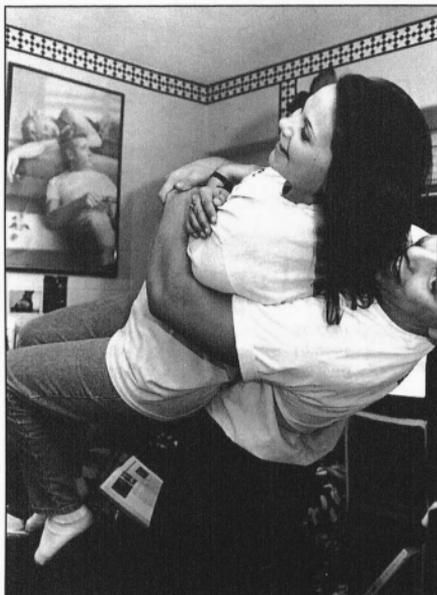


Friends

Susan Vessell of Festus, Mo., gets her back realigned by boyfriend Scott Croom, a fullback at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo. The sketch of Marilyn Monroe and James Dean, a graduation gift from Scott, hangs in her room in Mark Twain Residence Hall.

Gene Bierman



It's unforgettable, that first time living away from home. Relive those fun, wild and often confusing days as Assistant Professor David Rees' Photojournalism class captures today's freshmen

On their

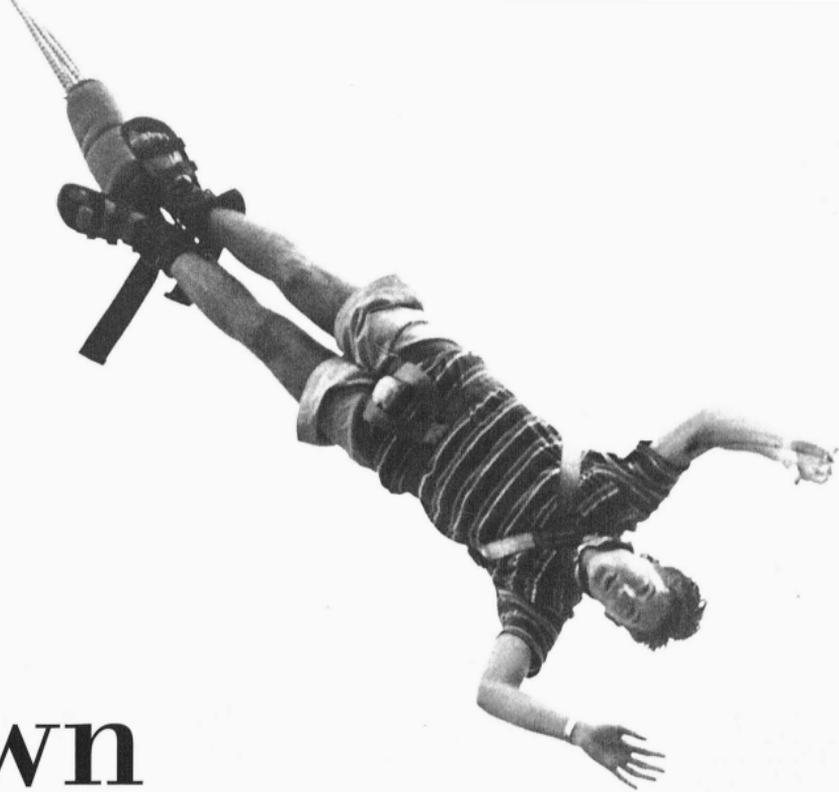


Scholarly

Clark Darrah, a mechanical engineering major, tests the reaction of hydrochloric acid with lead chloride in Chemistry 32. He was the valedictorian at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia. "On

Sunday nights people from my floor gather in my room to eat dinner," says Darrah, who lives on the second floor of the newly refurbished Wolpers Hall. "We watch TV and play Nintendo — anything besides real college work."

Jim Lo Scolzo



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Jumping

"I couldn't see when I got down. It was all fuzzy," says Andy Michaels of Rogersville, Mo., who bungee jumped to get some adrenaline so he could study. He says he has had an easy time adjusting to school, but his mom misses him. She called three times one weekend. He was offered the opportunity to play basketball at a small private college, but decided on Mizzou. "I'd rather have a good education than play college sports that probably wouldn't amount to anything, even though the idea is pretty cool," he says.

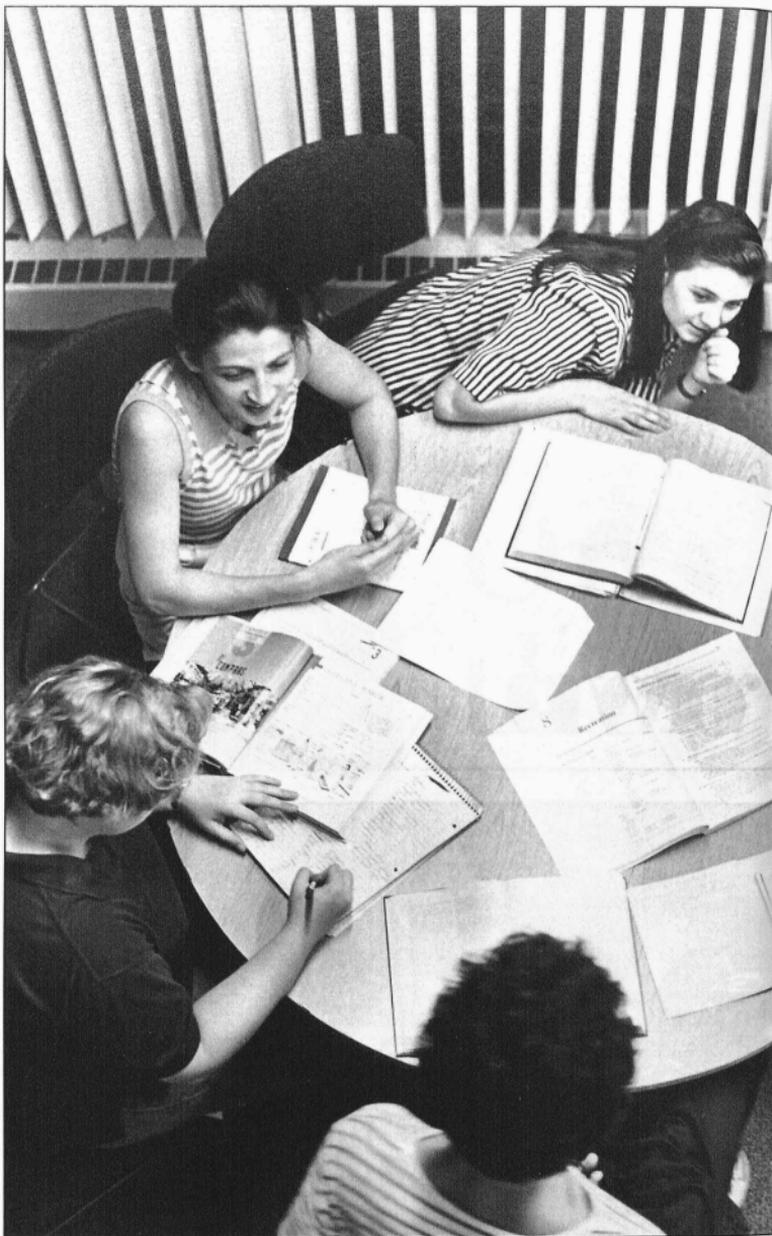
Michael D. Winaker



Ideals

Russian friends have enriched her MU education, says Kristin Kappelman of Raytown, Mo., who lives on the honors international floor of Laws Hall. She studies with, clockwise from bottom left, Lyudmila Karolyak, Valentina Kirichenko and Igor Semikhodski. Kappelman hopes to be a family physician in a mission or inner-city clinic. "I want to help people who don't have money," she says.

Rick Truax



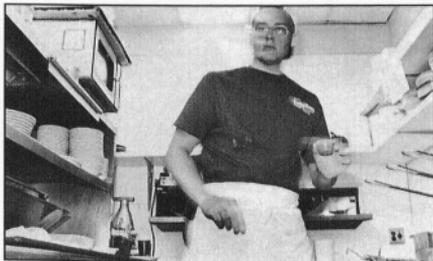


Driven

Not usually an early riser, Erin Oppy of Jefferson City gets up at 7 a.m. to move her car before it gets towed, but arrives too late.

Although she applied for a parking permit at Graham Hall, she was assigned to a distant lot. "I'm going to be on a one-on-one basis with Bart over there at Carl's Towing," Oppy says.

Lynden Steele



Busy days

"The hardest thing so far has been making my 8:40," says Justin Deutschmann, at left, who plans to major in psychology. A pledge at Phi Delta Theta, the St. Louisan is paying his way through college by working 20 to 25 hours a week as a prep cook at the Heidelberg.

Jeremich Bogert

Freedom

"One of the best things about living away from home is the freedom to do whatever I want, whenever I want," says Danish Hasan, above, a biology major from Kansas City, Kan., who plays tennis once or twice a week late at night.

Steve Harrison



Adjusting

Above, Jabulani Leffall left the sunny skies of Los Angeles to attend MU's Journalism School. Soggy weather doesn't dampen the spirits of gregarious Leffall, who chats with Charles Ottaway, the resident assistant at Donnelly Hall, after returning from class.

David Tellez



Changes

Lana Trezise, a National Merit Scholar who plans to work for a music magazine, doesn't go to parties every night, but she likes meeting different people and seeing how they live. Her hometown of Willcox, Ariz., is small, and everyone is a cowboy, she says. "If everybody knew how different types of people live there would be no racism, sexism or homophobia." She likes being a freshman at MU because she can make her own decisions, be herself and doesn't worry about what other people think.

Mariana Bazzo





Roomies

Cindy Dover tries to decide whether her shirt and vest go together while her roommate, Beth Scherr, spends time on the phone in their room at Mark Twain Residence Hall. The roommates either travel to St. Louis on weekends to see their boyfriends, or the boyfriends come to Columbia. Deciding what to pack has become a Thursday evening ritual.

Brian Storm



Wakening

"I think college is a little overwhelming," says Jennifer Freemann, a political science major from St. Louis. "It takes you a while to figure out what your priorities are and what you need to do." She's glad she pledged the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. "Everybody is there to help you," she says. "The people I met were like me, and I felt I could live with them."

Caron Bailey