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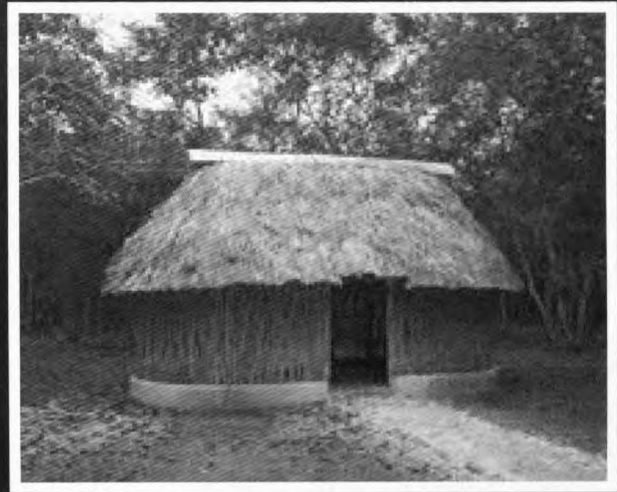


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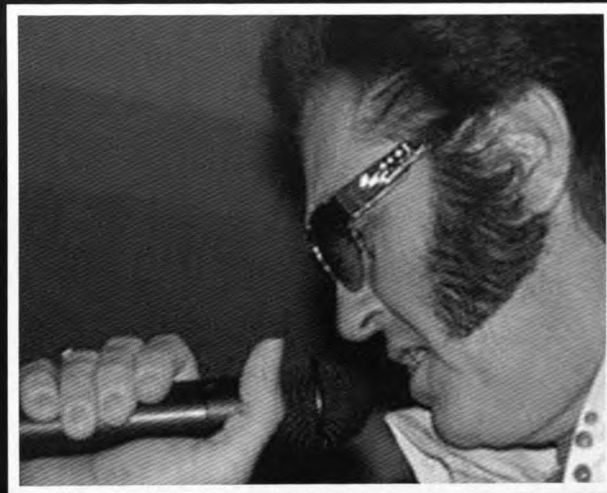


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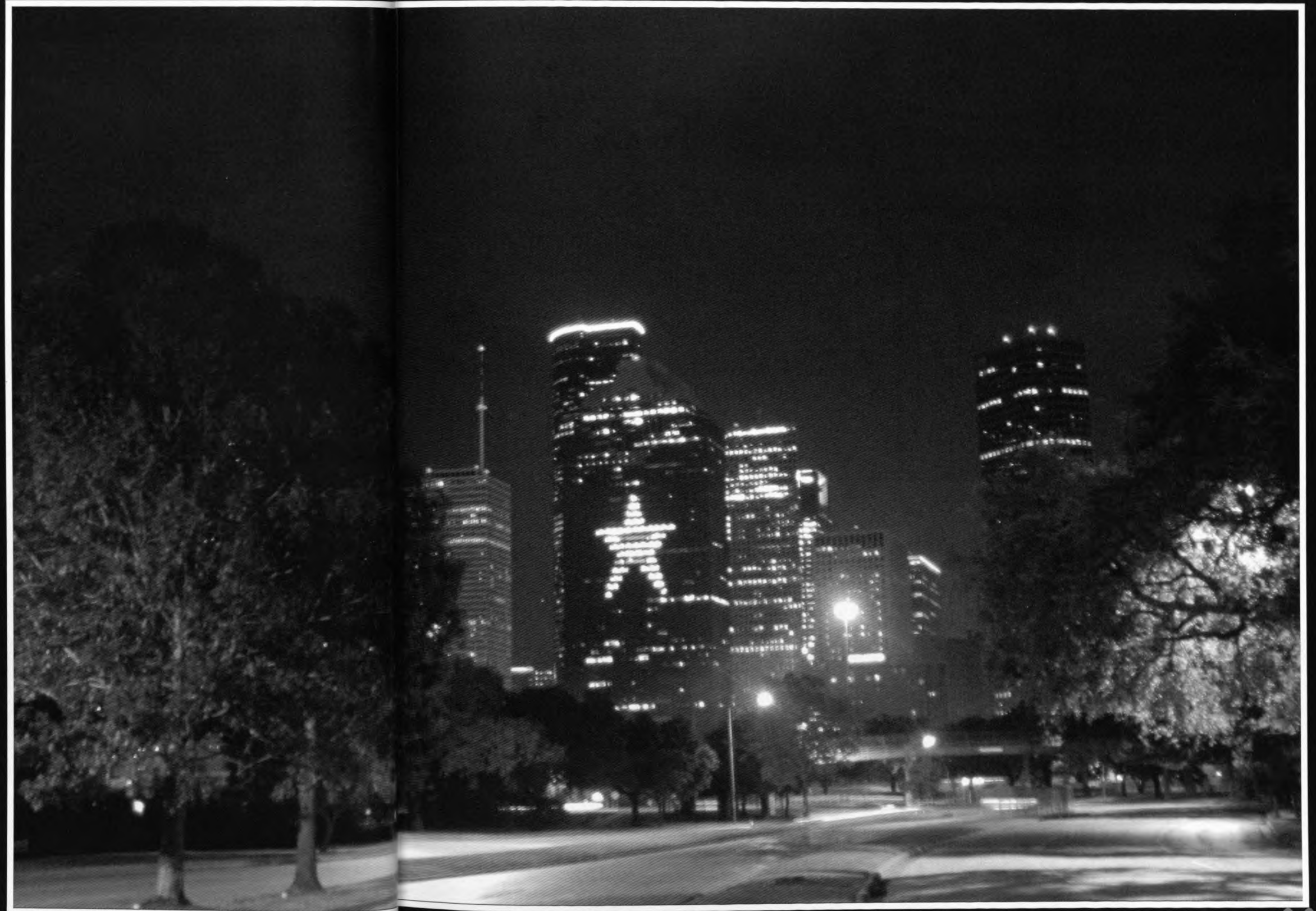


Through the blur of the metro-rail, a decorative reminder of the Astros making the play-off's can be seen.

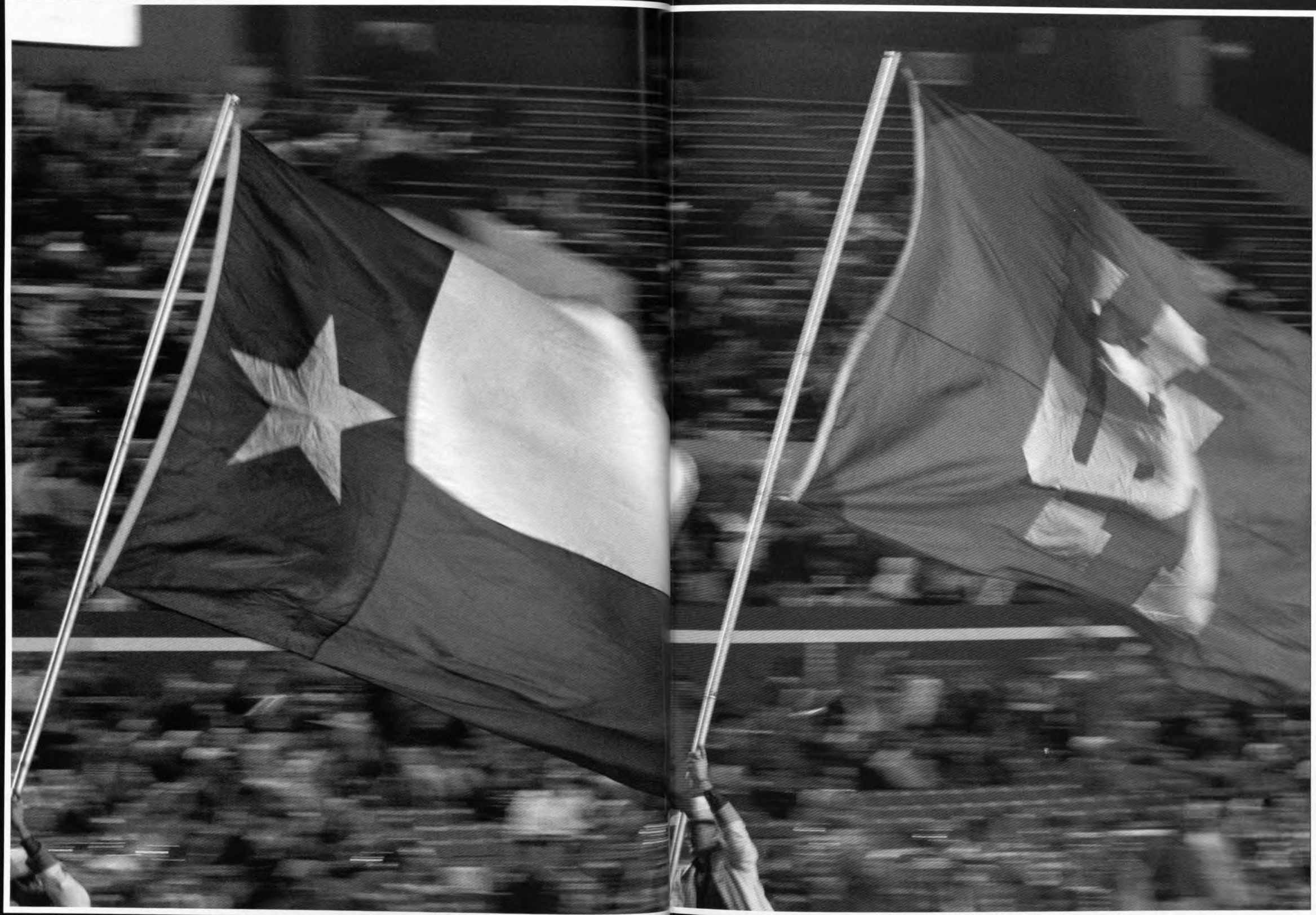
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During the play-offs, the streets of downtown were decorated in the spirit and hopes that the Astros would make it all the way.

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Students explore the amusement park at Frontier Fiesta.

Photo by Pathik Shah





Excited fans cheer their fellow Coogs on.

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Anthony Rinehart finds time to catch a nap on-campus inbetween his classes.

Photo by Amy Swainson



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Photo by Brandon Pepper

# Fencing Club

"Practice, practice, practice" is the motto of the Fencing Club at UH. The club is a student sports club, though it also has had faculty members as participants at one time or another. It extends its invitation to all: anyone and everyone at the university. This year the club is composed of approximately 25 to 30 members. Membership has only one requirement: access to the Wellness center.

By practicing fencing, one can achieve physical fitness while being a part of a unique medieval sport that is intense, yet low impacting. The game has been called "physical chess" because of the depth of the strategies involved. It can be performed by people of any age and always leaves room for improvement of its players. Fencing is also one of the few sports that has been an integral part of the Olympic games since its origin.

The club is divided into two basic sectors. The beginners' classes are made up of members learning to practice the sport. Anyone dressed appropriately is supplied with equipment, training and techniques for play in these classes. Age, sex, experience and physical condition are not considered boundaries for the game. The second part of the club is composed of the team. This group practices diligently to play against other university fencing clubs such as those of TSU, Texas A & M and Baylor; these are all a part of Southwest Intercollegiate Fencing Association (SWIFA). In recent years, the UH Fencing club has nabbed these awards up for grabs at those contests.

Aside from practicing for the game, the club indulges in fundraisers and other competitive tournaments against the other 13 fencing clubs around Houston. The members also like to bond as a group by going to movies and dinner together frequently.

The latest version of this group was started in 1998, with many earlier versions fading in and out of existence. It all depends on the involvement, commitment and passion of its members for the game.



Story by Sammer Nagra



**BACK ROW** Julian Rodriguez, Robby Mettetal, Isacc Harvey, Santos Gaitan and Chukwuma Osuorji  
**FRONT ROW** Benjamin Dickso, Carlos Gramajo, Chad Brown, Lucia Bonanartos and Matt Cooper



Members of the fencing club compete at the Wellness Center. The only requirement of members is access to the recreation center.

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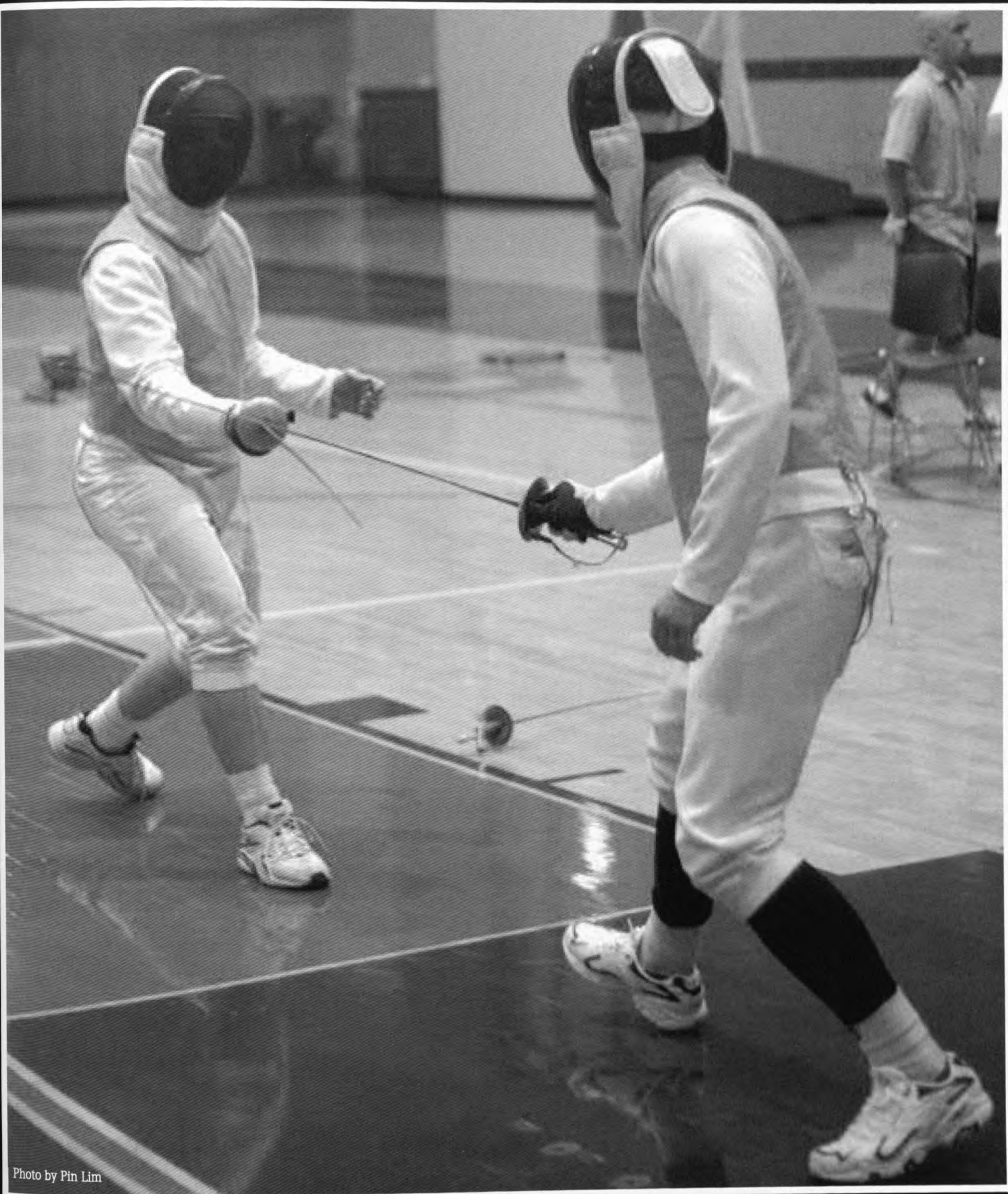
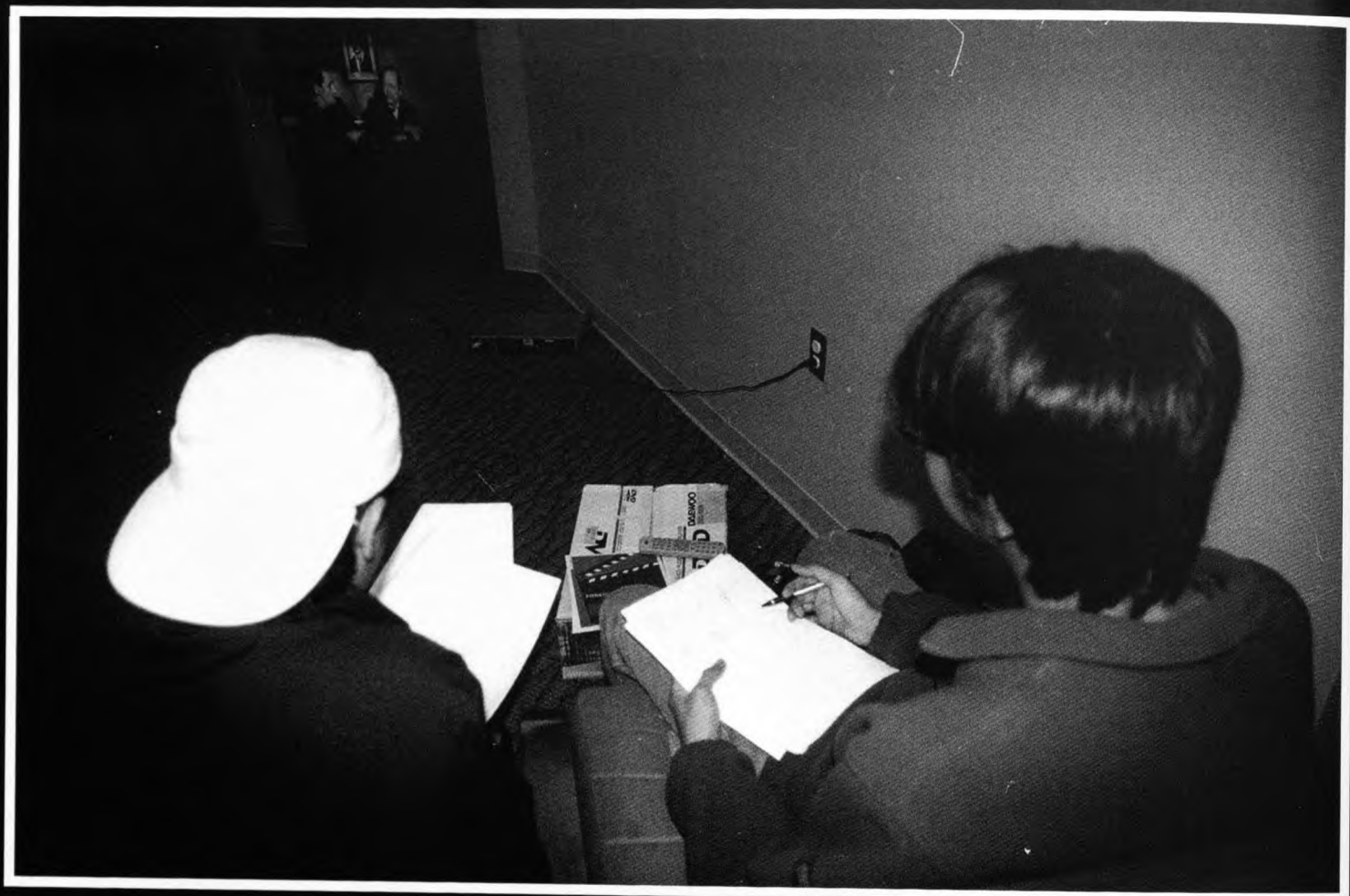


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# Foreign Film Club

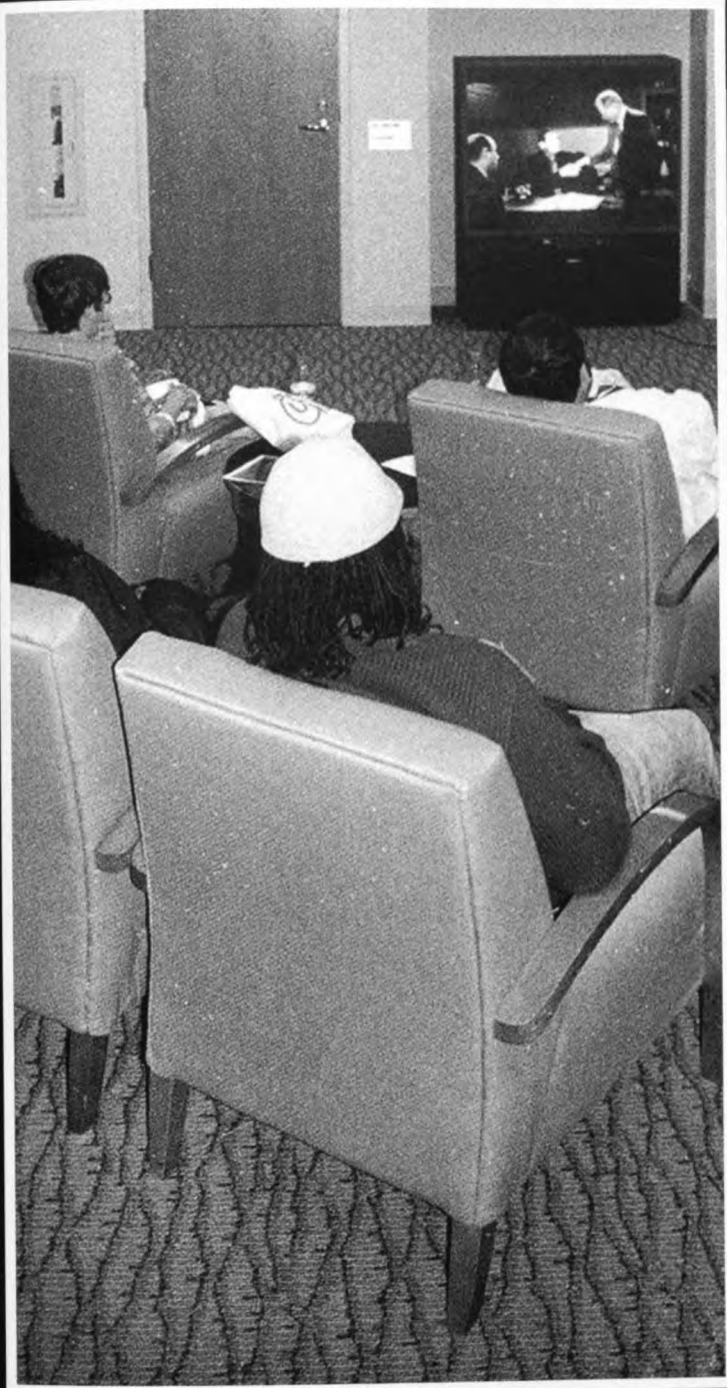


ABOVE President and VP discuss the upcoming movies to be shown at the UC Satellite.

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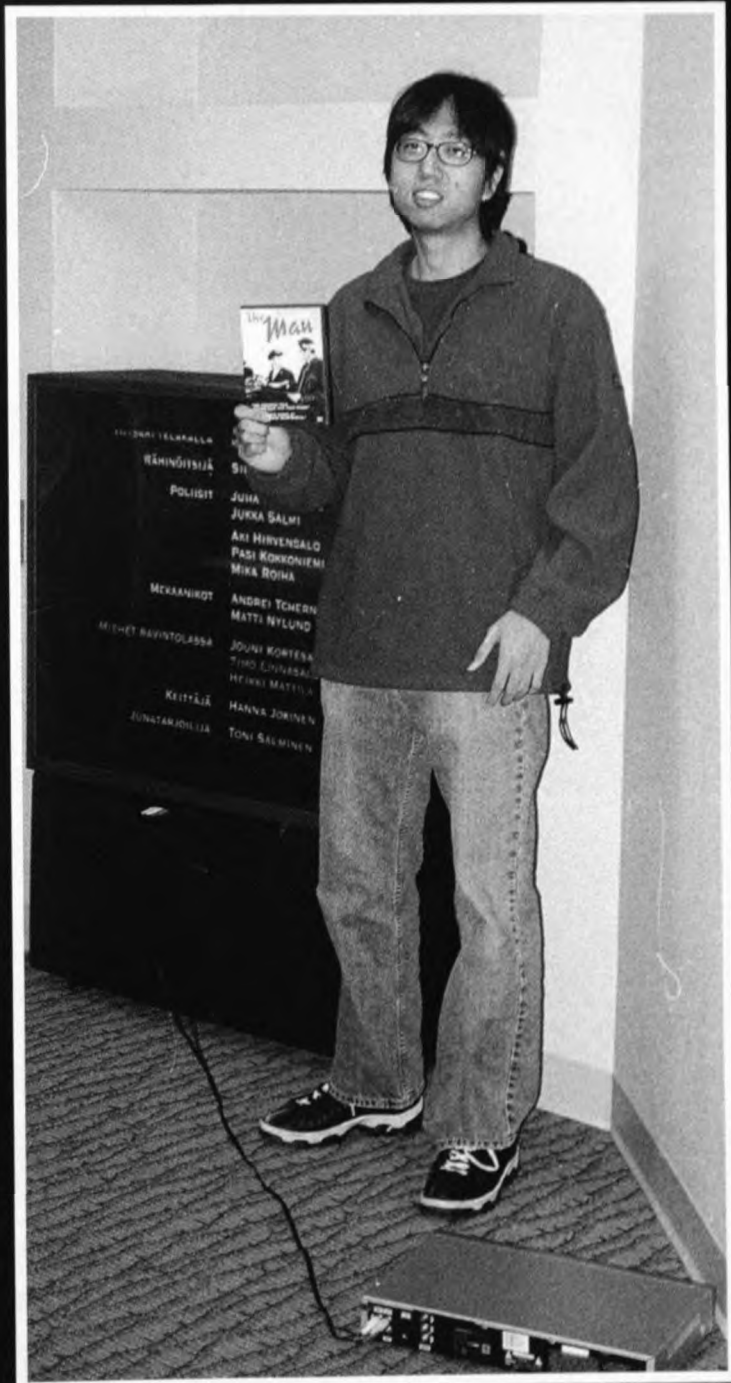
BELOW Officers of the Foreign Film Club.

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Members of the Foreign Film Club watched six movies during the fall semester. The movies came from countries such as Hong Kong, France, Thailand, South Korea, Finland and Japan.

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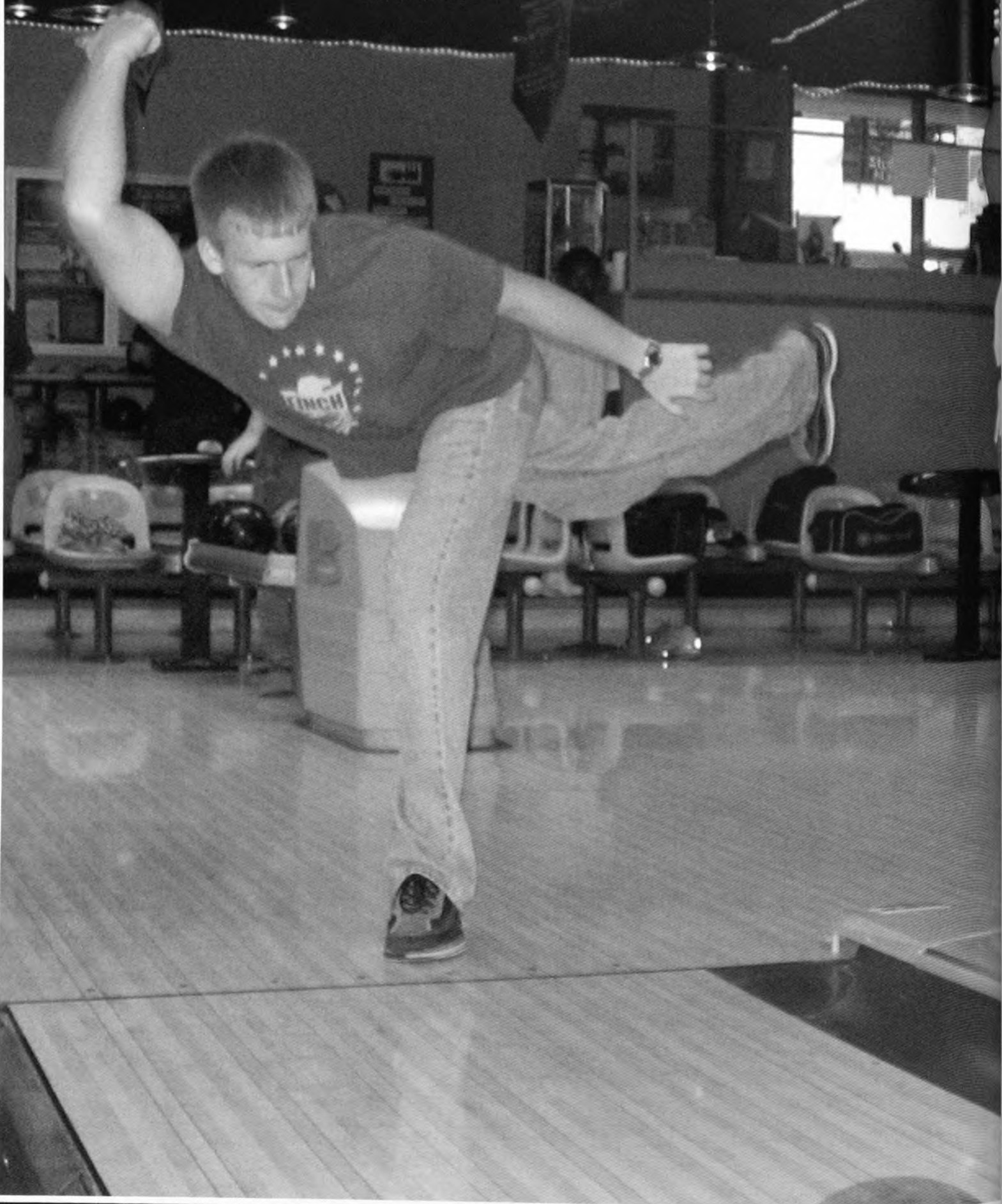


The Foreign Film Club picks flicks from different genres; they vary from comedy to action to science fiction. They meet Friday nights in the UC Satellite.

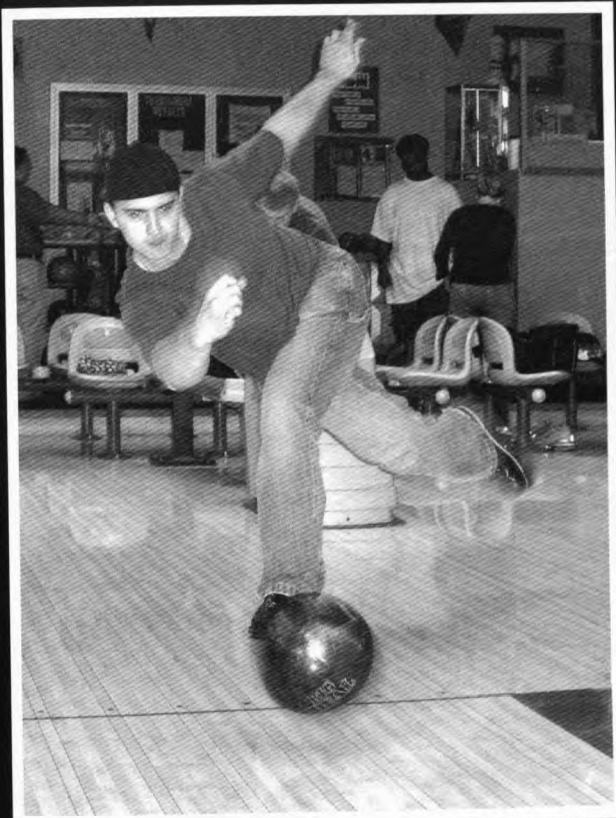
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Freshman Michael Krupp demonstrates his bowling abilities to his fellow competitors.

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# BOWLING



Sean Stroyick goes for a strike during practice at the Cougar Lanes in the UC.

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**Team Picture:**

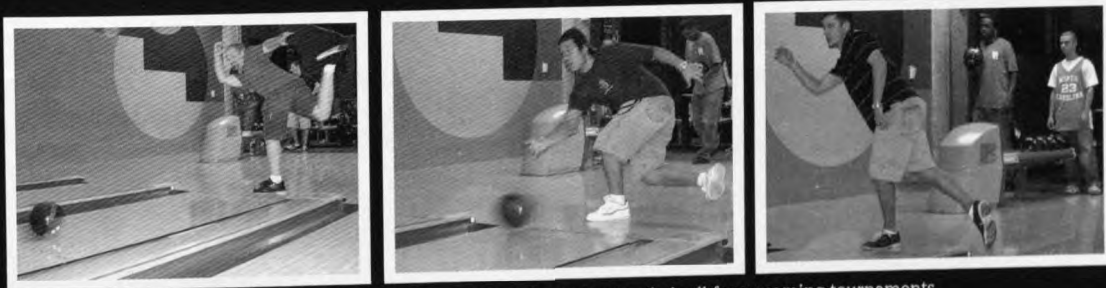
**BACK ROW** Stanley Wu, Ryan Rutherford, Sean Stroyick, Jarret Grant, Justin Van Malden and Gary Scroggin.

**FRONT ROW:** Erica Dickerson, Isis Camacho, Michael Krupp and Luis Garcia.

Missing in the photo: Pat Clark, Dustin Garcia and Thomas Dowson.

**Team Motto:** "We don't try, we do it."

Photo by Evan Vargas



Justin Van Malder, Stanley Mu and Gary Scroggin give their all for upcoming tournaments.

Photos by Evan Vargas

# CLUB

Congratulations on a real "knock out" year!



ABOVE LEFT Laura Whitley speaks about her job and gives advice to AWC members.

Photo by Pin Lim

BELOW LEFT Members of AWC socialize at Mi Luna in Rice Village.

Photo by Pin Lim

ABOVE RIGHT Melissa Seuffert, President Elect, and Leah Yanez, President, take out snacks for the audience.

Photo courtesy of AWC



# AWC

## Association For Women In Communications



AWC is one of the few professional women's organizations that exists on campus. Even though this group is supposed to cater its services to only the fairer sex on campus, AWC is open to males too. They do not discriminate between sexes as to whom to admit into their circle. AWC invites anyone interested in a career within the communications sphere to join them. Currently, they have more than 100 members.

The group's objective is to distribute information about the communications field and have information about every category, ranging from print journalism to public relations as well as photography. They are a network dedicated to helping students understand the intricacies of their field and to share with UH students the possibilities that lie in this direction. AWC also provides its members with the proper channels of connections needed to establish jobs. Most of the officers of this national organization are part of the media related groups and hold jobs with these companies. They go out of their way to introduce members into their companies for positions.

In addition to this, guest speakers are invited to speak and bare their experiences to the attentive group. Figures like Dominique Sachse, and Nan Powers Varroga have visited with AWC. They also advocate women's rights; this is displayed in their decision to participate in the Breast Cancer Walk this year.

But, this women's organization is not only an information and connection source. Being fine young ladies, they also know the recipe for having fun. Plenty of socials, dinners and bowling events line up the agenda of this organization.

AWC was founded in 1909 as Theta Sigma Phi at the University of Washington. Like many organizations they had a lapse in their existence, an enormous one, for a decade at UH. It was brought back to existence due to the growing interest in the communication field. 🐾

Story by Sammer Nagra



AWC has Cougar spirit.  
Photo by Pin Lim

# Anime Club



ABOVE The Anime Club meets publically on Fridays and watches Japanese cartoons.

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# Konnichi Wa!

Story by Chance Richmond

With rising interest in Anime (Japanese animation), Anime no Kai is here for the UH community interested. The small group meets privately on Wednesday and publically on Fridays. The club was founded in 1994 when a group of people were marveled by Japanese animation. The Anime no Kai club continues to grow with more members and more anime variety. When the members get together, they view their favorite anime and have discussions about them. The club meets outside of the Student Activities and Clubs area to go out to dinner after Friday public showings, go bowling, go shopping at Anime Avalon (formally known as Planet Anime) and anything else that would involve anime. 🐾

The following anime was shown this year:

- \* Gundam Zeta
- \* Sailor Moon Live Action
- \* School Rumble
- \* Beck
- \* Tsubasa Chronicles
- \* Random Goodness
- \* Bleach
- \* Eyeshield 21
- \* Elven Lied
- \* He is My Master
- \* Master Negi Magi: Negima
- \* Solistice No Aquarion
- \* Random Goddess

It costs \$10 dollars to join per semester.





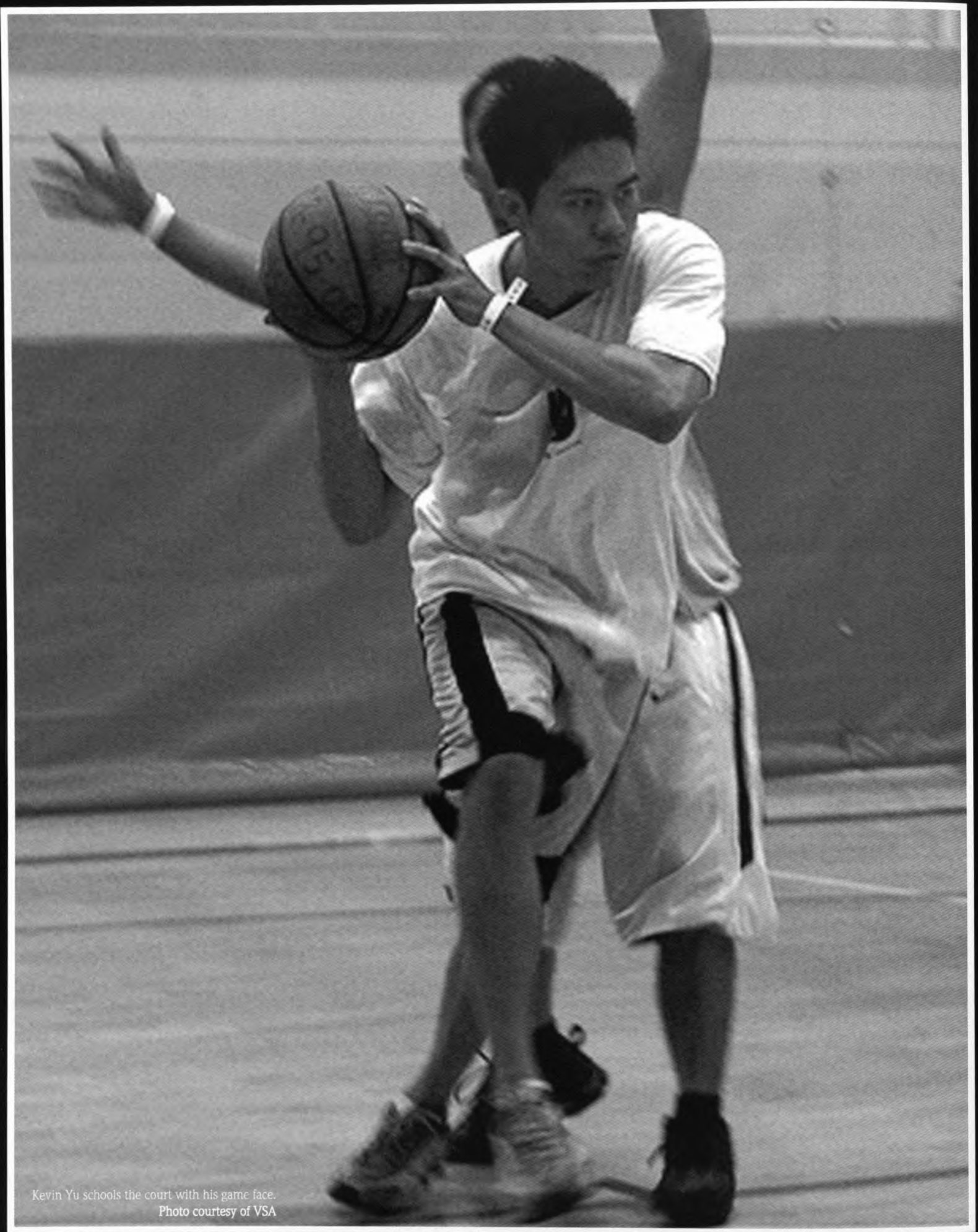
MSA members shoot hoops on the basketball court.  
Photo courtesy of MSA

# Muslim Student Association



The Muslim Student Association at the University of Houston was among the first Muslim organizations in this country.

Photo courtesy of MSA



Kevin Yu schools the court with his game face.  
Photo courtesy of VSA

# Vietnamese Student Association



VSA

The Vietnamese Student Association and the Filipino Student Association practice for a football game. Left to right: Phong Chau, Steven Nguyen, David Dinh, Anthony Marquino, and Matt Hamidjaja.

Photos courtesy of VSA



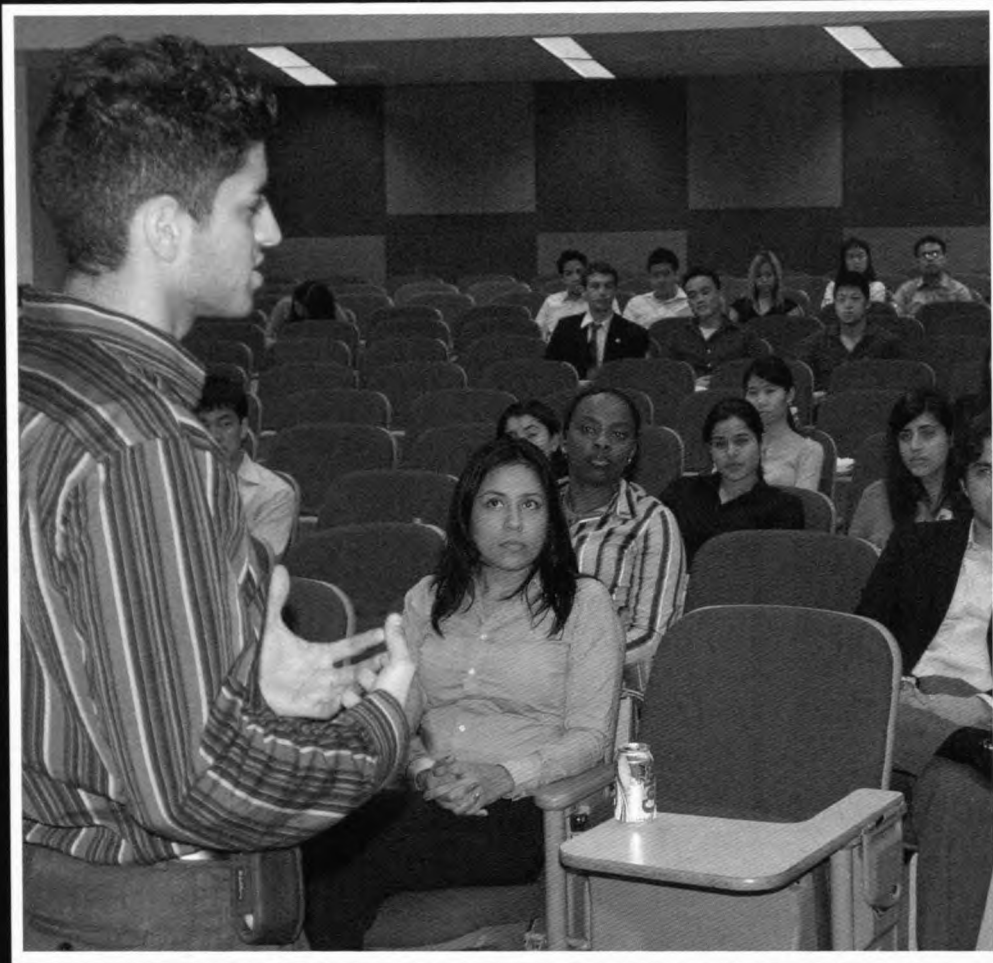
LEFT Anthony Marquino, an enthusiastic VSA member.

RIGHT Huyen Tran and Charlie Nguyen enjoy each others company at the VSA Charity Banquet.

## Mission Statement

The Vietnamese Students Association at the University of Houston's mission is to promote and preserve the Vietnamese culture, give back to the community and encourage unity by offering various cultural, service and social activities and events to both Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese individuals.

# Finance Association



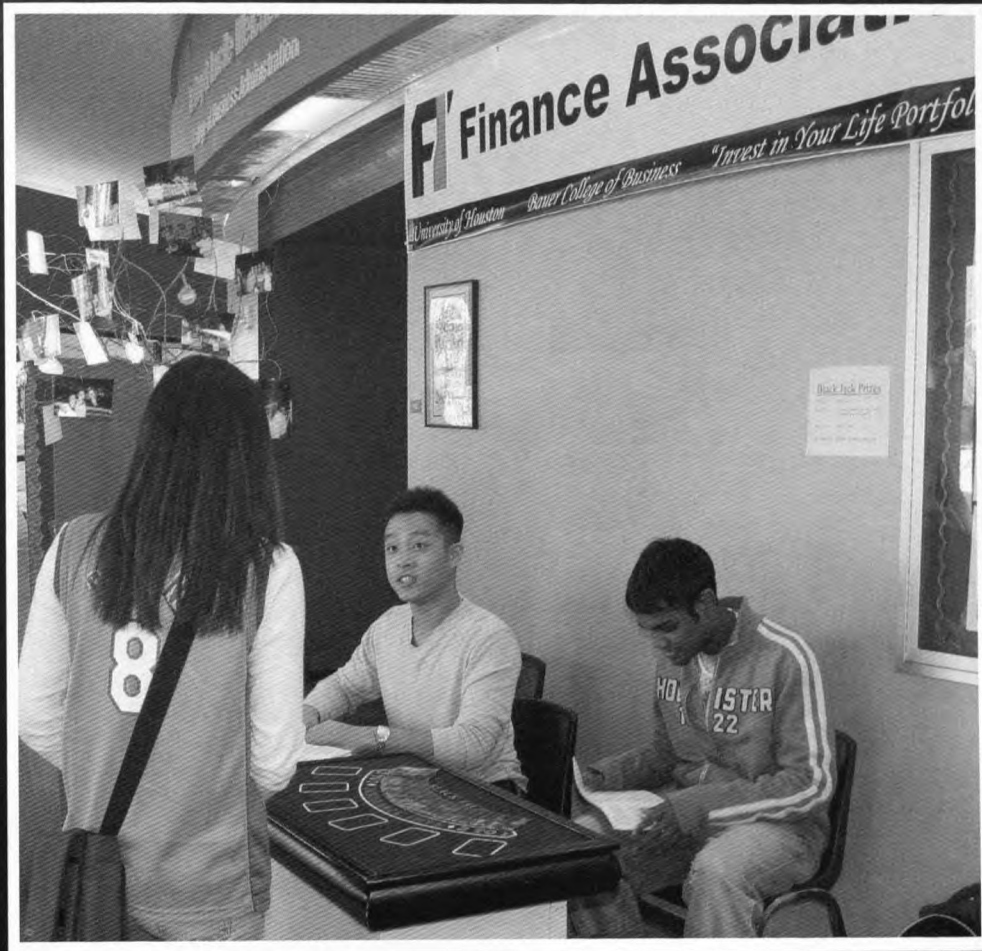
LEFT Bassam gives a speech to Financial Association members during a meeting.

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RIGHT Ana Chaverria, Gabriel Garcia and Rafael Martinez pay close attention to the meeting in order to learn new things.

Photo by Pathik Shah





LEFT JT Tran and Bryan Abraham tell interested students about the Financial Association during the Activities Mart at Bauer College of Business.

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RIGHT Jenny Jimenez checks in new members before a meeting.

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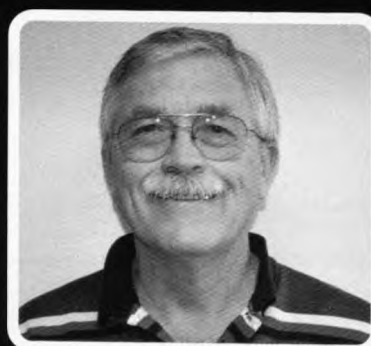
# Psi Chi

Psi Chi is a national honor society for those students preparing for a career in psychology, law, medicine or other related fields that wish to enhance their college experience and network with others within their respective fields. Psi Chi provides individuals opportunities to get to know other students in their field and encourages them to work together toward a common goal of furthering the community of psychology, both on campus and within the field of psychology.



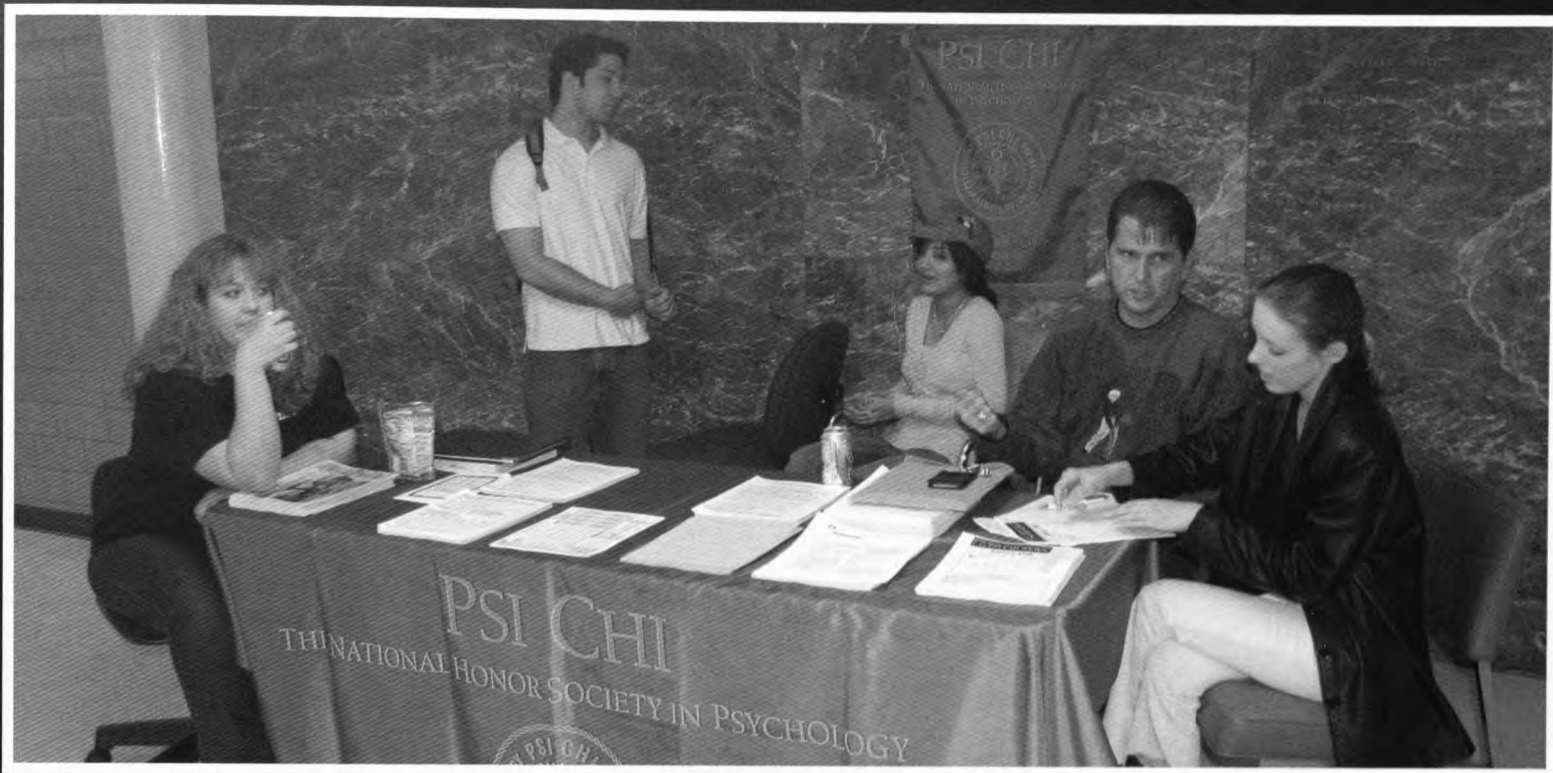
BACK ROW Brandon Weiss, Susan Lopas and Clarence Davis  
FRONT ROW Veronica Garza, Kathryn Shaefer and Amber Khan.

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LEFT Jacob Parker  
RIGHT Advisor Dr. Richard Kasshau

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The 20052006 Psi Chi officers recruit new members in the Heyne Building.

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The Psi Chi meetings are held periodically during the year in the Heyne Building.

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# HBSA

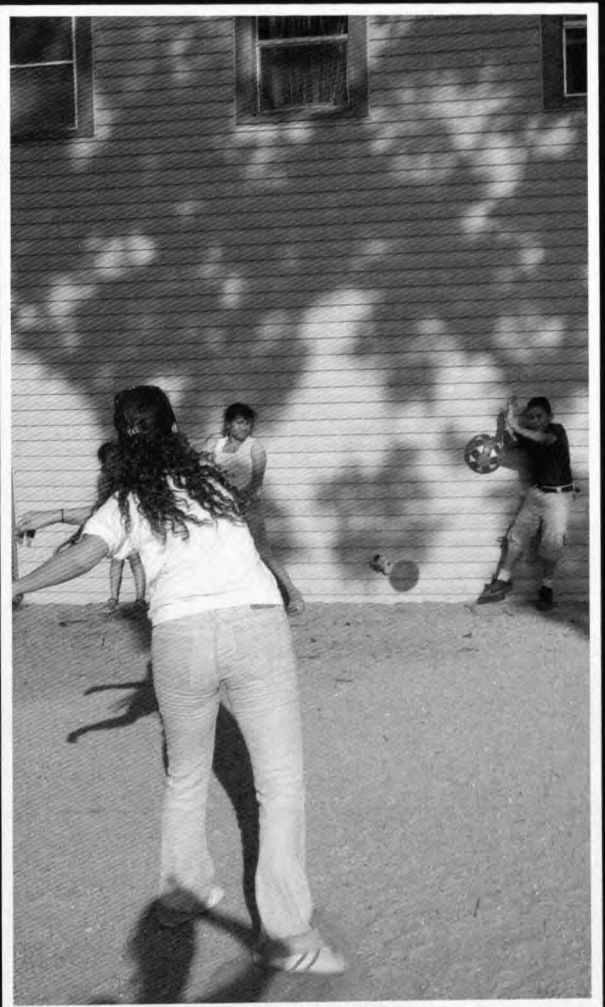
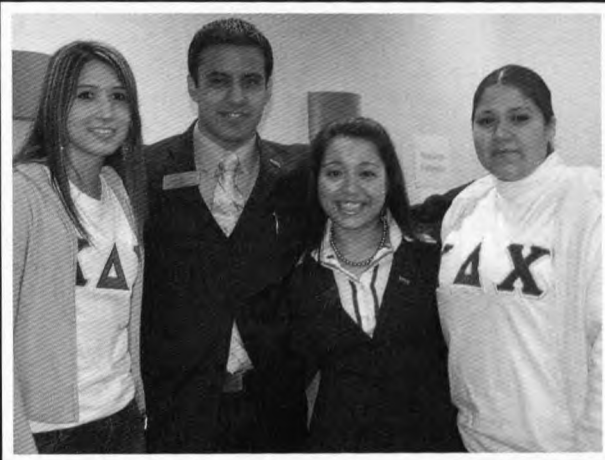
## Hispanic Business Student Association

The Hispanic Business Student Association (HBSA) is a professional student organization dedicated to the development and advancement of Hispanic students in both the corporate environment and within local communities. Since its inception, HBSA has grown to become one of the premier student organizations within the Bauer College of Business and currently boasts a membership of 125 members. They arrange a wide variety of programs and activities for their members that will prepare them for future careers in their chosen fields. They also provide an environment where their members have the opportunity to develop essential skills that recruiters actively seek in candidates.

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BACK ROW Chevon Davis, Jorge Mancilla and Ernesto Manrique  
MIDDLE ROW Nelly Galvan, Daisy Mendoza, Stephen Quezada, Diana Hernandez, Leila Quezada and Vivian Alvarado  
FRONT ROW Nancy Hoang  
Not pictured Eddie Mancilla



ABOVE LEFT Nancy Hoang speaks about HBSA to interested students.  
Photo by Joanna Garcia

MIDDLE LEFT Melissa Mier, Jorge Mancilla, Nelly Galvan and Erica Zavala before a monthly meeting.  
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BOTTOM LEFT HBSA member plays with Barrio Center students after finishing their homework.  
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ABOVE RIGHT Sandra Lopez takes a lane and tries her luck at the HBSA bowling mixer.  
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MIDDLE RIGHT Jose Lozano tutors Barrio Center student on Thursday afternoons.  
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BOTTOM RIGHT HBSA members are ready for their annual Broomball tournament fundraiser in which they invite other organizations to play.  
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# American Student Dental Association

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Interested members of ASDA sign up during a meeting.



# Accounting Society



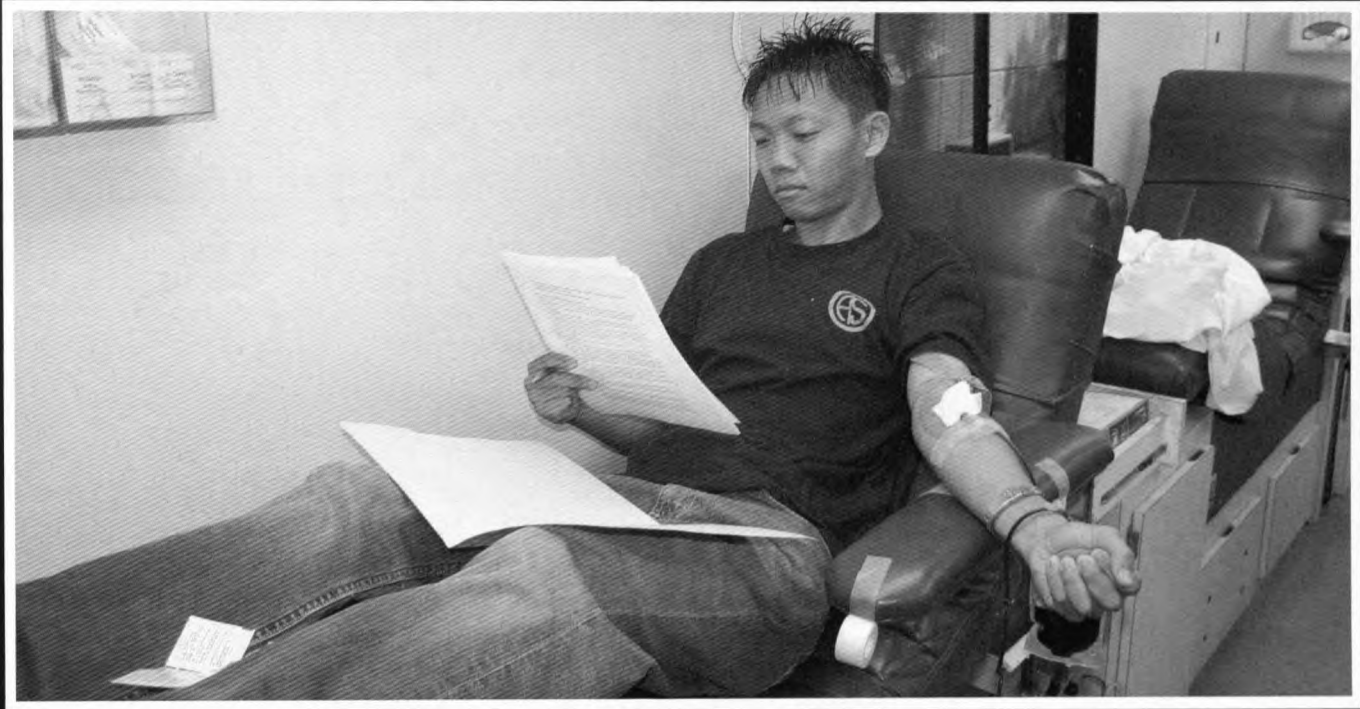
BACK ROW Jason Cheng, David Zahn, Don Scott, Jason Lopez, Henry Wong, Thomas McClure, and Roger Shao  
FRONT ROW Jessica Fung, Kristen Holder, Kim Nguyen, and Amanda Schaller

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LEFT Daniel Garcia, Roger Shao and Jessica Fung prepare for the activities mart at the Bauer College

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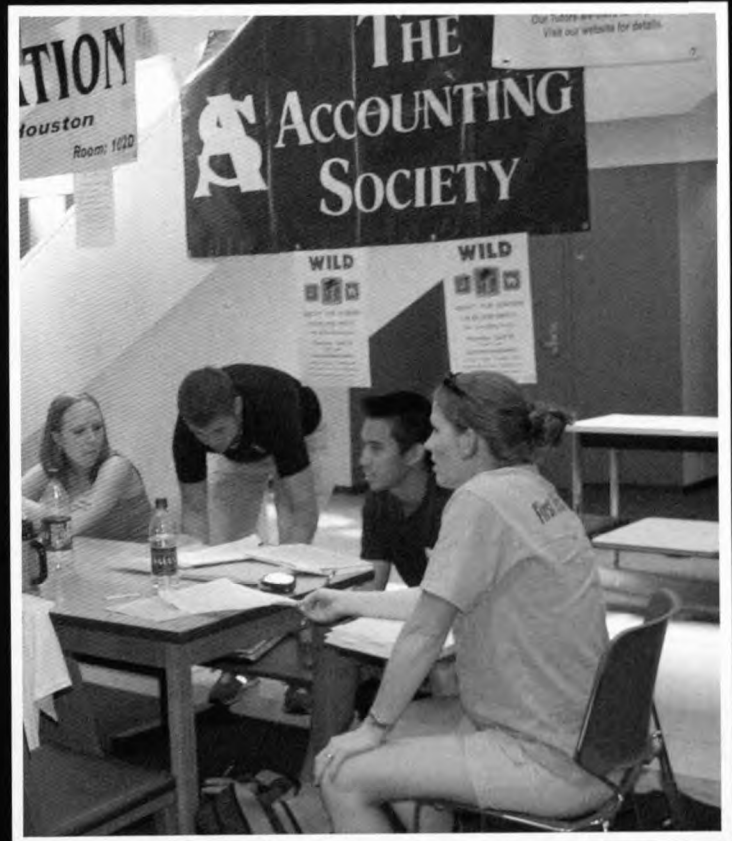


ABOVE Roger Shao gives blood during the Accounting Society's blood drive with the M.D. Anderson library

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RIGHT David Zahn, Henry Wong, and Sharon Fields work the registration table for the blood drive inside Bauer College of Business

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# Fellowship of

# Christian Athletes



MEMBERS Kelli Adams, Anthony Aldridge, Sam Anderson, Tiare Austin, Kathy Bailey, Amie Brady, Brett Burke, Kristin Carlyle, Michale Cast, Mary Cates, Christin, Ashley Clements, Corey, Todd Cox, Cynthia, Jennifer Dry, Sarah Fisher, Morgan Floyed, Jen G, Courtney Gaines, Megan Garcia, Joseph Gonzales, Akilah Grant, Ricky Hargrove, Jennifer Harper, Billy Hartford, Mikado Hinson, Jennifer Hohl, Darrel Holnes, Victor Ignatia, Jeremy, Julian, Kelly, Kevin Newman, Wade Khole, Stephen Kolb, Chioke Lazarus, Brad Lincoln, Brett Logan, Stephanie Mannela, Chad Marti, Andre McDowl, John McGilvray, Brittney Pfeiffer, Lanny Smith, Krystal Stepney, Courtney Sterling, Steven, Adam Tapely, Cody Walter, Quinte Williams, Krysti Witcher and Jennifer Harper.

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**Mission Statement** To present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the Fellowship of the church.

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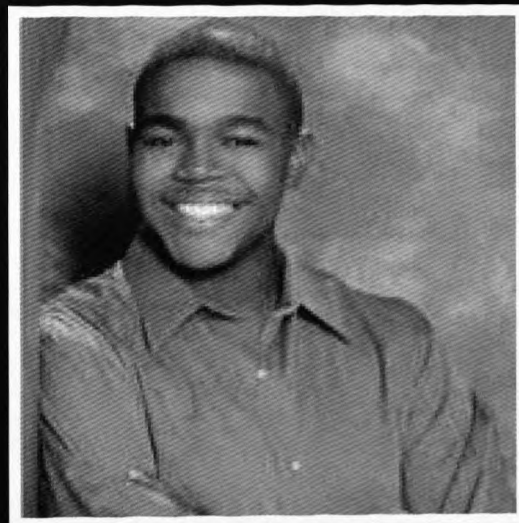


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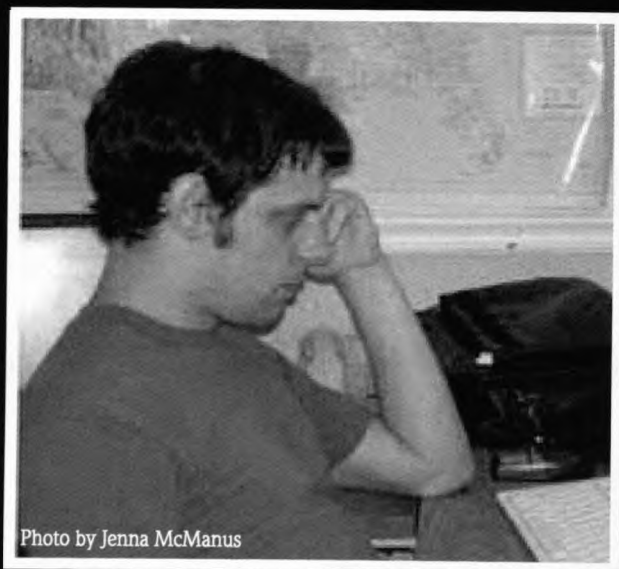
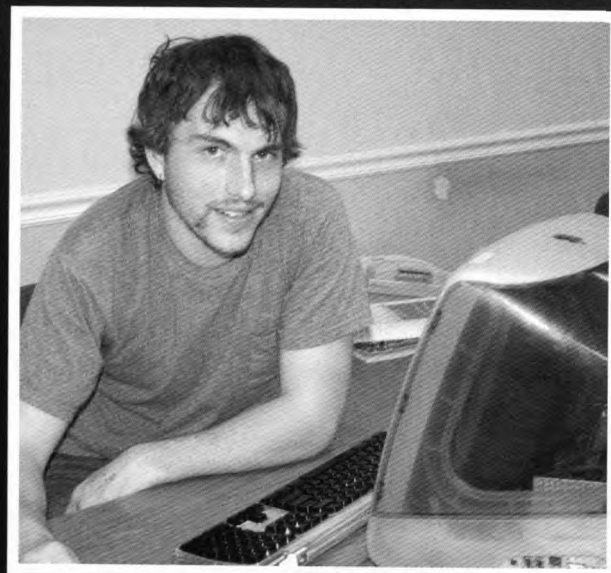
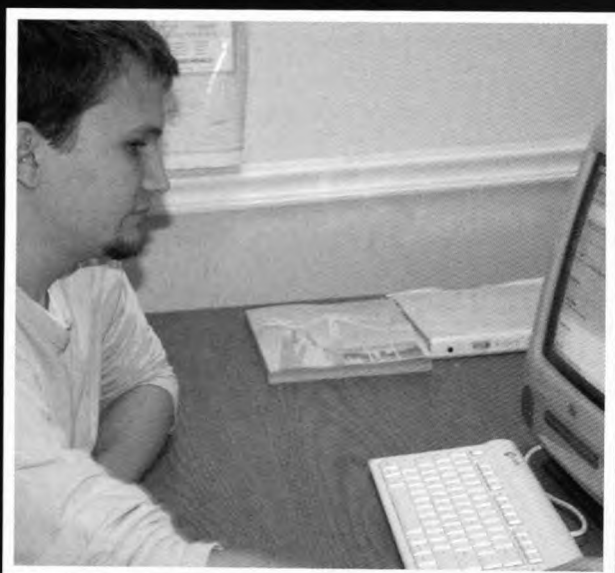
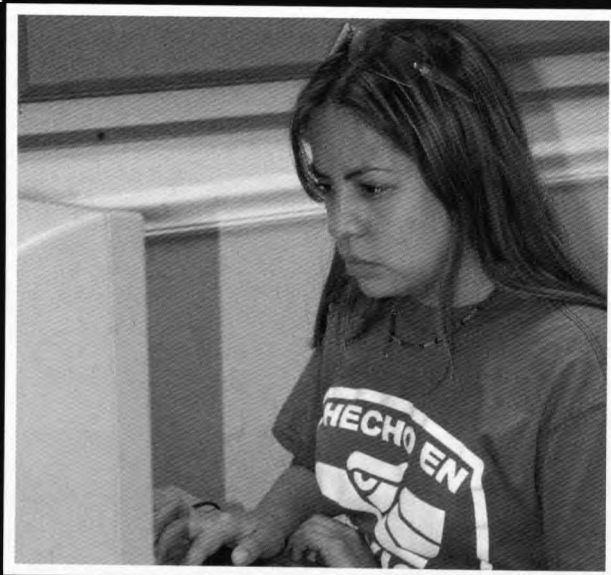


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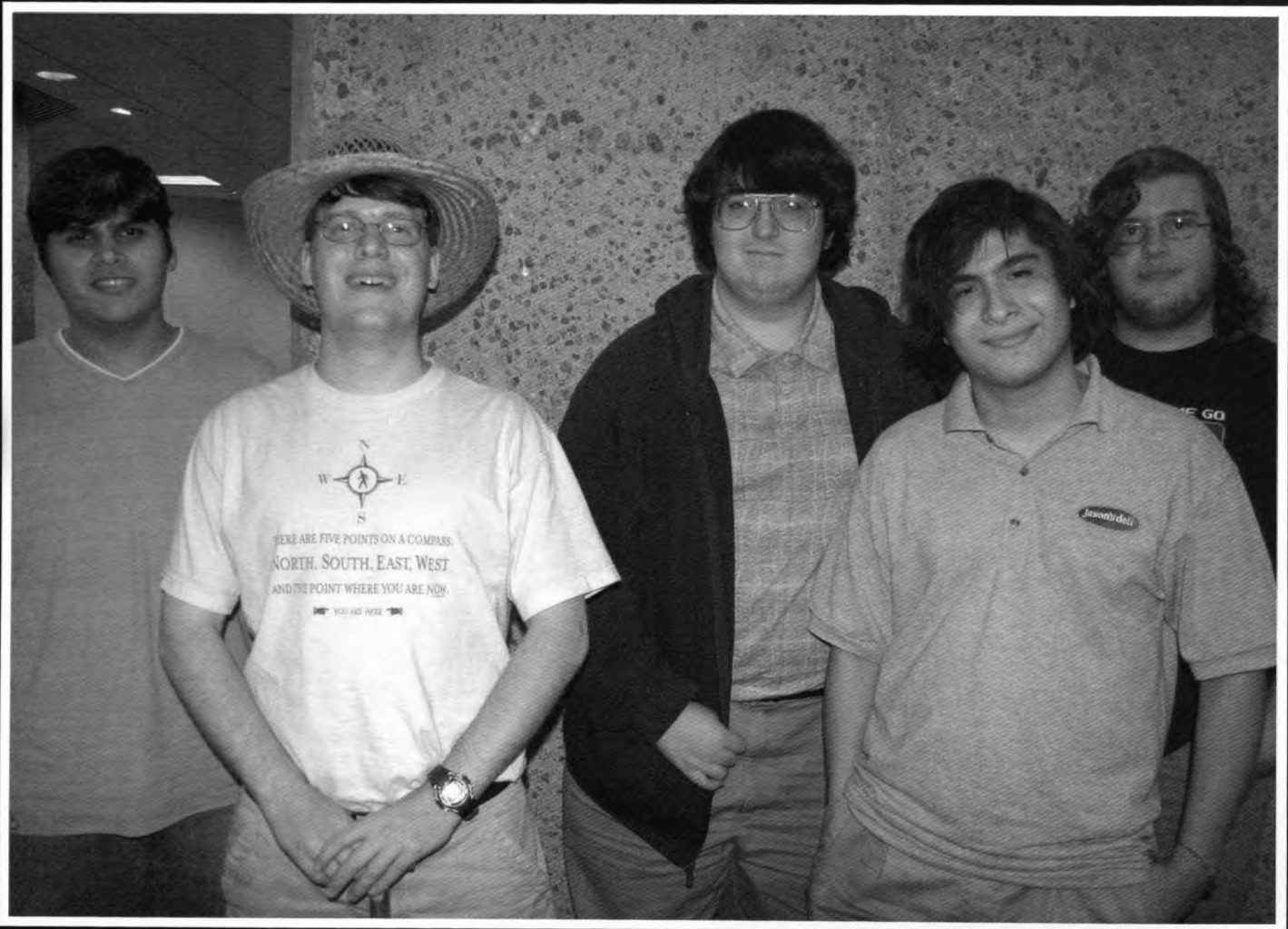
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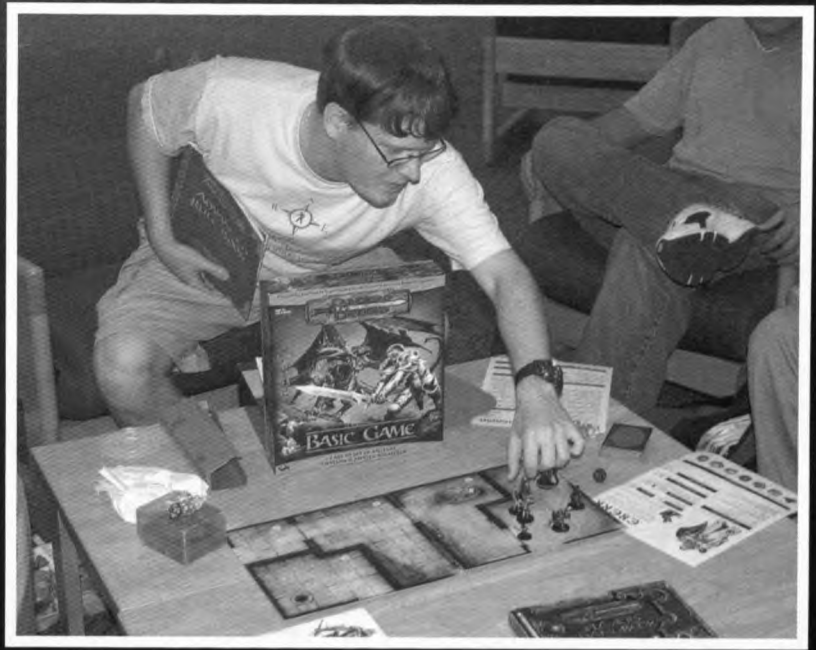
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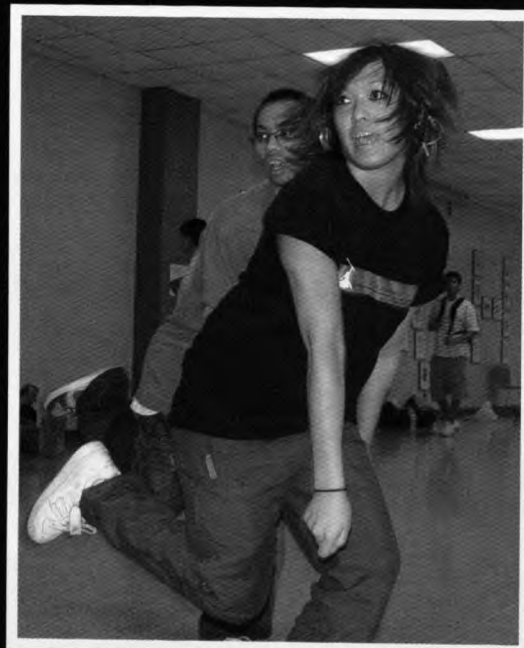
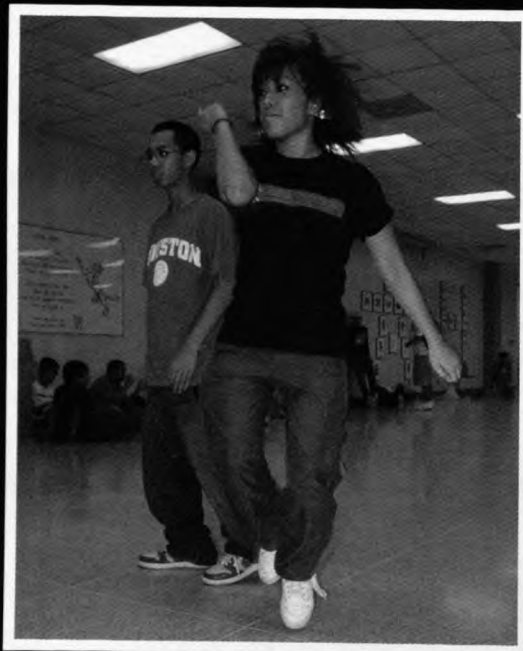
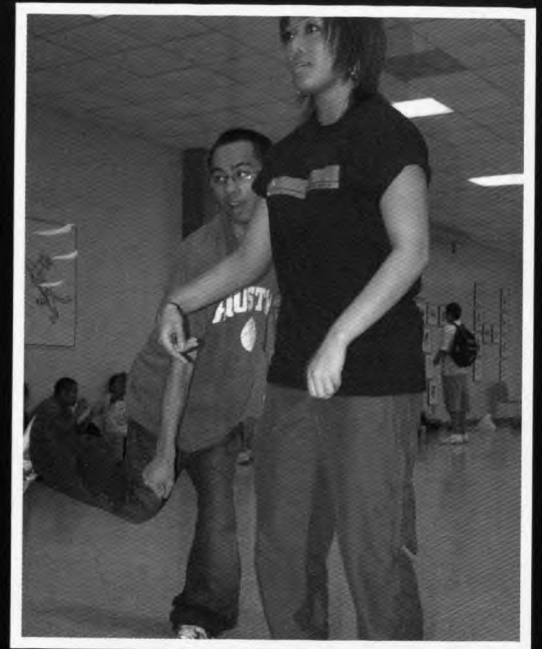
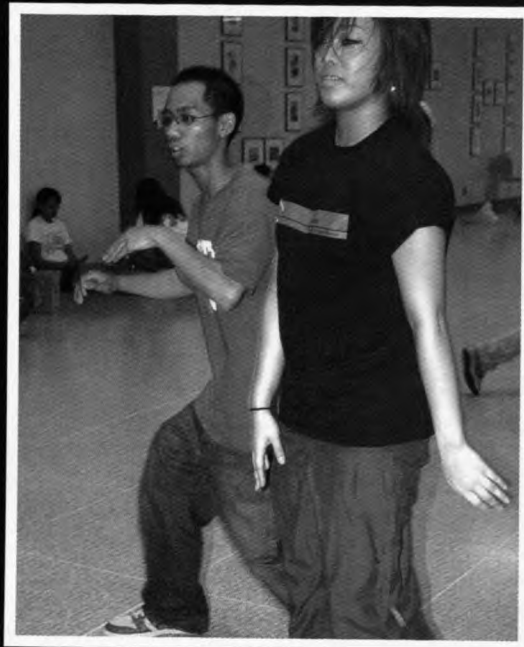


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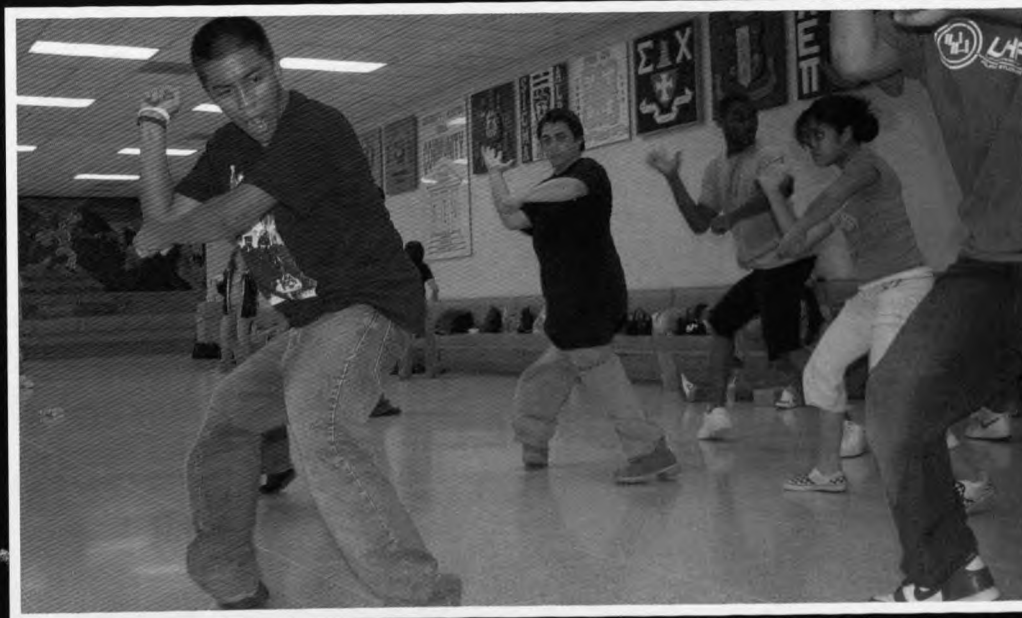
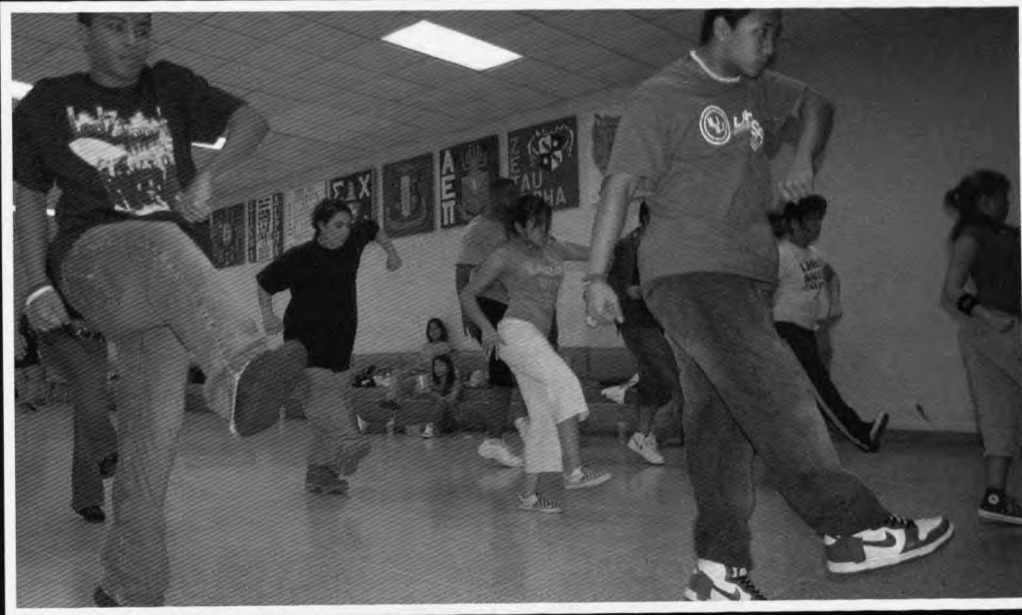
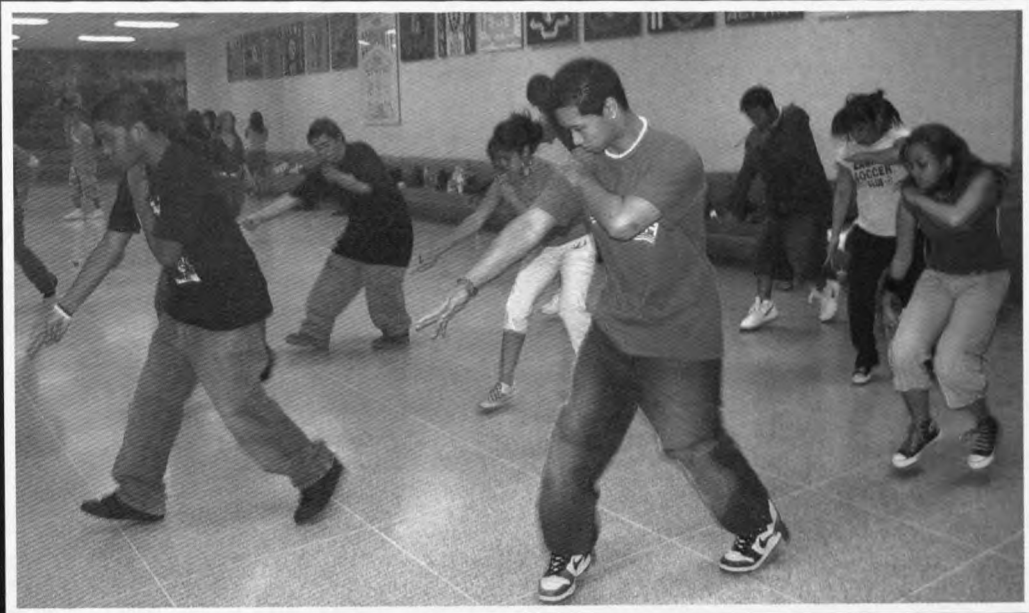


# Filipino Student Association

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The Filipino Student Association practices for their upcoming event in Austin.



# Kappa Delta Chi

## KΔΧ



Bowling Mixer



Habitat for Humanity



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It's not what you've just become; it's what you've always been.

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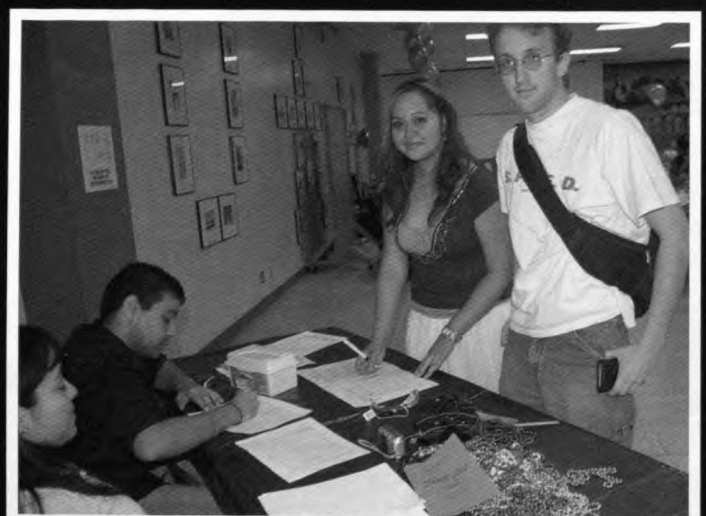
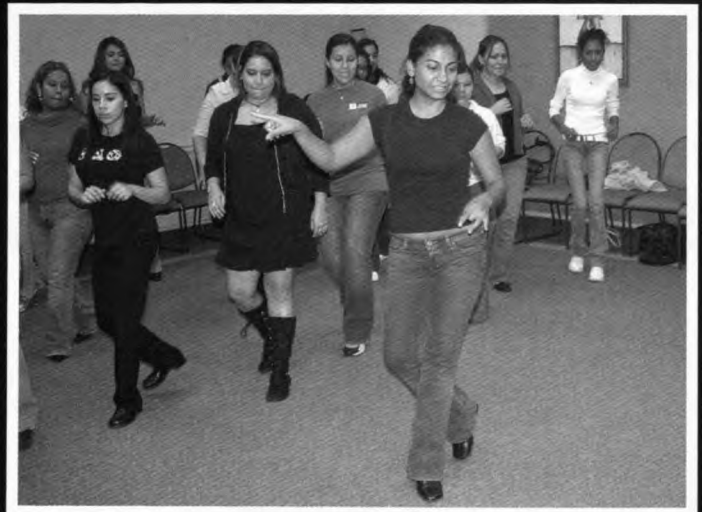


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# Gamma Alpha Omega ΓΑΩ



“Nos una Crescemus”

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Alexis Carranza



Danielle Dixon



Ana Elizalde



Paula Fiallos



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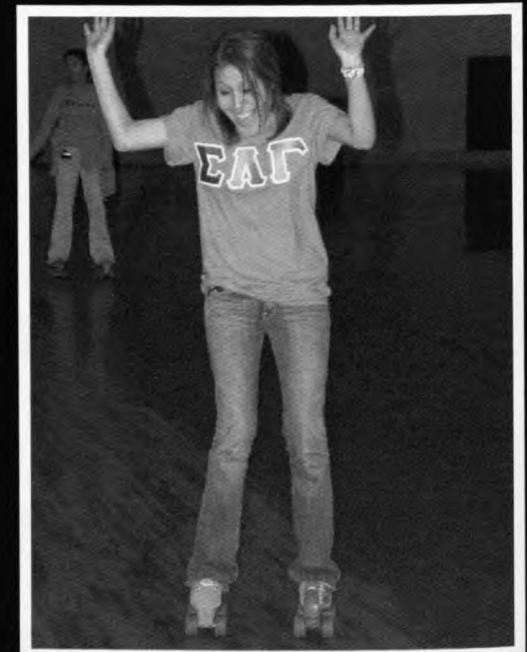
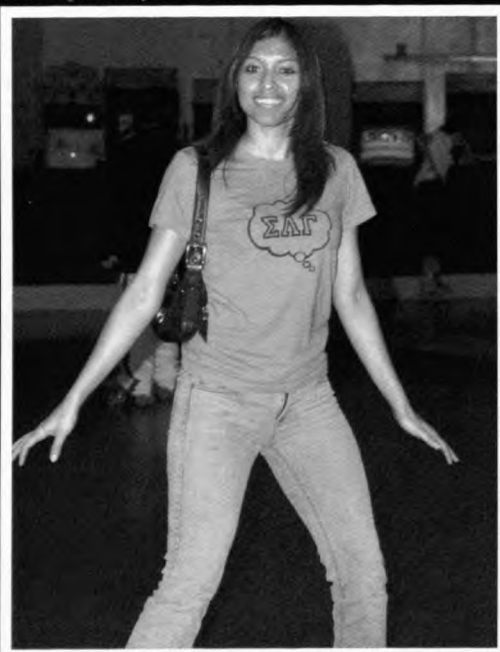
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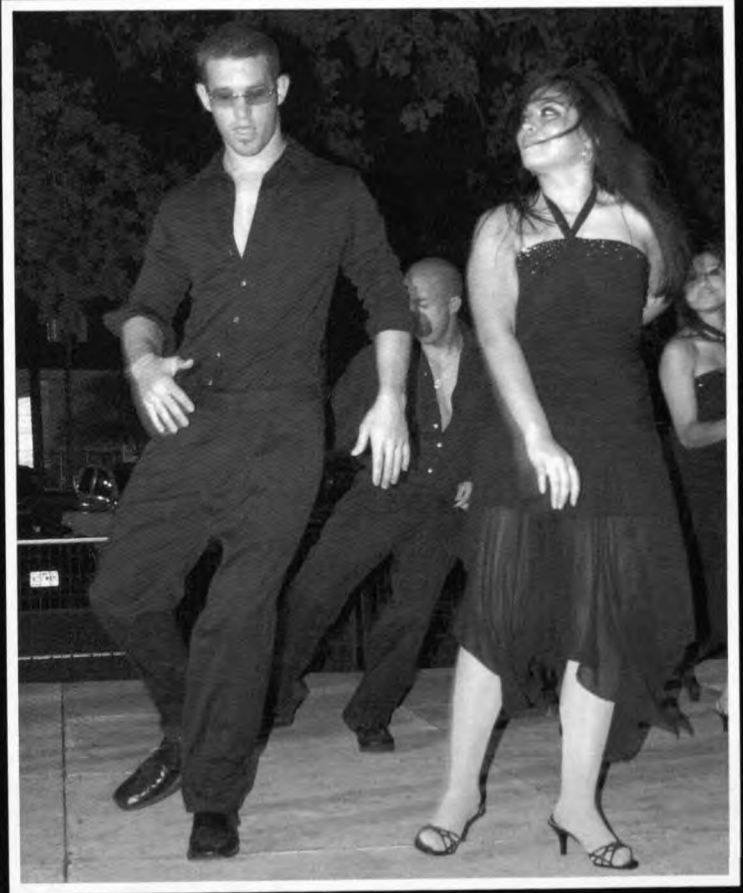
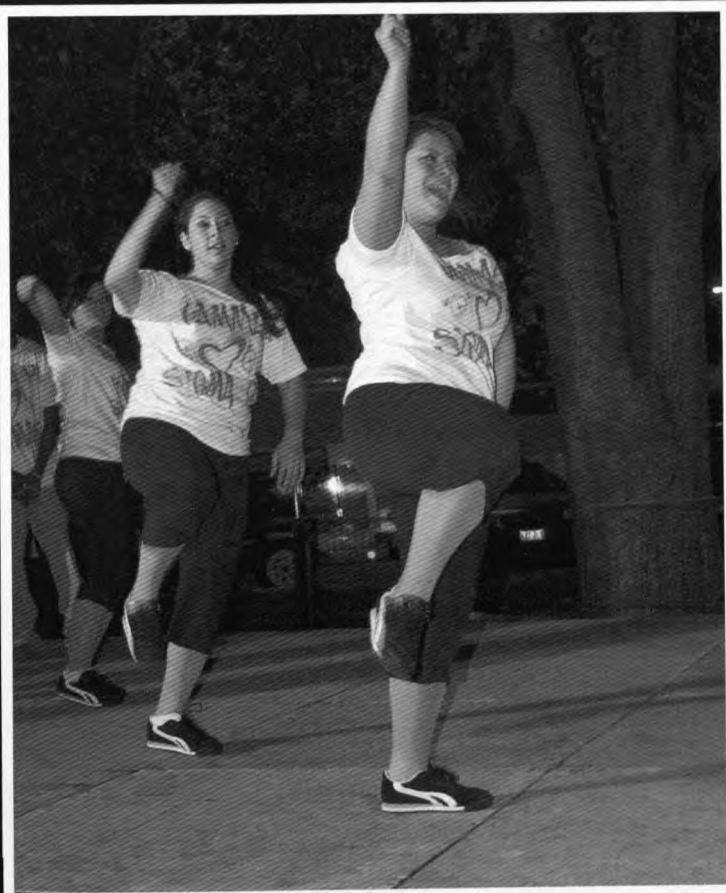
# Sigma Lambda Gamma ΣΛΓ

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The Gammas entertain the crowd during Frontier Fiesta 2006.

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# Delta Gamma

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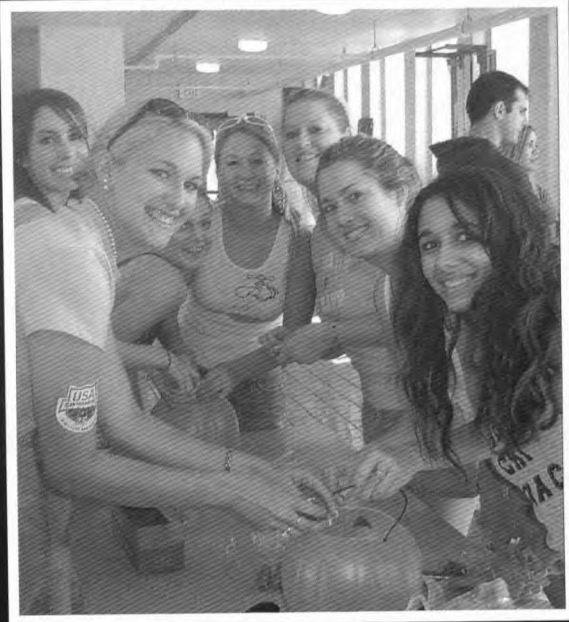
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TOP ROW Kristen Tilton, Lydia Clay, Meghan Moreo, Amber Cox and Kelli Chamberlain  
 BOTTOM ROW Lidia Gonzalez, Katie Hamarich, Audra Altemus, Michelle Lemp, Gabbie Daniel and Sandy Escobar



TOP ROW Amy Griffin, Hali Freitus, Rachel Harrell and Cortney Kindall  
 MIDDLE ROW Dominique Rodriguez, Amanda Bredbenner, Jennifer Blome, Cerise Reyna and Michelle Hankinson  
 BOTTOM ROW Tara Coker, Ashley Berg, Sharon Raphaeli, Tabatha Mills, Tracy Nelsen and Laura Day



The DG girls raise money, have fun and support the competing teams during the annual Anchor Splash.

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TOP ROW Allison Marek, Kristin Prichard, Laura Bobrick, Catherine Harbove, Maria Pautsch and Courtney Dean  
MIDDLE ROW Brooke Simon, Lindsay Roberts, Ali Walker, Kristen Cooper, Elizabeth Reyes and Amanda Prichard  
BOTTOM ROW Shireen Hadi, Stephanie Fritsche, Lindsey Davis, Rachael Mehringer and Sheridan Prause

# Phi Mu

## ΦΜ

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FRONT ROW Joanne Landrito, Candice Prince, Rachel Van, Stephanie Gallardo and Emily Stickle

SECOND ROW Jayne Ware, Katy Dow, Sarah Ruble, Jennifer Le, Melissa Allen, Rocio Garcia and Anne Nguyen

THIRD ROW Katie Smith, Kaysie Kubosh, Christian Arredondo, Kimberly Ward, Megan Salley, Molly Stratton, Brandi Motley and Sarah Clarke

FOURTH ROW Jessica Miller, Tierney Terrell and Chelsea Bradford

**Not pictured:** Crissy Lafuente, Erika Lopez, Natanie Cogburn, Lacey Gunter, Areli Ramirez, Blanca Montemayor, Carla Hulsey, Jennifer Heathcock, Michelle Echeverria, Morgan Jones, Nisha Campell, Robbi Meitzen, Annie Bosch and Patrice Fields

Phi Mu by choice, not by chance. We may Stand out but we never Stand alone!



The PM girls celebrate after winning second place in KDC annual kickball tournament.



**Executive members**

FRONT ROW Katie Smith Vice President, Joanne Landrito - Panhellenic Delegate, Megan Salley - Secretary, Brandi Motley - Co Recruitment  
BACK ROW Molly Stratton -Phi Director, Sarah Ruble -President, Jennifer Le - Treasurer, Stephanie Gallardo - Co Recruitment

# Delta Zeta

ΔZ



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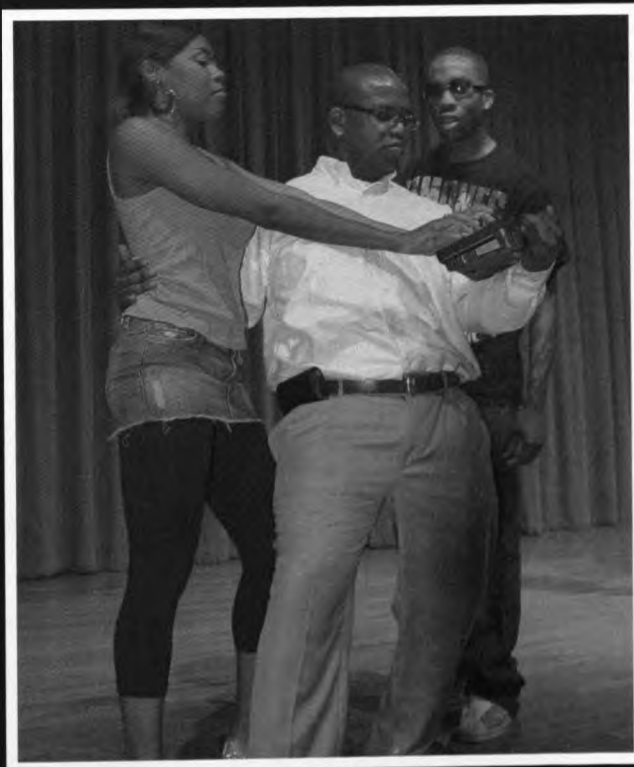
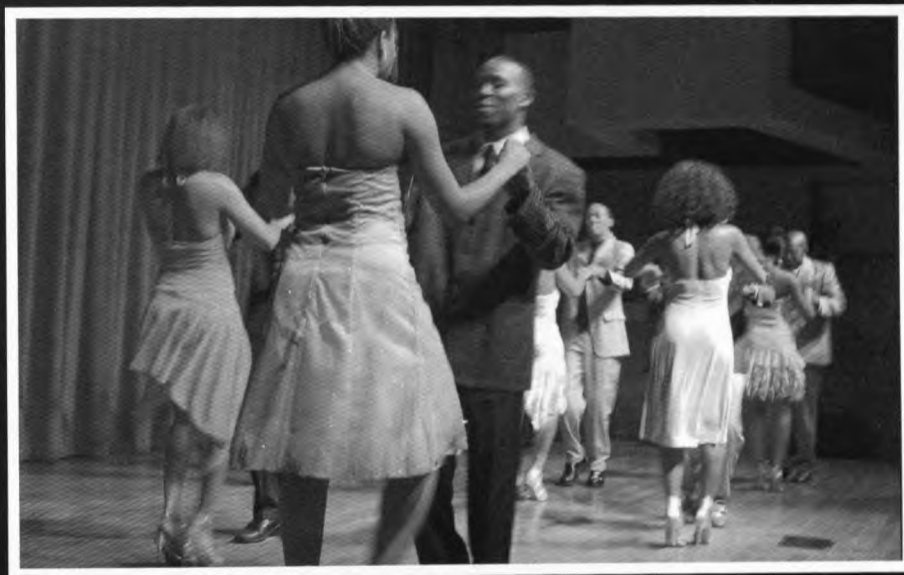
## AKA

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind.

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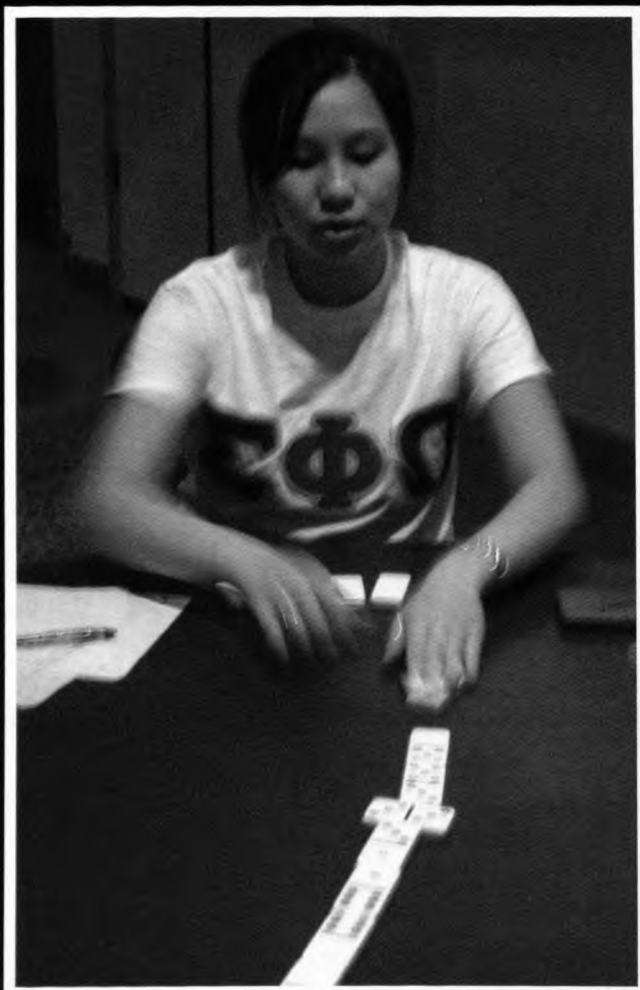
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BOTTOM ROW Charlene Harper, Ashley Foster and Desiree Couzan



BOTTOM RIGHT Mr. Pink and Green is a scholarship pageant. The AKA girls wanted to reward the male students of the university because there were only pageants for women at the time. In 2006, Mr. Pink and Green was Jamaar Anderson.

# Sigma Phi Omega

## ΣΦΩ



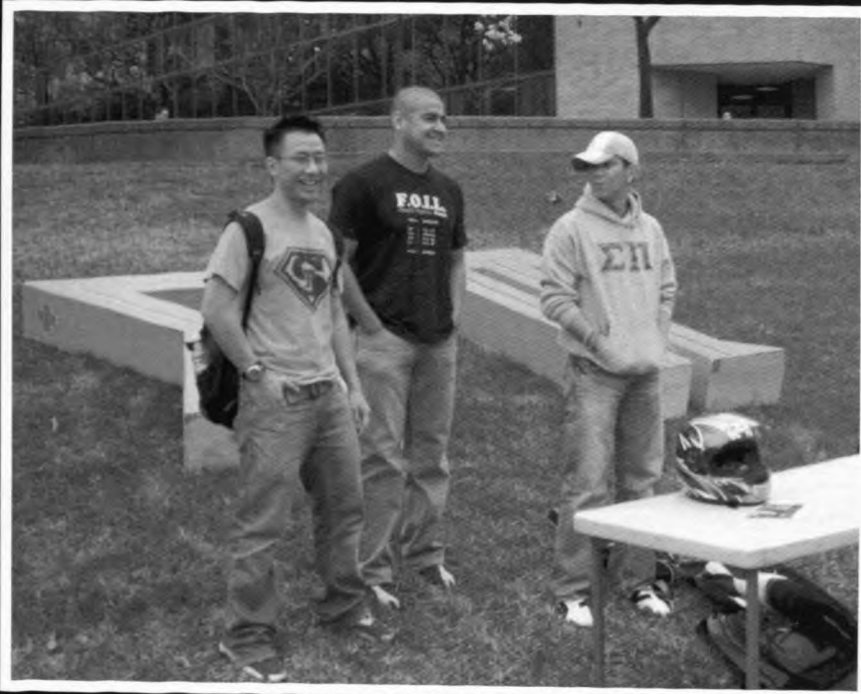
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# Sigma Pi

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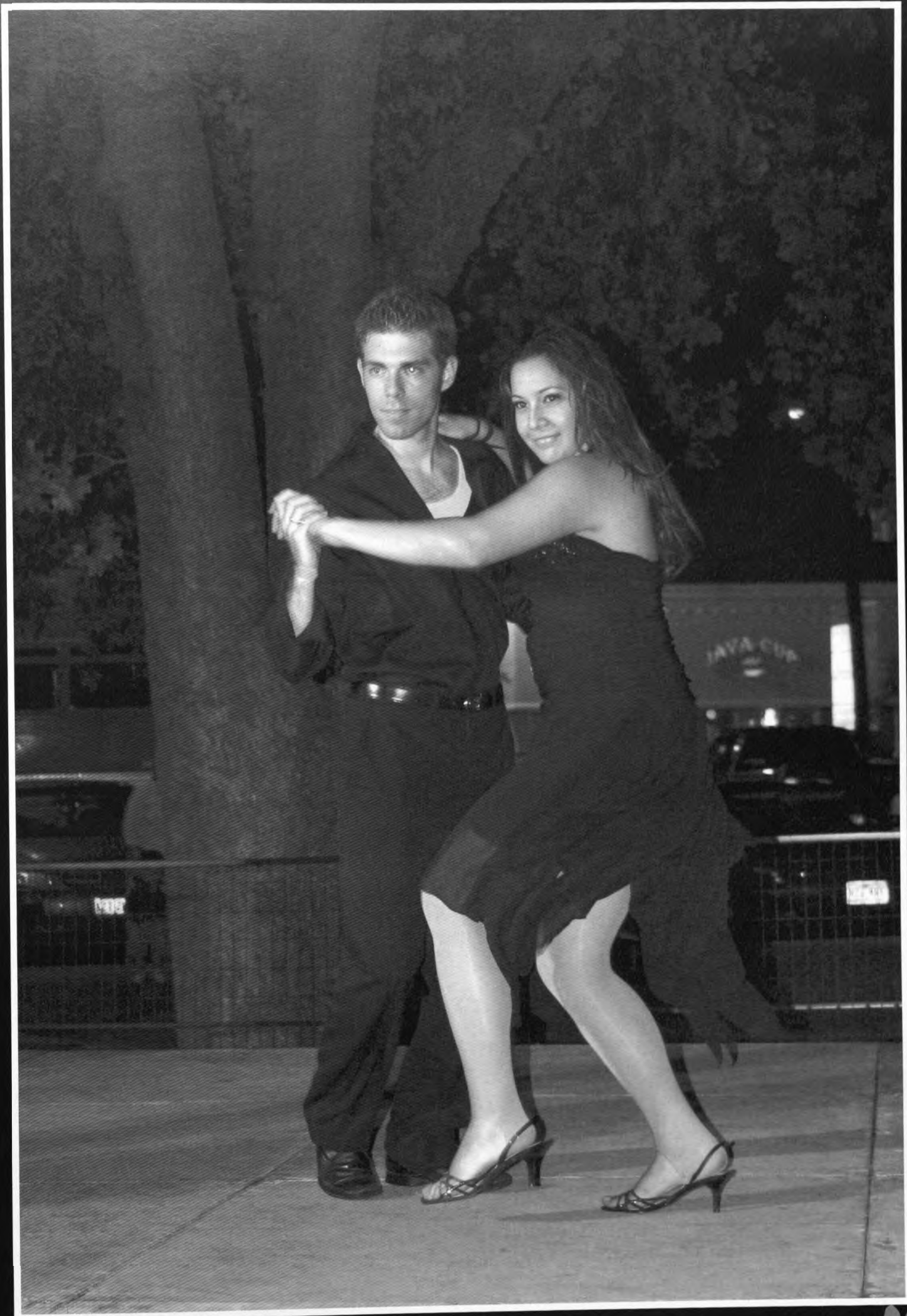


LEFT SP members recruit new interest during lunch time at the UC Satellite.

Left to right Timmy Lee, Jerry Orantes and Dave Tecson.

RIGHT Carrington Holiness and Alex Achivida show their moves to the crowd during a performance at Frontier Fiesta.

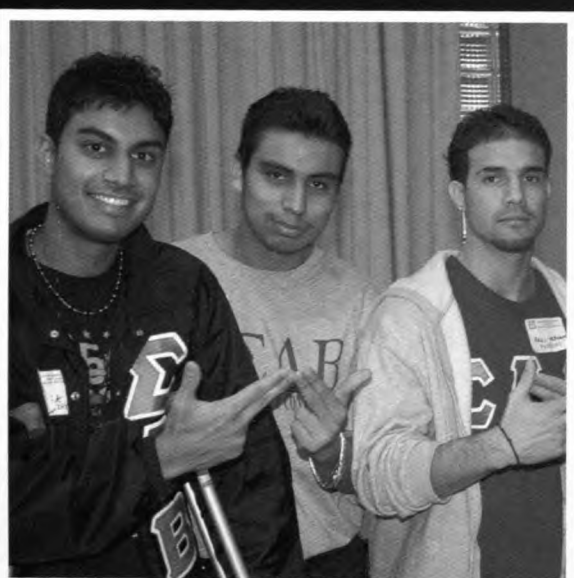




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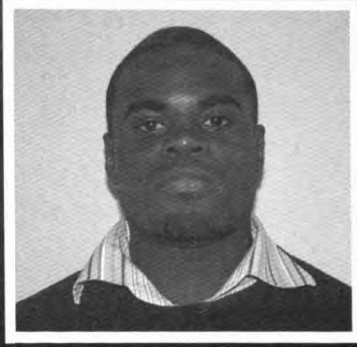
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“Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture”



Mauricio Amaya



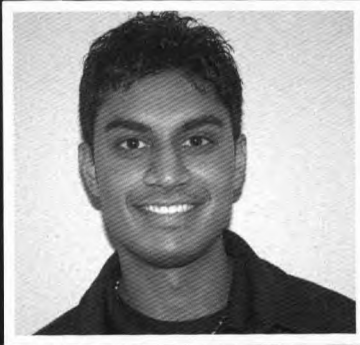
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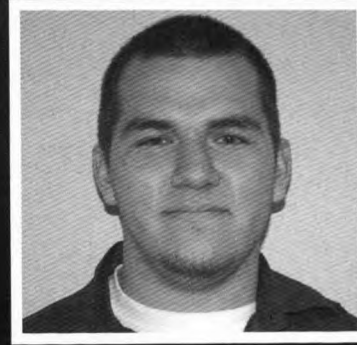
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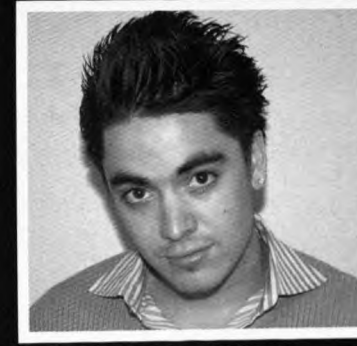
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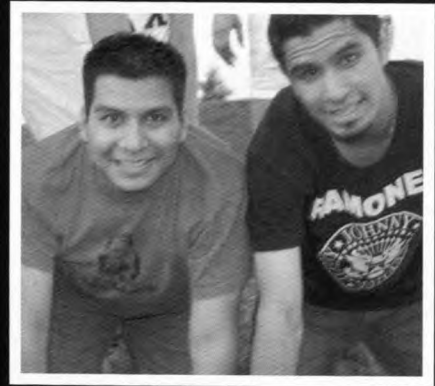
Joel Vasquez Jr.



Brandon Webb

# Omega Delta Phi

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Carlos Abanto



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Victor Castro



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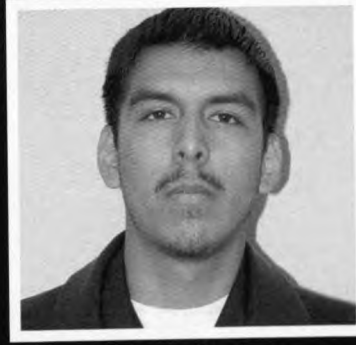
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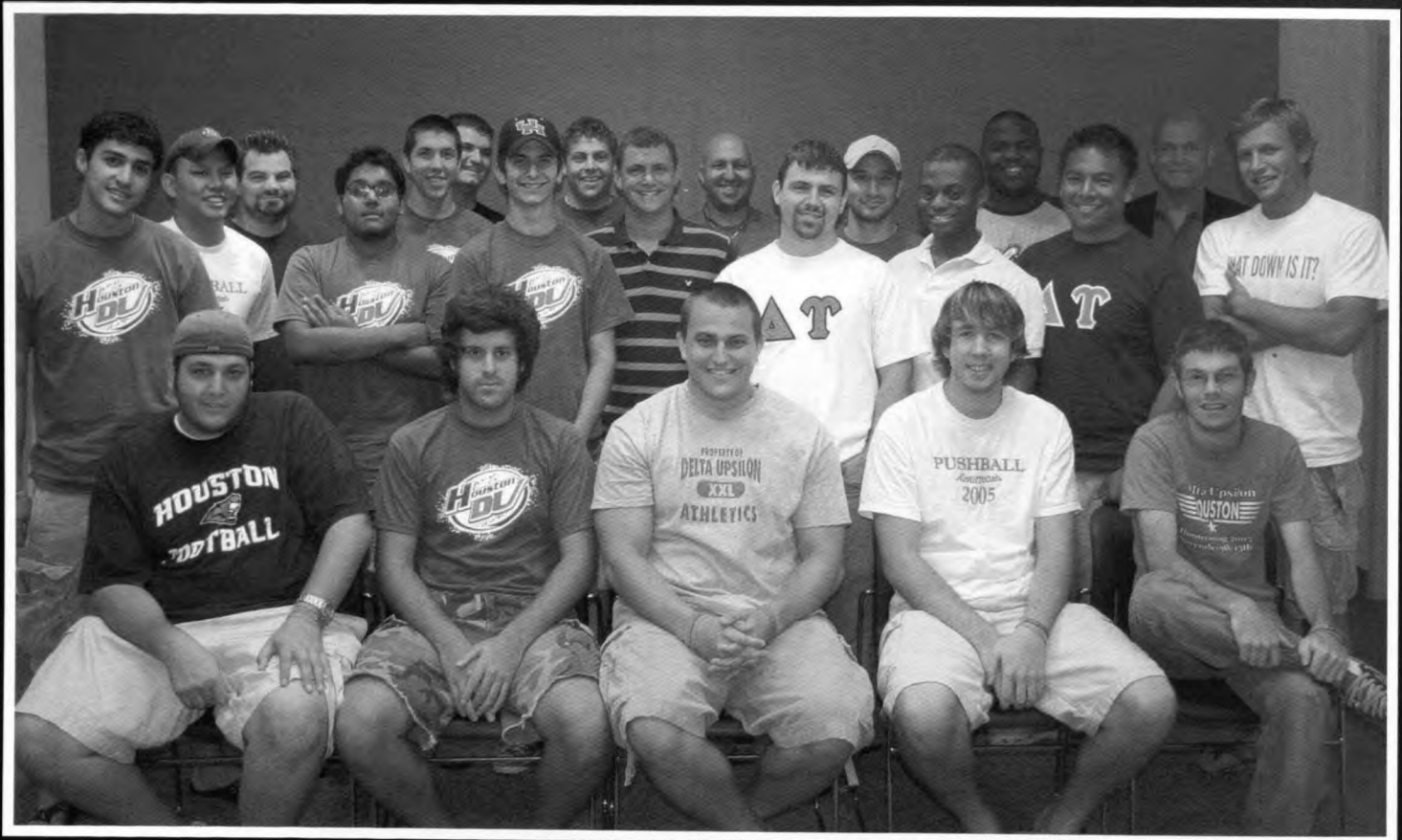


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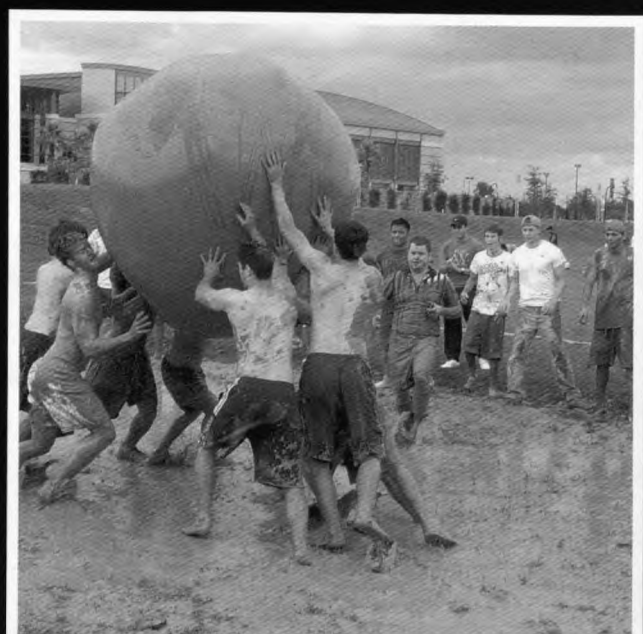
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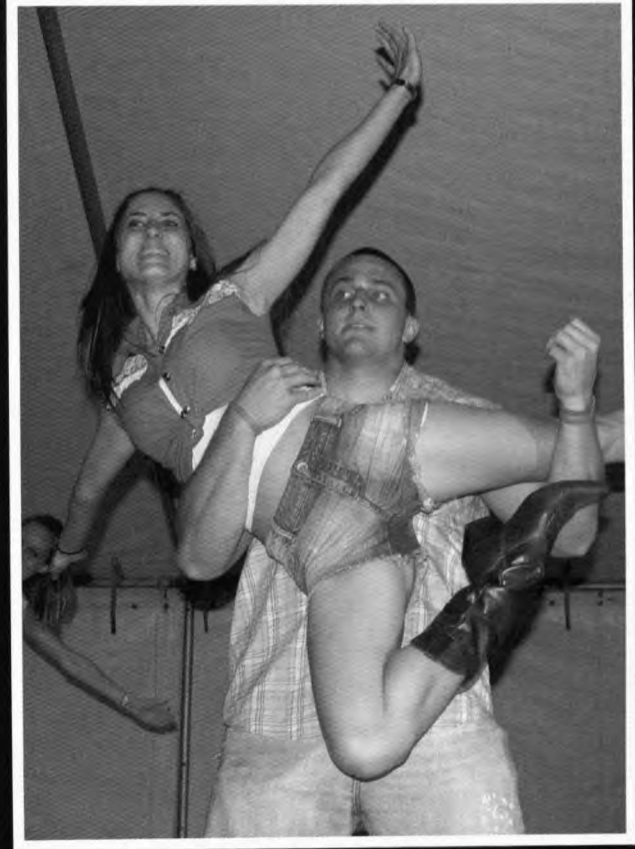
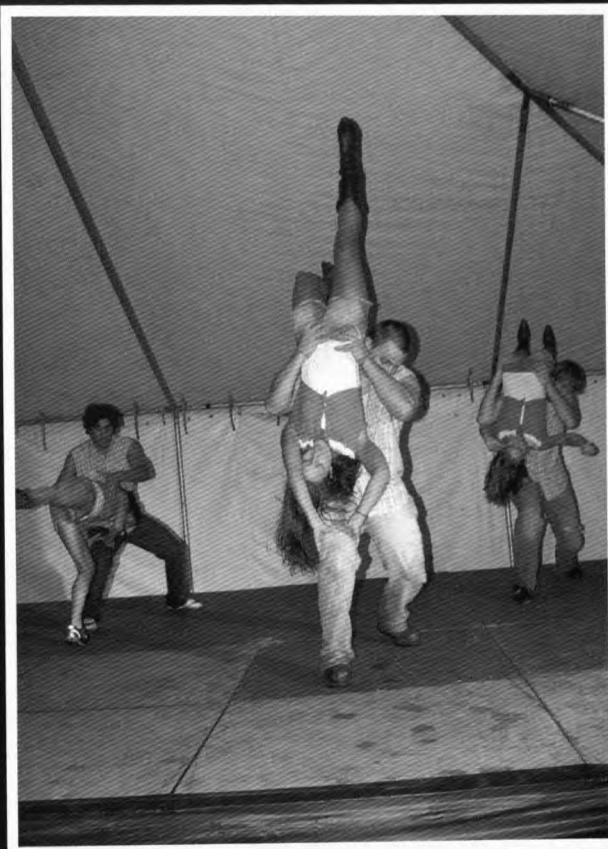
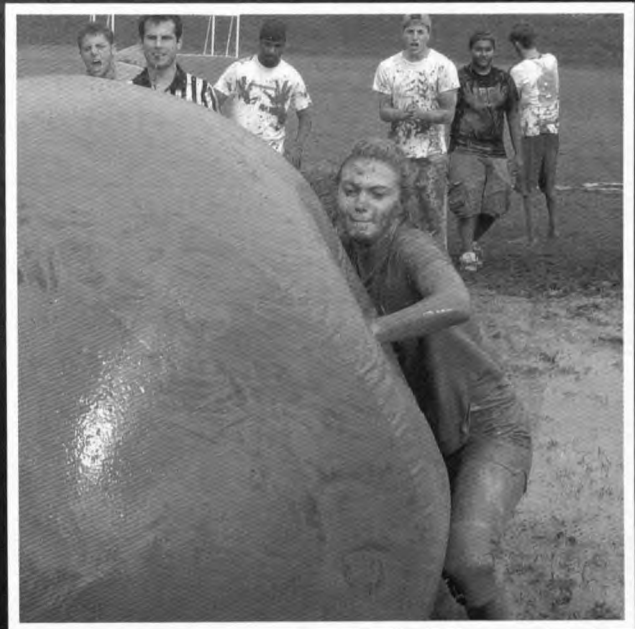
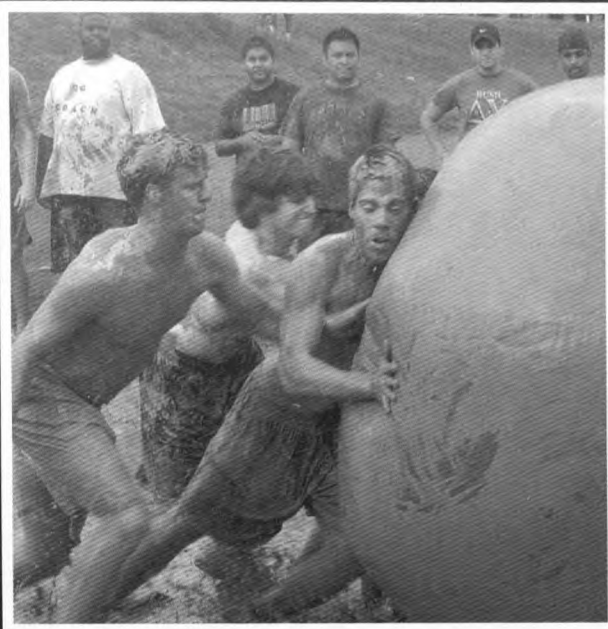
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BACK ROW Michael Graves, Bryant Hargrave, Sean Piper, Tuval Baruch, Brandon Nelson and Floyd Robinson  
 THIRD ROW Philip Lau, Jason Ciolli, Jeff Rocheleau and Alex Avalos  
 SECOND ROW Tomas Ortiz, Anil Kuttikandthil, Adam Peterson, Eric Honeycutt, Jay Barnet, Larry Bolton and Paul Viscontini  
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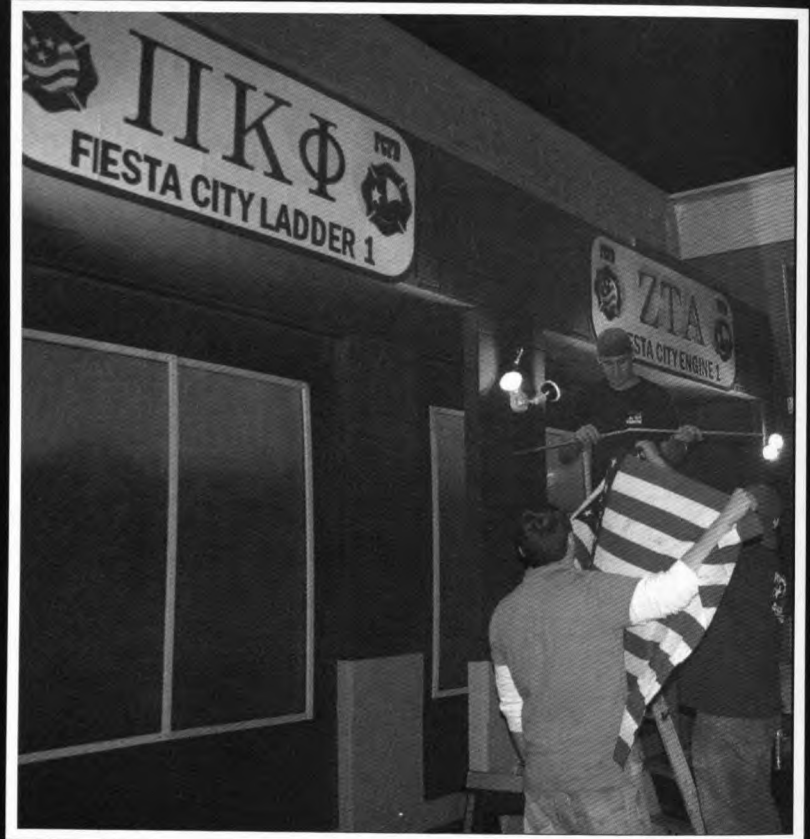




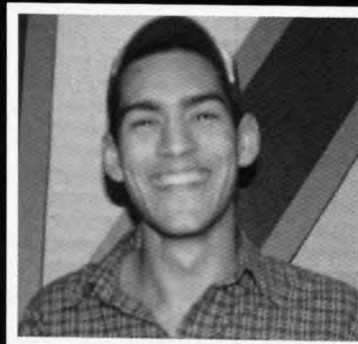
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Tim Allen



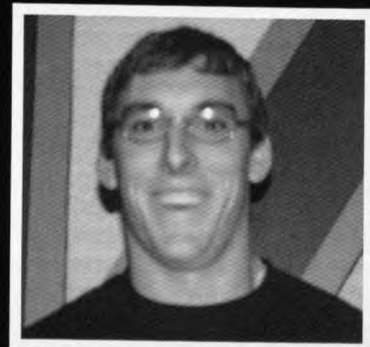
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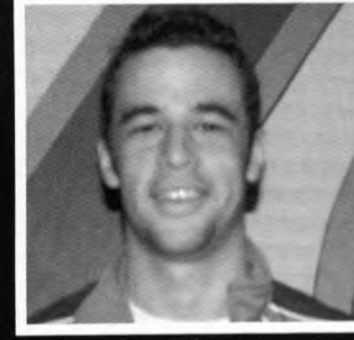
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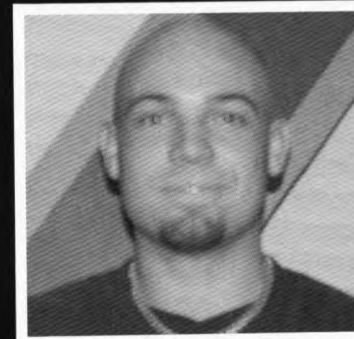
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Stephen Ontiveros



Wes Rowell



Nick Schulze



Austen Spoons



Damon Uherek



Kevin Visentin



Cody Watts



Brandon Wheeler

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Excited fans get hyped for the Cougars' first game of the year against Oregon Ducks.

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Anthony Aldridge celebrates a successful reception.

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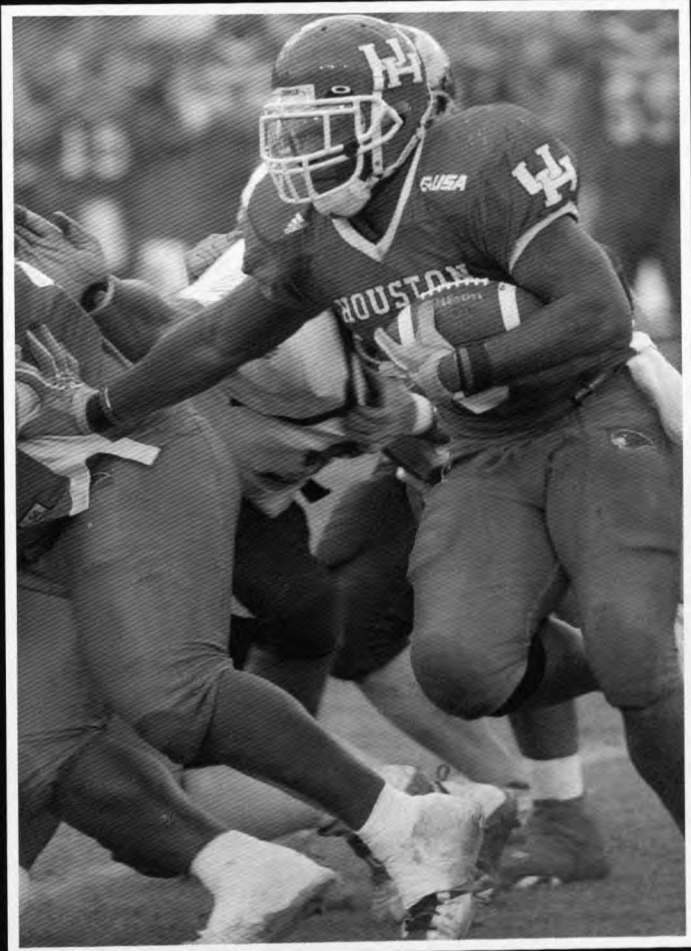


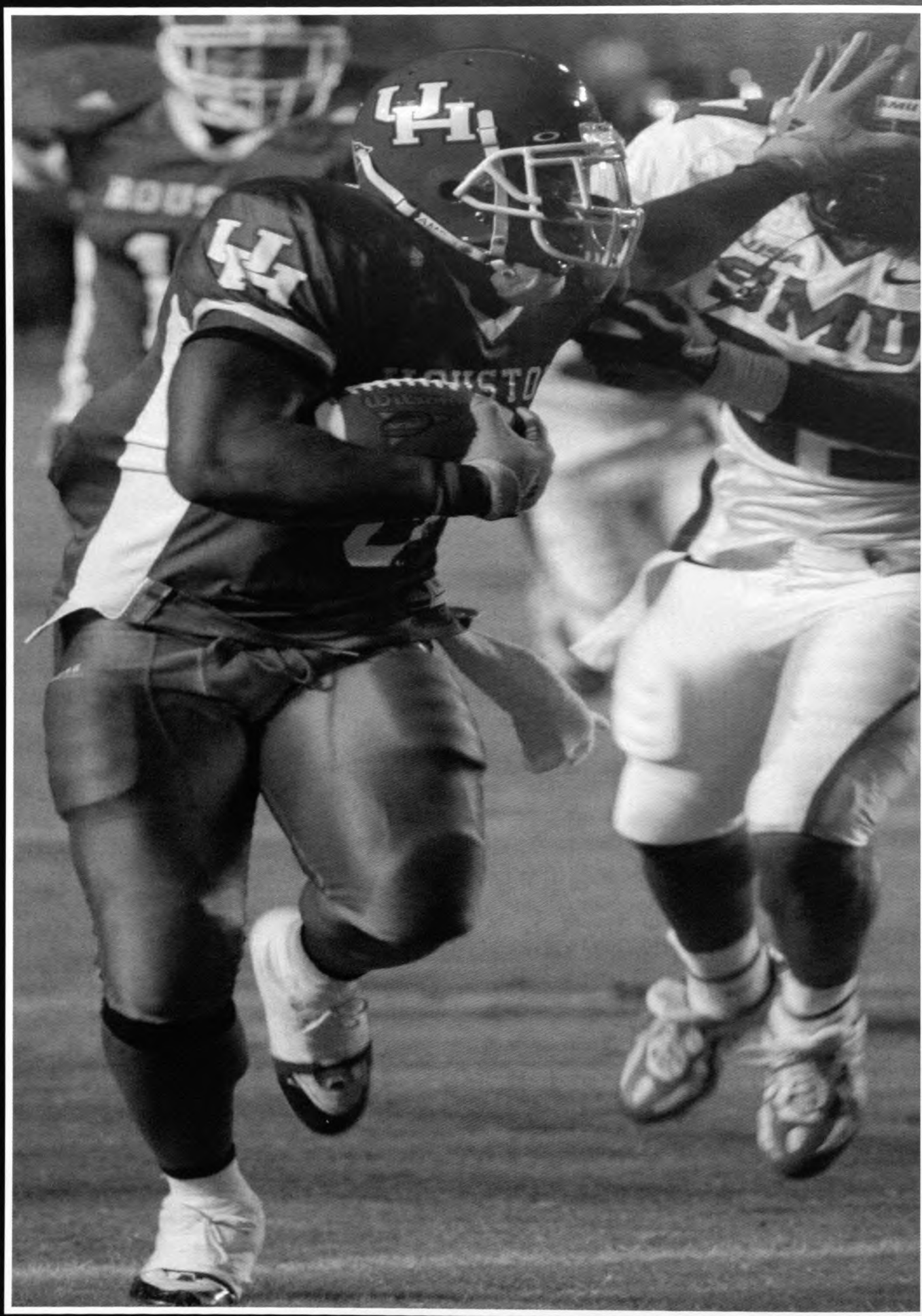
RIGHT Kevin Kolb drops back to throw for a successful reception.

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Daily Cougar

BELOW Ryan Gilbert tries to find a hole to get a first down.

Photo by Stephen Pinchback/  
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Running back Ryan Gilbert gives a nasty stiff arm to Southern Mississippi University linebacker.

Photo by Stephen Pinchback/Daily Cougar

# Cougar Football Gets Serious

## UH football team goes bowl-ing

Story by Chance Richmond

For the second time in the past three years, the University of Houston football team qualified to participate in a bowl game. The Cougars started off the season against Pac 10 opponent Oregon. In the end, the Oregon Ducks defeated the Cougars 38-24. Other notable games included a victory over cross-town rival Rice University. The Cougars defeated the Owls 35-18 to qualify the team to participate in the bowl game. After an up and down season with strong victories and close margin defeats, the team found themselves in the Fort Worth Bowl on December 23, 2005 against Big XII opponents Kansas. The explosive offense of the Kansas Jayhawks were too much for the usually volatile offense of the cougars. The cougars were held to 244 yards, their seasons worst. With an overall 6-6 record to end the year, the University of Houston football team looks to strengthen and improve to become bowl game champions next season. 🐾

vs. Oregon L 38-24  
vs. Sam Houston State W 31-10  
vs. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO L 44-41 (OT)  
vs. Tulsa W 30-23  
vs. Tulane W 35-14  
vs. Memphis L 35-20  
vs. Mississippi State W 28-16  
vs. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA 31-29  
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vs. Rice W 35-18  
vs. Kansas (Fort Worth Bowl) L 42-13

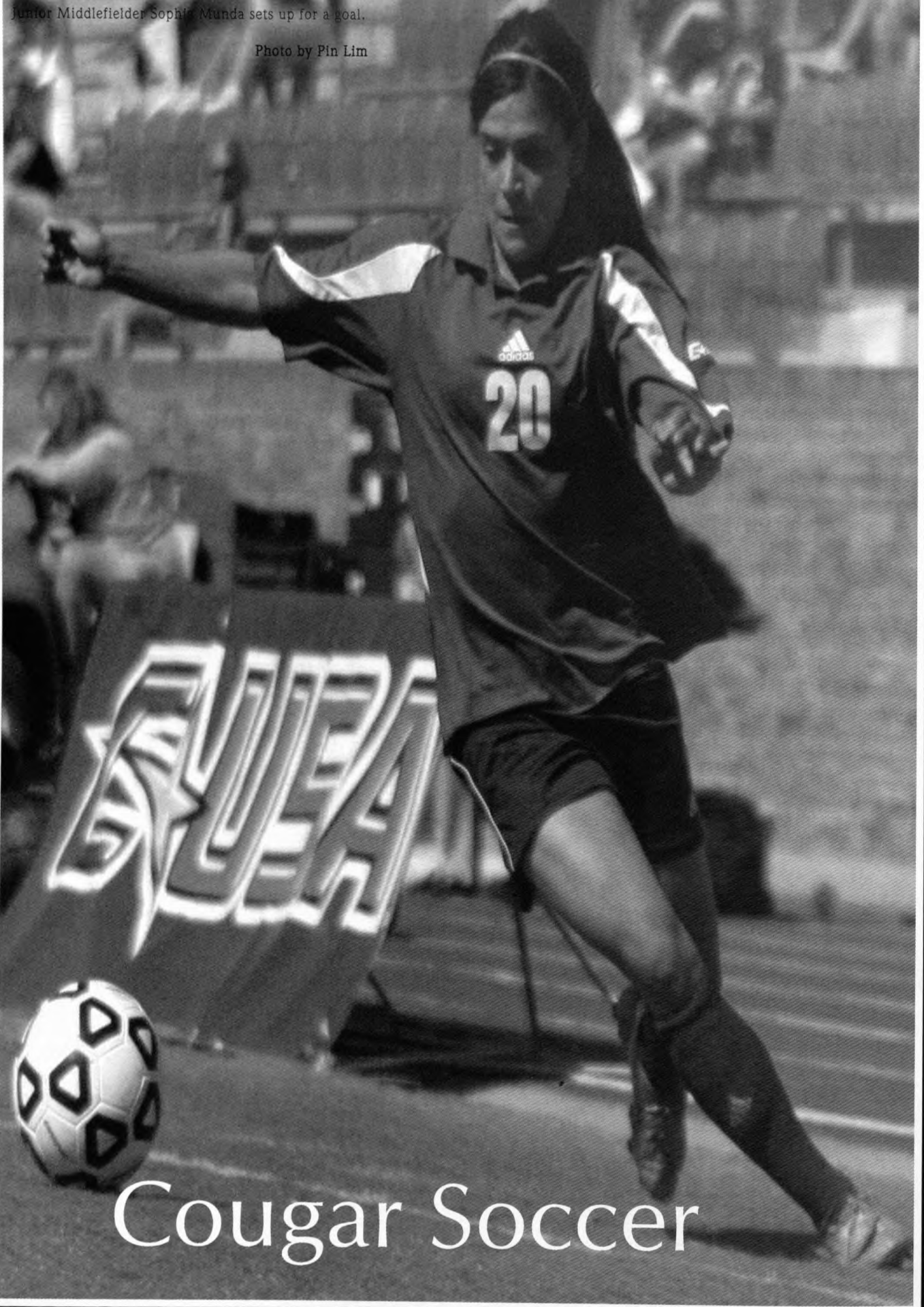


Gerard Richard, number 79, lays a good tackle on his opponent.

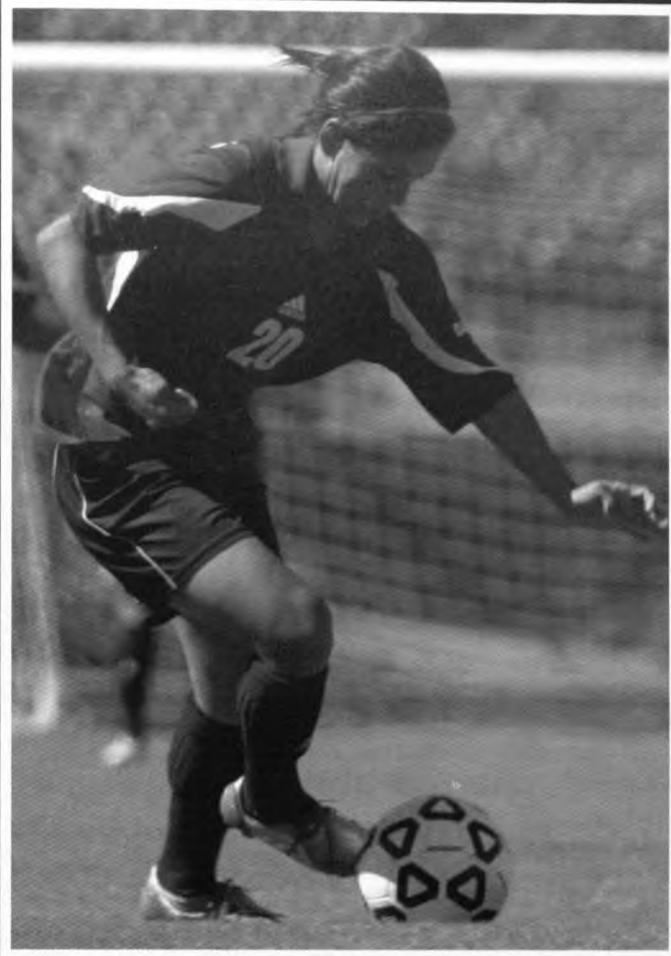
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Junior Middlefielder Sophie Munda sets up for a goal.

Photo by Pin Lim



# Cougar Soccer



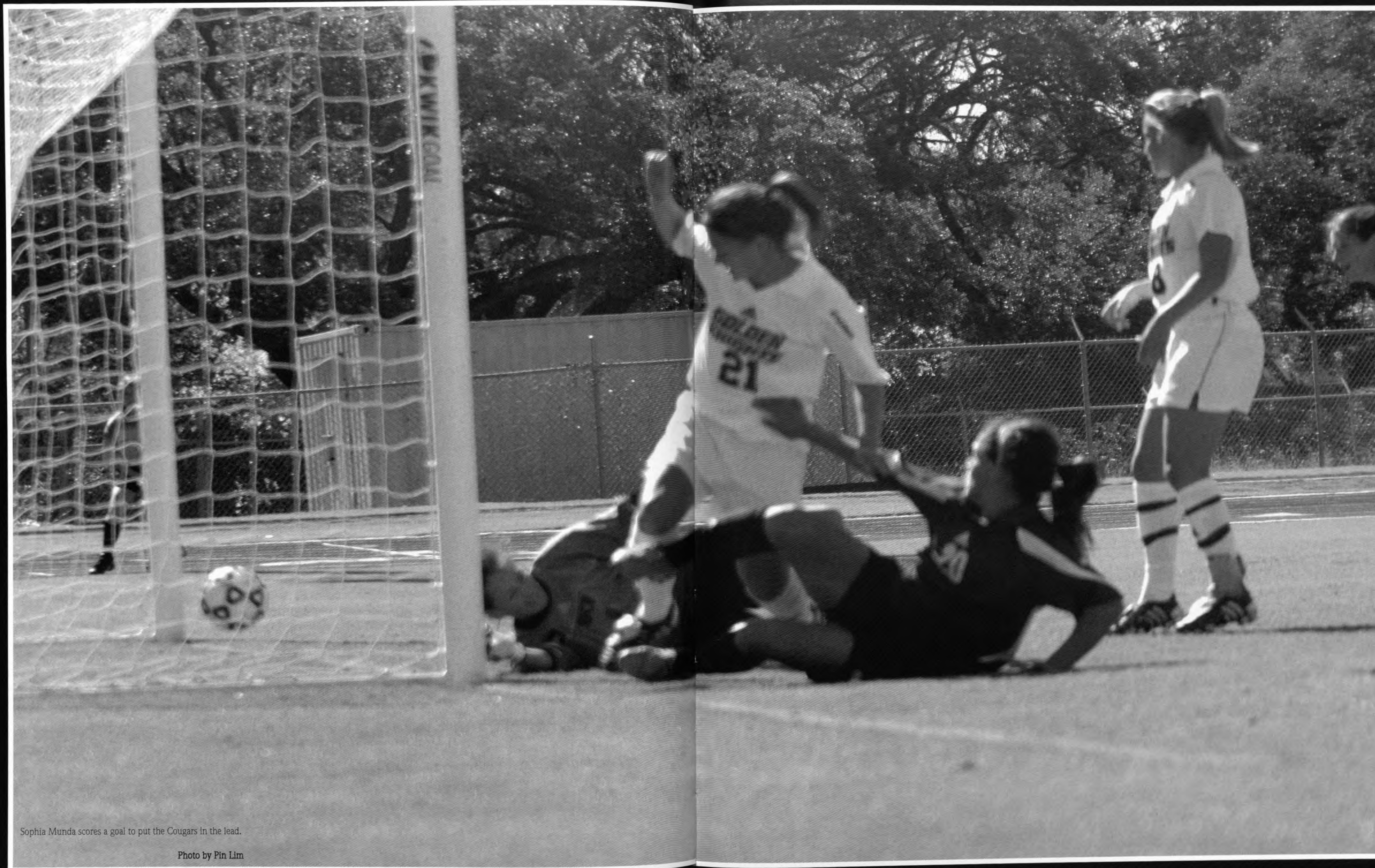
LEFT Sophia Munda gets her footing down.

Photo by Pin Lim

BELOW Cougar players celebrate a goal.

Photo by Pin Lim





Sophia Munda scores a goal to put the Cougars in the lead.

Photo by Pin Lim

# Back in the MiX

The UH soccer team has not finished over .500 since 1999 and has not made the conference tournament since 2002. Things didn't look too optimistic coming into 2005, after a disastrous 2004 season in which the Cougars finished 5-14, 2-8. However as 2005 rolled around the feeling was different as the Cougars added two huge pieces to their squad, junior Sophia Mundy, a transfer from Portland State, and freshman Courtney Gaines. Houston welcomed 13 newcomers into the program, and started six freshmen throughout the season. Adding members to any team can always question a team's chemistry, but UH needed some rattling of the cages after 2004.


"[It's] extremely hard, to have a winning season with 13 new kids," head coach Bill Solberg said. "It's almost a brand new team. The way we jelled together for an entire season, I'm extremely proud. Wouldn't trade it for the world."

The Cougars lost two of their first three games, against Baylor, Grambling State and Texas Christian, respectively. After a hard fought 1-0 win against Sam Houston State, UH ran off wins in their next five of six, not losing a contest outscoring their opponents 28-4, including three shutouts just for show and two thrashings against Texas Southern and Nicholls State, disposing them both 10-0. Houston charged into conference play with a 52-1 after a 10-day layoff against Marshall. Yet, the toughest part of the schedule was in line after Marshall. Houston had only one road match this season up to that point, falling to Baylor 1-0 in the season opener. UH had five of the next eight games on the road and was up against hard CUSA foes, which included East Carolina, Southern Methodist, Texas-El Paso, Southern Mississippi and Central Florida.

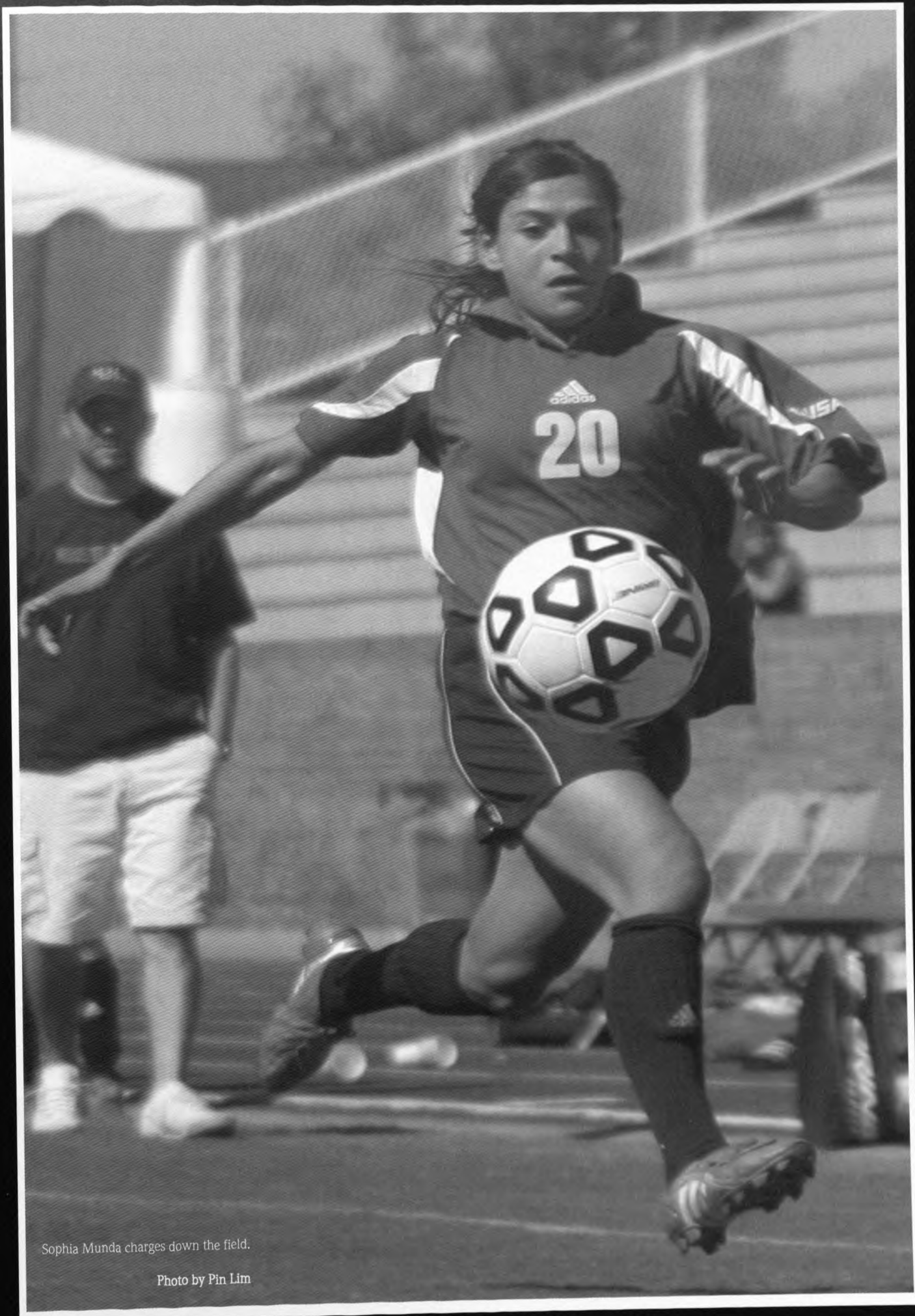
Houston's last win was against Tulane on Senior Day, in honor of the two seniors Kristin Bay and Pucek. Houston needed a win to stay in contention for a CUSA tournament berth. Mundy and junior Jennifer Dry provided the fireworks and UH prevailed 2-1, giving both Pucek and Bay closure and a win on the last day they would play on Robertson Stadium.

In November, the eight seeded Cougars found themselves in somewhat of foreign territory, in the CUSA tournament. Before the tournament could get underway, two members of the squad fell onto the lime light. Mundy was named to the first team All-CUSA, while Gaines found herself on the CUSA All-Freshmen Team. UH went into the conference tournament facing a familiar foe, UCF, who they matched up against just three days earlier. Unfortunately, the Cougars fell to the Golden Knights once more. A day later, junior Sarah Fisher was honored by ESPN the Magazine, by earning an Academic All-American honors.

"We had a pretty good season, a winning season," Mundy said. "We accomplished most of our goals on a game to game basis, so I was very happy about that and we got to the conference tournament which was a big goal of ours."

The Cougars (8-73, 3-42) took a great step in the right direction in 2005 and will be returning two of their biggest offensive. 

Story by **Jong Lee**



Sophia Munda charges down the field.

Photo by Pin Lim

# Digging for the Win

Heading into the 2005 season, the UH volleyball team had been picked to finish tied for fourth place in the revamped Conference USA, but the Cougars far exceeded those expectations. The Cougars finished the regular season as the runner-up in CUSA with an 18-12 overall record and 10-4 league mark and came up short on an NCAA Tournament bid when they lost to regular season champion Marshall in the CUSA championship game.

Coming off a 2004 season in which they finished 12-1, UH relied on the experience of its seasoned upperclassmen and some talented freshmen to carry the team through a rigorous conference schedule. Led by head coach Bill Walton in his 20th season at UH, the Cougars struggled with a 5-7 record in the preseason before the start of conference play. After a 3-0 loss to Texas-El Paso on Sept. 30, the Cougars ripped off victories in nine of their next 10 games. Included in that impressive run was a 3-0 victory against East Carolina on Oct. 22 that netted Walton his 600th career victory.

With the conclusion of the season also came the end to the storied career of senior libero Jaci Gonzalez. A four-year starter, Gonzalez was a key defensive player for the Cougars and on Oct. 2 against Tulane, she broke the CUSA digs record (2,074). She leaves the court 2,449 career digs which ranks third in NCAA history. For her play this season, she was named to the All CUSA First Team and voted as the CUSA Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight year.

"Jaci has been one of the best liberos in the conference ever since her freshman year," Walton said in a release. "This award for her is fulfilling an expectation. I've said this before, but this team (was) successful not because Jaci (dug) the ball. It (was) because of her leadership and what she (did) for the team off the floor."

Senior outside hitter Kariny Ritter was also named to the first team after a season in which she led the Cougars with 493 kills and was third with 267 digs. 🐾

Story by Ronnie Turner

# Cougar Volleyball

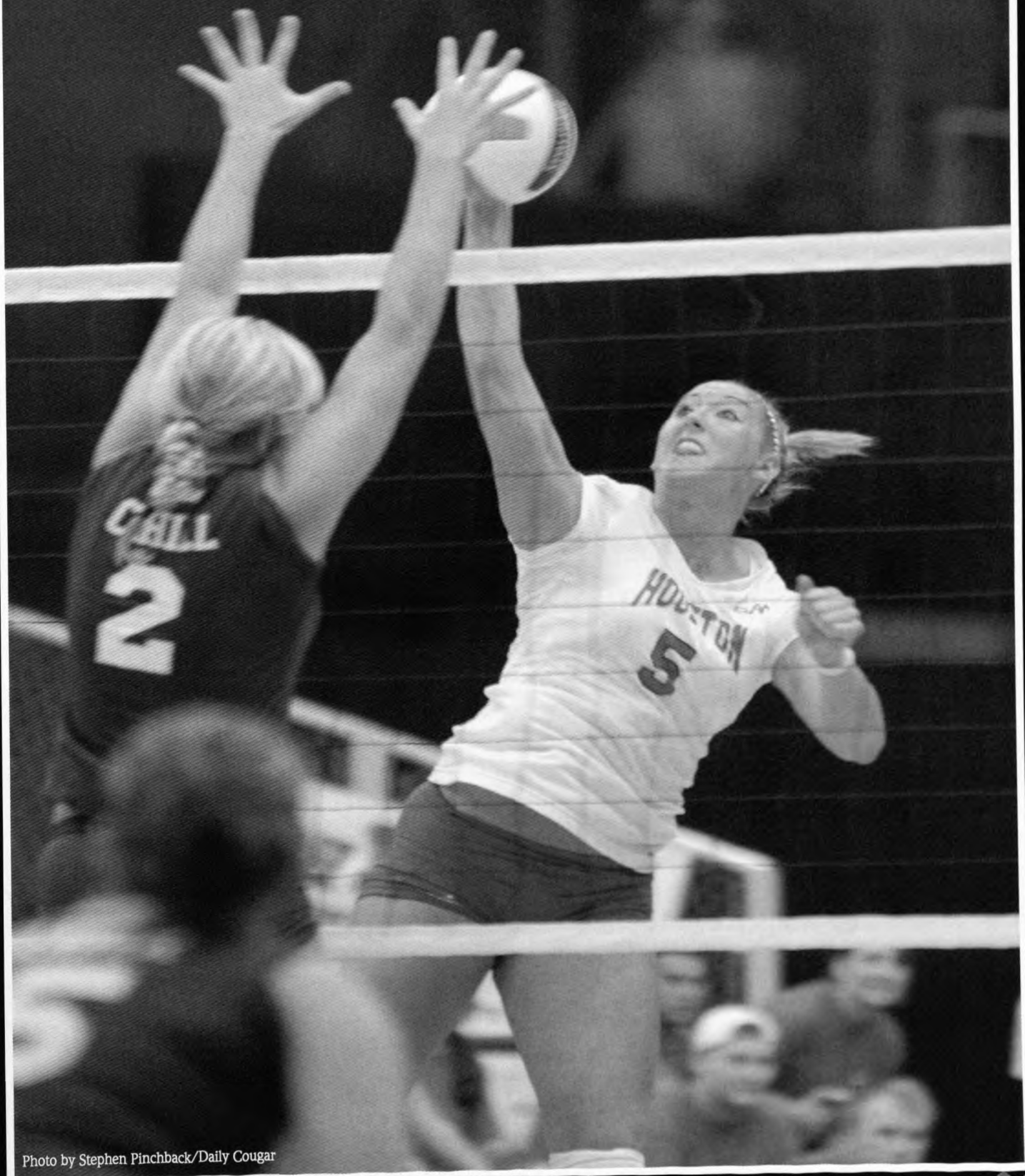
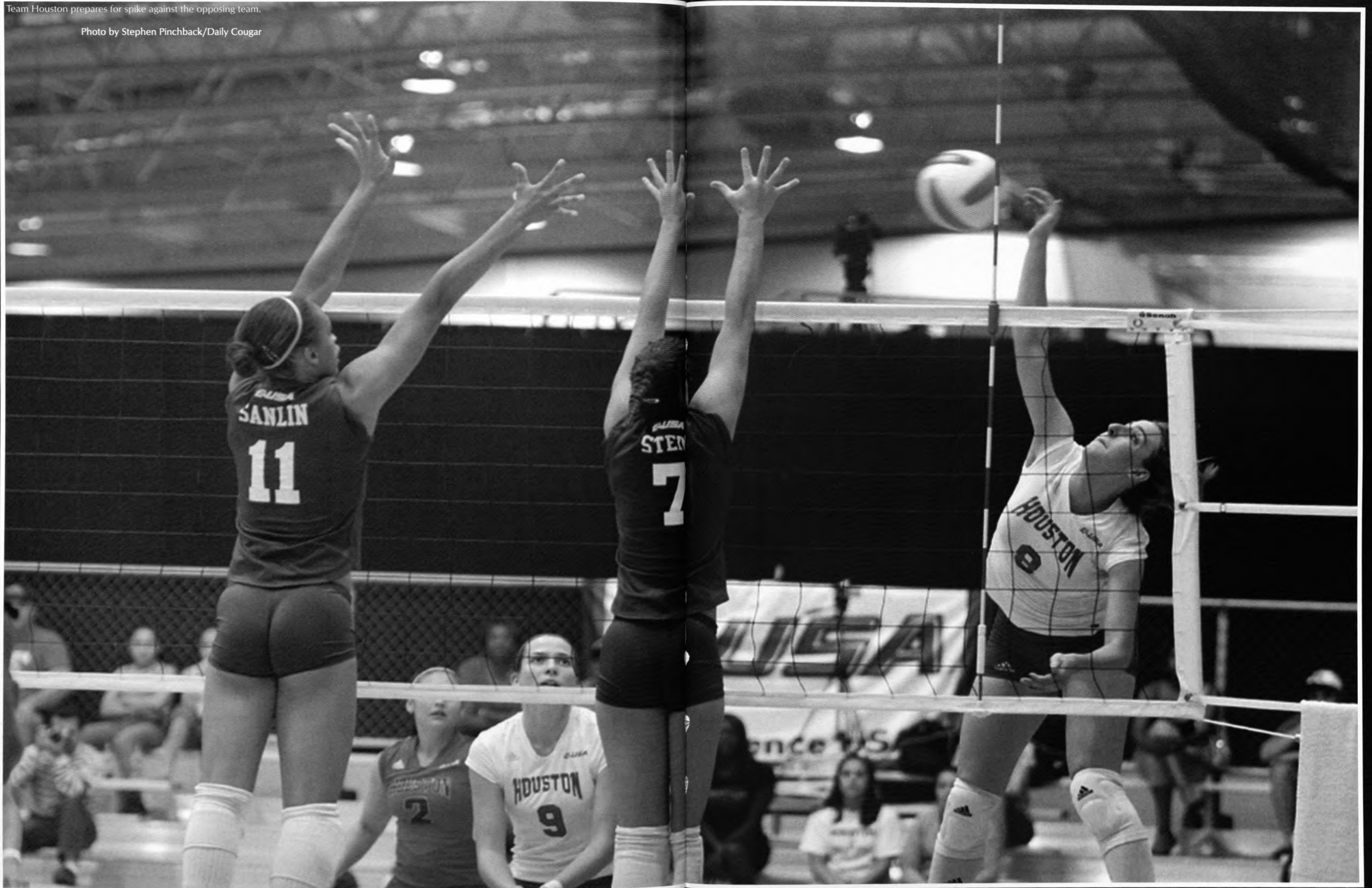


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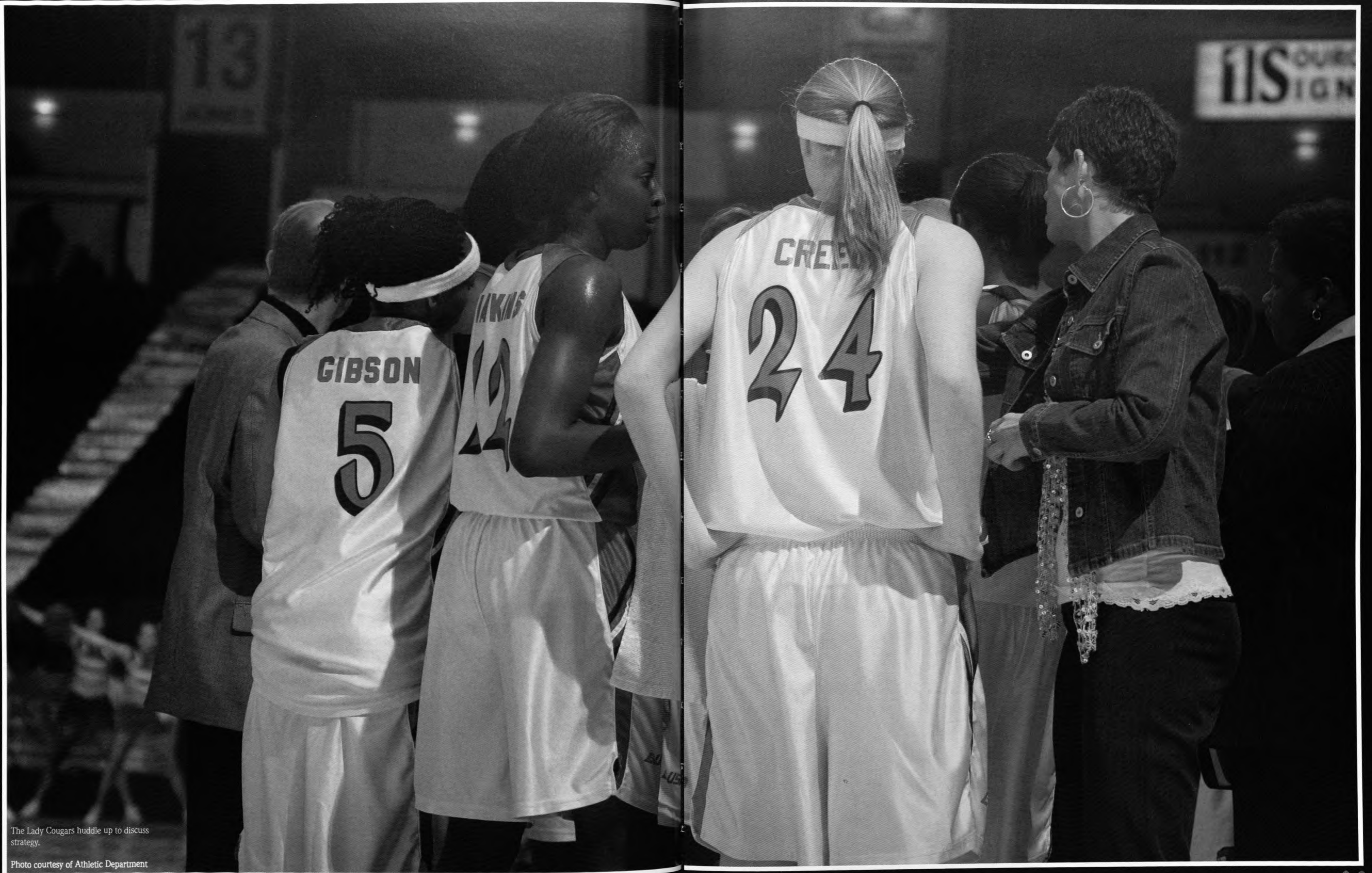
Team Houston prepares for spike against the opposing team.

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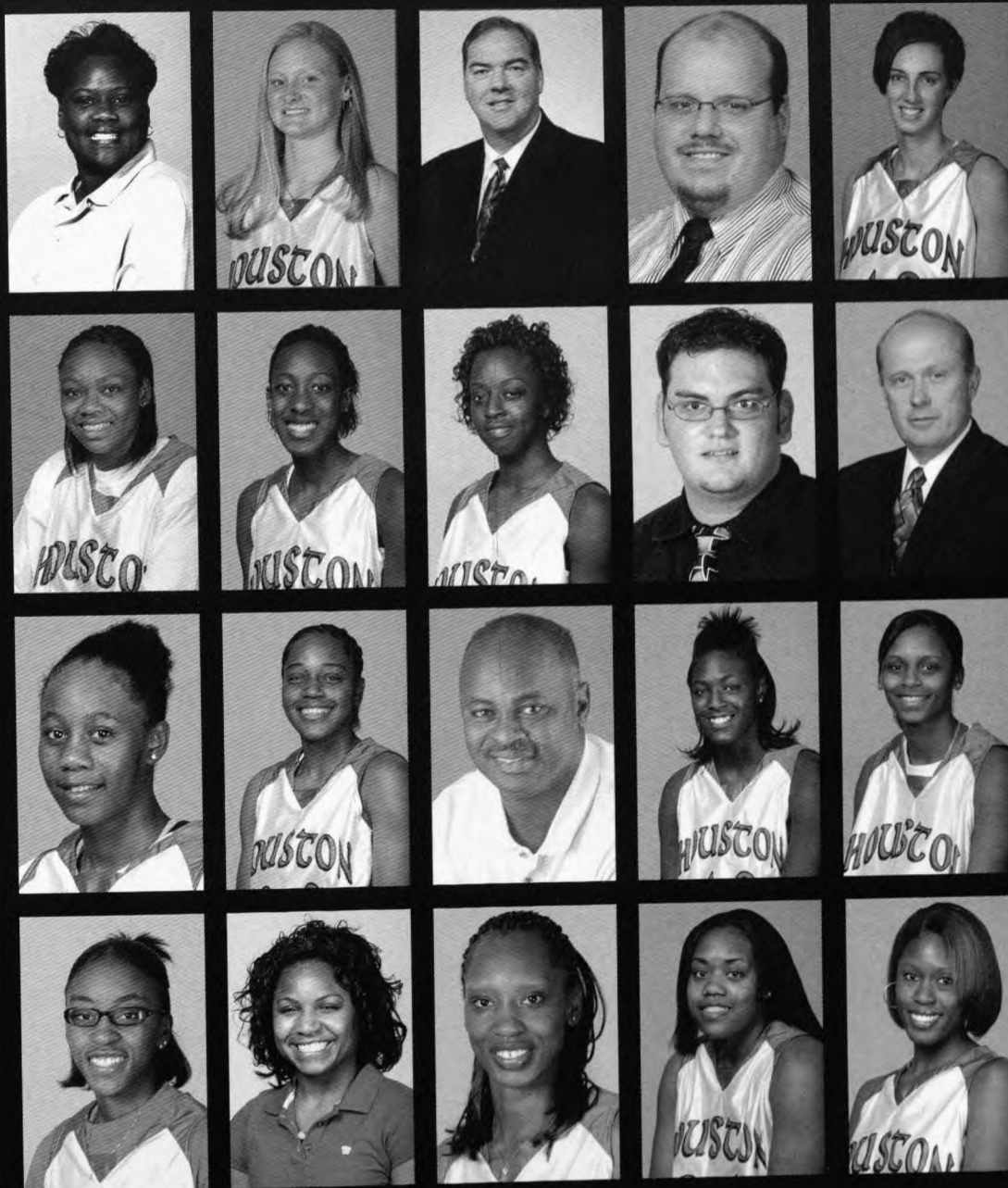
The Lady Cougars huddle up to discuss strategy.

Photo courtesy of Athletic Department



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# women's basketball



DeJuena Chizer  
Kadi Creel  
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Chris Foster  
Emily Fryters

Becky Gibson  
Nakazi Glover  
Sha'Ratta Hawkins  
Rocky Hensarling  
Danny Hughes

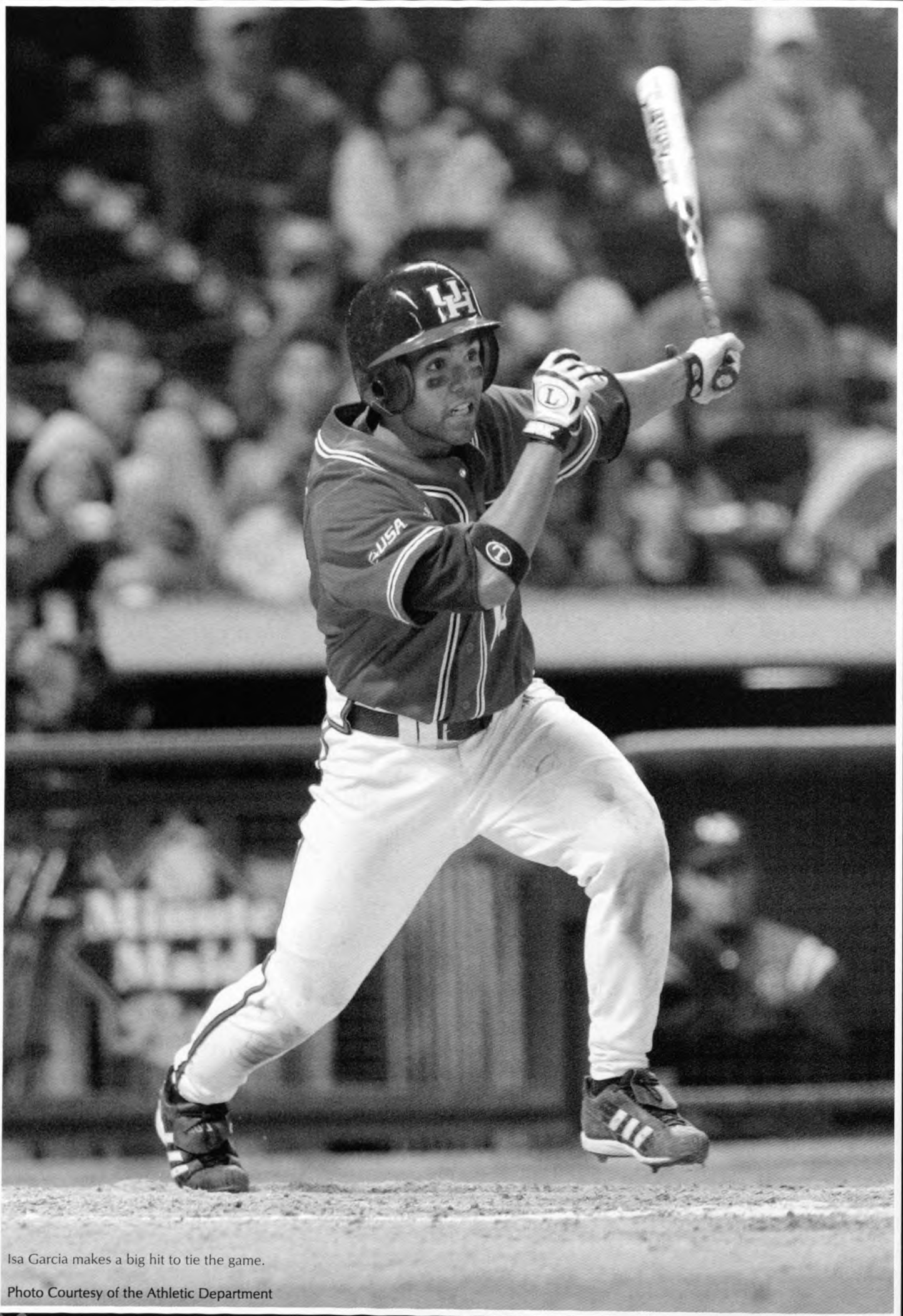
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Tye Jackson  
David Jones  
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Tamara Taylor

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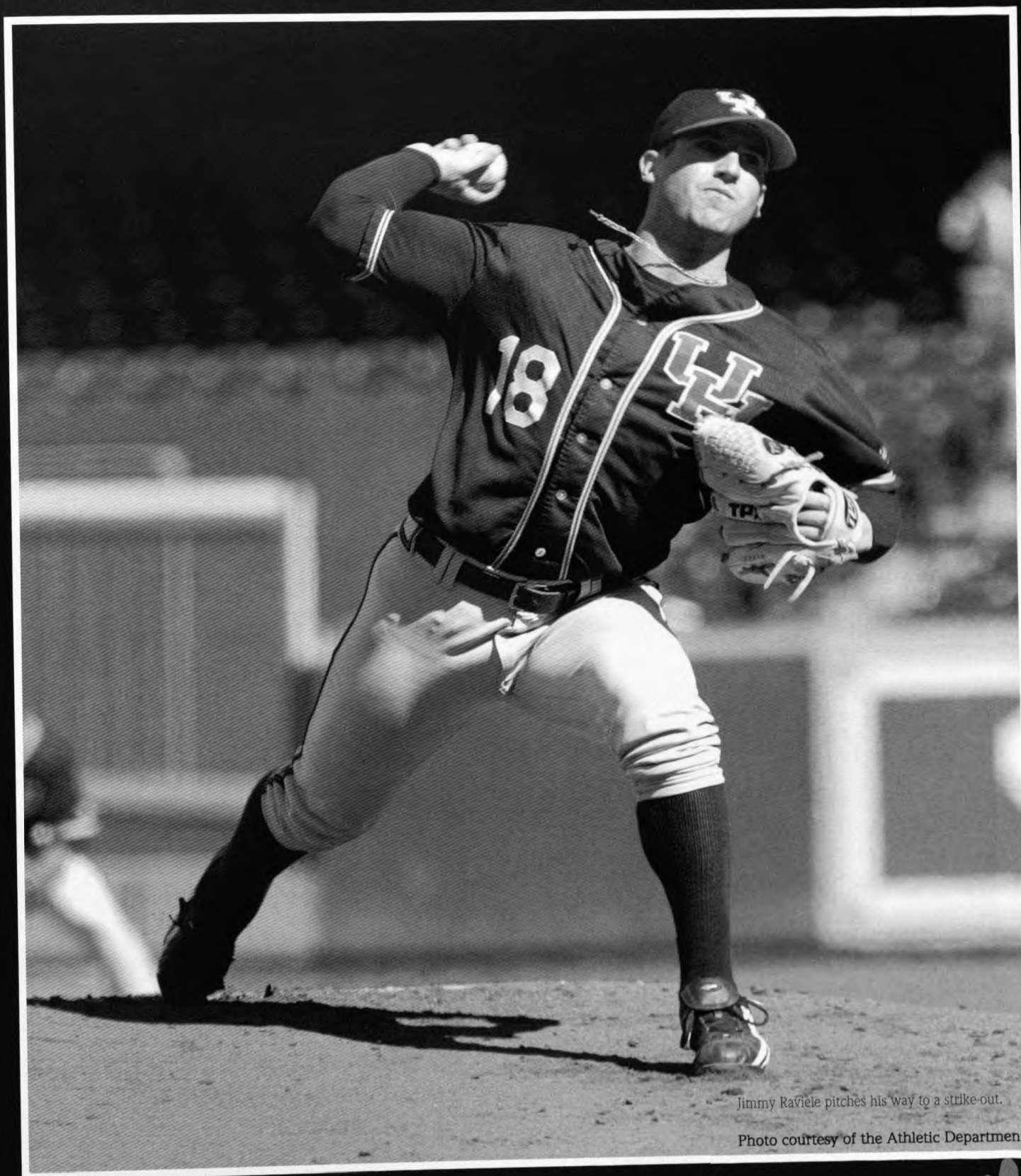




Isa Garcia makes a big hit to tie the game.

Photo Courtesy of the Athletic Department

# cougar baseball



Jimmy Raviele pitches his way to a strike-out.

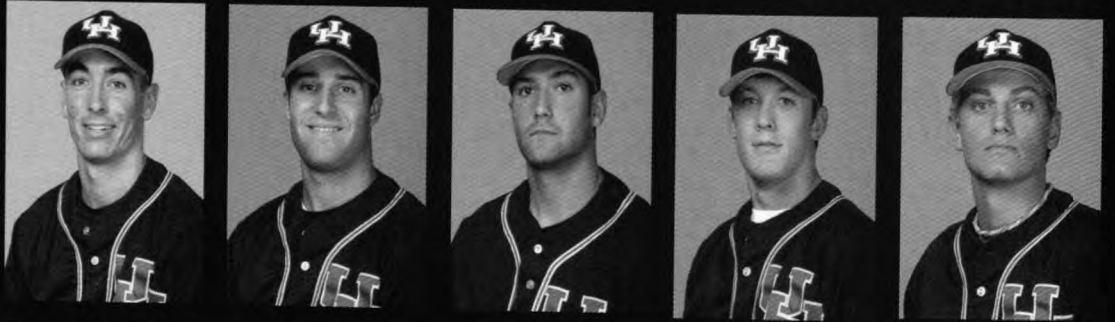
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# Cougar Baseball

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Jeremy Aranda  
Kirk Blount  
Matt Boland  
Clayton Boone



Aaron Brown  
Keith Colquitt  
Clint Corrigan  
Travis Cougot  
Donnie DeRegnier



Matt Farrington  
Luis Flores  
Jake Forker  
Isa Garcia  
Jorge Garza





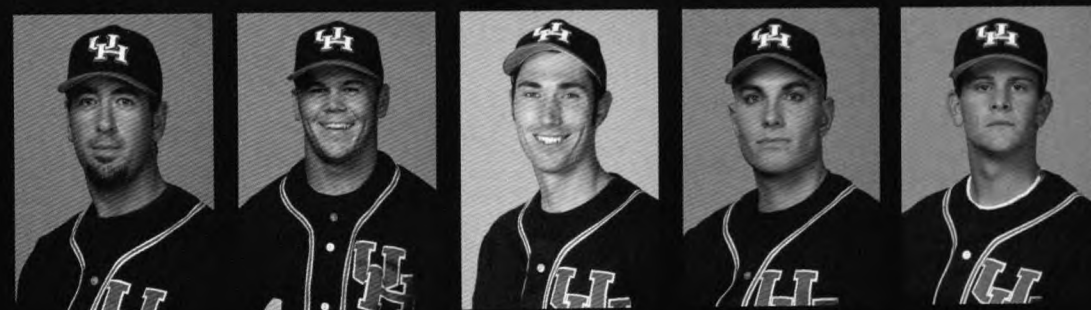
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Ricky Hargrove  
Will Hutchins  
Dale Jones



Chris Joseph  
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Sean McLemore  
Wesley Musick  
Rayner Noble  
Bryan Pounds  
Jimmy Raviele



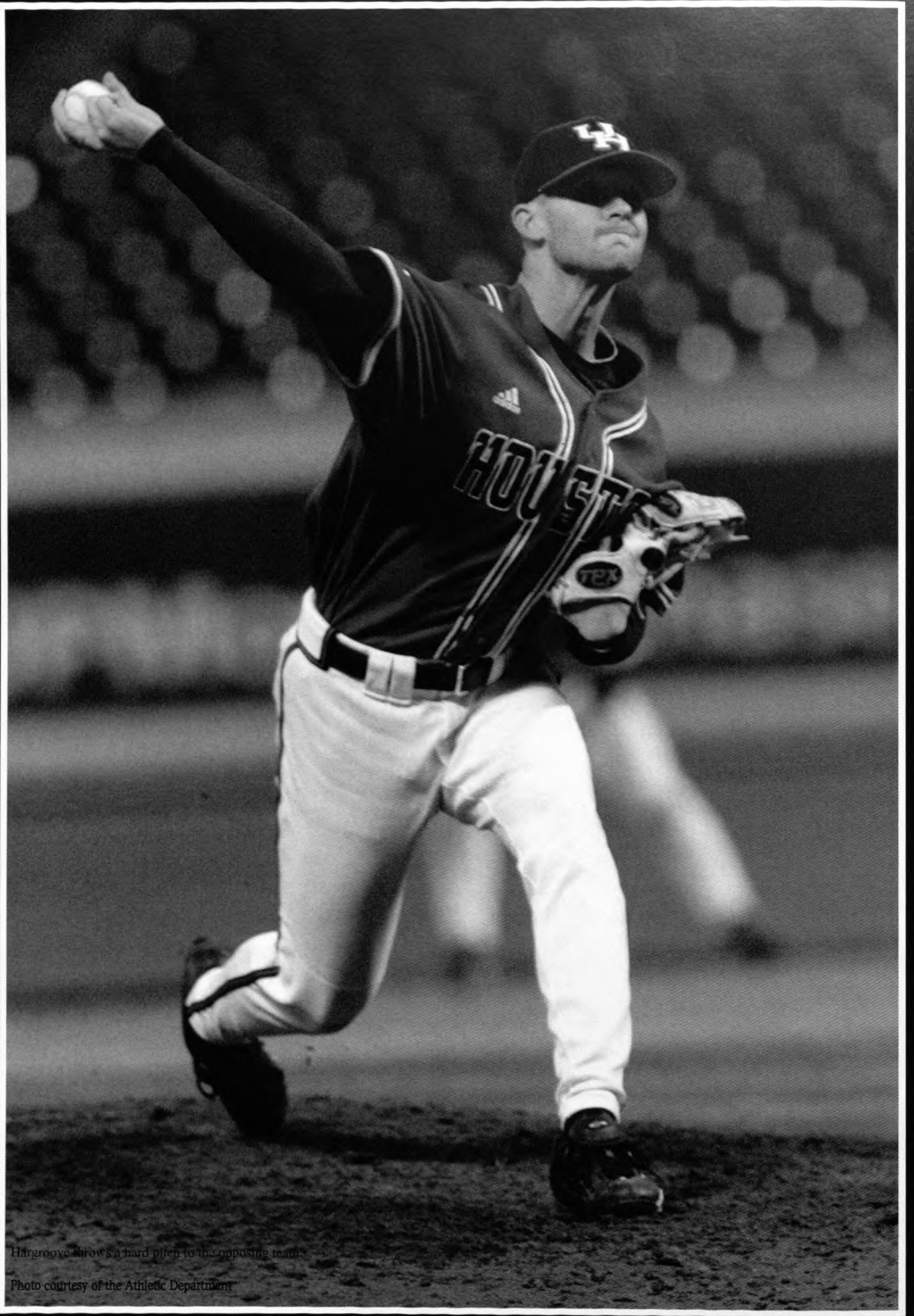
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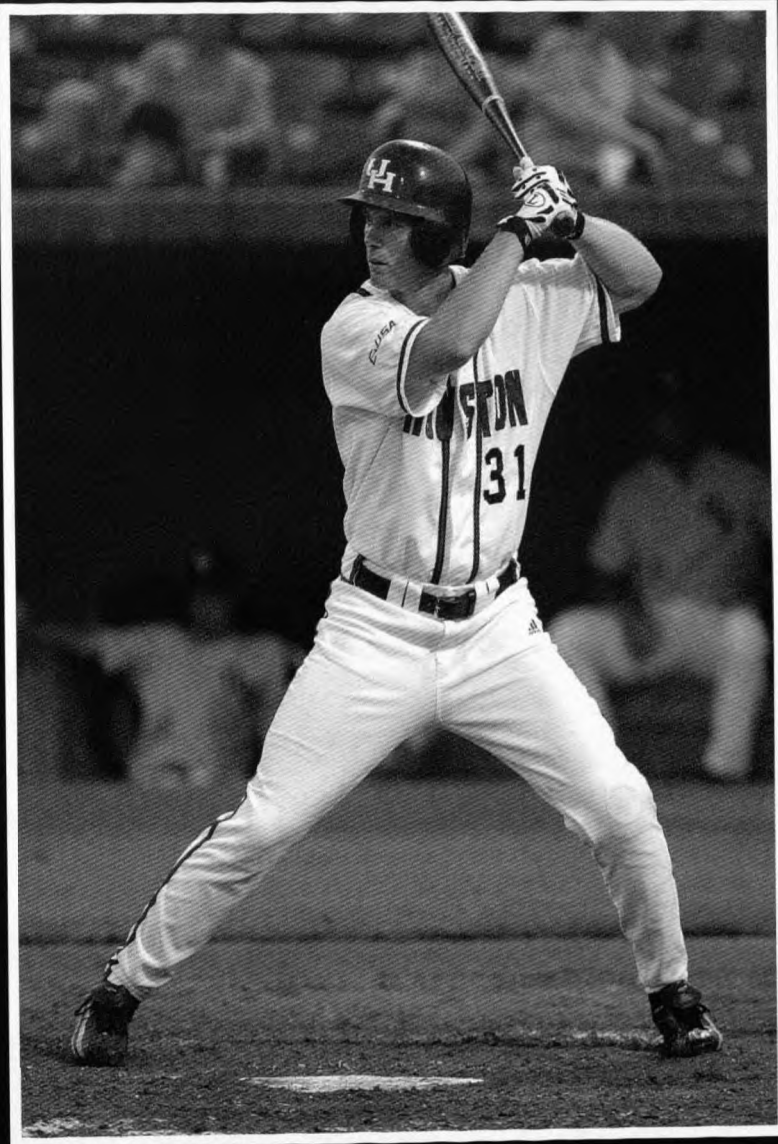


Tom Williams  
Chris Wright



Hargrove throws a hard pitch to the opposing team.

Photo courtesy of the Athletic Department.



Matt Weston awaits a pitch from the opposing team.

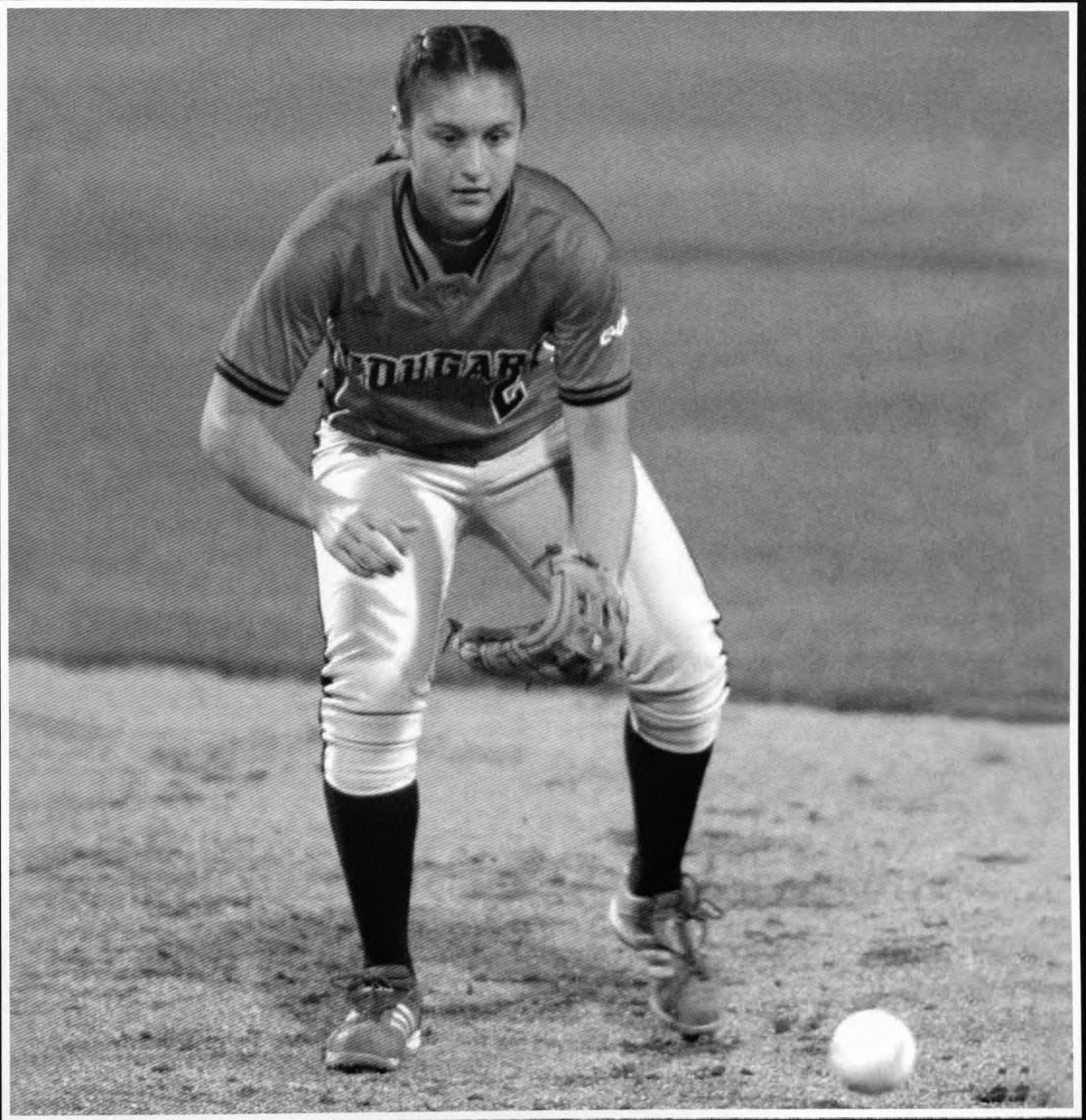
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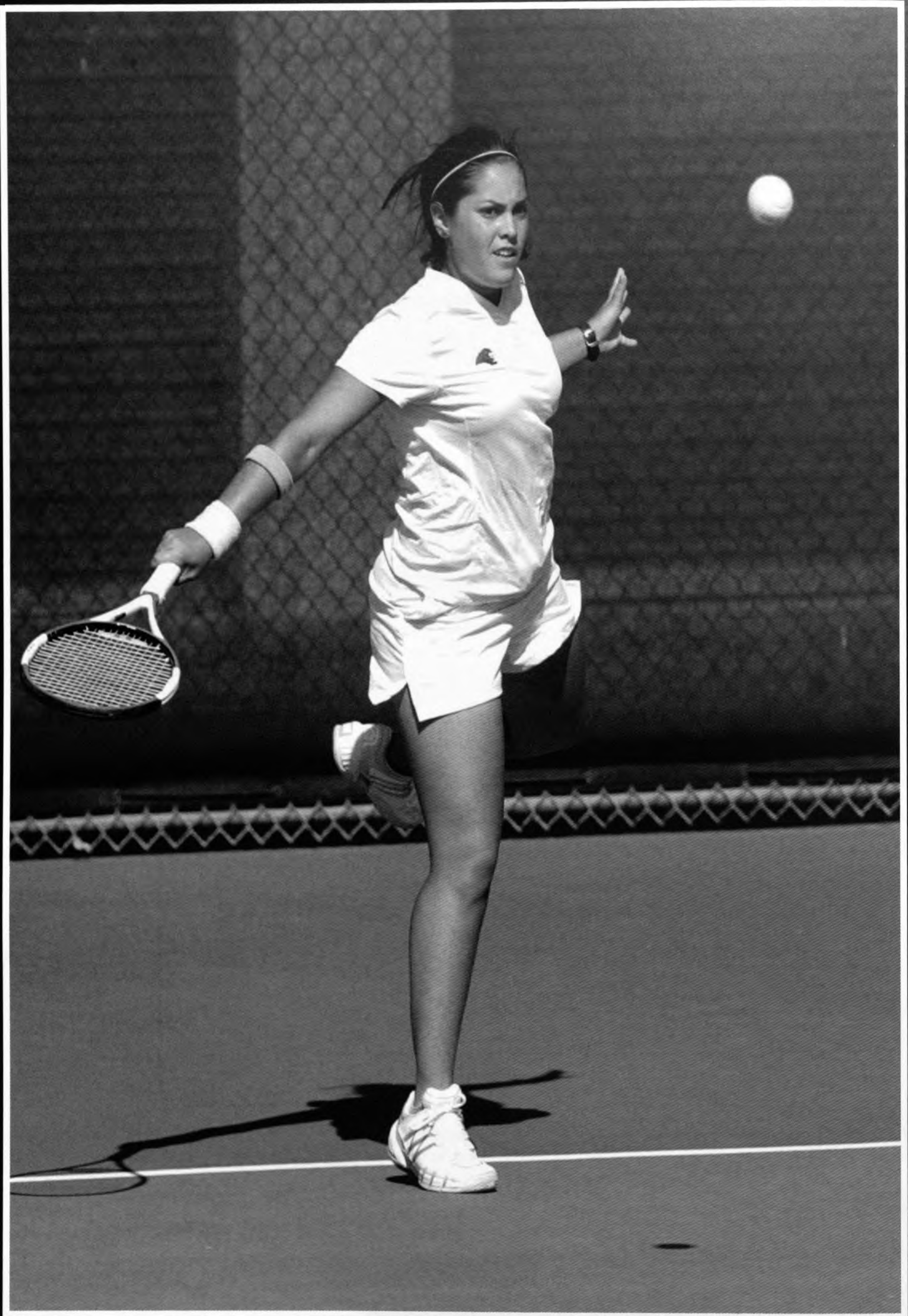
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# cougar tennis



Brianna Bateup  
Loli Gomez  
Tiffany McLoughlin  
Cami Miller



Sonja Nikolic  
Sarah Reimer  
Vicky Simpson  
Yolandi Terblanche

# SWIMMING & DIVING

Tatjana Banjeglav  
 Randee Billips  
 Marit Bloemer  
 Michelle Brenneke  
 Tania Cagnotto



Jane Figueiredo  
 Rachel Gitelson  
 Jenny Hagen  
 Michelle Hall  
 Anna Kiess



Stephanie Mannella  
 Jarrod Marrs  
 Thea Murray  
 Nicole Nugent  
 Andrea Pa'Imai



Anastasia Pozdniakova  
 Alejandra Salazar  
 Sasha Schwendenwein  
 Szintia Szanto  
 Tyler Tackett



Mark Taylor  
 Nicole Vaiana  
 Lauren VanCleave  
 Amy Walker  
 Drew Wallace



Jackie Wilson





Kelli Adams  
Zuela Adom  
Mary Cates  
Justine Farmer  
Jaci Gonzalez



Jennifer Hohl  
Megan Martin  
Millicent Martin  
Kelly McAnelly  
Ashleigh Orsak



Cynthia Piva  
Kariny Ritter  
Becca Sartori  
Krystal Schulle  
Akilah GrantSullivan

# VOLLEYBALL



Pablo Acuna  
Todd Bissenden  
Brett Burke  
Steven Frazier  
Jordan Irwin



Chad Marti  
Zach Mowbray  
Kevin Newman  
Ashish Patel  
Jeremy Reed



# GOLF

Ricky Romano  
Adam Young



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The president of American Campus cuts the ribbon to the campus opening for the new addition of Cullen Oaks.

Photo by Brandon Pepper





The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina left many scrambling for water and other non-perishable items in the wake of Hurricane Rita.





# Devastation Hits

“**W**e only packed three days worth of clothing—shorts, jeans, and tshirts,” said Dr. Faye Jones, UH Human Development and Family Studies professor. Dr. Jones thought they would return home soon after evacuating. When she realized they were not, she broke down and cried. Her husband, who is a marine, was not able to be there with his family because he had to take the ship away from the dock. She described how frightening it was for him not only to be away from his family, but to have no idea where they were.

“Everything began to break down, cell phones did not work, so we could not get through to let him know that we were all right,” she said.

They came to Houston seeking shelter at the Reliant Center. Then they stayed with cousins for a month. After that, they lived in a hotel for a while, but finally got a house.

Dr. Jones stated how devastating this rocky transition was for her and her children. “We had nothing other than what we had on our backs.”

“We had to depend on others for support for necessities such as clothes and food,” said Jones.

But hope began to brew when at last her husband was finally able to contact her. Jones mentioned that he was only able to visit for one day, but that time spent was invaluable. On her first visit home, she didn’t cry because her husband was able to visit their home beforehand in order to survey the damage; therefore, she was already prepared for what she was about to see.

She described how everything downstairs had been destroyed. The water from the flood had sat on the first floor of their home for three weeks and mold had set in by the time they were able to get there. Schools were severely damaged as well, so she started to seek employment in Houston. Dr. Jones worked in the New Orleans Public School District and taught graduate level Special Education courses at Xavier University.

“Thanks to Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins, Dr. Jimmy Lindsey and Dr. Laine Gauthier, I was able to obtain a position at the University of Houston,” she said.

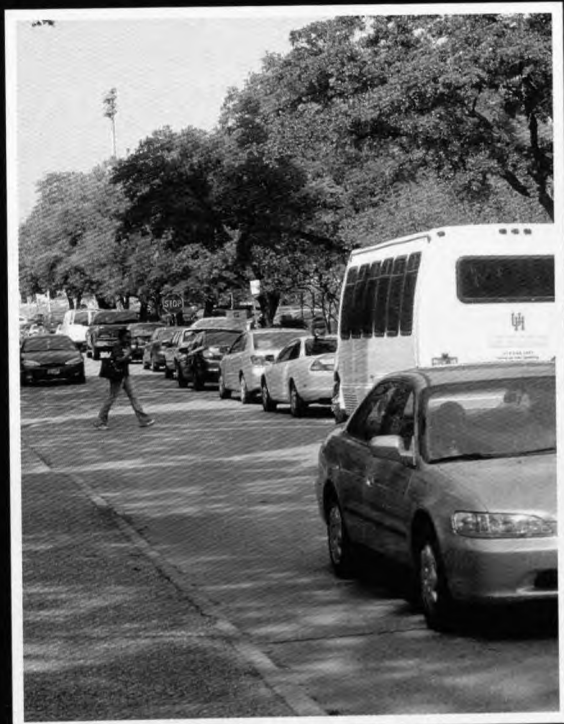
Dr. Jones and her family have future plans of staying in Houston because they have neither a home nor jobs in New Orleans. But despite remnants of what the most destructive and costliest natural disaster in the history of the U.S. left behind, there are stories of hope and progress such as the one shared by Dr. Jones. 🐾

Story by **Donica Beckett**



ABOVE Sand bags were a common commodity in efforts to avoid water damage from flooding.

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LEFT Before the evacuation, many students left campus early to prep their homes for the hurricane or leave town.

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Student paints mural hoping to ingnite school spirit.

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Homecoming Queen pre-business senior Donica Beckett and Homecoming King architecture senior Carlos Machado are crowned and applauded by their peers. The Homecoming committee selected them based on GPA, campus involvement, an interview and an essay.

Photo by Nada El Sayed

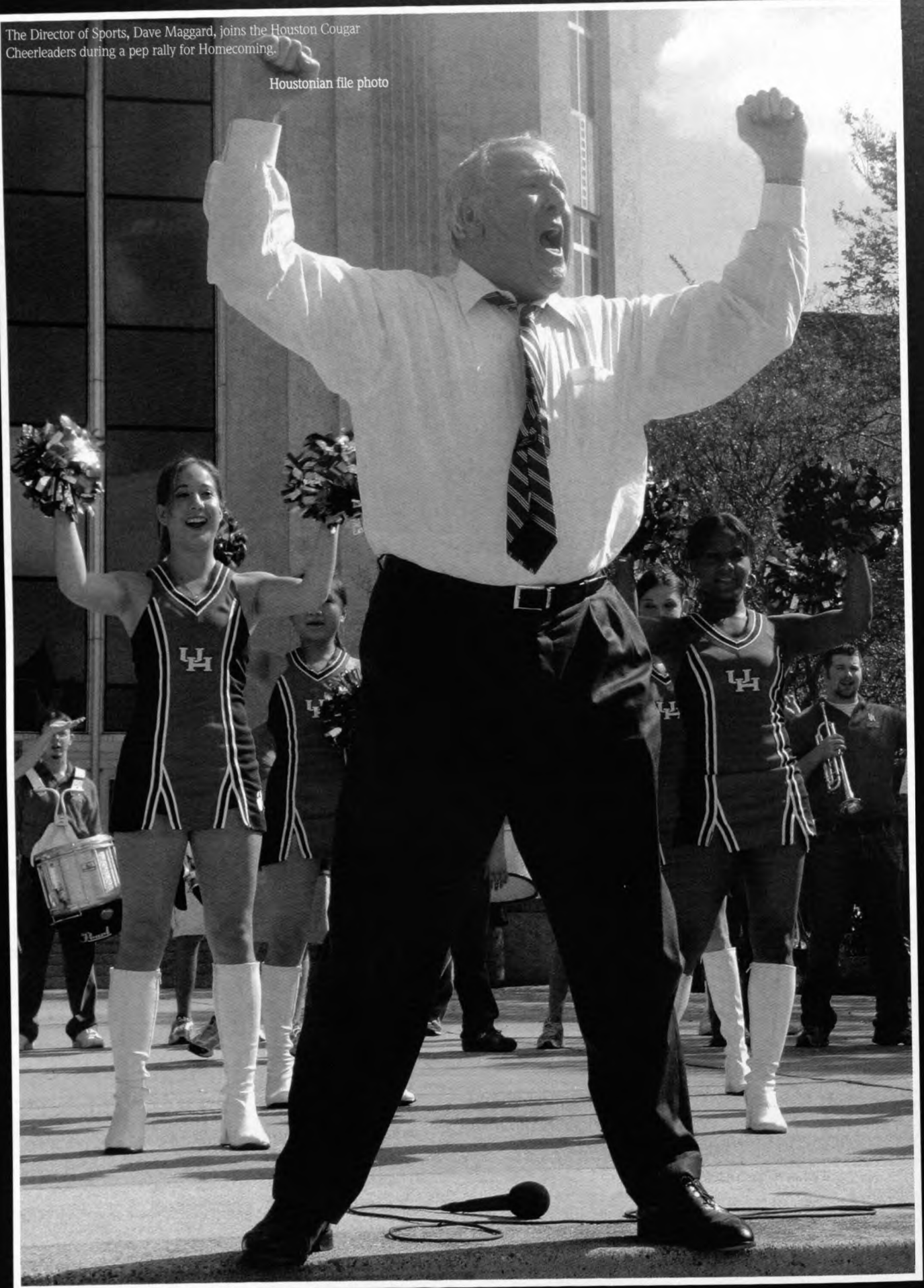


Cougar Dolls bring in their spirited routine as Homecoming continues through the night.

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The Director of Sports, Dave Maggard, joins the Houston Cougar Cheerleaders during a pep rally for Homecoming.

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LEFT The UH Cougar Marching Band plays tunes throughout the Homecoming half time show.

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BELOW Brushing past the opponent, Coogs head for a touchdown.

Houstonian file photo





For diversity week, a native tribe performs a dance which included the use of hand made instruments.

Photo by Alejandra Herrera



ABOVE Dancers put on an African performance using everyday items such as soda cans.

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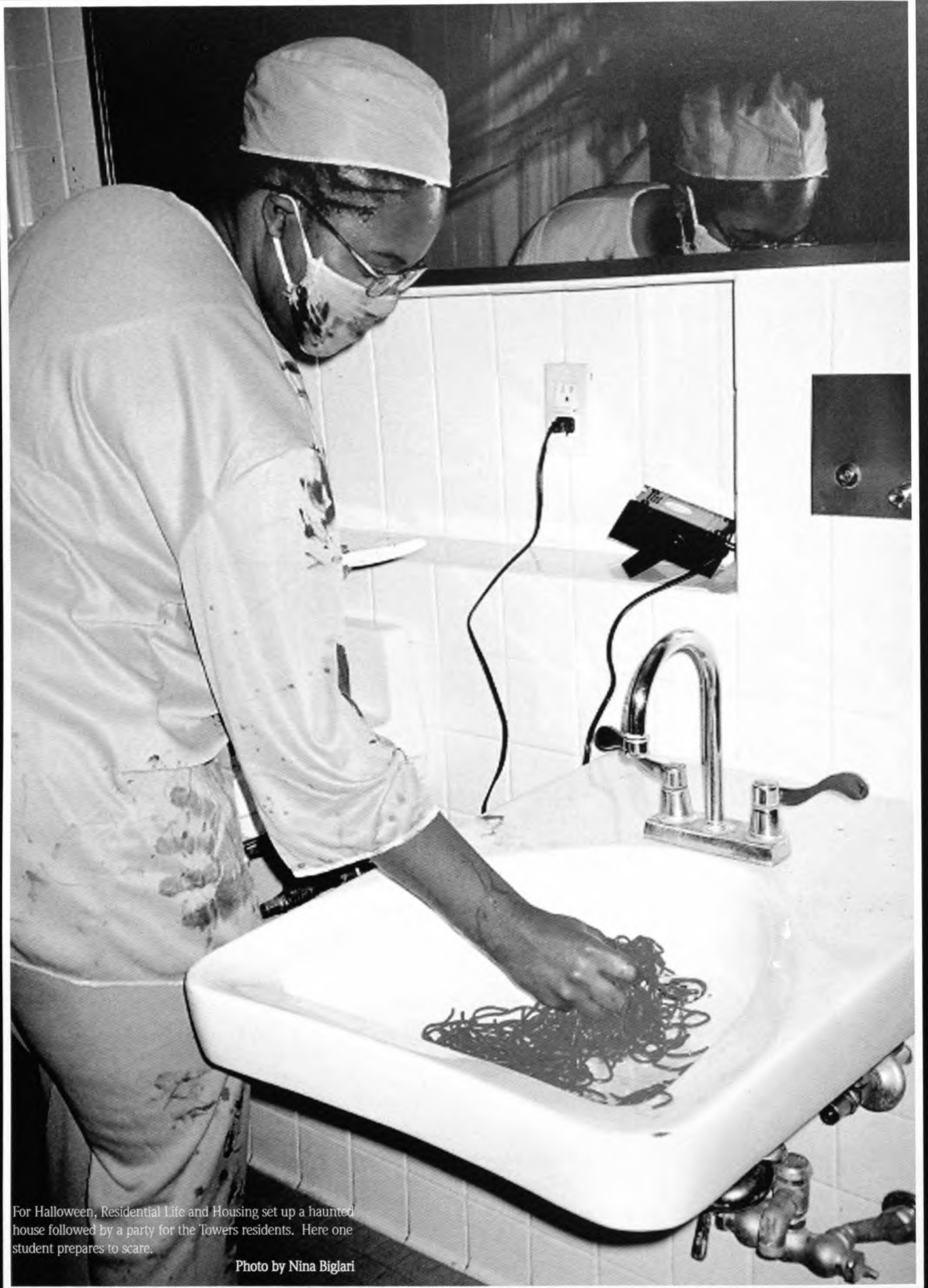
RIGHT A performance of a traditional Mexican song performed by a young Mariachi band. Young performers dressed in traditional attire.

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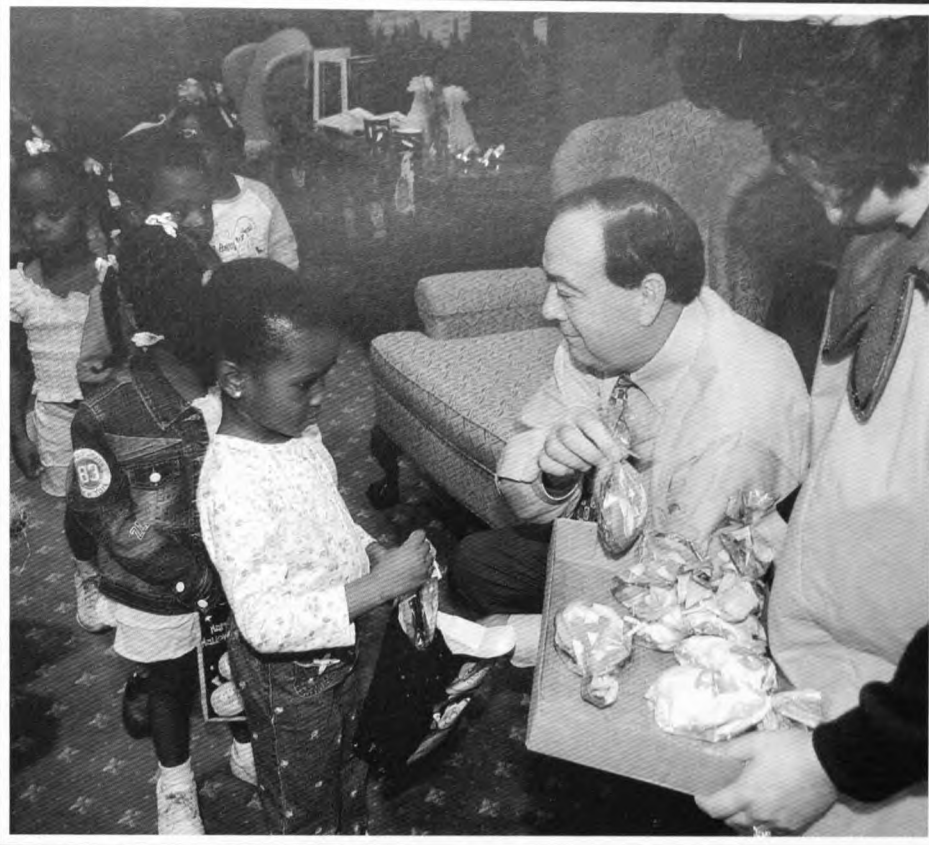
For diversity week, a Chinese dance ceremony with music was performed outside of the M.C. The men were wearing traditional Chinese ceremonial outfits.

Houstonian File Photo



For Halloween, Residential Life and Housing set up a haunted house followed by a party for the Towers residents. Here one student prepares to scare.

Photo by Nina Biglari



LEFT UH President Jay Gogue helps an elementary student pick out her favorite Halloween candy.

Photo by Nina Biglari

BELOW Many students got in the spirit and dressed up for Halloween.

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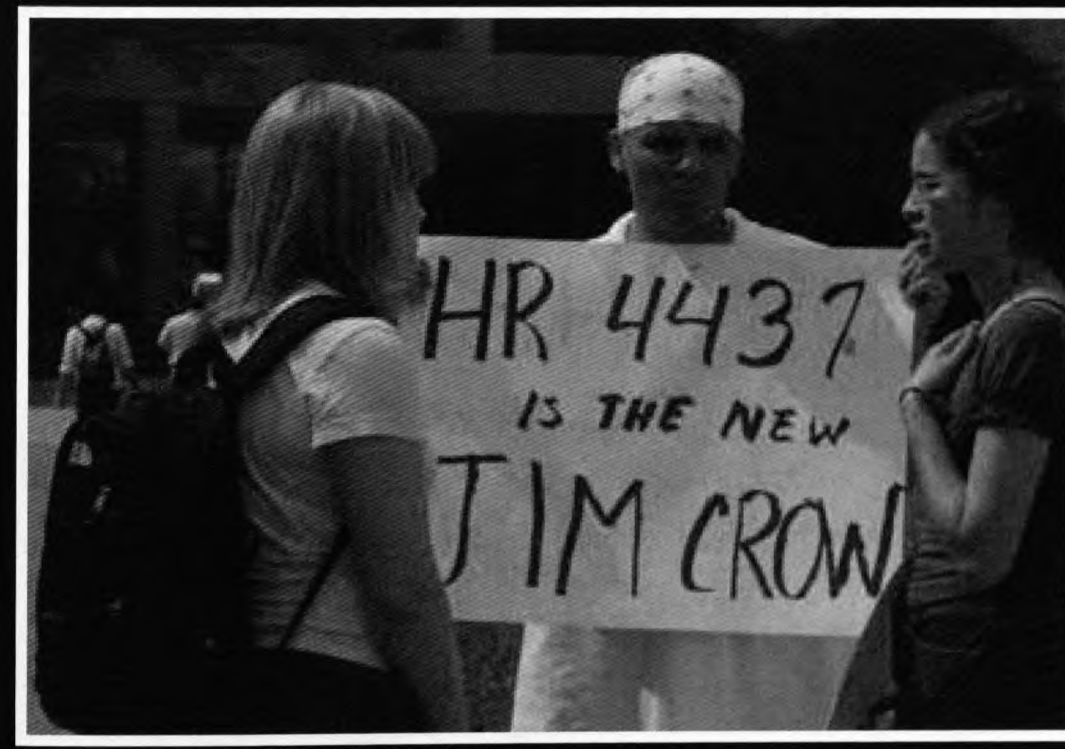


STUDENTS rallied outside the MD Anderson Library as a general stoppage and economic boycott in protest of those anti-immigrant bills that, in case of being approved, will affect more than 12 million undocumented immigrants and their families in the United States.

Photo by Joanna Garcia

PROTESTORS support a senate judiciary committee that has taken a step to amend the bill which was passed in the House which would have made being an immigrant a crime and those who give them humanitarian aid would also be persecuted.

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SEVERAL students rallied outside the library shouting that undocumented immigrants deserved dignity, respect, and that they should be recognized for their hard work, effort and their participation in the economic growth of our country.

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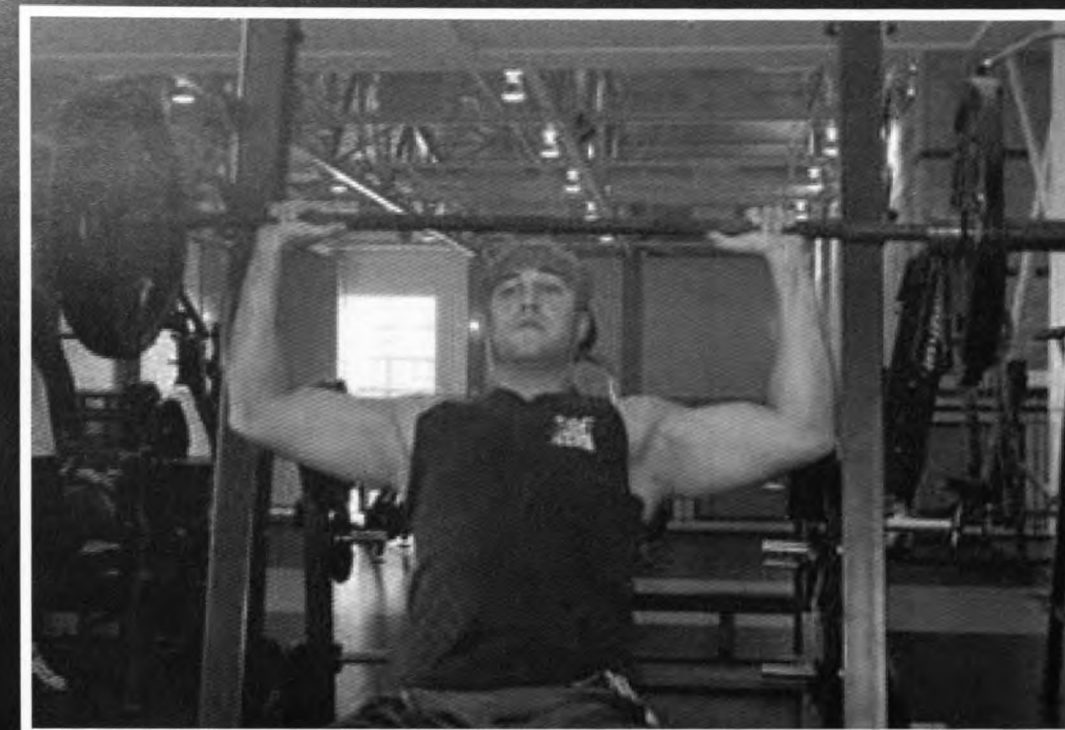
APRIL 10th was dubbed 'A Day Without Immigrants' where citizens around the nation dressed in white and walked out on their cities, by not attending school, work, nor did they use public transportation, purchase gas, or shopped in public places, including grocery stores..

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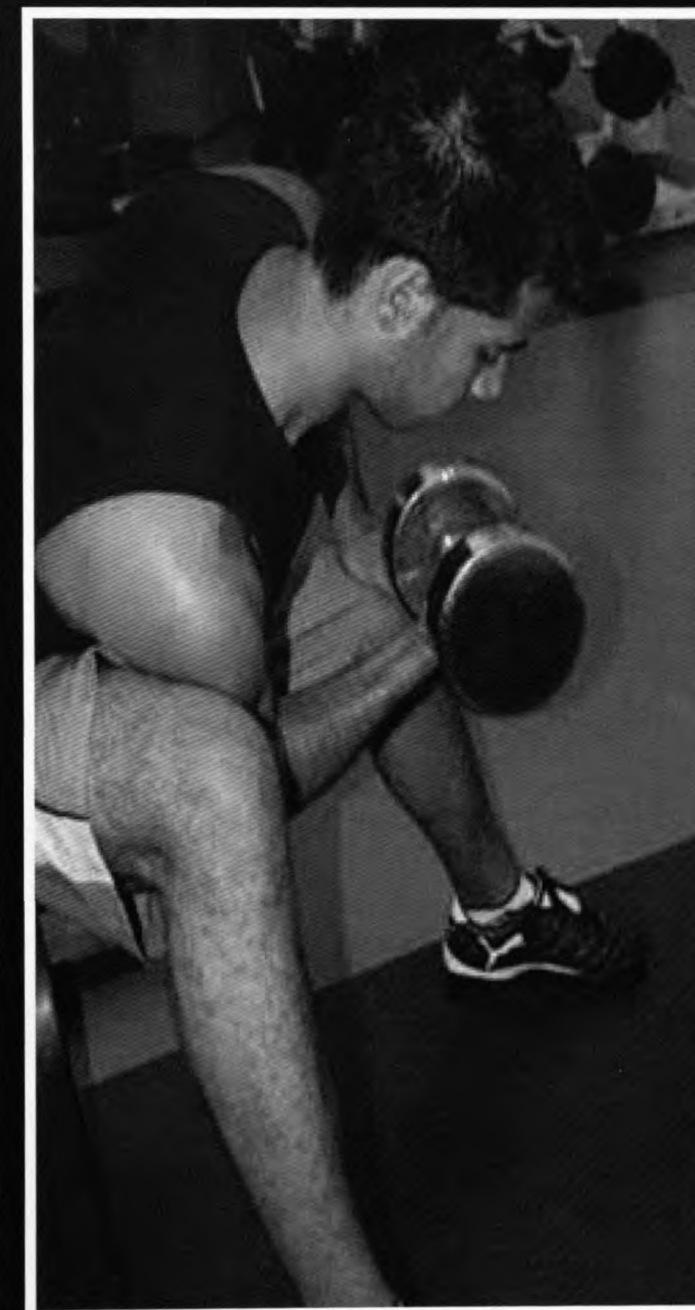
Students take advantage of the Recreation Center's popular rock-climbing.

Photo by Joanna Garcia



Student takes time out of mind-building by body-building.

Photo by Joanna Garcia



Cougars often headed to the Recreation Center to work off the stress from classes.

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At the grand opening of the new and renovated UH Library, many students attended, including the student body president, alumni, and the President of the University along side many staff members and university supporters.

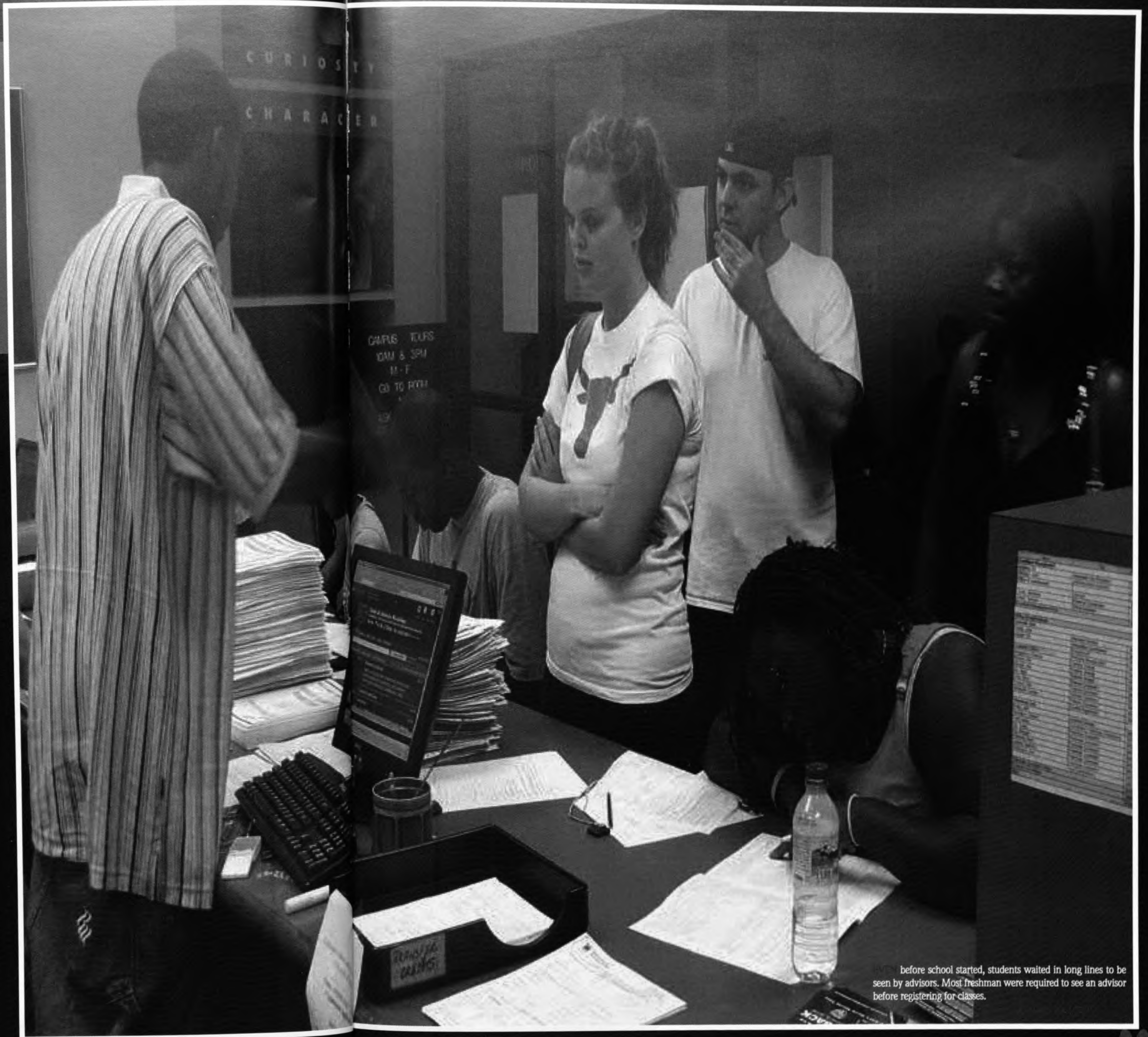
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Free ice-cream and drinks inticed students to the UC North patio on November 2 for STOMP FEST, presented by Students Together Opposing Music Piracy. With an iPod Nano up for grabs, students signed up for the raffle and played games on STOMP FEST, who's goal is to stop music piracy.

Photos by **Brandon Hendricks**





before school started, students waited in long lines to be seen by advisors. Most freshman were required to see an advisor before registering for classes.



Cougar pride runs even the smallest of hearts.

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# Cougar Pride

University football fans never fail to show their school spirit, always pumped up for action.

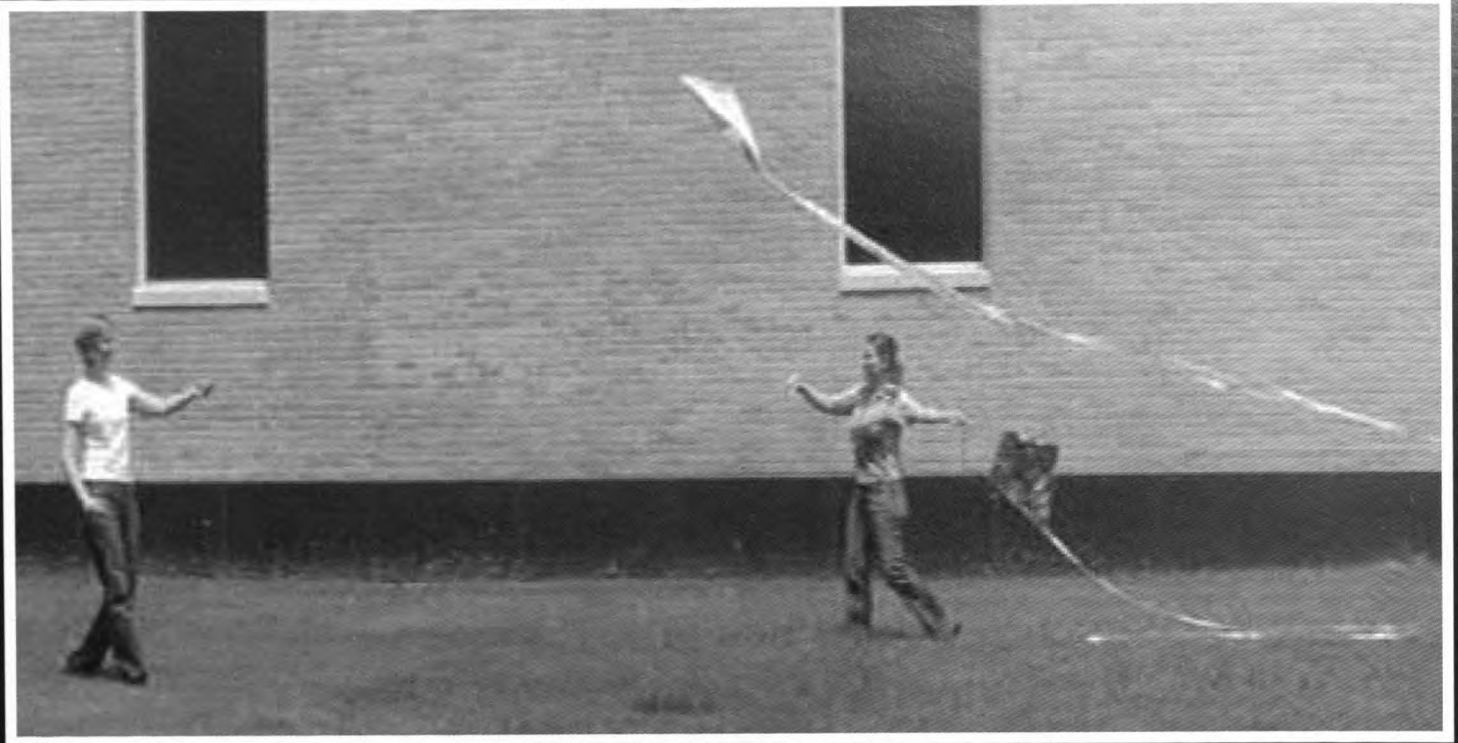
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Inside of the John Lennon Bus, a staff member from the tour shows the different technology used by the John Lennon Program.

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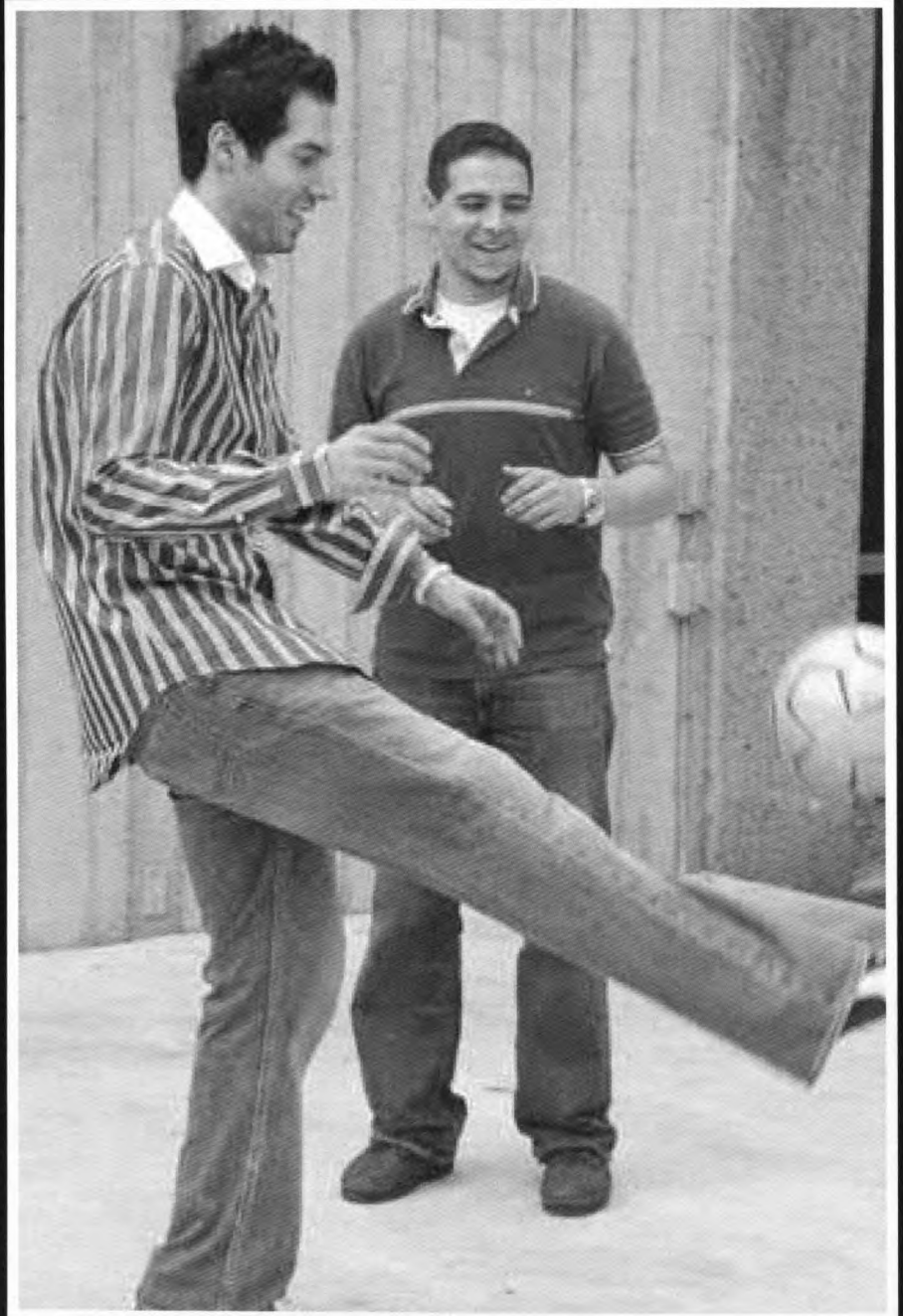


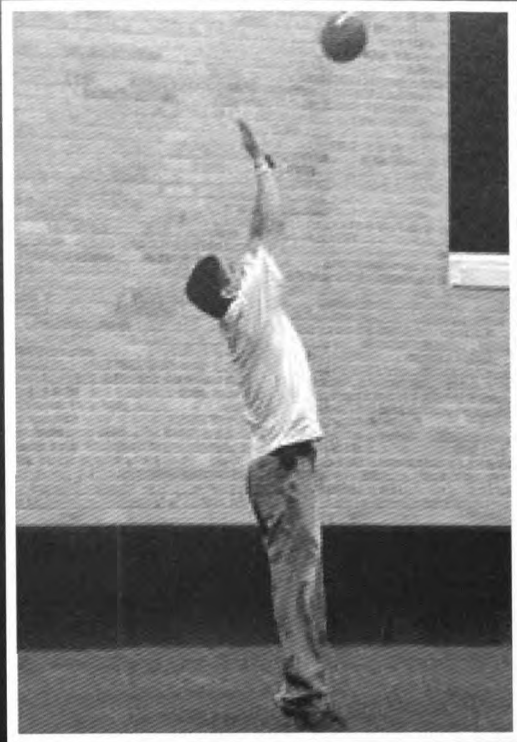
**Architecture** students flying kites on a windy day right outside the architecture building.

Photo by Pathik Shah

**Students** show off some soccer talent in front of the UC Satellite.

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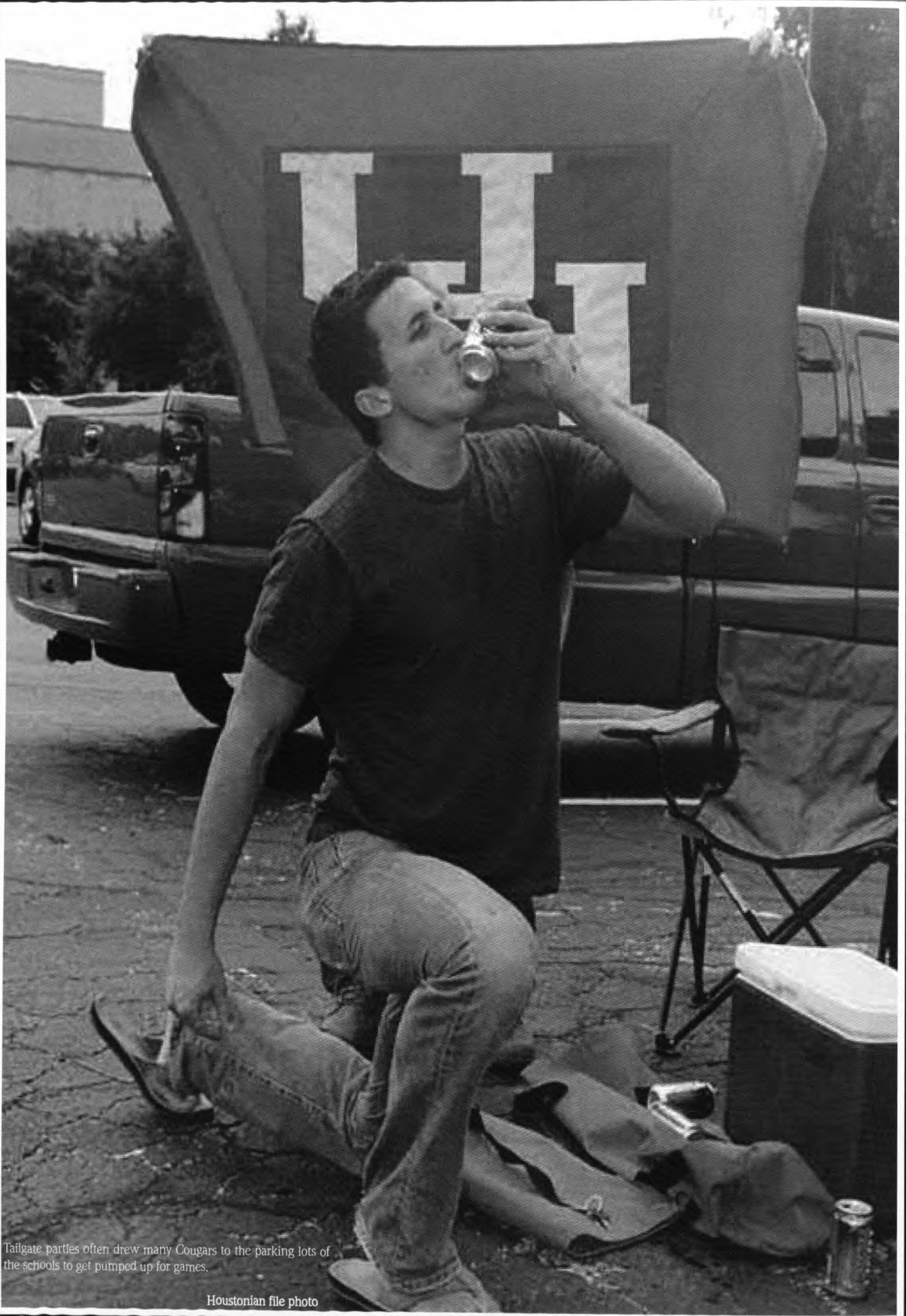
In between classes, students stop to play a quick game of football, outside the architecture building.

Photo by Pathik Shah

Despite their love for technology, students from the Technology building enjoy a few rounds of frisbee.

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Tailgate parties often drew many Cougars to the parking lots of the schools to get pumped up for games.

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Tents, folding chairs, food and a barbecue pit were all the tools necessary to a joyful afternoon before a big game.

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Students weren't the only ones who came to support the football teams; alumni and university supporters were often seen enjoying the Houston weather.

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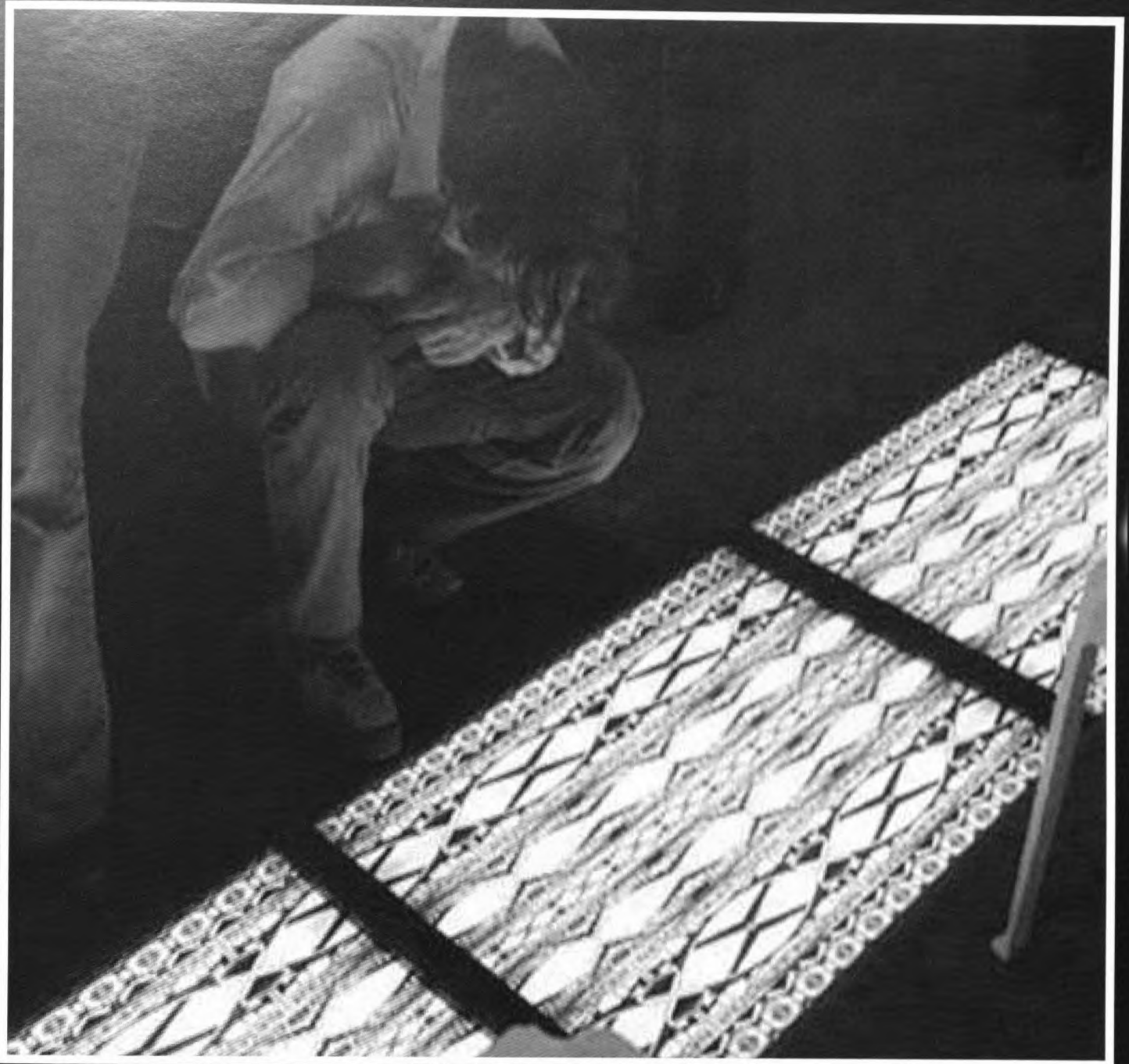
A local artist talks about his own artwork during the Fotofest 2006 held in the warehouse district near downtown Houston.

Photo by Pathik Shah

Fans flocked to admire art work showcased by local artists.

Photo by Pathik Shah





Glass architecture, located on the floor of the show room, proved to be a popular exhibit.

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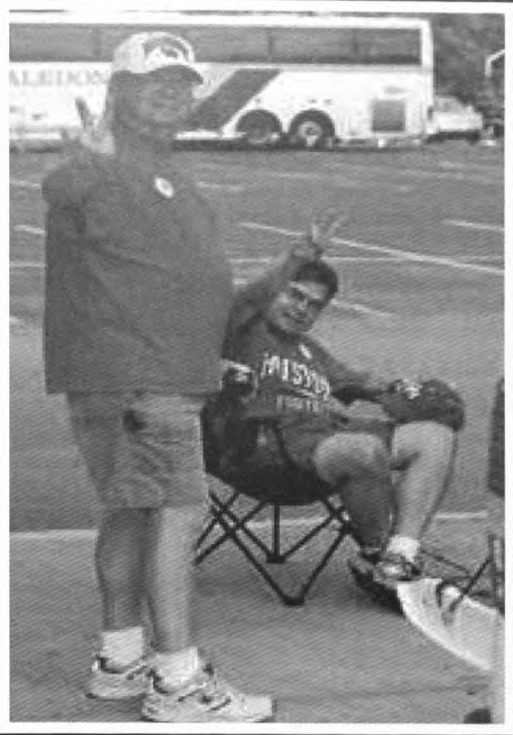
Fotofest was not only about showing the talents of local artists; classical musicians also provided entertainment during the exhibit.

Photo by **Pathik Shah**



Betty Crocker's cooking skills weren't needed to please the fans at a tailgate party where many fired up their pits.

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Fans get ready and energized for a big football game.

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With the protection of a mosquito tent, students enjoy their barbeque with all the necessary condiments: ketchup and mustard.

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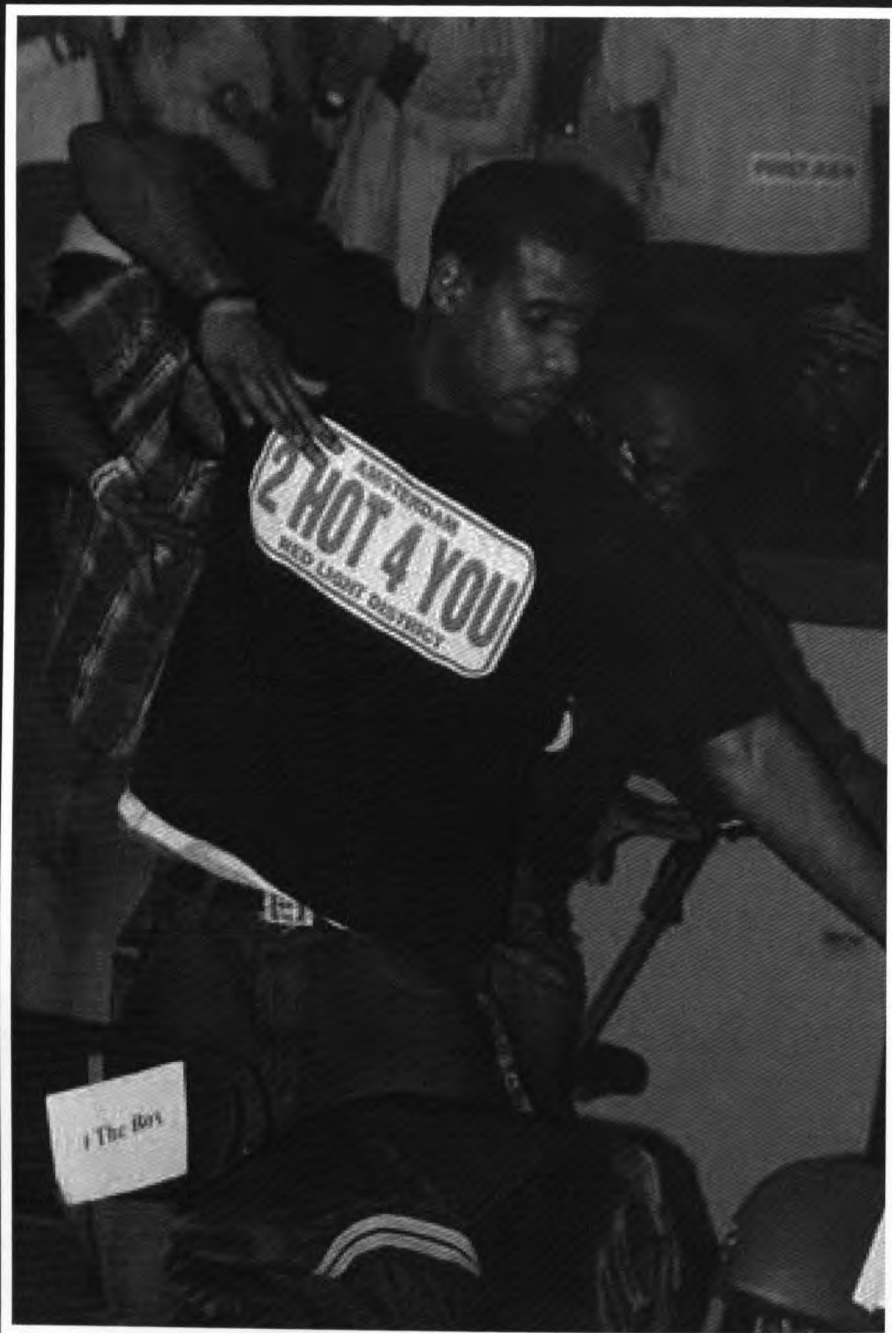


Cougars dance to the live music of Dem Franchise Boys.

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Despite the cramped seating, students still finds ways to show their best moves during the Dem Franchise Boys concert.

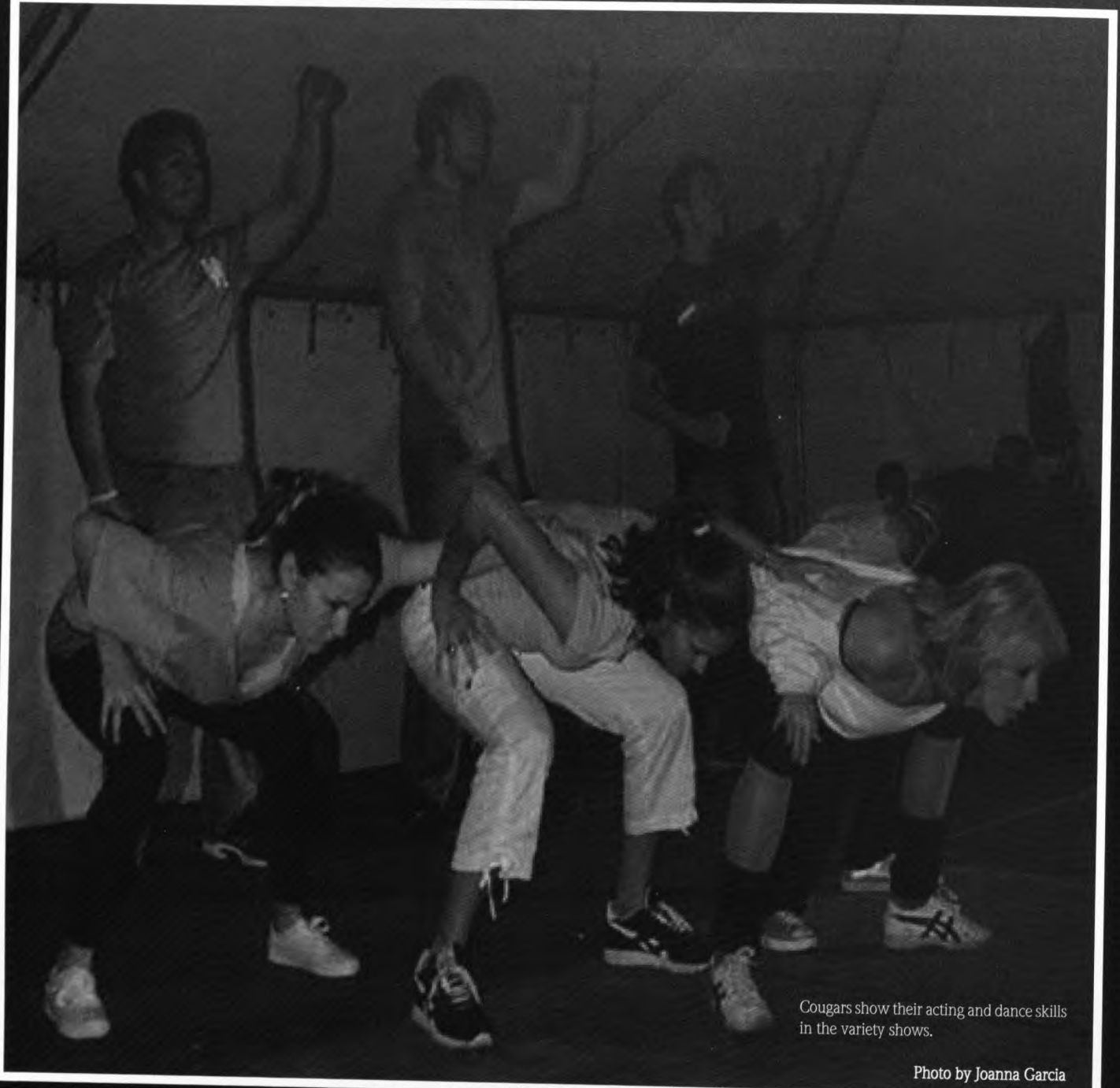
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Members of Dem Franchise Boys singing "Lean With It, Rock With It" for the Frontier Fiesta 2006.

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Cougars show their acting and dance skills in the variety shows.

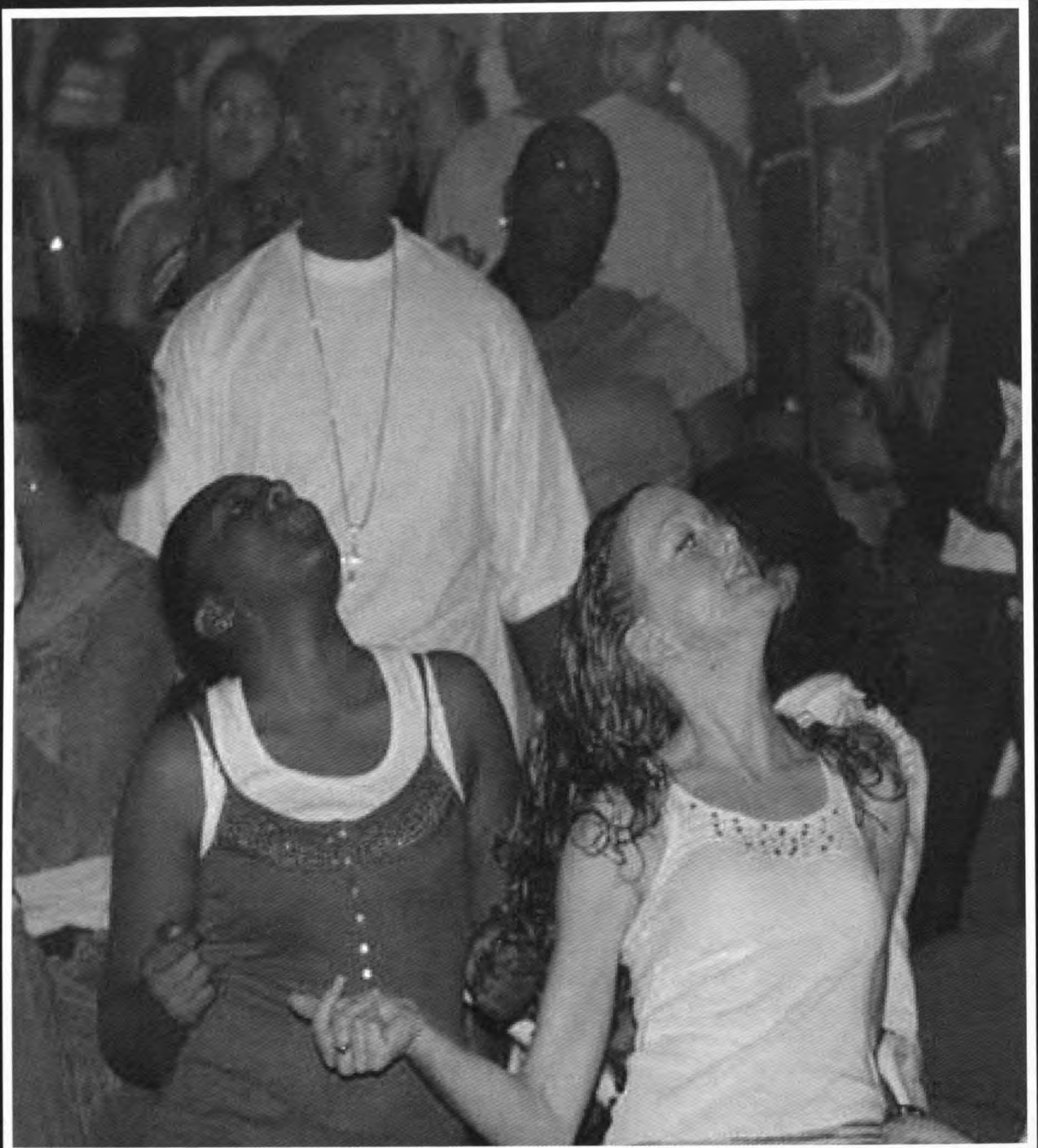
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# FRONTIER FIESTA

Frontier Fiesta is still a tradition at UH.

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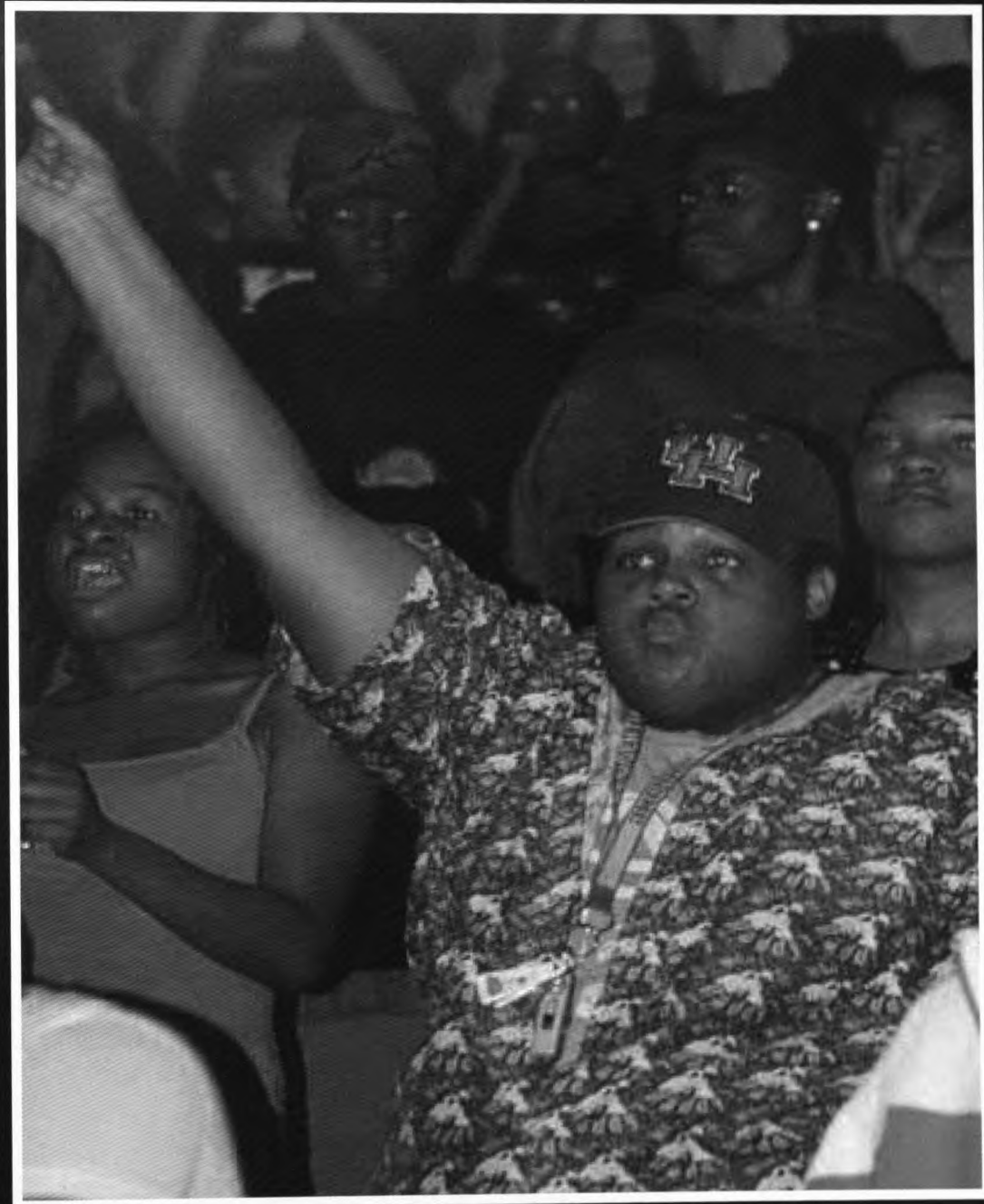
# BATTLE OF



Fans enjoying the Dem Franchise Boys concert at Frontier Fiesta.

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# THE SEXES



Chance Richmond proved hard work deserves to be rewarded as he leans with the music of Dem Franchise Boys.

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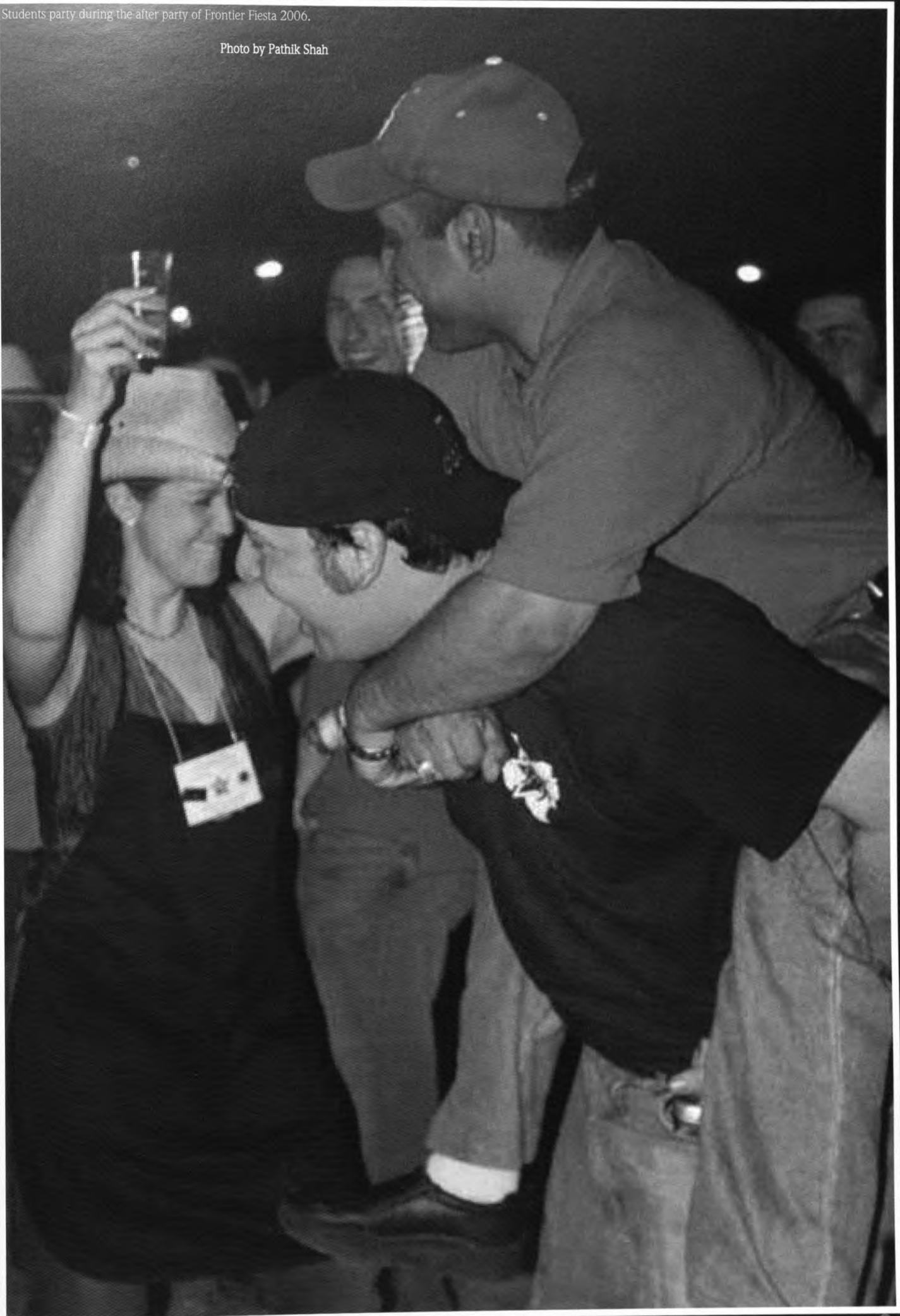
Throughout Frontier Fiesta, many fraternities put together venues with some even presenting live music.

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Students party during the after party of Frontier Fiesta 2006.

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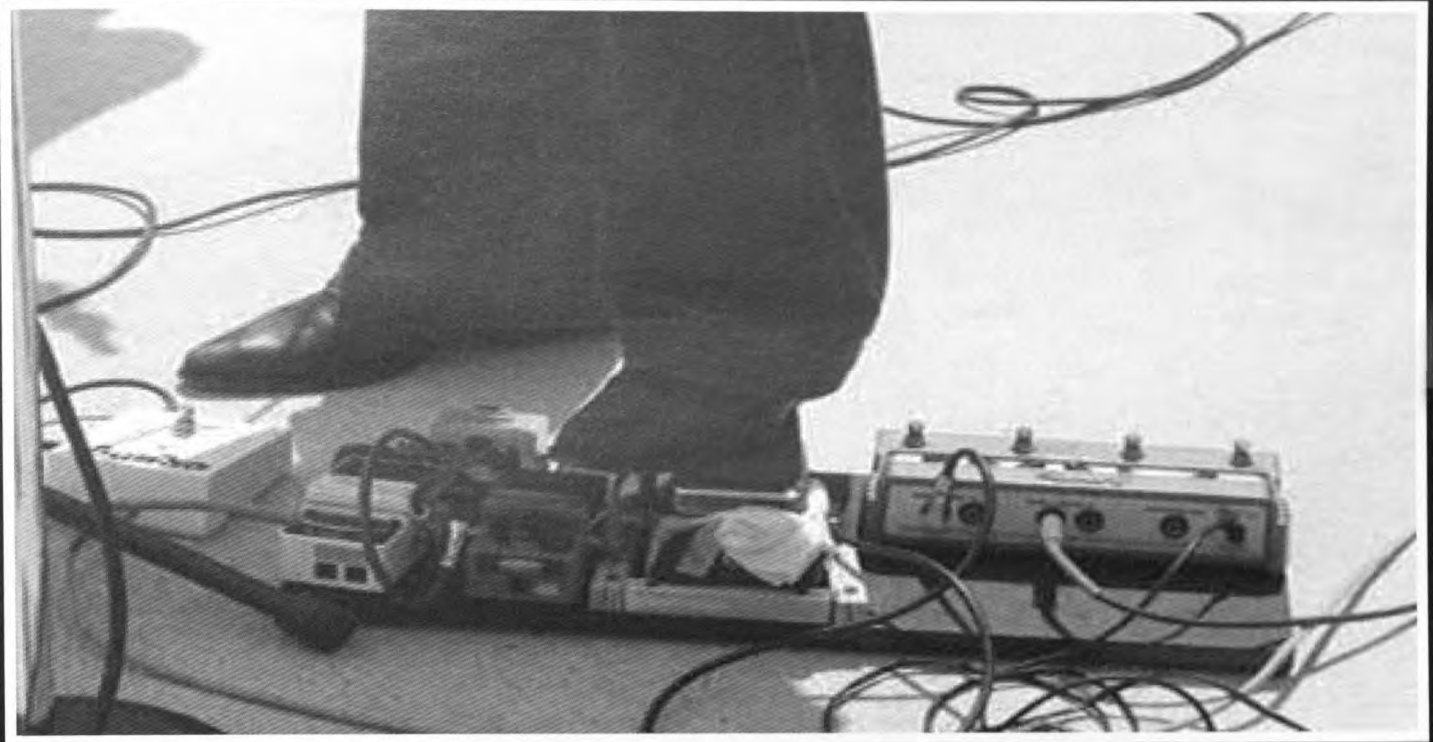
Bands often showcased their talents in front of the Satellite.

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Lead singers can do more than vocals, as shown here.

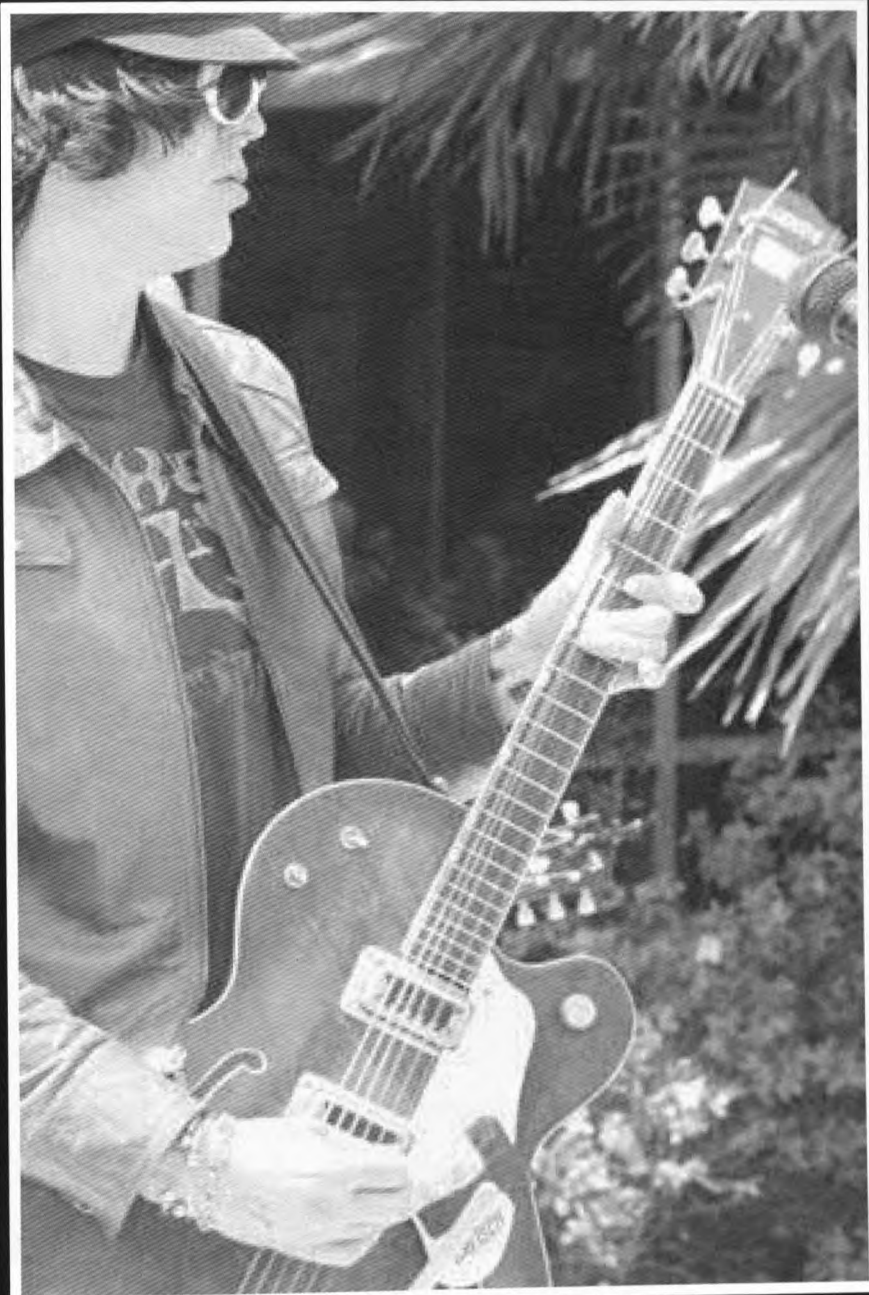
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Not quite like the brake of a car, a band member shows us he can operate his keyboard pedal.

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The sounds of guitar strings often got Cougars into the beat between classes. Bands often played around campus.

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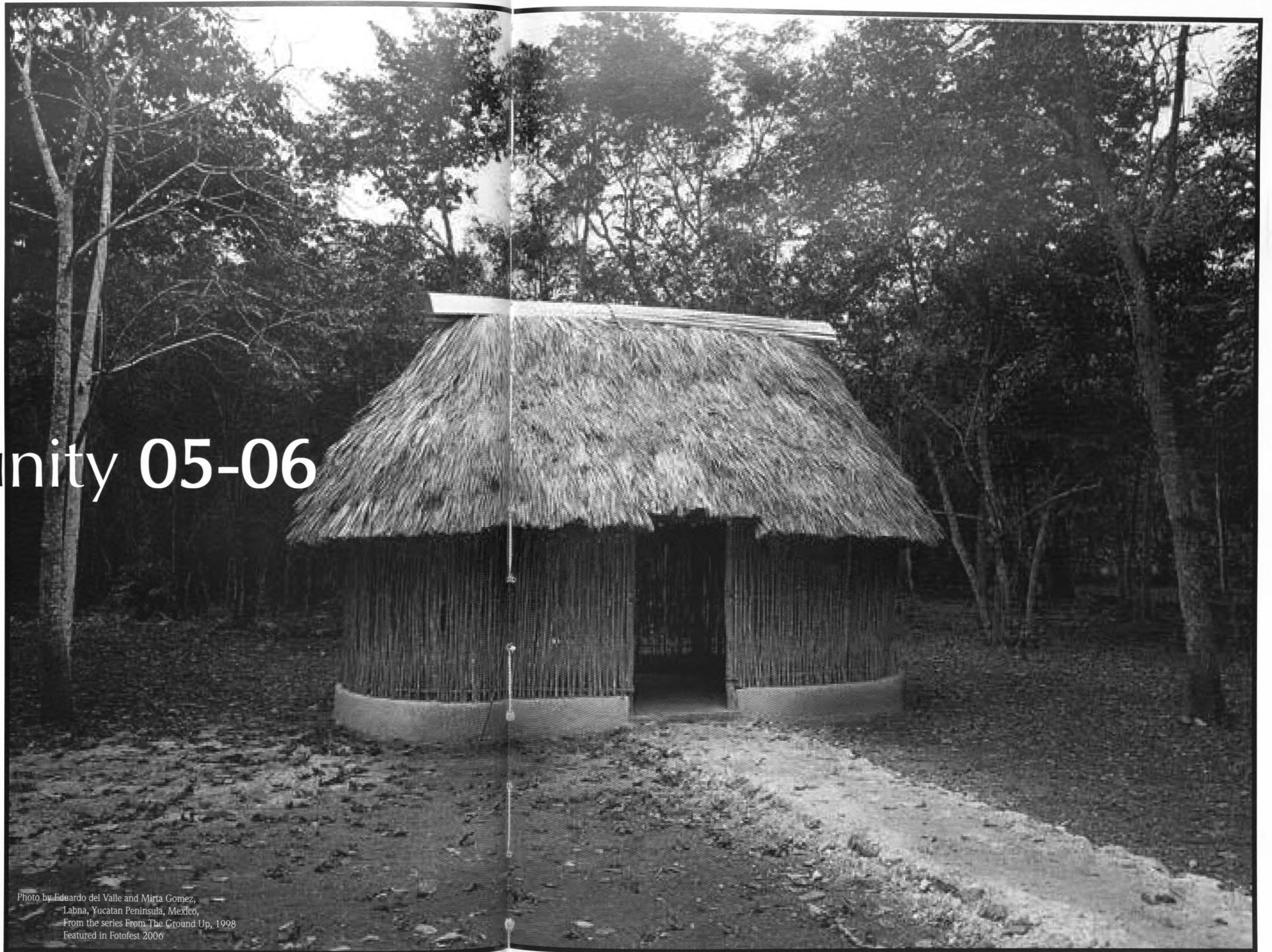


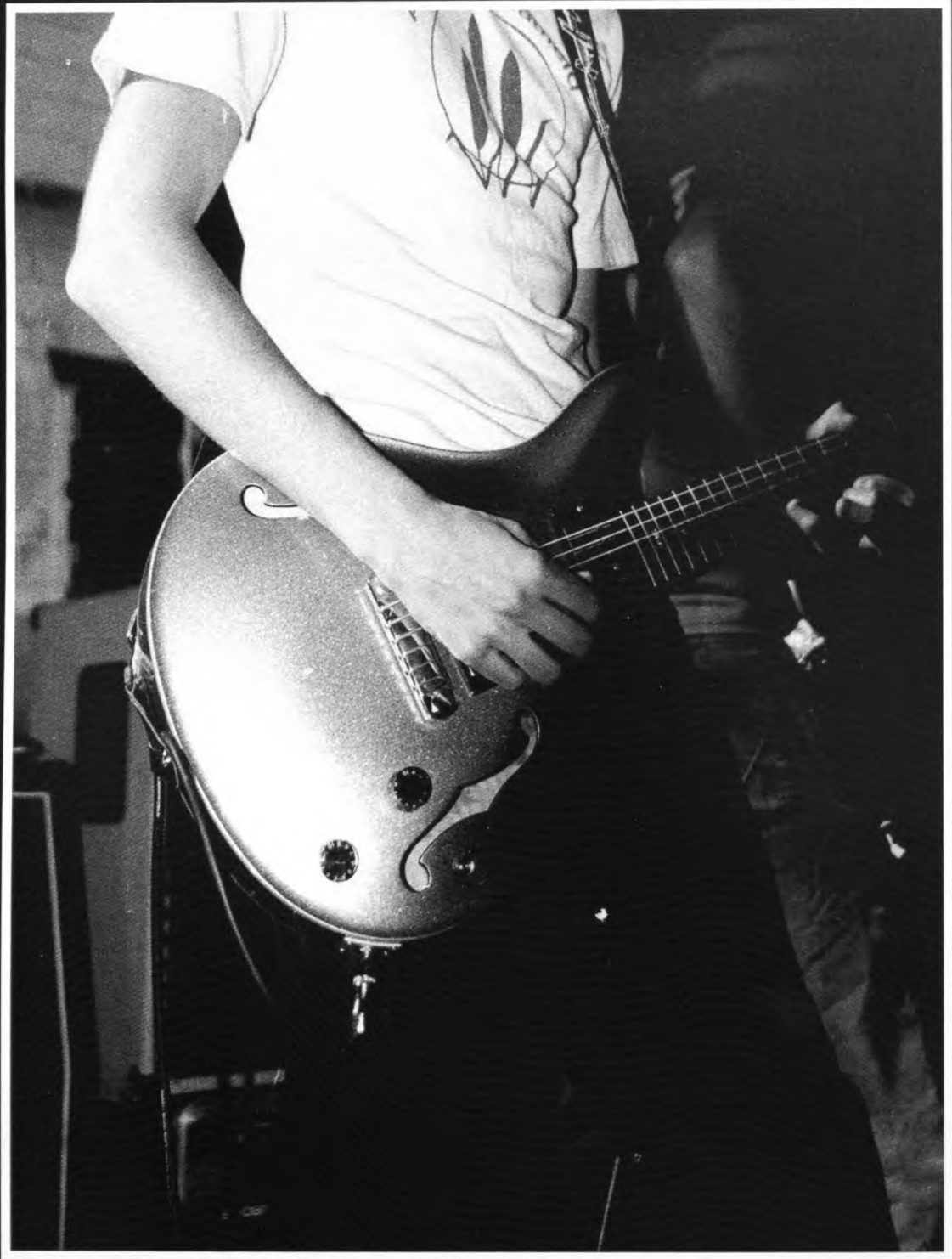
Photo by Eduardo del Valle and Mirta Gomez,  
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Featured in Fotofest 2006

# Culture

## Arts, Music, Events & Entertainment

“Without culture, and the relative freedom it implies, society, even when perfect, is but a jungle. This is why any authentic creation is a gift to the future.” ~ Albert Camus

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Houston is...

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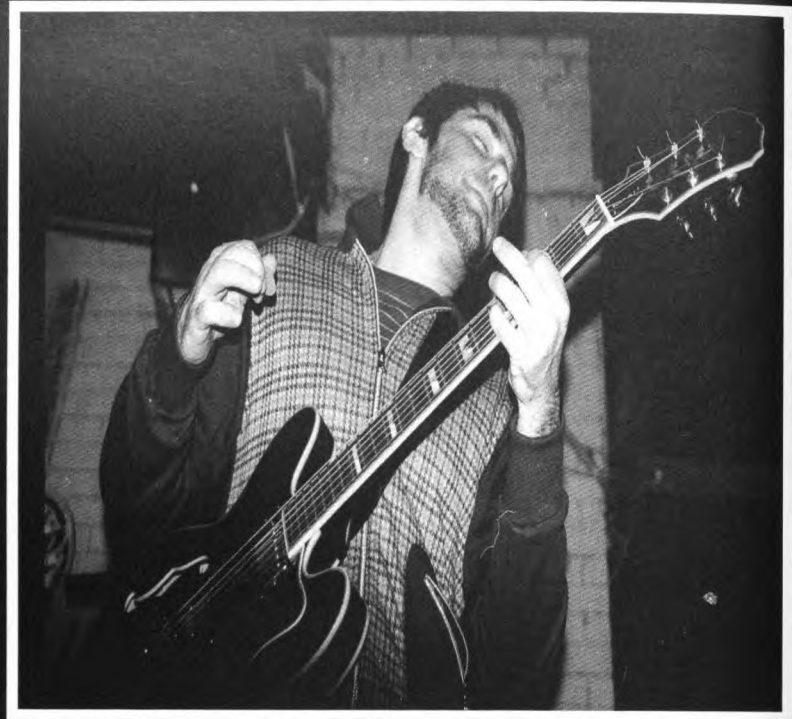
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# Houston Soul: Local Bands

Photos by Brandon Pepper



Taylor Lee from Lazlo puts on an impressive performance.



Electricity runs through the fingers of guitarist Darin Lee from Lazlo.



Laslo, like many Houston grown bands, mellow out in an up-close performance just for fans.



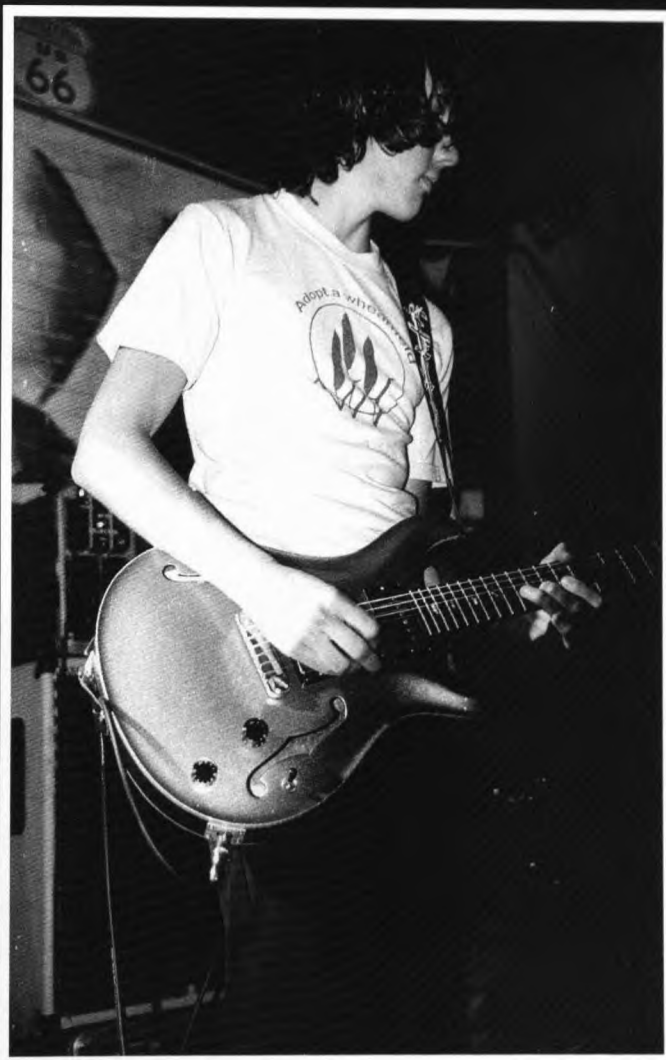
## Melodic Chaos

You don't need to tell the local talent that they face countless obstacles trying to make it in a city like Houston. Decentralized, unorganized, and subsequently underappreciated, the Houston music scene has more strikes against it than selling points. Most crucial to Houston's stagnation is the absence of a musical motherland. There is no foundation for our musical superheroes to train, and frankly, it shows.

Few bands have what it takes to run the gambit in this town, traveling from the Greek dives like The Cellar Bar, up to harder-to-reach listeners at Fitzgerald's and the Engine Room who have grown accustomed to hearing signed major-label bands on a regular basis.

From there it's folksy college crowds at Helios and trendy crowds at The Proletariat, then back up to The Side Car Pub on the north side for Blues Brothers-eque "throw your beer at the band" rock and roll. Each new scene comes with its own crowd, each with different expectations.

Developing a fan base and marketing your sound across this city can be daunting without a central "music district" for would-be listeners to retreat to with relative luxury. Such a saturation of musical supply and demand has given Austin the unofficial title as live music capital of the world. 6th Street has



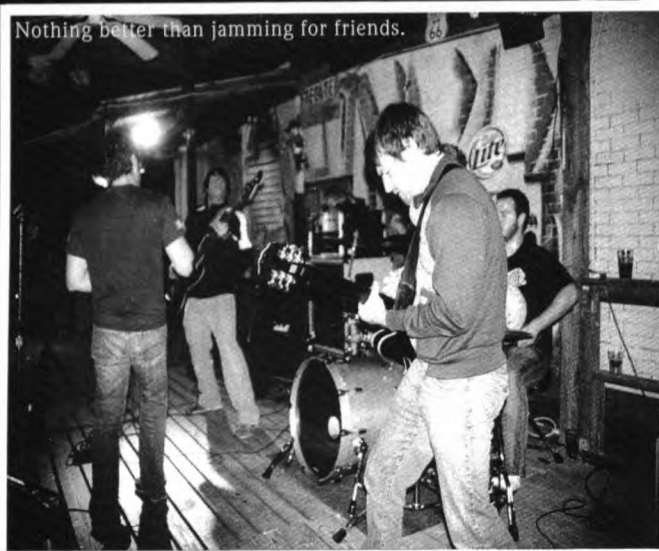
Josh Kercheville of Nothing More plays an incendiary solo.

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Nothing better than jamming for friends.



Laslo from either angle prove to be an asset to the Houston sound.



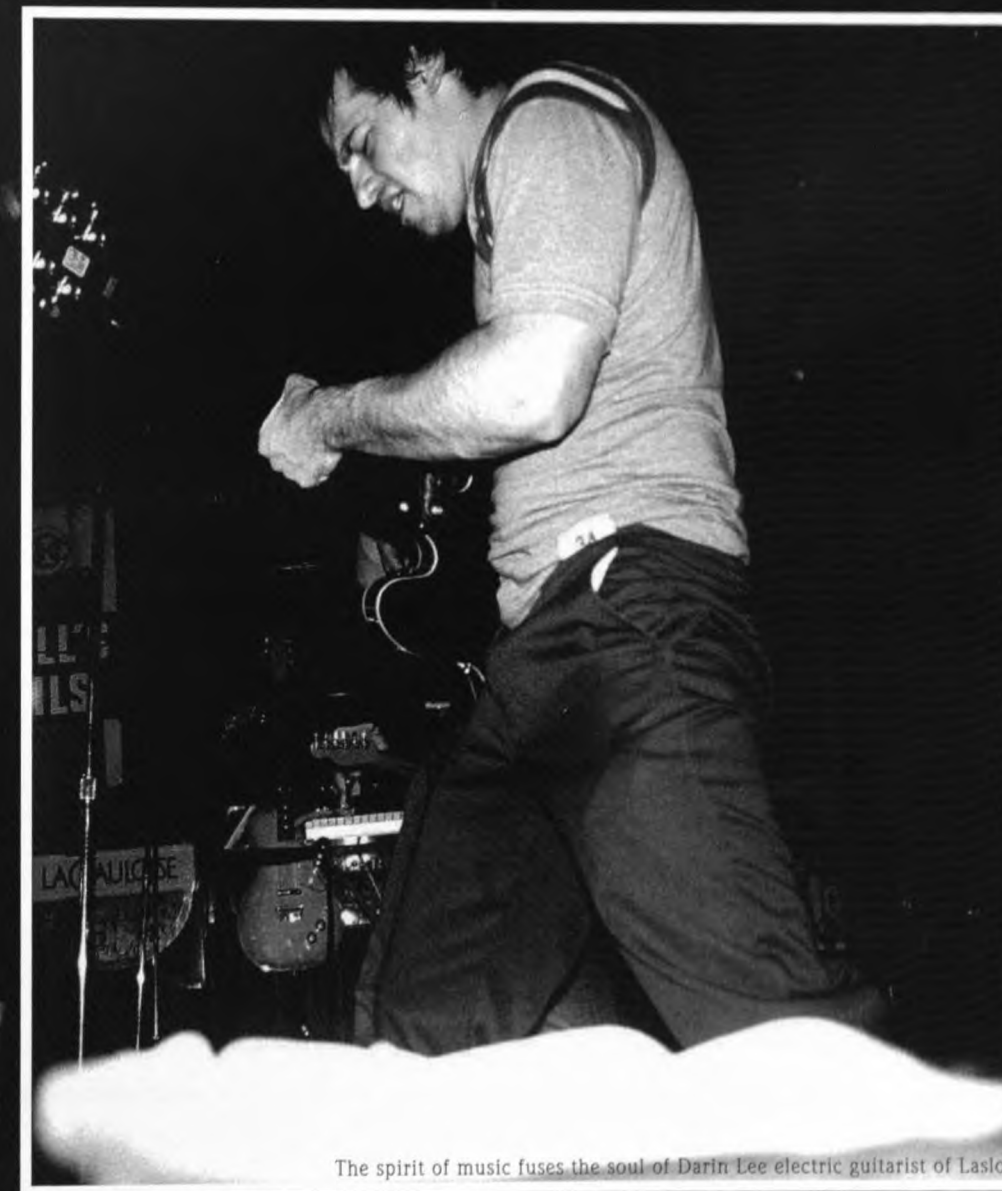
become a hub to rival that of any city's music scene, where a mere lemming need nothing more than to wander aimlessly from bar to bar with a pocket full of cover charges to get an A+ tour of the Texas sound—and all because of 6th Street's comfort and accessibility. Consequently, people feel that Texas already has a powerhouse and is satisfied with Austin's music culture.

So what does Houston have to offer? Why would musicians choose to launch their careers here rather than Austin or even Dallas? That is the problem that bands like Laslo, among others in this musically desolate hell, face when marketing their product.

They are forced to embark on expeditions, traveling to and from every bar and club named, not to mention their stops in San Antonio, College Station, and of course, Austin. As an added challenge, the lack of worthy, talented competition allows poor bands to thrive here and play the same venues as bands like Laslo, their gifted counterparts.

However, saving grace arises in the form of local media. Programs like The Texas Buzz and Rice University's student-run radio station feature homegrown artists as well as the present and future sounds coming out of Texas. 🐾

Story by Brandon Pepper



The spirit of music fuses the soul of Darin Lee electric guitarist of Laslo.

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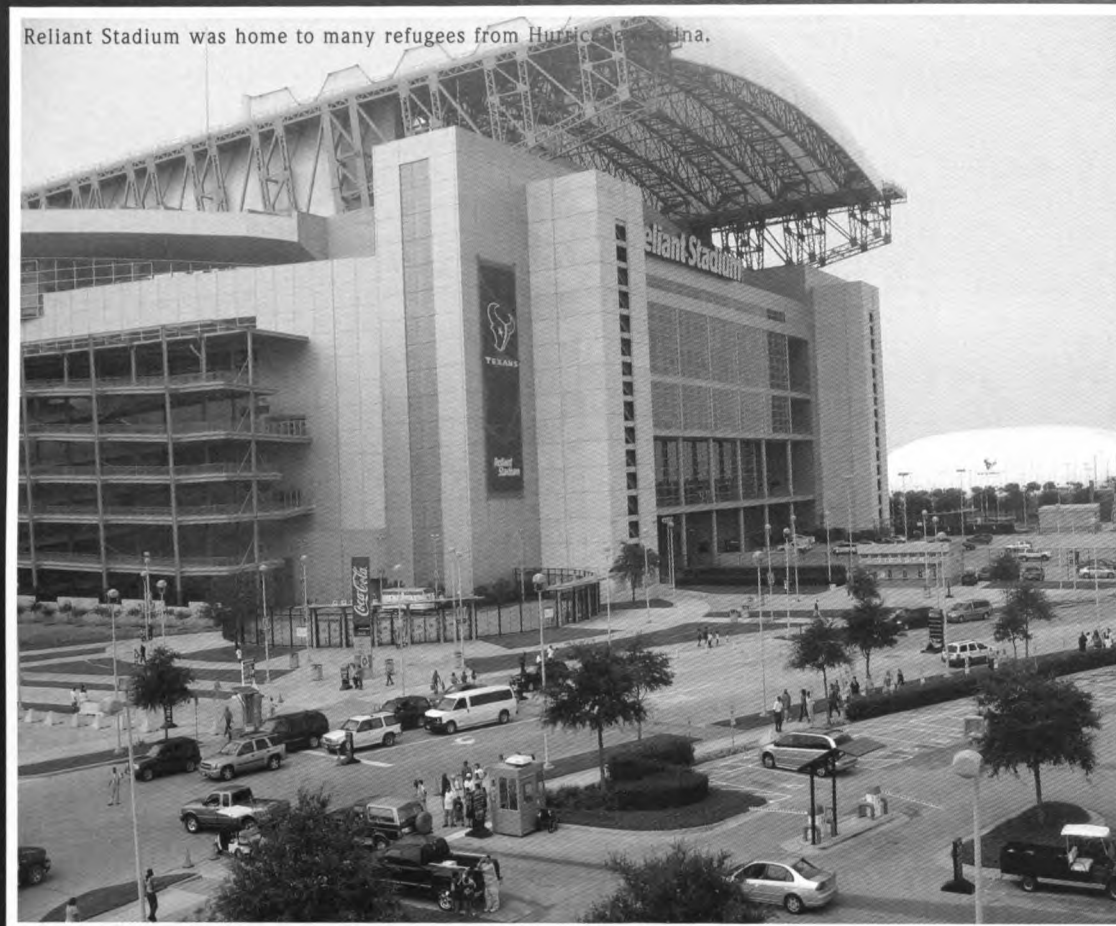
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Artistic elite, patrons and friends smooze over the photographs.



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## Katrina Comes to Houston

Hurricane Katrina was a tragic natural disaster that almost destroyed the legendary American city of New Orleans. As echoes of this tragedy were heard around the nation and throughout the world, many national cities generously helped to provide shelter and support to victims who evacuated to their cities.

Thousands of evacuees fled to Houston as it was the closest metropolis to New Orleans. After the hurricane advanced and the levies in New Orleans broke, more people were brought to Houston once the government became involved. Those who sought refuge in the Superdome of New Orleans found that Reliant Stadium and the Astrodome were substantial substitutes. People, especially those who tattooed social security numbers on their shoulders so that their bodies could be identified if the Superdome collapsed, found new hope in the stadiums of Houston. Many would eventually call Houston their new home.

The conditions in Reliant Stadium were not conducive to proper living; however, they were adequate for the refugees' survival. There were also those who did not fill the stadiums but still found spaces in Houston. The generosity of the citizens and businesses of Houston greatly contributed to the survival of evacuees.

Many businesses offered spaces to evacuees at reduced rates or even no charge at all. Other citizens through churches and other organizations offered their homes to victims of the hurricane, as temporary shelters.

Those young persons affected by the hurricane were received with open arms by educational institutions of Houston. Over 1,300 students from New Orleans were accommodated at the University of Houston, while others found place at Rice University, University of Saint Thomas and other institutions throughout Houston as well as the state of Texas.

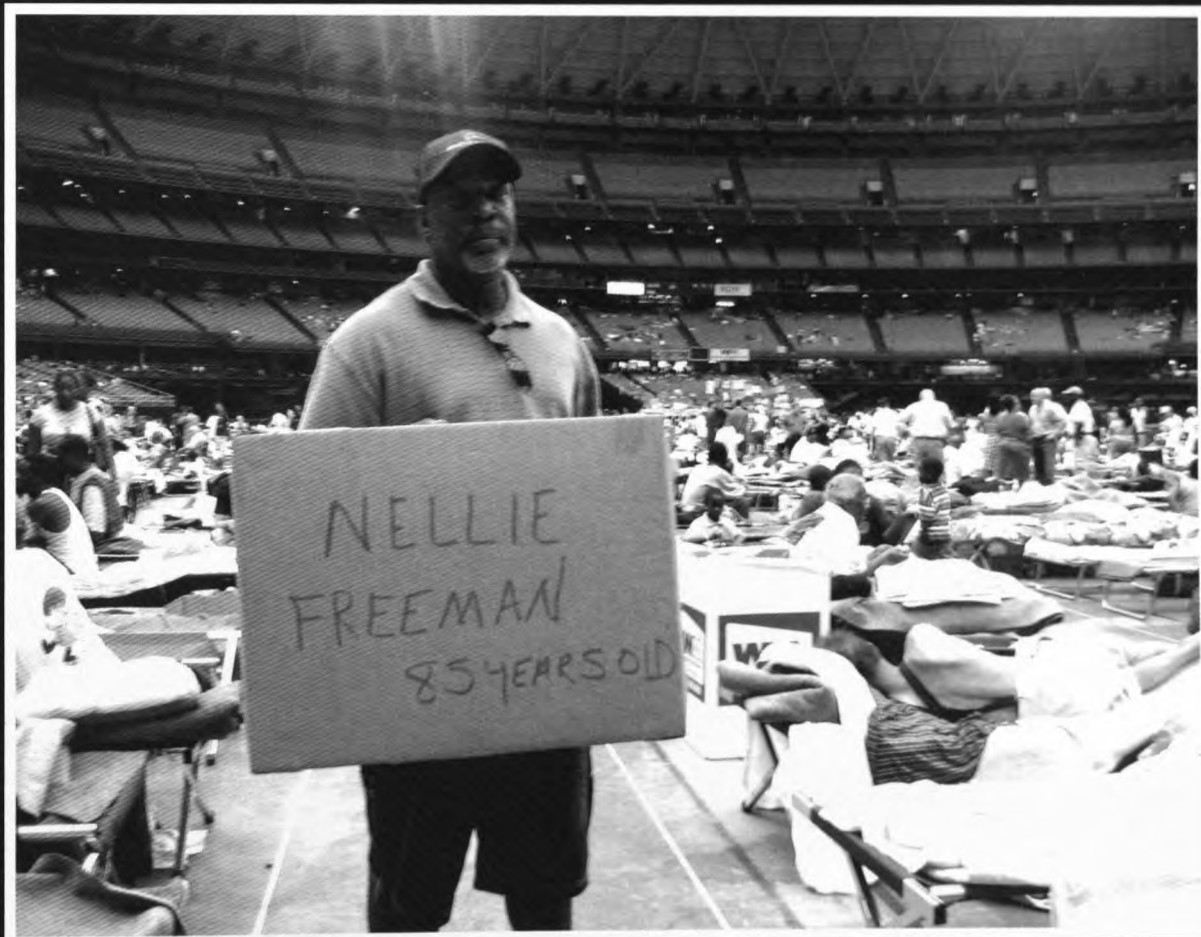
Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans with a death toll of over 1,400 people, and more than three times that amount were counted as missing. The hurricane brought a great deal of attention to the poverty in America. The slow reaction of the government in particular, caused a great deal of turmoil and debate. Hurricane Katrina forced many to realize that though the United States of America might be a 'super-power,' it is a nation with many problems. Many thought that race was motivation for the government's slow response. Celebrities such as Kanye West spoke out against the administration's poor reaction to the tragedy in contrasting the situation with quicker responses to the tsunami devastation in Asia this past year, as well as other foreign catastrophes.

Even though politically, the hurricane brought more doubt than certainty on America's priorities, socially it brought to light the brotherhood that Americans have with one another. The media supported the victims and played an amazing role in demanding the government to act quickly. Citizens throughout the nation donated money, space, and time in an effort to relieve the devastation.

After the New Year residents of New Orleans returned as the city was rebuilt. However, some chose to remain in Houston and have since been embraced by the community. Still proud to be from New Orleans they have integrated and become part of Houston's soul while bringing their own distinct flavor.

Hurricane Katrina, possibly the most devastating natural disaster to affect the United States, will never be forgotten. Despite upsetting circumstances, equally memorable and impressive is the resilience and strength of American brotherhood, and certainly the participation of the city of Houston in relieving agony and misfortune of the one of the worst tragedies in American history. 🐾

Story by Darrel A. Holnes



Many people resorted to making signs identifying themselves in hopes of loved ones finding them.



View from inside the stadium of all the hurricane evacuees.

Photo by Brandon Hendricks

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Chaos ripped through Houston as people evacuated in fear of another hurricane.



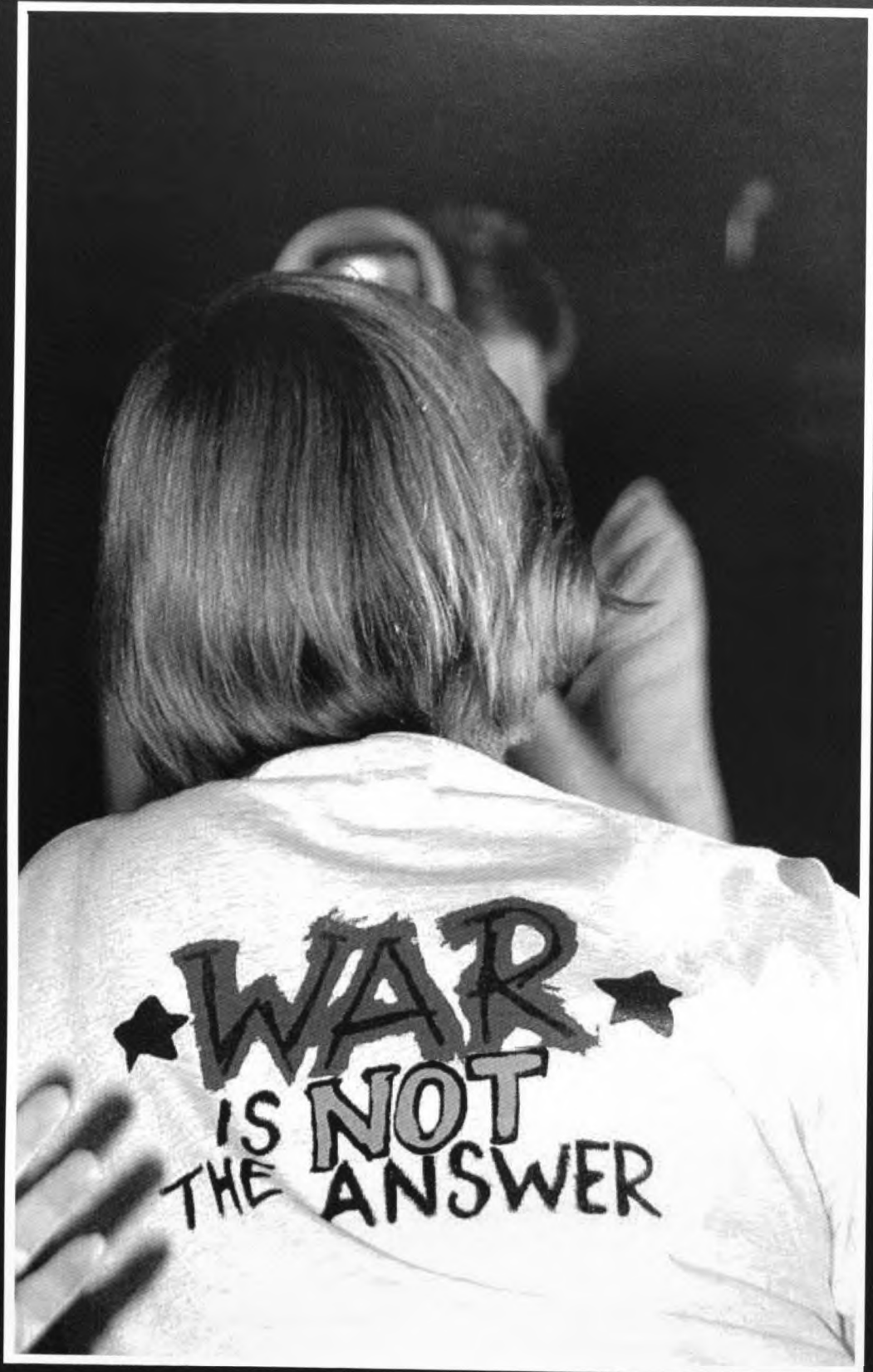


People prepared the best they could, but many were stuck with grief. Most people were skeptical that it would hit the coast, and when it did panic quickly spread.



# Cindy Sheehan Hits Houston

Photos by Pin Lim



RIGHT Peace activist Cindy Sheehan spoke at the University of Houston to a diverse crowd, eager to understand her struggle, dealing with her son's death in Iraq and her fight to bring the troops home.

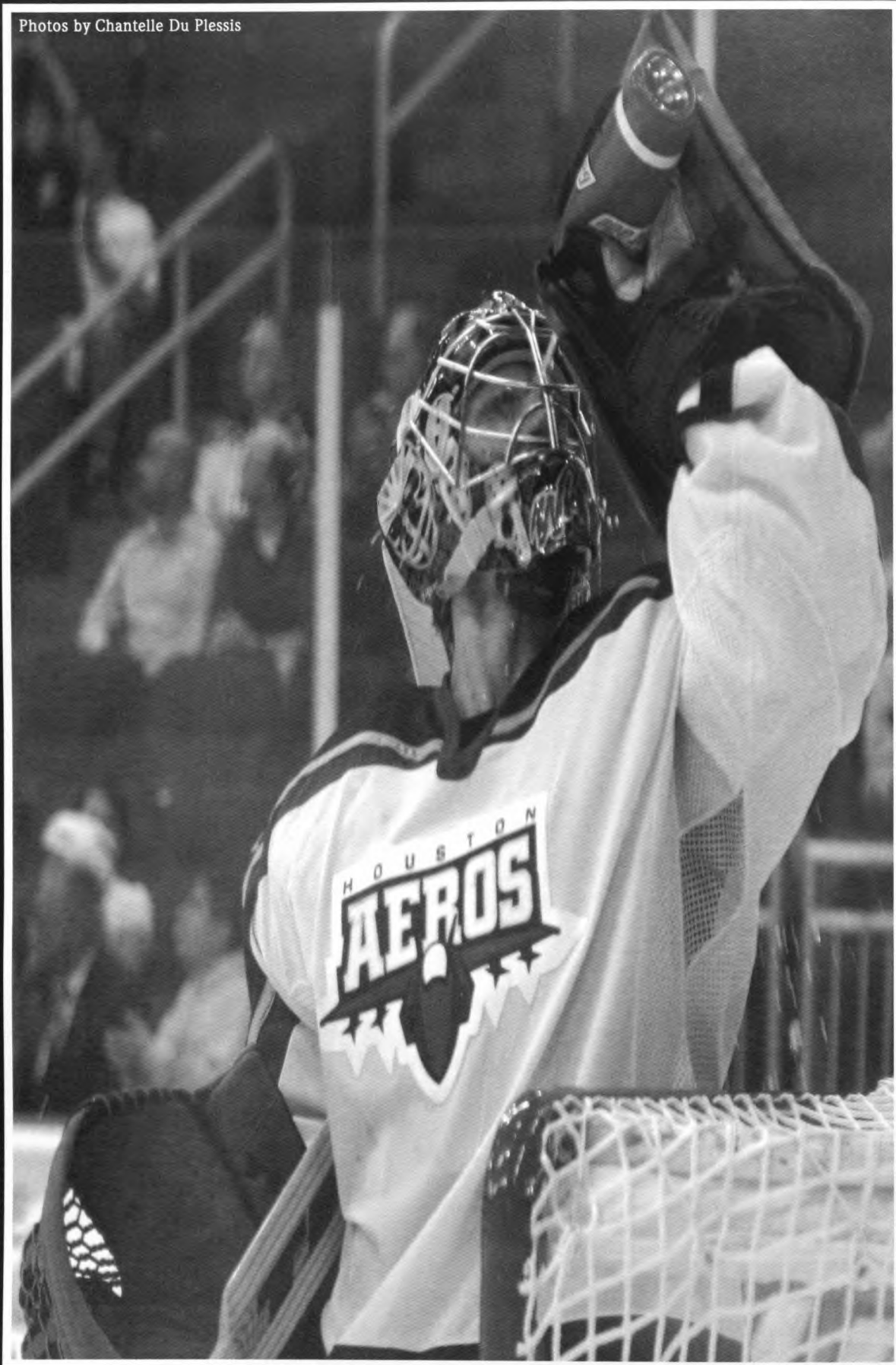


LEFT Supporters and interested persons listen attentively to how they can encourage change.



# HOUSTON SPORTS; Dynamo, Astros, Aeros, and Texans

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# Aeros



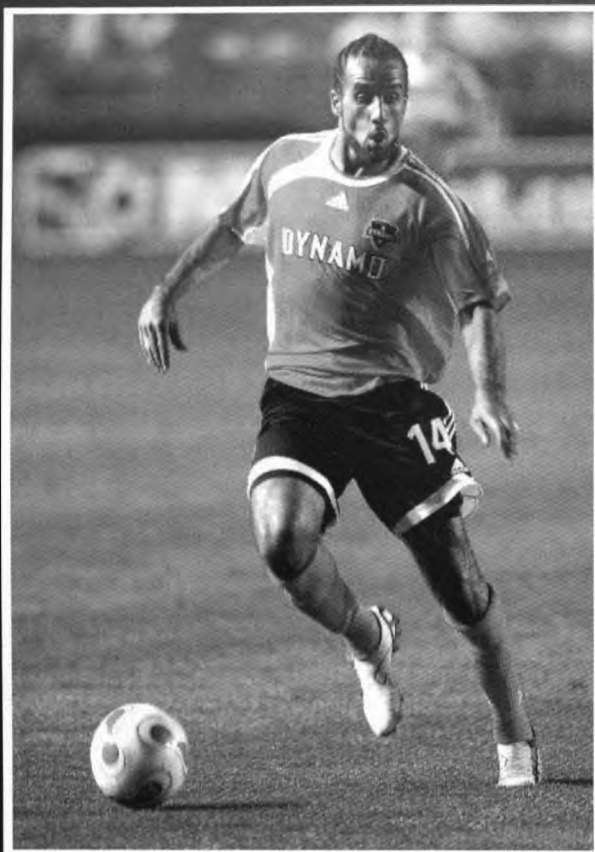
The ice, the puck, the player - good times.



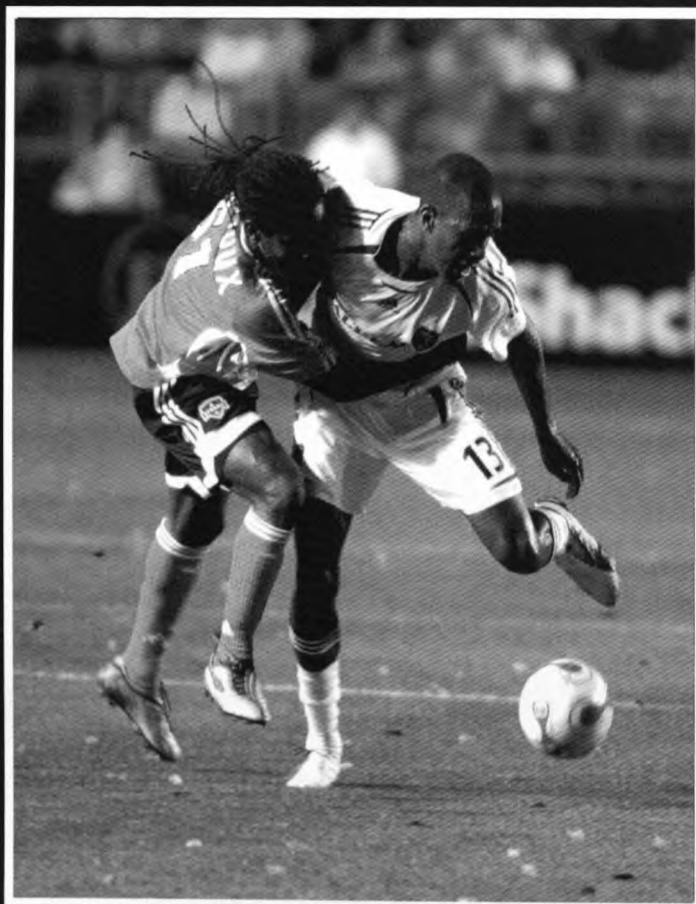
The glass can barely hold back the passionate fans rooting for their favorite players.

# Dynamo!

Photos courtesy of MLS.net



DeRosario shows how Houston is a new force to be reckoned with.



Houston Dyna-man, Adrian Serioux, plays with passion eager to get the ball and win.



Photos by Chantelle Du Plessis

## A Stripped Down Profile: **Brian Ching**

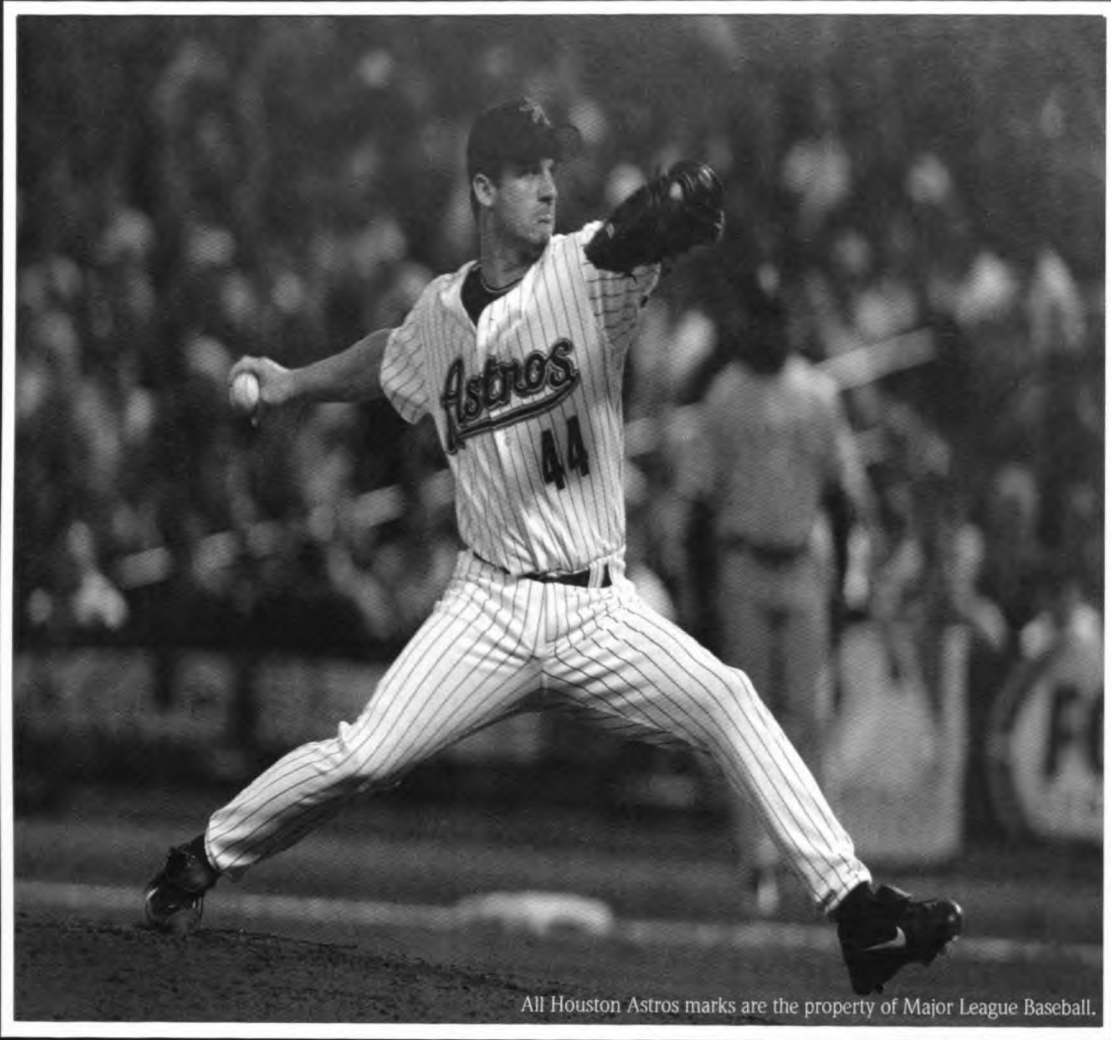
Story by Darrel Holmes

Number: 25  
Name: Brian Ching  
Position: Forward  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 195  
Birthday: May 24, 1978  
Hometown: Haleiwa, Hawaii  
Bonus: On the U.S. National team  
FYI: He's in love with Houston.

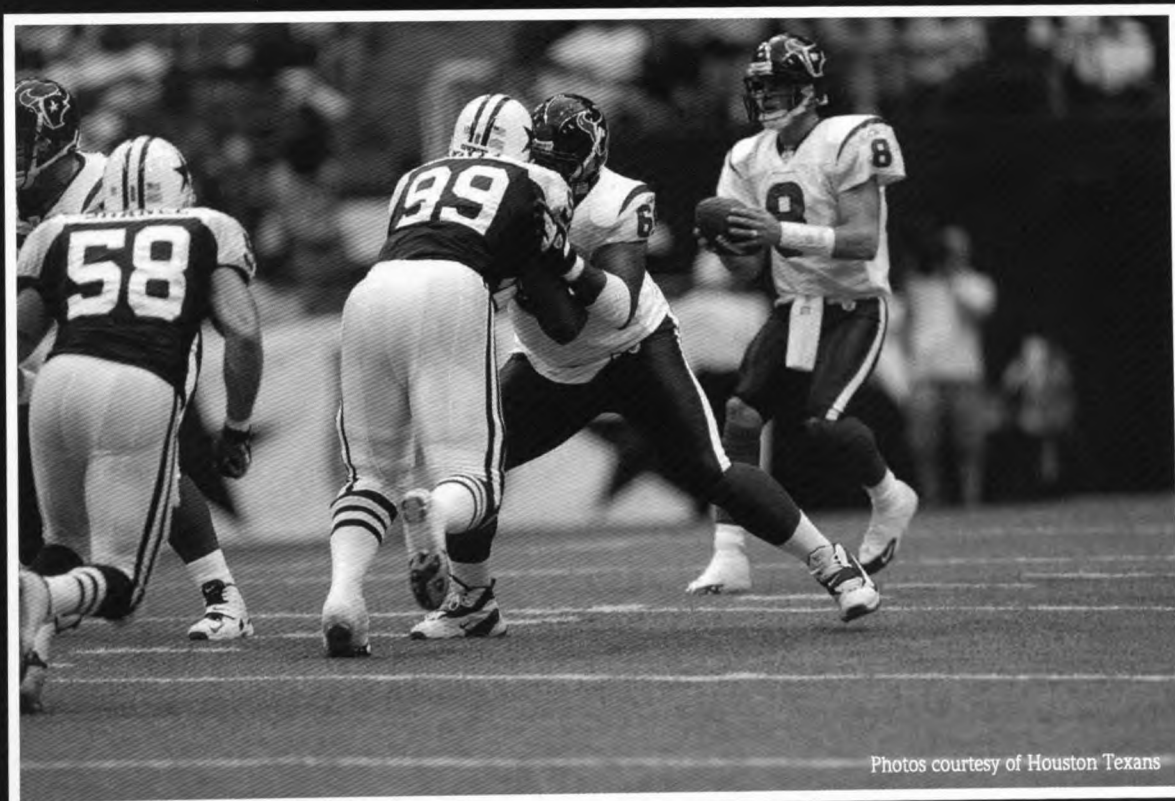
Brian Ching, one of the many bright stars of Houston's own Dynamo soccer team, is here to stay. Ching stopped by the University of Houston for an interview to share with his current fans, as well as his fans-to-be, a stripped down reality of who he is as a player and what he's here to do. One thing is for sure, he's in love with Houston and is here to stay.

- Q: How do you feel about relocating to Houston?  
a. I miss Hawaii but am [terribly] excited to start fresh and new in Houston
- Q: Talk about Dominic Kinnear's (coach) system.  
a. He's the best coach in league, a leader, an icon.
- Q: Attacking and entertaining, how do you put it all together?  
a. Its not difficult, it comes naturally.
- Q: How do you keep the game positive though an attack-oriented aggressive sport at a very competitive level?  
a. Its not hard because its fun, - it's just a game.
- Q: How do you like the name Dynamo?  
a. I Like it a lot - love the orange.
- Q: Are you ready to play in Houston's hot summer heat?  
a. Yes.
- Q: How do you feel about being in Houston now after all your travels and changes?  
a. I love it. Houston is my home away from home now, I'm here for it all. 🐾

# Astros



# Houston Texans



Photos courtesy of Houston Texans

# Dance in Houston

Once In a Lifetime

Photo of Renee Robinson by Paul Kolnik



Dancers are Pamela Lane,  
Sharon Teague, Kristina  
Harper, Jessica Tretter,  
Choreographer is Stanton  
Welch,  
Ballet is Swan Lake.

Photo by Jim Caldwell



Photo by Kristin Lodoen



Dancers from the Academy performing a few pieces in Studio A for Houston area schools.



ABOVE  
Dancer is Jennifer  
Carmichael  
Ballet is Les Sylphides  
(Chopiniana).

RIGHT  
Dancer is Kelly Schneider  
Ballet is Napoli.



Photos by Bruce Bennett



LEFT  
Dancers are Mireille  
Hassenboehler and  
Andrew Murphy  
Choreographer is Stanton  
Welch,  
Ballet is Swan Lake.

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BELOW  
Dancers are Kelly  
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Andrews,  
Choreographer is Stanton  
Welch,  
Ballet is Swan Lake.

Photo by Jim Caldwell



Swan-Lake presented by the Houston Ballet, an experience never to be forgotten.

## Special Mention: Alvin Ailey



Photo by Paul Kolnik



Photo by Howard Schatz

### SPA Honors Black History Month Through Performance

Story by Darrel Holnes

Some people do not believe in miracles, but a bit of the supernatural is revealed when Alvin Ailey's Dance Theatre performed. This year the company performed, courtesy of the Society of Performing Arts, at Jones Hall located in Houston's Theatre District.

The company performed ballets and dances choreographed by Judith Jameson. Their performance included their signature piece, the legendary ballet, "Revelations."

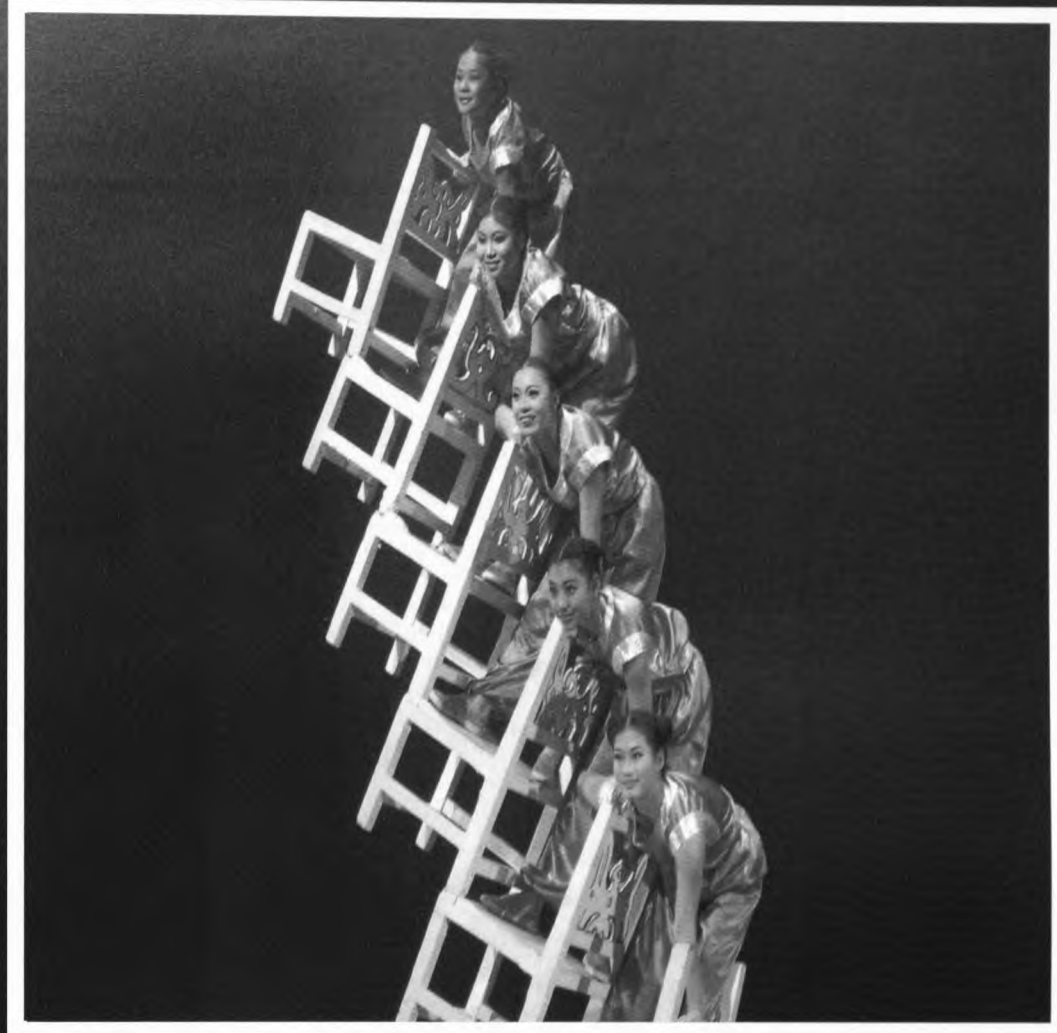
Electrifying dance moves, special effects, and costumes merely added to the breathtaking moves of the skilled professional dancers on stage. The audience seemed instantly captivated by the grace and agility of the performers. While the entire presentation proved impressive, the mere movement of the dancers on stage was astounding.

In 1989, Judith James took over as director of the company upon Alvin Ailey's death. Evidently she has filled her predecessor's shoes judging from the company's performance of "Revelations."

This presentation, brought forth during Black History Month, honored African-American heritage and their contribution to American life and culture.

Thus, Alvin Ailey issues 'Special Mention' and certainly deserves some special attention.

Photo courtesy of IAI Presentations, Inc.



The best cultural performances in Houston this year were courtesy of SPA  
ABOVE: Peking Acrobats,  
BELOW: Break! Urbanfunk Spectacular

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# Theatre in Houston: Like Never Before

Photos courtesy of Houston Grand Opera





The whole city cheers for the bullfighters at HGO's April performance of Carmen starring Beatrice Uria-Monzon as Carmen



Photo by Michael Daniel  
(L-R) Steven Epp as Harpagon in The Miser. It ran in April on the Hubbard Stage of the Alley Theatre.



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 (L-R) Steven Epp as Harpagon in *The Miser*. It ran in April on the Hubbard Stage of the Alley Theatre.



Photo by John Everett  
 (L-R) Elizabeth Heflin as Vivien Leigh, Jeffrey Bean as Kenneth Tynan, and Elizabeth Bunch as the Joan Plowright in *Orson's Shadow*. *Orson's Shadow* ran in April on the Nehaus Stage of the Alley Theatre.



Photo by John Everett  
 (L-R) Elizabeth Bunch as the Joan Plowright and James Black as Laurence Olivier in *Orson's Shadow*. *Orson's Shadow* ran in April on the Nehaus Stage of the Alley Theatre.

Spotlight: Beauty and the Beast  
(at the Theatre Under the Stars)



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Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960-1988)  
Boy and Dog in a Johnnyump  
1982  
Acrylic and oil paint stick, and spray paint on canvas

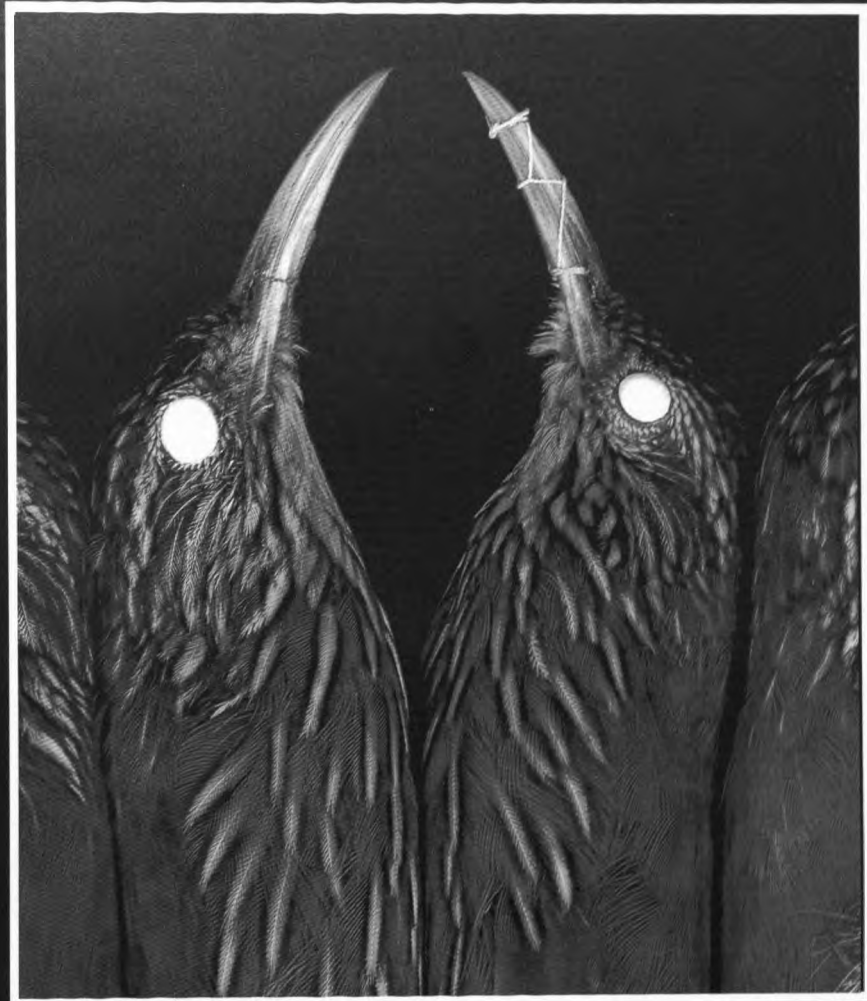
# MFAH Special Attention: Basquiat

Photos by Lizzie Himmel



Piece by Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960-1988)  
Trumpet  
1984  
Acrylic and oil paint stick on canvas  
Private Collection,  
Courtesy of the Norton Museum of Art

# Fotofest 2006



Piece by Jules Greenberg  
Fallen VI  
2005  
Featured in Artists Responding to Violence in Fotofest 2006



Dien Bien Phu

Piece by Liza Nguyen  
Dien Bien Phu, from Surface  
2004  
Featured in Artists Responding to Violence in Fotofest 2006

they took many risks

they were arrested many times

Piece by Alfredo Jaar  
from The Sound of Silence  
2006  
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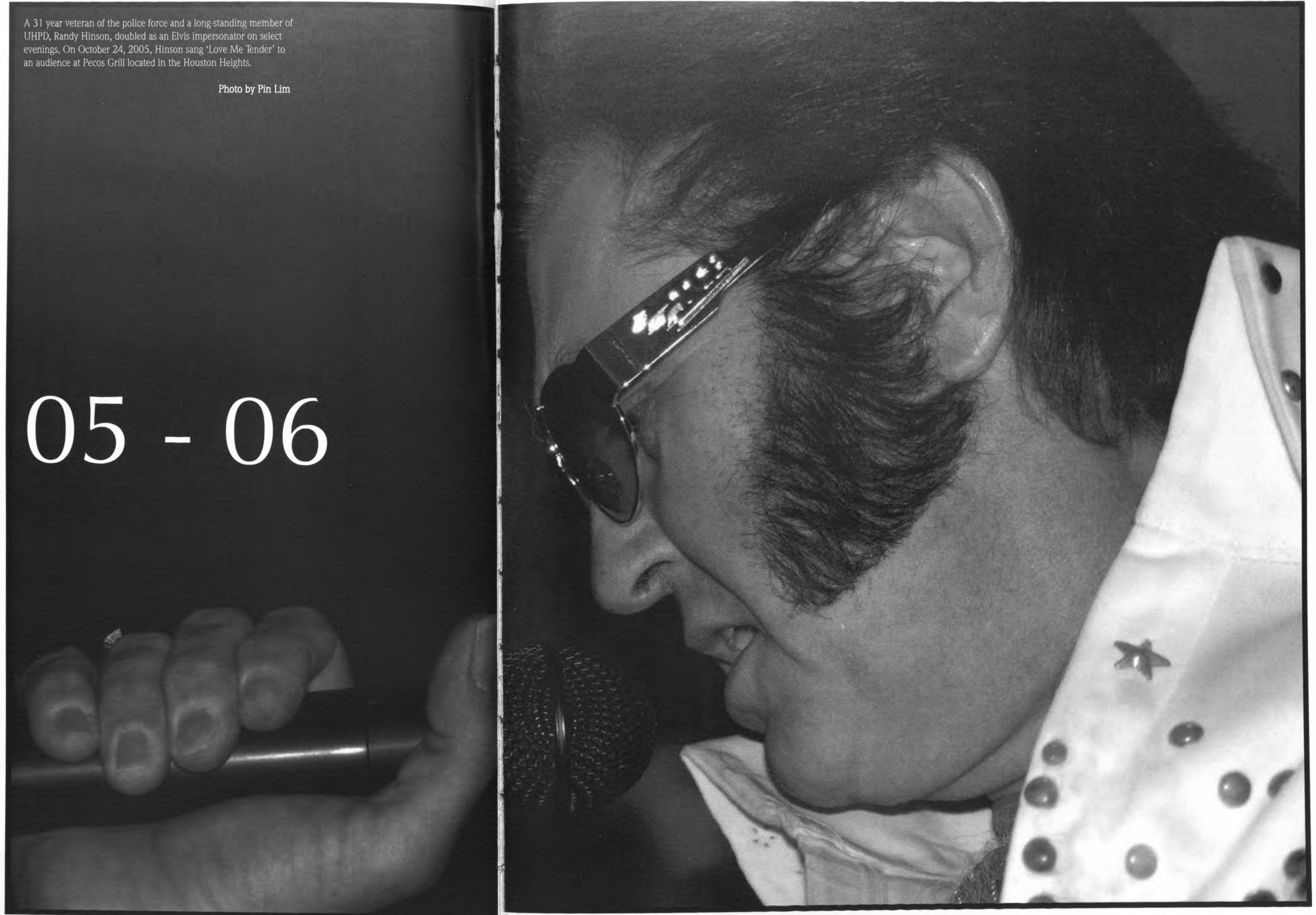
they were called the Bang-Bang Club

they witnessed too many murders

A 31 year veteran of the police force and a long-standing member of UHPD, Randy Hinson, doubled as an Elvis impersonator on select evenings. On October 24, 2005, Hinson sang 'Love Me Tender' to an audience at Pecos Grill located in the Houston Heights.

Photo by Pin Lim

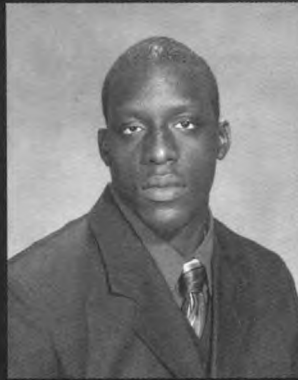
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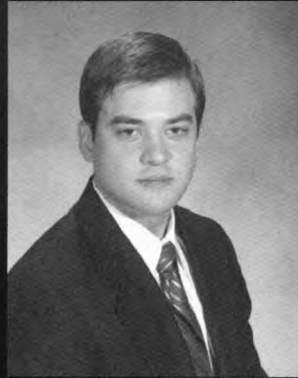
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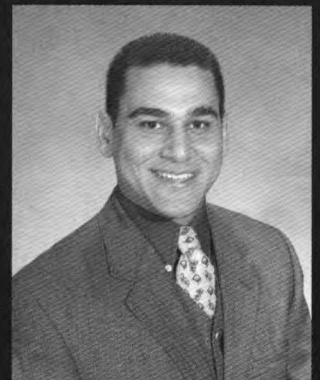
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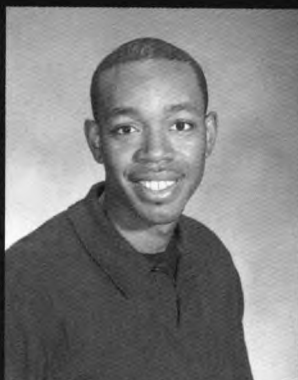
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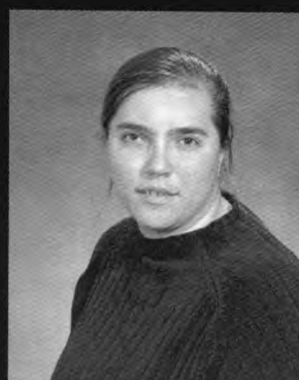
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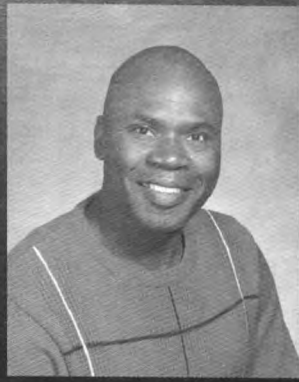


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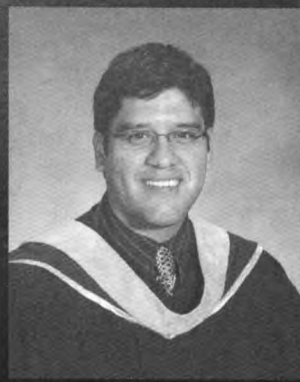




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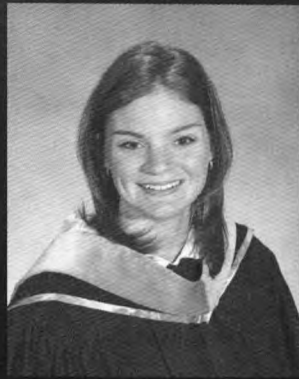
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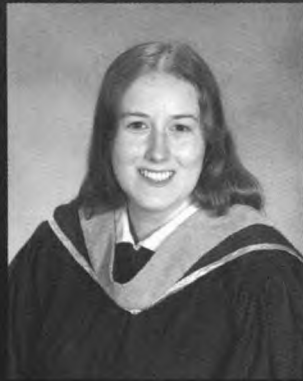


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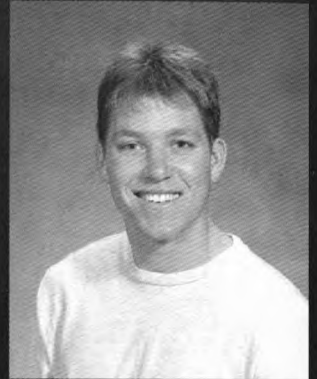
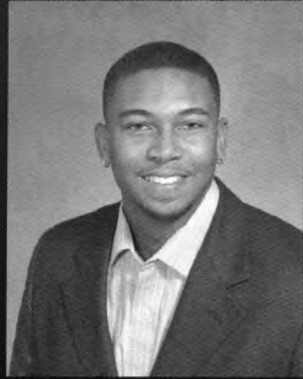


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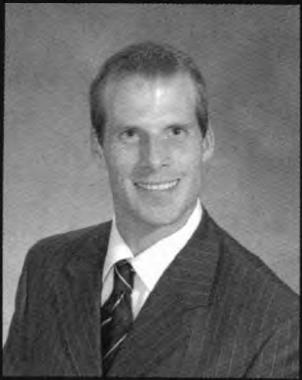


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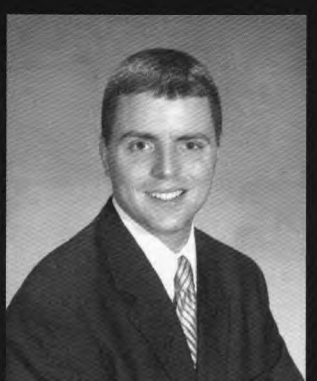
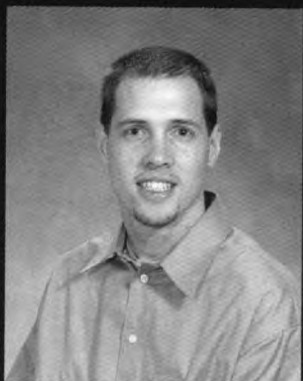


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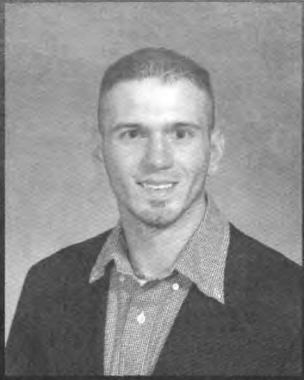


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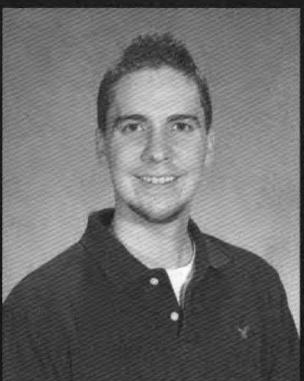


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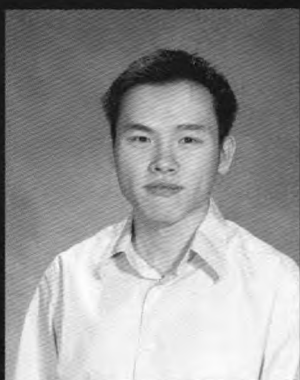


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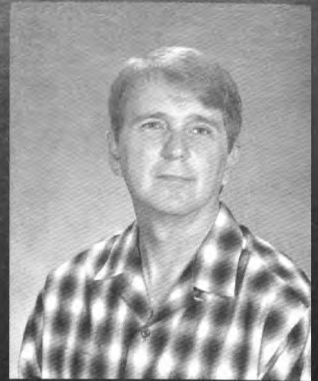
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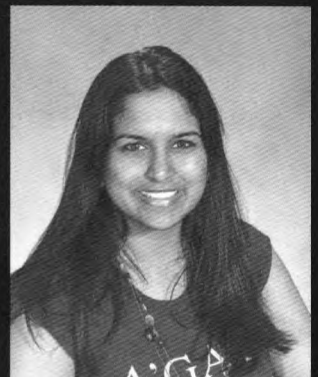
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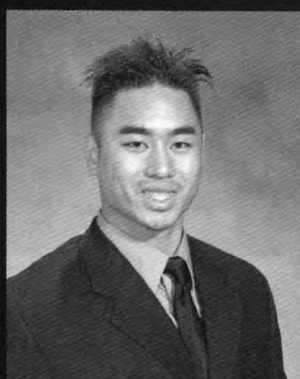
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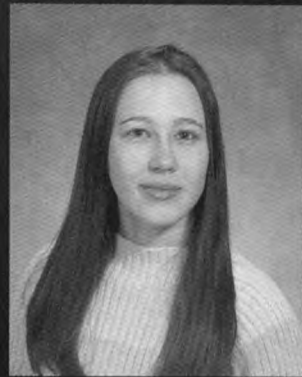


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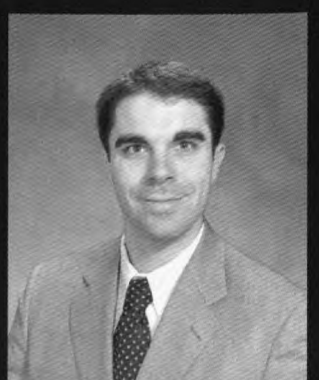
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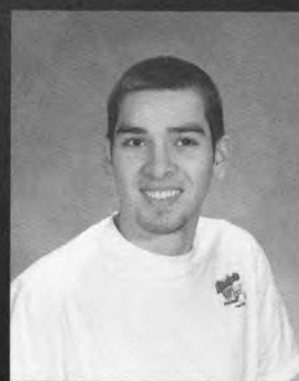


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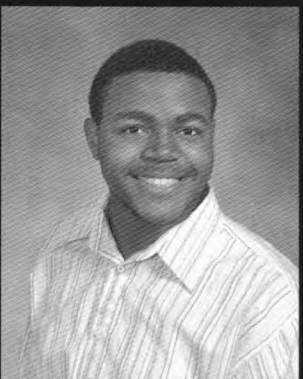


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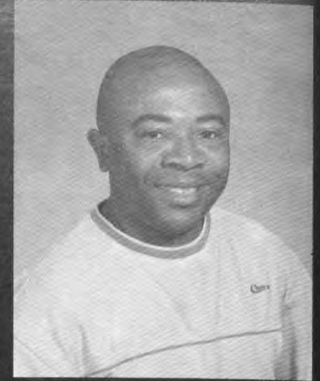
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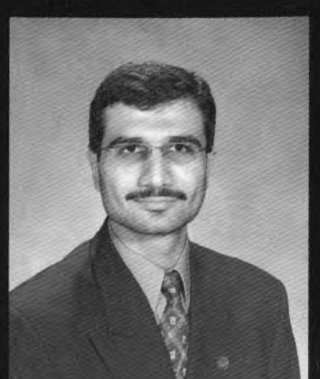
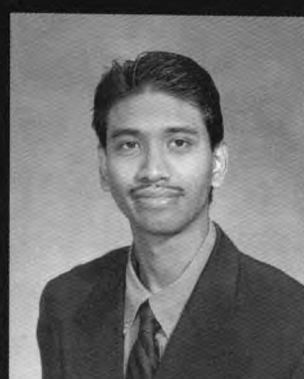
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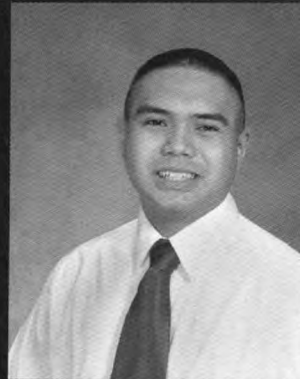
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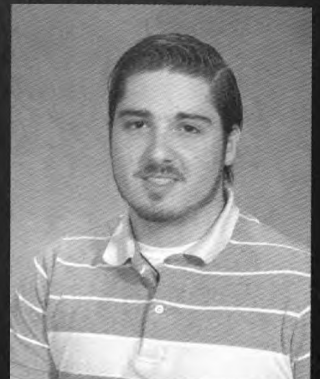
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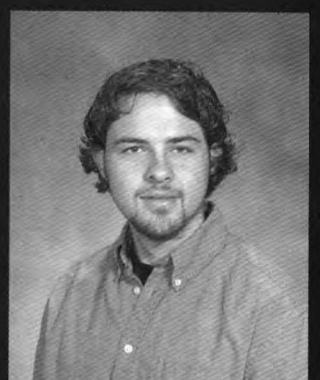
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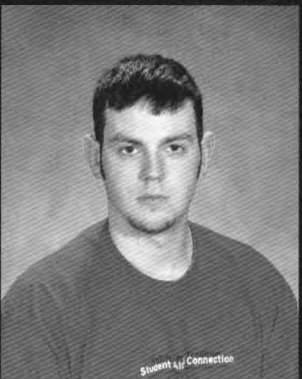


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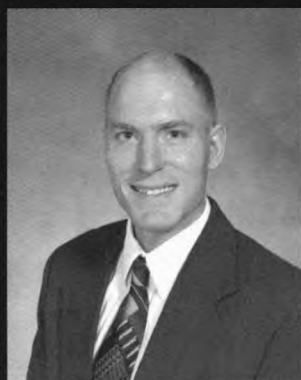


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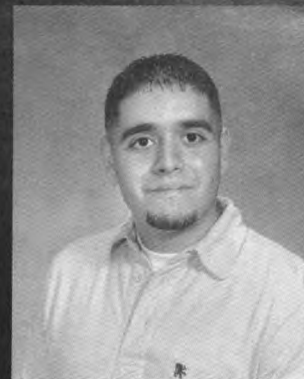
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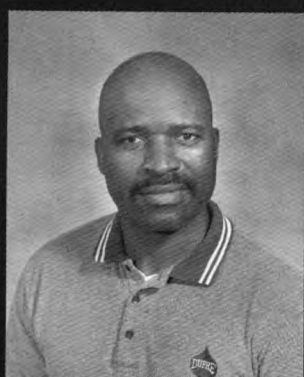
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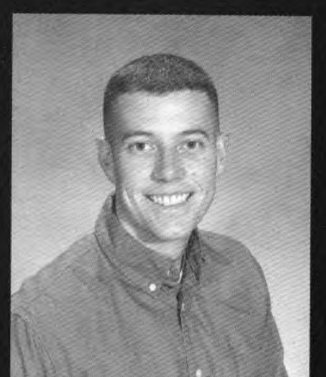
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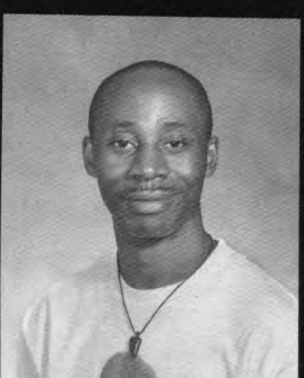
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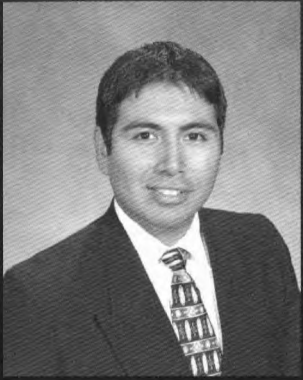


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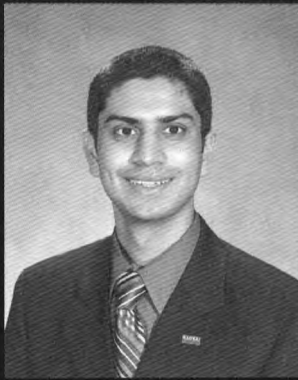


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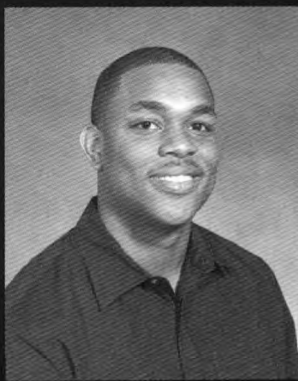


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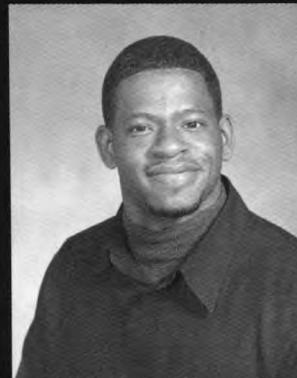
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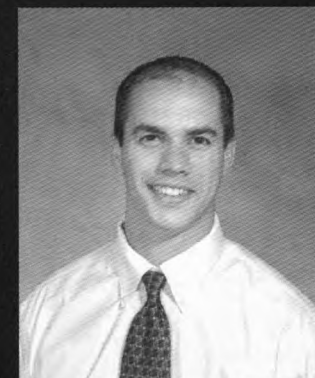
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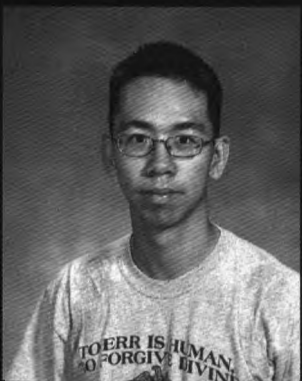


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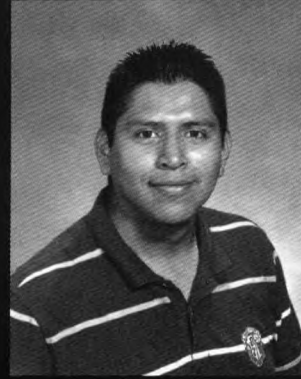
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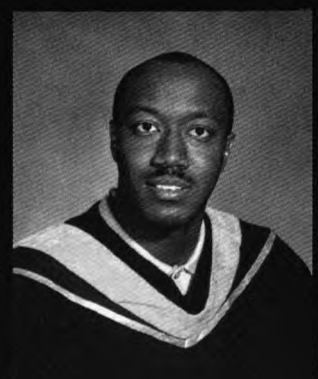
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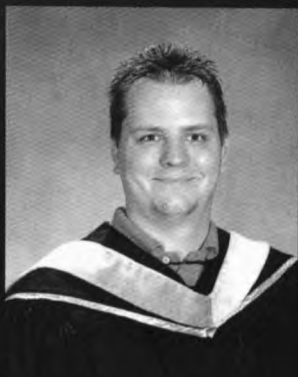


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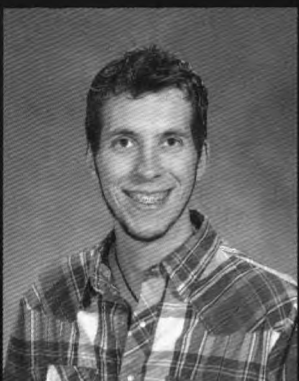


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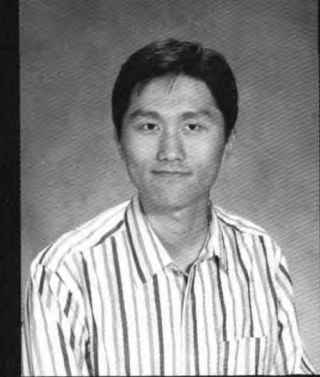
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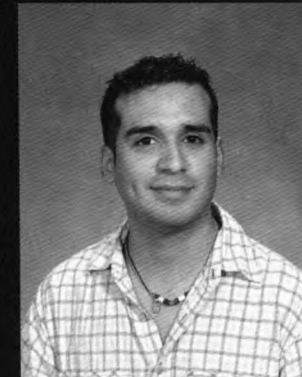
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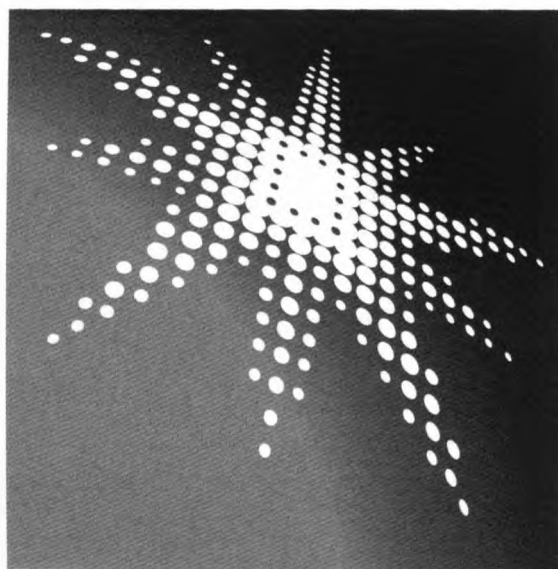


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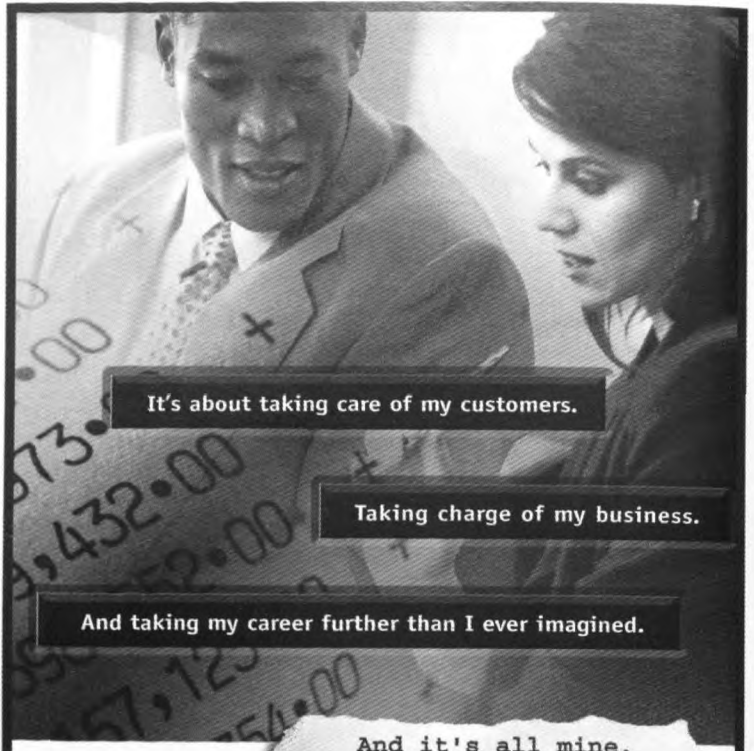
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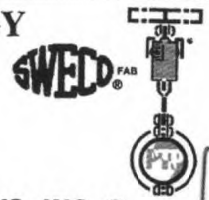
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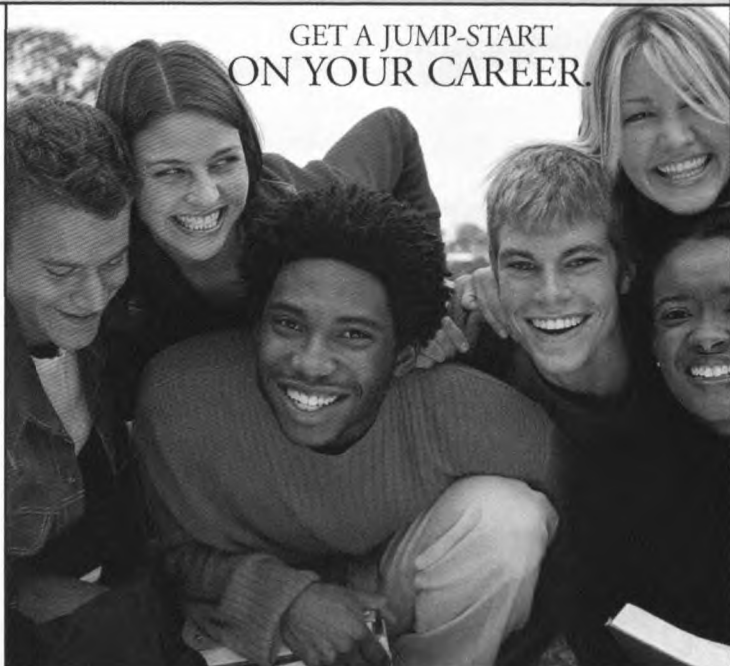
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