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## Obama, freshman: Fresh-faced exhibit

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Among the images that photographer Lisa Jack, then a classmate of Barack Obama in college, will display of "the freshman." (Photo by Lisa Jack/Getty Images)

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Here's a hat trick: A gallery in West Hollywood is rolling out a photo exhibit of images of the young Barack Obama.

It seems that **Obama had once struck a fellow Occidental College freshman**, Lisa Jack, "as a pretty cool dude," the *Ticket's* Andrew Malcolm notes. "So, unwittingly, she had him pose for a bunch of photos as the only person to know he would become president."

Jack is now an assistant professor of clinical psychology at Augsburg College in Minnesota, Obama president of the United States.

Starting in late May, as the *L.A. Times' Culture Monster* arts blog notes, **Jack's 36-photo collection of Obama images** will stand for a two-month show at the M+B Gallery in West Hollywood. The 36 shots were captured on a single roll, which, as we recall from the pre-digital era, would pretty much represent a whole roll of film - unless she rolled her own.

"Barack Obama: The Freshman," is the name of the exhibit in the city where, 29 years ago, a 20-year-old aspiring photographer asked her classmate to pose for pictures.

Now Obama can say he once knew Jack.

