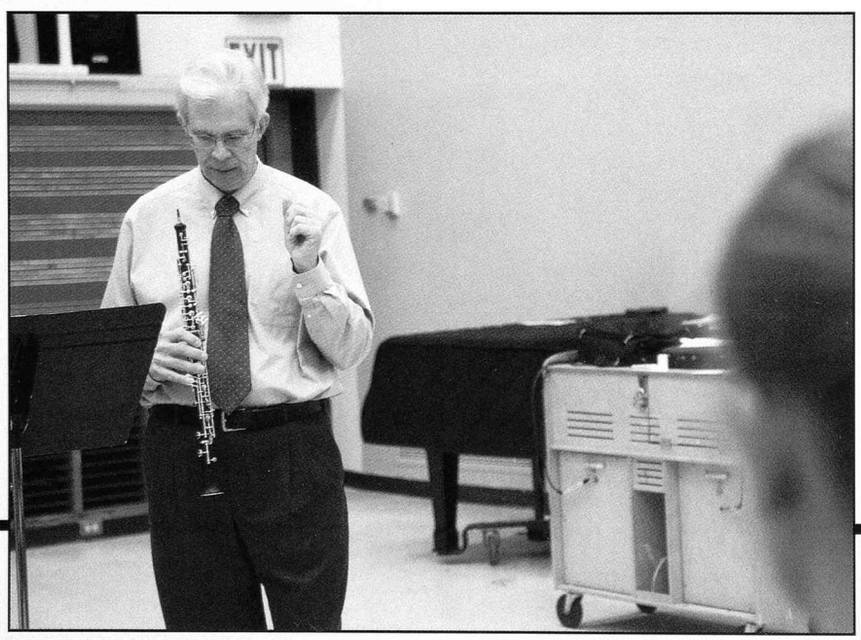




Katie Brophy, freshman in life sciences, pets Grizzly, a St. Bernard and Great Pyrenees mix. Grizzly was part of the group of dogs for adoption from T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter which raised money for the shelter by selling pumpkins at Bosco Plaza on Oct. 27. "It reminded me of how much I miss my pets I left at home," Brophy said. "When I was a senior in high school, I would go to PetSmart every day and help them with adoptions."
Anthony Drath

Kelley Tracz, sophomore in music education, is instructed by William McMullen to relearn basic finger structure as it is sometimes forgotten as players improve. "I am looking to get as many perspectives on my playing as possible.," Tracz said. "To hear criticism from a player and teacher like Bill McMullen is something that I consider invaluable as far as further progressing my oboe playing. This experience was a very positive one for me as a musician."
Erin Poppe





Pausing to think, McMullen instructs the oboe students. He critiqued each student's playing and helped them to correct mistakes both before and after their performances.
Erin Poppe

"The best advice I received from him was to keep in mind the basics. I never thought about it, but he was right. Then tension was gone, and I felt much more comfortable."

Rachel Roth, sophomore
in wildlife and conservation biology



Master & Masters

by Erin Poppe

Soft music from the oboe filled McCain 204 from the floor to the ceiling. The notes rose and fell as the musical story progressed. Then, as delicately as it began, it stopped. Kelly Tracz, sophomore in music, looked to the man standing next to her, and waited to hear what he had to say.

The man was William McMullen, an oboe professor who taught at the University of Nebraska for 25 years. He was widely known in the music community for being an oboe soloist with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. He had performed worldwide at International Double Reed Society conventions in the Netherlands, Australia and Canada. McMullen knew his craft and his craft was oboe.

McMullen visited the university to give advice and instruction to the oboe master class. Advice was what Tracz was looking for when she finished her piece. McMullen stood completely still.

"It was a ghost," McMullen said. "It was like you were flying with the ghost, through the room."

Tracz's chest deflated, as if she had been holding her breath the whole time. When she returned to her seat, she smiled.

A positive review from McMullen was something to smile about. That was the first time he made the special trip to the class, and the students had been working all semester on their pieces to have him critique. Rachel Roth, sophomore in wildlife and conservation biology, didn't take the opportunity for granted.

"You really do not get a chance like that very often," Roth said. "It's phenomenal."

When Roth went up for her one-on-one time, McMullen encouraged her to relax while she played. He found that her hand position was off, so he corrected her with the assurance that when the fundamentals were fixed, she and her audience would be more comfortable.

"The best advice I received from him was to keep in mind the basics," Roth said. "I never thought about it, but he was right. The tension was gone, and I felt much more comfortable."

It wasn't hard to be comfortable because McMullen created what appeared to be a fun environment for the students to play in. He cracked jokes about his musical journey, encouraged applause, and even played along with his oboe. The more relaxed he was, the easier it was for the students to play confidently.

"The best way to fix something is to do it in front of a lot of people," McMullen said. "When you do that, you tend to fix it fast."

Latin American organization grows when brotherhood gets INVOLVED

by Katie Lucas

Along with 21 other members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, also known as FIJI, Macario Benavides, junior in secondary education, brought the League of United Latin American Citizens, a nationally known organization, to the university.

"I think it is a great thing to have on K-State's campus," Mitchell Keating, junior in kinesiology, said. "It is a nationwide organization and it gives Latin American students on our campus a chance to be a part of something that is bigger at K-State. Ten guys in our pledge class and I joined the club. We did it because we knew it was something that was important to Benavides and would benefit K-State students."

LULAC was a widely known Hispanic civil rights movement in the United States. Members focused mainly on education, housing, health, and civil rights of the Hispanic population.

"I started it as a way to further enhance the Hispanic community," Benavides said. "Not only here at K-State but also in the Manhattan community."

The university's LULAC council had about 20 to 25 members, all of whom were actively involved in the community. They helped with the English speaking classes taught at Seven Dolors Catholic Church and volunteered at the Flint Hills Clinic as translators. Within the campus they dedicated their time to the university's open house, senior days, and activity carnival.

"With starting LULAC my freshman year, studying abroad last year and just getting back into the swing of things this year, I haven't had that much of a chance to be really involved in FIJI," Benavides said.

The future plans of LULAC were to expand and help the community in any new ways possible. They planned to host a state convention for all of the LULAC councils in Kansas in April 2011.

"This convention will allow us to spotlight K-State and everything the university does to help promote diversity," Benavides said.





LULAC FACTS

ORGANIZATION:
League of United Latin American Citizens

FOUNDED:
1929

MISSION:
The mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

Macario Benavides, junior in secondary education, enjoys a luau Dec. 8 put on by the League of United Latin American Citizens, an organization he brought to the university his freshman year. "I started it as a way to further enhance the Hispanic community," Benavides said. *Erin Poppe*

Accreditation: ACCOMPLISHED

by Dani Row

The men of Phi Kappa Theta become nationally recognized for their achievements in intelligence and development, making the university and chapter well known at their leadership convention.

Phi Kappa Theta celebrated its second place victory in the Leadership Institute, a convention Aug. 5-8 in St. Louis, Mo., that honored chapters with the greatest achievements. In order to receive second place, the chapter had to uphold the mission of the fraternity: "Phi Kappa Theta actively develops men to be effective leaders who passionately serve society, Fraternity and God." The chapter had to participate and excel in the five areas of development: leadership, intellectual, fraternal, social and spiritual.

"They made a strategic plan in fall 2008 about how they want each fraternity to be." President Anthony Halling, senior in biological systems engineering, said. "The five categories set the guidelines we need to meet to be accredited as a chapter."

In order to fulfill its social obligations in 2009 Phi Kap started its own philanthropy called "Movember" where the members grew out their mustaches for the entire month of November. The idea was started by a group of men in Australia.

"We got the idea from convention and now Phi Kaps across the nation are making it their own," Halling said. "It was fun, and it was an event that counted toward our accreditation."

This year, Phi Kap raised money to benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Livestrong, the Lance Armstrong foundation.

In September, the members had a scholarship dinner for all the men who received a 3.5 GPA or higher. The reward was a steak dinner for those who got a higher GPA, while other members ate hot dogs. Kansas Iota Phi Kaps' scholarship dinner was the topic of discussion amongst many other chapters at the Leadership Institute.

"It was neat to get those awards and for other chapters to notice us," Matt Fiedler, senior in architectural engineering, said. "We weren't just some small little fraternity in Kansas."

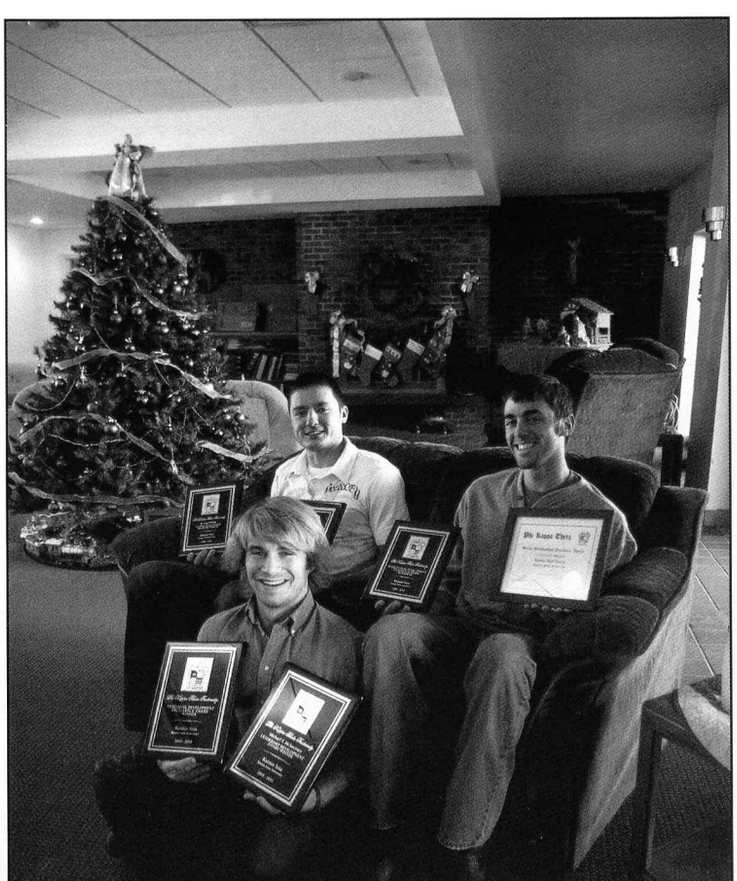
As part of their intellectual development, members received many lessons that would help them in the future. At least 80 percent of members were required to attend a program that focuses on life skills and academics. The Holtz Hall tutoring group shared with members what its program had to offer in order to excel in academics and taught them important study habits.

"In order to focus on life skills, we had our old house mom come in and teach us proper interviewing techniques and how to pack and dress for business trips," Halling said.

Being runner-up at the Leadership Institute gave the Phi Kaps the drive to work harder for the upcoming convention in the summer. They implemented new study hour rules for members and started their own scholarship for incoming freshman. They worked more with the Manhattan community in hopes of bringing home the Founder's Cup, the highest award a Phi Kap chapter can receive.

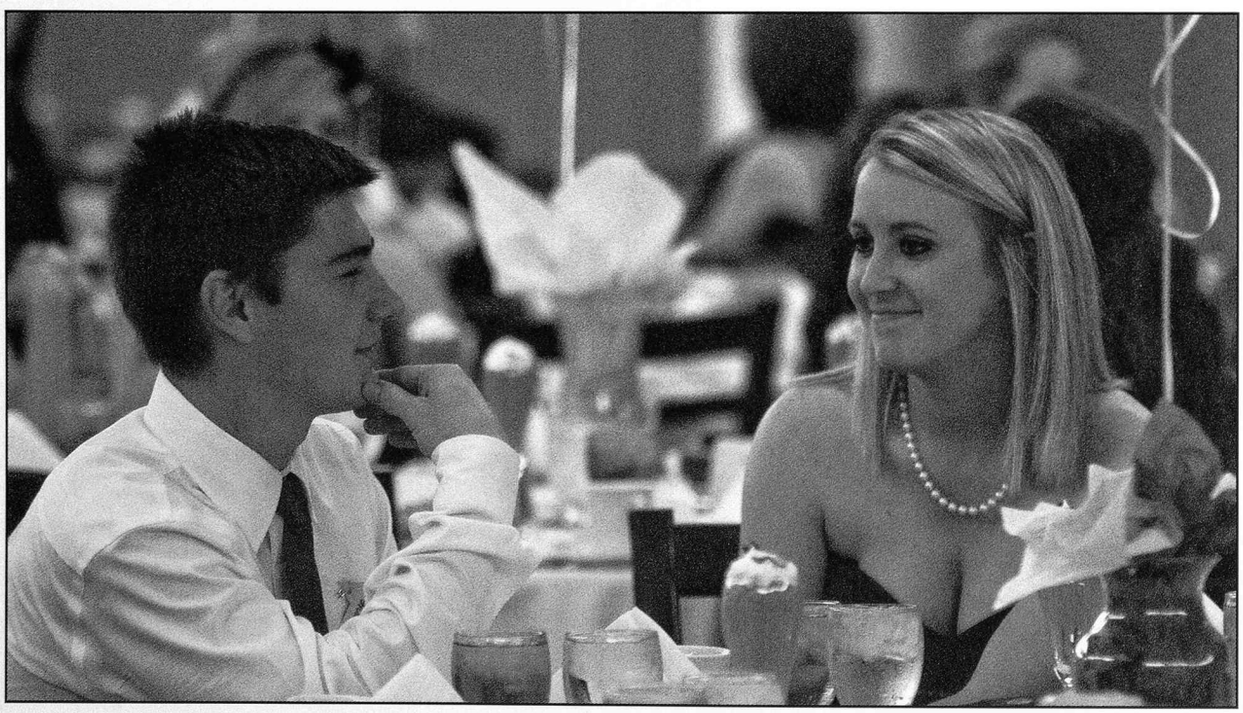
"This year it has been so much easier as president, " Halling said. "The members are psyched about participating in the developmental programs in order to be recognized as the best Phi Kappa Theta chapter in the nation."

One of Phi Kappa's awards is on display in the house. "I am really happy that we were able to bring something back to present to our members and alumni after all of the hard work we put in over the 2009-2010 school year," Halling said. "It was awesome to be recognized and to be given these awards in front of every Phi Kap chapter in the nation."
Erin Poppe



Displaying the awards received, Evgeniy Shishkin, senior in chemical engineering, Matthew Spaniol, sophomore in interior architecture and product design, and Anthony Halling, senior in biological systems engineering, represent the leadership of Phi Kappa Theta. "When we are all able to sit there and show what we accomplished, we are also in a sense showing what we are going to strive for next year: to be the best Phi Kap chapter in the nation and bring home the coveted Founders Cup," Halling said.
Erin Poppe

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Alumnae and current member of Pi Beta Phi, Katie Niederee, senior in mass communications, discuss the differences in rules and curfews when they lived in the house. The celebration began with a luncheon and house tours, and ended with a dinner. *Jennifer Heeke*

While enjoying dessert, Lauren Halsey, junior in public relations and advertising, chats with Winston Wolf, junior in architecture, following the anniversary dinner. "Celebrating our chapter's anniversary was an incredible experience and being able to share that with my sisters, alumni and our dates made for a great evening," Halsey said. *Jennifer Heeke*



95 reasons to celebrate

by Ellie Long

The women of Pi Beta Phi gather to celebrate the time they have been a chapter at the university

Ninety-five years of the Pi Beta Phi sorority brought 120 alumnae and 162 active members together to celebrate the history of their Kansas Beta chapter and sisterhood at the university.

The women of Pi Phi invited alumnae of all ages to their house Oct. 9 for a luncheon with active members and gave tours of the campus and their house.

"It's fun to see how [Pi Beta Phi] is different, but still the same," Lynn Gillam, alumna and member of Pi Beta Phi's Alumni Advisory Council, said. "The house is still as beautiful as it's always been."

Gillam said many of the alumnae had been looking forward to the event for a while now and were eager to catch up with old friends and see what had changed.

"I think it's a good chance for all us alumni to reconnect with each other and the women in the house," Gillam said.

The members of Pi Phi were pleased with the number of alumnae who came to the celebration, some even came from out of state.

"It's important we get to communicate with past alumni because we get to see some of their experiences and bond with them and see how it was in the old days," Bailey Thomas, senior in apparel marketing, said.

That night, Pi Phi's alumnae and collegians were invited to the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union for a formal dinner and dance in celebration of 95 years on campus. Speakers from different pledge classes spoke on the history and importance of Pi Phi and there was a slide show of pictures of the sorority from 50 years ago to now.

"The women we're recruiting now are like the women they recruited years ago," Kelby Polfer, senior in apparel marketing and president of Pi Phi, said.

The members said it was interesting to see and hear the stories of what Pi Phi was like when alumnae went to school.

"While I was giving a house tour, some of the older women were talking about the curfew they used to have," Thomas said. "It's cool to talk to them and see how things have changed."

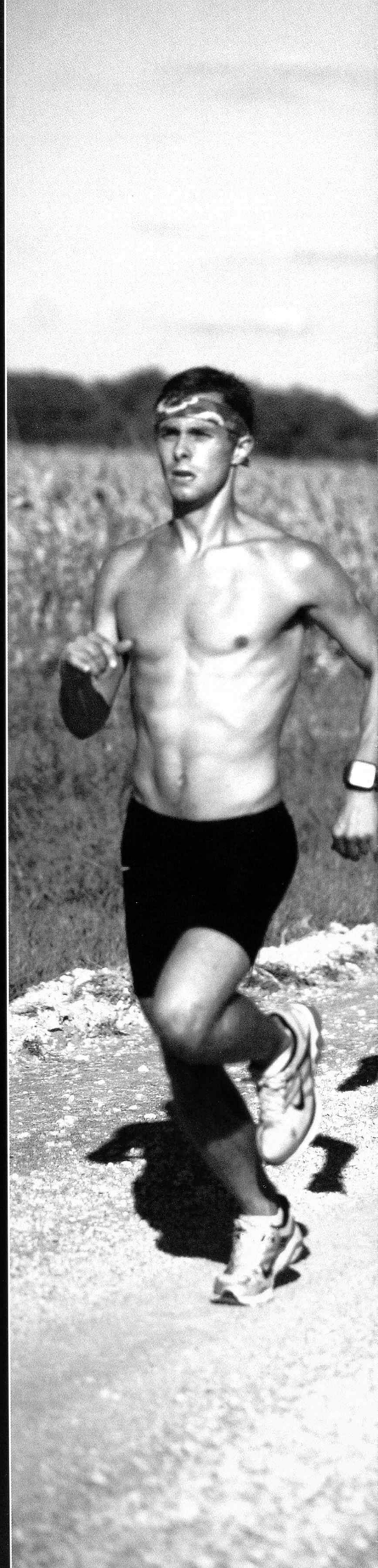
It took the collaboration and cooperation of many members from the chapter to plan the 95th celebration. Pi Phi started planning for the event five or six months prior and did a lot of planning over the summer.

"It's evident how much pride [the alumnae] had and how much they cared about their chapter," Victoria Swearingen, junior in secondary education and vice president of event planning for Pi Phi, said. "It gives everyone an opportunity to come together, and it's important we come together to celebrate something as important as this."

Polfer said the founders created Pi Beta Phi to cultivate friendship, establish real-life objectives and promote happiness, and the current members say they continue to do so.

"We're celebrating a tradition of excellence and not just looking back on how great the past 95 years has been," Polfer said. "But also looking forward to the next 95 years."

Members of the cross country team, Mitchell Loring, sophomore in regional and community planning, Andrew Stevens, sophomore in computer engineering, and Kyle Hanson, sophomore in business administration, practice on a dirt road Sept. 11 near the outskirts of Manhattan.
Lisle Alderton





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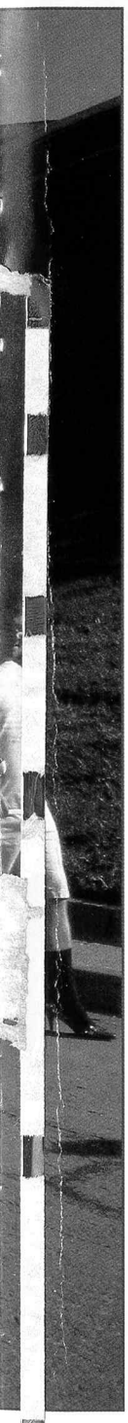
The men of Pi Kappa Alpha get in touch with their feminine side and put on a pair of high heels to take a stand against sexual assault and domestic violence.



During the walk a mile, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha walked from Chi Omega back to Pike, entirely in high heels. "We carried a banner to raise awareness for the cause of sexual assault," Drew Fraiser, junior in communications studies said. "As if having to wear the shoes was not enough of a crime for the poor girls." *Courtesy of Emily Fraiser*

right direction

by Colleen Quinn



Throughout the course of a semester, a number of different stereotypes were used to depict a fraternity. Even though the majority of these were assumptions, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha wanted to show the community they could make a difference. For the women everywhere who had been assaulted, they decided to hold an event for the first time called Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence.

"Pi Kappa Alpha organized this event to help bring more awareness and prevention to rape, sexual assault and gender violence," Zach Hoover, senior in animal sciences and industry, said. "One in six women have become victims of rape or attempted rape and 84 percent of women who have been victims knew their assailant. These tragic issues not only affect the victims but their friends and family too. We wanted to shed a brighter light on these dark issues and try to bring more prevention of rape and sexual assault."

Forty-five members in Pike participated by walking from the Chi Omega Sorority to the Pike fraternity house. There was one catch, however; the men strapped on women's heels.

"Walking in women's heels had an impact on the way the men of Pi Kappa Alpha view these issues," Hoover said. "Rape is more common than the average person would think. At least someone you know, family member, or a friend's friend has probably been a victim of rape or sexual assault. This topic isn't something that we can't keep in the back of our mind."

With their main goal in mind, the men decided to give back to the community. Whatever donations they received, they gave to a local center for domestic dispute and sexual assault.

"Our goal this year was to bring awareness and prevention of rape and sexual assault," Hoover said. "We were not focusing on profit making, however, we did receive donations and incurred a profit. We then donated $400 to the Women's Crisis Center of Manhattan."

The awareness seemed to spread within the Pike house as well. This wasn't just another event to add to their resume.

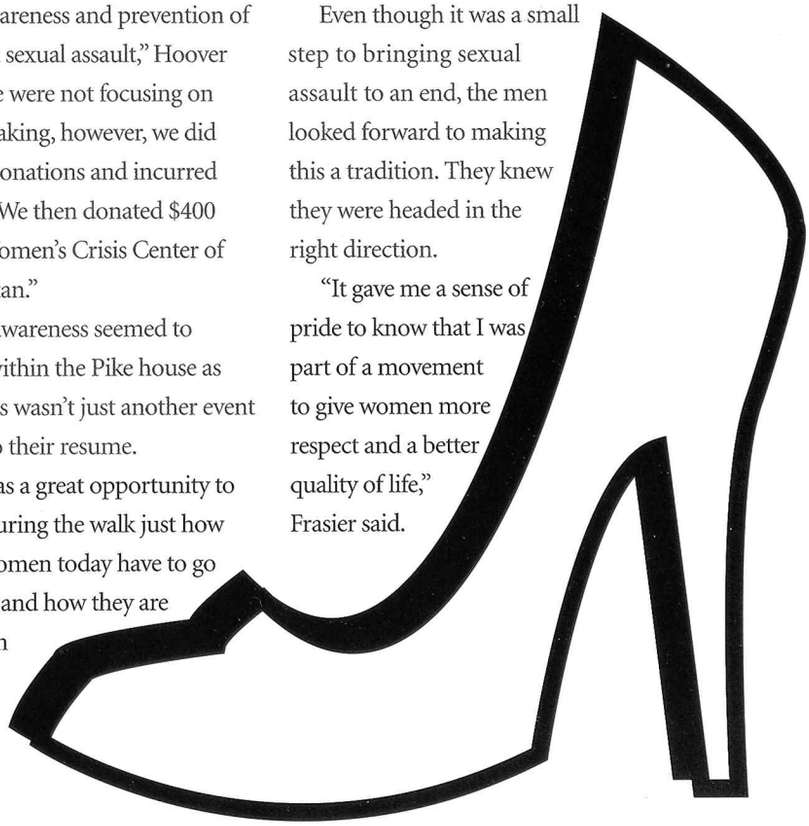
"It was a great opportunity to reflect during the walk just how much women today have to go through and how they are treated in return," Drew Frasier, junior in communications studies, said. "I only hope that others will be able to take the time to reflect and discover for themselves the role they play in how people are treated in our society."

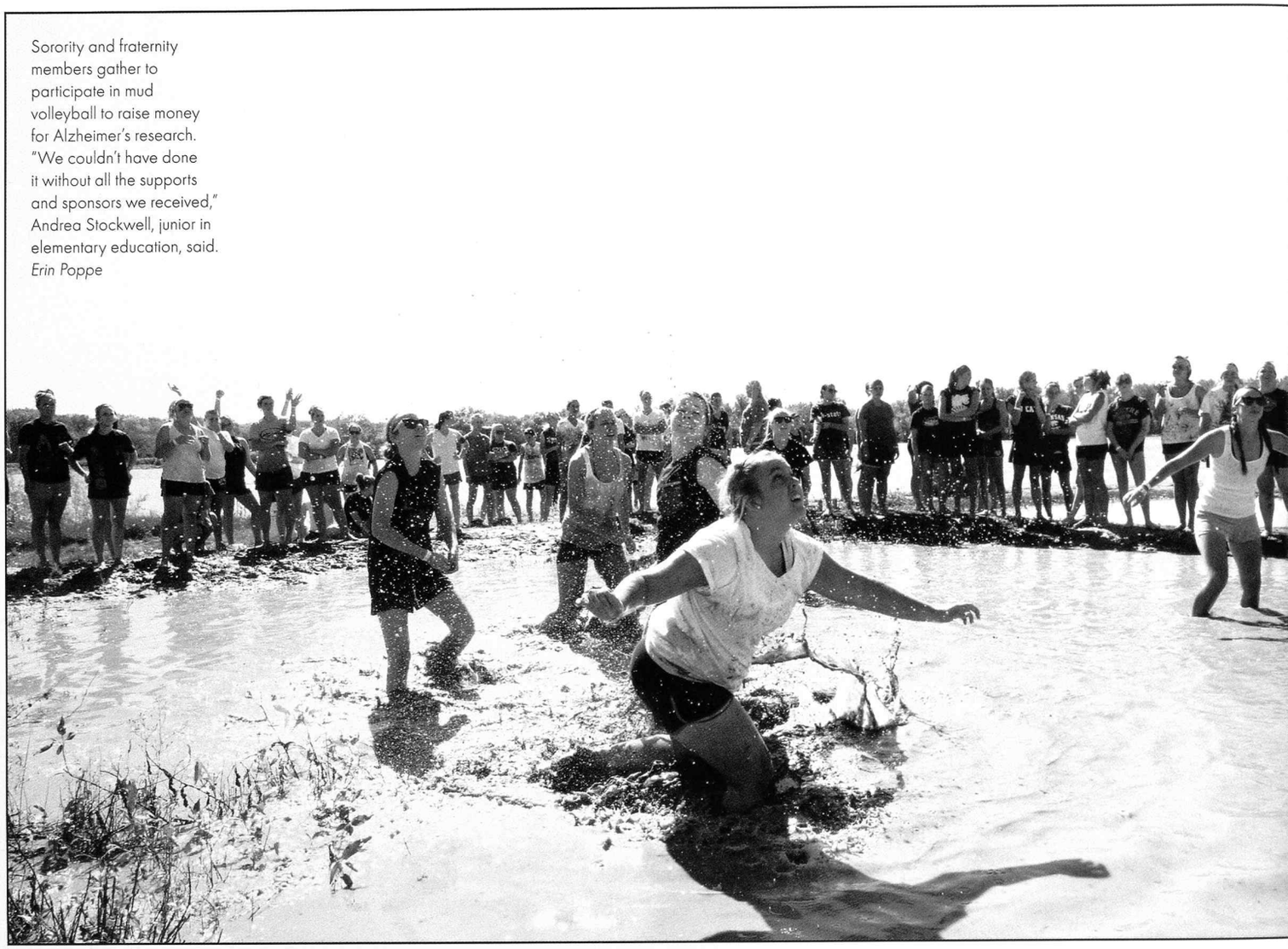
Many people observed this walk on an early Saturday afternoon and couldn't help but watch. It was hard not to stare.

"The best part about it was seeing our whole fraternity walking in high heels," Derek Damas, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "It probably got the people driving by wondering what we were working for and thinking about women's abuse."

Even though it was a small step to bringing sexual assault to an end, the men looked forward to making this a tradition. They knew they were headed in the right direction.

"It gave me a sense of pride to know that I was part of a movement to give women more respect and a better quality of life," Frasier said.





Sorority and fraternity members gather to participate in mud volleyball to raise money for Alzheimer's research. "We couldn't have done it without all the supports and sponsors we received," Andrea Stockwell, junior in elementary education, said. *Erin Poppe*

While mud was thrown and kicked in every direction, the thought of staying clean quickly faded and the competition between the greek houses was on. The women of Sigma Kappa held the 16th annual Ultraviolet Mudbowl at Tuttle Creek State Park Sept. 12.

"Ultraviolet Mudbowl is a volleyball tournament between different sororities and fraternities," Andrea Stockwell, junior in elementary education, said. "We raise money for Sigma Kappa Foundation and then we give it to Alzheimer's research and awareness."

What probably seemed as if it would be a simple process turned into months of planning and organizing. Every detail of the day was considered.

"We started in January and we had to check the greek, K-State and our calendar to set the date," Stockwell said. "We had to reserve the pits at Tuttle, contact sponsors to raise money and after that we had to follow-up in the summer and collect the money. There was also a lot of paper work for each house to sign-up."

While the sororities competed against each other and the fraternities competed against other fraternities, the members of Sigma Kappa gave a helping hand.

"As members, we chose to get involved," Kara Douglas, sophomore in business, said. "I was a coach and had six people on my team. Girls went in the

DOWN AND DIRTY



by Colleen Quinn

The women of Sigma Kappa invite the sororities and fraternities on campus to participate in a few rounds of mud volleyball to raise money for Alzheimer's.

morning and the boys went in the afternoon. Toward the beginning everybody had fun and toward the end it got competitive."

Even though the competition was on, not everybody had a clear understanding of the game. Mercedes Yeo, freshman in business, was here from England to study abroad for two semesters.

"I've played volleyball once or twice but never competitively," she said. "It confused me and the whole idea of jumping into the mud was a new concept. I don't think I'd ever experimented with something a messy as that, but it was a memory."

The idea of getting out and participating in philanthropies and activities other than consuming alcohol struck Yeo as odd.

"There is a really big difference here," she said. "In England it's all about alcohol and all you do is drink. Here they really try to push the idea of activities and group games. It's good to participate. At my London University probably 20 people knew my name and here everybody knows you. It's such a bonding experience and you get to meet other frats."

With the biggest outcome the sorority had ever seen and a grand total of $6,600, those who planned the event said it was success.

"The best part is feeling everyone get involved," Stockwell said. "We had the most teams this year and about a thousand people participate."



Megan Cahoj, senior in music education, conducts during a marching band practice in Memorial Stadium, Oct. 28. Cahoj is an assistant drum major to the "Pride of Wildcat Land" band.
Lauren Gocken





Mallory Weidner, sophomore in secondary education, seasons the vegetables she is about to cook for the dinner. The food and ingredients were provided for them every night, and they were responsible for following the recipes and preparing the food for the rest of the ladies.
Erin Poppe

Samatha Cox, freshman in life sciences, works to prepare a meal. "Helping in the kitchen is really nice," Cox said. "We actually know what goes into our food, it gives you a great piece of mind." They put effort and hand work into cooking their meal once a week.
Erin Poppe



by Kelsey White

cook & consume

Students prepare meals and learn the value of nutrition

While food was being prepared and served by paid staff members at the university's dining centers, just a few short blocks away at the Smurthwaite Scholarship House the women were being put to work. Each night during the week, the ladies of the house continued a long-running in-house tradition of taking turns making dinner for the 44 hungry residents.

"If you cooked at the Derby Dining Center, you would have the same recipes as we do here," Megan Frey, sophomore in kinesiology, said. "We come in about an hour and a half before dinner is served and get everything cooked and ready."

Two other residents, Rebecca Bohling, sophomore in horticulture, and Leah Rutledge, sophomore in horticulture, accompanied Frey to make up the kitchen crew for each Tuesday dinner during the fall semester. Taking instructions from a big binder of planned meals, the cooks went through each of the steps that had been mapped out by the house's personal student dietitian.

"My job consists of a lot of ordering, making production sheets and figuring out quantities of food," Julie Thompson, student dietitian and intern for the university, said. "I am mostly on my own planning for Smurthwaite, but I do keep communication open with the student dietitians at the dining centers."

Most of the women who were assigned kitchen duties had experience with cooking beforehand, so they were not completely unprepared for the job. However, they admitted that learning to cook for the masses was challenging.

"Mistakes do happen, which cause us to learn how to be improv chefs," Rutledge said. "If something messes up, we can try and fix it, or look online to find answers. Sometimes the mess-ups turn out to be our best creations."

However, the meals were prepared correctly more often than not and each of the residents developed their own favorite dish. Among the list of foods were vegetarian lasagna and "Kansas Dirt," a well-known dessert consisting of Oreos and whipped cream. "Desserts are not only the best part of the meal to eat, but they are always a great part of cooking," Bohling said.

The tradition of students cooking for students in the Smurthwaite Scholarship House has not only allowed ladies to experiment and learn about cooking, but also helped them grow and become self-proclaimed creative chefs.

SILVERWINGS

Silverwings parachutist drops onto the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on the evening ofThursday, October 7th as an exciting opener for the football game verses Nebraska.
Jennifer Heeke

a little STRONG competition

by Eric Hostetler

Meeting new people, making new friends and being comfortable around others wasn't always easy. To help overcome these issues, Lindsay DiPietro, residence life coordinator at the Strong Complex, created the Stronger Games for residents of Boyd, Putnam and Van Zile.

"The first six weeks are the most important for a first-year student," DiPietro said. "I realized we need to be providing something for our first-year students to get involved in."

The Stronger Games was named after "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins and used as a reference to the Strong Complex. The book was chosen for the university's reading program. Students participated in various activities for the chance to win prizes while getting to know others around them.

"If there were a few people who were excited enough about Stronger Games, they were going to knock door to door," DiPietro said. "People are going to get excited, they're going to want to tell people to show up and they're going to want to be the floor with the highest number of people there. It happened naturally."

Each week a new activity was planned and coordinated by the resident assistants (RAs). The first week's event was a photo scavenger hunt where each floor took pictures around campus of specific items on the list they were given.

"The scavenger hunt was probably the best week since our floor won," Ermias Dereje, freshman in business administration, said. "I also got to know the campus a lot better."

Students were given one ticket for showing up to the event, one ticket for wearing the floor color and additional tickets for winning the events. The tickets were then put into a box for a raffle on the final week for prizes, including a $100 shopping spree to Wal-Mart. The grand prize winner was Ashley Larsen, freshman in English.

"It was funny because I already won a bakery coupon, so I wasn't expecting the major win," Larsen said. "Before it happened, I was hoping one of my floor mates would get it. I didn't want it for myself."

Students enjoyed the activities and were happy to find something to do on a Tuesday night. DiPietro stressed one major factor during the entire six weeks: floor community.

"One of the hardest parts of an RAs job is getting people connected and out of their rooms," DiPietro said. "The people that showed up to Stronger Games wanted to get to know more people, be with people on their floor and contribute themselves. We've noticed this floor community has happened quicker. People are more engaged with each other. It's made a difference in how receptive students are in getting to know one another."

Joshua Barnhart, freshman in open option, fills out a raffle ticket. "They got one raffle ticket for showing up and one ticket for wearing their floor colors," Lindsay DiPietro, resident coordinator at the Strong Complex, said. "They couldn't get more than four tickets."
Erin Poppe



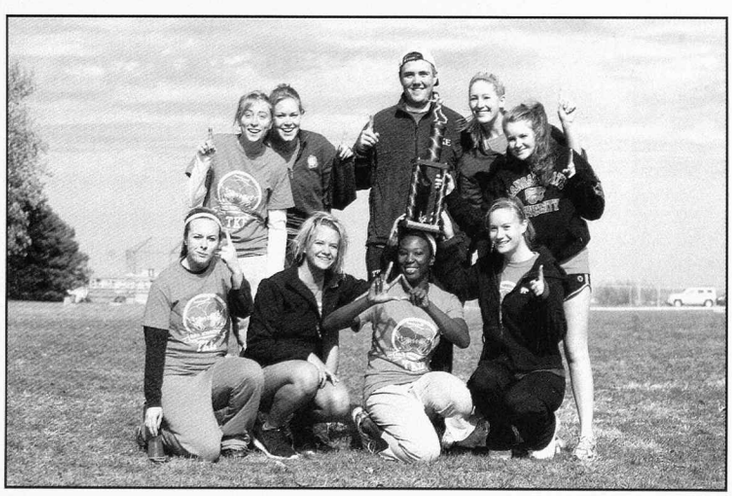
Residence Assistants scoop ice cream for students on the last week of activites. "I wanted to do the six-week program," DiPietro said. "I took it to the RAs and they made the activities they wanted to do." The six-week program ensured that students would get to know each other and become involved.
Erin Poppe

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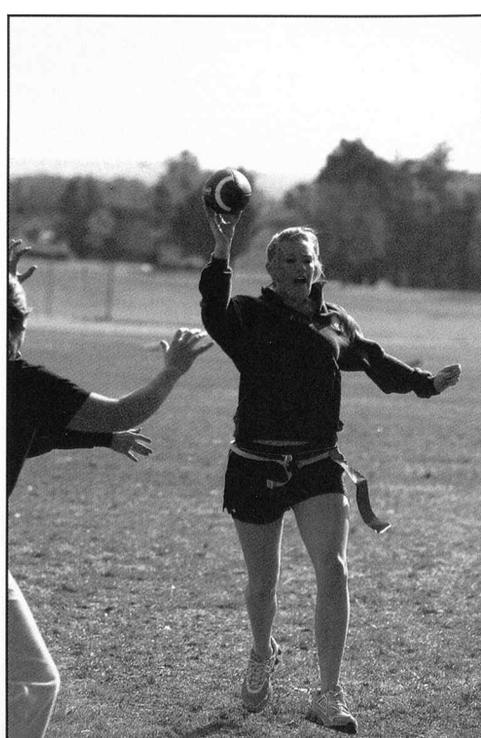
Lindsay DiPietro, resident coordinator at the Strong complex

Dodging a tackle from the enemy, Heather Houchen, senior in journalism and mass communications, continues sprinting for the touchdown. Sorority girls participated in the tournament put on by TKE as a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Foundation and St. Jude's. "Alzheimer's has always been TKE's national association that we give to," William Crooks, junior in construction science and management, said.
Lisle Alderton

Shelby Taylor, sophomore in elementary education, throws a pass to her fellow teammate. Sororities were recruited to participate and provide more funds for the charity.
Lisle Alderton



The Kappa Delta football team shows off their championship trophy after a final win against Kappa Alpha Theta. The powder-puff game went in to overtime with Kappa Delta making the last touchdown to win the game.
Lisle Alderton



Philanthropy Football: a tradition continued

by Eric Hostetler

Fraternity men use a popular sport to raise money for a cause that hit close to home

Halloween was often a time for dressing up and going to parties. However, several individuals spent Halloween morning carrying on tradition and raising money for charity. Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) celebrated its 40th annual powder-puff football tournament.

"It's our big philanthropy," William Crooks, junior in construction science and management and president of TKE, said. "It's what we've always done. It's tradition."

TKE was required to find businesses to sponsor the tournament with donations as well as recruit sororities to participate in the powder-puff tournament. Nine businesses donated to the event and five sororities participated.

"This year we rewarded each sorority by giving 10 free T-shirts to each team," Kevin Yoder, sophomore in accounting and chair of the powder-puff tournament, said. "We did that because last year we didn't do a very good job with the event."

An additional fundraiser created for the event was the "Teke Giveaway," a drawing for the chance to win a $75 gift certificate to Varney's Bookstore or a $50 gift certificate to Kite's Bar and Grill. A $5 donation was requested for each chance to win.

"The Teke Giveaway was put together by some of the guys on our alumni board," Crooks said. "They came up with the fundraiser."

The tournament raised $600 in total funds. The proceeds went to the Alzheimer's Foundation, TKE's national charity, and St. Jude's Research Hospital. The decision to give proceeds to St. Jude's was made after a member of TKE was diagnosed with brain cancer the previous year. He needed major brain surgery and St. Jude's assisted him in the costs.

"We're thankful for them, for him being in a good state today," Yoder said. "We decided to support them too."

The winners of the tournament were members from Kappa Delta after defeating Kappa Alpha Theta in overtime. They received a trophy as the winning prize.

"Everyone showed great sportsmanship," Madison Martley, sophomore in secondary education, said. "They were all there just to have fun."

Yoder explained the tournament had not been as successful in previous years due to a lack of preparation. The men were dedicated to a recovery process for the tournament.

"It was not as successful as it could have been, but it was definitely a step up from previous years," Yoder said. "I was glad for our turnout."

LIFE OF THE PARTY

by Cheyanne Alvarado

College students were swamped with all kinds of activities and responsibilities. From classes, to part-time jobs, to clubs and Greek life, it was hard to manage much else. However, one Theta Xi member managed to do all this and run his own business.

Since he was 16 years old, Jacob Mueller, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, owned and operated his own disc jockey business alongside his brother Kris Mueller, junior in construction science and management. The opportunity to start a business together arose when a family friend offered to sell them an old DJ equipment setup.

"It started out very primitive with our equipment," Jacob said. "It was really old stuff. Everything was from back in the 70s. It was interesting looking, and not the best. We got it paid off within a year. Then we started making money off of it. From then, everything's just been up and up and up."

The brothers' business, Light Brothers Mobile DJ Service, started in 2004 and catered to high school dances, weddings and other parties. The business provided entertainment for more than 20 dances each year, and the brothers said they strived to make each event as enjoyable for the customer as possible.

"Every event is different," Jacob said. "We're not a pizza parlor DJ service. We don't have a small, medium and large with additional charges for toppings. We have a basic setup that we can customize to any event to accommodate to how much [the customer] is wanting, how many people are going to be there, and how much money [the customer] has in the budget. We really try to work with people's budgets to make sure we give them a good deal."

Aside from running the business, Jacob also found time to hold a leadership position in Theta Xi fraternity, take 16 credit hours of classes and work for the K-State TV station.

"Jacob does a good job balancing both his work and his involvement in Theta Xi. I wish I could tell you more about how he balances his time because I could use some tips from him," Benjamin Mense, senior in accounting and Theta Xi chapter president, said. "Although his work keeps him extremely busy on most weekends, there has never been a time when Jacob wasn't helping out around the house with all of our projects and anything else that he can help with."

Because the Mueller brothers spent so much time together managing a successful business, their relationship grew closer.

"[The business] is kind of our child. We started it from nothing, and we've built it up over the past six years. It's something that we've made that we can be proud of," Kris said. "Without the business, I wouldn't be able to spend nearly as much time with him. The fact that we get to spend so much





Jacob Mueller, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, adjusts his sound equipment at a local party. Mueller's DJ business provided entertainment to more than 20 dances each year. "The business allows for Jacob and I to always have something to talk about," Kris said. "It's like an excuse to hang out."
Tiffany Rooney

Jacob Mueller and his brother, Kris, look over their equipment while providing music to a party. The brothers started their own DJ business in 2004 and have continued to DJ at parties ever since. "I do more of the paperwork and business side, and my brother does more of the actual entertainment side," Jacob said.
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time together doing something that we both enjoy is priceless."

After college, Jacob hoped to obtain a career in the entertainment industry. He said he would be happy with a career in music, video or television.

"I love entertaining and making sure that everyone has a good time," Jacob said. "I'd rather everyone else have a good time than me have a good time. I'm not very selfish when it comes to stuff like that."

Jacob found that owning a business had its perks. He said the most rewarding aspects were that it looks great on a résumé, was something he can call his own and he got "paid to party."

"I just love my job," Jacob said. "It's so cool because you may hear about a dance and say it sounds fun, and it is fun if you attended. But how about being the party? Everyone goes to the party, but it's just a whole other experience when you are the party."

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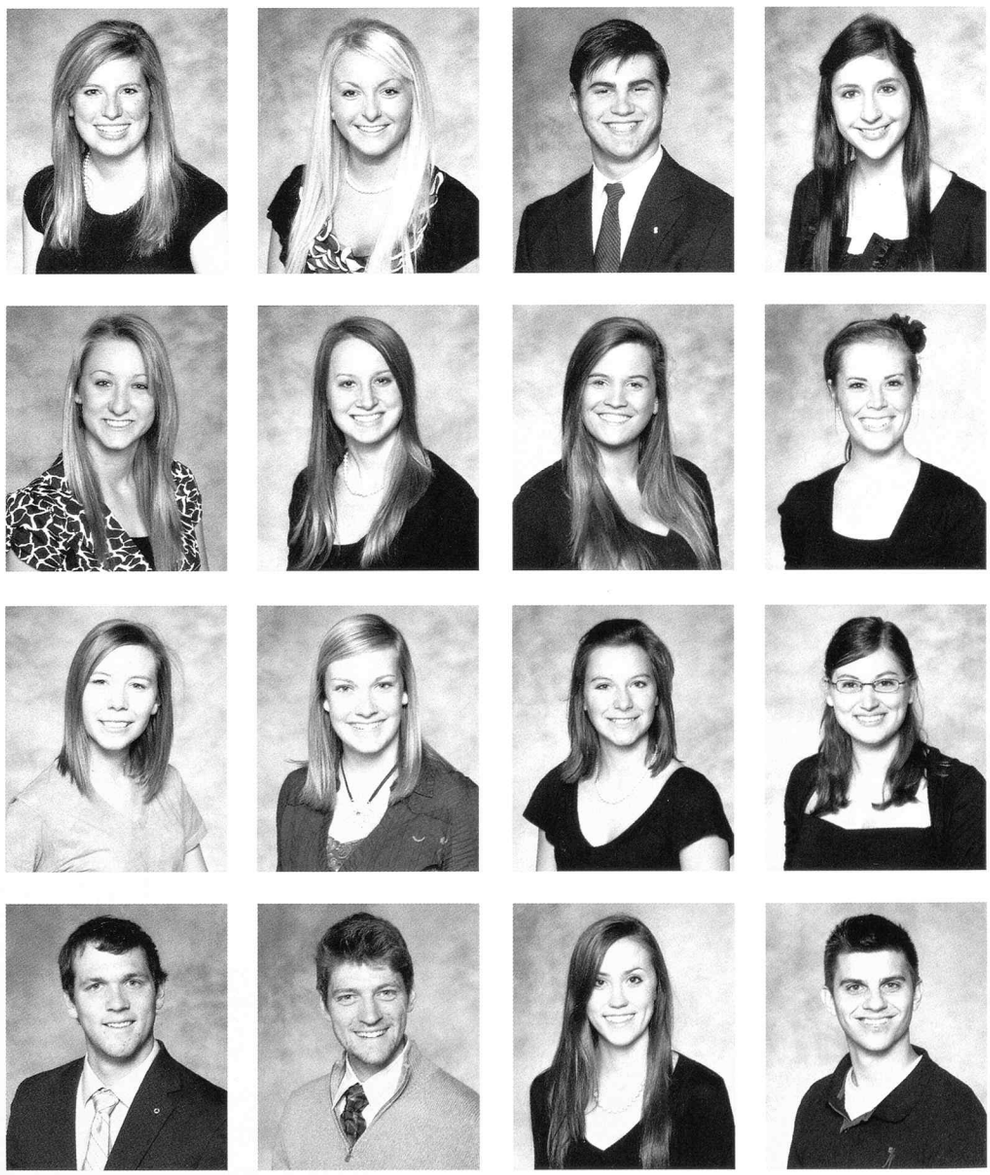
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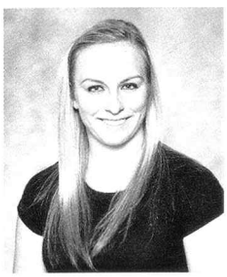
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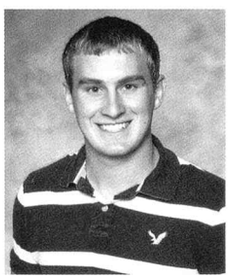
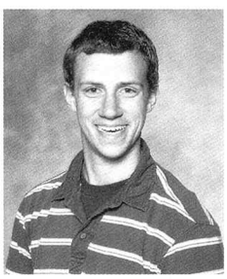



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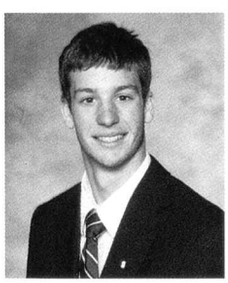





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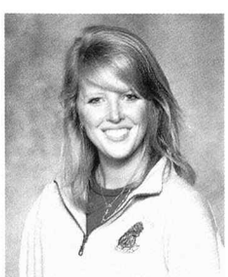
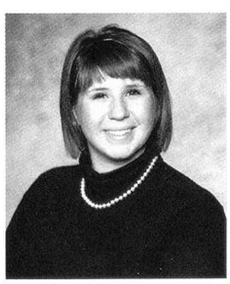


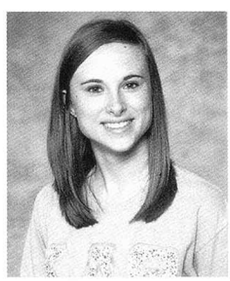

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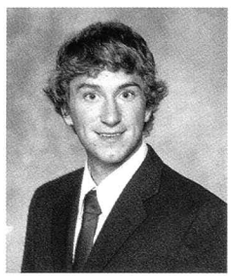
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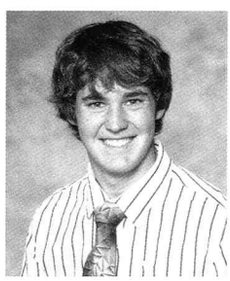
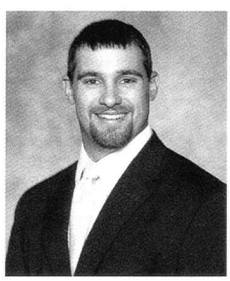
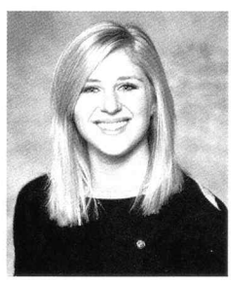
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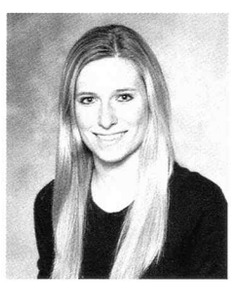
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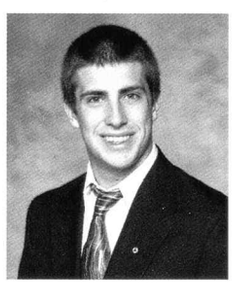
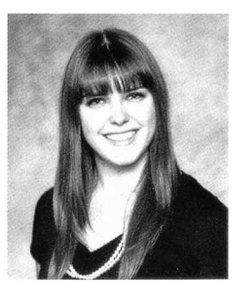
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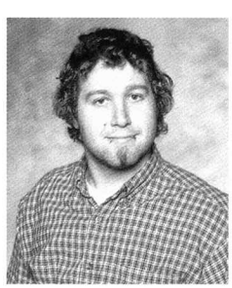
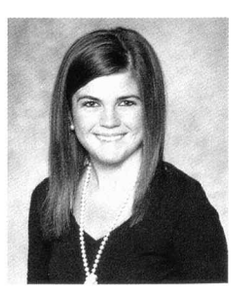






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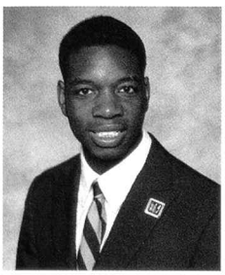
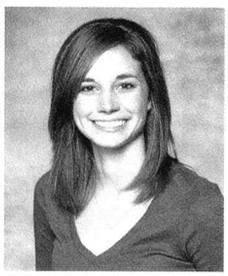
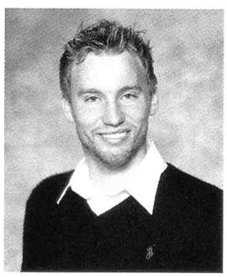



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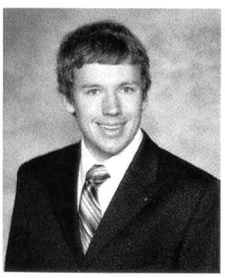




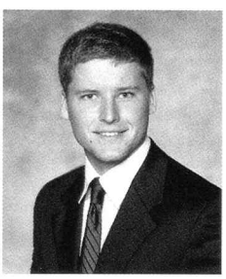

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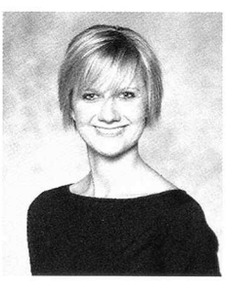

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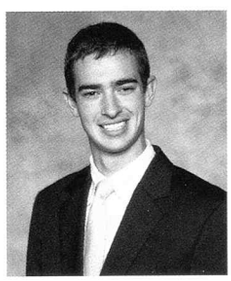
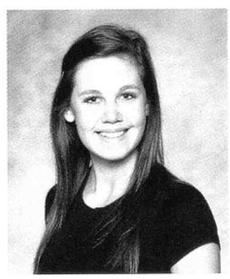
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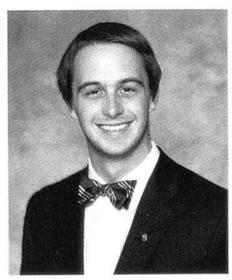
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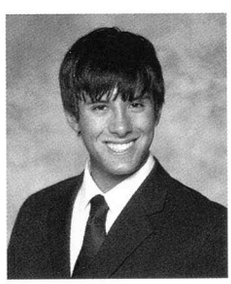
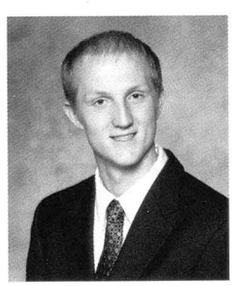
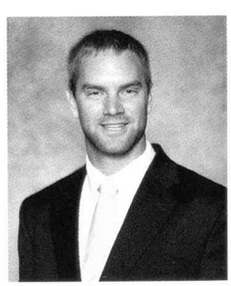
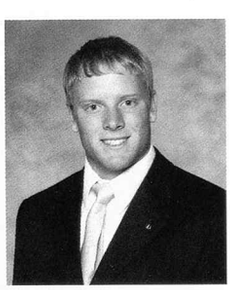
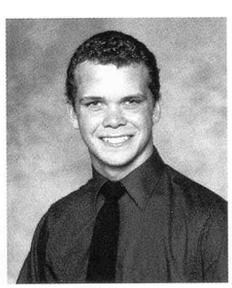
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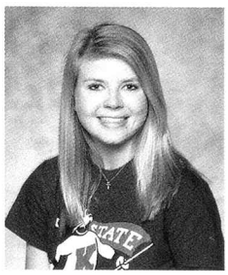




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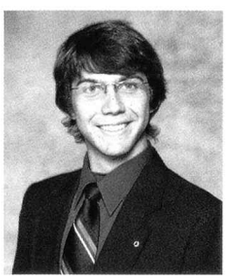
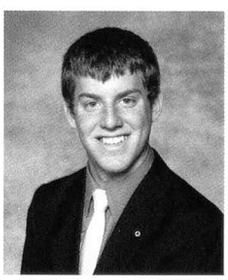
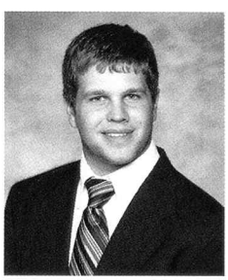
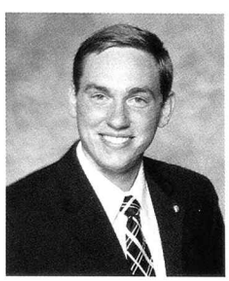



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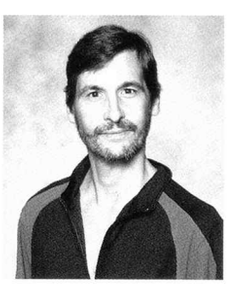
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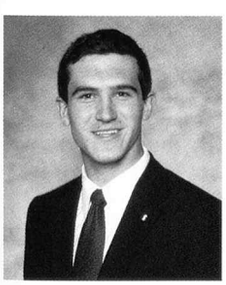
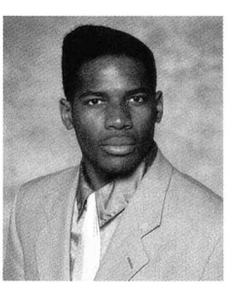
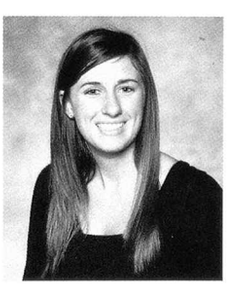
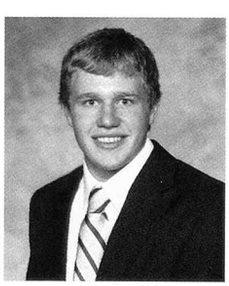



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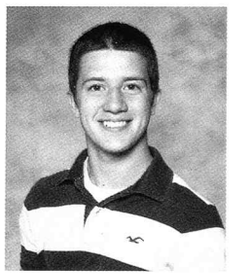
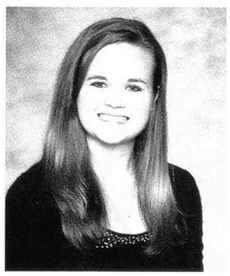
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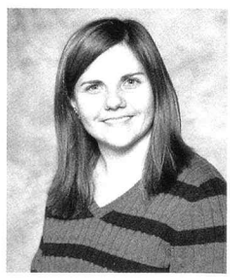
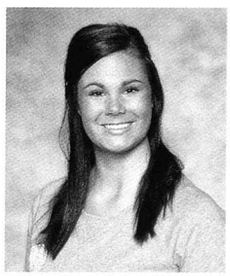
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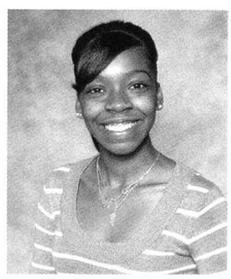
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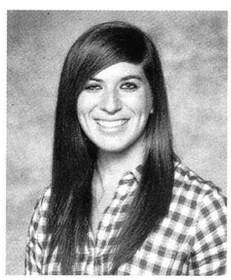
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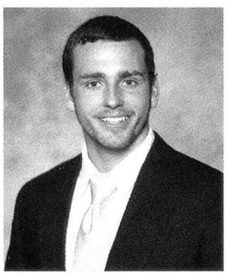
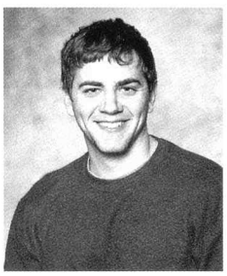



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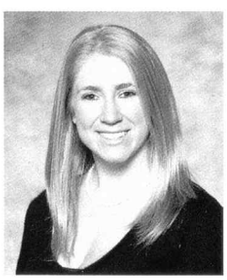




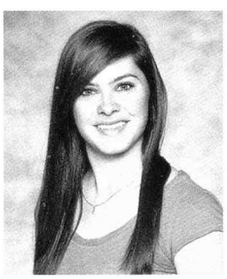

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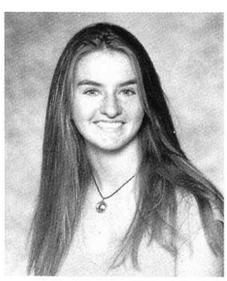
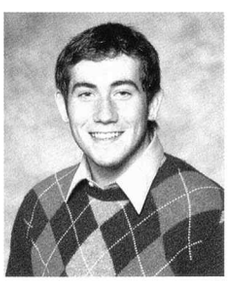
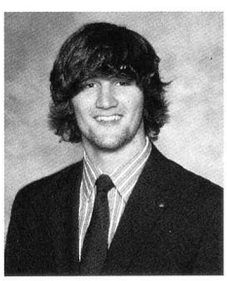
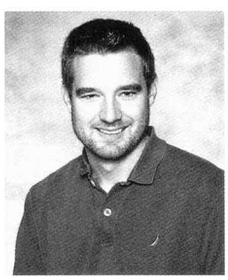



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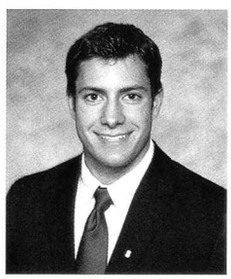
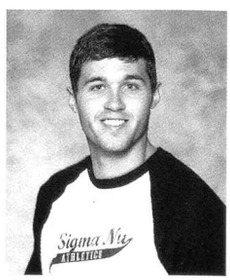
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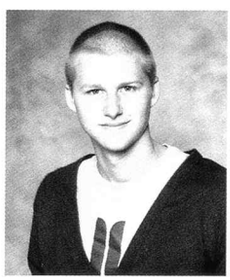
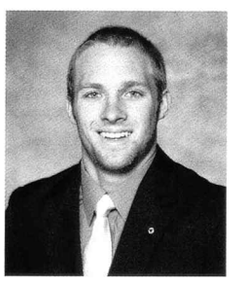
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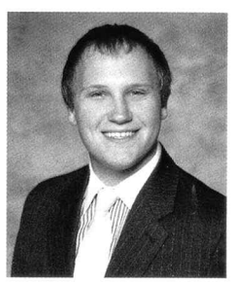
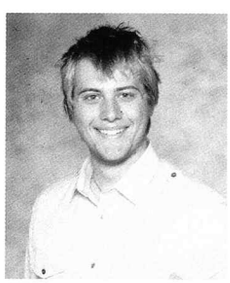
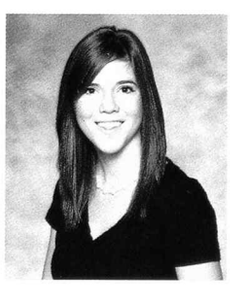
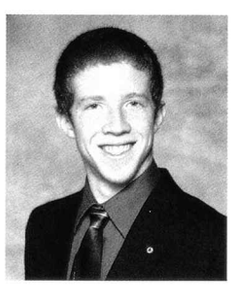
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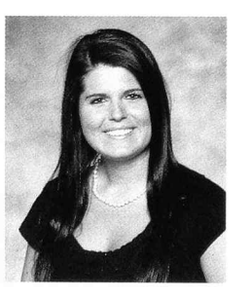
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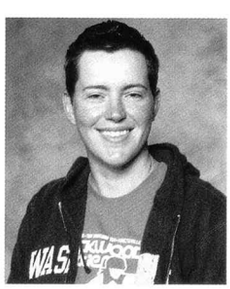


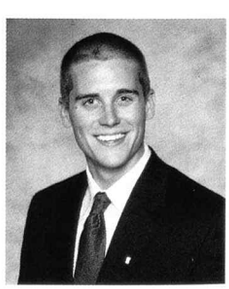



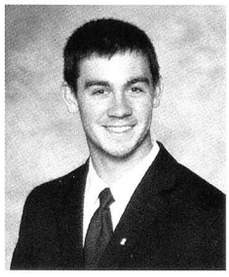






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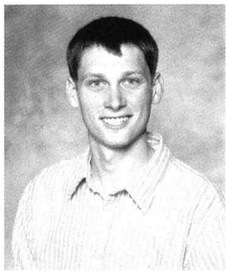
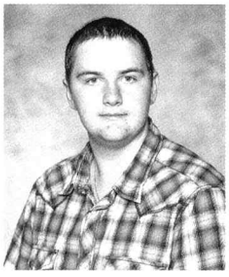
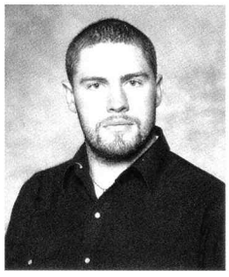
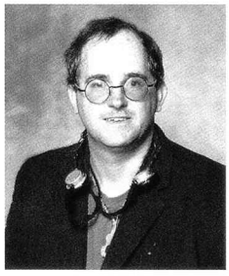



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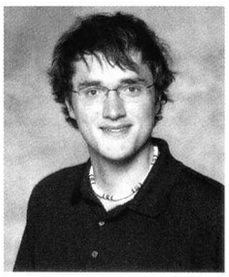





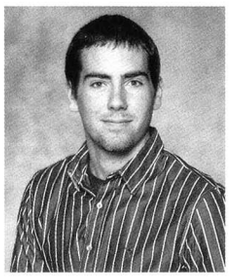
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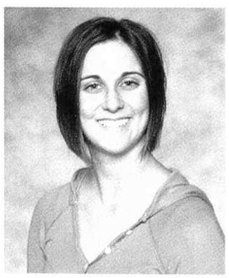
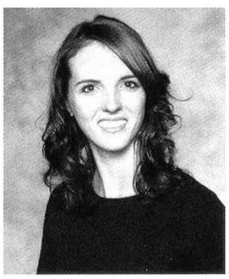


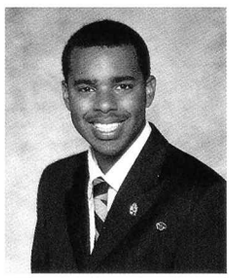

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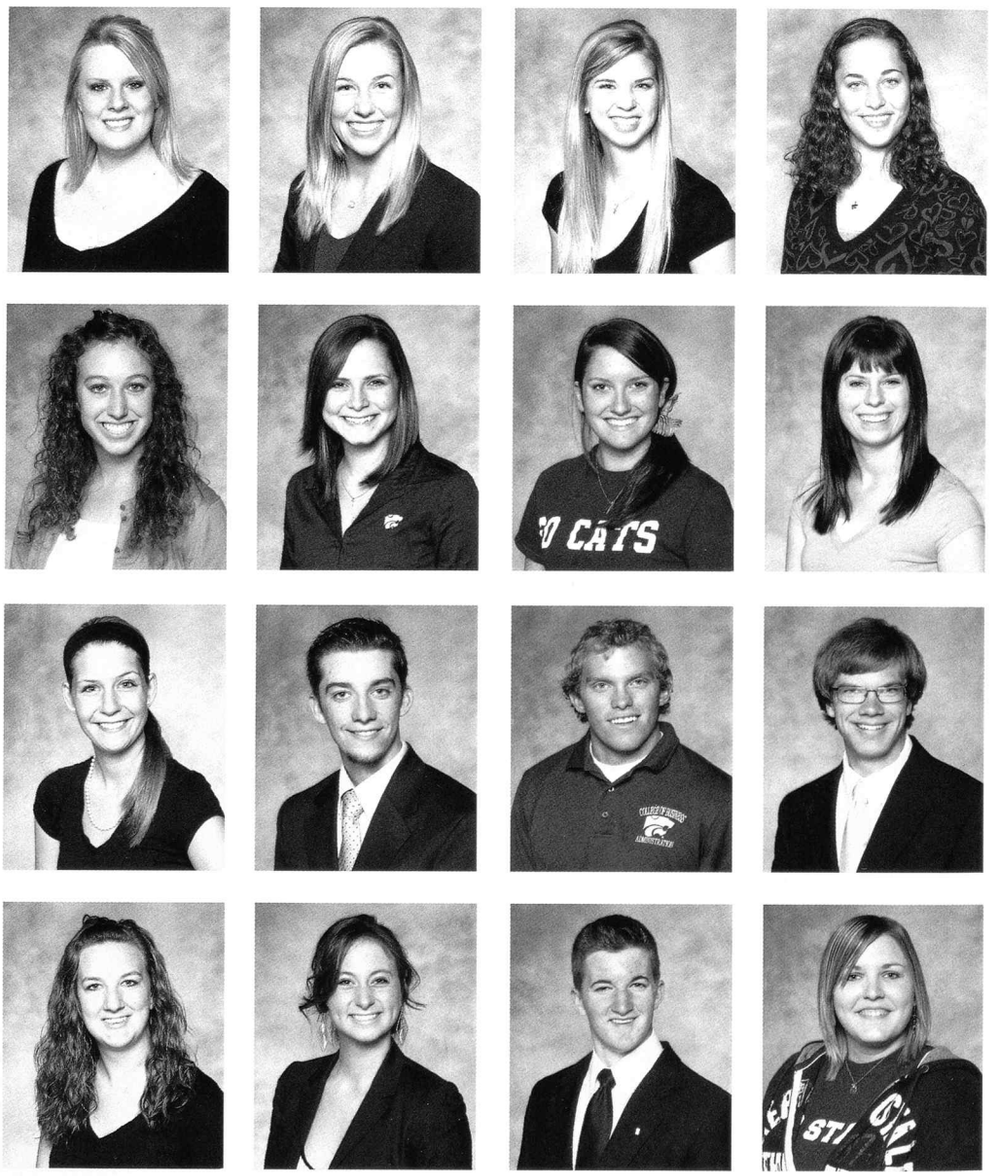
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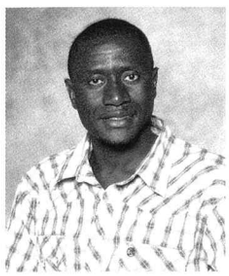
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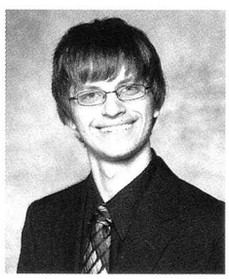
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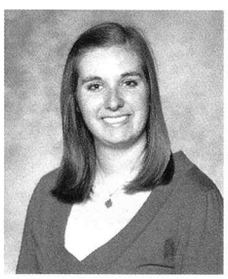
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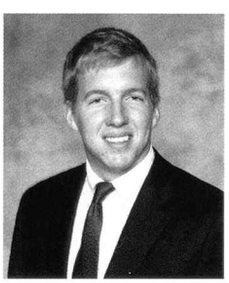



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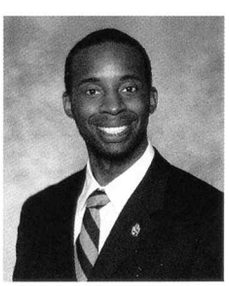


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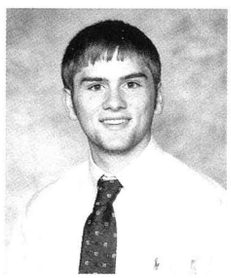
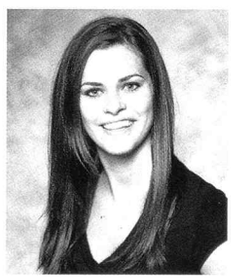
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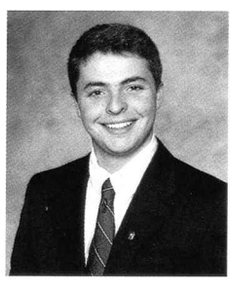
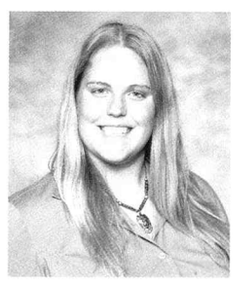
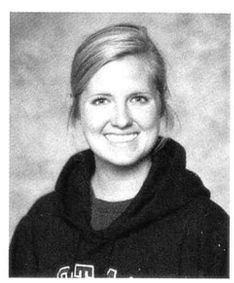
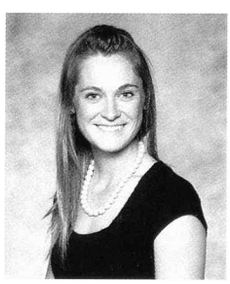
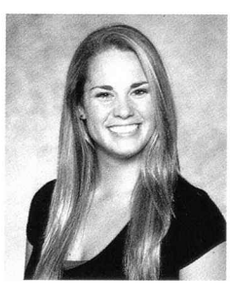
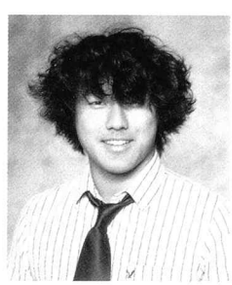
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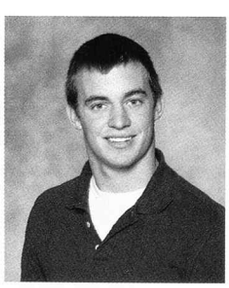
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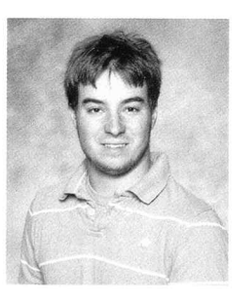
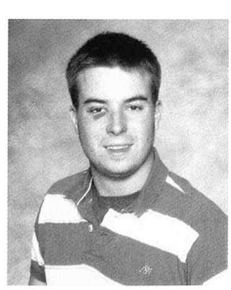
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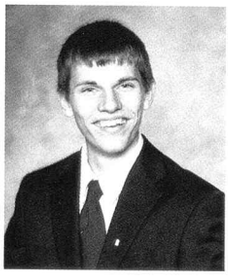
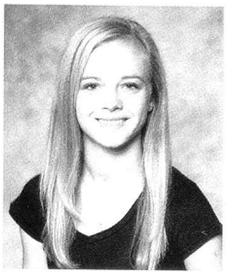






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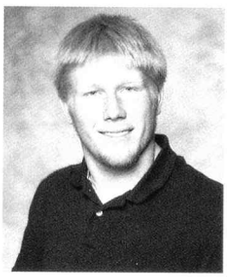
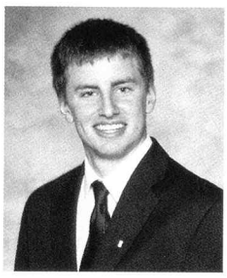
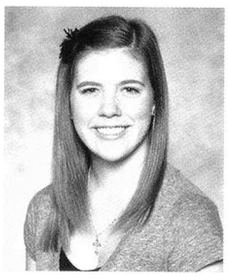



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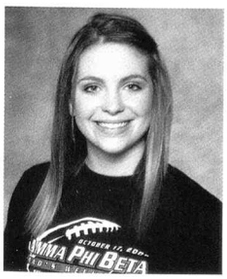





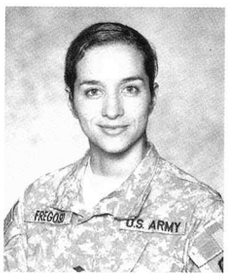
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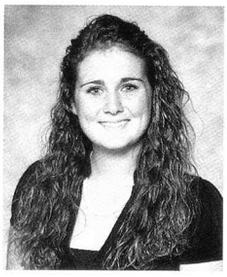
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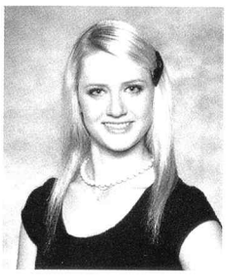
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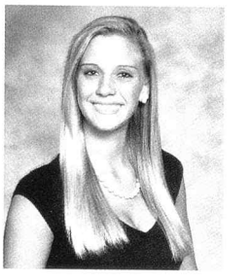
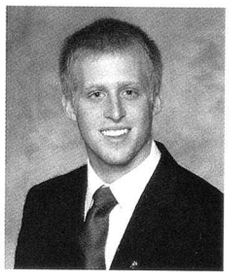
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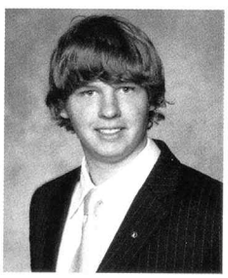
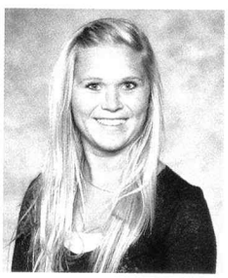



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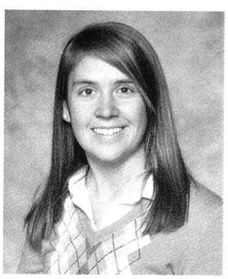
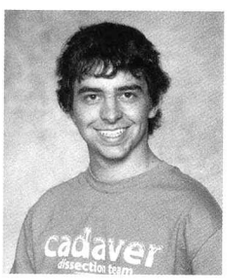


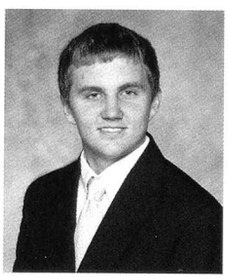
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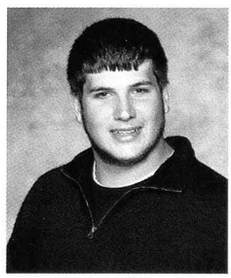
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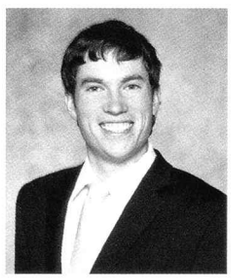
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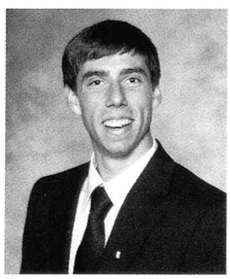
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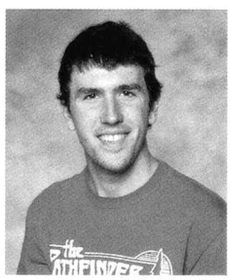
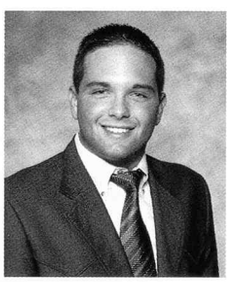
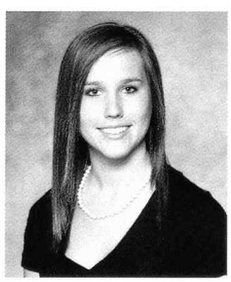
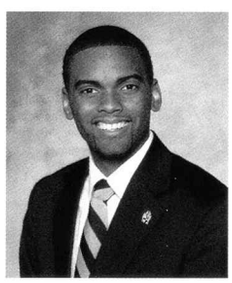
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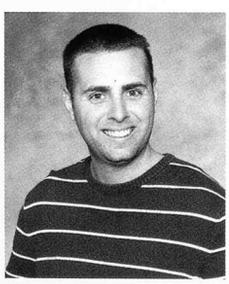
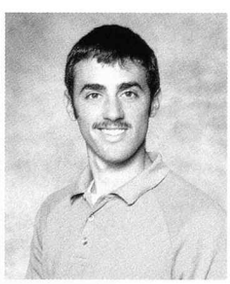
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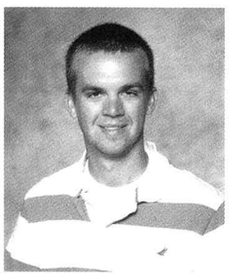



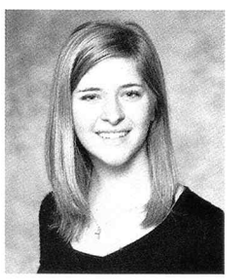







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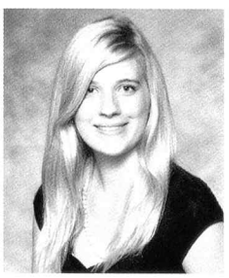
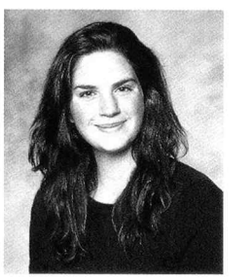
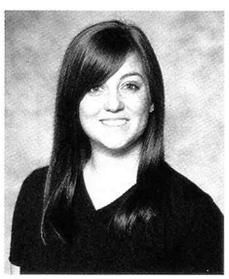


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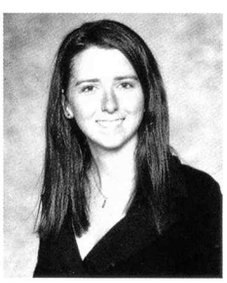





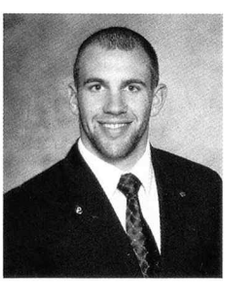
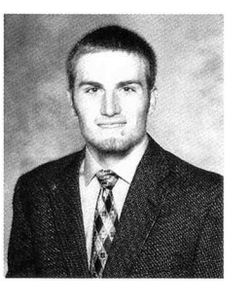
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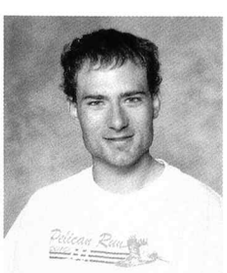



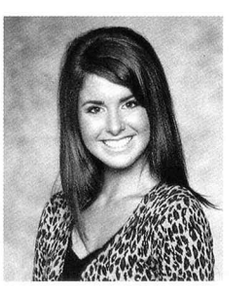
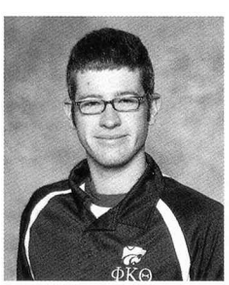
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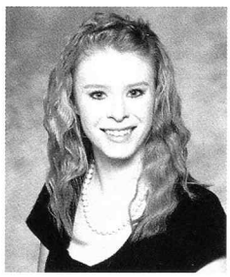
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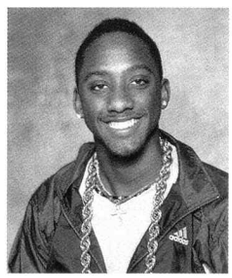
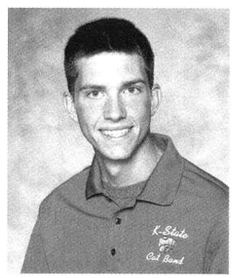
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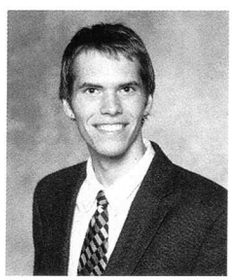
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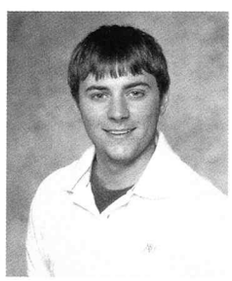
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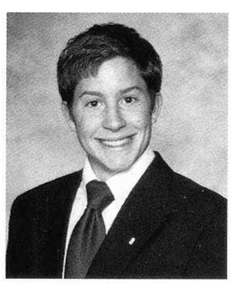
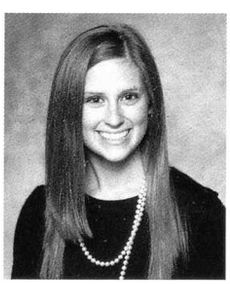
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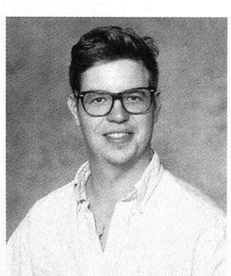


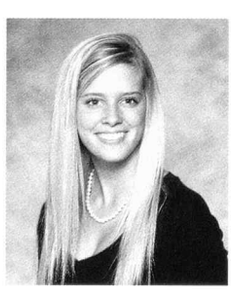










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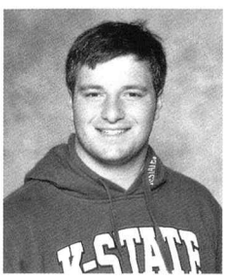
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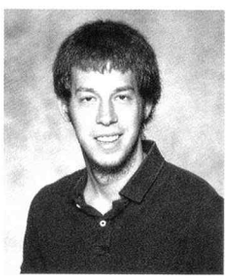
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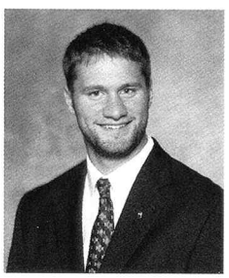
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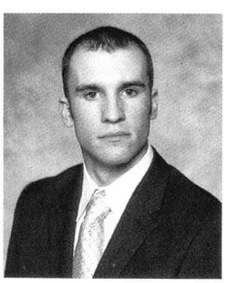
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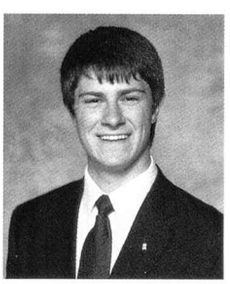
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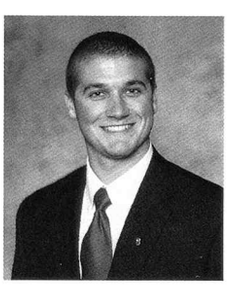
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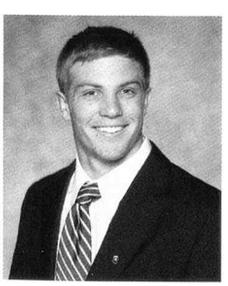
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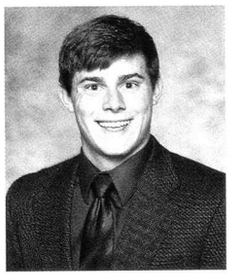
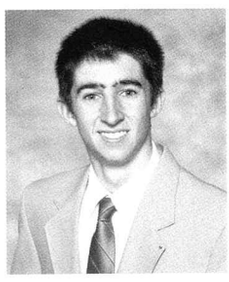
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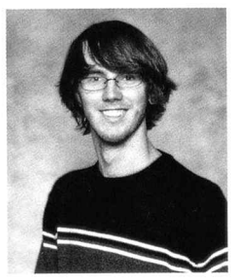
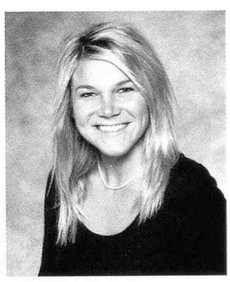
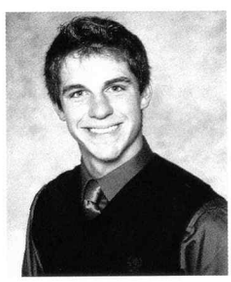
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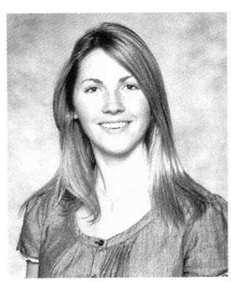
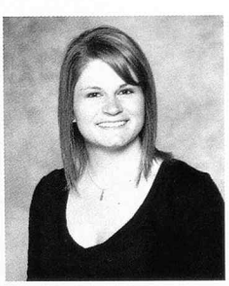
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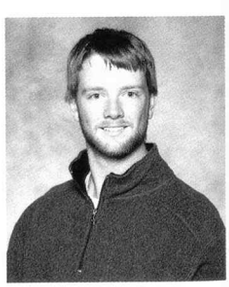
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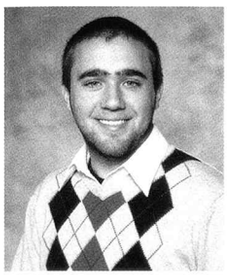
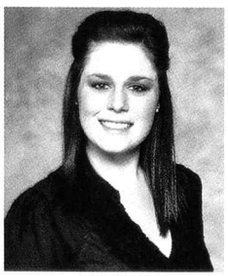
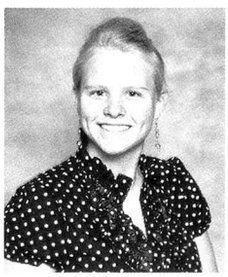






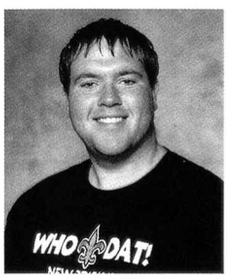





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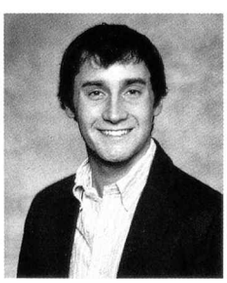


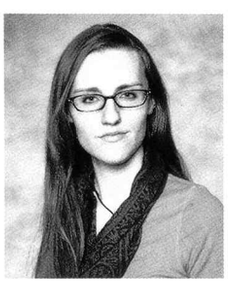
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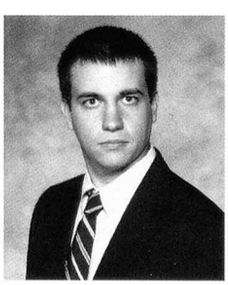



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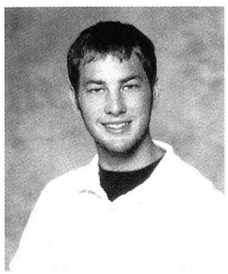
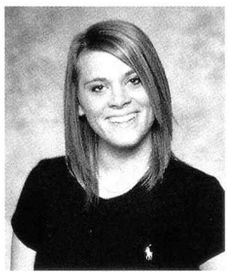
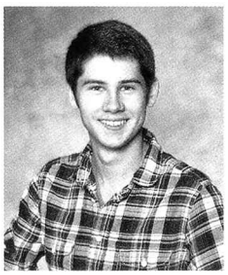
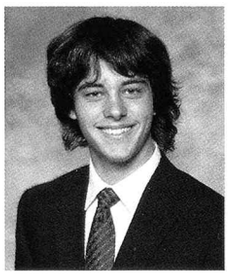
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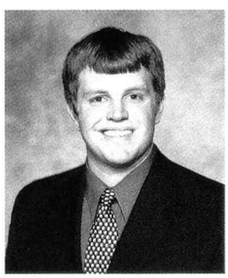





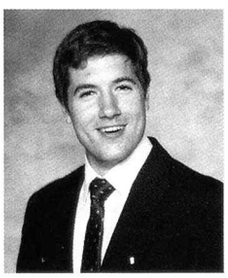
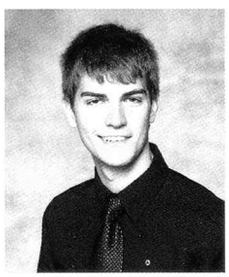
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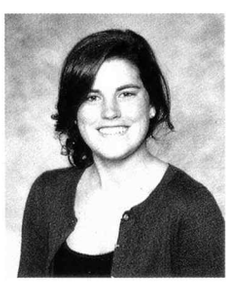



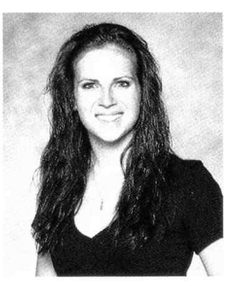
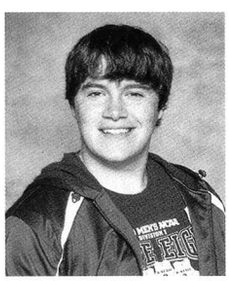
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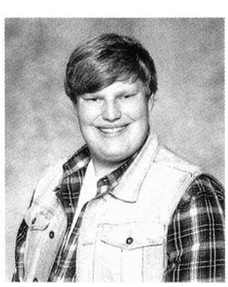
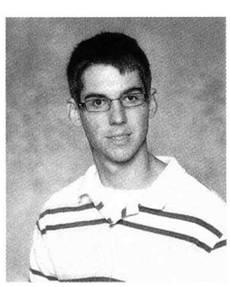
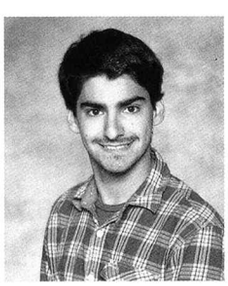
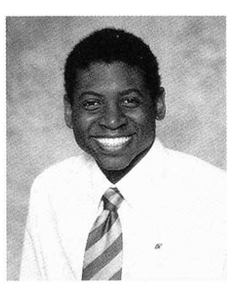



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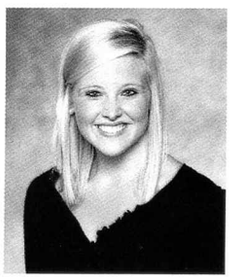
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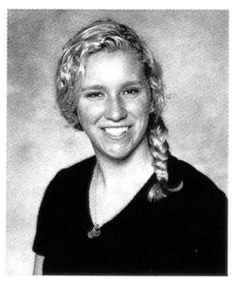
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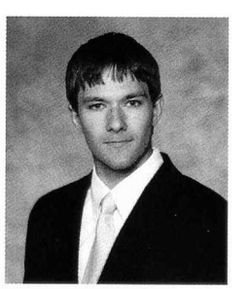




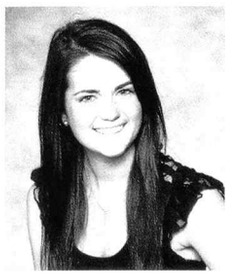


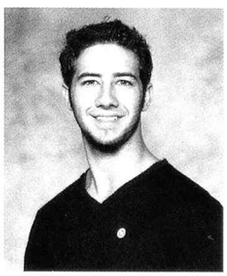








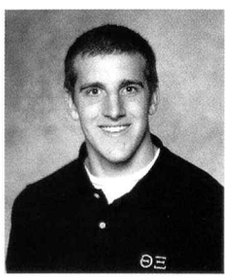


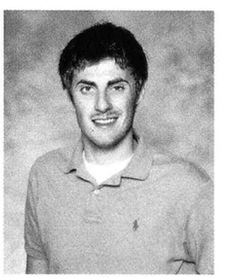
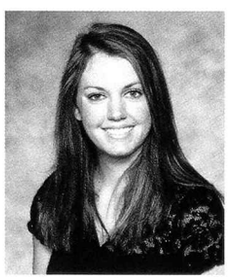

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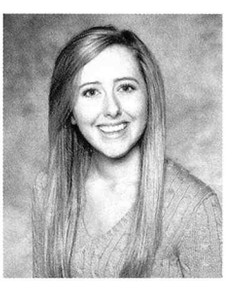
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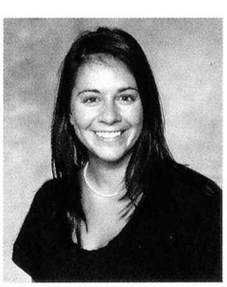

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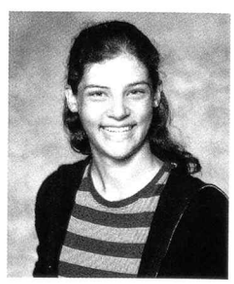
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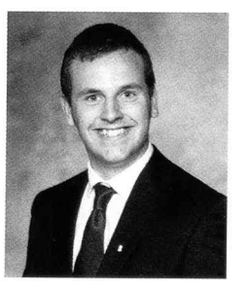
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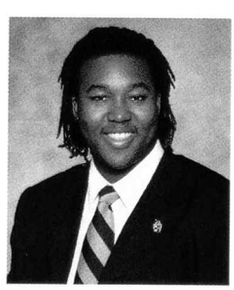
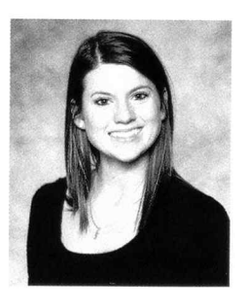
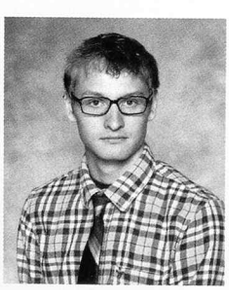
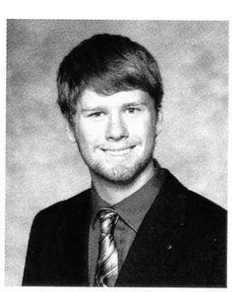
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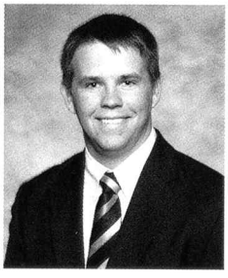
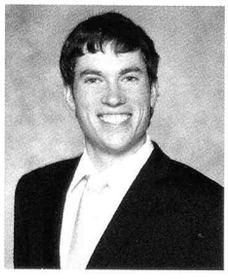






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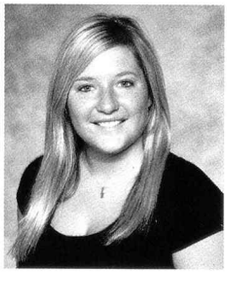

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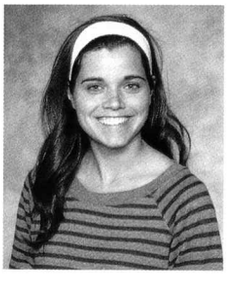


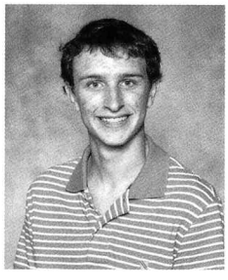

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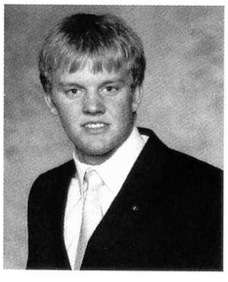
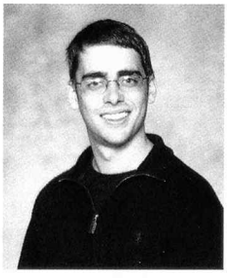
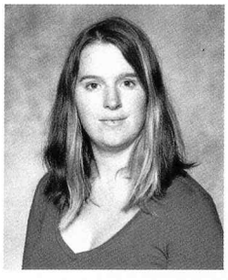
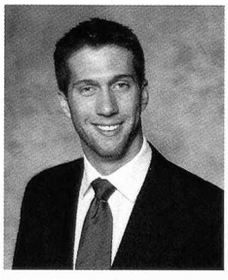



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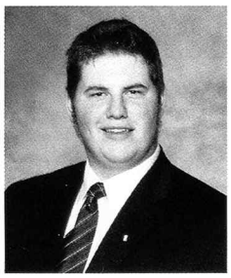
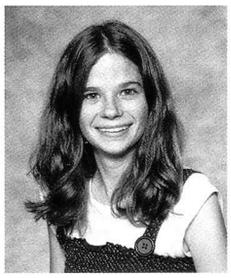
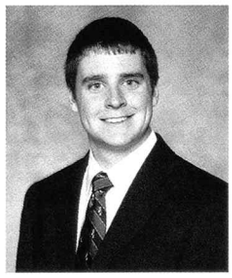
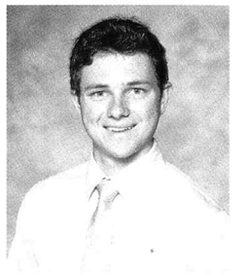
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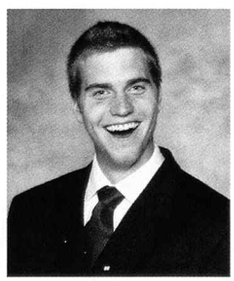







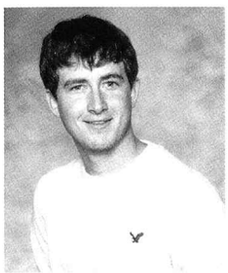


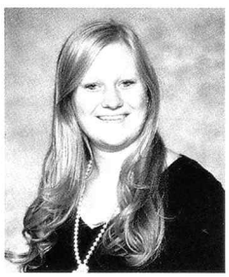
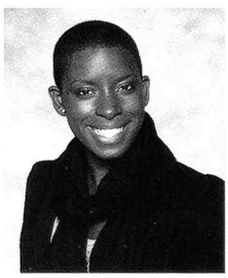





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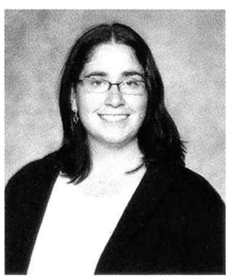
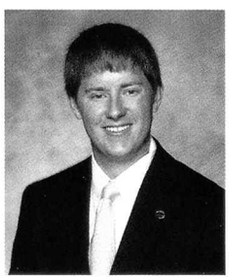
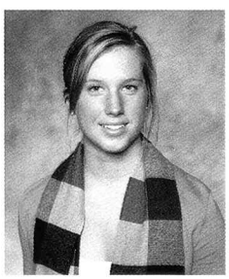



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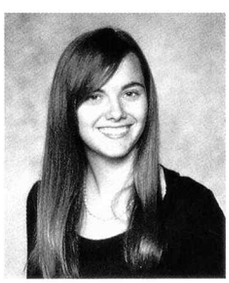
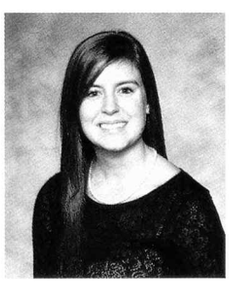





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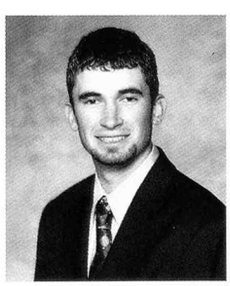
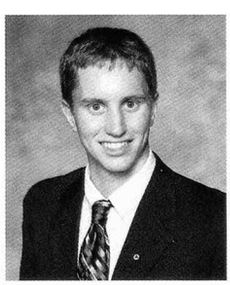

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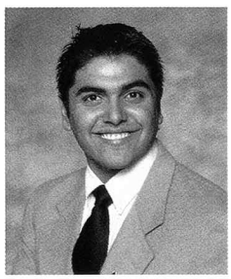
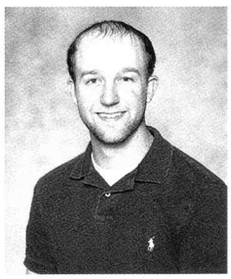
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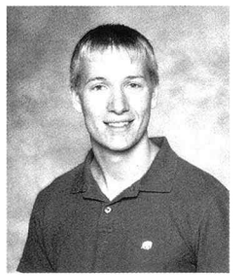
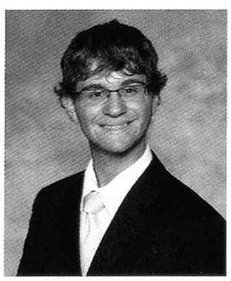
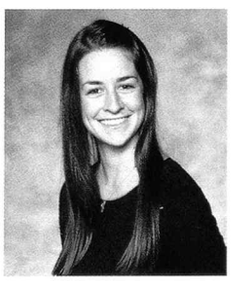
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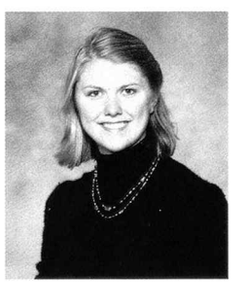
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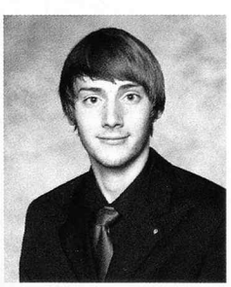
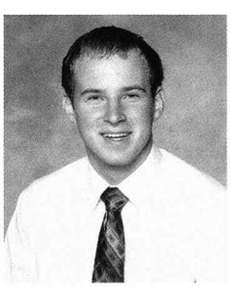
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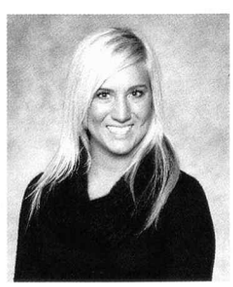



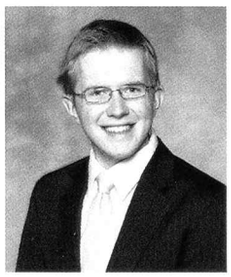




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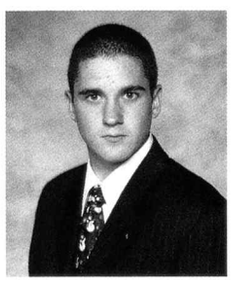


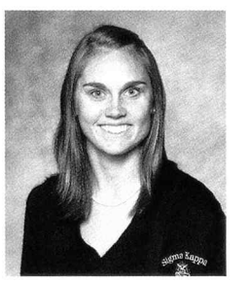
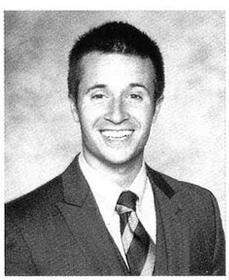
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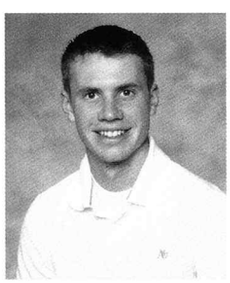
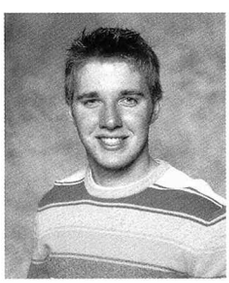
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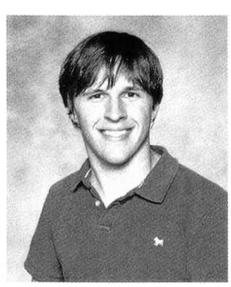
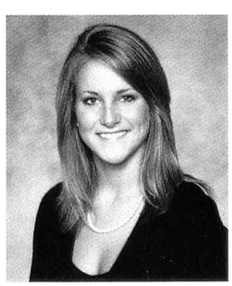
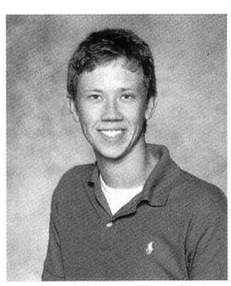



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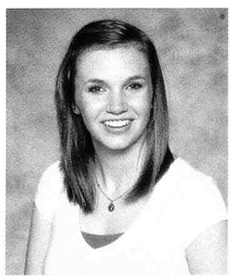
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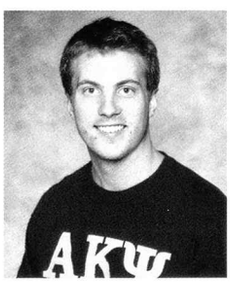
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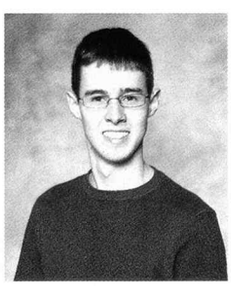
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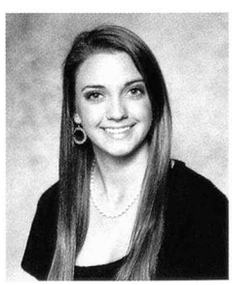
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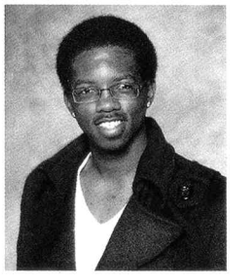
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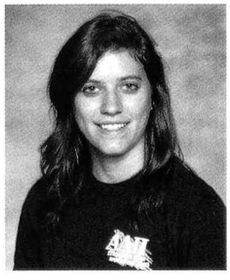


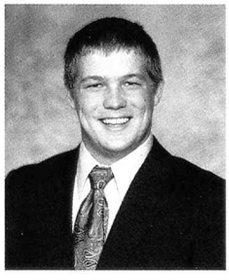
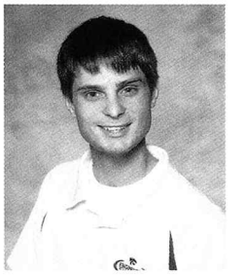
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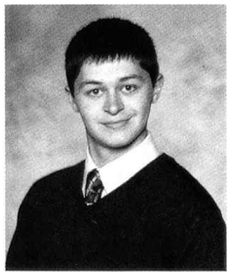



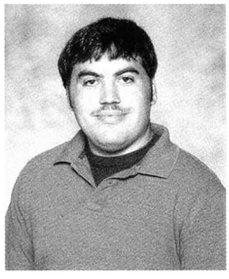
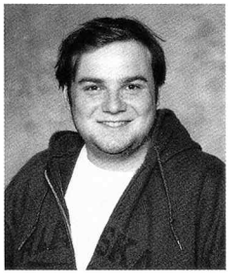
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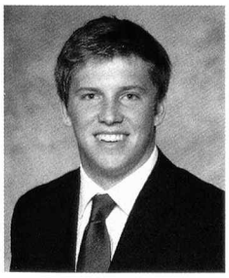



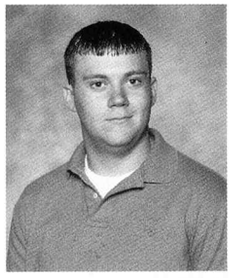
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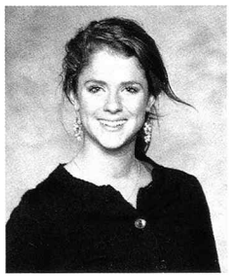
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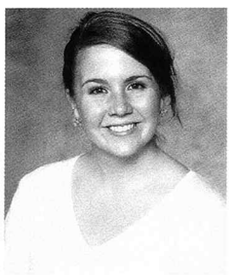
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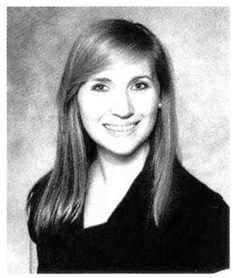
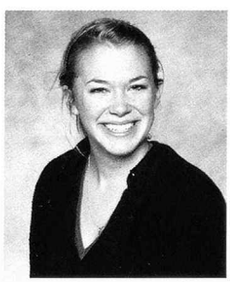
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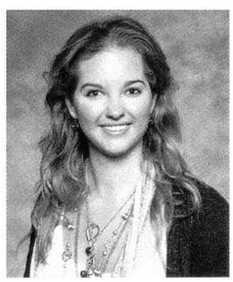
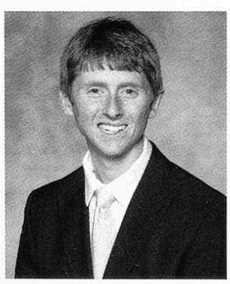
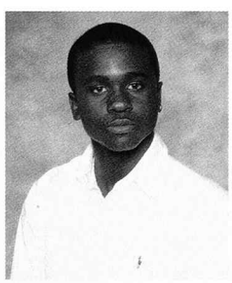
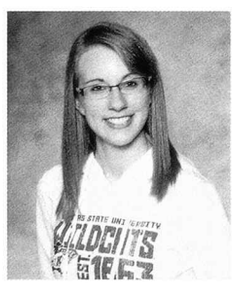
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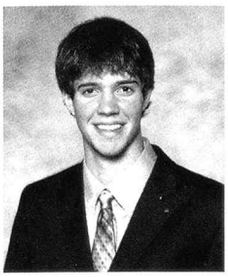
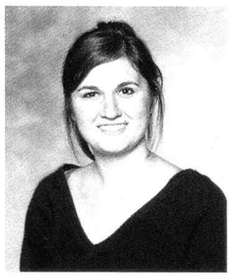





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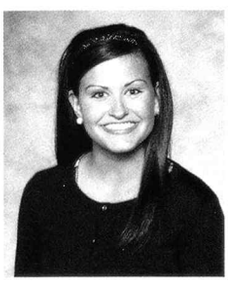


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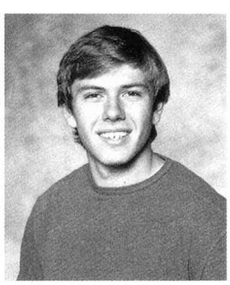
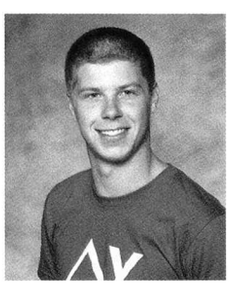
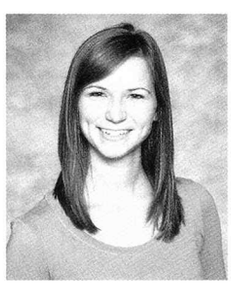



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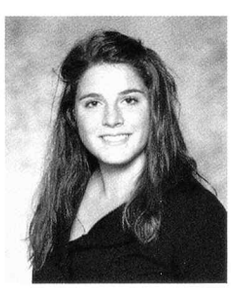
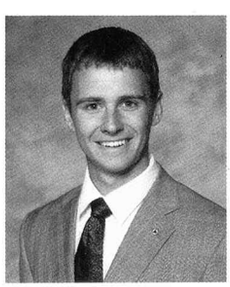





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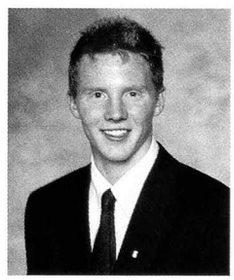
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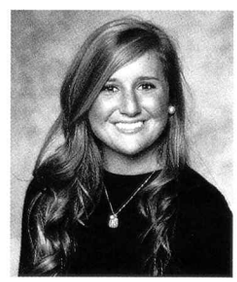
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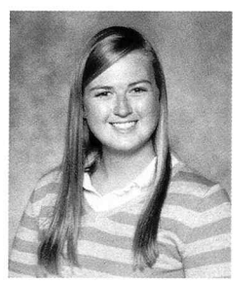
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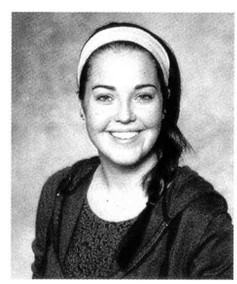
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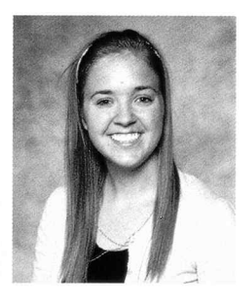
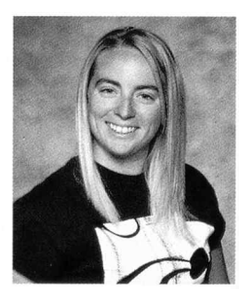
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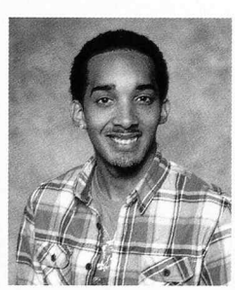
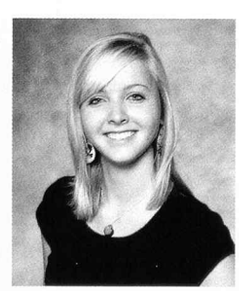
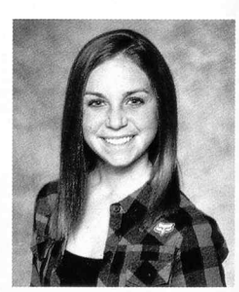




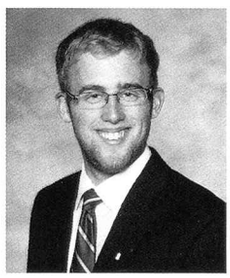


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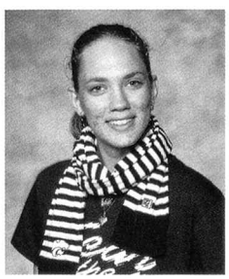
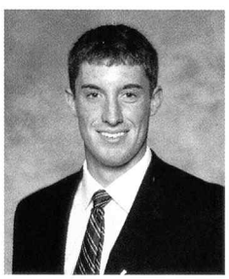
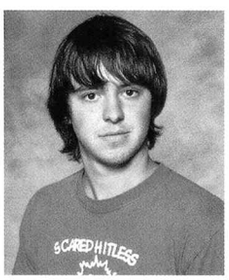



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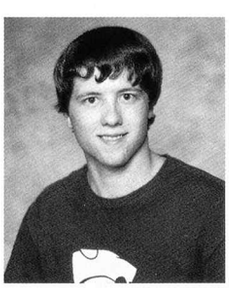



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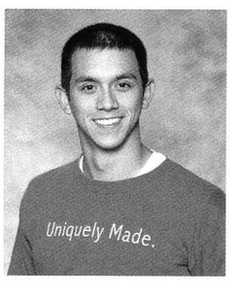
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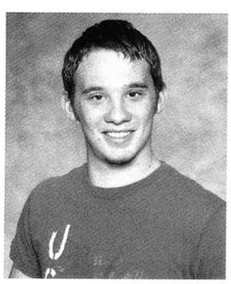
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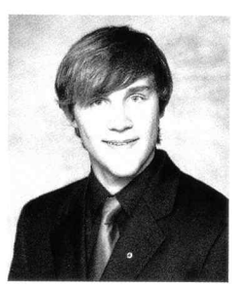
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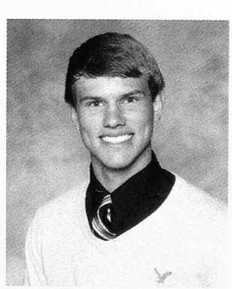
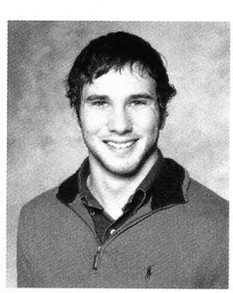
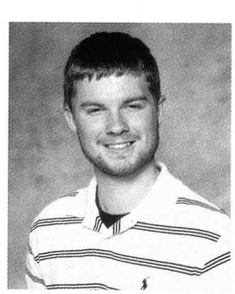
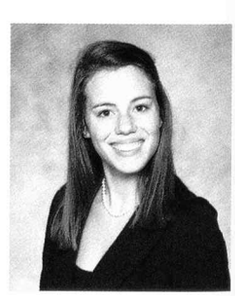



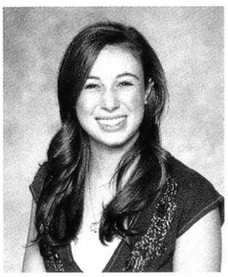
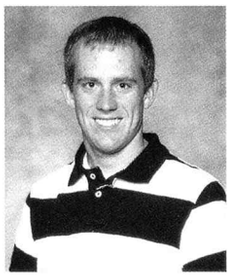






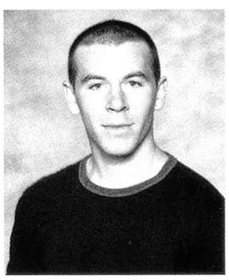
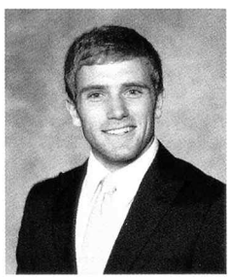
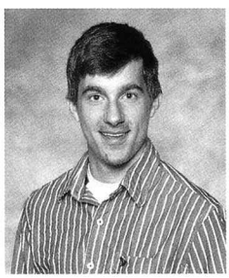
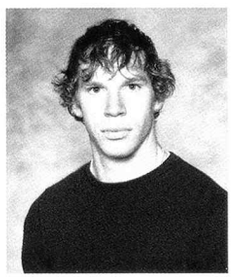


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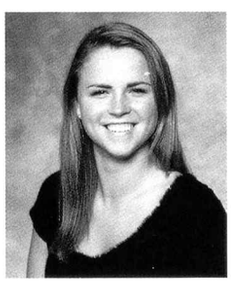





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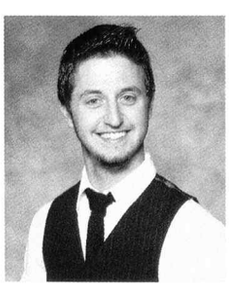
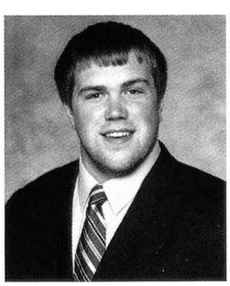
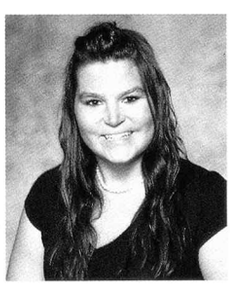


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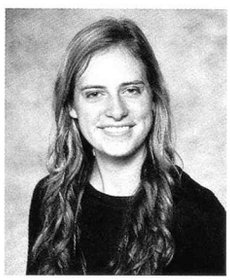
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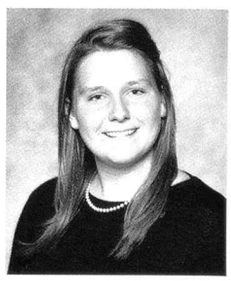
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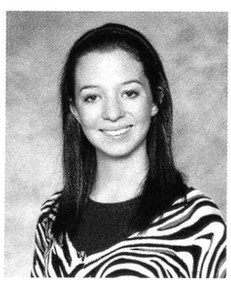
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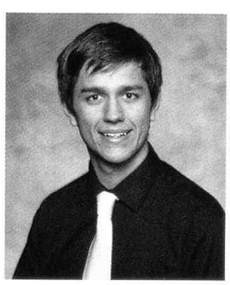
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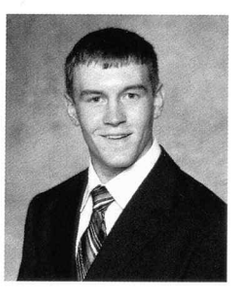
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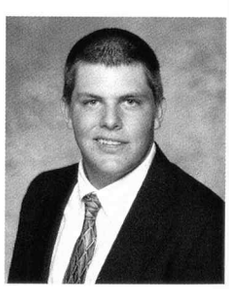
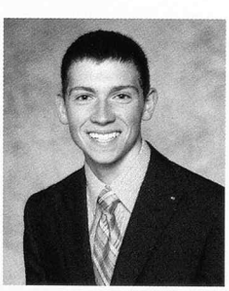
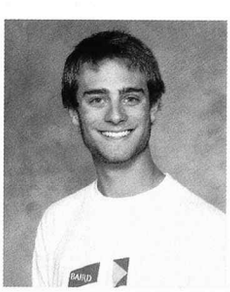
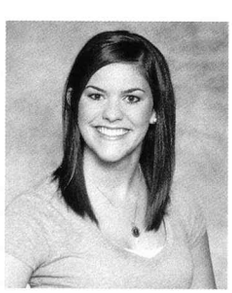
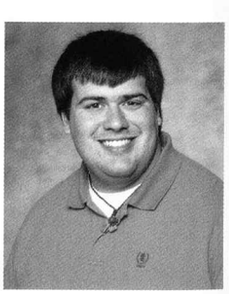


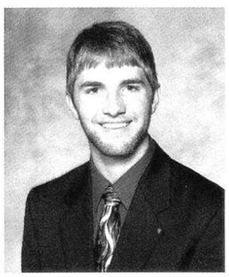


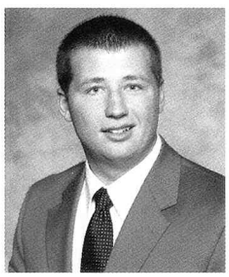




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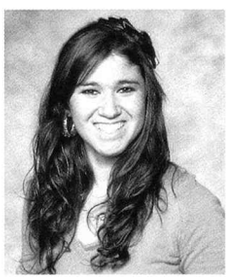
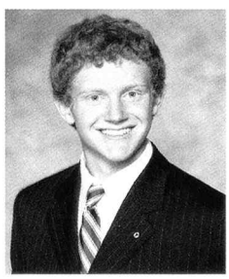
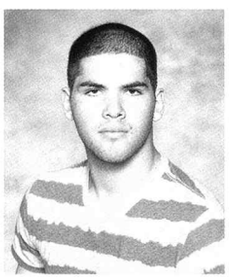
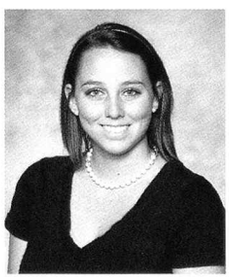



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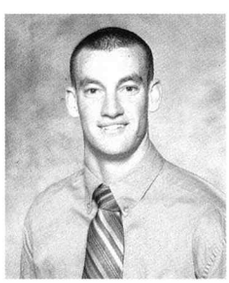
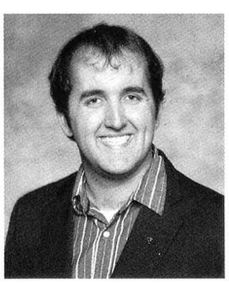
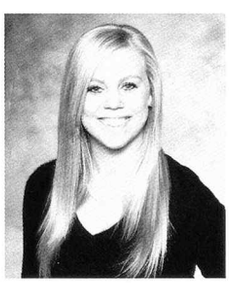





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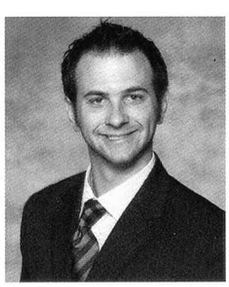
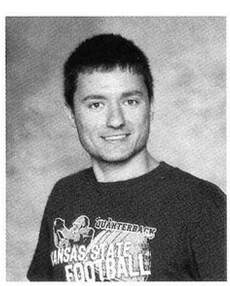
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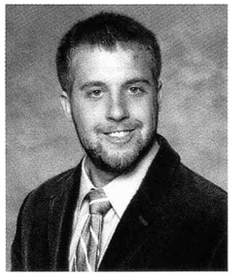
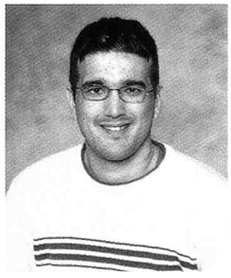
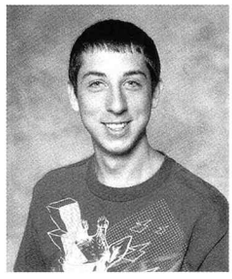
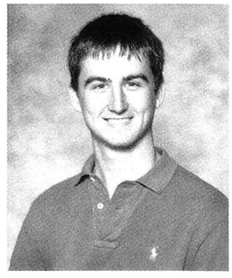
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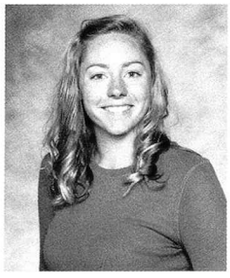
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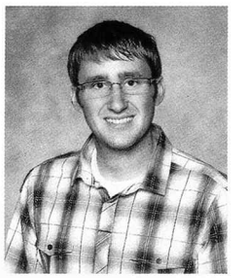
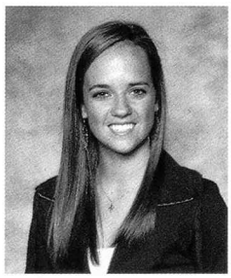
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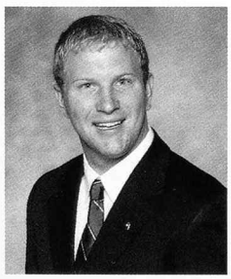
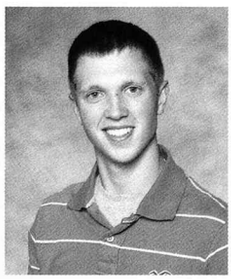
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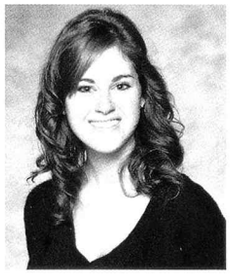




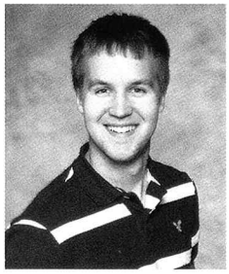




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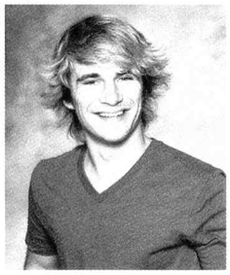
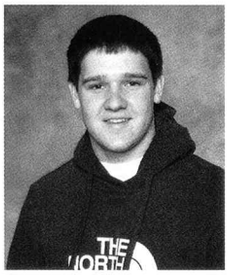
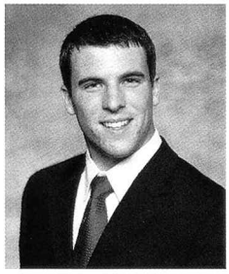



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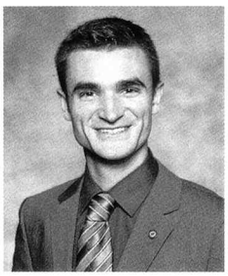
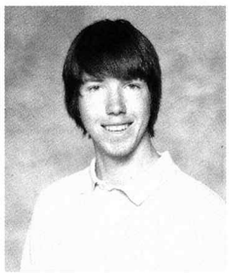





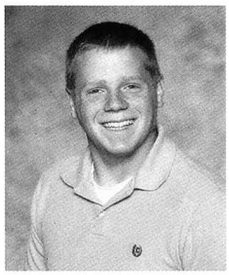
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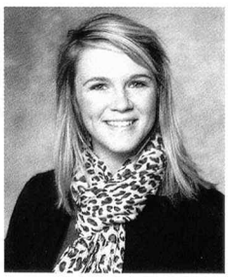


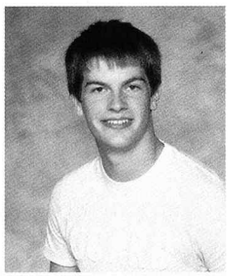
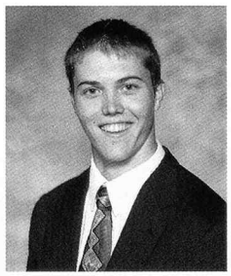
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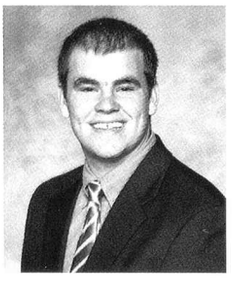
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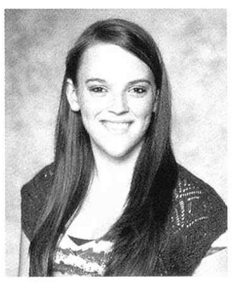
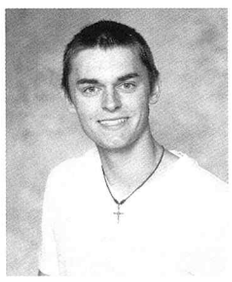

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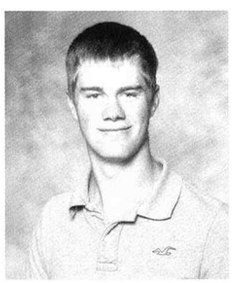



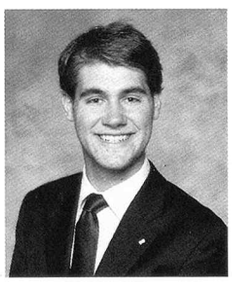
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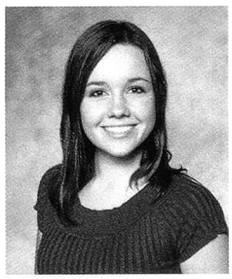
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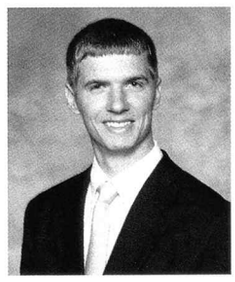
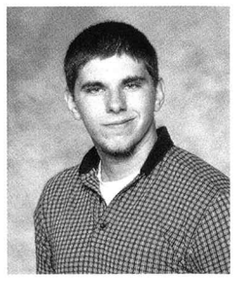
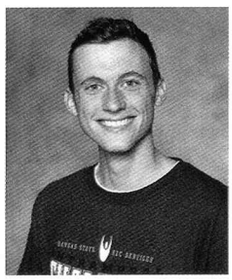
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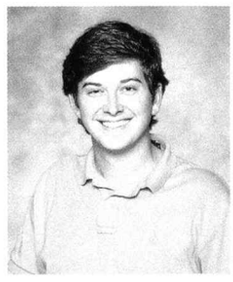
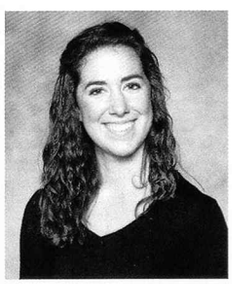
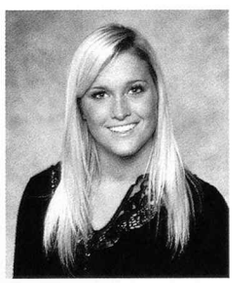
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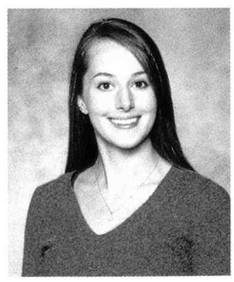
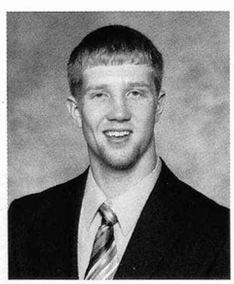
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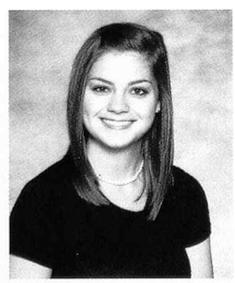
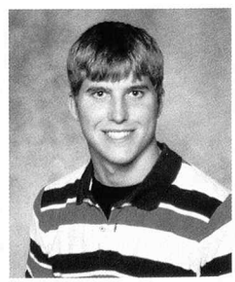
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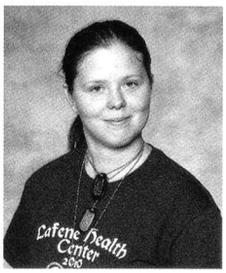








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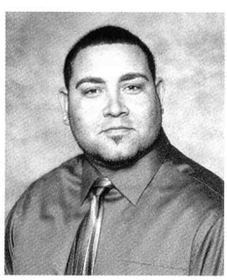



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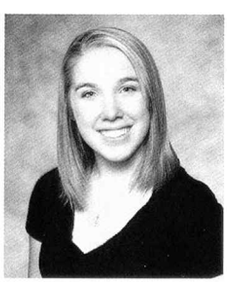


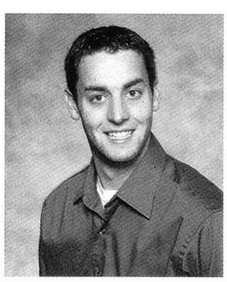
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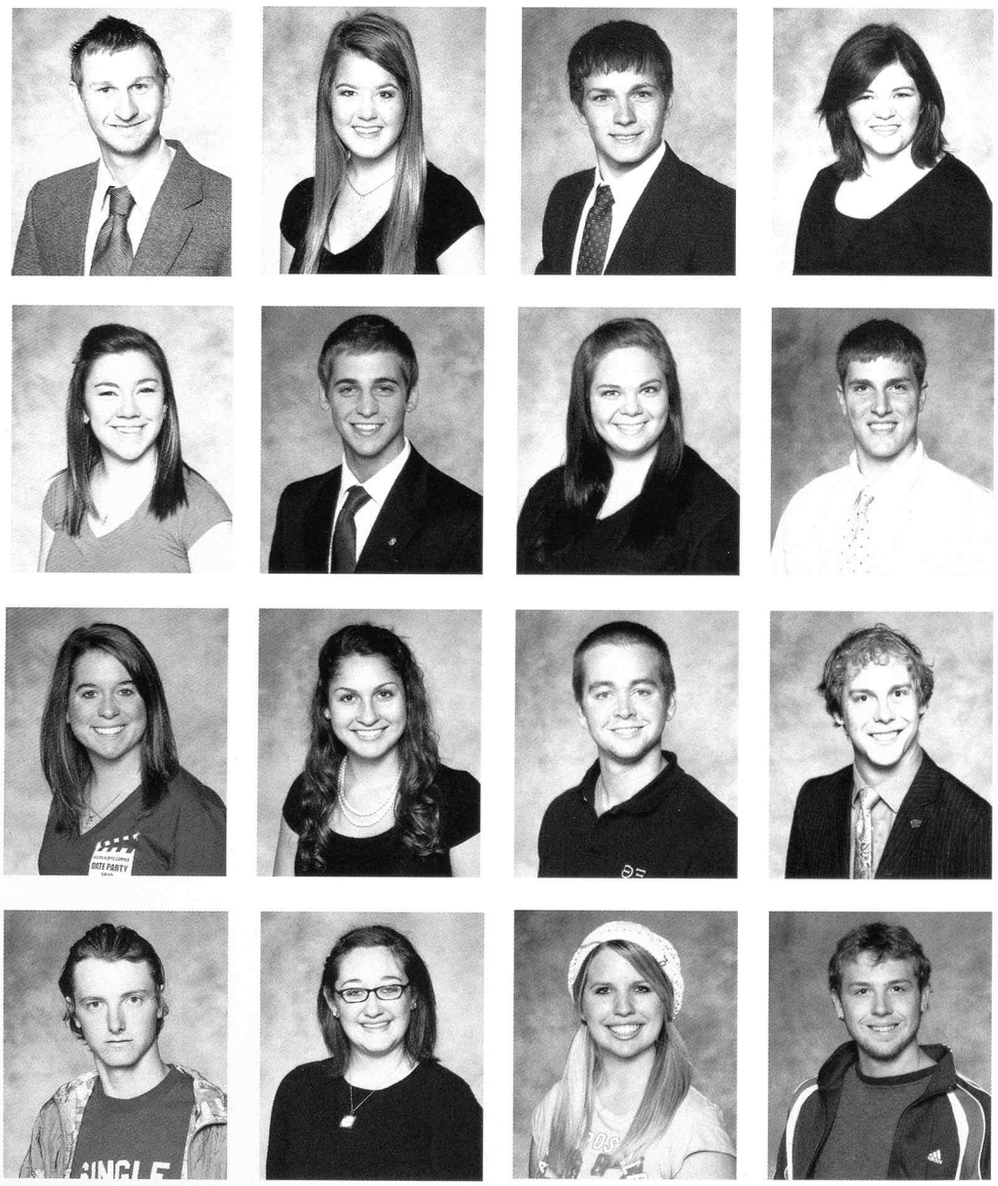
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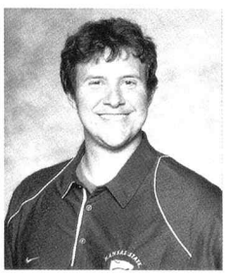
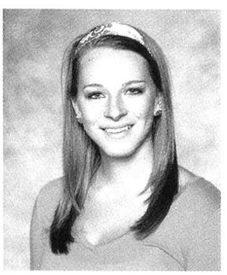
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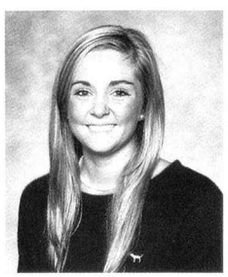
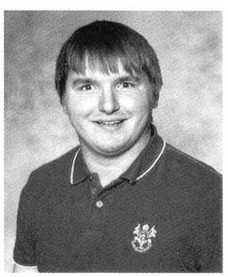





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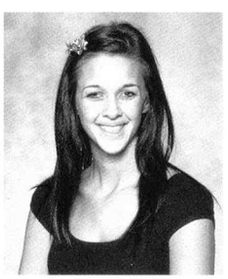
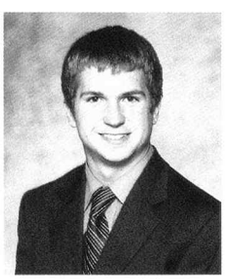


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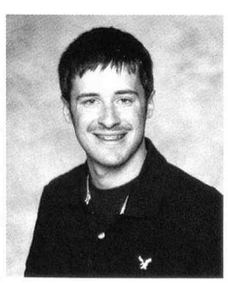




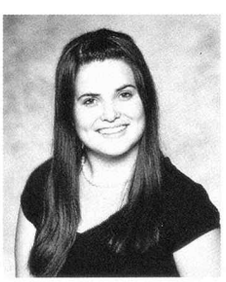

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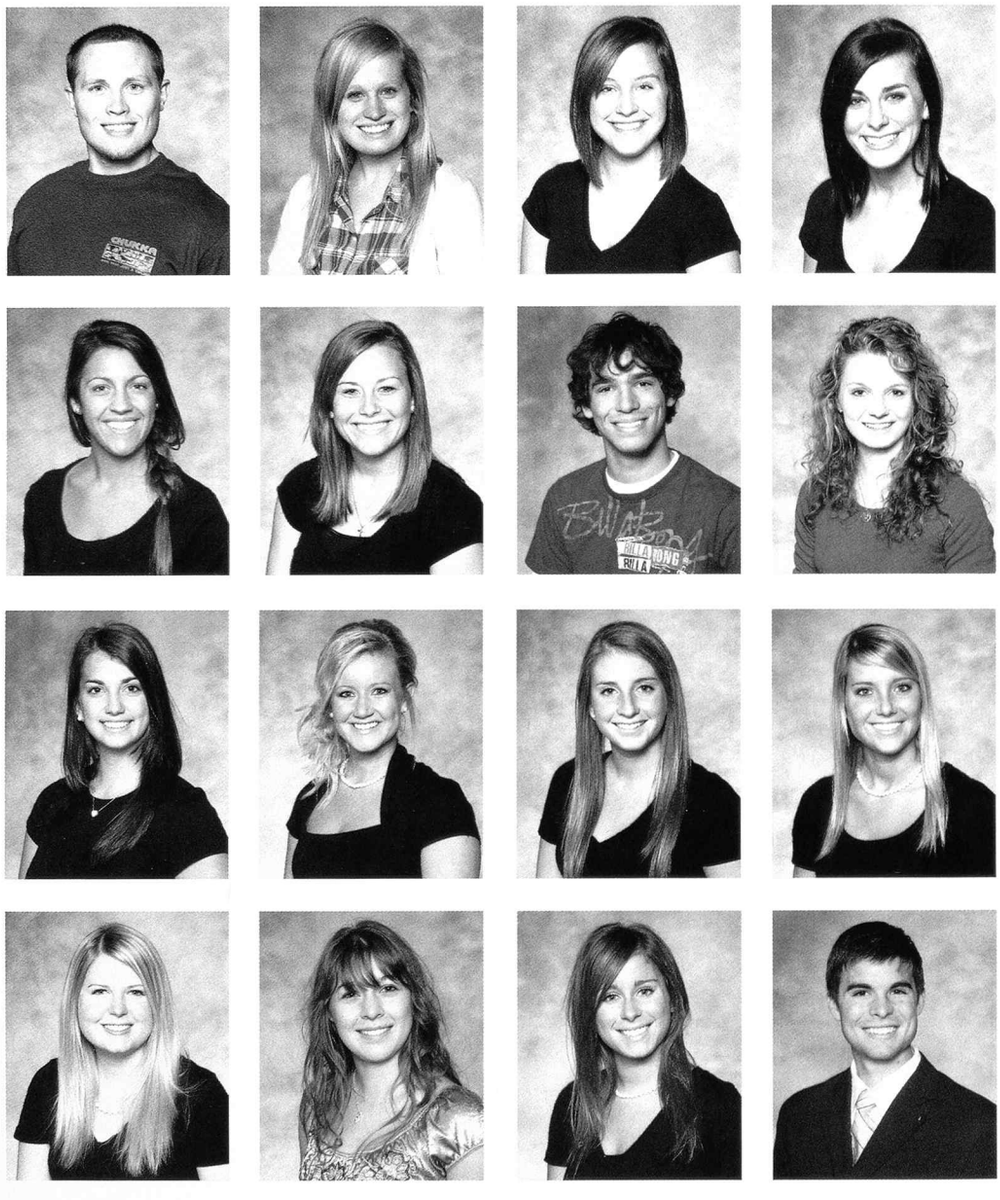
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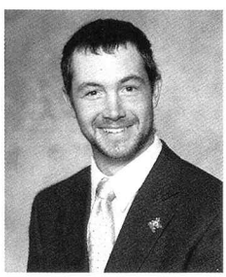

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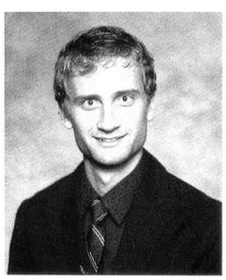



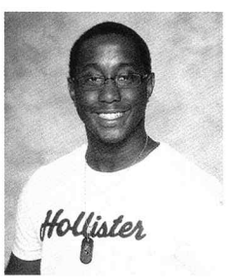
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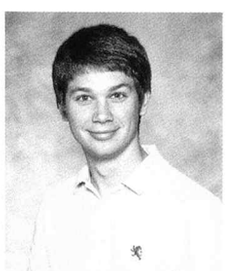
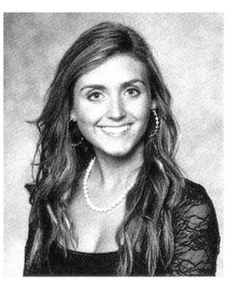



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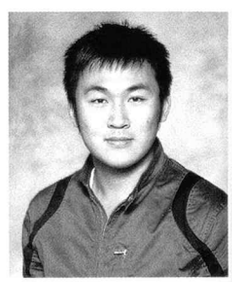


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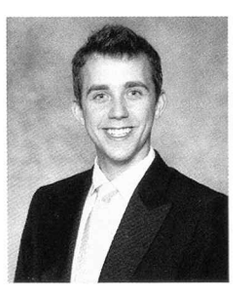
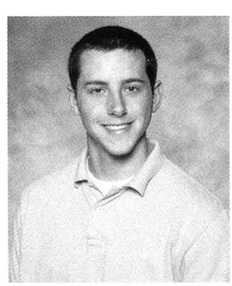




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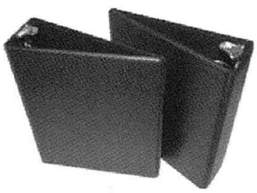


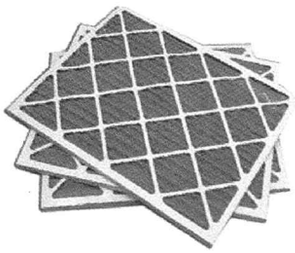

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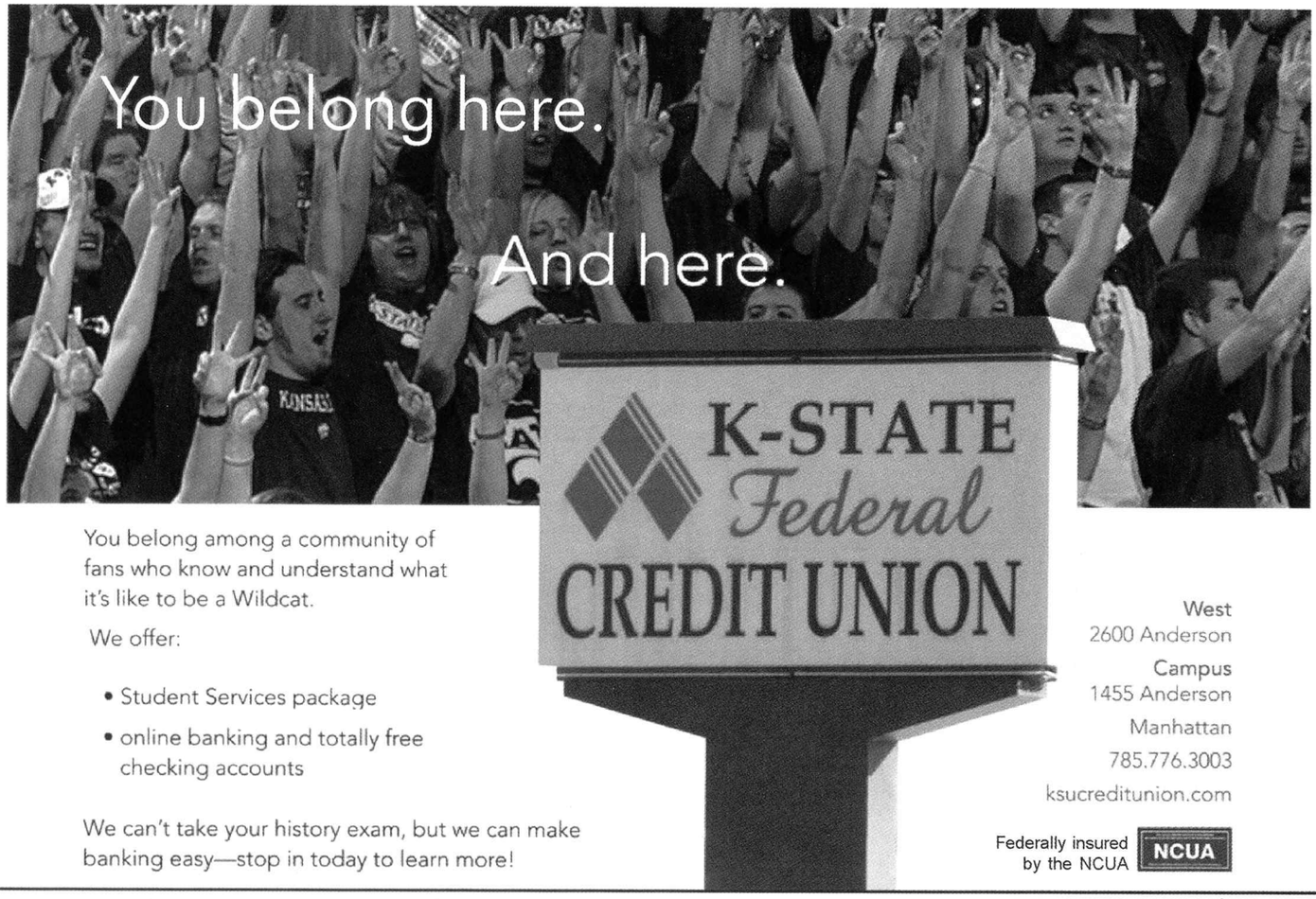
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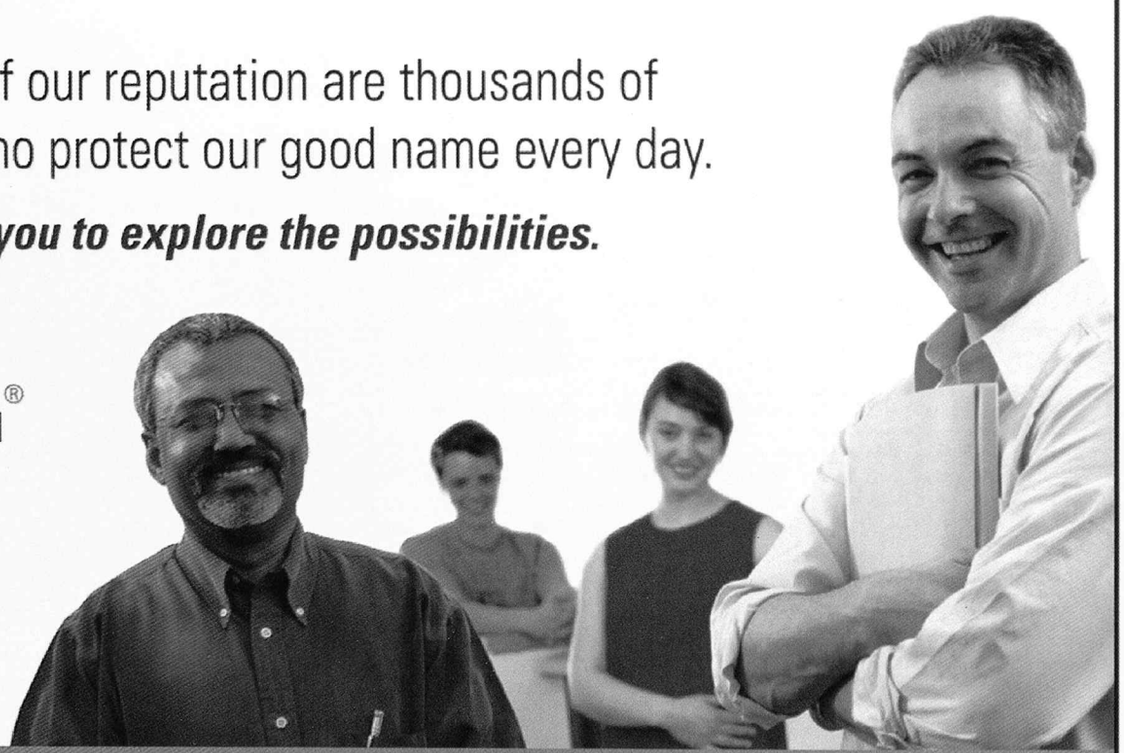
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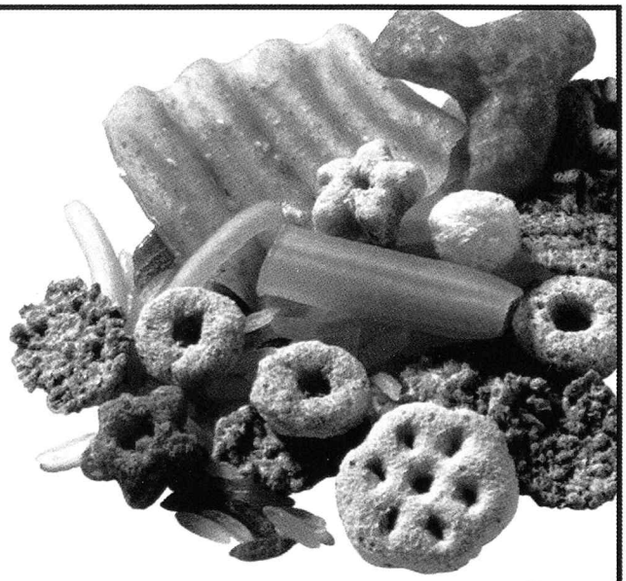
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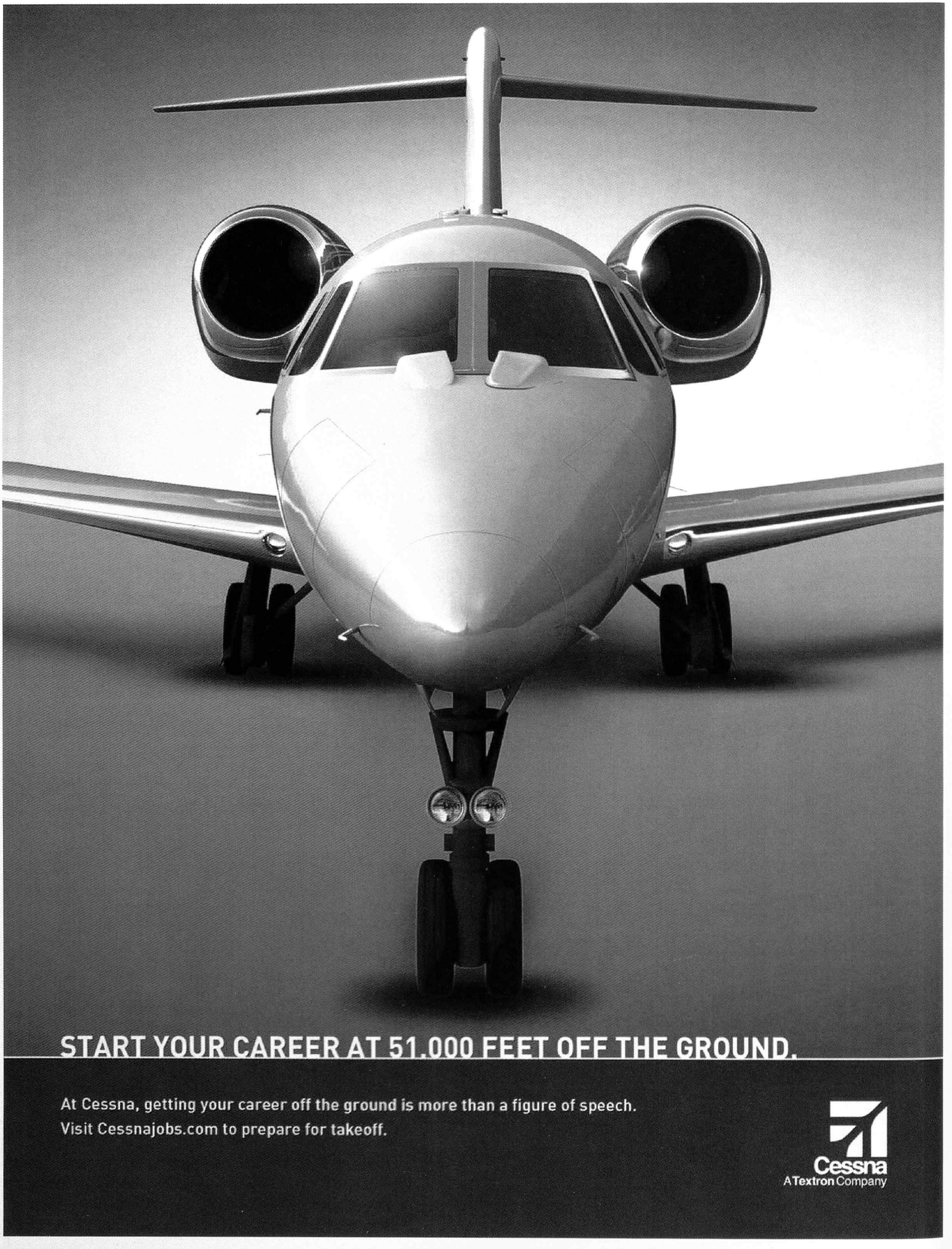
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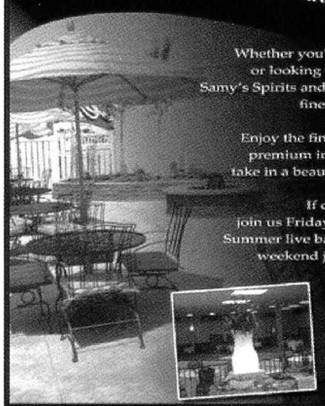
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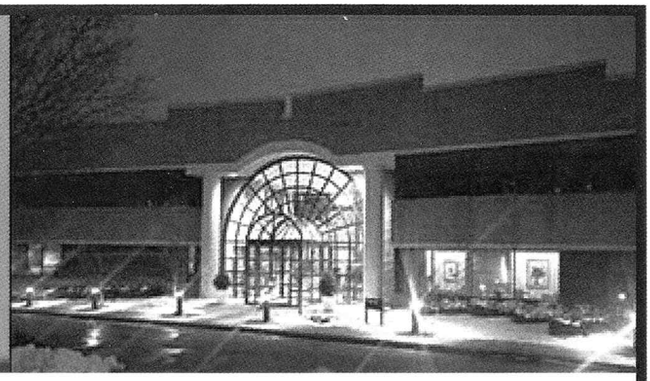
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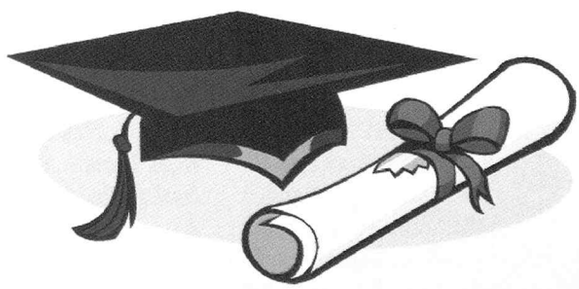
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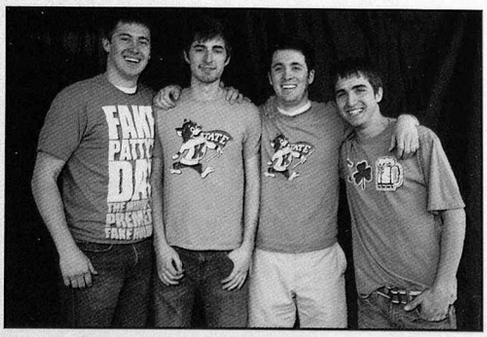
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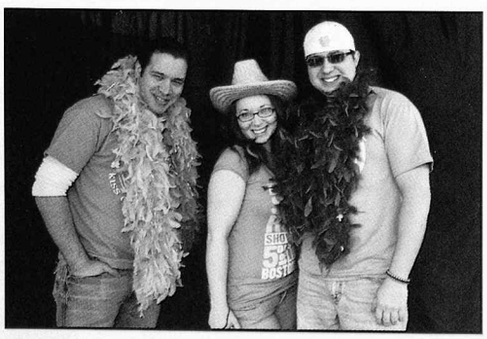
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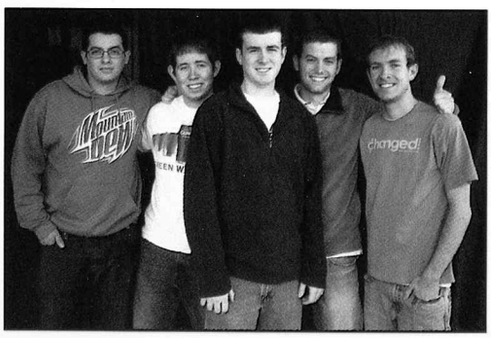
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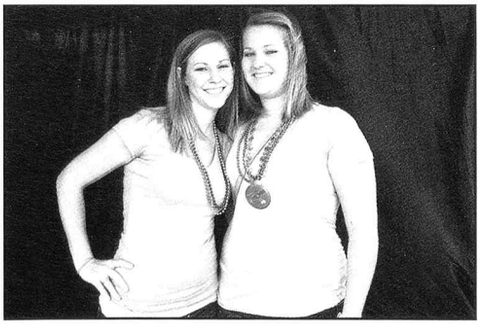
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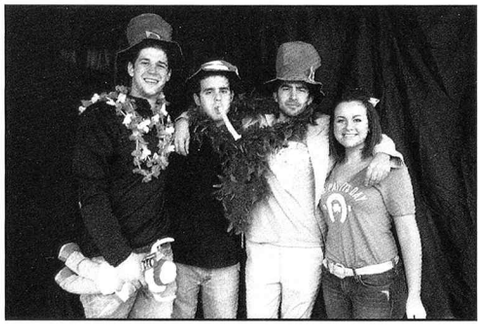
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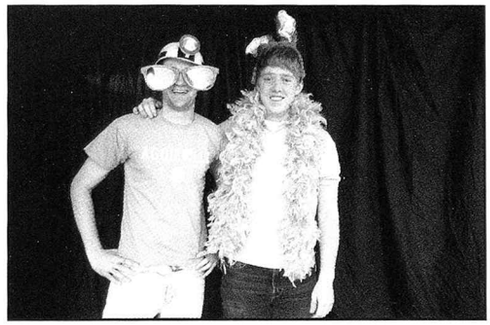
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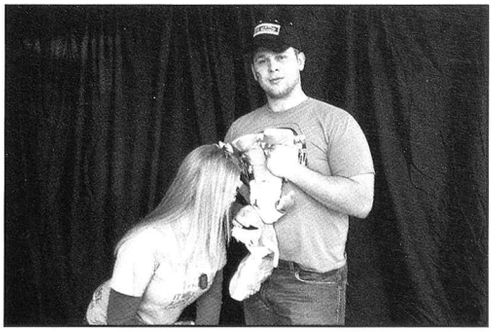
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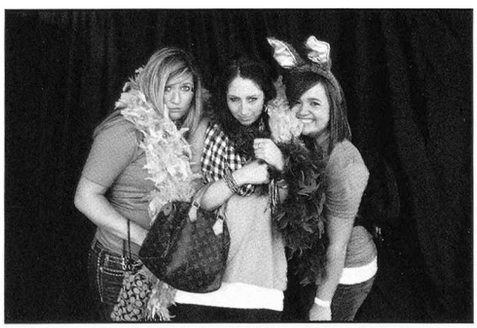
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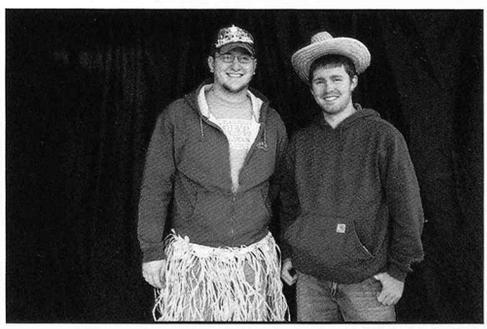
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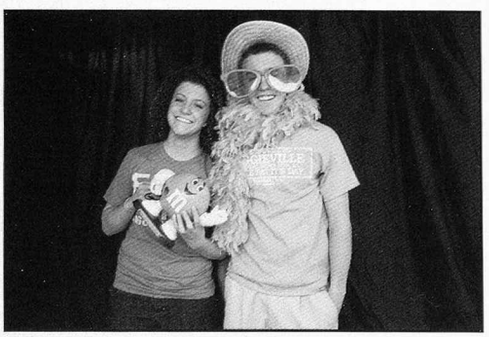


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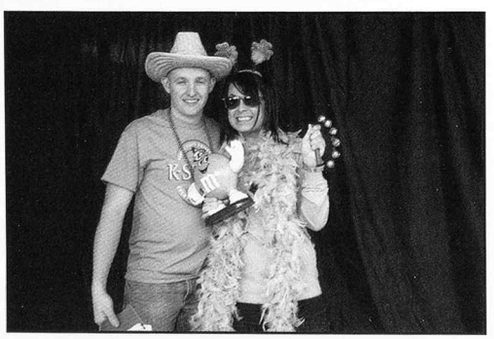
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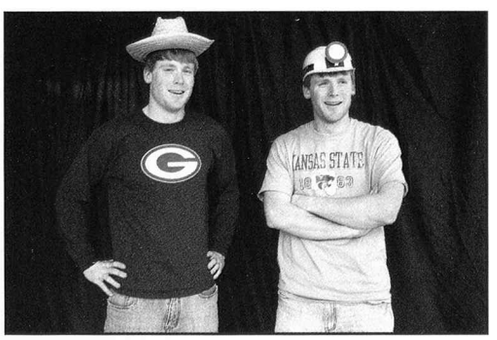
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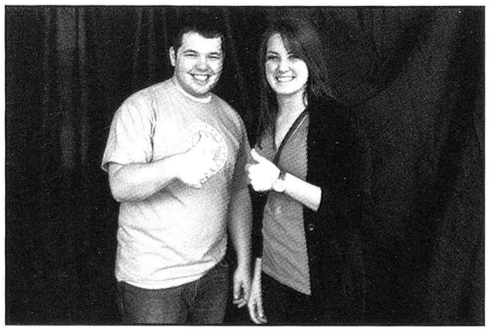
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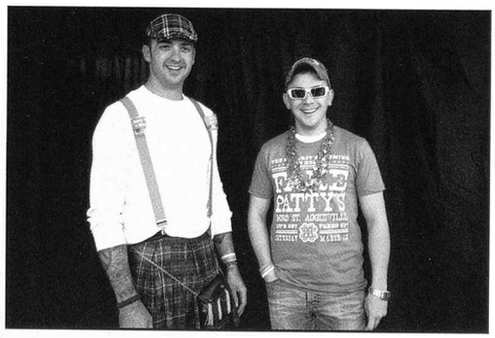
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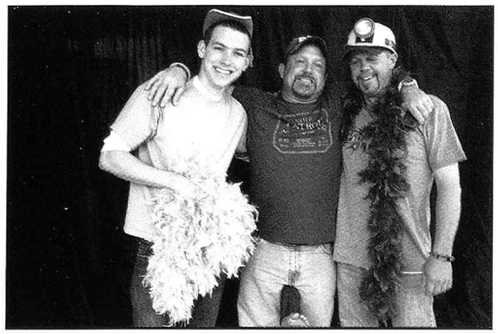
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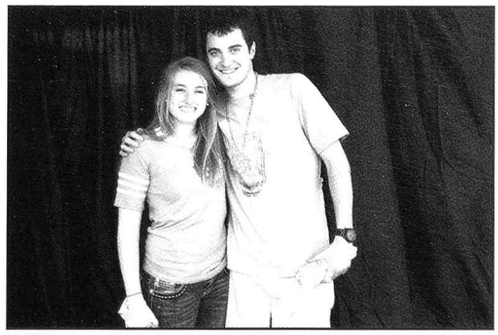
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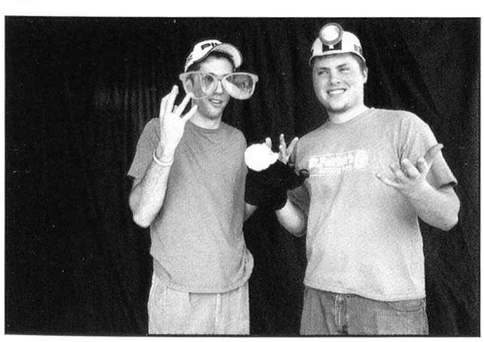
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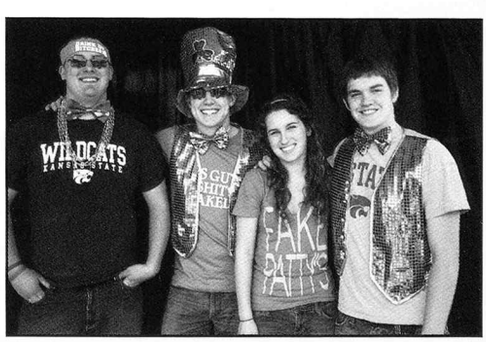
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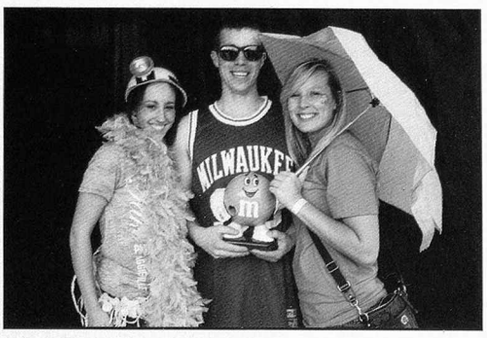


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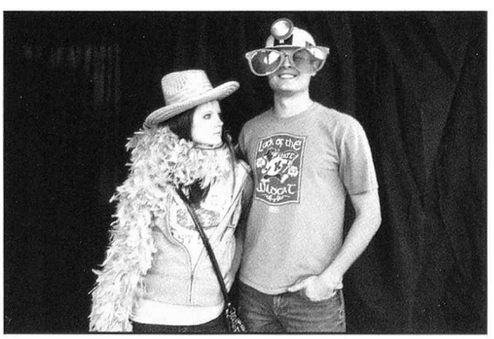
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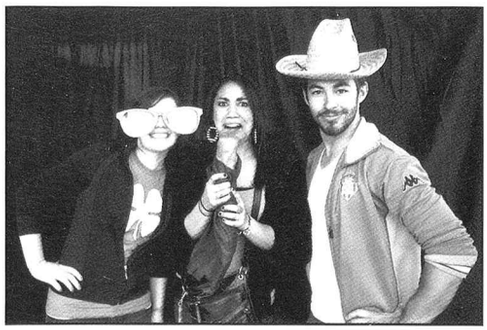
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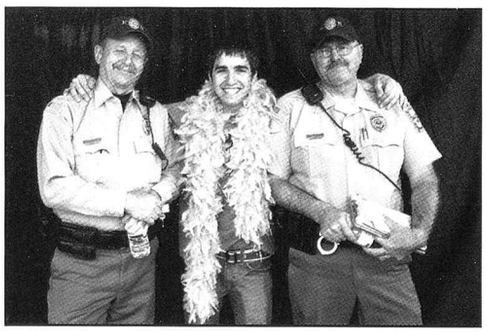
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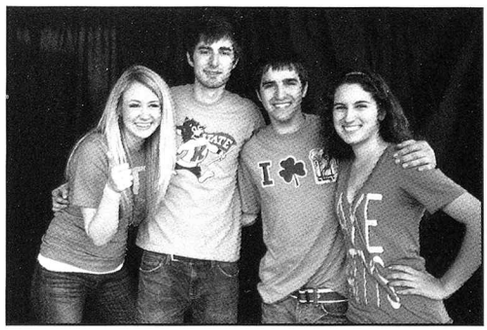
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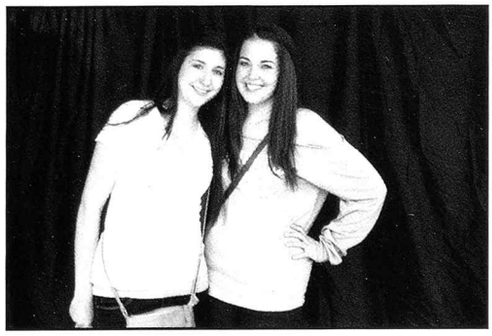
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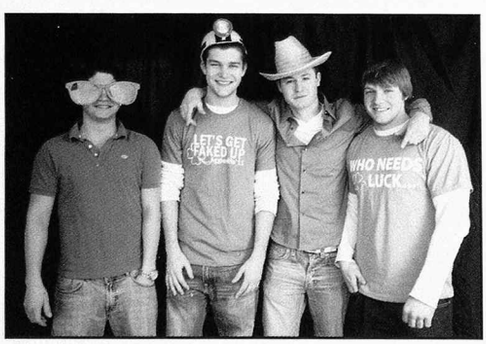
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After a Wildcat win in Bramlage Coliseum, students rushed to Aggieville to celebrate. Students were hanging out of windows, body surfing, and enjoying the company of one another in the streets and in different bars. *Lisle Alderton*



The chiller behind Anderson Hall was crushed by a tree that fell due to high winds on Aug.13. Other damage on campus included the roof of Anderson hall, numerous downed trees and wall damage along Manhattan Avenue. *Nathaniel LaRue*





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**not pictured• Brent Gipson*

editor's note

When August finally rolled around after a hectic summer of planning for the beloved Royal Purple, I thought it would be a flawless year — wrong. After forgetting a staff member in Manhattan while we went to Kansas City for retreat I thought I was for sure jinxed for the next nine months — wrong again. The experiences I went through not only made me a stronger more confident person, but also a more understanding and patient leader. I hired my staff knowing they would never disappoint me, and besides one or two little mishaps, I was finally right.

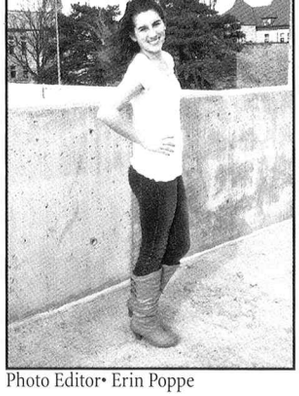
I wanted to make big changes this year with how we marketed the book, and I wanted it to start with the marketing team. They each brought something different to the table. Katie had the veteran experience to give advice about the previous year, Dani had the ability to persevere until the job was complete, no questions asked, and Natalie helped design and set the bar for future RP marketing.

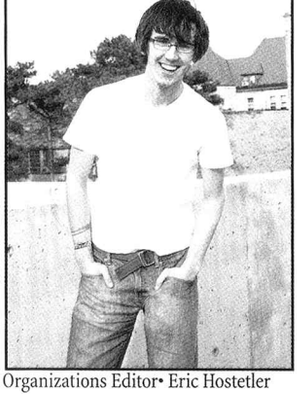
The members of the staff, which were constantly changing, kept me sane when I thought I would lose it and reminded me how talented they were through their work. Whether it was Kelsey and her ability to understand and blow my mind with her creations on InDesign, or Nicole and her stories that were written with meaning behind each word and long enough to be published as a novel, these people were talented. When issues came up with photography, I knew I could count on my photo editor, Erin, to be there and usually say, "shit happens."

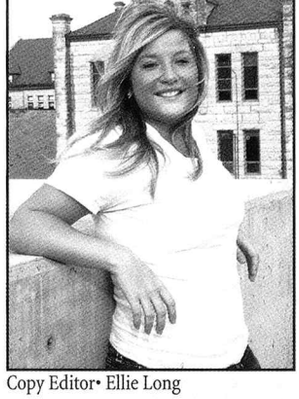
The sense of humor everybody had usually left me with a stomachache from laughing so hard. Brent's whereabouts were always mysterious but he still managed to prank phone call every person on staff and sign Ellie up for endless supplies of cutlery knives and feminine hygiene products.

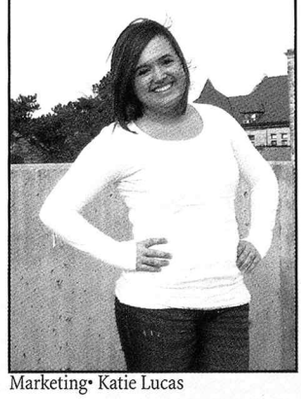
Who could forget Eric's sweet personality when he would give Ellie hugs when she returned from winter break. I knew I could always go to Ellie anytime I needed to know where a comma or an apostrophe went and she knew the answer without skipping a beat. Eric impressed me with his resemblence to Napolean Dynamite and his ability to have such long stories we had no choice but to make them into two spreads.

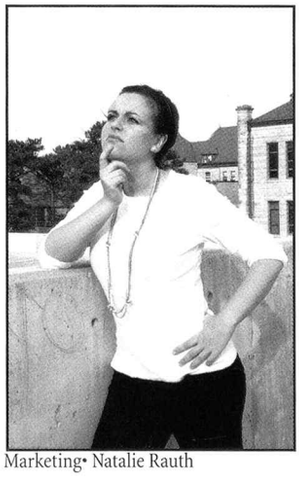
Last, but definitely not least, Cheyanne. She was the official "theme of the week" girl and loved footy pajamas and double dates. While she got frustrated at times with the work-load, she ended up having incredible stories that people will undoubtedly always remember. The day I hired her I knew she would end up being


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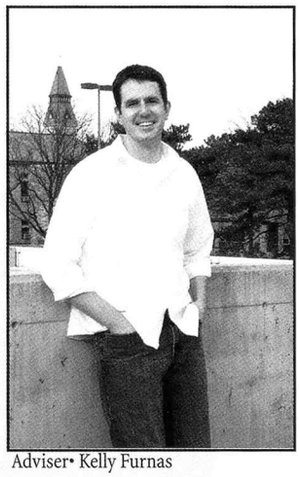

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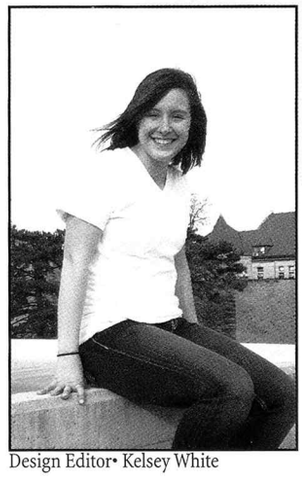

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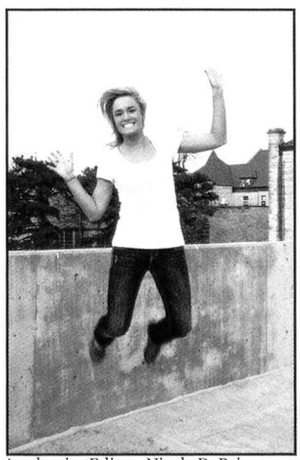

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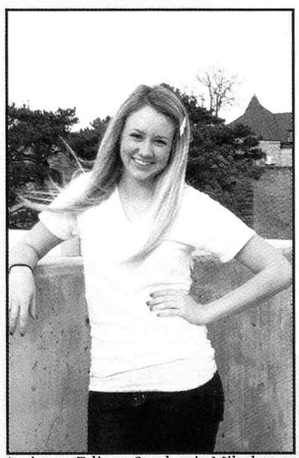

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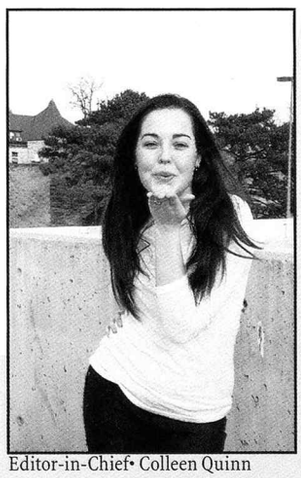

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my friend.

After deadline one, Stephanie and I thought we did something wrong because not only did we send in 60 pages, almost twice the amount we were supposed to, but we were done two weeks earlier than our deadline. I could not have gotten through this year without her. We knew we would create this incredible yearbook and with her design skills and my writing, we thought we were unstoppable. While we incurred bumps along the way we stayed strong and supported each other when the other felt like giving up. A past editor once told me that hiring your assistant editor was one of the most important decisions you would make. It was never a decision for me. I never wanted an "assistant," I wanted a friend that could have just as strong a say in the book as me, and I knew Stephanie was the person for that job.

Absolutely none of this could have been possible without the trust, commitment and often times, relaxed personality of our adviser, Kelly Furnas. He gave us the freedom to try new ideas with this yearbook and advised, but never dictated, what we did. His intelligence and love for the publication does not go unnoticed. He chose to ignore inappropriate jokes and stories he heard and was a good sport when Ellie bullied him. He treated us with the respect he thought we deserved and we even caught him laughing so hard at retreat he had to turn his head to hide it.

I have nothing but the most amazing memories inside Kedzie 101. I could have listed all the inside jokes we had together, and the number of times Eric told us we were going to hell, but I will leave those inside Kedzie as well. I appreciate the times you took stories, even though you didn't want to, and the times you worked the booth in the union. When I first accepted the position as your editor I wanted everyone to know this was not my book, this was our book, and I would not change one thing about it.

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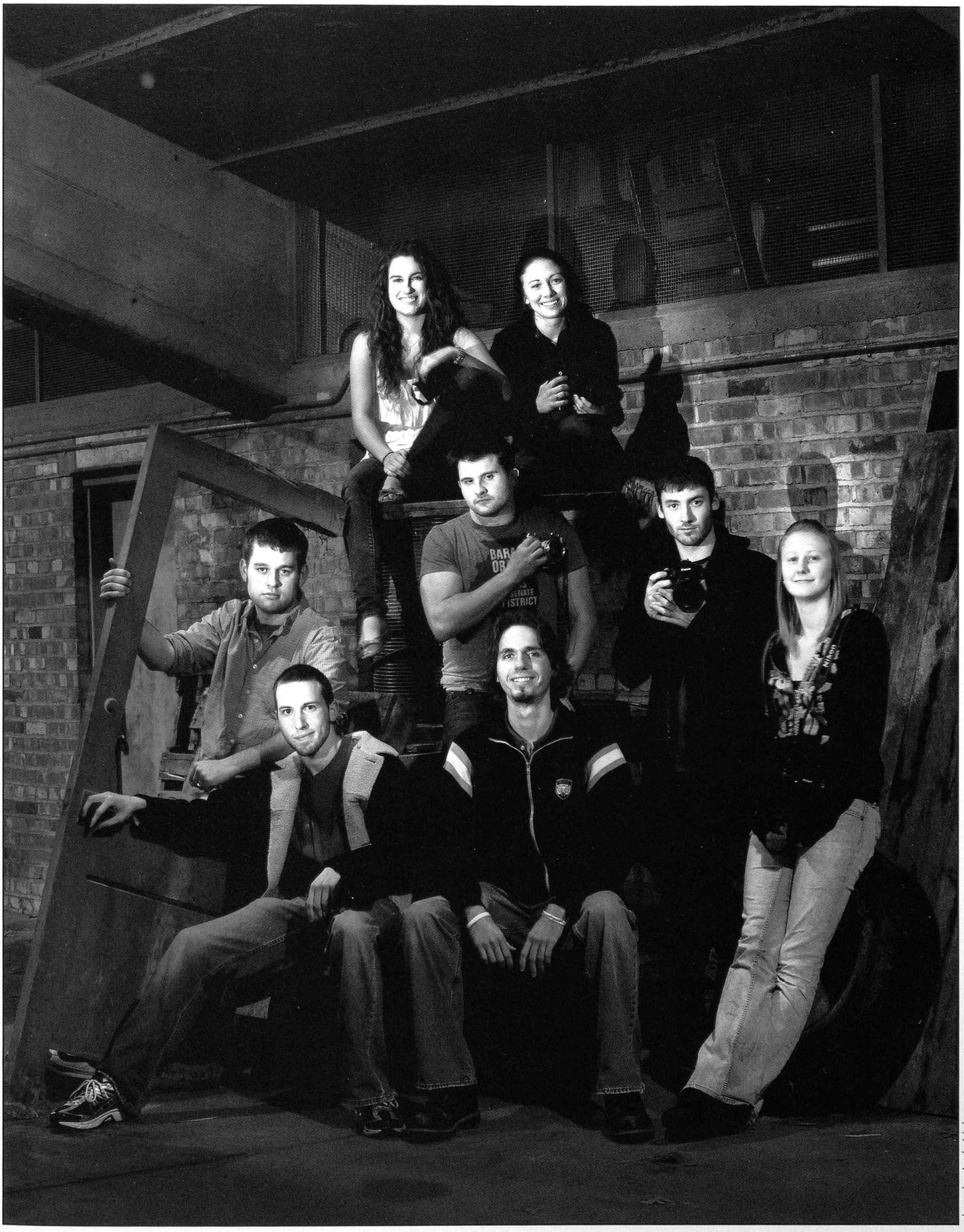


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A hiker at the Konza Prairie admires the sun set Oct. 12. The Konza Prairie was a popular site for students and Manhattan residents to venture to on a nice day to admire the wild life and the nature surrounding it.
Anthony Drath



This was just the beginning. Whether you are leaving the university to pursue a career you are passionate about, or continuing your education and will be here for a few more years, it never ends. The Wabash will continue to be played at games and guest speakers will continue to inspire you at Landon Lectures. If you are leaving the university or even the state of Kansas, take with you the dreams that were created here and pursue them. If you will remain here for a few more years to figure out your life try to have fun. Take school seriously because once it is over there is no looking back. The memories you create each year will more than likely follow you one after the other, and before you know it, it is graduation. No matter what, just remember, you are on the forefront.



Students often enjoyed playing basketball and other sports outside of the dorm complexes. In between Van Zile, Putnam and Boyd there was a small basketball court for the students to use.
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