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KRISTIN DOLL AND JEN ROSS: Clothes are their common denominator. It's of necessity, since both are above-average height. "Actually, the only person I can borrow clothes from is Kristin," says Ross, right. She and Doll are junior business majors from St. Louis.

"We're both sort of loud, but together, we don't have any problems with that," Ross says. "We like to do all the regular stuff. And we'll go to the movies when we feel a little sassy." The roommates met as freshmen in Jones Hall. The friendship was further cemented when they pledged Pi Beta Phi sorority. After meeting at MU, they realized that their moms were friends.



THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE THAN COLLEGE TO MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE. WHATEVER YOU CALL THEM—FRIENDS, PALS, BUDS—THEY CAN SUPPLY AN ABUNDANCE OF EVERYTHING FROM CLOTHES AND CAREER ADVICE TO CONVERSATION AND JUST PLAIN FUN.

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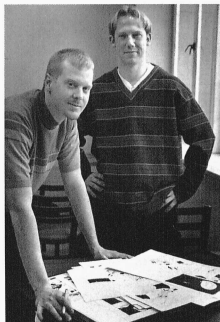
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RICK ROSS AND JOE GOETZ:

As Rick Ross, left, writes episodes of *The Gold and Black*, MU's student-produced soap opera, he's thinking of his talks with friend Joe Goetz. "I take a lot of the dialog directly from conversations we had over the past year," says Ross, who is the show's writer and producer as well as a cartoonist for the *Maneater*. "Now, when we're talking, one of us will say 'Hey! Write that down,'" Goetz says.

The pair, both graduate students from Columbia, met through the Missouri Students Association. "As we got to know each other, the more it began to click," Goetz says.

"I think we're a lot alike," Ross says. Both have found themselves involved in student government, tapped into the Mystical 7 honorary society, playing basketball for fun and sharing a favorite television show—*Seinfeld*.



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CINDY YARBRO AND ALICIA HOLDERIEATH:

Tuning in to *Friends* is a weekly routine for pals Alicia Holderieath, left, and Cindy Yarbro. Homework stops as the roommates watch in their second-floor Johnston Hall room.

Holderieath of Mendon, Mo., and Yarbro of Poplar Bluff, Mo., grew up on farms in opposite ends of the state. "We share many of the same values," says Yarbro. She hopes the friendship will endure, though it will certainly change next year when she plans to wed her high-school sweetheart, Eric Patterson. "Alicia will be my maid of honor."

The two don't share any classes, but Holderieath, a sophomore secondary education major, says being best friends with sophomore accounting major Yarbro has its rewards: "She helps me with my math homework."



M E N T O R

NAOMI SMITH AND ANGELA JACKSON:

What Angela Jackson, right, is experiencing this spring, her friend, Naomi Smith, will endure in 1998—a hectic reporting schedule at KOMU-TV, class projects to complete, and the job search.

Jackson, a senior broadcast major, provides a voice of experience for Smith, a junior broadcast major. They meet at Brady Commons Food Court. Beyond that, "Our friendship has clearly grown since we met," says Chicagoan Jackson. She and Smith, who is from Detroit, pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority together.

"When I think about getting older," Jackson says, "I think of Naomi knowing my children and my husband. We want to keep up with each other."

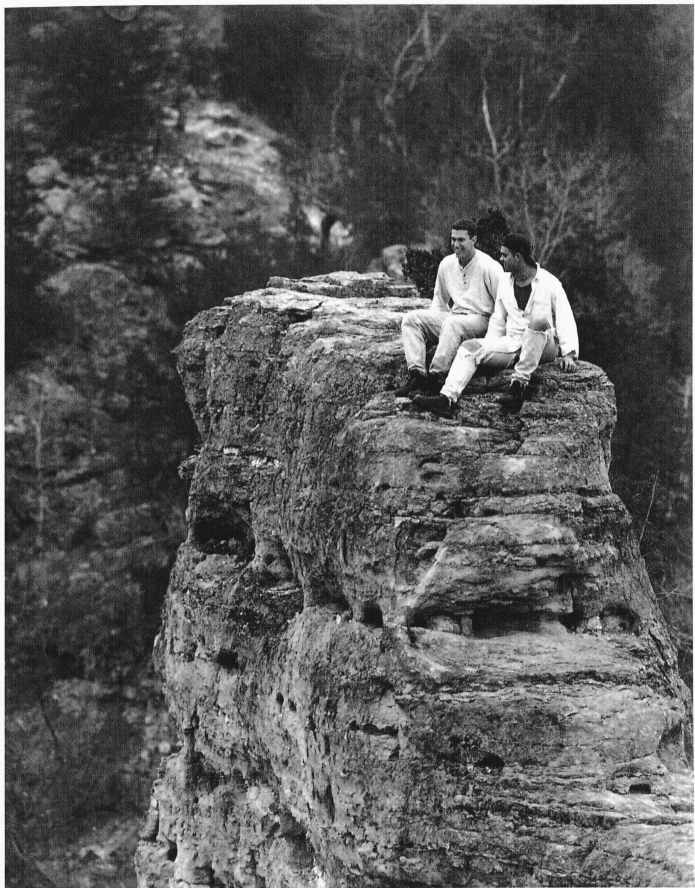


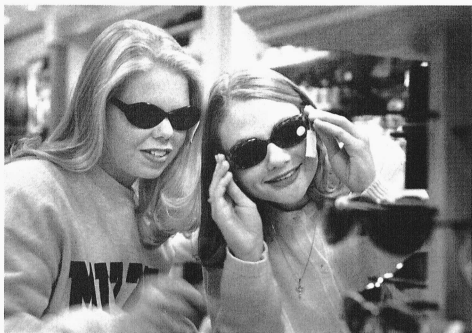
BRIAN MURPHY AND ROGER ORF: It was a case of friendship at first confrontation, says community adviser Roger Orf, left, of Brian Murphy, his slightly unruly neighbor in Donnelly Hall. "I guess he was just trying to mess with the community adviser [formerly resident assistant]. I figured then he was either a real jerk or a really cool guy," Orf says. The situation evolved into one of teamwork and friendship. Last semester, the two were CAs at Smith Hall.

"He's really my best buddy, and I don't trust anybody like I trust him," Murphy says. They study, hang out, pump iron and occasionally scramble over the rocks at Pinnacles Youth Park north of Columbia. They've taken trips to New Orleans for spring break and to each other's homes. Orf, a junior computer and electrical engineering major, is from St. Ann, a suburb of St. Louis. Murphy, a sophomore agricultural economics major, is from rural LaGrange, Mo.

"There's quite a difference in our hometowns," Murphy says. "I really think if we'd have grown up in similar situations we'd be like virtual twins."

Climbing





Shopping

KAREN PARTRIDGE AND MARY ANN KRAUS: "We're both cheery people. We're 'up' type people," says Karen Partridge, left, of her best friend, Mary Ann Kraus, and herself. "We have similar personalities, and we're really a great mutual support team."

The Johnston Hall roommates met at MU when they arrived early on campus for staff training as desk attendants. "It was weird," says Kraus. "We totally hit it right off."

These days Kraus, a sophomore elementary education major from Ellisville, Mo., and Partridge, a senior psychology major from Wentzville, Mo., spend lots of time together working the front desk at Johnston Hall, eating together, and hitting Columbia Mall at least once a week.

"Shopping is a great stress reliever," Partridge says, "and it gets us off campus for a while."

H A N G O



OSCAR BARQUERO AND LINDSAY TOZER: "Our friends always ask us if we've grown up together," says Lindsay Tozer of her friend, Oscar Barquero, and herself. They didn't.

Tozer, a self-proclaimed Navy brat from Annapolis, Md., and Barquero of St. Louis met as freshmen settling into Schurz Hall. This year, Tozer, a junior journalism and history major, lives alone. Barquero, a junior biology major, has a roommate. Although they join their freshman-year social circle on many outings, their friendship is one-on-one when it comes to talking about life, the future, dating or just about anything. "He's my 'guy angle' on everything," Tozer says.

They talk almost daily, often over the phone, and she frequently stops by the Subway in Hitt Street Market where he works. Sometimes he stops by her apartment after work to hang out while she does homework. "He'll usually read, and we'll talk until I kick him out," says Tozer. He recalls a strong sign of their friendship: "Of all my friends," Barquero says, "she's the only person I wrote to over the summer."