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Cars line the sides of Ouachita Street in front of Jones Performing Arts Center as they often do during a drama or musical performance or a community activity. Opening for University use in the fall of 1992, JPAC seated 1,500 people allowing the University to hold one weekly chapel service instead of two and creating sufficient space to host several community activities such as concerts, pageants, and camp worship services. *photo by William D. Downs Jr.*

## *If you only new...*

Trade. No other word could describe the growing relationship between the community of Arkadelphia and the University community.

With the introduction of "Spotlight on Arkadelphia," students began to see that their closest neighbors outside the University really cared about them. As they met merchants and accepted their free tokens of appreciation, they began to understand the exchange between the two families. Now it was time for students to give in return.

With the increase in work-study needs, the University sent students into the community for jobs. They worked at Group Living and other places which opened their eyes to the needs of the "real world." The clubs and organizations across campus attempted to meet some of these needs as they united to host a Christmas party for the children of the Boys and Girls Club.

Students could not help but feel the admiration Arkadelphia had for the University and the University had for the community.

People began to see the effects. People began to know. The family oriented community of Ouachita extended beyond the edge of campus, and students found a family in the community of Arkadelphia.

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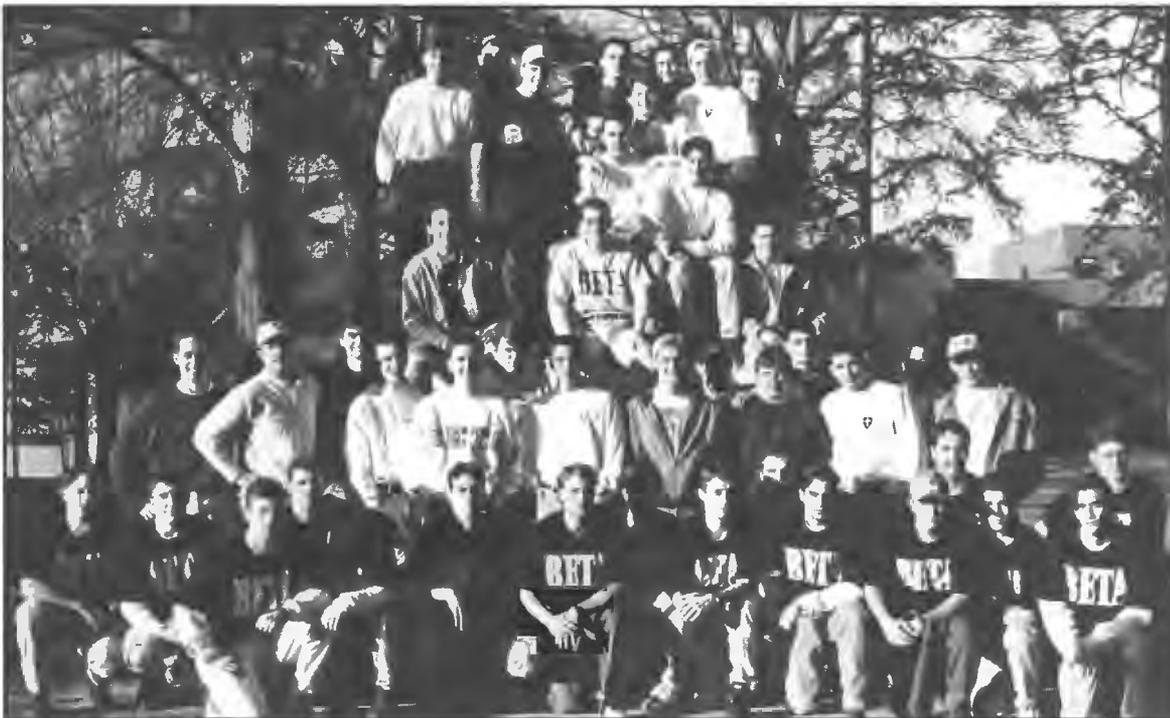
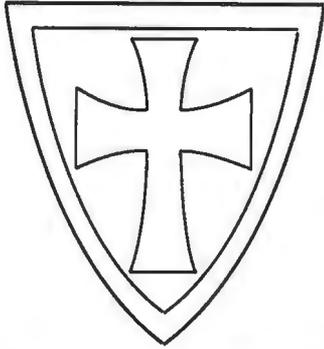
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David Carter tapes the City Council meeting. The meetings were shown live on the local VISN network. - photo by Ronnie Page



We saunter in self-assured every August and take over their little town. We know, as students, that we rely on Arkadelphia and her citizens to replace the hometowns we have left behind, whether large or small. We also know, deep in our hearts, that they eagerly anticipate our coming to shop their stores, fill their pews, use their services, and, generally, enrich their lives. But, what about native Arkadelphians? Do they look forward to August? Or, do they view those short three months as a much needed break? In short, do they see us as friend or foe?

The townspeople enjoyed a wide variety of services rendered to them by the university. For instance, the School of Music offered several band and choral concerts free of charge to the community. They also participated in the town's annual street parade. The theatre department performed plays as well as musicals for local residents to attend. Health services were offered, such as hearing tests and therapy, by the speech pathology department. The communications department also played a large role in the

Lending a hand in the community gave students training for life.

# DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMUNITY WORK HAND IN HAND

by Janna Young and Holly Brooks

community by taping local city council meetings and airing them on the local VISN network. The School of Arts and Sciences gave local, aspiring artists a chance to exhibit their works in Mabee Fine Arts Center. Students in the Division of Religion and Philosophy also served the town by volunteering in local churches and religious organizations.

Dr. Bill Downs, chairman of the Department of Communications, said of service to the community, "We all need each other. There should be no separation between town and gown. After all, we have the common goal of making Arkadelphia a better place."



Joy Mayfield works with a client. Speech Pathology was one of the departments that helped the community. - photo by Ronnie Page

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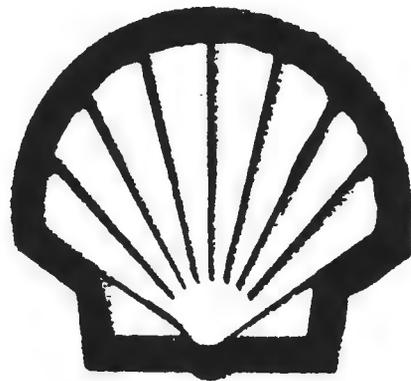
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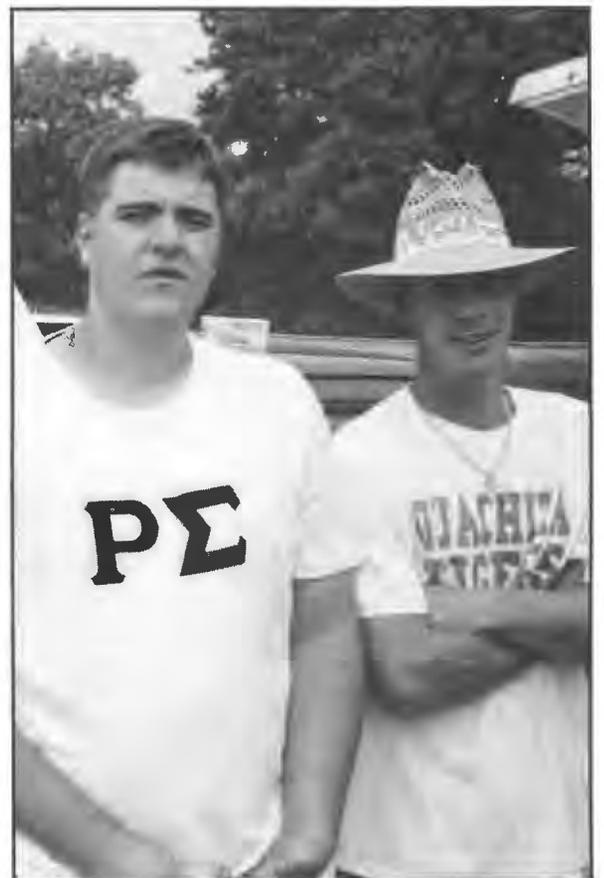
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Working with a smile, senior Suzanne Taylor visits with a resident at Group Living. Taylor was one of several students whose work-study job was off campus. • photo by Lesha Kirkham



Work-study broadened its horizons during the 1993-1994 school year by adding jobs off campus.

According to the program director, Susan Hurst, the change was made to meet new federal requirements for work study programs. As of the 1994-1995 school year, five percent of all work study funds must have been used for community service.

When the program started, students worked in three areas. At Group Living, the students worked with the disabled who were trying to live independently. The students who worked at Dawson Co-op assisted in packaging the materials that were sent out. Dawson Co-op was a regional center that provided teaching materials for local teachers. Students who worked at the housing authority tutored the children.

"The program is good for the students involved," said financial aid officer Charla

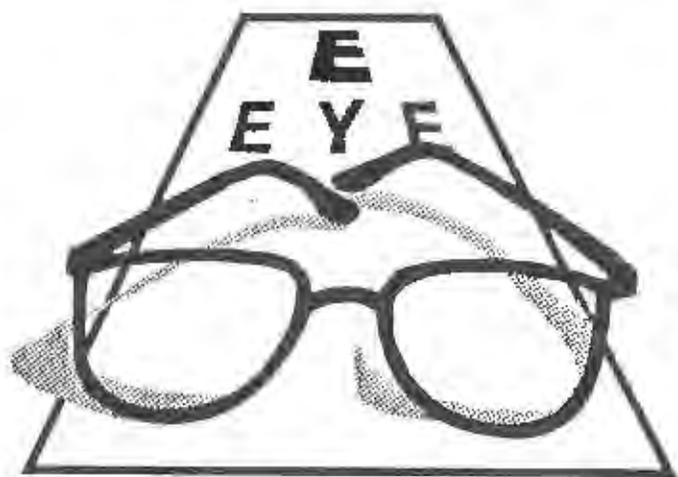
Renfro. "Especially at Group Living, the students get a lot of good experience working directly with the clients."

# THE WORK-STUDY JOB THAT IS TWICE AS REWARDING

Students participating in off campus work-study

have found that the benefits of helping others far outway the money earned.

by Dorothy McCarty



In 1994, a new work-study position was opened at the Boys and Girls Club. Freshman Ryan Reed was one of the students who worked there. Reed said that they got to help supervise the children as well as participate in the recreational activities.

"Some of the kids are hard to control at first," said Reed. "But you learn to get through to those kids; they test you." Reed recommended that other students become involved in the various work-study programs.

Renfro also recommended the program and hoped that more students would volunteer to work off campus as the program grew.

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# Tri Chi



*Togetherness in  
Christ*

Barry Frazier, freshman, enjoys a meal with his mentor. Frazier was one of 13 students who participated in the program which provided younger boys with role models.



The mentor program was a program started in October by Lewis Shepherd and Dr. Paul Root. The program, under the direction of Pat Murphree, was one which brought 13 male college students in contact with boys in the local elementary schools. University students took part in the program. School counselors matched each mentor with a boy they thought was in need of a "big brother" or a male figure in his life. "It takes a lot of organization," said Murphree. The mentors were to spend time with their chosen mentee each week; helping him out in social, academic, or whatever areas he saw fit.

The mentors were taken to the local school and in an informal meeting were introduced to the boy with whom they would be working. The mentors then invited the boys to spend time with them on campus. The boys saw first hand

# SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

As a mentor, a student

could play a big role in the life of a younger child.

by Layne Johnston

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what college dorm rooms were really like.

Matt Melcher, a freshman biblical studies and youth ministry major in the program said, "I brought him up to my room, showed him around, and we played *Mortal Combat* (a video game)." Then most boys experienced the lines and lunch entrees of Walt's as they dined with their mentors and were introduced to their mentor's friends.

Throughout the year many scheduled events were held for the mentors and their new friends including a Christmas party, bowling trip, and basketball games. However, most activities between the pairs took place on the student's own personal time. Melcher stated, "On Thursdays, we'd go to McDonalds and go through his homework, joke around, and have fries and a Big Mac."

The directors of the program were very pleased on how well the program went and at how much effort the participants put into it. "I have a lot of respect for them for giving their time," Murphree said. "With college students, it takes a lot of time away from other things they could be doing."

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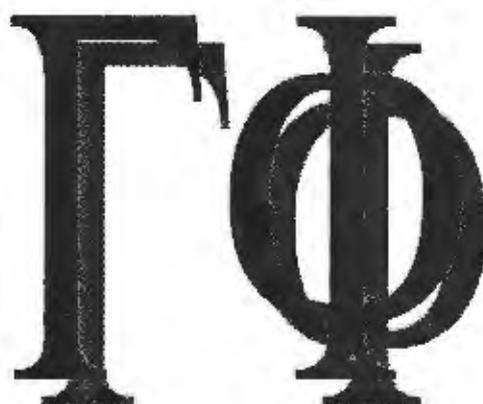
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Proudly smiling, Andy Westmoreland shows Joe Bill Meador plans for a new building. The trustees approved the construction of several new buildings. • photo by Jeff Root



The university's Board of Trustees played an active role in campus life by serving as both decision makers and important supporters of students.

by Salinda Russell

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The Arkansas Baptist State Convention had several committees that worked together with President Ben Elrod to comprise a list of nominees for the 24 positions on the board. These nominees were approved by an executive committee and then passed on to be elected by the ABSC at the annual meeting.

Each board member served a three year term and could serve two consecutive terms before being asked to withdraw for a year. After that year, the past member would be eligible to serve again. The three year terms were arranged so that members' terms were rotated.

The Board of Trustees served as the governing body for the University. The trustees oversaw administration and determined policy and decisions. Recently the board approved the formation of the School of Business and authorized the construction of several new buildings. "One of the most important things I experienced was seeing Jones Performing Arts

Building become a reality, and what a wonderful thing for not only the campus, but also the community," Williamson said.

The Board worked closely with the school for growth as well. Throughout the year, the campus saw the renovation of Cone Bottoms and Flippen-Perrin Hall. The trustees also encouraged the growth of our international program. Williamson noted, "With the way the school has increased its international program, I see Dr. Elrod leading us to be more world-wide."

The Board of Trustees had a special feel for the University. Many were alumni. Others had a strong love for Christian education and fellowship while local members saw students on a daily basis at church and work. "I like to feel the pulse of how students feel things are going," said Dr. Kluck, who was a familiar face to most students. "Ouachita is for the students."



The Board of Trustees: front: Augusta Boatright, Johnny L. Heflin, Doris Yarnell, Gail Pennington, Pauline Morrow second: Diane Williamson, Rev. Paul Sanders, George H. Dunklin, Richard Wells third: Joe Bill Meador, Dr. Ben Elrod, Jim Gattis, James M. Jones, Dr. Wesley Kluck fourth: Mike Carroll, Cotton Cordell, Larry Kircher, Albert Rusher, H. E. "Pete" Rains, Clarence Anthony not pictured: Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, Rep. John Miller, William H. (Buddy) Sutton, Dr. David Uth, and Judge John Ward. • photo by Jeff Root

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Serving to make a difference in the local community and the lives of others, Ouachita social clubs and the campus BSU united in an unprecedented way to make Christmas dreams come true for 60 children affiliated with the Clark County Boys' and Girls' Club.

The Boys' and Girls' Club was a non-profit youth development organization. Its primary purpose was to help young people improve their lives by building self esteem and developing needed values and skills.

# JOINING TOGETHER TO Organizations on campus joined together to make Christmas dreams come true. SHARE A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER

by Chad Gallagher

Several businesses joined the clubs in making a successful Christmas party take place on December 8th. Junior Randy Odom, program director at the Clark County Boys' and Girls' Club, served as liaison for the BSU and social clubs. "Such events as the Christmas party allow us to show the kids in Clark County that there are people who care about them and their future," said Odom.

Each of the 60 children was paired with club members, who in turn provided gifts for the children. "It was a wonderful pleasure for our club to bring some happiness to children in the community. It allowed us to reflect on the needs of people around us and to seize the opportunity to make a difference," said sophomore Karen Temple, a member of the Gamma Phi Women's Social Club.

Along with the clubs and local business, "Directed", an evangelism ministry composed of students Doug Compton, Tiffeny Thompson, and Brad Green, provided entertainment for the Christmas party. In addition, special guest President Ben Elrod appeared as Santa Claus to deliver the gifts to the children. Elrod said, "It was great seeing their faces. I could get hooked on it."

Once again, students and organizations proved themselves to be on the cutting edge of making a difference by uniting the campus in an effort to touch the lives of others. Although the gifts were nice and everyone enjoyed the party, it was the time spent and the smiles shared that left a lasting effect on the children and their new found friends.



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