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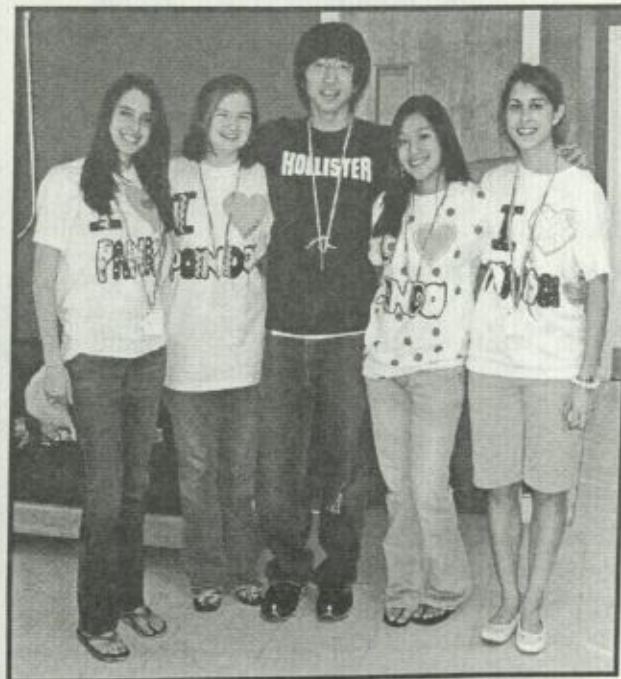


Perennial favorite activities at ADVANCE include playing cards, shopping at Goodwill, and participating in anything messy!

Right: Maddie Ferguson makes a potatoe friend. Far right: Olivia Poland and Joseph Tang share tunes during a break from Algebra 2.

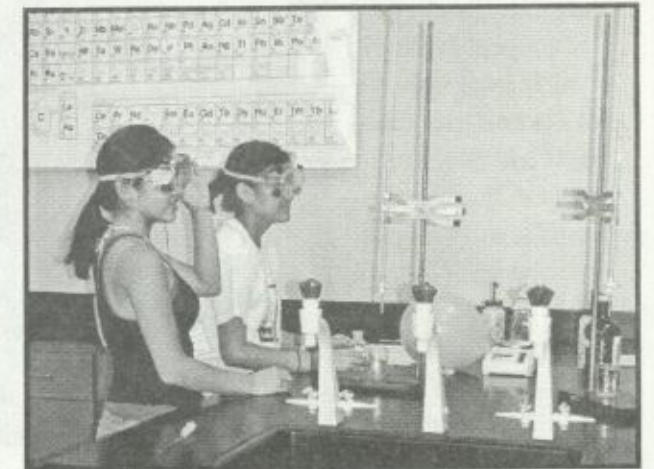
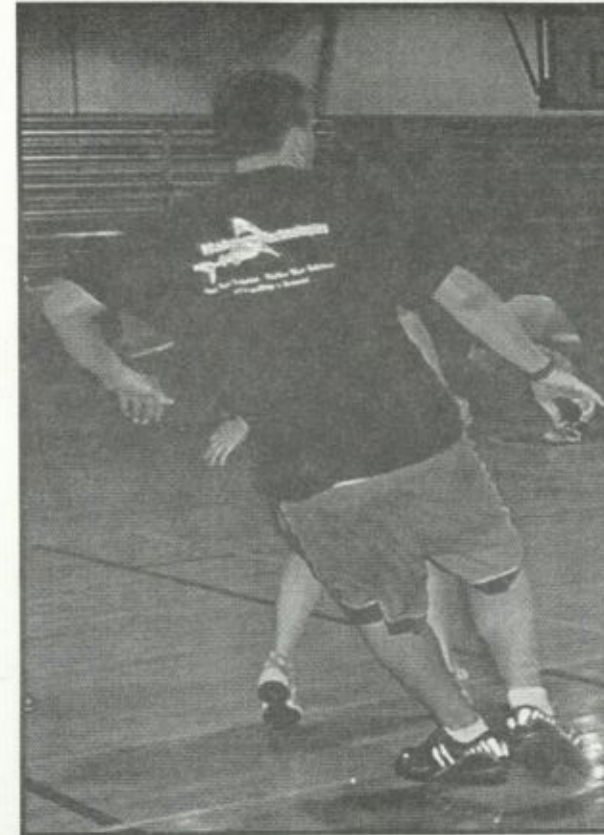


Above (from left): Jacob Gautreaux, Paz Naccari, and Jackie New on a field trip to Melrose Plantation. Right: Stephen Finigan...always the gentleman. Far right (from left): Candace Blacklock, Hannah Roberts, Michael "Panda" Lee, Sophie Huang, and Meredith Ventura.



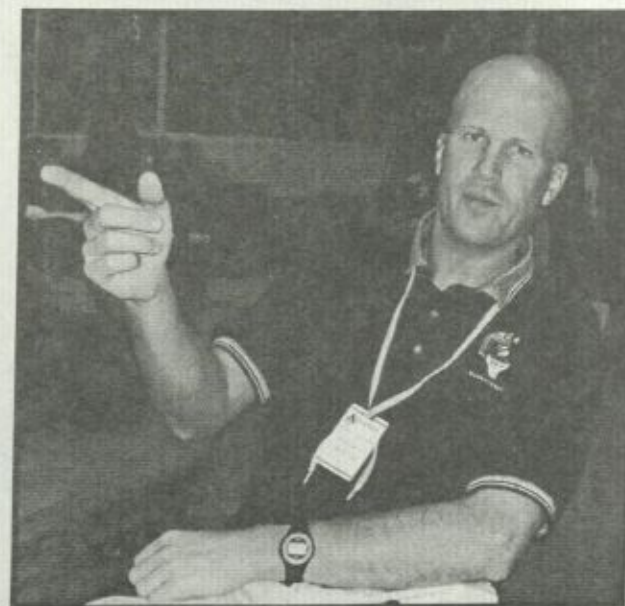
ADVANCE Program makes memories

Left: Erik Istre is a dominating presence at Dodgeball (aka: Deathball). Below (from left): Sophie Huang and Jo-Ann Deasis in the chemistry lab.



Left: Josh Douglas (TA) shows his flour power (ADVANCE style) at messy games.

Front row (from left): Pat Gresham (Counselor), Harriette Palmer (Assistant Director).
 Back row (from left): Janet Darfus (Nurse), David Wood (Director).
 Below (from left): Maria Kohls (Coordinator of Residential Life) and Allyson Neely (Office Manager/Copy Queen).
 Below right: The legendary Dale Clingerman (Night Security).



Administration & Faculty



Front row (from left) Dr. David Lambert (Biology), Ms. Rebecca Penfield (Algebra 1), Dr. Randy Back (Physics), Mr. Mazhar Jamil (Pre-calculus). Second row (from left) Mr. Dave Andersen (C++), Ms. JoAnn Forrest (Psychology), Dr. Nate Pritts (Film Studies), Ms. Mary Brocato (Journalism), Dr. Leon Hsu (Analog Electronics).



Front row (from left) Mr. Dallas Robertson (Algebra 2), Ms. Lillian Cutshall (Geometry), Ms. Kristalyn Nelson (Antebellum South). Second row (from left) Ms. Autumn Grant (Anthropology), Dr. Chris Hynes (Chemistry), Mr. David Zolzer (Digital Design & Animation), Mr. Ralph Adamo (Creative Writing).

Teaching Assistants



First row (from left): Benjamin Fortin (Digital Design & Animation), Katie Lopez (Journalism), Marie Maher (Chemistry), Katie May (Anthropology), Josh Douglas (Psychology), Katie Finch (Algebra 1). Second row (from left): Allison Dollar (Biology), Lauren Scott (Computer Science), Cat Calhoun (Antebellum South), Jeremy Jinks (Analog Electronics), Andee Savoy (Algebra 2), Chris Bowes (Creative Writing). Third row (from left): David Beier (Film Studies), Edward Tran (Pre-calculus), Evan Boswell (Physics). In tree: Stephen Finigan (Geometry).

Far right: Dan Jaffrani and Katie Finch (TA) study for Algebra 1. Right: Phillip Dentino and Benjamin Fortin (TA) review for Digital Design & Animation.



Classes



Algebra 1

First row (from left): Michael Ong, Ricky Changlani, Rebecca Penfield (Instructor), Callie Baker, Willy Lin, Steven Guo, Katie Finch (TA), Ambert Yeh, Patrick Yeung. Second row (from left): J. J. Gallien, Alex Williams, Dan Jaffrani, Mackenzie Fredricks, Naomi Siegmund, Jason Liu, Ashlei McDonald, Judy Wang.

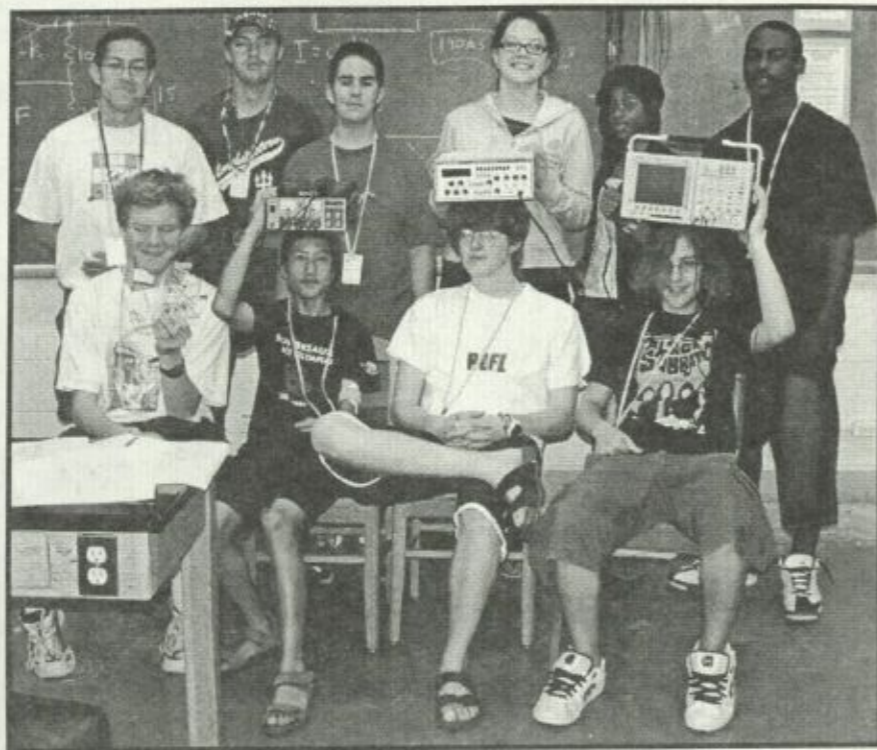


Algebra 2

First row (from left): Daniel Comeaux, Christen Edens, Olivia Poland, Hannah Roberts, Lynn Troung. Second row (from left): Andee Savoy (TA), Dallas Robertson (Instructor), Joseph Tang, Adithya Yadalam. Back row (from left): David Zhang, Anupam Reddy.

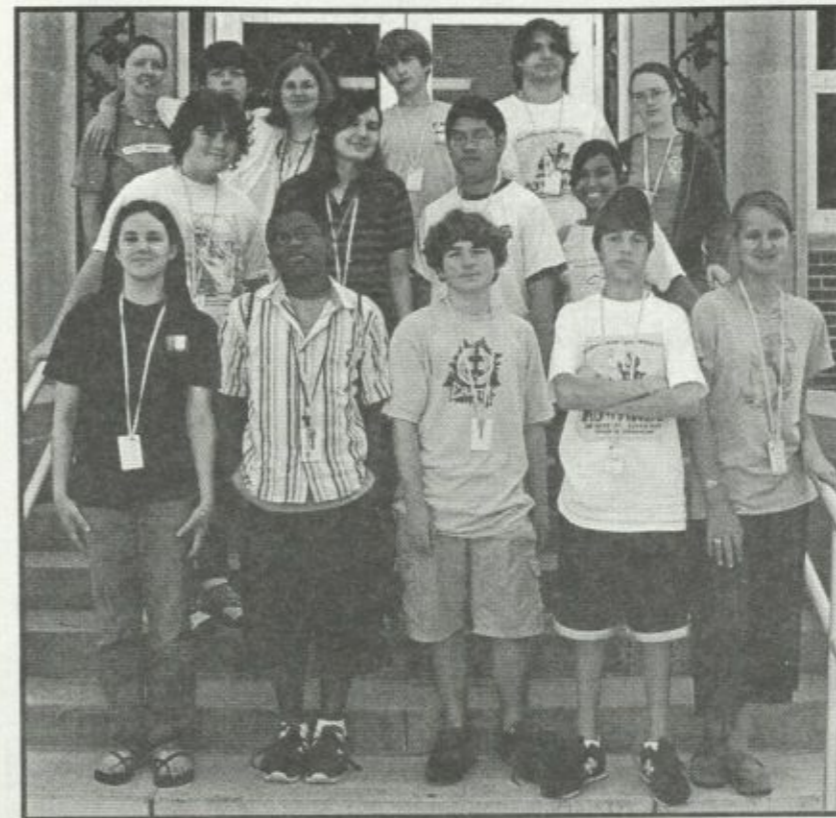
Analog Electronics

Front row (from left): Eric Ristroph, Tony Tzeng, Steven Green, Rick Swan. Back row (from left): Leon Hsu (Instructor), Jeremy Jinks (TA), Stephen Dufrene, Brittany Zeto, Ashley Bailey, Durrán Mitchell.



Antebellum South

Front: Jackie New. Second row (from left): Cat Calhoun (TA), Emily Gootee, Mariam Mathai, Isobel Pribil, Rachel Quay, Brittney Dickerson. Back row (from left): Uzair Qarni, Mariam Molani, Sharon Shih, Jacob Gautreaux, Kristalyn Nelson (Instructor), Rachel Segrest.

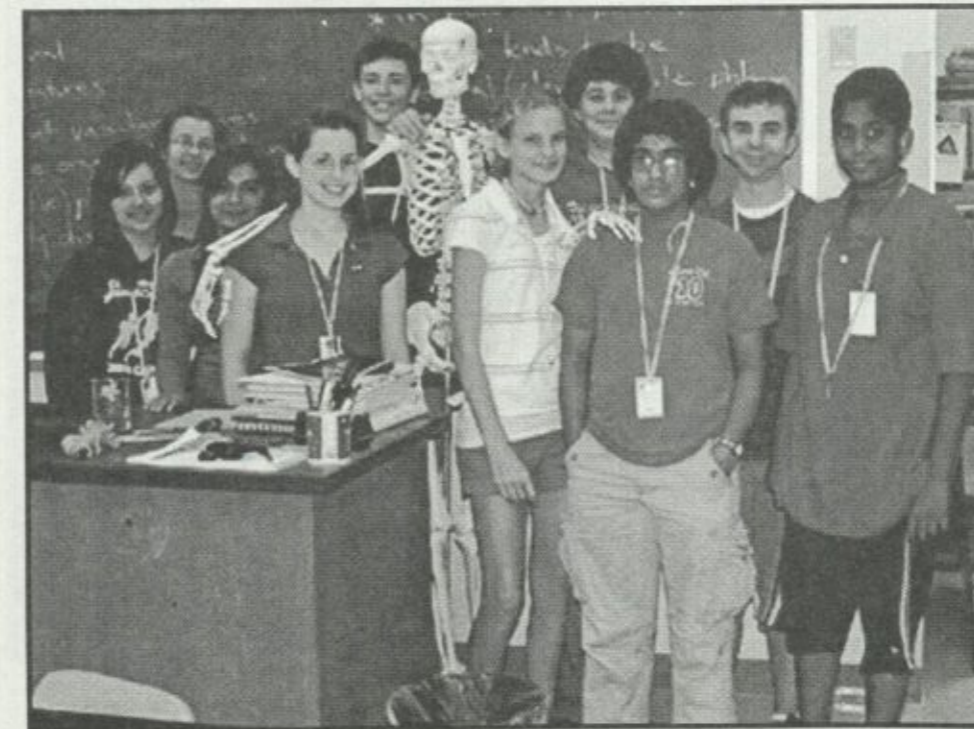


Anthropology

First row (from left): Danielle Basford, Chris Pruitt, Brian Byrd, Mason Romain, Ryan Jalbert. Second row (from left): Max New, Andrea Rachel, Michael Leung, Misha Molani. Back row (from left): Autumn Grant (Instructor), Daniel Fouquet, Katie May (TA), Nick Vicari, Erik Haydel, Paz Naccari.

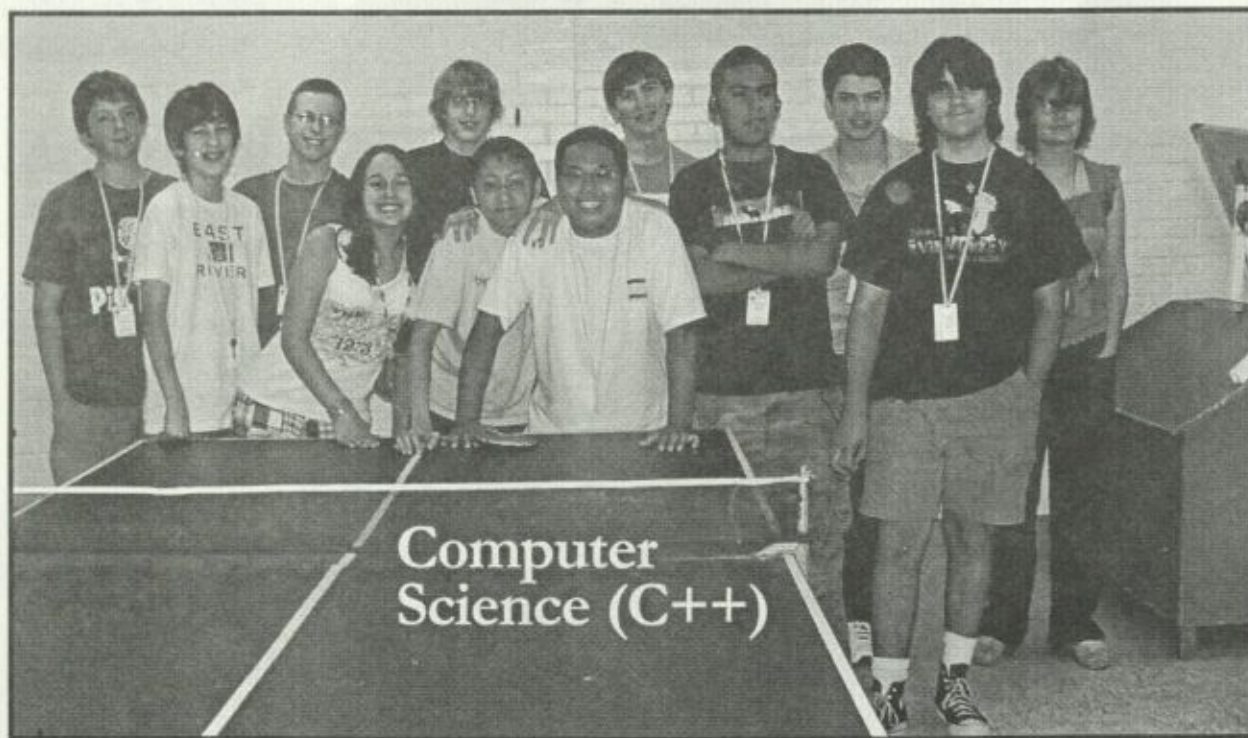
Biology

First row (from left): Natalie Domingue, Nikki Changlani, Lizzie O'Gorman, Lizzy Florek, Tommy John, Vijay Kata. Second row (from left): Allison Dollar (TA), Alex Stokes, Fred (the skeleton), Haydel Collins, Stephen Elfer.



Chemistry

Front: Dr. Chris Hynes (Instructor). First row (from left) James McCurdy, Dillon Thompson, Michael Lee, Kevin Stanga, Nick Amin. Second row (from left): Ashley Pleasant, Marie Maher (TA), Sophie Huang, Candace Blacklock, Meredith Ventura, Jo-Ann Deasis.

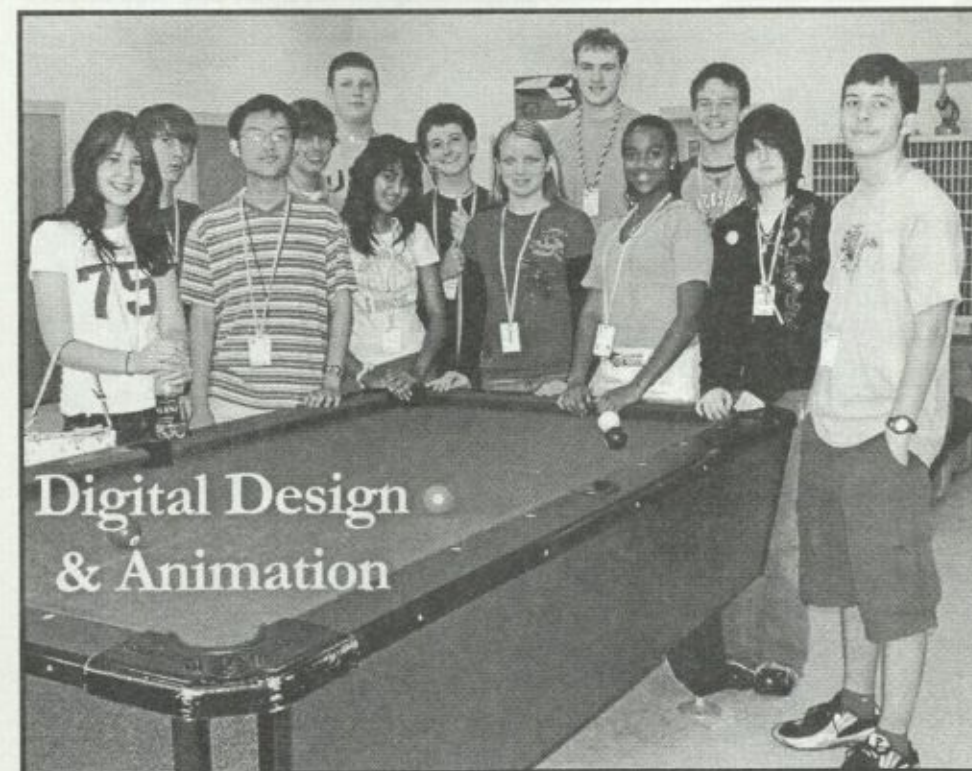


First row (from left): Calvin Davis, Amanda Marek, Scott Li, Andy Cheng, David Cely, Sean Sonnier. Second row (from left): David Nichols, Kenny Gray, Evan Cordell, Garrett Cordes, Devin Rooney, Lauren Scott (TA).

Creative Writing



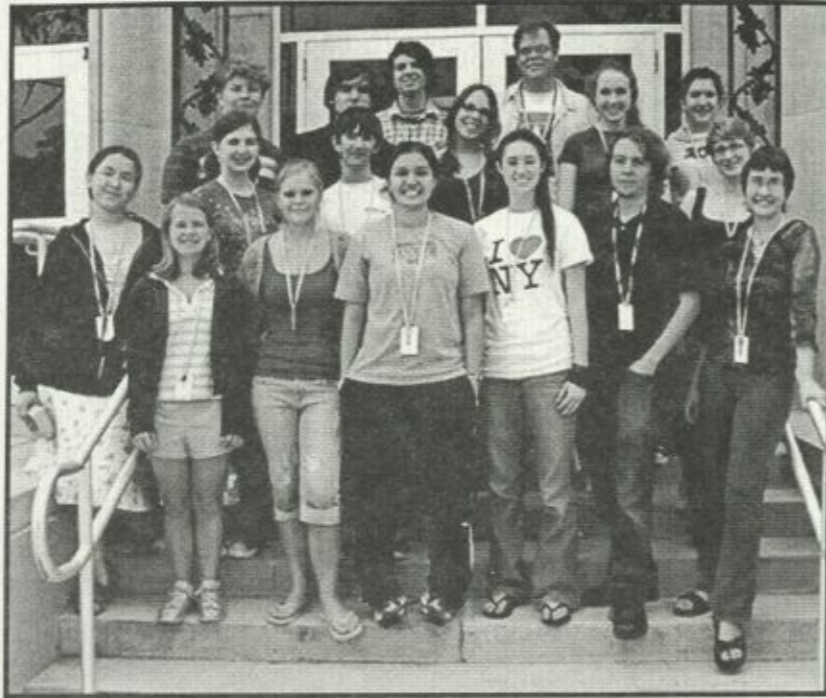
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First row (from left): Charlie Deese, Jesse Tan, Schar Khateeb, Lindsay Landry, Jassmine Holmes, Claire Detweiler, Victor Saber. Second row (from left): Josh Callandret, Phillip Dentino, Erik Istre, Doug Waguespack, Benjamin Fortin (TA), Garrett Vick.

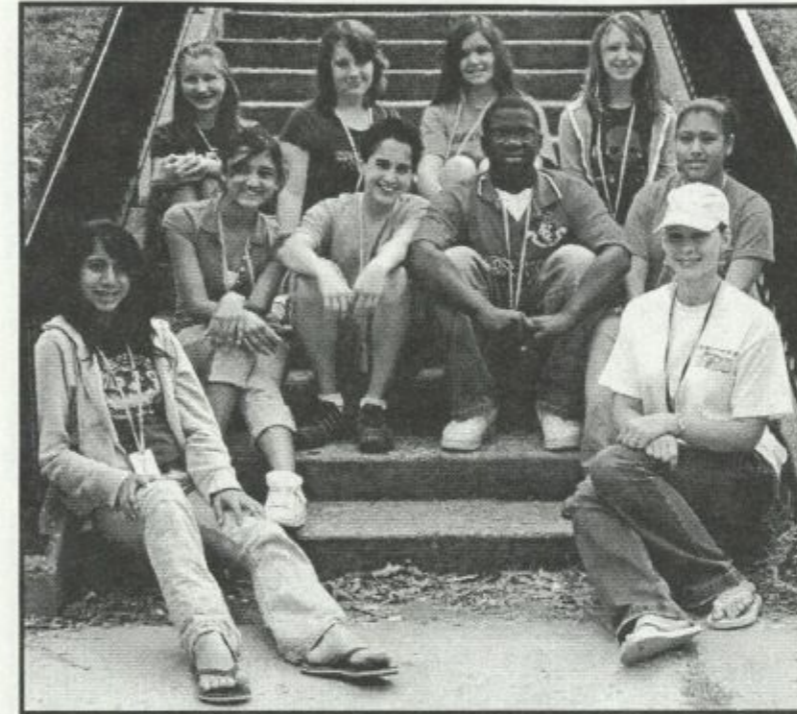
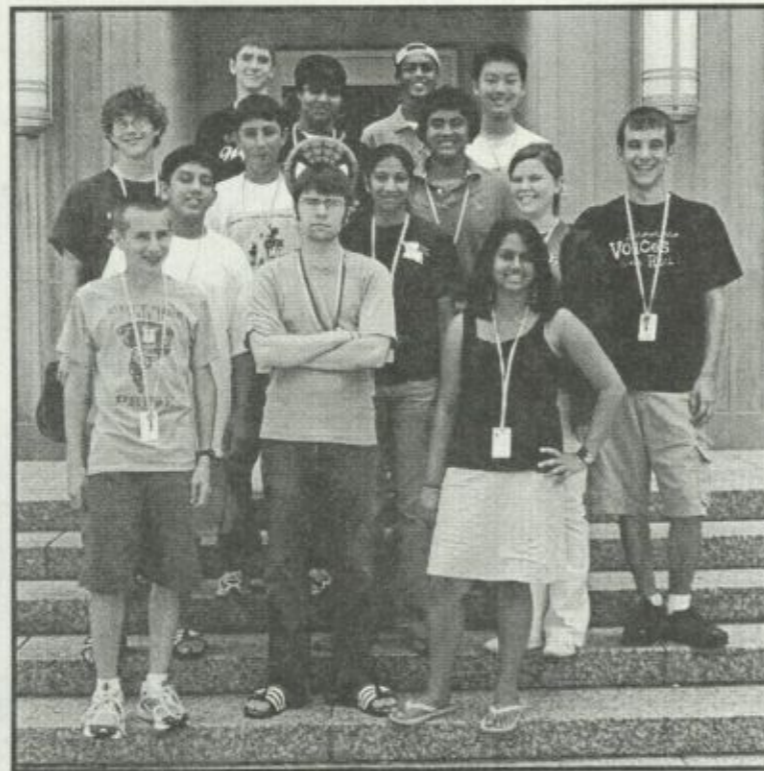
Film Studies

First row (from left): Heather Hale, Alexa Swan, Brenna Slowey-Thomas, Jessica Rash, Liz Roberts, David Beier (TA), Isabelle Jargowsky. Second row (from left): Kelly O'Quinn, Andrew Galatas, Corinne Bachaud, Casey Moser, Erica Catlett. Back row (from left): Lee Barnett, Jackson Wimberly, Devin Mullin, Nate Pritts (Instructor), Sara Lowenburg.



Geometry

First row (from left): Chance Tarver, Stephen Finigan (TA), Kriti Upadhyay. Second row (from left): Ali Siddiqui, Bijel Patel, Caroline Stokes, Michael Smith. Third row (from left): Charles Bryan, Esteban Espitia, VJ Gandhi. Back row (from left): Andrew Holmes, Ahad Mussarat, Grey Elerson, Edward Wu.



Journalism

First row (from left): Nadia Rahman, Katie Lopez (TA). Second row (from left): Hira Qarni, Alex Ashkar, Doven Glover, Stephanie Morales. Third row (from left): Catherine Tucker, Kelsey Mayfield, Tiffany Burke, Kate Rash.



Physics

First row (from left): Kate Elfer, Naiha Mussarat, Niha Jain, Seema Kumar, Tammy Gudipati. Second row (from left): Evan Boswell (TA), Joe O'Gorman, Insun Chun, Sid Puri.

Pre-calculus

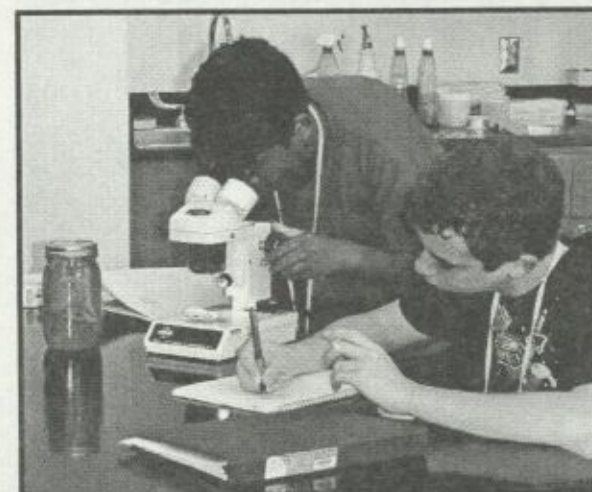
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Alice Yeh, Kelly Zhang, Daisy Fok.
Second row (from left): Kittu
Pannu, Edward Tran (TA),
Cory Jones.



First row (from left): Sophia Jargowsky, Rachel Johnson, Robin Bowman, Taylor Jambon, Chris Wendling, Catherine Ebey. Standing (from left): Josh Douglas (TA), Jamie Park, Christie Duronslet, Thomas Prince, Daniel Segrest, Lindsay Boley, Mabry Broach, Delaney Webb, Hannah Roberts.

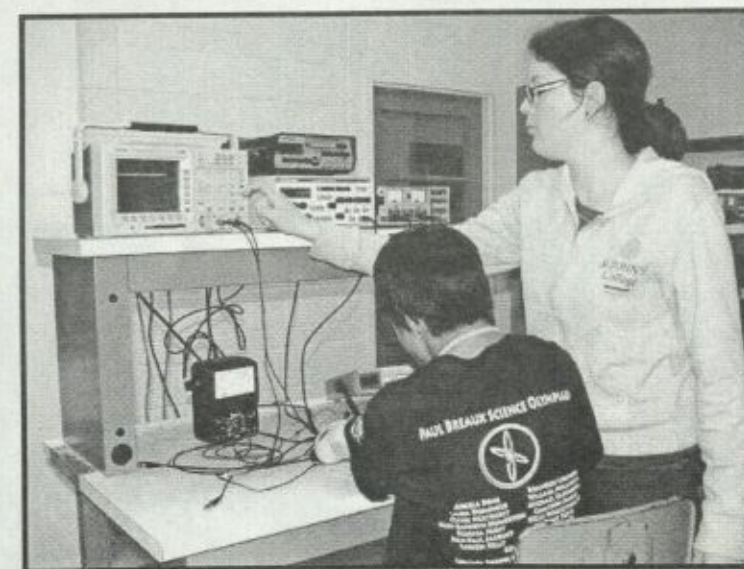
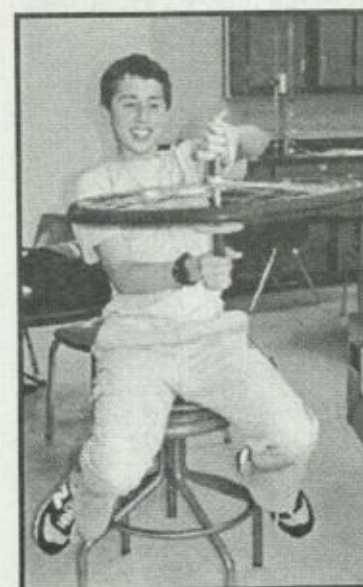


Left: (from left): Nick Amin and Dr. Chris Hynes in the chemistry lab. Below left (from left): Vijay Kata and Stephen Elfer enjoy the biology lab. Below right (from left): Kenny Gray and Evan Cordell learn to program in computer science.

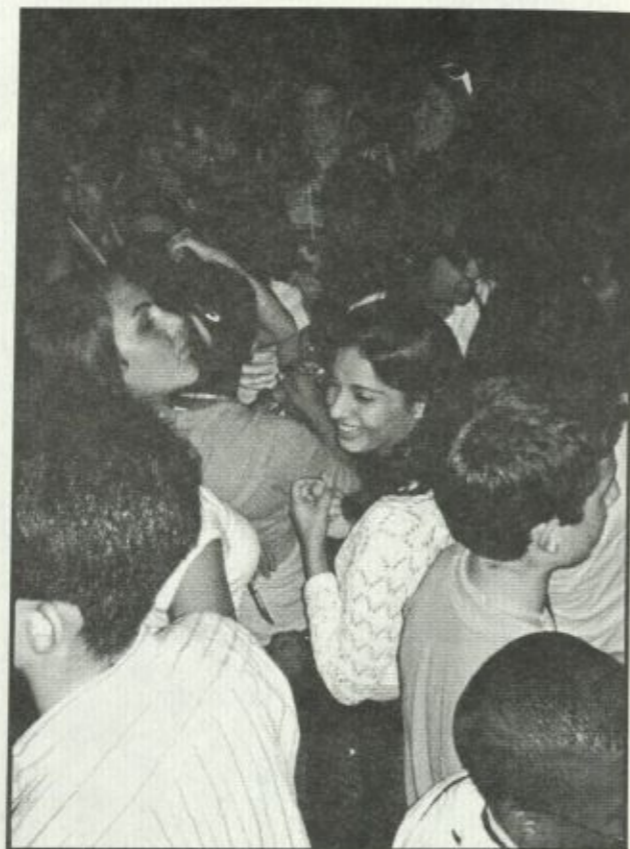


ADVANCE is great for hands-on learning

Bottom left: Joe O'Gorman in the physics lab. Bottom right: Tony Tzeng and Brittany Zeto are challenged by analog electronics.



...and the best dances
ANYWHERE!



Residential Advisers



Above: Jason Stelly (RA) pours it on at messy games.
Right: Seth DuBois (RA) is our very own superhero!



Front row (from left): Isobel Pribil, Olivia Poland. Second row (from left): Andrea Rachel, Lindsay Landry, Lindsay Boley, Corinne Bachaud, Ally Nevarez (RA), Amanda Marek. Standing (from left): Kelly Zhang, Erica Catlett, Elise Prete, Christen Edens, Heather Connelly.



Cat

First row (from left): Heather Hale, Kelsey Mayfield, Mabry Broach, Cat Collins (RA), Rachel Johnson (on Cat's back). Second row (from left): Hannah Roberts, Kate Rash, Delaney Webb, Tiffany Burke.



Front row (from left): Catherine Ebey, Isabelle Jargowsky, Ashley Bailey, Emily Gootee, Kate Elfer. Back row (from left): Chris Wendling, Brittany Zeto, Jessica Rash, Celia Mangham (RA), Liz Roberts, Seema Kumar, Christie Duronslet, Jackie New.



First row (from left): Calvin Davis, Garrett Vick, Daniel Comeaux, Dustin Noel, Tony Tzeng, Stephen Elfer, Max New. Second row (from left) Sean Sonnier, Esteban Espitia, Devin Drouant (RA), Doven Glover, Stephen Levy.

Daniel (aka: Jelly)

Front (left to right): Andrew Galatas, Daniel "Jelly" Lusk (RA), Adithya Yadalam. Back row (from left) Jackson Wimberly, Kevin Stanga, Jesse Tan, Michael Lee, Lynn Truong, Scott Li. Back row (from left): Garrett Cordes, Dillon Thompson.



Eliane

Bent over: Mariam Molani. First row (from left): Ashley Pleasant, Sharon Shih, Mariam Mathai, Eliane Spaar (RA), Bijel Patel (on Eliane's back). Second row (from left): Claire Detweiler, Charlie Deese, Danielle Basford, Paz Nacarti, Maddie Ferguson, Tammi Gudipati, Jo-Ann Deasis.

Jason

First row (from left): Patrick Johnson, Mason Romain, Tommy John, Brian Byrd. Second row (from left): James McCurdy, Mason Joiner, Dan Jaffrani, Michael Ong. Back row (from left): Jason Stelly (RA), Nick Vicari, Daniel Fouquet, VJ Gandhi, Chance Tarver.



Jeannique

Seated (from left): Sophie Huang, Candace Blacklock, Naiha Mussarat, Niha Jain, Daisy Fok, Alice Yeh. Standing (from left): Lizzy Florek, Lizzie O'Gorman, Sehar Khateeb, Lana Skrypnyk, Hannah Roberts, Meredith Ventura, Jeannique Darby (RA).

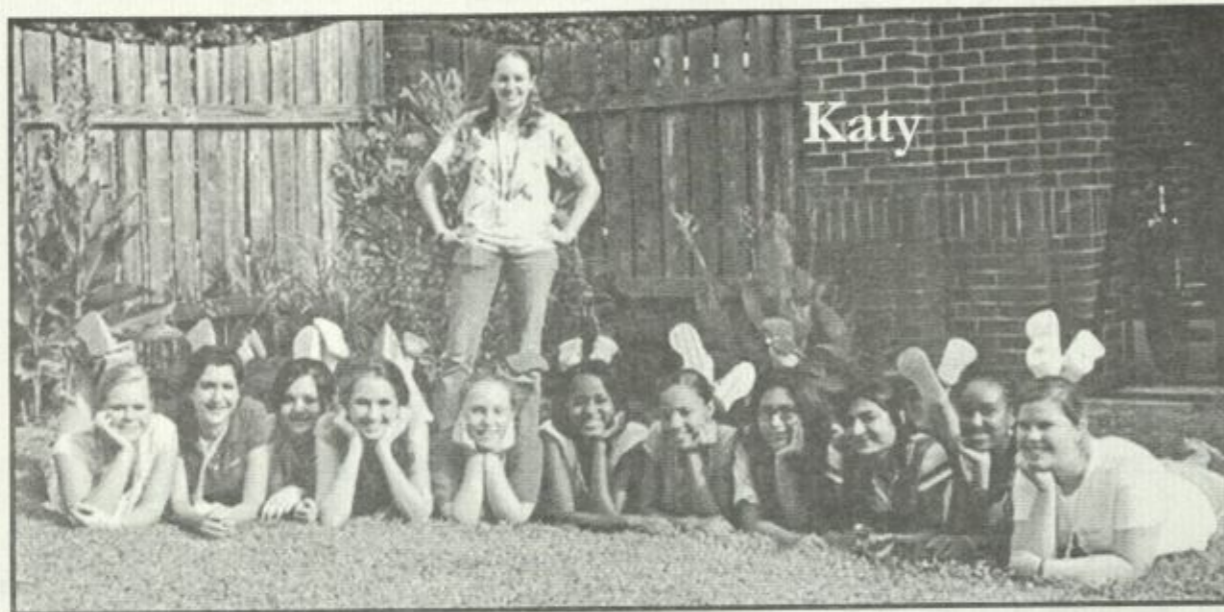


Jenny

Seated (from left): Sophia Jargowsky, Kelly O'Quinn, Jenny Zhang (RA), Mackenzie Fredricks, Callie Baker. Standing (from left): Taylor Jambon, Ryan Jalbert, Catherine Tucker, Alexa Swan.



Standing: John Durham (RA). From left: Jacob Gautreaux, Devin Mullin, Devin Rooney, Insun Chong, Erik Haydel, Kittu Pannu, Steven Green, Li Lin, Kenny Gray, Eric Ristroph.



Standing: Katy Mulvaney (RA). On ground (left to right): Brenna Slowey-Thomas, Sara Lowenburg, Natalie Domingue, Casey Moser, Rachel Quay, Ashlei McDonald, Naomi Siegmund, Stephanie Morales, Nikki Changlani, Jasmine Holmes, Caroline Stokes.



First row (from left): Thomas Prince, Alex Williams, Charles Bryan, Kyle Boudreau (RA). Back row (from left): Edward Wu, David Cely, Ahad Mussarat, Phillip Dentino, Andrew Holmes, Lee Barnett, David Nichols, David Zhang, Nick Amin.



First row: Jason Liu. Second row (from left): Willy Lin, Chris Pruitt, J. J. Gallien, Rex New (RA), Rick Changlani, Steven Guo. Back row (from left): Patrick Yeung, Ambert Yeh, Alex Ashkar, Yong Lin, Nick LaRocca.



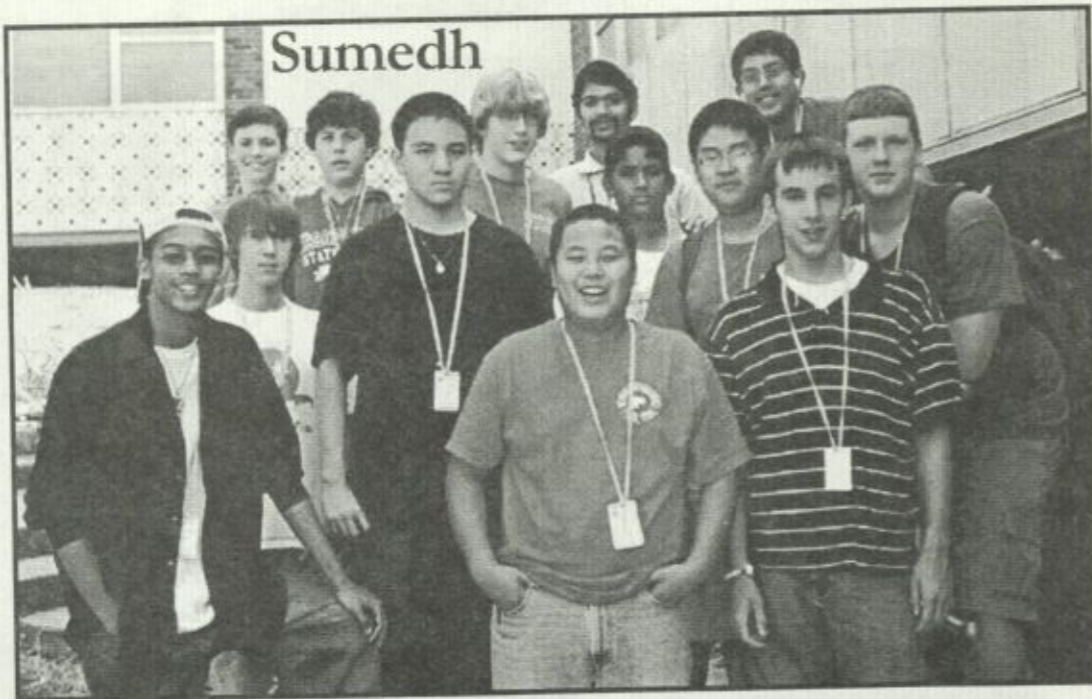
On ground (left to right): Judy Wang, Robin Bowman, Hira Qarni. Standing (from left): Amelia Robert, Rachel Segrest, Brittney Dickerson, Jamie Park, Kriti Upadhyay, Misha Molani, Nadia Rahman, Savannah Birdwell (RA).

Seth

First row (from left): Zach Veuleman, Victor Saber, Stephen Dufrene, Joe O'Gorman, Doug Waguespack. Second row (from left): Anupam Reddy, Sid Puri, Rick Swan, Seth DuBois (RA), Corey Jones, Uzair Qarni, Daniel Segrest, Durrán Mitchell.



Sumedh



First row (from left): Grey Elerson, Andy Cheng, Michael Smith. Second row (from left): Josh Callandret, Joseph Tang, Michael Leung, Erik Istre. Third row (from left): Alex Stokes, Haydel Collins, Evan Cordell, Vijay Kata. Back row (from left): Sumedh Deoras (RA), Ali Siddiqui.

ADVANCE Activities Activate Students

By Alexander Ashkar

The 2006 ADVANCE Program at NSU was jam-packed with activities that gave the 175 students a chance to enjoy themselves after a long day of college-level classes.

Sports activities at the 2006 ADVANCE Program included soccer, flag football, tennis, dodge ball, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, capture the flag, bowling and basketball.

The ADVANCE program also incorporated arts and crafts activities like beading, tie dying, Sculpey, making collages and bracelets, making yarn dolls, t-shirt and bottle decorating and creating duct tape accessories.

Large numbers of students turned out for some activities, but events like Sculpey weren't a big hit.

Middle right (from left): Lindsay Boley, Amanda Marek, Judy Wang, Christie Duronslet, Jenny Zhang (RA), and Kelly Zhang make toothbrush bracelets. Right: Too many participants to list for Capture the Flag.

Jason Liu, a 13-year-old participant of Sculpey, said only about five people showed up.

Benjamin Fortin, the teacher assistant for digital design and animation, said the real reason the Sculpey activity took place was to do away with all the old clay the ADVANCE Program had collected over the previous years.

Other activities included board games, card games, movies, Front Street, swing dancing, mud fights and dining at PJ's or Magee's.

Front Street gave students a tour of downtown Natchitoches and became one of the most liked activities during the ADVANCE Program.

Philippe Dentino, a first year student said, "ADVANCE had a great selection of activities. Fun for everyone."



Left (from left): Callie Baker, Katie Lopez (TA), Savannah Birdwell (RA), and Olivia Poland paint pillowcases.



Creative Cafeteria Cuisine at ADVANCE

By Nadia Rahman

The Advance cafeteria may not be Chef Emeril's first pick, but it's good enough for the Advance students.

The cafeteria served Advancers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Advancers came from six states and all had different eating habits. But they all had opinions about the food.

Second year Advance student studying the antebellum south Rachel Segrest said, "You eat more unhealthy here because there are more fried foods and starches."

Algebra I student Naomi Siegmund said, "When I eat such an early dinner, I get big time munchies at night."

Some students are vegetarians and others couldn't or wouldn't eat certain foods.

Sehar Khateeb, a vegetarian student at

Advance said, "They don't have that many options for vegetarians, which is unfair."

Digital animation student Jasmine Holmes said, "It's substance, not food."

On the other hand, residential advisor Savannah Birdwell said, "The cafeteria workers do the best they can with the ingredients they have."

Cafeteria worker Carita Simmons complained, "The cafeteria doesn't have enough budget for both the workers and the food."

First year anthropology student at Advance Misha Molani agreed, "They could do better with their fifty thousand dollar budget."

Algebra I student, Ashlei McDonald summed it up for everyone when she said, "It doesn't matter what they have, I'll eat it cause I'm hungry."

Saturday Night Fever ADVANCE Version

By Hira Qarni

Saturday Night Fever on the dance floor! It happened every weekend after Advancers scrubbed their dorm suites and then their faces.

A typical Saturday at ADVANCE consisted of breakfast, morning class, lunch, and then evening activity.

Some Advancers were tempted to sit back and relax, but even those who had used all their energy on dodge ball or DDR got really pumped up when it came time for the popular ADVANCE dances.

The dances were never ordinary and never predictable.

Students Mariam Mathai and Mariam Molani recalled when some of the male resident advisors dressed up as girls, while Naiha Mussarat, a physics student remembered,

"watching everyone jump up and down to stupid songs."

Fourth time ADVANCE student Uzair Qarni said, "There's always like a dance-off type thing that's pretty hilarious."

The dances started out with the usual chart topping songs requested by the students. But there was always time for ADVANCE favorites like "Istanbul (not Constantinople)." The dances always ended with "It's the End of the World (as we know it)."

Christine Wendling, a fifth-time Advancer, said, "A group of my friends can stand in a circle and go absolutely insane and no one will look at us twice because everyone else is doing exactly the same."

Below: Erik Haydel and Erica Catlett enjoy the dance. Below left: Too much fun for everyone!



Roommates & Relationships

By Catherine Tucker

Caddo Hall is a looming, red brick building. Inside are endless stairwells. But in the suites, the lonely rooms, the abandoned hallways and even the laundry rooms, memories remain, piled up like the dust on the floors.

The memories are of the relationships between ADVANCE roommates who lived in Caddo during the summer session but have now returned to their homes.

For three weeks, the students filled Northwestern State University's campus with activity. Students mingled, made new friends and created relationships with

their roommates. Some relationships became long lasting, but others never made it past the first week.

Some roommates became friends: helping each other, chatting and hanging out. However, other roommates were more distant.

Hannah Rose Roberts, a psychology student at ADVANCE, said her roommate "lets me borrow clothes, and I give her food sometimes."

Roberts said one of the best times they had together was "probably her making fun of Paris Hilton- that was really funny."

Delaney Webb, also a psychology student, said one of the best times she

had with her roommate was "eating ice cream together after lunch."

Patrick Johnson, a second year student didn't think having a roommate was hard. In fact, he thought his roommate was awesome.

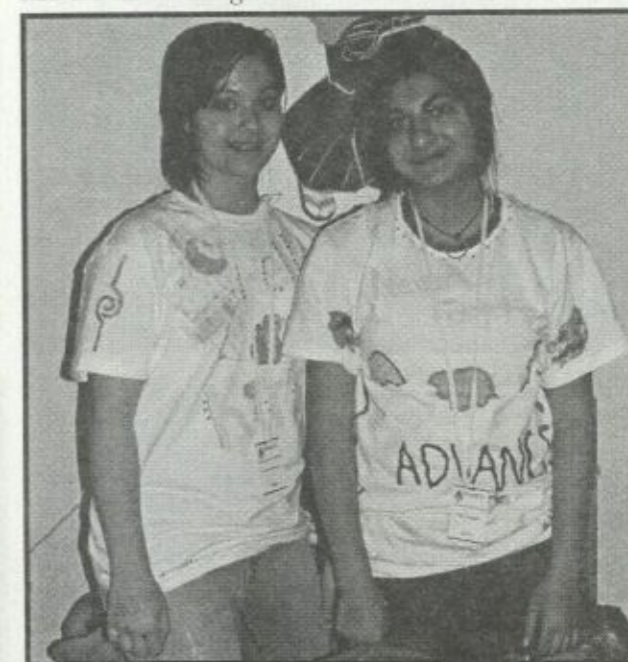
Sometimes, however, it can be difficult to have a roommate.

A student said, "They may live a different lifestyle than you do."

Johnson said conflicts among roommates usually occur "because of the little things." He also said the disadvantage to

having a roommate is "if you don't really get along with him, it's hard to get along for three weeks."

Many ADVANCE students became close friends with their roommates and enjoyed their common interests and differences. Maybe, after another school year, these same students will come back to make some new memories and frame the 2006 memories that were left in Caddo Hall, piling in the dust of the empty rooms and lonely hallways.



Above: Roommates Natalie Domingue and Nikki Changlani. Left: Doug Waguespack and Claire Detweiller take a break from DDR.

RAs and TAs Play Leadership Roles

By Tiffany Burke

Long before students arrived on campus for 2006 ADVANCE, the assistant director of ADVANCE Harriette Palmer hired the resident advisers and teaching assistants after conducting interviews and carefully reviewing their applications.

RAs supervised the students when they went to breakfast, class, dinner, and other activities. RAs also helped the students socialize.

TAs assisted teachers. They graded papers, checked homework, supervised study hall, and other duties the teachers assigned them.

RAs and TAs socialized, but they had to be disciplinarians too. RAs and TAs sometimes punished a student by assigning trays. This meant the student must put away other students' trays. The number of trays depended on the severity of the infraction.

Cat Collins said she enjoyed being a 2006 RA because she had great kids and rarely had to give out trays. "The most (trays) I've ever given is seven, to a student who was late three times."

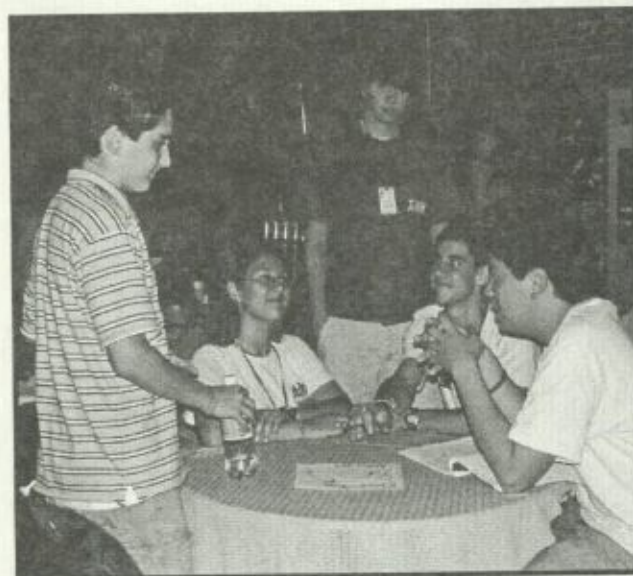
Some ADVANCE students like senior Jessica Rash want to become an RA or TA. Rash, who has wanted to become a TA for five years, said she wants to continue "the grand education that David Beire (the TA for film studies) is giving the students now."

RAs and TAs emphasized their jobs weren't always easy. They coped with homesick kids, students with attitudes, stubborn students, and a few loud, obnoxious teenagers.

So how did an RA or TA deal with these problems? Simple: they called the counselor.



Right: Evan Boswell (TA) rules the floor at DDR. Below (from left): Alex Ashkar visits with, Katie Finch (TA), Devin Drouant (RA), Kyle Boudreau (RA), and Edward Tran (TA).



Right: Jo-Ann Deasis makes a t-shirt with John Durhm (RA). Far Right: Staff members perform a rather silly skit at the talent show.



ADVANCERS VISIT REAL WORLD JOURNALISM

By Kelsey Mayfield

The ADVANCE journalism class walked into the KTBS TV news station without a clue about how the news stories on television were written. However, at the end of the 3-week journalism program, the nine students knew how to write not only for the broadcast media, but also for print.

The student journalists toured Shreveport's Channel 3 and the Sci-Port public relations department to see how "news is made".

At the KTBS newsroom, the students saw a lot of people working like bees in a hive. People were sorting out commercials, reporters and producers were scrambling to perfect their stories, photographers were editing footage and announcers were recording commercials in soundproof booths.

Tiffany Burke, an eighth grade ADVANCE student, said, "It makes me want to go into broadcast because...the people that were there, they were really good."

Other students were interested in how the brain of the station, the control room, worked. Jennifer

Gray, the ADVANCE tour guide who is a weather forecaster for KTBS, told the students that the control room is the "most important place in the entire station".

Merri Kate Rash, an ADVANCE student journalist, said, "I think it's more interesting to be behind the scenes than to watch."

Some students like Catherine Tucker, 13, thought broadcast looks "action-packed" and "fun to dig up my own news", but for some others, the station wasn't influential.

"I never really wanted to do broadcasting; I always wanted to do print," Alex Ashkar, a first-year journalism student, said.

Next stop was Sci-Port, a children's museum devoted to making science fun.

Sci-Port's public relations guru, Eric Gipson, showed the students the best tricks of the trade, like how to write press releases. Gipson said, "You have to catch their attention."

Many Advancers said they weren't really influenced to go into public relations.

Tucker said, "It would be a lot easier to be assigned



Right: Jo-Ann Deasis makes a t-shirt with John Durhm (RA). Far Right: Staff members perform a rather silly skit at the talent show. Above: Brenna Slowey-Thomas shoots a scene for the Film Studies class.

something to write on." However, Rash said, "I think it sounds interesting. You get better pay and better hours. You have time for yourself."

An Academic Melting Pot

By Stephanie Morales

Students of all ages and backgrounds came from all over the United States to attend the 2006 ADVANCE program for young scholars, which acted as a melting pot, not only academically but also culturally.

According to information from the ADVANCE director's office, the diverse racial and ethnic background breakdown among the 175 students was 59.4% white, 29% Asian/Pacific Islander, 6.8% black and 2.2% Hispanic. There were 104 whites, 49 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 12 blacks, 4 Hispanics, 4 others and 2 Native Americans who attended the 2006 ADVANCE program. Whites made up 60% of the students at ADVANCE, while minorities made up the other 40%.

Right: Ashley Bailey and Brittany Zeto, both fifth year students, share a moment. Far right: Ashlei McDonald braids Jelly's hair while Uzair Qarni and Stephanie Morales look on.

Although ADVANCE had different racial and ethnic groups, Andy Cheng, a third year Asian student, said, "The diversity doesn't affect how I interact with people because I can hang out with everybody."

"ADVANCE is a great environment to get to know and experience other people's cultures, because you can interact freely through the different activities," Christie Duronslet, a multi-racial student said.

Cheng thinks ADVANCE should probably try to reach out and have more people who belong to the minority groups attend so they won't be a minority anymore.

Savannah Birdwell, an ADVANCE RA, says, "Advance is pretty well rounded ethnicity wise, because there's a lot more diversity here, than at a regular high school."



Ashley Pleasant, Ashlei McDonald, Naomi Siegmund, Nick LaRocca, and Sophie Huang participate in Capture the Flag.



LEGEND OF DOOM TEAM WINS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Doven Glover

The Legend of Doom basketball team passed, shot and scored to win the 2006 ADVANCE three on three basketball tournament.

Six different teams entered the tournament. Each team had three players and an option of one substitute who could come in during timeouts or dead ball situations.

After a team had lost two games, they were out of the tournament. The Golden Ballers, who did not win any games, were the first team to be eliminated.

Ashlei McDonald, team captain, said, "The games were pretty competitive. I didn't like the bracket set up because we played the top two teams."

After each team played two games, the Legend of Doom team remained undefeated.

Team captain Durrán Mitchell thought the games were not very competitive. Mitchell was entering the basketball tournament for the third year. He said, "I was more than comfortable playing against the teams."

The championship game was between the Legend of Doom and the Three People team. Vijay Kata, leading scorer was surprised when his team won.

A member of the losing team said, "Well, Vijay just put up some lucky shots. I really didn't play that hard either. Now it's time to beat them unmercifully. I'm going to teach them how to play the game of basketball."

The Legend of Doom won the championship game with a score of 15-2. "I'm a baller," Mitchell said. "I just wanted to go on and get the game over with."



Right: Charlie Deese, Danielle Basford, and Edward Wu are forces to be reckoned with at Capture the Flag. Above: Sports activities, such as dodgeball (or deathball) are always popular at ADVANCE.

Living the Dorm Life

By Kate Rash

Sharing a bathroom, bedroom, and a building with people that one barely knows can be difficult. Being in a real college dorm, isn't always easy. Some ADVANCE students were nervous because they had never shared a room or a bathroom.

In Caddo Hall, eight suites occupy six large halls. Each suite has three separate rooms for two people. Each suite has one bathroom, with two halls on each of the three floors.

Beyond the doors to the student suites, decorations covered the walls. Each hall has its own theme. The head resident adviser, Celia Mangham, said the decorations are always really fun to make. "The RAs stay up late doing the decorations. It's good staff bonding time."

Right: Maria Kohls (CRL) assists the Domino's pizza guy in selling pizzas to Ahad Mussarat and Joe O'Gorman.

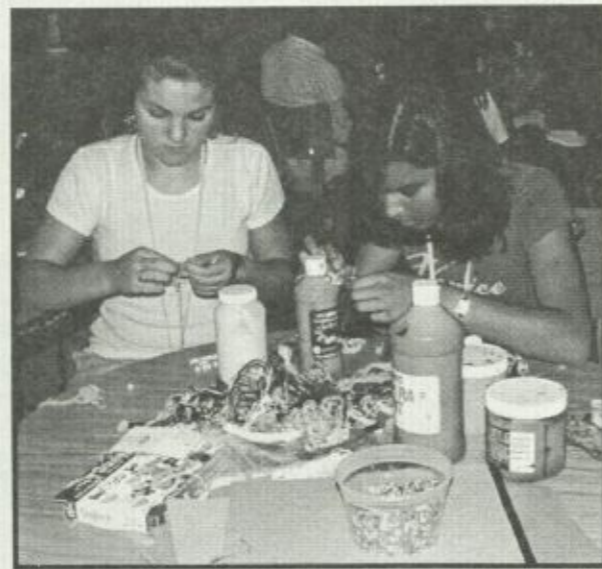
Some uninvited and unwelcome residents included the bugs. They sneaked, crawled and slithered through the dorm windows, doors and ceiling cracks. The bugs didn't bother David Beier, film studies teaching assistant, who growled, "They're scared of me."

Life wasn't all books and study. Students like senior Jessica Rash created their own entertainment. She said, "I like to bother the front desk workers (usually Seth or Celia) and eat copious amounts of junk food."

Living in a dorm for three weeks was an experience for the students of ADVANCE. They learned quickly how dorm life will be when they become full time college students. ADVANCE was only a baby step to that level.



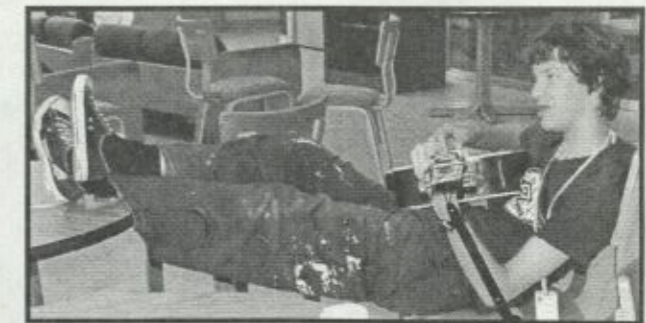
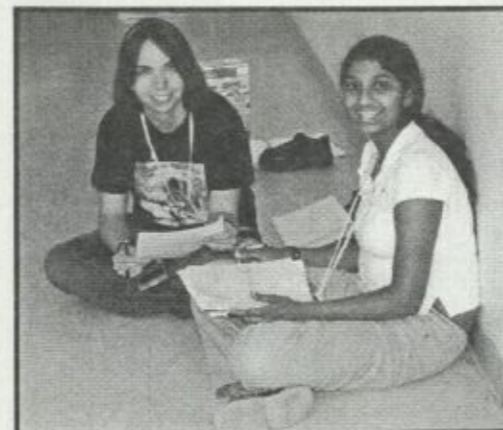
Right (from left): Kate Elfer, Hannah Roberts, Kelsey Mayfield, Heather Hale, and Mabry Broach (kneeling) bond while doing laundry. Below (from left): Rachel Segrest and Misha Molani enjoy crafts.



There is always something to do

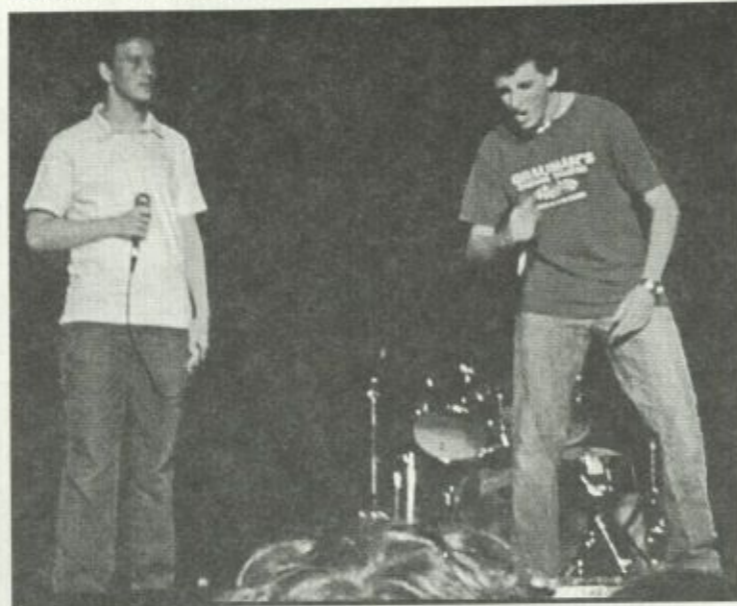
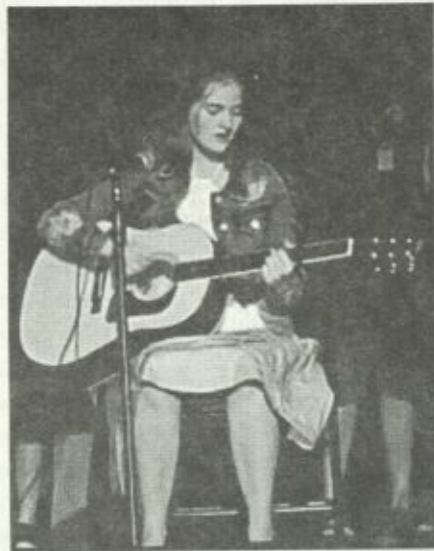


Far left: Isobel Pribil's alter ego. Left: Vijay Kata passes time playing ping pong. Below (from left): Catherine Ebey, Amelia Robert, Kelsey Mayfield, Tiffany Burke, Jackson Wimberly, Chris Wendling, Isabelle Jargowsky, and RA Katy Mulvaney (sitting) enjoy an Italian themed murder mystery



Left (from left): Kate Elfer and Tammy Gudipati study physics...in the hall! Above: Kevin Stanga chills while playing his guitar.

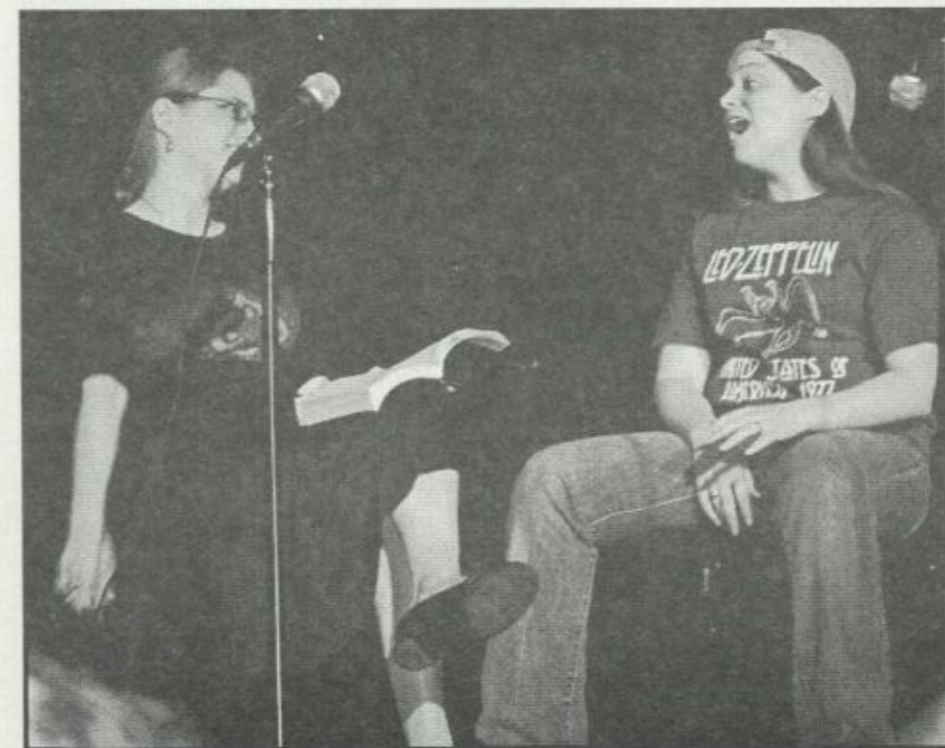
The ADVANCE Talent Show... AWESOME!



Above: Hannah Roberts sings "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and dedicates it to all the fifth year students. Above right: Garrett Vick and Doug Waguespack perform with their band (other members are Evan Cordell, Josh Callandret, and Haydel Collins). Right (from left): Steven Green, Jessica Rash, Liz Roberts, and Devin Mullin emcee the annual talent show.

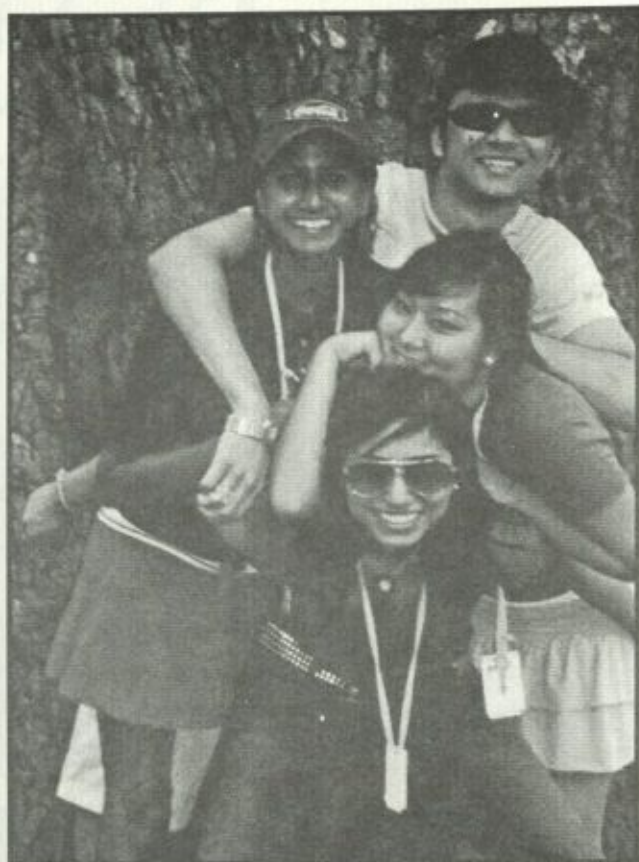


Left: Jackie New performs a number from "Thoroughly Modern Milly". Below: Grey Elerson plays and sings for the crowd.



Above: Danielle Basford sings with passion. Left: Catherine Ebey and Chris Wendling perform the one-act play "Sure Thing" by David Ives.

Right:(clockwise): Uzair Qarni, Sharon Shih, Mariam Molani, and Mariam Mathai visit Melrose plantation with their class. Below (from left): Chris Wendling, Ashley Bailey, Brittany Zeto, Jessica Rash, and Liz Roberts are fifth year students! Best of luck to you ladies. Middle left: Erik Haydel writes in a friend's signature book.



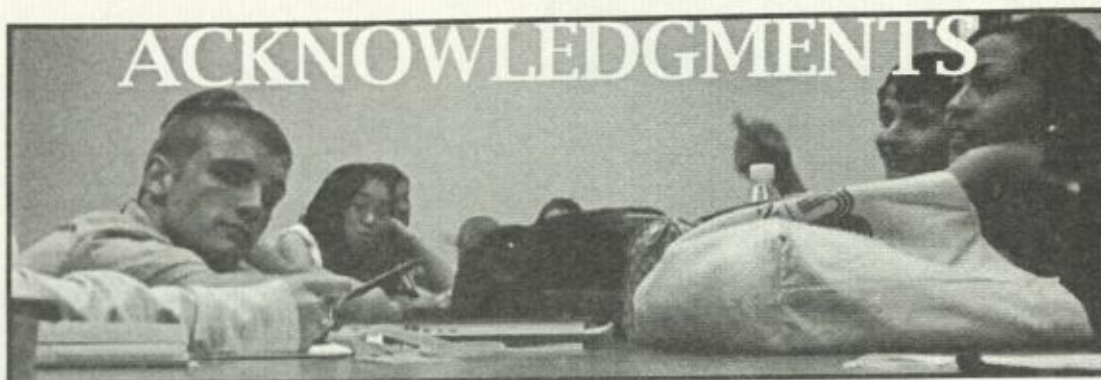
Above right (from left): Jassmine Holmes and Stephanie Morales in the lobby of Caddo. Right (from left): Maddie Ferguson, Jo-Ann Deasis, and Steven Green in the courtyard.



We LOVE our students & staff

Left: Chris Bowes (TA) and Andee Savoy (TA) at the last dance. Below: Kristalyn Nelson (Instructor) and her TA Cat Calhoun with Autumn Grant (Instructor) and her TA Katie May. Bottom left (from left): Katie Finch (TA) with Katy Mulvaney (RA) take a break at a dance. Bottom right (from left): Jeannique Darby (RA) and Lauren Scott (TA) in the small lobby.





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