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Aftershocks...
The 1913 Ouachitonian staff collapses after meeting yet another deadline. Documented by this photograph, no yearbook staff was exempt from the effects of the long nights and the stress. However, they benefited from the friendships made and the experience gained.

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If you only new... The thoughts are still swirling in my head.

When I was asked to be editor, I agreed without much thought. I mean, how hard could it be? Sure there would be some long nights and a little added stress. Yet, the challenge of the vast responsibility enticed me. Time progressed, and the idea of glory faded. Reality entered.

Everything that had been such an honor to me now scared me. I was going to have to lead a staff of my peers to finish a 256-page book in only nine months. And I could no longer pass the buck to the editor; I was the editor.

Overwhelmed by my lack of confidence and my fear of the task before me, I turned to the only source which could move me above my own inadequacy to achieve something I never dreamed that I could do. For months, I prayed that the Lord would guide this staff to produce a quality product and more importantly to produce some lasting friendships in the midst of it all.

And thanks to all of you who looked beyond my disabilities, saw past my failures, and focused in on my strengths, we made it. Without you, we would never have finished. If you only new...

Aaron, many times I said to myself, I know he will finish, “God willin’ and the creek don’t rise.” Thank you for teaching me the slang of the south and for keeping me light-hearted.

Janna, your ability to learn and your dedication were incredible, and “that’s nothin’.” Now that I know your true potential, you won’t ever again have to worry about being bored.

Danielle, I know that many times you felt like a gopher, but it was your every little effort which kept the office running and gave everyone their earnings. Next year, we’ll send someone else to take the time cards.

Jennifer, you were the source of my sanity. Everytime I jumped out on a limb and began to analyze the situation, you always pulled me back. Thanks for being a dedicated friend and a great motivator.

Priscilla, what can I say but thanks for bailing me out. My ignorance of sports left you on your own, yet you never complained. You have a sweet spirit and an incredible talent for communications.

Cory, you were a great addition to the staff. I threw several stories and millions of building bias at you, and everytime you came up with a work of art.

Salinda, you’re efficiency kept me functioning. Thanks for your unending willingness to be an extra hand even when you had already finished your section.

Joy, despite my not-so pleasant tone sometimes, you have pulled me through on a number of occasions. Thanks for your dedication to helping my staff.

Chris Newberry and Jonathan Henderson, thank you for writing stories for me when I was still trying to finish this summer.

Bo Koralage and Mark White, thank you for bailing me out everyday I complained that the computers had minds of their own.

Mac Sisson, thanks for answering my endless list of questions. Don’t lose any sleep over me because you know I’ll keep my staff motivated and my office clean.

Dr. Downs and Jeff Root, thanks for teaching me everything I know about communications and for helping me in every obstacle.

Rachael Ward, words can not express my gratitude to you. I learned everything I know about yearbook from you, the eternal Ouachitonian editor. Hopefully, I won’t break your award-winning track record.

Deborah, or should I say Dr. Root, if it weren’t for you I would never have even graced the doors of this office. When you began to believe in my ability to do communications, I began to see a hope for my future.

Monica Griffin, you had the hardest task of all. Thanks for checking on me all those late nights, for understanding my grumpy moods, and for always leaving notes of encouragement. You have truly shown me that a friend loves at all times and sticks closer than a brother.

Mom and Dad, thank you for raising me in a Christian home, so I would forever know the source of strength that I found and claimed in Jesus Christ. His security and your encouraging words always cleared the tears and conquered the stress, so I could regain focus.

Kevin, I could never have asked for anyone who could love me more. Thank you for letting my cry on your shoulder and complain to your listening ear. Because of your belief in me, I am able to believe in myself.

I spent many mornings in prayer that God would give me a team, and give me a team he did. I give him all the glory that I once thought would be so rewarding, for it was only through him and the help of an incredible group of people that there is a finished 1995 Ouachitonian.
Looking into the glass...
As the night lights shine, the newly renovated 1921 University landmark Coxe-Bottoms reflects in the glass of the University’s modern Jones Performing Arts Center. Students, faculty, and administration focused on the future of the University, yet they never forgot the reflections of the traditions set in the past. *photo by Gay Lyons
Ouachita believed in tradition—tradition to guide with and tradition to build upon.

The founders of Ouachita would remember life as it used to be. They held to the traditions set in their lives and the lives before them. This heritage guided the University, helping it to strive for excellence in all areas of life.

Students and faculty of today entered campus with an eye for the future. What could be done to improve upon the current foundations? They created tradition in an effort to revolutionize the world and instill in the future a tradition of their own.

When it came to the campus, everyone met in the middle.

While the buildings of yesterday stood firm, internal renovations prepared them for the faces of today. Cone-Bottoms Hall served as an example. Rather than level this 1923 University landmark, the administration decided to renovate. Its contemporary furnishings attracted new faces, yet its foundation stood as a symbol of unflattering faith and dedication to a well-rounded Christian education.

If you only new...
A glimpse of the past...
A group of men from the 1977 University rugby club fight for the pigskin ball during a usual rough rugby competition.
Despite the vast knowledge that everyone had of the University, few people realized that for a short time in the University's history, a rugby team existed.
Players battled the River City Rugby Club of Little Rock, their toughest competition, as well as other teams which belonged to the Arkansas Rugby Union. Suffering from increased game scheduling difficulties, the club only remained active for a few short years.

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People did know.
They knew the heritage.
They knew the tradition.
And inevitably,
they knew the new possibilities for the future.
Students and faculty take advantage of the services offered by the newly renovated Great Hall and the faculty lounge. Some services include a computer lab for students to access online resources, a library for research, and a casual meeting space for faculty and students. The lounge is a popular spot for casual discussions and socializing, fostering a sense of community among the faculty.
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