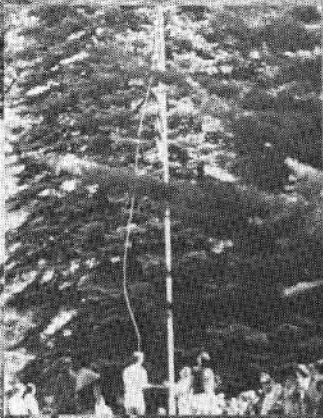
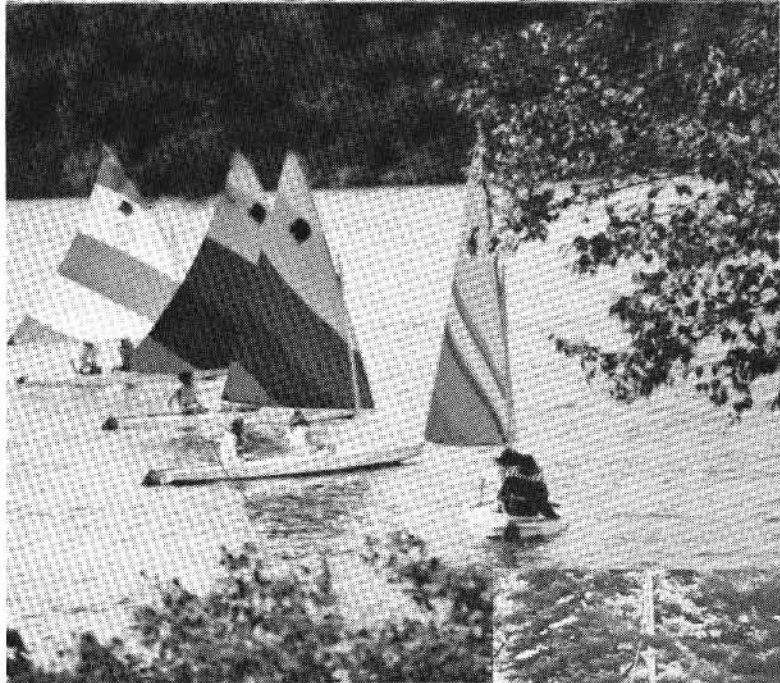


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The publishing of this "Annual" each year is one way by which Erma and I try to bring back memories of the past summer at Camp Coniston. We could cite statistics that this is Coniston's 23rd year, that it is our 18th year and that over 1040 different campers attended Coniston in 1986. But the real value of this book is not to give you statistics but to help you to share in the people, the programs, the places and the events that made another memorable camping season. In spite of weather that would not cooperate we all seemed to have a good time as we saw a lot of smiling faces, active campers, enthusiastic staff and great friendships being made. This is the genius of Camp Coniston, that in this beautiful, relaxing place we can enjoy each other's company, witness the beauty and wonders of nature, learn a lot of things about living, have fun doing many things together and simply grow in body, mind and spirit. We are grateful for the vision of those before us who provided this magnificent place, for the staff who have made it all possible and for the parents and campers whose support and loyalty make it a special place.

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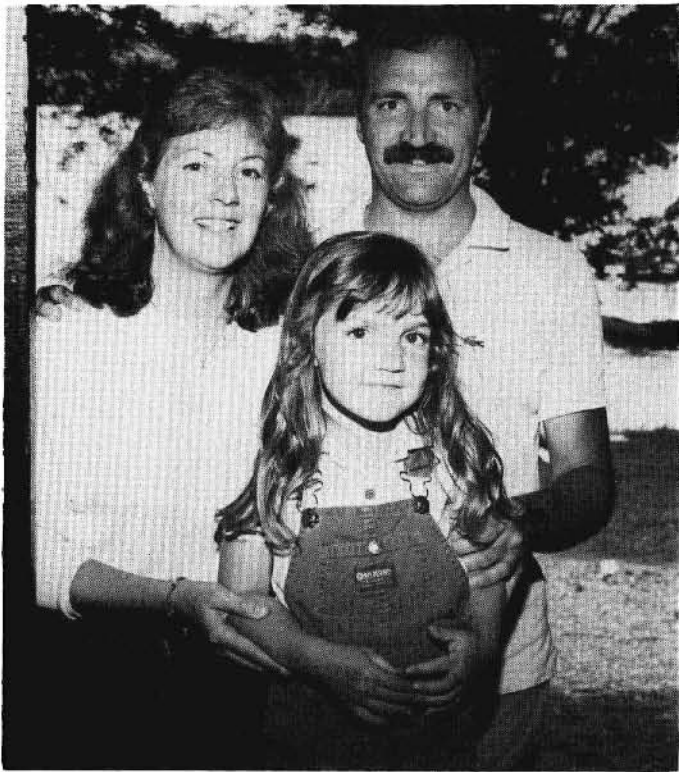
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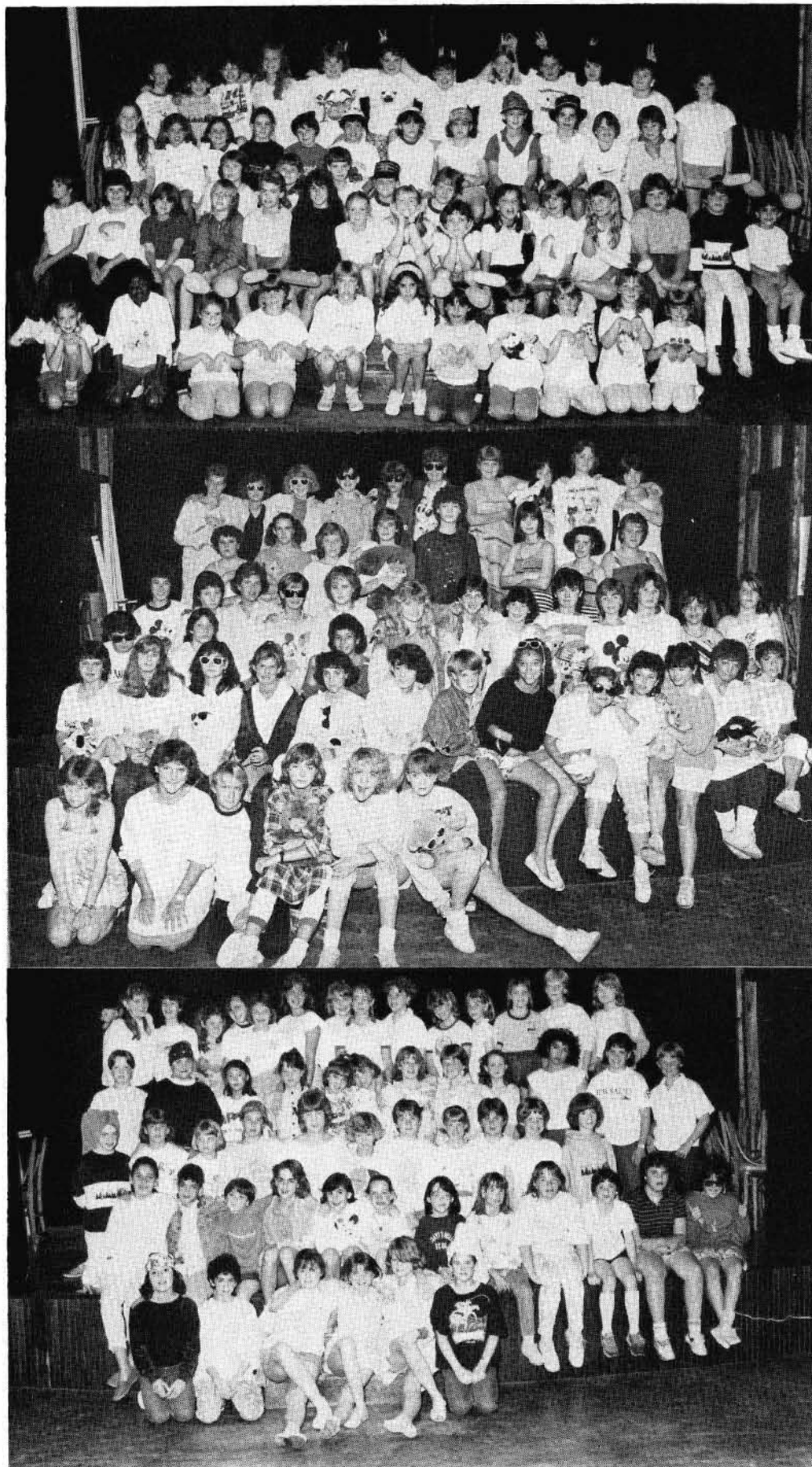
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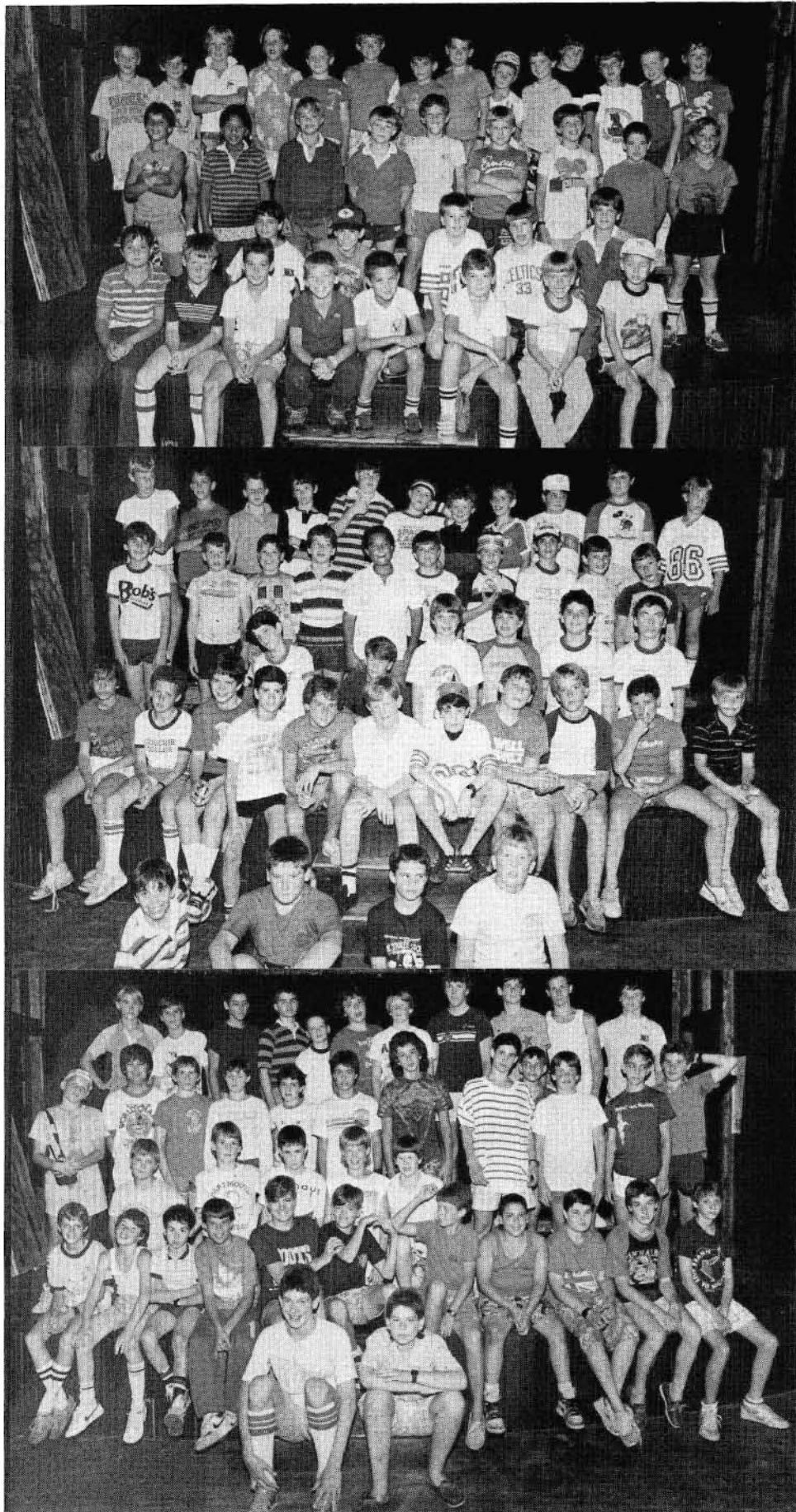
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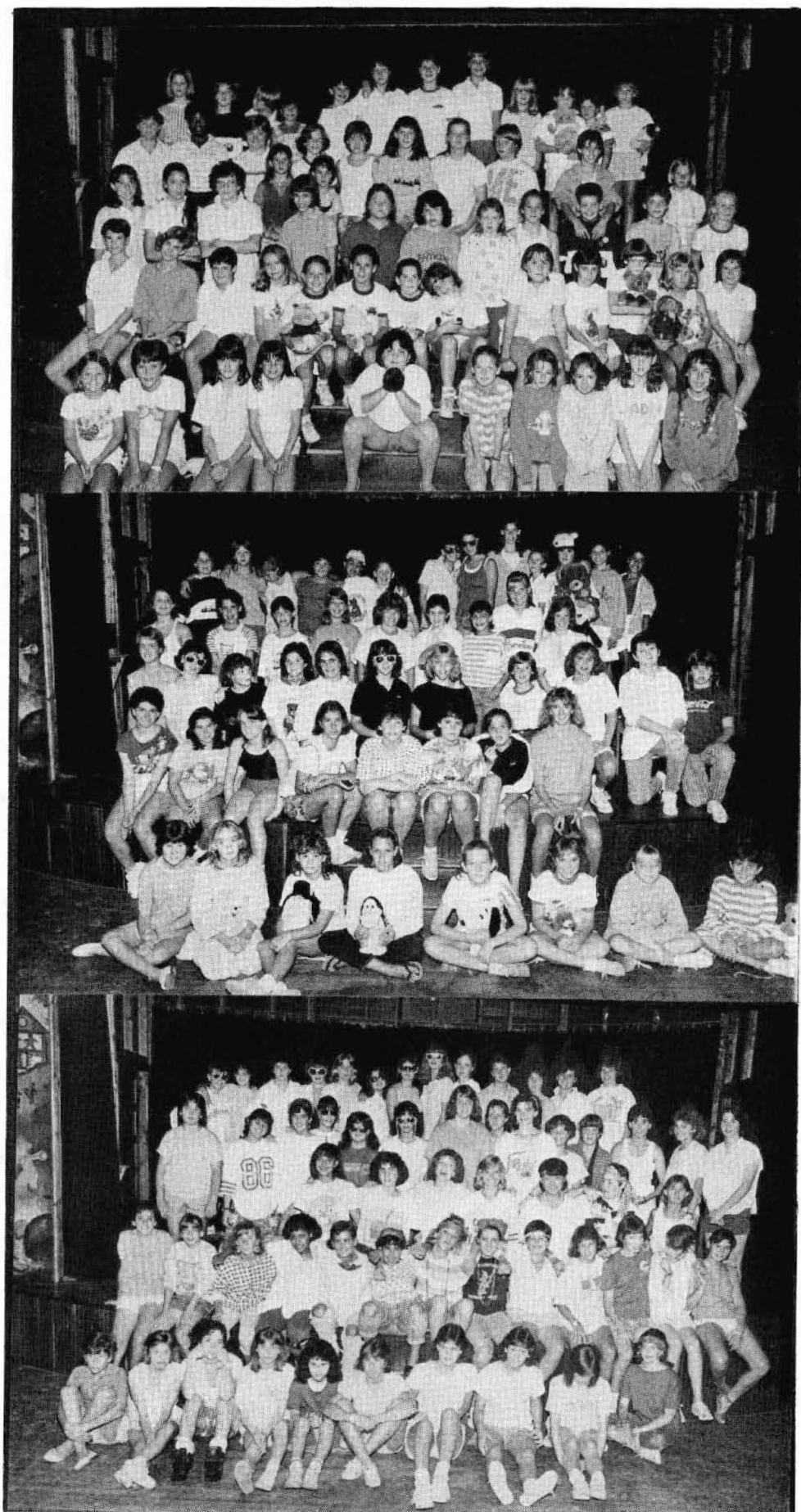
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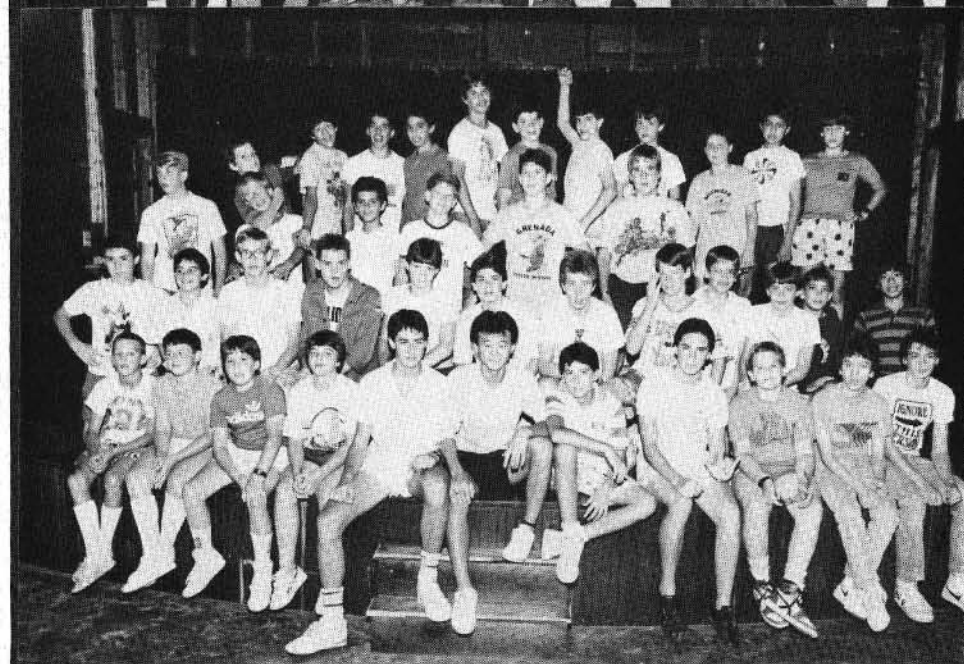
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FIVE YEAR CAMPER AWARDS



Period 1 — 1st row: Joe Ciarcia; Adam Schiffrin; Heather Dutton; Michelle Proulx; 2nd row: Kurt Gagne; Scott Robertson; Ben Daley



Period 2 — 1st row: Melissa Mellon; Naomi Lieberman; Paul Thorpe; Rob Wolovich; Wendy Nott; 2nd row: Andy DelValle; Jeremy Crane; Michael McDermid; Greta Barker; missing: Andrew Wally



Period 2 — Fred Levy; Jamie Fitzpatrick; Matt Hunter; Karen Zarembo

FIVE YEAR AWARDS

Period 3 — Top row: Allison Sharp; Heather Hennessy; Victoria Hillebrand; Bottom row: Kassie MacLeay; Evonne Lechtenberg; Sarah Walton.



Period 4 — Top row: Bill Sloan; Eric Weinberg; Jason DeLong; Lisa Pellerin; Peter Jackson; Bottom row: Laura Marshall; Sarah Wilson; Brooke Clover; Lisa Held; Jake Sullivan; Serena Carson; Scott Rogowsky.



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10 YEAR CAMPER AWARDS



Tom Horton — Period 1 & 2



Bill Leahy
Donna More

Jim Schulte
Sue Forman

Period 1-4

In my small trunk
 I carry camp
 home with me
 All the memories
 the tears
 and joys
 packed tight
 never to forget.
 But, as I leave
 I look behind and
 see you
 smiling
 and next to you is a
 little piece of
 myself.

— Gillian Steel,
Camper

Camp has always been a very special place for me. I come back year after year, not for specific people, but for the people and kids in general. This place holds so many wonderful memories for me. The laughter, the hugs, the smiles, the friendships, the atmosphere, the kids, playing games, and being silly. And so much more, too much to ever put to words.

If I don't return here to work some unfortunate summer, camp will always remain with me. Not only because I have four photo albums and four picture collages of camp, but because camp has become a part of me. It has formed a way of life for me.

I have learned so much from this place and I hope you will too, because the things that camp teaches will last your whole life through. You will make friends here and write letters when you're gone, but never forget your time here, it's more special than you know.

— Michelle Monique Parsons
(Moosefish)

I sit here in the lodge and there is
 a certain peacefulness.
 It's the end of summer and all
 the campers have left to go home.
 The lodge is empty in reality, but
 the memories made here still remain.
 I can hear the small cries and giggling voices,
 I can picture the campers lining up for
 their meals, as the rays of sunlight
 shine through the windows, where
 many fingerprints have been left.
 The memories and voices of the little
 cries will remain even when the leaves
 start to turn.
 I sit here alone and think
 there will be more next summer.
 Some new voices and returning old ones.
 The memories never die and
 neither do the summers.

— Robin Wills

*SONG: written by Peter Twadell
 — music by Howie Kalfus*

Thank you my friends for a wonderful summer,
 these words fall so short.
 I mean so much more and the words don't fit,
 but I'll try to do my best—
 that's all you ever asked anyway.
 This place is more than nature,
 and a beautiful lake and trees and hills.
 It's the people who make it camp.
 Not the weather or the food or the money—
 It's the people.
 The real beauty here is you, who make it camp.
 So different, yet so much the same
 with your smiles and frowns and the rest.
 You make me happy.
 I won't ever forget Coniston or you, I promise.
 Truth is, the names might fade, but the meaning won't.
 Years from now the memories I love
 and of being someone will be there
 and my children, wife, and friends might not know
 how much you're a part of me. Thanks.

Why oh why did we come back to camp,
 Where the weather's always overcast, too hot, or too damp?
 Where the girls always scream and the boys forever shout,
 and our free time is spent comforting campers who pout.
 Where the bats and mosquitoes all swarm and bite
 and my CITs whisper deep into the night.
 Where Bob and Buffy send us to bed at one
 (back home we're up all night havin' fun!)
 Where we sometimes feel alone or have our hearts break,
 and Jim has us doin' boating tests in the freezin' lake.
 And although we're having a good time with our friends,
 Why overnights that always freeze off our rear ends?

Why? It's for the kids we go that extra mile,
 and our reward is found forever in a child's smile.

— *Matt Tolbert*

After 13 years of the YMCA I sit at my desk in an odd sort of way
 I was going to continue to write this poem but because of my swell rhyming, I won't...
 I'd like to point out that my summers here have built me as a person.
 They have made me more confident, responsible and caring.
 The feelings I have for this place and the people are just too strong to explain.
 Have you ever tried to explain perfection?
 I've met all types and seen many faces. I've also ended up in some interesting places.
 ...Oops, I rhymed!
 I want to keep this short but it is so hard.
 I could go on and on... overall, thank you to the new staff for giving
 this camp new energy. Thank you to the old staff for leaving bits
 of memories. And thanks to the campers for giving us a reason to do the things we do.

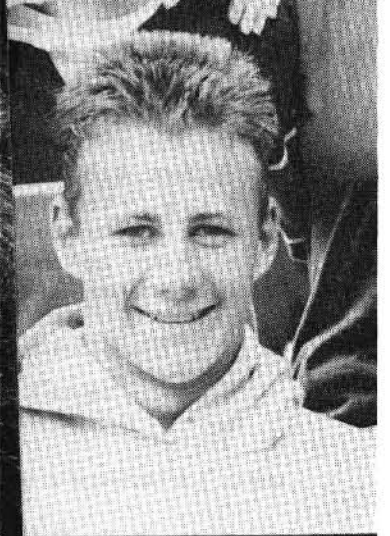
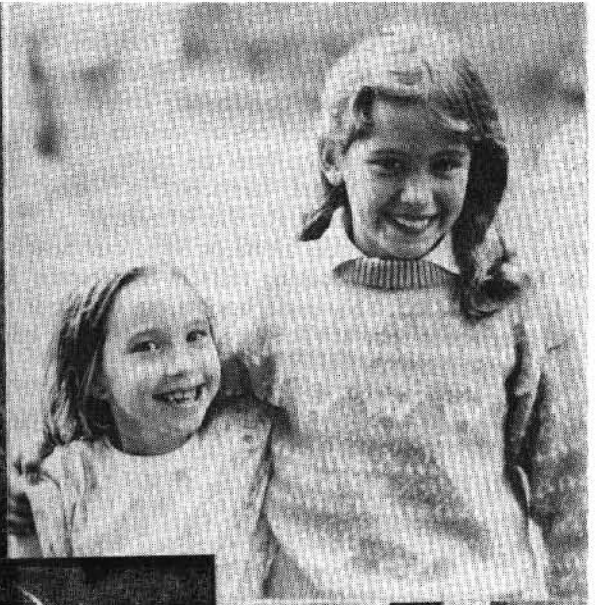
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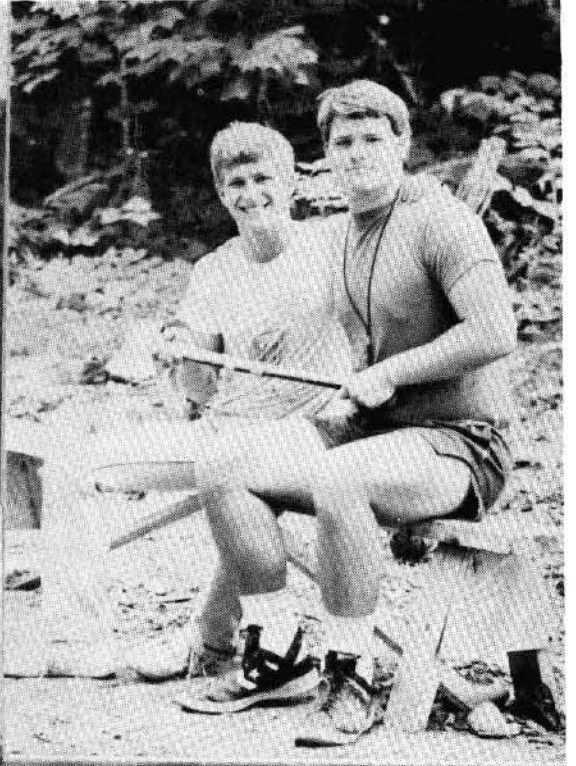
Energized Too

First there's Mr. Sanders, he's our anchor and bond,
 who still kids himself that his hair remained blond.
 Hank's from Colorado, he's a real ladies' man,
 with a girl never far from each different hand.
 George is quite different, I guess you could say,
 Keeps me laughing and laughing in many's a way.
 For Linda I can't dance an old Irish jig,
 But look out for a card of some old Irish pig.
 So far it's been great, with some wonderful thrills,
 Learning from Matt those camp crafting skills.
 Peter, your jokes are a number one hit,
 But I can't say the same for your tobacco chew spit.
 California's Kim is into gymnastics,
 While Joe leads the pack of those run-fit fanatics.
 As for coming to camp, I've really been glad,
 Meeting Caroline from England, She's horse-riding mad.
 So you guys get up early to hear the birds sing
 And Darwin's out there being basketball king.
 Michelle keeps on smiling through sunshine and rain,
 Yeah, just like Ana, from far away Spain.
 But all staff remember in each thing you do,
 I'm Alan from Ireland and energized too!

— *Alan Stewart*

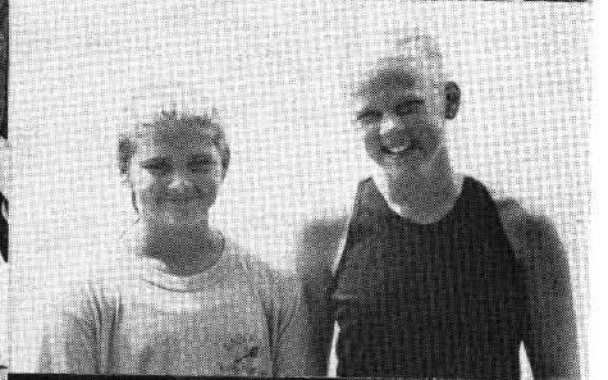
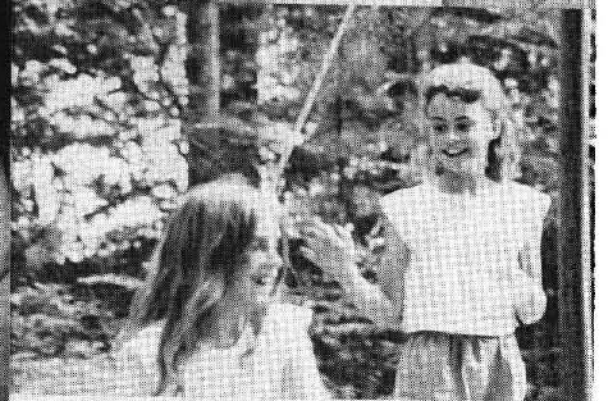
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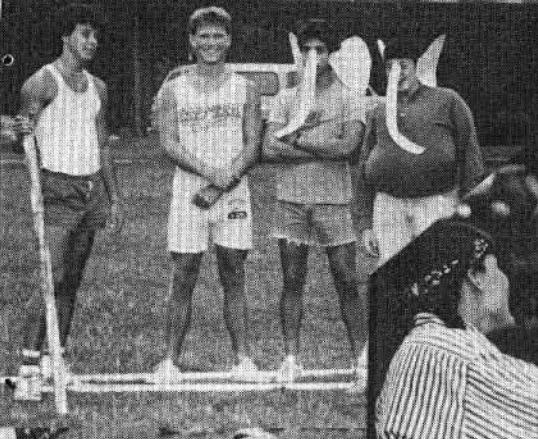




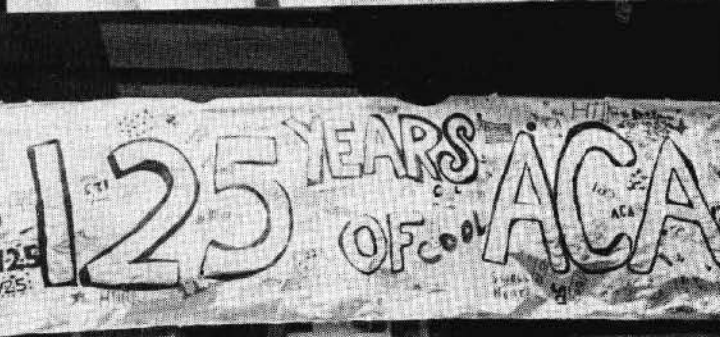


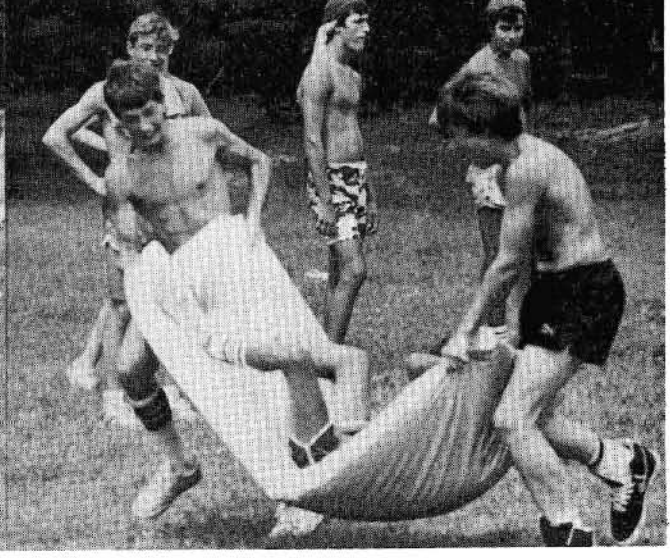




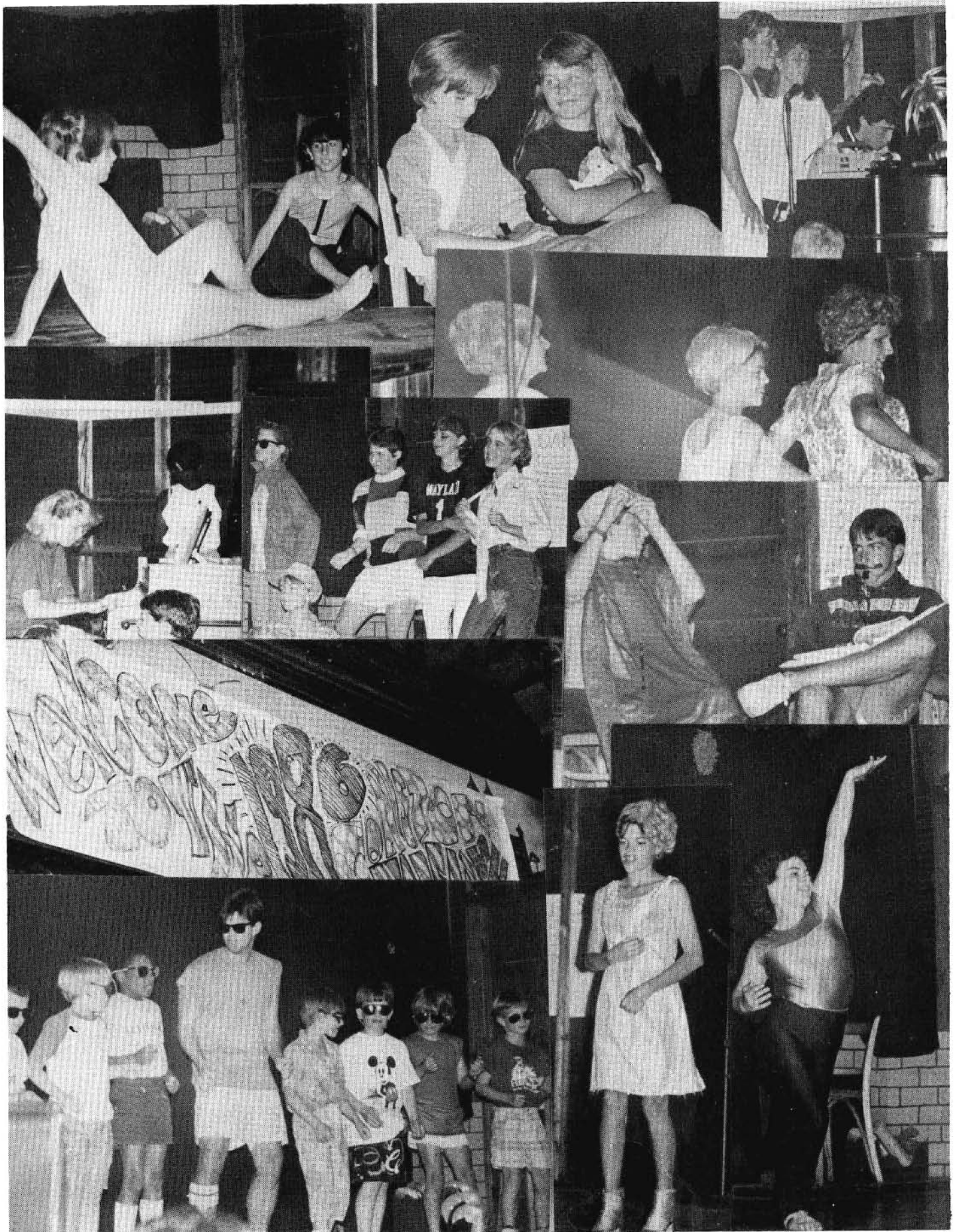


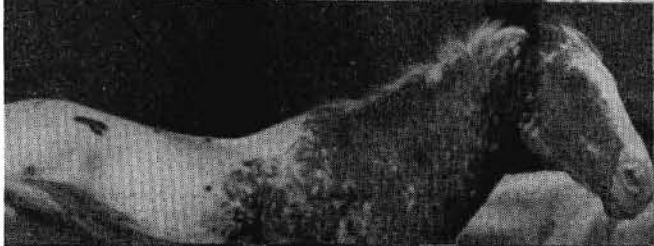
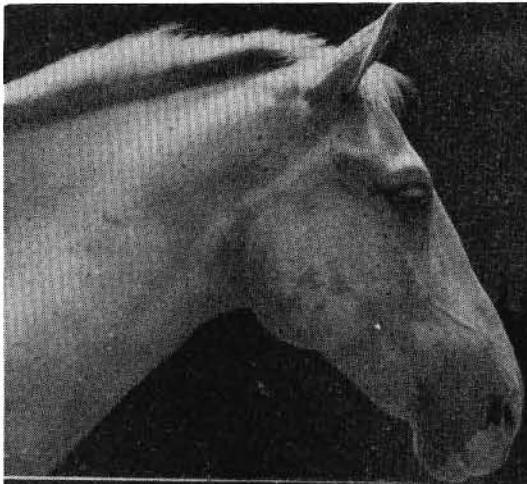


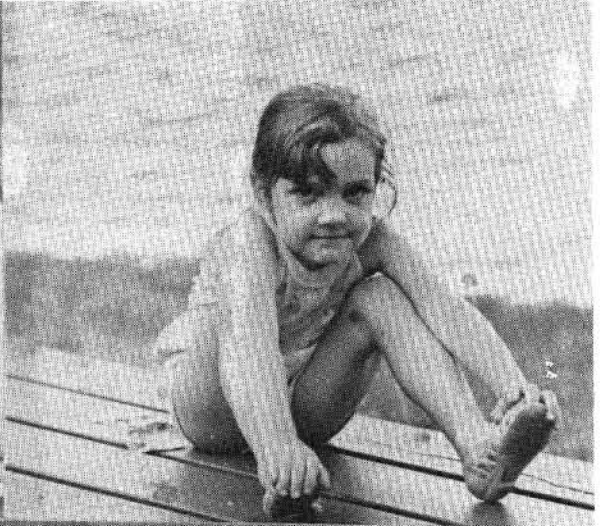














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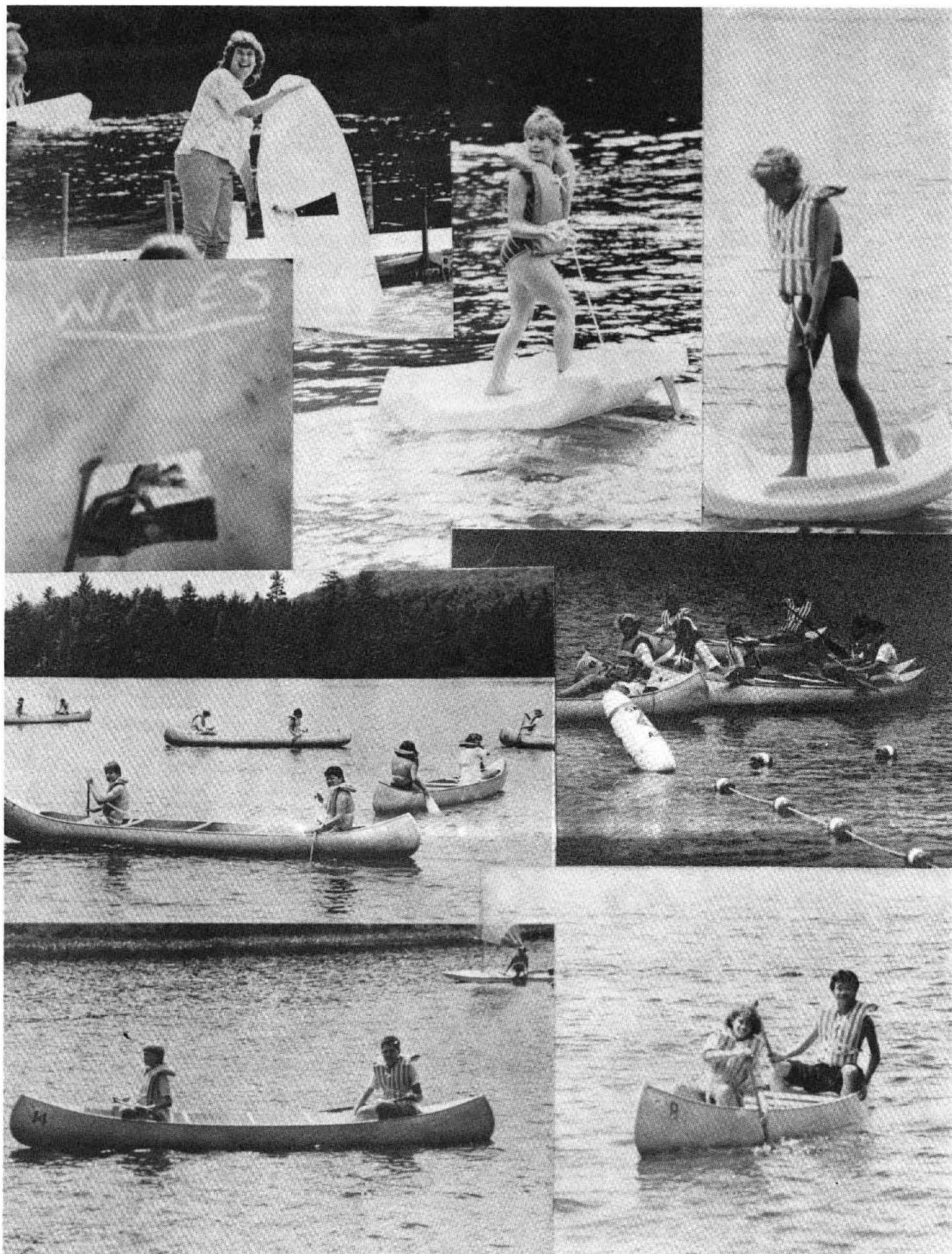
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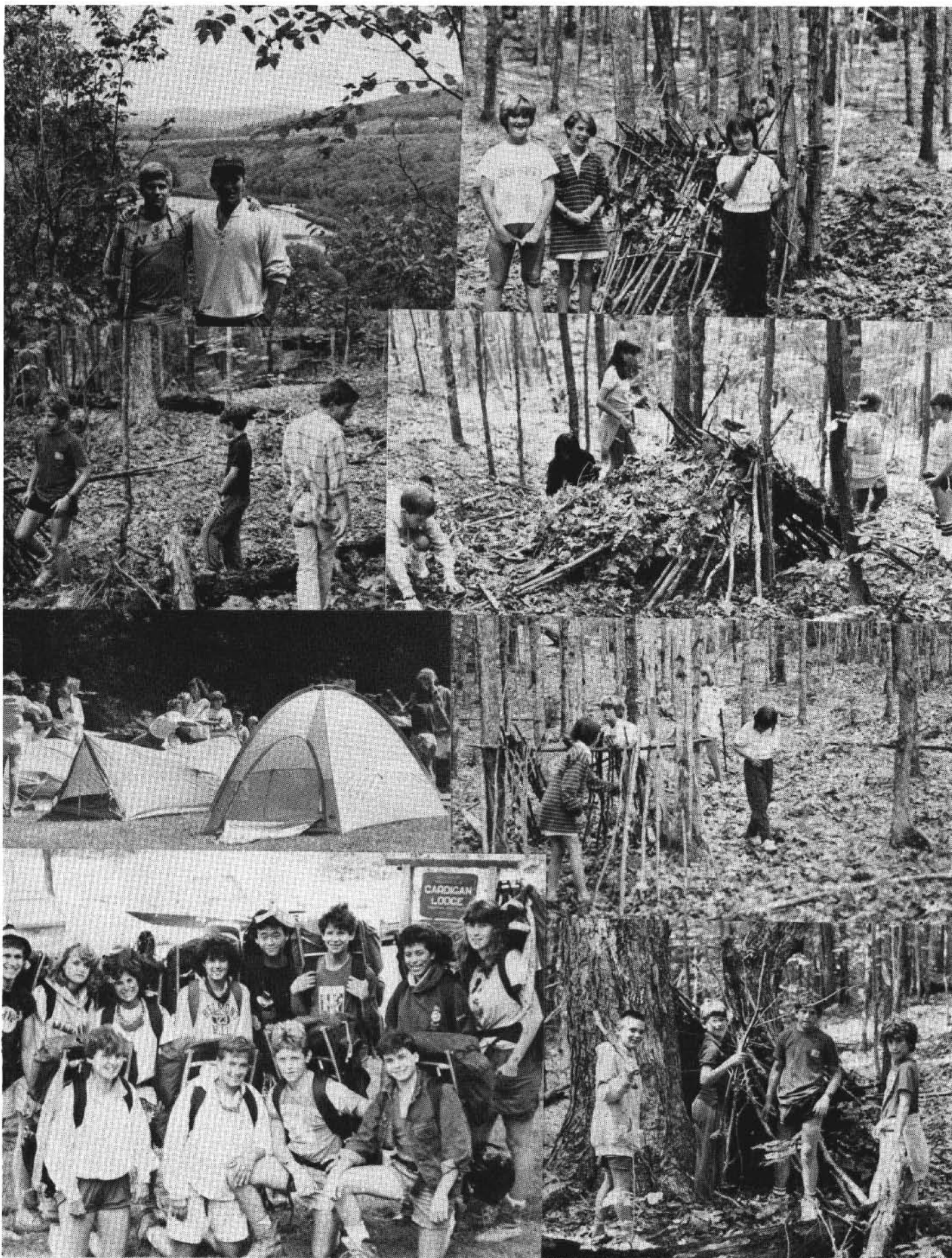


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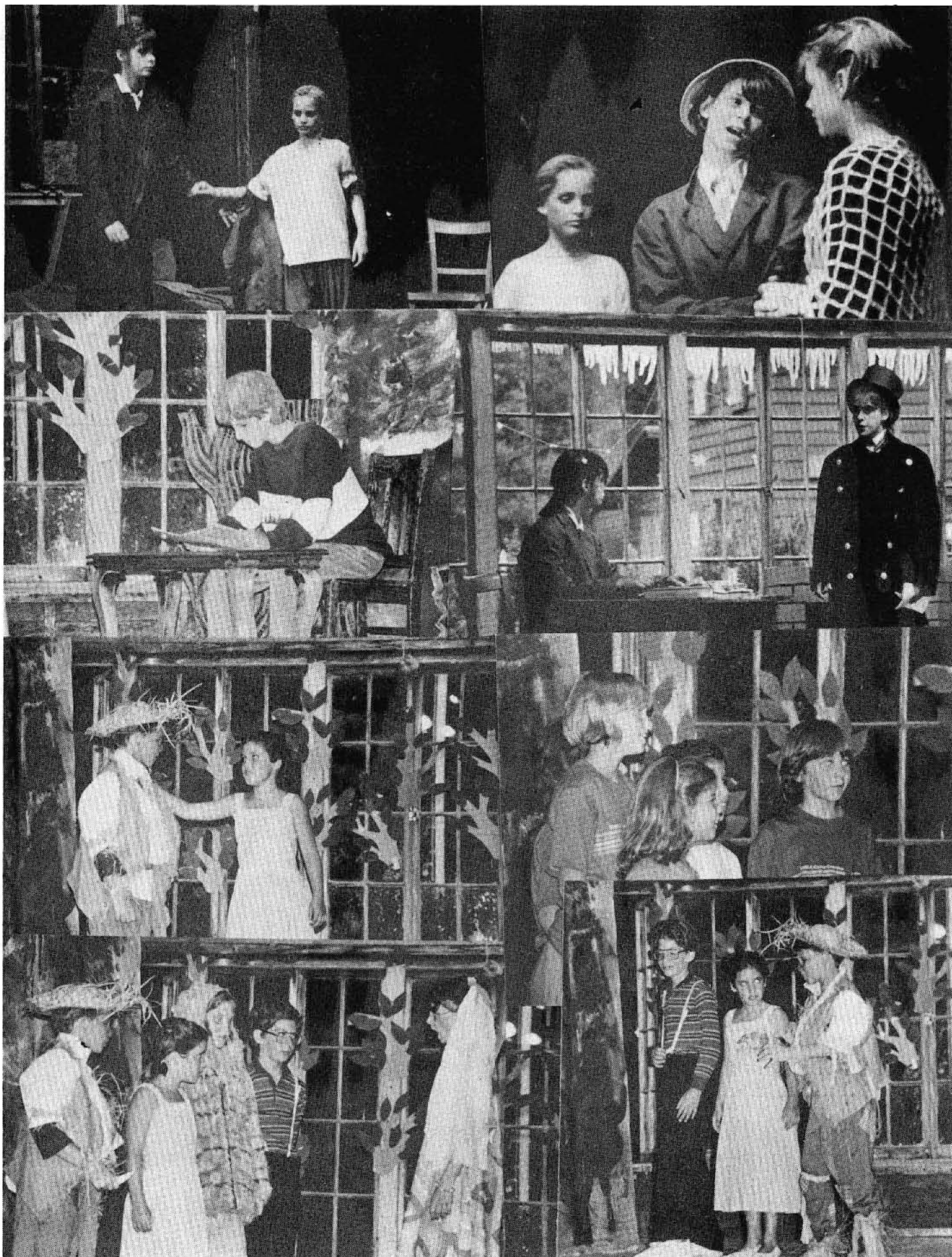
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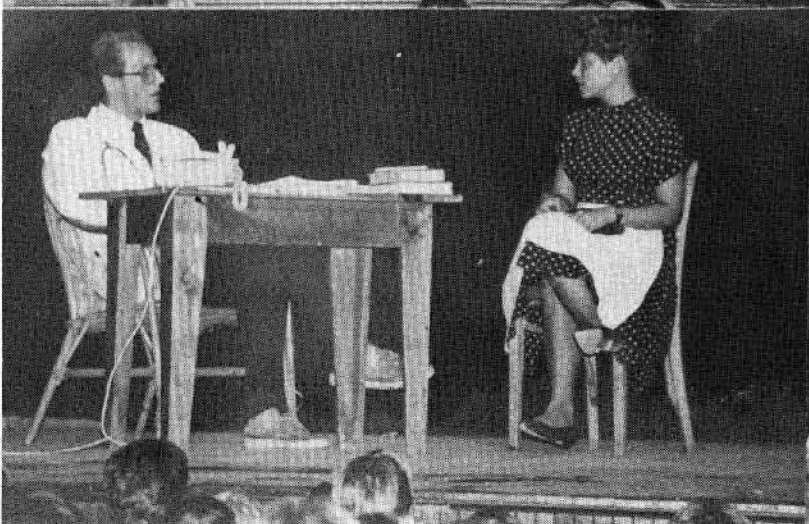
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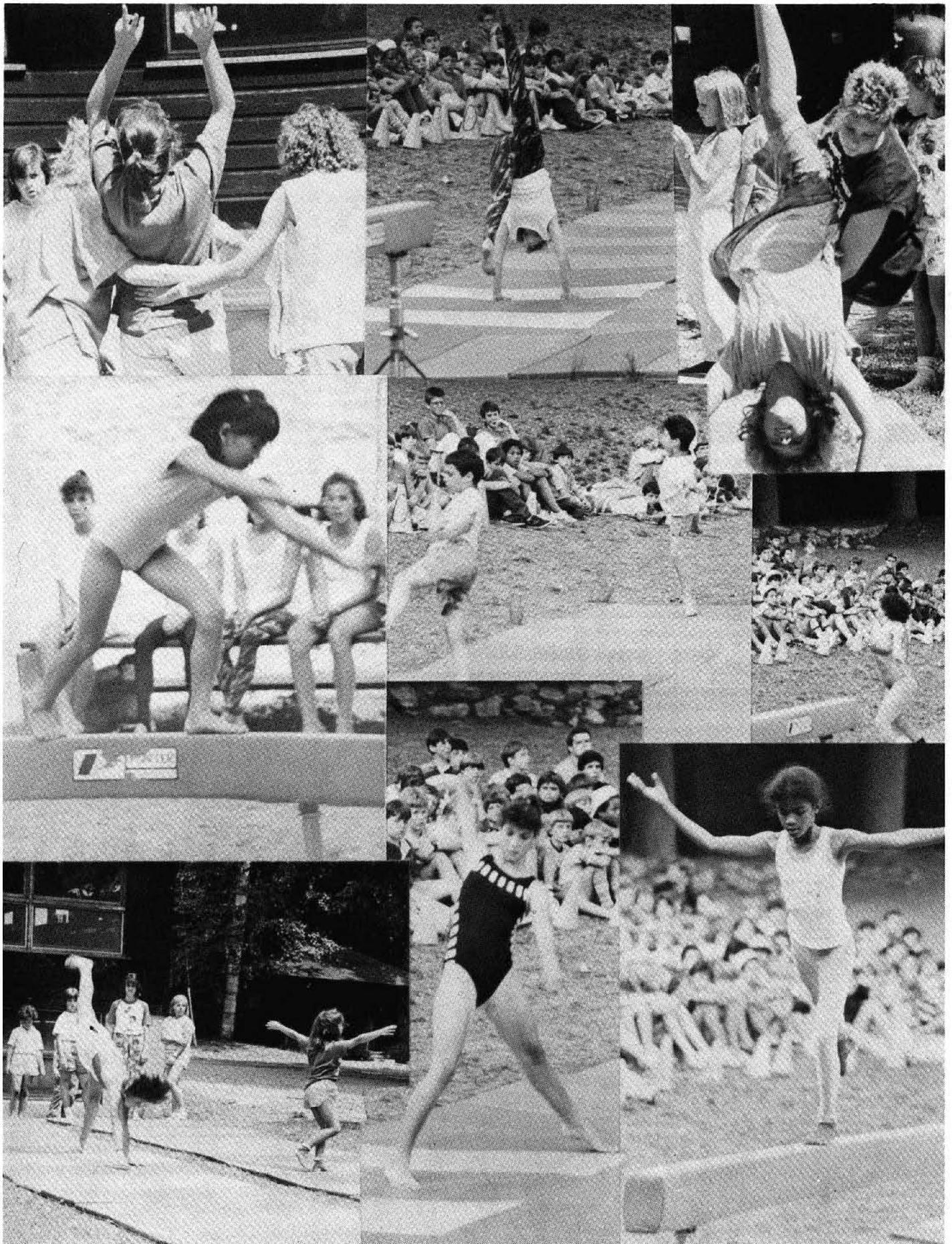


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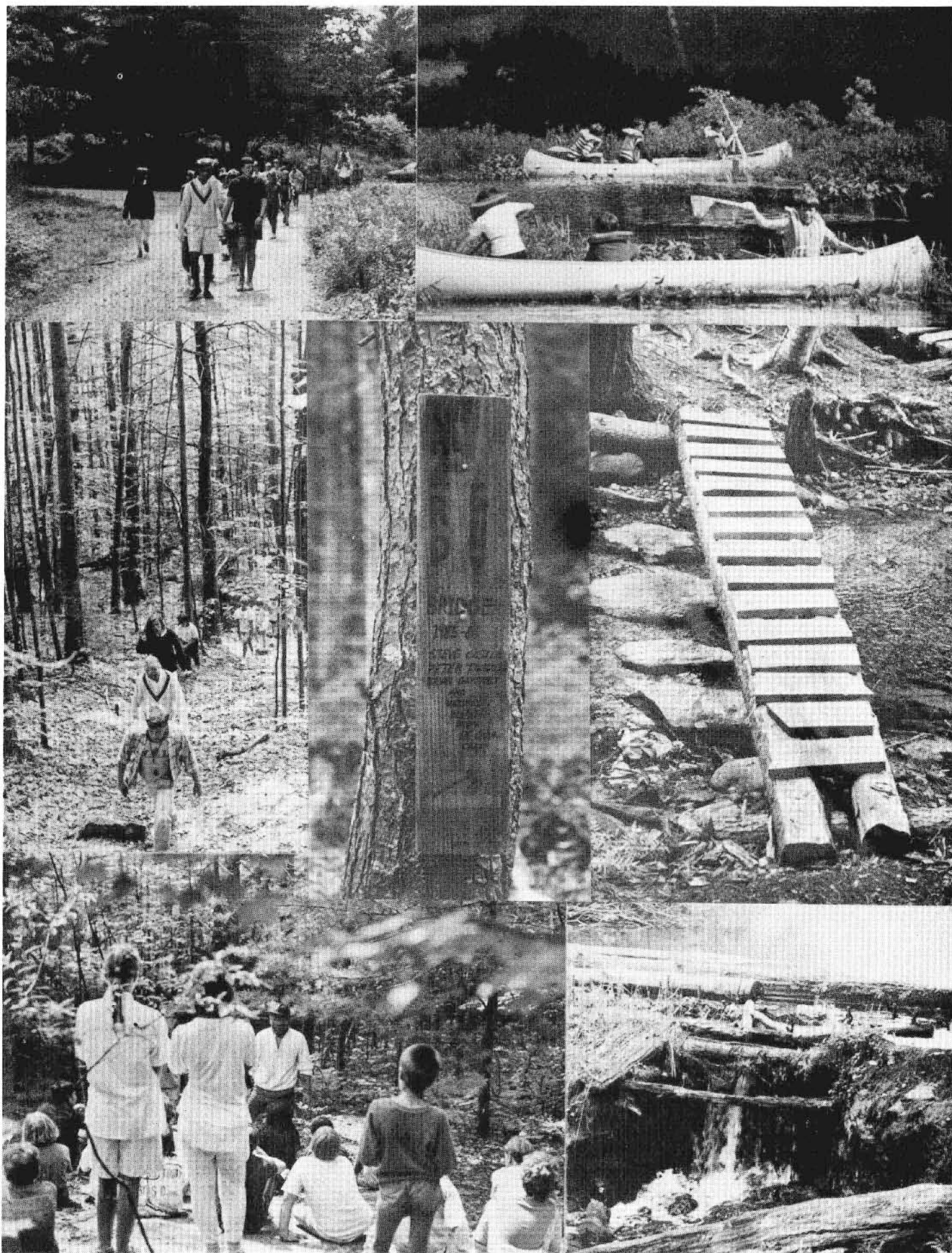






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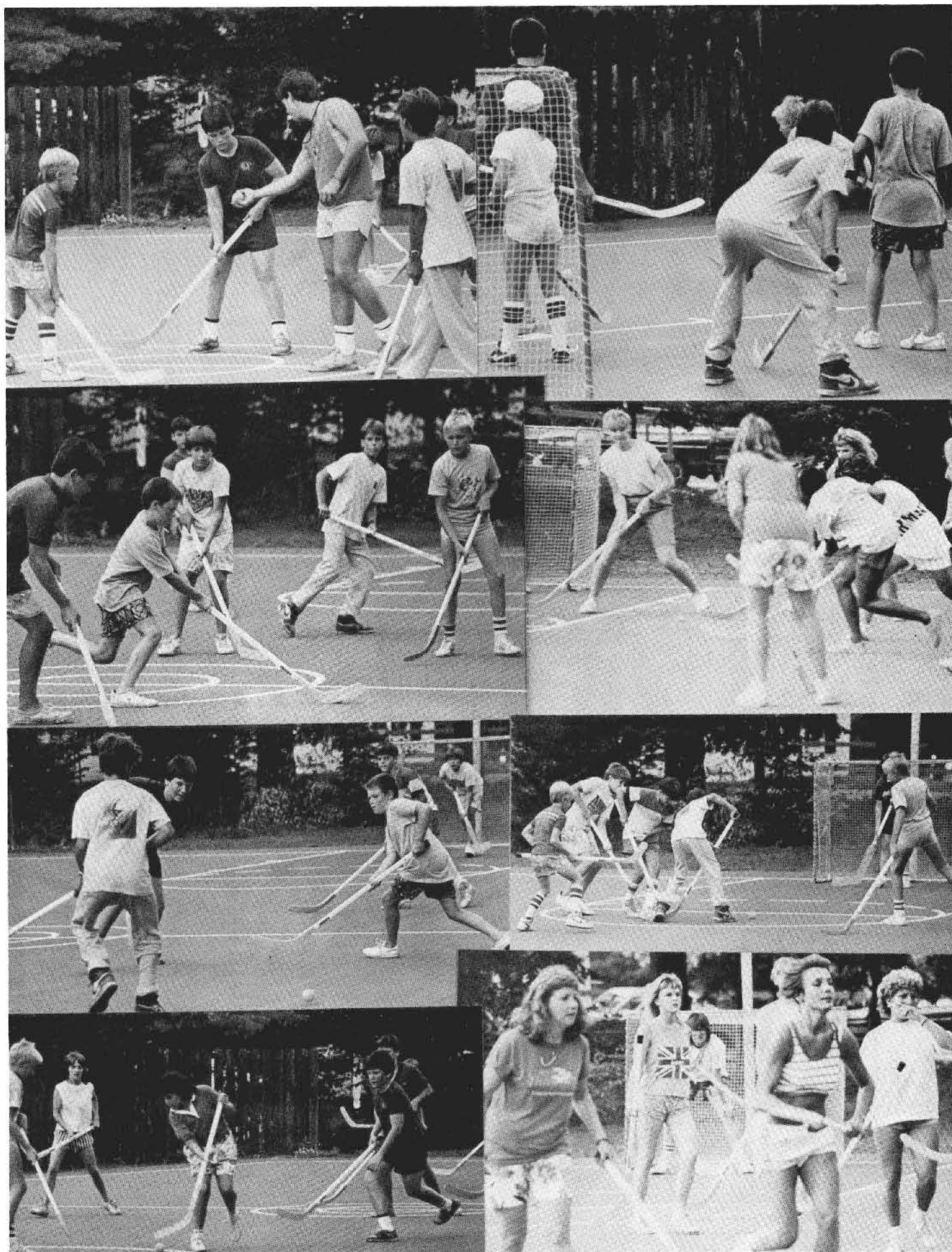
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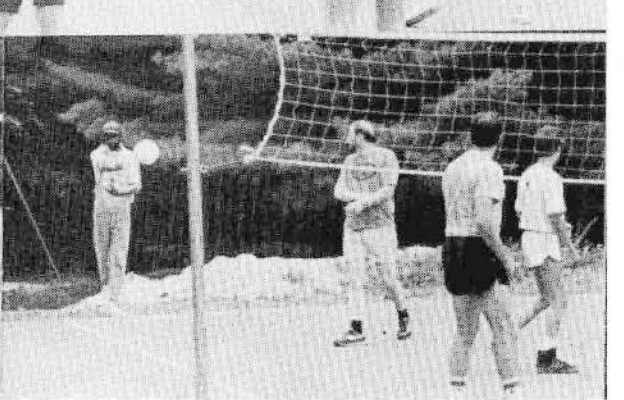
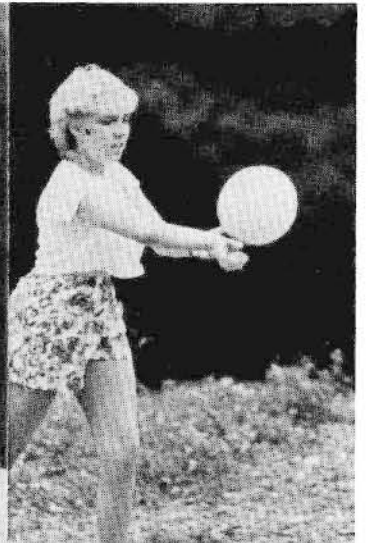
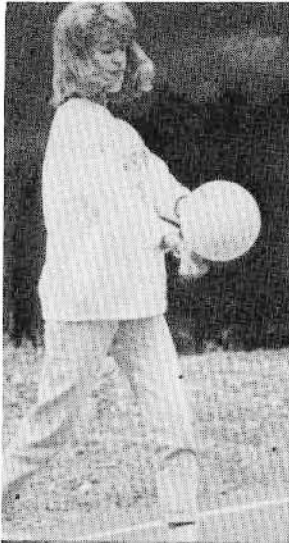


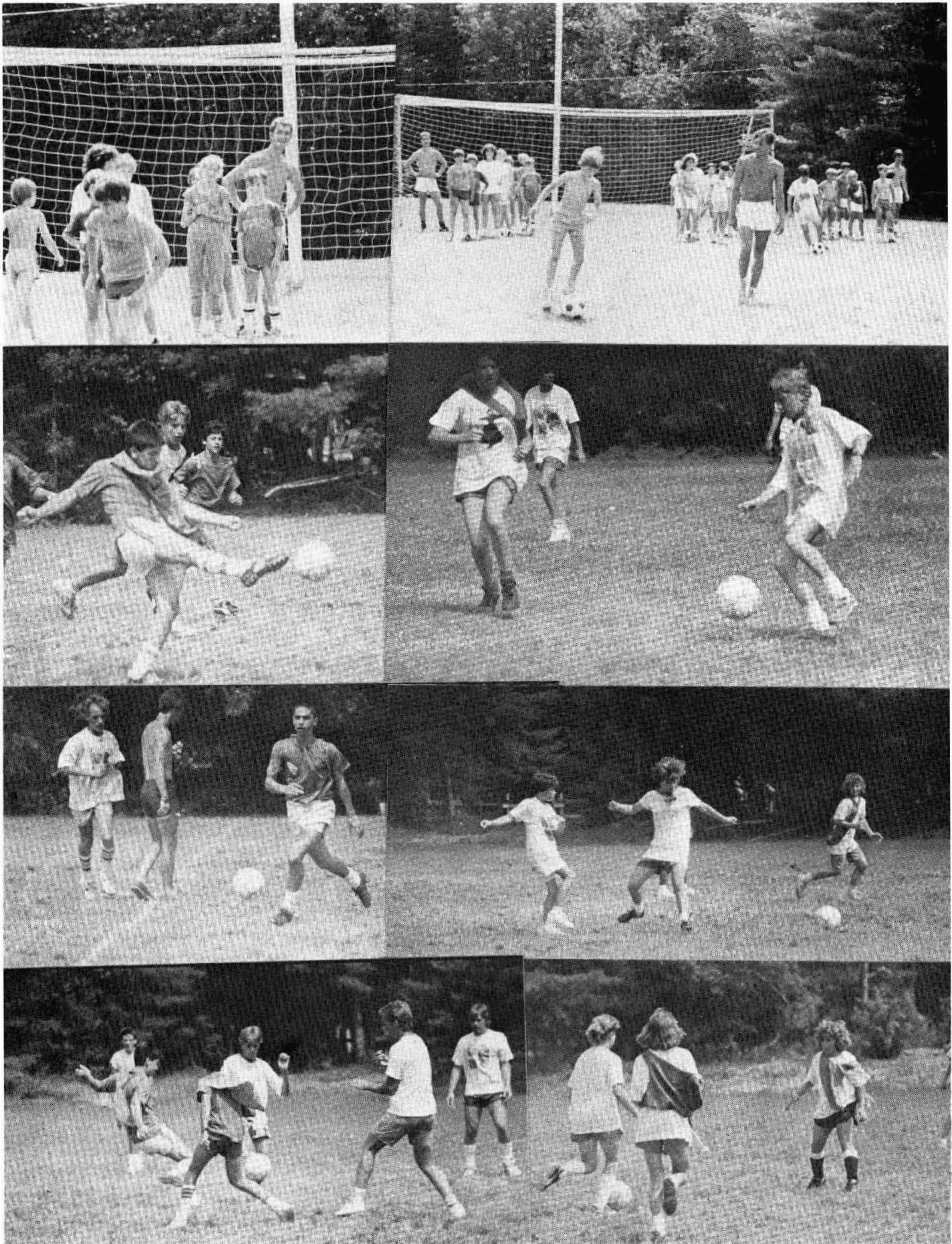
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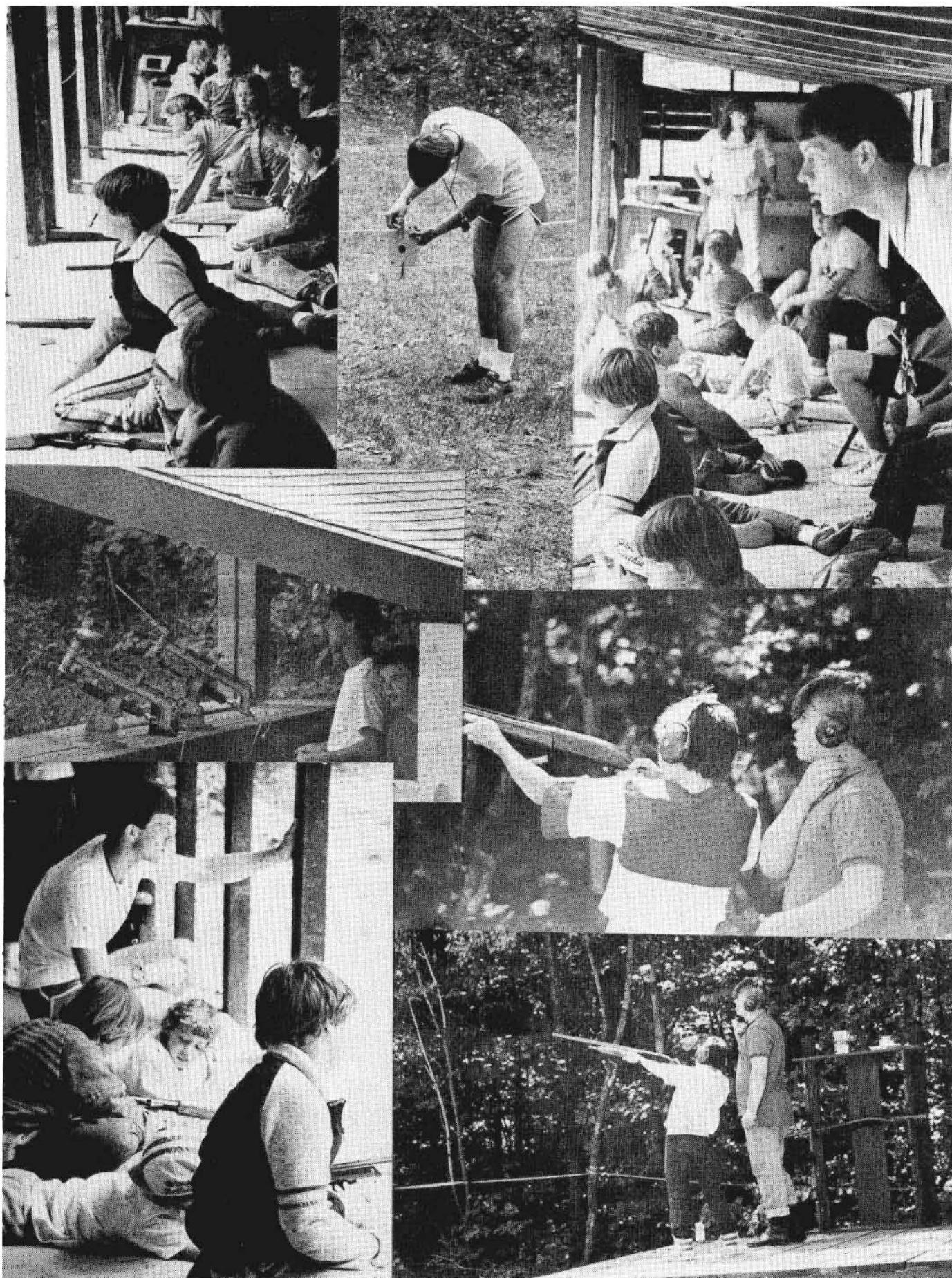
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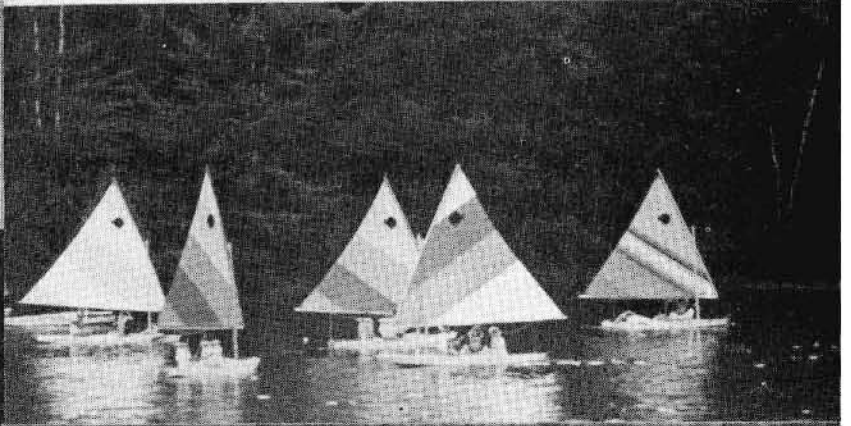
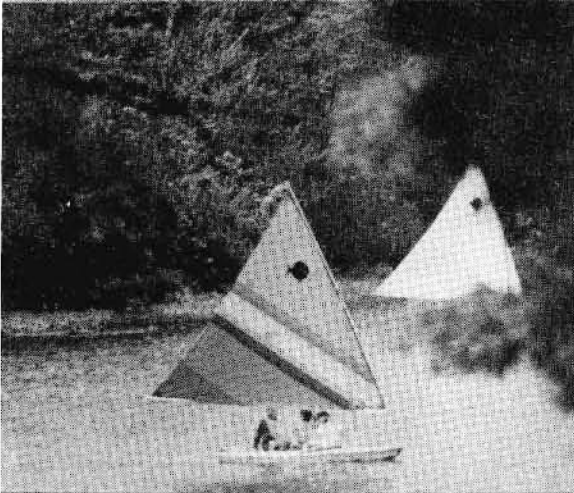
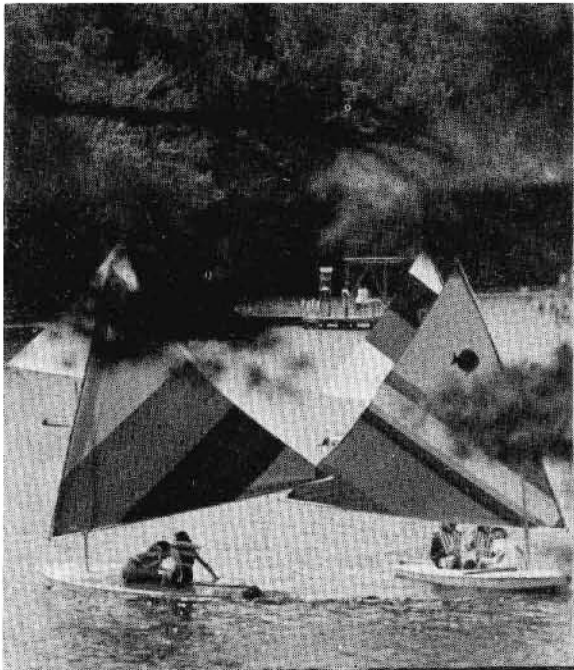


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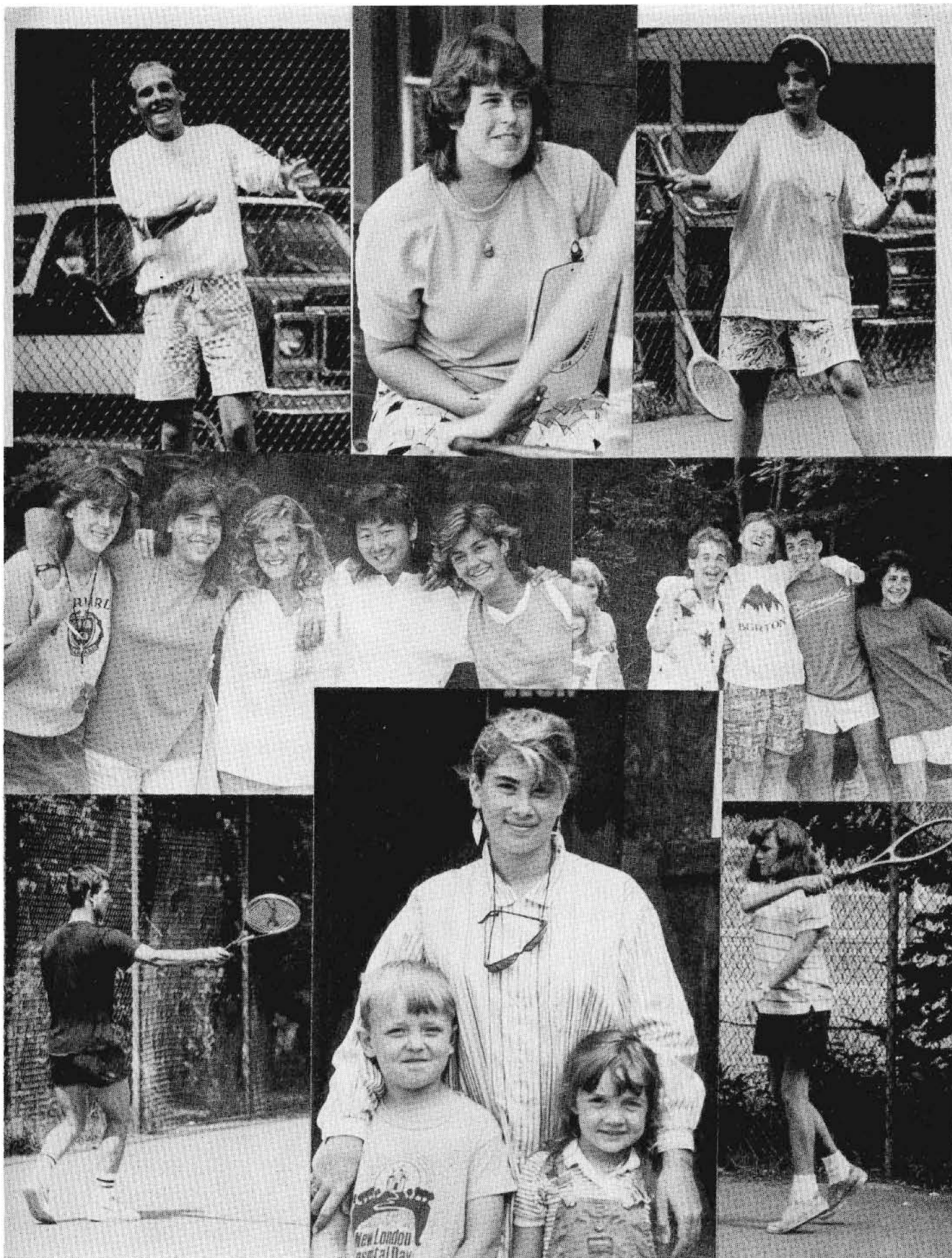
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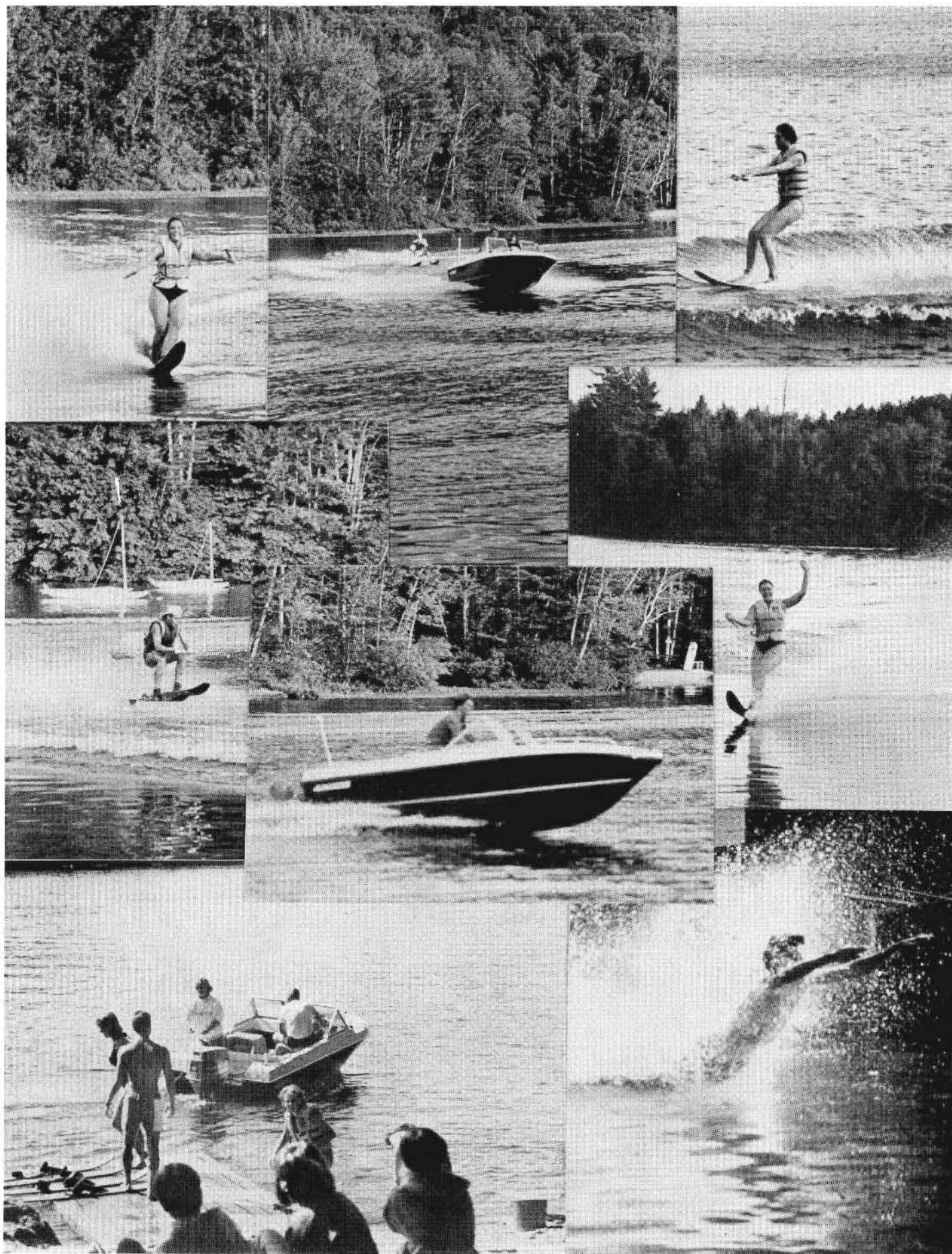
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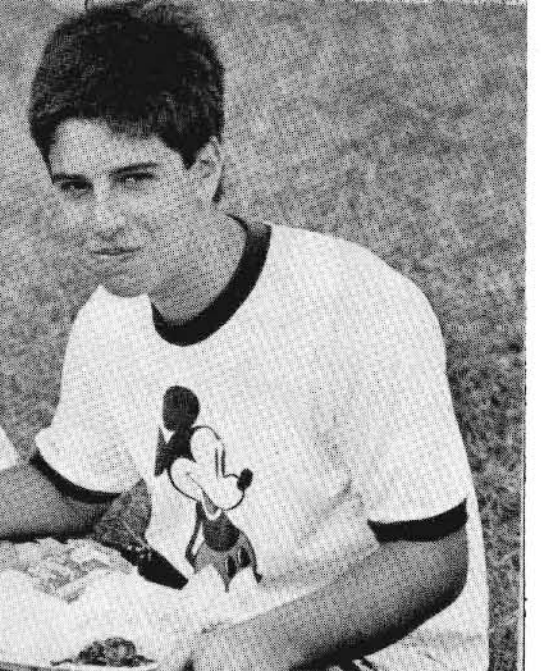
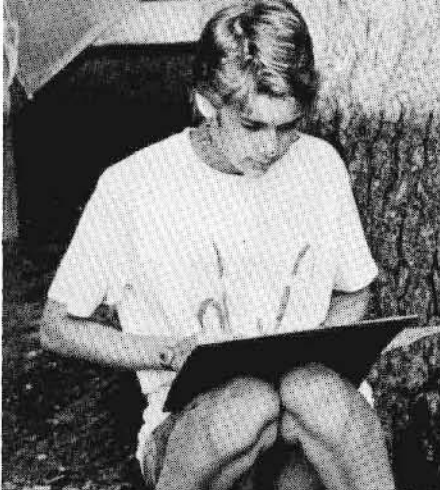


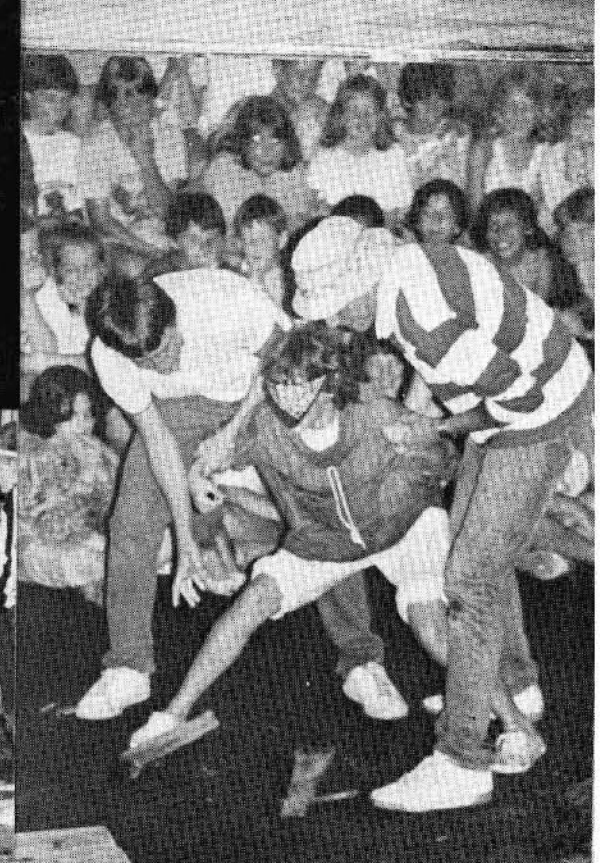
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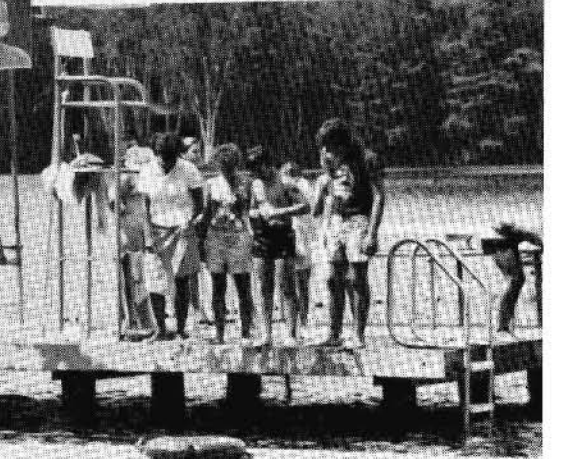
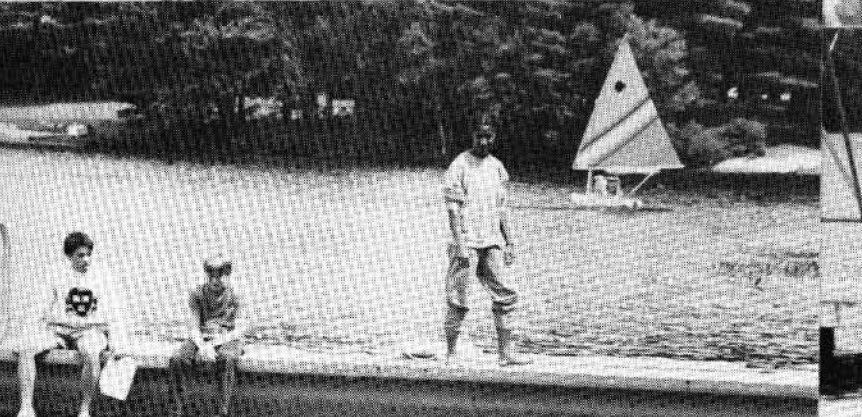


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