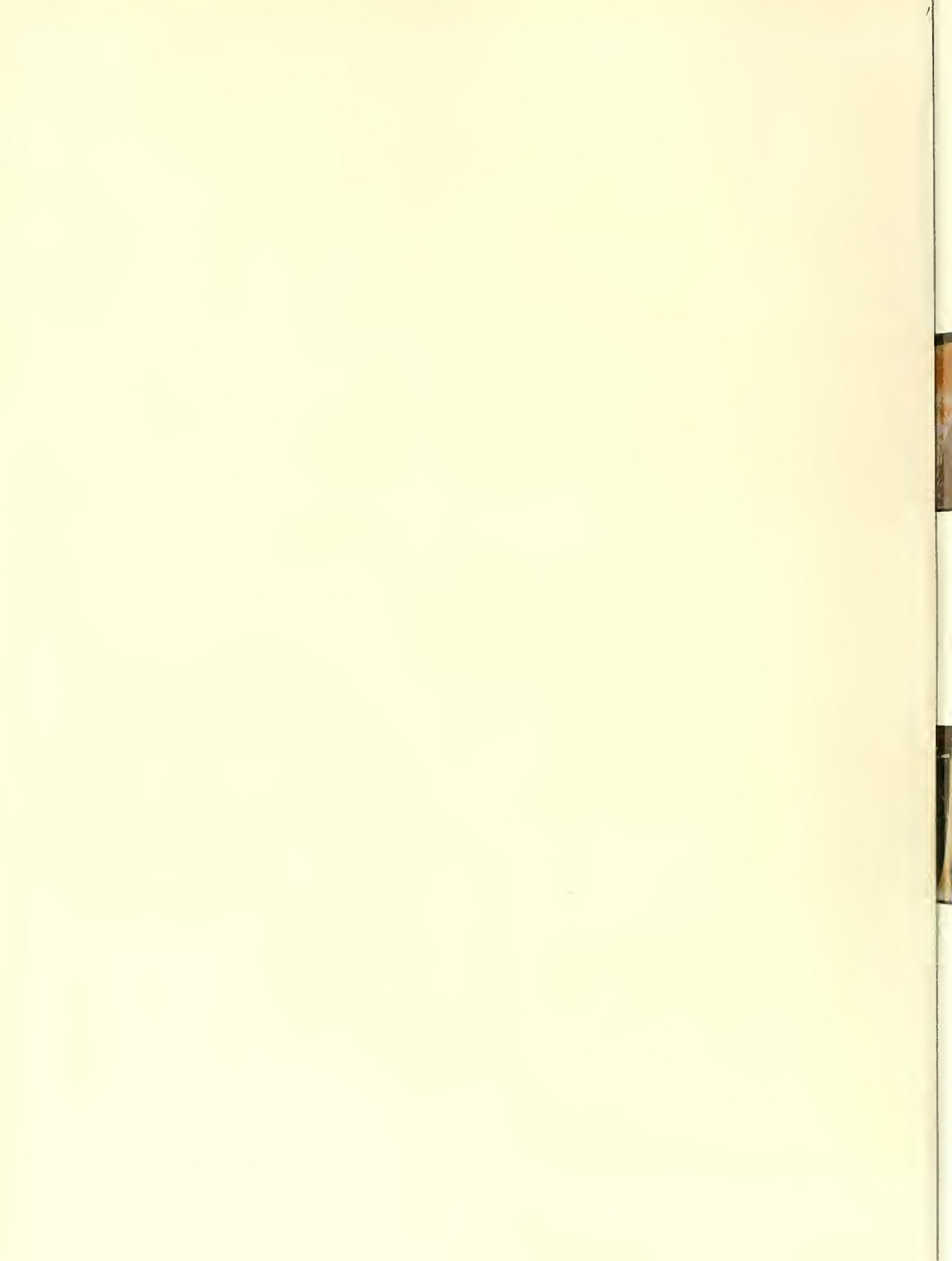




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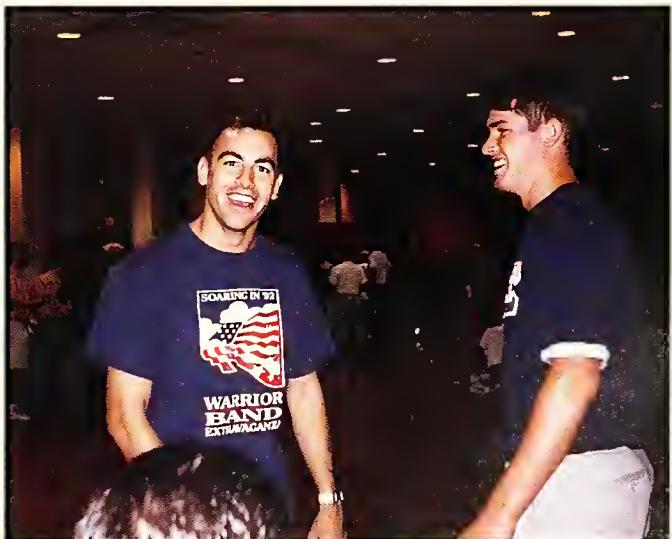


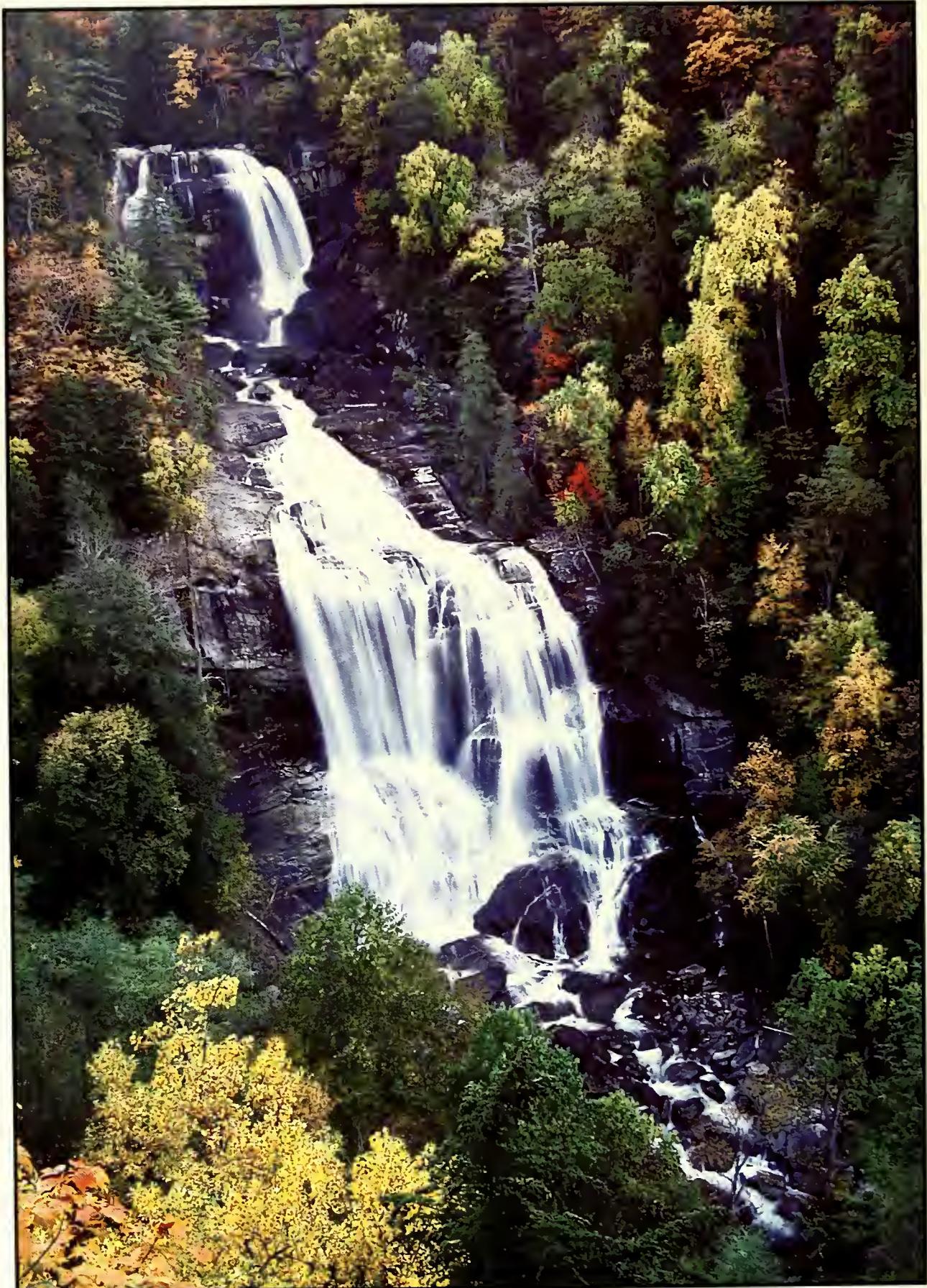
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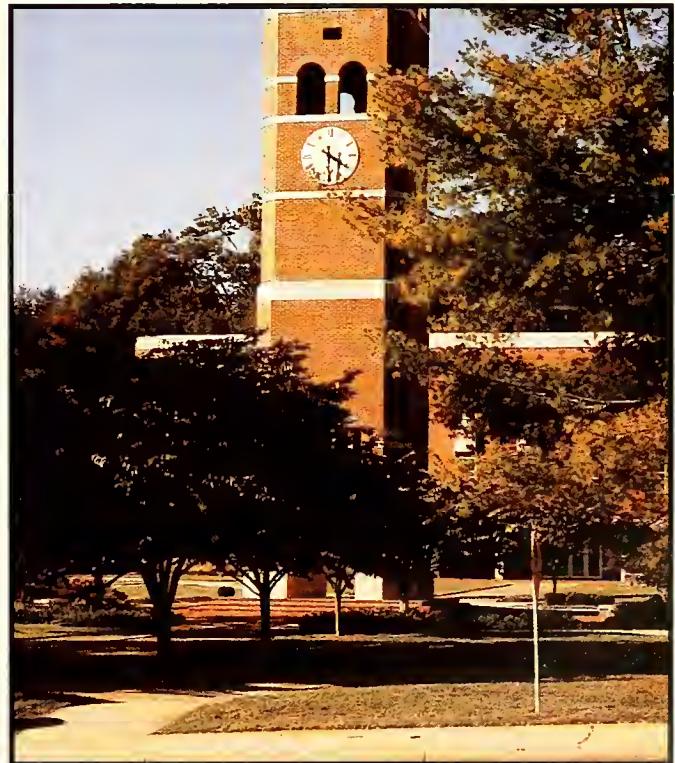
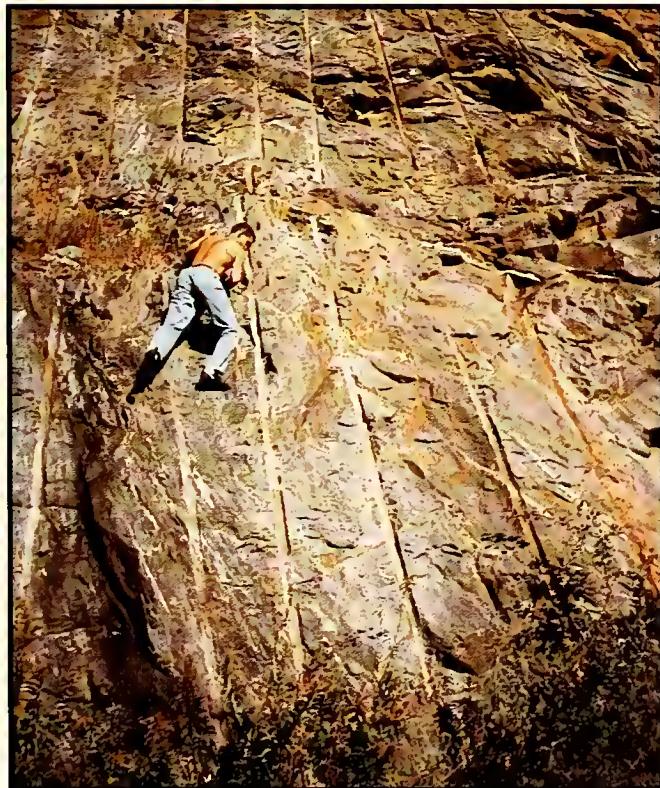


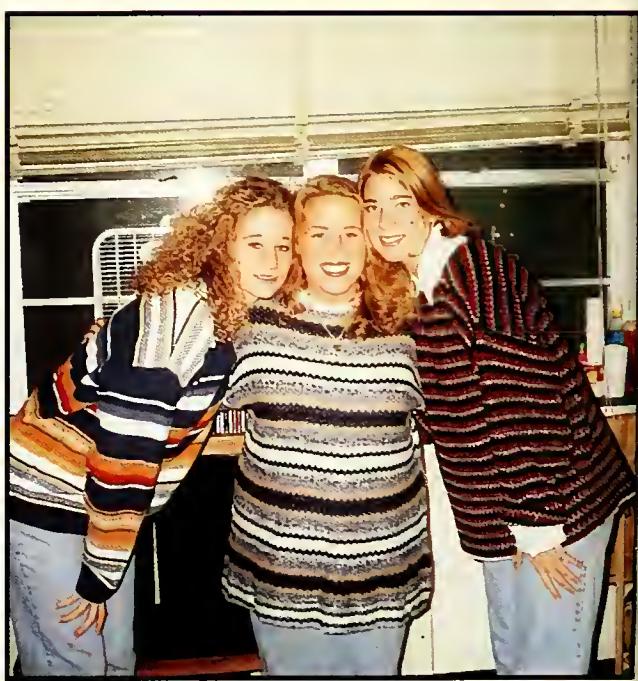
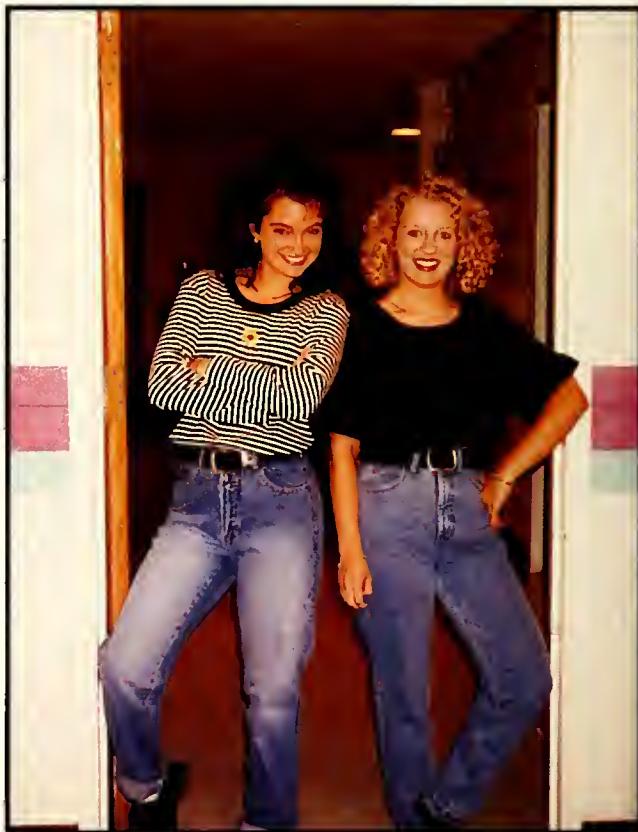
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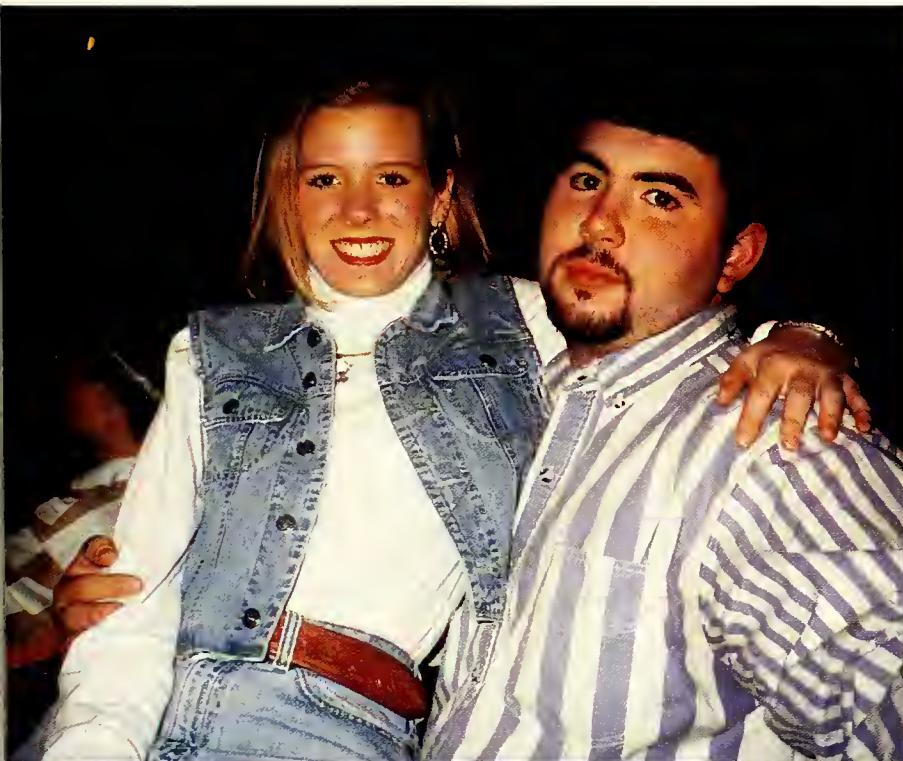
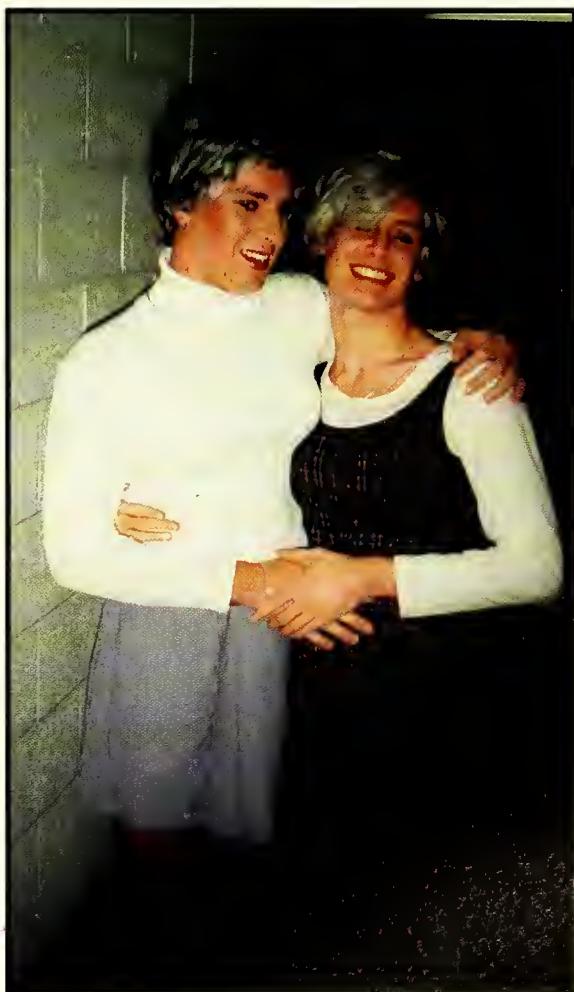
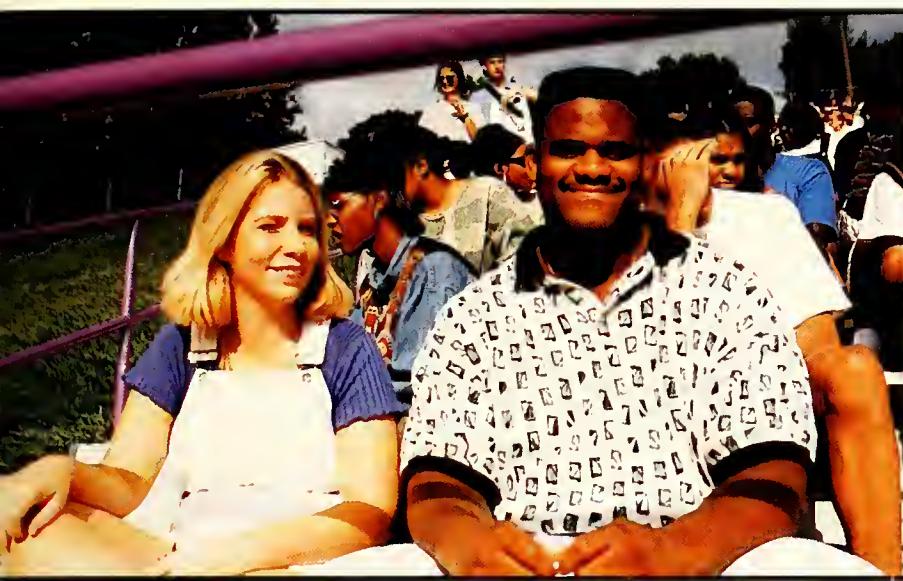


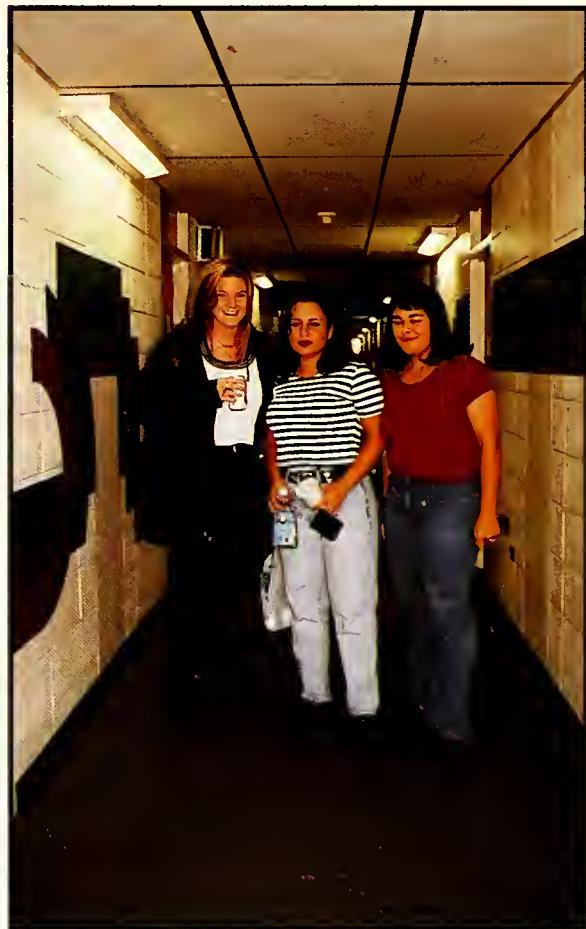
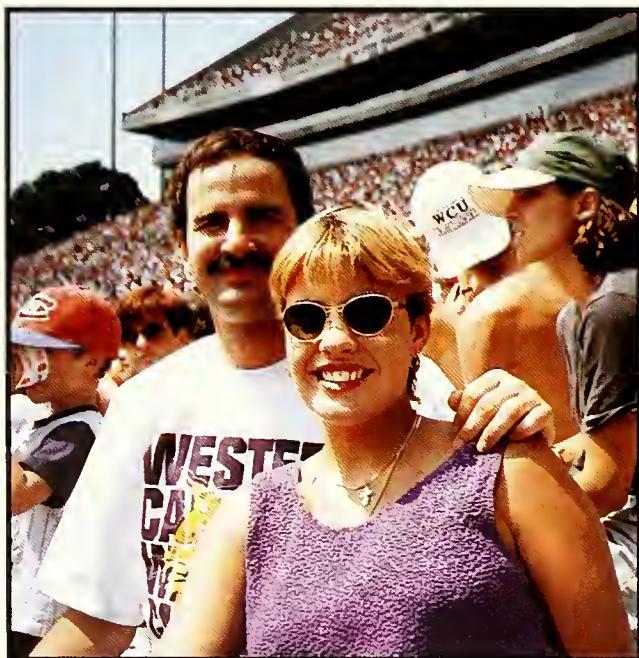
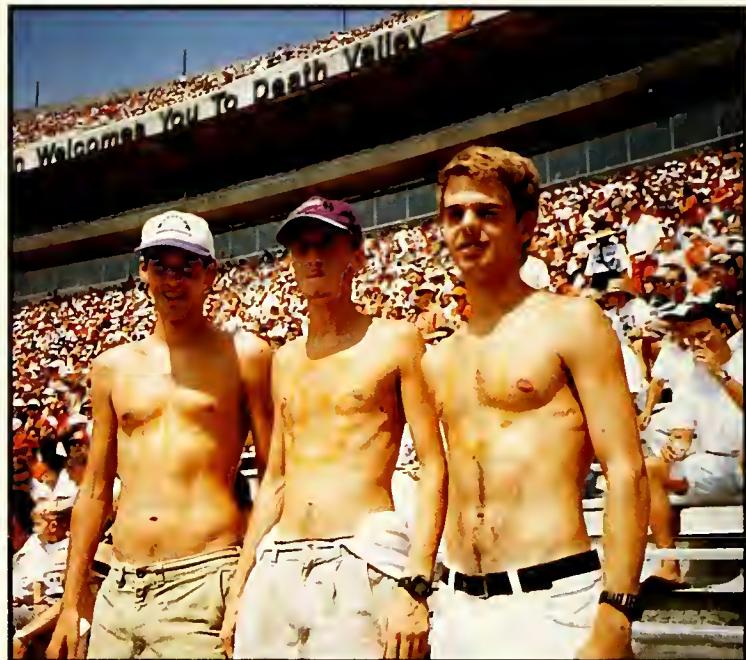
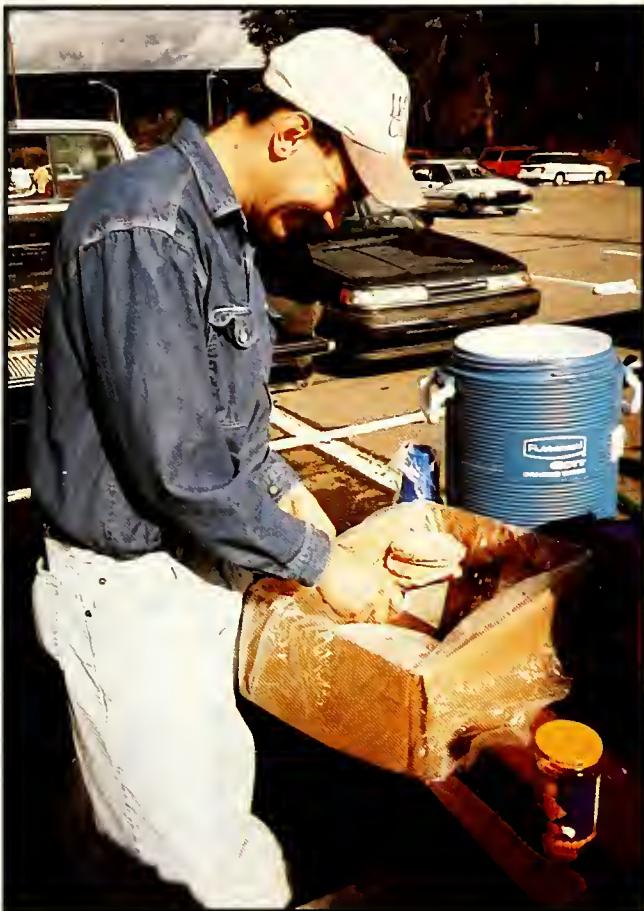


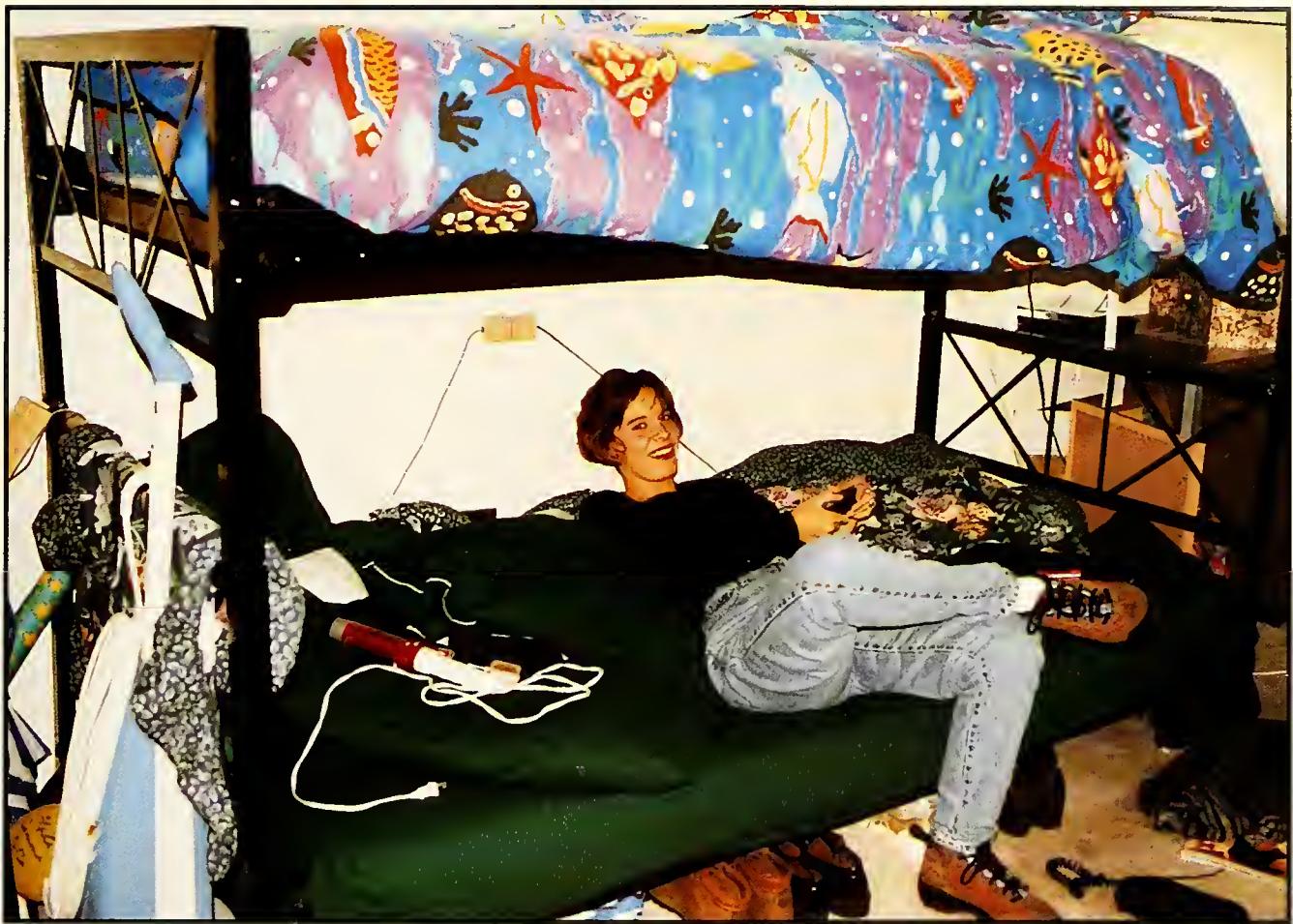


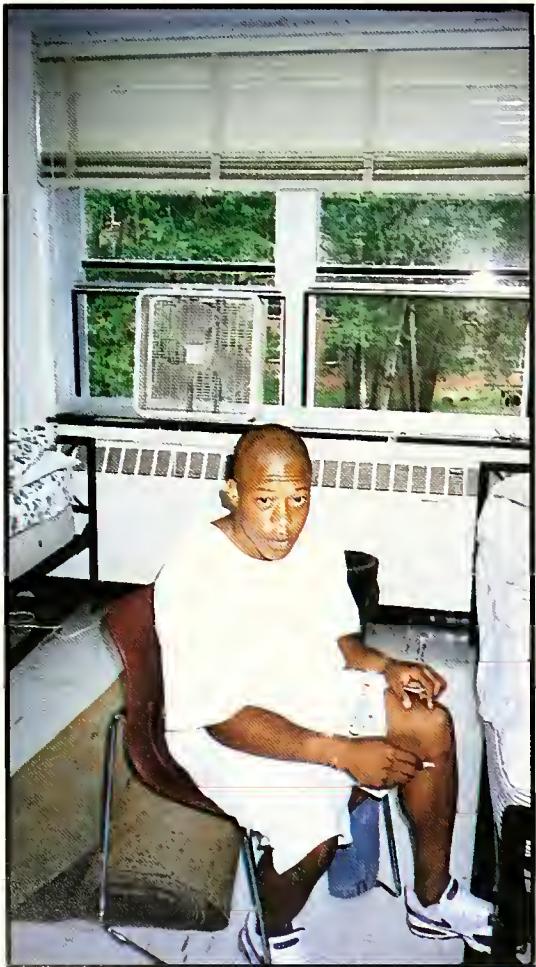
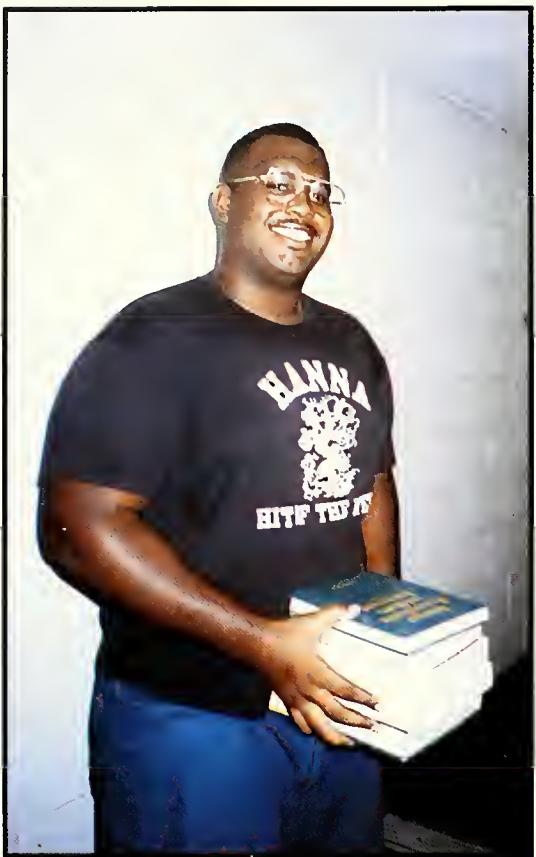


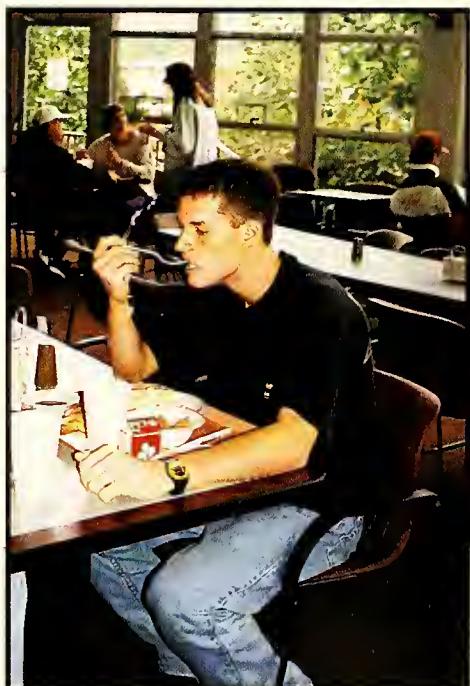
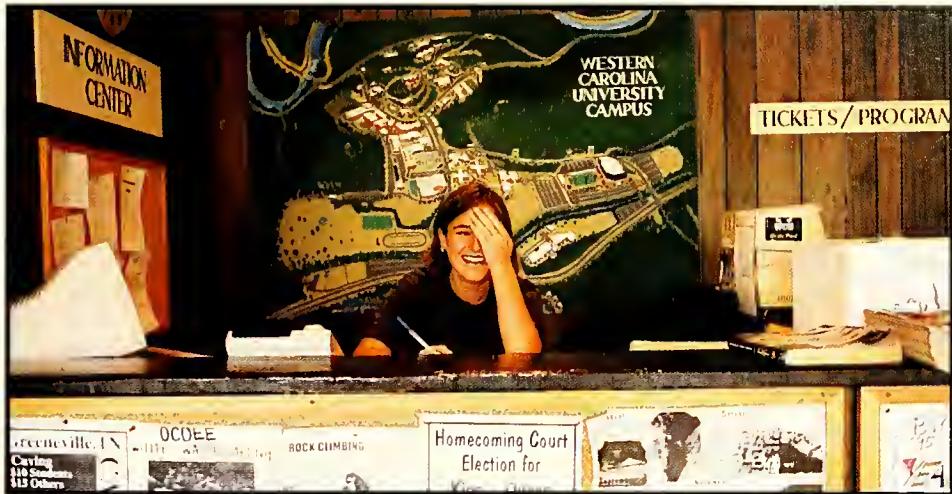


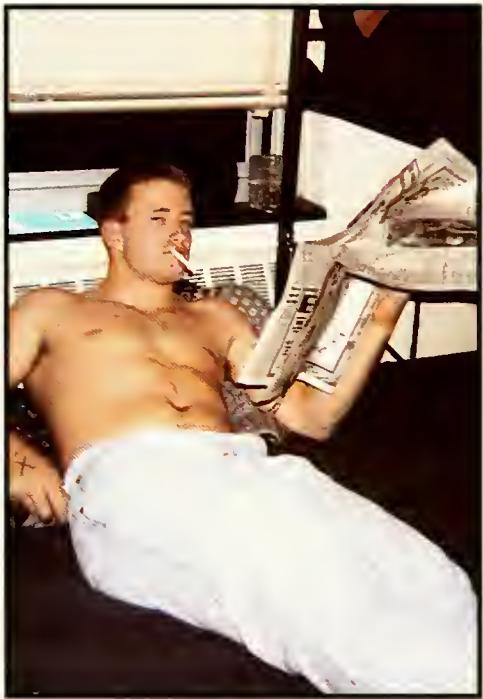


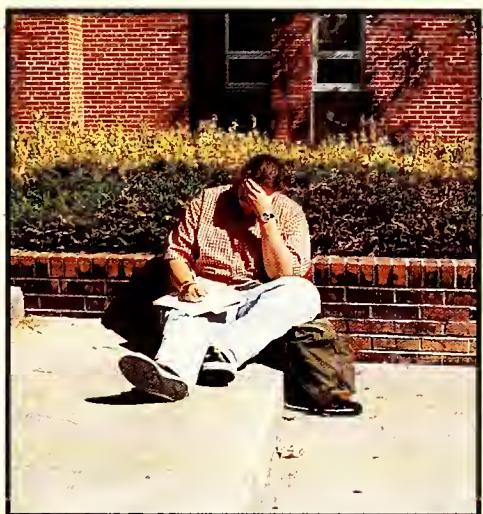




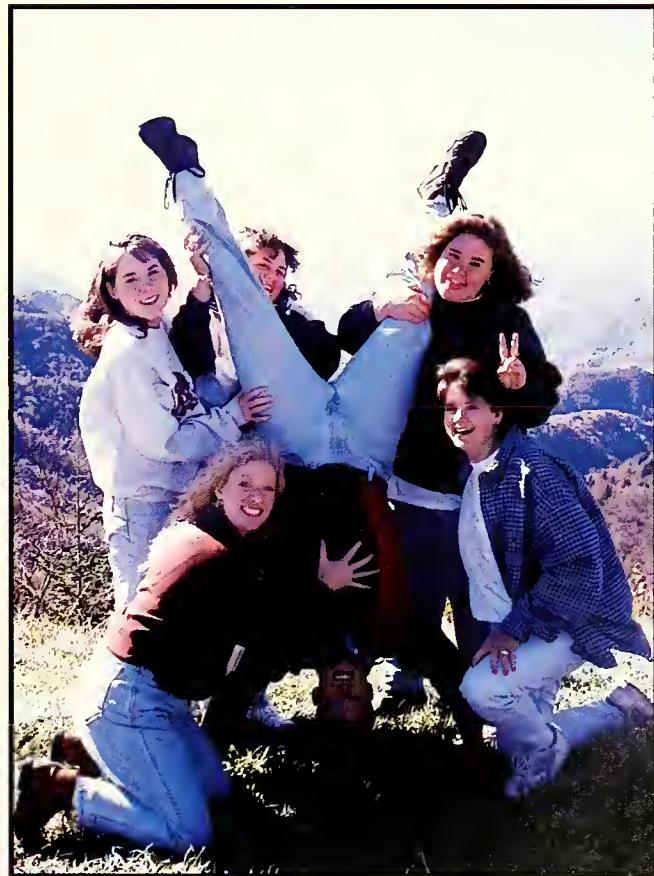
















A Time To Live

Student life is an important aspect of the college experience. Moving in is a memorable event that all students share. Although it is a hectic situation to anticipate, each fall students pack up their belongings from home and haul them into their dorm rooms. Often, faculty and various individuals are on hand to assist with this process.

Valley Balleyhoo is the first main attraction students encounter. This is a promotional activity to introduce clubs and organizations on campus. Also, this event provides some direction to incoming students, especially freshman.

Mountain Heritage Day is another interesting part of student life. This function is set aside for local businesses and organizations to come together for a day of mountain heritage. Various foods, crafts, music, and talents are presented. It is a great way for students to experience the culture of the mountains.

Parent's Day is another element of student life that is appreciated. This day allows for family members to visit the campus and enjoy home football games with their son\daughter. Many other activities are provided for visiting families.

Many students schedule time to hang out, despite the wide range of opportunities. Whatever a student decides to do, having fun should be a consideration. We are all aware that college encompasses so many roads to travel. Whatever the roads traveled or the choices made, college life adds adventure and experience to all our lives.

A Time to Move

Moving in Day

Among the hustle and bustle and the shouts and shoves, we will all remember saying good-bye to Mom and Dad and saying hello to a new way of living. A new surrounding full of unfamiliar places yet to be explored, people yet to be discovered, this is what college is all about. So, as we travel towards another beginning, let us remember the lessons of the past and always be open to a new and exciting future.



"Achy-Breaky-Back": A helpful parent struggles to keep afoot with refrigerator in hand. Lifting heavy objects caused strenuous grunts, groans, and even a few ulcers!

Top Right: "Stairway to Heaven": An eager student climbs his stairway, will he reach heaven or hell? Arriving on the first day can lead to joys and disappointments when you see your roommate's side of the room covered in rebel flags, naked women, and his mom in a bathing suit!





"Heavyweights": Lug a heavy refrigerator up nine flights of stairs and you won't find most people smiling. These students couldn't wait to relax and drink a cold soda.

"U-Haul": Welcome to Western! Today we help you with your things. All these volunteers, including our own Chancellor Bardo, will help make your day go much smoother.



Left: "Girls Just Want to Have Fun": Maintaining order on such a hectic day is anything but fun for these Resident Assistants. Room keys were assigned and phone cards given out.

A Time To Visit With Family

PARENT'S DAY 1995

Parent's Day provides an excellent opportunity for parents and students to spend time together. With such a wide variety of students attending Western from so many places it is one of the rare occasions that these students get to visit with Mom and Dad. Parents are able to experience first-hand what life at Western Carolina University is all about. Guided tours of campus are given, as well as a lunch that is provided by Marriott Services in the Ramsey Center. Ma And Pa get the chance to meet their children's friends and other parents, Students are on their best behavior. Rooms all of a sudden become clean and floors can be seen in preparation for the event, These proud parents are able to get an additional taste of student life by attending the traditional home football game. As the festivities wind down Mom and dad prepare to make their way home but not before giving their son or daughter a free meal and some spending money, Parent's Day 1995 was a huge success, as always, and provided a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time with their families.

After this is over, Can I have some money, Dad? This happy family pauses briefly to pose for a picture.



How about some buns?! This student Marriott worker volunteers his time to help serve lunch to students and their parents in the Ramsey Center.

DIG IN! These parents serve themselves to the fine food that Marriott provided for them as a part of the day's festivities.





Show your sister that you love her, stand a little closer. This family can't wait to get on with Parent's Day activities.

Smile and the whole world will smile back. Margie and her parents seem to live by this cliche.

"We are family I got my brothers and sisters with me." This family is having a great time on Parent's Day '95.



hat? A rainy day at WCU?? Even the cold and rain couldn't put a damper on this mother and daughter's time together.

A Time to Celebrate Mountain Heritage Day

People come from near and far to see the sights, taste the food, and enjoy the crafts on Mt. Heritage Day. Western students set up booths to aid in their funds for organizations and offer a variety of tasty snacks and drinks. Local craftsmen also joined the fun selling their hand-made goods.



Above: Mom! Look what I've done! This youngster goes bubble crazy about Mountain Heritage Day. It was fun for the whole family. *Top Right:* Here Kitty-Kitty! Even the family pet had something to do at Mountain Heritage Day, a time full of fun and crafts. *Right:* This singing quartet, the Smoky Mountain Barber Shoppe, gave song to the bustling surroundings.





above. Just hanging around. This youngster enjoys the sights from a comfortable tree branch. He also indulged in barbecue, and funnel cakes, as did many of the gatherers on this eventful day. *Below:* Re-Re, Jennifer, and Mika enjoy sampling the local crafts. *Bottom Right:* Drinks anyone?? The Theta Xi Fraternity quenched thirsts for those visitors piling on all the delicious treats on Mountain Heritage Day.



A Time To Crown

Homecoming '95

Homecoming at WCU has always been a long standing tradition. It is a great honor to be chosen for the court. Being selected as Homecoming King and Queen is a very prestigious achievement, especially for the King because this was WCU's first year ever to have a Homecoming King. Many fun activities were planned throughout the week of Homecoming. The cheerleaders and band pumped up the students and football players at a pep rally.

Fireworks were set off in celebration for Homecoming '95. Clubs, Greeks, and other organizations participated in a banner contest and a parade was held before the football game to add morale to the players and students. Homecoming 1995 was a great success and tremendous fun for all.



Tasha and last years Queen, Lisa Moon, smile for the camera after the crowning.

Newly crowned Queen, Tasha Childress, and friend pose for a photograph.





Middle: The 1995 Homecoming Court.

Above: Smile Joe! Why do you look so serious?



Left: Joe Monroe, our 1st Homecoming King, and Queen Tasha Childress get together for one last pose.

Valley Balleyhoo

A Time To Discover

Valley Balleyhoo is a fantastic success each year. Valley Balleyhoo allows students to become acquainted with groups, clubs, and organizations on campus. This event allows students to play games, enjoy the music, eat delicious food, and spend time with one another. Valley Balleyhoo is a time to discover the exciting things at Western.



"Wayhoo!": Valley Balleyhoo is a hit, with fun games and a variety of live music to be heard. It was a small carnival to start the year off right.

"Smiling Sisters": These DZ sisters join in the fun and games at Valley Balleyhoo. They also gave information about their sorority to interested students.





"Cute Catamount": A future catamount supports school spirit by joining in the activities which include a gravity ball and great food!



"A Time To Join": Incoming students are surrounded by former catamounts urging them to participate in all the activities Western offers.



"Pass It On": Valley Balleyhoo is a time to pass on information about different organizations. These students smile a big "Zeta smile" for the camera.

A Time To Jam

Tim McGraw

On October 21st, Western Carolinians and a great many other followers came out in full force to hear one of country music's favorite artists, Tim McGraw. Following two opening bands, 4-Runner and Blackhawk, Tim McGraw gave a stunning performance, leaving the crowd of students wanting more. As one audience member stated, "I couldn't get enough of the tushy!"



Larry, Moe, and Curly: During the song, "I need a heart with a four wheel drive", 4-Runner pumped up the crowd full of students and long time fans alike.

Shake That Thang!!! : Tim struts his stuff for the screaming crowd at his concert. The women could not get enough of those shakes and wiggles.





Tim McGraw's lead guitarist jams during his solo.

I'm here, the party can start:
Tim McGraw enters the stage
to an encore of adoring fans.



Play it Boy! This guitarist for Tim McGraw plays his heart out for the audience of WCU students.

A Time To Chow Down Meals at WCU

Years ago, the best topic to complain about was the food served at Western. Until recently, the food choices were limited to Brown and Dodson cafeterias, PG Katz, and Top of the Stairs. In 1992, students were given additional choices for dining with the opening of the Food Court. Students were able to enjoy the options of Taco Bell, Pizza Inn, and TCBY. During the fall semester PG Katz and Top of the Stairs closed its doors due to renovations of the University Center. Consequently, the cafeteria opened an all day subline that enabled students to grab something other than pizza and tacos.

The quality and service of the cafeteria has improved tremendously since the Marriott take over in 1993. A wider variety of food is now offered, for example: the pasta line and potato bar, which give students an array of choices.

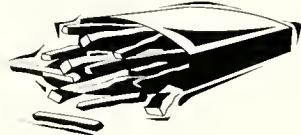
As the renovations of the University Center come about, so will the addition of the famous Chick-fil-a and Fresh and Natural. Students are excited about this future change. Not only does the Food Court and cafeteria provide a place to eat, but it also allows students to take time out of their schedule and spend time with friends.



Above: Jayne' and Keisha enjoying eating dinner together and talking about their day.

Top Right: This student breaks for a quick meal between classes.

"Don't look so innocent, Hot Stuff!" We caught you stuffin your pockets with more than what is on your plate.



ust in time to watch Justin, one of our hard working food court employees serves some yogurt to a student. Be careful and do not spill any toppings!



This student takes time to pose for the camera before sitting down to eat her dinner.



Venus is another friendly face in the Food Court. She always goes out of her way to be polite to the customers.



"Busted!" Re-Re is caught indulging a piece of chocolate cake. No doubt we know who has a sweet tooth.



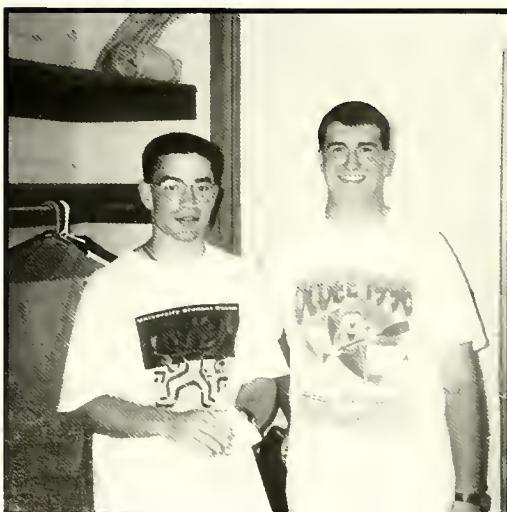
A Time To Chill

Hanging Out At WCU

Western Carolina students do so much more than study, work, and attend classes. Often, students take time out of their schedules to hang out with their friends and classmates in various places, both on and off campus. Some known "hot spots" in Sylva include: the movie theater, the laundry mats and City Lights Bookstore. Also, you can not forget about the tourist sights in Dillsboro and surrounding areas. In addition, there is a wide selection of restaurants to choose from such as: Colima's Mexican Food, Peking Gourmet Chinese Food, Western Sizzlin, The Blue Square, Cullowhee Cafe', Meatballs, Fat Cat's and a handful of fast food restaurants. Of course there is the unforgettable Huddle House for those late night getaways.

If you are looking to have a good time and get wild, there is Bailey's Bar and Grill for your pleasure. There is a college night, karaoke, band night and DJ throughout the week. For the more adventurous students; however, there is a host of outdoor activities to choose from. Western Carolina has a lot to offer for the nature buff. Whether you enjoy hiking, rafting, tubing, rappelling, trails, waterfalls or even skiing, there is ample opportunity to do them all here in the mountains. Whatever your idea of fun is, if you look hard enough there is no doubt that you can find the perfect location for various adventures.

Hanging out with your friends is a great way to break away from the monotony of working and attending classes. Taking time to relax and unwind is important for self-preservation. It is also necessary to allow the mind to prioritize events to be successful. Moreover, hanging out is always fun, no matter what you do; sitting in the library or walking around campus. Sometimes we all just need a break from WCU...to chill.



"Wherever he goes...I go...My buddy...My buddy...My buddy and me!"

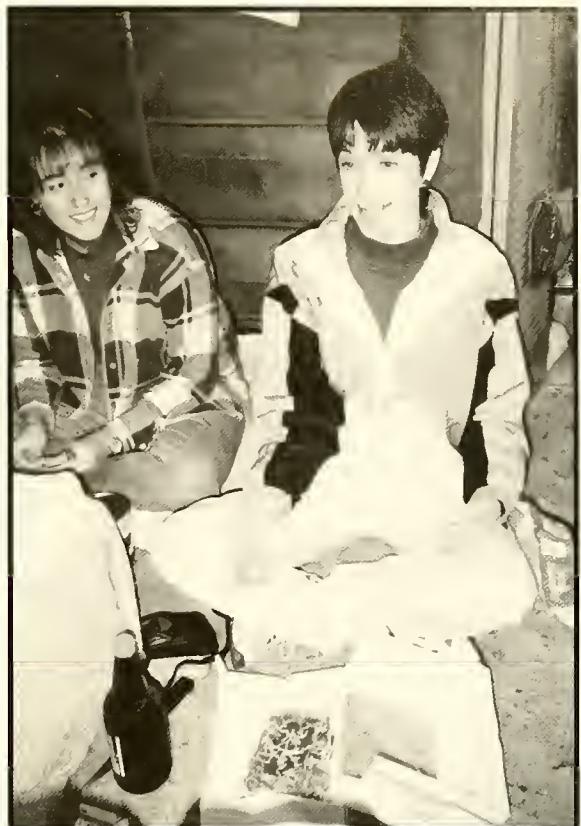


Above: We caught this group during their lunch hour at Pizza Hut.

Top Right: "We are in no hurry" stated Melanie and Shannon before a long road trip.

Bottom Right: This music major was looking over his music during his break. Do you think he got enough to drink?





Middle: Mary Kay make-overs were popular with the girls on the 3rd floor of Helder.

Bottom Left: Another "too drunk" night spent with friends, playing cards and bonding.

Bottom Right: These students enjoyed dressing up for Valentine's Day.

Top Left: These crazy band members definitely have school spirit. (Even when it rains!)

Top Right: "Yeah, it's my birthday! 1000 calories... I know, but this cake is mine!"

DARE TO BE
different



Rainy day fun. Although fans crowd to the stadium to support the Cats, it is also a great place to hang out with friends.



Chillin'. Watching an outdoor volleyball game, student Tiffany Wilson enjoys the scenery while catching a few rays.



Just hangin'. Close friends Shannon and Matt enjoy a relaxing evening in Walker. "Being with good friends really helps me wind down," says Shannon.



Nature hikes and days spent in the great outdoors help friends enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Western.



Snowstorms gave buddies a chance to skip class and do more productive things...like making angels.



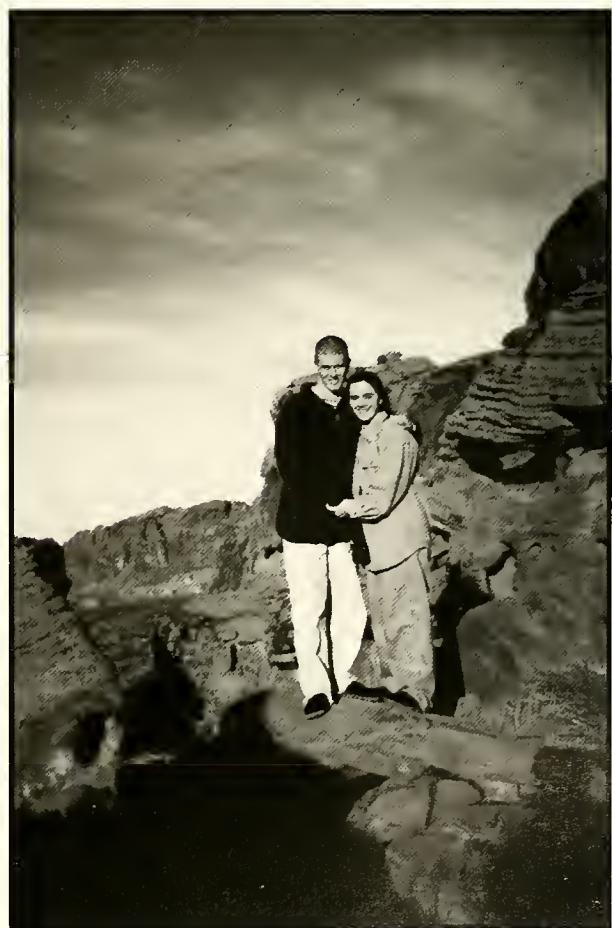
Left: The close quarters of the dorms were a strain when one too many people showed up. One student commented, "It's not that bad. Cleaning up is the worst part."



"Girls just want to have fun." Suite-mates Bethany and Soke share a moment with close friend - Busch Light!



Roommates Melanie and Shannon relax at home. Melanie said, "Hanging out at home is just as much fun. Plus, there's the good home cooking."

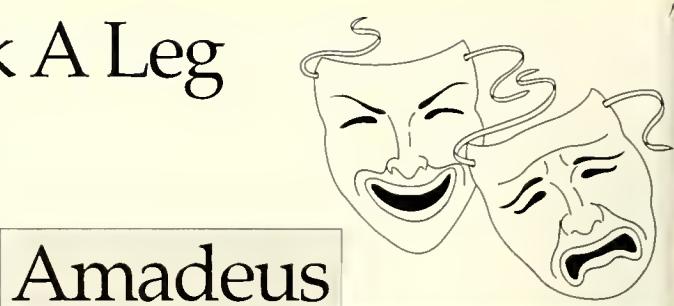


Rick Lee and Trish Jones share a quiet moment alone, enjoying the sunny weather.

A Time To Break A Leg

Throughout the year, Western's Theater Department puts on a number of plays for the entertainment of the students, faculty, and supporters of Western. These theater students put in many long hours of rehearsals, making sure they have their lines just right, in order to put on great shows. A few of the spectacular plays that were performed were "The Foreigner," "Amadeus," "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," and "The Hot - L Baltimore." Many students enjoy going to plays on campus because it gives them a chance to get away from the busy routines of school and work and allows for some relaxation. One student added, "Although going to plays is an incentive for extra credit, it is an experience for students."

Being a part of theater is an experience of a lifetime. All students have the chance to participate regardless of their talent. If acting is not your forte' then you can be a part of the important stage crew. If you want to act, help with props, or you just enjoy the great entertainment produced by Western's Theater students, become involved and watch a few plays.



Amadeus



A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum







A Time To Learn

This year has offered many new academic opportunities for students. The students have acquired many achievements and conquered new obstacles. Students have voiced their concerns and the faculty have acted.

Western Carolina now has, among other things, a Math lab to aid students in difficult classes. In addition to this, the writing lab has assisted many students in developing better writing skills. Another asset to the academic community is the sit-in tutor program, offered to help students with challenging classes, or professors, whichever the case may be.

Career Day on campus proved to be valuable not only for graduating students, but also undergraduates. Among those businesses present were Lowes Hardware, Cameron & Barkley, and local police departments. The job fair created a good opportunity for students to exchange phone numbers and information on future careers.

In other Academic affairs, Chancellor Bardo will be rewarding the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award. The finalists include: Debra Burke (Business Law), Taiping Ho (Criminal Justice), Shan Mahickam (Mathematics), Matthew Nichole (Music), Brian Railsback (English), and Duncan Tye (Economics). This award has had a powerful affect on the standard of teaching by our professors.

Academically, Western offers small classrooms, helpful programs, and a Chancellor who cares. Western Carolina offers a wonderful educational program and many opportunities to provide every student with the skills for a successful life.

A Time To Lead

Last year Western Carolina made a monumental change at the top of the administrative ladder. After the retirement of Myron Coulter, Western began an in-depth search for a qualified individual to assume the position. John W. Bardo was one of the finalists selected by the Chancellor Search Committee consisting of administrators, faculty, students, and Alumni. After countless interviews and a public forum, John Bardo was announced the new Chancellor for Western Carolina. Bardo assumed head administrative duties and was formally ordained during the investiture on April 26, 1996.

One of Bardo's strong points is his dedication to educational excellence. Upon receiving his position, Bardo immediately started reviewing ideas to improve Western's academic perception. He feels for this institution to become well-known for its academics, each and every department must be committed to achieving this goal. Some of his ideas include the strengthening of classes, for them to be taught at a more appropriate level, and the reviewing of Senior work by faculty. He would also like to create more prominent performing and visual art program.

In correspondence with his commitment to excellence, Bardo feels each department should review portfolios of Senior work to ensure their performance is at its expected level. Bardo also feels students should be presented with the mandatory comprehensive final exams. Along with these changes and additions, Bardo is reviewing Western's book rental system. Some feel the idea of renting books creates a feeling of low academic expectations.

In his strive to upgrade Western's performing and visual arts programs, Bardo has approved new scholarships and has requested a new Performing Arts Center. With the request to the Board of Governors for a new \$28.4 million center, Western will attract support from the region. John Bardo has shown great commitment to take Western to the next step in its academic affairs.

Chancellor Bardo



Above Right: "Take Me Out To The Ball Game." John Bardo throws the first pitch of the season for the Catamount Baseball Team.

Above: Chancellor Bardo spends a lot of time in his office, located in the H.F. Robinson building, to meet with students and faculty.

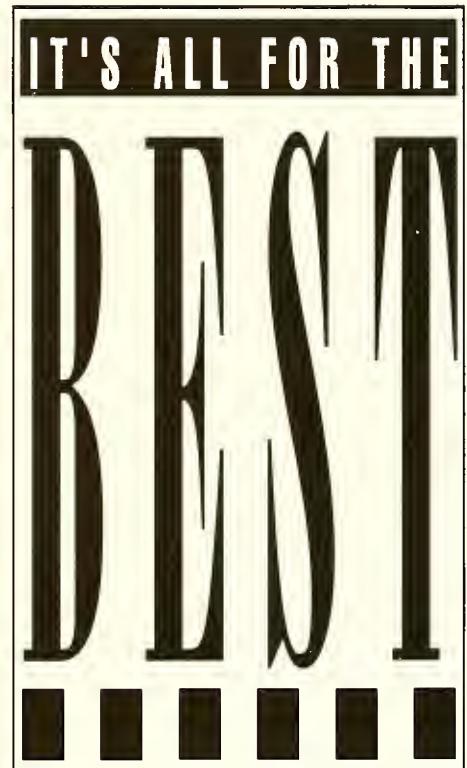


Go Cats! The Chancellor attends many school functions, including the basketball games, to boost support for the players.



Left: Ho-Ho-Ho! Santa Clause visits Western. Among other presents he gave, some include approving new scholarships and requesting a new Performing Arts Center. Hmm...he sure looks familiar!

Below: Chancellor Bardo visits with local elementary students and spent time reading stories to the children.



A Time to Look to the Future

Career Day 1995

Career Day is an annual event sponsored by the Career and Academic Planning Center (CAP) and is designed to help students find answers to questions which will aid in the decision making process regarding their future. This event is held in the Ramsey Center and provides students with the opportunity to speak with prospective employers. In addition to the wide variety of businesses present, Career Day provided representatives for the medical field, public and environmental health, education, law enforcement, broadcasting, the Armed Forces, and various State and Federal Agencies. Overall, Career Day 1995 was a huge success. Students came away having a better knowledge of what career they are interested in and who they would like for employers. Career Day representatives are able to talk to prospective employees and many even set up interviews for students as early as the next day. Great opportunities are provided for everyone, students and employers, as a result of Career Day.

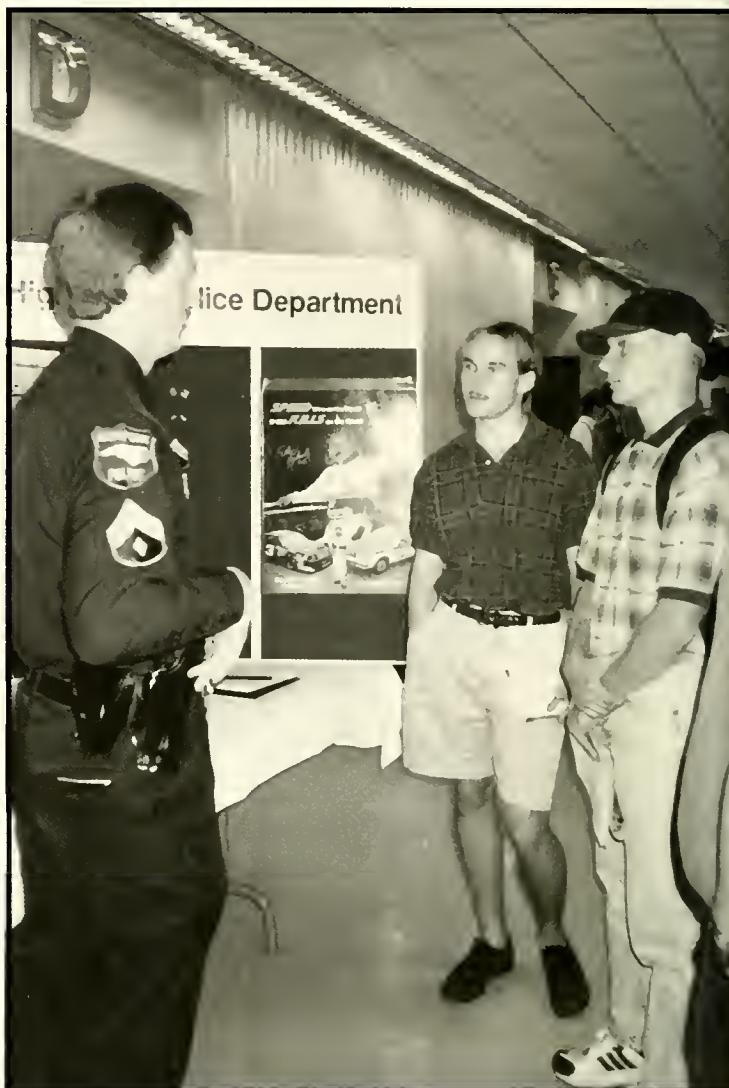


The CAT employees talk to students about what their company is and what it means to be employed by them.

Looking for a career in foods? This student talks with a representative from Lowes Foods about a career in the upper divisions.



Law and Order: A High Point Police Officer explains his profession to these students who are possibly thinking of a career in law enforcement.





This student talks with an SBI representative about a possible career with this state agency.

Full Speed Ahead: U.S. Navy recruiter explains the possibilities that exist with a career in the Navy.

Saving Lives: With all the new medical technology it is important to hire a person with a high degree of education, especially with EMS.



This WCU Alumni talks with a student about a career he acquired with the State Employee's Credit Union.



A Time To Hit The Books

Studying at WCU

Studying is a vital necessity for success at Western Carolina University. Our minds are continuously stimulated by professors. Various information is placed into our minds daily. It is up to each individual, what and how much knowledge is acquired through the educational experience. The ability to utilize what is learned is amazing. Although studying is quite time consuming, eventually we all manage to set patterns to better ourselves. Some students find the library the perfect place to get work accomplished because of the silence. Others may choose to stay in their rooms, meet for study groups or even make the time between classes. Cramming is the key word for most students. Many individuals are so preoccupied with extra curricular activities and/or involved in the college life scene, that this is the beneficial way for these students to "learn." Either way you decide to study, just keep in mind that it is your personal choice. The more knowledge you acquire, the farther you can take it and apply it to your dreams.



Above: Sitting in an empty classroom between class, this student takes an opportunity to organize his notes.

Top: cramming for a test huh? Jaquay Stitt can never know too much!





Center: Students listen attentively as Dr. Higgins lectures.

Left: Group work is part of the teaching process for Dr. Busbin. Tiffany Plemons and fellow students work together to benefit their grades.

Below: Research projects can not be escaped and this student has only just begun this tedious task.

Bottom: Paul spends numerous hours reading...preparing for finals, no doubt.







A Time To Play

Western Carolina offers athletes and students a wide variety of athletic events in which they are welcome to participate. Beginning in August, even before school begins many teams arrive early ready to give 100% to their team. For the football team, practices start early and last late into the sultry August nights while the Cats perfect their plays. The Cross Country team can be seen before the break of dawn running or training in the pool. Other fall sports include Volleyball, Cheerleading, Golf and Rugby.

As the weather changes in Cullowhee, so do the athletic events. The cold weather brings fans inside to the Ramsey Center to watch the excitement of men's and women's basketball. Do not forget our cheerleaders. They are always there to cheer on their Cats.

With the warm spring sun and the feeling of spring fever in the air the fans migrate outdoors to watch baseball, track and field, golf and the tennis team participate. To those of you who do not have professional athletic career in your future, that's all right WCU offers a wide variety of Intramurals. These intramurals consist of volleyball, basketball, table tennis, bowling, water polo, football, the list is endless. Anyone can find a sport that they enjoy.

A Time To Cheer

Working Hard for a Victory



Left: "Go Cats." This Cheerleader works to get the crowd pumped.



Right: After grueling practices, these Cheerleaders have perfected their stunt.



Above: With a winning smile, this Catamount is ready to pep up the crowd.



Below: "Say Cheese!" These Varsity Cheerleaders pose for the camera.



Above Left: Practice makes "Purr-fect."

Above Right: "Friends are forever" Cheerleading has brought these teammates together as close friends.

Center: The mascots help add enthusiasm and fun to the athletic events at WCU.

Left: This Cheerleader shows that hard work and dedication payoff.

Below: J.V. Cheerleaders have made it through another tough game.



A Time to Hit

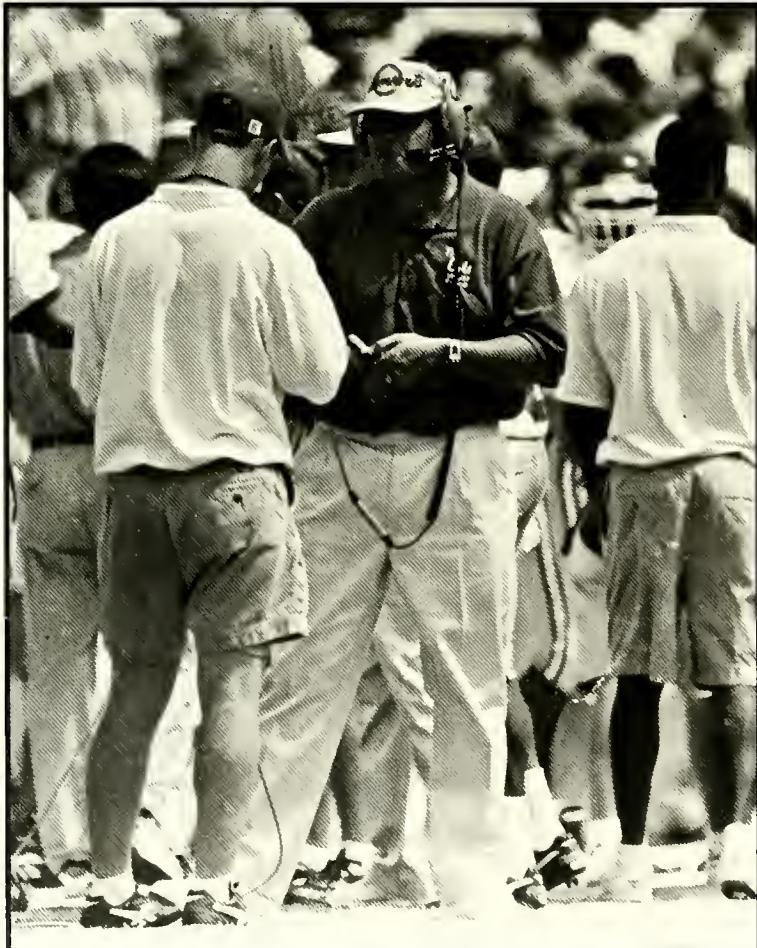
Striving Hard to be the Best

Scoreboard

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| Clemson | 55 - 9 | L |
| Elon | 36 - 14 | W |
| The Citadel | 31 - 14 | W |
| Furman | 31 - 21 | L |
| Georgia Southern | 42 - 0 | L |
| Marshall | 42 - 3 | L |
| UT Chatanooga | 35 - 14 | L |
| Virginia Military | 31 - 14 | W |
| Appalachian State | 28 - 3 | L |
| East Tennessee State | 36 - 10 | L |



This Catamount defender fights off a Marshall opponent.



Above: WCU Head Coach Steve Hodgin prepares for the upcoming game.

Right: With his best efforts, Derek Summerour tackles a Furman running back.



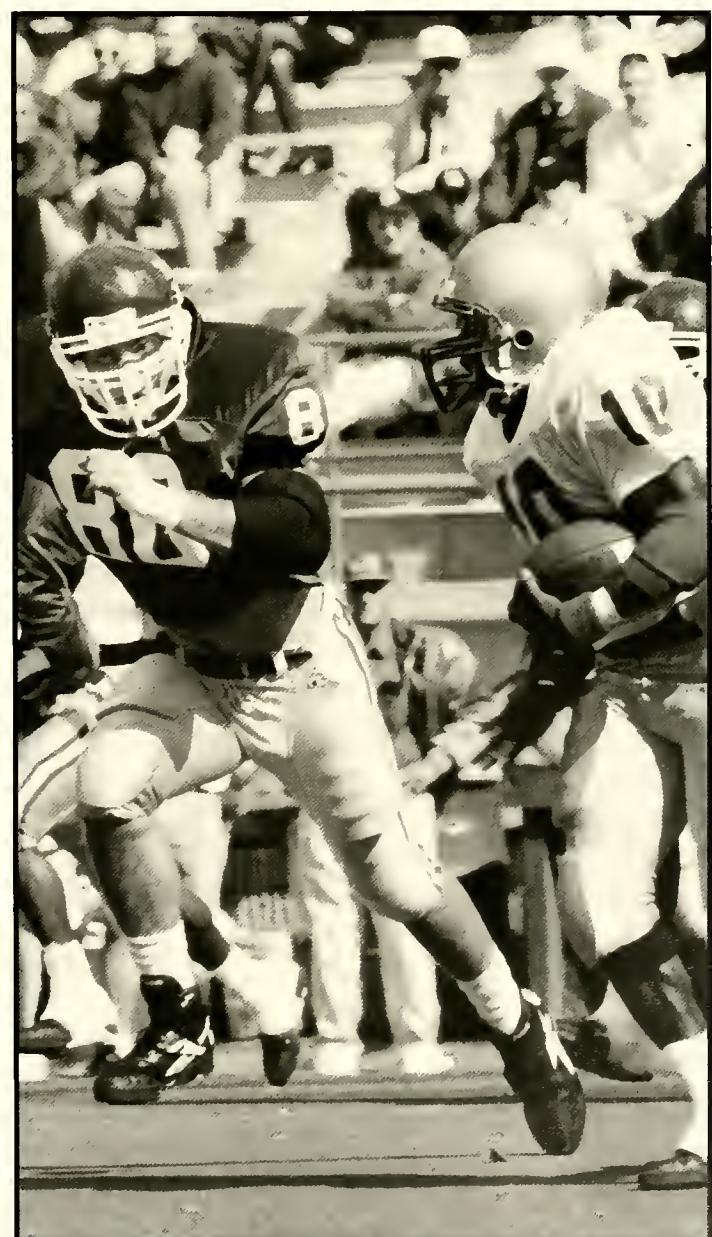


The Catamounts head back on the field after a halftime break.



Above: "I think I can!" These cats close in on this Furman running back.

Below: William Crocker sprints after a ball carrier.





Even rain cannot stop these loyal fans from supporting their cats.

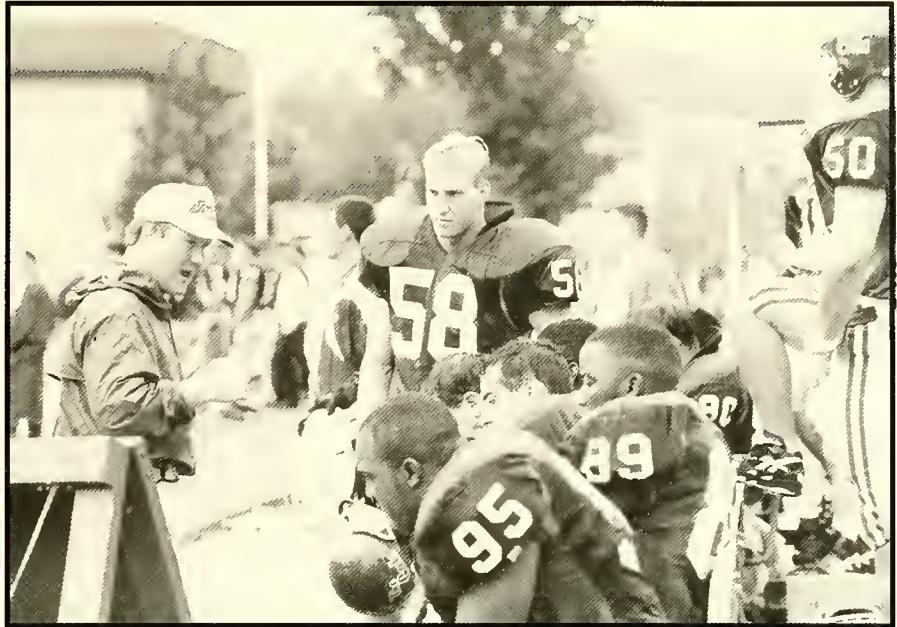
Number 5, wide receiver, Dav Patten returns a kick-off.



It looks as if the Elon Fighting Christians have found more than they can handle when they traveled to WCU to take on the Cats.

Josh Brooks warms up on the sidelines before a home game.





Upper left: Coach Beckman sits on the sidelines eagerly awaiting the next play.

Upper right: Coach Speir works hard to get his players pumped up for the game.

Lower left: Reggie Chavis and Robert Tucker fight to get the ball from a Marshall receiver.

Lower right: With determination in his eyes, Terrence Stokes dashes past a defender.



A Time To Spike

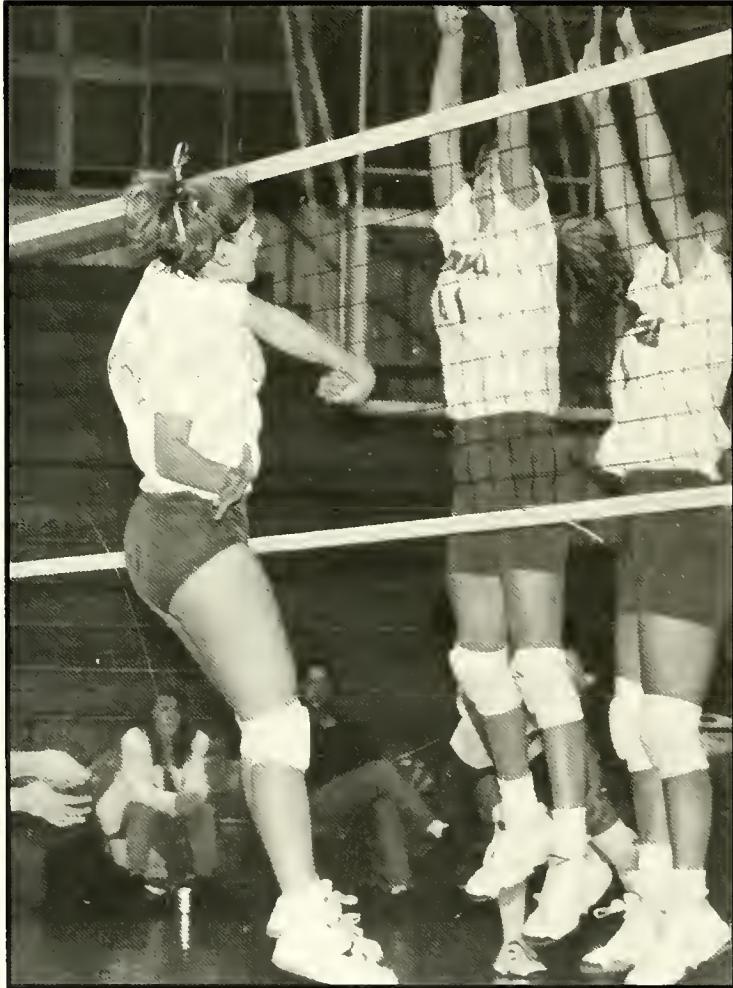
Bump, Set, Spike...Teamwork!

Scoreboard

Davidson
Marshall
Tennessee-Chattanooga
Furman
Georgia Southern
Appalachian State
East Tennessee State



| Match 1 | Match 2 |
|---------|---------|
| L | W |
| L | L |
| W | L |
| L | L |
| W | L |
| L | L |
| L | W |



"What a shot!" Tara Chadurich sends a shot over the net.

Center: Numer 10 Jan Safley blocks her opponent's spike.





Left: These camatamount "spikers" believe in teamwork. These ladies help encourage each other before the next match.



Right: Leanne Dills patiently waits for the right moment to bump the ball.



Coach Sarah Martin gives a few words of advice before the game.



A Time to Run

Cross Country Teams Run With Spirit

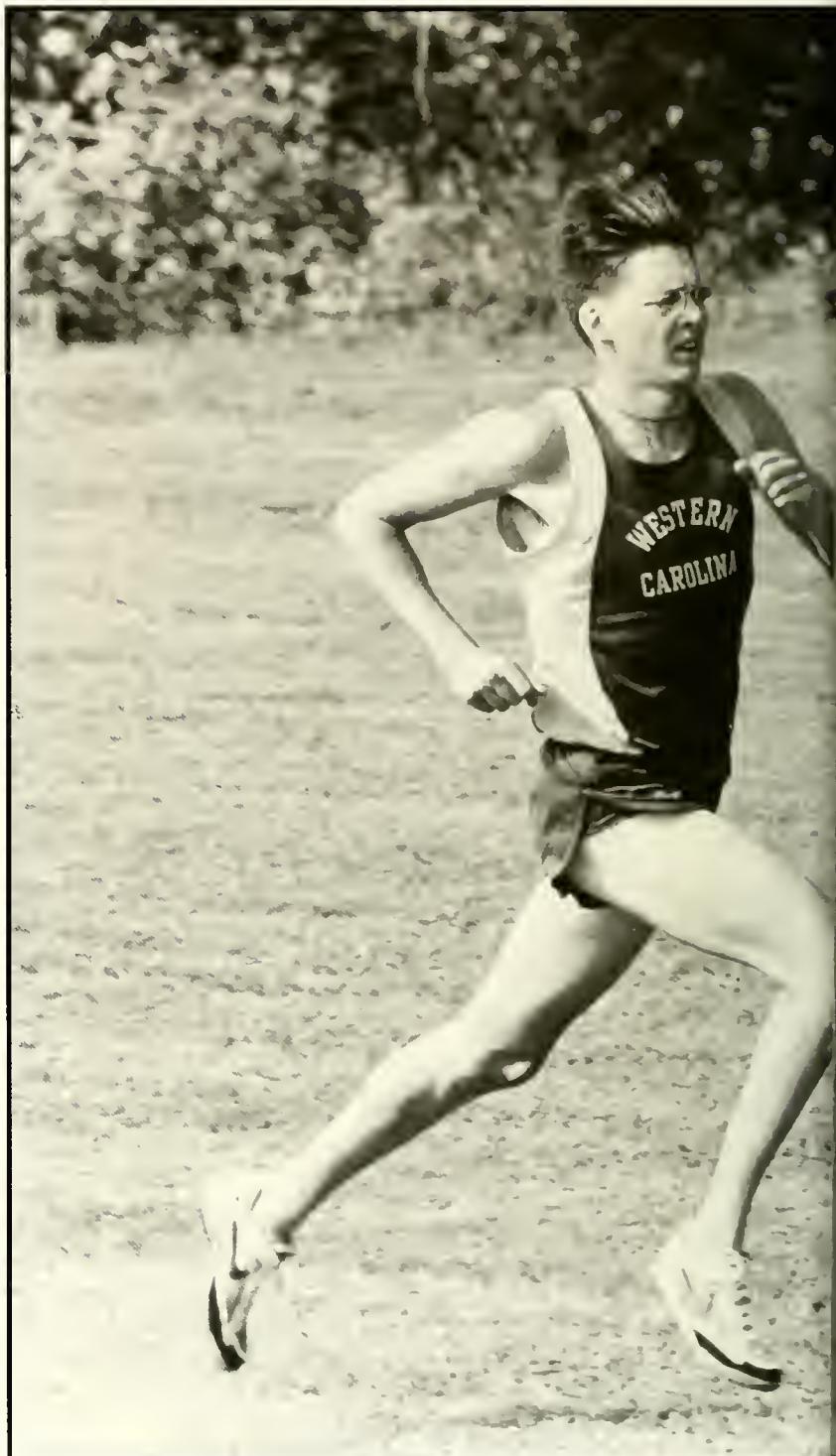
Women's Scoreboard

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| WCU Invitational | 5th |
| Adidas Powerade International | 2nd |
| Greensboro Invitational | 4th |
| North Carolina State Intercollegiate | 5th |
| Southern Conference Championships | 3rd |

Men's Scoreboard

| | |
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| WCU Invitational | 6th |
| Adidas Powerade Invitational | 2nd |
| Greensboro Invitational | 4th |
| North Carolina State Intercollegiate | 5th |
| Southern Conference Championships | 3rd |

With a lot of drive and determination Keith Gunter sprints his way to the finish line.





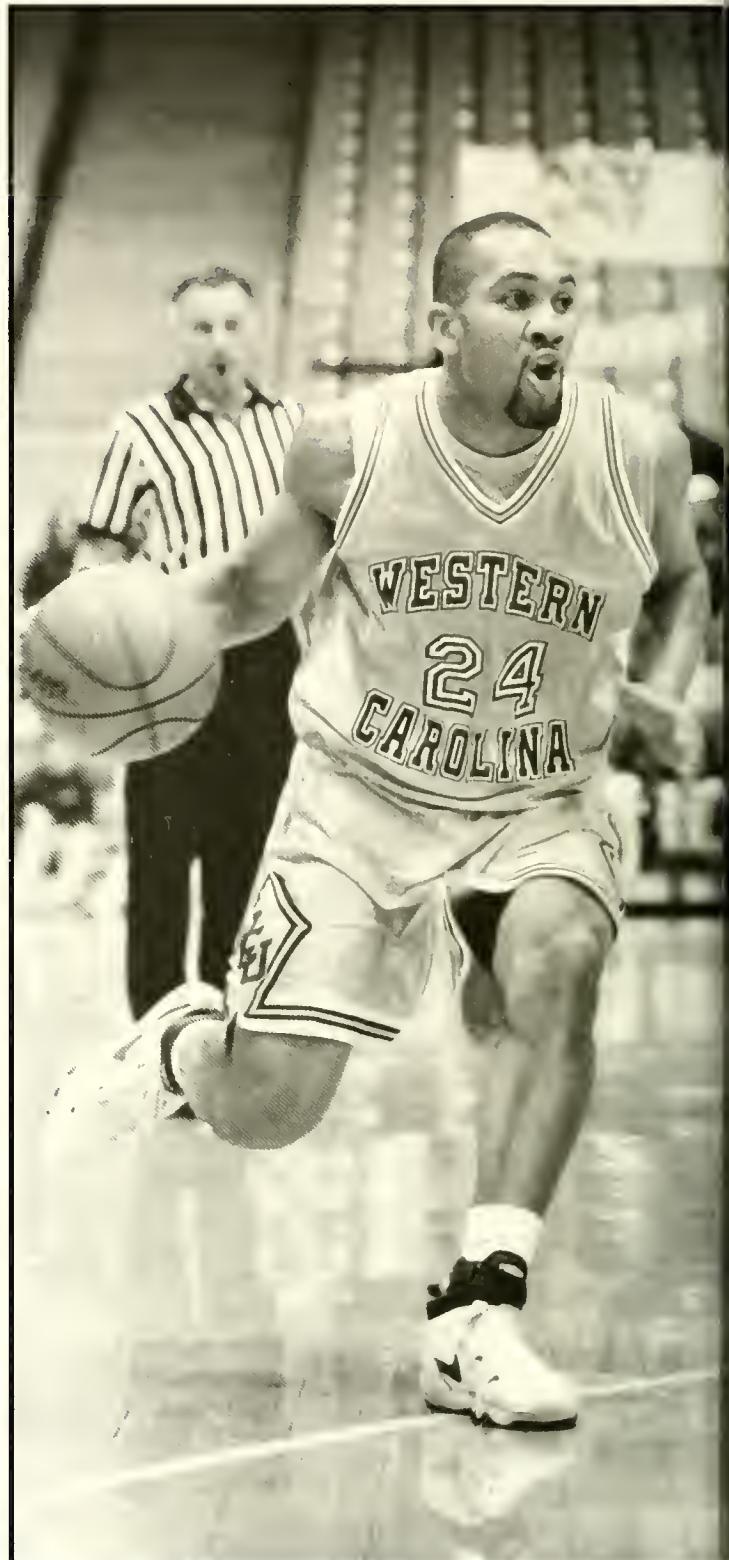
Kristen Severy pulls ahead of her opponents in the WCU Invitational.

"Ready, Set, Go !!!" The WCU men's team is off and running at their first cross country meet, the WCU Invitational.



A Time To Dunk

Shooting to be the Best

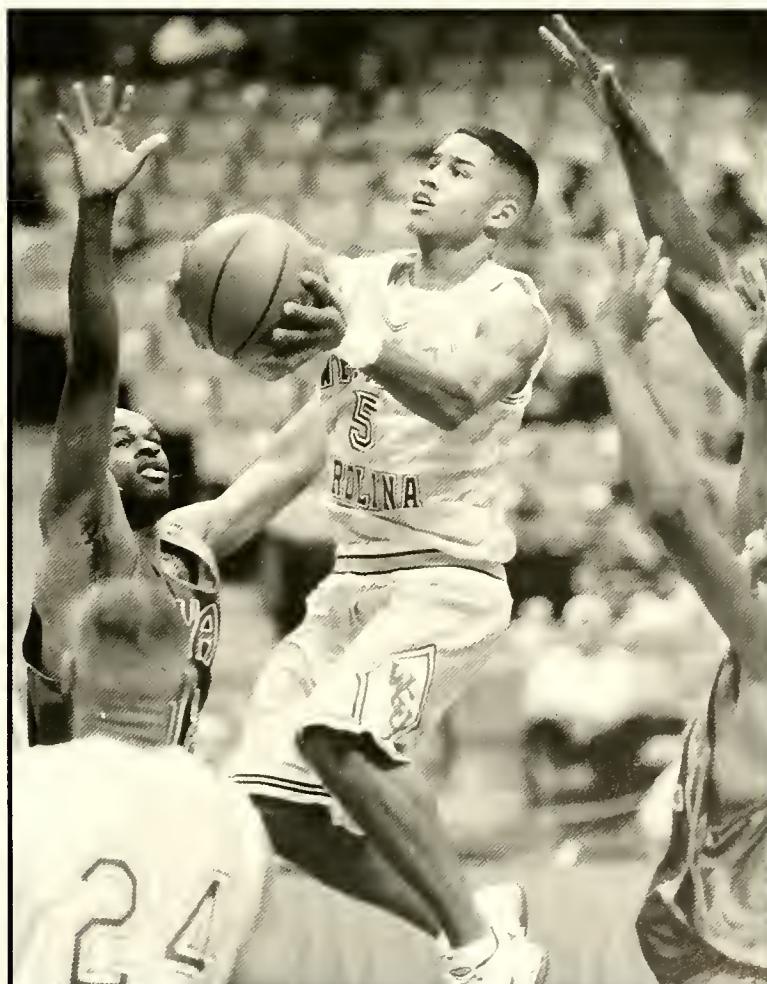
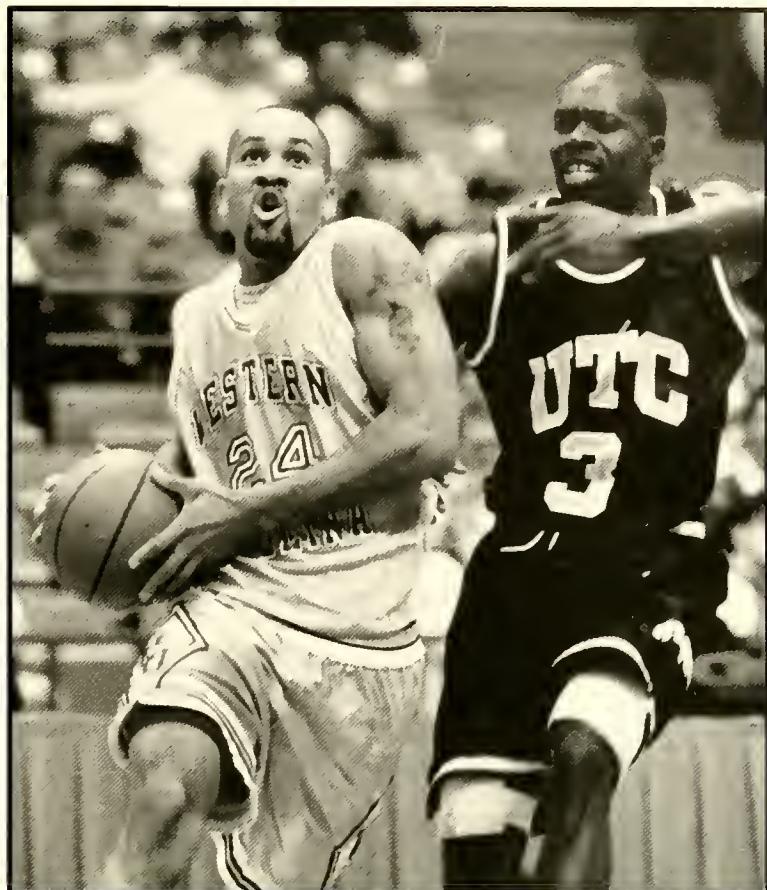


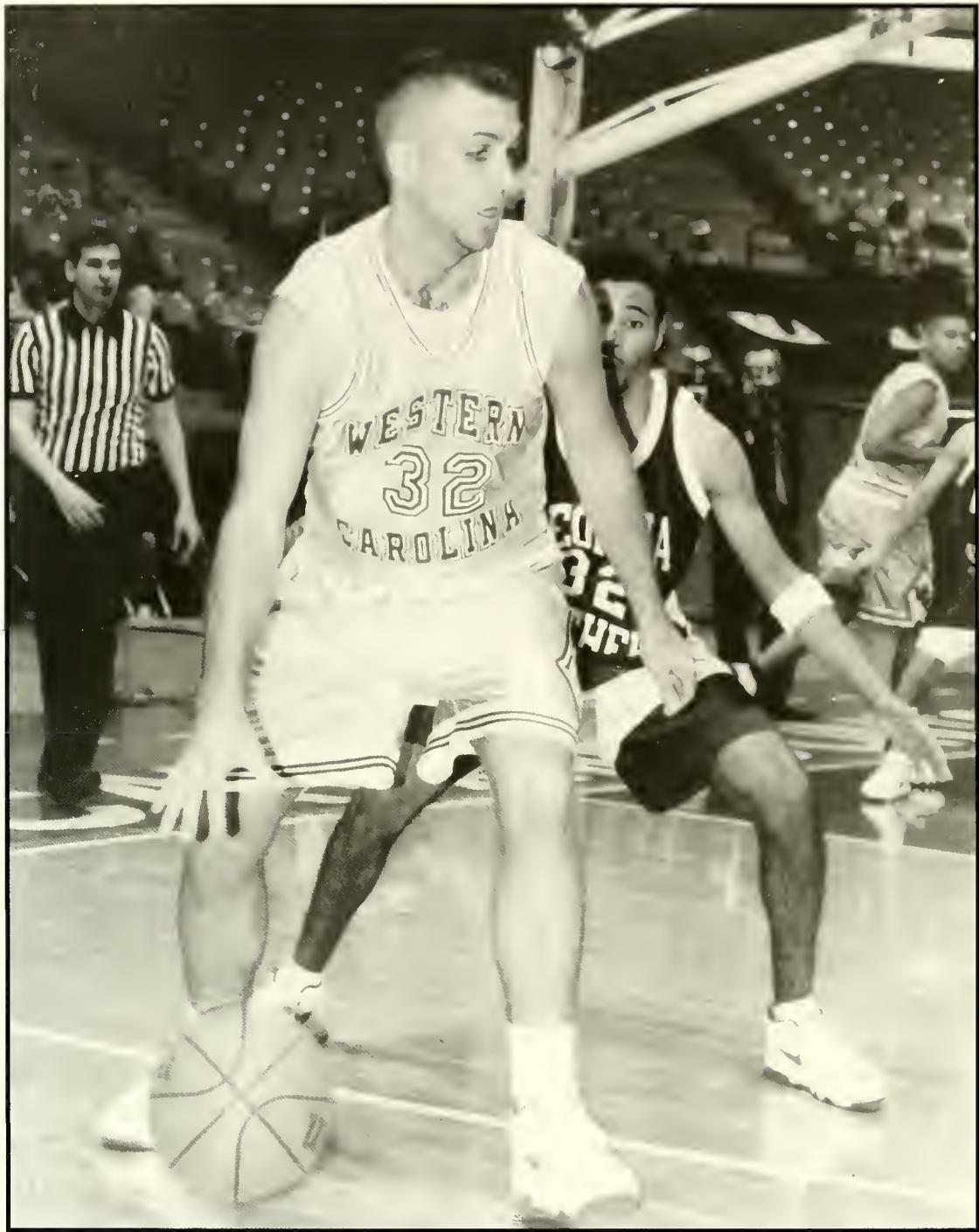
Bottom Left: Kevin Kullum drives around a Furman defender.

Below: With a look of sheer determination, Anquel McCollum charges around this Marshall defender.

Right: Number 24, Anquel McCollum strides to the hoop.

Bottom Right: "Up, up and Away!" Joel Flemming goes up for a shot.





Joe Stafford defends the ball, while a Georgia Southern Eagle tries to change possession.

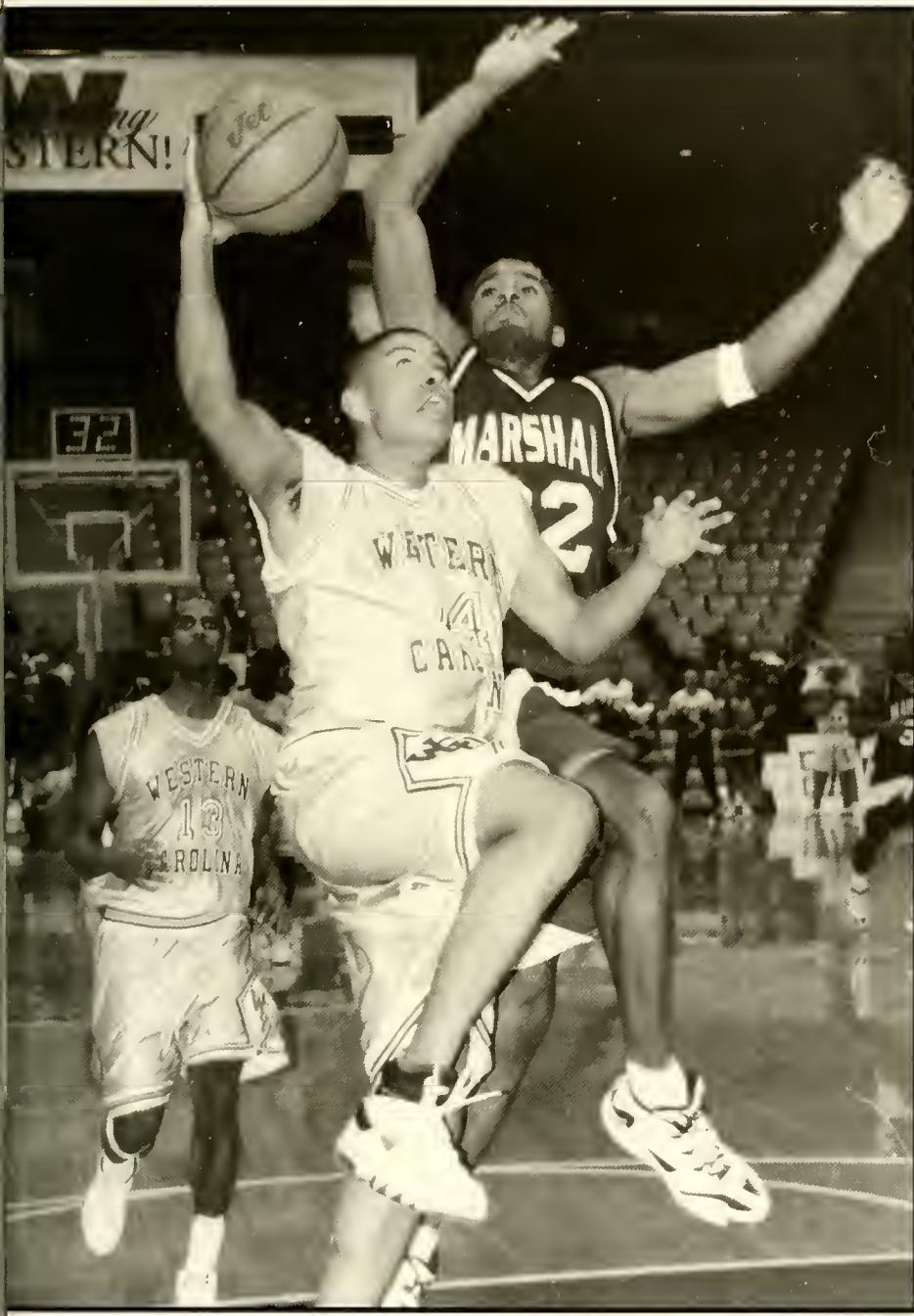
Right: Anquell McCullum successfully receives a pass from Scott Scholtz and makes his way to the net.



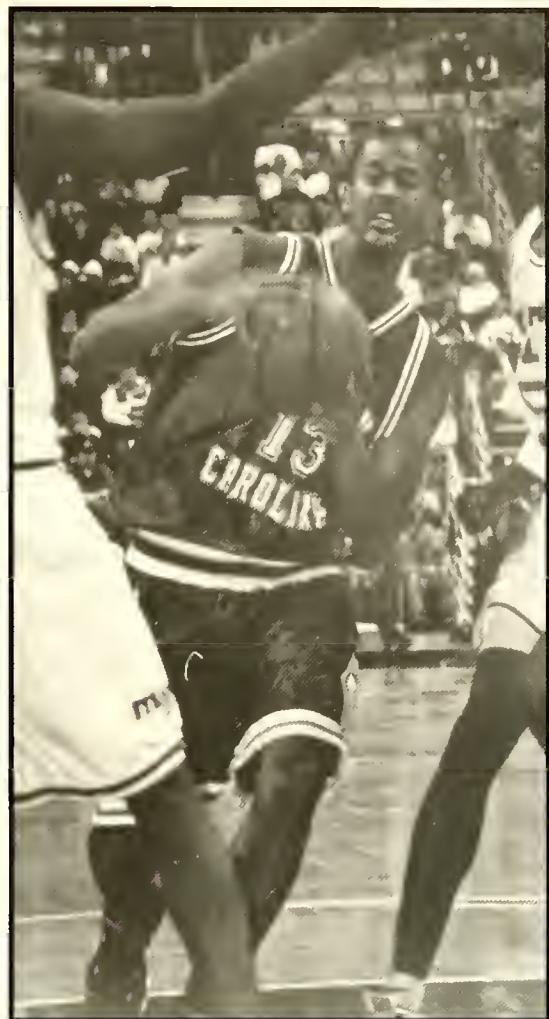
Above: Anquell McCullum, "Q," completes a lay-up with no obvious complications from the Furman Paladines.



NCAA Bound!



Larry Mayo attempts a lay-up while Kevin Kullum watches in the background.



Above: Kevin Kullum pushes his way through the opposing team members to score for the Catamounts.

Bottom Left: "Celebrate Good Times." Anquell McCullum celebrates with the crowd after winning the Southern Conference Championship.

Southern
Conference
Champs

A Time To Get Physical

WCU Lady Cats



Right: Point guard, Missy Broy, snags the ball in attempt to make a play.

Below: "Losers Complain, Winners Train." Our Lady Cats sport this motto.

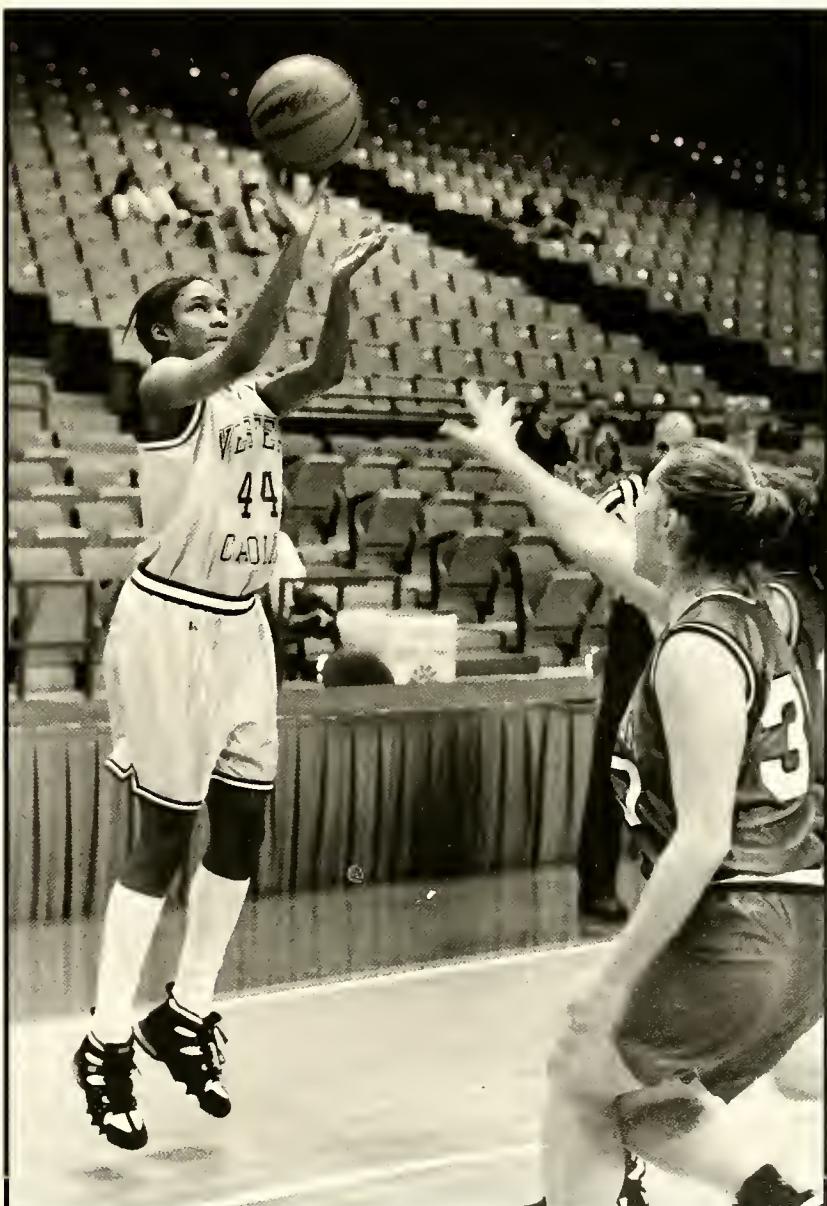


Far Left: Coach Peters takes time away from practice, to show pride in his Lady Cats.

Left: Makisha Gary makes a jump shot...its gotta be the shoes!

Bottom Left: LaSha Jackson whisks the ball from a Lady Wildcat.

Below: Makisha Gary and Amber Wheeler hustle the ball away from the opposing team.



A Time To Serve

WCU Tennis



Above: "Slam!" The determination in this player's eyes is evident

Above Right: This player practices her serving technique, waiting for a match to begin.

Right: Tara positions herself as she awaits her opponents serve.





Top Left: Practice makes perfect and this Lady Cat knows the feeling of victory.
Top Right: Exploding with pride, this player goes for the gusto with every come back.
Above: After a vigorous workout, the team enjoys conversing over cool drinks.
Right: Ready to pounce, this Lady Cat patiently waits.

A Time To Race

Track & Field



Top Right: Practicing with the Greek Hammer, a WCU track member works diligently to perfect her skills.

Right: On such cold days, running and practicing provided even more difficult for these two track members.

Middlle: Getting into the groove with the hurdles is not easy. Dozens of practices improve form.

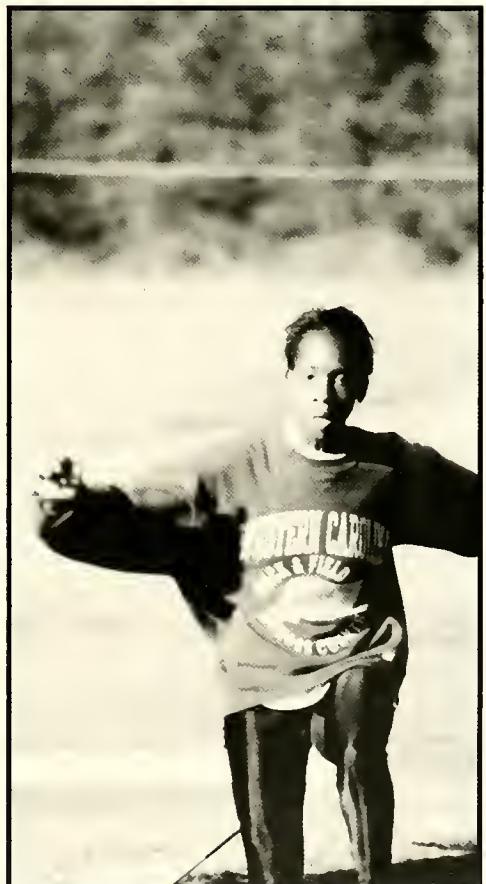
Bottom Right: Chris Boti successfully releases the Greek Hammer.

TAKE IT TO THE



Left: You think it is fun swinging fifteen pounds of Greek Hammer? Not!

Bottom: While practicing, this track member perfects her long jump for the upcoming meets.



A Time To Swing

WCU Women and Men's Golf



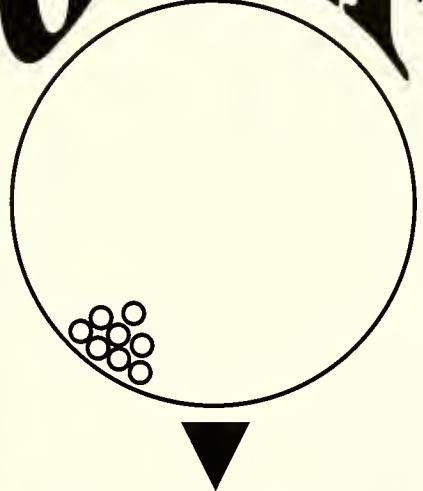
Fore! A WCU Lady Golfer takes a swing with good form in attempt to make an excellent shot.



Top Right: Check out my swing! This golfer is getting plenty of practice at the driving range.

Above: Let's get practice started! These two Lady Cats talk about upcoming matches and game strategies before beginning practice.

GOLF



Top: Practice makes perfect. This is especially true with the sport of golf. Here, WCU golfers work hard to improve their game with an afternoon of practice.

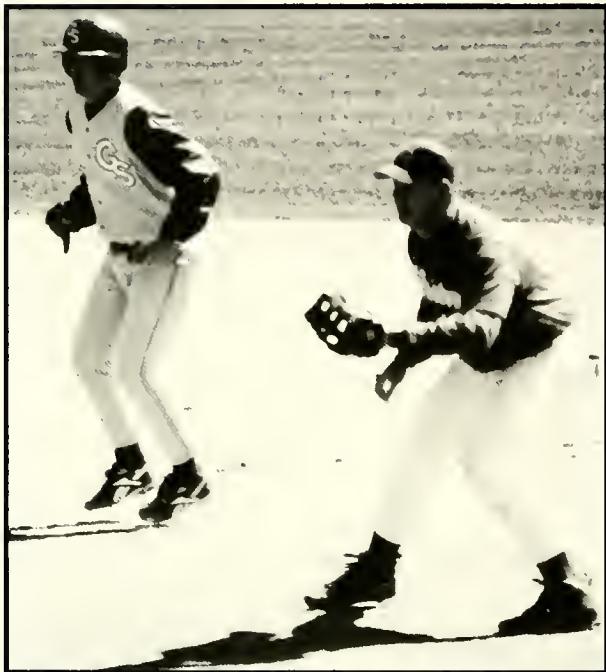
Above: How far did it go? This golfer looks to see just how far he drove the ball and decides if he needs to make any changes in his game.



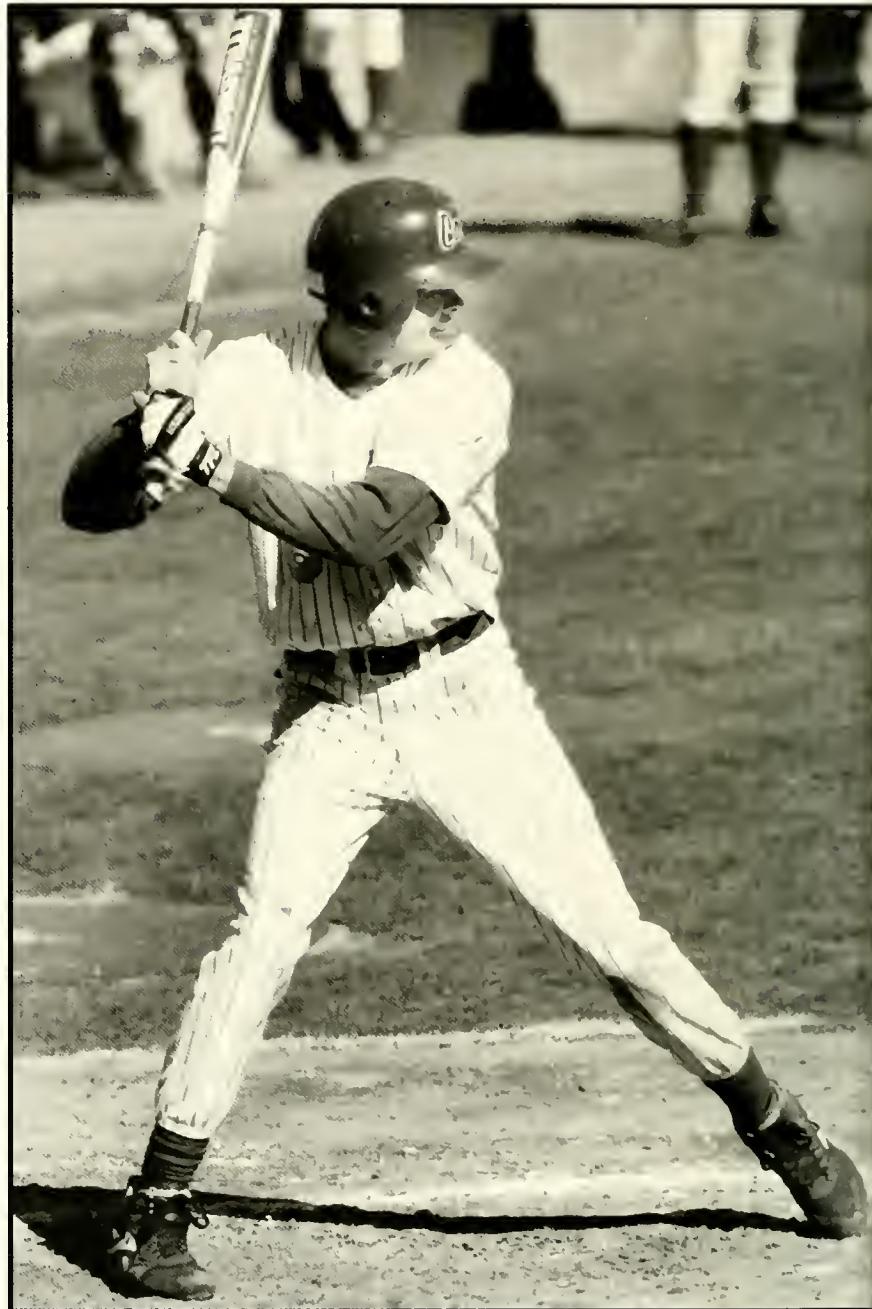
Keep your eye on the ball. Golf is a game of skill and concentration. A WCU golfer focuses his attention on making proper contact with the ball.

A Time To Hit A Homerun

WCU Baseball



Matt Stillwell awaits the outcome of this pitch in a fielder's defensive stance.



Above: Chris Rynders shows off his form in this strikeout pitch.

Right: Chad Moore waits on a fastball in a close game at home.



his Western batter takes a pitch, then
midly awaits the outcome.



Chris Moore trots home during an early game against Georgia Southern.



Right: Alex Tolbert
takes a powerful cut at
this knee high fastball.



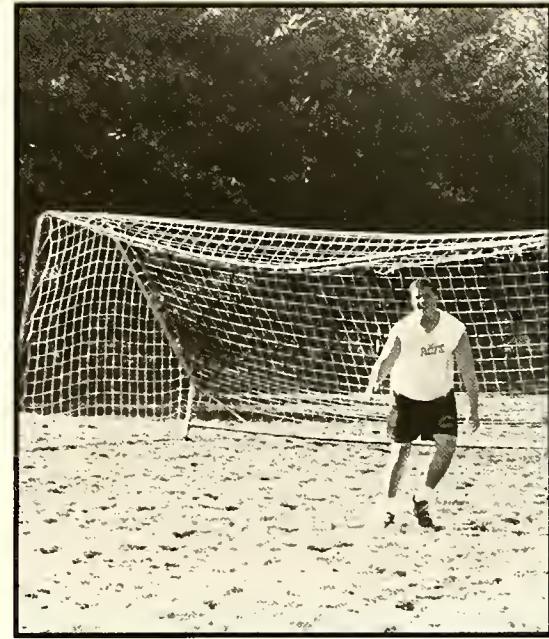
A Time To Give Blood

Only The Strong Survive



One for all, and all for one; this team meets competition head on!

RUGBY



Top Left: It was a tough run, but the Cats came through beautifully.

Middle: After a tiring practice, these players take a breather.

Left: : "What a team!" These brave souls pose for a photo shortly before their next game.

Top Right: This player hussles to block the opposing teams goal.

Above: Rugby...The Sport of Champions. These Cats take a break from their risky activity.

A Time To Compete

WCU Intramurals



All Campus Softball Champions
Bad Girls



All Campus Softball Champions
Sigma Phi Epsilon



All Campus Floopball Champions
Crazy Cats



All Campus Flag Football Champions
Pi Kappa Alpha



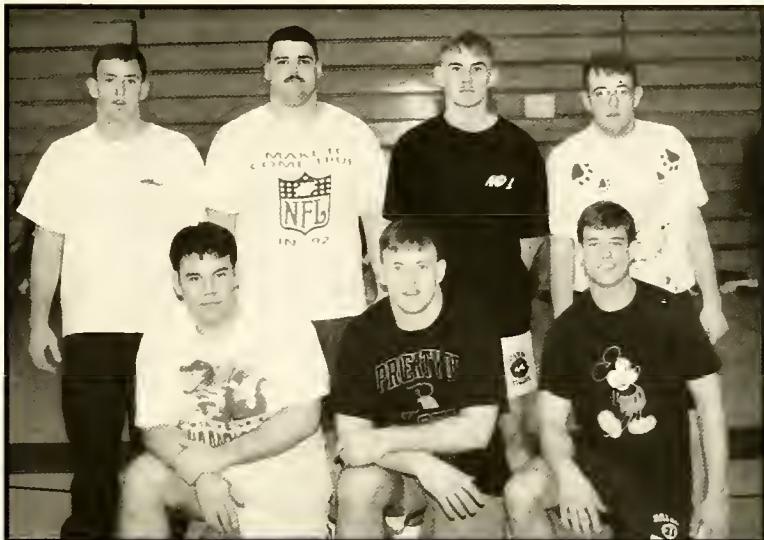
All Campus Water Polo Champions
Sigma Phi Epsilon



All Campus Co-Ed Water Polo Champions
KTTO



All Campus Basketball Champions
River Dogs



All Campus Basketball Champions
Ready to Run



All Campus Basketball Champions
Kappa Alpha



All Campus Basketball Champions
OES Dream Team



Sorority Basketball Champions
Phi Mu



All Campus Co-Ed Volleyball Champions
Smacks



All Campus Volleyball Champions
KTTO



All Campus 3 - on - 3 Basketball
Sigma Phi Epsilon



Women's All Campus 3 - on - 3 Basketball
Bad Girls



Sorority League Swim Meet Champions
Alpha Xi Delta

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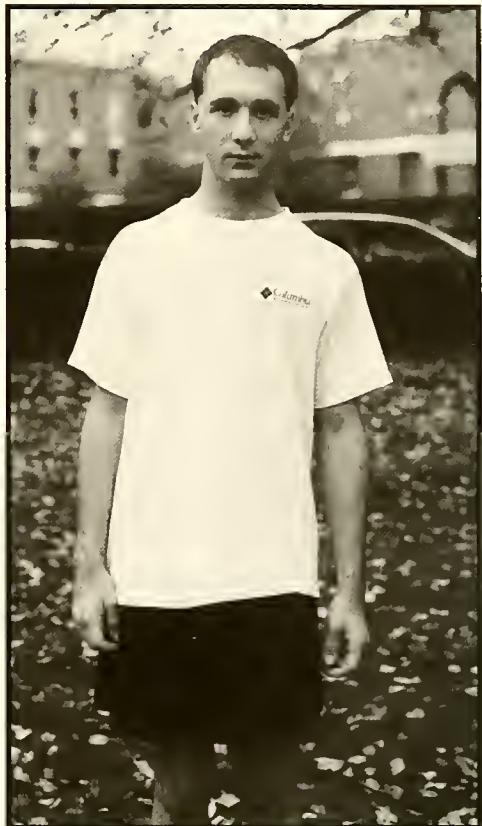
Fraternity League Swim Meet Champions
Sigma Phi Epsilon



All Campus Table Tennis
Singles
Kim Ditts



All Campus Table Tennis
Sorority
Stephanie Tully - Phi Mu



All Campus Table Tennis
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Chris Taylor



All Campus Independant
Bowling
Carne Coleman



All Campus Sorority
Bowling
Susan Whitman - ZTA



All Campus MVP
Wrestling
John Brown



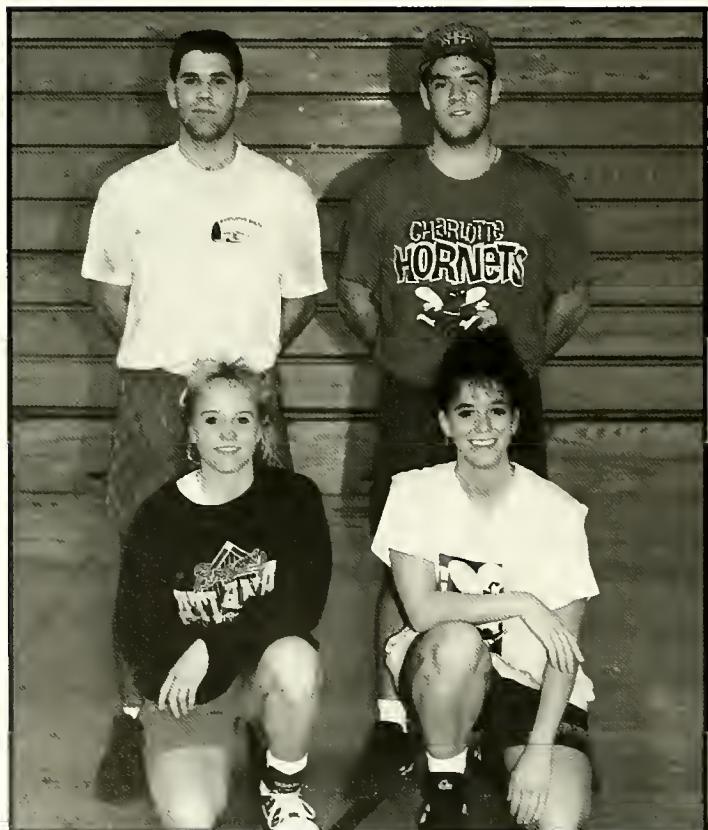
All Campus Raquetball
Singles Champion
Luther Dudley



All Campus Raquetball
Co-ed Champions
Chris Walker & Patricia Hefner



All Campus Bowling
Co-ed Champions
Kim Dills & Partner



All Campus Co-ed 2 - on - 2 Basketball Champs
Tracie Morrow Christy Roberts
David Payne Daniel McNabb



All Campus Independent Tennis Doubles
Champions
Kristen Sugg & Anna Brown



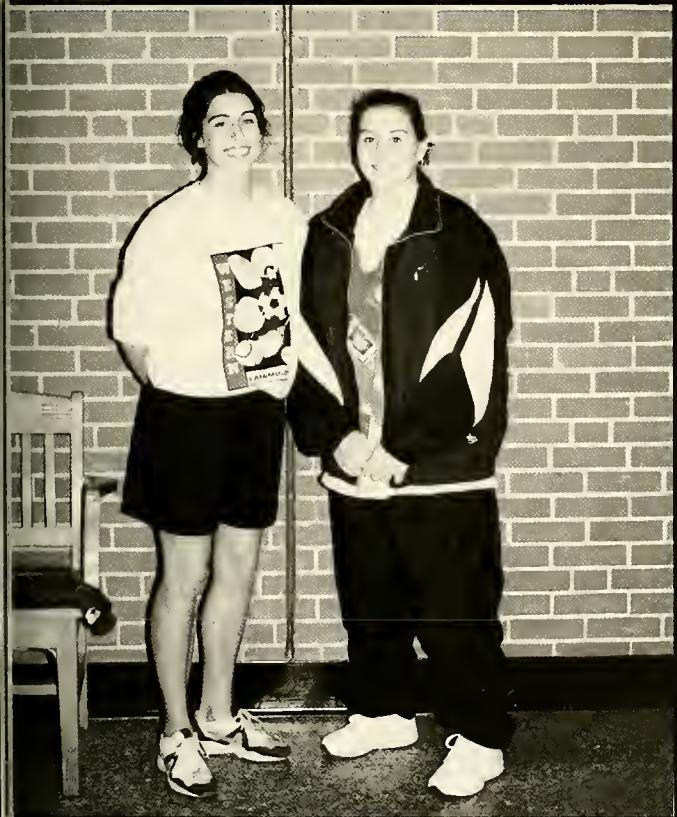
All Campus Badminton
Sorority Champion
Megan Mooney - Delta Zeta



All Campus Badminton
Singles Champion
Jamie Harbour



All Campus Sorority
Badminton Doubles Champs
Amanda Teague & Misty Cope

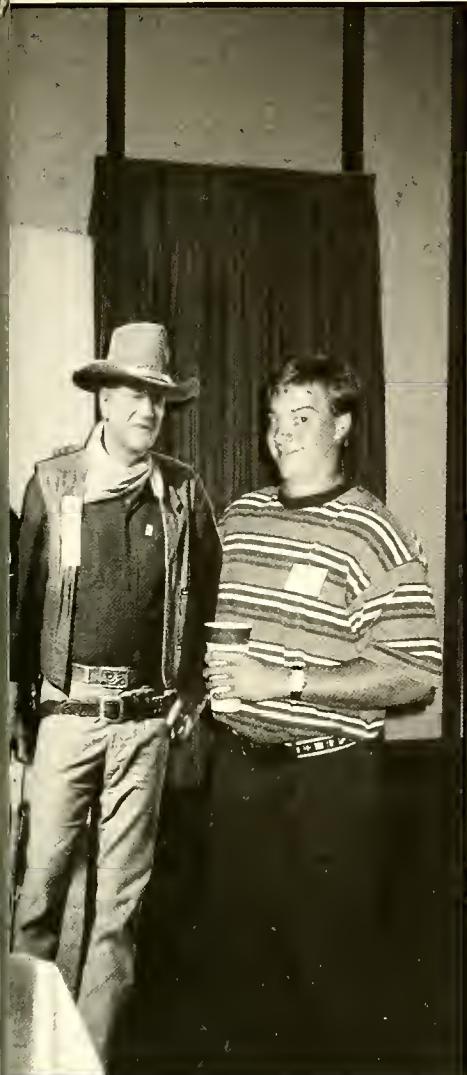


All Campus Independent Badminton
Doubles Champions
Kim Dills & Cindy Harrill



All Campus Badminton Doubles Champions
Chris Walter & Luhter Dudley





A Time To Be Social

Making the choice of whether or not to go Greek is an important decision that many Western students consider. Students must take into consideration the pros and cons of what the Greek system has to offer. Sometimes it seems that sacrifices must be made, yet many feel that it is all worth it in the end.

Greek life at Western has a lot to offer to students. Rushing, pledging, mixers, weekend parties, and formals all lead to special memories of one's college years. Many of the Greek organizations participate in intramural sports. Greeks learn very quickly how to juggle community service projects, partying, study hours, and weekly meetings along with their classes thus making time management a must.

The Greek system at Western provides a way to have fun along with helping others. Should one go Greek? It seems like the best thing to do is to take a look around and make that choice for yourself.

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega, one of the most active national collegiate sororities on campus, was founded at Depaul University, Greencastle, Indiana in 1885. Alpha Chi Omega Chapter is dedicated to Intellectual Development, Leadership Development, Personal Growth, and Academic Standards. The sorority offers long lasting friendships and gives support to others outside the organization through various community service projects such as Easter Seals, Cystic Fibrosis, MacDowell Colony, and Alpha Chi Omega enjoys intramurals, mixers, formals, and events at WCU.



Top: "A picture is worth a thousand words" with the Alpha Chi Omega Sisters.

Middle: These Alpha Chi pledges offer each other sisterly support.

Right: "Trick or Treat!" All dressed up and ready to go, these sisters are all set for Halloween.

Alpha Gamma Delta



Alpha Gamma Delta enjoys the bonds of sisterhood, which is the special family relationship that develops through living, working, and having fun together. The members of Alpha Gamma set high goals in the area of scholarship, standards, education, responsibility, leadership, and enthusiasm. With hard work and dedication, these goals can be achieved. The international sorority was founded in 1904 at Syracuse University. Western Carolina welcomed Alpha Gamma this year with open arms. Those who know the members of Alpha Gamma Delta may esteem them for their attainment, revere them for their purposes, and love them for their womanhood.

Top: Unity is the common bond among the founding sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta.

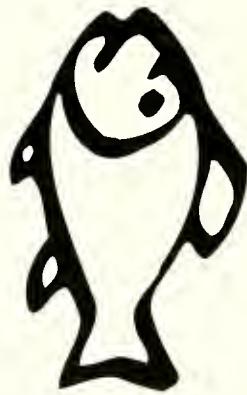
Middle: "We share our lives, loves and laughs...sisters forever!"

Far left: "It's all for one and one for all!" These sisters support each other while having a ball.

Left: Sisters are "friends 'til the end!!!"

Alpha Omega Chi

Established in 1993, the Beta Chapter of Alpha Omega Chi offers a nonalcoholic, nondenominational, Christian alternative to other Greek fraternities and sororities. Our mission is to know God and to make Him known.



Top: "Sing it, Tracy!" Some day maybe we'll see her name in lights.

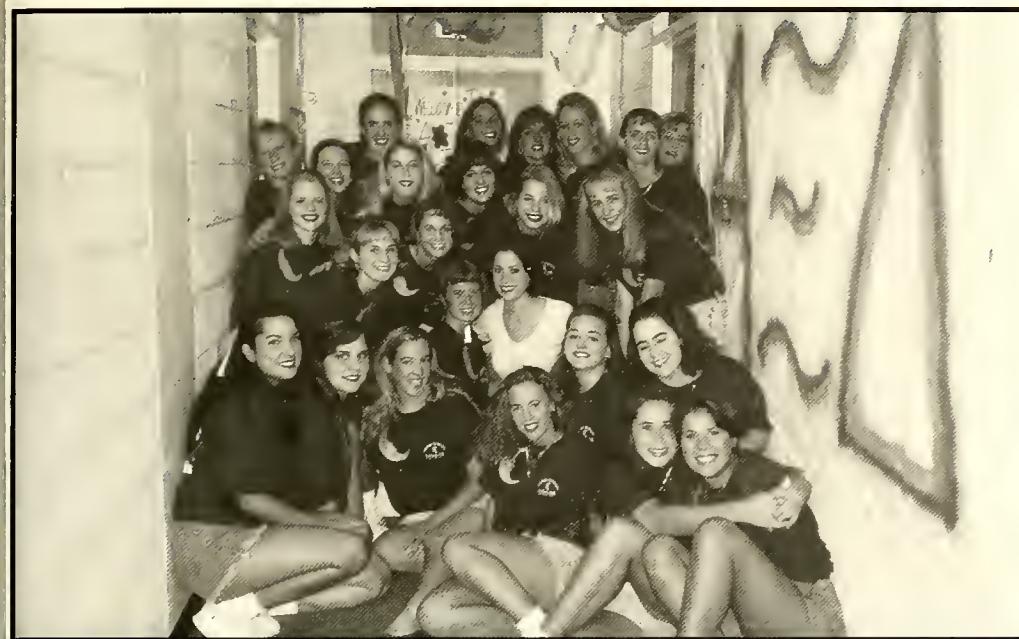
Middle: These Alpha Omega's obviously feel that they are number one.

Right: "We are family, I have all my sisters with me!"



Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta is a national fraternity founded in 1893. Alpha Xi's are committed to their National Philanthropy "Choose Children." Sisters and new members participate in all aspects of campus life. Some of their activities include fund-raisers, intramurals, and community service projects. Alpha Xi Delta sisters enjoy loyalty, friendship, as well as well as bonds of sisterhood within the campus of Western Carolina University.



Top: "Oh, What a Night!" Alpha Xi's during Rush 1995.

Middle: This Alpha Xi Sister appears to be excited to meet all the rushees.

Left: All dressed up and ready to go! These Alpha Xi's are all set for Homecoming '95.

Delta Zeta

It was a banner year for the Delta Zeta as they were named Sorority of the Year, and won the All-Campus Intramural Championship, the Greek Week Championship, and the Pike's Peak Championship. This year, Delta Zeta volunteered over 100 hours to help the Knights of Columbus raise \$9,000. At Christmas, the chapter donated \$700 worth of gifts to Toys For Tots. During Halloween, they donated candy and assisted with the Cullowhee Valley Halloween Carnival. Delta Zeta donated \$1,000 to its philanthropy, Speech and Hearing. Ginny Lucas received the Florence Hood Minor Award, given to a member in their Junior year who contributed to their chapter through outstanding leadership while maintaining a good academic record.



Top: Delta Zeta Fall 1995 Rush.

Middle: New members and sisters enjoyed camping at Moonshine Creek for their chapter retreat.

Right: Bobby White, Lisa Sinclair, and Jessica Myers are all ready to go to the Delta Zeta / Sig Ep Golf Mixer.

Far Right: Delta Zeta sisters Melinda Hunt and Ashley Hubbell are all set for another fun filled Cullowhee night.



Phi Mu



Founded in 1852, Phi Mu is the second oldest sorority in the nation and has been active on Western's campus since 1968. Phi Mu holds many honors, including Campus Intramural Champions from 1988-1993, and Greek Week winners for three consecutive years. Phi Mu was voted Western's Sorority of the Year in 1991 and 1993. Phi Mu is involved in many social activities on campus.

Top: "Together Forever!" These sisters have their own way of showing their style.

Middle: Hanging out together at a home football game is something that Phi Mus enjoy.

Left: "Smile!" These Phi Mu sisters know how to celebrate Halloween the right way!



Zeta Tau Alpha

To be a Zeta is to be an individual, with unique ideals and goals, yet tied together in the bonds of a special sisterhood that lasts for a lifetime. Each Zeta shares her love and friendship that contributes to the building of a purer and nobler womanhood in a number of areas. One aspect that Zeta Tau Alpha especially excels in is in the area of service to others. In addition to philanthropic events, we also enjoy many social, scholarship, and sisterhood activities. So you can see, we know who we are, what we have, and maybe what you're looking for. The key words are beautiful, win, unity, individuality and friendship. And of course, there is love...but in Zeta, that goes without saying!



Top: ZTA sisters hold this certain ceremony as sacred and traditional.

Middle: These girls took a moment to smile for the camera while they waited for their meal.

Left: Don't these girls look beautiful? Here Tara Metz, Elise Handren, and Laura Field attend the Crown Ball in November of '95.

Alpha Omega Delta

Alpha Omega Fraternal Ministries is a Christian organization that has been on Western's campus for three years now. What are they all about? When asked this question, two words come to their members mind, Jesus Christ. He is what they are all about: TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN. To many, Jesus is the only answer for the world today. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).



Top: Alpha Omega Delta's men are a well rounded group of guys with one mission.

Middle: Offering each other a hug, these members appreciate each other's company.

Left: Together as one, these brothers share the same purpose.



Delta Sigma Phi

The Delta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded on the campus of WCU December 6, 1959. Since that day, the fraternity has grown into one of Western's most successful. Members of Delta Sigma Phi enjoy a wide variety of socials and activities both on and off campus. However, Delta Omicron realizes the need for a strong commitment to the University and the community. In furtherance of this, the chapter is a major contributor to the March of Dimes, The Special Olympics, and other local charities. The Chapter has also assisted the University in fund-raising and has benefited University students through personal development seminars.



Top: These brothers enjoy hanging out together. "Say, what's in that bottle, Stephen?"

Middle: Well HELLO! Ask any girl and more than likely they will agree that there is nothing finer than guys in coats and ties. These brothers attended the Carnation Ball in Atlanta, Georgia.

Right: Hmm...Delta Sig box number one...could he be fun? Delta Sig box number two...guess who? Delta Sig box number three, could it be...?

Kappa Alpha

Members of the Kappa Alpha Order are revered as the "southern gentlemen of the fraternity world." Members of Kappa Alpha Order at Western Carolina University are involved in numerous activities including student government, various honor societies, intramural sports, charity events, sorority mixers, collegiate sports, and Old South Weekend. Kappa Alpha Order derives its ideals from its spiritual founder, Robert E. Lee, and many nationally known figures were members' of Kappa Alpha including George Patton, J. Edgar Hoover, and Sam Wyche. KA's are ever striving to maintain the high goals of excellence that they, as a Chapter, have set for themselves.



Top: Can you pick out the KA brothers dressed in drag from the real girls?

Middle: "Beach baby, Beach baby..." These guys enjoyed hanging out in Panama City during spring break.

Left: "Bud?" "Weis?" and "Er?" These brothers enjoy hanging out together sipping on some cool Bud.

Kappa Kappa Psi

Kappa Kappa Psi is an honorary band service fraternity. As lovers of music and band, Kappa Kappa Psi supports the band program at Western. During marching band season, members are responsible for keeping the band running smoothly: from holding leadership positions such as section leader, to hauling water, lining fields, raising money for new equipment and participating in the classroom. In the spring, they help host honors band and district band for area and regional high school band students. Members often go to Conventions to intermingle with other college band members. Kappa Kappa Psi is an integral part of the band program, supporting, upholding, and continuing music in motion.

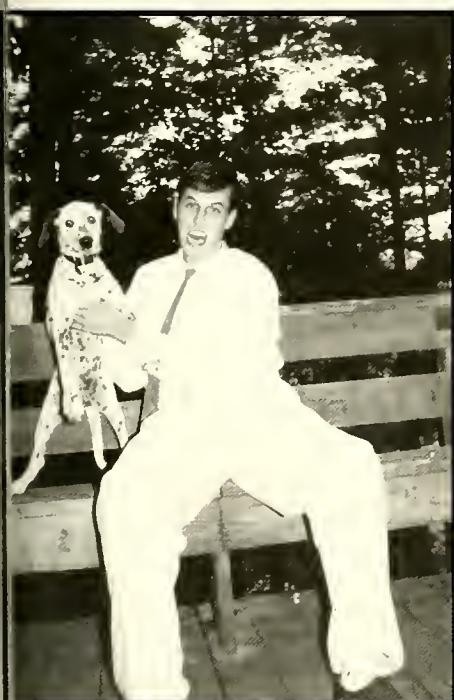


Top: "On the road again..." Band members are all relaxed for yet another road trip.

Middle: Together, Kappa Kappa Psi members gather for a picture.

Right: Hats off to Kappa Kappa Psi.

Pi Kappa Phi



"Nothing shall ever tear us asunder" is the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity motto that members follow as they promote their ideals of fellowship, trust, scholarship, Christian manhood, and citizenship. The Pi Kapps were founded nationally at the college of Charleston on December 10, 1904, and Chartered locally on November 12, 1966. Known as the "Friendly Fraternity," brother activities include intramural sports, the annual Rose Ball, and charity events for the National Philanthropy: Push America.

Top: "Nothing shall ever tear us asunder." Together as one, the Pi Kapps promote their fellowship.

Middle: One of fifty one brothers to participate in the Pi Kappa Phi Journey of Hope (a 63 day bicycle trip across the United States), Hines Trulock holds the State of Alabama on his shoulders.

Far Left: Grinning ear to ear, Jason "Frut" Townsend proudly shows off his dog, Bailey.

Left: "Aww...!" Pi Kapp members Matt Kern and Kyle Yancey exchange a brotherly hug.

Sigma Chi

The mission of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is to promote friendship, justice, and learning as the exemplification of our brotherhood and to inspire a lifelong commitment to serve well our families, friends, and the communities in which we live and work. We are able to accomplish this mission by aiding local charities and organizations such as The Western North Carolina Alzheimers Association, The Children's Miracle Network, The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and the Adopt A Highway Program. The Sigma Chi Fraternity also participates in many activities and organizations within the university and the Greek System such as G.A.M.M.A., I.F.C., and Greek games. Along with our philanthropies, the Sigma Chis play a large role in the social environment that Greek organizations enjoy here at Western.



Top: A group of Sigma Chi brothers enjoy tailgating activities before a WCU football game.

Middle: Sigma Chi brother, Troy Cole, decorates a bag of leaves that were collected for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Right: Jason Alexander, Mitch Ormond, Brian Moss, and Ryan Trimbur enjoy wings at Munchies during Rush week.

Sigma Nu



For more than one hundred and twenty-five years, Sigma Nu has been enamored of the remembrance of things past as a guide to improving the present and achieving a better future. Sigma Nu was founded at Virginia Military Institute in 1869 by James Frank Hopkins, James Mellvaine Riley, and Greenfield Quarles. They stood ardently against hazing and physical abuse and promoted love, truth, and honor as a way of achieving enlightenment. The Kappa Phi chapter at Western was established on November 9, 1985, and supports community activities and several philanthropic organizations, such as the Duke Brian Turner Research Center.

Top: These brothers promote love, truth, and honor as a way of achieving their enlightenment.

Middle: Western students enjoy partying at the Sigma Nu house.

Left: These fraternity men are "dressed to impress."

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was founded nationally at Richmond College, Virginia in 1901. Today, Sig Ep is one of the leading Greek organizations with approximately 289 chapters nationwide. Many men of high stature have chosen Sigma Phi Epsilon as their brotherhood; names like John Goodman, Oral Hershiser, and Dave Kreig come to mind. Here at WCU, our local chapter has dedicated itself to the pursuit of college men who possess the qualities that will keep Sigma Phi Epsilon among the nation's best fraternities.



Top: "Do a little dance, make a little love, get down with Sig Eps tonight!"

Middle: Together, these guys show off their Sig Ep style.

Right: One of the leading Greek organizations nationwide, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Far Right: These Sig Eps are not your everyday "Tom, Dick, and Harry."



Tau Kappa Epsilon



On January 10, 1899, Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded on the principle: "Not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character." This motto has been a fundamental of Tau Kappa Epsilon for more than 100 years and has made TKE the largest international fraternity in the 36 years of existence at Western, the brothers of Zeta Omicron have achieved success in all aspects of college life. Tau Kappa Epsilon's recognition as Western's 1990 Fraternity of the Year is testament to the fact that while a social fraternity, TKE stresses academic achievement and community involvement.

Top: "Smokin'" Two "Smokers" listen carefully to a TKE brother.

Middle: Rick Lee talks with a brother about possibly going Greek.

Far Right: "Eat Right, Exercise, Die Anyway!" Rush TKE!

Theta Xi



Theta Xi was the first fraternity founded on Western Carolina's campus and the fraternity prides itself on a strong brotherhood, excellent alumni support and a well-kept house. Theta Xi stresses individuality of its members and does not expect any member to compromise that. Theta Xi's alumni support has allowed the fraternity to prosper in further endeavors to promote itself. Theta Xi promotes university and community relations by sponsoring a local youth soccer team and doing philanthropic work on behalf of the mentally handicapped and Habitat For Humanity.



Top: Carved in stone, the letters say it all.

Middle: "Stick 'em up!" Eric Markus, Phillip Caldwell, Jerry Gerdin, and Jonathon Beller are in a "Gangsta's Paradise."

Right: "Our house...is a very, very, very fine house." Theta Xi guys take a lot of pride in their house.



Listed below are those fraternities and sororities that chose not to participate in the Greek Section of the 1995-1996 Catamount Yearbook:

Alpha Kappa Alpha- Ernest Jeffries

Delta Chi- Brently Cuthbertson

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Pi Lambda Phi- Ralph Knowles

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Zeta Phi Beta-Ernest Jeffries

Listed beside each name is the person whose name was given to be the main contact. Each person was called many times and warned of the consequences if no pictures were submitted. The yearbook staff and Greek Section Editor apologize to those members whose organizations were not included and suggest they speak to the contact person with their complaints and/or comments.

Thank You,

Karyn Koehler- Greek Section
Margie Koch- Editor-in-Chief

Rush

Each semester many Western students develop a case of something called "Greek Fever." This "fever" involves making the choice of whether or not to go Greek. Rush is an event that offers students a chance to become an active member of an organization that would allow them to make use of their time in a positive way. Pledging a fraternity or sorority is a way for many students to find a home away from home. Members develop a friendship bond of a lifetime between their brothers and sisters. Being a pledge offers the chance to learn about hard work and dedication. It takes a lot of sacrifice and determination, but if a student is willing and able, those little sacrifices become mere obstacles along the pathway to Greek life.



Top: Smiling like a mule eating briars, Ashley Hubbell adds her name to the list of fall Rushers.

Middle: Welcoming Jody Howell, these Sig Ep members offer him a smile and a poster of their Rush events.

Right: Introducing the new sorority Alpha Gamma Delta to campus, this representative is prepared to give out information.





Left: Kyle DeMaegd introduces himself to a "Smoker."

Middle: This Phi Mu sister shows a possible pledge one of their sorority composites.

Below: "All together now!" These Alpha Xi sisters sing a little song.

Bottom Left: "Sign Up!" Sign ups for sorority fall rush were held in the bottom of Dodson Cafeteria.

Bottom Right: Smokers listen intently to these Pike brothers explain why "PIKE IS IT!"







A Time To Be Independent

Many students at Western Carolina choose a social standard completely different from the Greek System where individualism is the key. These students choose to make their own rules and usually enjoy a smaller group of friends with similar interest. These smaller, more compatible sets of students find that the independent experience can be a unique and intimate means of making friends.

Many have said that independents are missing "all the fun." Not true. Most independents go to Fraternity parties and a few are good friends with brothers and sisters. As one student says, "Being independent does not limit your fun, it is just the opposite. I can go where I want when I want. No meetings or retreats I have to attend."

For independents, there are no restraints made by Fraternities or Sororities. Their grades and behavior receive whatever priority they choose instead of being regulated by the Greek System.

Through close-knit friends and a set of unique standards, these students choose to set their own personal goals and follow their own crowd. They are independent!

Why Are You Independent?



"I became too involved in residence life and my academics."

- Jennifer Carver

LOOK WHO'S

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TALKING
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"I'm strong enough to be on my own, plus I really don't think that I'd fit in."

- Shannon Cooper

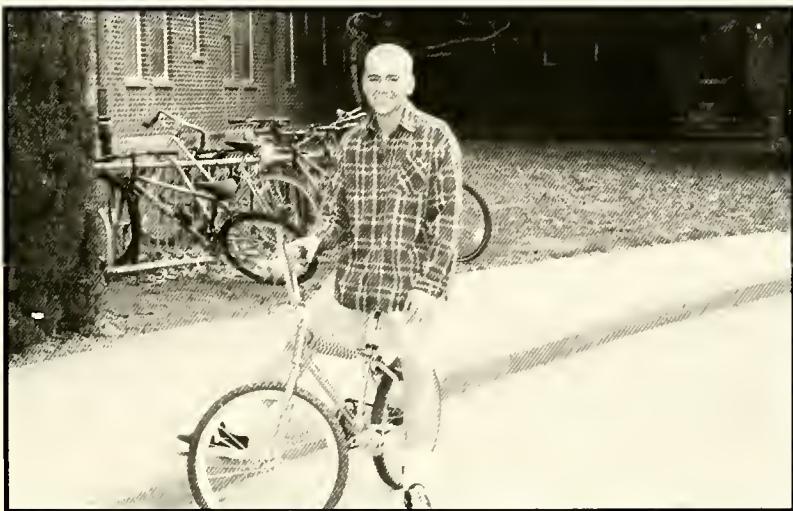


"I'd rather make my friends my own way."

-Paula Alford

"Being Independent gives me time to do what I want, when I want.

- David Fulmer



"Because I choose not to be dependent."

Brian Heagran



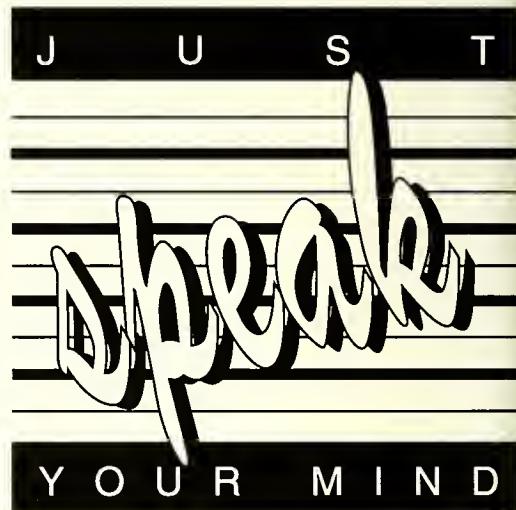
**"Because they
don't like guys
with big side
burns."**

- Chris McConnel



**" I ' d
rather
be in a
club."**

-Rebecca
Miller



**"Devoting so
much time to
a group of
guys does not
appeal to me
right now."**

- Grant Hammock



**"It's simple I just
didn't want to go
Greek."**

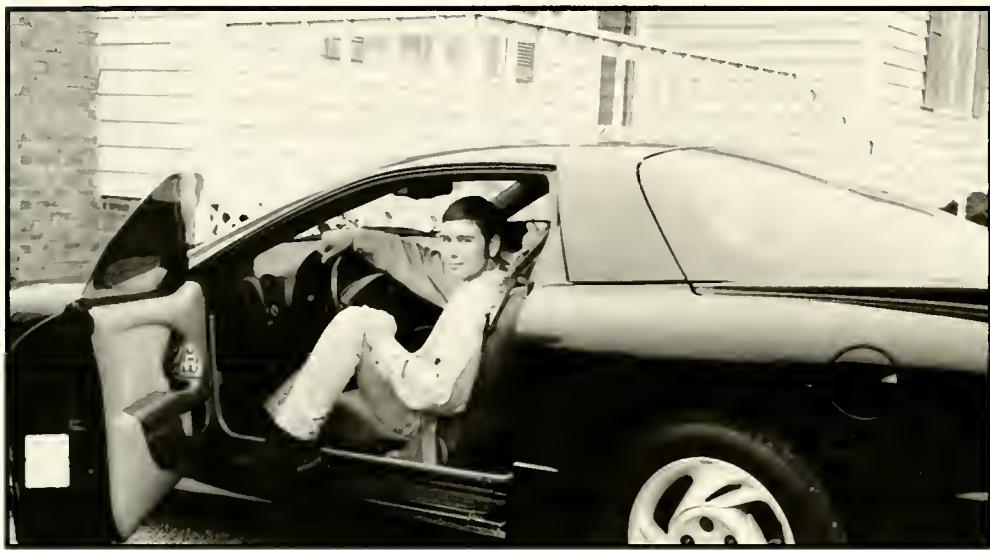
-Jennifer Saltz

**I "YOU CAN
QUOTE ME
ON THAT !**

**"I already have
plenty to do - like
working on my
academics."**

-Tonya Johnston





Michael Helms displays his pride for his brand new car.



This independent sports not a sorority shirt, but one that states a strong message.



Sitting at her desk, Karla prepares for the following weeks events.



During a sleepless night, Joe, Adam, and friends play a game of Spades to pass the time.



Craig shows his excitement that the weekend has finally arrived, yet it seems that Chuck is still in denial.



Say
WHAT?

Top: These Independent girls have a good time discussing "girl things."

Middle: Hanging out with friends is an important part of independent life.

Bottom Left: Relaxing comfortably, this student prepares for a big test.

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A Time To Join

In the last year, Last Minute Productions has made it possible for many students to travel, listen to famous concerts and comedians, get involved on campus, or occupy weekends and free time. Student Government is responsible for making many important decisions concerning Western. WWCU, Channel Z radio, provides the greatest music and the latest news for the students interest. The Catamount Yearbook works hard all year to provide a book full of memories. The Western Carolinian publishes a weekly newspaper full of upcoming events, health information, editorials, and sporting event scores. There are also many other clubs that allow students to get involved according to their different interests. The Organization for Ebony Students, International Club, Math Club, and Black Theatre Ensemble are just a few well known clubs on campus. If you're not involved in a club or organization on campus, it's not too late! Becoming involved helps students develop great leadership skills. It also allows them to have an active voice in decision making on campus.

A Time To Govern

Student Government Association



Jessica Laverty
President



Above: President of the Student Government Association, Jessica Laverty, stays busy in the SGA offices. Among her many duties, Jessica participates in such activities as the Walk For Women, held on March 4th.

Above Right: Because of the recent closing of the University Center, SGA President, Jessica Laverty, had to move to Camp Lab where her office is now located.

Right: Jessica Laverty, SGA President, Rhonda Cole, Vice President, and LMP President visit with Chancellor Bardo to discuss future plans.



A Time To Produce Last Minute Productions

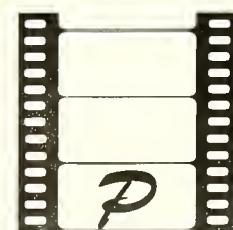
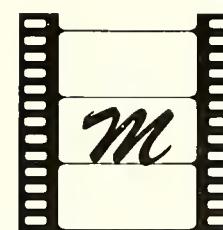
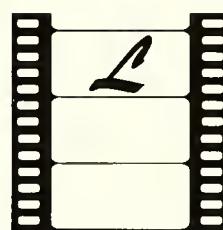


LMP President, Kim Crisco, is offered a glass of punch during a promotional party.



Top: LMP members chill with Santa during their annual Christmas party.

Above: Paul Townsend, LMP Vice President, and other members show off their pride with the new LMP T-shirt.



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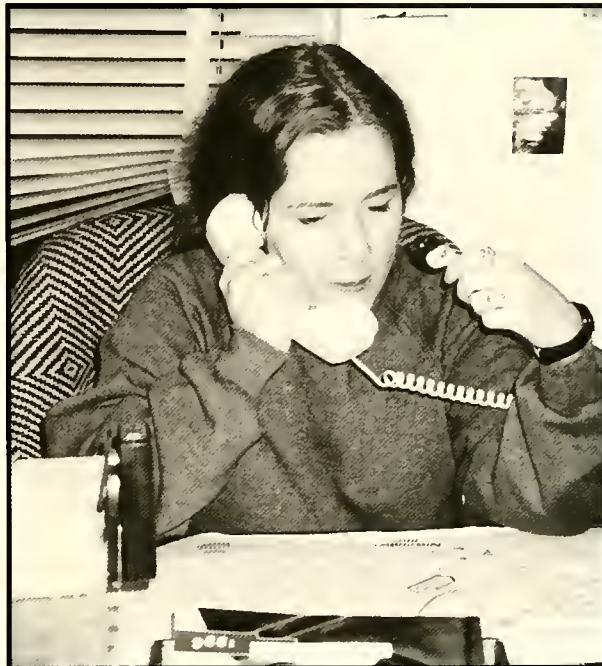


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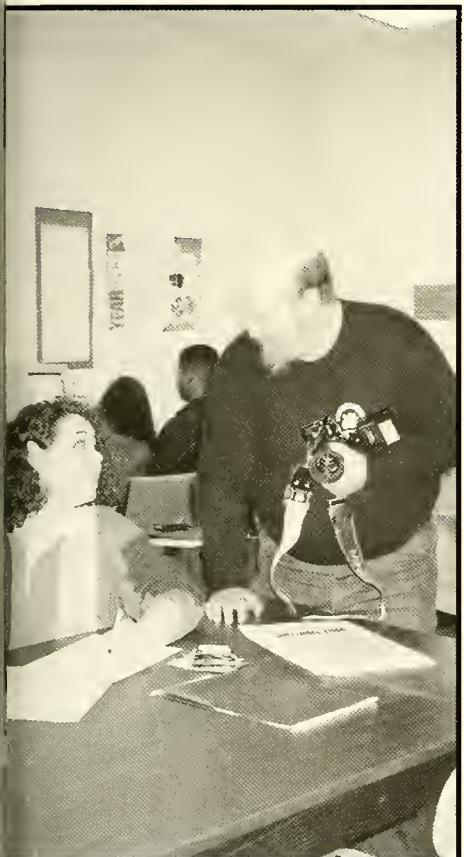
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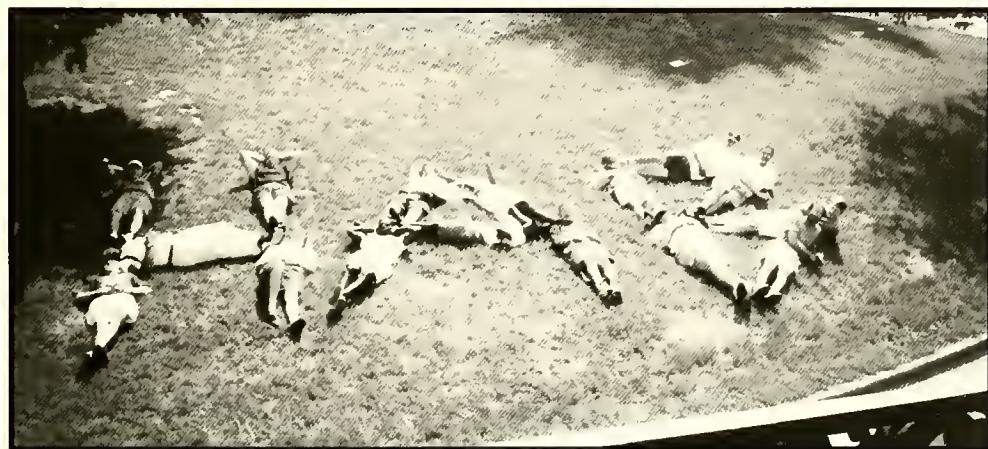
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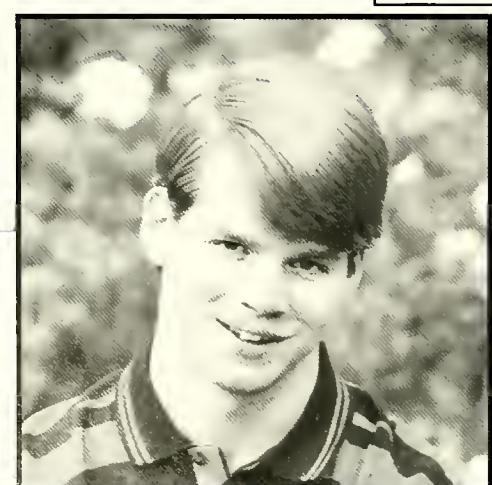


Children reflect all that is pure and honest on this earth.
They give us love and hope from the time of their birth.
Even in times of mischief, their eyes shine with all that is good.
And they keep our hearts young as we see them through their childhood.
They are a spark of fire, tempered by the gentleness of their soul.
In a fractured world, they seem to make things whole.
They are the beauty of a flower in full bloom.
They are the sunshine through days of gloom.
In return for all the wonderful gifts our children bring,
We must grant to them independence to sprout their own wings.
They are ours for a while to love and to hold.
To cherish as their future we try to mold.
We have so many plans for them it would seem,
But they must be encouraged to follow their own dreams.
It is very hard to let them go -- to say good bye.
We smile through tears as we wave farewell, but their freedom we cannot deny.
Their life will always be an extension of all that we are,
And whether they stay close or travel far.
They will remember their beginnings -- who gave them their start.
And they will always know the love we keep for them in our hearts.

Kathy Blackwood-Cloudis

Written in honor of our son, Jonathan Blair Cloudis who graduated from Western Carolina University, May 4, 1996. We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments.

Mom, Dad, and Josh



The Story of Anthony (Tony) DeFilippis



First, I
remember the
Little Fish...



Then the
Bigger Fish...



I can't wait to see what
kind of Fish you can catch
now.

Congratulations!!
I'm too proud for words.



With my love,
DAD

*Anita
Maria
Bailey*



From 8th grade graduation, High School graduation to Senior year in college, you've accomplished a lot and we are all very proud.

*We love you,
Mom, Dad, Sis, and Shaw*

*Kelly
Christine
McCleore*



Kelly, Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you! We wish you success and happiness always.

*We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Barry*

Congratulations

Michael Brent Gross



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DON T FORGET - Life is about 10% how you
take it and 90% how you take it.



We are all so proud
of you!

May God bless you and keep
you always!!

Love, Dad, Mom & Steph

Gretchen Miller



Gretchen, congratulations on your graduation! We love you! If
Webby could see you now!

God bless you.
Mom and Dad

Congratulations

Jill Laurel Wingerter



You did it!!! in only 3 1/2 years!!!!

*We always knew you could excel and accomplish your hearts desire.
We are so proud of you and know you will continue with your goals
and realize your dreams.*

We Love You Dearly, Mom & Dad

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*Kelly
Michelle
Dutton*

Dear Kelly,

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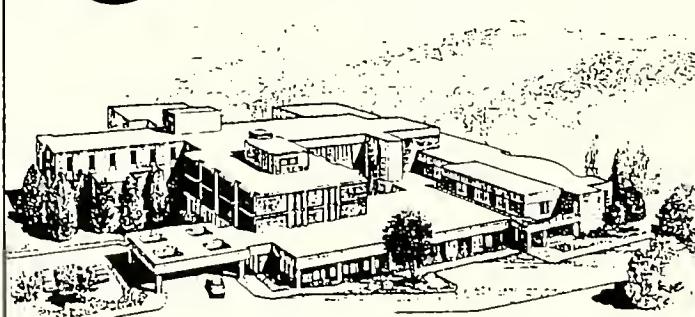
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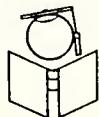
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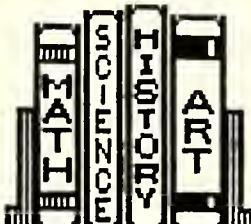
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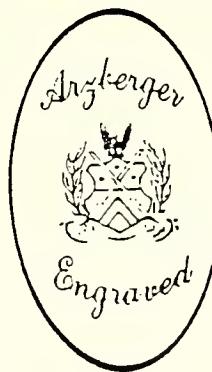
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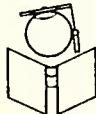


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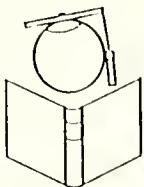
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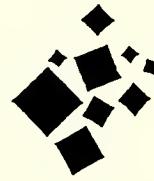
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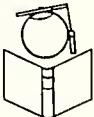
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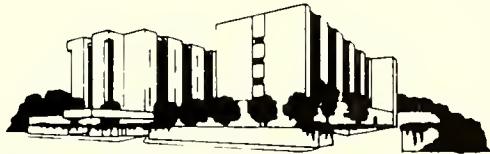
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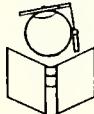
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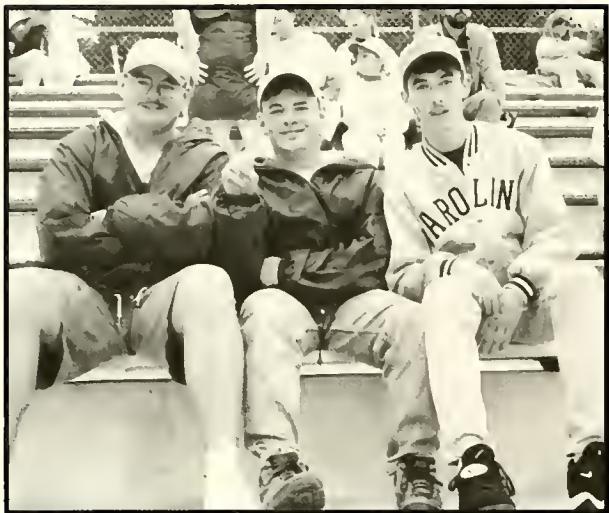


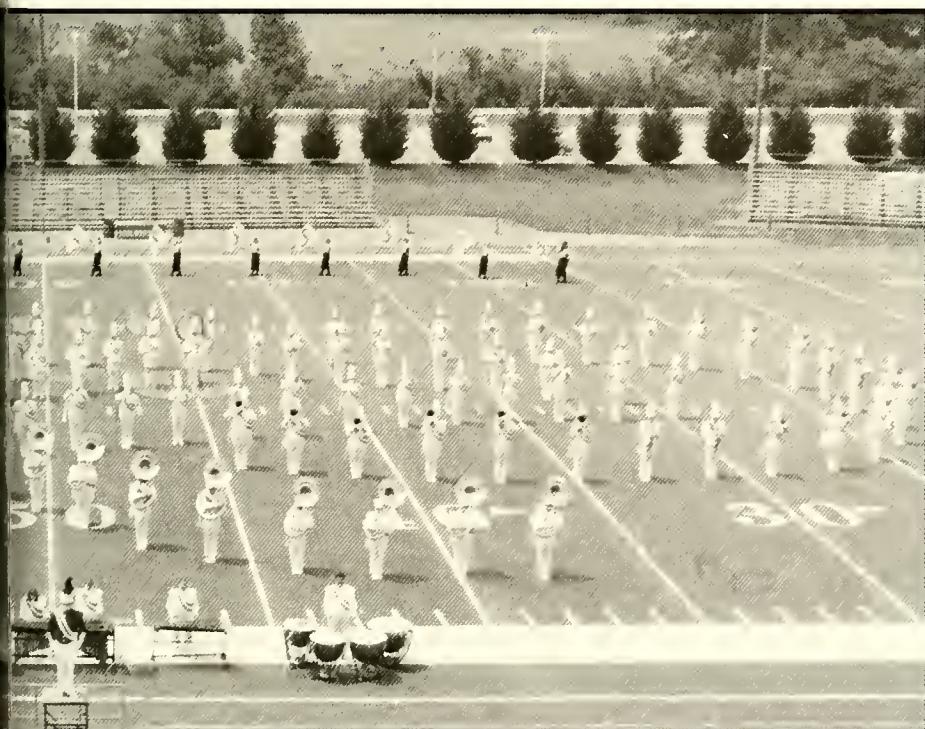


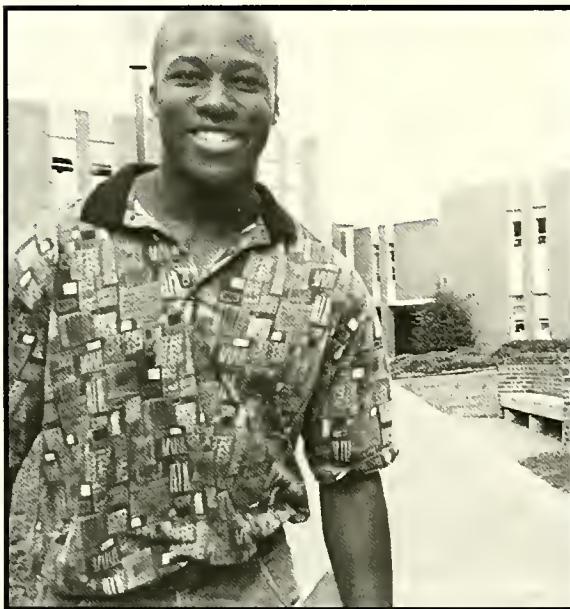


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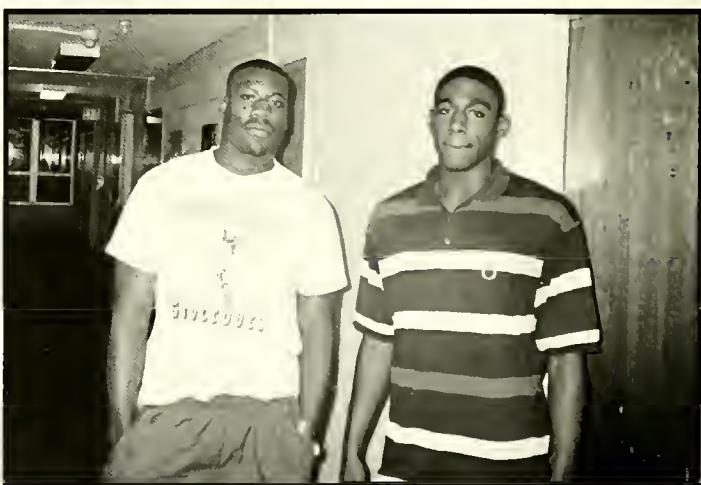
on the first day of class, your skirt got caught in your underwear•you walked into the wrong class•a designated driver took you home and instead of getting out of the car, you fell out•you made an "A" on that sociology test•you finally got a care package from mom•you went to your first home football game•the feeling of being alone•you got your first "F" - reality check•you went to your first party•you woke up trying to remember where you were•you skipped your first class•you felt guilty - then you got used to it•you had your first college girlfriend•you got caught cheating on her for the first time•you ate in the cafeteria and realized that mom's wasn't that bad•you wore a pair of jeans for five days straight•you went to the infirmary for medicine and coming back with a year's supply of condoms•you ate mashed potatoes served with an ice cream scoop for the first time•you went to your first hall meeting•you had your last meal at PG Cat'z•you climbed "Pike Hill"•you realized Fat Cats would deliver at midnight•you pledged•you realized a 60 was a "D" in college•they towed your car•you left it there because you couldn't afford to get it out•you watched the sun rise over biology 101 notes for the first time•you stole cafeteria trays to go sledding on the hill•you got up for track practice, rifle practice, swim practice, etc. •you scrapped up 175 pennies for a pack of cigarettes•you first drove into Sylva and how disappointed you were•you dropped your tray in the cafeteria•your Zoology teacher said "This will be a hard class" and you didn't drop it•you got your first college report card•you flunked out•you made Dean's List•you realized mom and dad were paying for this•you bummed change for something to drink•you realized when someone offers you something (beer) to simply say "thanks!"•you called a friend to see how you got home•you heard how much fun you were when you didn't even know you were there•we stole the CATAMOUNT GAP sign and got fined \$5000•you met your best friend•you realized that a Hardee's sausage biscuit at 4:30 a.m. wasn't that bad•you made a fool of yourself•we all gained the "Freshman 5"•you got your first apartment•you came up short for rent•you realized how hard it was to find beer on Sunday•you saw someone acting stupid and realized that you've done that•you almost got hit on the way to class•you ran for student office•you stood in a long line to register, and all your classes were closed•you sent your mom flowers for Valentine's Day - and the bill as well•the power went out - OH! those cold showers•you first met Cooney•you stole silverware from the cafeteria because yours was dirty•you slept through an exam•we all fell and busted our #\$\$%@! on the ice•you woke up at 7:55 for an 8:00 class•you killed off a relative for the third time•the fire alarm went off and you hid your significant other under the bed•you walked home from a party for the first time•we had all the "girlalks"•you wrecked your friend's car•your intramural team won the championship•you had your first trip to another school•we took late night trips to Bob's Minimart•you finally finished your General Education classes•you went to your first college church•we went to Allman Brother's Concert•you turned 21•we went home for the summer and realized school was great!

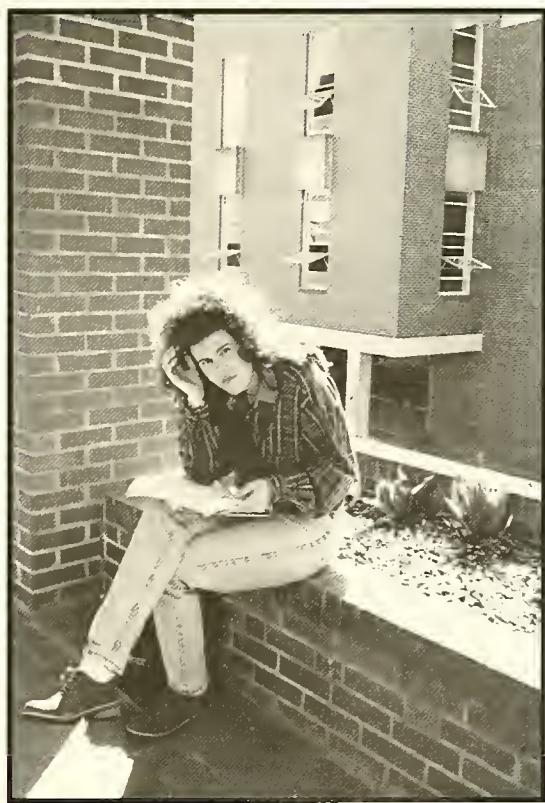
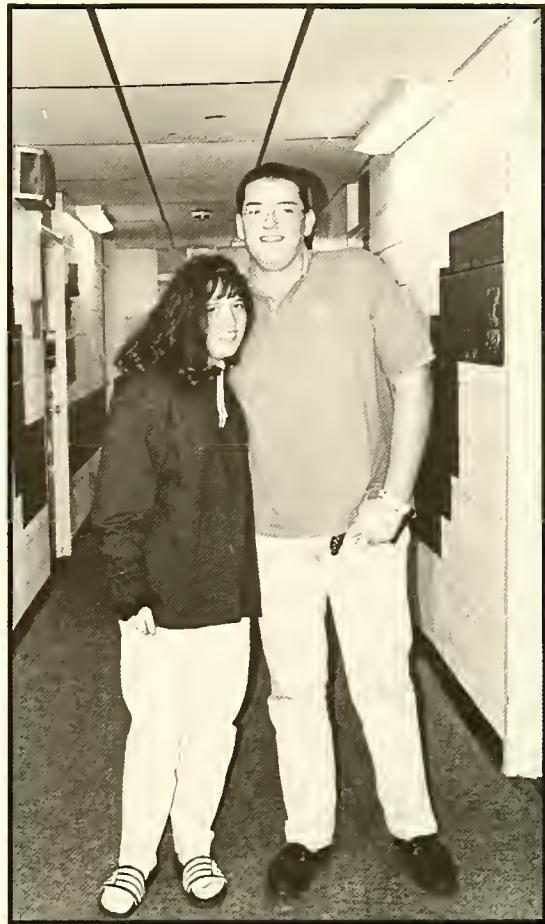








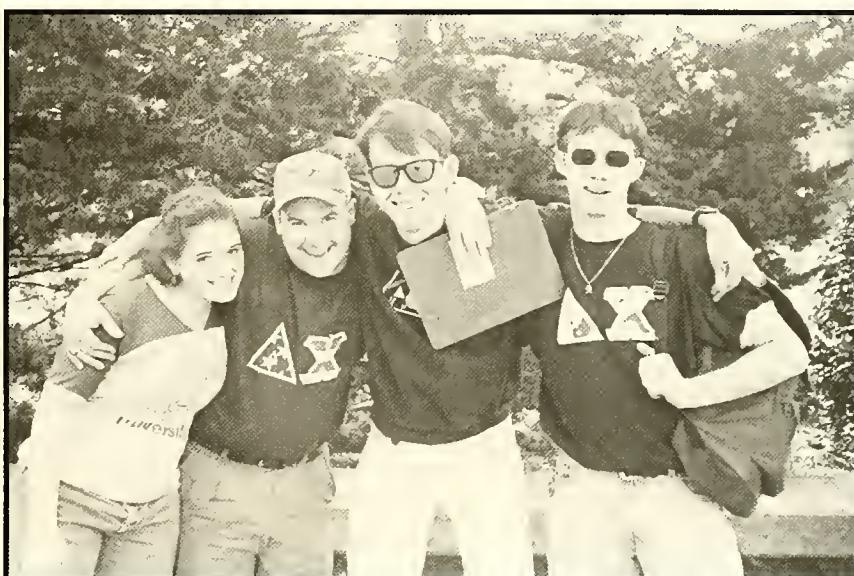








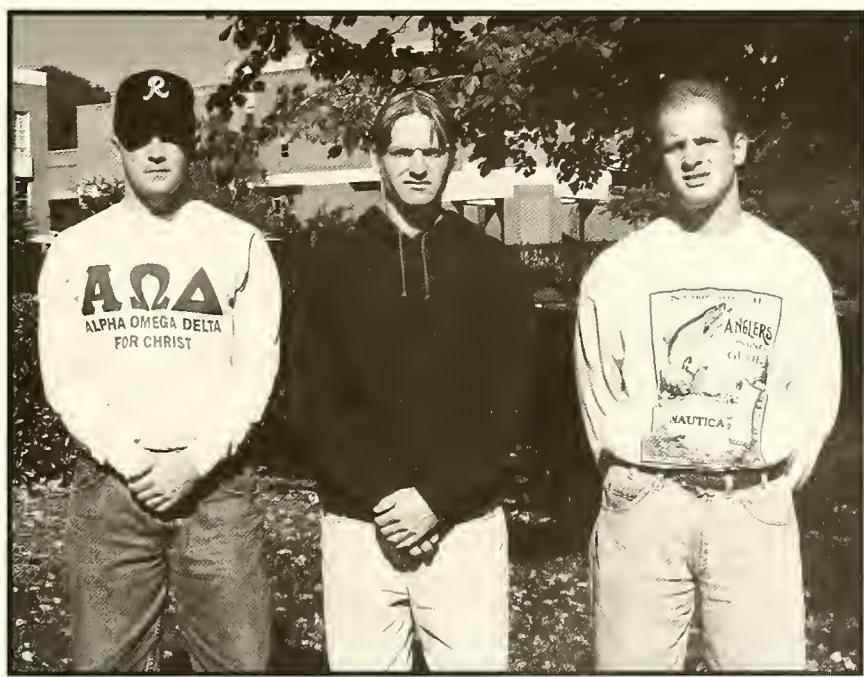
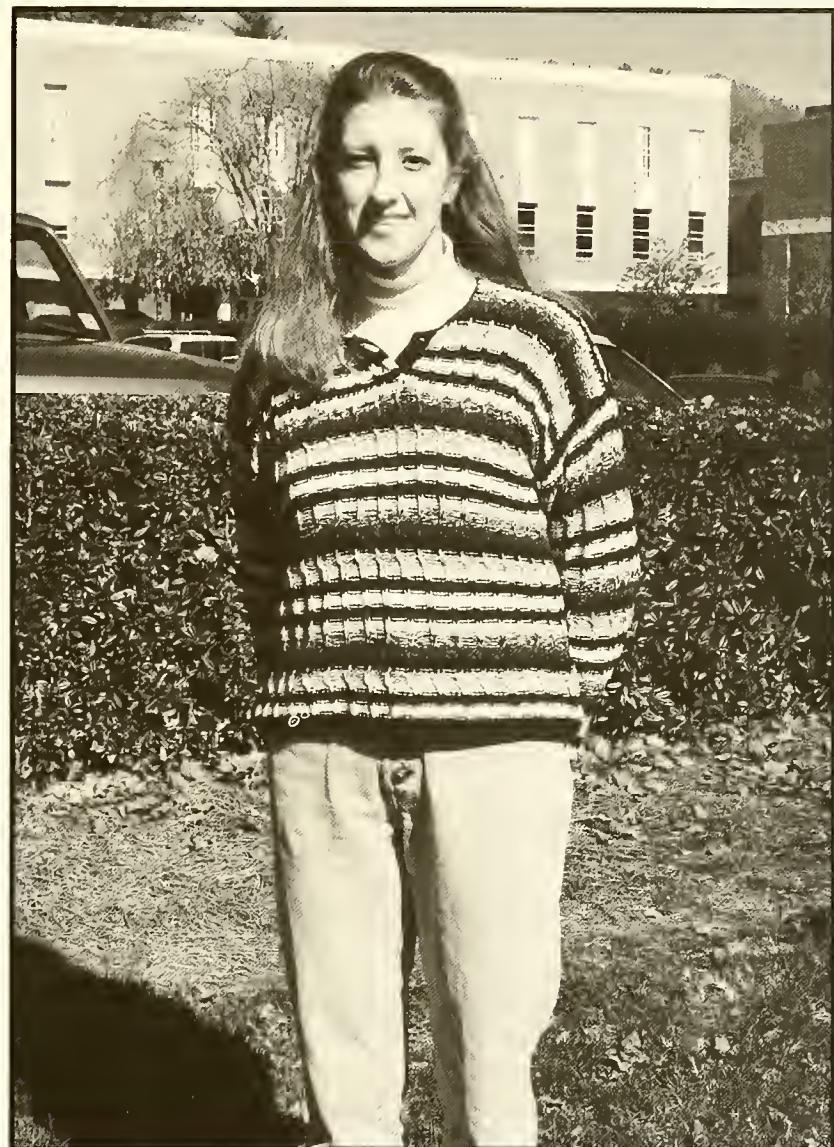




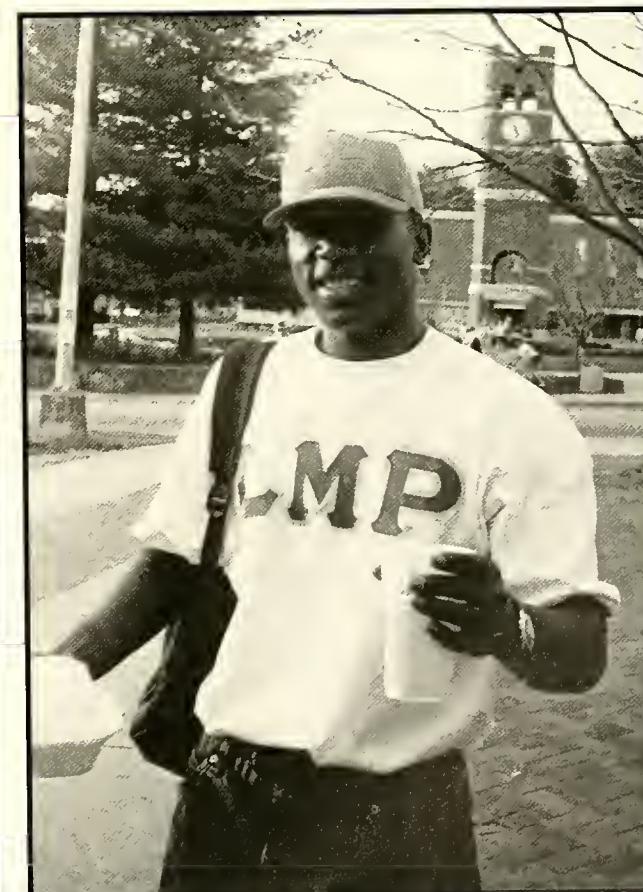
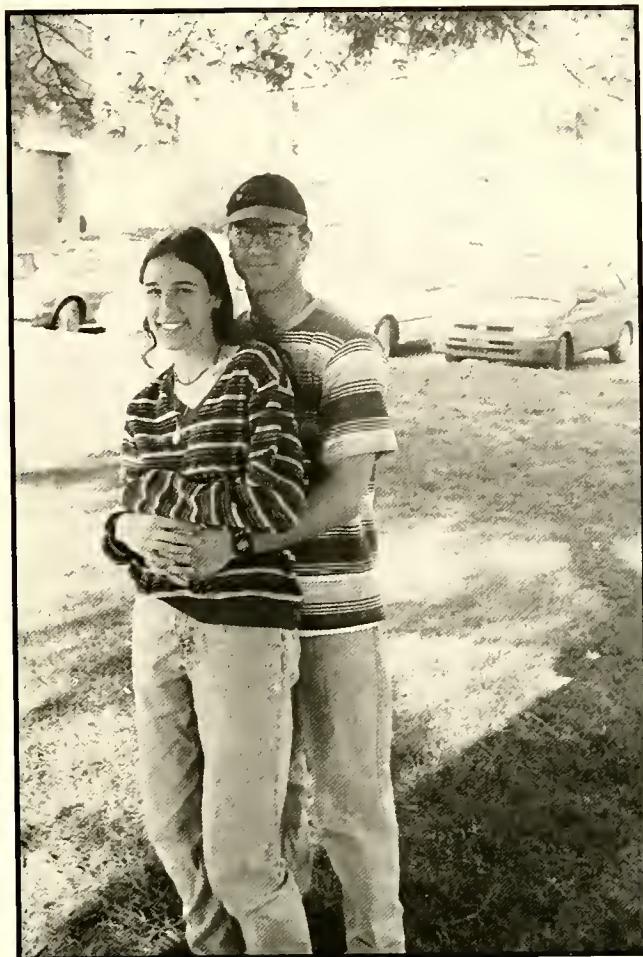




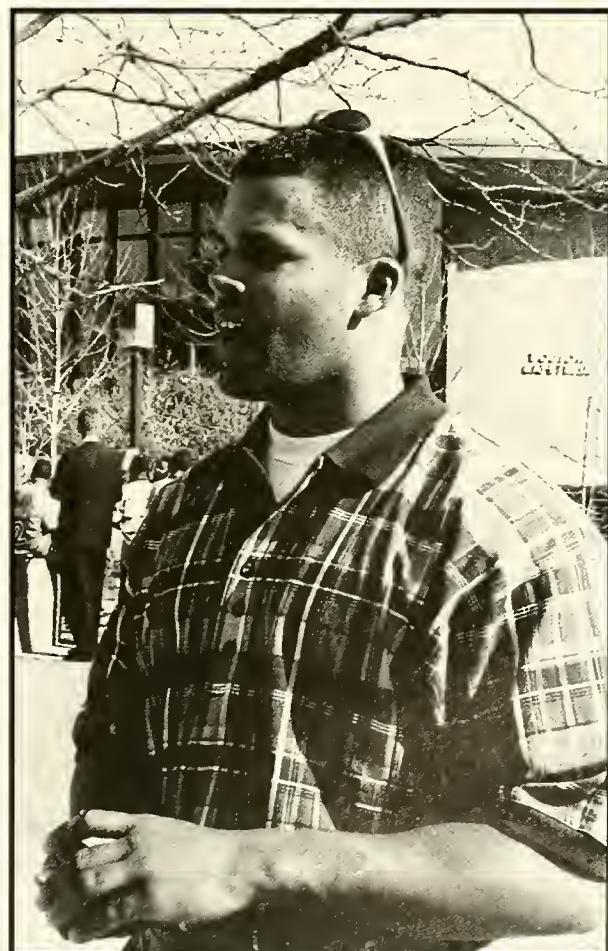
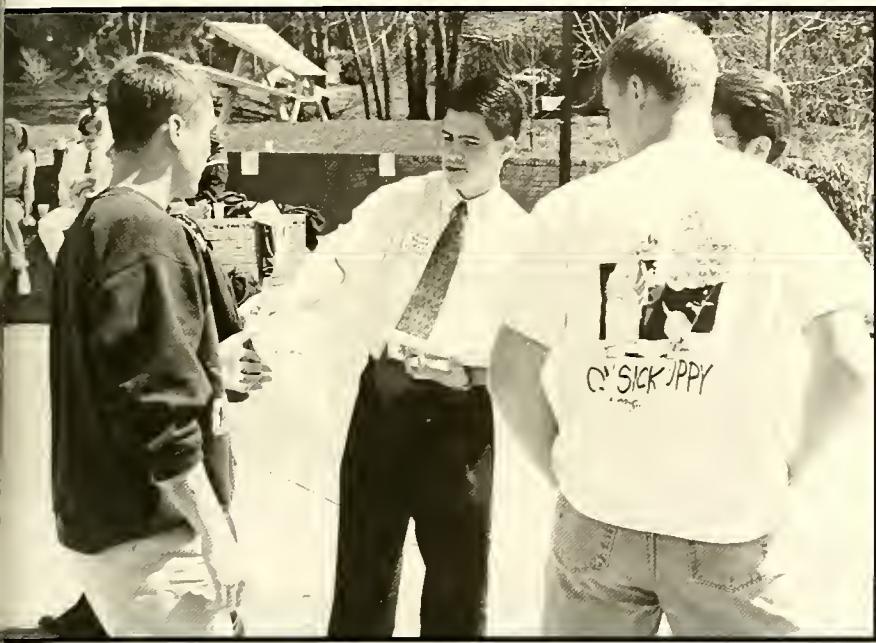












The Last Word

Well, all good things must come to an end and this yearbook is completed. This year was a learning and growing experience for me. I took this job with determination to take what little I had to work with and produce a great book. I changed a lot of things in the book. I added a club and organization section, allowed students to submit pictures, increased the amount of minorities in pictures, decreased white space and added more Greek groups to the Greek Life section. Through hard work, I feel that I have produced an outstanding yearbook.

I did not accomplish any of my achievements alone. I could not have done any of this without the following people. First, I would like to thank JoAnne Mount for her friendship, help and support. JoAnne, you were always willing to drive down from Winston whenever I needed you. Thank you! Dick Cameron, thank you for all the support and the "pats on the back over the phone." I would not have wanted anyone else as my advisor. Terry K. Roberts, thank you for the cross country pictures. Livingston Photos, thank you for all the last minute developing. Thanks a million to you all.

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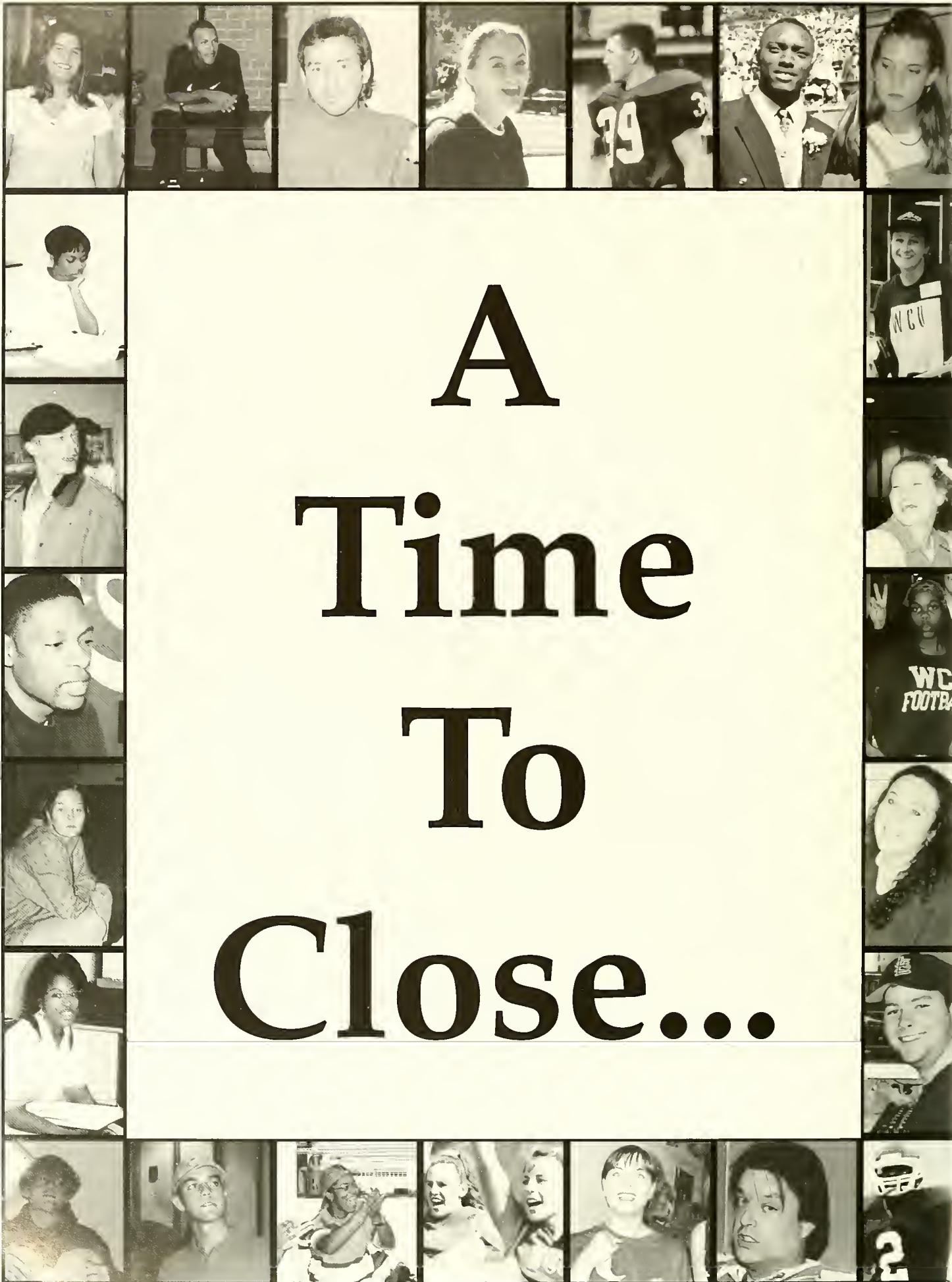
Well, "The Time is Now" and all is said and done. I will never forget this experience. I hope everyone enjoys this Catamount for many years to come. I enjoyed putting it together for all of you.

Signed Sealed Delivered

Love and Laughter,
Margie Koch
Editor-in-Chief



A Time To Close...





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