



A NEW DAY DAWNING



# *VENNARD COLLEGE*

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# Our President and First Lady

## Dr. W. Edward and Martha Rickman

Vennard College has always maintained a family atmosphere which has developed close knit relationships between thousands of people who are serving around the globe. IN this issue of the Vennard Yearbook, you can get an inside glimpse of the development of relationships that will last a lifetime and of people being shaped and trained for a life-

time of service and ministry. Martha and I want to extend a special welcome to you as you open this volume which reflects a "New Day Dawning." As you leisurely browse through this book of memories and experiences, we hope you will catch a sense of the excitement and vision for the future being expressed by the Vennard College family.

Below: Quiet everyone, the President is about to say a few words. Ok, maybe more than just a few words.

Right: Dr. W. Edward and Martha Rickman.



Center: President Rickman converses with future student, Dean Lambdin, following the Christmas Banquet.



Lower right: President Rickman has the honor of presenting past president, Dr. Harris, with the award of President Emeritus, and Mrs. Harris as First Lady Emeritus.





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# *President's*

## **A New Day Dawning**

*The path of the righterous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brigher till the full light of day. Proverbs 4:18*

It is no secret this College has gone through a period of deep darkness. In mid-December 1995 the midnight hour arrived for Vennard College. The light went out; the heat went off. The darkness and cold enveloped this campus like a shroud. There was an awesome and eery emptiness in these buildings which spelled the end of a grand old institution. But, in the midst of the darkness and cold and emptiness, there were stirrings of new life.

There was hope of a resurrection. There was a determined faith that God was not yet finished with Vennard College. Even as the doors wer being closed for what was to be the last time there were many constituents who were desperately and doggedly holding onto God for a means whereby this College could be saved from extinction. There was only one organization that appeared to have any potential for rescuing the campus. That organization was the Vennard College Alumni Association. The Alumni Association Board began discussing the possibility of purchasing the campus from the old corporation, which was being dissolved, and re-opening the College.

In many ways this appeared to be a mountain that was almost too large to climb and too big to tunnel through. However, the Alumni Association Board, with a great deal of outside encouragement, made the awesome decision to put their faith on the line to offer to purchase the campus with the hope of re-opening the College. Consequently an offer to purchase was submitted in February 1996. The offer was rejected with an indication that the minimum which would be accepted would be \$400,000. In March 1996 the Alumni Association Board made the offer of purchase for \$400,000, believing that God would somehow provide the means to accomplish this task.

On April 3, 1996 the offer was accepted with the provision that the campus and the Schaum apartments would remain on the market and if an offer to purchase either one or both higher than the one offered was submitted, the Alumni Association would have 72 hours to choose to close the sale or lose the property. The odds seemed insurmountable. However, the agreement was signed and the closing date was set for June 5, 1996. After many long, cold nights a bit of light was beginning to dispel the darkness. However, the only assurance of any success in this "stab in the dark" venture was faith in God and a determination on the part of many people that they would pursue what the believed to be God's direction. It was truly a demonstration of the faith that "is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1. Due to the provision of the 72 hour notice if there was another buyer, the Alumni Association was forced to seek guaranteed funding to protect the purchase. Consequently, a loan applicatkon was submitted to the Jacob Engle Foundation for \$400,000, knowing that the Lord alone could get approval for such a loan. That loan was approved on April 29, 1996. This was a miracle! In actuality, the Alumni Association was forced to close one week early on the Schaum apartments. Had the loan not been in place, that building would have been lost. Finally, on June 6, 1996 the transaction was completed. The College now belonged to the Vennard College Alumni Association. In the meantime, following the purchase agreement on April 3, 1196, the Alumni Association called a meeting wherein the Alumni Board and 13 potential Board of Trustees members met on April 20, 1996 in Des Moines, Iowa. During that meeting a Management Board was appointed to start the process of bringing Vennard College back into existence. I was appointed the Coordinator of this Management Board. At that point, reorganization started seriously with the primary focus of fund-raising to pay toward campus acquisition. and start-up operations. However, there were limitations on what could be accomplished until the sale of the campus was completed on June 3, 1996. Following June 3, we began to gear up for renewed operations. The frist appointment was Steve Mills as academic dean. On July 10, 1996 I flew to Iowa from Pennsylvania to manage campus operations and seriously begin to organize the renewal process. Mrs. Prudy Olson was then hired to start the process of Student Recruitment for school



# Convocation

## September 3, 1997

starting September 3, 1996. There were only about 10-weeks left to recruit! During that week, Arden Selden was contacted regarding the Campus Manager position. He came from Indiana to visit the campus on June 14, 1996. He was on campus working within about 3-weeks. Several other persons began working for the College, at least on a temporary basis. These included John Olson, Lois Klein, Lila Faust, Ann-Marie McCray, and a few other volunteers. It was a very small and frightening beginning. But it was the beginning. Now, keep in mind that we gained access to this campus just 15 months ago Today!!! That was the break of dawn! The best way I know to describe the state of the College is enumerate some of what has happened in the last 15 months.

	<u>June 3, 1996</u>	<u>September 3, 1997</u>
Employees	0	25
Buildings ready	0	7
Number of Students	0	85
Accreditation	None	Accredited--5 years
Financial Aid	None	Title IV and Loans
Relationship to other Colleges	None	Consortium agreement with William Penn College
Useable Computers	0	15 with 11 brand new ones on the way
Library books	0	More than 21, 000
Library Furniture	0	Shelving and adequate furniture
Functional Heating System	None	All buildings
Food Service	None	Total
Maintenance Equipment	Almost none	Significant

The list could be expanded almost endlessly. But, the bottom line is, you are personally being affected by a miracle God has performed on this campus in just 15 months. And He isn't finished yet! You who are a part of this 1997-1998 college year will be witnesses to the continuing miracle of the life and prosperity of Vennard College. I am absolutely delighted to share with you in the 1997-1998 President's Convocation that God has been faithful to a fault in performing this miracle during the past 15 months. Although I assumed the responsibilities of the Presidency of Vennard College on August 20, 1996, I did not arrive on campus to stay until October 16, 1996. The President's Convocation was held on September 20, 1996 in conjunction with the Board of Trustees's meeting. At that time I used the theme, "On the Wings of Eagles." Little did I realize at that time just how true it would be. Taht God was about to allow us to mount up with wings as eagles and let us run and not be weary and let us walk and not be faint, was but a lofty goal. In reality, as we have corporately waited on the Lord, He has helped us to do just that. There is no other explanation for what has happened which has brought us to this point. I am reminded of the Scripture in Deuteronomy 32:10-12 which describes the experience of Jacob:

***In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He sbielded him and cared for him; he guarded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. The Lord alone led him; no foreign god was with him.***

**We recognize that there is a New Day Dawning for Vennard College!**



# *Vennard College*



1997-1998 Trustee members. Back row, left to right: Rev. Doug Swarthout, Rev. Dan Hair, Bob Elgin, Rev. Verne Summers, Rev. John McClimans, Rev. Daryl Johnston, and Sue Brakefield. Front row, left to right: Dr. John Byers, Bill Ross, Rev. Chester Lum, Dr. Harold Spann; chairperson, Jeff Morris, Sharon Cox, Mary Barnes, Edna Zimmer, and Dr. Merne A. Harris. Not pictured: Vera Lee Bontrager, Major Lloyd Hanton, Bob Hudson, Marion Lewton, Cheryl Pendleton, Alexander Shabo, Dr. Earle Stine, and Dr. Jack Wease.

## *Board of Trustees*



# Vennard College

## 1910-December 1995; June 1996-



Who receives the yearbook dedication and why? When trying to decide who should be the recipient of the yearbook dedication the yearbook staff looks at several candidates and weighs the following criteria: leadership, long-term service, and overall contribution to the campus and atmosphere of the college. This is by no means a responsibility taken lightly nor is it a popularity contest. The staff took very little time in deciding to whom this first yearbook should be dedicated. It was unanimously decided that the first yearbook of the new college would be dedicated to

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Left: Sam and Becky Barber take part in the Kowabunga Contest during the mid-winter Beach party hosted by the residents of the men's dorm.

the entire Vennard College family. How was this decision reached? It was stated during one of the meetings that Vennard is more than acreage with buildings of brick and mortar. It is people. People who have been here and are now out serving the Lord in various capacities around the world, people who are here now and in training for their ministry, and people who will be here as a result of answering God's call on their lives. Each one associated with the new college is worthy of receiving this honor as it is because of you and your faithfulness to God that we are here today. Each one of us played a specific purpose in God's plan to restore this institution. So, it is with honor that the yearbook staff dedicates this book to the Alumni, Administration, Faculty and Staff and Students.

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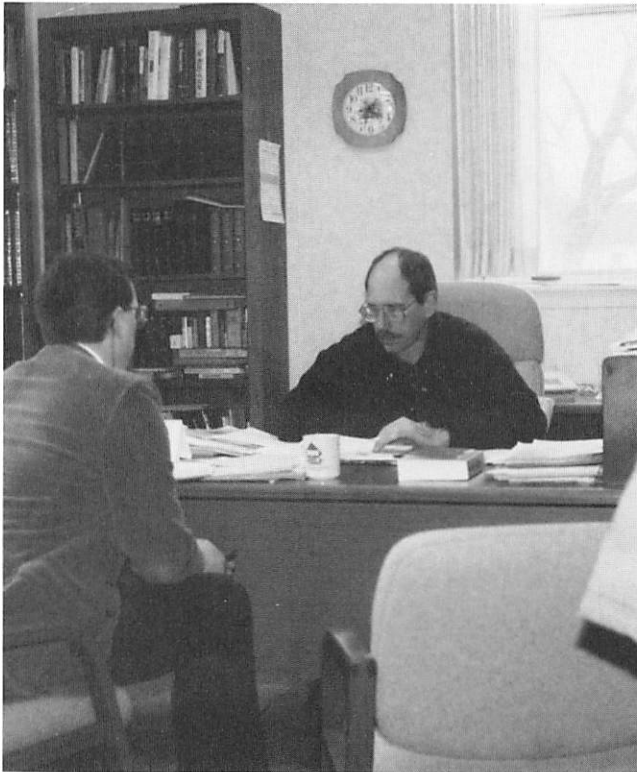


Left: John and Heidi Gentry enjoy an evening of fellowship with Troy Gentry, Jennifer Cox, and Tim Ross at the Christmas Dinner..

Above: Memorial Hall is the most recent building on campus and is home to the Harris Dining Hall and Mahaska Student Grill and Union.



Right: Lois Klein and Bruce Scanlan are going over some facts and figures in the Business Office.

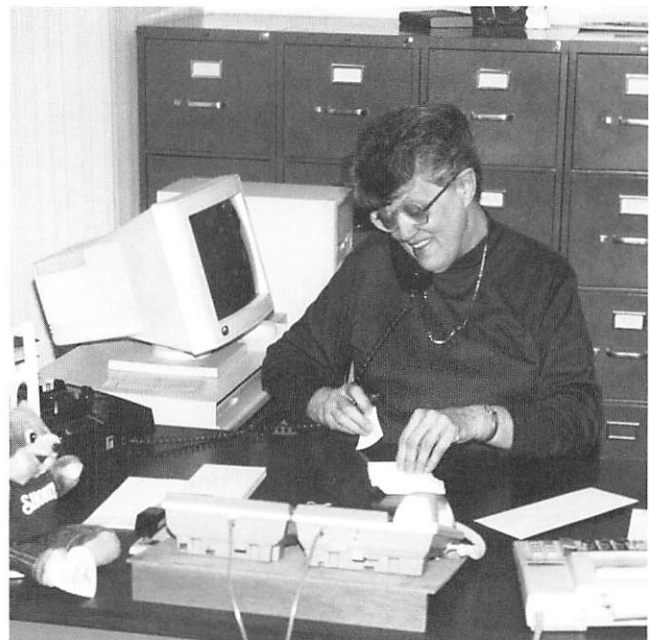
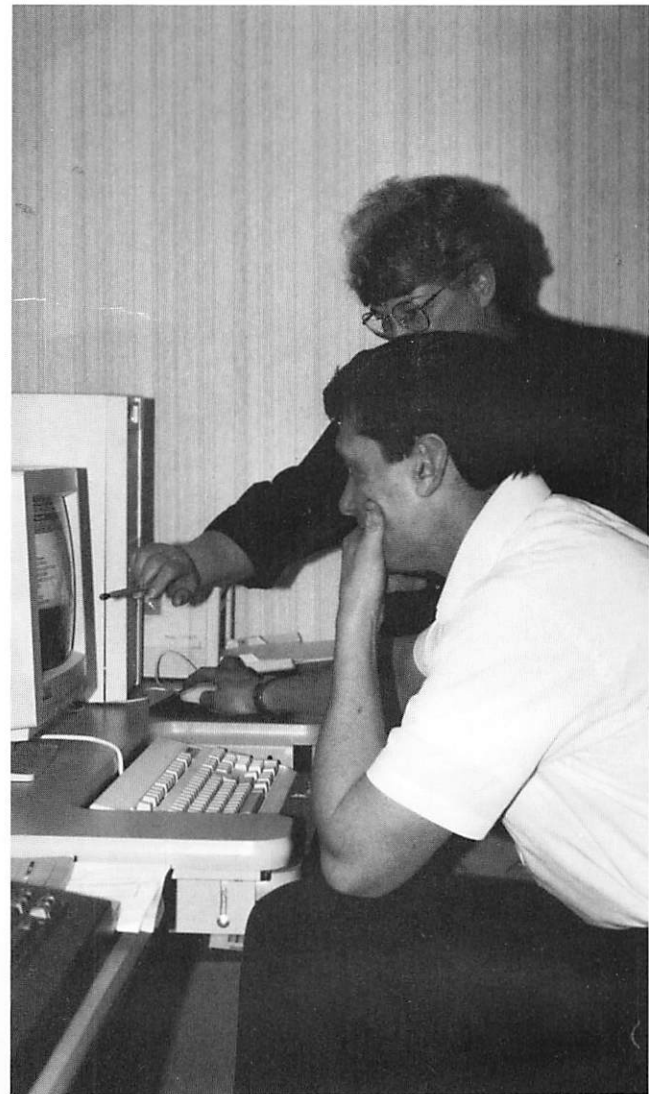


Above: Steve Mills and John Olson discuss some issues concerning academics and financial aid.

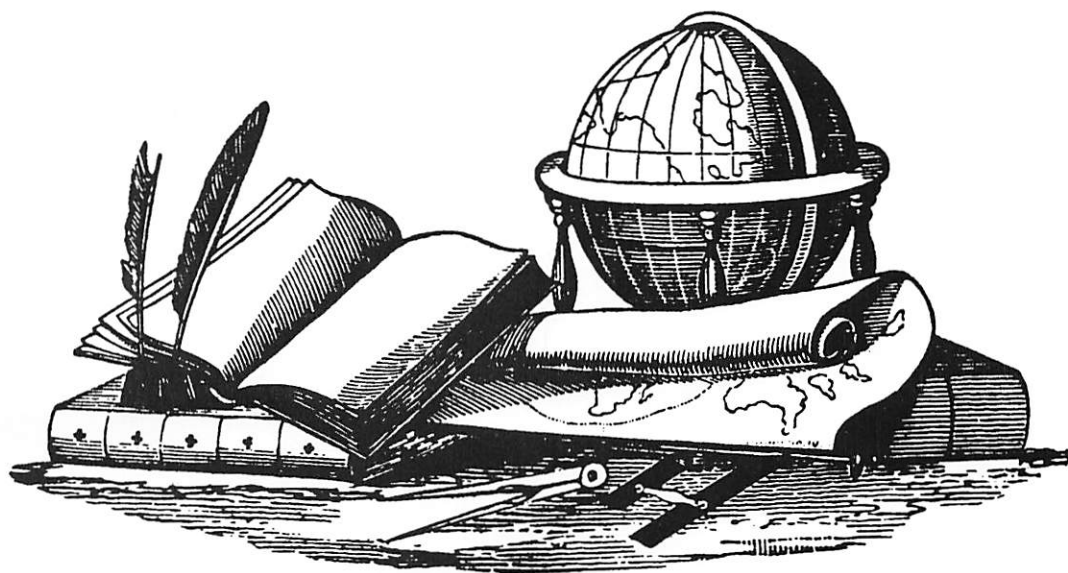
Right center: Trudy Harwell is hard at work talking on the phone with an automation vendor.



Right: Lila Faust is multi-talented: talking on the phone and writing a message at the same time.





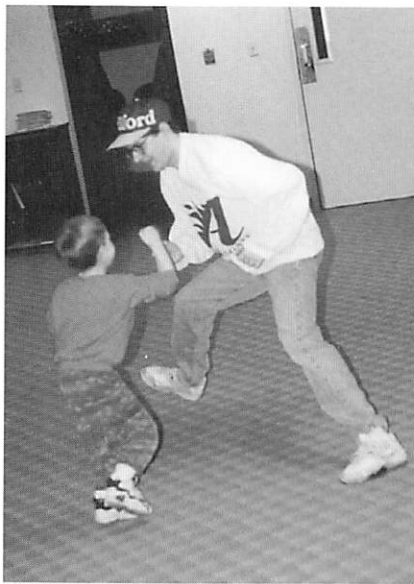


Touch  
OF  
CLASS



# Our Fearless Leaders

Top right: Mr. Rodney Birch and Miss Shari Christopher compete in a stare down contest. Better let her win Mr. Birch because she's spoiled!



Above: Mr. Philip Kay and Robert Barber are caught wrestling around. Who's the man?!

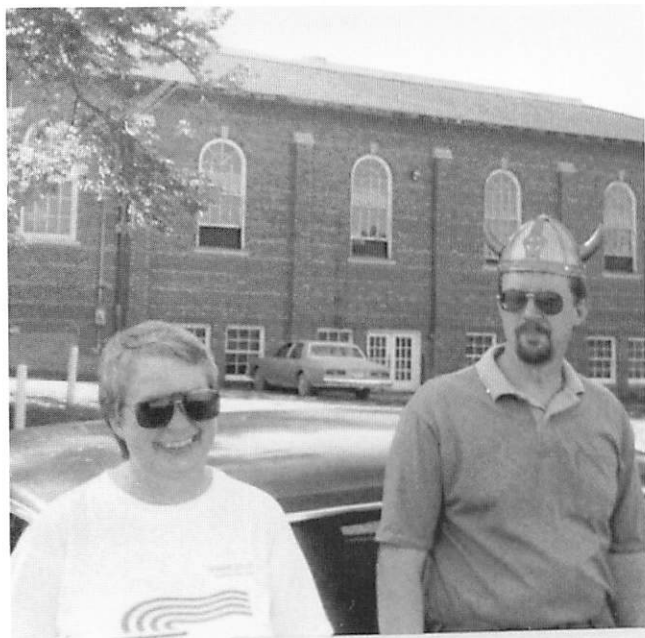
Right center: Mrs. Prudy Olson and Mrs. Cindy Kay play a friendly, yet competitive round of ping pong.







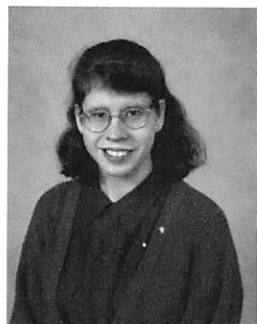
Above: Dean Glenda Robbins, a.k.a Field Marshall warns, "Be afraid....Be very afraid!"



Center: How does it feel to be married to a Viking, Mrs. Prudy Olson?

Left: Mrs. Nancy Hyndman's sweet kiss of victory following the Mini Golf Tournament of Champions.

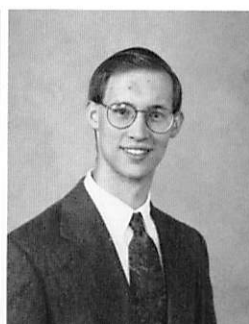




Rebecca Barber  
Dean of Women



Sam Barber  
Food Service Director



Rodney Birch  
Assistant Librarian



Shari Christopher  
Admissions Secretary



Kathy DeVore  
Faculty



Lila Faust  
Receptionist



Trudy Harwell  
Librarian



Lori Hyndman  
Admissions Director



Nancy Hyndman  
Faculty



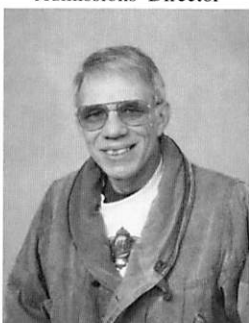
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Dean of Men/Faculty



Cynthia Kay  
Faculty



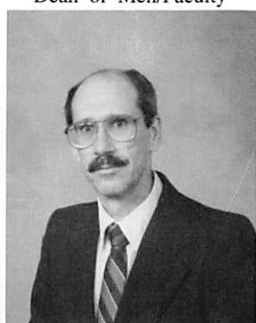
Philip Kay  
Registrar



Bob Key  
Housekeeping



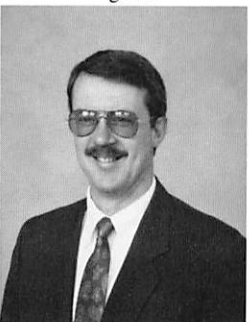
Lois Klein  
Assistant Business Manager



Steve Mills  
Academic Dean/Faculty



Sean O'Conner  
Admissions Director



John Olson  
Financial Aid Director



Prudy Olson  
Library Assistant

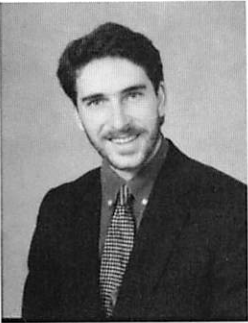


Leslie Rice  
Faculty/Counselor



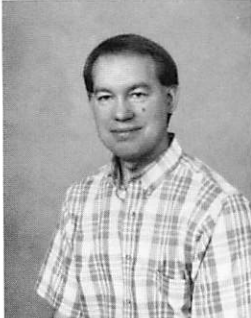
Martha Rickman  
Office Manager





Glenda Robbins  
Dean of Students/Faculty

Phil Schrauben  
Athletic Director



Arden Selden  
Campus Manager

Lisa Selden  
Library Assistant



Teri Waggoner  
President's Secretary

**Not Pictured:**

- Tom Riggerberg, Business Manager
- Bruce Scanlan, Business Manager
- Irene Weitert, Prayer Ministries Director
- Doug West, Maintenance

# Faculty and Staff

The interaction which the faculty and staff of Vennard College provide for the student body is an essential part of the family atmosphere which can be found on campus.

While maintaining high standards both in the area of academics as well as social conduct, the personnel have provided a wonderful network of support for each student. Thank you to the faculty and staff that have given so much.



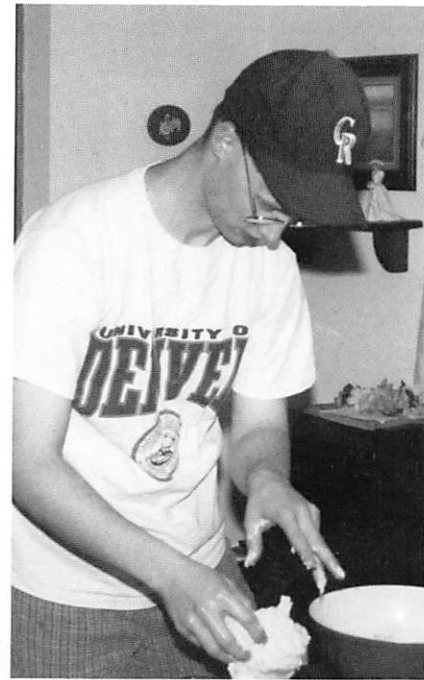
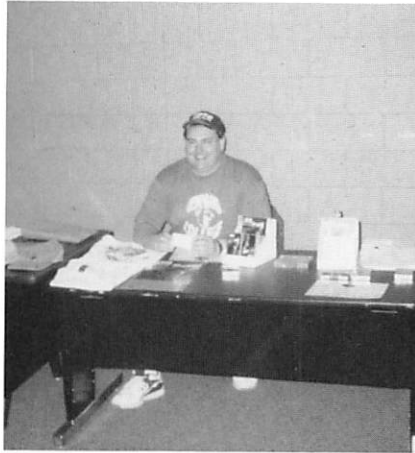
Clockwise from the top: President Rickman, Heather DeVries, Tana Rickman, Mrs. Rickman, Debbie Wilson, and Harry Swan share a time of fellowship and hot cocoa in the dining hall following the campus consecration.



Top Right: "Playing with pizza crust dough is much stickier than working with books," says Assistant Librarian, Rodney Birch.

Top Center: Sean O'Conner waits to sell paraphenelia at the David Busch concert which was sponsored by Vennard College.

Below: Maintenance man, Doug West, does a touch up paint job in the Skills Center.



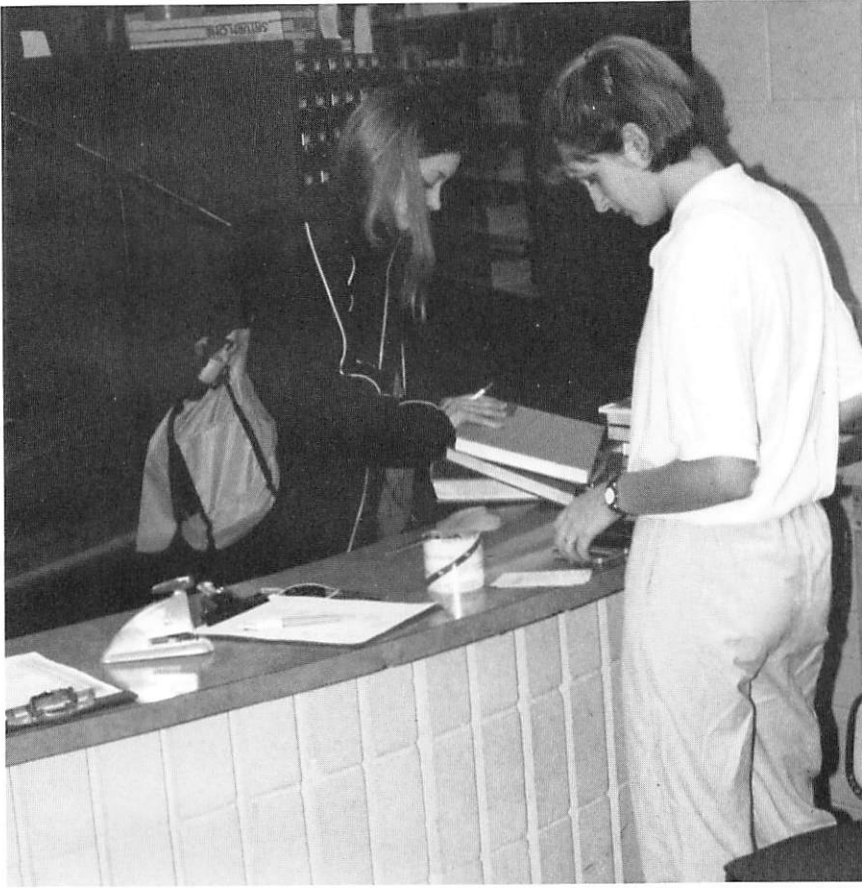
Above: Shannon Gallagher can hardly wait to sink her teeth into the pizza Phil Kay is delivering.



Lower Right: "The Three Stooges." (left to right: John Olson, Phil Schrauben, and Steve Mills) converse before the Vespers Service begins.

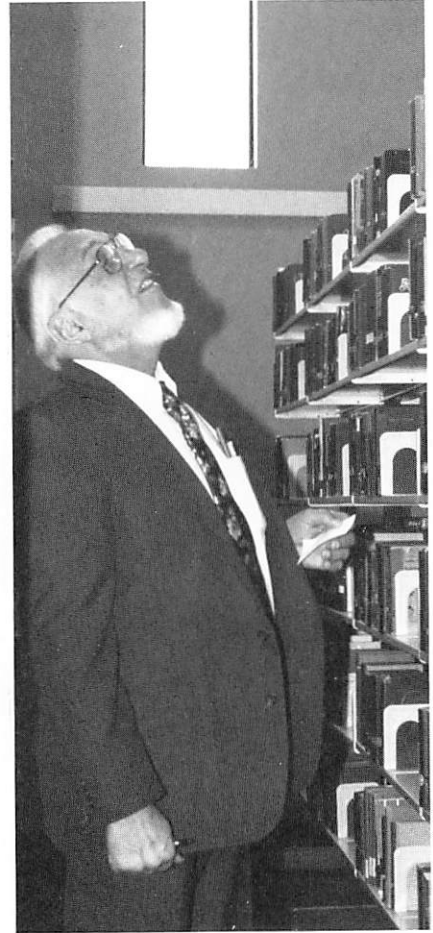


# A Day in the Life of the Library

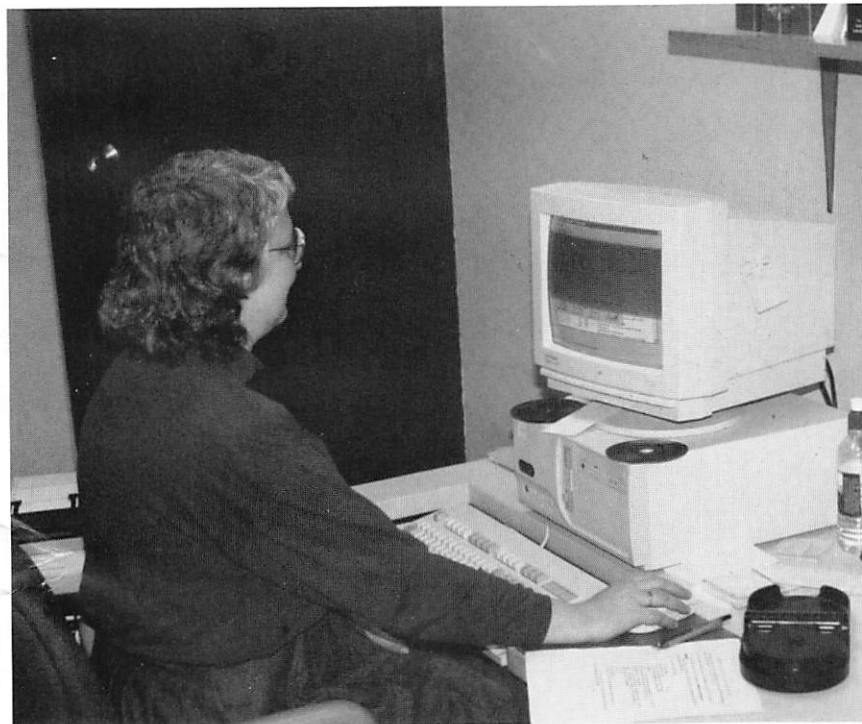


Top left: The circulation desk is a hub of activity as Tina Louise Campbell assists Holly Brakefield in checking out some books.

Below: Does Bill Korns have a particular title in mind, or is he just browsing?



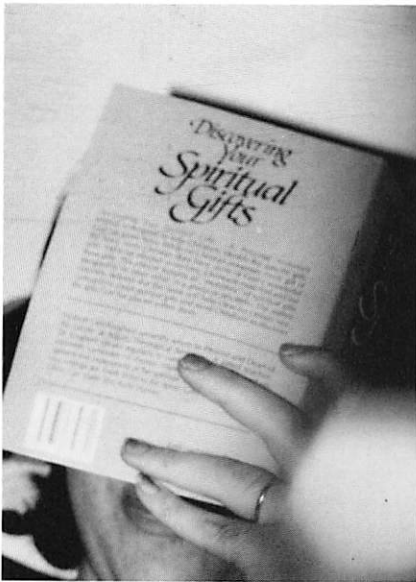
Lower left: See Mrs. Prudy Olson work? See Mrs. Prudy Olson enter data for the online catalog?





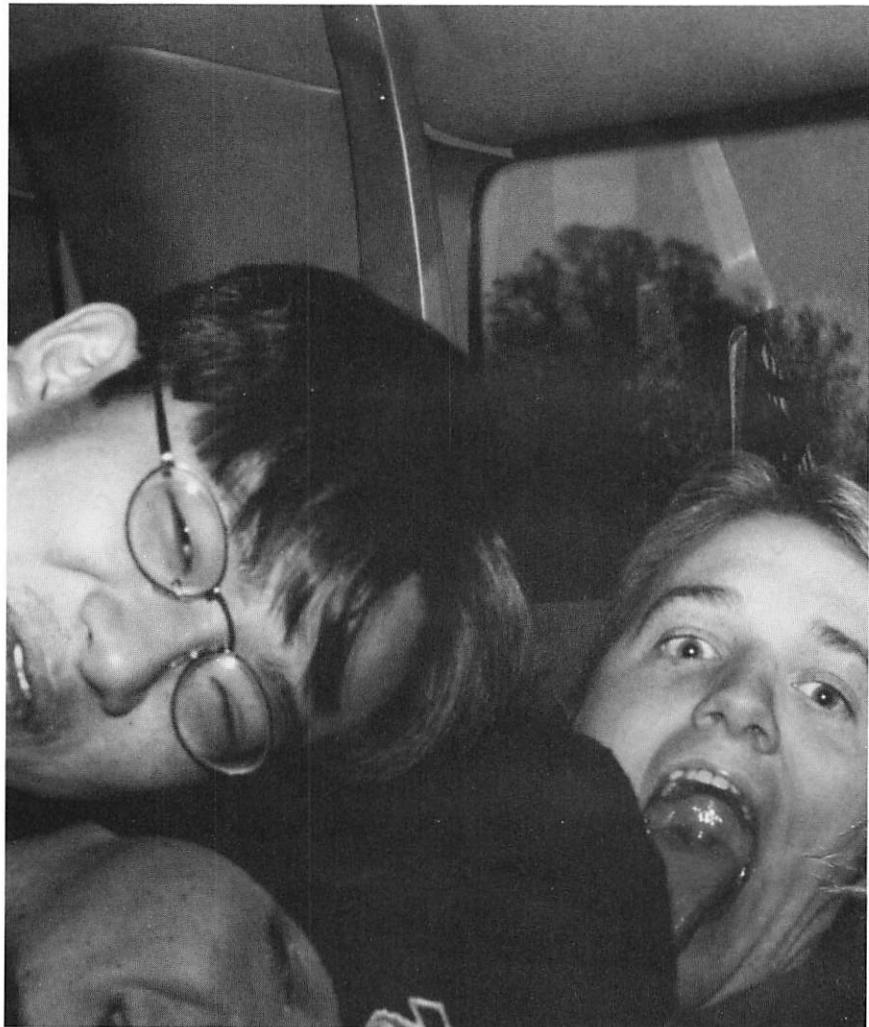
# A Trip to the Monastery

Right: The Spiritual Formation Class poses for a picture in front of the Trapist Monastery in Dubuque, Iowa.



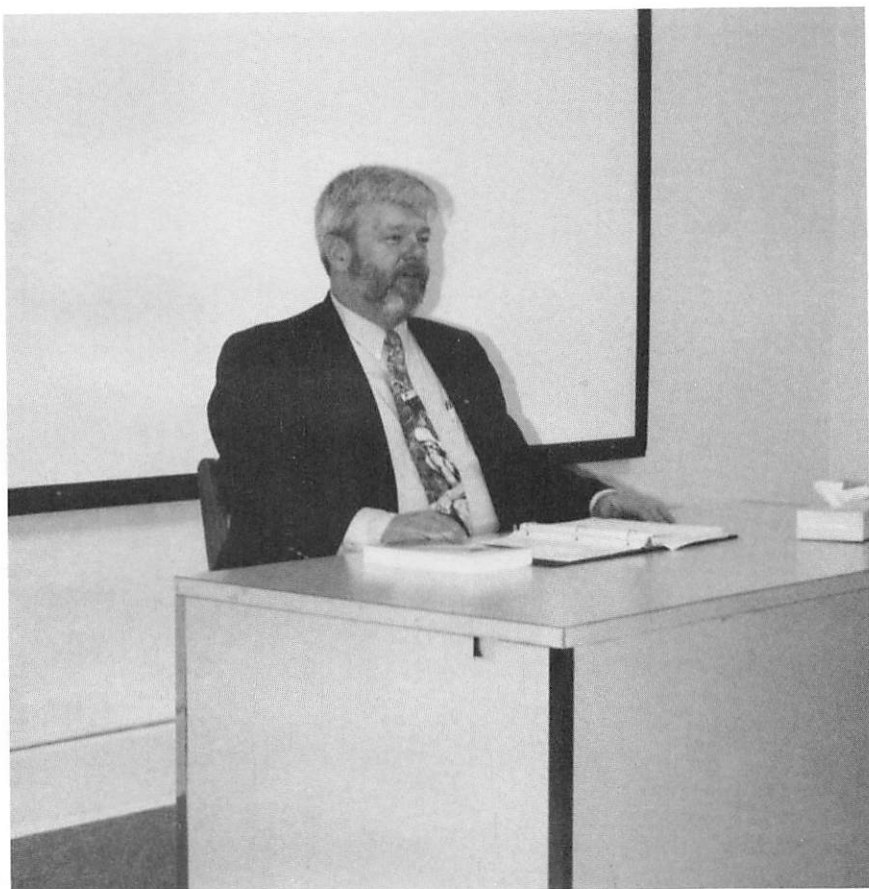
Above: Is that Debbie Wilson hiding behind that book? Yes, I do believe it is.

Lower right: It looks like this bunch of guys is making the most of this field trip. Members of the group are (left to right): Chris Crosson, Billy Farris, and Eric Robbins.





# Learning Through Experience



Left: Professor Bill Hyndman, often nicknamed the "cupcake professor" is the esteemed professor of the Ethics Class.

Below: As members of the Introduction to Music course, Mary Roozenboom and Mark Playle share a dramatized reading: The Seven Stations of the Cross.

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Left: Debbie Hall plays the piano to help the Introduction to Music class in its contribution to the worship experience in chapel.

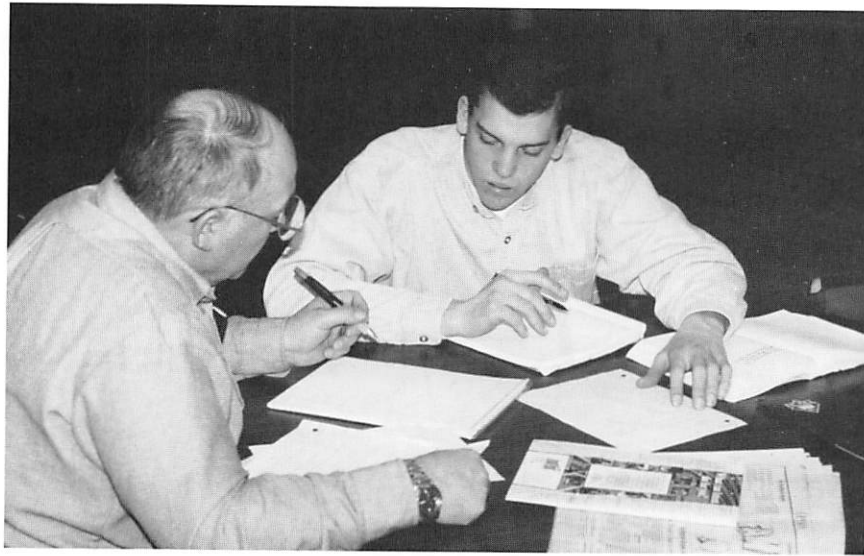




# Study to Show Yourself Approved

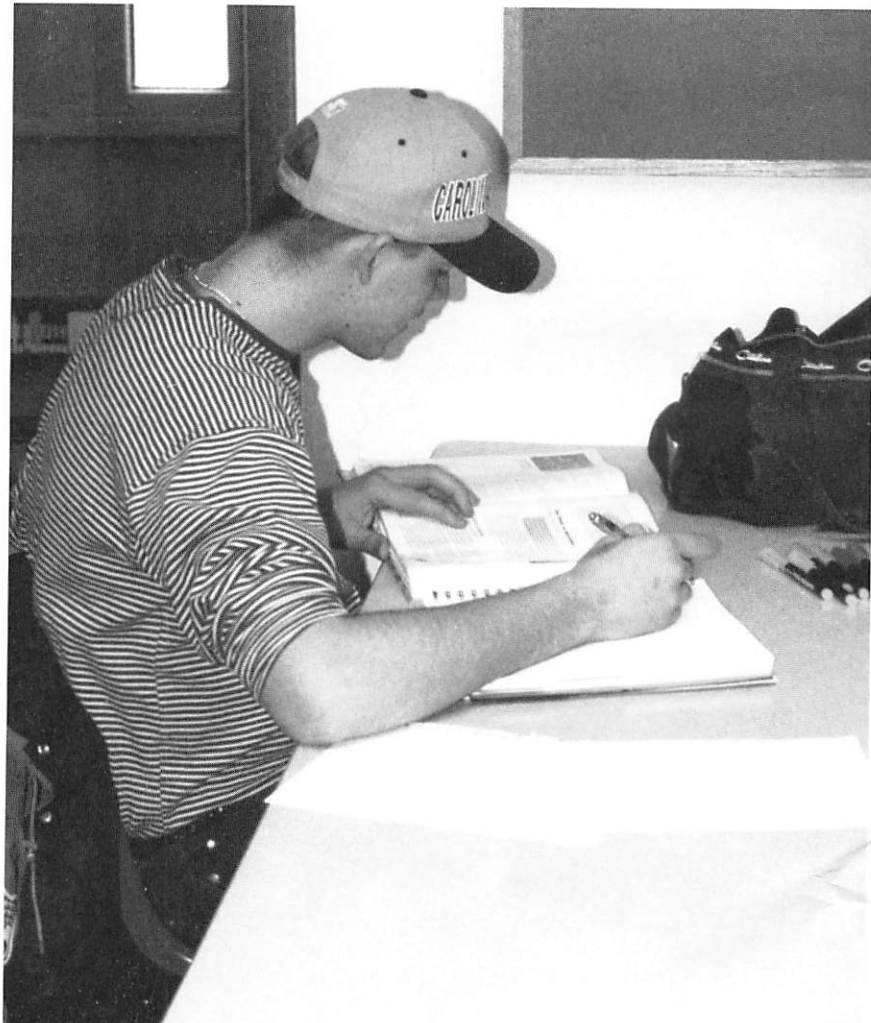


Kenneth Lake (foreground) and Gabe Tramel (background) concentrate on their studies.

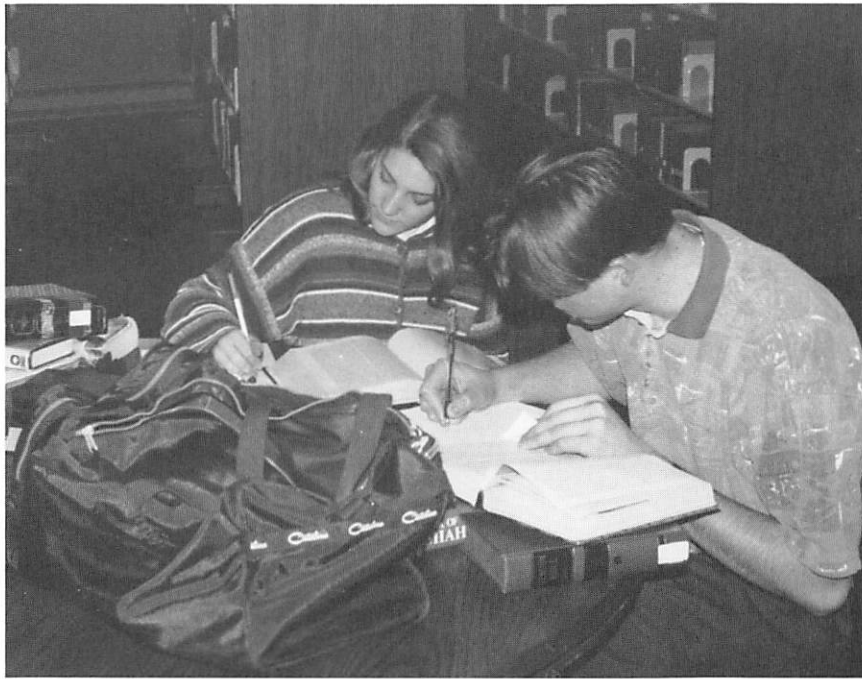


Is Caleb Koger studying or *sleeping*?

Billy Farris Jr. spends quality study time in the Skills Center.

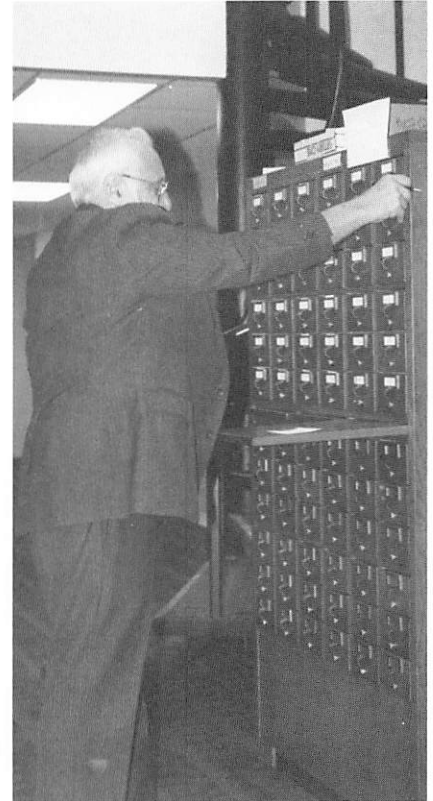






Billy Farris Jr. and Shelly Cox spend some time studying together in the Jessop-Bruner Library.

Bill Korns utilizes the Library's card catalog for locating materials needed for his homework.



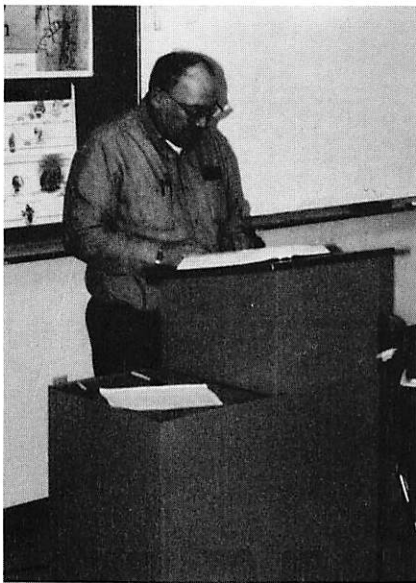
Billy Farris Jr. leads Debbie Hall and Heather DeVries in a study session :-)





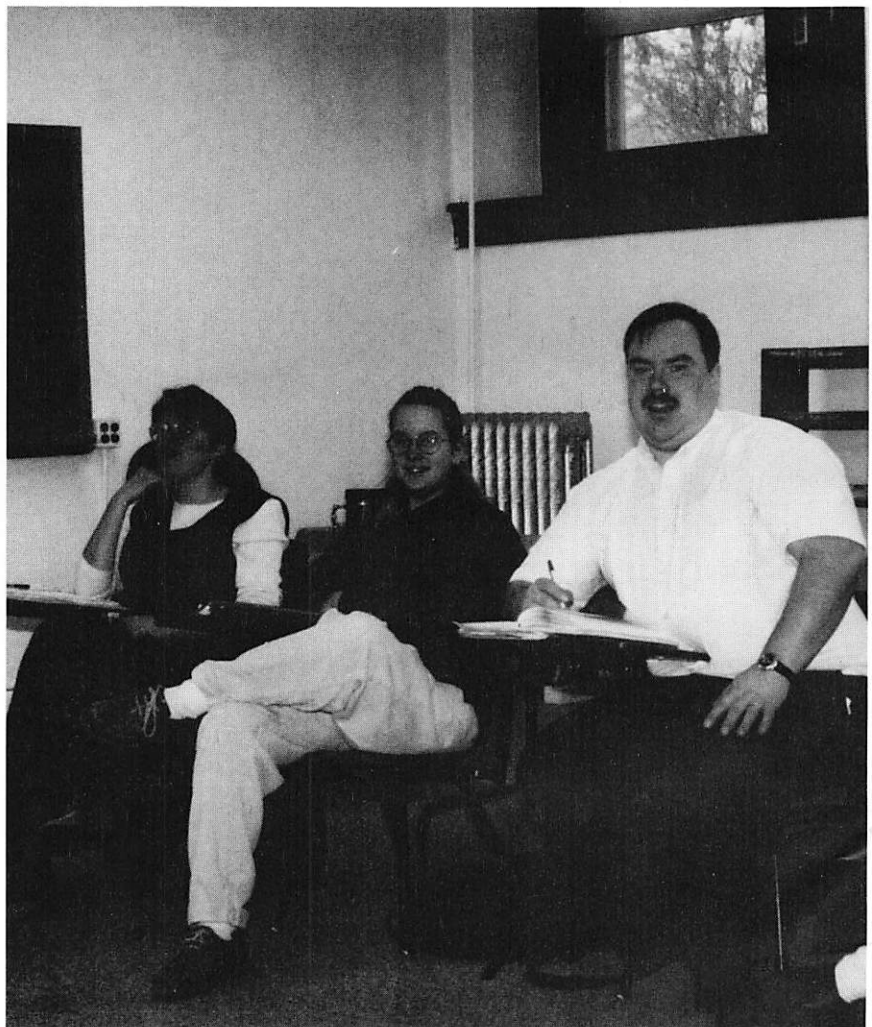
# A Lot of Class!

Top right: These Old Testament Survey students are really into their studies.



Above: The guest lecturer is none other than Kenneth Lake.

Lowerright: The Ethics class takes a break to have its picture taken. Is this ethical?







THE DIFFERENCE IS



**CLEAR**







Right: Lifetime pals, Shannon Gallagher (left) and Amy Arney (right) pal around during the bonfire and sing along.



Right: Mr. Frank Robbins gives Mr. John Olson some pre-putt advice during the Mini Golf Tournament of Champions.



Below: Quiet on the green. Eric Robbins is about to putt while Chris Crosson watches from a safe distance.



Above: Mrs. Cindy Kay watches Mrs. Leslie Rice as she putts away the ball. How many strokes did it take, Mrs. Rice?

Right: Mr. Bob Key flounders to set the ball to Mr. Philip Kay as Mr. Sam Barber watches from the back court.



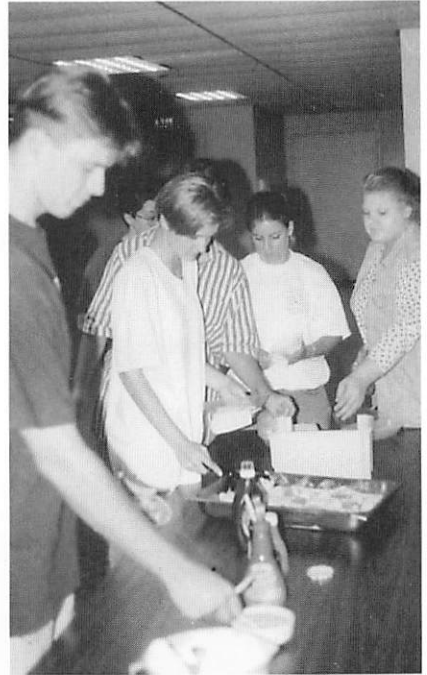


# It's Orientation Time!



Left: President Rickman, Debbie Wilson, and one of Eric Robbins' brothers are amazed at Miss Shari Christopher's setting ability.

Below: Bill Farris, Jr., The Tina's Campbell, Debbie Wilson, and Heather DeVries crowd around a table laden with the makings for ice cream sundaes.



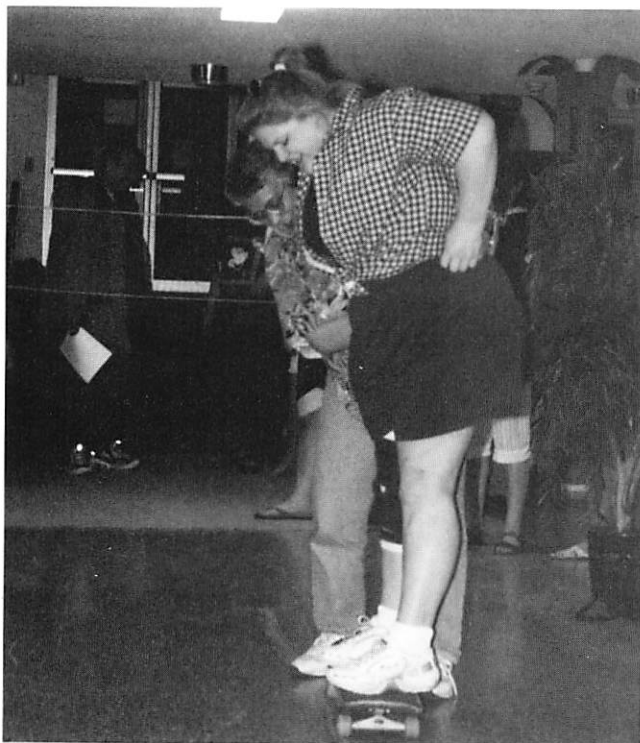
Left: President and Mrs. Rickman join Eric Dannels, Chris Crosson, Mark Playle, and Chris Northcutt beside the bonfire during the sing along.



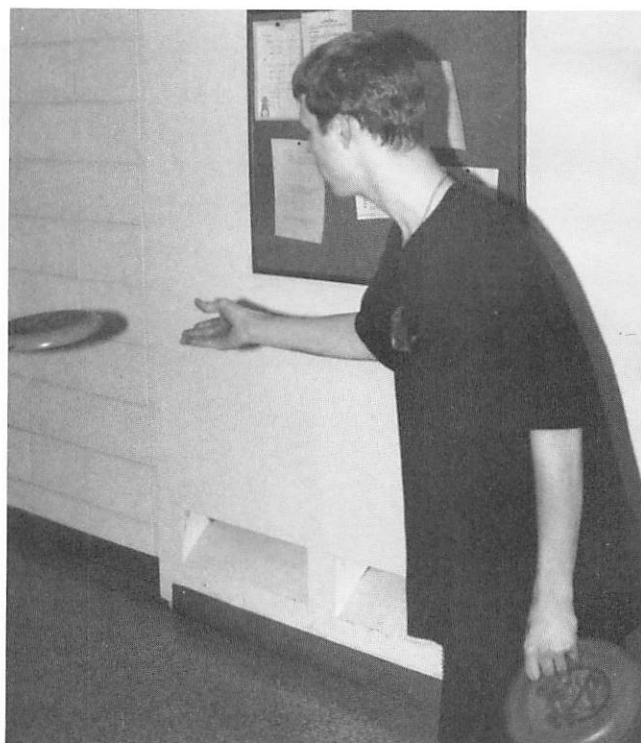




Above: The residents of the Men's Dorm sponsored and hosted the first Winter Beach Party. Events of the evening included chowing down on the homemade pizza made by none other than Mr. Bill Hyndman, Mr. Philip Kay, and Mr. Rodney Birch; "beach" games, and "campfire" singing. A crowd of beach goers (left to right: Heather DeVries, Caleb Koger, Shari Christopher, Becky Barber, John Glasscock, Mr. Philip Kay, and Amy Arney) are awaiting the next event.



Above: Mrs Prudy Olson and Heather DeVries team up for the Kowabunga contest.

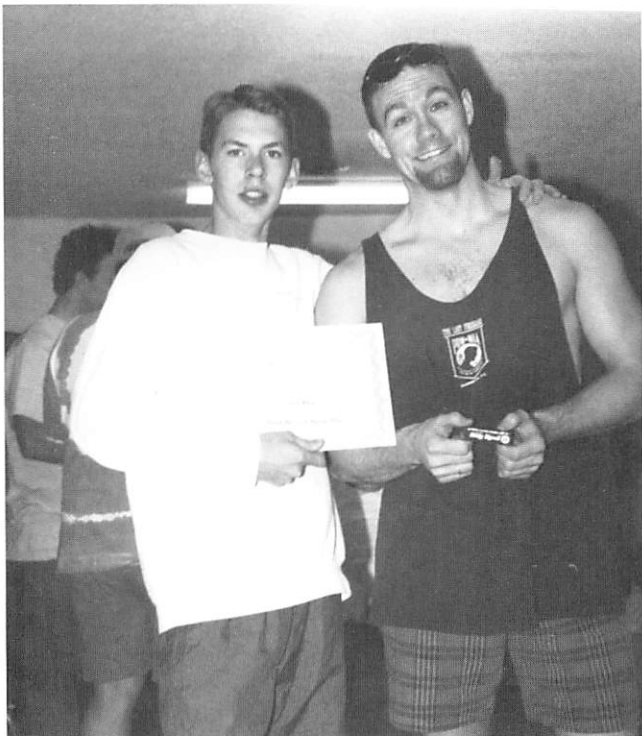


Above: Tim Ross takes a jab at the Frisby Throwing contest. How did you do, Tim?





Above: Several beach party attendees join in for a time of campfire singing. Left to right: Anthony Nieuwsma, Mr. Philip Kay, Mrs. Cindy Kay, Amy Arney, Jason Boomgarden, Shari Christopher, Becky Barber, Sam Barber, and Dini Semini. Everyone had a good time of singing to and worshipping the Lord during this time.



Above: Brian Hatcher(right) and Kyle Olson(left) are the winners of the Kowabunga contest. Congratulations you studly surfer dudes.

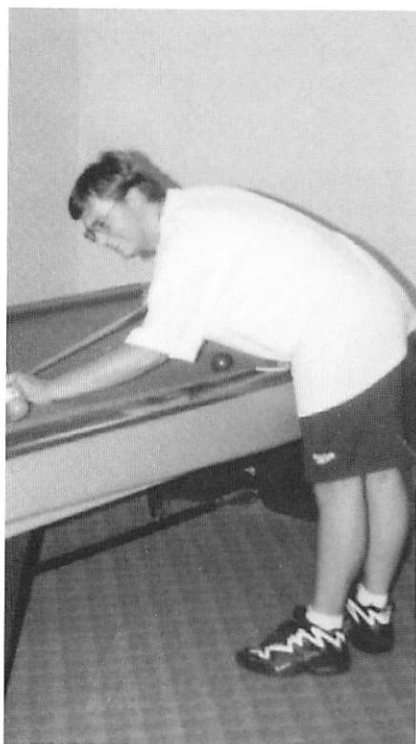
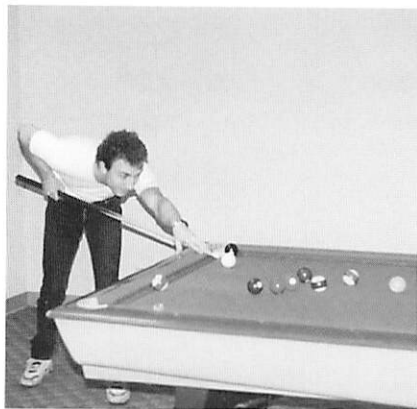


Above: Shari Christopher and Becky Barber talk with Paul Tutt 'neath the shade of a palm tree.



Right: Amy Arney tries to quiet Shannon Gallagher by stuffing a cupcake in her mouth.

Below: Dini Semini is deep in concentration as he "breaks" in the pool table.



Above: Chris Northcutt, a.k.a. pool shark, attempts a difficult shot.

Lower right: Shannon Gallagher models her new lipstick for the camera. SMILE!



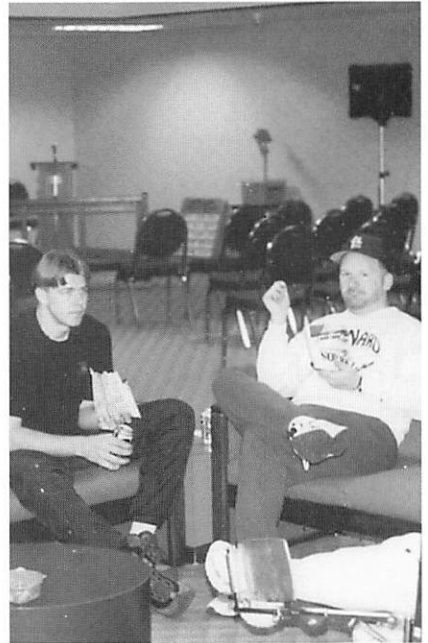


# Who has Time to Study? It's Party Time!!!



Left: Midnight bowling. Everybody bowls, everybody wins.

Middle: John "Whoops" Glasscock looks suspiciously at the camera while eating his prison nachos. Are you hiding something, John?



Above: Holly Brakefield waits her turn in the lunch line. What's so funny, Holly?



Bottom left: Brian Trosen monkeys around with a banana while waiting for lunch to be served.

Above: The No Lenses Crew makes their rapping debut as Mama Sharon says, "Yo NLC, Let's Kick It!"



# Life Is a Blast!



Top Right: (Left to Right): Mr. Philip Kay, Anthony Nieuwsma, and Phil Schrauben really take hot dog roasting seriously. Just look at how intensely focused they are!



Above: Mrs. Kathy DeVore reads a passage of Scripture during the Morning of Prayer chapel service.

Lower Right (Left to Right): Scott House, Dean Lamdin, Caleb Koger, and Priscilla House enjoy a good joke.





Below: This is Shari Christopher, Admissions Secretary after Breakaway Weekend : - )



Below: Amy Arney, student of many jobs: tutor, R.A. (Residents Assistant) cook, hairstylist, and dishwasher. Qualifications for a great homemaker, guys!



Center: A group of women "chew the fat." Group members are, from left to right: Trisha VanPatten, Deb Hall, Heather DeVries, and Lori (Lincoln) Glasscock.



Above: Miss Teri Waggoner and Mrs. Lori Hyndman enjoy some gab time outside the Mini Putt club house.

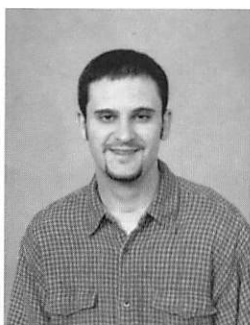
Arden Selden entertains Matthew Selden and Mary DeVore while Mrs. Kathy DeVore and Miss Irene Weitert converse.

I've heard that egg is good for the complexion. We'll wait and see how it works for Shannon Gallagher. You were a great Team Leader, Shannon.





Amy Arney



Jason Boomgarden



Holly Brakefield



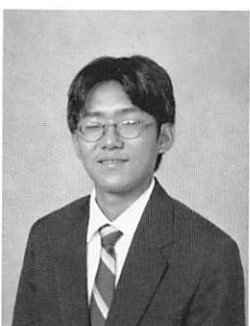
Tina L. Campbell



Jennifer Cox



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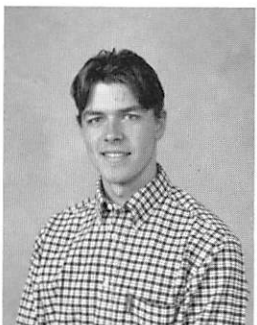
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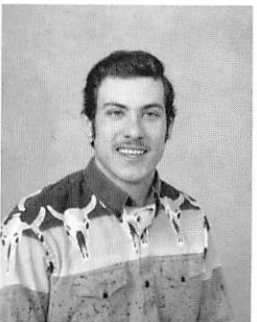
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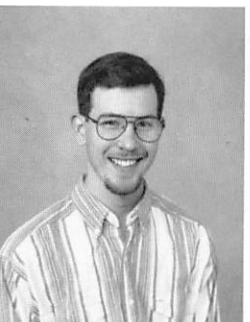
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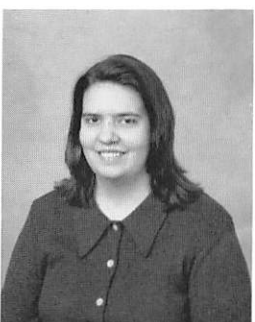
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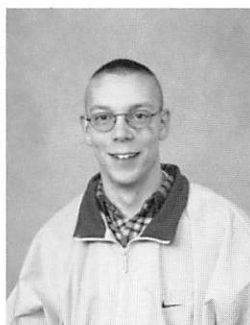


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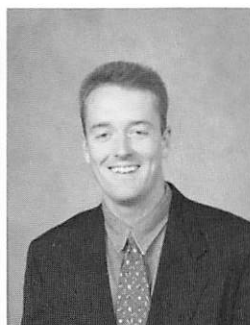




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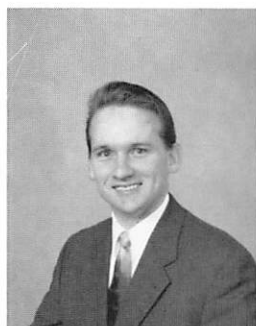
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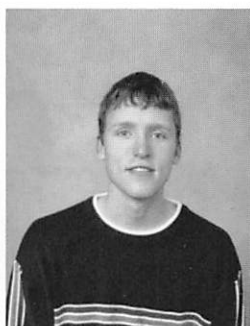
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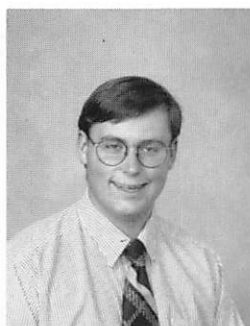
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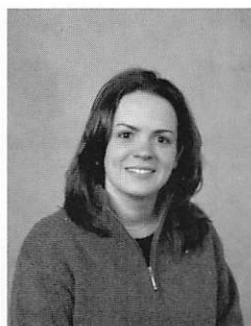
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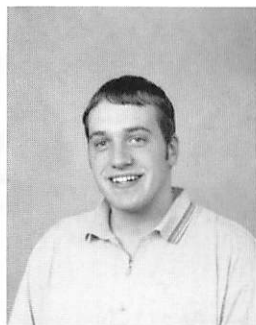
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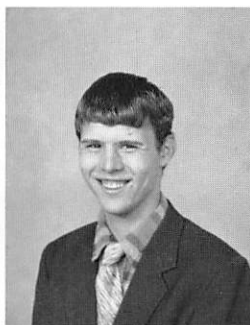
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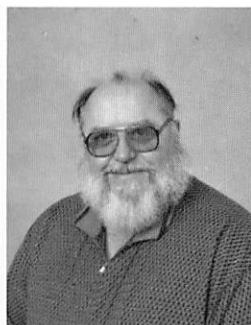
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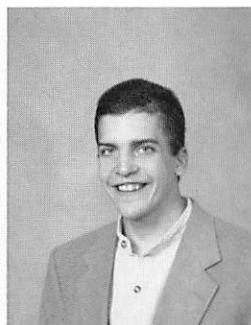
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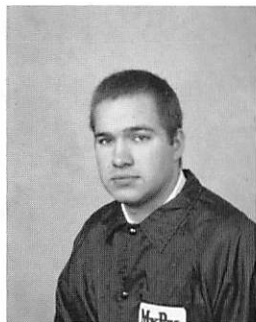
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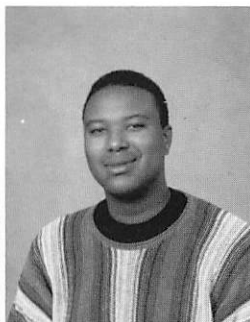
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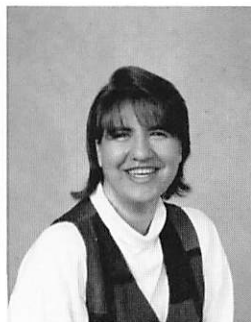
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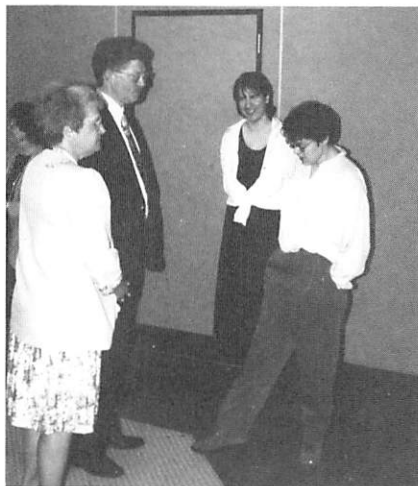
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Mary Rozzenboom



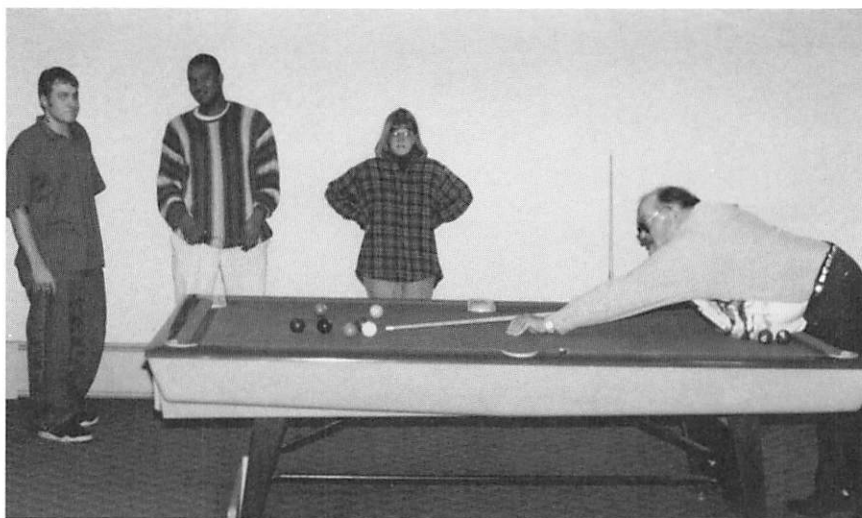
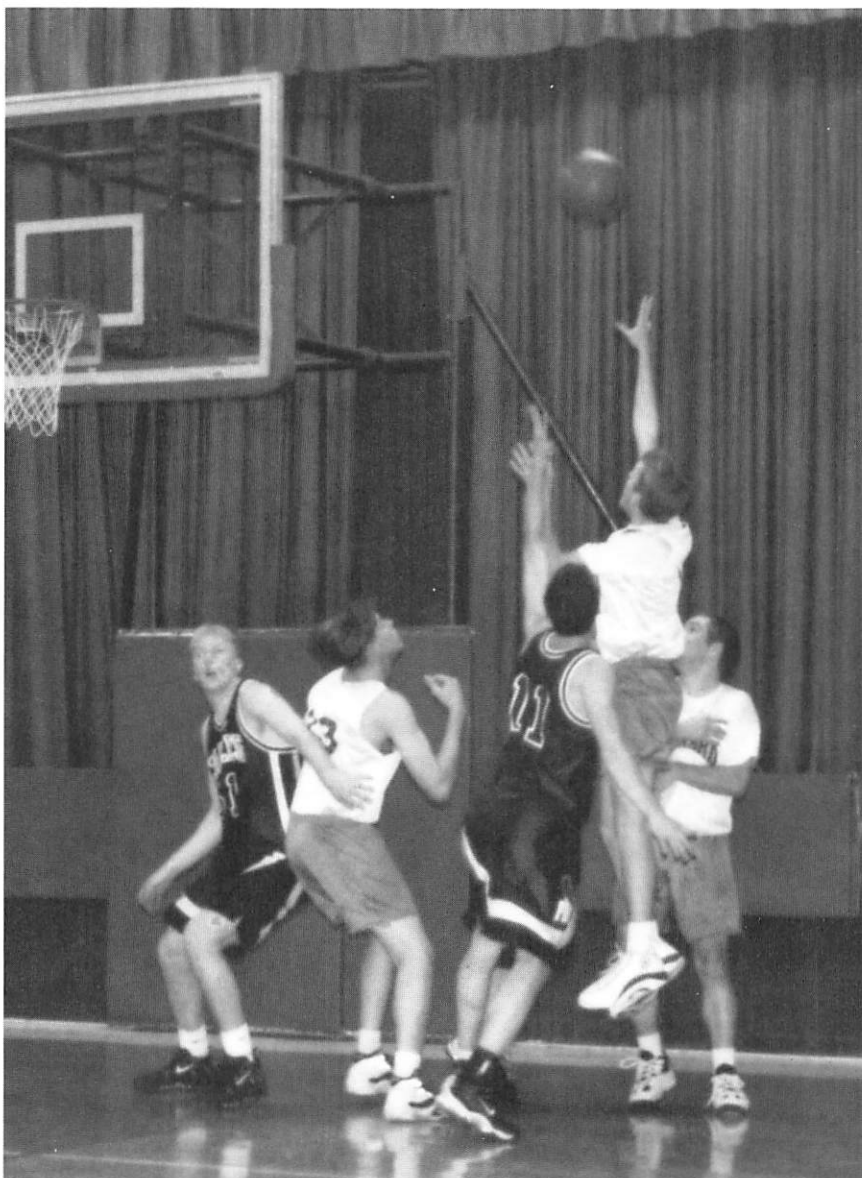
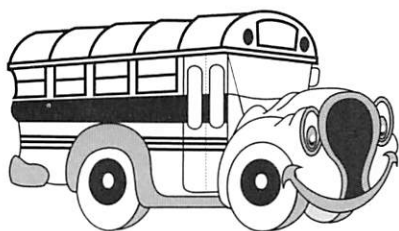
Right: Tina Jo Campbell (front) and Debbie Wilson (back) discuss life at Vennard with the pastor from Cedar Christian Reformed Church and his wife.

Below: With protection from teammates Brian Trosen (back) and Billy Farris (left), Anthony Nieuwsma leaps to rebound the basketball.

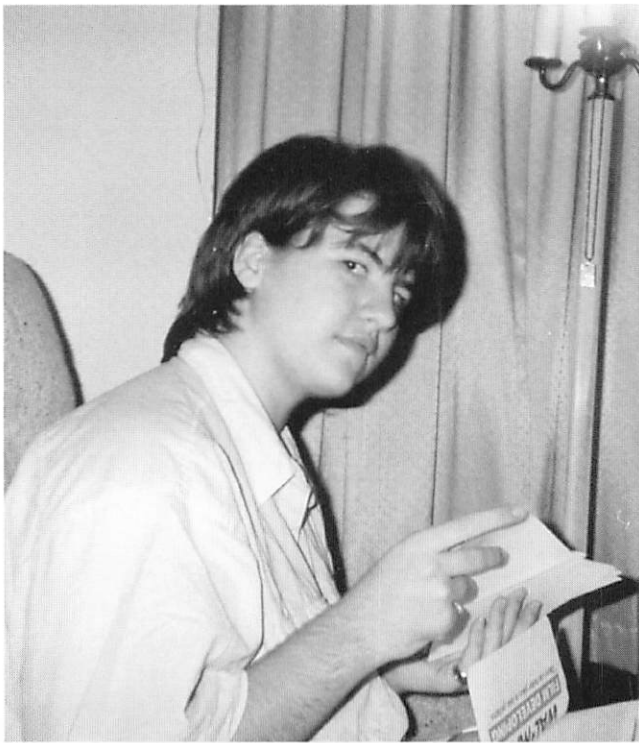


Above: Part of the worship experience in chapel is the singing of hymns.

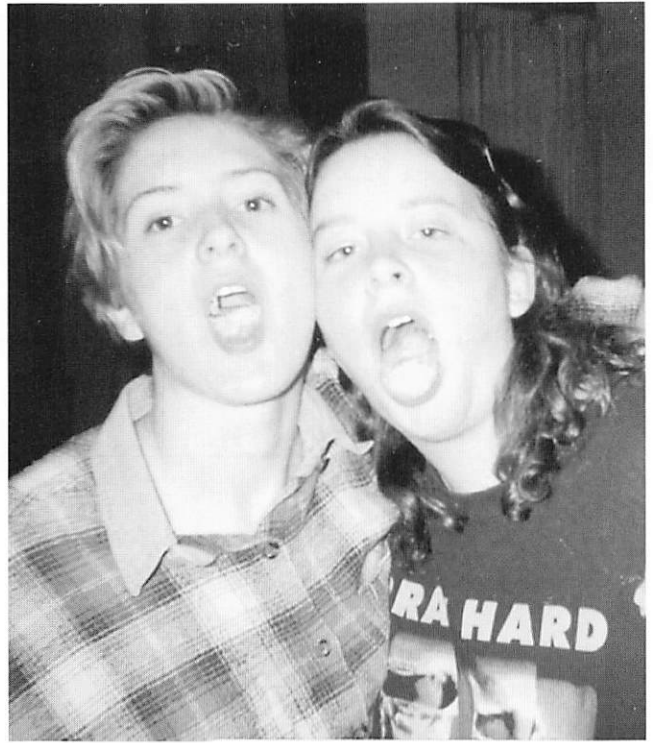
Lower Right: Eric Robbins (left), Paul Tutt (center), and Amy Arney (right) watch as Harry Swan attempts to put a ball in the pocket.







Above: Debbie Wilson doesn't like to be interrupted while she is pondering.



Above: Tina Louise Campbell (left) and Shannon Gallagher (right) thought we needed to enjoy the benefit of their snack as much as they do. Thanks a lot!



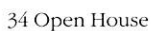
It appears that the yearbook photographer, Heather DeVries, is being photographed herself by some unidentified freelancer while Tina Jo Campbell (left), Chris Northcutt (middle) and Debbie Hall (right) enjoy the party.



(Open House)

Harry Swan is studying hard in his well organized room. Is it any wonder that he is an honor roll student?

Amy Arney offers the camera a smile but no her Twizzler.





# (Open House)

"Brian Hatcher! What is this?!"  
question Amy Arney and Deb  
Hall. Little Katie Barber enjoys  
relaxing with Tina L. Campbell



John Faulkner enjoys a cup of  
coffee while peaking into to check  
out Debbie Hall's room.



Jen Cox gives Nolan Gentry a  
tour of her well organized dorm  
room.

Heather DeVries enjoys a  
carmel apple pop while  
chatting with her family, John  
Glasscock and Amy Arney,



# Homecoming '97

Right: Students and Alumni prepare for the parade. Boy, do they look strange!\*



Above: Amy Arney, Tim Ross, Chris Crosson, and Bill Farris, Jr. have kp duty during the banquet.

Lower right: Nancy Hyndman, herself an alum of the College, directed this choir consisting of alumni, faculty and staff (many of whom are alums) and current students.





# Welcome Home, We're Glad You Came!



Homecoming '97 was a rather special event as it was the first Homecoming of the "new" Vennard. Many alumni from all over the country came back home to reminisce about the old times and to see what God is doing now. It gave current students an opportunity to share with the alumni some of the many miracles God has performed, and it gave alumni an opportunity to share pranks pulled on the Social Deans, professors, and friends

Left: A lot of catching up was done around these banquet tables.



Above: Mr. Rodney Birch ('94), Miss Shari Christopher ('95), Debra Haff ('94), Doug West ('94), and Priscilla West ('94) get together for a picture.



Lower left: Some current students sit around a table with some alumni to hear some stories of prank pulling.





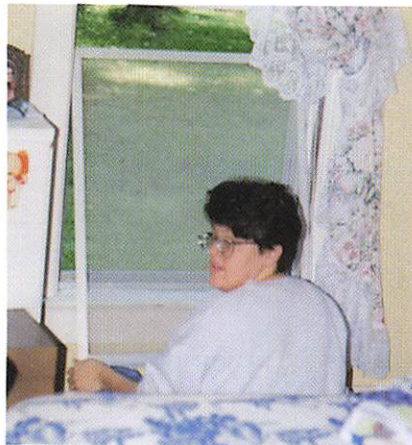
# Community Service Day

Right: The entire college is awaiting assignment of various clean-up assignments around the community.

Below: Josh Drown and Nichole Gallagher are assigned to cleaning the women's dorm, but I think Josh is a little confused as to what needs to be cleaned.



Center: Hats off to John Glasscock for hauling away the garbage.



Above: I didn't know Tina Jo Campbell did windows! Are you having fun, Tina Jo?



Above: Surprise, Debbie Wilson can do something besides process and shelf books; she also does windows!



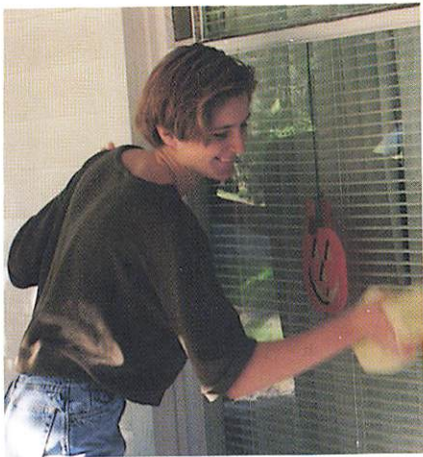
Below: Yes, Gabe Tramel, that is a window believe it or not.



Below: Chris Crosson is checking for smears on the recently cleaned glass doors to the Library. Of course putting your hand on the glass doesn't help prevent smearing very well.



Center: Trisha Van Patten works hard at trimming back the hedge. Keep at it Trisha; Perseverance develops character!



Above: Tina Louise Campbell wiping windows and enjoying it!

Lower center: Jason Comstock and Tina Louise Campbell work hard at raking up pine needles and cones.



Left: Shannon Gallagher gives Caleb Koger instruction on how to re-install a storm glass window.





Right: A volunteer helps the maintenance crew dismantle and remove the old boiler from the heating plant.



Center: Thanks to some donated monies from the Walker family and Hewlett Packard, the College received 7 state of the art computers for the Computer Lab.

Lower right: The College family celebrates with Dr. and Mrs. Rickman on his receipt of an honorary doctorate from Wesley Biblical Seminary.







## Recent Developments



The 1997-1998 year was an exciting one to say the least. We were again so blessed by God's faithfulness and provision of our needs. Some of the highlighted events were 1) Dr. Rickman receiving an honorary doctorate from Wesley Biblical Seminary, 2) the removing of an old boiler and replacing it with a brand new one, 3) the receipt of seven state of the art computers for the computer lab, 4) the renovation and dedication of the Logan Chapel, and 5) a signed consortium agreement with William Penn College.

Top left: Mr. Arden Selden is being very artistic in touching up the chapel ceiling.



Above: Dr. Harold Spann, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is one of the featured speakers during the dedication of the chapel.

Lower left: The new boiler is being installed in the heating plant.







## "TINA JO CAMPBELL

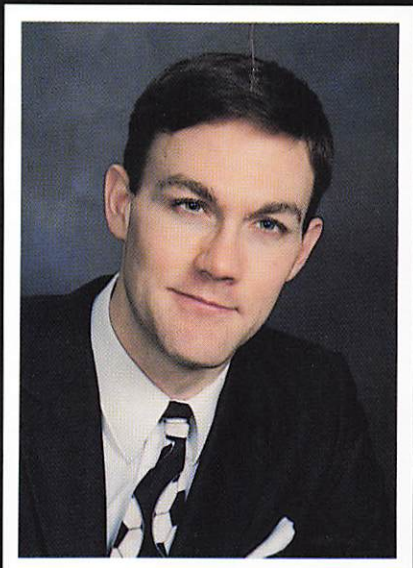
Hurst, Texas  
Major: World Missions

### Life Scriptures:

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14:6 (NKJV) "



## "Brian P. Hatcher

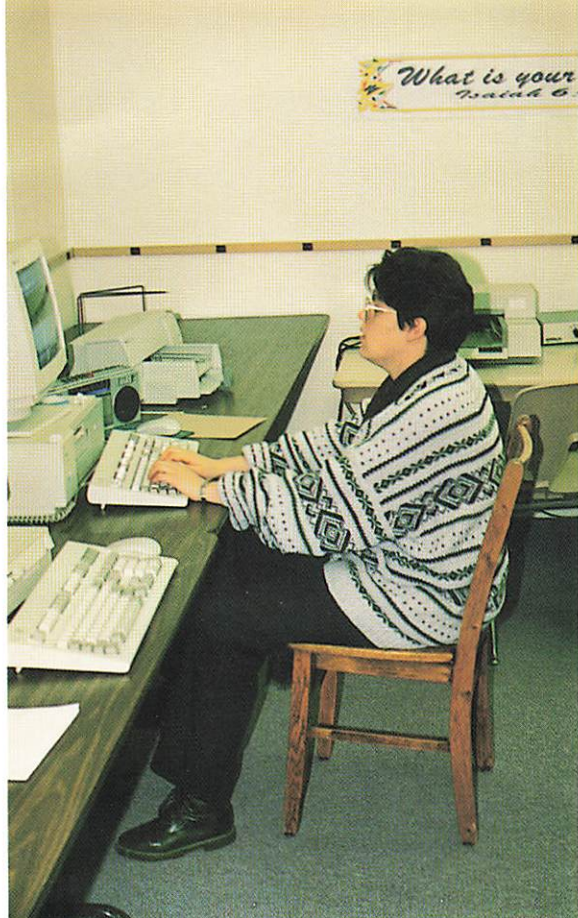
Coperas Cove, Texas  
Major: World Missions

### Life Scriptures:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) "

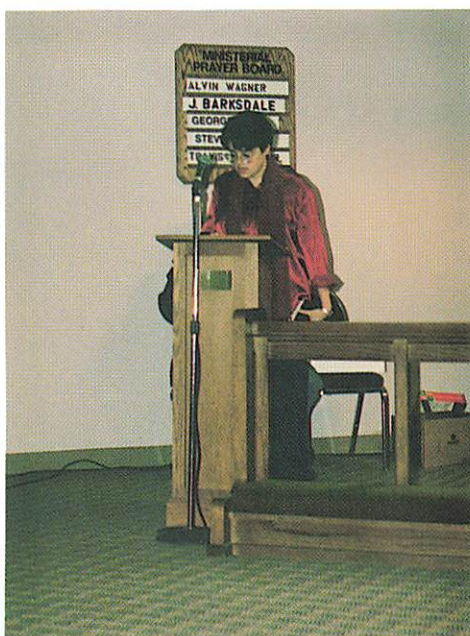




Left: Tina Jo Campbell hard at work in front of the computer. Or is she just trying to impress the photographer?

Lower left: It looks like Brian Hatcher, Ms. Glenda Robbins, and Mrs. Leslie Rice are playing a game of charades. It wonder what Mrs. Leslie Rice is trying to have them guess. Below: Tina Jo Campbell, the orator. Lower right: It looks as though Brian Hatcher is involved in a stimulating conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Schrauben.

# MOVING ON.





Top right: This table of diners enjoys the delicious turkey feast..

Below: Josh Drown, being Native American, shares with us an account of the First Thanksgiving from a Native American's perspective.



Above: The choir presents two melodies on the theme of giving thanks.

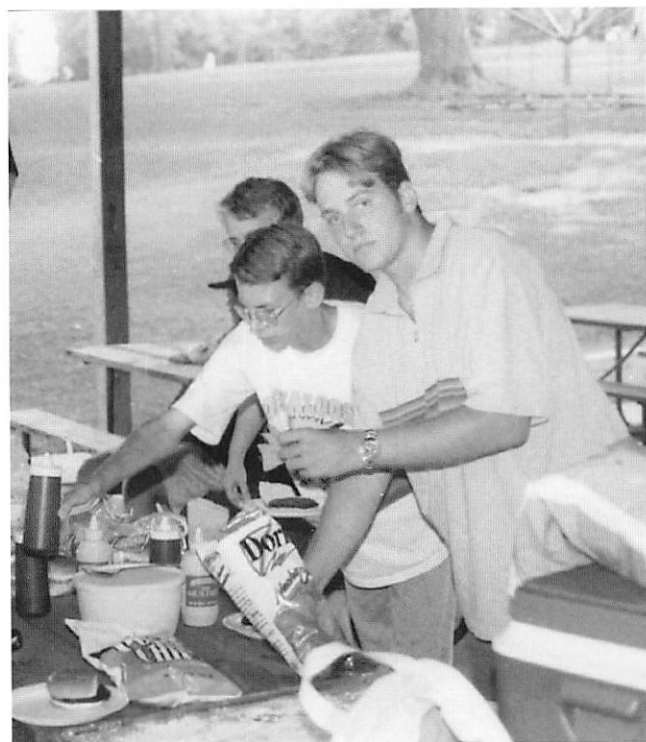
Lower right: Amy Lamdin entertains Nolan Gentry and Emily Lamdin.







Above: Everyone is curious as to who sent Debbie Wilson some flowers and a balloon. Onlookers include Holly Brakefield (forefront), Brian Trosen (left), Dini Semini, Tim Ross, Kenneth Lake, John Glasscock, and Trisha Van Patten.



Above: Eric Robbins gives the photographer a wary look as he and Kyle Olson dig into the food at the all school picnic at Edmundson Park.



About: Former Navy cook, Harold Swan, holds the doorpost up as he poses for the photographer.



# CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

Right: Bill Farris, Jr. practices his stare down on the photographer while John Glasscock raises his glass in honor of the festivities. Heather Allen, Shelly Cox, Tina Jo Campbell, Debbie Wilsoin, Tina Louise Campbell, Eric Robbins, and Holly Brakefield enjoy the evenings conversation.

Below: Mark Playle assists the Chapel's Christmas tree in its donning of its holiday apparel.



Middle right: Members of the Vennard Community caroling at a local Nursing Home. Carolers are (left to right): John Olson, Sam Barber, Martha Rickman, Tana Rickman, Holly Brakefield, Katie Barber, Robert Barber, Becky Barber, and Lila Faust..



Lower right: During one of the chapel periods during Christmas Observance Week, the College community walked around University Park and caroled at various locations such as Kid's Korner, Rev. and Mrs. Sprunk's, and The Cooper's.

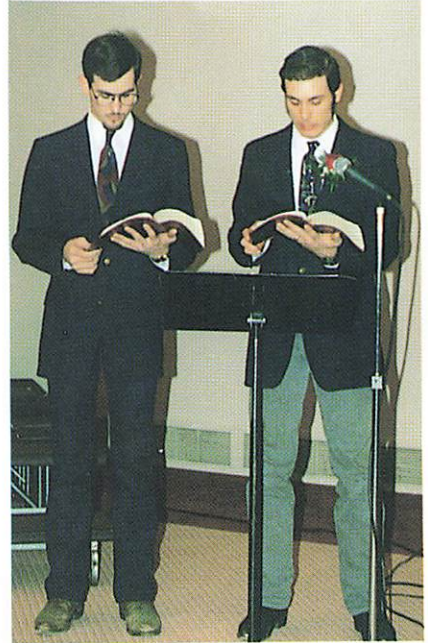






Top Left: Shannon Gallagher announces the arrival of Troy Gentry and Jennifer Cox at the Christmas Banquet.

Below: Brothers John Gentry, Jr. (right) and Troy Gentry (left) read the Christmas story. John reads the account of Christ's Birth out of the Spanish Bible, while Troy interprets by reading it out of the English Bible.



Above: Chris Northcutt participates in the Dorms's Christmas Chapel by reading a portion of the Christmas story while Dean of Men Bill Hyndman looks on.



Above: Trisha Van Patten (left) and Emily Dannels (right) work at decorating the Chapel Christmas Tree during the Dorms's Christmas Chapel.



Above: Emily Dannels (left) and Chris Crosson (right) help decorate the Chapel Christmas Tree.





Above: Nichole Gallagher, John Glasscock, and Bill Farris, Jr. are not very camera shy. In fact, they are regular hams.



Above: John Gentry, Jr. holds son Nolan while future sister-in-law, Jennifer Cox, orders something from Heidi Gentry at the Student Grill.



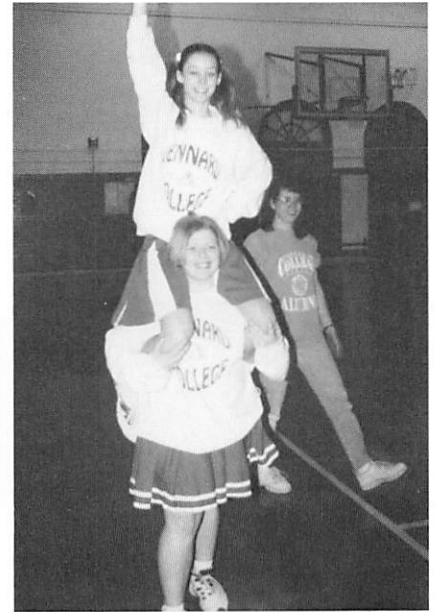
Above: It appears there are two separate conversations taking place. One conversation involves Mr. John Olson (left), Josh Drown (top), and Shannon Gallagher (right). The other conversation includes Holly Brakefield (left), Eric Robbins (top), Dean Glenda Robbins (middle), and Tina Jo Campbell (right). I wonder what they are talking about.





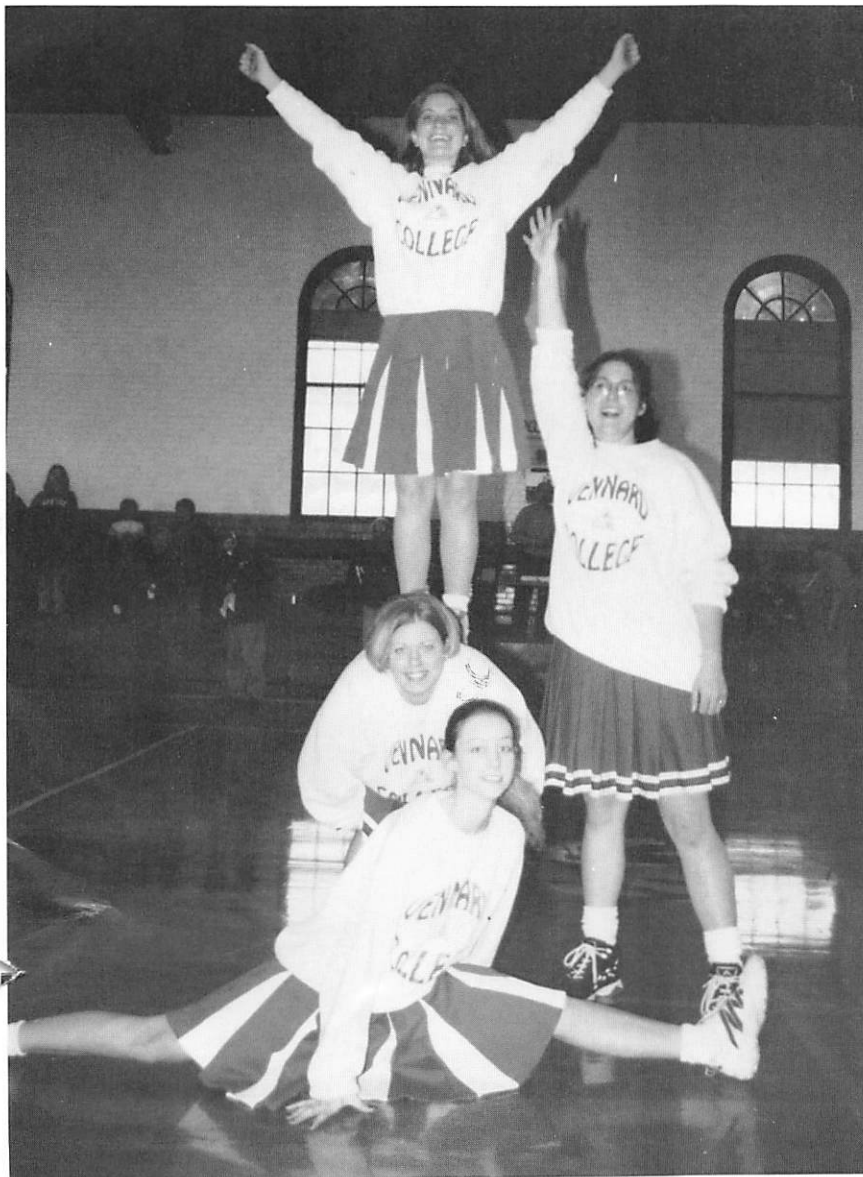
Left: Cougar Cheerleaders lead crowd cheers during a time out.

Bottom: Holly Brakefield and Trisha VanPatten encourage the Cougar Spirit!



Top: Captain Holly Brakefield wonders where the rest of the cheerleaders are!

Left: Cougar Cheerleaders: Shelly Cox (top), Deb Hall (standing), Trisha VanPatten (middle) and Holly Brakefield (bottom).





# Go Vennard Cougars!!!

1997-1998 saw the inception of the men's and women's basketball program at Vennard College. Since we were not yet a part of any conference the games played counted only as scrimmages, but the Cougars put forth their best effort.

In this start-up process a few

other colleges (Barclay, Nebraska Christian, and Faith Bible) were willing to travel to our gym so we could play them. We thank these schools for this extra effort on their part. We look forward to greater things from the Cougars in the future.

Caleb Koger goes for the tip-off



Top: (L to R) Phil Schrauben (coach), Josh Drown, Chris Northcutt, Paul Tutt, Billy Farris Jr, Eric Robbins, Anthony Niewsma, Scott House, and Dean Lamdin.

Right: Coach Schrauben gives the guys some time-out tips.





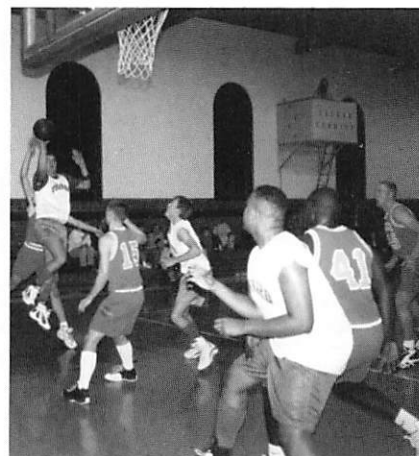
Billy Farris goes for the shot.



Brian Trosen experiences "The Air up There!"



Left: Scott House defies the laws of gravity.



Top: Eric Robbins takes a shot.



Far Left: "Get out of my way!" Anthony Niewisma yells.

Left: Paul Tutt goes up for two.



# Lady Cougars Rule!!!

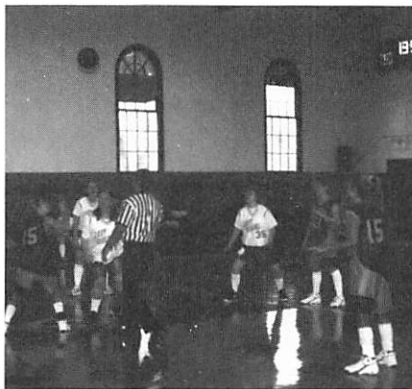
Faculty, staff and students came together once again in a common goal. The Lady Cougars were formed for the Spring semester of 1998.

They overcame a large number of hurdles to play a

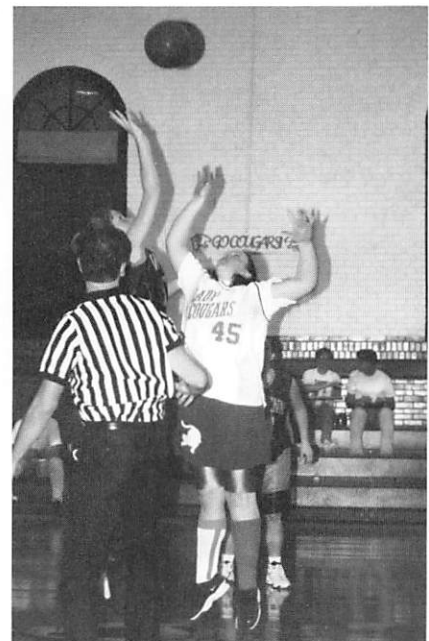
steadily improving season. Keep an eye out for the Vennard Lady Cougars. They're on the Prowl.



Top:  
Back (L to R) Nancy Hyndman (coach), Emily Dannels, Shannon Gallagher, Deb Hall, Becky Barber.  
Front: (L to R) Priscilla House, Nikki Gallagher, Cindy Kay (and baby).



Top: The Lady Cougars are on the prowl for points!



Right: Shannon Gallagher goes for the tip-off.

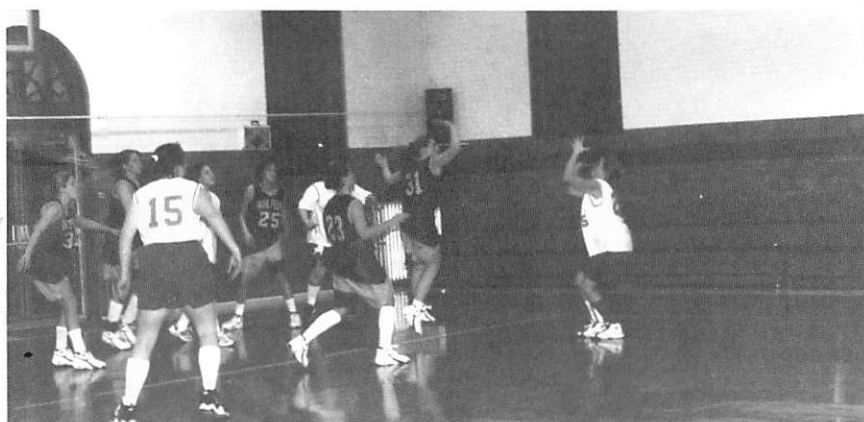




Left: The Lady Cougars move in for the kill!



Bottom: Priscilla House takes the ball up the court.



Left: Nik-Nik Gallagher goes for nothin' but net!





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# *BREAKAWAY 1998-*

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## *We're serious about it, but we have some fun in the process.*

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Pictured Left- The speaker for the weekend Greg Witzenburg, a Vennard Graduate, addresses the youth and staff about dedication as well as reliving the "good times" at school. He looks right at home as he delivers stirring messages in the Saturday chapels. Many people were stirred to making further commitments to God in the Saturday night chapel as the Holy Spirit moved through the message and the music. It was a wonderful time of worshipping the Lord.

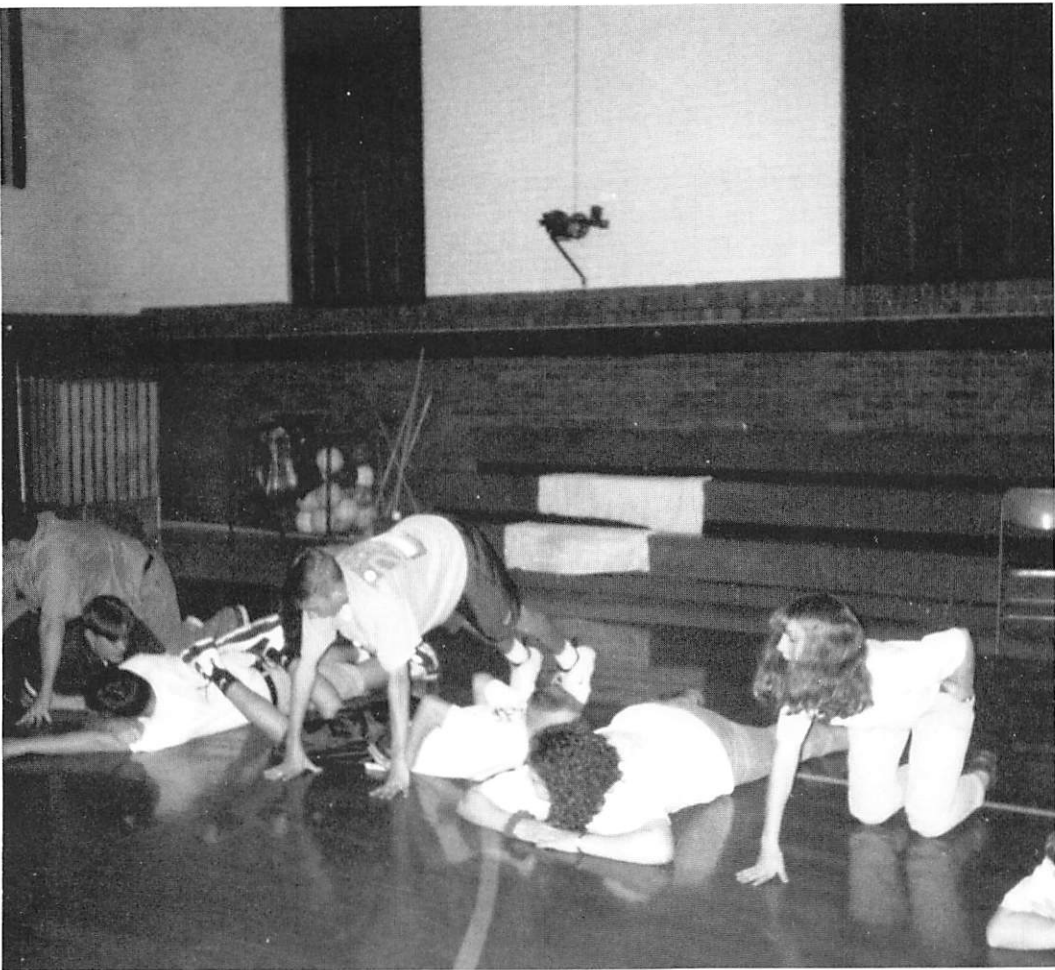


Above- The deputation team, First Light, consisting of (left to right) Anthony Nieuwsma, Billy Farris, Caleb Koger, Shelly Cox, and Deb Hall, practiced up on the youth

participating in the weekend, getting ready for the summer, as well as lead the chapels in worship through singing.







Left- Breakaway attendees are having a "hopping" good time during the ice breaker activities on Friday afternoon. This is one way to get to know someone.



Above- John Glasscock gives a stirring example of how not to preach in Friday's chapel Very funny John.

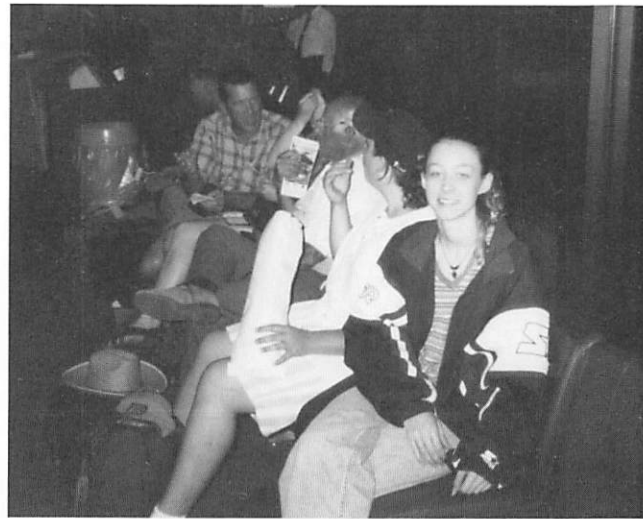


Above- Mini-Putt is a favorite of everyone Friday and Saturday during about every free time slot. And why not? This world renowned golf course is one of the great attractors for the beautiful school.



# San Juan Pueblo or Bust!

Right: The Task Force Team (back to front): Bruce Taylor, Carrie Taylor, Frank Robbins, Shannon Gallagher, and Holly Brakefield, eagerly await their departure from the Kansas City Airport.



Above: Tina Jo Campbell becomes a "home girl" while in Honduras. Guess we better not send her to Africa. We probably wouldn't recognize her when she arrived home!

Right: Shannon Gallagher takes time to distribute her wealth of candy with the children at the work site.

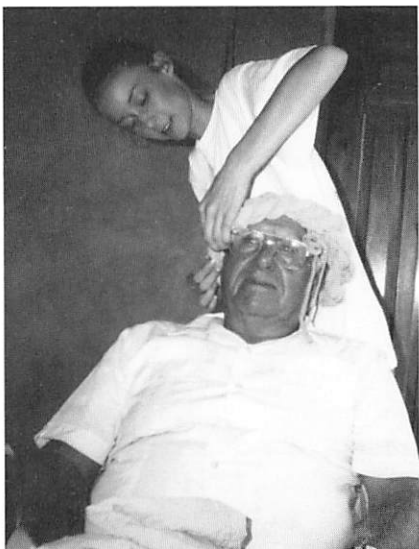


Right: Holly Brakefield asks, "May I take it home with me P-L-E-A-S-E?"

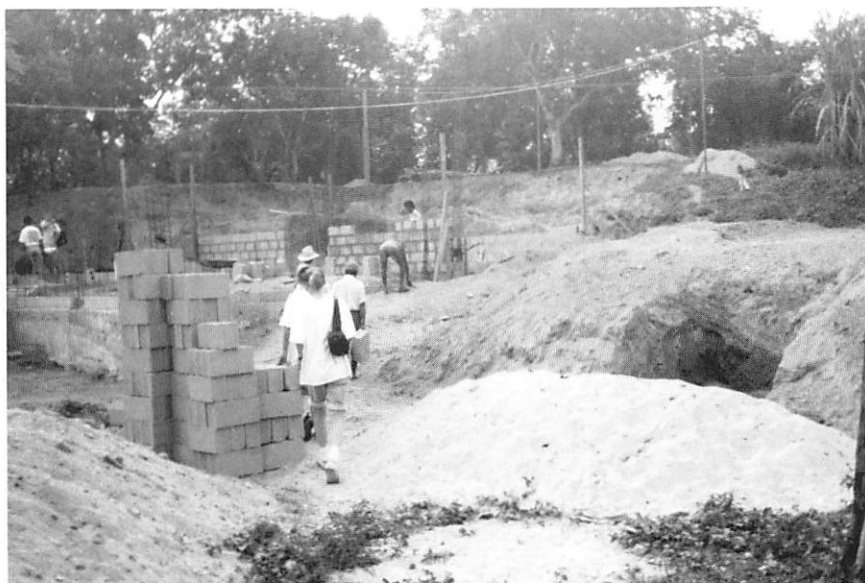
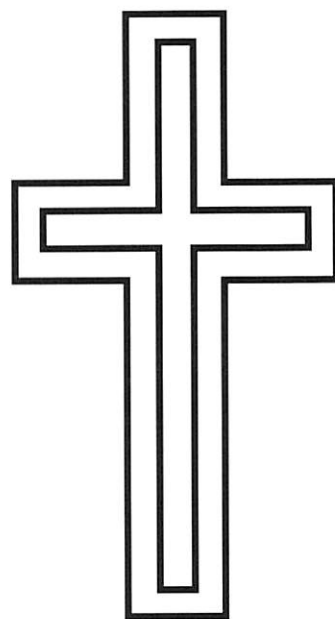




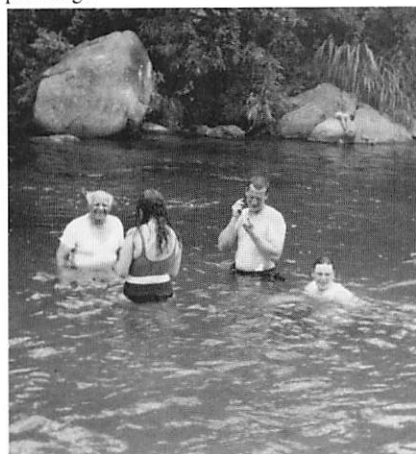
Holly Brakefield graciously helps fit Frank Robbins with his new designer hat made of hospital scrubs. Is this a new fad that I don't know about?



Jose is proud to be one of the hard workers helping build the pastor's new residence.



Left: The Task Force Team treks through the sand to begin working at the site of the 3,000sq.ft. parsonage.



Above(left to right): Frank Robbins, Carrie Taylor, Bruce Taylor (shaving) and Shannon Gallagher take their daily swim/bath in the river.



Left: Shannon Gallagher pushes a wheel-barrow full of sand away from the trenches that are being dug.

Left: The Task Force Team poses with national workers, employees and a few students from the Farm School in El Sambrador, Honduras.



# ... the experience continues

*San Juan Pueblo, Honduras, Central America*

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"In the States our idea of poverty is a black and white tv and an unpaid phone bill," Frank Robbins said on the way out to San Juan Pueblo. However, for the people in this town on the Northern Coast of Honduras, a telephone and running water are luxuries. San Juan Pueblo is a town where the fields truly "are white unto harvest." (John 4:35) My experience in Honduras made me realize that despite people's culture their need of the Gospel is still very real. On our first evangelistic trip to the people I shared my purpose for being in San Juan Pueblo, and told them about what Jesus can do for them. Two young teenagers surrendered their

lives to God. A week later, others also received Christ. At every church service people would ask, "How can I be a Christian?" This church, Iglesia San Juan Pueblo Evangelica de Santidad (Evangelical Holiness Church of San Juan Pueblo) has grown from 6 to nearly 70 in only 4 months. People want Jesus Christ! They want a true faith in Jesus Christ. In the United States people want to run from the truth of the Gospel. Here, we have a church on just about every city block, and people complain about the sermon being too long, singing too many songs, or not having enough fellowship.

Tina Jo Campbell

Below: Reina Ester, the daughter of the national pastor, poses for a picture in her school uniform.



Right: The Ladies of the Task Force team (l to r): Shannon Gallagher, Carrie Taylor, Holly Brakefield, and Tina Jo Campbell have their picture taken with the children of Iglesia San Juan Pueblo Evangelica de Santidad.

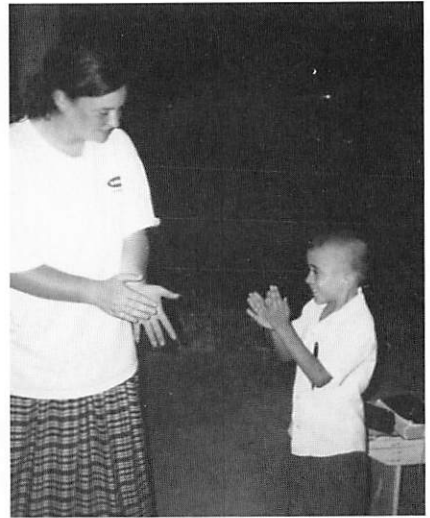






Holly Brakefield takes a big bite of a Honduran taco. Go Holly !!!!!!!!!

Shannon Gallagher and Maris worship together at the evening service. Hey, Dini. You had better keep an eye on your woman. Looks like you may have some competition.



Sunday School lesson is taught by a fourteen year old boy in San Juan Pueblo Church. Looks like he has an early start on his christian service. Can he get credit for that, Mrs Hyndman?



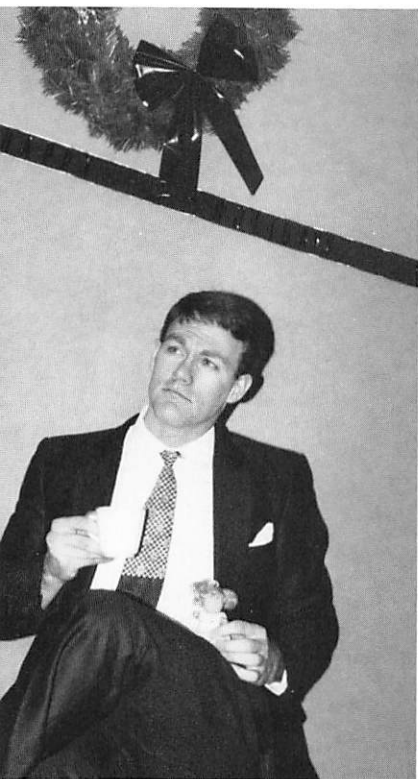
'Look Prudy, you're not the only one Tina Jo Campbell picks on!' Here, Tina and Lillian engage in an old fashioned tickle war.



The Task Force Team (left to right: Tina Jo Campbell, Shannon Gallagher, Carrie Taylor, and Holly Brakefield) practice a skit that would later be used to bridge the language barrier in the sharing of the Gospel.



Right- Chris Crosson has finally found his place in this world, or so we thought.



Above- Brian Hatcher sips coffee with his "new friend" during the Christmas Banquet.



## CANDIDS!

### THE FILM SAYS IT ALL.

We laugh together, then we cry together, and then we laugh some more. It is almost unamaguable what some people will do when they do now know that they are being watched. What is even more amazing is what they will do when they do know that a camera is trainen on them.

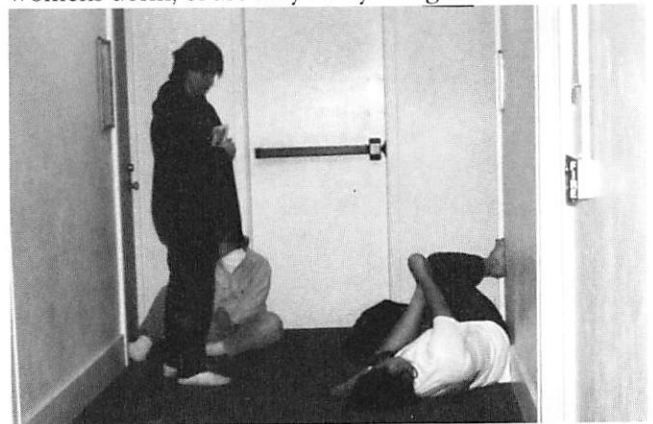
Although we could not put all the photos of weird and crazy things going on at Vennard, a sample is enough to prove that the members of the student body aren't just business, they are down-right nuts at times.





Left- Amy!... What have you done with the real Mr. Kay and who is this imposter?

Below- Does anybody have the time, or do we really want to know? And what is wrong with the beds in the dorm? Life in the womens dorm, or are they really living?



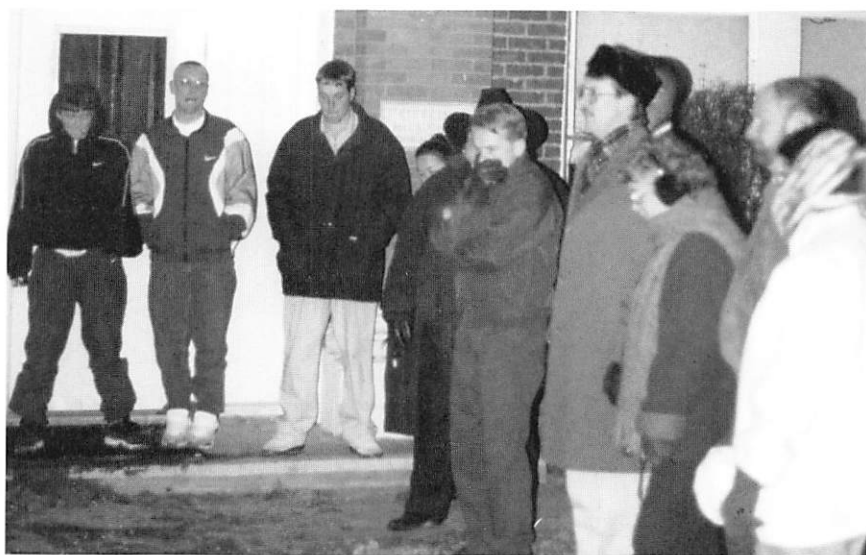
Right- Who are these people and who are they? One thing we can no for certain; Brian Hatcher has No Fear.



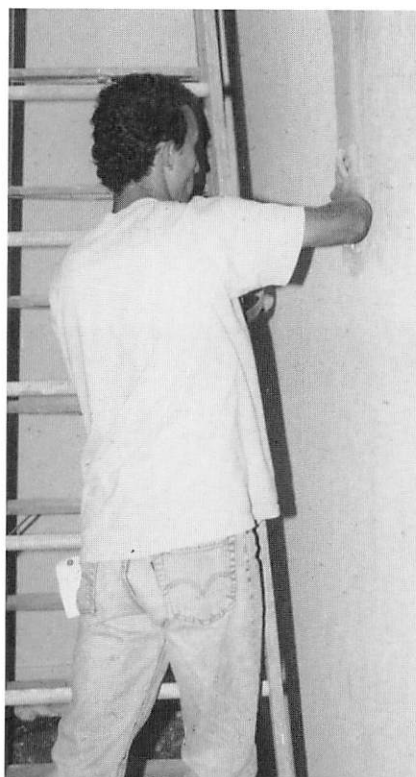
# Anyone Having Fun Yet?



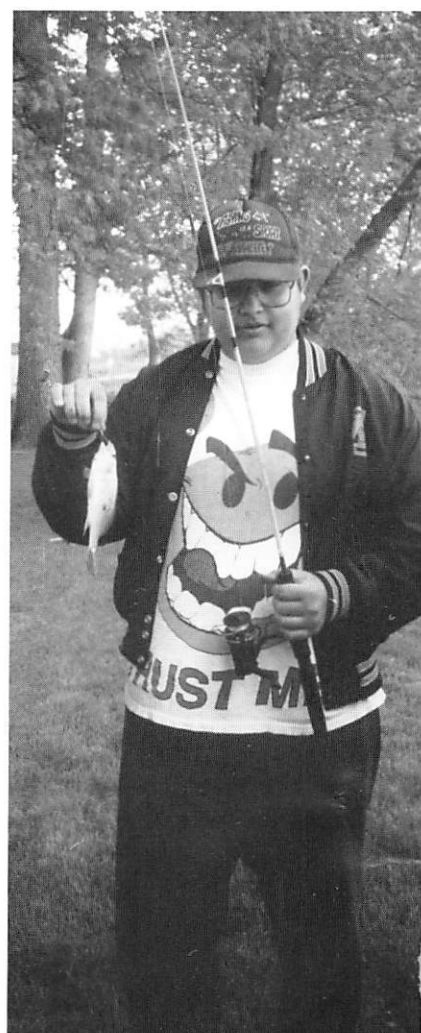
Top Right: Students, Faculty, and Staff gather outside the Administration Building for the Spring Semester campus concentration.



Mr. Joe Cool. Sorry, my mistake. Mr John Glasscock hangs out in the lobby of the Men's dorm for the Beach Party.

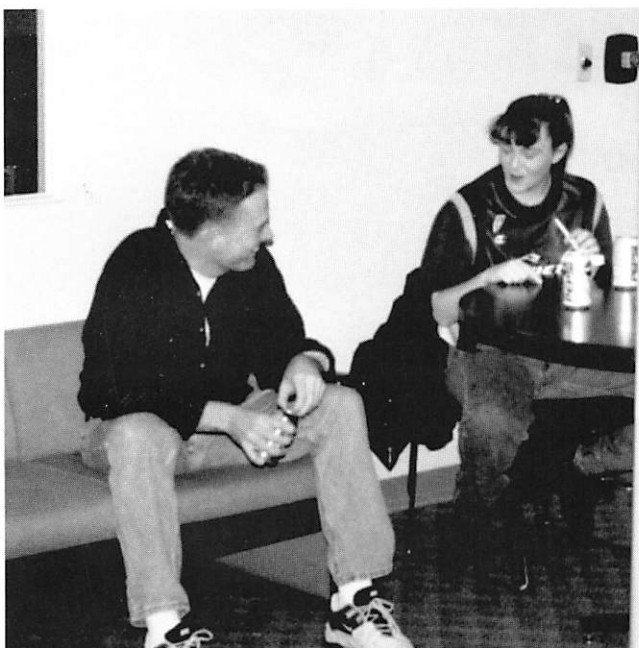


Dini Semini works hard at re-plastering the wall in the chapel. "Looks good Dini."



"Look Mom, I caught one!", says Mark Playle.



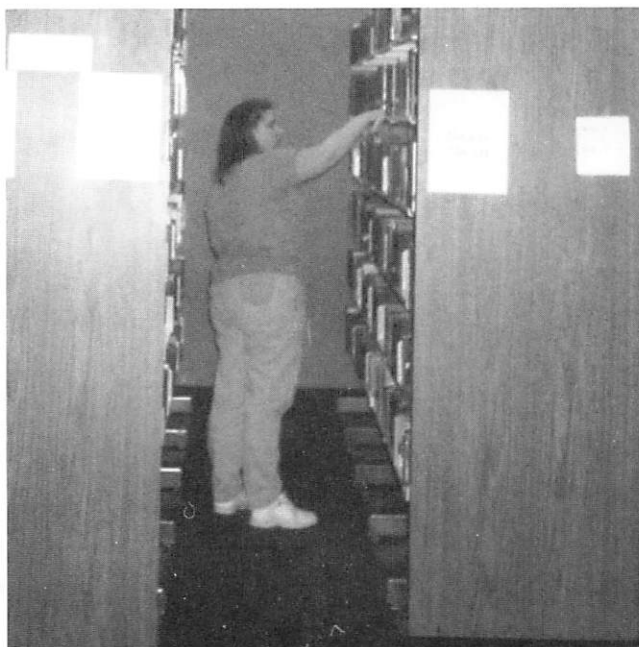


Left: Caleb Koger and Priscilla House enjoy some conversation over a pop and a dish of ice cream.



Left: Aha! We caught Shannon Gallagher on the phone. Wonder who she's talking to. Could it possibly be *Dini*?

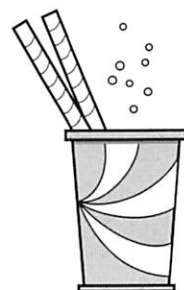
Below: "It's your move," says Tina Jo Campbell to the George Daily statue. "He is such a slow chess player. It takes him forever to make a move!"



Center: Ryann Henry cleans up in the Library on James Day.



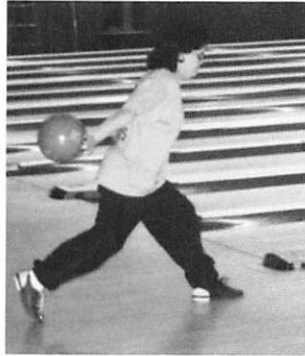
Lower Left: Tug-O-War is not a spectator sport as experienced by Emily Dannels and her boyfriend Josh.



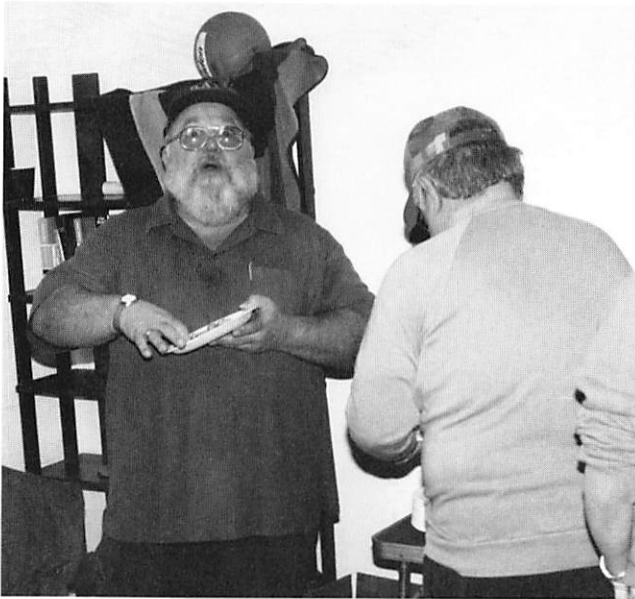




Right Look at that form! Lori Lincoln (Glasscock) should go pro.



Below: Gotcha Harry! A surprised Harry Swan gets his picture taken while John Faulkner (right) helps himself to more pizza.



Above: Chris Northcutt (foreground) and Anthony Nieuwsma (back) wait as Sam Barber and Amy Arney dish up the pizza.



Above: Eric Robbins workd on scraping the chapel ceiling. Don't have too much fun, Eric!



# Spiritual Life



STOP, LOOK &

**LISTEN**

*The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.  
It is good that one should be hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.  
Lamentations 3:25-26 (NKJV)*

*"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:  
'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'  
says the Lord of hosts.  
Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)*



# CHAPEL SERVICES



This year, chapel has been a consistent activity in a not-so-consistent location. While chapel activities were being split between Logan and the student center, the Gospel and Christian fellowship still remained the focus. While the student center was a nice place to fill a much needed void for a heated chapel. The return to Logan Chapel was made in March, just in time for the first senior chapel.

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Top: The choir sings during chapel in newly renovated Logan Chapel during Homecoming Weekend at Vennard.

Right: A duet being performed by Shari Christopher and Shelly Cox during Christmas emphasis week.





# Experience Worship



Left: The Salvation Army Band performs during one of the chapel services.

Below: President Rickman addresses the college community during one of his weekly Presidential Chapels.



Left Center: The college community joins in the singing of a hymn.



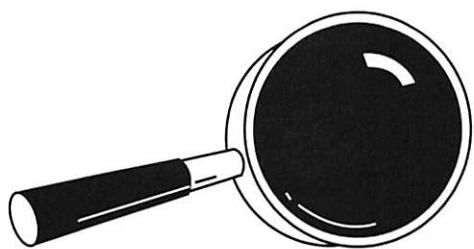
Far Left: Tom Fairclough, alumnus and area pastor, speaks to the college community about running the spiritual race.



Above: Valdimir Okhotin and his son Alex spoke in chapel as representatives of the Russian National Pastors.







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# *FALL REVIVAL*

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## *comes to the*

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## *Vennard College campus.*

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*Fall Revival services were timely and struck decisively this year in just the second week of classes. Rev. Gene Phillips, District Superintendent of the Iowa District of the Church of the Nazarene, was the guest speaker in the services which took place in the noontime as well as at night. The school made a giant step in the right direction as a few new students started their college careers off correctly by giving their lives to Jesus in these dynamic services. It was a time enjoyed by everyone.*



Above: Students enjoy a time of fellowship as they prepare for Fall Revival Services.

Right: Reverend Gene Phillips delivers a penetrating message to the faculty and staff during the second week of school in the student center.







Left: Jeff Morris (piano) and Terri Morris (organ) provide the prelude for the dedication of Logan Chapel.

Below: Mary Barnes, a member of the Board of trustees, exhorts the students to believe in their calling.



Above: Shari Christopher hands John Faulkner a gift of appreciation from the Faculty and Staff. All the students received phone cards and a note as an expression of appreciation.

Left: President Rickman, Jeff Morris, and the Steve Mills exhort the Faculty and Staff.



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Top right: Kids of Many Colors putting on a performance for community children.

Below: Are Amy Arney (left) and Holly Brakefield getting in on a chance for audience participation, or is this what a semester of studying does to a person?



Lower right: Kids of Many Colors, sponsored by the Design in Ministry class (Shannon Gallagher, Heidi Gentry, Jennifer Cox, and Tina L. Campbell), debuted during the Breakin' Curfew Show.

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# Campus Consecration



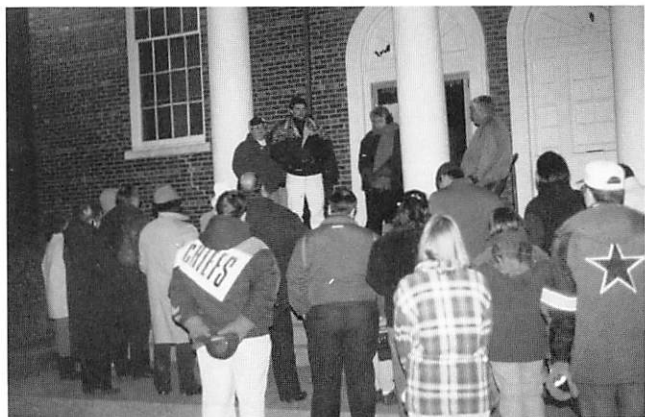
The true fans of Vennard College showed up on this occasion for the consecration of the campus in the bone chilling January weather. Various faculty and student leaders prayed for the buildings and the upcoming school semester in this new Vennard tradition.

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Left: The lobby of the men's dorm provides a warm haven from the brisk January air.



Above: The Academic building is consecrated by the faculty and students for the upcoming school semester.



Left: Athletic director, Phil Schrauben, prays to consecrate the gymnasium for 1998.





# Spring Baptismal Service

A college career at Vennard College is more than just an academic education. Spiritual growth is of utmost important to the faculty and staff of the college.

Through the chapel services, revivals and special speakers, the college maintains a dedication to spiritual excellence.

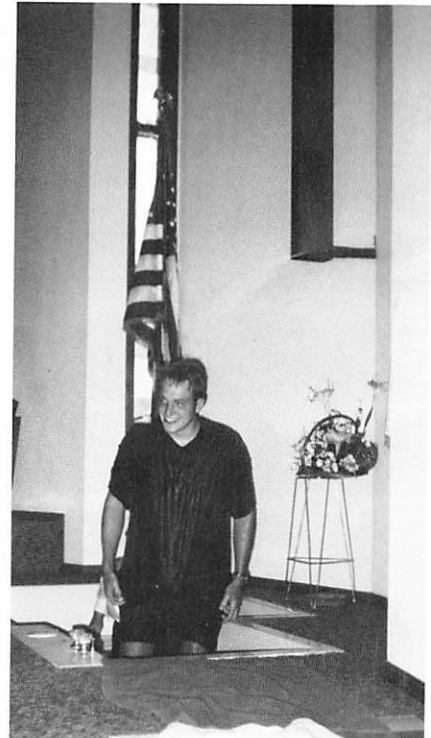
This spring, students had the opportunity to make a public declaration of their faith through baptism. The service was a wonderfully spirit filled time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

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Right: Jenny Cox, Shelly Cox, Holly Brakefield and Eric Robbins.

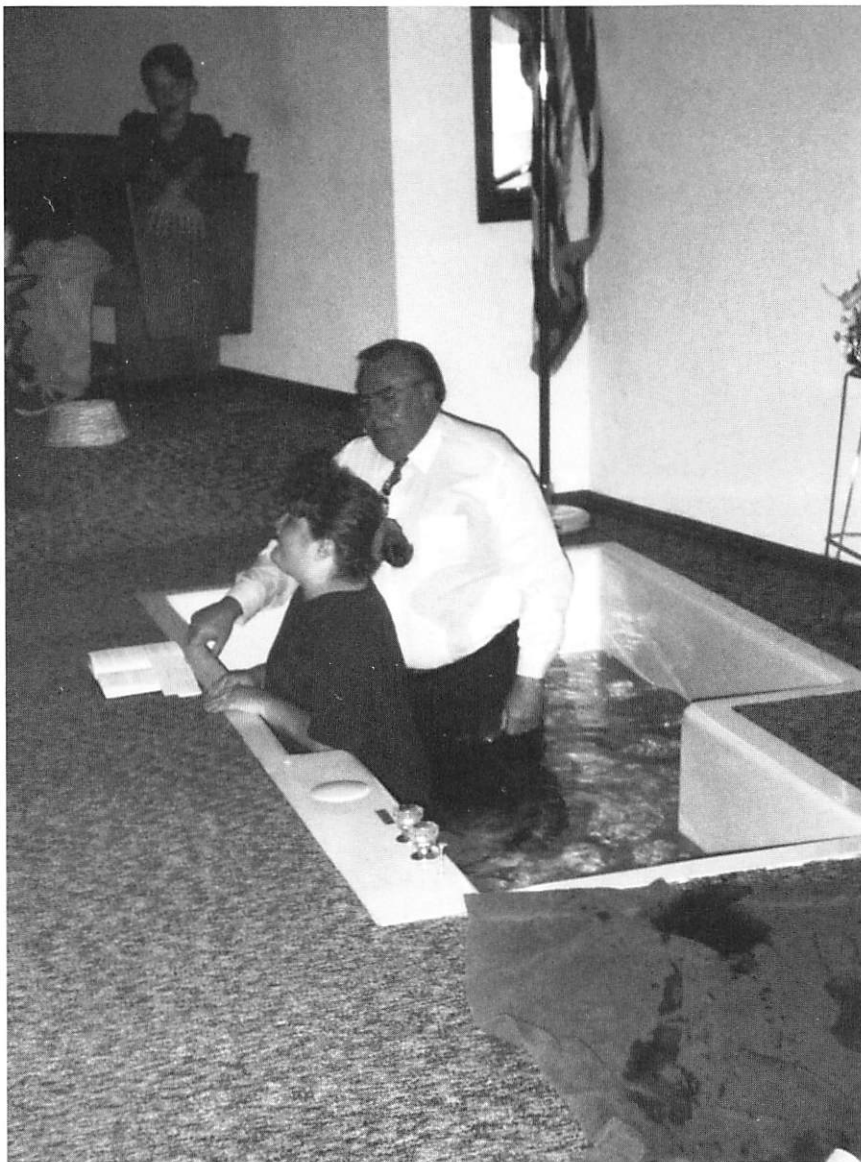


Dean Robbins, Dean of Students, shares a devotional thought before the service begins.



Right: Eric Robbin's smile reflects the beautiful cleansing of baptism.





Left: Jenny Cox shares her testimony before being baptized.



Top: Shelly Cox cries for joy at the thought of the cleansing which has taken place.



Left: President Rickman prays for a blessing over Holly Brakefield.



# Music Soothes the Soul

Right: The Vennard College Choir sings a medley of Christmas favorites during the Christmas Dinner.



Below: Debbie Hall (left) Shelly Cox (center) and Tina Louise Cambell (right) sing for all they're worth.



Center: The college Choir performs a Christmas concert at the old Ottumwa Free Methodist Church.



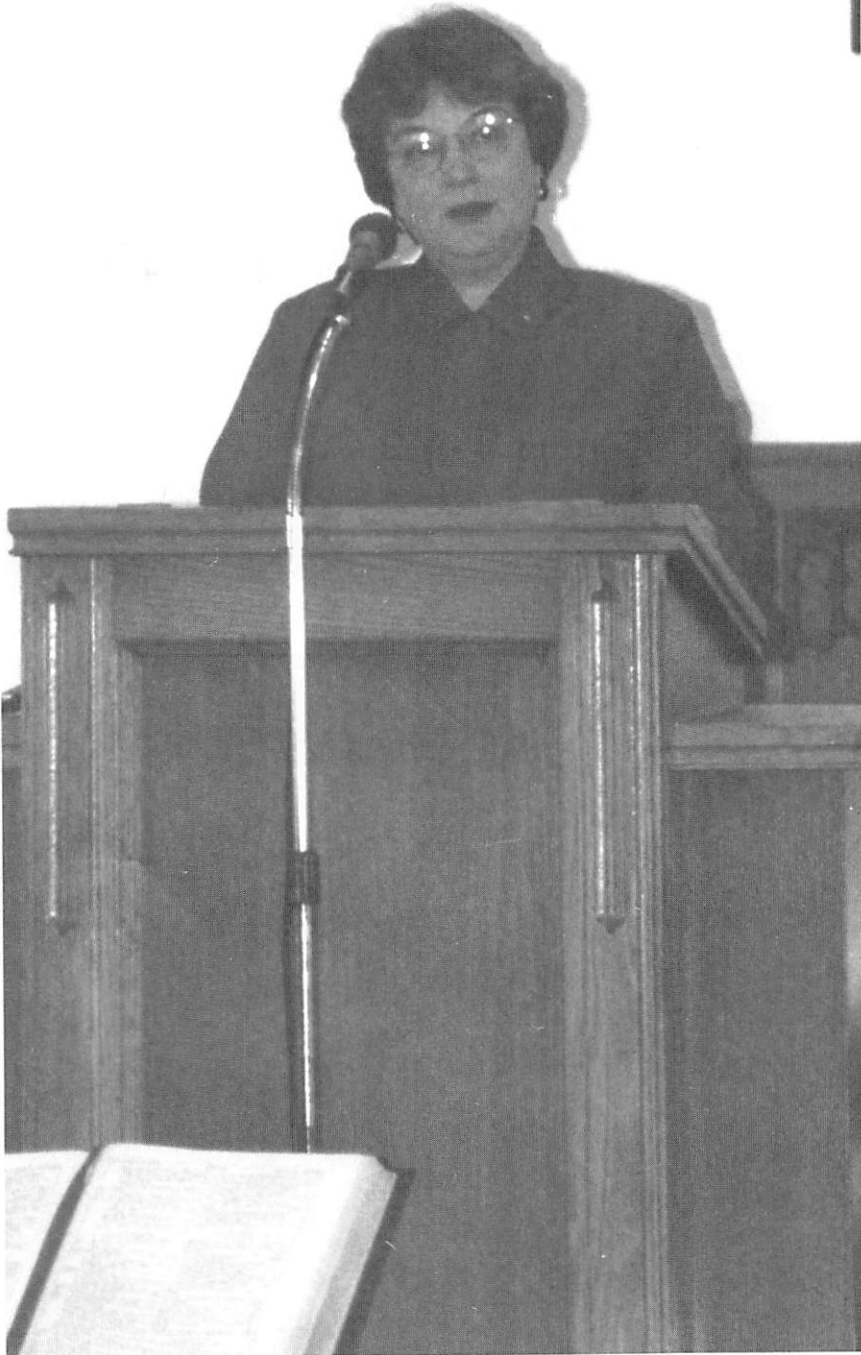
Left: The choir presents a musical program at Farson Baptist Church.





# Alumni Chapel

Sharon Cox, president of the Alumni Association presented the Alumni Chapel. She began by reminiscing about where the college has come from in just one and a half years since it's reopening. The message she brought was one from the heart, illustrated with accounts of personal experience. the main theme of her message was, "Let Go and Let God." The burning question of the hour was "Who has the control, you or God?" He synopsis was that God will take you deeper if you let Him.



Sharon Cox, President of the Alumni Association.

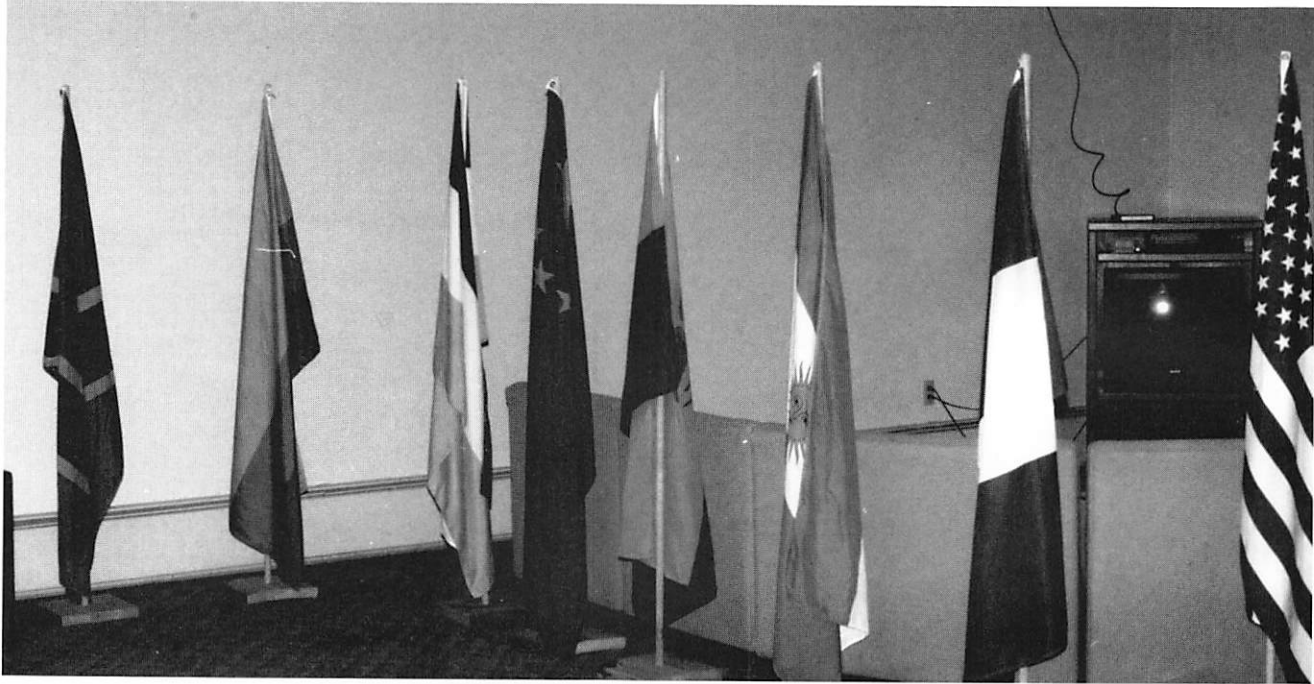


# Missions Conference '98

"Tell me His name Again" was the theme of the Missions Conference held in March 1998. Doris Robbins, a retired missionary used a story about a girl who glued the pages of the Bible to the wall so she could read them-and one day the walls spoke to her. Doris asked the College family to listen

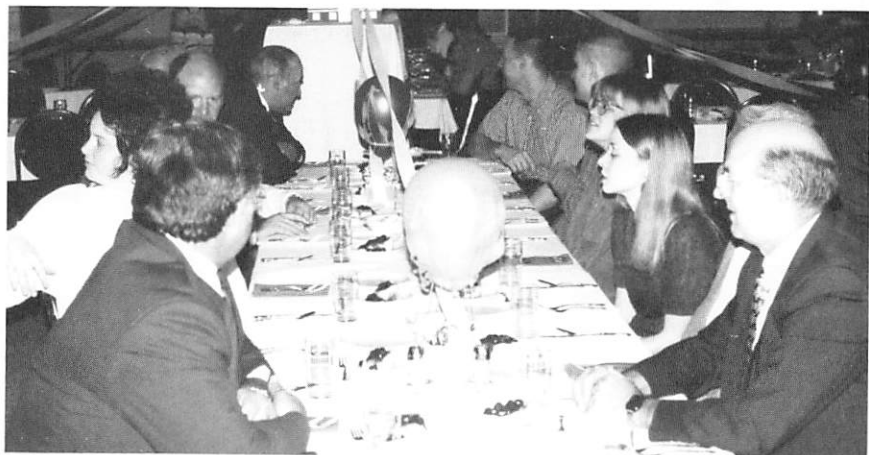
to what the walls had to say about missions. Speakers for the conference included: Oriental Mission Society (Leroy Lindsey, Jr), Evangelical Church Missions (Duane Erikson), and World Gospel Mission (Mark and Bev Donahue).

Below: Phil Shrauben pursues information on a missions organization.



Above: These flags represent people groups around the world who need to hear the gospel.

Right: A banquet was held to conclude the three-day conference.

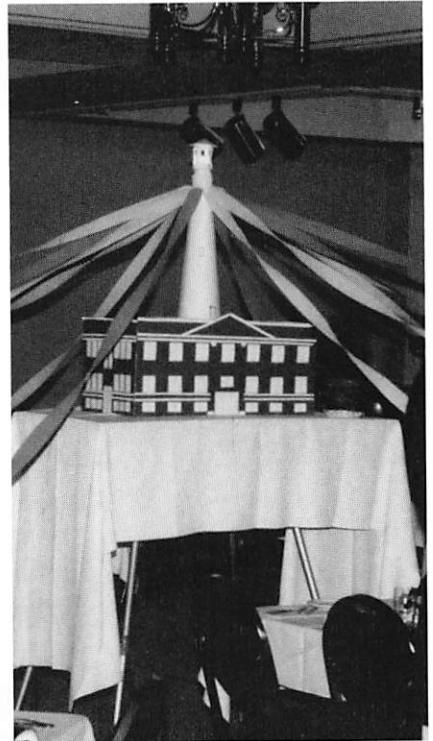






Top Left: Banquet goers enjoy the fellowship.

Below: The lighthouse and streamers from the Administration building represent Vennard College's role in spreading the Gospel around the world.



Above: World Gospel Mission, one of the three missions organizations represented at the conference.

Left: Mark and Bev Donahue led the music for the conference.



Top right: Bob and Lisa Margaron, World Gospel Mission missionaries to Peniel Ministries in Sacramento, California were guest speakers at one of the M.A.P. meetings.

# M.A.P.

## Missions Awareness

### Program

M.A.P. is a student operated organization sponsored by World Gospel Mission for the sole purpose of educating people about missions and various mission fields. Mrs. Doris Robbins, a retired WGM missionary, assists the students in learning about and understanding the role of missions. One of the highlights of this program is the missions trip taken at the end of the school year. This year a group will be going to Honduras.



Above: Debbie Wilson (left), Tina Jo Campbell (center), and Holly Brakefield (right) enjoy some munchies during one of the M.A.P. meetings.



Lower right: Caleb Koger (foreground) shares in some conversation with David Kemey (background), a WGM missionary to Argentina, South America.





Above: Jennifer Cox and Troy Gentry listen intently as Rachel and David Kerney share some of their experiences on the mission field in Argentina.



Above: Ryann Henry (left), Caleb Koger (right) and Glenda Robbins (foreground) participate through singing at one of the M. A.P. meetings.



Above: This group of fine looking young people is headed for Honduras. Part of the responsibility of going on a trip such as this is earning one's own support. Group members are (from left to right): Bruce and Carrie Taylor, Shannon Gallagher, Holly Brakefield, and Tina Jo Campbell.



# Spring Revival 1998

The Speaker for this series of meetings was Dean Selden. Dean assists in the operation of a ministry aimed at teenagers called "Uplift Mountain." The ministry is located in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Dean's personable and illustrative speaking style made listening to him easy and enjoyable. Dean was a very honest speaker, saying that his messages were speaking to him as well. Spiritual truths came alive through Dean's talent of illustrative speaking. One illustration

Below: Students, faculty and staff join in the singing of a hymn before prior to the message.

particularly memorable comes from C.S. Lewis's book The Voyage of the "Dawn Treader." In this book it is said, "...and you must come back having left at least one of your company behind. 'And what is to happen to that one?', asked Reepicheep.' He must go on into the utter east and never return into the world. 'That is my heart's desire, said Reepicheep.'" Dean asked us, "Are you willing to go east, never to return?"

Right: Dean Selden delivers one of his attention grabbing messages.





First Light leads the assembly in worship at the Summer Ministry Commissioning Service.



# *First Light*

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(In order from left to right) Debbie Hall, Caleb Koger, Billy Farris, Anthony Nieuwsma, and Shelly Cox formed the first ever, musical deputation team for the "New Vennard."

First Light was organized, coordinated, and led by Teri O'Conner. They began their ministry in March of 1998 and will continue their work over the summer months.

First Light will be travelling throught the U.S. ministering in churches, camps, and special events.

First Light has spent many long hours practicing and praying in preperation for this summer.

**WE'RE PROUD OF YOU,  
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"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

~Romans 13:12~

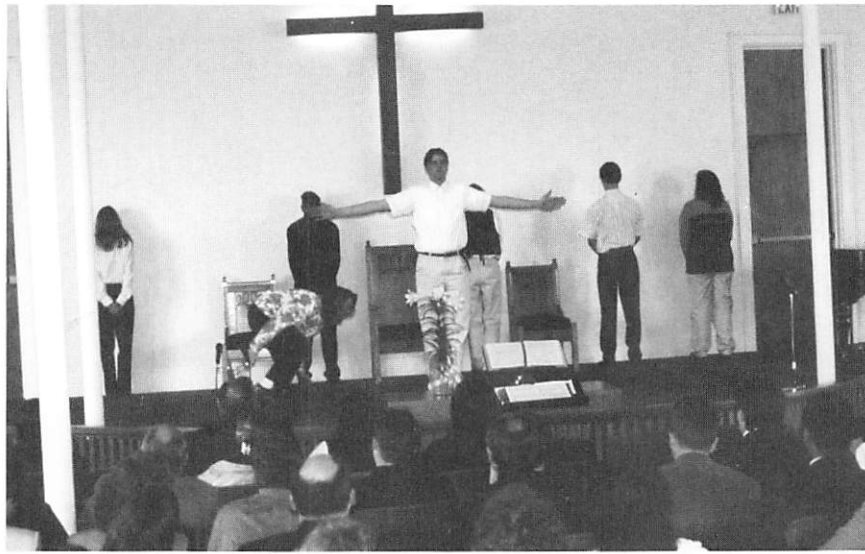




# Celebrate Easter!

Right: A group of students perform a human video to the song by Ray Boltz, "Does He Still Feel the Nails?"

Below: Mrs. Leslie Rice reads scripture on commitment to Christ.



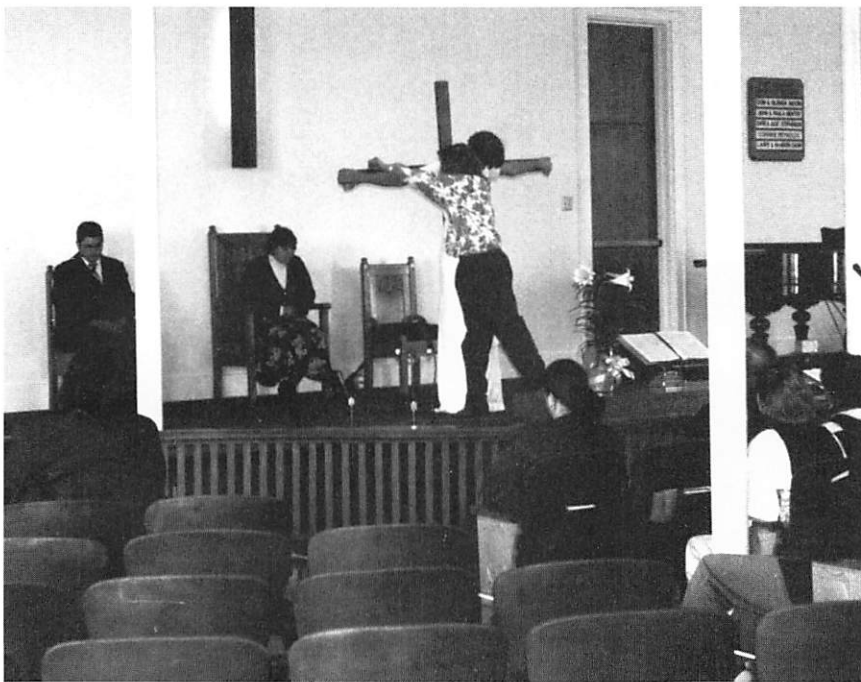
Right Center: Student players enact "Crucified with Christ"



Shelly Cox (left) and Tina Louise Campbell (right) perform the skit, "A Great Gulf Fixed" which urges the necessity to share our faith with others.

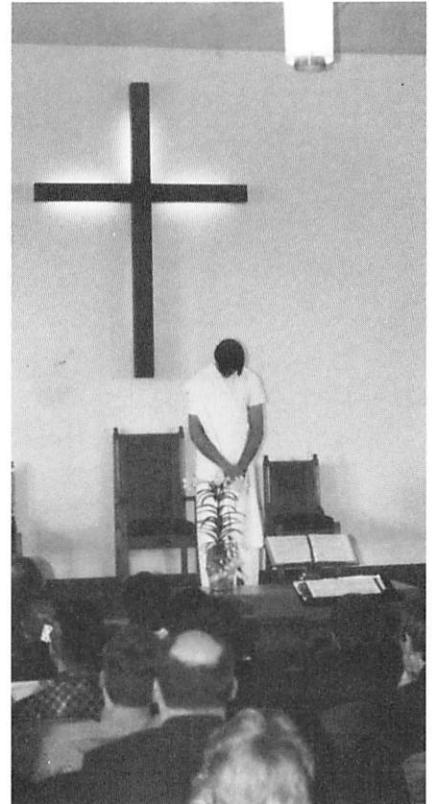




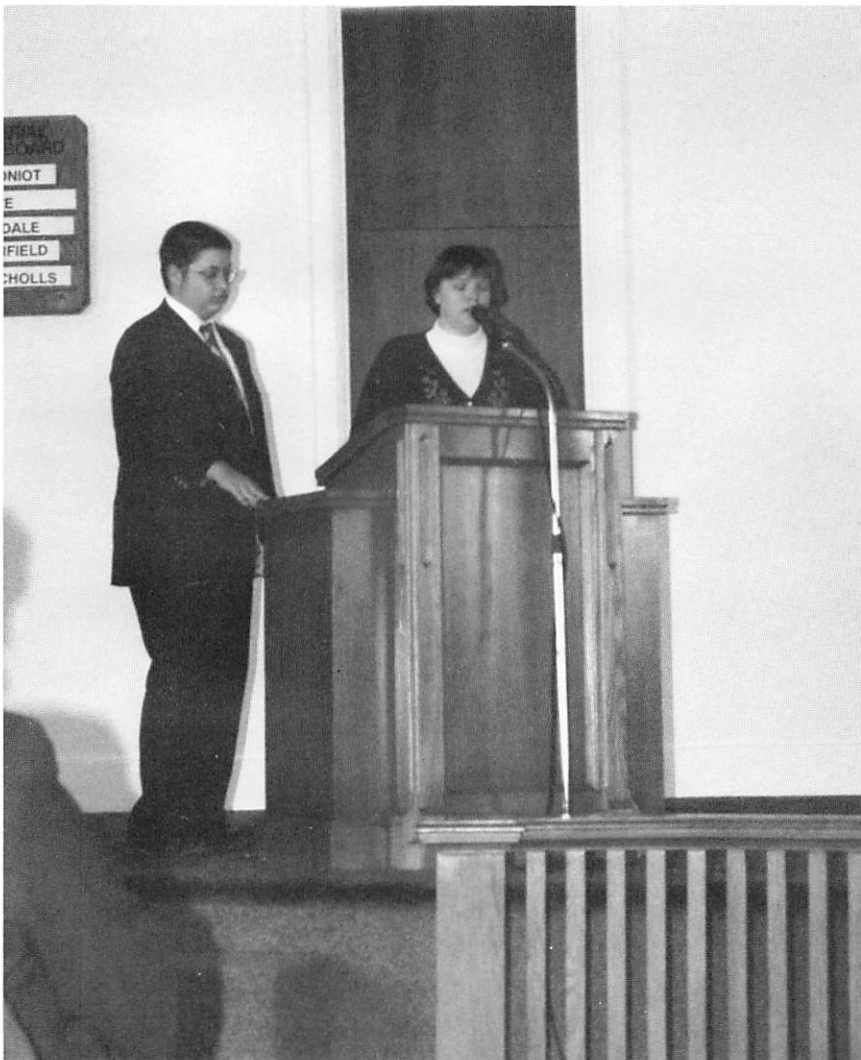


Left: Nikki Gallagher ponders whether Christ (Billy Farris Jr.) still feels the nails every time she sins.

Below: Billy Farris, Jr. as Jesus in one of the Stations of the Cross.



Left: Mark Playle and Mary Roozenboom shared with us the Seven Stations of the Cross.





# Go Ye Therefore . . .

Right: The College family joins together in singing "And Can It Be".

Below: Something else has the attention of Tim Ross (foreground) and Sam Barber.



Right Center: Singing and praying together is one of the highlights of the commissioning service.

A prayer of commissioning is prayed over every student as they leave for the summer.  
"Go and change the world for Christ!"





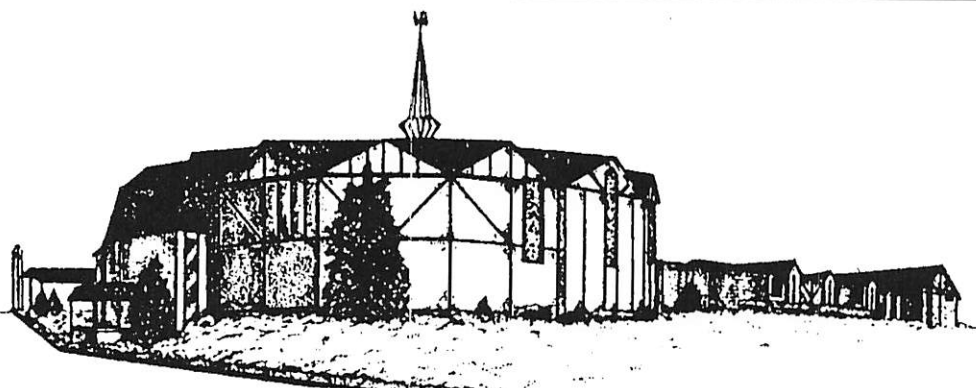
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Top left: Someone actually caught Chris Northcutt doing homework...or is he just playing solitaire?



Right: Shannon Gallagher and Mark Playle involve themselves in a game of horseshoes. Has anyone had a ringeryet?

Below: "I didn't do it!; Really I didn't!," says Dini Semini.



Left Middle: "Why did I ever volunteer for the R.A. position?," asks Amy Arney.

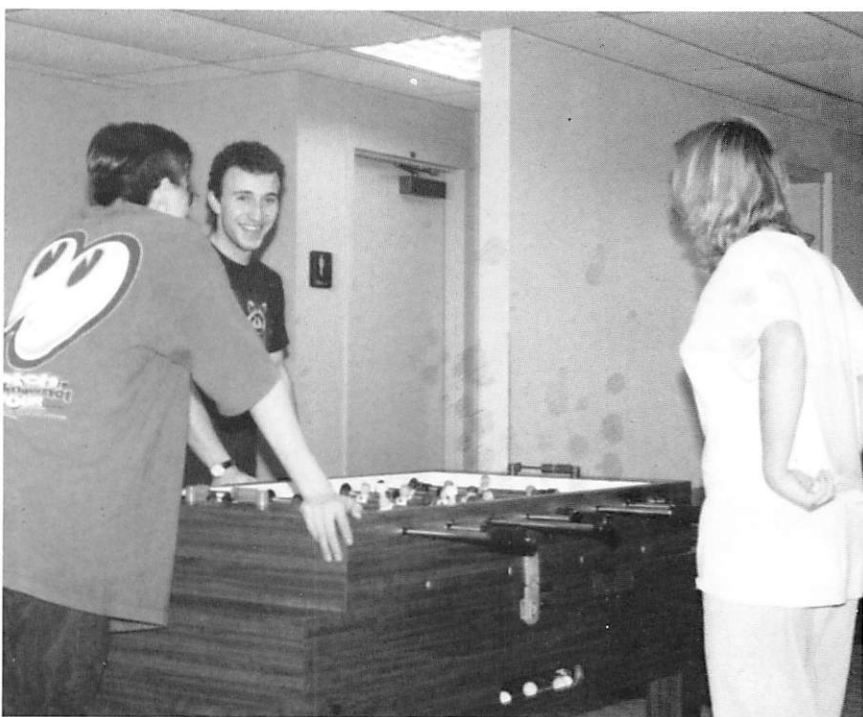


Left: Holly Brakefield and Emily Dannels involve themselves in conversation with their guests while Becky Barber, Tina J. Campbell, and Trisha Van Patten listen attentively.



Right: Josh Drown (left) watches a foosball match between Dini Semini (top) and Nikki Gallagher (right)..

Below: After much time and effort it looks like Billy Farris got his hook into a "big" one.



Above: What would the housekeeping department do without Emily Dannels to clean windows?

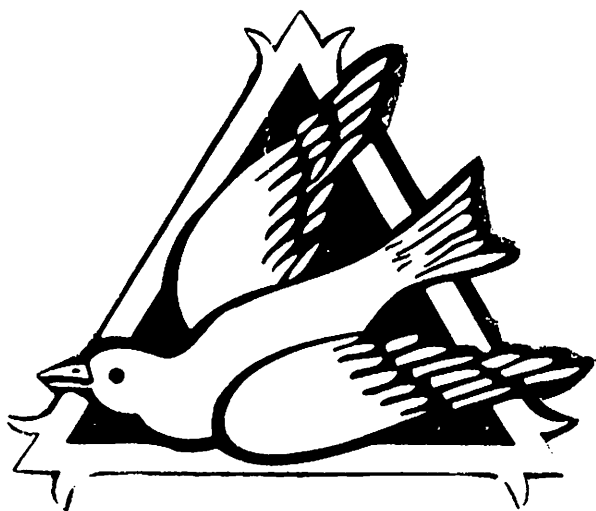
Right: Mark Playle (foreground) and Tim Ross (background) work diligently to clean our dirty dishes. Thanks guys.





*We're looking forward to you wearing this  
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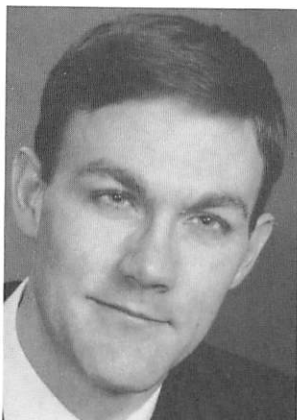
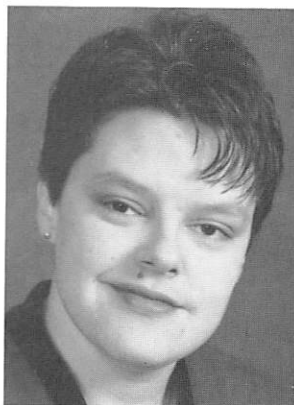
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Right: Tina L. Campbell works hard at putting books in order for shelving.

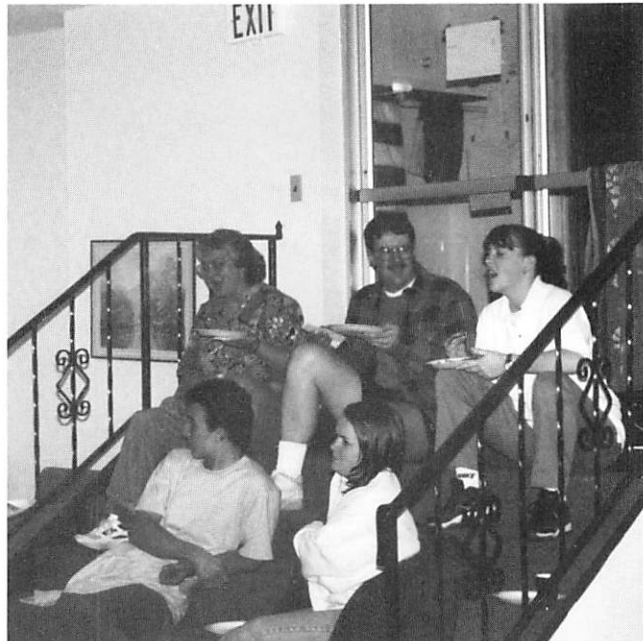


Above: Family formals produce a diverse range of emotions as exhibited by Shelly Cox (back), Billy Farris (center), and Jason Boomgarden (front).

Right: Shannon Gallagher, a. k. a. pool shark, contemplates her next shot.



Lower Right: Mrs. Prudy Olson cheers for an unseen competition while John Olson listens intently to Priscilla House. Dini Semini and Tana Rickman take in the sights of the Midwinter Beach Party.





# We Are Friends... We Are Family.



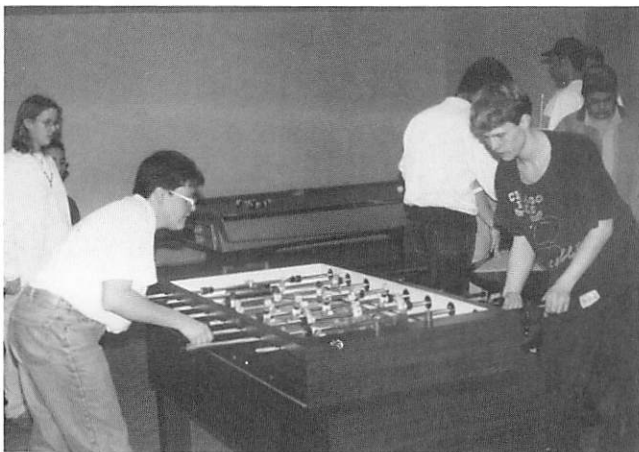
Top Left: Heidi Gentry (left) and Jennifer Cox (right) manage the Student Grill.

Above: Caleb Koger and his guitar are a familiar sight around campus. Here, Caleb leads the students in worship at M.A.P.

Being part of the Vennard Family invites a variety of experiences and emotions. There are times of joy, times of comfort, and times of pure laughter.

Members of the Vennard family are able to relate with one another in a variety of settings. There are times of interaction in work, classes, school functions and personal free time. Each setting and experience allows one to form friendships and relationships that will last a life time.

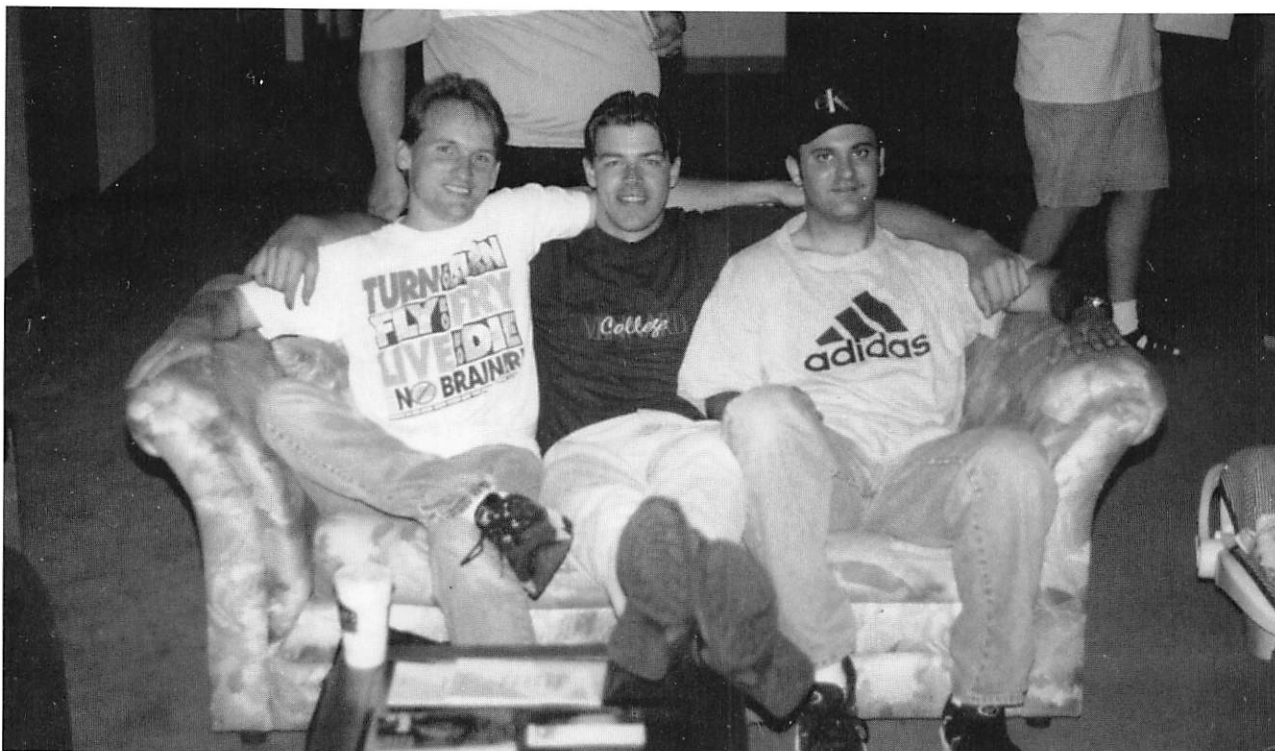
Forming relationships in a Christian setting not only promotes personal growth but spiritual growth as well. M.A.P. (Missions Awareness Program) is a student led group that brings students together in a small group setting while allowing them to become actively involved in the Great Commission while in college.



Above: Tina Jo Campbell takes on Tim Ross in a foosball competition. "Who won?", I wonder.







Above: Dean Lambdin (left), Billy Farris (center), and Jason Boomgarden (right) are a close trio.



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Above: Ryann Henry (right) laughs at Debbie Wison (left) as she turns away from the photographer.



Above: Dean Robbins observes Tina L. Campbell serving dessert to Lori (Lincoln) Glasscock during a Family Formal.

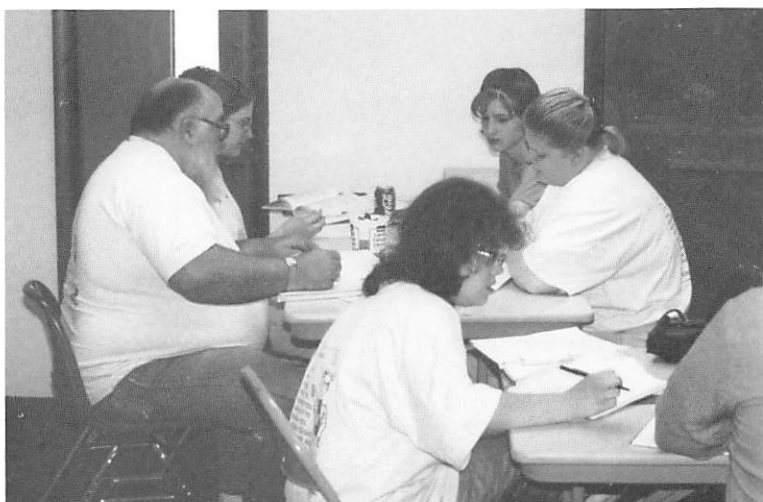


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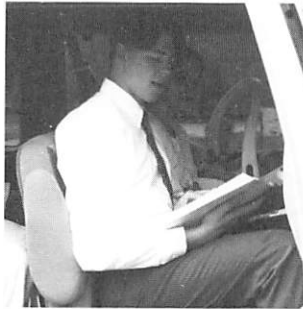
Above: It must be finals time. A group of students is caught studying in the Skills Center. Members of the group are (left to right): Harry Swan, Shelly Cox, Tina L. Campbell, Heather DeVries, and Lori (Lincoln) Glasscock.



Right: Dean Lambdin helps Billy Farris and Shelly Cox pack the van.

Right: Is that homework already, Billy Farris? Inductive Matthew, perhaps?

Below: First Light (left to right) Caleb Koger, Shelly Cox, Anthony Nieuwsma, Billy Farris, and Deb Hall exhibit their treat bags made by Caleb's mom. Is that Jackie O'Conner I see peeking between Anthony and Billy?



First light heading off for their summer of singing ministry. Watch out people, Caleb's driving!

Sean O'Conner prays for First Light before they hit the road.







Top: God provided the College with a van for the Deputation and sports teams.

The College family consecrates the van to be used in the service of God.



Members of First Light: Shelly Cox (left) and Billy Farris (right) enjoy sitting in the new van while President Rickman addresses the college family.





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# *1997-1998 Yearbook Staff*



Front Row, left to right: Heather DeVries, Debbie Wilson, Shelly Cox. Back Row, left to right: Anthony Nieuwsma, Rodney Birch, Faculty adviser; Chris Northcutt. Not Pictured: Tina L. Campbell and John Faulkner.

## *A Word from the Staff*

The purpose of a yearbook is to capture in picture and word the events which make an impression on our lives. While we cannot capture every event we do attempt to capture a good share of them. This may have been evident as you saw Mr. Birch with his camera at nearly every function. At times we wondered if the camera was a part of his natural anatomy. The preceding pages, we hope, will bring laughter and smiles to your faces, fond remembrances, and cherished memories of friendships formed. The years spent in college are ones you will always remember, perhaps a little better now with our help. We trust that you will enjoy looking at this book as much as we enjoyed putting it together. We also would like to thank Mr. Birch for his dedication and patience with us...and for the pizza. Mr. Birch expresses his thanks to the staff for their hours of hard work and perseverance to finish a task, even when it seemed an impossible feat.

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