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At college, you don't have to eat all your vegetables. You don't have to go to bed at a reasonable hour. **You get to choose.**

That's probably what you're doing right now — looking destiny right in the eye. You're getting ready to make a choice that will affect you for the next four years — and the rest of your life. You're in search of that feeling deep inside your gut — the kind of feeling that says, yes — this is the right place for me.

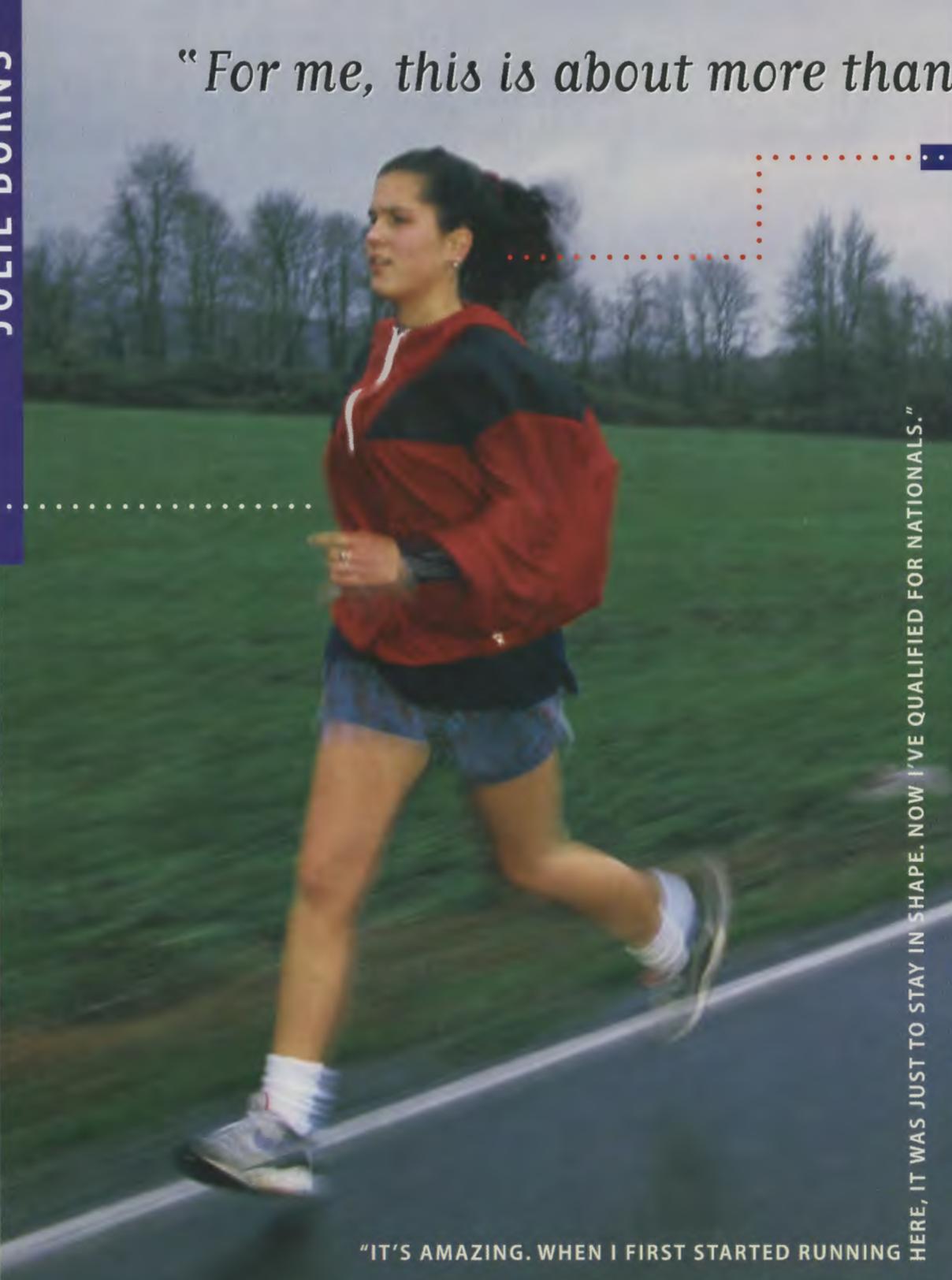
..... **At Pacific University**, we know just how big that decision is. So, we thought you'd like to hear what some of our students think of their experience here. Perhaps you'll find yourself on these pages. Each student has an e-mail address. If you have questions, concerns or thoughts — ask them. They would love to talk with you.

SENIOR

San Jose, California

JULIE BURNS

"For me, this is about more than education. It



HERE, IT WAS JUST TO STAY IN SHAPE. NOW I'VE QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS."

"I'm from San Jose,

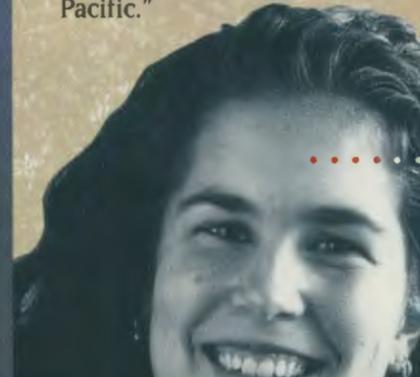
California and I was really ready for a change. I wanted to get away from home and go somewhere different. I have a double major – Spanish and International Studies. **When I came, I didn't really know what I wanted to study.** I had taken Spanish in high school and I really liked it, so I decided to take a Spanish class here. The first Spanish class I had here was with Dr. Susan Cabello – I just loved her personality.

"I was taking an anthropology class at the same time. I had to do an ethnography of someone from another culture. So, I went over to the Mexican restaurant here in town and I met Gisela, who is



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" Oh, it would be great to hear from anyone interested in Pacific."



- • • Spanish and International Studies
- • • Double Major, Cross Country Team, Writing Center Tutor, Spanish Club

"IT'S AMAZING. WHEN I FIRST STARTED RUNNING

about the well-rounded person Pacific has helped me to become.”



tional students since I've been here and that's been very eye-opening to get to know them and talk with them about their cultures. **Last fall I studied and lived in Ecuador. It was probably one of the biggest challenges of my life – and it was totally worth it.** I lived with a family and we worked during the day doing volunteer internships, mainly in schools in poor areas. At night we went to class. I spoke Spanish the whole time and it increased my fluency immensely.

"The Spanish Club sometimes puts on plays in Spanish and they're written by the students. I tutor in the Writing Center. Once a week I tutor beginning Spanish students – to help them understand everything that goes on in class. "After my trip to Ecuador, I decided I really wanted to run in the Portland Marathon. My coach helped me plan for it and train. Over the summer break he left me a schedule of everything I should do – June through August – including his phone number. I placed fourth

in my age group and I qualified for nationals. **The coaches here are excellent. They put so much time into it – I totally trust them.** They know the mental blocks you are going to have as well as the physical ones. They know your limitations, but they always try to push you a little bit more. "For me, this is about more than education. It's about the well-rounded person Pacific has helped me to become."

Peruvian. I asked her if I could interview her. She barely spoke any English and my Spanish wasn't enough to really have a conversation – but we could communicate. **The experience totally inspired me to be able to get my ideas across in a foreign language** – even though my conversation skills were so horrible. I would leave the restaurant each time feeling inspired and determined – that's how I decided on my majors. "As for international studies, I always wanted to travel. It seemed a good way to learn about the

world. I study politics, intercultural communications and some Spanish. **I'm now working on my senior thesis.** It's about the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, a human rights organization formed by the mothers of children who disappeared in Argentina in the late 70's and early 80's. I am getting most of my information through the Internet and going through catalogs at the library. We have access to about 15 different libraries in the area through the computer network. "I've met a lot of interna-

opportunities that are open to me because I'm bilingual are really exciting."



....."The possibilities and

FRESHMAN

Las Vegas, Nevada

TERRY JAMES



• • • Speech and Debate Team, President - African American Student Union, President - Diversity Club, President - Clarke Hall, Pacific Christian Fellowship, Wind Ensemble



"You know, Pacific is

• • • • • "I'm from Las Vegas,

Nevada. I had several choices of schools I wanted to go to and I really wanted to go to a small school. You know - where you can get more attention and focus more. **I could have gone to Dartmouth or the University of Maryland - but I had a choice.** I saw a positive difference by going to a small school.

"Here, I have a real place on the debate team. At a larger school I would have just been one of many. Here there's a real sense of teamwork - I like that, it's really important to me. Debate has been really exciting. This year, we're debating whether the United States should change its foreign policy



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"Sure, I'd be happy to write someone back - anytime."



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towards Mexico. We'll work on this subject for the entire year. You learn a lot about different countries and our own country. You get into a lot of issues about what's right and what's not right. Our second largest debate is coming up next month. All the top teams in the nation will be there. But we'll be ready for it.

"I'm also founder and president of the African

American Student Union. It's not difficult to form a club if the interest is there. There wasn't anything like that here and I wanted to create a place for multicultural awareness. You know — break down the stereotypes. So, we talk, watch movies, read books and articles, take field trips into Portland and just look around at our environment. We're planning a

big program to promote student awareness for Black Awareness Month.

"The Diversity Club is different from the African American Student Union in that it addresses all ethnic groups. We plan functions and retreats and we're helping out with plans for Black Awareness Month. It's a lot of fun and a lot of responsibility. I'm the president of



here than if I'd gone to a large school."

Clarke Hall, where I live. We had elections and everyone had to make a speech and talk about our plans for the hall. I'm also involved with Pacific Christian Fellowship. It allows people of all denominations to get together. You know, it takes a leap of faith to do all this stuff.

"I'm in the Wind Ensemble at Pacific. I play the bass. I really like jazz, which is why I enjoy playing the bass so much. In high school I played the viola and I was on the football and wrestling teams. Here, I don't have time for sports, but I'm maintaining my

interest in music.

"After college, I hope to go to Georgetown University to study law. I think Washington D.C. is where everything is happening. I plan to go into politics of some kind. However, I'm glad I didn't go to Georgetown first — I would have had a much different experience there. **A small college is definitely the right choice for me.**

"You know, Pacific is a wonderful school. I'm having a great learning experience."

SENIOR

Ashland, Oregon

EAN LENSCH



- Literature and Creative Writing Double Major,
- Men's Soccer Team,
- Staff - Pacific Review,
- Representative - Student Government



"At Pacific, I'm really active in

WAS TOTALLY STIMULATING. I GOT TO BE AROUND SOME PRETTY EXCITING CAMPAIGNS."

"I grew up in Ashland, Oregon. When I went off to college, I had two choices in mind - Swarthmore or U.C. Berkeley. I went to Berkeley for two reasons - first, they had a great soccer team and second, I was a student who liked discussing issues.

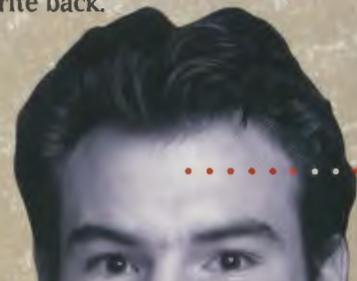
"At first, I was in awe and fascinated with the place because I came from a small town, but as time went by my discontent grew. Berkeley was incredibly stimulating, but when it came right down to it, I wasn't finding the school experience to be what I really wanted it to be. For one thing, soccer came to be a lot more about winning. It was really like a job. I felt that if I didn't pull out, I would regret not having tried something else.

"So, I left Berkeley and decided to take a year off. I went to Europe



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"E-mail? Sure, I'll definitely write back."



"INTERNING AT WIEDEN & KENNEDY

my education and I'm able to play competitive soccer too."

and traveled for awhile, and eventually moved to Portland and started sitting in on some classes at Pacific and meeting professors. And — they had a soccer program.

I knew I could just play soccer for fun. So I transferred to Pacific. I played here the first season and we won the conference championship.

"When I came here, I just wanted to play soccer because it's the sport I love and I wanted to have fun — and still play in championship games. Now, we've been to playoffs and I've won some individual awards. I was voted Player of the Year for our league and I got NAIA All-American honorable mention. But what I really want is to be Academic All-American. For me, that would symbolize what the difference has been at Pacific. At Pacific, I am the student-athlete. I'm someone who's really active in my education.

"I'm a literature and creative writing double major. I'm probably going to do my thesis on a combination of film, theatre, short fiction or some kind of comedy. I want to get into advertising, film or public

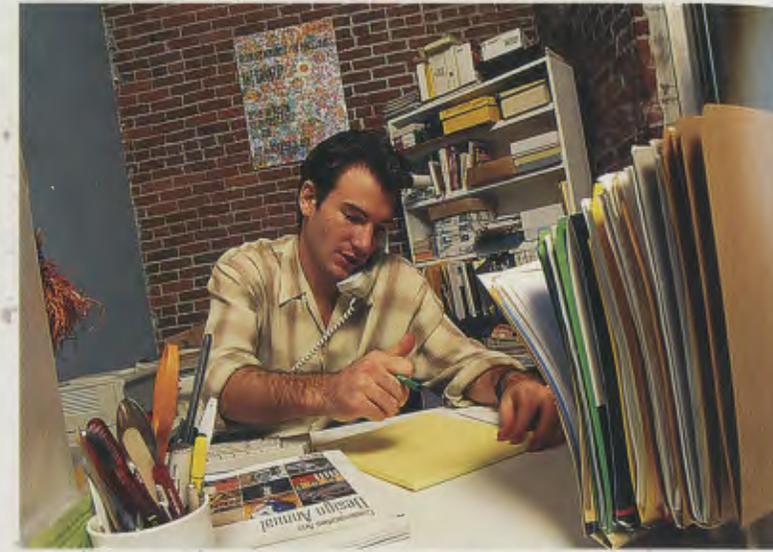
relations after college. I really feel a pull in the direction of Portland's creative community.

"I have found great internship possibilities in Portland. When I moved to Portland, I took an internship at the Oregon Film and Video Office. They were a client of Wieden & Kennedy Advertising. That led to an internship there and then to my third internship with the Portland Creative Conference — a three day conference on creativity in the film, television, advertising and computer animation industries. Interning at Wieden & Kennedy was totally stimulating. **I got to be around some pretty exciting campaigns — including Microsoft Windows 95, Nike, ESPN, and Coca Cola.**

"On campus, I edit the *Pacific Review* — it's our literary magazine. It contains entirely student work. I've submitted my own work in the past and had it published. I've been a representative on student government since I've been here. One of the first

things we did was implement an arts and lectures series to bring dynamic minds to campus. **So far, we have brought nationally known people like Mary Catherine Bateson, Jane Goodall, and Freeman Dyson to campus.**

I've been in several plays. I really enjoy acting. It's a totally different experience than anything else you do at the University — or in life. Auditions are open to everyone. **Pacific makes it really easy to do stuff like that."**



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FRESHMAN

Gold Hill, Oregon

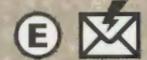
TIFFANY TAYLOR



"If you want individual attention

..... "I'm from Gold Hill near Medford in southern Oregon. It's a very, very small town. So when I was looking at schools, I knew I didn't want to go to a big university. I chose Pacific because I want to become a physical therapist. And I knew I would need a really strong educational background without distractions or disturbances. I also knew that I would like the small classes. Here, class sizes average about 20 students, which is about the size of classes at my high school. So, I thought I'd fit in pretty well and it's true.

"I like the personal atmosphere here too. I can go to my professor anytime I need anything - especially my advisor. I even go



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"I love getting e-mail. I'd be happy to write someone back."



- S.O.A.R. (Student Ambassadors), Cheerleader, Women's Soccer Team, Hawaiian Club

"MY ROOMMATE AND I HAVE HOSTED PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OVERNIGHT. YOU KNOW, EVERYONE IS ON THE FLOOR WITH THEIR SLEEPING BAG. IT'S GREAT."

if that's how you learn best, this is the place for you."

to her for personal things. I think it really helps to be able to go and talk with your professor. At first I was really intimidated, especially in math, because I am not very math oriented. So, I went and talked with my math professor and we worked together on math problems. I think I'm doing a lot better now — and we made a connection. **If you show initiative here, you're going to get whatever you want.**

"I use tutors all the time. In high school I thought tutors were just for stupid people. But it's not that way at all. If you tell them you don't understand, they help you and they are not going to look down on you... everyone here is on

the same level.

"I love Freshman Seminar. It's required of all freshmen. We've studied Plato and Homer and read books on medieval times. Now we're going into Native American stuff. It's all been incorporated into the thesis of our class, which is different views of our society. We have student-led discussions where the professor guides us. We take trips into Portland to see operas and plays, but we learn all about them before we go. For next semester we chose which freshman seminar we wanted. I chose one that has to do with genetic engineering, surrogate mothers and HIV.

questions.

..... "Don't be afraid to ask



"I'm on the women's soccer team and I'm a cheerleader. I love the game and I really enjoy playing here, but I also really appreciate that **at Pacific, academics are stressed over athletics.** The coaches are so supportive. I've gone and talked to my coach many times. Not about soccer — but about school.

"I'm in the Hawaiian Club. It's a chance for people to get together. We do luaus and I do the hula. At

the beginning of the year we always have a big party with Hawaiian food. We schedule trips into Portland — one time we went white water rafting. Anybody can be in the Hawaiian Club.

"The great thing about college is you're still growing and learning and you're actually developing into who you're going to be.

"I've really come to realize that you can't put a

price on education. I didn't think I could afford this university. After I spoke with my admissions counselor and told her how much it means to me to accomplish my dreams and have a career, she really helped me set up a financial aid program that works. It's always been a dream of mine to become a physical therapist and now I'm actually beginning the journey to make that dream a reality."

Don't be afraid to try something new."



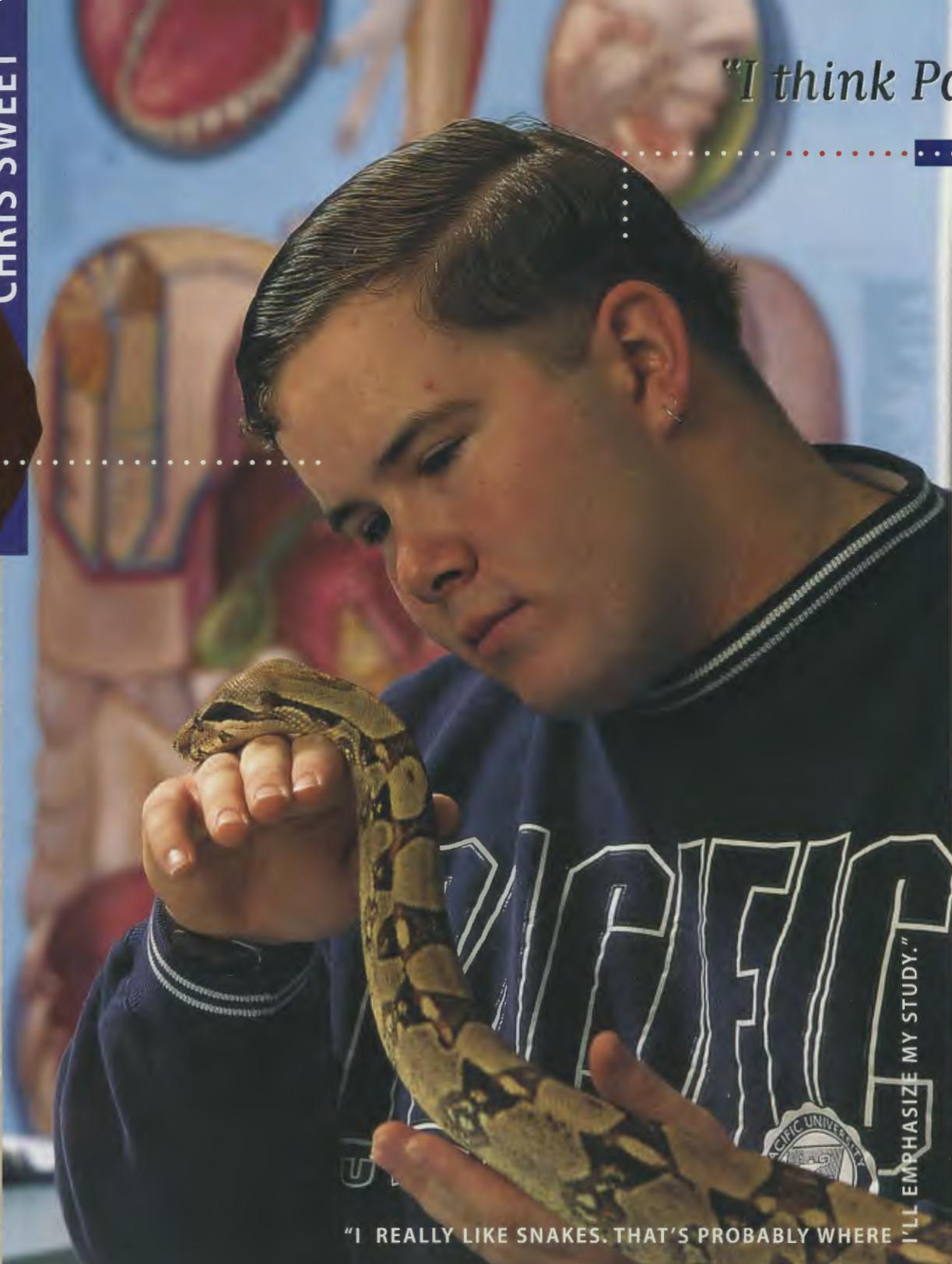
JUNIOR

Hobart, Indiana

CHRIS SWEET



•• Biology Major,
Philosophy Minor,
S.O.A.R., Biology Club,
Philosophy Club,
Beta Beta Beta,
Future Herpetologist



"I think Pacific's greatest

..... "I'm from Hobart, Indiana.

The ironic thing is when I started looking at colleges I wasn't interested in small schools. Before we left Indiana, my dad said, 'when you go to visit a school, you're going to get a feeling that you know you want to go there.' **He was right – I just fell in love with Pacific – I fell in love with the campus.**

"I'm studying biology here. **I'm really interested in herpetology, the study of reptiles.** I'd love to go on and become a college professor. After I graduate I'm planning to take a couple of years off – then I'll go on and attend graduate school and get a masters and Ph.D. in zoology or herpetology.



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"I would really enjoy hearing from prospective students."



"I REALLY LIKE SNAKES. THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE I'LL EMPHASIZE MY STUDY."

asset is the professors. They really get you involved."

I mean, it's wild, because two of the biology professors here, Dr. Pam Lopez and Ed Alkaslassy are both really big in my area of biology. They've helped me a lot. I'll be doing research with Pam.

"Dr. Lopez and I are going to do a contract class together on herpetology. **We're going to make up our own class. I'll be the only student and she's going to teach me everything**

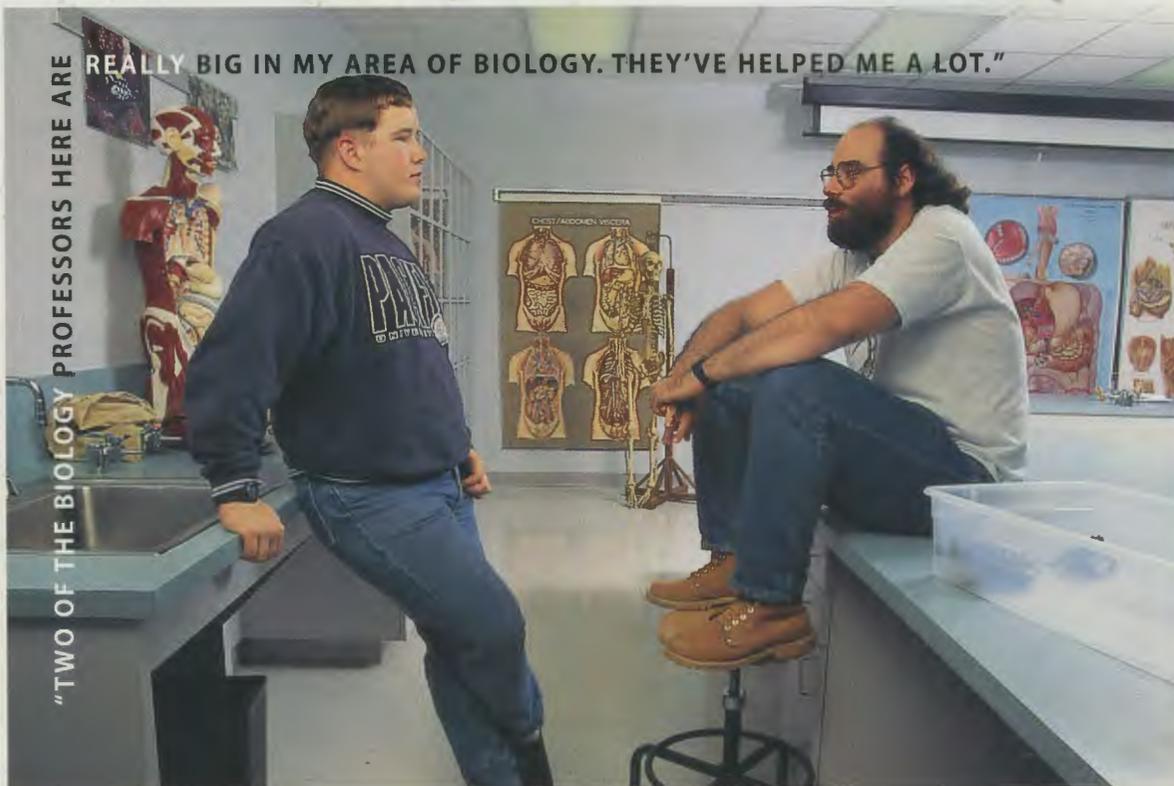
she knows. I'll outline the course — what reading I'm going to do, what my objectives are, how I'll be graded — then I'll meet with Pam once or twice a week.

"I'm involved in four different clubs and the head of two of them.

I don't think being a good student should be solely based on grades. I'm head of S.O.A.R. I've been doing that for three years. We're a volunteer

organization in charge of giving tours and hosting prospective students when they visit campus.

"Last year, we formed the Biology Club, which is a fairly large organization with 50 students. We try to pursue biology outside of class. We do clean-ups, attend lectures, go on field trips and do a lot of things that involve the natural sciences. A newly formed club I'm a member of is the Philosophy Club.



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when you live on campus. You meet a lot more people."

It's funny, I'm not real interested in studying philosophers, but I am interested in studying philosophic thought in various areas. **You know, I had no interest in philosophy when I came here, but I just fell in love with it and now I'm going to minor in it.**

"I just got initiated into the Beta Beta Beta, which is a national biology honor society. Students from all over the country receive research opportunities through the

program.

"If you're interested in a small school this is a great place. I think Pacific's greatest asset is the professors. Not only are they intelligent, but they're very energetic lecturers. The professors here really get you involved. They encourage asking questions and engaging in discussions. You can call them by their first names and they give out their home phone numbers. **Whenever they're in their office, the door is always open — you can just go in and talk to them."**

"I mean, you're just so involved

SENIOR

Hood River, Oregon

KARI KLEIN



"It's important to diversify your education."



"I'm from Hood River,

Oregon. I came to Pacific because I wanted to stay in the northwest and I wanted to go to a small school.

When I came to visit there was such a feeling that these people really like me. They're so warm and caring. I sat in on a couple of classes and I couldn't believe the quality of the faculty. **I immediately felt – this is my school – I'm coming here.**

"I am taking all kinds of classes here and that's one of the main reasons I chose Pacific. I wanted to take biology. I wanted to be in some plays. I wanted to be involved in the Outback program and in the music department.

"I think it's really impor-

STUDYING BIOLOGY IS A WAY TO BACK IT ALL UP WITH FACTS."



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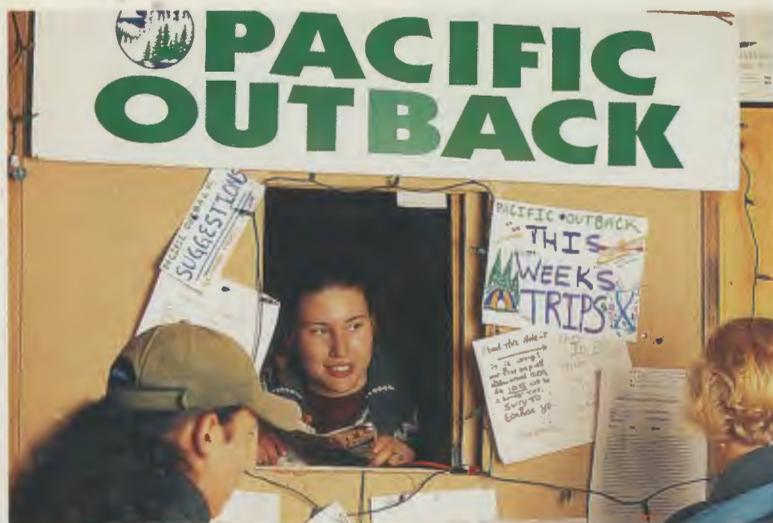
"E-mail is great. Oh yeah, I'll write back, for sure."



"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT."

• • • **Biology Major,
Literature Minor,
Outback Program,
Students for
Environmental
Awareness (SEA)**

I think liberal arts and natural sciences are the way to go."



"I'm taking all kinds of

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tant to diversify your education. Of course I take mostly biology and literature. But even within those two programs, the requirements are so different that I get everything from organic chemistry to philosophy. When I was a freshman, I took an environmental literature class that was really awesome. All I did that whole semester was read. I've never had the time to just read and totally immerse myself in what I love.

"At the same time, being here has helped me focus a lot more. I definitely want to go into conservation. But it's also opened up a lot of other possibilities as well. There's so much out there.

"Last year, I did this great research project – a baseline ecological study of the Tualatin River.

I teamed up with another student. We would go out once or twice a week and canoe from the Fern Hill Wetlands to the Jackson Bottom Wetlands on the river and we measured the percentage of vegetation covering the water. The study had to do with the livability of the river for fish, wildlife and plants. Later we put together a presentation with all of our research for a regional organization in Portland. It was pretty cool. Recently we applied for and received a grant to do a second wetlands

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study with the help of our advisor, Dr. Stockhouse.

"One area where Pacific has exceeded my expectations again and again is with the faculty. **I can never stress enough how much the faculty care and help and are supportive – and they are so intelligent. Any time you need help, you just go in and talk with your professors.** Most of the labs for science classes really stand out.

Ecology class was an awesome class. Every week we went on field trips to study in the field.

"I'm also involved in the Outback Program. It's a very active outdoors program and it's really fun. **Outback just helps you get out and see what else is out there – because we live in such a beautiful place.** Every weekend there is something going on – from cross-country skiing, sea kayaking and overnight camping

trips to visits to Pacific Northwest cities, mountain biking and wine tours. Every spring break there's a trip to Southern Utah, which I did a couple of years ago. It's so beautiful there. It was especially meaningful for me because I had never been outside the Pacific Northwest.

"This is it – this is where it all starts. Here, if you're interested in something, you can get together with your professor and create your own class."

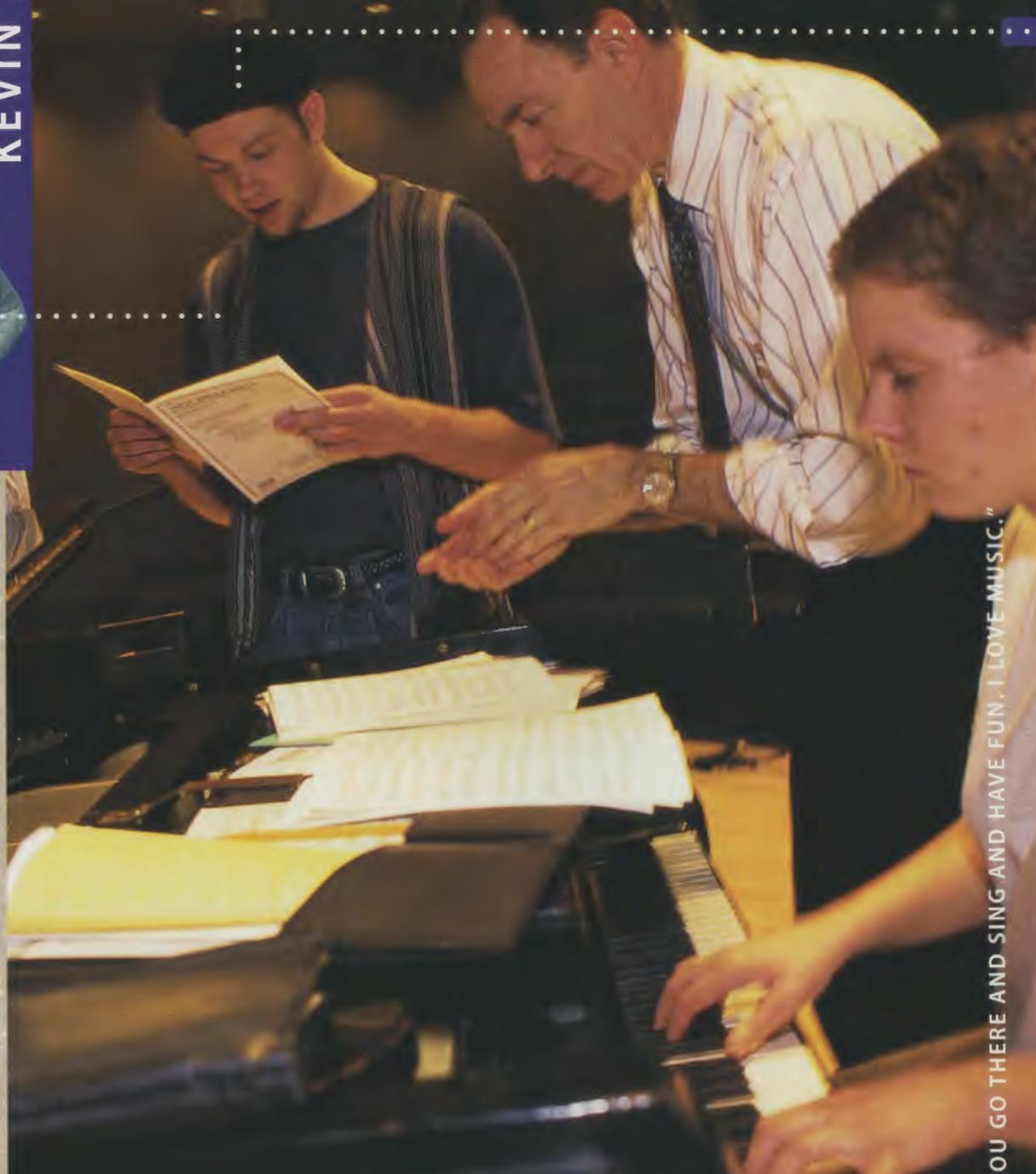
FRESHMAN

Issaquah, Washington

KEVIN FRY



"My friends at other schools can only



YOU GO THERE AND SING AND HAVE FUN. I LOVE MUSIC.

"I really enjoy my classes – they're very challenging. They're pushing me here, which is great.

The classes are awesome and then there's the actual relationship with professors. They really encourage you to work because they know you.

It increases the level and caliber of work you're doing. The classes are small. That's a big reason why I came here. I thoroughly enjoy the one-on-one interaction with my professors.

"I definitely want to study communications and film.

I really like Danny Kaye movies. Actually I like everything – any motion picture. I'm a product of television – Nintendo, video games,



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"Hey, if somebody writes me, they'll get something back like right away."



"THERE ARE EIGHT OF US IN JAZZ CHOIR. WE'RE ALL SO CLOSE – IT'S GREAT.

- Undecided Major,
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble,
- Ultimate Frisbee Club,
- Track Team,
- Interested in Film Studies

focus on one or two things. Here, everybody is into everything.”



t.v. sitcoms – I’m really interested in the production of them.

“One of the classes I am really enjoying is Spanish. I learn so much about my own language and culture from studying a different language.

I’m really hoping to go to Spain and study abroad during my junior year. It’s amazing – the variety of things I can do here and the opportunity to study abroad is great. Actually, it’s one of the big reasons I chose Pacific.

“The first time I had a conversation with my Spanish professor, we were walking on campus. I suddenly realized that I would

never have gotten that close to a professor or felt that comfortable if I had gone to a large school. There’s a relationship being built all the time between students and professors – and it’s really great.

“The music department here is really good. I love music.

I play the piano and the violin. I enjoy singing too. I was in a few musical productions in high school. So, I got into the Vocal Jazz Ensemble here. We sing twice a week. There are eight of us – they’re all so good and we’ve become so close – it’s great. On the days I have jazz I get so excited. I’ve just got to go over there and



sing. That’s the whole idea – you go there and sing – have fun.

“We just started the Ultimate Frisbee Club a couple of months ago. Student government gave us some money to start the club. So we’re happy. We bought

Frisbees, cones and singlet uniforms. We’re planning to rent a van and go to competitions. We play in the field behind the Pacific Athletic Center a couple of times a week.

“I’m still getting used to college life, but I really like it. I’m interested in a lot of things, so it’s easy to get spread out. The hardest thing

is managing my time.

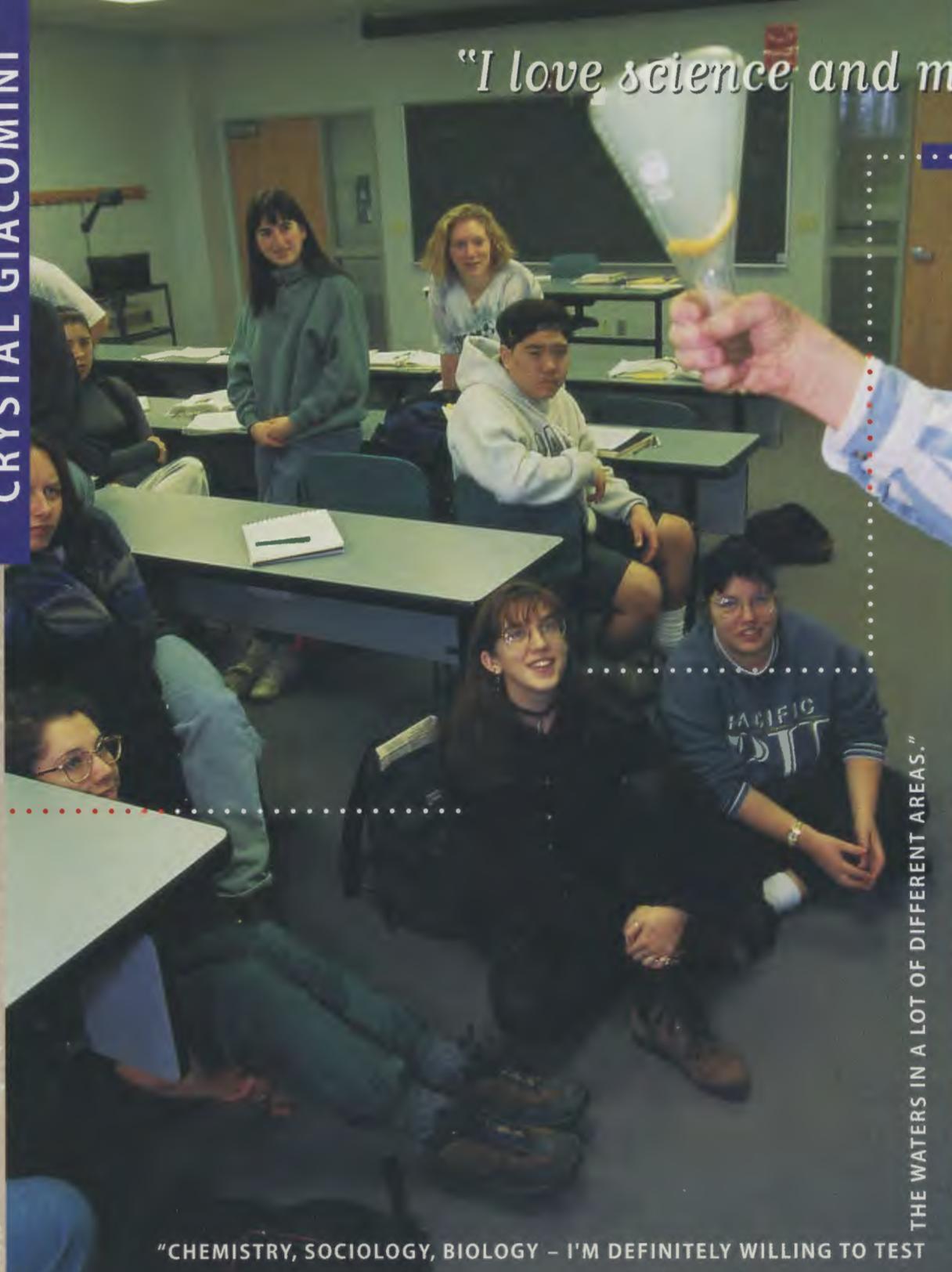
“My friends who go to other schools can only focus on one or two things academically. **Here, everybody is into everything and I can be into everything – singing, film, Spanish – it’s all right here.**”

..... **“I mean there’s just so much stuff to do around here.”**

FRESHMAN

Southern Oregon

CRYSTAL GIACOMINI



"I love science and math. Right now

"I knew I wanted to stay in the Pacific Northwest. And as soon as I came here for a visit I said — oh, I love it here, it's so beautiful. The campus is great and Forest Grove is a nice town.

"I'm very happy here. It's a comfortable environment — everybody is so friendly. It took me about a week to start recognizing faces as I was walking to and from class. I only knew a couple of people before I came. The prospect of coming all the way up here, away from family, was scary. I was really afraid that I wasn't going to be able to handle it. But as soon as I got here, I went to the new student orientation. They keep you moving and mixing with other

THE WATERS IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS."



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"I'm an addict. I check my e-mail every hour."



Undecided Major,
Honors Chemistry Lab,
S.O.A.R.
(Student Ambassadors),
Biology Club,
Physical Therapy Club

"CHEMISTRY, SOCIOLOGY, BIOLOGY — I'M DEFINITELY WILLING TO TEST

I'm taking first semester general chemistry and I really love it."

..... "I came up to Pacific to visit groups, so you hang out with different people. Everyone is in the same boat you are — and you just introduce yourself. **I made some great friends those first few days of orientation.**

"I live on campus — the second floor of Walter Hall. It's coed. I have a roommate and we get along really well. I usually study in my room. It's great. If I really need quiet, there's always the library.

"I have dinner every night with my friends. And then sometimes I go to the Milky Way and catch a movie — they have free movies there three nights a week. They bring in comedians too. Or sometimes, we'll go there and study and have coffee, tea and muffins — that sort of thing.

"I love science and math. Right now, I'm taking first semester general chemistry — and I really love it. I have a great professor. I'm willing to test the waters in a lot of different areas. I got into the honors chemistry lab. I'm also taking sociology, Spanish, first aid, plus I'm working in the biology department. Then I'm in the Biology Club, the Physical Therapy Club and

I'm involved in S.O.A.R. It's all fascinating.

"Freshman Seminar class is very, very fun.

We've read *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Death of a Salesman* and even Plato. We're reading from all these different areas and trying to tie everything together. We just got through a big unit on science and religion. We've gone into Portland several times — we saw an opera, and a play at the Performing Arts Center. **It's good there are only 20 students in the class because it's more personal and you become this tight-knit group.** It

gives you a good introduction to writing papers and having discussions. I'm sure these are the types of things we're going to use all through college.

"Choosing a college was overwhelming at first, because I was being recruited by so many schools. **How do I know how to make the right choice? How do I know which college is going to be right for me?**

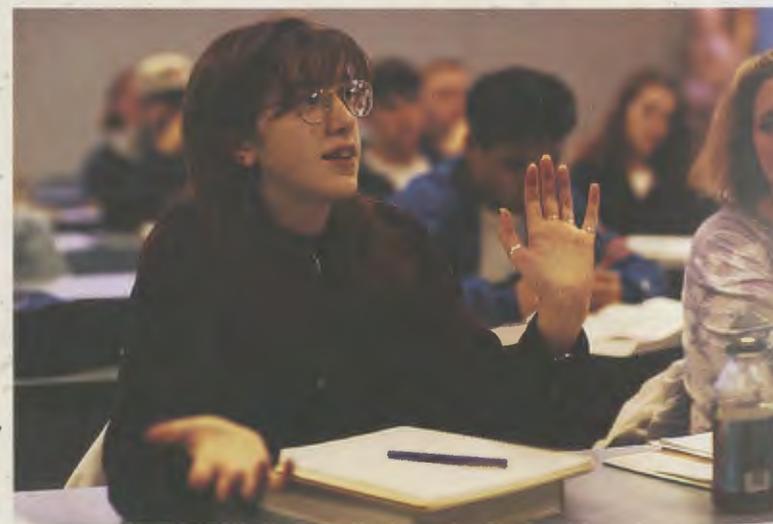
and I just knew this was where



I wanted to be."

So, I started thinking and working my way through and I sort of narrowed it down. Then I came up to Pacific to visit — and I just knew this was where I wanted to be.

The decision process was totally mine. So, I crossed my fingers and went for it. And it definitely feels right here."



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