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(Advanced Digital Photography - Fall 2005)

@olin.edu came out of my desire to make a book about what it's like to attend Olin. I often try to explain to outsiders why I'm so crazy about this place, but something inevitably gets lost in the translation. So, in the grand Olin tradition, I decided to make this a group project.

Using email, I solicited the help of my fellow students. I asked them to write anything from a few words to a paragraph on their experiences at Olin, both good and bad. Then, I went through the responses looking for ones that evoked an image in my mind. I refined my ideas, enlisted classmates as models, captured the images on (digital) film, and compiled them together with the associated text into this book.

Hopefully this book will shed some light on the collective insanity that is the Olin experience.

Sean McBride, Class of 2007



Watching Olin go from nothing to something
has been an unforgettable experience. When I
arrived it was literally steel girders in the ground.
Today it is a beautiful campus.

Nick Zola, Class of 2006



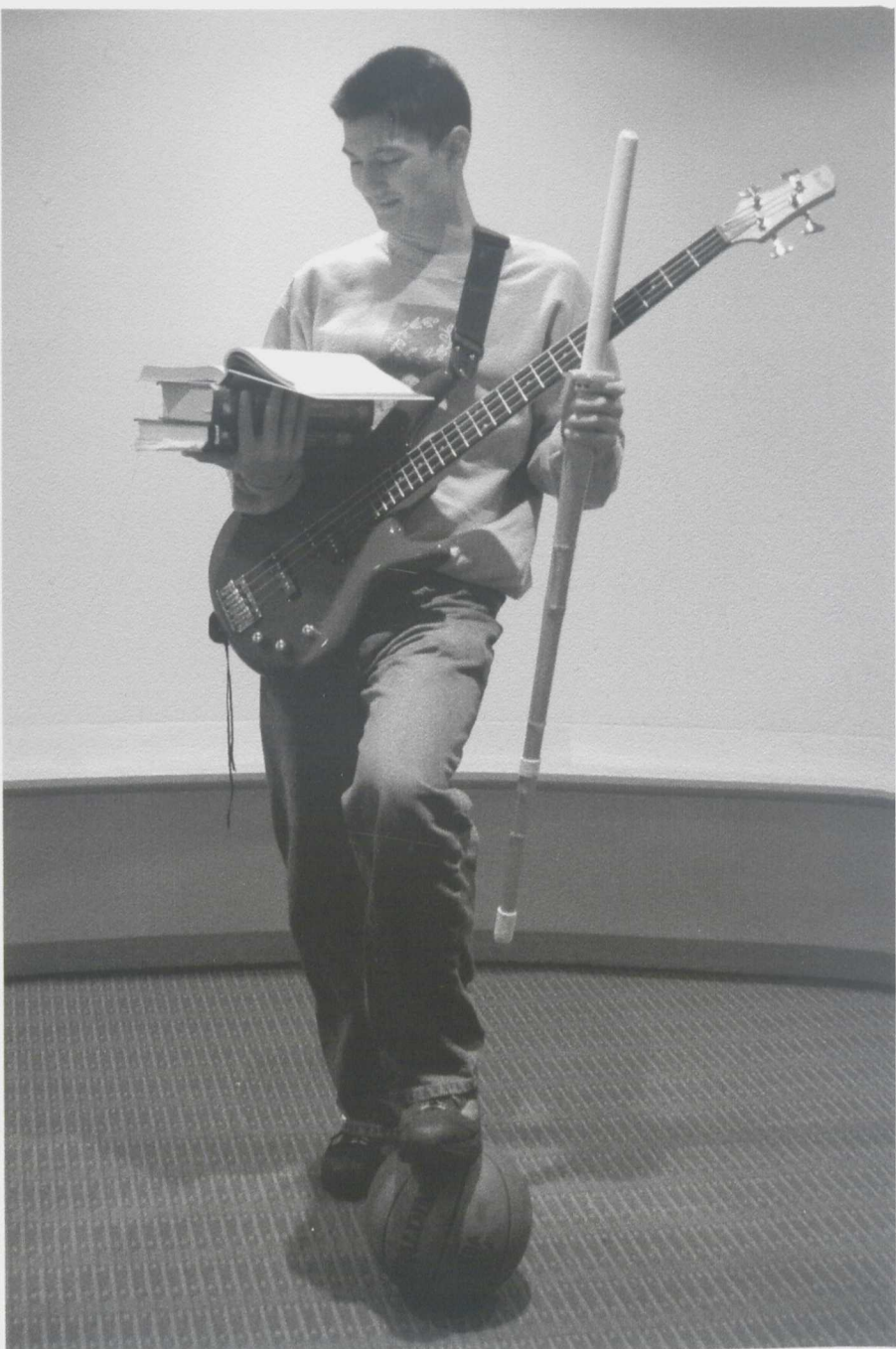
Coming back to school feels like coming home.

Julia Buck, Class of 2008



At first glance, Olin is one of the nerdiest schools you'll ever find. But after a short time here you see that this place is so social you might even *GASP!* turn off your WoW every once in a while and speak to actual people. The kind you can see and hear and even poke at just to make sure they're real.

Jose Santos, Class of 2009



Individual problem sets, group project ideation,
emotional roller coasters, social gatherings all melt
together - the life of an Olin student. There are
no separate modes of operation. All types of balls
are juggled in the air at once, and it all works out.

Somehow.

Herbert Chang, Class of 2009



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Do with these courses: Learn
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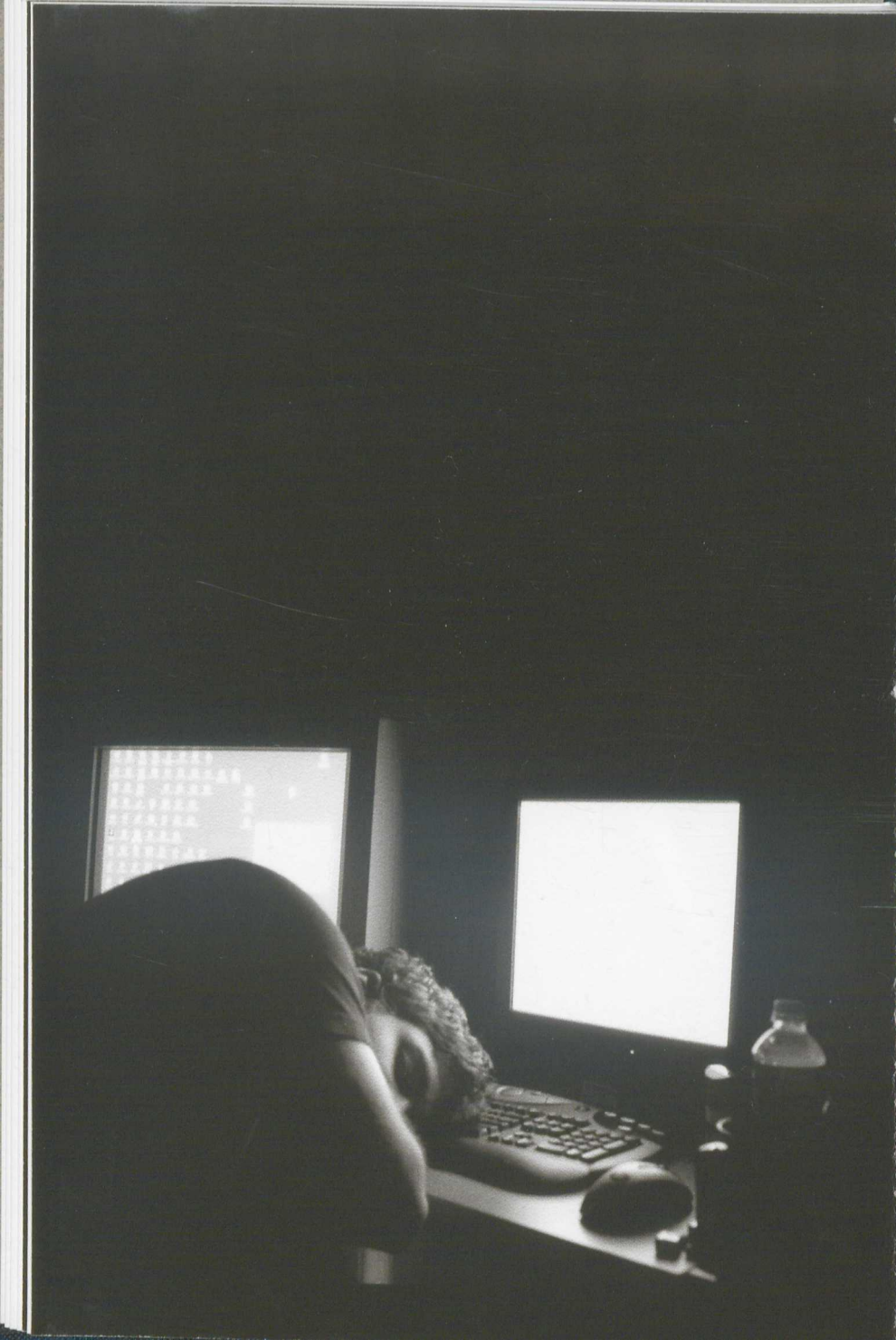
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- 450 fully worked problems
- Theories, concepts, and analysis, with an introduction of all course h

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Introduction to Automata Theory, Languages, and Computation
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Olin professors don't always tell you how deep the water is, but they're trained in CPR and have plenty of life preservers.

Gui Cavalcanti, Class of 2008

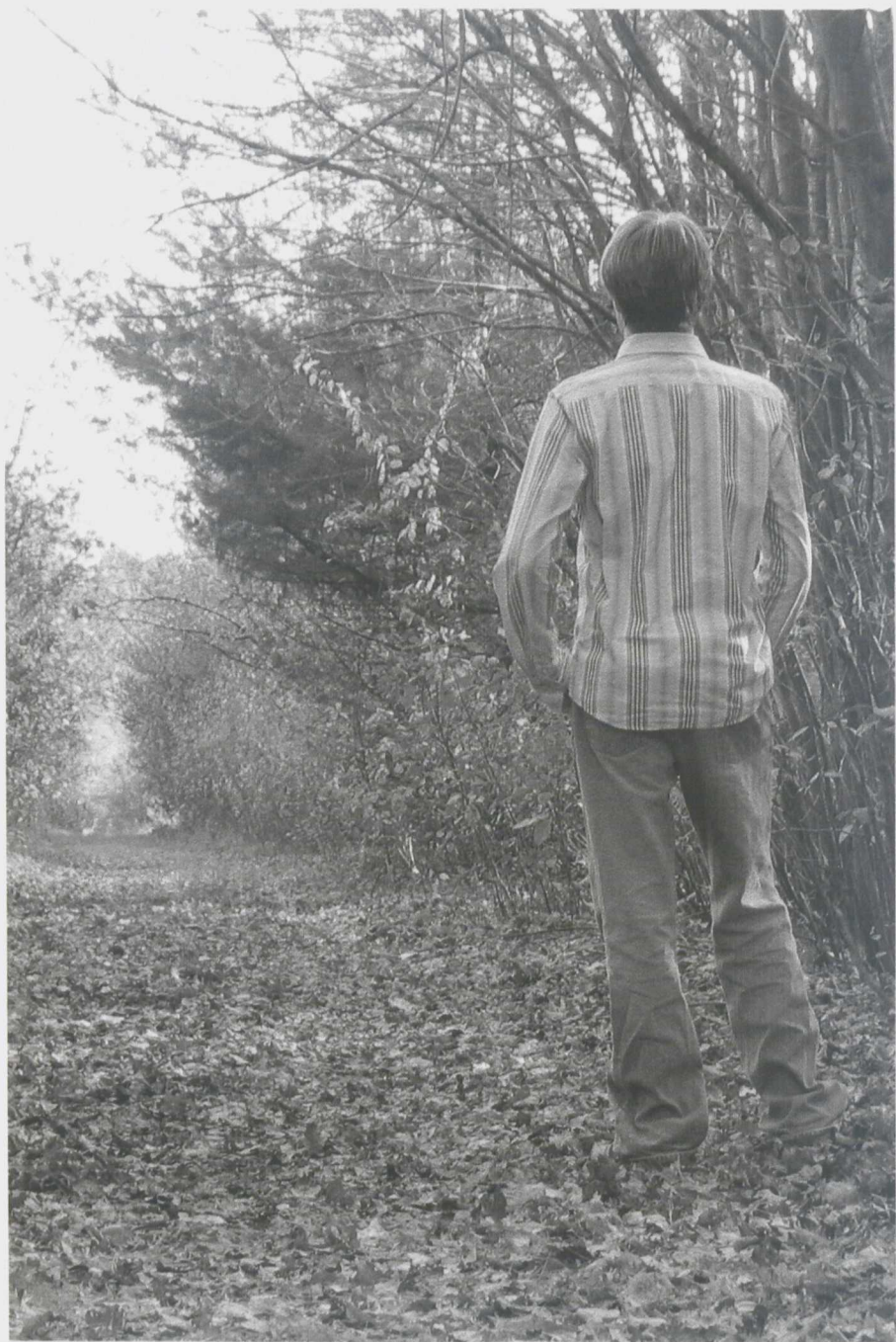


People at Olin work too much.

It seems crazy, but you should be able to treat Olin as an intense full-time job. You should be able to leave school at school. You shouldn't feel guilty going to bed at 3 when your work isn't done.

I think that if we all slept on a more normal schedule, we'd be a lot happier.

Tom Kochem, Class of 2006



Parcel B waits, calm:

Forlorn, rich emptinesses

Emphasize nothing

Nikolaus Wittenstein, Class of 2009



I fear that, when I am long gone from here and have settled into some sensible job, I will begin to doubt my Olin experience was so radically different from what I might have had someplace else, or to wonder what difference it really made for me.

If that day comes, I should quit my job without hesitation, because it will mean that I am working inside the box rather than examining it from the outside as I was taught.

DJ Gallagher, Class of 2007



Sometimes, I try hard not to cry.

I'm tired, and sad, and I just try try try.

I feel like an outsider, an imposter on stand-by.

But maybe somewhere else I would be super hot.

To hell with science fiction, computers,

And the rest of that lot.

My opinions aren't useless and boring, I am not.

I recognize that Olin is a "tight community,"

But what if that group is just not for me?

It's too late to leave, it's too hard to stay.

Fuck it. I can't wait until May.

Anonymous



What I miss most about Olin is walking towards the res hall from the parking lot and being able to see into the lounges. It's like a slice of Olin life.

On one floor, you see people studying, backs up against the window; on another, a couple swing dancing; on yet another, students wrestling on mattresses.

You think, what the hell, right?

But it's not really hell ... it's Olin.

Char Laughlin, Class of 2007

(Studying Abroad)

