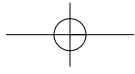
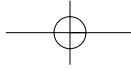
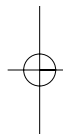
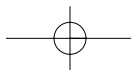


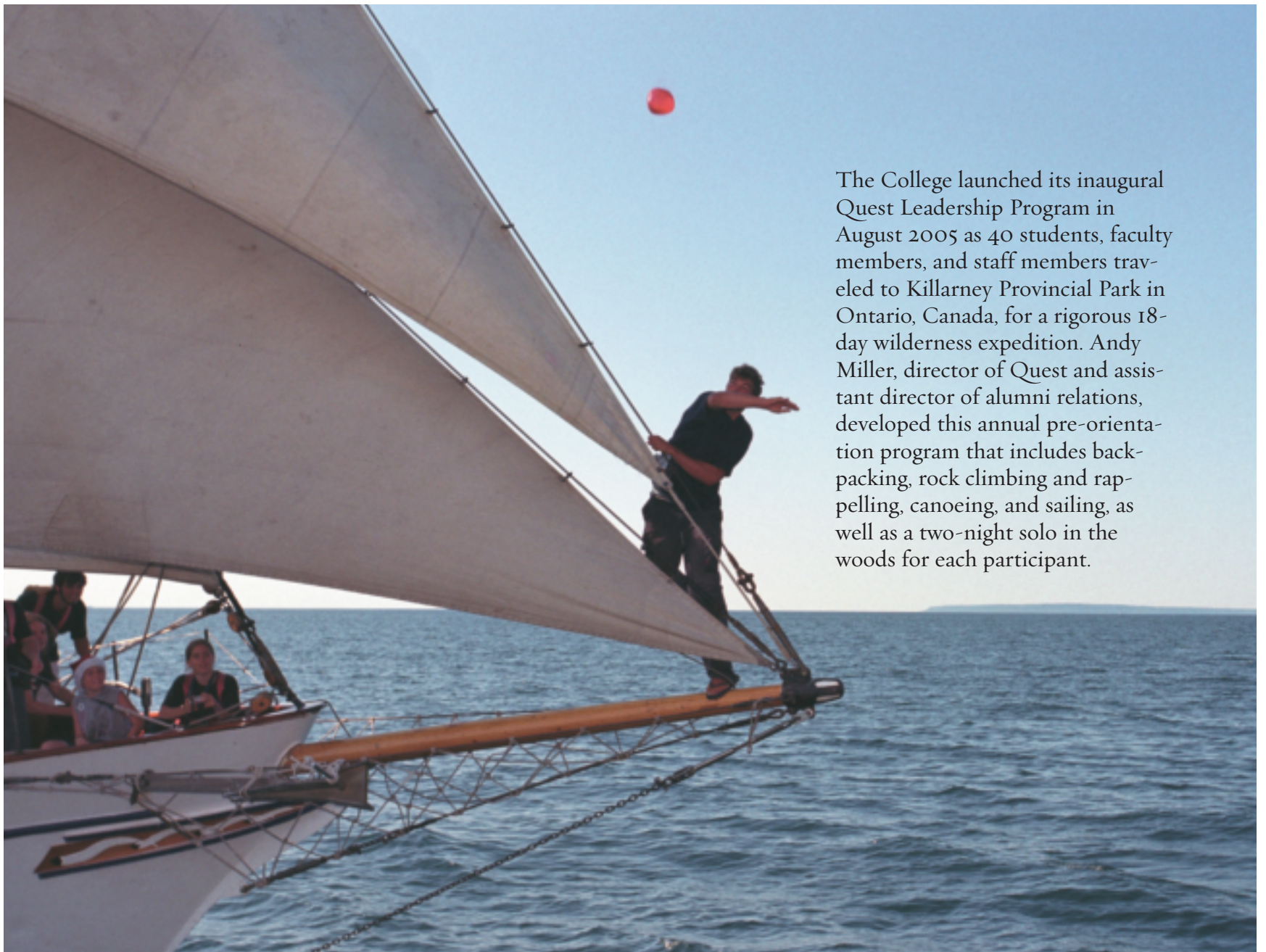
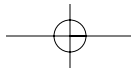
Trinity's Quest Leadership Program

*Takes first-year students into
the Canadian Wilderness*

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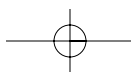
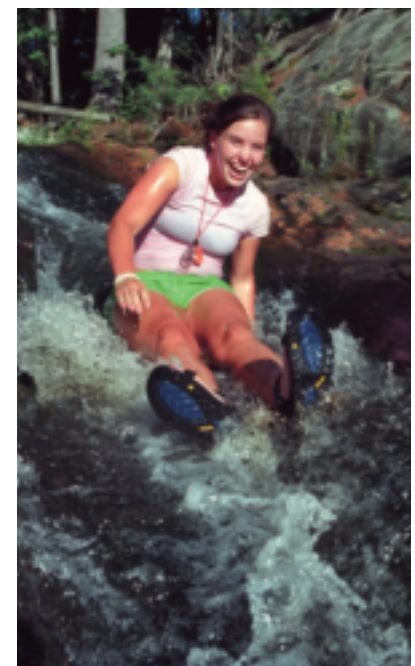


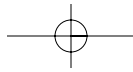


The College launched its inaugural Quest Leadership Program in August 2005 as 40 students, faculty members, and staff members traveled to Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada, for a rigorous 18-day wilderness expedition. Andy Miller, director of Quest and assistant director of alumni relations, developed this annual pre-orientation program that includes backpacking, rock climbing and rappelling, canoeing, and sailing, as well as a two-night solo in the woods for each participant.

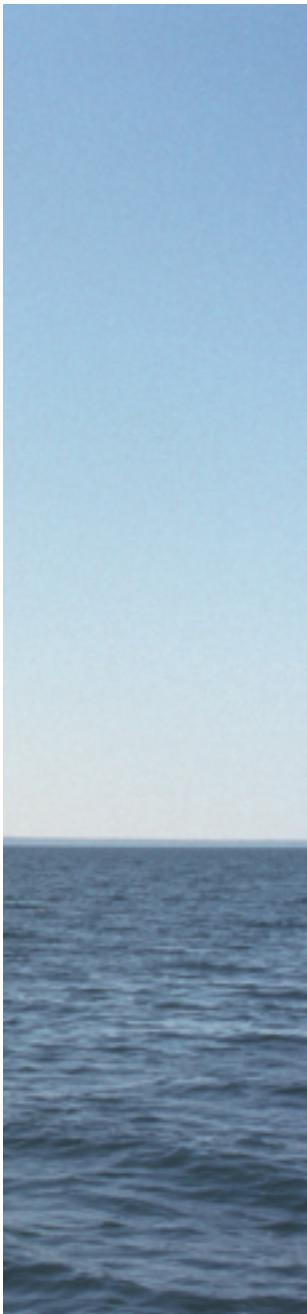
“A frail girl of 98 pounds, backpacking across mountain ridges with a canoe on her shoulders—it’s an image that might provoke pity from an onlooker. But, for me, that image is a source of fortitude and accomplishment.

The 18 days I spent on Quest brought about a significant change in my mindset that 18 years of my life had been unable to bring about. Everything that I thought was insurmountable gave way to my will. I learned what I am capable of.” *Nikunj Oli '08, Quest participant*





“Trinity offers our students a wide variety of opportunities: on campus, in our surrounding neighborhoods, in our global sites around the world, and now in a very remote, incredibly beautiful provincial park in Ontario, miles from the media-deafened and plasticized existence most of us lead on a daily basis. The best proof of Quest’s influence will undoubtedly come over the years from student participants and from their student peer leaders. I have often wondered who learns the most transformative life-lessons up in Killarney. And I am delighted to report that I will probably never have a definitive answer, given all that transpires in that setting on such an adventure.” *James F. Jones, Jr., President and Trinity College Professor in the Humanities*



“Quest was an experience unlike anything I had ever done before. A week into it I could hardly remember the ‘old me.’ I came out of Quest as a more mature, experienced, and responsible person. There is no other experience that can give a person the things that Quest has to offer, and it’s an indescribable feeling that you only get by going through it.” *Kara Takesuye ’06, Quest leader*

