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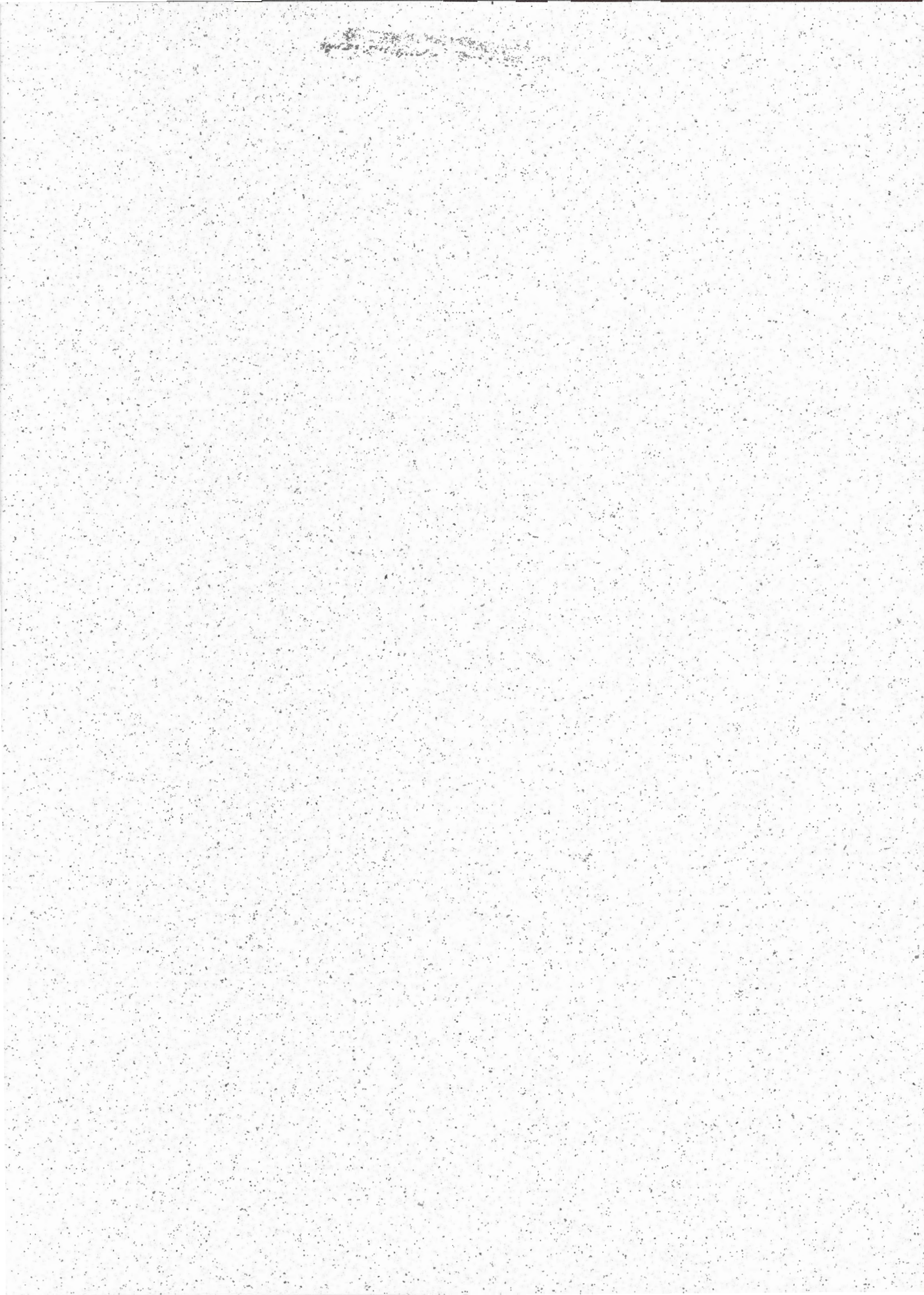
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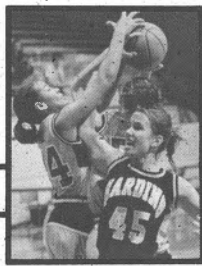
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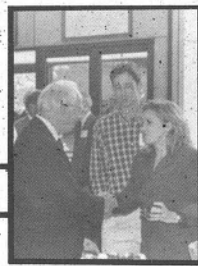
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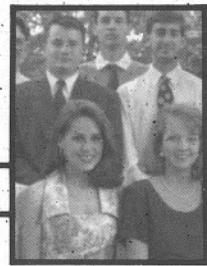
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# Reaching Beyond the Wall



After tearing through the walls of Mitchell Auditorium, the force of gravity pushes the bucket of the back-hoe to a resting position on the ground. Reaching beyond the aging walls of Moses-Provine Science Building, construction crews leveled Mitchell Auditorium and laid the foundations for the new, technologically advanced Jones Science Center, which would stand on the former site of Mitchell Auditorium. •photo by Dr. Jeff Root

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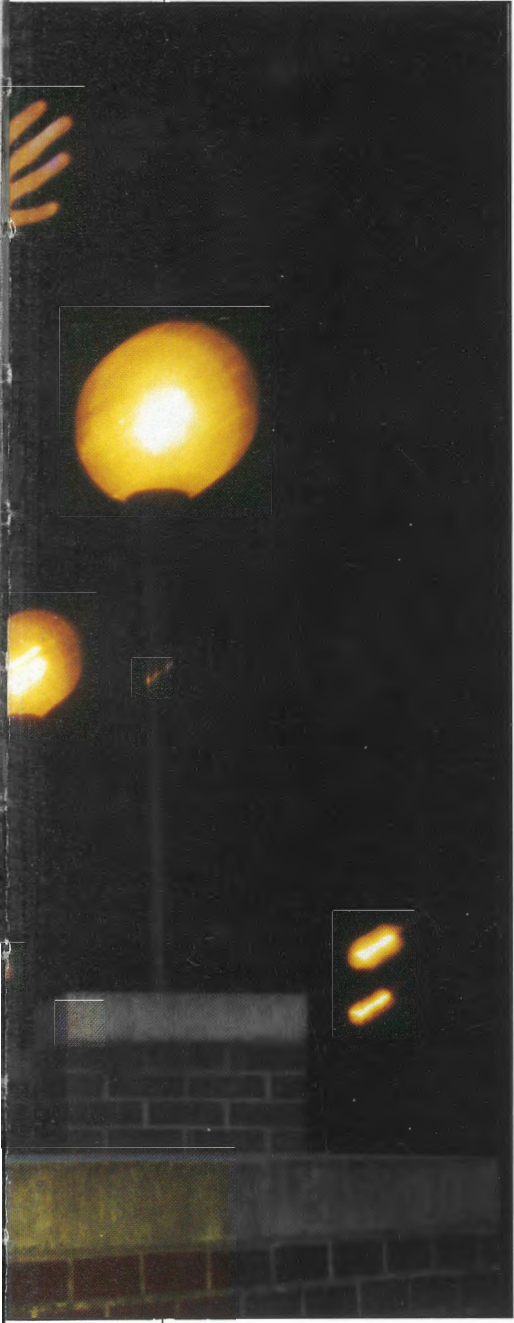
Packed cars directed their way through the gates **REACHING** into campus. One by one, students returned to "the Ouachita bubble" encased in the segments of brick wall which circled the University.

Another school year had arrived and with it came the benefits of life inside the wall. The Ouachita family both **BEYOND** and inside joined together to kick off the second phase of the Decade of Progress, introducing the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and unveiling plans for the Jones

Science Center. The MIDI lab placed theory composition majors at the forefront of technology while restructuring the speech department provided new opportunities to speech majors. New classes would teach new skills, advancing each of us one step closer to a successful career. Student-led community service projects exemplified the benefits of community involvement and social development. And the vast numbers of international students and exchange programs encouraged us to understand the world around us.

Yet, the wall around campus always had points of opening. Never one long, continuous wall, but rather a collection of miniature brick walls, **THE** wall served as shelter enough to build unity. Inside the wall, we were a family – a family who grew together, building our strengths and minimizing our weaknesses. We learned from each other the skills needed to achieve success in our careers, the ways to effectively interact and communicate with others, and the power to possess compassion and understanding for the world awaiting us outside.

Everything we experienced inside the **WALL** prepared us for the great life experiences beyond. The challenge had been plainly placed before us – to reach beyond the wall.



*Decked out in flannel and camouflage and wearing tightly secured rollerblades, sophomore Jim Yates scales a wall in Grant Plaza. In the quiet hours of the morning, the breaking points of the afternoon, and the dwindling light of the evening, students often found time for recreation and physical activity. The bricked walls of Grant Plaza served as a congregating point for students as well as signified the circle of friends students found inside the wall of campus.*



# STUDENT LIFE



*photo by Guy Lyons*

The camera crews positioned themselves on the platform as the Ouachita family gathered on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms. President Elrod stepped to the podium and announced that the efforts of **REACHING** out to friends and supporters in the community proved beneficial and the second phase of the Decade of Progress would begin.

Bricks crumbled and crashed to the ground. Construction crews leveled Mitchell Auditorium, forcing students to search for another place to hold events. The administration responded to this need by constructing the Tiger Den. In addition, they moved **BEYOND** the norm by adding new furniture and ping-pong tables to the Tiger Grill and offering students the opportunity to use their meal tickets in the campus "restaurant."

Spotlights flashed across the stage as hosts and hostesses and campus organizations entertained a crowd of students and alumni attending the 17th annual Tiger Tunes. As **THE** show concluded, we gained a greater insight into the world outside as international students performed cultural dances to their native music.

Community service projects, road trips, and current events brought us closer together as a family while teaching us to reach beyond our comfort zones. We fixed-up shelters and hosted parties for non-profit organizations. We traveled down new roads, taking in culture everywhere we went. And we continually discussed the latest issues – the guilt or innocence of O.J., the scandal of Whitewater, and the deaths of treasured celebrities. Each aspect of student life – the friends, the events, the memories – cemented stronger bonds inside and moved us one foot closer to stepping outside of "the bubble" and reaching beyond the **WALL**.

*The spotlight shines on the Tiger Tunes Hosts and Hostesses' set of "Friends" while the audience responds with three signature claps. Matt Buffalo, Dana Campbell, Kevin Holt, Kenneth Kinney, Karen Wood, Leslie Syrgley, Marty Collier, and Ashley Arrington entertained a packed crowd for three evenings with various acts including a tribute to the '70s and the set of "Friends." Students agreed that the friends and memories made inside the campus wall were the ones they would cherish for life.*

Construction sites,  
higher enrollment,  
and increased  
funding were all  
parts of the  
University's intense

# Progress

By: Sheri Montgomery



## Andy Westmoreland

*"Our work is different from that of most universities. We at Ouachita have an opportunity to change lives for God".*

"Our work is different from that of most Universities," Executive Vice President Andy Westmoreland boldly said as he talked about the Phase II goals of the Decade of Progress. "We at Ouachita have an opportunity to change lives for God."

This second phase was titled "A Window of Opportunity." For over a year, 140 trustees, students, faculty, and friends worked building a framework for this window. It was a window that would allow all of those involved to join in seeing the opportunities that lay ahead of them. "Our goal," said Westmoreland, "is to attempt to bring all of Ouachita constituent groups together at one time and give them the opportunity to be involved in what is happening at Ouachita."

The theme for Phase II was based on "A Compact for a Renewed Community" and stretched forth with goals that encompassed that theme. The second phase of the Decade of Progress saw renewal of the community as something that must begin here, move through the state of Arkansas, and stretch around the globe.

Although the second phase of the Decade of Progress encompassed both the physical and visible aspects of student life, more than half of the campaign efforts were intended for the less visible. Sixty percent of the projected funds were planned for endowment. These

endowments would greatly improve the entire body. The purpose was to enhance the life of the present and future student. By improving and enhancing the curriculum and the computer technology, graduates were able to reach into the 21st century prepared to meet the fast-changing technological world.

Along with the endowments for improved education came the plans for improvements in learning atmosphere. Phase II initially kicked off with a ground-breaking ceremony on October 12, 1995, for the new science building, replacing Moses-Provine. The commencement for this ceremony took place on the steps of Cone-Bottoms Hall, a project that was realized in Phase I of the decade's campaign. A new science building was badly needed as student enrollment increased. Biology major Lee Coon said, "The new building may attract more students into the science department."

"If we intend to prepare students for the 21st century, then we need 21st century technology. The new science building will provide that opportunity," said Chris Newberry.

Among the physical improvements were renovations to Evans Student Center and Birkett Williams Dining Hall. These improvements accounted for 34 percent of the campaign budget. "There is a recognition of need of a student center," said Ian Cosh. "There is a fairly limited number of semi-private areas for the students to hang out." It was a growing consensus that the students wanted a comfortable place to spend time with each other and just have fun.

The development office, though unrecognized by many students, was constantly behind the scenes of the ever changing campus. "I make no apologies for asking for money because we're about changing lives," Westmoreland said without hesitation.

All who were a part of the Decade of Progress found themselves at the very heart of what God was doing. They began looking beyond that window and began reaching beyond the wall.





**R**achael Ward greets a guest at a reception in honor of Mrs. Jones. The reception, along with many other activities, followed the announcement of the new Decade of Progress Campaign. *photo by Barbara's Photography of Arkadelphia*

**B**ernice Jones of Springdale joined in the announcement of the next phase of Ouachita's growth. Jones, who has contributed greatly in the past, donated millions to construct the Harvey Jones Science Center and to create the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts. *photo by Barabra's Photography of Arkadelphia*



**J**ohn L. Heflin, president of Terminix, Inc. of Arkansas, speaks to the crowd at the announcement of the next phase in Ouachita's development campaign. Heflin, who was the national chairman for the new "Window of Opportunity" campaign, worked to see Ouachita enter into a new era of accomplishments and growth. *photo by Barbara's Photography of Arkadelphia*

Checking the fire outside their Native American sweat hut, sophomore Joshua Ulery and freshmen Jon McClure and John Bailey take advantage of their natural setting. Unique adventures like this and others helped students get away from it all and experience something that they had never done before. •photo by Jim Yates

Enjoying a beautiful day in the sun, freshman Julie McClain cycles around the campus. Riding bicycles was popular on campus, allowing a degree of transportation and fun. •photo by Jim Yates



Freshman Sean Newcomb plays a game of frisbee golf using a fire hydrant as a target. In this popular alternative golfing game, objects were selected as "holes" and the points were tallied on how close the frisbee landed to the target. •photo by Jim Yates

Junior Mary Beth Barton and senior Pam Blackmon have a great time soaking up the sun and enjoying the wonderful weather. When temperatures were nice outside students could be found enjoying the outdoors at different spots all over campus. •photo by Jim Yates





*During the hustle and bustle of campus life some students still took time to stop and enjoy the great*

# Outdoors

*By: Jeff Walpole*



## Jodie Matthews

*"I live in Arkansas, so it's easy for me to take the beauty of nature for granted. But when I visited the campus on preview day, the beauty of the campus overwhelmed me."*



Seasons came and went, but the illustrious beauty of the great outdoors remained constant.

In the fall, the tempo of life in the great outdoors resembled that of student life. As squirrels scampered about gathering nuts and acorns for winter, students hurried about with their many activities, assignments, and tasks. As the leaves, one by one, floated down to the earth below covering the ground with a blazing carpet of color, so also the days of the fall semester, one by one, came to an end.

The surroundings of the great outdoors provided students an atmosphere of peace and relaxation. Some students enjoyed strolling along the paths around the gazebo. "When I need a break or just need to think by myself in a quiet place, I head down to the gazebo," said Daniel Lore, a junior missions major. "I even do my homework outdoors sometimes just so I will be relaxed."

In the winter, the crisp and pure air blowing through the tall, Arkansas timber provided an exhilarating experience of its own. "It's so easy since I'm from Arkansas to become immune to the beauty of the great outdoors that surrounds us," said Carol Davis, a senior communications major.

In the spring, all life was quickened and the land with all its plants, trees, and bushes thrived from the rainfall and warmth of the bright sunshine. The campus was alive with the flight and singing of birds, frolicking of squirrels, and strange sightings of even a few skunks. Casey Brewer, a sophomore, said, "It was so neat each morning as I woke up, the birds were singing outside my window and made it enjoyable for me to get up each morning." Some students enjoyed the many squirrels on campus. "It makes the campus seem friendly and safe when you see the squirrels all running around and playing on campus," said Chad Gallagher, a senior political science major. Some students even had disturbing encounters of the striped kind with some of the skunks that ventured on campus.

The great outdoors added to the enjoyment of attending school for many students. Jodie Matthews, a sophomore communications major, said, "I live in Arkansas, so it's easy for me to take the beauty of nature for granted." Matthews also said, "But when I visited the campus on a preview day, the beauty of the campus overwhelmed me." Ben Carothers, a sophomore history major, said, "You don't have to travel to great distances to enjoy the great outdoors, it's right here to take advantage of and enjoy."

The scenic beauty on and around campus provided students a glimpse of the glorious splendor of the great outdoors all at the convenience of campus life and its surroundings.



**K**appa Chi Men's Social Club marched to the beat of the right drummer as they won their second consecutive Tiger Tunes victory. At complete attention, the Kappas portrayed the raising of the flag at Iwogima during their finale. •photo by Guy Lyons

**C**hi Delta Women's Social Club tries to stalk down their competition in Tiger Tunes. The Chi Deltas, in their striped and colorful outfits, portrayed tigers as their character for Tiger Tunes. They incorporated many different themes, from songs to characters such as Tony the Tiger off of Frosted Flakes commercials. •photo by Guy Lyons



**B**eta Beta Men's Social Club surfs on to be the first runner-up in Tiger Tunes. Acting like babies, with baby blue bonnets and diapers to match, the Beta's performed to songs they revised to reflect their theme. •photo by Guy Lyons

**H**ostess Leslie Srygley and host Kevin Holt, both seniors, sing to the beat of the 70s while the rest of the hosts and hostesses back them up. This group supplied entertainment for the crowds between the different club performances at Tiger Tunes. •photo by Guy Lyons





*Long, hard hours of practice, along with props and costumes, provided entertainment for the crowds at*

# Tiger Tunes

*By: Marci Phillips*



## Heather Callaway

*"The event promotes teamwork and allows the club members to see how much more can be accomplished working together."*



"To the left, to the left, to the left, right, left, now slide soldier slide." The men of Kappa Chi slid back into the championship at the 17th annual Tiger Tunes. The soldiers, along with seven other clubs and organizations, took the stage to entertain the largest crowds of Tiger Tunes' history. The show's success was a result of hard work from the club members, OSF, and the hosts and hostesses.

In preparation for the show, the clubs sacrificed many late hours to practice. "Our practices were short, but we got a lot done," said Blake Pointer. "We were good because we had fun." Whether the club practices were time consuming or not, all the clubs' performances were entertaining for the other students, parents, faculty, and especially the judges.

The judges scored each club in the categories of theme and lyric, costume, choreography, and music. Cash prizes were awarded to the club which scored the highest amount of points in each category. The points of each category were added together from each night of the show for the announcement of the

winners. The club members lined the aisles of Jones Performing Arts Center as the OSF Special Events Chair, Heather Callaway, announced Kappa Chi Men's Social Club as the grand prize winner. Beta Beta Men's Social Club placed second, the Chi Delta Women's Social Club placed third, and the

EEE Women's Social Club came in fourth.

Callaway directed OSF through the intense construction of the show. She outlined the process of the show and worked directly with the clubs. "The event promotes teamwork and allows the club members to see how much more can be accomplished working together," said Callaway. Cory Hutchinson served as the assistant chairman and worked under Callaway. "Helping organize the clubs backstage, which what was what I did, is only a small part of the show," said Hutchinson.

As the clubs were preparing backstage, the hosts and hostesses warmed the stage. A tribute to the 70s was a favorite as the crowd danced to "Y-M-C-A," along with the hosts and hostesses, who were Karen Wood, Kevin Holt, Marty Collier, Ashley Arrington, Kenneth Kinney, Matt Buffalo, Leslie Srygley, and Dana Campbell. They were directed by Srygley. Jolene Zook directed the Combo which was visible on stage for the show.

Other club members which participated were the BSU, Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Gamma Phi Women's Social Club, and the Interational Club. The International Club performed but did not compete. "We are honored to have the International Club as part of our program each year," said Mac Sisson, faculty director of Tiger Tunes.

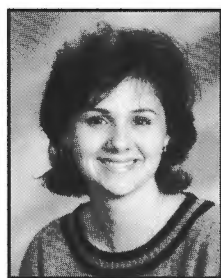
Everyone who participated enjoyed the show despite the great deal of hard work that was involved. "Many hours of dedication, time, and sacrifice go into the program each year by many OSF students whose main goal is to help their fellow students," said Sisson, "and in this case to present an outstanding show for which everyone can be proud."



Campus tours, dinners, visiting alumni, and sold out performances marked a time of

# Festivities

By: Marci Phillips



## Amy Fisher

*"It means so much because it comes from my fellow students. This is the biggest honor of my college career."*

Homecoming queen Amy Fisher of Beebe smiles with her court after being crowned. The court consisted of third runner-up, Julie Snider of Rose Bud; first runner-up, T.K. Zellers of Van Buren; fourth runner-up, Misti Butts of Little Rock; and second runner-up, Erin Crumley of Denver, Colorado. *photo by Guy Lyons*

Her heart skipped a beat and butterflies fluttered in her stomach when they called her name. A tear filled her eye and a huge smile overcame her face as wild applause filled her ears. Dr. Ben Elrod and former queen, April Shields, crowned the 1995 Homecoming queen, Amy Fisher.

The Homecoming ceremonies were held prior to the game against Harding University at A.U. Williams Field. Thirty-five female students were chosen by various clubs, classes, and organizations to compete for the title. Fisher represented the Baptist Student Union. "It means so much because it comes from my fellow students," said Fisher. "This is the biggest honor of my college career."

In addition to the game Fisher and her court were honored at the Saturday night performance of Tiger Tunes. The Court consisted of T.K. Zellers, first runner-up, sponsored by the freshman class; Erin Crumley, second runner-up, sponsored by Kappa Chi Men's Social Club; Julie Snider, third runner-up, sponsored by the 1995 Kappa Chi pledge class; and Misty Butts, fourth runner-up, sponsored by the sophomore class. The 1995 Court was not the only Homecoming royalty present at the ceremonies.

The Homecoming Court of 1950 attended the festivities as they brought back tradition and school spirit. The new and the returning royalty were posed together for photos at half-time. The ladies of the court included Carolyn Short Stalling, Donna Sullivan Stark, Ann Strickland Vining, Billie Geurin Sharp, and Almeda Park Elliot. Vining spoke at the Homecoming chapel as she shared her experience as a student and Homecoming queen.

Student Senate created a theme, "Ouachita: a Legacy Worth Living," to present tradition and school spirit. The theme ran through the entire week on campus as the decorations and welcome banners were hung. Alumni were welcomed as they attended reunions, a buffet, campus tours, and the carnival. Senate's hard work and efforts were led by Chad Gallagher, vice-president. "The Senate is seeking to give an added program and a visual boost to the happenings," said Gallagher. "We are attempting to give Homecoming the emphasis it deserves."

The crowd stood as the band played and the purple and gold balloons drifted further into the sky. The excitement of the game was moving throughout the crowd as the team took the field. The return of alumni, former students, and friends was an enjoyable time for everyone. However, the reunion of old friendships was the true joy of Homecoming.





The new queen, senior Amy Fisher, smiles at her father and escort, Mike Fisher. Fisher received her crown from the former queen, April Shields. Fisher competed against 35 other students. •photo by Guy Lyons

Misty Butts, a sophomore, is shocked as she is announced as the third runner-up for the Homecoming court. Butts was escorted by her father, Chester, during the ceremony. Over 35 students competed for the Homecoming crown. •photo by Guy Lyons



Courts from the past and present unite during the Homecoming festivities. The courts included Donna Sullivan Stark, Misty Butts, Almeda Park Elliott, Erin Crumley, Ann Strickland Vining (1950 Homecoming queen), Amy Fisher (1995 Homecoming queen), Billie Geurin Sharp, Julie Snider, Carolyn Short Stallings and T.K. Zellers. The members of the 1950 court had remained close friends all throughout the years. •photo by Guy Lyons

She felt everyone stare as she walked into class. The professor started the lecture, and she soon began nodding off. Her eye lids got heavier and heavier as the lecture progressed. She was almost asleep when the infamous word jerked her awake – “Pledge!”

Pledges were seen during the week of January 21 to 26 lining up beside the cafeteria, carrying notebooks, and doing selected “duties.” Induction week had some surprises in it this year. The Kappa Chi Men’s Social Club inducted 31 pledges, the most pledges any club had had in several years. Tri Chi pledges dumped their usual ribbons, replacing them with bear beanies. Gamma pledges showed with Indian headdresses. But most of the clubs continued with the usual pledge outfits. EEEs wore big red bows; Chi Deltas dressed in daisy outfits and sashes; Ss and Betas sported tuxedos; Kappas wore slacks, white shirts, and maroon ties; and the Rho Sigs displayed wooden signs around their necks.

Quite simply, the week was hard. With the onset of the cold and flu to the campus, many were already sick before pledging even started. “The week was not fun, it was the hardest of my life,” said Chi Delta pledge Sarah Clements. “It made me appreciate small things like walking on the sidewalk or going to class alone!” Mandi Stiles, an EEE pledge, had a similar comment: “It is a very humbling experience when you have to look as bad as we did during that week. It makes you appreciate the little things we take for granted.”

The purpose of pledge week was not to torture the inductees, but to bring them together. “Pledge week - well, yeah, it’s been hard but it’s taught me how to rely on my friends and manage my time a lot better,” said Tri Chi pledge Karlyn Hughes. Sigma Alpha Sigma pledge Clint Rickett said, “The week was rough, but it drew us brothers closer together.”

A major aspect of pledging consisted of continuing traditions started by founding members. “The whole week was not meant to be fun, but it allowed us to be a part of the traditions that all Betas have been involved in throughout the years,” said Beta Beta pledge Chris Babb. From the EEE members wearing black on Friday to the Rho Sigma pledges dying their hair red, tradition carried on during pledge week.

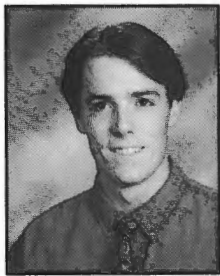
At the end of the week, pledges sat back and realized what all they had accomplished. “The week was trying both emotionally and physically, but it was all worth it because I have some of the best friends from it,” said Gamma Phi pledge Amanda Dinwiddle.

Greg Casey, a Kappa Chi pledge, pretty much summed it up. “I’m not saying it was all necessary, but I do believe it was a good experience.”

Small armies of  
oddly dressed  
pledges took over  
campus for a week  
of trials and  
growing

# Together

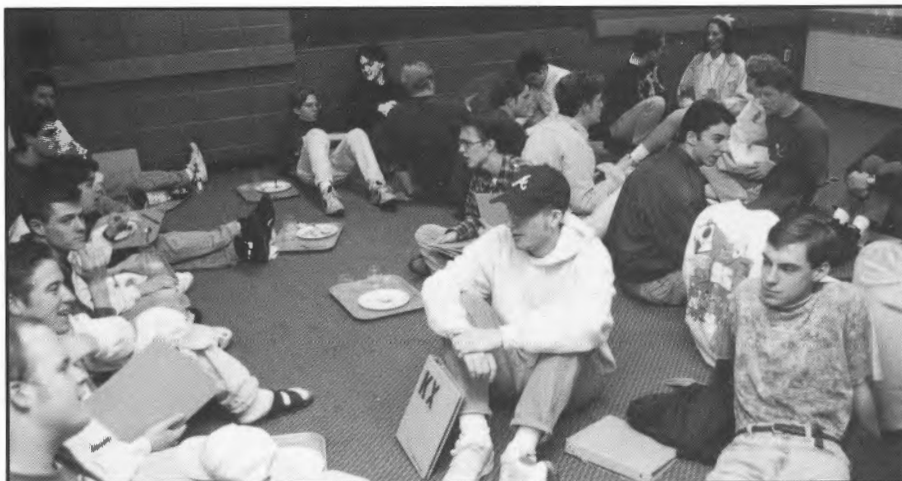
By: Danielle Carey



## Clint Rickett

*“The week was rough, but it drew us brothers closer together.”*

Kappa Chi pledges enjoy a little rest after their meal in the only place they could, the dining hall. The Kappa pledges wore their traditional maroon tie and blue slacks and were unique in the fact that they were the biggest pledge class in several years, with 31 pledges for the week. •photo by Jim Yates





**E**EE pledges Shannon Norwood and Maegan Burroughs, both freshmen, perform for a member before dinner. The EEE pledge class, as always, was easy to spot with the large red bows and bright red lipstick that were a constant reminder of their place that week. •photo by Jim Yates

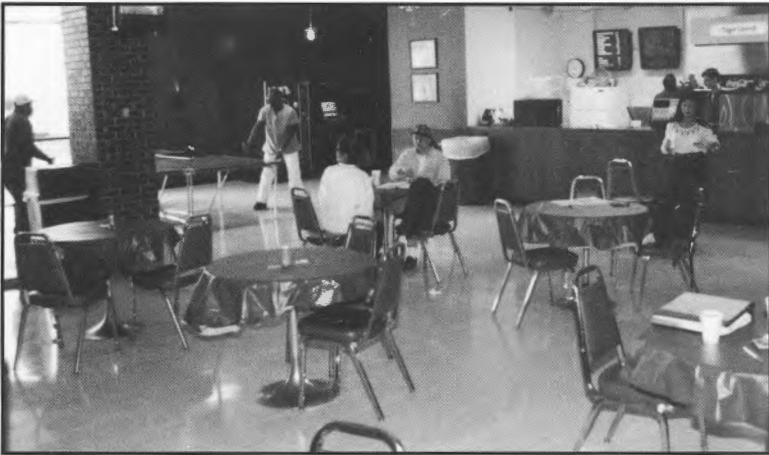
**G**amma Phi pledges rest from a long day of pledging as they enjoy dinner at the cafeteria. Gamma pledges took on indian apparel and style with their headbands, feathers, and tomahawks that they constantly had on or with them. •photo by Jim Yates



**B**en Darley, a sophomore Sigma Alpha Sigma pledge, leads his pledge brothers in a chant as they march together. Blue bowties, hand-held signs, and top hats marked these pledges apart on campus. •photo by Jim Yates



One of the Grill's employees waits on two students who utilize the new opportunities the Grill offered them. Whether you wanted a drink, a cookie, or a hamburger, the Grill was the place to go where you could get in and out fast with no cash. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



At the Tiger Grill students enjoy a game of ping pong, some television and the convenience of the food bar. Students were able to eat lunch in a hurry or just enjoy the friendly atmosphere with the new changes that had transformed the Grill into a popular place on campus. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



Students use the new facilities that were provided in the Grill, which offered a new place for students to eat and pass the time. This was introduced as an alternative way students could use their meal cards to purchase food. •photo by Sandra Scucchi

Stopped for a Coke before class. Won a serious game of ping-pong. Caught a score on ESPN. Crammed for a test. Met a friend for lunch. The disappearance of the gold tin foil wallpaper was not the only change at the Tiger Grill. Students actually utilized the space to eat, study, and hang out.

The new look of the Tiger Grill attracted many students to Evans Student Center. The atmosphere of college life came alive through the planning, decorating, and cooking. "We want the Tiger Grill to be an enjoyable place to eat and have your food," said Dean Bill Dixon, dean of students.

The combination of the modern appearance, the school paraphernalia, and the historical pictures shaped a new attitude at the Tiger Grill. The Grill was completed with new furniture, a television, partial carpeting, and ping-pong tables. The mural by Eli Hicks brought the atmosphere together to create a sense of tradition:

The appearance of the menu changed with the addition of breakfast food

and low fat items. However, the usual hamburger and fries menu was still available. Students were able to use their meal ticket for lunch, which added a new option. "It's easy to grab lunch, now that I can use my ID," said Angela Rodriguez.

The new alternatives at the Grill helped bring students back to Evans Student Center. "We are trying to make Evans an attractive place for students to spend time," said Dixon. Not only did students hang out at the grill but many could be found the new Tiger Den.

The Tiger Den was built for the students. Events that took place at Mitchell Hall could be found at the Den. Clubs and organizations used the new building. The Student Entertainment and Leisure Fund introduced the building to students with the traditional movie nights. "The Tiger Den is an updated facility everyone can enjoy," said Jason Bennett. "The reaction has been very positive."

The less formal surroundings created another place for students to relax. Student Senate's goal in naming the building was to promote a student atmosphere and school spirit. "We wanted to capture school spirit and make the students feel like it was their building," said Chad Gallager, vice president of the Student Senate.

The hard work to create a new look and a new building attracted many students. But the atmosphere caused by the students made the Tiger Grill and the Tiger Den successful. "It's exciting to see other students having fun," said Cortney Brown. "It gives everyone a little more spirit."

Mark Darr, a junior, orders at the snack bar in the Tiger Den. The Den was built in order to accommodate students' needs for a bigger and better entertainment facility. Most movies and many other activities were hosted in this new facility. •photo by Sandra Scucchi

Renovations to the student center and the addition of the Tiger Den brought interesting change for

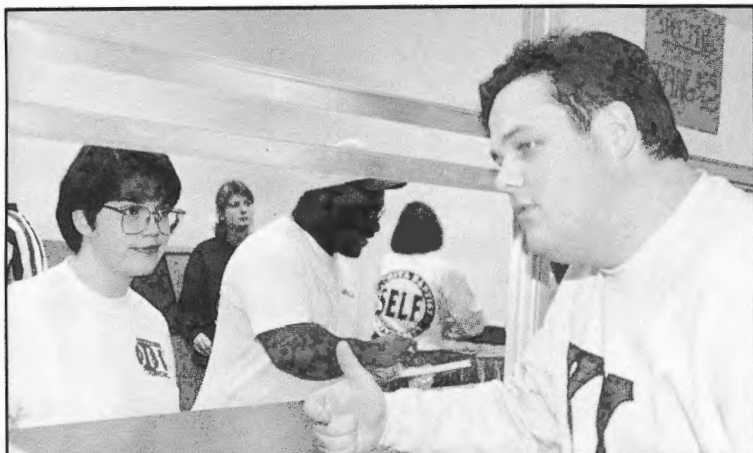
# Students

By: Marci Phillips



## Cortney Brown

*"It's exciting to see other students having fun. It gives everyone a little more spirit."*



Parties and appearances were first on the minds of rushees as they tried to make the right

# Decision

By: Rachel DeBusk



Krista Thomas

*"Rush was a good experience. The best thing about rush was getting to meet so many nice people."*

Christmas break ended, and the campus was flooded with students anxious to know what would happen in the weeks ahead. Name tags were put on, silence began, applications were taken, and a parade of neutral colored clothing filled the hands of girls moving back into their dorms. This only meant one thing—rush was approaching fast.

Rush week gave everyone the opportunity to become more informed about social clubs. Students were encouraged to keep an open mind, and choose a club which offered opportunities for enduring friendships. Jenny Othold said, "Through rush parties we got to see the clubs come together as sisters to show rushees what their club was about. We also got to hear individual testimonies on what the club meant to its members."

Men's rush included four nights of parties. The first two nights were drop-ins from 8:00 until 10:00 where anyone could attend. Men could attend the last two nights of parties by invitation only. At the parties, the rushees met members, listened to testimonies, and enjoyed food. Chris Babb said, "Rush

week gave us a chance to meet members of all four clubs and also gave us a chance to have some great food for four nights." Most of the rushees only went to the party of the club they wanted to join on the last night.

Women's rush was a little more complex. Name tags were handed out, and silence

began. Rushees and club members were not allowed to talk to each other until rush week was completely over—except of course, at the parties. Dr. Deborah Root said that the Panhellenic Council talked it over and decided that silence was still a good idea because it took the pressure off of the girls going through rush. With silence in effect, club members could not have access to the rushees by mail, telephone, or any other form of communication. It gave the rushees a chance to think through the whole process and decide for themselves what they wanted to do. Each women's club had a different theme and show every night. All rushees were allowed to attend every party on the first night but had to receive an invitation to return any other night. Invitations were slid underneath doors, and excited girls waited loudly each night to see which clubs invited them back. Terry Williams said, "I waited so long for my invitations. They never came, so I went to bed. The next morning I woke up, and it was like Santa Claus had come!" Like the men's parties, the women's social clubs had speakers and visitation time each night.

Most everyone had a positive experience from rush week whether they pledged or not. It gave everyone a chance to meet new people and see a good show. Krista Thomas said, "Rush was a good experience. Every club put on such a great show that the decision was very hard. The best thing about rush was getting to meet so many nice people."

By the last night of parties, almost everyone had their minds made up about whether they were going to pledge. Sarah Harmeyer concluded, "After going to two nights of parties, I knew for sure which club I wanted to join. I took a big risk going to only one party on the last night, but I am glad that I did."





Mandi Cosart and Allison Miles, both juniors, help entertain the crowds during one of the rush parties sponsored by the Tri Chi Women's Social Club. Tri Chis' theme for this night was the roaring '20s, in which they dressed up as "flappers" and did song and dance routines. *photo by Jim Yates*



Mark Darr and Ted Duncan, both juniors, hold the limbo pole as Jeff Edwards, a junior, tries to make it under without falling at one of the Kappa Chi rush parties. The Men of Kappa Chi used the new Tiger Den for most of their rush week activities. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*



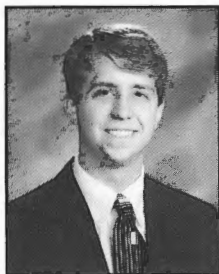
Chi Delta Women's Social Club perform their hearts out for the audience of prospective pledges during rush week. Dressed as clowns with the make-up and costumes to match, the Chi Deltas tried to persuade those in attendance that they were the best women's social club. *photo by Jim Yates*



*Movies, parties,  
and banquets  
filled the agenda  
of S.E.L.F. as they  
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# Diversion

*By: Marci Phillips*



## Jason Bennett

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The sun was brightly shining as the girls slid the heavy door of the van open to jump out. They ran as fast as possible to get a good seat for the S.E.L.F. movie. The Student Entertainment and Leisure Foundation provided a special afternoon show of Pocahontas in honor of the faculty and their children. "The faculty really appreciated it and the children had a good time," said President Jason Bennett.

The organization provided entertainment for the students, faculty and the community throughout the year. S.E.L.F. invited the members of the maintenance department to dinner. They organized an appreciation banquet to honor the department for their hard work. The department valued the time with each other and the students.

At the annual christmas party students took a break from preparing for exams to enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Students colored and cut paper to create cards for sick children in local hospitals. Some students made ornaments, built gingerbread houses, and visited with Santa. To celebrate the

warm weather S.E.L.F. organized a spring party. Members helped serve a picnic style dinner, made snow cones, and operated various carnival games.

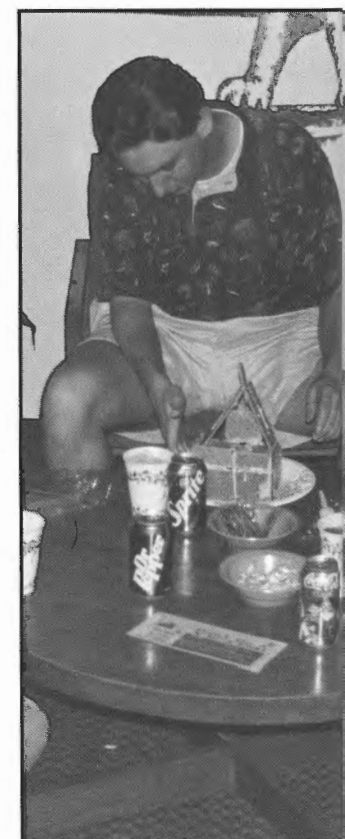
The Sunday night movies were a popular time to get out of the dorm and spend time with friends. "Apollo 13," "Pocahontas," and

"Untamed Heart" were a few of the big movies S.E.L.F. sponsored. Students enjoyed the shows and the new atmosphere of the newly built Tiger Den. "The selection of movies was better this year," said Danielle Carey. "I enjoyed the surrounding of the Tiger Den."

Students, faculty, and youth groups filled Jones Performing Arts Center for two different concerts as the members of S.E.L.F. worked behind the scenes. Geoff Moore and the Distance entertained the crowd as the special Christian Focus Week guest. Point of Grace was welcomed back by the students as they sang their new music.

After a successful membership drive S.E.L.F. increased to nearly 100 members. The number of students involved allowed the organization to improve activities on campus. "This year S.E.L.F. has tried to provide new entertaining activities that students can enjoy," said Bennett. "We are always open to student ideas and will do what we can to meet their needs."

S.E.L.F. provided fun and entertainment through various activities on campus. Students, faculty, and guests enjoyed the events sponsored by S.E.L.F. as the members dedicated their time. The organization's hard work created a successful year in service to others.





Guy Lyons, a senior, participates in the virtual reality presentation sponsored by S.E.L.F. and put on by Virtuality Enterprises. This event was a big hit on campus with students and staff alike. *photo by Jim Yates*



Students mingle and enjoy each other's company as they decorate windows with Christmas themes in Evans Student Center. S.E.L.F. annually sponsored this Christmas contest and party where students decorated and got into the spirit of the season. *photo by Guy Lyons*

Creating a masterpiece, junior Josh Hildebrand and sophomore Shawn Finney work on a gingerbread house at the Christmas party sponsored by S.E.L.F. Students liked being able to make decorations for the holiday season. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

Searching for the perfect attire and playing a little role-reversal added pressure to the dating

# Challenge

By: Sandra Scucchi



## Dawn Webb

*"Getting all decked out for the T.W.I.R.P. nights was a lot of fun; however, having to ask a guy out was very hard and made me so nervous."*

When else could a student wear a Hawaiian shirt, a poodle skirt, pigtail braids with painted freckles on each cheek, or an elegant formal? T.W.I.R.P. week, of course. When it came time for the women to be required to pay, it seemed like everyone was dashing through their wardrobes searching for the perfect attire for each occasion.

SELF started the week by sponsoring a night at the movies in Mitchell Hall. "I think watching movies in Mitchell is neat because you can bring a pillow and sit in a pew," Tom Stickney said. SELF showed "While You Were Sleeping" starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. "Movie night is exciting because the atmosphere is relaxing and the dress is casual," said Cortney Brown.

As Monday came, students dug through their wardrobes looking for Hawaiian shirts and straw hats for the BSU Beach Bash. "I loved the Beach Bash, despite the fact that I didn't win the best dressed contest," said Justin Hardin, who wore knickerbockers, a Hawaiian shirt, a lei, a hat, and nerd glasses.

The Beach Bash offered a barbecue dinner and a concert by The Silver Crickets. "It was so laid back and relaxed," said Nancy Day.

Checkered shirts and overalls were what most students found in their closets for the Gamma Phi's Sadie Hawkins night on Tuesday. "There was a good turn out. And surprisingly, everyone dressed up, even though

it was rainy and we had to move everything to SPEC," said Shea Morgan.

Sadie Hawkins consisted of many booths and many other games where the students could win prizes. After Sadie Hawkins, the Gammas sponsored a party at Skateland with live music by The Silver Crickets. "It was a lot of fun because everybody was definitely jamming," said Jeremy Irby.

On Wednesday, students flipped through their wardrobes in hopes of flashing back to the '50s for the EEE '50s Night. "The main thing was that I didn't want to look like everybody else in a poodle skirt," said Patti Blackard. "So I dressed up as Frenchi from Grease wearing a Pink Ladies jacket, a black skirt, a scarf around my neck, and the traditional saddle oxfords."

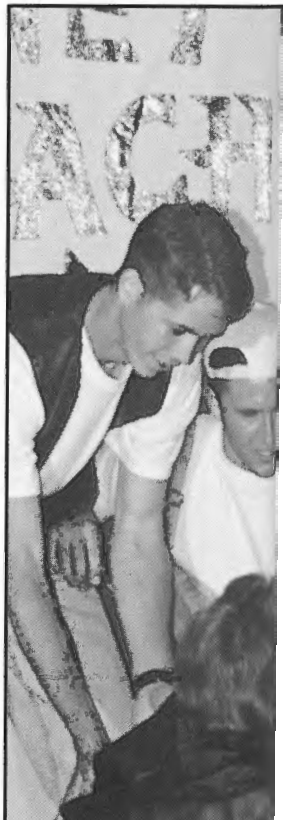
Couples were entertained by The Silver Crickets, skits, and crowd participation games. "I thought The Silver Crickets did an excellent job because their style of music helped bring us back to the '50s," said Brian Smith.

Students were asked to dress as various movie characters for Planet Ouachita which was sponsored by the Tri Chis on Thursday night. Couples who turned out for the show included Sarah Harmeyer and Ryan Brown as Princess Leia and Darth Vader, and Kathy Westbrook and Jeremy Irby as Nicole and O.J. Simpson.

With help from their beaus, the Tri Chis performed skits depicting commercials like the construction worker taking a Diet Coke break. They also acted out scenes from "Ace Ventura Pet Detective" and "Dumb and Dumber."

"All other T.W.I.R.P. nights are casual, but Harvest Moon is really fancy," said Heidi Warren. Harvest Moon, which was sponsored by the Chi Deltas, was held at Lake DeGray Lodge on Sunday evening. "Harvest Moon was fun because you get to see everyone dressed up," said Lisa Wortham.

T.W.I.R.P. week proved itself memorable according to Dawn Webb. "Getting all decked out for the T.W.I.R.P. nights was a lot of fun; however, having to ask a guy out was very hard and made me so nervous," said Webb. "I would rather the guys ask in the future."





**H**ead Resident Rosemary Chu reads the fortunes of two students at Gamma Phi's Sadie Hawkins night. The Gammas sponsored this night during T.W.I.R.P. Week which included games, food, and booths where students could be married and told their fortunes. *photo by Jim Yates*

**R**ocking to the sounds of the '50s, the Women of EEE have a groovy time at their T.W.I.R.P. night. With "HappEEE Days" as their theme, the EEEs wore poodle skirts and the dates drank shakes as they enjoyed the entertainment. *photo by Carol Price*



**"Planet Ouachita"** was the theme for the Tri Chi Women's Social Club's T.W.I.R.P. night. The Tri Chis focused on Hollywood and all its glamour and famous movie stars to entertain the crowds. *photo by Jim Yates*

With a full tank of gas and a map in hand, students loaded up and headed out for the

# Highway

By: Jessica Osborne



## Jennie McClain

"I never thought we would even make it out of the parking lot."

Gas, oil, and mileage were watched carefully by students on long trips. Traveling by car was a relatively inexpensive way for students to get from one point to the other with their friends. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

The smell of exhaust fumes and the sound of seat belts buckling and trunks slamming could be heard as the car's engine was started. Last minute decisions and quick packing are familiar to all travelers. For many students, these are normal beginnings for road trips.

Although most students planned on taking trips weeks in advance, there were several individuals that preferred to be spontaneous when it came to traveling. Senior Bruce Cullom and junior Russ Elrod decided after midnight one Thursday night to go to Austin, Texas. Their trip took them to hear several club bands perform. Cullom said, "We knew that Austin was considered the live music capital, and so we just hopped in the car and hung out down there for three days. We only went for the music."

Not all people were as quick to decide what they wanted to do or when they wanted to do it. Freshmen Jennie McClain, Jennifer McSpadden, Allison Trumble, and Robert Sproles, another group of travelers, were going to Waco, Texas, to visit some friends of theirs from various colleges. They planned to

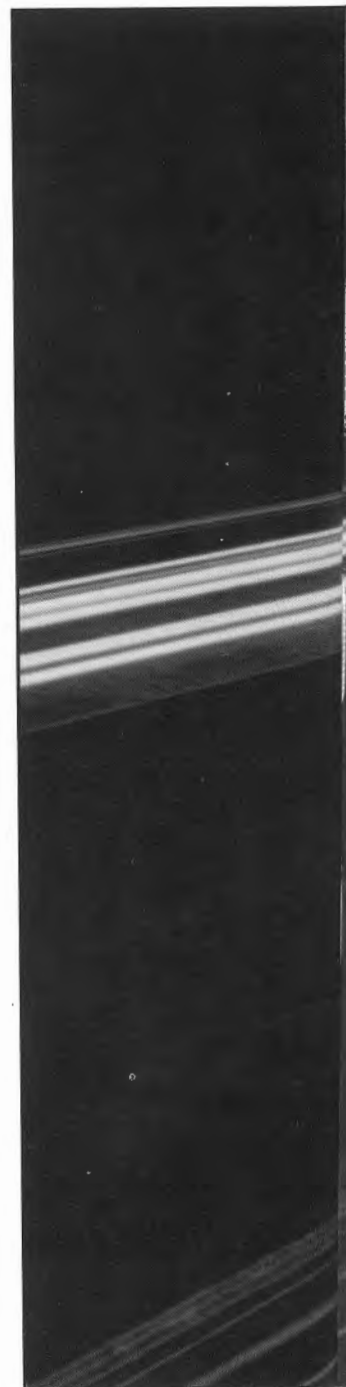
leave at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, but actually departed the campus an hour later. "I never thought we would even make it out of the parking lot. Then we had to make frequent stops along the way for people to use the restrooms. It was the longest trip I've ever taken," said McClain. Their weekend

adventure turned out great and all were satisfied with the trip. Sproles said, "My only complaint about the trip was that the CD player wouldn't work. Good music makes a good trip."

Trips like these and many more were taken throughout the year. The freedom to choose when and where to go were just a part of the fun. All students needed a way to escape the daily grind of college life. Road trips were just one way students found this release. Family trips did not compare with the excitement and memories created by students on their journeys. No matter what the destination, road trips were considered to be the highlight of college life and the more unique the trips was, the more unique and interesting the story about it was. Freshman Marjorie Thompson said, "Road trips give us a chance to just get away and get crazy. It is always fun to just...go! It is just one big adventure."



A banner hangs from a lightpole at the entrance to Historic Sixth Street in Austin, Texas. Students were attracted to cities in states from Texas to Louisiana and from Oklahoma to Tennessee. Music, drama, good food, and bright lights often were magnets that most students were drawn to. *photo by Jim Yates*





**B**right lights and adventure often attract students to the endless stretches of highway that can lead anywhere they wish to go. Students often travel great distances to reach their desired destinations. *photo by Jim Yates*

**S**ome of the staples for a road trip include snacks, good music, and lots of make-up reading. If things weren't too crowded or rushed, the trip was a great experience and adventure for students. *photo by Jim Yates*

Whether working on a class project or simply giving of their time, students found ways of

Quietly he sat swinging his feet as his eyes circled the room. Green streamers and balloons covered the walls. Party hats were stacked on the table. He did not touch anything as he anticipated the arrival of the hosts of the St. Patrick's Day Party. Members of Dr. Steve Phillips' Small Group Processes class reached beyond the boundaries of the classroom as they hosted a party in honor of the men and women at Group Living, Inc. Group Living housed mentally disabled men and women.

The groups within the class worked together as they organized music for dancing, decorated the room, and coordinated the agenda for the night. In addition to the class project, the individual groups served in other ways such as painting and decorating rooms at a local home for abused women and children. Another group of the class took time out for the children at Happyland Day Care. The children at the daycare came from low-income families. The group planned special activities before arriving to spend time with the children. "We planned games and a nature walk for the children," said Julie Wilson. "But we

changed plans because they just needed us to play with them."

The Backyard Bible Club ministry of the Baptist Student Union also spent time with many children in the community. Every other Tuesday afternoon the members of the ministry team left the comforts of campus to

work with children at the local housing authority, Carpenter Hills. The members of the team played group games, made crafts, and talked about their faith in God with the children. "The kids are starved for love," said ministry leader Emily Higgins. "It's very exciting because we can share our love with them." Several children were involved in the Backyard Bible Club because the team cared about them.

Phi Beta Lambda sponsored a Bowl-a-thon to raise money for Arkansas Children's Hospital. Each club member asked for sponsors to support their game. They played two games and earned money for each pin that was not left standing. In addition to the night of bowling, the club raised more money at the Honeycomb restaurant. The restaurant sponsored a college coffee house and gave their tips to Phi Beta Lambda. The club gave a large donation to further the healthcare of children around the state.

Students in various organizations donated time and energy to help the community. Despite the hectic schedules of college life, the organizations created special memories for troubled people. The projects were successful because students reached beyond their comfort zone and touched many lives.

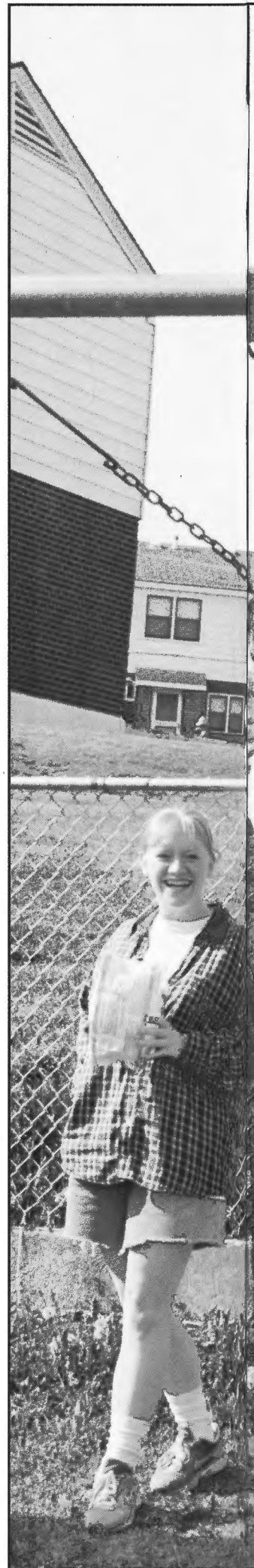
# Serving

By: Marci Phillips



## Emily Higgins

*"It's very exciting because we can share our love with them."*





Freshman Jenni McKissack looks on as three children enjoy playing at the playground after a Backyard Bible Club meeting. McKissack and others worked constantly with children in the community that were involved in their program. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

Members of Student Senate, various social clubs, and S.E.L.F. serve children of the community at the annual Christmas Party sponsored by S.E.L.F. and supported by other organizations. This kind of community service helped many students get involved through their various outlets and help others. *photo by Carol Price*



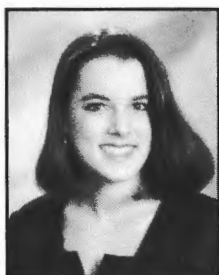
Junior Bryan Manley gives a ride to two children in the Big Brother program. Children in and around Arkadelphia were able to benefit from this program and others like it that gave them hope and something to look forward to. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*



Old friends, new faces and great entertainment made the 30 year anniversary of Miss OBU

# Memorable

By: Christina Lance



## Merideth Arnn

*"I set this goal several months before the pageant and have worked hard to achieve it. I praise the Lord for providing me this opportunity."*

After two and a half hours of entertainment, excitement, and anticipation, junior Merideth Arnn was crowned Miss OBU 1996. The pageant, which was sponsored by the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, marked the 30th year of pageantry for the University.

Arnn, representing the EEE Women's Social Club, competed along with 12 other contestants for the title. At the end of the competition, Arnn was crowned by the reigning Miss Arkansas Paula Montgomery; Miss OBU 1995 Ashley Arrington; and University President Dr. Ben Elrod.

Arnn won the talent portion with her rendition of "How Could I Ever Know?" from the Broadway musical, *The Secret Garden*. An incredible impact was also made with her critical issue: the importance of role models in society. Arnn said, "I believe it is very important for young people to have positive mentors, not the media type, but day-to-day 'stars' in their lives who take an interest."

Arnn, a 20-year-old choral music education major from Benton, was also involved in the EEE Women's Social Club, Pure Heart contemporary Christian music group, and the Ouachita Singers.

Arnn will represent her school in the Miss Arkansas pageant June 19-22 in Hot Springs. "I set this goal several months before the pageant and have worked hard to achieve it,"

Arnn said. "I praise the Lord for providing me this opportunity."

Arnn's court also included: Missy Nobles of Hot Springs, a freshman pre-nursing major, chosen as first runner-up and sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Fraternity; Erin Crumley of Denver, Colorado, a junior elementary education major, chosen as second runner-up and sponsored by Kappa Chi Men's Social Club; Sarah Stanley of Warren, a sophomore choral music major, chosen as third runner-up and sponsored by SELF; and Alicen Laws of Mabelvale, a sophomore Christian counseling major chosen as fourth runner-up and sponsored by the 1996 Tri Chi pledge class.

To top things off, 17 former title holders returned for the 30th anniversary with each one offering a word of wisdom and a funny story. The evening was complete. The group performed after intermission and shared of their lives both past and present.

The 30th was definitely a charm. With the return of 17 former Miss OBUs, a spectacular evening of entertainment, and the crowning of Miss OBU 1996, the pageant proved to be unforgettable.

Miss OBU Court of Honor performs for the crowd during the pageant. The Court of Honor put on acts between the phases so as to allow time for the contestants to change and get ready. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*





Junior Merideth Arnn smiles warmly toward the crowd after being crowned as the 1996 Miss OBU. Arnn was one of a dozen contenders for the sought-after crown that marked the 30th anniversary of the pageant. •photo by Jonathan Henderson



Merideth Arnn performs for the crowd in attendance at the 30th annual Miss OBU pageant. Arnn sang "How Could I Ever Know?" from the Broadway musical *The Secret Garden* for her talent portion of the show. •photo by Amy Morton



The Queen and her court stand together after the ceremonies along with the reigning Miss Arkansas, Paula Montgomery. They are: Sarah Stanley, third runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Missy Nobles, first runner-up; Merideth Arnn, Miss OBU; Paula Montgomery, Miss Arkansas; Erin Crumley, second runner-up; and Alicen Laws, fourth runner-up. •photo by Jonathan Henderson

**G**uy Lyons, a senior, prepares to capture the next good shot at a Tiger basketball game. Along with having a family, Lyons had to manage his time between his job with the University's photography department and his school work. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



**C**atasha McDaniel, a sophomore, helps her daughter up the steps. Being a parent and a student was often difficult, but many found it rewarding. •photo by Guy Lyons



**S**haron Cosh, a senior, and Ruth-Anne Mwase, a freshman, discuss a piece of artwork. Finding time to visit with classmates was difficult for students like Cosh and Mwase who both had children at home. •photo by Guy Lyons

**B**art Brockway, a senior, comforts his daughter in the hospital. Students with families sometimes found themselves in situations beyond their control where studies had to be temporarily put aside. •photo by Guy Lyons





Balancing babies,  
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The campus was filled with many students fresh out of high school, energetic, young, and full of excitement and anticipation. Yet amid the crowd of energy stood another type of student. Anyone could spot them. They were older, and had less energy. Yes, they were the non-traditional students. They had experienced just enough of life's let-downs and hum-drum days to forsake their excitement. They knew "college life" would take on new meaning. And this produced fear.

College years would not be filled with 'late night' study sessions in the dorm. Football games, Homecoming, social clubs, mission trips, and field trips would be absent from the 'best years of their life.'

Tauna Woodruff was unable to continue her education in one segment of time, and circumstances found her returning to school. "I had an overwhelming feeling that I needed to get my degree," said Woodruff. She had more responsibilities, different points of view, and was more focused on her goals. That was typical of the non-traditional student. No longer could life be viewed

from simply their own perspective.

Guy Lyons, a 28-year-old, found himself struggling to keep a balance of his many priorities. Lyons said that it was real important that his wife feel a part of the campus community. But coming to school late in life did not hinder Lyons. "It's helped

me to better formulate what I want to do with my life," said Lyons. That seemed to be the general consensus.

The older student seemed to be more focused. However, their source of strength had to be other than a peer group. For Sharon Cosh, an adult woman with a husband and five girls, her family was her support system. "It's had to be a team effort. I couldn't have done this without my family," said Cosh. She realized that she could not overcome her trying times without that sense of support she received.

For some non-traditional students their years in college were the loneliest of their life. This was particularly true of older women who did not yet have a family. Although they did not have the extra responsibility that came with a family, they also did not have a place to feel completely secure.

However, even forsaking all of the things that the youth considered important to an education, the non-traditional student reached the other side of the educational process and still managed to be and feel trained and prepared for the 21st century work force.

# Travel

By: Sheri Montgomery



## Sharon Cosh

*"It's had to be a team effort. I couldn't have done this without my family."*





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# *two* worlds, **ONE ROOM**

Adjusting to dorm life was difficult for most students, but some students had an even greater challenge — a roommate from another country who spoke little English and was not used to American culture. Many students had to learn to experience life with an international student, while the international had to learn how to experience life here. Funny misunderstandings, cultural differences, and communication difficulties were a factor, but with a little give and take from both parties, students, both international and American, learned to adjust.

Junior Jennifer Johnson and senior Eri Kunitomo had a unique relationship.

Johnson was a missionary kid from Japan. She said that they spoke both English and Japanese in their room, but they tried to speak English most of the time. “Jennifer speaks both Japanese and English very well, so if I do not understand the English, she can explain it to me in Japanese,” said Kunitomo.

Yuka Fukuda was also from Japan. Her roommate was Johnna Walden from Benton, Arkansas. Fukuda said that in the beginning, she and Johnna had trouble communicating, but that as the year went on the communication progressed. Fukuda described a funny misunderstanding between them: “When I talked about Jello, she thought it was ketchup. I said it was red, so she misunderstood.” Johnna taught Yuka

a lot. Yuka said she always told her about American culture like economics, politics, customs, and holidays.

Sammy Karuci from Africa, and Thierry Vodounou from the Ivory Coast had no trouble communicating. Although they did not spend a lot of time together, everything was great. Sammy commented, “Thierry is a great guy. He is from a French speaking country, and I am from an English speaking country. Our opinions differ in many ways, but we still get along. We don’t spend a lot of time together. We only meet in the room, but we like it that way.”

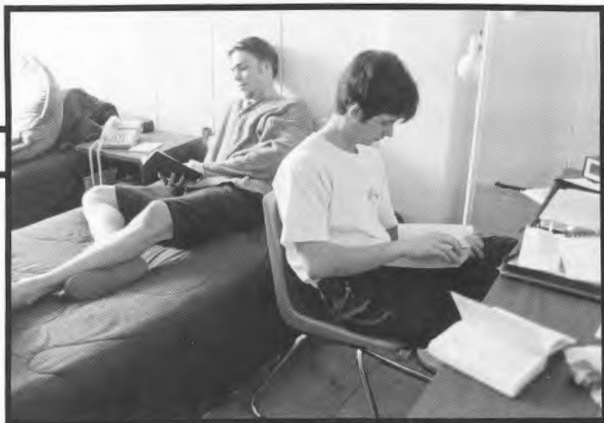
Nelson Ortiz from Paraguay, and Shane Wooten from Hamburg, Arkansas, learned quite a few things from each other. Both Ortiz and Wooten said that they did not have trouble communicating in the beginning, but that their communication progressed since the first of the year. “We share our problems with each other now,” said Ortiz. “At the start of the semester we just talked.” Ortiz and Wooten taught each other a lot. Ortiz said that Wooten taught him how to play on a computer and how to balance a checkbook. “It’s difficult to leave your home where you have everything and come here with a lot less,” Wooten said.

Adapting to the changes of living with someone from another country were hard, but together these roommates helped each other learn and understand a whole new way of living. •by Rachel DeBusk

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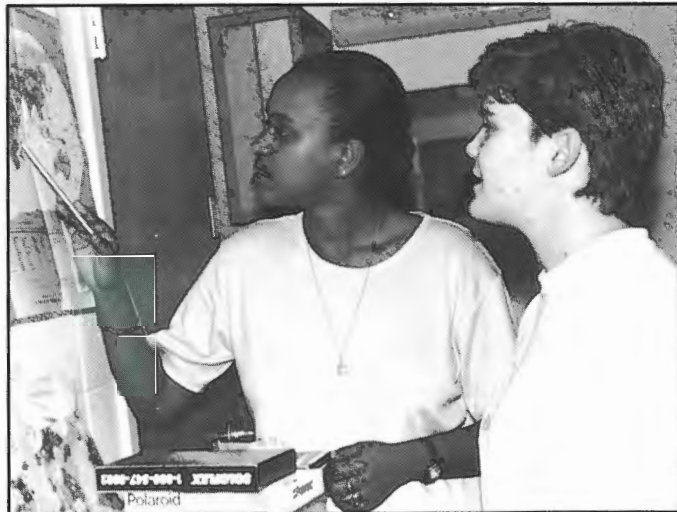
*•Johnna Walden*





**DEEP IN THOUGHT**—William Whitney reads an assignment while Alex Morozov researches for a class. Morozov, an exchange student from Russia, found that having an American roommate helped him learn the culture and the language better and faster. •*photo by Jim Yates*

**LOOK RIGHT THERE**—Denberwa "Dee" Berhan shows Toni Walker the location of her home in Ethiopia. Rooming with an international student was fun and educational. •*photo by Carol Price*



**LIVING TOGETHER**—Laoya Cnauncey fixes Frasih Wainaina's hair as they laugh and talk about their families. The more time roommates spent with one another the closer friends they become. •*photo by Carol Price*

**ANYONE HUNGRY**—Trevelyn Merritt eats Turkish olives and toast as Rehan Diker explains about the different kinds of foods found in Turkey. Although both students were from various cultures, they shared a well-known past-time, eating. •*photo by Carol Price*



# people **OVER SEAS** switching around

Many people wonder what it would be like to race down the autobahn in Germany, travel by train through Europe, or walk through Red Square in Moscow. For about 80 students every year, this scenario was reality.

According to Dr. Trey Berry, director of the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program, the University had the best International Program in the state and one of the best in the nation. He said, "We not only have quantity but also quality," in reference to being linked with top universities in the world like Oxford University in England.

Junior Eric Torrence studied in Japan at Seinan Gakin University. He said it was great there because he was treated like a movie star. "I was famous over there." However, he witnessed the translation problems that can occur. He said he had a friend who was babysitting for and tutoring a Japanese family and one day the Japanese woman called and told his friend's roommate that she didn't have to come today because the baby was dead. This totally shocked her roommate so she said, "The baby's dead?" The Japanese woman replied, "Yes." Then she asked, "Was the baby sick?" The Japanese woman said, "Yes, the baby's sick." Eric laughed at his friend asking her "What are you teaching them? Dead and sick are totally different words."

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*•Dr. Trey Berry*

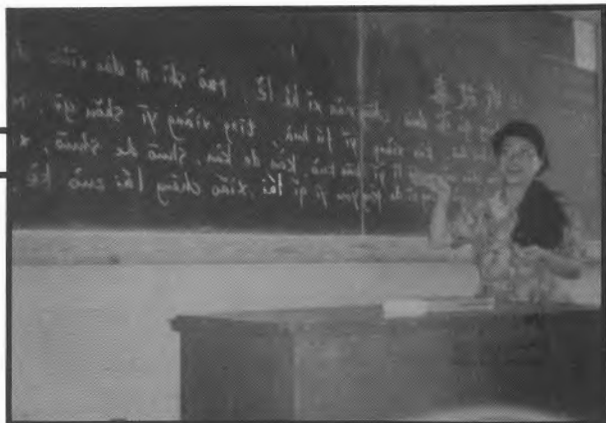
The International Programs had seven students and one faculty member who participated in the exchange program the fall semester. Kyle Hamman, a junior communications and theatre arts double major from North Little Rock, studied at the University of Reading in England.

Three students studied at Seinan Gakin University in Fukuoka, Japan. They included: Rebecca Holt, a junior elementary education major from Ward; Dijiana Aleksic, a junior accounting major from Smackover; and Chad Fielding, a senior speech pathology major from Boles.

Tarra Verkler, a sophomore psychology major from Black Rock, was one of 20 students who participated in the International Programs during the spring semester. She studied at Moscow State University in Russia. She said her biggest fear was that she would have misconceptions of Russia and that she would expect too much based on her experience in Germany. She said the standards in Germany were much like the United States, but she thought that Russia would be different considering the tremendous amount of change that took place within the last year.

Berry said the students who participated in the International Programs changed the world, but their world was changed. He encouraged students to participate in the International Program saying, "You can step out of your comfort zone, out of your little circle, and change the world." *•by Jodie Matthews*



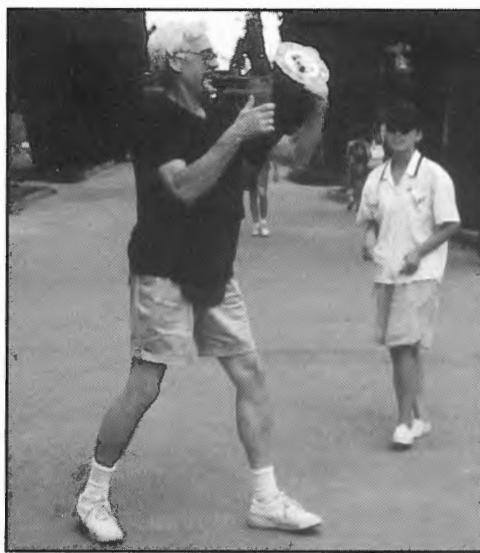


**TRANSLATION**—A Chinese professor teaches American students to speak and write the Chinese language. Many teachers participated in the exchange program by traveling to another country or simply teaching exchange students. Dr. Susan Wink, associate professor of English, taught English literature in China during the fall semester as part of the exchange program. *•photo by International Programs*



**SIGHT-SEEING**—Two exchange students tour the lush, green forests in England. While studying in another country, students also had the advantages of viewing all the culture and countryside, providing depth to their knowledge of the country. *•photo by International Programs*

**RELAXING**—Senior Rusty Ross enjoys a restful afternoon in his Chinese dorm room. American exchange students who traveled to China learned the advantages of the country's relaxed atmosphere as opposed to the hustle and bustle of American culture. *•photo by International Programs*



**LEARNING NEW GAMES**—Dr. Tom Greer, Clarence and Benny Sue Anthony professor of Bible and the humanities, tries to master a new Chinese game while relaxing in the park. Participants in the exchange programs enjoyed the new games and leisure activities that they learned in foreign countries. *•photo by International Programs*

# adapting to changes in their **HOMELAND**

He gave hugs and kisses to his family as he sadly said goodbye. Going to college gave him scary feelings, yet also those of independence. As he stepped onto the airplane and looked back at his hometown, anticipation came over him. It had been so long since he had been to the States. How would he live there for four years without mom and dad?

This was probably what most missionary kids thought before coming to school. From Togo, to Brazil, to Japan, several missionary kids came to the campus, most of them knowing their whole lives that college would mean leaving their families, friends, and the country they had grown to love.

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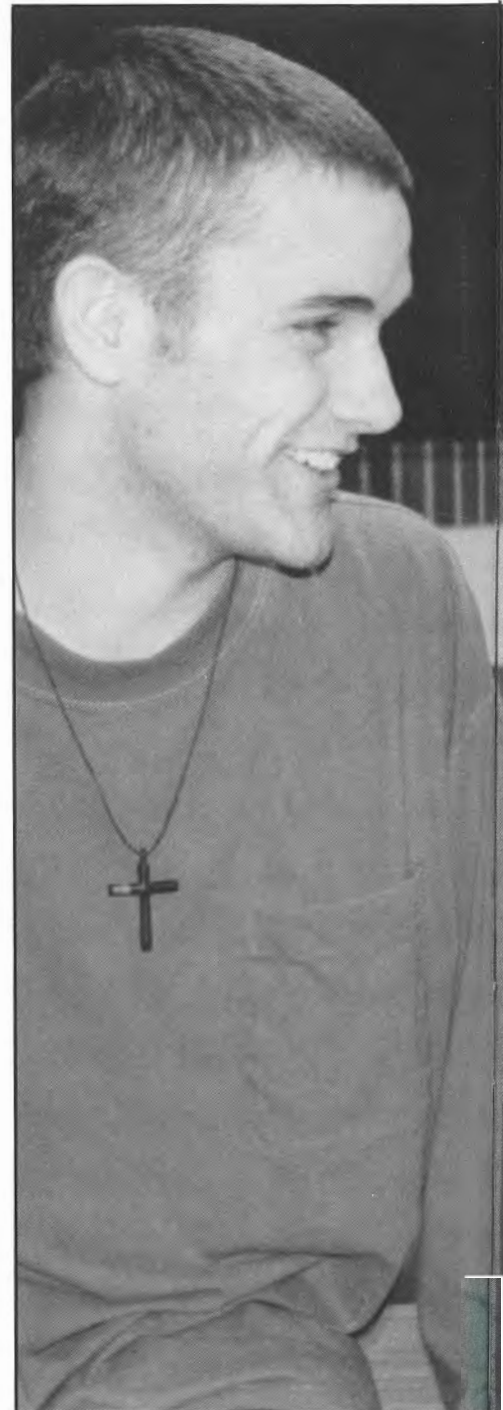
Coming to school here was quite a change for several MKs. A lot of them attended boarding, correspondence, or local schools in their country. Moving to another country also meant learning a different language. Jennifer Collier, a MK from Brazil said, "At ten years old, learning the language was hard in some ways and not so hard in others. The hard part was going to school and not having anyone to help you." For others, learning the language was very difficult. Joy Conrad, who's a MK from Korea, said that Korean was the second hardest language in the world and she's still not fluent in it. Needless to say, they all knew English, so coming back was not difficult in that area.

In other ways, coming back to the States was very difficult. The cultures there were a lot different, so when they arrived in the States, some things shocked them. Some said that in other countries respect was more important, others said that Americans were not as laid back.

Shopping was a lot different in other countries as well. When shopping for foods such as cereal, some countries only had three or four boxes to choose from, and where the states had malls, they only had a couple of department stores.

Most all of the missionary kids confessed to missing their parents' country. Some missed the native people and memories, while others missed family and schedules. Summer Gilbert said, "I miss it a lot- the simplicity of life and the way people sincerely care for one another. I miss going to school in Spanish and the teachers at my school." •by Rachel DeBusk

**WHAT DO YOU THINK**—Derek Erwin and Bryan Trimboli take time out to talk. With both students being MK's, they shared common ground.  
•photo by Jonathan Henderson





**JUST A LITTLE CHAT**— Julie Packwood, a missionary kid from Equador, spends time in the Tiger Grill. Many discussions were held by all kinds of students and the laughter can be heard throughtout the room. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*

**HARD AT WORK**— Joel Gaddis frantically searches the library for information. Hours were sometimes spent looking for just the right items needed for a paper. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*



**MAKE IT QUICK**— Karen Temple and Joanne Baillio socialize on a bench during a break between classes. These brief times were charished by friends all over campus. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*

# visitors from five **REPUBLICS**

When Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as the last head of the Soviet Union during Christmas of 1991 and the Commonwealth of Independent States was formed, the likelihood of these events having an impact on life at the University probably did not enter the minds of most students. The fact was, however, that the change in this part of Eastern Europe was to have an immense effect.

The impact the fall of the Soviet Union had involved the international program. Before 1991, few international students came from this part of Europe. In the spring, however, the University not only had more international students from the former

Soviet republics than any Baptist college its size, but it was ranked third among Baptist colleges of any size. There were 27 international students from five of the former Soviet republics including Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, and Russia.

Particularly interesting was the fact that Latafet "Lika" Alieva and Dmitry Podogorny were the first international students to attend the University from Azerbaijan. Alieva chose the University after hearing of it from a friend. She said she wanted to attend a small private college where "there is less smoking and drinking, and I can make better friends." Alieva also said she hoped that more students from Azerbaijan would attend in the future.

Tina Baranova, an international student from Ukraine, chose to attend the University after visiting the campus with her host mom. "Everyone was extra friendly and nice," Baranova said. "Even the strangers were friendly. I didn't hesitate in choosing Ouachita."

After spending time with any of the international students from the former Soviet Union, one would have to agree that the events of 1991 did indeed impact University life, and the impact was a positive one. •by Casey Brewer

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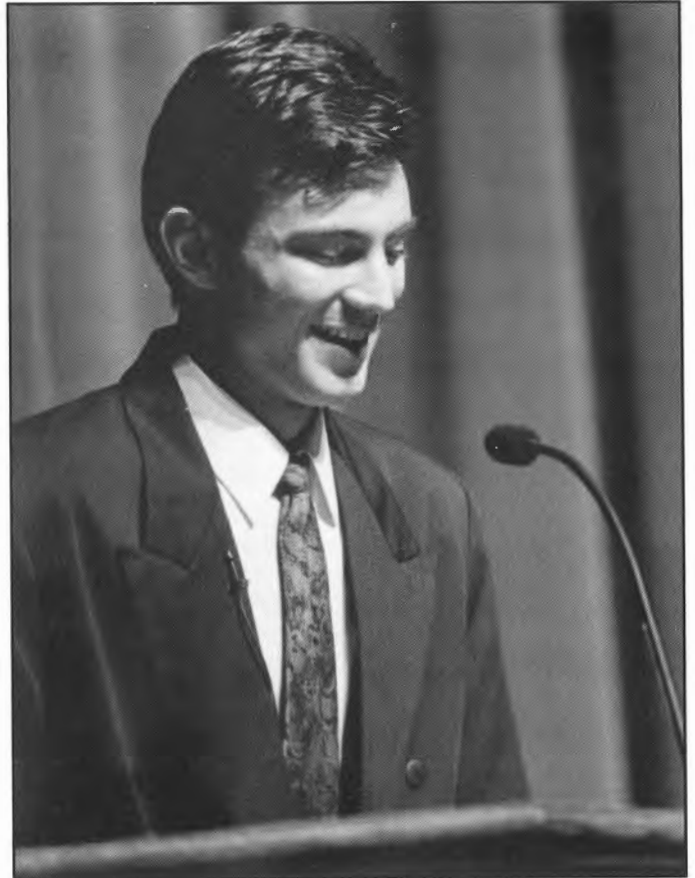
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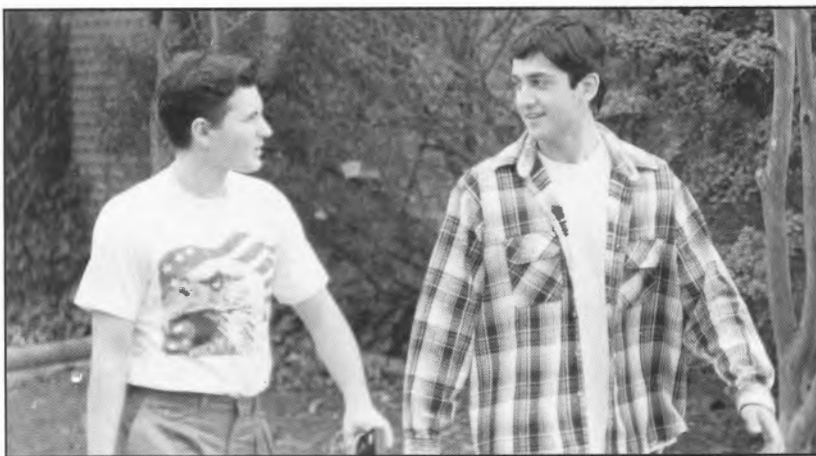
**RELAXING**—Sievil Eminova, a freshman from Uzbekistan, takes advantage of beautiful weather as she reads her literature assignment. Her classes and work load were quite different from anything she had ever experienced. •photo by Jim Yates



**WORKING HARD**—Freshman Irina Komarova works the busy lunch shift in the Tiger Grill. She was one of six students from Russia. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



**GIVING TESTIMONY**—Freshman Valerie Pushkerev, an international student from Uzbekistan, speaks to students during the student testimonies chapel service. Pushkerev enlightened students about life in the former Soviet Republic and what it meant to be in the United States. •photo by Guy Lyons



**TOUCH OF HOME**—Freshmen Dmiury Podgomy from Azerbaijan and Askar Khamidov from Uzbekistan discuss campus life in their native language. Being able to communicate in their native tongue while in the United States helped them feel close to home. •photo by Jim Yates

# conquering the barriers of **LANGUAGES**

Hello! Bonjour! Buenos dias! These were just a few of the many greetings heard as students walked across campus. Why? Because the University taught so many different languages. The University offered, then, eight different foreign languages, six modern and two ancient. Since English was taught as a second language, it could be said that nine different languages not counting any computer languages, were taught on this campus, according to Mr. Jack Estes, chairman of the Modern Language Department.

Okay, so the University had all these languages, but how were they beneficial on such a small campus? "Learning a foreign language makes a better rounded person and scholar. Not only does it make us more well rounded, but being exposed to so many different languages also makes us more aware of the different culture," said Ms. Fu Guo-Ying, visiting instructor in Chinese language. "When I lived in China I saw only one style of life, but when I came here and observed Americans, I learned something more. If people learn other cultures and languages first hand, it will broaden their desire to see the world." Learning about different languages and their cultures may have helped to prepare students for a lifestyle outside of America.

"I suppose one can say that we reach beyond the campus and community when we make it possible for our students to communicate with people in other countries who do not speak English," Estes said.

In a recent study done by the U.S. Department of Education, it was found that U.S. companies were placing more and more value on proficiency in second languages and were particularly interested in graduates who had studied the less commonly taught languages such as Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. All these languages were taught here. Companies wanted employees who knew how to act in a variety of cultural settings. However, such training was viewed as secondary in importance to the technical skills required for employees to perform their jobs. •by Rachel DeBusk

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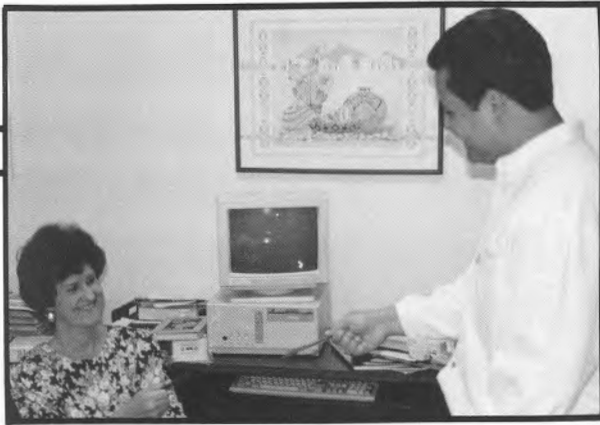
•Ms. Fu Guo-Ying

## STEP BY STEP-

Yoshie Ganaha explains to Julie Wilson the extent one goes to learn another language. An interest in learning a foreign language took dedication.

•photo by Jonathan Henderson





**CRACKING JOKES**— Edilberto "Eddie" Moreno jokes with Mrs. Nona Anderson about their shared language. Holding a conversation with a person in the same language brought smiles to their faces. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*

**TEACHING AND LEARNING**— Mrs. Guo-Ying teaches the Chinese language to students. As an exchange teacher she spent a semester sharing her language and further developing her English. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*



**NEED A BREAK**— Irina Komamova finishes her homework and studies for her classes. Homework in another language came naturally to many exchange students. *•photo by Jonathan Henderson*



*students  
speaking up*

# DOWN UNDER

What can Arkansas college students possibly have in common with Australian society? Without a doubt there were definite differences and a seemingly large wall between the cultures. Glancing beyond these barriers, students imagined 34 southerners down under.

While most were having fun in the sun or working to pay tuition, a group from the BSU traveled to Australia for a two-and-a-half week summer mission trip. Ian Cosh, BSU director, and Kristi Langemeir, former BSU assistant director, led the group as they embarked upon their mission. With Sydney as their first destination, the team departed on May 29.

The mission group was broken up into two different teams: one which remained in Sydney and the other which traveled to Melbourne. Each team was divided up into smaller groups and assigned specific churches and responsibilities. Every day the individual groups would travel to junior high and high schools to pass out fliers and lead Bible lessons for the youth. "Our main objective was to simply visit and get acquainted with the people," said sophomore Theresa Gillespie.

From the very start, the mission group was told not to expect an overwhelming number of commitments or professions of faith. Mrs. McDonald, a local youth minister, had explained the lack of trust Australians exhibit to foreigners. Exceeding all expectations, eight accepted Christ and about 10 recommitments were made in the first weekend alone. "God totally broke down these barriers," said sophomore Mary Claire Proctor, who worked with a team at Waverly Baptist Church in Melbourne. "Because these kids

were so responsive, many decisions were made." The simple fact was that God had allowed all barriers to be broken and trust to be built.

By the end of their stay many lasting relationships had been built, there had been many decisions for Christ, and most of all an invisible wall of difference had fallen. "The Lord taught me that numbers are nice, but relationships are more important," said Proctor. "Once you build relationships with people, the numbers will come." This one statement proved to be the backbone of the entire trip. Numerous relationships and decisions were made all due to the fact that each person looked beyond the "wall" and allowed God to do mighty work. "The opportunity to go to Australia was an open door we received in God's providence," said Cosh. "The bonding that took place between the Australians and the Ouachita students was genuine and resulted in a ministry more effective than I could ever have wished for beforehand." •by Christina Lance

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**THE MESSAGE**—Shaunna Brown reads a story from the Bible. The children listened as she explained the walk of Christ and the importance of having Him in their hearts. •photo by Ian Cosh

**MR. CLEAN**—Brandon Barnard and Ian Cosh clean the grill in preparation for cooking dinner. Their evenings were spent in reflection of the day's events. •photo by Theresa Gillespie



**SHARING A TUNE**—Steve Carr plays the guitar and sings choruses as young ears listen. The sounds of music brought the children closer to the visiting Americans and to one another. •photo by Ian Cosh

**HUNGRY FELLA'**—Kristi Langemeier feeds a kangaroo during a visit to an Australian zoo. The outing proved to be beneficial for both the animal and Kristi. •photo by Ian Cosh



# *solving* **PROBLEMS** *the world's*

Looking at the students gathered in the room might be just like looking in a classroom anywhere, but this was no classroom and these were not simply students. The individuals gathered in the banquet room of the student center were delegates that represented over 23 different countries and were ready to teach.

"This was a great opportunity for the youth of the world to get together and present their ideas and convictions to the current leadership of the world and to get some action," said Monte Sowell, director of the 1996 World Youth Summit. The summit was sponsored by the American International Student Exchange and was designed to

let students have a forum from which they could send their views about the shape of the world to their leaders.

Over 80 student delegates gathered to discuss their ideas, present their thoughts, and create a proclamation that, they hoped, would change their world. "It was a great thing we did this weekend," said Jean-Claude Jneichen from Switzerland. "I think for the future we need to learn a lot from each other and be better to everyone."

This sentiment was shared by the vast majority of the delegates at the conference. T.K. Zellers, a college mentor for one of the delegations, said, "They all recognize the same problems and all want to work together to try and solve them. That shows that there is hope."

After hours of discussion and debate on issues they felt were important, the delegates finally drew up a proclamation of 10 issues that they thought were prevalent in society. The students addressed the issues and talked about what they believed was the best way to handle the problem.

The leaders of each nation represented received a copy of the proclamation and were urged to review it. What happened after that was out of the hands of the delegates, they acknowledged; they only hoped that some of their ideas would be considered and implemented. And for some of the delegates, like Cagacan Deger from Turkey, any change would be good. "If one positive thing happens it will be worth it, no." •by Aaron Black

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**HOPEFUL FUTURE**—Ashley Arrington, David Sanders, and Brett Brundige discuss the unbelievable success of the summit meetings. During the course of the weekend, the visiting students worked to make decisions that could affect their future. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



**PAUSE TO RELAX**—Mark Alexander helps decorate a banner that will be used in the summit meetings to represent various countries. Much of the seminar was designed for work, but creating a banner was a well deserved break. *•photo by Sandra Scucchi*

**FINAL PRODUCT**—Mr. Monte Sowell expresses to Dr. Ben Elrod the importance of the World Youth Summit Proclamation. The World Youth Summit was an influential activity for future leaders. *•photo by Sandra Scucchi*



**JOIN IN AND HELP**—Dr. Trey Berry tells the visiting students how vital their ideas are to the world. Their solutions took form as they participated in debates. *•photo by Sandra Scucchi*









*Personality and beauty were the factors in deciding which woman on campus was most*

# Photogenic

*By: Amanda Seale*



## Melissa Adams

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Words of advice. They could come in very handy when preparing for anything challenging in life. Some people even lived off of advice. Sponsored by the EEE Women's Social Club, this year's 76th annual Ouachitonian Beauty, Melissa Adams, knew how to give and receive words of advice, and most importantly, she lived by them.

Clubs, organizations, and all other groups on campus were asked to submit names of female students for the contest. These groups sponsored the woman of their choice, or the woman could seek an off-campus sponsor. The contest was judged by five out-of-city judges and was composed of two phases: a photogenic competition, and an informal private interview.

Adams, a sophomore, believed firmly in the advice given to her by her parents who had a great effect on her life. The advice that she claimed and lived by was, "Anything worth having is worth working for." Adams believed that this piece of advice not only won her the title of Miss Little Rock but was also helped her in preparing for her career in dietetics.

"I feel honored that the club nominated me and that I have a chance to represent them," said Adams.

Having competed in previous pageants, Adams felt that God had given her many gifts that He wanted her to use to witness by.

Adams loved to travel and play the piano,

which she had done for 13 years.

"During the preparation for competitions, I put my faith and strength in God because I know that, 'I can do all things...' Philippians 4:13. I believe that putting faith in God not only helped during life's challenges but in every avenue of life," said Adams.

Adams expressed that her parents were her closest friends and supported her in all that she did, especially when it came to competing in pageants.

"Some people really get into pageants. I do them because I think it's fun. It's a lot of work, but fun!"

The winner of the Miss Ouachitonian Beauty received a silver tray and also honored with a page coverage in the football program.

Out of the 16 contestants, there were four runners-up to Adams. First runner-up, Christy Clayton; second runner-up, Amber Turbyfill; third runner-up, Christina Kartsonakis; and fourth runner-up, Dawn Hasley.



Sophomore Melissa Adams enjoys her photo shoot as the new Ouachitonian Beauty. The annual contest judged the photogenic qualities of the contestants along with an interview with the out-of-town judges. The 20-year-old pre-dietetics major from North Little Rock also competed in the Miss Arkansas Pageant as Miss Little Rock. Adams was also very active on campus being involved in Student Senate, EEE Women's Social Club, and other various organizations. *photos by Mac Sisson*





Tons of fun and fellowship were enjoyed by students who didn't mind getting a little

"Next year we'll let someone blow up and tie the balloon that knows how to tie their shoes," Travis Matthews jokingly yelled to his teammate Sean Newcomb as Newcomb attempted to tie a balloon with whipped cream on his hands. This and other new events of the obstacle course proved to be a challenge for all of the 33 teams involved in the 23rd annual Tiger Traks sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation.

Friday evening traditionally began with the egg toss. One boy and one girl from each team was chosen to toss the egg. "I was nervous because I was doing the egg toss with my boyfriend. When I went to catch it, I caught it right in front of myself so it went all over my shirt and shorts," said junior Courtney Davis. Davis was a member of "Will Power." They finished second and each received \$100 gift certificates from Dillard's Department Stores.

The fun continued with Taboo, Jenga, darts, and the basketball relay. In the basketball relay, members were dizzy as they turned circles around a bat that their head was on. Two teammates shot free throws. Two dribbled

while running backwards. Freshman Dawn Webb said, "We had good style and followed through on our shots no matter how slow our team was."

All of the team members played darts. "Darts kept us from being dead last!" said junior Jeff Williams. "We were just out there

to have fun, though, not win. You could tell that by the people we had on our team. Winning is an added incentive."

Frisbee golf was successfully replaced by the pigskin pass in which an attempt was made to throw a football into a tire. "The addition of the pigskin pass brought a different, yet challenging aspect to this year's Tiger Traks," said sophomore Jonathan Hillman.

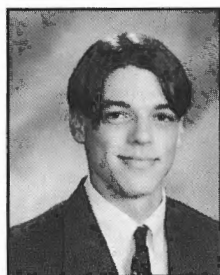
The warm, beautiful weather provided a great atmosphere for Saturday's activities. The day began with relay raft races in the pool. "The raft races were a lot of fun once I got turned around in the right direction," said sophomore Carmen Byrd. They continued after a short lunch break at the practice football field and the mud pit with oozeball and tug-of-war. Sophomore Patti Blackard, a member of "The Dali Llama" which placed third, said, "The events in the mud were definitely my favorite. I don't get many chances to get caked with mud." Members of Blackard's team received \$50 gift certificates to Hamilton House Restaurant for their success.

Senior Randy Winters said, "Oozeball was my favorite because it involved the whole team playing together." Winters' team, "Monkey Trouble II," placed first overall in this year's competition. Other members included Richard Williams, Amy Teague, Leslie Whitten, Stephanie Baynes, Krista Lapp, Kevin Jones, and Chad Wilkerson. They each received \$150 gift certificates to Dillard's.

Senior Heather Calloway was in charge of Tiger Traks. She said, "I think it was very successful. Not only did we have great weather for the first time in four years, everything ran as smoothly as possible. It was great!" It was truly "Arkansas' most exciting college weekend." Freshman Jordan Thomas summed it up like this: "I thought it was awesome. It was competitive, but mostly people were out there to have fun. It gave us a chance to cut loose, be crazy, and have fun. It helped to build up the community of Ouachita because we got to get to know each other outside of class."

# Messy

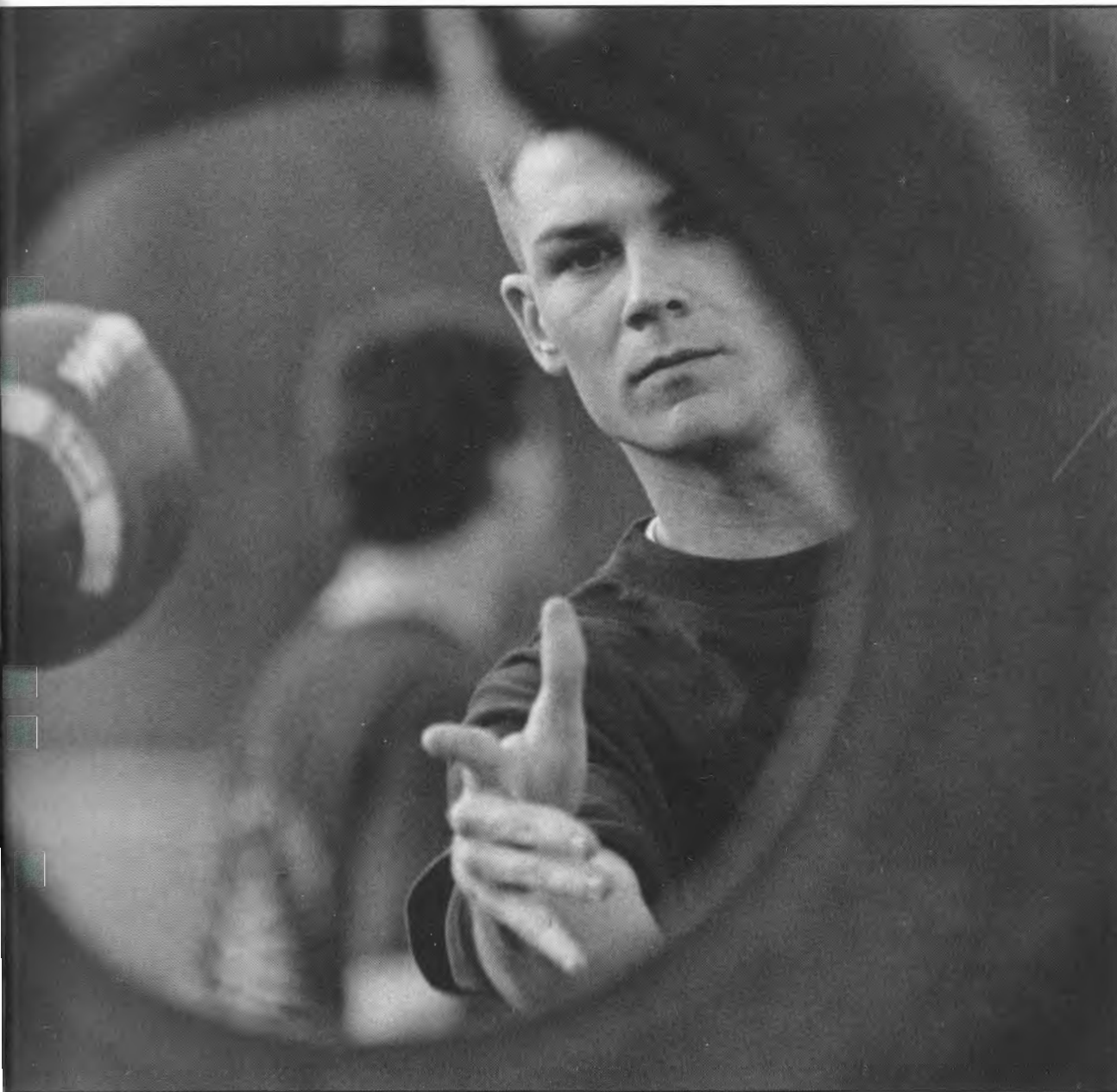
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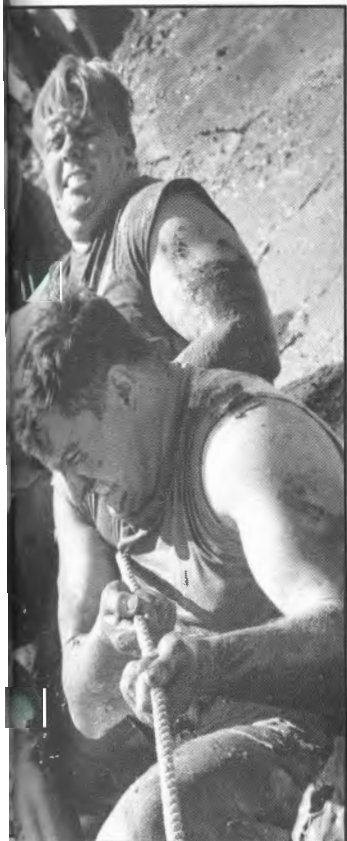
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Junior Bryan Smith almost gets it through the center as he attempts to throw a football through a tire while playing pig skin pass. Such events as this and games like the egg toss took up most of Friday as the teams tried to gain all the points they could. •photo by Guy Lyons



Ouachita Student Foundation member Tauna Woodruff, a junior, judges the mouth of sophomore Steve Lieby to make sure it is fruit free. This was one of only several hurdles that the contestants had to overcome in the obstacle course. •photo by Guy Lyons

This Tiger Traks team gives their all as they try not to be at the wrong end of the rope in Tug-of-War. What made this and other games more challenging than normal was the fact that they were played in a huge pit of mud. •photo by Guy Lyons

Not even the bustle of college life could keep students from feeling everyday changes and

As students studied for tests, completed papers, and took time out to have fun, the world around them kept its busy schedule of non-stop activity. Though students were not as involved in society and on the scene like other groups, they did take notice of what was going on around them.

As the verdict was given in the O.J. Simpson murder trial groups of students were gathered around virtually every television on campus. Within minutes of the O.J. Simpson verdict, there was a swarm of talk, some in assurance of the judicial system but most in shocked disbelief at the former football star's innocent verdict. "I could not believe they found him innocent," said sophomore Karen Wood. "That just goes to show how much money means in our world today." Other students echoed Wood's sentiment of disbelief. Freshman Cory Goode said, "I think the whole group watching anticipated what the verdict would be. Whether he is innocent or guilty, no one will ever know because of all the publicity that surrounded the case."

This year also marked the one year anniversary of the Oklahoma City

Bombing that left our nation aghast in horror and denial that such a thing could occur in America. Through watching the ceremonies honoring those who were killed in the blast, students sympathized and mourned with the victims again. They also felt a sense of uneasiness as they questioned their own

# Occurrences

By: Aaron Black

safety on campus.

The FBI also arrested the suspected Unibomber in his hide-away cabin in Montana. After hiding from the government for years Theodore Kaczynski was finally caught because of information the FBI received from his brother. "I am glad that they finally caught this guy," said junior Teresa Haynes, "but you sort of think that they could have done it a little earlier."

And on the political scene there was great interest with all the developments in the Whitewater investigation and hearings, especially since President Clinton was from Arkansas and that is where the events took place. "The fact that President Clinton is from Arkansas and all of the questionable dealing went on here makes the whole issue a lot more real to me," said junior Heather Thompson. But it wasn't only scandals that individuals were interested in it was also the whole aspect of the Republican take-over of Congress and the presidential elections looming on the horizon.

But not all the year's happenings were bad. Baseball was back and the Braves won the World Series. The Superbowl was once again claimed by the Dallas Cowboys and then there was always the movies. Hollywood had a great year at the box-office and numerous new and exciting films came out. At the Academy Awards "Braveheart" won "best picture," and actor Kirk Douglas was honored in special tribute for his life time work and achievement on the silver screen.

In all, students were affected greatly by the current events of the time. Whether those events were the tragic deaths of stars and role models like George Burns, Mickey Mantle, Jerry Garcia, or Minnie Pearl, they were tragedies that had an impact on students' lives. The occurrences of the year, though good and bad, marked a point in history that would be looked back upon and be remembered by everyone involved.



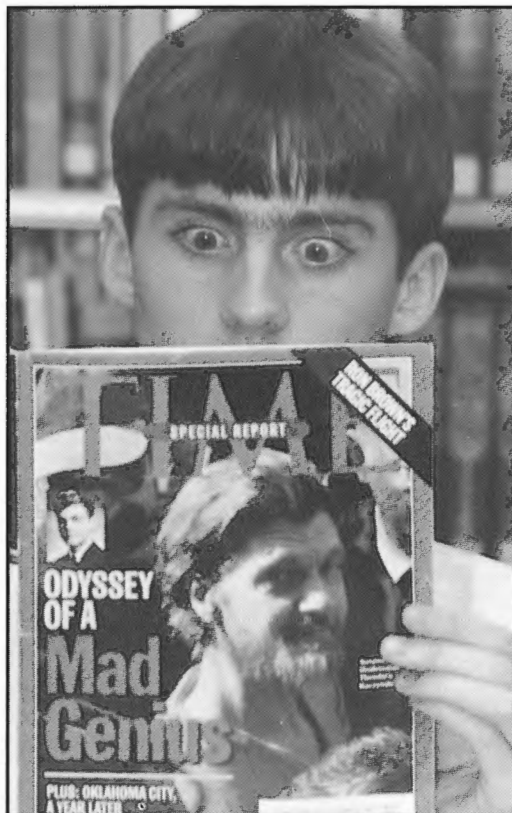
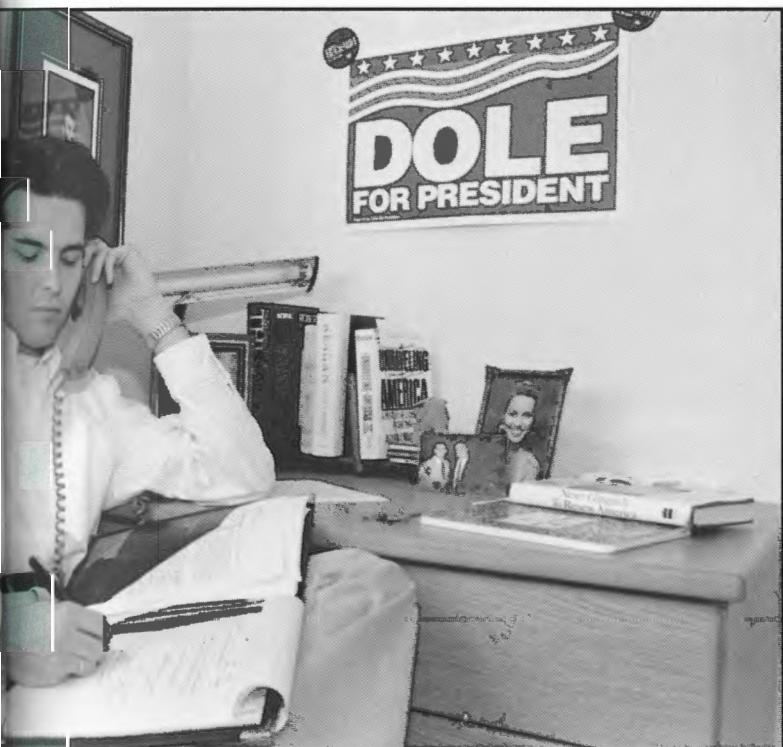
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A large group of students and faculty gather in the communications lobby to hear the O.J. Simpson verdict as it is read on live television. This very publicized trial brought the campus to a halt on the day that the jury gave out its decision. *photo by Dr. William D. Downs*



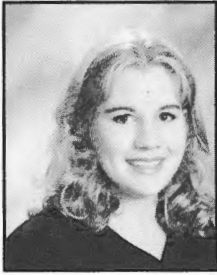
Junior David Sanders sits at his desk as he speaks to someone about hosting a Senatorial debate on campus. Sanders, like many other students, was very involved in the political scene on and off campus. *photo by Jim Yates*

Completely engrossed in *Time* magazine, junior Mert Hershberger reads the account of the suspected Unibomber. Magazines like *Time* and *Newsweek* were read weekly by many students either for class or pleasure. *photo by Jim Yates*

*A full house greeted the women of Point of Grace as they shared their love and uplifting*

# Inspiration

*By: Jennifer Hillman*



**Jill Presley**

*"They really have a strong ministry through their message and through their music."*

The blackened stage suddenly became candescent with shades of blue and purple. The colors changed to yellows, oranges, and reds as four women took center stage. The cheers of the sold-out crowd roared as they began their opening number: "Love Like No Other." Everyone in Jones Performing Arts Center on the evening of May 1 was in for a great time. This wasn't just any concert; it was Dove Award-winning Point of Grace. Despite their success in the contemporary Christian music industry, the women of Point of Grace still traced their roots to Ouachita.

The group of Denise Masters Jones, Shelley Phillips, Terry Lang Jones, and Heather Floyd began in 1991 as "Say So" in O. C. Bailey dorm. One thing Phillips' liked about returning was "seeing O. C. Bailey and remembering the night we decided we were going to make a group." Then she remembered "running to Mabee Fine Arts to see if we could harmonize together."

"So many memories are in the music building," said Floyd. "I kind of wanted to try the acoustics as I walked in the hall. They are so cool." When

Denise Masters Jones commented on returning to the University, she said, "I kept expecting to see certain people that were here then."

When they sang "God Loves People," they asked another group to sing with them, "Pint of Grace," as a tribute to those from the

University that encouraged them to sing professionally. Jennifer Kluck, daughter of Dr. Wesley and Debbie Kluck, sang as a part of Pint of Grace. She said, "It was exciting to see all of the people, but I was nervous." Shay Garner, daughter of Randy and Angela Garner, echoed Kluck. She said, "I was nervous. Going out there on stage was scary."

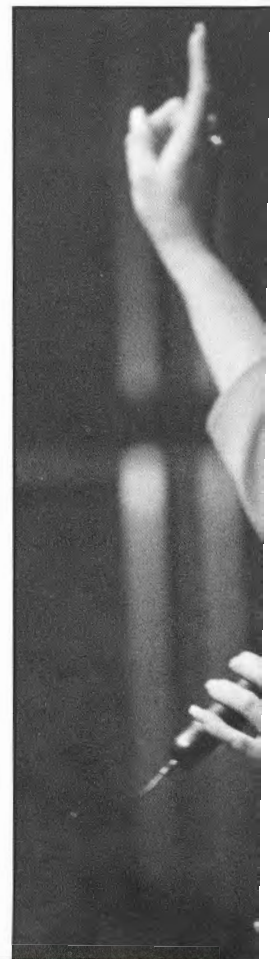
Christ was truly reflected in their attitude of worship as they sang. Freshman Jill Presley said, "I feel like the concert was inspirational as well as entertaining. They really have a strong ministry through their message and through their music." Emily Goode, a visiting high school student, said she saw Point of Grace as "really great role models as Christian women who have a message from the heart, not simply a performance" to offer. "We have learned to speak to kids on their level, said Denise Masters Jones. "We have to be open and honest. You've got to talk about real issues."

Scott Krippayne, a new face in Christian music, opened for Point of Grace. Sophomore Kevin Morgan described him as personable, genuine, and a real cut-up." Goode said, "I really liked his music. He has a new-sounding, solid message, and he is presenting it in a moving way, a way that can reach people."

Despite the recent winning of their second, third, and fourth Dove Awards, including Group of the Year, Point of Grace had not lost their focus. Terry Lang Jones said, "We're the same old girls. We were the 'nothing' girls. Nobody knew us. That reminds us that we're the same deep down." Floyd said, "Yeah, we still go to the mall. We're the same old girls." "I've seen us mature in a business mind. I'm sure our parents would still say we're the same old immature kids," said Phillips.

Loving people is what it was all about for these four women. "Our main thing at the start was that we love people," said Terry Lang Jones. "If you don't, it is hard to have a ministry at all."

Terry Lang Jones had a message for everyone: "Remain in the Word. We're servants. To remember that really does help." Through the sharing of their music and Christ's message, they did their part in carrying out the Great Commission.





The entire group of Point of Grace takes center stage as they sing out their songs of encouragement and joy. The group had its start at Ouachita in 1991 under the name "Say So." After changing the name of the group to Point of Grace, they acquired a record contract and rose to stardom in the contemporary Christian community. *photo by Jim Yates*

Shelley Phillips leads the group in singing the song "Faith, Hope and Love," one of their group's hits. The women of Point of Grace entertained and thrilled the audience with their harmonious voices and trendy music. *photo by Jim Yates*



Member Heather Floyd pours her heart into the song "I'll be Believing," as she entertains the crowd during the concert. Floyd, along with the rest of the members of the group, gave all her praise to God as she attributed her talent and the group's fame to being part of God's plan. *photo by Jim Yates*

*No matter if it was rainy, sunny or snowy, you could not stop the competition when it came to*

On a brisk fall day or a sunny spring afternoon, students looked for any excuse to put off studying for that big exam or writing 10-page papers. Whether students needed a study break or simply something to do for the afternoon, intramurals were the answer.

They provided students with a way to become involved in school events, meet new people, and stay in shape. "Intramurals gave me the opportunity to take out my frustrations in a good way and gave me an excuse not to do my homework," said sophomore Russell Jones.

Intramurals were a campus wide involvement. Every social club along with other clubs and organizations, and individual teams joined to make the football, volleyball, basketball, and softball seasons successful.

The intramural season kicked off with flag football. However, there was always enough "necessary roughness" to keep the games interesting and leave players with battle scars to brag about. "The black and blue marks students proudly showed everyone proved that intramural football season was here,"

said freshman Kim James.

The women of Chi Delta won the football title for the second consecutive year, establishing their own winning tradition.

The men's league was competitive also, but the men of "Beta Black" won the championship with a tough defense. "I like

playing intramural football because it's the closest thing to real football you can get, and it's a lot of fun," said sophomore Greg Casey, on the team "Dew This."

In the spring season, the competitive spirit surfaced again during the basketball season. With the addition of a men's faculty basketball team, competitive spirits soared. Many times teams had to be reminded that, in the end, it was all for fun. The upper division winning team in basketball was "White Trash," and the lower division winner was "The Scalded Dogs."

The intramural season was finished up with softball. The softball season gave students a way to release energy and take in the afternoon sunshine. Many teams spent hours preparing for the games and getting in shape. "Intramurals is great because it kept me in shape, and I had a good time playing them," said sophomore Layne Johnston.

After the competitions were over and the winners announced, the intramural season had proved successful. Students had enjoyed themselves and made many new friends.

# Intramurals

*By: Jodie Matthews*

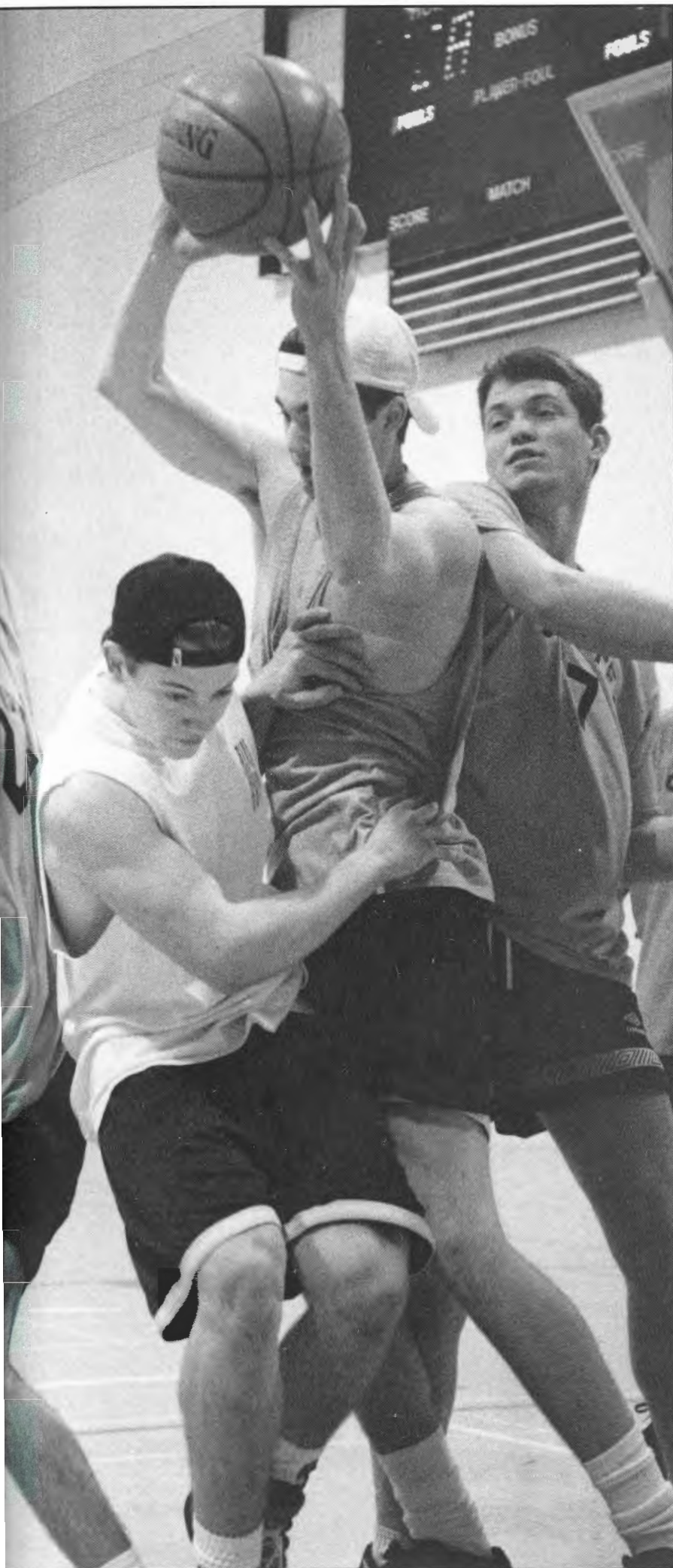


## Russell Jones

*"Intramurals gave me the opportunity to take out my frustrations in a good way."*

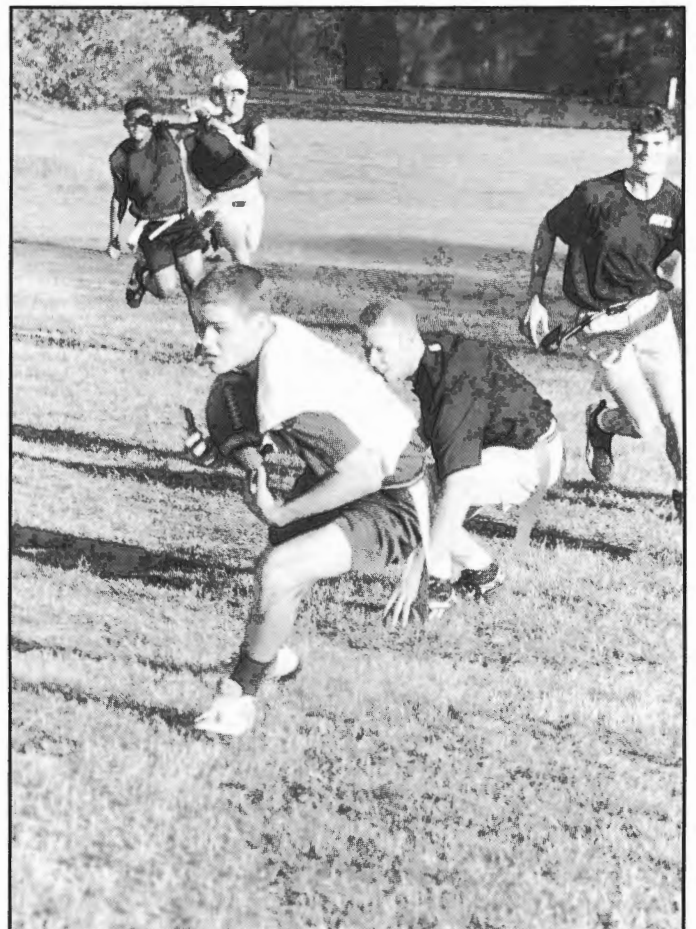
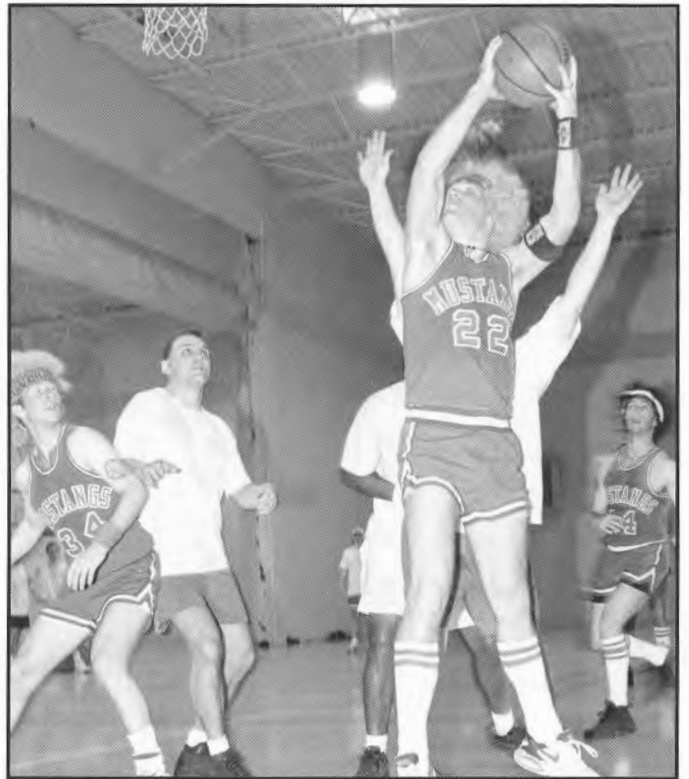
Senior Heather White knocks one home for her intramural softball team. Through intramural games of all kinds students were able to not only participate but just simply watch and cheer on their friends. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*





Rebounding the ball, junior Zac Crow tries to gain an advantage for his team. Intramural basketball, along with the rest of the sports, allowed students and teams a chance to participate and compete with one another. *photo by Matt Manning*

Going up for the shot, one of the team members for the "Mustangs" tries for two. This team wore wigs to lighten the mood in the intramural games in which they participated. Often the games were hotly contested. *photo by Amy Morton*



A player barely misses getting tagged by his opponent in intramural football. Male and female students alike participated in football, a sport that gave them a chance to vent out their frustrations about life and school in a positive way. *photo by Jim Yates*



Senior Rebecca Roe talks with Dr. Chambliss at the senior picnic held at Dr. Elrod's home. Graduates fellowshiped with each other along with the faculty. *photo by Jeff Root*

Dr. Ben Elrod converses with Don Nall before the baccalaureate service. Approximately 230 students received undergraduate degrees and planned to use their education in their chosen career fields. *photo by Jeff Root*



Seniors line up and enter the baccalaureate service in Jones Performing Arts Center. During the service, students prayed with family and faculty for the future and the challenges they would be facing. *photo by Jeff Root*

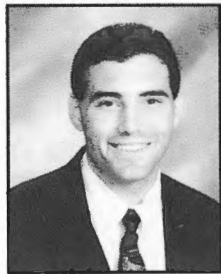




*Though all good things must come to an end, that only leaves the chance for a new*

# Beginning

By: Aaron Black



## Chad Gallagher

*"You were sad and glad in the same minute. Sad because it's all over and glad and excited because there is so much more waiting ahead for you."*

**B**lack robes adorned with colorful sashes, capes, and hats appeared as the faculty marched down the long isle to their seats. Many children probably could have mistaken this honorable procession as the start of a super hero convention, and it was to a point. To many of those graduating, these individuals were heroes—heroes and mentors who had pulled them through several years of hard work and effort and now were proudly viewing the men and women they had such an impact on.

To many of the seniors, this was a day of excitement at the prospect of finally getting out of school, but yet it was also a day of sadness. They knew that this would be the last time that they viewed many of their classmates. Classmates and friends that they had grown and matured with on the same road for years now were diverging onto their own separate paths to start their unique lives. All the years and experiences were coming to an end, and all that they had to hold onto were the memories they had gathered along the way.

"It was really a weird feeling," said graduate Chad Gallagher. "You were sad and glad in the same minute. Sad because it's all over and glad and excited because there is so much more waiting ahead for you." And for many of the seniors this was true.

Family and friends shared in this excitement, proud to see their individual graduates walk down the long isle to receive their diploma. Though many tears were shed at the ceremony, everyone knew in the backs of their minds that this was just the beginning. Many parents had already experienced the awkwardness of this release from the bubble of college and knew that their children could face whatever would come their way.

New opportunities had opened up for many graduates in their respected fields. Chances for a job or internship looked appealing and most took these without a second thought. "It is somewhat of a relief to know that it is all over," said graduate Rebecca Roe, "Now we all just have to get jobs and start careers that we have been preparing for so long, and I feel very prepared."

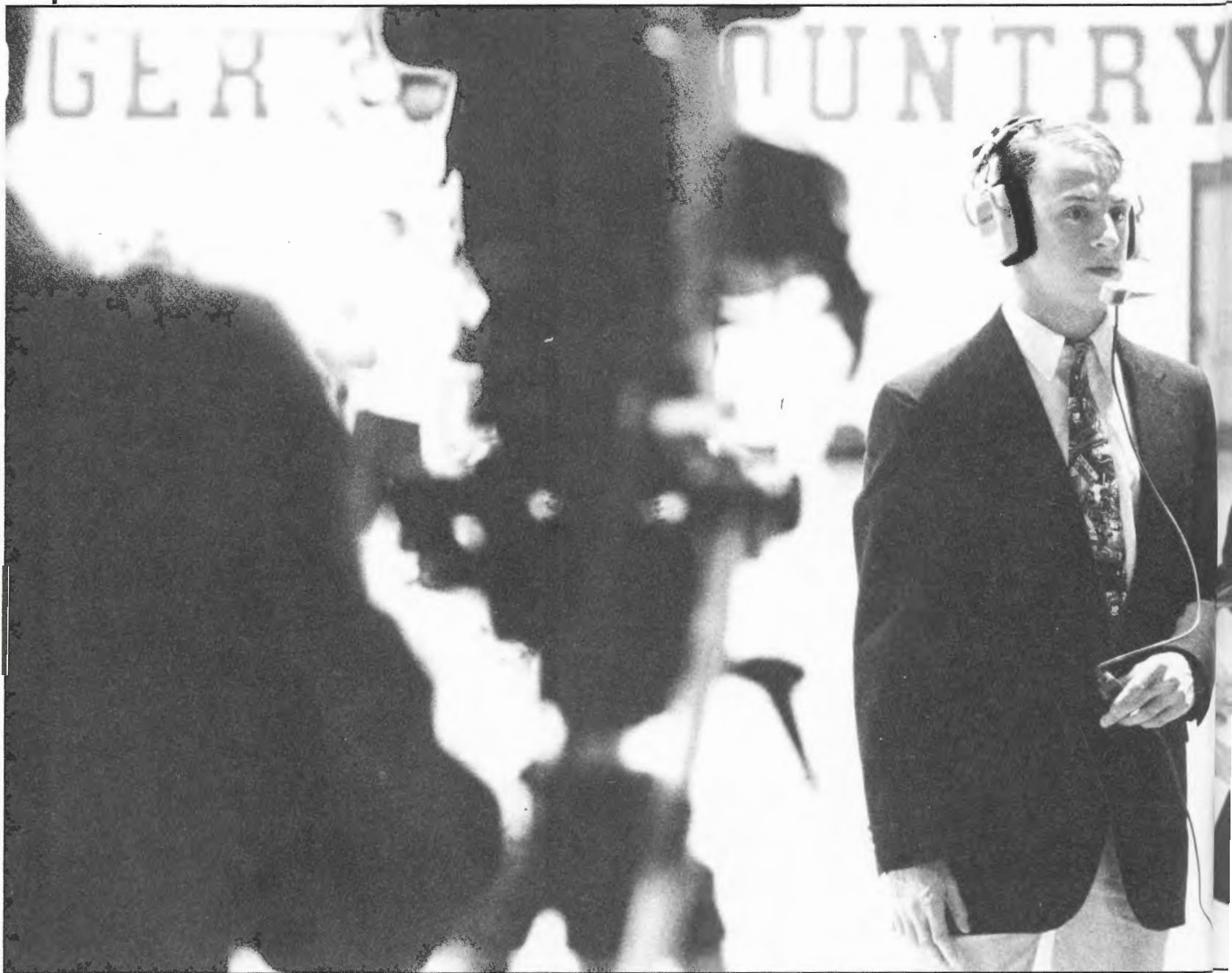
Within the red brick walls of campus these students had trained and prepared for life, and they had prepared with the best. They had the best friends, professors and environment possible, and they were ready. "I am ready to experience the rest of life," said graduate Jonathan Henderson. "Ouachita has been really great, and I have had an awesome time here. Now I know that like all good things it has to come to an end, and now something else has to start."



**T**he Ouachita Singers entertain graduates and their families at the baccalaureate service. At the service, graduates were challenged to carry on the Christian values. •photo by Jeff Root

**K**eynote speaker Roger Sublett, program director of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, speaks to graduates at the commencement service. Sublett provided the graduates with key ingredients for leadership. •photo by Jeff Root

# ACADEMICS



*photo by Guy Lyons*

Anticipation built as delegates filed into the room finding their specified location among the chairs and desks. Each came prepared to discuss the world's issues. **REACHING** to express their country's concerns and solutions to the world's problems while finding a compromise with other nations, students studied vigorously. They moved beyond the realm of the familiar, taking hold of the world through Model United Nations.

Standing in the midst of the familiar, other students stepped back to

discover the heritage of what they knew today. They traveled to Old Washington as part of the Folkways of the Red River Region summer school course. Grasping a foundation in the humanities, students reached **BEYOND** the normal classroom setting to role-play historical figures, study literature, learn music, and discover art.

Hammers echoed through the halls of Verser Theater as technical crews built the sets for "Tartuffe," "The Fantasticks," and the one acts. Students engulfed themselves in auditions, rehearsals, and productions, gaining new skills and confidence each step along the way.

The rushing of **THE** river consumed the thoughts of students and professors adorned in waders and surrounded by research equipment. This hands-on learning provided by research grants taught valuable lessons both to the students involved and the beneficiaries of the research results.

Airplane engines roared as students and professors traveled to foreign countries teaching capitalism and learning other languages and cultures.

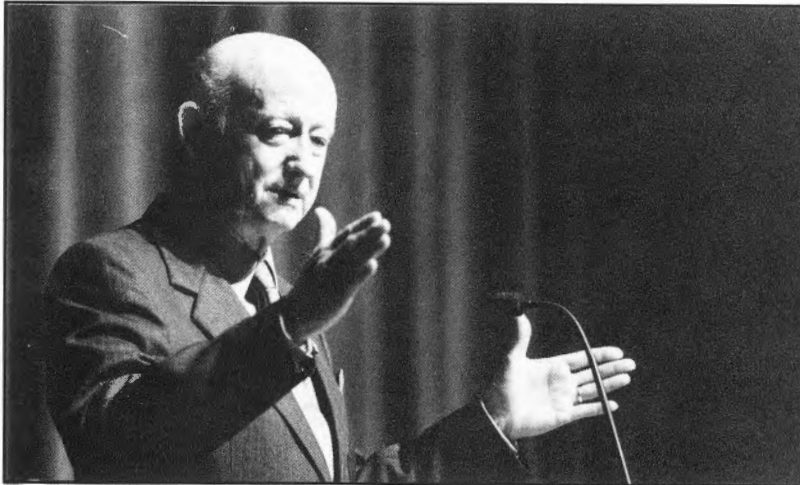
No matter what academic query lay before them, students and professors met the challenge. They moved beyond the **WALL** of the familiar and comfortable to grasp the world's goals and dreams, both past and future.



*Junior Jeff Williams directs a shot of seniors Andy Russell and Chris Bosen commenting on a Tiger basketball game. Sports commentating, hosting "The Ouachita Program," and dee-jaying "This Week at Ouachita," were just some of the hands-on experience gained by communications majors. Like the Department of Communications, each department focused on book knowledge as well as hands-on education.*

**CONDUCTING WITH PRIDE** Dr. Francis McBeth conducts the concert choir as they perform in a salute to the composer. Students in the Division of Music took pride in studying under a musical genius. *photo by Jim Yates*

**DESCRIBING SUCCESS** Dr. Francis McBeth addresses the chapel audience and describes the secret to success. Students found the humor he added to his words of wisdom to be very entertaining as they sat through another Tuesday morning service. *photo by Guy Lyons*



## BERNICE YOUNG JONES SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS *Division of Music*

Departments of Applied Music, Church  
Music, Music Education, and  
Theory-Composition

### Statistics:

33 performance majors  
8 church music majors  
8 musical theatre majors  
8 theory-composition majors  
19 instrumental education majors  
33 choral education majors  
23 BA degree music majors

### Requirements:

81 hours for performance  
79 hours for church music  
92 hours for musical theatre  
82 hours for theory-composition  
115 hours for instrumental education  
99 hours for choral education  
53 hours for BA in music

### Music Organizations:

Concert Choir, Ouachita Singers, Ouachita Sounds, Opera Workshop, Musical Theatre, Piano Ensemble, Ouachita University Marching and Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Handbell Ringers, String Ensemble, Music Educators National Conference, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Music Teachers National Association

**Tra' Latham,**  
*a senior instrumental  
music education  
major from Ragley,  
Louisiana...*



"Being at a smaller university and a part of the School of Fine Arts, you receive hands-on experience that will make you a better educator."



**APPROVAL** Dr. Francis McBeth looks on with approval as the concert choir performs his own work. Dr. McBeth enjoyed two nights full of entertainment of his pieces performed by the University's concert choir and concert band.  
*•photo by Jim Yates*

saluting remarkable

# TALENT

*Students in the field of music took pride in studying under the genius of award-winning professor Dr. Francis McBeth.*

The cushioned seats in Jones Performing Arts Center were filled as students, faculty and members of the community came to salute a genius. One of the University's own, Dr. Francis McBeth, the composer-in-residence and chair of the theory/composition department of the Division of Music, completed his 39th year at the University and those who had studied under him and worked with him wanted to recognize the man along with the artist.

"There are many instances when a person that is nationally renowned does not receive the recognition they deserve at home," said Dr. Charles Wright, professor of music and chair of the Division of Music. "We want Dr. McBeth to know that he is loved and respected for his ability and creativity here at home."

The two evenings of salute included pieces composed by McBeth spanning nearly four decades of compositions. The program was titled "The Creative World of Francis McBeth." The two concerts, performed by the University's concert band and concert choir, took preparation from both students and faculty. "Our performing units have worked hard all year to prepare for this particular program," said Dr. Wright. "I think it is going to be a real musical treat for those in attendance." The musical selections performed were chosen by Dr. McBeth, and he conducted several of the pieces himself.

Dr. McBeth joined the faculty in 1957, and retired at the end of the academic year. The Board of Trustees designated Dr. McBeth as Distinguished University Professor, along with approving to

name the recital hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center after Dr. McBeth.

McBeth received several honors and awards for his talents. The most outstanding of these awards have been the Presley Award from Hardin-Simmons University; the Howard Hanson Prize of the Eastman School of Music for his "Third Symphony" in 1963; recipient of an American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers Special Award each consecutive year from 1965 to the present; Past President of the American Bandmasters Association; the American School Band Director's Association's Edwin Franko Goldman Award; and many more. In 1975, Dr. McBeth was appointed Composer Laureate of the State of Arkansas by then Governor Bob C. Riley.

As a player, McBeth performed in Germany, France, Italy, England, Scotland, and Iceland. As a composer, he was consistently in the top group of the most performed American symphonic wind composers the past 30 years, and as a conductor and lecturer, he traveled nine months out of the year and conducted in 48 of the 50 states, Australia, Canada, Europe, and Japan.

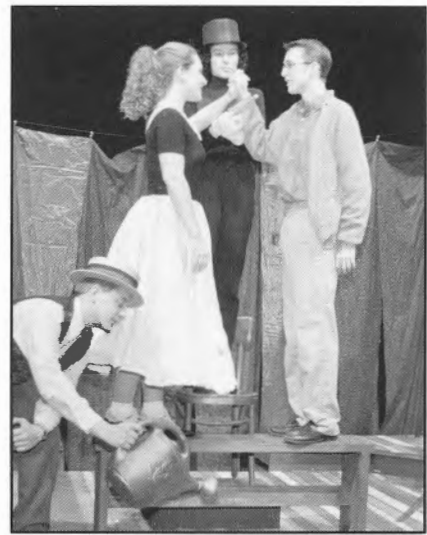
Along with all of the honors, awards, and recognition, Dr. McBeth received praise and respect from his colleagues and students. "He has meant a great deal to Ouachita and the field of music, generally," said Dr. Wright. "He has impacted many lives over the course of years and his students, peers and friends can testify to his dedication to quality music and to his positive attention to their individual lives and careers." *•by Genny Cassaday*

*"We want Dr. McBeth to know that he is loved and respected for his ability and creativity here at home."*

*•Dr. Charles Wright*

**PERFORMANCE** Junior Adrienne Allison, junior Jeanetta Bechdolt, and freshman Jeremy Rabe along with junior Shane Flanagan perform in "Fantastiks." The show used the talents of both music and theatre students.  
•photo by Amy Morton

**CHRISTMAS CHEER** Students from the School of Music and the Department of Theatre Arts come together in the "Festival of Christmas." It was open to students, faculty and the community. •photo by Carol Price



# — bringing variety to the — STAGE

*Students in the Department of Theatre Arts gained the attention of audiences as they performed a variety of entertaining shows.*

She clutched her stomach and doubled over in her seat with pain. With one hand still holding her side, she used her free hand to wipe the tears from her face and struggled to catch her breath. But her efforts were in vain. Within seconds she was again bent over with uncontrollable laughter, her high-pitched cackles joining the roaring chorus of those around her. Moliere's "Tartuffe" lived up to its billing as a "comedy of manners," but when the hilarious layers of rhyming couplets were peeled away, a very serious core issue remained to be pondered.

Grasping the attention of the audience and forcing them to look at important issues was a strong desire for junior theatre/art major Jeanetta Bechdolt. "I wish people could see the theatre as a mode to helping people in the community to understand issues, social and political," she said. "They're entertained by it, but I hope they leave with something more than just being entertained."

The department also tackled a story of the Great Depression when they presented "The Grapes of Wrath," based on the novel by John Steinbeck and adapted by Frank Galati. It was the story of the Joad family, who, like so many other farmers of that time, were forced by the Dust Bowl to head west to look for work. "This play wonderfully depicts how the human spirit is able to persevere and come out on top," said Dr. Scott Holsclaw, assistant professor of speech and drama and director of the play. "I believe that the audience will be greatly affected by this play because it says so much toward the survival of the human condition."

Along with the Division of Music, the Department of Theatre Arts put on a production of the longest running show in New York theatre history, "The Fantasticks" by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones. Holsclaw said the department was trying to do one musical

a year in order to further enhance the performing experience for those acquiring the new musical theatre degree.

Music was also the theme of "An Evening of Opera Scenes" directed by Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Jon Secrest. The show featured student performances in scenes from "Tales of Hoffman" by Jacques Offenbach, "Falstaff" by Giuseppe Verdi, and "Cosi fan tutte" by W. A. Mozart.

The department also pleased the crowds with productions of "Jake's Women" and the student directed One-Acts. The One-Acts consisted of eight different plays, and their student direction gave those who were usually in the spotlight a chance to experience performance of a different kind.

Senior theatre arts/communications major Chris Bosen praised the development of the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and claimed that it helped "create a little more exposure" for the theatre. Bosen commended the department for its eclectic selections. "I think the best part is the variety of styles and genres offered," he said. "The four major performances we did were all different—the very heavy, serious drama in 'Grapes of Wrath,' the contemporary comedy 'Jake's Women,' one of the longest-running Broadway shows 'The Fantasticks,' and a highly stylized classic 'Tartuffe.'"

In the midst of the carefully crafted sets and costumes, the lights, and the dramatic pleas or playful antics of the actors, the audiences were transported to the heart of the Great Depression, to the domain of a pious swindler, and to the yard of a young couple singing of love's woes and joys. They were entranced by those who practiced the art of stepping into another's shoes and learning how to walk well in them. •by Cory Hutchinson

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by it, but I  
hope they leave  
with more than  
just being  
entertained."*

•Jeanetta Bechdolt



**SHOWING EMOTION** Sophomore Jennifer Salazar, senior Bob Stevenson and freshman Jon Lee present a scene from Moliere's "Tartuffe." Students in the Department of Theatre Arts were successful in performing plays that dealt with political and social issues. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

**CREATING A SCENE** Seniors Leslie Srygley and Eddie Struble depict a scene from "Tales of Hoffman." This scene was part of "Opera Scenes" put on by students in the Jones School of Fine Arts. *photo by Jay Srygley*



## BERNICE YOUNG JONES SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

*Departments of Visual Arts and Theatre Arts*

### Statistics:

2 art education majors  
1 studio art major  
13 graphic design majors  
15 theatre majors

### Requirements:

39 hours for art education  
39 hours for studio art  
39 hours for graphic design  
34 hours for theatre

### Unique Courses:

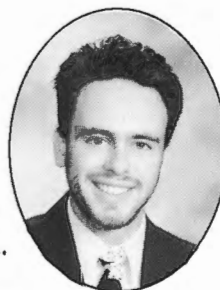
Public School Arts and Crafts emphasized the placement of art in school  
Ceramics and Pottery provided lessons with the pottery wheel and the kiln  
Graphic Design Portfolio helped students prepare a portfolio demonstrating professional competence

Play Directing acquainted students with the problems of producing plays

### Student-Led Productions:

"Hidden in this Picture," "The Open Meeting," "A Tender Offer," "This Property is Condemned," "No Exit," "Inner Circle," "Funeral Parlor," and "Unprogrammed"

**Chad Gay,**  
*a senior graphic  
design major  
from Stuttgart,  
Arkansas...*



"The facilities in the School of Fine Arts have greatly improved from what we had in the past which allows the students to develop to their potential."





**INTERPRETATION** Ma Wen, an interpreter, translates for Dr. Allison while he teaches in the classroom. Allison was teaching government officials as part of his activities.

**I LOVE YOU** Dr. Allison teaches the pastor and members of Monument Street Baptist Church the sign language sign for "I love you." The church in Punglai, People's Republic of China, was made famous by Lottie Moon.

## FRANK D. HICKINGBOTHAM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*Departments of Accounting, Economics and Finance,  
and Management and Marketing*

<b>Statistics:</b>	<b>Requirements:</b>
54 accounting majors	21 hours for accounting
9 professional accountancy majors	42 hours for professional accountancy
6 economic majors	18 hours for economics
35 finance majors	18 hours for finance
16 management majors	18 hours for management
30 marketing majors	21 hours for marketing
8 business education majors	18 hours for general business
70 business administration majors	
2 office administration majors	

### Unique Courses:

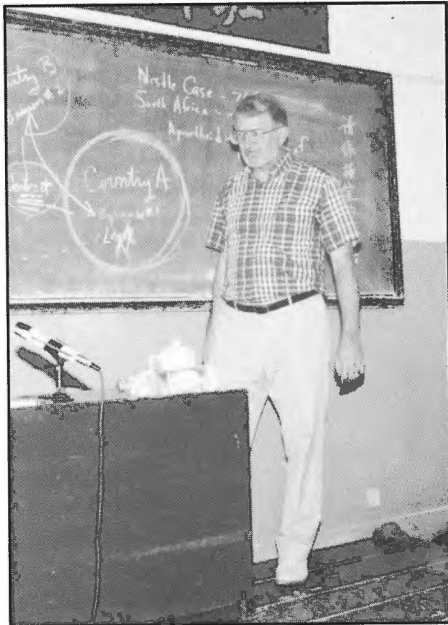
- Business Ethics applied ethical models to common situations
- Consumer Behavior incorporated social sciences in business world
- Business Internship provided employment experience

**Stephanie Turnage, a senior business administration major from Little Rock, Arkansas...**



"The School of Business goes beyond classroom instruction in preparing students for the business world through internships and the student business advisory council."





**EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE** In Jinan, Dr. Bob Allison teaches government officials and factory managers. Allison taught market economics and management.

**COMING TOGETHER** Professors Dr. Robert Webster and Bob Sanders pose with students and professors at Western Theories and Practices Kazakhstan Summer Business School. The professors taught capitalism to the foreign students.



# restructuring a new NATION

*Professors helped some members of the former Soviet Union take on the task of creating a new economy.*

The Cold War was over. The Iron Curtain had fallen. The Soviet Union was no more. The states that once made up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had broken into separate entities and were left with the difficult task of restructuring their economies and governments. For some of these states where communism formerly resided, capitalism and free markets had begun developing, but it had been very challenging to fill the place of an economy that crumbled only a few short years before.

Several professors of business and economics worked to help educate members of the former Soviet Union in the principles of free market economics.

Dr. Bob Sanders, Dr. Donald Anderson, and Dr. Bob Webster visited the Power Engineering Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The objective of the trip was to conduct classes for Kazakh students, faculty, and business people seeking to facilitate the transition of the economy. The classes were taught in English to an audience of mostly bilingual members.

When asked about Kazakhstan conditions and the effect of economic transition on the nation, Dr. Robert Webster said, "On first appearance, Almaty was a rather attractive city with tree-lined boulevards and a big city environment." However, he indicated that on closer inspection he could tell that building materials were low quality and many buildings were "falling apart." He even described the airport where he first landed as resembling one in a "1960s James Bond movie."

The breakdown of communism and the developing free market system created a "big divide between the 'haves' and 'have nots.'" Some people prospered in the free market, but many suffered from price wars and the lack of necessities.

Benefits of the trip were many both for the professors and their students. Dr. Webster mentioned "a three-prong advantage of the trip," which included "educating students, building trust between nations, and working to further the cause of Christ."

Another professor, Dr. Bob Allison, had a similar experience during the summer of 1995 while teaching business management and market economics at Yantai University in Northern China. Dr.

Allison taught government and business leaders of the provincial government. China's government ran business because they were still a communist nation.

Dr. Allison said his first reaction upon arrival in China was "people everywhere!" In the nation of more than two billion people, more people had studied English than the rest of the English-speaking world. Over 300 million Chinese had studied the language.

According to Dr. Allison, the China of 1995 surprised him. Many believed China to be the way it was during the Cultural Revolution, but China had changed dramatically. Dr. Allison said he "expected the people to be wearing Mao's pajamas" when, in fact, they dressed in bright assortment of color and fashion. The women even "dressed up" regularly and found a great deal of modern independence which manifested itself in areas as small as the way they dressed.

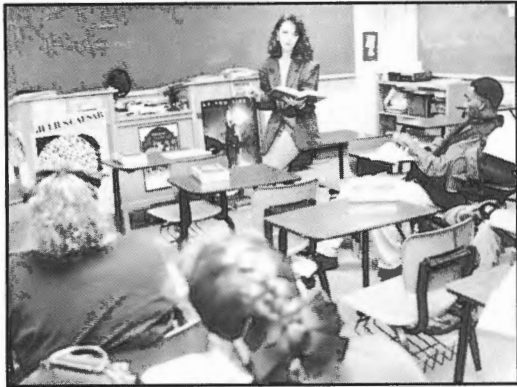
All of the professors had given their time and ability to the task of educating in nations foreign to most westerners. As a result, they had strengthened international ties between the United States and his former Cold War enemies. In addition, they had "reached beyond the wall" of this campus into the hearts and minds of students, professionals, and teachers people from the other side of the world. •by Rebecca Roe

*"Almaty was a rather attractive city with tree-lined boulevards and a big city environment."*

*•Dr. Bob Webster*

**NUMBER ONE** Senior Matt Pryor teaches a math lesson to elementary students. An elementary education major, Pryor worked with students two hours a week for the Foundations of Education class. •photo by Jim Yates

**STORY TIME** Senior Chantal Bunn reads to a high school English class. Students observed in high school, junior high, and elementary schools. •photo by Jim Yates



# learning valuable LESSONS

*Students in the Foundations of Education class observed local classrooms to gain experience in their field.*

The days of finger paints, paste, and crayons are in the past, right? Not for the students who observe elementary students as a part of Foundations of Education, a class required for beginning teachers.

The students observed for two hours once a week. "I look forward to going every Friday," said Sarah Stanley who observed third graders. "It really brightens my day. They draw me pictures and ask me to play with them during recess." Most observers agreed with Stanley on the acceptance of the children. "No matter how I feel before going into the classroom, being around the children makes me smile. The kids are so fun to work with," said Jada Wilson.

Besides working with the children, observing gave students the practical experience needed to become a teacher in the future. They were able to sit in a classroom and see exactly how the teacher was able to handle the students effectively. "It is important to see how kids interact with teachers and each other. You don't see that clearly as a student," said Greg

Casey. Observers also got a different perspective of teachers once they started observing. "I learned from observing how important

it is for students to look up to their teachers," explained Janna Young. "If students respect their teachers they are more motivated to learn."

This also showed the observer what a complicated and sometimes hard job it was to be a teacher. Another observer, Traci Clark, said, "Now that I've been in their shoes I have the utmost respect for my teachers."

Once observers overcame the initial shock of helping with 20 children at a time, they were able to obtain knowledge for their future career. "When they first said Miss Clark, I kept looking around for my mom," said Traci Clark. Observing was a great way for future teachers to get hands on training. Bonny Burnett explained, "Going into the classroom is a good experience because it lets you experience things you can't possibly learn from a book."

Foundations of Education was a required class for all education majors. This training was only one opportunity available for students. •by Danielle Carey

*"No matter how I feel before going into the classroom, being around the children makes me smile."*

•Jada Wilson

# SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Division of Education*

## Department of Education

**Statistics:** 102 elementary education majors  
**Requirements:** 94-109 hours for certification

**Organizations:**  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Ouachita Student Education Association

**Professional Tests:**  
Pre-professional Skills Test (PRAXIS Test # 1)  
Specialty Area Test (PRAXIS Test #2)  
Test of Professional Knowledge (PRAXIS Test #3)

**Unique Courses:**  
Foundations of Education and Field Experience involved students in local classrooms  
Whole Language and Teaching Reading involved students teaching small groups of students

**Shaunna Brown**, a senior elementary education major from Van Buren, Arkansas...



"The block courses have given me the opportunity to be familiar with the classroom before student teaching. They have helped me feel like I'm in control."



**EXTRA HELP** Sophomore Stacy Stuart, a speech pathology major, assists a first grade student. Many speech pathology students took education classes. *photo by Jim Yates*

**RIGHT HERE** Senior Matt Pryor explains a math problem to a student. Pryor observed elementary students as part of the Foundations of Education class. *photo by Jim Yates*



**ART WORK** Sandy McDowell, an instructor in the art department, works on a piece of art in her spare time. McDowell worked on her own art, along with the art she produced in the classroom. •photo by Guy Lyons

**PLAY IT** David Allen Wehr, the artist-in-residence, plays for some music students. Wehr wrote music and performed while he taught for the University. •photo by Guy Lyons

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### *Division of Education*

#### Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Statistics:**

32 majors

**Requirements:**

30-76 hours for a degree

#### Possible Degrees:

- B.S.E. degree with a teaching field in family and consumer sciences
- B.S. degree meeting prerequisites for an American Dietetic Internship with a major in family and consumer sciences
- B.A. degree with a major in family and consumer sciences

#### Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

**Statistics:**

76 majors

**Requirements:**

41 hours for a degree

#### Possible Degrees:

- B.S.E. degree with a teaching field in secondary physical education
- B.A. degree with a major in health, physical education, and recreation

**Angie Vance,**  
*a senior pre-dietetics  
major from  
Arkadelphia,  
Arkansas...*

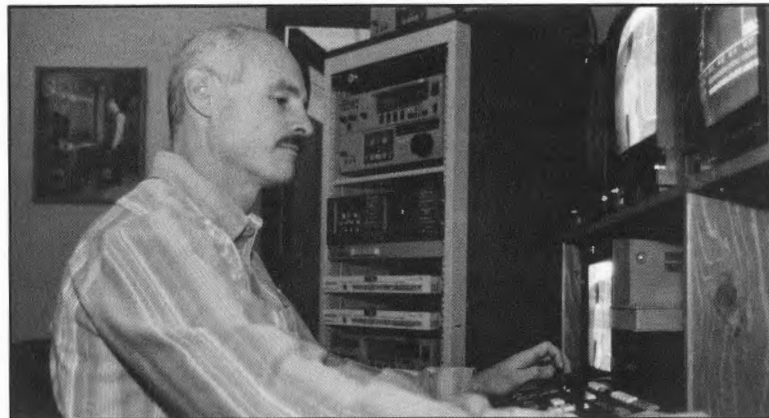


"The dietetics department has allowed me to take what I've learned in class and apply it to real life situations."





**DELIVERING A MESSAGE** Dr. William Steeger preaches to a group of students. Many religion professors served in local churches. •photo by Guy Lyons



**HARD AT WORK** Dave Ozmun works in the editing room in the communications department. Along with his classroom duties, Ozmun worked on his doctorate and did other film work for the University. •photo by Guy Lyons

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# playing different ROLES

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*Professors used music, art, and mission work as they provided for various communities beyond the classroom.*

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After a long day in and out of the office and classroom, Dr. Hal Bass, chairman of the political science department, got into his 1989 Jeep Wagoneer and rumbled off to the court house to attend a Clark County Election Commission meeting. Bass served as the chairman of the Commission and added to his responsibilities along the way. "On the eve of an election is the busiest time for me," said Bass, "and making sure all of the details are done correctly is really hectic because so much depends on you getting it right the first time." For many professors, five o'clock was the ending of their academic duties in the classroom, but these duties were carried out in various other areas beyond the classroom.

Mr. James Rothwell graduated in 1978 with a B.A. in accounting and in 1979 with a M.B.A. in accounting. He obtained his CPA in 1984. He was an assistant professor of accounting in the School of Business and taught many accounting classes. However, he had recently co-authored an Intermediate Accounting Study Guide that had been adopted by the University of Tennessee, UCLA, and the University of Houston to name a few. In addition to those accomplishments, Rothwell was employed by the Arkadelphia branch of Citizens First State Bank as an internal auditor and then was given a supervisory position. He recently held the position of consultant. Rothwell also had responsibilities in the community. He had served on the board for the Festival of Two Rivers and on the finance committee for First Baptist Church. Rothwell also had taught seminars on finance management in area churches.

Another professor who used his degrees for opportunities other

than teaching was Dr. Roy Buckelew. He graduated with a B.A. in history and speech. In 1965, Dr. Buckelew obtained his seminary degree and began preaching. However, in 1966 Dr. Buckelew said he felt called to teach at a Baptist college more than he was called to preach. Therefore, he decided to pursue a Ph.D. degree. He said he chose the field of communications because he believed that "Communicating is what we do in ministry." In 1983, he graduated with a Ph.D. in communications. After sending resumes to every Baptist college in the nation, he was hired as a vice-president at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. Buckelew had been a pastor for 20 years in various churches across the nation and had served as an interim pastor 17 times. He was the interim pastor for the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff where he was allowed to communicate with more people through televised broadcasts. Within the community, Dr. Buckelew also used his degree to expand ministry and touch people's lives through weekly articles that he wrote for the local newspaper's religion section. "I feel like I have the best of both worlds in that I get to do both the things I love to do," said Buckelew. "I don't just see teaching as a job but as a ministry."

The value of education had allowed many professors on campus to surpass the stereotypes and teach students and the community beyond the classroom. Dr. Frances MacBeth's music inspired not only students but the community as well. Much was learned from the professors through the music, art, and mission work they provided beyond the classroom. •by Jodie Mathews

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the best of both  
worlds, in that  
I get to do both  
the things I  
love to do."*

•Dr. Roy Buckelew

**LEARNING TRADES** Ed Talley shows Brad Cooper, Lee Crouse, Trey Barr, Brandon Massey and Yoshie Granada the skill of spinning. They had a tour of the house. •photo by Nashville News

**SHOWING INTEREST** Sophomore Yoshie Ganaha looks at items in Ed Talley's house. The house, east of Nashville, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. •photo by Nashville News



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experiencing

# HISTORY

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*Traveling to Old Washington and visiting many of the area's historic sites, students encountered history.*

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Who would have ever thought spending the summer in an Old Washington cemetery would prove to be exciting? After numerous hours of credit, the "Folkways of the Red River Region" course unveiled mounds of history and fascination as they traveled and researched this infamous region.

The course which gave students credit in either English, history, or humanities, proved to be an overwhelming challenge and adventure. The group left early each day and traveled to Old Washington for touring, sightseeing, and research at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives. "I learned how to use the archives and do research," said Trey Barr. "I could now go and find my entire past in the archives." Each student was responsible to research and present a character from the region. A performance, assisted by Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama Scott Holsclaw, was held in Pioneer Cemetery at Old Washington portraying each character and their uniqueness.

A different aspect of the class this year included a three-day stay in Louisiana and a cruise on the Red River. While in

Louisiana, students traveled to Alexandria and Natchitoches. A presentation was given to students in a similar course at Louisiana College. Brandon Massey said, "The cruise gave students and teachers a chance to relax." This new area added variety and even more first-hand experience of the region.

*"I learned how to use the archives and do research. I could now go and find my entire past in the archives."*

*•Trey Barr*

Another field trip aspect of the course took the students to Little Rock for a tour of the Old State House, Territorial Restoration and the State Capitol.

The students were expected to read seven novels by authors from the region. They also read a biography and prepared a research project.

With Professor Lavell Cole leading the history section, Dr. Tom Greer directing the literature portion, and Dr. George Keck in charge of the musical portion, how could students be misguided? This course proved to be the highlight of the summer for participants. From seeing historic homes to cruising the "Red" they did it all. With tons of work, effort, and dedication, they conquered their mission and embarked upon regional history. •by Christina Lance

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### *Division of Humanities*

#### Departments of Communications and English

**Statistics:**  
74 communications majors  
66 English majors

**Requirements:**  
40 hours for a communications major  
27 hours for an English major

**Possible Career Opportunities:**  
newspapers, wire services, magazines, advertising, public relations, radio,  
television, teaching, writing, and editing

**Unique Courses:**  
Advertising/Public Relations Campaign taught students to develop a  
complete advertising and marketing program  
Creative Writing improved students' poetry and fiction writing  
Advanced Television Production taught students to produce and direct  
television segments

**Chantal  
Bunn, a senior  
English major from  
Fayetteville,  
Arkansas...**



"The professors in the English department are a respectable, yet odd conglomeration whose preferences for various genres offer a solid background in all areas of literature."



**LEADER** At Old Washington's Pioneer Cemetery, senior Chris Newberry guides fellow students and guests. Students did extensive research to learn the history of the area. *photo by Nashville News*

**FOCUSED** Sophomore Kara Darling Kohler looks up at the grave of the Jennings family. Kohler portrayed a pioneer woman as part of the class. *photo by Nashville News*



**REACTION** Senior Daniel Cox and senior Chad Brinkley react to a point brought up during class. Each class period was spent debating topics that would affect students in the future. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*



**FIRST POINT** Freshman Becky Hunsberger gives her speech on why religion should be in schools. Fundamentals of Speech let students deliver a variety of speeches on topics of their choice. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*



## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Division of Humanities*

### Department of Modern Foreign Languages

<b>Statistics:</b>	<b>Requirements:</b>
7 French majors	24 hours for a French major
10 Spanish majors	24 hours for a Spanish major
8 Russian majors	24 hours for a Russian major

**Languages Taught:**

French, Spanish, Russian, German, Chinese and Japanese

### Department of Speech and Speech Pathology

<b>Statistics:</b>	<b>Requirements:</b>
15 speech majors	27 hours for a speech major
60 speech pathology majors	39 hours for a speech pathology major

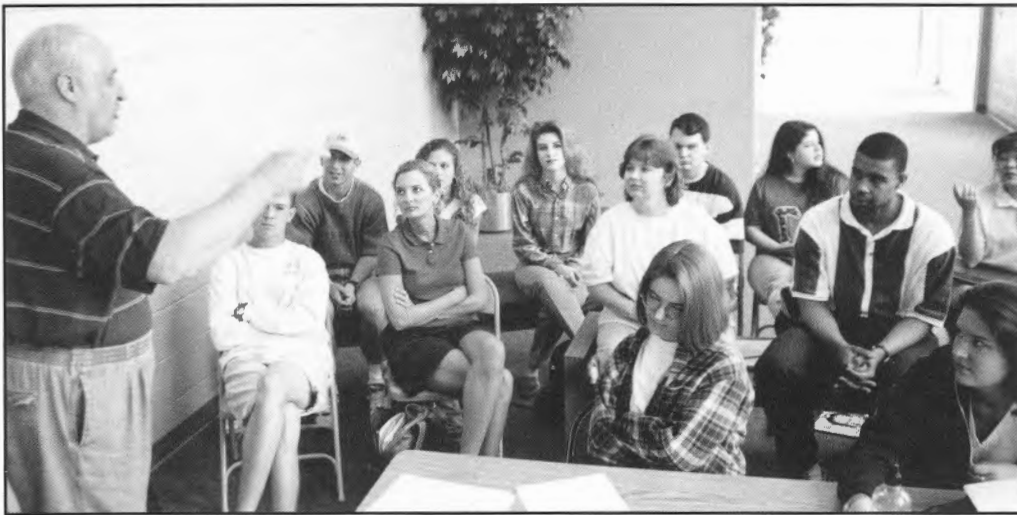
**Unique Courses:**

Small Group Processes taught students the benefits and detriments of small group work as they were divided into groups  
 Clinical Techniques and Practice gave directed clinical experience to speech pathology majors

**Heidi Warren, a junior speech pathology major from Burlison, Texas...**



"We (speech pathology majors) have great teachers who do all they can to prepare us for graduate school. Having speech clients has also opened my eyes to what lies ahead."



**INTRODUCTION** Dr. Roy Buckelew introduces the topic of the debate during Argumentation. Students were challenged to find solutions for problems dealing with current and controversial issues. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

**LISTEN UP** Junior Becky Herndon stresses her point on tougher sentences for criminals in the Argumentation class. Dr. Roy Buckelew acted as a moderator for the debates in class. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

# bringing about CHANGE

*With the help of Dr. Roy Buckelew and Dr. Steve Phillips, new changes came about for students in the speech department.*

Shamrocks and balloons covered the paneled walls of the center as two groups gathered on opposite sides of the room, apprehensive of intermingling. The deejay's voice echoed through the room as the music and dancing began. A couple began to sway back and forth, hand-in-hand. Others performed some fancy footwork while raising their arms in the air. Rock-and-roll, country, and pop music infiltrated the room with their various dances as the clients of Group Living and the members of Dr. Steve Phillips' Small Group Processes class slowly became acquainted. It was Tuesday evening, March 12th when the Small Group Processes class members learned even more of the benefits of community service work as they hosted a St. Patrick's Day dance for Group Living.

"We (the Department of Speech) are committed to doing some community service so students see the benefits of community service work," said Professor of Speech Dr. Roy Buckelew. "We are committed to active learning or learning by doing."

For seven or eight years, Dr. Buckelew taught the speech curriculum alone. In turn, students who majored in speech had him for their entire 27 hours. Dr. Steve Phillips was hired two years ago to work with Dr. Buckelew in the speech department. "Now that Steve has come, we have decided to do some stream-lining," said Buckelew. "We don't want to offer a lot of extra courses which are irrelevant. We're teaching what mainly is emphasized in our field right now."

Dr. Buckelew and Dr. Phillips looked at the department and decided that a speech major should focus on the two tracks of speech communications — rhetoric and public address and communication theory. Both Buckelew and Phillips would teach

two Fundamentals of Speech classes and two upper level courses each semester in an effort to teach better speech communication skills and inevitably help students achieve greater success in life. "We say our discipline is an umbrella discipline which overlaps every other discipline," said Buckelew. "There's not any job you will do where you will not be enhanced by what you learn in the speech communication curriculum."

Learning to involve both critical and ethical thinking, students would take Fundamentals of Speech, Interpersonal Communication, Small Group Processes, Intercultural Communication, Organizational Communication, Argumentation, Public Speaking, History of Preaching, and Rhetorical Criticism in order to achieve a major in speech communication. In addition, a special study was offered. The students in this study were required to do an independent project. If the student wanted to be a preacher, he could do his project on the life or sermons of a pastor. Someone who wanted to be a television broadcaster would do his project on what it took to get involved in that field. "We are committed to the concept of people dealing with critical, controversial issues," said Buckelew. "We're dealing with current events."

With this new curriculum, several different areas of speech were combined into one course. This way more material could be covered. The catalog was changed so that students would have a better idea of what the course they took had to offer. With the changes came a name change. Effective June first, the name of the Department of Speech and Speech Pathology would change to the Department of Speech Communication and Communication Disorders. *by Rachel DeBusk and Beth Ann Lee*

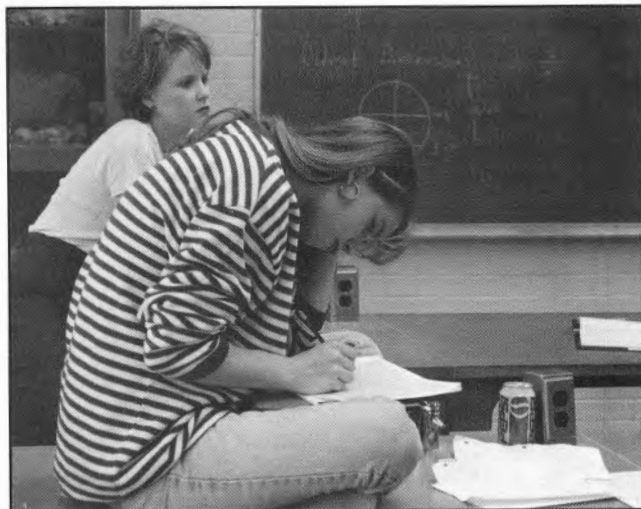
*"We say our  
discipline is an  
umbrella discipline  
which overlaps  
every other  
discipline."*

*•Dr. Roy Buckelew*



**MEASURE UP** Senior Marcy Franks and Dr. Knight measure a culvert. The area of the culvert determined the stream of the flow of the water. •photo by John Barber

**CALCULATIONS** Seniors Chariny Herring and Marcy Franks calculate measurements of a culvert. They drew the culvert to determine its area of opening. •photo by John Barber



# researching new PLACES

*Students in the Division of Natural Science took part in several research opportunities around the state.*

What do unborn chickens, high tech cameras, and a lake in Hot Springs Village have in common? They are just a part of the many research opportunities available to students and professors in the Division of Natural Science.

Every two weeks, Dr. Tim Knight and nine biology students traveled to Hot Springs Village. The biological monitoring class took water samples from Lake Desoto to determine the cause of an algae that appeared last summer. The students were responsible for all the work done and received class hours for their efforts. "We are finally using the stuff we learned in books and applying it to the world to solve a problem," said senior Brandy Capelle.

Several physics students gained research experience through funding by the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium. Robert Sproles, a freshman, and Mr. Glen Good were able to purchase a charge coupling device camera with a grant. Sproles used the CCD camera to view variable stars and measure the distance between galaxies. Senior Zine Smith and Dr. Robert Hamilton used the funding to study

solar winds and the effects they have on spacecraft and communications, both earth and satellite based.

Several faculty members were able to take advantage of research opportunities also. Funded by a University faculty grant, Dr. Lisa Cobb studied the healing of chicken embryos. "Since most vertebrate embryos heal the same, I'm hoping to gain insight useful in human embryos development and tissue implants," said Cobb. Knight researched the mercury build-up in south Arkansas rivers and the various ways of reducing the problem.

Senior Tana Tinsley worked with Dr. Joe Bradshaw to study magnetic resonance imaging, a field crucial to cancer research. "I learned the principles in class, but the the equipment and experiment conditions are different," Tinsley said. "This is something that will help me in grad school because the focus there is on research."

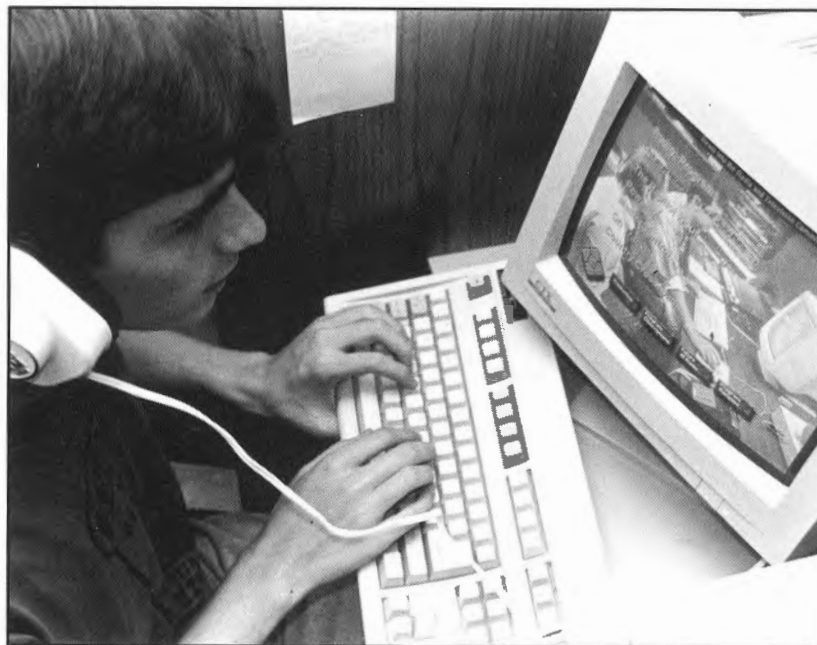
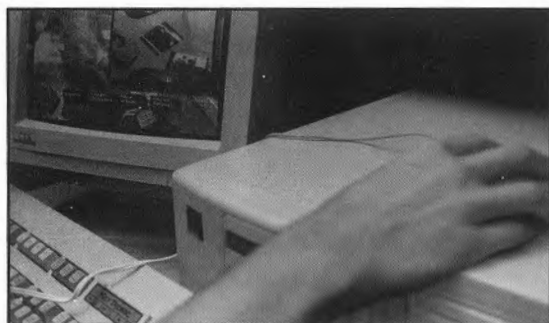
This was just an example of the many opportunities offered to the students in the Division of Natural Science. •by Salinda Russell

*"We are finally using the stuff we learned in books and applying it to the world to solve a problem."*

•Brandy Capelle

**GAINING ACCESS** Junior Mert Hershberger locates research possibilities before beginning his search for information. With the new lab, the University became one of the only undergraduate universities equipped with a lab of this caliber. •photo by Jim Yates

**LOCATING INFORMATION** Using the equipped PC in the lab, a student pulls up all sorts of information for his research project. Students were able to use the lab for classes and for their own entertainment. •photo by Jim Yates



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at the click of a

# BUTTON

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*Maps, scripture, and language tutorials were within arms reach with the discipline-specific computer lab.*

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Students in the religion department ventured into a whole new realm of exploring, understanding, and enjoying their studies all at the click of a button — a computer button that is.

The integration of computer technology with classroom learning made the campus one of the only undergraduate universities in the nation equipped with a discipline-specific religion computer lab.

"It's not just a computer system with a few religion programs," said Dr. William Steeger, chair of the division of religion and philosophy, director of the Center for Christian Ministries, and W.O. Vaught Professor of Bible. "It is a carefully chosen selection designed specifically to prepare and assist students in ministry."

"If it were not for the lab, I would have had a lot of trouble preparing for sermons and other aids in my ministry," said David Montgomery, student worker in the computer lab. "The lab is an invaluable resource that helped me a lot."

The computer lab, composed of 25 work stations with CD-ROM equipped PCs, aided students in many ways. There were about 30 different programs available, specializing in three different categories that were discipline-specific to the religion department: tutorial, research, and administrative.

The tutorial programs were in five different languages (Greek, Hebrew, French, German, and Latin) and provided vocabulary as well as grammar studies. Not only did the programs review

grammar, but students could even listen as the computer read the selected language back to the student.

Research programs were very beneficial as well. "The research programs allowed me to do research very easily that I just didn't have the time to look for in the library," said music major

Jeremy Martin. "The computers allowed me to do complex research and typing all in the same place, which really was convenient." Daniel Lane, a missions major, loved the integration of computer technology with regular learning. "If I forgot to bring my Bible to class, I could just pull it up on the computer," said Lane. "And if I needed to find a particular verse, Presto! There it was, all with a few clicks of a button."

Although most of the programs focused on academic studies, students had access to leisure and other interesting programs. Logos 2.0 included such interesting things as a collection of hymns that students could view and listen to and an enjoyable collection of classic Christian literature that the computer would read aloud.

Students were not the only ones to benefit from these programs. Along with the religion department's curriculum lab, the computer lab, under the direction of the Center for Christian Ministries, served as "Ouachita's arm to Arkansas' Baptist churches," Steeger said. "The labs were available for use by Southern Baptist Convention pastors and ministers in the area."

What a great addition religion students had, all at the click of a button! •by Jeff Walpole

*"The computers allowed me to do complex research and typing all in the same place, which really was convenient."*

*•Daniel Lane*



## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### *Division of Religion and Philosophy*

**Statistics:**  
197 religion majors  
6 philosophy majors

**Requirements:**  
36-46 hours for a religion major  
24 hours for a philosophy major

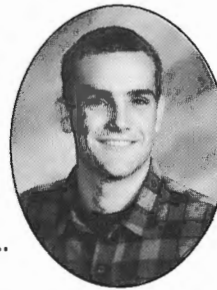
#### Possible Patterns:

Biblical Studies/General	Ministry/Family Life Recreation
Biblical Studies/Language	Ministry/Family Life Christian
Biblical Studies/Theology	Counseling
Ministry/Pastoral	Ministry/Missions and Cross
Ministry/Christian Education	Cultural Studies
Ministry/Youth	Philosophy

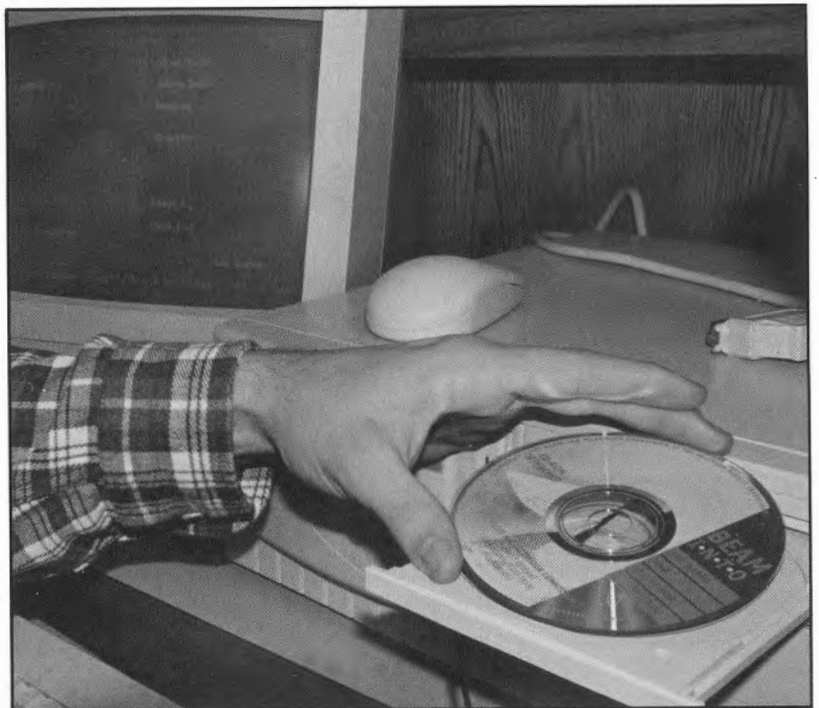
#### Unique Courses:

Supervised Hospital Ministry at Baptist Hospital  
Biblical Backgrounds taught with computers  
History of Philosophy Seminar

**Derek Erwin,**  
*a senior biblical  
studies/language  
major from Mali, West  
Africa ...*



"The religion department is an environment where we can learn principles and theory, participate in ministry, and watch mentors who actively seek God."

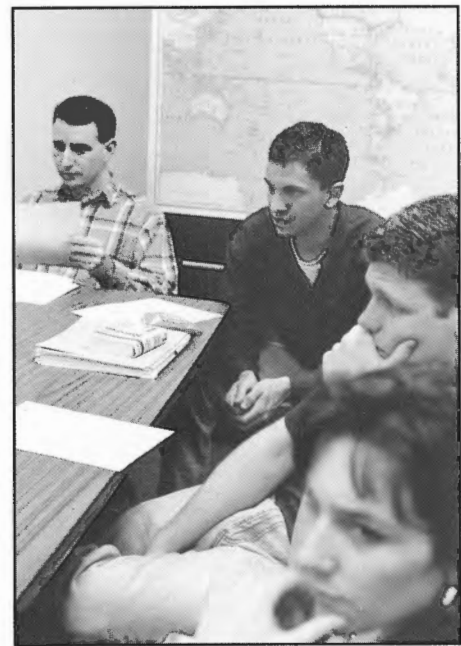


**CONCENTRATION** Junior Chip Arnold works on a computer in the new lab. Arnold was one of many students in the religion department who took advantage of the new facilities. *•photo by Jim Yates*

**TECHNOLOGY** A student makes use of the CD-ROM program in the lab. This particular program was only one of many aspects that were available to students in the Department of Religion. *•photo by Jim Yates*

**PREPARATION** Sophomore Ben Darley, Senior Brandie Wagner and Junior Lane Bailey, along with sponsor Kevin Brennan prepare for the convocation through researching the current problems in the Republic of Russia. The group spent long hours researching and studying former voting patterns of Russia. *photo by Carol Price*

**GROUP MEMBERS** The students and sponsors pose for a photo in St. Louis before entering the meeting area. The University sent 13 students along with two sponsors to the simulation. *photo courtesy of Kevin Brennan*



# tackling global ISSUES

*Students in the Division of Social Sciences participated in the Model U. N. convocation to gain hands-on experience.*

A speaker representing Turkey was at the podium trying to press an issue. The other countries were in the audience debating what the speaker had to say. Each country had their own positions and feelings, and each country presented these feelings, hoping that what they had to say helped their vote pass. One of the countries was Russia, which was represented by 13 of the University's students.

More than 50 college and university teams from all size campuses met in St. Louis to discuss global issues in a simulation of the United Nations. Each cooperating campus submitted a list of countries it would like to represent in the simulation a year in advance. Through a process of reviewing the requests, a determination was made, and the students from the University were assigned to represent the Republic of Russia.

Model U. N. was a program set up for students to learn through simulation how the real United Nations worked. The campus Model U. N. course was taken through the political science and history departments. Dr. Slavens and Mr. Brennan were the sponsors of the group.

The students enjoyed representing Russia. They were one of 15 members put on the security council, which was the only committee with veto powers. "We were powerful, and students liked that," said Brennan. "They did an excellent job."

The group sent 13 proposed resolutions for their country. The proposals were sent ahead of time, and the resolutions that went

into the packet were chosen by the conference. Only those resolutions chosen were the topics debated. Out of the 13 proposed resolutions, 10 made the packet.

The team members worked hard in preparing for the conference. The students were required to participate in a three hour preparatory course, where they studied their assigned country's government, economy, ethnic make-up, and background. "Before the trip, students research past voting behavior of their countries in the U. N., keep up on current events, and write resolutions," Brennan said. "Through this research, they are able to deduce and support the actions taken by their countries at the general Assembly."

"Despite the hard work in preparing for the conference, it all paid off when we were given the hands-on experience to learn about international relations," said junior Jerod Winemiller.

The 13 team members that participated were: Andrew Bagley, Lane Bailey, Caroline Blount, Rebecca Briggs, Erin Crow, Caroline Curry, Ben Darley, Richie Griffith, Monica Leagans, Dorothy McCarty, Richard Meyer, Brandie Wagner, and Jerod Winemiller.

These students were given the opportunity to learn how real policy is made in the United Nations through a unique simulation. "The students are able to get hands-on experience in politics and better understanding of the way governments function," Brennan said. "It allows the students to learn the material in a different way and enjoy it." *by Rachel Debusk*

*"It allows students to learn the material in a different way and enjoy it."*

*• Kevin Brennan*



## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Division of Social Science*

Departments of History, Political Science,  
Psychology, and Sociology

**Statistics:**

48 history majors  
43 political science majors  
44 psychology majors  
57 sociology majors

**Requirements:**

27 hours for history  
24 hours for political science  
31 hours for psychology  
33 hours for sociology

**Unique Courses:**

Folkways of the Arkansas Red River Region taught in Old Washington State Park dealt with the cultural history of the Upland South  
Parties, Campaigns, and Elections examined the place of political parties  
Forensics Psychology taught the techniques of criminal psychological profiling  
Social Problems provided hands-on experience with current social problems

**Cory  
Hutchinson,**  
*a junior sociology  
major from Cabot,  
Arkansas...*



"The courses in the social science department have helped to deepen my interest in and understanding of human interaction and behavior."



**DISCUSSION** Seniors Rebecca Briggs and Brandie Wagner discuss possible proposals for the Republic of Russia. The team of students worked hard for a semester preparing for the simulation. *photo by Carol Price*

**ON THE FLOOR** Senior Richard Meyer presents a proposal for the Republic of Russia in St. Louis at the Model U.N. convocation. The University sent 13 students to the simulation during the spring semester. *photo courtesy of Kevin Brennan*

# ORGANIZATIONS



*photo by Sandra Scucchi*



Three - two - one - release. A rainbow of red, pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple balloons floated into the air creating a mosaic of color **REACHING** into the blue sky. On Saturday, April 13, most of the 66 Tri Chi members released 300 balloons, representing the \$1300 they raised for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Service to others created a spirit of unity which filtered through the campus organizations. They worked hard to meet the educational, spiritual, and social needs of students.

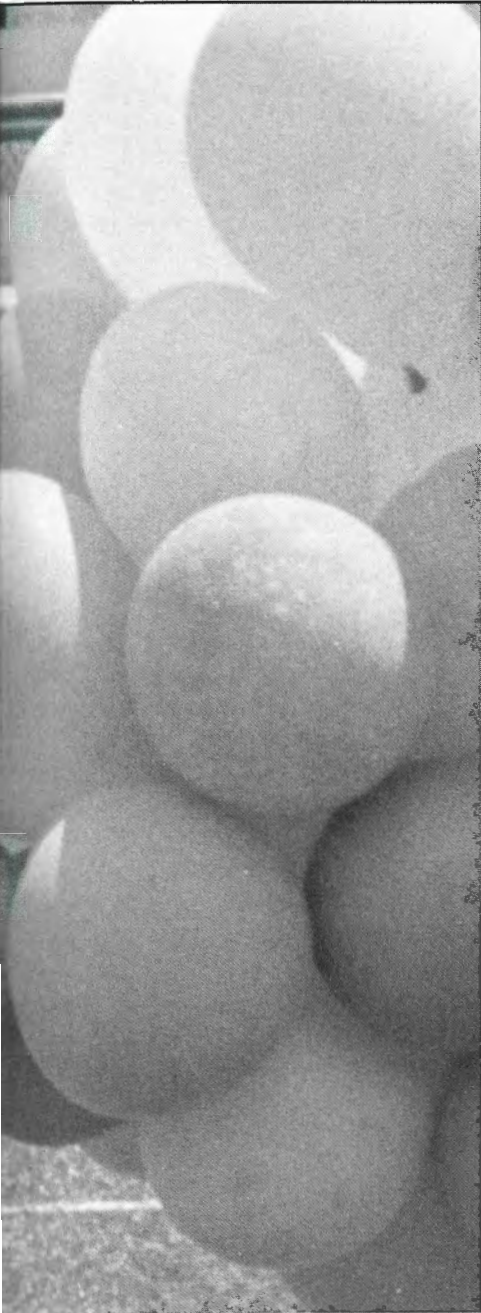
Academic clubs provided opportunities for guest speakers to travel **BEYOND** their comfort zones to share their expertise. The education continued for business students as they helped The Honeycomb restaurant increase their profits.

Religious clubs nurtured spiritual growth while encouraging students to share their faith. Summer missions carried students to Australia while Spring Break missions took students to San Antonio, Texas.

The Ad-Fed team touched lives as it published a first place advertising campaign promoting the services of **THE** American Red Cross. And music clubs traveled the nation moving peoples' hearts with their messages in song.

T.W.I.R.P. Week, EEE Haw, Ruby's Truck Stop, the Reggae Party, Late Night, Singled Out, Happy Times, and Mr. Tiger each initiated a unique aspect in the social scene on campus. Whether a member or an independent, students benefited from the services and entertainment created by social clubs.

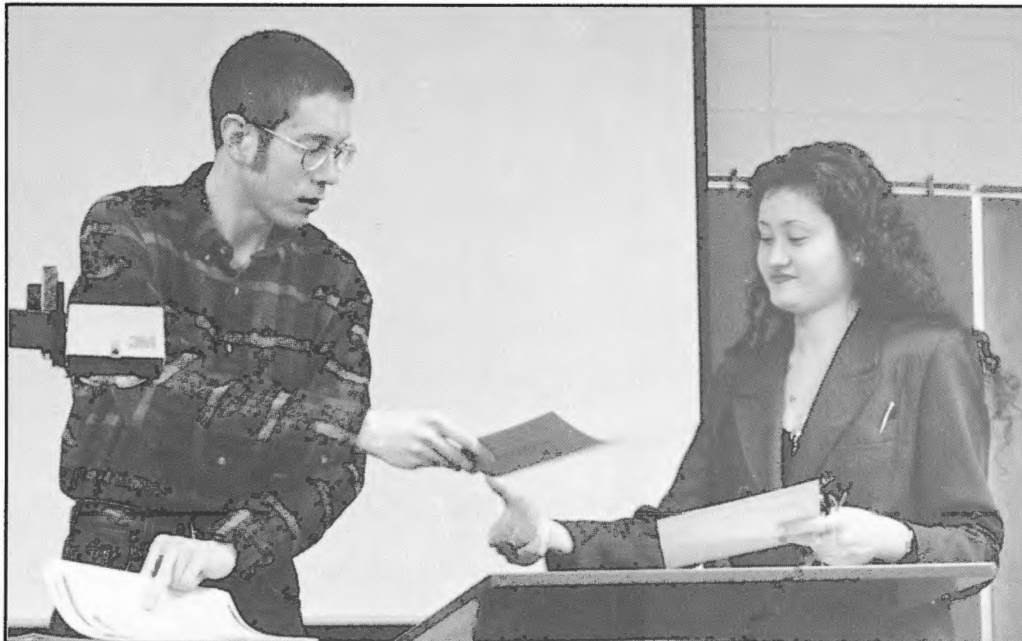
Through publications, mission trips, concerts, pep rallies, services, and social events, the organizations fulfilled the needs of students while reaching beyond the **WALL** to touch the lives of those they met.



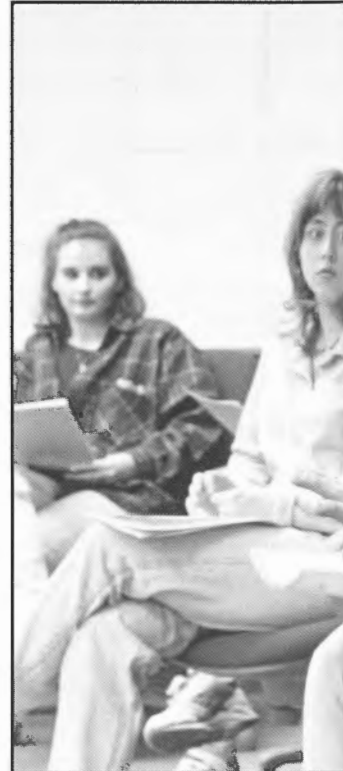
*With her hands tightly clenched on a handful of red, yellow, green, and multi-colored balloons, sophomore Aimee Plummer waits for the count to release her balloons. Tri Chi Women's Social Club found people to donate a dollar to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For their donation, Tri Chi released a balloon in honor or memory of a loved one. Like Tri Chi, several organizations reached beyond the wall and placed themselves in roles of service to others.*



Senior Rix White performs at the coffeehouse. Coffeehouse was sponsored by Theta Alpha Phi, an academic club for theatre students. •photo by Jim Yates



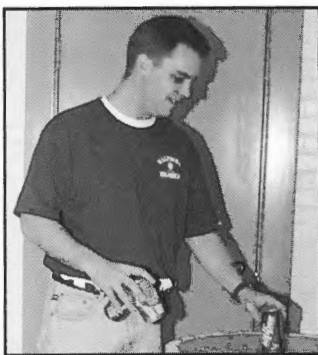
Senior Brian Davidson and junior Miloslava Bourkachova prepare items for Phi Beta Lambda. Phi Beta Lambda helped members take what they learned in class and apply it by helping around the community. •photo by Carol Price



Jodie Mathews, Allison Miles, Cari Bedford, Ginny Seamans, and Kevin Braswell hold a Phi Beta Lambda meeting. Phi Beta Lambda was an active club, participating in many local and state conferences. •photo by Carol Price

# Beyond the R Academic clubs moved students beyond the classroom setting. Realm

**Beta Beta Beta**, a biological honor society, served as just one of the academic clubs on campus...



Senior Mark Hurst, a member of Beta Beta Beta, places some aluminum cans in a recycling bin. Beta Beta Beta set up a recycling program to raise money and help the environment. \*photo by Amy Morton

Some came wearing cocktail dresses and tuxedos while others arrived as Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, or even Mother Nature. Theta Alpha Phi, just one of the many academic clubs on campus, was having its annual costume ball awards banquet. Theta Alpha Phi was a club for students interested in theater. Shannon Duke, a junior drama major, felt she really benefited from being in the organization. "I love being in it," she said. "It's a way for students who love theater to be together and show themselves on campus."

Other clubs on campus included Phi Beta Lambda for business, Alpha Rho Tau for art, Beta Beta Beta for biology, Gamma Sigma Epsilon for chemistry, Kappa Delta Pi for education, Phi Alpha Theta for history, NSSHLA for speech pathology, and Sigma Tau Delta for English. There were also two national honor fraternities on campus, Blue Key and Alpha Chi.

Many academic clubs helped the community through service projects. Kappa Delta Pi, a group of approximately 20 education majors, read at the Arkadelphia elementary schools during "Reading is Fun Week." NSSHLA, a club for speech pathology majors, delivered valentines to a nursing home and offered hearing screenings at the University's first health fair.

Phi Beta Lambda, a national business society, did many community projects throughout the year. They participated in a highway trash pickup, raised money for the March of Dimes, and collected food during Thanksgiving for The Courage House, a home for abused women and children. Through "Partnership with Business Project," members acted on what they were learning in class and also helped the community. They worked with the Honeycomb restaurant to help them come up with a marketing survey and

inventory analysis and to decide what should be included on the menu. "Involvement in Phi Beta Lambda helps students develop their leadership skills and build their confidence. It has definitely benefited me," said President Brian Davidson.

Blue Key, a group of male students chosen for their campus leadership and for being in the top 30 percent of their class, sponsored the Miss OBU pageant. They spent the year selling pageant advertisements and then used the money for a barbecue at DeGray Lake. "It's almost like another social club," said Vice President Lane Bailey. "It brings social club members together as well as independents."

Members of other clubs also spoke of the connection between club members. NHSSLA members threw Stacey Peoples Grandstaff a wedding shower. "It was great that the club had a shower for me," she said. "I got a lot of stuff that I needed. It was greatly appreciated."

Most clubs hosted guest speakers and participated in conferences. Alumnus Johnny Ware, city manager of Dallas, spoke at Phi Alpha Theta's spring induction banquet. This group also attended the regional meeting in Fayetteville where members Rebecca Briggs and Dorothy McCarthy presented research papers. "In my opinion, the funniest thing we've done this year was play Jeopardy at Dr. Auffenberg's house for initiation even though I didn't win the grand prize," said Briggs. "It just proves history doesn't have to be boring."

Whether learning more in their field of study, bonding with others of their major, or simply having something to do, students received opportunities through academic clubs which could not be acquired from the normal classroom setting.

•by Danielle Carey



# Feel the Beat

*Music clubs traveled the South entertaining audiences.*

**Ouachita Sounds, a music club started in 1991, traveled the region performing music and choreography...**



Junior Cara Ooten, freshman Allyson Denton, and senior Leslie Srygley perform at the fifth annual Ouachita Sounds concert. Sounds was a music club composed of a mixed voice show choir. •photo by Amy Morton

The stage was dark. The performers quickly crossed the stage. The audience anticipated the sounds of music. Throughout the year, Praise Singers, Ouachita Sounds, Ouachita Singers and other musical groups took the stage to entertain students, faculty and guests.

After long auditions, Ouachita Singers joined together to prepare many shows. The choir consisted of nearly 50 students. Singers was directed by Dr. Charles Fuller and accompanied by Cindy Fuller. The students traveled the region, entertained the trustees, and joined various other musical groups to celebrate the holiday season at the annual Festival of Christmas.

Ouachita Sounds filled the air with music at their fifth annual concert in Jones Performing Arts Center. Sounds consisted of a select mixed voice showchoir chosen by auditions. They traveled performing Broadway pieces, music of past decades, and a great deal of choreography. "A kaleidoscope of music spanning many styles and years combined with exciting choreography and outstanding voices and instrumentalists have been the ticket to success for Sounds since their beginning in 1991," said Mary Schambarger, Sounds director and professor of music.

The Praise Singers traveled many southern states entertaining church congregations. Praise Singers was a contemporary Christian group directed by Diana Ellis. The members were chosen by auditions. In addition to church services, the Praise Singers performed in Chapel, at Venture, and at Heartbeat on campus. Praise Singers also

entertained at the Festival of Christmas.

Other music organizations included the Opera Workshop and the Musical Theatre Workshop. The workshops provided on stage experience and instruction for performances in opera and musical theater. Students involved in these workshops were also required to audition.

Sigma Alpha Iota Women's Honor Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Men's Honor Fraternity provided social interaction for students with an interest in music. The students were required to keep a certain grade point average and take hours in music. Pledging was a fun experience for all who joined the clubs. Despite the rough week, the effort paid off in the end.

The concert and marching bands also kept the attention of many with their performances. In addition to concert band, the department created specialized groups such as jazz band, pep band, and wind ensemble. The marching band was acclaimed for its routines, sound, and the auxiliary units. Junior drum major Cari Martin led the band. "I enjoyed working with the band; it was good practice to entertain the football crowd," said Martin.

The music clubs worked hard to create incredible performances and serve others in the department. The students involved in the music organizations enjoyed the time with others as they learned more about music. Whether the students used their voices, played their instruments, or marched in the band, the audiences were always impressed with the show. •by Marci Phillips



Freshman Geoffrey Brown practices his tuba for wind ensemble. The wind ensemble performed at numerous local churches and went on tour throughout the region. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

Sophomore Sarah Stanley performs at the spring jazz band concert. Jazz band was under the direction of Dr. Sim Flora. *photo by Guy Lyons*

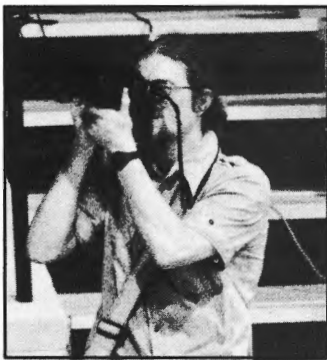


Freshman Lynn Hudspeth, junior Jesse Gray, freshman Lisa Klander, and sophomore Carrie Spradlin play in the concert band performance. Concert band was a group of select musicians chosen by auditions. *photo by Amy Morton*

# Boundless Dedication

*Students in publications sought to maintain their reputation.*

**Publications, a team of three separate staffs devoted to producing accurate and award winning publications...**



Photographer Jim Yates takes a picture during the basketball game against Henderson. Yates' creativity and unique style benefited the publications staffs tremendously. •photo by Guy Lyons

In the middle of the night, with her hair pulled out and circles under her eyes, yearbook editor Beth Ann Lee sat at her computer and brainstormed an idea for the new sidebar in the academic section. Lee was only one of the hard workers who contributed her talents to the publications of the University.

With numerous late-night deadline parties and great staff members, the publications came out on top with award winning publications and entertaining programs for the students and community.

The yearbook staff worked around the clock all year to produce another superior publication. The 1995 book won first place general excellence in the state, with 24 individual state awards and 11 national awards. With 10 staff members, each section was designed and constructed with the help of a small but dedicated group of students. The sign on the wall read "Get Motivated," while motivation rarely came until the early morning hours when few were around. "We spent countless hours working together and developed close relationships in the process," said junior Cory Hutchinson. With all the fun and stress involved, this "family of 10" met their deadlines and produced a publication to remember, while creating friendships that would last.

Across the hall, the *Signal* staff, under editor Chris Bosen, kept students informed with their weekly publication. The newspaper featured campus and local news, sports, feature stories, editorials and students had a chance to express

opinions in letters to the editor. The newspaper won second place general excellence in the state with six state awards and 5 national awards.

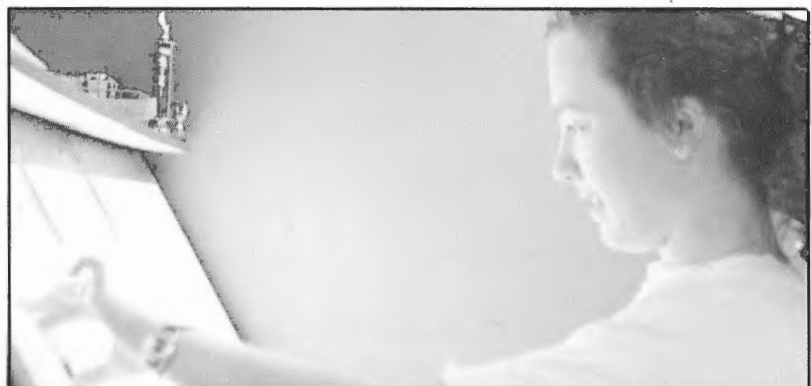
"Being a member of the *Signal* staff has provided me an excellent opportunity to gain real world experience," said junior Jerod Winemiller. With the help of a hard working staff, students were kept well-informed about campus events and upcoming attractions.

While the yearbook and newspaper staffs produced exceptional publications, they could not have been completed without the photography staff. Each publication relied on the photographers, under editor Sandra Schucchi, to take professional photographs for every layout. Whether it was getting muddy to catch a great Tiger Traks shot, or being available to take a team photo, the staff caught the year on film.

While the photo lab took the photographs, the TV production staff took care of live footage. The staff filmed basketball games, local high school football games, noteworthy chapel speakers and special events. They produced programs such as the *Ken Wheaton Show* and *The Ouachita Program*. The week after Tiger Tunes, students were glued to the TV in hopes of catching a glimpse of themselves. "Shooting Tiger Tunes for the students was fun because they could watch themselves and see the hard work they put in pay off," said junior Bryan Manley.

Each staff and publication created works that well-represented the University and the quality of its students. •by Priscilla Shrader

Jennifer Tolbert pastes a layout up on the light board in the *Signal* office. Having weekly deadlines was tough, but seeing the end results made the work worthwhile. •photo by Sandra Scucchi





Cory Hutchinson cuts away excess white paper from a story that will be put on her spread. The countless hours spent typing, designing, and pasting went by quickly when everyone did their assigned tasks. •photo by Jim Yates

Guy Lyons mixes chemicals before he can develop his most recent pictures. The results of Lyons' creativity were worth the wait while the pictures were processed. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



# Whirlwind Victory

*Students take advertising competition by storm.*

"If not you, who? If not now, when? Help can't wait," said Chris Bosen as he presented the advertising federation team's campaign for the Red Cross.

A team of students dazzled regional advertising executives as they took first place in the National Student Advertising District Competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation.

Students enrolled in a senior level communications course and worked throughout the year in preparation for the competition.

They positioned themselves to learn about the assigned company or organization as well as to understand the complications of developing a marketing plan for that

particular organization.

"Ad Fed has given me a hands-on first look at the advertising business and helped me realize the importance of a strong leader to carry the team," said team member Billy Bird.

The team competed against small and large colleges and universities from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma in which they prepared a marketing campaign for the American Red Cross geared at "twenty somethings."

The win at the district level afforded the team a trip to San Diego, California, in June to compete in the national competition.

The course was taught by Dr. William D. Downs, Jr.



CMF members Peter Hoyt, Brett Cherry, and James Howard, converse after the CMF banquet. CMF was an organization sponsored by Dr. Terry Carter. •photo by Carol Price

Dr. Steeger speaks at the CMF banquet. CMF, Christian Ministries Fellowship, provided inspiration and worship for members. •photo by Amy Morton

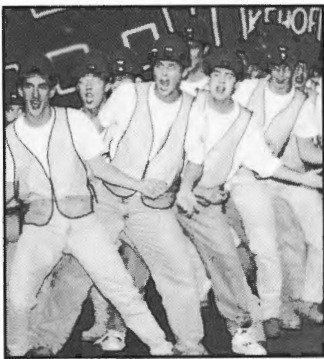




# Extending Love

*Religious Clubs made an impact for Christ.*

**BSU,**  
*the largest religious  
organization on campus,  
led numerous activities  
and touched many lives...*



*During the BSU Tiger Tunes show, the guys take center stage. The BSU was one of seven groups that took part in the annual performance. photo by Guy Lyons*

Religious clubs and organizations did their part in ministering to the individual needs of campus students. Whether athletes, ministry students, counseling majors, or individuals simply wanting to get involved, there was a place for each in at least one religious organization.

The biggest religious organization on campus was the Baptist Student Union. The purpose of this organization was to help college students find their identity through a relationship with Christ and fellow students. It was also created to help them achieve a full and purposeful life on campus through God and loving service to others.

The BSU, led by director Ian Cosh and assistant director Brandi Byrd, had a full range of ministries in which campus students had the chance to participate. On campus, BSU students organized events such as Christian Focus Week, retreats, conferences, and the mission trips to Texas and Africa. On a weekly basis they led Noonday, Praise and Worship, and dorm Bible Study. Sophomore Sandra Scucchi said, "Dorm Bible study is a unique ministry because it gives upperclassmen a chance to disciple freshmen." Scucchi was a dorm Bible study leader. BSU also did MK ministries, Backyard Bible Clubs, and Pure Heart appearances.

"The BSU has helped me find a way to remain involved in ministry while in school," said

Dr. Visor advises CARE members, Mike Floyd and Ann Browning. CARE was an organization for counseling and religion majors. photo by Carol Price

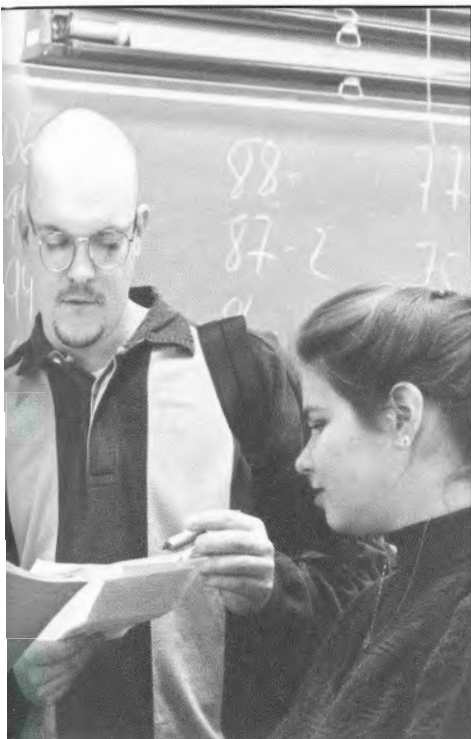
BSU secretary Misty Brewer. "It has also helped me discover the gifts God has given me for service and ministry."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes was another organization on campus that allowed athletes to be involved in an atmosphere that encouraged them to share their opinions concerning the Christian life. "I feel that FCA at the college level is different from FCA on the high school level," said freshman cheerleader Lindsay Simmons. "In high school, we were the ones being ministered to, and in college we are the people ministering to the high schools."

Christian Ministries Fellowship provided a time of inspiration and worship for its members. Dr. Terry Carter sponsored this organization which invited pastors and denominational leaders to come and share practical helps for any person preparing for the ministry.

Another organization was Counselors and Religious Educators, CARE. The purpose of CARE was to develop fellowship among counseling majors and those interested in the field. It provided opportunities to minister to others needs and to observe different prospective in counseling.

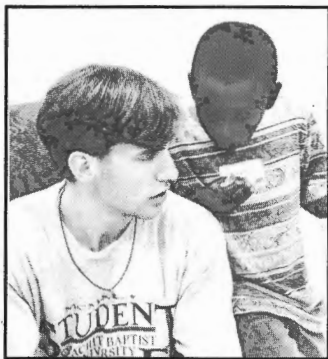
Religious clubs had an overall positive impact around our campus. They did their part reaching beyond the walls and impacting others for Christ.  
• by Rachel DeBusk



# Worth The Effort

*Service Clubs took time to make a difference around campus.*

**Student Senate, a service organization on campus, sponsored the Big Brother and Big Sister programs...**



*Sophomore Justin Hardin takes time to visit with a local child in the Big Brother program. This program helped local kids and taught students the importance of sharing their time. •photo by Carol Price*

All eyes watched her and whispers filled the air with comments about the elegant white dress. For a moment she felt like it was her wedding day. The Association of Women Students hosted the annual bridal fair to help students become familiar with the newest fashions, flowers and wedding dresses. AWS was one of the many organizations that spent many hours to serve other students.

In addition to the Ouachita Student Foundation's usual activities such as student recruitment, raising money for scholarships, hosting Tiger Tunes and Traks, the Foundation reached beyond the students. The Foundation sponsored a breakfast in honor of the men and women on the maintenance crew. The crew was often seen on campus but rarely appreciated. The foundation also hosted a faculty and staff picnic to provide time for the faculty to get to know each other and their families. "It was amazing how happy we made maintenance, and they really appreciated it," said Alicia Harman.

The College Republicans and Young Democrats helped the local and district candidates with their campaigns. The group knocked on doors, made phone calls, and hung posters to get the word out for the elections. "College Republicans are looking forward to the '96 elections," said Aaron Black "We have lots of work to do."

The Panhellenic Council consisted of members from the various women's social clubs. The council hosted a party and instructional meeting

for the potential rushees. Also the Council monitored the rush activities. The RA Council consisted of the residential assistants from each dorm. The RAs provided various educational meetings for the students.

Campus movies, picnics, and concerts were provided by the Student Entertainment and Leisure Foundation to give the students a break from normal routines. SELF brought many different activities to campus to entertain students. Student Senate's efforts included a return to a traditional homecoming and a project to add more lighting to campus. Senate was designed of elected students to communicate with the students and faculty.

BASS promoted cultural awareness on campus. The club was involved in many activities during Black History Month and organized an inspirational Chapel service. Another club which promoted cultural diversity was the International Club. Members of the club participated in Tiger Tunes and entertained the crowd as they brought many cultures to life on stage. The club demonstrated their cooking skills at the annual International Food Fest as the students and faculty enjoyed the different foods.

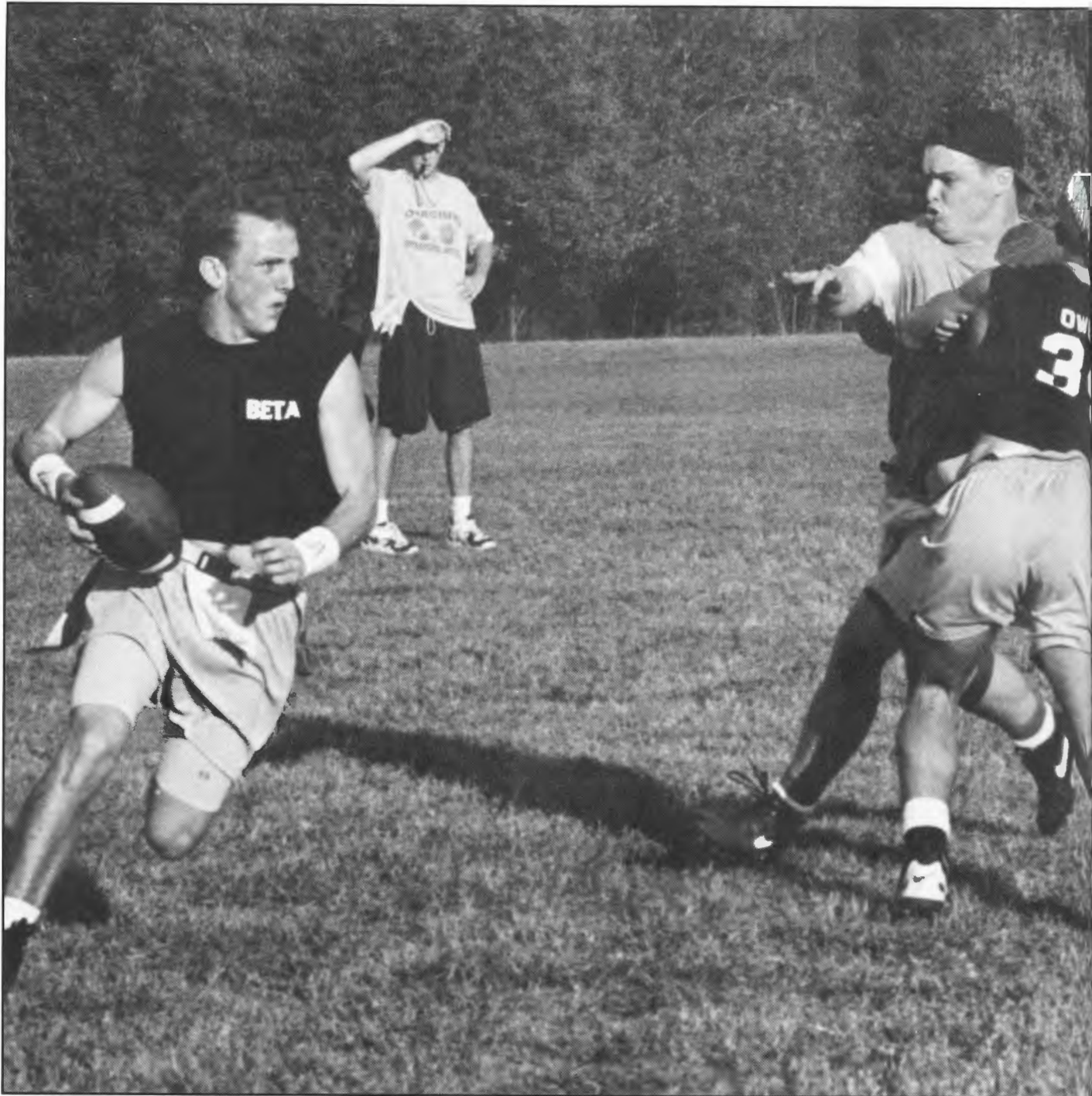
Whether the clubs served or provided fun for others, the efforts resulted in success. Despite the hectic schedules of meetings, homework, and classes, some students took time to do for other students. The service clubs provided many additions to campus through hard work and dedication to their clubs. •by Marci Phillips



Junior Jennifer Middleton seeks advice from RA Laura Owens. RAs provided assistance for head residents and students alike. *photo by Diane Deaton*

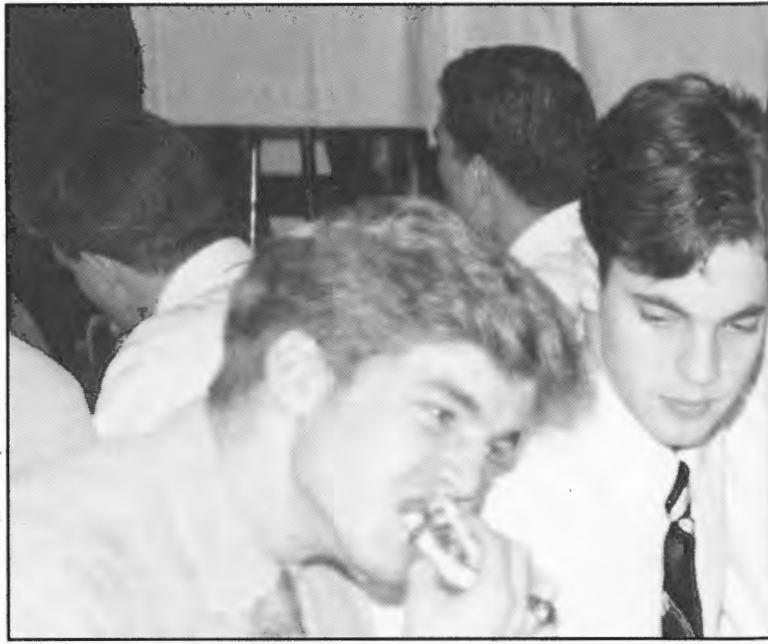
Senior Wendy Chappell participates in team building games during the first OSF meeting. OSF raised money by sponsoring TigerTunes and Tiger Traks. *photo by Jeff Root*

Junior Andrew Bagley conducts officer elections for College Republicans. College Republicans increased their membership to 200 during the spring semester. *photo by Daine Deaton*



Clayton Owen blocks for Matt Shepherd as he attempts to find a receiver. The Betas' intramural games provided an opportunity for the guys' social clubs to compete in a physical yet friendly game of football. *photo by Amy Morton*

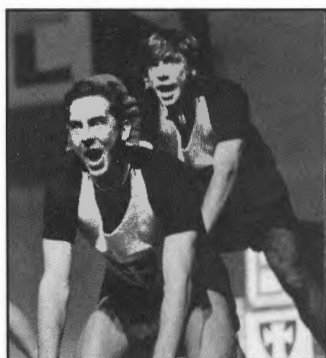
The Betas sing to their fans at one of their serenades. Their various costumes displayed many amusing characters that brought smiles to those who watched. *photo by Jim Yates*



# Endless Tradition

*The men of Beta Beta made their mark on campus.*

**Beta Beta,**  
*a men's social club which  
 was formed in 1941,  
 continued their tradition  
 and left their mark ...*



*The men of Beta Beta perform their Tiger Tunes show "Rockin' the Cradle." The Betas won first runner-up in the annual performance. •photo by Jim Yates*

**During Rush,** Freshman Monty Ray indulges at the Beta barbeque. The Betas inducted a total of 15 new members at the end of the week. •photo by Sandra Scucchi



December 8, 1941 - a date most people did not associate with the Betas. This was the day after the tragedy at Pearl Harbor, but for the Betas this date was the start of their organization.

The Betas were known for their strong ties in tradition. Freshman Chris Babb spoke with his uncle after pledging and realized that the Betas were still doing the same things as when he was here. "There is a common bond with Betas from the 1940s to now," said Babb.

The Betas made their mark on campus this year. "I'm really pleased with what we've done this year," said junior Zac Crow. "We've achieved a lot by reestablishing ourselves in Tiger Tunes and intramural football." The Betas' show, "Rockin' the Cradle," won first runner-up in Tiger Tunes. Dressed as babies with enormous blue cloth diapers and bibs, they amazed the crowd with their dance choreography. "It was an honor for me to hand the award down to them and be able to cheer them on from stage," said member Matt Buffalo, who was a Tiger Tunes host. The Betas dominated intramural football with the Beta Black team winning the championship.

The Beta Ski Lodge, held around Christmas, had one of its biggest turnouts in years. The Ski Lodge consisted of many skits. One of the most memorable being sophomore Clint Kolb imitating comedian Chris Farley as the motivational Santa Claus. "I honestly didn't think I had the guts to do it," Kolb said. "I didn't realize I could be that crazy." Money that was raised from the Ski Lodge was given to a local charity.

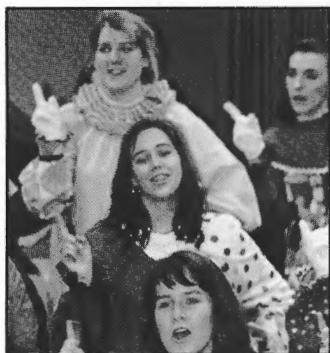
A new event begun this year was "date night." "We have mini outings where we go to Hot Springs or Little Rock to eat and do things like watch a movie and play putt-putt golf with our dates," said junior Brett Brundige. Whether it was organized or not, Betas always made time to spend together. "Sometimes we sit up in our rooms talking to four in the morning," said Brundige. Other activities included the fall outing to Branson and the spring outing to Dallas.

The Beta Beta Men's Social Club inducted 15 new members to continue their traditions and encourage individuality. With the start of another pledge class, the brotherhood continued. •by Danielle Carey

# Mark Of Distinction

*The women of Chi Delta made a distinct mark on campus.*

**Chi Delta,**  
*a women's social club,  
 known for its distinct  
 personalities made an  
 important impact ...*



*Chi Delta Women's Social Club perform their unique clown night during women's rush. After all of the parties Chi Delta gained 23 new pledges. •photo by Jim Yates*

"C-H-I, D-E-L-T-A, Chi Delta is the only way," the team cheered as junior quarterback Kerry Chandler dropped back and hit senior Stacey Peoples with a touchdown pass. Winning the women's intramural football championship was only one of the many accomplishments the women of Chi Delta conquered.

"It was exciting to win the championship, because it was the first time I had played," said sophomore Michelle Crim. "We were pretty pumped to walk away with the title."

The year was filled with a variety of events the Chi Deltas sponsored or of which they were a part. In the fall, the club sponsored the annual Harvest Moon event, which gave women the opportunity to ask the men out for an elegant evening during the TWIRP week activities.

The women of Chi Delta made their mark as tigers at the annual Tiger Tunes event sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation. As the tigers took the stage, they created their own jungle and pranced their way into third place.

In the spring, the women of Chi Delta met new faces and gained 23 pledges through the rush activities. "The pledge class was awesome," said senior Chi Delta president Shannon Littmann. "They came together and bonded, and I know

they will carry on the traditions of the club."

During pledge week, the pledges had a number of duties and other responsibilities to accomplish in a short time. "We worked together as a team and got our duties done," said freshman pledge class president Brandi Barker. "I wouldn't have changed anything."

Following the addition of the inductees, the women of Chi Delta sponsored the annual Ruby's Truckstop event, a night of laughs and entertainment for students.

Along with Ruby's, the club sponsored the first ever spring formal "Daisy Ball." The Chi Deltas wanted to give students an opportunity for a night out and a break from studying where they could just have a good time. "We needed a fundraiser, and we knew people liked to get dressed up," said junior Becky Herndon. "We just wanted to do something to get everyone involved."

From the first intramural game to the last Monday night meeting, the women of Chi Delta emphasized the individuality and uniqueness of their club. "We really focus on individuality," said Littmann. "Girls from different backgrounds, majors, talents and interests come together and unite to make Chi Delta what it is." •by Priscilla Shrader

Senior Stacey Peoples runs the ball for the women of Chi Delta. Chi Delta went on to capture the intramural football championship. •photo by Jim Yates





Dressed as tigers, the women of Chi Delta perform their Tiger Tunes show. By creating their own jungle, Chi Delta captured third place in the annual performance. *photo by Jim Yates*

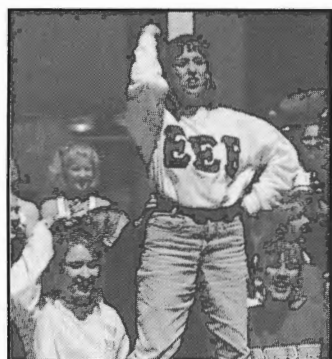


Senior Maradee Kem greets one of the pledges on Bid Day. Bid Day marked the start of a week-long induction for pledges. *photo by Jim Yates*

# Standing Strong

*For 70 years the women of EEE stood by tradition.*

*EEE, a women's social club that prides itself on loyalty and tradition, celebrated its 70th anniversary this year...*



*A group of members from the EEE Women's Social Club entertain students and parents alike at Parents' Day. Parents' Day gave parents a chance to observe campus activities and meet their child's friends and professors. photo by Carol Price*

The women stood outside, all lined up for a picture. Some were quite young, animated and full of life, while others showed the signs of aging on their faces. Why were all these women of varied ages together? Was this a family reunion? Yes, in a way it was. It was a reunion of the EEE "family." The social club celebrated its 70th anniversary this year.

The EEEs celebrated their anniversary by holding a brunch inviting all members throughout the social club's existence. "It was exciting to meet EEE alumni and hear their experiences," said junior Kim Cole. The present members soon learned that traditions were still much alive in the club. Senior Misty Brewer explained, "The speaker kept saying 'I know you don't do that anymore' and we were all like 'we do do that.'"

A new activity for the social club was "girls' night out." Members went to Hot Springs and ate, then returned to the University to watch movies. The activity was unique because no dates were taken. "It was a lot of fun," said sophomore Melissa Adams. "I hope this starts a new tradition."

Other activities the EEEs participated in were a hayride with the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club, a luau with the Beta Beta men's social club, the annual Barn Party, and a fall outing to Nashville. They also sponsored "roommate roundups."

The EEEs appeared in Tiger Tunes with the theme "Wedded Bliss that is Sealed with a Kiss."

Decorated as brides, they took third runner-up with their twirling, lighted bouquets, and massive wedding rings. "Tiger Tunes is the most fun of the activities because you meet people you usually don't hang around with," said junior Julie Jones.

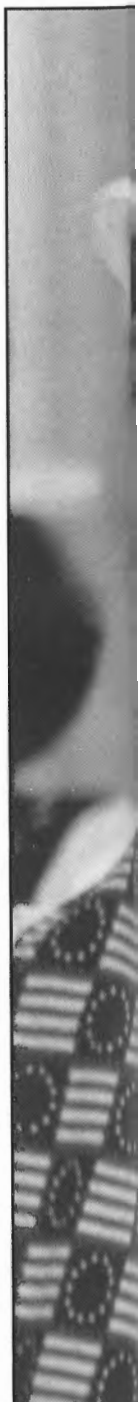
The 1995 pledge class had a big success with their fundraising project, the E-Male calendar. The calendar featured male students at the University, and included a full-colored cover. It also listed important calendar events. "We enjoyed putting the calendars together," said junior Jaime Fulton. "Anything is better than a carwash."

The EEEs were represented well this year on campus with sophomore Misty Butts taking fourth runner up in the Homecoming court and senior Merideth Arnn becoming the 1996 Miss OBU.

The women's social club provided a special bond with the members. "I gained friendships that will last a life time," said junior Alicia Harman. "It's neat because we're the only EEEs yet there is still a lot of us."

The EEEs continued to grow with a pledge class of 24. Pledge freshman Nicole Bender said, "Being an EEE not only provided me with an opportunity to know a great group of girls, but it also allowed me to get more involved in campus activity." The EEEs, while participating in such things as intramurals, developed new friendships as the club itself continued its tradition - 70 years strong. •by Danielle Carey

With help from their beaux, EEE members entertained the crowd at 50's night during TWIRP week. TWIRP week offered a change of pace for both males and females. photo by Jim Yates







Seniors Misty Brewer and Kristi Cannon and Junior Kim Cole entertain their rushes on EEE patriotic night. After all of the parties the women of EEE inducted 24 pledges. *photo by Jim Yates*

Dressed as brides, the women of EEE perform their Tiger Tunes show, "Wedded Bliss... Sealed With a Kiss." The show proved to be upbeat and entertaining. *photo by Guy Lyons*

# Bonds Of Unity

*The Gammas preserved their stronghold.*

**Gamma Phi**, a women's social club known for its individuality, proved to be a stronghold on campus...



The women of Gamma Phi perform their Tiger Tunes show "Singing in the Rain." The Gammas dressed in rain coats and performed unique choreography adapted to the occasion. photo by Guy Lyons

The Gamma Phi Women's Social Club could be described with one word—INDIVIDUALITY. The Gammas might have been small in numbers compared to other clubs, but it was these small numbers that held the club together.

The Gammas began the year with their traditional Sadie Hawkins event during TWIRP week. Their activities continued with their participation in the annual Tiger Tunes show. They chose the theme of "Singing in the Rain." Many club members agreed that Tiger Tunes was a great deal of hard work, but it was worth the effort. "The greatest part of Tiger Tunes is not how many times you win, but the closeness you develop with your sisters," said sophomore Latoya Chauncey. Closeness was definitely developed during the numerous hours of rehearsal.

The pledge class consisted of six new members who participated in the Gamma pledge tradition of dressing as Indians for the week. This was different because past years the Gammas conducted an open rush. "Gamma was the best choice for me because it allows me to be myself," said freshman Kim James. She believed that it

was the members' individuality that brings them together as one group. "No one person is the same," said James. "We all are different which keeps the club together and strong."

The pledge class successfully held their annual male beauty pageant, Mr. Tiger. Sophomore Kenneth Kinney was named the 1996 Mr. Tiger. The pledge class also hosted a Bahama Bash for the other members. For the Gammas, intramurals were exactly what they were meant to be. "We just like to spend time together and play for fun," said senior Kat Kirtley. "We aren't competitive."

Gamma Phi was about more than just activities. "It's more than a club, its a very close sisterhood," said junior Joanne Baillio. "My sisters are always there for me." The women shared a sisterhood that was held together by individuality and their faith in God. They had a special bond that had helped them endure all that life had thrown their way. Always loving and cheering one another on was the basis of their strength. Standing strong in their faith, the women of Gamma Phi endured another year and proved themselves as a stronghold in University history. •by Jodie Matthews

April Heintz sways to the rhythm and sings to the music throughout Rush week at Gamma Follies. Their show provided entertainment for the rushees who were eager to learn about this social club. photo by Jim Yates

Chad Gallagher, one of the Gamma's Big Brothers, shows off his hillbilly outfit at Sadie Hawkins. This function was held during T.W.I.R.P. week and was attended by many students. photo by Lesha Kirkham

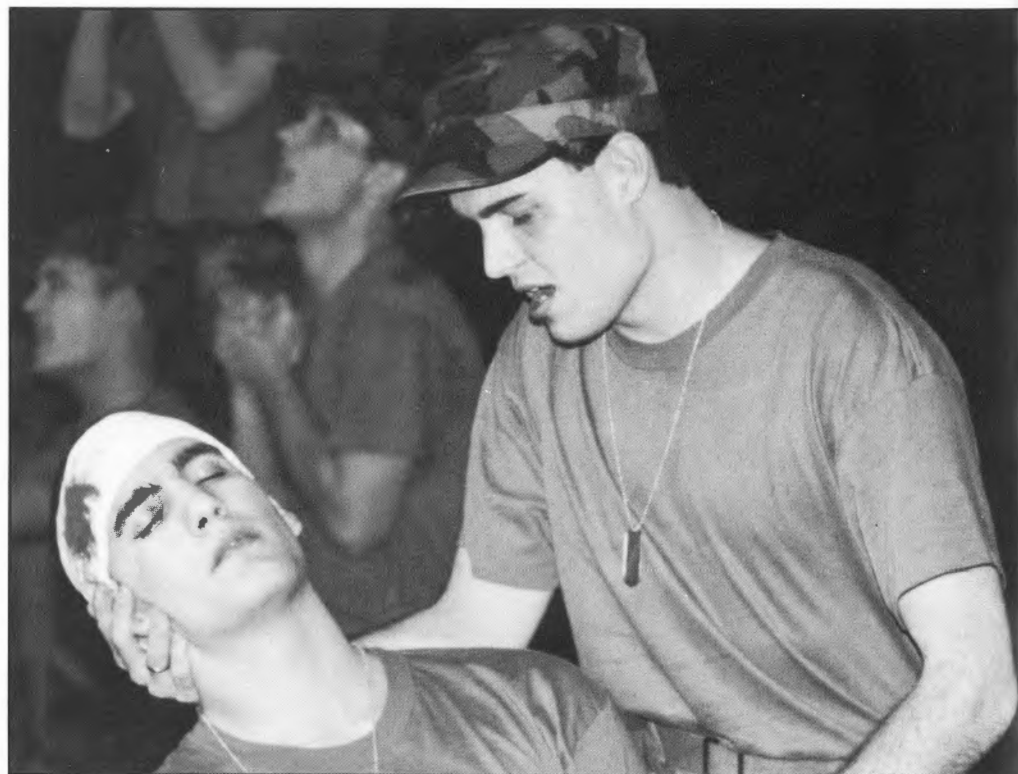
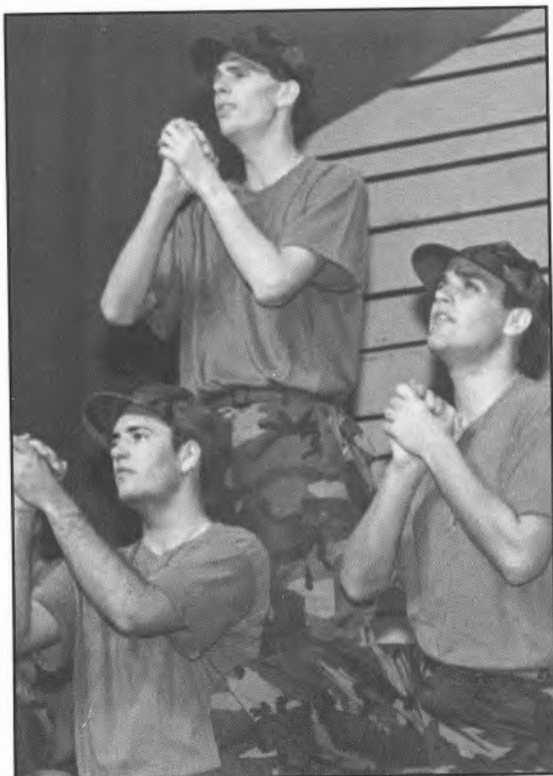
Jeanetta Becholdt and Lisa White chase down their opponent in an intramural football game. Intramurals proved to be a time of fun and excitement for the Gammas. *photo by Jim Yates*



Dr. Arrington and Dr. Elrod crack jokes on the stage at Mitchell Hall during Latenight, sponsored by Kappa Chi. This was the last performance in Mitchell Hall and proved to be a lasting memory in the minds of those who attended. •photo by Joy Barber



Billy Bird, Jason Greenwich, and Derek Erwin show grief and pain as they demonstrate to the audience the severity of war. The men of Kappa Chi gained the Tiger Tunes title for the second consecutive year with this enactment. •photo by Jim Yates

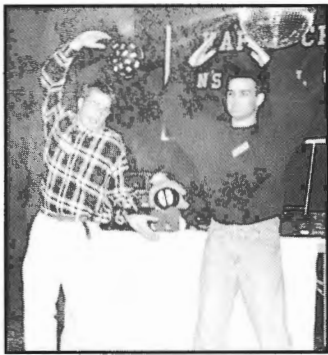




# Back To Back

*The Kappas reached unreachable goals.*

**Kappa Chi**, a men's social club, was marked by unique character and accomplishments...



Seniors Kellee McCoy and Derek Erwin entertain rushers in the midst of disco and smoke. The Kappas set a record by inducting a total of 31 pledges. *photo by Sandra Scuzchi*

Graffiti covered the worn cement walls, the stage resembled Dave's Late Night set, and students filled the splintered chairs as the Men of Kappa Chi bid a farewell to Mitchell Hall. The audience enjoyed the special guest appearances of Dr. Ben Elrod, Dr. Mike Arrington, and Dean B. Aldon Dixon. The show was a success because of the traditional hard work, unity, and creativity of the members.

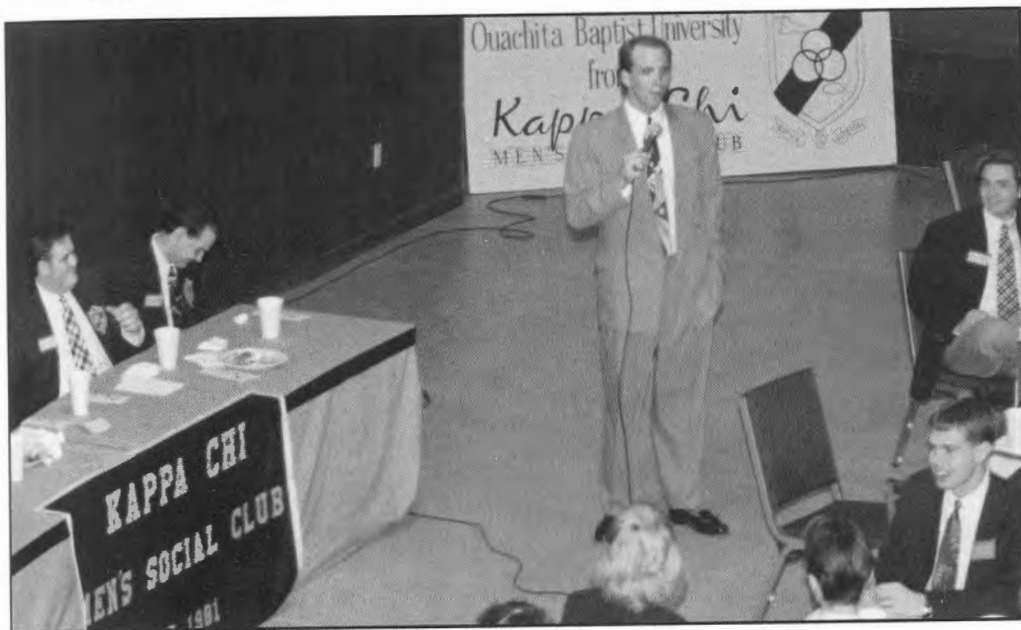
Late Night with the Kappas was only one of the many successful events the men created throughout the year. The sound of marching soldiers, drill sergeants, and mail call rang through Jones Performing Art Center as the Kappas turned the stage into a patriotic salute. The soldiers fought to steal the show at the 17th annual Tiger Tunes performance. The Kappa Chis captured the hearts of the judges which led to their second straight Tiger Tunes championship.

At the traditional Kappa Chi rush parties, the members chose the largest pledge class in the

history of the club. The pledge class consisted of 31 members. The pledges found a future of solid Christian values and true brotherhood. "Our pledge class is definitely the biggest," said sophomore Russell Jones, "but not so big that we have not already built friendships."

The Kappas took an outing to Victorian Eureka Springs to celebrate the Christmas season. Some members enjoyed historical downtown while others relaxed away from the hectic schedule of school. In addition, the Kappas traveled to familiar camping sights to experience the woods.

Whether the men of Kappa Chi entertained, hosted dating services, or spent time hanging out, they continued to add new memories and tradition to their brotherhood; however, the values of the club were passed on to the new members in order to build a successful future for the club. "Although the Kappas have changed a lot since I have been a member," said Lannie Byrd, "the traditions tie us to the past." *•by Marci Phillips*



Junior David Sanders tends to an injured soldier during the Kappa Chi Tiger Tunes show. With a theme of patriotism, loyalty, and courage the men of Kappa Chi captivated the judges and audience alike. *•photo by Guy Lyons*

The Kappas Traditional Night during Rush week offers a barbecue dinner and speeches by many members. The turnout was huge, which helped the Kappas learn more about their prospective pledge class. *•photo by Jim Yates*



Senior Mark Darr steals the spotlight. Playing the role of sergeant, Darr took command of the audience. *•photo by Guy Lyons*



A group of Rho Sigmas devised a way to view a Tiger baseball game using bunk beds. Their unique ideas were often surprising to on-lookers, but they served their purpose. •*photo by Guy Lyons*

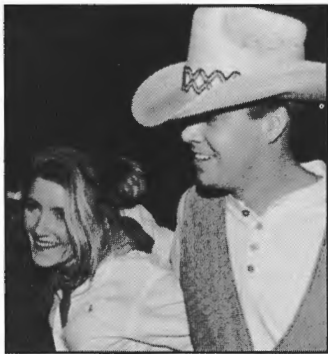
One can find many members of Rho Sigma screaming at basketball games. The common bond between the guys was found in sports and there was no better way to spend an evening than to cheering the Tigers to victory. •*photo by Matt Manning*



# Spirit Raisers

*Rho Sigma faithfully supported University athletics.*

**Rho Sigma, a men's social club known for their "red shirts" and unflinching athletic support...**



*Junior Mark Conine and Senior Monica Meyers entertain rushees at the Rho Sigma Saloon Party. At the conclusion of Rush, the men of Rho Sigma gained four pledges. photo by Jim Yates*

The Tigers were tied with 15 seconds left in the game. Senior Randy Winters took the field preparing to kick the final extra point, which would win the game for the Tigers. Conversation halted, and the crowd focused on the field. Rising to their feet, the men of Rho Sigma rang their cow bells and belted out support for their home team.

The Red Shirts were known on campus as spirit raisers. At almost every athletic event, the men of Rho Sigma were there in rare form parading their spirit in red and white painted faces, showing support for each team. Whether they were ringing their cow bells or heckling Henderson's outfield, the Red Shirts were huge fans of University athletics.

One event carried out by the club, was the annual "ball run." The club ran from Arkadelphia to the University of Arkansas at Monticello to deliver the game ball and show their support for Tiger football. Athletics and the support of each team claimed center stage for the men of Rho Sigma.

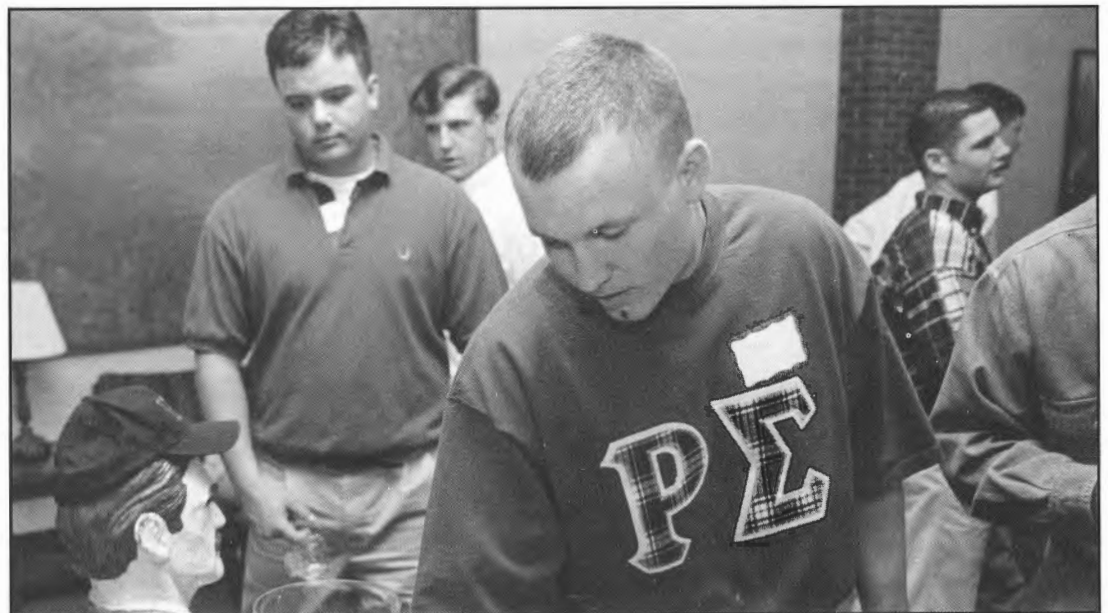
Along with school spirit, the Red Shirts

participated in fundraisers for their club. They held car washes, raffles, and the annual pledge auction. Pledges were auctioned off and sold to other students. These fund raisers helped the club to pay for Rush and other club expenses.

In the summer, the men of Rho Sigma celebrated 60 years of brotherhood with a reunion held in Hot Springs. The current members were able to mingle and meet the older members in a casual setting. "It was interesting to see and be around the old and new Red Shirt members," said junior Kaleb Barrett. "We had a good time sharing stories and good times."

In the spring, the club kicked off the semester with Rush Week and their annual saloon dance, adding four pledges to their membership. They also took their annual float trip to the Buffalo River and serenaded the women of the University with their monthly bell rings.

"Pledging Rho Sigma was the best decision I've ever made," said freshman Cliff Day. "It's not like having 40 friends; it's like having 40 brothers." •by Priscilla Shrader



*Keith Purifoy assists in putting together a display for the Rho Sigmas during Rush Week. The display helped Rush participants to learn more about the Rho Sigma Men's Social Club. photo by Jim Yates*

# Embracing Diversity

*Sigma Alpha Sigma offered an array of events.*

**Sigma Alpha Sigma, a men's social club, was marked by a carefree spirit and loyal brotherhood...**



Senior Chris Bosen and alumnus Michael Robbins prepare a table during Rush. The men of Sigma Alpha Sigma proudly displayed their club photos and belongings. •photo by Jim Yates

The band of girls huddled in the middle of the room and clutched arms tightly, furtively glancing into the dark corners for signs of danger. Then it came—not a sign, but a sound—a muffled revving sound from somewhere behind them. Not a second later, the group scattered as a cloaked figure carrying a buzzing chainsaw emerged from the blackness to chase his prey. Listening to the echoes of their friends' screams, the next group waited with nail-biting anticipation for their turn to face terror.

The Haunted House that the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma set up for Halloween with the women of Tri Chi was only one of several attempts at providing the campus with fun of a different kind. Other events sponsored by the Ss, such as the Playboy Club rush party, Octogafest, the Reggae Party, and S Night Live, attracted a variety of students and brought them together for nights of forgetting the pressures of upcoming deadlines and hectic schedules.

Along with their carefree spirit, the Ss also displayed a more serious side. Different members devoted themselves to community service projects, such as raking leaves around local apartments, providing rides for students without transportation, and volunteering at various organizations in the area, such as Group Living. They also took their spring outing to Memphis.

One of the most important activities for the club was the annual float trip taken with club alumni. Senior President David Whittington said, "They're still a part of the club. It's fun to get together and tell stories." The group found strength in that tie to tradition, and the catchword was, without a doubt, "brotherhood." The unity of the club attracted an eager pledge class. "I can really tell how it has changed my college experience," said sophomore pledge Ray Baser. "I now feel more at home at Ouachita since I pledged Sigma Alpha Sigma."

Sigma Alpha Sigma embraced the diversity it found among the student population, and its membership reflected that acceptance. Sophomore pledge Shannon Hodges said, "Everyone's different, but we have Sigma Alpha Sigma in common." Whittington agreed that the club surpassed social barriers. "I've got friends that I never thought I'd have," he said.

One could describe the club with various words—diversity, "the true breed," or brotherhood. But those were mere words. Students who screamed until their throats were hoarse at the Haunted House or spent hours putting their hair into a hundred tiny braids for the Reggae Party got a temporary dose of the indescribable experience of Sigma Alpha Sigma. •by Cory Hutchinson

Allison Wilson and Jari Kirkland roll around the rink during the S's Octogafest. Outfits of sandals and togas created an atmosphere of the Greeks while the music of today rocked in the background. •photo by Jim Yates

Dave Whittington shouts commands at pledges Jason Miller, John Lincavage, and Ryan Killackey. The week was full of chores and walking in lines, but the pledges obeyed the demands of the senior S members. •photo by Jim Yates

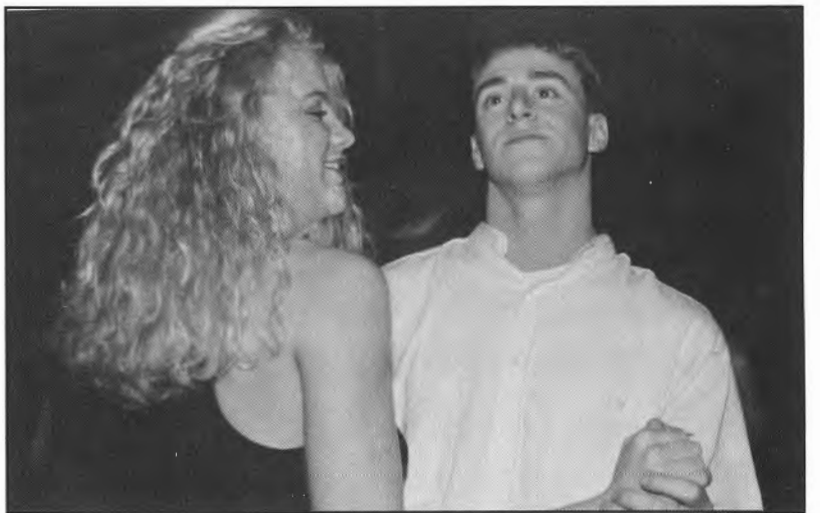
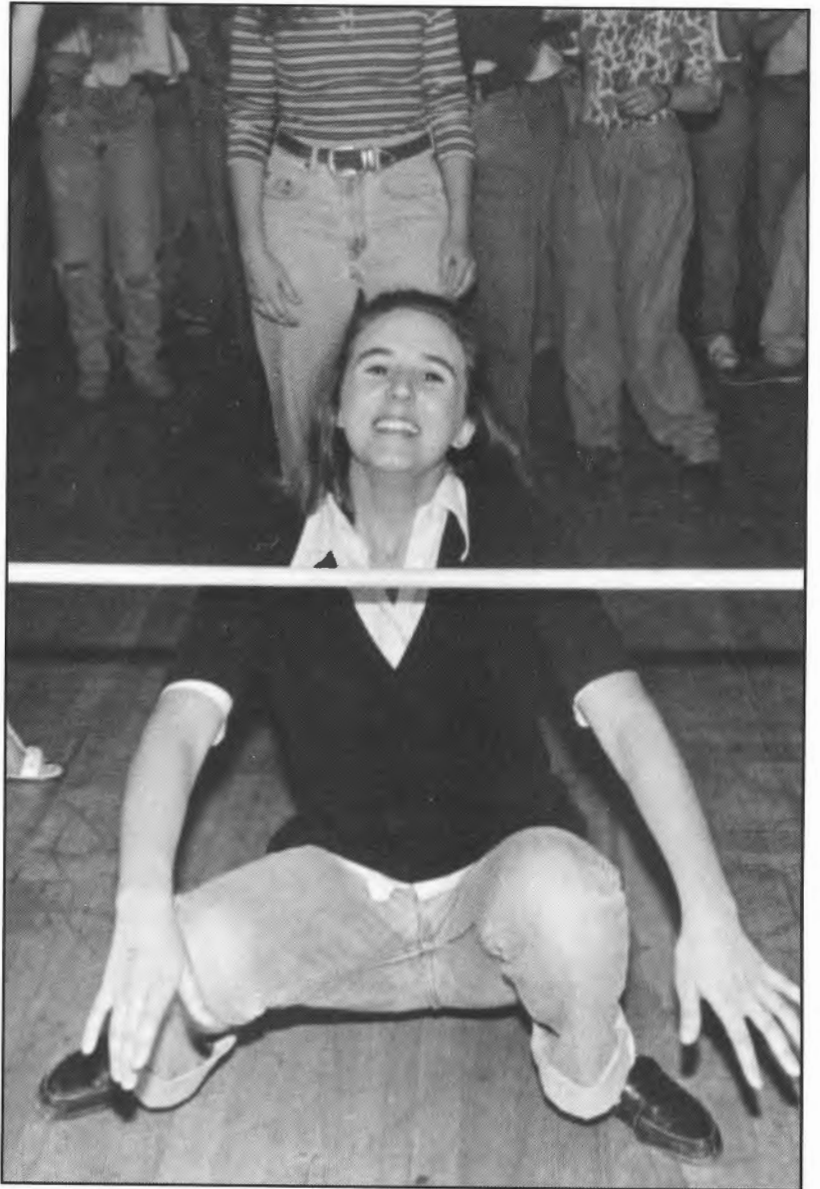






Shannon Hodges and Shane Wooten play a friendly game of spades with other S members. A relaxed afternoon with the guys enables the younger members to become closer to their club brothers. *photo by Jim Yates*

Kelly Welch limbos at the S's Reggae Party. The music and socializing provided a great evening of fellowship for all students. *photo by Jim Yates*



Andy Russell and Brandi Barker participate in Playboy Club during Rush Week. This evening provided entertainment for prospective members of the S's. *photo by Jim Yates*

# Active Involvement

*Fundraising and entertaining helped Tri Chi raise awareness on campus.*

**Tri Chi, a women's social club, marked by bonds of unity and involvement...**



*Dressed as hillbillies, Tri Chi performs their Tiger Tunes show. As the opening act, the club prepared the audience for an incredible show. •photo by Guy Lyons*

From fundraisers and Tiger Tunes to lock-ins and parties, being a member of Tri Chi Women's Social Club meant being involved. The Tri Chis began the year with Planet Ouachita during TWIRP Week. Students enjoyed cokes and popcorn while they were treated to a variety show which included the beaus. "The beaus really added talent to the show," said sophomore Heather Bird. "They devoted a lot of time and effort to make this year's show one of the best."

Members and beaus also had a blast performing during Tiger Tunes. The Tri Chis, adorned in overalls and freckles, showed students what it was really like to be a hillbilly as they sang and performed their versions of familiar country songs. In December the club went to Medieval Times in Dallas for their Christmas outing. There they were entertained in a knights of the round table atmosphere.

The spring semester brought about new changes for the club. With a pledge class of 23, Tri Chi added to their club and started new traditions. This year pledges had to wear beanies, which had teddy bear ears and pink bows. The

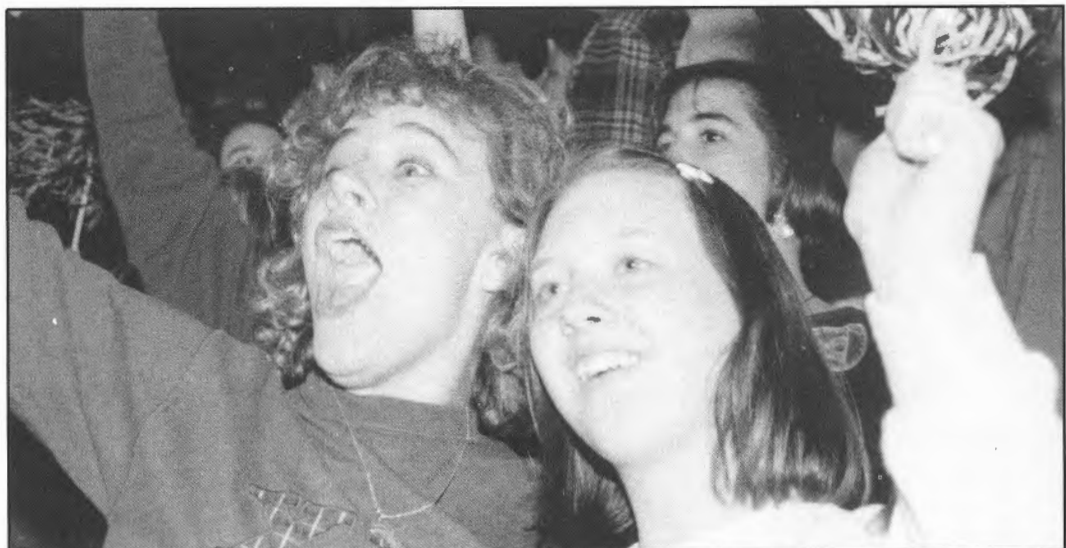
beanies were to be passed on to all following pledges. After the final day of pledge week the club had a lock-in for the 23 women who were proud to be Tri Chi members. "Pledge week was rough, but it was worth it," said freshman Allyson Denton. "I was proud to be part of the group I had respected all semester." The pledge class had a party called Singled Out at Ouachita, where students played the dating game. The fundraiser brought in \$200 for the pledge class.

Another new tradition was a balloon release the club did for St. Jude's hospital in Memphis. Members sold balloons to raise money for the hospital and released the balloons on April 13th. Balloons were dedicated in memory of loved ones and a plaque now hangs in the hospital. "It was a meaningful experience for me and all of the other members," said sophomore Heather McNutt. "We hope to make this an annual event."

Tri Chi would end another year of being involved with a spring outing to Eureka Springs. This outing was for members only and proved to be yet another positive bonding experience for the women of Tri Chi. •by Janna Young

Seniors Jamie Crenshaw and Mary Lewis display their love for country life in Tiger Tunes. The annual competition was tough, but it was worth all of the effort. •photo by Jim Yates

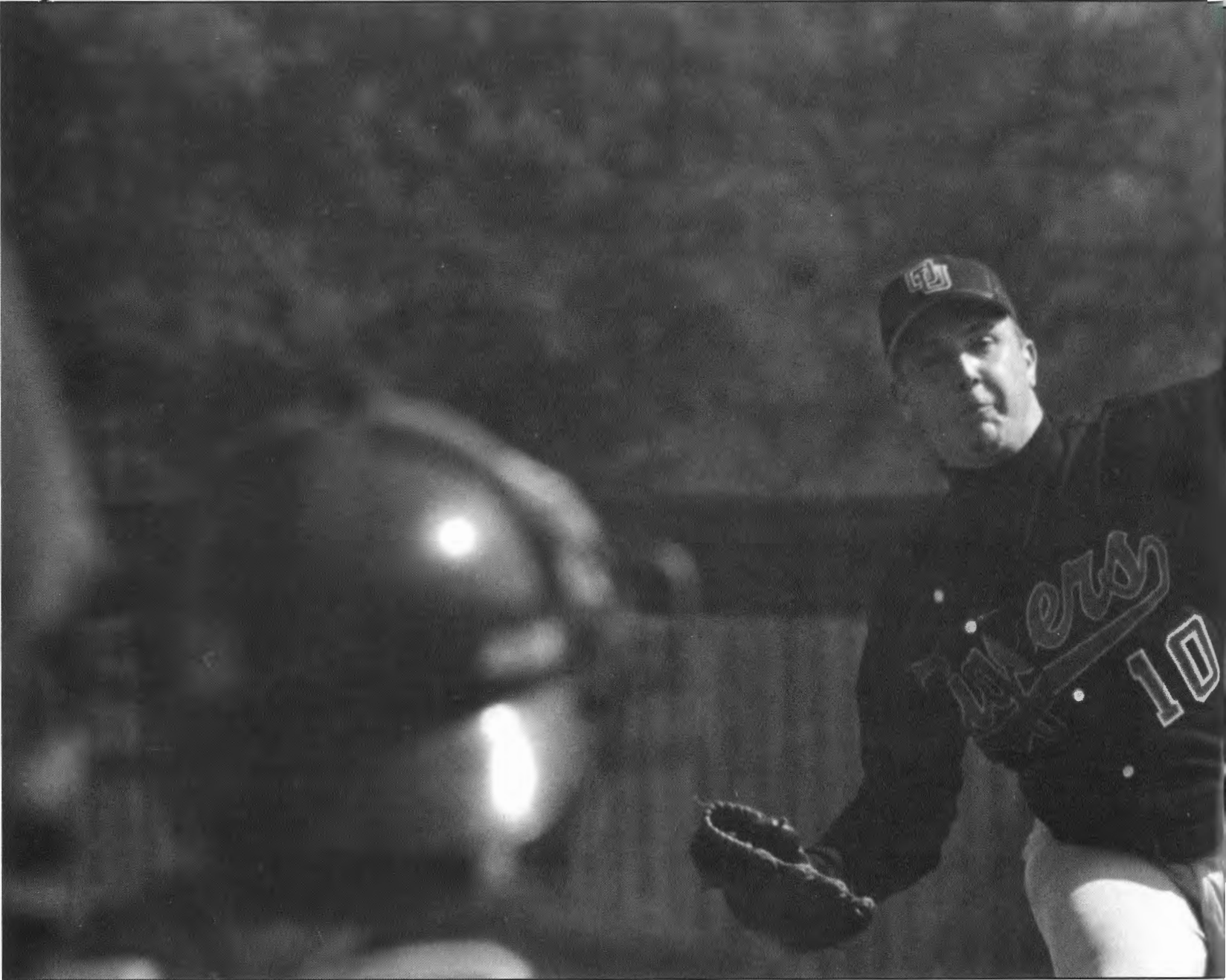
Tri Chi members Mandi Cozart and Lara Ellis cheer on the football team during the last game of the season. The excitement of the club displayed Tri Chi's support for the players. •photo by Jim Yates



Meredith Archer, Meredith Kelley, and Chariny Herring show their acting abilities during Planet Ouachita. Planet Ouachita was a variety show held during TWIRP Week. *photo by Jim Yates*



# SPORTS



*photo by Guy Lyons*

He threw the ball up. His hand followed the movement, and the racket maneuvered by the force of his strength made contact and served the tennis ball into his opponent's court. His opponent anticipated the serve and returned it to the far side of the court with even more force. **REACHING** with every inch of his body, Patrik Lofvenberg slammed the ball back into his opponent's court and scored.

Moments like this earned Lofvenberg the tennis title of Southern Senior

Player of the Year and moved the men's tennis team to a fifth place finish in the nation. They reached **BEYOND** all levels of Arkansas tennis, finishing higher in the nation than any Arkansas tennis team ever had. Yet, the competition would grow fierce.

The AIC had come to an end, and the University would now face competition in NCAA Division II as an independent. This meant new teams with different strengths, as well as **THE** revival of some old rivalries. Baseball, swimming, and basketball all faced the reopening of "the battle of the ravine" as they fought to defeat the Henderson Reddies.

University athletics would face additional challenges as we introduced the women's cross country team to competition and lost some treasured coaches to retirement. Head Football Coach Buddy Benson retired from coaching and became athletic director after Bill Vining announced his retirement from the University.

Yet, we were prepared to meet every challenge.

We searched beyond the **WALL** for a new

football coach and found Red Parker. We proved ourselves in competition against old rivalries. And we broadened our horizons with new sports, new teams, and new competition. We reached beyond our goals and expectations.



*With an incredible determination to win, sophomore Doug Fellenz thrusts all his energy behind the baseball as he pitches it toward home plate in a baseball game against the Henderson Reddies. The University's athletic teams ranging from football to swimming opened the doors to new competition with the acceptance into the NCAA Division II. This acceptance also reignited some old rivalries and reopened "the battle of the ravine."*

**GOAL**— Junior Kevin Jones fights for the first down against the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Tigers faced tough defenses the entire season. They were only able to hold on to two victories, finishing the season with a 2-7 record.  
•photo by Guy Lyons



**The Tigers experience a season of triumphs as well as heartaches.**

## *the tigers search for missing* **PIECES**

With sweaty palms and the sound of a roaring crowd, he clapped his hands, left the huddle, positioned himself across from the enemy, and set up his offense. He looked to his right and then his left, called the play, and embarked on the mission which had called him three years earlier.

Junior quarterback Brad Ray took the Tiger squad through a tough season capturing only two victories and seven devastating losses in what would be Coach Buddy Benson's final season at the University.

For Benson and his men, the season began on a hot August afternoon. The troops lined the field secured in helmets and shorts, lacking the complete padded uniform. The heat pounded down on the 57 veterans and newcomers as they went through a health, strength, agility, and speed testing period. Full speed practices in full pads followed as the opening game drew near.

"We have a few holes to fill, but we look good so far," said Benson after the first week of summer practices.

With a change in affiliation and conference after gaining dual membership in NAIA Division I and NCAA Division II, the team was preparing for the season, relying on Benson, who had been with the University for over three decades.

A third straight opening game win and the University's 400th football victory came in the season opener against Southwest Baptist University. The milestone victory came through the combination of Ray and his prime passing targets. With the score tied 10-10 in the third quarter, Ray took advantage of a pass interference penalty against the Bearcats by hitting junior fullback Jeff Johnson on a 15-yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers a 17-10 lead with 4:28 left in the quarter.

The Bearcats were forced to punt on the following drive and three plays later Johnson pranced into the endzone cushioning the lead,

making it a final 24-10 victory.

After the victorious opener, the Tigers found the next two games to be tough. With a 17-3 loss against Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a 35-14 loss to Northeastern Oklahoma State University, the squad began searching for pieces to fit the missing parts of the puzzle.

The pieces fit for Benson and his squad against the Tigers of East Central Oklahoma State University. The team jumped out to a 29-3 lead early and held out for the victory.

Benson's Tigers were ahead 14-3 at halftime, but had to kick off to East Central to begin the second half. After the defense forced a punt, Ray hit senior split end Richard Williams on a 51-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter. East Central's quarterback Richard Peoples drove his squad down the field in an 18 play, 97-yard drive, that Peoples ended with an eight-yard touchdown run, making the final score 29-16.

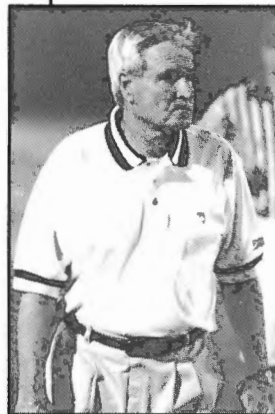
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**COMING DOWN**—Junior quarterback Brad Ray gets off his pass just in time to avoid a sack by the Harding Bison defense. Ray led the Tigers against the Bison, but came up short with a 13-16 defeat. •*photo by Joy Barber*

*sharing the spotlight*  
**BENSON & PARKER**

As he paced the sideline at Burkle Field in Russellville in front of his players, just as he had done for 31 years at A.U. Williams Field, there didn't seem to be a difference. He was still pacing, still barking out orders just as he had done 309 times before at stadiums all across the nation, from Ada and Weatherton, Okla., to Monticello, Ark., and from Boliver, Mo., to Shreveport, La.



This time it was different. He knew it. His players knew it. His family knew it. Everyone who knew Tiger Head Coach Buddy Benson and had ever been associated with the University knew there was something historic about this day.

**NEW ROLES—**  
 Coach Benson says farewell to his team and coaching career, while Coach Parker says hello.  
 •*photo by Guy Lyons*

Jesse "Buddy" Benson's 310th game turned out to be his last. The season epitomized the character of all

Benson teams — don't give up, don't ever give up.

Despite the numbers, Benson's teams were always there, fighting for a win late in the fourth quarter. Benson's teams won 162 of the games he coached, four Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference titles and earned two trips to the NAIA national playoffs.

In late fall, Red Parker, a 1988 inductee in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame was hired and named the new head football coach for the University.

Parker had coached at both the high school and college level. He began his duties at the University during the spring semester in off-season football. Coach Parker was known as one of the state's most successful coaches. •*by Jeff Williams*

*reviving tradition*  
**FROM AIC  
TO NCAA**

It was that time of the year again. The Tigers and the Henderson State University Reddies would play their annual game known as the "Battle of the Ravine." For more than 30 years, the two teams displayed their rivalry in many ways. The Reddies would paint the Tiger red, and the Tigers would put purple coloring in the HSU fountain.

### LONE STAR CONFERENCE

- Ouachita Baptist University
- Northeastern Oklahoma University
- Southeastern Oklahoma University
- Harding University
- Abilene Christian University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Texas Woman's University
- Tarleton State University
- West Texas A&M University
- Midwestern State University
- East Texas State University

However, so much had changed in 30 years. The Tiger was no longer painted red and the fountain had not been purple in several years. The tradition died in 1993 when the Reddies left the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference which was

part of the NAIA athletic league.

The move of Henderson and UCA in 1993 to the Gulf South Conference marked the end of the 68-year-old AIC and cast an uncertain future on the NAIA. According to athletic director Bill Vining, "We would have no competition in the NAIA. We must belong to an organization with teams comparable to ours if we want to compete."

The University was classified as "independent" and had no affiliation with a conference. The University was allowed to retain membership in the NAIA because the NCAA required a three year probationary period.

The famous "Battle of the Ravine" was scheduled to resume. So much had changed, yet some things were still the same. •by Jodie Matthews

**HUSTLE**—Freshman Art Cadena avoids a tackle against the defense of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Cadena provided early leadership in the battle against UAM, but the Tigers suffered a 26-27 loss. •photo by Jim Yates





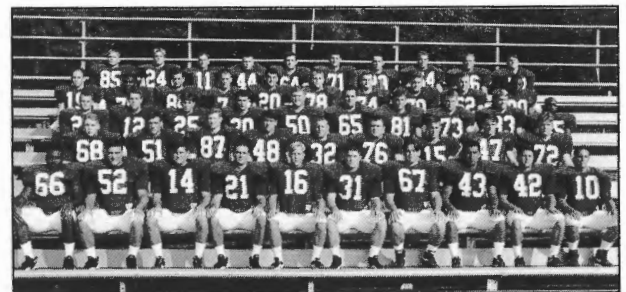
## Tiger Football

# for the RECORD

Southwest Baptist University	24-10
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	3-17
Northeastern Oklahoma State University	14-35
East Central Oklahoma State University	29-16
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	17-47
Southern Arkansas University	20-21
University of Arkansas at Monticello	26-27
Harding University	13-16
Arkansas Tech University	21-24

### 2-7 OVERALL

**TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM**—*front row:* William Nevels, Chad Wilkerson, Kevin Jones, Randy Winters, Richard Williams, Jeff Johnson, Josh Jones, Jason Renteria, Kenny Griggs, Brad Ray *second row:* Anthony Efird, Brian Maddox, Jeremy Petters, Don Hoover, William Moody, Billy Rhoden, Robert Poole, Jody Sifford, Aaron Thedford *third row:* Vince Perrin, Wes Rexrode, Art Cadena, Brian Kehner, Chet White, Justin Wooten, Wade Atchison, Greg Dalton, Brent Black, Adrian Tamplin *fourth row:* Cameron Gantz, Adrian Miller, Jason Owen, Tommy Poole, Mike Carozza, Brad Patterson, Jim Dipple, Ducer Smith, Josh Willeford, Damien Harris *fifth row:* Jason O'Neill, Casey McFadin, John Risinger, Mark Palfreeman, Haden Gildner, Scott Witherspoon, Mike Laughlin, Bryan Hoy, Kevin Samples, James Gass • *photo by Guy Lyons*



**LOSING MOMENTUM**—The Bison offense tries to push through the Tiger defense not finding the yards they need. The Tiger defense found their task to be a tough one. •*photo by Jim Yates*



## the tigers search for missing PIECES

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The remaining six games proved to be heartbreakers for the Tigers. Southeastern Oklahoma State University defeated the Tigers in a devastating 47-17 loss.

Southern Arkansas University took its victory against the Tigers when freshman Lucas Mellott blocked senior Randy Winters' extra point attempt with 2:41 left in the game which ended with a score of 21-20. Concentrating on the ball and watching the snap, he kicked the ball and hoped for the best. As he watched his attempt draw nearer to the center of the uprights, he was devastated when the kick was blocked and the conversion failed.

"I was hoping that Randy would make the extra point," said Benson. "We had two timeouts left and the momentum, and I thought our defense could hold them, then get the ball back and score again."

The same devastation took its toll when the Tigers took on the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The team could not convert an extra point attempt late in the fourth quarter, and the Boll Weavils came out on top with a 27-26 victory.

The final upsets for Benson's squad came with a 16-13 loss against the Harding Bisons, and a 24-21 loss against the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys. The Tigers closed the season with a 2-7 record.

"We were pleased with our efforts," said Williams. "I thought we played really hard. We just had some tough losses in the end."

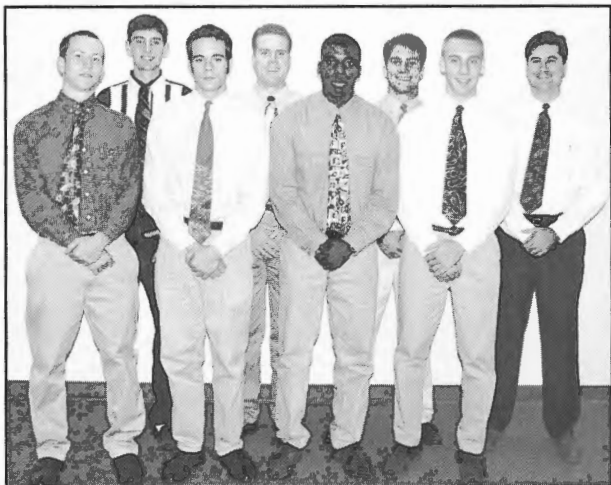
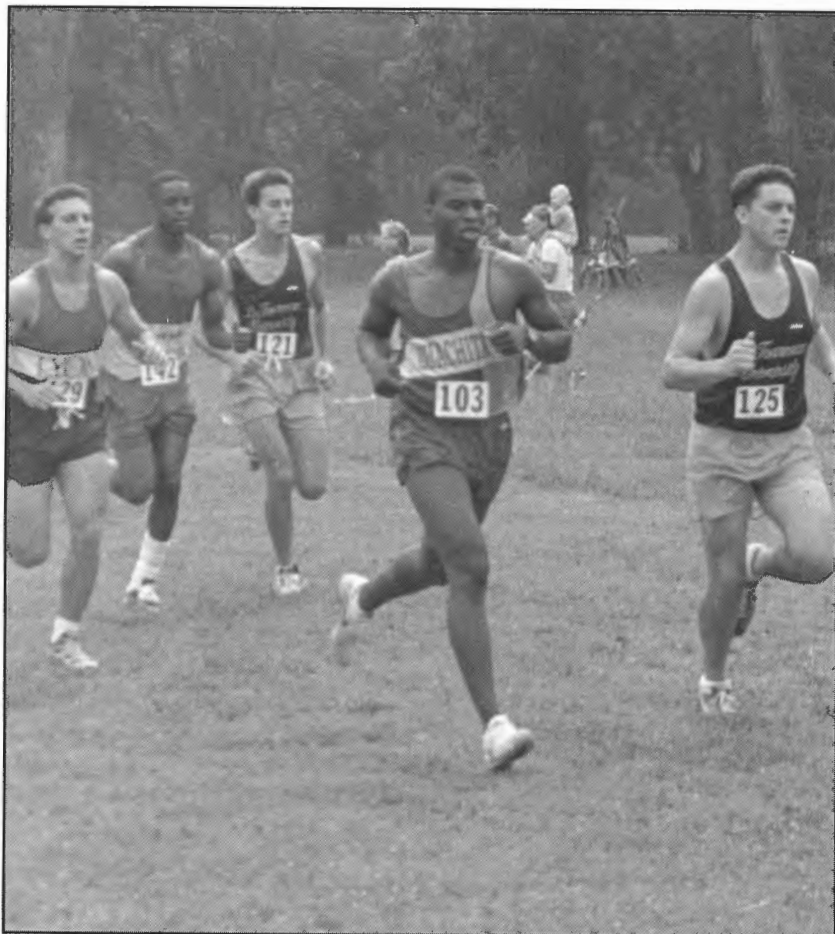
After a tough season and 31 years of service, Coach Benson announced his retirement as head football coach for the University. He was replaced by Coach Red Parker.

"Toward the end of the season we played really hard, but we lost some tough games," said junior Kevin Jones. "We wanted to play especially hard because it was Coach Benson's last season, and we wanted to send him out well."

The team used the off-season to prepare for the next season and the battles that would lay ahead. •*by Priscilla Shrader*

**CONCENTRATION**—Junior Eric Torrence concentrates on the finish line ahead in the OBU Invitational. The Tigers placed third in the meet, behind LeTourneau University and Harding University. •photo by Joy Barber

**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**—front row: Matt Parker, Mason Pickens, Eric Torrence, Ross Brown back row: Trey Cone, Brant Steffey, Trey Barr, Coach Grant Pate •photo by Joy Barber



**With the help of new leadership, men's cross country moves ahead.**

# *men's cross country searches for the* **FINISH LINE**

The sweat poured down his face as he wiped his wet hands on his shorts. He got on his mark, focused on the task ahead, and waited for the signal. As he took off, he concentrated on every stride, striving for the ultimate goal of the finish line.

Coach Grant Pate and his squad endured a tough season of rebuilding with the addition of new leadership and the transition into a new conference.

While most students were catching some rays on the beach or taking part in a summer internship, these faithful few were training for the season that lied ahead. Sophomore Mason Pickens was one of the runners who improved over the summer break. "He worked really hard all summer and has come back in good shape," said Pate after the runners returned in the fall.

The team practiced hard in preparation for the first meet, running and conditioning daily. Pate went into the season "cautiously

optimistic" about his group of distance runners.

The squad's first meet was held in their own backyard at the University's north campus. The team finished third in the invitational, and Harding took the men's championship.

The top finisher for the University was junior Trey Cone who finished eighth with a time of 27:42. Pickens was next with a time of 29:22. The humidity proved to be a tough factor in the meet. "The times were slow all around compared to other meets due to the humidity," said Pate.

The next meet for Pate and his runners turned out to be a victory for the squad when they placed first in the Hendrix College Invitational. The Tigers placed four runners in the top 10. Cone once again led the team with a first place finish and a time of 27:54.

The next stop for the Tigers was the Lyon College Invitational Meet, where the team finished third with 52 points trailing Harding University with 37 points and Lyon College

with 51. Pickens led the Tigers with 27:06 time followed by Cone and Junior Eric Torrence.

With two regular season meets left, the Tigers regrouped and continued the hard work to end the season. They finished sixth place in the Rhodes College Invitational and captured a second victory at Hendrix College finishing first with 39 points followed by Lyon College with 41 and Williams Baptist with 73.

The Tigers wrapped up their season with a 10th place finish in the NAIA Southwest Regional Cross Country Championship Meet. The finish came in a field of 13 with 274 points.

"We did a lot," said Cone. "We practiced hard, and we all came together for our regional meet."

Coach Pate was pleased with his squad's performance. "These guys worked really hard all year, and I was very pleased with their work ethic," said Pate. "I look forward to the off-season and what we can do next year." •by Priscilla Shrader



**TOP RUNNER**—Sophomore Mason Pickens leads the way for the Tigers in the OBU Invitational. Pickens provided strong leadership for the team with a competitive spirit and a determination to win. •photo by Joy Barber

## Men's Cross Country

# for the RECORD

<b>OBU Invitational</b>	
Harding University	21
LeTourneau University	46
Ouachita	79
Southern Arkansas University	100
University of the Ozarks	117

<b>Hendrix College Invitational</b>	
Ouachita	29
Lyon College	36
Southern Arkansas University	55

<b>Lyon College Invitational</b>	
Harding University	37
Lyon College	51
Ouachita	52
Williams Baptist College	86
University of the Ozarks	122

<b>Rhodes College Invitational</b>	
Harding University	51
Rhodes College	51
Greenville College	77
Christian Brothers University	113
Trinity University	156
Ouachita	160
Southwestern University	162
Southern Arkansas University	207
University of the South	215
Rust College	265

<b>Hendrix College Invitational</b>	
Ouachita	39
Lyon College	41
Williams Baptist College	73

<b>NAIA Southwest Regional Championship</b>	
Lubbock Christian University	15
Northwood University	82
Harding University	113
Oklahoma Baptist University	141
Oklahoma Christian University	162
Ambassador University	164
Wayland Baptist University	170
LeTourneau University	173
Southern Nazarene University	242
Ouachita	274
Lyon College	287
Incarnate Word College	287
University of Mary-Hardin Baylor	394

## 10th in NAIA SW REGION



## Women's Cross Country

# for the RECORD

### OBU Invitational

Harding University	17
Lyon College	77
Henderson State University	78
Ouachita	85

### Lyon College Invitational

Henderson State University	1st
Lyon College	2nd
Ouachita	3rd

**ENDURANCE**—Stuart runs with stamina to the very end. Stuart was one of only five members on the women's cross country team. The team's small number allowed for them to receive team scores in only two of the seven meets in which they participated.  
*•photo by Guy Lyons*



**STRETCH**—Freshman Sarah Jones stretches with sophomore Stacy Stuart before practice. Practice was a big part of being on the cross country team. The team's practice included running every morning as well as lifting weights and running again in the evening. •photo by Guy Lyons



**PASSING OPPONENTS**—Stuart works her way through the crowd at the NAIA Southwest Regional Cross Country Championship at North Park in Irving, Texas. Stuart came in 68th place in the meet with a time of 27 minutes. •photo by Ronald Jones

**The women's cross country team establishes a lasting foundation.**

# women's cross country prepares for **TAKEOFF**

With hearts pounding, clammy hands, and beads of sweat waiting to burst forth, the women's cross country runners anxiously awaited the fire of the gun signifying the start. Suddenly, hundreds of feet stammered past the starting line with a loud roar. The entire group of runners dashed toward the path shoulder to shoulder each trying to break free from the pack. Focusing only on each step they took, the runners put all of their long hours of training into action, hoping to come out the victor in the end. Mile after mile the women refused to give up, even after fatigue had put its toll on them. Sweat pouring into each runners eyes was a sign that this sport was definitely not easy. Finally, the light at the end of the

tunnel could be seen. Through pure exhaustion, the runners paraded over the finish line, each gaining victory at the fact they had finished the race.

It was a year of firsts for the team. In its first year of existence, the team consisted of five women and was coached by first-year coach Jill Murders. Coach Murders said she had a good group of distance runners. "These girls really showed the desire to give whatever it takes to be the best they could be," Murders said. "The girls got up and ran at 5:45 in the morning which really showed dedication. In the afternoon, they lifted weights and ran again at night," Murders added.

Throughout the season, the women did not always have five runners participating in the

meets. Therefore, they did not receive team scores for meets. The team finished up the regular season with their meet at Hendrix. Coach Murders said that she was pleased with her team's performance and work ethic this season despite the few runners she had. The women participated in the regional meet at Kenosha, Washington. Sarah Jones finished 63rd, Stacy Stuart finished 68th, and Hope Tate finished 69th in the regional meet.

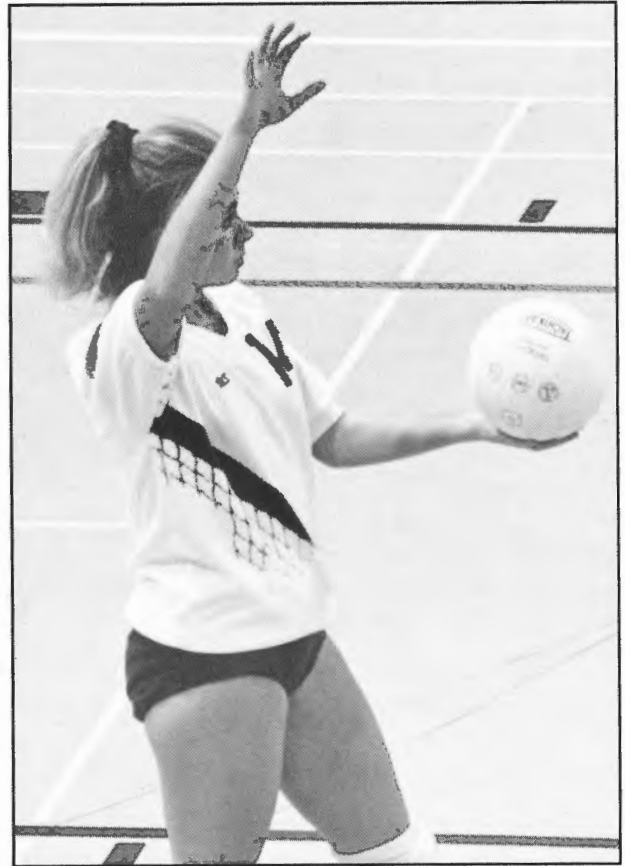
The team participated in an off season program to prepare for next season.

Coach Murders said, "I could not be more proud of these girls and what they have done this year. This was a good start to the women's cross country program that can be built upon."

•by Jodie Matthews

**TOUGH SERVE**—Junior Krista Lapp prepares to serve to the opposing team. Lapp was named to the NAIA Southwest Region's All-Independent team and was named Second All-Southwest Region. •photo by Joy Barber

**PRACTICE**—Members of the women's volleyball team give 100 percent in practice. Hard work and dedication paid off as they competed with, as well as defeated, many of the best teams in the region. •photo by Joy Barber



**Women's volleyball hangs on to the momentum of the past.**

*the lady tigers make a habit of*  
**WINNING**

After finishing last in the AIC in 1992, the Lady Tiger volleyball team rebounded to share the AIC crown in 1993. With the high hopes entering the 1994 season, the Lady Tigers ended the season with a disappointing 11-16 record and a fifth place finish in the final season of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

Entering the 1995 season, the Lady Tigers hoped the roller coaster they had been riding would once again finish on top.

The Lady Tigers began the season with a change at head coach. Tona Wright, who had guided the Lady Tigers since 1971, resigned her post and decided to stick with the classroom setting.

Instead, the Lady Tigers looked to the leadership of Betsy Danner, a member of Wright's 1971 squad.

Danner began the season with the optimism that her squad could compete with NAIA forces Harding University and Southern Arkansas University.

The Lady Tigers showed how well they

could compete early in the season. On Oct. 10, the Lady Tigers trailed the Harding University Lady Bison 9-1 in the third game of a tied match. Instead of folding and giving the Bisons a 2-1 lead in the match, the Lady Tigers rebounded and outscored the Lady Bison 14-3 to win the match.

The Lady Tigers could not hold on to beat the nationally ranked Lady Bison, but they proved to everyone they could compete.

"That set showed me a lot of determination from this team," said Danner following the contest. "To come and win a set when you're down like that to a team like Harding is great."

The squad went on to win six of their last seven regular season games and entered the Southwest Region Independent Tournament seeded third and was ready to face John Brown University, the six seed in the tournament.

The Lady Eagles surprised everyone by beating the Lady Tigers in the quarterfinals and advancing to the finals with another shocking upset of Southern Arkansas.

Despite the early upset, the Lady Tigers

were proud of their 19-13 record and what they had accomplished throughout the season.

"I am pleased overall with the way our players performed this season," said Danner.

Individually, Krista Lapp, a junior setter who spent the majority of the season among the nation's top setters in the assist category, was named to the NAIA Southwest Region's All-Independent Team and was named Second All-Southwest Region.

Christy Hudson, a sophomore middle hitter, also received recognition as honorable mention to the NAIA Southwest Region's All-Independent Team.

Despite the return of Lapp and Hudson, however, Danner would have to find a way to replace the experience and ability of the seniors and their talent.

Moving into NCAA Division II and the Lone Star Conference after losing four top players could be discouraging, but the Lady Tigers had proven over and over they would always be able to compete with the best this region had to offer. •by Jeff Williams



**JUMP**—Sophomore Christy Hudson ascends to the top of the net for a smooth return. Hudson, a middle-hitter, was awarded honorable mention to the NAIA Southwest Region's All-Independent team. •photo by Joy Barber

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**—front row: Mgr. Brandon Griffin, Melissa Marsh, Angela Griffin, Stephanie Ferrill, Holly Brogden, Coach Betsy Danner, Tiffany McBride back row: Christy Hudson, Sarah Kelly, Stephanie Baynes, Krista Lapp, Michelle Blaine • photo by Diane Deaton

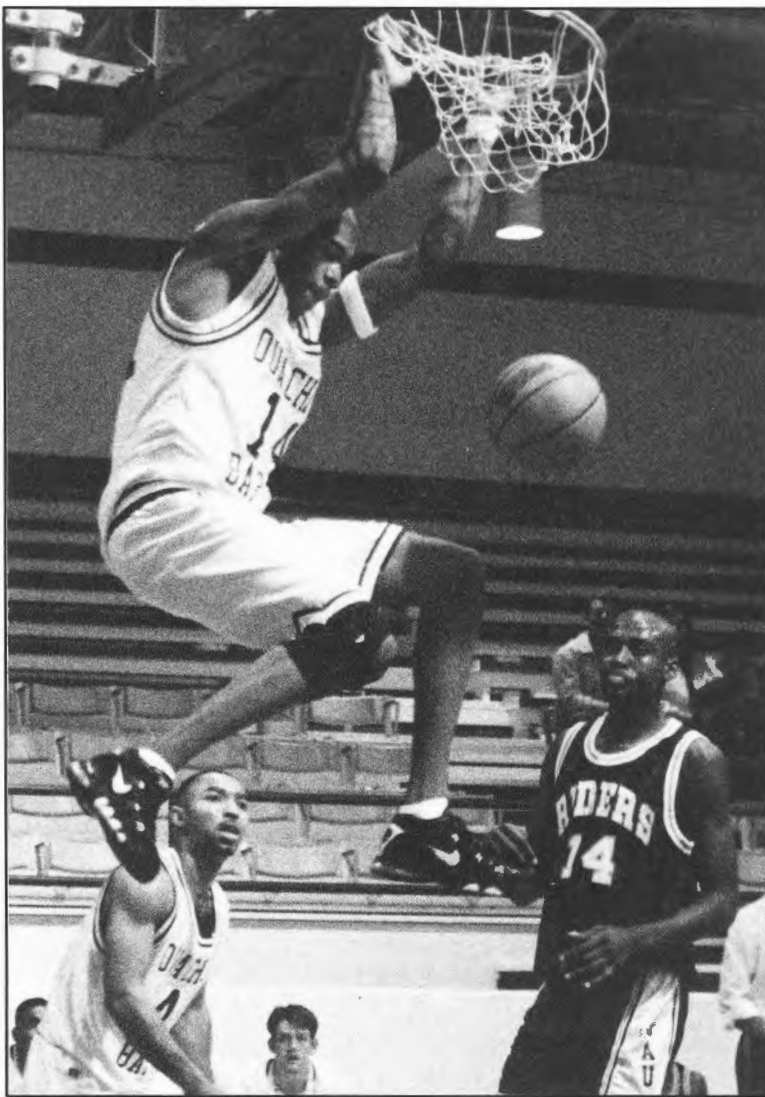


## Tiger Volleyball

# for the RECORD

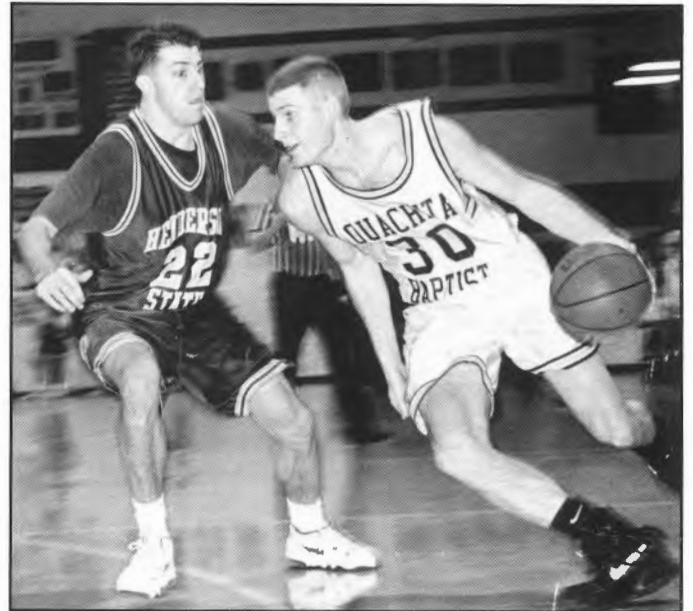
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William Woods College	17-15 9-15 11-15
Bartlesville Wesleyan	12-15 15-9 15-6
Bellevue College	7-15 15-6 15-11
Harris Stowe State College	15-9 15-1
John Brown University	15-7 12-15 15-12
McKendree College	13-15 15-7 15-9
Arkansas Tech University	15-12 5-15 9-15
Southern Arkansas University	15-10 13-15 15-9 8-15 15-6
University of Central Arkansas	12-15 3-15 15-11 16-14 15-13
Southern Arkansas University	15-5 7-15 6-15 10-15
Loyola University	15-2 15-7 12-15 17-15
Southern Nazarene University	15-10 15-5 15-11
Loyola University	2-15 15-13 3-15 10-15
Hendrix College	15-3 16-14
University of Central Arkansas	15-7 15-4 11-15 15-12
Rhodes College	15-9 15-10 13-15 15-9
Lyon College	15-7 15-1 15-10
Harding University	9-15 15-11 15-12 9-15 12-15
Arkansas Tech University	15-10 1-15 7-15 15-8 15-11
Lyon College	15-2 15-1 15-11
Northeast Missouri State	1-15 11-15 15-6 15-8 12-15
West Alabama	15-13 15-7 10-15
Emporia State University	15-19 5-15 11-15 1-15
Southern Arkansas University	15-5 11-15 15-12 8-15 15-9
Lambuth University	15-2 15-11 15-9
Lyon College	15-10 15-5
College of the Ozarks	17-15 15-11 8-15 15-12
Williams Baptist College	15-5 15-11 15-7
Hendrix College	15-9 15-7 15-6
Harding University	16-15 15-13 15-11
John Brown University	16-14 15-17 15-4 15-12

**19-13 OVERALL**



**SLAM**—Junior Rod Lee leaps above the other players for a slam dunk. The Tigers battled it out with SAU to gain a win with a final score of 70-67. •*photo by Jim Yates*

**DRIVE**—Senior Jarrod Gaither maneuvers around a Reddie for a shot. The Tigers played to packed-out crowds as they consecutively beat Henderson State University in both of their games. •*photo by Jim Yates*



**After a roller coaster season, the Tigers come out on top.**

# *the tigers finish with a* **SWISH**

With every shot, every foul, every turnover, every call, all 2,500 fans, whether they were rooting for Ouachita or Henderson, were on their feet, but in the end it was Mike Reynolds' squad who finished on top.

A capacity crowd crammed into the Sturgis Center on February 25 to watch the Tigers sweep rival Reddies.

As usual, the fireworks were not reserved for the game, but that only fueled the fire to help a Tiger team who had experienced ups and downs all season long to earn their biggest victory all season.

When all was said and done, the Tigers had roared their way to a 113-91 victory over the Reddies and could look back with a smile at a successful season.

The Tigers began their roller coaster ride season with two victories, but the wins in the early part of the season proved to be hard to come by. After winning their first two games the Tigers won only three of their next 12 contests, and it began to look like a long season on the horizon.

But the Bengals picked it back up by winning eight of their next nine contests to move above the .500 mark for the first time since early December.

The Tigers went on to win 10 of their final 13 games to earn the 15-12 mark, which proved to be the best mark under Reynolds.

But the season of ups and downs was not without record-breaking performances.

Senior Lamont Page thrilled the Tiger cage residents with his acrobatic shots and

freshman Mitchell Bolding wooed the crowd with his three-point shooting.

Bolding went on to set two school records by first knocking down nine three-pointers against Philander Smith College in Little Rock. Then the Benton native continued his record-setting freshman year by knocking down 91 percent of his attempts from the charity stripe, which was not only a school record but made him the best free throw shooter in the NAIA.

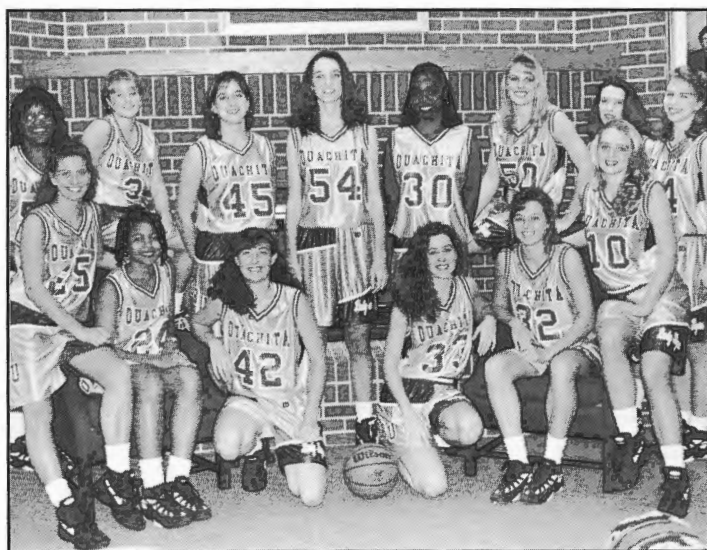
Page ended his two-year stint with the Tigers with 718 points and 89 steals.

The Tigers would lose only one starter after the 1996 season and would return four starters and 11 lettermen when they made a final bid at the NAIA national tournament in 1997 before they embarked on a new era in the Lone Star Conference in 1998. •*Jeff Williams*



**FIGHTING HARD**—Senior Lavinia Young dribbles around Lyon College players. The Lady Tigers defeated Lyon College in both games, helping to finish the most successful season in years. •photo by Matt Manning

**LADY TIGER BASKETBALL TEAM**—front row: Leslie Whitten, Lavinia Young, Kim Sullivan, Courtney Davis, Joveta Saylor, Sarah Robbins; second row: Kerri Newbom, Amy Teague, Dianne Harper, Tori Norton, Karla Lang, Holly Hagle, Karen Southerland, Nikki Dyer • photo by Amy Morton



**A new coaching staff provides the foundation for success.**

# *the lady tigers have a season full of* **VICTORIES**

The challenge of coaching in the college ranks lured the coaches of two of the state's top high school girl's basketball coaches to the University. Head coach Garry Crowder of Jessieville and assistant coach Jill Murders of Plainview, in their first year of collegiate coaching, led the Lady Tigers to an 18-8 record and a victory over the Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns for the first time in 10 years.

Another highlight of the Lady Tigers' season was a sweep of cross-town rival Henderson State University. The schools had not played each other since 1993.

The 18-8 record that the Lady Tigers compiled was the best record for any

Ouachita women's basketball team since they began intercollegiate play in 1977-1978.

Leading the team in scoring was junior guard Leslie Whitten of Mena. Whitten averaged 16.9 points per game and hit 62 three pointers during the year.

Senior forward Lavinia Young averaged 16.4 points per game this year and also led the team in free throws with 60.0 percent shooting. Young finished in the top 10 in the NAIA in field goal percentage with 59.8 percent.

Joveta Saylor, a senior forward from Lead Hill led the team in rebounding with 203 boards. Saylor was named All-Southwest Region in her final year.

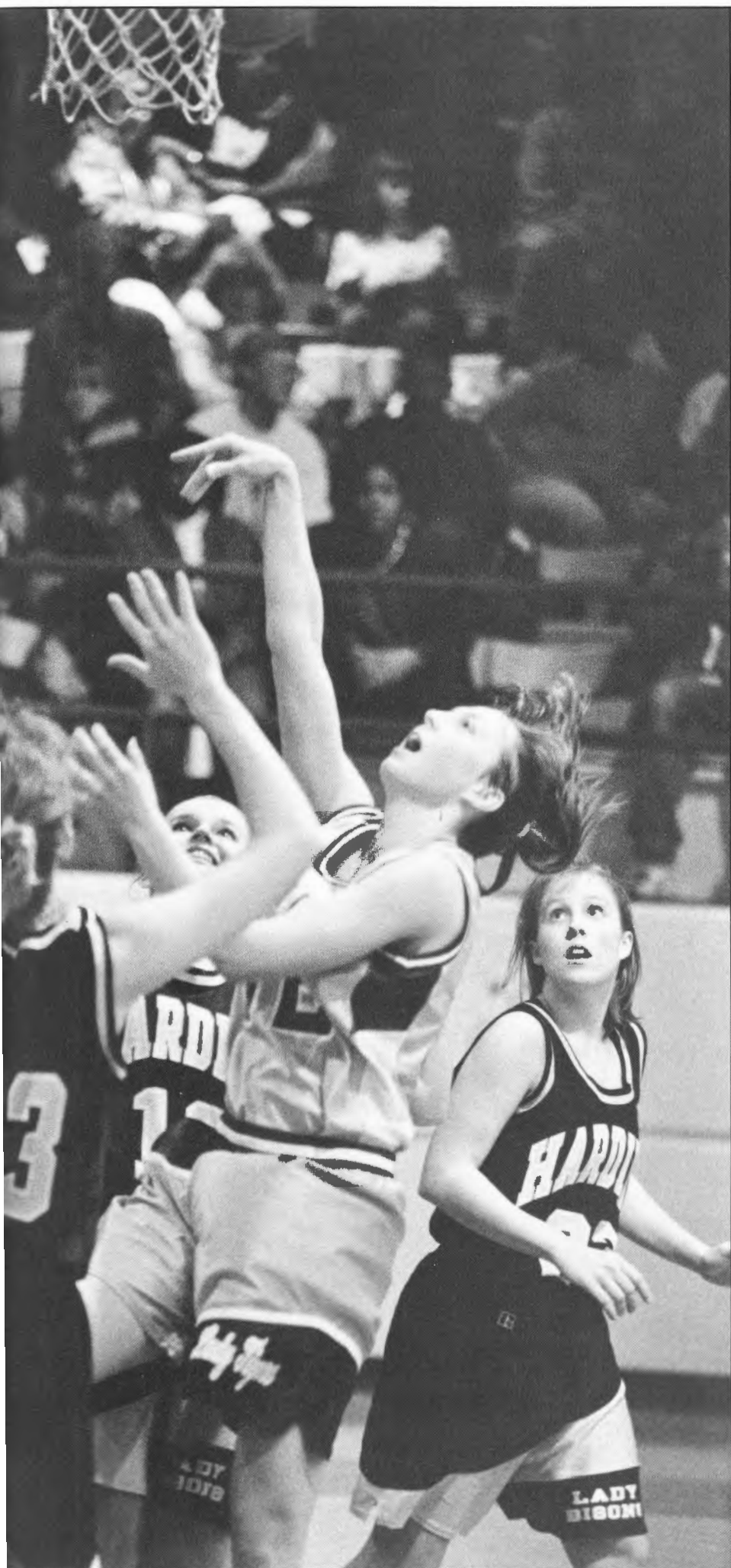
"Joveta was a great team leader on the

floor as well as off the floor," said Crowder. "When the game was on the line, we could always count on Joveta for a big basket."

Crowder also mentioned what a pleasure it was to coach this year's team.

"These girls had a lot of class," said Crowder. "They are not only outstanding basketball players but also outstanding people. I couldn't hope for a better team during my first year of college coaching. They had great chemistry, and that is a big reason why we had such a successful season."

With only three seniors on this year's squad, Crowder and Murders had good reason to be optimistic about the 1996-1997 season and what it held in store for them. • Chris Baab



## Lady Tiger Basketball

# for the RECORD

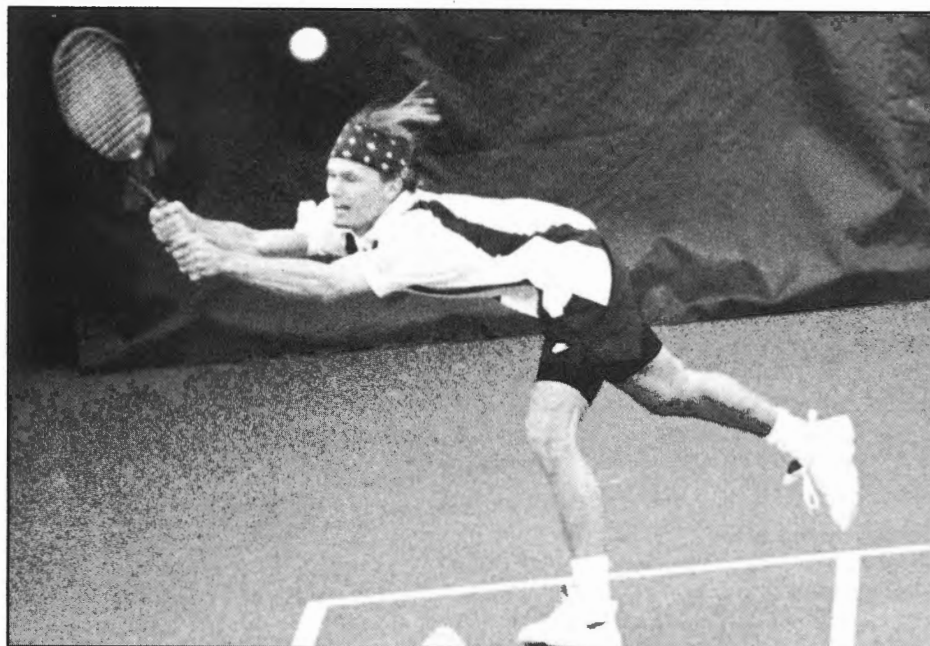
Freed-Hardeman (TN) University	85-70
Southern Arkansas University	90-64
Arkansas Tech University	70-77
Christian Brothers (TN) University	74-55
University of Central Arkansas	62-102
LeTourneau (TX) University	69-54
Christian Brothers (TN) University	70-73
Henderson State University	62-41
Austin (TX) College	71-58
Arkansas Tech University	67-60
Arkansas Baptist College	88-73
Harding University	66-83
LeTourneau (TX) University	68-55
Philander Smith College	76-64
University of the Ozarks	83-67
Williams Baptist College	78-65
Southern Arkansas University	55-41
Lyon College	64-56
Harding University	58-69
Philander Smith College	84-55
Arkansas Baptist College	84-36
University of the Ozarks	68-72
Williams Baptist College	73-76
Lyon College	83-68
Henderson State University	76-69
Arkansas Tech University	67-75

### 18-8 OVERALL

**REBOUND**—Senior Joveta Saylor tries to rebound while surrounded by opponents. The Lady Tigers fought hard against Harding University but couldn't pull off a win at home. *photo by Guy Lyons*

**SKILL**—Junior Christian Wassmer shows prowess as he returns the ball with ease. Wassmer was a vital part of the men's tennis team which finished fifth in the NAIA. • photo by Guy Lyons

**DIVE**—Senior Patrik Lofvenberg sacrifices his body for a play. Lofvenberg earned the trophy for Southern Senior Player of the Year after a season of hard work and dedication. •photo by Guy Lyons



**After facing tough competition, Tiger tennis placed fifth in the nation.**

# *the tigers bring home* **HONORS**

A team known for achieving its goals traveled to Tulsa, Okla. on May 20, with its focus turned to a goal that to this point had alluded it - a national championship.

"Our goals were to first win the regional tournament and then to win the national championship," said Head Tennis Coach Craig Ward of his 1996 squad.

This was a team that was ranked second, with only defending national champion Auburn- Montgomery ranked higher. This was a team that had finished seventh in 1995 and was the only team in the nation to return five All-Americans.

It was a team that seemed primed and ready to bring home a national championship and it was a team that solidified that claim in late April when they accomplished the first half of its set of goals by completely dominating the NAIA Southwest Regional Tournament.

Ward's squad dropped only one match,

out-scoring their opponents 17-1 and never had to play a match in doubles competition. Three victories in the Regional Tournament improved the squad's record to 6-3 heading into the national championships in Tulsa.

The Tigers were going into nationals hoping to be the first team in Arkansas to earn a national championship trophy in tennis and hoping to give the University its first national championship in any sport.

Despite the return home without the trophy, the trip proved successful. Senior Larry Hurta, along with juniors Christain Wassmer and Tim Oosterhouse brought home All-American honors, while Hurta, Wassmer and senior Patrik Lofvenberg earned All-Academic honors.

In addition, Wassmer was selected by a panel of coaches to receive the Southern Regional Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award, and Lofvenberg earned the trophy for being named the Southern Senior Player of the Year.

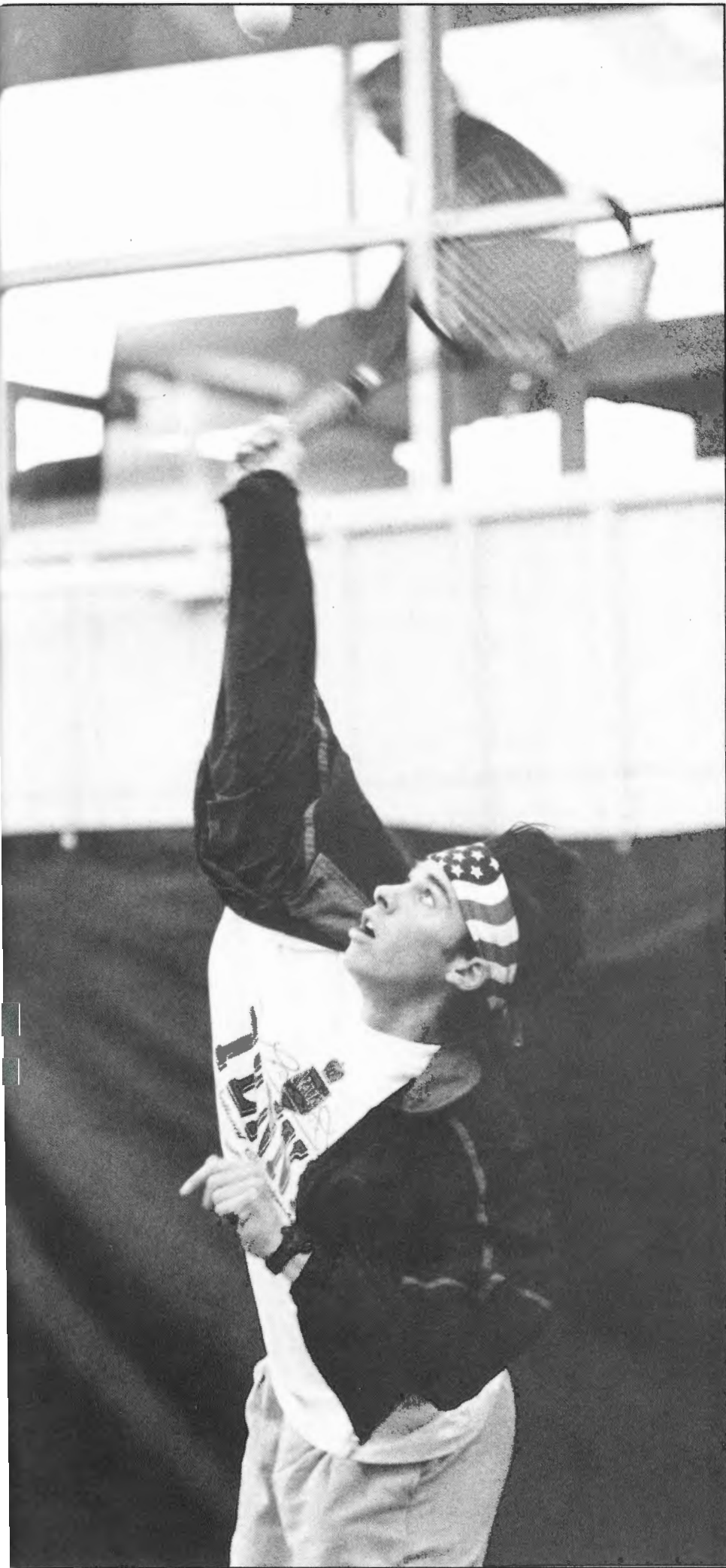
Wassmer and Oosterhouse teamed up in

the national tournament to advance to the round of 16 in doubles competition, but that was not enough for the squad to earn the second half of its goals.

The team did, however, bring home a fifth place finish, the highest finish ever for a tennis team from Arkansas, and with four top six players returning for 1997 the future continued to look bright for the Tiger tennis program.

"It looks like we will be adding to the roster two excellent players to replace those athletes graduating," said Ward after assessing his team's finish. "Ouachita should not suffer next season and should be as strong as we were this year."

That's good news for Tiger tennis fans, because the University will have one last shot at a NAIA national championship before heading to NCAA Division II in 1998 where Ward will attempt to make the Tiger tennis program a national power like he has done in the NAIA. •by Jeff Williams



**STAR TIGER**—Senior Larry Hurta serves up a winner. Hurta was honored with All-American honors along with several of his teammates. •*photo by Guy Lyons*

**TIGER MEN'S TENNIS TEAM**—*front row:* Patrik Lofvenberg, Larry Hurta, Coach Craig Ward; *back row:* Eric Picket, Robert Ungh, Jonathan Martin, Christian Wassmer, Tim Oosterhous, Cristofer Johansson •*photo by Matt Manning*



## Men's Tiger Tennis *for the* **RECORD**

Oklahoma City University	7-0
University of Texas - Tyler	6-1
University of Auburn at Montgomery	3-5
University of North Alabama	4-0
University of Texas - Tyler	4-3
Henderson State University	7-0
Harding University	7-0
William Carrey College	6-1
University of Mobile	2-5
Oklahoma Christian University	3-5
Collin County Junior College	6-1
Oklahoma City University	5-1
Northeastern Oklahoma University	4-3
Harding University	8-1
Midwestern State University	6-0
University of Texas - Tyler	6-0
Oklahoma Christian University	5-1

**14-3 OVERALL, 5th in NAIA**

**POWER**—Sophomore Patti Blackard hustles to return a serve. Blackard was a strong player for the women's tennis team which finished with a record of 5-11. •photo by Jim Yates

**TIGER WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM**—front row: Shea Morgan, Shemica Ward, Patti Blackard; backrow: Yoshie Ganaha, Kelly Ballard, Aimee Dinwiddie, Coach Betsy Danner •photo by Amy Morton



## Lady Tiger Tennis

# for the RECORD

Lyon College	8-1, 7-2
Henderson State University	0-9, 0-9
Harding University	0-9, 0-9
John Brown University	3-6, 2-7
East Texas Baptist University	2-7, 1-8
Hendrix College	2-7
University of the Ozarks	9-0, 8-1
Southern Arkansas University	2-7
Arkansas Tech University	7-2, 3-6

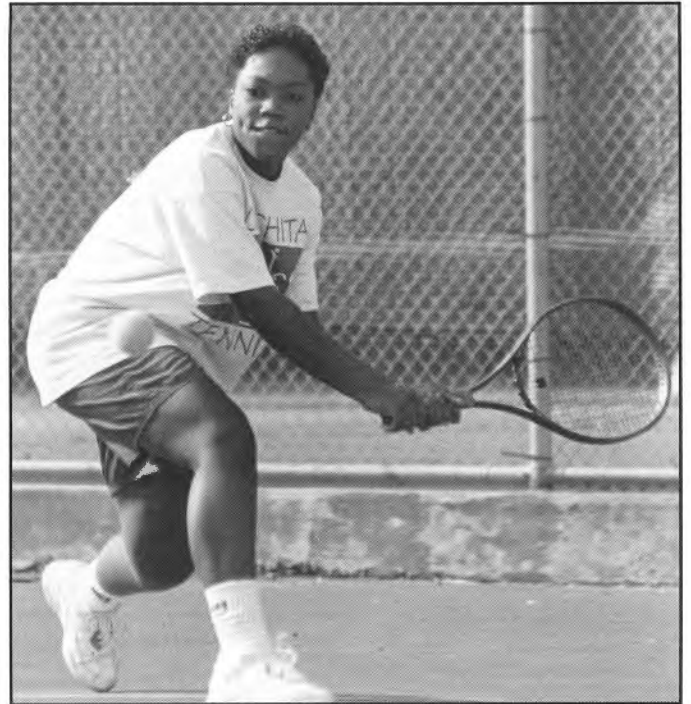
**5-11 OVERALL**





**ANTICIPATION**—Sophomore Shea Morgan concentrates on returning a volley to her opponent for a possible score. Morgan was one of three returning players to the women's tennis team. •*photo by Jim Yates*

**BACKHAND**—Freshman Shemica Ward shows proper form as she prepares to return the ball. Ward was a newcomer to the Lady Tiger's tennis team which had only three returning players. •*photo by Jim Yates*



**The Lady Tigers hope to gain experience from a tough season.**

# *learning it the* **HARD WAY**

Coach Betsy Danner said before the 1996 tennis season began that her squad was young and inexperienced, and their 5-11 record proved her to be right. Danner's squad frequently came up short in their close matches, and she attributed that to the youthfulness of the squad.

This year's tennis team was comprised of five sophomores and one freshman. The sophomores were Jennifer Jones, Patti Blackard, Shea Morgan, Aimee Dinwiddie, and Yoshie Ganaha. Shemica Ward was the lone freshman on the squad.

The Lady Tigers started their season on a high note, as they defeated Lyon College but then fell to cross-town rival Henderson State three days later.

The loss to Henderson started a six match losing streak that included losses to East Texas Baptist University, John Brown University, and Harding University.

Danner's squad got back on the winning track as they defeated the University of the Ozarks and Arkansas Tech University.

The Lady Tigers fell to Harding and Arkansas Tech in the last week of the season, but ended the regular season with a win over Lyon.

Three members of the team traveled to Oklahoma City for the NAIA Southwest Regional Tournament on the anniversary of the tragic bombing of the Alfred H. Murrah Federal Office Building on April 19, 1995. Jennifer Jones was defeated by the number

one seed in singles Sarah Fox of Schreiner College. Dinwiddie and Ganaha were defeated by the duo of Katherine Well and Amanda Roberts of East Texas Baptist University to complete the season.

Coach Danner had recently been awarded one new scholarship for the women's tennis program. Danner hoped to use the scholarship to recruit a high caliber player to make the squad a better team.

Danner looked forward to next year's season. "We have nobody graduating from this year's team and we have one scholarship to give out," said Danner. "I hope this year's team gained experience through the losses we had and can learn from those mistakes." • *Chris Babb*

## Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks

# RECORD

### NSISL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Men

Henderson State University	852
Delta State	744
Ouachita	514.5
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	346.5
John Brown University	281
Hendrix College	191

#### Women

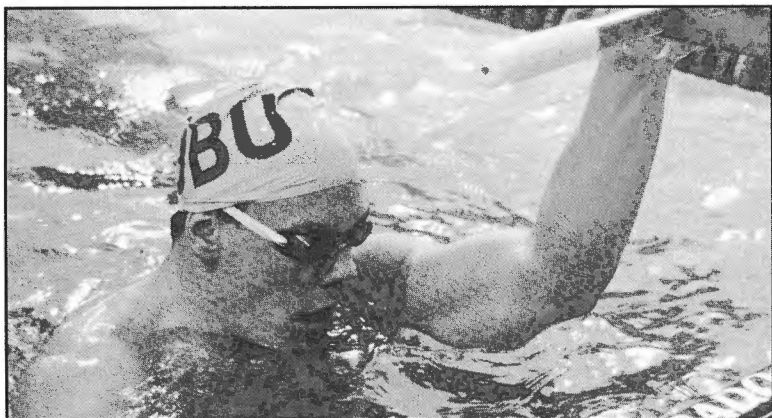
Henderson State University	814
Delta State	525
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	446
John Brown University	426
William Woods	289
Ouachita	245
Hendrix College	208

**9th in the NAIA**

**20th in the NAIA**

**CONTEMPLATION**—Sophomore Jason Miller thinks about his previous swim. Miller was a strong swimmer for the team which finished ninth in the NAIA. •*photo by Guy Lyons*

**SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM**—*front row:* Elena Sheina, Kimberly Dickerson, Julia-Faye Kimbrell, Kaela Kenley, Jari Kirkland; *second row:* Tom Stickney, Ryan Killackey, Bobby Rollins, Vladimir Kravchenko, Carl Davis, Fred Dickinson, William Whitney, Andy Russell, Joe Crum, Masa Yamamoto, Jason Miller, Aaron Gillespy, Shane Carson • *photo by Guy Lyons*



**The swim teams prove themselves worthy of their new competition.**

# conquering CHANGE

One final trip to San Antonio, Texas, marked the end of an era in Tiger Shark swimming and marked another year of beating the odds.

The Tiger Sharks had become a fixture in the top 10 among swim teams in the NAIA, but due to a change in the NCAA Division II, coach Jim Dann faced the toughest challenge in his 14 year career to keep the Tiger Sharks among the best in the nation. "Our younger swimmers will have to step up and help us out quite a bit if we want to be as successful as we were last year," said Dann.

In San Antonio, Dann's Tiger Sharks proved themselves worthy of the top 10 by finishing ninth. This marked the ninth time in 10 seasons the non-scholarship program had finished among the top 10 teams in the nation.

For the second straight year, Dann's Tiger Sharks were led by the diving of Jeff Anthony and Bobby Rollins.

The two divers finished among the top three divers in both the one meter and three meter diving events, garnering diving coach of the year accolades for Dann for the second straight year as well.

"Jeff and I were both confident in our diving," said Rollins. "We were just happy to take second and third on the boards at nationals."

The Tiger Sharks also got an All-American performance from Ryan Killackey, who earned All-American accolades in both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle. "Not only is six months of morning practices and regular long workouts an essential part of a winning season," said Killackey, "team togetherness and motivation prove to be the key element."

The Lady Tiger Shark program began the season with only two returnees from a team that had finished 18th in the nation the previous year. With two sophomores and six freshmen to work with, Dann led the Lady Tiger Sharks to a 20th place finish in the national meet.

Jari Kirkland led the way for the Lady Tiger Sharks finishing 13th in the 200 meter backstroke.

"This team worked harder than any team I've had," said Dann. "They worked well together in the pool and in the weight room, and it carried over into the season."

Now the Tiger Sharks and Lady Tiger Sharks would journey into NCAA Division II territory where they hoped to repeat the success they had through the years in the NAIA.

It would mean tougher competition and tougher recruiting, but the swim team was no stranger to beating the odds. •*Jeff Williams*



**SUPPORT**—Fans encourage sophomore Jari Kirkland. Kirkland was one of only two returnees who provided the backbone of leadership for the women's team . *photo by Guy Lyons*

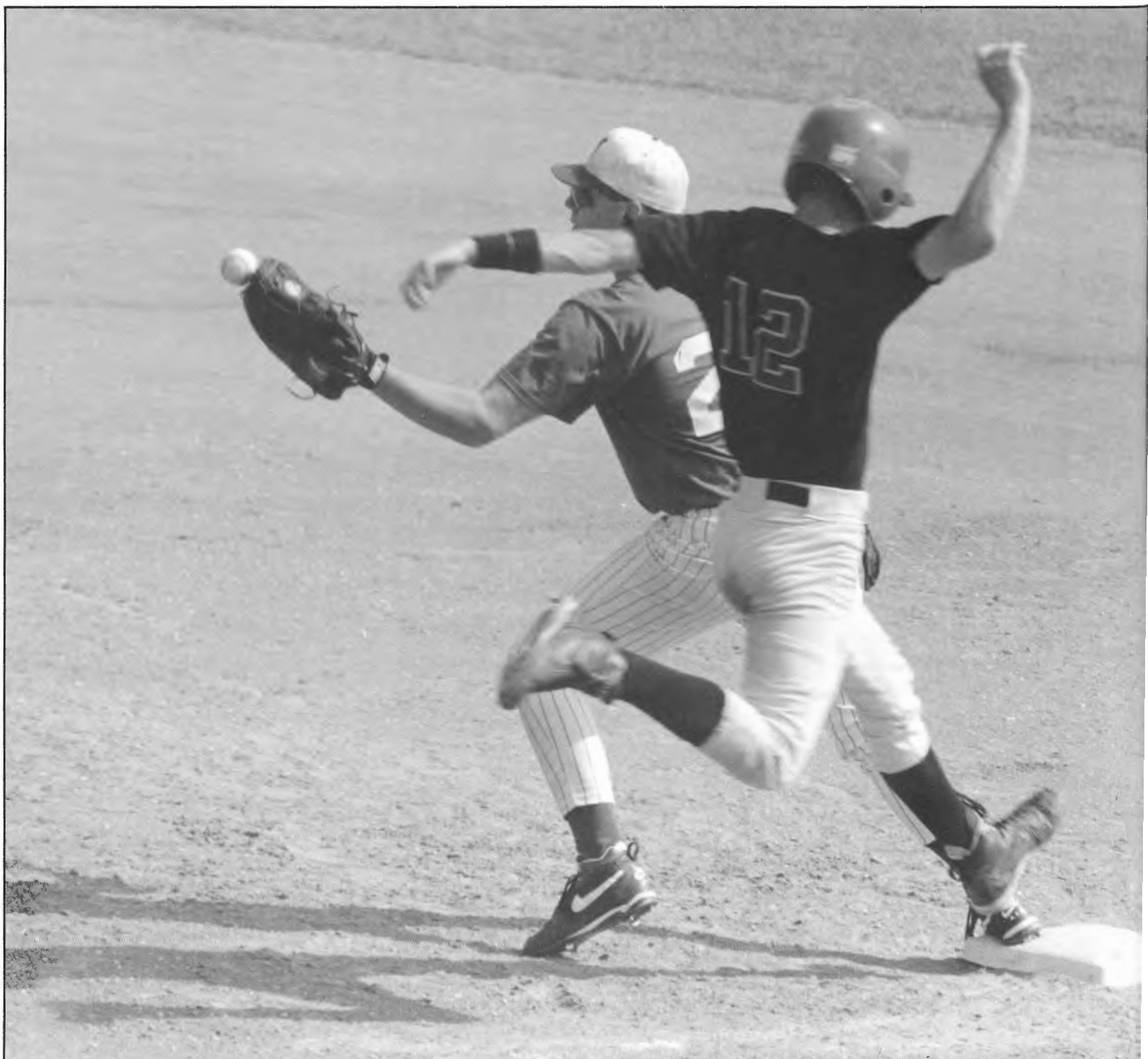
**DETERMINATION**—Junior Masa Yamamoto shows concentration as he swims his final lap. Yamamoto finished ninth in the 200-yard breaststroke and tenth in the 100-yard breaststroke during the NAIA National Swimming and Diving Championships in San Antonio, Texas. *photo by Guy Lyons*





**CATCH**—Freshman Joe Lewallen waits for the ball in position to tag the runner and make an out. Lewallen used his position as third baseman to defend the Tiger infield.  
•photo by Jim Yates

**CLOSE CALL**—Senior John Sowers hustles in order to beat the ball to first base. The Tigers relied on speed from key players such as Sowers to convert hits into runs.  
•photo by Guy Lyons





**SLIDE**—Junior Jimmy Ellis shows athleticism as he beats the ball to second base. The Tigers faced several tough opponents and finished sixth in the NAIA Southwest Region. •photo by Jim Yates

## Tiger Baseball

# for the RECORD

Southern Arkansas University	29-7
University of the Ozarks	20-11
Arkansa Tech University	24-14
Harding Unviversity	21-25
Lyon College	19-26
Ouachita Baptist	22-28
Williams Baptist	3-13

**22-28, 6th in the NAIA SW Region**

**The baseball team excels during a season of tough competition.**

# squeeze PLAY

The changes were evident as the cold winter winds turned to refreshing spring breezes. The winter had come and gone, and spring was in the air. The trees started to bloom, the grass turned green, and young men anticipated the season ahead of them.

Head Coach Van Barrett and Assistant Coach B. J. Brown had the players excited about the beginning of the season. This new excitement stemmed from improved field conditions and a winning attitude.

Having lost only two key players, the Tigers hoped to capitalize on the experience and depth of the team. All eight positions starters saw considerable playing time last season, which was a huge benefit to the team. "Our strength now is our depth," said Barrett. "And we don't lose much when we put in our backups."

The Tigers played good baseball at the beginning of the season and had some big wins against tough competition. The first big win of the season came against the Henderson State University Reddies. Both teams battled, and the score was tied 3-3 at

the end of the seventh inning. In the top half of the eighth inning, the Tigers went ahead 4-3 when senior second baseman Clay Partridge scored on a clutch pinch-hit single by Joe Lewallen, a freshman from Mesquite, Texas. The Tigers added five more runs in the ninth, and freshman pitcher Paul Svoboda closed the door as the Tigers won 9-3. Offensively, the Tigers were led by senior catcher Paul Price, who had three hits and two runs batted in. "This was a huge win for us," said Price. "We wanted this game bad." The Tigers went on to defeat the Reddies two out of three more games to win the battle of the ravine.

Another key victory for the Tigers came against the NCAA Division I Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs. The Tigers lost the first game of the doubleheader but came back to stun Louisiana Tech in the second game. The bulldogs held a 3-2 lead until the top of the fourth inning when the Tigers came back to tie the score at 3-3. The game remained tied until the top half of the seventh inning when junior right fielder Ashley Patrick squeezed home junior Jimmy Ellis for a 4-3 lead. Svoboda

was able to hold on to the lead as he pitched seven good innings for the win. This victory helped Svoboda become a main force for the Tigers as he compiled a 9-4 record for the year and emerged as a pleasant surprise for the future of the team.

Along with the key victories came key defeats for the Tigers. One of these defeats came at the hands of Harding University. After dropping the first game of a doubleheader, the Tigers were shutout 1-0 in the second game by Harding pitcher Bentley Harrell who pitched a no-hitter. Sophomore pitcher Jonathan Hamner pitched seven good innings for the Tigers, but the Tiger bats fell silent. "Jonathan pitched a great game," said Barrett. "He only gave up three hits, but we couldn't get him any runs."

The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 22-28. The team was very optimistic coming into the season with a strong work ethic and a winning attitude. The Tigers hoped to carry this optimism into next season. "We'll have most of our team back next year," said junior shortstop Chuck Mosley. "I definitely think we'll improve." •Kaleb Barrett

**TIGER SOCCER CLUB**—*front row:* Sammy Karuri, Nathan Nipper, Ryan Baldi, Jeff Anthony, Rafael ZaSalete, Keith Nosker *second row:* Coach Isaac Mwase, Daniel Funderburk, Matt Melcher, John Davidson, Micah Walters, Nathan Strickland, Nelson Ortiz, Ben Carothers, Juan Carlos Pereira, Sean Nicholson • *photo by Guy Lyons*

**EYES ON THE BALL**—Sophomore Ben Carothers warms up by kicking some goals. The soccer club practiced about nine hours a week in preparation for its games. • *photo by Guy Lyons*



**STEAL**—Senior Daniel Funderburk takes the ball from a Henderson opponent. Funderburk had been a leader on the team since he began playing as a freshman. •*photo by Guy Lyons*



**HUSTLE**—Rafael ZaSalette chases a loose ball down the field. The soccer club proved to be a tough opponent despite its small number of members and limited team practice time. •*photo by Guy Lyons*

**POWER**—Senior John Davidson employs his offensive skill against the defense of Henderson. The club defeated Henderson's soccer team during the fall season. •*photo by Guy Lyons*



**The soccer club grows in membership as well as success.**

# *earning new* **GOALS**

They stood poised facing the competition, awaiting the kick-off, and the start of 90 minutes of non-stop action. A game of fancy footwork, soccer required hours of practice from students who had a genuine love for the sport. A genuine love for the sport was definitely a characteristic of the members of the soccer club.

"It's my favorite sport to play because it combines everything; skill and physical endurance," said senior Daniel Funderburk.

The team practiced about nine hours a week in preparation for games. But it wasn't always easy to get everyone together

for practice because the players were busy with social clubs and other activities. Since the players didn't all practice together, the team's performances weren't always consistent. However, during the fall season, the team succeeded in defeating Henderson State University as well as Harding University. They also played a close game with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

The spring season also brought success, as well as new members. The team won games over many of its opponents and the club membership grew to 18. But new members weren't the only thing new to the club. The

club had been previously student led and student coached. This year, however, the club added a faculty coach, philosophy professor Dr. Isaac Mwase. The addition of this authority figure gave the club a more permanent status.

"He has given us someone to look up to and respect," said sophomore Ben Carothers.

The future of the soccer club looked bright as the game of soccer continued to spark the interest of the students.

"It's fun to participate in, and I find it enjoyable to play a sport that is really taking off," said freshman Josh Willeford. •*Jodie Matthews*

**FORE**—Senior Kevin Jones watches his putt to see where it lands. Jones spent time playing tight end for the Tiger football team when he was not golfing. •*photo by John Barber*



**SCRUB**—Freshman Brent Walker washes the golf carts in preparation for a game of golf. Walker proved to be a strong addition to the team though he had never competed at the collegiate level. •*photo by John Barber*



**Despite tough competition, the Tiger golf team finishes in fifth place.**

# swinging for SUCCESS

Up at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast before their 8 a.m. tee time. Out on the course, the 25 mile per hour wind gusts make the air feel like it's 40 degrees and make the golf ball fly in directions the golfers never intended it to fly.

Not only did Head Coach Ike Sharp's golfers have to contend with the bitterly cold temperatures and heavy wind gusts in the regional tournament in April, they also had to deal with the 10th ranked team in the nation.

Despite the fact that the University of Mobile ran away with the regional championship and the Tigers finished a disappointing fifth place, the season was not without a few highlights.

Sharp's team began the season at the same place where it ended — at Glenwood

Country Club. In their first match the Tigers finished third behind state powers Harding University and Henderson State University.

That finish proved to be the Tigers' best finish of the season as the team staggered, showing its youth and inexperience in tournament golf.

"The weather was pretty bad all season long," said Clay Conly the team's top returner from a year ago. "It was pretty much a rebuilding year, after all we only had one senior."

The Tigers played well despite the obstacles of weather and tough competition. Sharp coached his squad through the season and finished with a fine standing against some top contenders.

The only senior on the squad was Kevin Jones of Arkadelphia, who despite playing all

four years on the golf team spent much of his time on the gridiron as a tight end on the Tiger football team.

Other than Jones, only two golfers had ever seen action in a college tournament before the season began. Junior Mark Conine of Arkadelphia and Conly, a sophomore from Gurdon, were each returners from a 1995 team that finished third in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

The golf team, however, will no longer have to rely completely on non-scholarship work study students to try to compete with the larger schools that offer golf scholarships. In 1997, Sharp will have one scholarship to dole out as he sees fit.

"We think we're going to get two or three good golfers that will really help us next year," said Conly. •*Jeff Williams*



## Tiger Golf Team

# for the RECORD

University of Mobile	899
Spring Hill College	937
Harding University	945
Lyon College	985
Ouachita Baptist University	1,029
University of the Ozarks	1,081
Williams Baptist	1,112

**5th in the NAIA SW Region**



**TIGER GOLF TEAM**—front row: Kevin Jones, Clay Conly, Mark Conine, Scott Massey; back row: Coach Ike Sharp, Jake Hambleton, Jeremy Petters, Neil Ingram, Brent Walker •photo by John Barber

**CONCENTRATION**—Sophomore Clay Conly focuses his attention on the hole that lies ahead. Conly was the team's top returning golfer from the previous season. •photo by John Barber

**CHEERLEADERS**—front row: Brooke Sorters, Abby Hughes, Amy Adams, Stacy Stuart backrow: Lindsay Simmons, Mandy Wilks, Meagan Burroughs, Lisa Finkbeinor, Katherine Hollis •photo by Mac Sisson



**he cheerleaders encourage each team as well as each other.**

*the cheerleaders provide team*  
**SUPPORT**

When someone spoke of the cheerleaders, most people thought of ballgames, sideline cheers, and ponytails, but not very many knew about the things they did when the games were over. Being a cheerleader took a lot of hard work and dedication. They practiced, did fund raisers, and most of all, helped promote school spirit. Spirit — now that's something the cheerleaders knew about.

Fund raisers were an important part of the cheerleaders' job. Because they needed new uniforms, the cheerleaders worked hard to get donations and earn the money themselves. They also sponsored two cheerleading clinics on campus for elementary, junior high, and high school students. This was a money maker as well as an opportunity for these students to be

helped with their upcoming try-outs.

Encouragement was one thing the cheerleaders stood for. They encouraged the team by sending them good luck notes and hanging up posters on game days. The gym would be decorated with posters supporting the Tigers and the cheerleaders took pride in their support for each team.

Not only did they encourage the players, they encouraged each other as well. Amy Adams said, "Our squad has an awesome relationship. We are not just school supportive. We involve prayer and God in everything we do and send each other encouraging notes when needed. It's kind of like a mini social club. I consider these girls to be some of my closest friends."

Keeping in tune with the focus of the University was important to the cheerleaders.

All in all, promoting school spirit was the cheerleaders' main goal. They did this by sponsoring a Tiger Train, where each club had an opportunity to decorate cars and parade around campus to support the Tigers. They also sponsored a pep assembly or two and many crowd participation cheers at the games. Lindsay Simmons said, "I like cheering at OBU because I have made some very good Christian friends. I love being part of promoting school spirit, and I like jammin' to the band chants."

Although ballgames, sideline cheers, and ponytails were one aspect of cheering, there were many other things involved. Through fund raisers, encouraging the teams, and promoting school spirit, they still had time for something else. Kathy Hollis summed it up, "It's just FUN!" •by Rachel DeBusk



**FIRED UP**—Freshman Lindsay Simmons and sophomore Stacy Stuart lead the crowd in cheers at the Homecoming game. The cheerleaders played a big role in helping the crowd show its support for the team. •*photo by Jim Yates*

**SPIRIT**— The cheerleaders entertain the audience at Parents' Day. The pep rally before the football game on this day was a tradition at the University. •*photo by Carol Price*



**EXCITEMENT**—Freshman Katherine Hollis shows enthusiasm while she cheers at the home game against the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Cheerleaders also traveled to away ball games to give the teams added support. •*photo by Jim Yates*



**TWIRL**—Senior Kristi Cannon entertains the crowd during the halftime show against Southwest Baptist University. Cannon served as captain and provided leadership for the majorettes. •photo by Jim Yates

**CONCENTRATION**—Freshman Matthew Jackson and Junior Jeannie Cogbill focus their attention on the melody line. The auxiliary section played from the sidelines during the halftime show. •photo by Guy Lyons



**The band promotes school spirit and halftime entertainment.**

*the band entertains the crowds with*  
**MELODIES**

When the band began marching season, it was one of the most talented and strongest that had played in recent years, according to some upperclassmen. For the over 100 member band, marching band was not simply something else to add to the extracurricular activity list or simply something to do. It was something exciting.

Being in band was a way to meet new people, learn new skills, and go new places. "If you don't work together with the people around you, the show will not look very good," said freshman Cory Goodé.

The members of the band made it look easy to go out and perform week after week. However, learning two different shows meant practice for one hour and 15 minutes three days a week. Often the band practiced

practiced in the heat and rainy conditions. These students were dedicated to the promotion of school spirit and the other students they represented.

Dr. Hamilton said the reason for the different shows was to keep the crowd and students from getting bored. "We are out there to promote school spirit," said Hamilton.

The marching band performed at all home games and two away games. The band performed shows based on the music of Duke Wellington and Aaron Copeland.

These shows were enjoyed by the crowds of both the home and visiting teams. The sound of the band and the spirit they showed allowed the crowd to be entertained while each team revived themselves and prepared for a second half of battle.

The halftime show was led by junior Cari Martin as drum major. Martin led the band and provided leadership both on and off the field for the members.

Complementing the band were the flagline led by Melody Bigler and the majorettes led by Co-captains Kristi Cannon and Misty Evers. Dr. Hamilton said that these girls make up and teach the routines to the music. "They do an excellent job," said Hamilton. Every aspect of the spirit promoted by the band is student led.

After an exciting year, the band hoped to become larger and better. According to Dr. Hamilton, the band's purpose was to support school spirit, educate, entertain, and provide an institutional image. These goals were indeed obtained through the hard work and leadership of each band member. •by Jodie Mathews



**PLAY IT**—Junior David Snethen plays to the tune of the University's fight song to end the halftime show during the Homecoming festivities. The band provided halftime entertainment for all home games. • *photo by Jim Yates*



**BEAT IT**—Sophomore Kevin Morgan keeps his eyes focused on the drum major, while he keeps a steady beat. Morgan was part of the important percussion section, which supplied the rhythm for each tune. • *photo by Guy Lyons*

# PEOPLE



*photo by Jim Yates*

Armed with a handful of quarters and dressed for fun, students came from buildings all over campus. **REACHING** into their pockets, they retrieved a quarter for cotton candy or snow cones or for playing all sorts of games. The S.E.L.F. Spring Fling was a sea of faces – faces representing the people inside the wall of campus.

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she stepped **BEYOND** the 16th mile marker. Weary, yet confident, Shari Sukigara, also known as KLAZ deejay

Lane Taylor, finished the qualifying race for the Boston Marathon. The search for adventure and the challenge of the unknown invigorated her.

Adventure also encompassed the person of Nathan Xiques. Students uniquely identified him as the student who spent his leisure time rock climbing and repelling.

Stepping out of their comfort zones in search of life beyond was nothing new for Cynthia Blackmon, James Flint, Frank Paul, Bo Koralage, and numerous other faces on campus. Blackmon and Paul traveled outside **THE** wall to tour foreign countries while Koralage brought a taste of the unknown to the family inside. Somewhat of a foreigner to the South, Flint appeared on campus after simply seeing the University's sign at exit 78 on the interstate. Each face on campus had his or her own unique story.

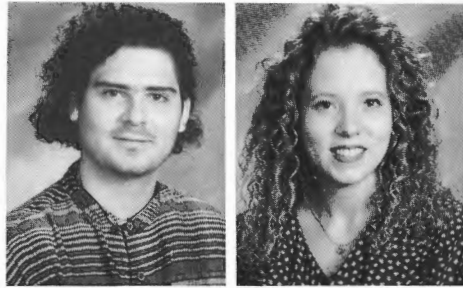
Chase Goforth used the illusion of magic to captivate audiences and eventually share the Gospel with them. Dr. Charlie Fuller shared a message in song at Carnegie Hall.

The people sheltered by the wall possessed a unity. Yet, in this unity stood a collection of diversity – a collection of unique individuals. Several of these individuals made a difference whether inside the **WALL** or beyond its shelter.

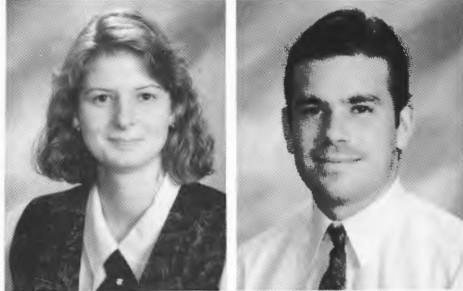


*Sophomore Justin Hardin slams into junior Hayden Hendrix with a blow from an oversized boxing glove. Boxing was just one of the many games provided by S.E.L.F. and other campus organizations at the Spring Fling. Creating a sea of faces, faculty and students gathered for dinner on the lawn in front of Daniel and for an evening of fun and games. They met new people and got reacquainted with those they had not seen in awhile.*

**Thomas Armstrong**  
Arkadelphia  
**Stephanie Arnold**  
Dallas, TX



**Vanessa Bain**  
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**Ryan Baldi**  
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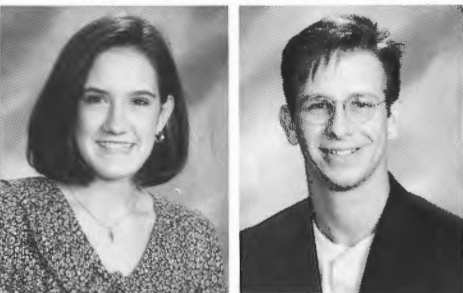
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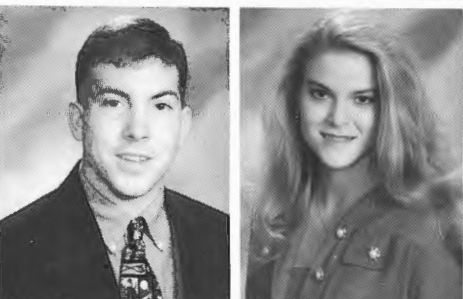
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**Bart Brockway**  
Arkadelphia  
**Holly Brogdon**  
Arkadelphia



*Profile...*



Senior Shari Sukigara converses with the speaker after a Birkett Williams lecture. Sukigara led an unusually active life, engaging in hobbies such as running marathons and acting as a deejay for a local radio station. •photo by Jeff Root

*leaving the mundane behind*  
**SHARI SUKIGARA**  
*by Priscilla Shrader*

Tears ran down her face, and her entire body ached. Putting one foot in front of the other was becoming more difficult with every stride. "I'm only on my 16th mile," she thought to herself. For some students, accepting the challenge would have been the hardest thing to do.

Senior communications major Shari Sukigara wasn't the average student. A 28-year-old originally from Ft. Worth, Texas, Sukigara had several unique hobbies.

To many students, Sukigara was thought of as a "health nut." She sat in class munching on a power bar and gulping down a bottle of water.

Along with keeping a good diet program, Sukigara excelled in the area of exercise as well. "I run five to eight miles a day and a 12 to 20 mile run on the weekends," said Sukigara.

At the end of the fall semester, Sukigara decided to try to qualify for the Boston Marathon. She traveled to Tennessee and ran a marathon but didn't qualify. She did, however, find a place in a lottery of possible qualifiers

because of her good time.

"I do it because I like it, and it's addicting," said Sukigara. "It's like I'm accomplishing something, and I can see the results." She added that she enjoyed the challenge.

Along with keeping active, Sukigara was also known by many students on campus as "Lane Taylor," the disc jockey personality for 106 KLAZ in Hot Springs. She was a deejay for the station, and several students listened in regularly.

"I always got so excited when I heard her on the radio," said junior Livi Weaver. "I would tell everyone I knew her and she was in a class with me."

Despite being almost a decade older than the average student, Sukigara related well to others. "I have no difficulty in communicating with other students," said Sukigara. "It's probably because I'm a kid, and I'll probably never grow up."

As for the future, she was hopeful for one thing—opportunities. "I have dreams just like everyone else," said Sukigara. "For now I'm just taking it one day at a time."

*Outside these walls...*

# MAY 15-30, 1995

*May 16th-* Arkansas' first female firefighter killed on duty

*May 16th-* 39 dead, 21 missing after a fire broke out aboard an overcrowded ferry in the Philippines

*May 26th-* Gov. Jim Guy Tucker tried to block a request for him to appear before a Whitewater grand jury

*May 27th-* Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian canceled a scheduled mid-June visit to Washington in protest of Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui's visit to New York

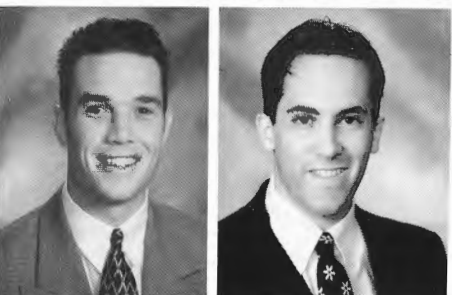
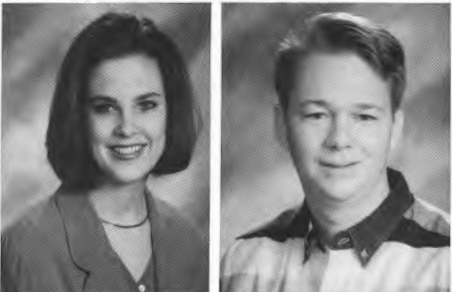
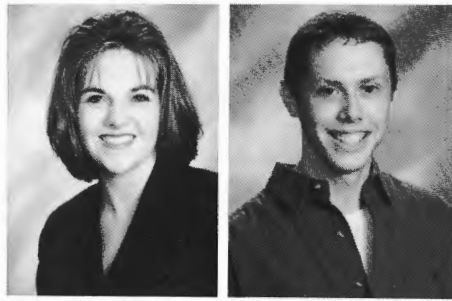
*May 28th-* Christopher Reeve was thrown from his steed during a horse-jumping competition

*May 29th-* Earthquake flattened an island town in Russia's Far East leaving as many as 2,500 people trapped

*May 29th-* Searchers uncovered the final three bodies from the Oklahoma City bombing

*May 29th-* Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the U.S. House and Senate, died

*Summer School-* Chris Newberry introduces Kara Kohler as a pioneer woman at Old Washington. They attended "Folkways of the Red River Region," a University summer school course. *photo by Nashville News*



**Shaunna Brown**  
Van Buren  
**William Bumgardner**  
Aviano, Italy  
**Chantal Bunn**  
Fayetteville

**Rusty Bunn**  
Arkadelphia  
**Shanna Burris**  
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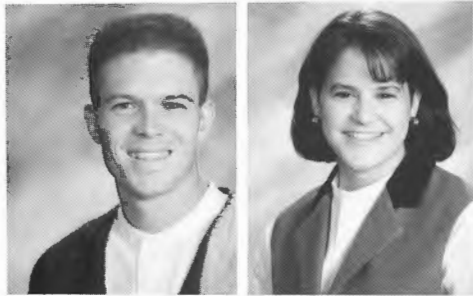
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San Antonio, TX  
**Todd Chumley**  
San Antonio, TX

**Marty Collier**  
Ashdown  
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Dermott  
**Shannon Cone**  
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Brinkley  
**Sharon Cosh**  
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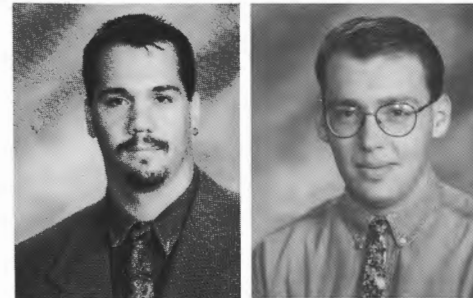
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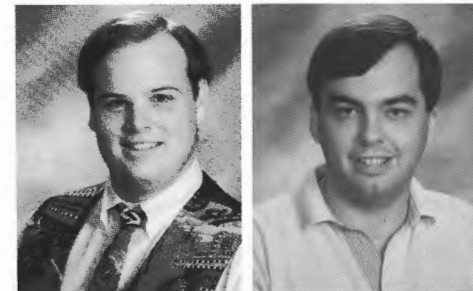
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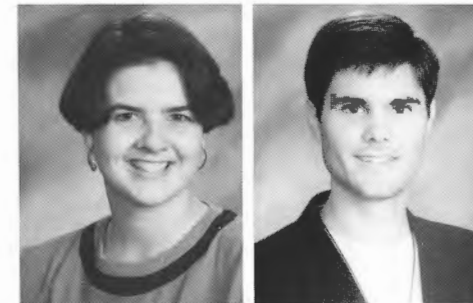
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**Christina Egelhoff**  
Jacksonville



**Penny Erion**  
Conway  
**Aaron Erskine**  
Fort Worth, TX  
**Derek Erwin**  
Bamako, Mali



*Outside these walls...*

# JUNE 1995

*June 1st-* Betty Tucker, wife of Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, refused to testify before the Whitewater grand jury

*June 2nd-* American F-16C fighter pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady was shot down over Bosnia

*June 7th-* Federal grand jury at Little Rock indicted Gov. Jim Guy Tucker on three felony counts

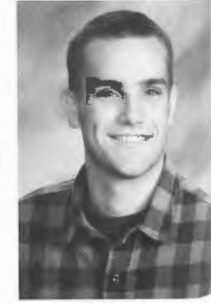
*June 8th-* Capt. Scott O'Grady rescued from Bosnia

*June 9th-* Six-year-old Morgan Nick from Ozark, Arkansas, was abducted from a Little League baseball field

*June 17th-* Dozens dead and wounded after two Russian commando attacks on Chechen rebel gunmen who were holding about 2,000 hostages in a hospital

*June 22nd-* House and Senate Republicans announced agreement on a compromise seven-year budget-balancing plan

*June 25th-* Warren E. Burger, chief justice of the United States during one of the Supreme Court's most socially turbulent eras, died



*Summer Jobs-* Keith Percefull and Kevin Holt entertain a lady during a show at Magic Springs. Several students earned college funds performing in various groups throughout the summer. \*photo by Mac Sisson

Profile...



Seniors Jon Shirley and Zac Murtha entertain the crowd at a campus Christmas party. Shirley and Murtha, who began playing together at Praise and Worship and other events, decided to form a Christian duo called Nickel and Dime, hoping to sign a record deal after they cut their demo. •photo by Carol Price

# Playing for a change Nickel & Dime

by Janna Young

"Who is this guy?" he thought as he sat in class that day. "For weeks now I've been leading choruses before class, then this guy starts bringing his guitar to class and thinks he can do what I do." Who knew that one day they could be cutting an album together?

Jon Shirley and Zac Murtha worked together the summer following that sophomore year and eventually became friends. Their junior year they began playing together at Praise and Worship, a weekly worship meeting for students.

Shirley had long ago decided he was to have a solo career in music, but God had something else in mind. One night before his senior year Shirley had to play without Murtha, and he knew he never wanted to do that again. Shirley talked to Murtha about it, and they discovered they shared the same mission with their music.

"In our experience, most Christians make a science out of worship," said Shirley. "However, in a true encounter with the Lord, people can't help but be changed."

Shirley and Murtha continued working with the

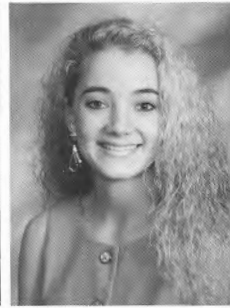
admissions office doing concerts to promote the University in Texas, Oklahoma, and surrounding areas. After graduation they wanted to go to college campuses and churches as the duet named Nickel and Dime.

They recorded two songs and planned to do more before their album was released on the first of April. However, record deals were not part of their main goal.

"We want to minister to people and help them experience God in a way they never have before, free and changed by the presence of God," said Murtha. "It doesn't take a record deal, posters, or fame to do that."

"Zac and Jon write songs that say exactly what they want to tell God," said freshman T.K. Zellers. "Their songs are very personal."

Perhaps they could continue to travel and play their music for the rest of their lives, or maybe it was just for a time. However, each knew God would continue to change lives with His truth, and they wanted to be involved in whatever way possible.



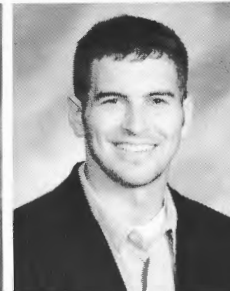
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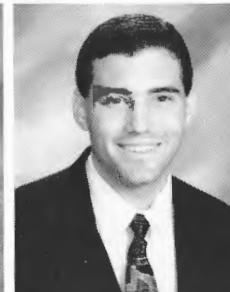
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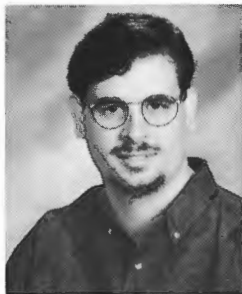
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**Kendra Hodges**  
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**Heather Holloway**  
North Little Rock  
**Kevin Holt**  
Jonesboro



*Outside these walls...*

# JULY 1995

*July 1st-* Paula Montgomery crowned Miss Arkansas 1995

*July 7th-* Atlantis landed after having docked with the Russian space station

*July 9th-* Police blockaded more than 3,000 Protestants in Northern Ireland from entering a Roman Catholic enclave

*July 14th-* Judge barred TV cameras from Susan Smith's trial on charges that she drowned her two young sons

*July 18th-* The death toll from Chicago's heat wave soared to 376

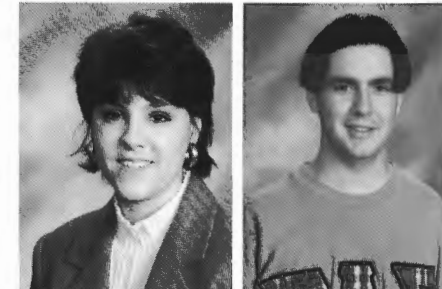
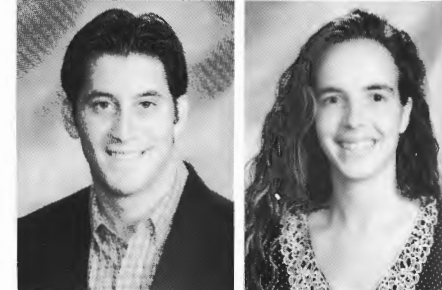
*July 22nd-* Susan Smith found guilty of murder

*July 23rd-* John Daly of Dardanelle won the British Open

*July 25th-* Bomb hidden on subway exploded in Paris killing four and injuring 60 others

*July 28th-* Croatian army joined Bosnian Croat forces against the Serbs in Bosnia's war

*July 28th-* Susan Smith sentenced to life in prison



*Summer Camps-* Guy Lyons mixes developing chemicals in the photography lab for students at the University's publications workshop. High school students from across the state attended the event. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

Profile...



Senior John Tolbert operates the sound board in Jones Performing Arts Center. Tolbert served as the production coordinator, and he was responsible for all technical aspects of performances in Jones. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

# Attending to technicalities JOHN TOLBERT

by Megan Mims

The stage was immaculate. The lights were positioned perfectly. The volume was just right, and the spotlights were ready. The actors, speakers, groups, or singers displayed their magnificent talent. Everyone offered rounds of applause to all the individuals who participated in the production. But behind all the glory and magnitude, back behind the soundboard, sat one tremendous individual.

Most people who stepped foot into Jones Performing Arts Center did not realize the labor that went on behind the scenes. But senior pastoral ministry major John Tolbert did. He was the one who was called on when there was equipment failure during a performance. He was the one who was called early in the morning or late at night when someone needed to prepare for an event in Jones. He was also the one whose name was recognized as being the Jones Performing Arts Center Production Coordinator.

When Tolbert transferred in the fall of 1993 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, as well as from

the South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado, little did he know the responsibilities that awaited him. He worked under Eric Phillips, technical theatre instructor and set designer.

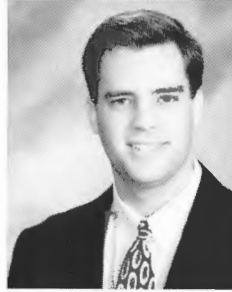
Tolbert supervised the coordination of workers in Jones for various events, such as Venture, Chapel, Tiger Tunes, concerts, and pageants. He was also responsible for the technical aspects of Jones, in addition to building and equipment upkeep. Even with all his responsibilities connected with Jones, Tolbert considered himself "just one of the workers with a little more responsibility."

Tolbert also managed to stay active in the Army Reserves for his fourth year. In the Reserves, he served as a communications security equipment repairer on cryptographic equipment.

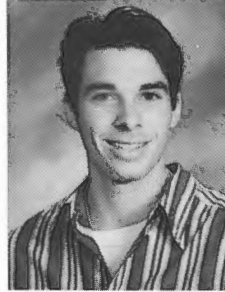
Despite the responsibilities, Tolbert believed his work was rewarding. He said the satisfaction came from seeing a "production from its roughest point, its completion, and seeing the work pay off into a good performance."



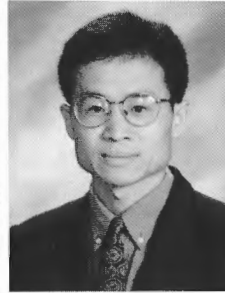
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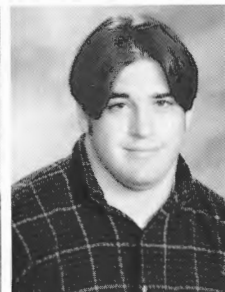
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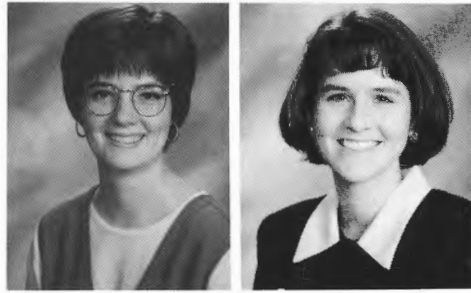
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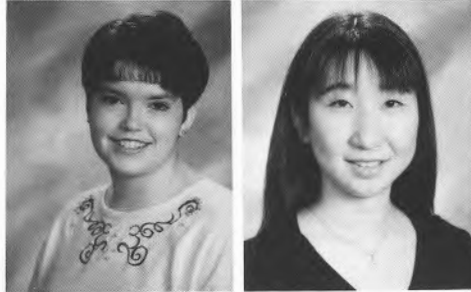
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Houston, TX  
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Fort Smith



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**April Lee**  
Osaka, Japan



**Beth Ann Lee**  
Midwest City, OK  
**Mary Gay Lewis**  
Coming



**Shannon Littmann**  
Mineral Springs  
**Ginny Loarie**  
North Little Rock



*Profile...*



Senior Steven Gent practices the guitar solo for one of his compositions. Gent began pursuing his life-long dream of becoming a musical performer even as a child. Gent and his band, Time of Silence, cut a demo in hopes of signing a recording contract with a major label. *photo by Richard Starkey*

*Pursuing a lifelong dream*  
**STEVEN GENT**  
*by Amanda Seale*

For some people, knowing what to do with life didn't come as easily as it did for Steven Gent. Who would think that as a small child he would begin playing on a keyboard and decide that was what he wanted to do with his future? Gent did, and his ambition directed him towards exciting new arenas of life.

Gent, a 27-year-old music major from Dallas, began his music career at an early age. He was a member of two bands during his high school years.

After attending Dallas Baptist University for three years, Gent transferred because he heard of Dr. McBeth. "I was very impressed with what I had heard about McBeth, and I really wanted to meet him, so I came here," Gent said.

During his career at the University, Gent has played the trumpet in the jazz band, the French horn in the wind ensemble, and the guitar and keyboard for Tiger Tunes.

Gent also had the experience of working with some of the "big wigs" in the music industry.

"I ran the sound at Magic Springs and was honored to be

able to work with Diamond Rio, Marty Stuart, and Ronnie Milsap. It was a new experience," said Gent.

Gent was working towards a recording contract with some of the bigger Christian labels. "My group, 'Time of Silence,' composed of several students at the University, is working on a tape to be sent to 'pitch' or present the music to different, bigger labels, such as Word and is sold at concerts," Gent said.

Gent wrote 95 percent of the music his group sang, which "deals with topics most Christian artists don't," such as sexual temptation, insecurities about serving God, and relationships.

"When my group plays, it is usually a large scale production with lights and special effects and the whole thing," Gent said.

It appeared as though most of Gent's goals and dreams had been realized, but as far as long-term goals were concerned, Gent hoped to get signed on with Warner Brother Records and get a recording contract, start touring, and then eventually go solo.

*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

*—recognized for excellence—*

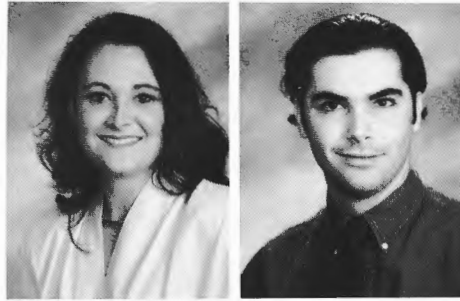
## KIMBERLY BAKER,

was a Biblical studies/general major. She served as a BSU ministry team leader to international students. She received the O.W. Yates Award and was named an Academic Achiever of Religion and Philosophy. Other honors include the president's and dean's lists and membership in Alpha Chi. She enjoyed playing the piano and riding horses. She served as church organist, children's choir director, and was a teacher in the preschool department.

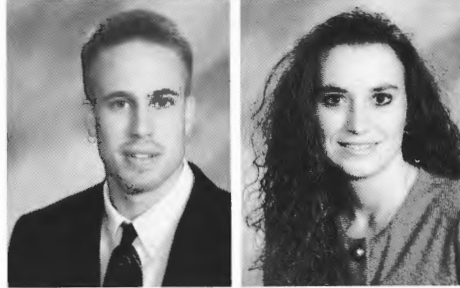


## CINDY BLACK,

a general business major, was a dorm discipleship leader. She was a member of EEE Women's Social Club, where she served as treasurer, an executive councilman, and was pledge class treasurer. She was social chairman for Phi Beta Lambda. She was a Maddox Dorm Dedication representative, a college recruit representative, and a new student panel discussion representative. She did volunteer work for Arkansas Children's Hospital, AWAC, and nursing homes. She enjoyed reading, writing, singing, aerobics, spending time with family, and being outdoors.



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Stockholm, Sweden  
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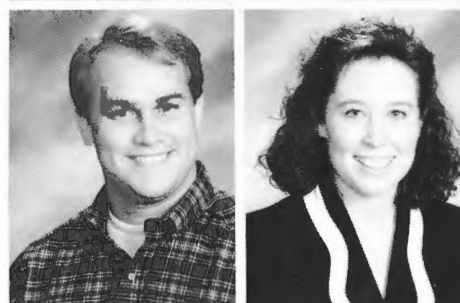
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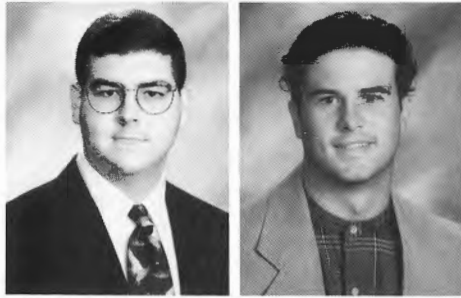


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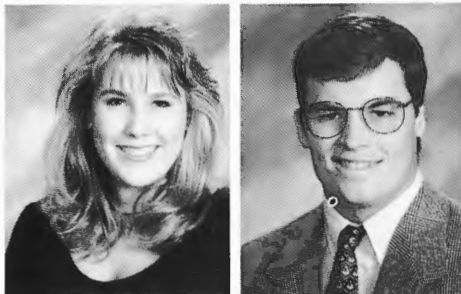
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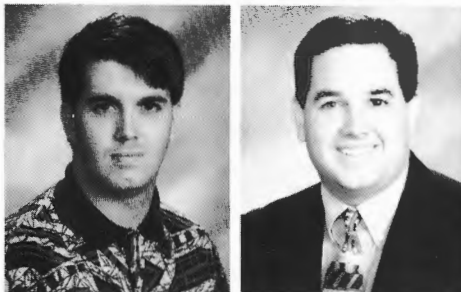
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Conway



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Searcy  
**Jennifer Reece**  
Mayflower



*Outside these walls...*

# AUGUST 1995

*Aug. 2nd-* Hurricane Erin sank two ships and knocked out power to more than 1 million people

*Aug. 6th-* Japan marked the apocalyptic advent of the nuclear age 50 years ago

*Aug. 9th-* Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead died

*Aug. 9th-* Police found decomposed body stuffed under vacant Little Rock house in condition like that of other women found slain

*Aug. 10th-* Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols indicted in Oklahoma City bombing

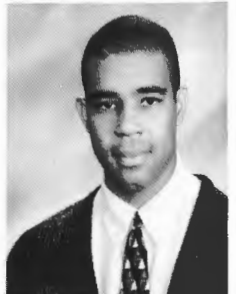
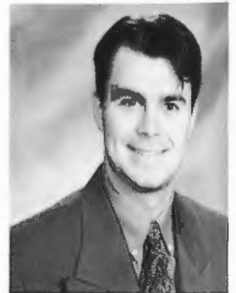
*Aug. 10th-* Clinton declared nicotine a drug and ordered it taken out of childrens' hands

*Aug. 13th-* Mickey Mantle, the most powerful switch-hitter in baseball history, died

*Aug. 18th-* Shannon Faulkner withdrew from the Citadel

*Aug. 19th-* Mike Tyson defeated Peter McNeeley in just 89 seconds.

*Aug. 29th-* Mark Furhman tapes heard by Judge Ito unmasking Furhman as racially motivated, lying policeman



*New Student Retreat-* Freshmen Ashley Neill and Kelly Proctor enjoy lunch during the New Student Retreat. Many incoming students attended this weekend to get acquainted with others and with campus. •photo by Guy Lyons



Stoney Evans shuts himself into a practice room to enjoy his passion for music. While still practice teaching, Evans was offered a job as band director in Bismarck, where he attended school. Evans looked forward to expanding his love for music into a career. •photo by Diane Deaton

## Unexpected direction STONEY EVANS

by Jodie Matthews

Proverbs 3:5-6 said, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." In a society where students were constantly bombarded with pessimistic predictions about the inavailability of jobs, trust took on an even deeper meaning than ever. Stoney Evans took that meaning seriously. He was a 1995 Bachelor of Music Education graduate with a unique situation. Evans was finishing up his degree by student teaching at Lakeside High School. However, before he finished the semester, Bismarck High School offered him a contract as a band director.

Evans said that it was a great feeling to know that he had a job, and that it was really special to be able to teach at the high school from which he graduated. He said, "I decided to teach because I felt that because Bismarck was a small school, I was somewhat short changed. We didn't have a junior high band then. The opportunity to enhance the program is exciting." Bismarck

schools planned to have a junior high band in the fall of 1996, and they wanted Evans to take on the challenging position of director. "The chance to teach music is hard to describe; it's really neat," he said.

As far as the future was concerned, Evans said that he loved his job, and that any plans beyond that were unknown for the time being. He wanted to remain at Bismarck for as long as possible. "It takes time to see how good of a teacher you are," he said. "You can't get results in the first year. If the results are good, and the community is happy, I will keep doing what I'm doing."

According to Evans, the University prepared him well for his job. He said his education in all areas, especially spiritual ones, had better prepared him to be the leader he would have to be. "I'm not just a band director. I have to be a teacher, counselor, and friend," he said.

Evans' spiritual growth taught him the importance of putting all his trust in the Lord. He did just that, and he felt that his job offer was evidence of its effectiveness.



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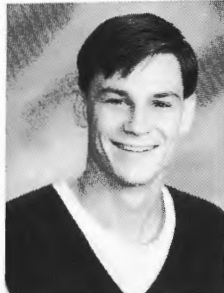
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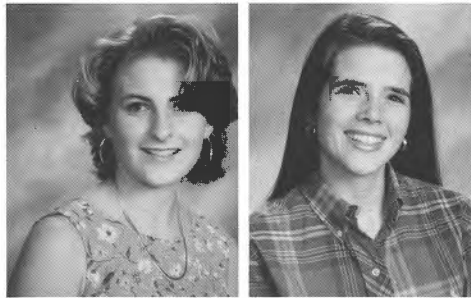


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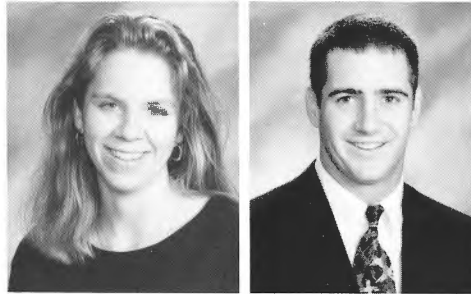


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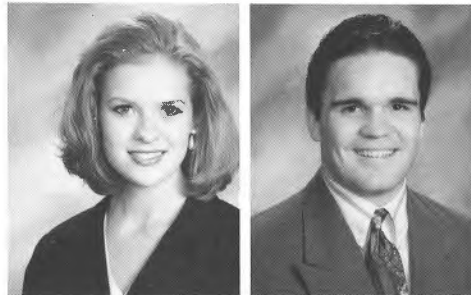
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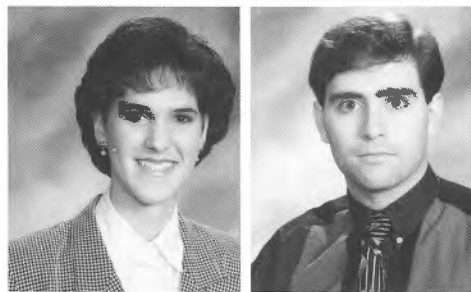
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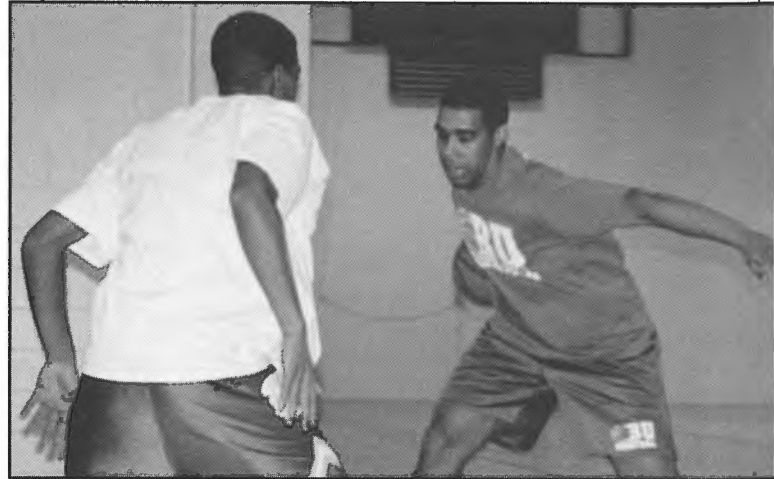
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*Profile...*



Senior Frank Paul attempts to drive past his opponent in a practice game. In addition to playing college basketball, Paul seized the opportunity to travel to Europe with News Release Basketball. The group of athletes used sports as a vehicle for telling others about Christ. •photo by Jonathan Henderson

*Shooting for eternity*  
**FRANK PAUL**  
*by Marci Phillips*

He wiped his sweaty palms on his shorts and quickly stepped to the line. Silence rang in his ears, and his eyes searched for the scoreboard. Frank Paul felt time stand still as his hands released the ball. He closed his eyes in prayer for another point.

This was no ordinary basketball game for Paul, who traveled to Europe for four weeks to play with a hidden mission. Paul joined a team with other college and high school players to reach European teenagers through time on a basketball floor. "I went over as a basketball player, not a missionary because they accept players better than missionaries," said Paul.

Paul's team was sponsored by News Release Basketball, which was a non-profit organization. Paul raised the amount of money required to travel to Belgium and Holland. Not only did Paul play for the organization, but he became part of the Board of Advisors. "As a member of the Board, I communicate my feelings of News Release about the future," said Paul.

Paul and the team set up

basketball camps for those who wanted to participate. Not only did Paul teach basketball skills, but he shared his testimony and led Bible study. "Ministering to kids over there is different than in the States because most kids have heard the gospel and know the Bible," said Paul, "They want you to prove it."

After the team worked the camps all day, they took the floor to play various European teams. It was not unusual for Paul to ride a train six or seven hours to play a game. The European teams that played were second or third division of their professional league.

Despite all the hard work, Paul was allowed time to travel the countries and meet other players. Among the people Paul met was David Thompson, a former NBA star. "He was Michael Jordan's hero, and I hung out with him every day," said Paul.

"I had fun, bonded with other players, and made new friends," said Paul. Whether he scored for the team, shared Christ, or helped a kid learn to dribble, Paul used his talents to impact people that most had no opportunity to reach.

Inside these walls...

# WHO'S WHO

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## CHRIS BOSEN,

a communications/theatre double major, served as editor, co-editor, and sports editor of the *Signal*. He was president of Theta Alpha Phi theatre fraternity, and president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, and Tiger Tunes director for Sigma Alpha Sigma. He co-hosted *Ouachita*, the University's television show and produced the *Ken Wheaton Show*. He was recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for his outstanding infographic portfolio.



## MISTY L. BREWER,

a sociology major, served as a dorm Bible study leader, director of retreats and conferences, secretary, and was an executive councilman for the BSU. She was also a part of the Panhellenic Council and served as chaplain of the EEE Women's Social Club. She was a 1994 Homecoming nominee. She participated in mission trips to Florida and Hilton Head, South Carolina. She enjoyed singing and writing short stories.



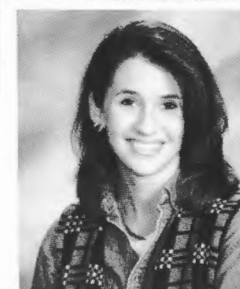
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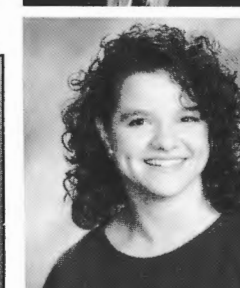
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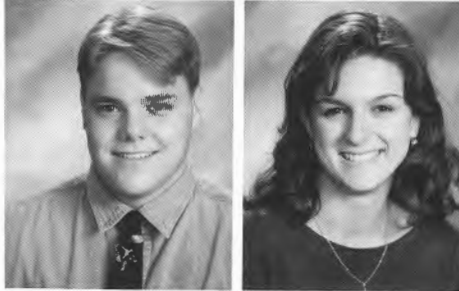
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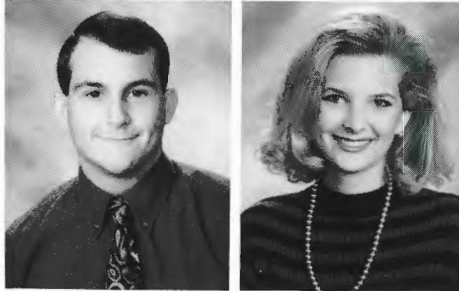
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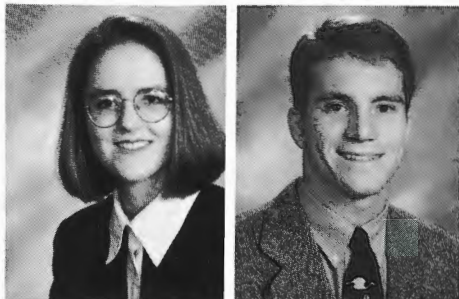
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**Joy Barber**  
Orlando, FL  
**Trey Barr**  
Monroe, LA  
**Jimmy Baugher**  
Star City



**Sarah Beal**  
Caracas, Venezuela  
**Jeanetta Becholdt**  
Searcy  
**Cari Bedford**  
Springdale



*Outside these walls...*

# SEPTEMBER 1995

*Sept. 1st-* NCAA said football players could kneel in prayer for a brief moment

*Sept. 1st-* Fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II

*Sept. 1st-* Serbs, Croats, and Muslims announced possible peace talks

*Sept. 10th-* United States ship fired cruise missiles at Serb targets

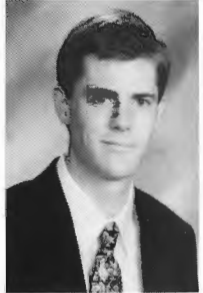
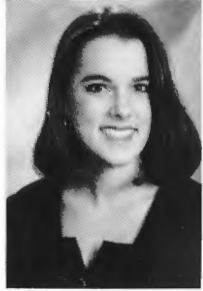
*Sept. 10th-* Women in Beijing gained the right over reproduction at the United Nation's women's conference

*Sept. 11th-* United Nations blamed the United States for a slowing economy

*Sept. 12th-* NATO warplanes bombed Bosnian Serbs ammunition depot and other military targets

*Sept. 12th-* Members of Montana's Crow tribe gathered at the Capitol to protest proposed cuts to Indian programs

*Sept. 12th-* United States announced it suffered its worst trade performance in history



*Serenades-* Women across campus gather as the Men of Kappa Chi sing for them. Serenades by both men and women social clubs occurred frequently throughout the fall and spring semesters. •photo by Jim Yates

Profile...



Junior Chase Goforth swallows fire as one of his many magic tricks. Goforth used his magic to catch the attention of his audiences, and then he shared his personal testimony with the onlookers. •photo by Carol Price

# Captivating the crowds CHASE GOFORTH

by Janna Young

"I remember when I was about nine years old, watching TV and a guy was making a girl float in mid-air. I asked my mom how he did that. Rather than giving me the logical answer I wanted, she simply said 'Magic.'" The sense of mystery with which Chase Goforth's mom answered him inspired him to become a magician himself.

Chase Goforth, a junior Biblical Studies/Language major from Fayetteville, had been doing magic ever since. His first performance was in the second grade. He showed his class a trick he'd gotten in a magic set.

Goforth had since progressed in his magic skills. He performed tricks that involved people, such as the one he did with fellow student Misty Brewer.

"He cut me in half," said Brewer. "I got in a big box and he put blades through it, then pulled the boxes apart."

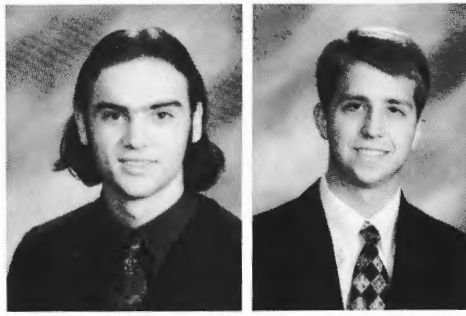
Goforth felt an obligation as a Christian to make disciples, but he did not call his magic a ministry. Rather, he called it Christian entertainment, which he defined as a form of

entertainment which allowed him to get people's attention, and then share with them a personal testimony, or some spiritual insight. Goforth had made use of his talent on mission trips to Ohio, Arizona, Texas, and Arkansas.

Goforth was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Society of American Magicians and the Psychic Entertainers Association.

As for the future, Goforth planned to continue doing magic. He aspired to be successful enough to incorporate other Christian art into his performances. Goforth explained that Christian art seemed to be a half step behind modern secular art. "I would like to see more risks taken and eventually catch up with the secular world," said Goforth.

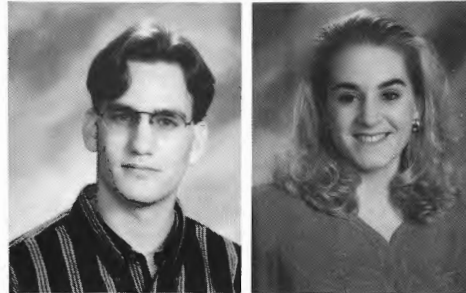
The one problem Goforth had as a magician, was that he was no longer entertained by magic because he knew most of the tricks. "There is one trick called the zig-zag illusion, that I saw when I was nine or ten," said Goforth. "I still don't know how it works, and I don't want to. I like not knowing."



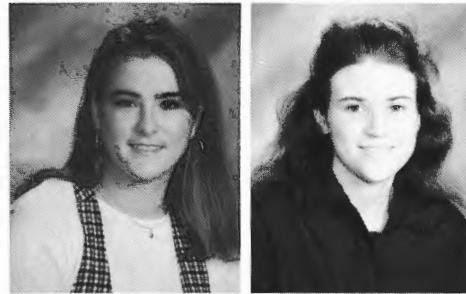
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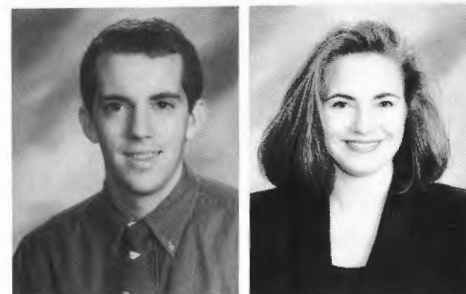
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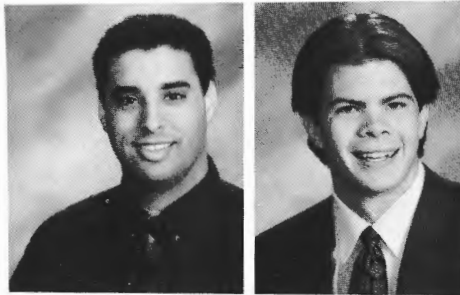


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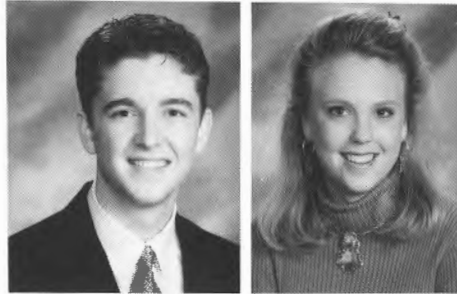


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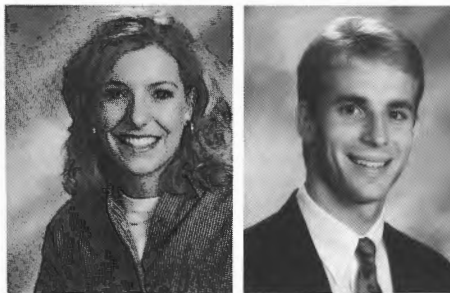
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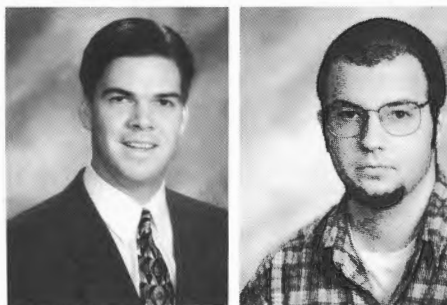
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*Profile...*



Junior Carol Davis takes time out to play a game with her children, Sidney and Spencer. With a spirit of true determination, Davis managed to maintain the roles of employee, student, and mother, becoming an example of hard work for all to emulate. •photo by Guy Lyons

*Abounding in determination*  
**CAROL DAVIS**  
— by Christina Lance —

With toys strewn all about the room and the sound of innocent laughter filling the air, Carol Davis sat calmly on the couch and listened to the sound of normality. Being a single mother of two, holding between 18 and 20 hours of college classes, and earning a living seemed to be more than any one person could handle. Oddly enough, Davis found nothing bizarre about her situation and did not consider it a burden.

The sudden death of her husband in December of 1992 left her alone with her two children, Sidney and Spencer. With only a few hours of college credit to her name and a job with no potential for promotion, she found herself searching for a university willing to accept her. After attending a local community college and receiving as many hours as possible, she decided to pack up and move to Arkadelphia.

Although her family considered her insane for moving to a town of complete strangers, Davis' strong will and sense of peace carried her through her decision. When asked how she ever found the

time to fit in all of her work, she said, "I never study for more than two hours for any one thing." She simply said that this strategy seemed to work and that was all the time she could give.

Although she lived alone, the memories of her husband and the father of her children would always remain. From looking around the house and viewing the family photos to studying his works of art, the evidence of a loving and devoted man was clear. While the children barely remembered their father, Davis took time to teach them about him and constantly reminded them "daddy" loved them. The children even placed gifts for him under the Christmas tree and always saved half of their candy to share with their father.

No matter if one considered Davis in the light of student, mom, or both, she was an incredible woman, abounding in devotion and determination. She always found the time to take care of the people around her, and she still found time for herself. In short, Davis was a remarkable person worth being noticed.

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# WHO'S WHO

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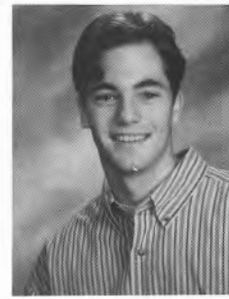
## SHAUNNA BROWN,

an early childhood education major, served on the executive council, as a ministry leader, and as a dorm Bible study leader for the BSU. She was a Homecoming nominee and was named to the dean's list. She did volunteer work with the children's department and in the nursery at church and worked with the children at Head Start. She went to Australia with the summer mission team.



## CHANTAL BUNN,

an English major, was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Chi National Honor Fraternity, SELF, Student Senate, and Tri Chi Women's Social Club. She was editor of the *Tempus* literary magazine. She was chosen as a Kappa Chi Little Sis. She was named to the National Honor Roll, the dean's list, and the president's list. She was also an active member of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.



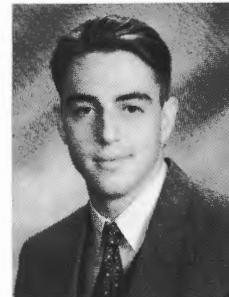
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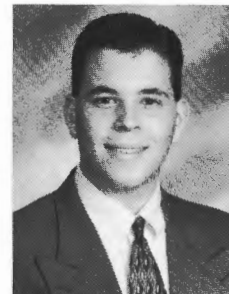
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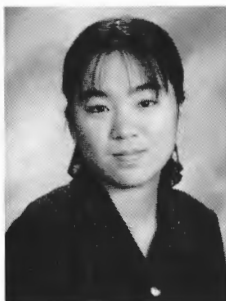


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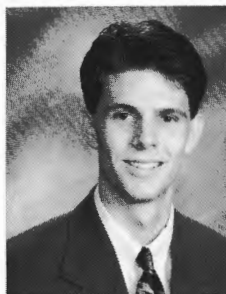
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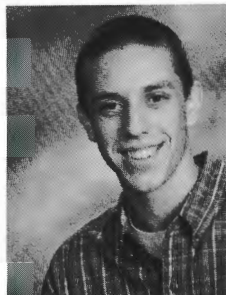
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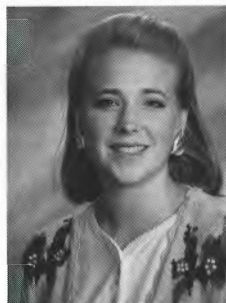
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**Alicia Harman**  
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Memphis, TN  
**Amy Harville**  
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*Outside these walls...*

# SEPTEMBER 1995

*Sept. 25th-* Ross Perot announced he was starting his own party

*Sept. 26th-* Bald Knob student James Derrick Grubbs admitted killing classmate Kenyatta Haynes

*Sept. 26th-* Bosnia agreed to guidelines for elections and a future government

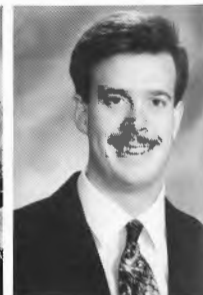
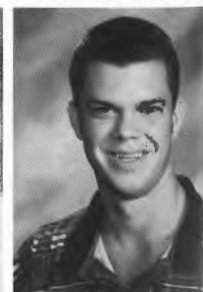
*Sept. 26th-* Sixteen POWs held by Bosnian Serbs exchanged for 17 Serb POWs

*Sept. 26th-* Arkansas Black & White Cab Co. driver Luther Williams surrendered on Medicaid fraud charges

*Sept. 27th-* Mount Ruapehu on New Zealand's North Island continued to erupt

*Sept. 27th-* Israeli cabinet approved a plan to bring self rule to most of the Palestinians in the West Bank

*Sept. 27th-* Hendrix student died after falling out of truck and being run over on I-40



*T.W.I.R.P. Week* Tri Chi Beaus serenade junior Tri Chi member Cari Bedford as they entertain the audience at Planet Ouachita. Each of the social clubs hosted an evening activity ranging from barbecues to formal dinners during T.W.I.R.P. week. •photo by Jim Yates

Profile...



Junior computer science major Bo Koralage sits down to speak with a friend between classes. Koralage came to the United States to attend high school in 1988 and has continued his education here. As a sort of cure for homesickness, Koralage used modern conveniences such as e-mail to keep in touch with his family in Sri Lanka. •photo by Jonathan Henderson

# Between two worlds BO KORALAGE

by Amanda Seale

It all began in 1980, when Joe Parks from Texarkana went on a mission trip to Sri Lanka, a "little bitty country under India." Parks met Prabodha Koralage, or "Bo" as he was called, and asked the young man if he would like to go to the States to attend school.

"The only English I knew was English I had learned in school," said Koralage. So, without knowing much English, Koralage came to the United States in 1988 and adopted Texarkana as his new home, and Mr. Joe Parks as his foster parent. Bo attended Texas High School and graduated in 1993.

Bo applied to various colleges and found that Ouachita offered him the best scholarships. "It was convenient in that it was close to Texarkana, also," Koralage said.

Koralage decided to major in computer science and to go to graduate school. "It really all depends on whatever God wants me to do," he said.

Because Sri Lanka was a third world country, there were differences in the culture that were foreign to the U.S. "The

education system is really different. The education and schooling there is more theory. Here it is practical," Koralage said. He went on to say that because the country did not have many resources there were not many ways to use the education as a means of producing. "Here you can put education to work; there you can't," he said.

Being many miles away from home, one would think Koralage would be homesick often. He said he didn't get that homesick very often, and he talked to his family two or three times a year on birthdays and holidays. "Being a computer science major, I can e-mail my friends and family and communicate with them that way. I keep up with the Sri Lankan news on the e-mail because it's not everyday that you see something in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* about Sri Lanka," he said.

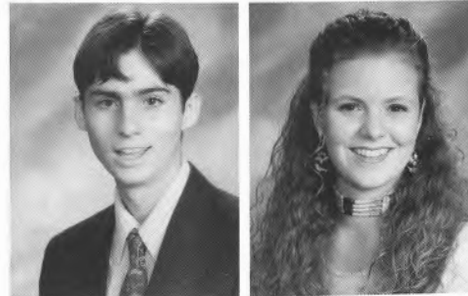
Koralage anxiously waited to see what God wanted him to do after he graduated. With the vast and ever-improving communication technology, impacting two countries was a distinct possibility.



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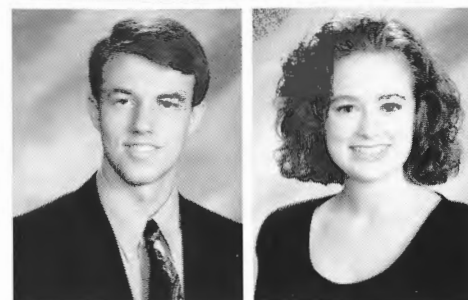
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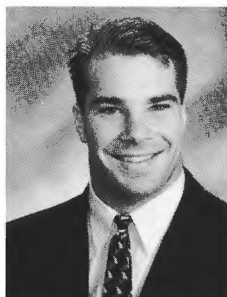


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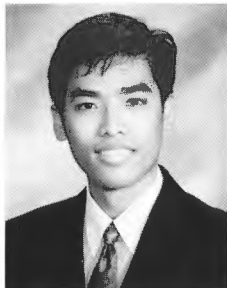


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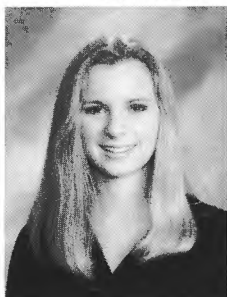
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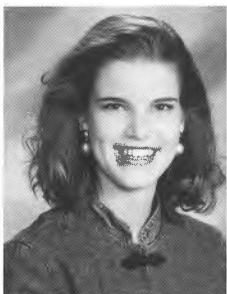
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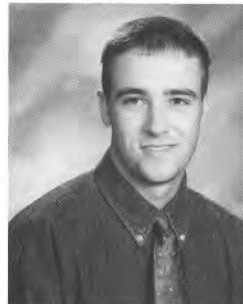
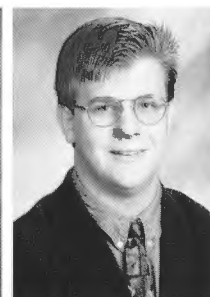
## SHANNA BURRIS,

a chemistry and biology double major, served as president of Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society and senior class secretary. She was a member of Alpha Chi and played intramural basketball and softball. She was an IBM Scholar and a 1995 Mondy-Provine Scholar. She was named to the president's list and as outstanding freshman biology student. She enjoyed playing the piano, bicycling, hiking, and reading.



## SHARON COSH,

participated in many BSU activities. She was co-leader of the young married's Sunday School class at First Baptist Church. She is a part-time instructor of English as a Second Language and started an ESL school at First Baptist Church and was program director for two years. She also worked in ministry with internationals. She received the Clyta Daniel Agee Art Award and had her painting displayed in the library. She was also named to the dean's list, the president's list, and Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. She enjoyed doing calligraphy, painting, playing the piano, and raising her five daughters.



Profile...



Senior Carey Richardson and junior Angela Rodriguez talk with Jenny Fryman, a high school student at the K-Life House in Hot Springs. Several students taught Bible study and led various activities in order to help high school and junior high students strengthen their faith. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

# *K* person to person **KIDS LIFE** *by Genny Cassaday*

Sacrifice was a major part of any ministry, but for a group of students it meant driving 90 miles or more a week to serve in Kids Life (K-Life), a non-denominational, Christian youth organization located in Hot Springs.

The organization was one of nine in the Mid West which were a branch of Kanakuk-Kanakomo Kamps centered in Branson, Missouri. Trent Ballard served as the area director of Hot Springs K-Life, which began three years ago.

The primacy of the person-to-person contact was at the forefront of K-Life's message to teens.

"One person can't do mass discipleship," said Ballard. "These Ouachita student leaders help make the ministry more intimate because they can spend time with individual kids."

Junior high and high school K-Life clubs allowed kids time for food, fellowship, games, skits, singing, and learning more about how to grow in their relationship with Christ.

"Club is a great time for the kids to relax, and it provides an opportunity for some Christian

fellowship," said sophomore Dawn Webb. "The environment is informal enough that non-Christian youth don't feel threatened like they might in a church setting."

Outside of the clubs, the youth had an opportunity to meet in small group Bible studies which were decided by grade and gender.

Senior Carey Richardson saw Bible study as a vital part of the K-Life ministry. "Bible study gives me a tremendous opportunity for one-on-one discipleship with my girls," she said.

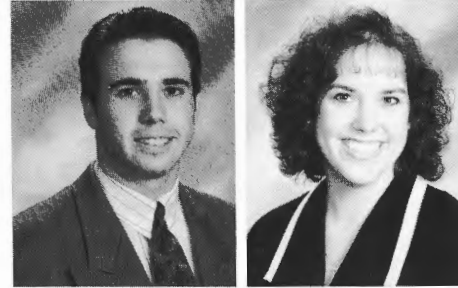
In addition to regular club meetings and Bible studies, there were numerous retreats and special activities throughout the year held for both junior high and high school students.

The organization also had a way of ministering to the leaders, who met once a week for a time of singing, prayer, and Bible study.

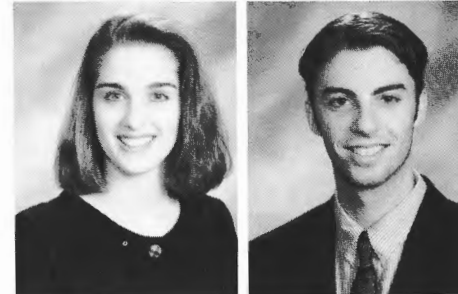
"The leaders create a real support system for each other," said junior Cortney Brown. "Our time together on Sunday nights gives us time when we can focus on our relationships with the Lord."



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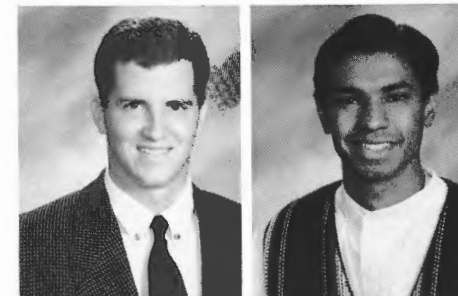
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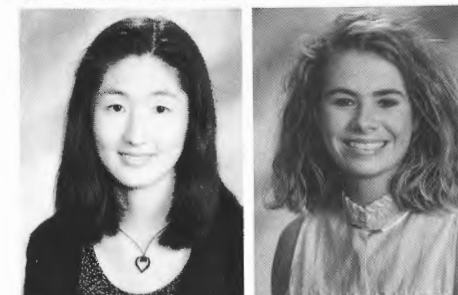
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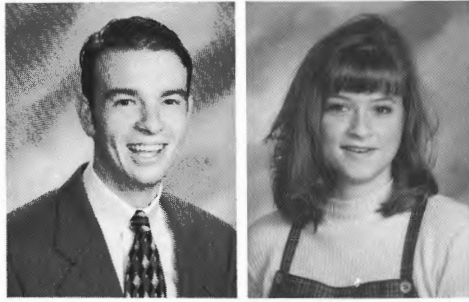
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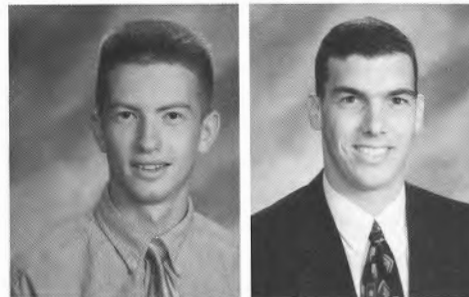
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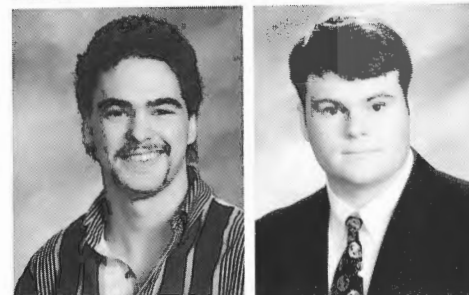
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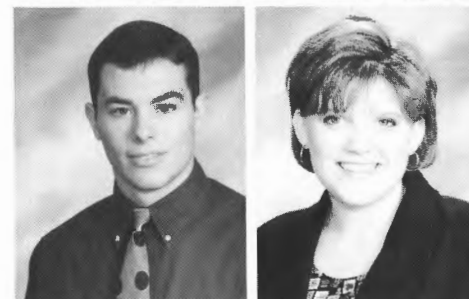
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 Mobile, AL



*Profile...*



Junior Jeff Williams looks to the scoreboard and announces for a home basketball game. Williams devoted most of his time to his love of sports by writing stories for the Sports Information Office, commentating for local radio stations, and traveling to as many games as he could. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

*J covering all the bases*  
**JEFF WILLIAMS**  
 — by Priscilla Shrader —

He walked in his dorm room, kicked off his shoes and collapsed on his bed fully clothed, too tired to even change. After a long Saturday at the ball field, junior Jeff Williams was deserving of what little sleep he could fit in before the next day's duties began.

Growing up around it his whole life, Williams had a natural love for sports. Playing catch with his dad on a Sunday afternoon wasn't the only activity he enjoyed as a child. Glued to the television, memorizing every face, number and position, Williams enjoyed watching game after game learning the rules and players for each team.

When Williams came to college, he knew he didn't have the size or the talent to play on the college level, but he knew he wanted to do something involving sports. During his freshman year, Williams began keeping statistics for the basketball and football programs, helping out Mac Sisson, the University's Sports Information Director.

During his sophomore year, Williams wrote for all of the

University's sports and began helping Sisson at all of the games and the activities involved. During his junior year, he began doing color commentating for local radio stations covering Arkadelphia football games. He wrote play-by-play at the basketball games and stayed busy every afternoon working for Sports Information as his work study. While most students enjoyed fun-filled, relaxing weekends, whether it was a date or an outing, Williams spent his so-called "time off" traveling from game to game and writing the stories.

Williams said that he didn't mind the busy weekends. "It's more fun than it is work for me," said Williams. "I wanted to go to college and find a job I enjoyed, and I did," he said.

After graduation, Williams planned to take the experience he gained from his hard work and use it to help him establish a career. "I want to go into sports information," said Williams. "I feel like I have the experience and the chance to do a lot of things. I just love sports and I love being surrounded by it."

Outside these walls...

# OCTOBER 1995

**Oct. 1st-** Tropical storm pounded the entire length of the Philippines, killing 29 people

**Oct. 2nd-** O.J. Simpson jury reached a verdict in less than four hours

**Oct. 3rd-** Minutes after 12 p.m. central time, O.J. Simpson found not guilty

**Oct. 8th-** Israel released the first of 2,300 Palestinian prisoners after months of negotiations

**Oct. 9th-** Jury selection began in the trial of the woman accused of killing Selena, the 23-year-old queen of Latin-flavored Tejano music

**Oct. 8th-** Hurricane Opal changed the face of Florida's Gulf coast

**Oct. 11th-** First Republican presidential candidate debate in New Hampshire

**Oct. 11th-** The Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the seven wonders of the world, found in Alexandria, Egypt

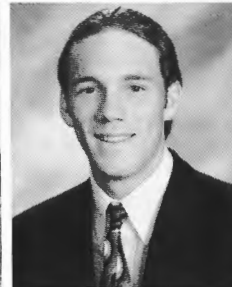
**Oct. 16th-** Million Man March in Washington, D.C.



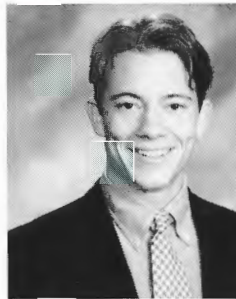
**The Verdict-** Students and professors gather around every available television to hear the noon announcement of the O. J. Simpson verdict. A hush came over campus as classes dismissed early to watch the not guilty verdict be announced. *photo by Joy Barber*



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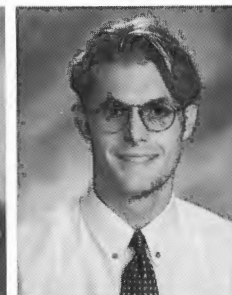
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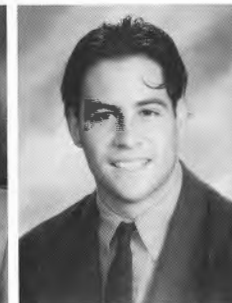
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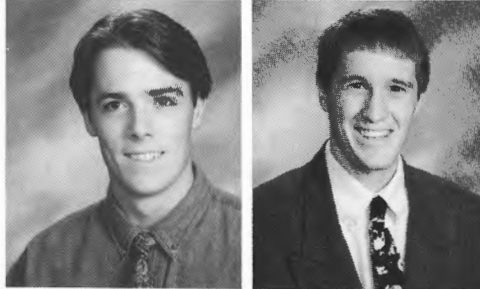


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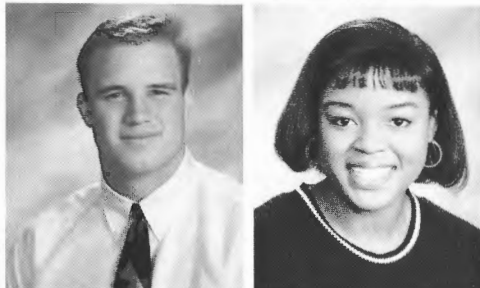
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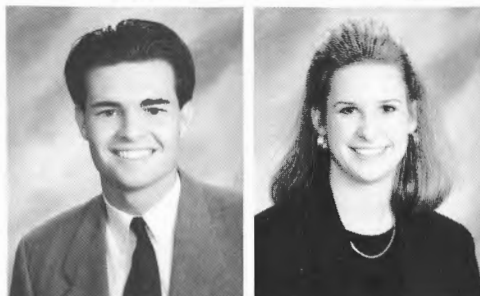
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**Amanda Seale**  
Texarkana, TX



*Profile...*



Junior Angela Rodriguez enjoys a praise song with friend Katie Colo at the K-Life House in Hot Springs. In addition to her time spent in work with K-Life, Rodriguez volunteered to do prison ministry. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

*taking time to care*  
**ANGELA RODRIGUEZ**  
*by Amanda Seale*

"It all started when I was a freshman and I prayed that God would give me a ministry to work in, but that he would just have to flat out show me," said junior Angela Rodriguez. She explained that one night in praise and worship Trent Ballard talked about Kids Life (K-Life).

"I knew that was what God was telling me He wanted me to do," she said.

Three years ago, Rodriguez got involved with K-Life, a non-denominational organization for kids which allowed them to "be one-on-one with their peers."

"K-Life offers kids a place to come and worship and share with one another thoughts and feelings that might pertain to someone else, kind of like a support group," Rodriguez said.

She said that K-Life wasn't just a big "Bible school." It was a place where kids could have fun and play games and fellowship.

While working in K-Life Rodriguez had a ninth grade girls' Bible study every Tuesday. "I have really had a chance to be an example to

these kids through this ministry and make a difference in their lives so they can come to know Christ through this program," she said.

As if her schedule didn't sound busy enough with K-Life, Rodriguez worked with the prison ministry in the BSU.

"In high school something I wanted to do was be involved in a prison ministry and share God with the inmates," she said. "I have learned that their sin is no different from my sin. God still forgives them, even if they are in a jail cell."

The BSU prison ministry went four times a semester to different prisons throughout the region. The team shared their testimonies, and they led the inmates in songs. Rodriguez led the drama that the team performed, and also did sign language to songs they sang.

"Sign language really has helped to minister to the deaf inmates, and it lets them see that there are different ways to worship God," she said.

Rodriguez didn't know what she wanted to do with her future. She was just waiting to hear from God - something she was used to doing anyway.

*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

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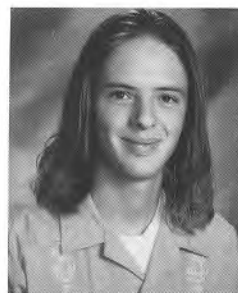
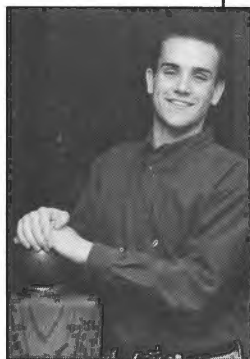
## SARA DUDLEY,

a psychology major, served as chaplain of Chi Delta Women's Social Club and president of the Association of Women Students. She was a member of SELF, the Psychology Club, and the student interview panel. She participated in Tiger Tunes and was a tutor. She volunteered in a homeless shelter while on a mission trip. She was named to the dean's list. She enjoyed reading and sewing.



## DEREK ERWIN,

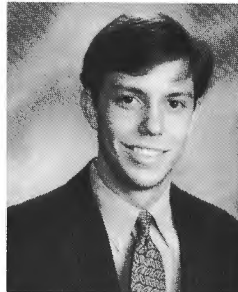
was a Biblical studies/general and sociology double major. He served as chaplain of Kappa Chi Men's Social Club, BSU internationals ministry leader, and associate pastor of Caddo Valley Baptist Church. He was a member of Alpha Chi national honor fraternity and was named to the president's and dean's lists. He taught English as a Second Language.



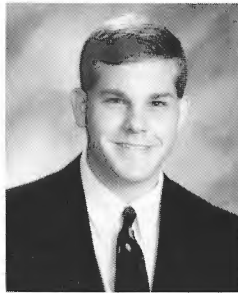
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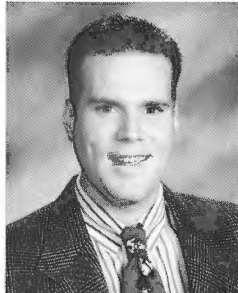
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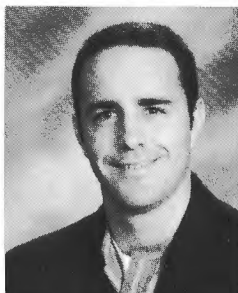
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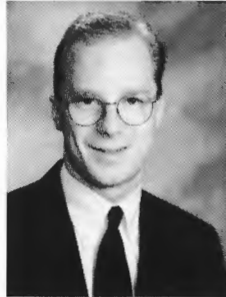
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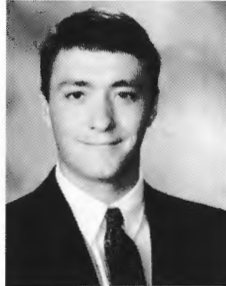
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**Heidi Warren**  
 Burleson, TX



*Outside these walls...*

# OCTOBER 1995

*Oct. 16th-* The Supreme Court said picketers could not parade at abortion doctors' houses

*Oct. 17th-* Jennings Osborne made a tentative agreement with Walt Disney World allowing them to use part of his lights display

*Oct. 20th-* NATO Secretary General Willy Claes resigned

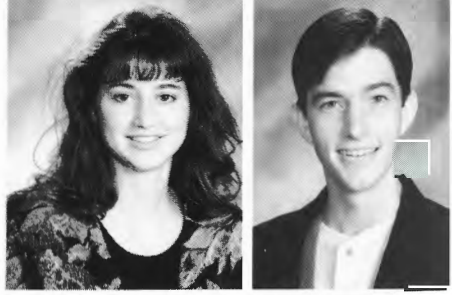
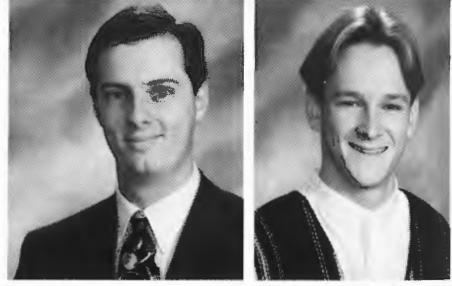
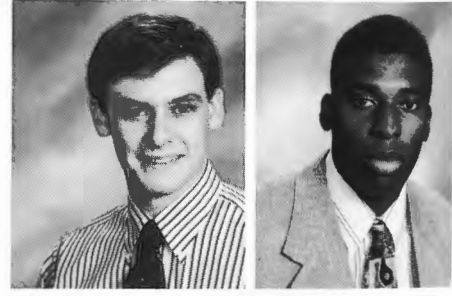
*Oct. 21st-* Fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations celebrated in New York City creating the largest gathering of world leaders in history

*Oct. 21st-* Seven Arkansans inducted into state's Black Hall of Fame

*Oct. 22nd-* U.S. Representative Cleo Fields made history by becoming the first African American to make a Louisiana gubernatorial runoff

*Oct. 24th-* Lawsuit filed against Arkansas state constitution revision process

*Oct. 30th-* Quebec voted against secession from Canada



*Midnight Madness-* Students gather in SPEC for an evening of Midnight Madness on the basketball court. Everyone participated in contests and watched the basketball team practice as they helped the team kick off a new season.  
 •photo by Jim Yates

Profile...



Junior communications major Christian Wassmer gets ready for another day's practice in the tennis center. Wassmer's athletic ability and fierce determination brought him from West Germany to play tennis and to pursue a career in journalism. *photo by A. Morton*

*Unmatchable perseverance*  
**CHRISTIAN WASSMER**  
*by Priscilla Shrader*

He sat in front of his television in West Germany, watching the latest Nike commercial and wondering what life was like in the United States. As a young student, he thought of creating a dream for himself in the land of opportunity.

Raised in West Germany, Christian Wassmer had been "Americanized" through television, news, food, and clothes. He had studied in his country for 20 years, but he was facing obstacles in reaching his goals.

Wassmer had played tennis since he was three years old, and he thought he could use his talent to get a chance at studying in America. His dream was to establish a career in communications, but his grade point was not high enough for the standard set by the German press. With the help of his athletic talent and his determination, Wassmer found himself in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The 23-year-old junior was one of a substantial number of international students on campus. Wassmer enjoyed the friendly atmosphere. "Even if

I don't know somebody, they introduce themselves to me," said Wassmer. "It's easy to make friends in class and on campus."

As far as tennis was concerned, Wassmer was a leader on the team and was competitive on the court. The University had a record of strong tennis players, and Wassmer added to the talent.

"Since I've been playing for 20 years, it's hard to think about life without tennis," said Wassmer. "There are times I wish I didn't have to practice, but I won't stop playing, not even after college."

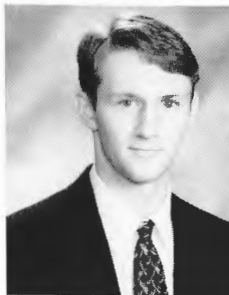
Knee injuries proved to be a problem for Wassmer and his time on the court. He missed a few matches, but after four knee operations, the problem seemed to be remedied.

"Christian is a great friend and fellow player," said junior teammate Tim Oosterhous. "After rooming with him for two years, I've gotten to know a lot about him and his culture."

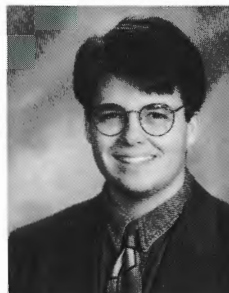
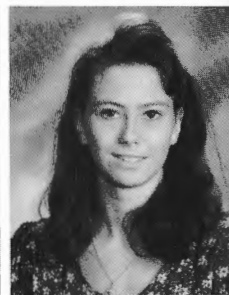
The time Wassmer spent in America would be well-remembered and cherished not only by him, but also by the friends he made.



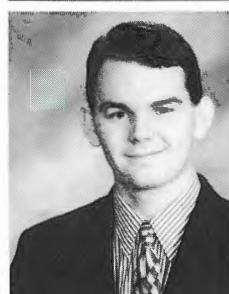
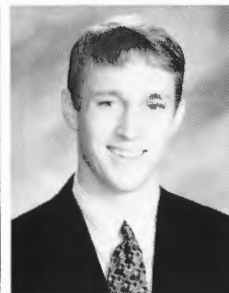
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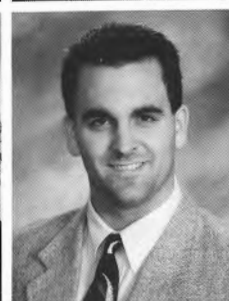
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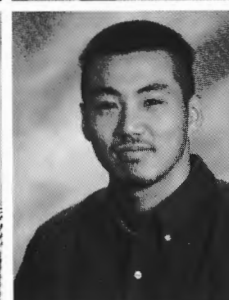
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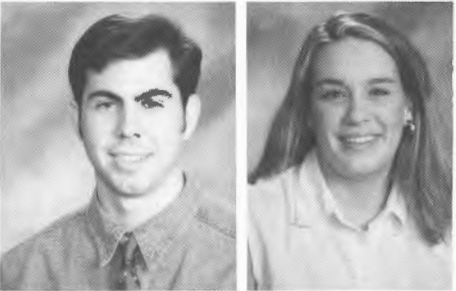
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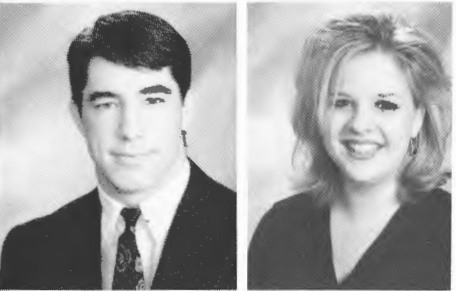
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# WHO'S WHO

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## AMY FISHER,

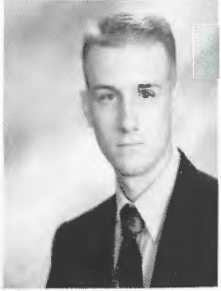
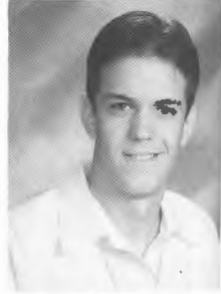
an elementary education major, served as Noonday coordinator, Tiger Tunes director, executive councilman, dorm discipleship leader, and Australia mission trip team leader for the BSU. She also played intramural sports for the BSU. She was a ministry team leader at Second Baptist Church and a Disciple Now group leader.

She was a member of Alpha Chi, was a nominee for Miss Ouachitonian Beauty, and was the 1995 Homecoming Queen. She was a part of the Super Summer staff. She was a Governor's Scholar and was named to the dean's and president's lists. She enjoyed running, basketball, flag football, and softball.



## MARCY FRANKS,

a biology major, was a member of Beta Beta Beta, SELF, and Alpha Chi. She served as senior class treasurer and played intramural sports. She was named to the dean's and president's lists and was a Tiger Belle and Homecoming nominee. She was a Trustee's Scholar. She was a mentor for freshman students. She enjoyed sports, playing the piano, and singing.



Profile...



Sophomore Emily Stanley talks with a couple of friends in Grant Plaza. During her freshman year, Stanley was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a form of cancer. Although it was a struggle, Stanley relied on God and didn't let the disease overcome her. •photo by Amy Morton

# Coming out unharmed EMILY STANLEY

— by Jennifer Hillman —

"I'd like for you to pray for my daughter," Emily Stanley overheard her father tell his friend. "She's got cancer."

At that moment, reality began to hit Stanley. In June, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a form of cancer.

The last couple of weeks of her freshman year, Stanley had a swelling in her neck. After seeing the school nurse and visiting an ear, nose, and throat doctor, she was told she had cat scratch fever. When she didn't respond to antibiotics, she went for a needle biopsy. The cells weren't cancerous. The last week in June, they removed the spots and knew that there was a serious problem.

Fear was Stanley's initial response. "All during the time, after the first initial thoughts, I had a peace—that peace that passes all understanding," Stanley said. "I wasn't scared anymore."

Stanley's oncologist, or cancer doctor, told Stanley they were looking for a cure, not a treatment. She went for chemotherapy in four-week cycles from June until November. Weeks one and

two, she'd go once a week for chemo. Week three, she'd have her blood checked. Week four, she'd be free. Although nobody could tell by looking at her that she was sick, the chemotherapy had a great effect. "A lot of times I wouldn't have the umph to do things, but there was always a week every month that I felt good."

Since treatments extended until November, Stanley couldn't return in the fall. During that semester, she was lonely but learned to appreciate school more. She saw her return to school as "a neat opportunity to share what God had done" in her life.

Stanley said her outlook on life had changed somewhat. She tried not to take things for granted. Also, her relationship with Christ changed. She said, "Your parents can be support and help, but God wants you to have faith—to know Him, not just about Him."

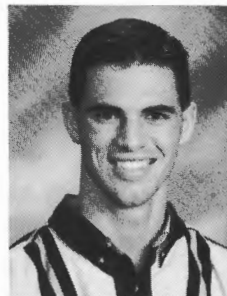
Looking back, Stanley knew that her relationship with Christ brought her through this. "You can't go through something like that and come out not harmed by it without that relationship with Him."



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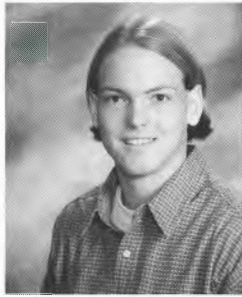


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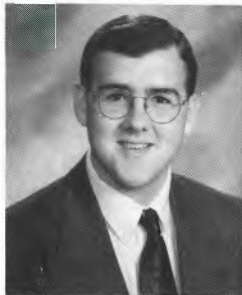
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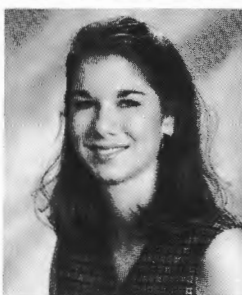
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*Outside these walls...*

# NOVEMBER 1995

*Nov. 1st-* Joergen Roslund of Denmark won the first World Santa Games

*Nov. 2nd-* Police shot to death a Miami school bus hijacker

*Nov. 2nd-* 144 people filed to run as Arkansas constitutional convention candidates for the state's 35 Senate districts

*Nov. 3rd-* Decade's most powerful typhoon killed at least 35 people in the Philippines

*Nov. 4th-* Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin killed after a peace rally

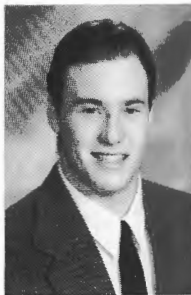
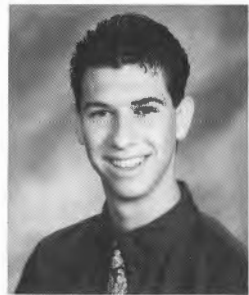
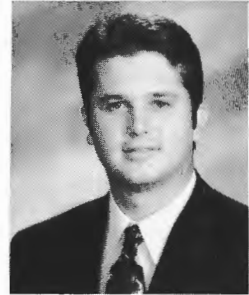
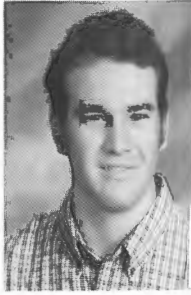
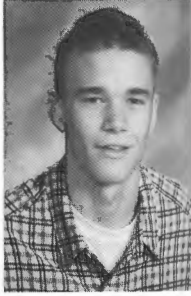
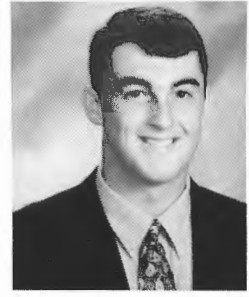
*Nov. 7th-* U.S. postal stamp honoring Senator J. William Fulbright released

*Nov. 8th-* Colin Powell announced he would not run for president

*Nov. 8th-* Hubbell telescope discovered a black hole or an equal rarity

*Nov. 11th-* Hot Springs woman killed when boulders fell through store during a rock slide

*Nov. 9th-* Former Secretary of State Bill McCuen pled guilty to felony political corruption and tax evasion charges



*Tiger Tunes-* Tri Chi hillbillies entertain the crowd during the 17th annual Tiger Tunes production. Six social clubs, the international club, the hosts and hostesses, and the combo participated in the event sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation. \*photo by Jim Yates

Profile...



Students work at an information booth to acquaint others with facts about Kanakuk. Several students spent their summers living at the camps with kids of various ages. They played sports with the kids and acted as a support group for the kids to lean on. •photo by Sandra Scucchi

# Challenging young lives KANAKUK

by Janna Young

After a long day in the summer sun, she couldn't wait to get to sleep. But to her surprise, her mind would not rest. She kept thinking about all "her kids" that were leaving tomorrow. She had actually learned to love the kids that she had met only a few days ago. She wondered how she would say goodbye and what would happen to each of them as they returned to the real world.

This experience became real for hundreds of college students who worked at Kanakuk Kamps during the summer. Kanakuk was a Christian athletic camp for kids ages 7-17 located deep in the Ozarks of Missouri. Each camp was tailored for specific age groups and types of kids. Depending on the camp, kids stayed for 1-3 weeks. They spent their days playing sports and studying the Bible.

College students from across the nation came to work at the camps every summer. Students filled various positions, from counselors for the kids, to office, kitchen, and maintenance workers. More than 20 students from the University made this a major

part of their summer. They gained valuable experience in discipleship and servanthood while enjoying the outdoors and their favorite sports.

Sophomore Justin Hardin said, "It was a blessing to see kids look up to you and want to be like you because they saw Jesus in you."

Students were surprised to find that as they were busy giving of themselves, they were also growing in their own spiritual lives. Some students felt that they learned more from the kids than the kids did from them.

"I learned the true meaning of having a servant's heart by working in the kitchen," said junior Sarah Beal. "The experience gave me a greater respect for people in those types of service positions."

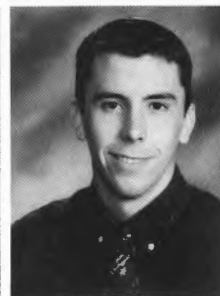
Students returned to school in the fall excited about their relationship with Christ and ready to share the blessings they had received from following Jesus' example of letting the children come unto Him. They had learned through their hard work during those summer months that truly "of such is the kingdom of heaven."



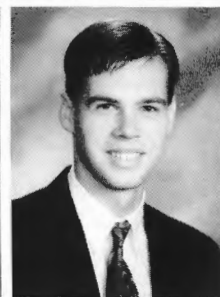
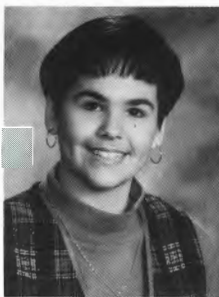
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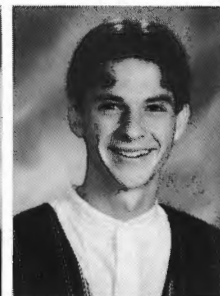
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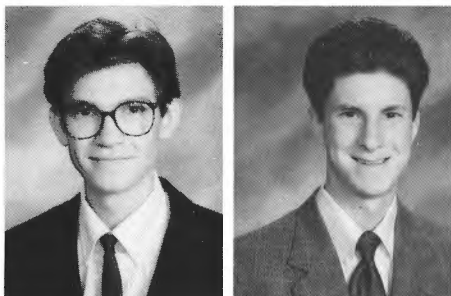
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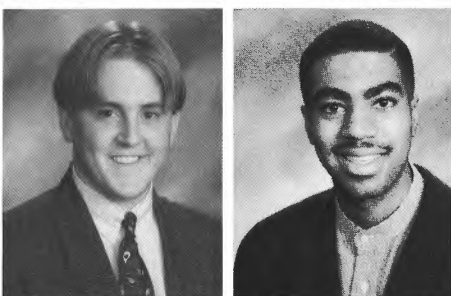
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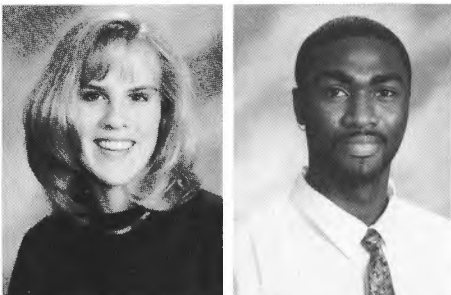
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*Profile...*



Sophomores Matt Shepherd and Susan Harrell and junior Julie Jones spend a few moments catching up on family news. The three were first brought together as infants and then were reunited 20 years later at college, where they represented the fifth generation of their family at the University. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*

*holding onto family ties*  
**FIVE GENERATIONS**  
*by Safinda Russell*

As the family gathered at their great-grandparents' home, three children first met. The year was 1976. Twenty years later, the three were together again as they continued a family tradition.

Susan Harrell, a sophomore psychology major; Julie Jones, a junior elementary education major; and Matt Shepherd, a sophomore political science major, were fifth generation Ouachita students.

The family's tradition began around the turn of the century. Their great-great grandfather, George S. Smith, attended the University during the time Dr. John Conger was president. His son, Rev. Ray M. Smith, saw 19 children and grandchildren also attend the University.

Harrell and Jones' grandparents, Rex and Rose Jane Smith Jones, were former students in 1947. Shepherd's grandfather, the late Travis N. Beeson, was a student in 1947 and his grandmother, Doris Smith Beeson graduated in 1948. Jones' parents, Richard (1969) and Sandra (1968) Jones, and Shepherd's parents, Bobby E. (1973) and Bobbi

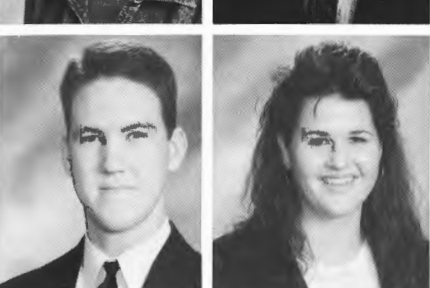
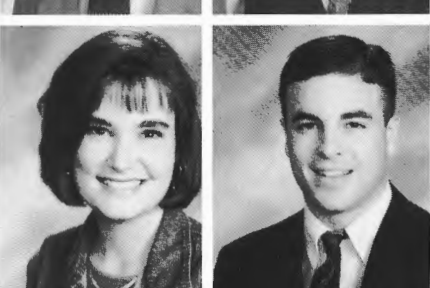
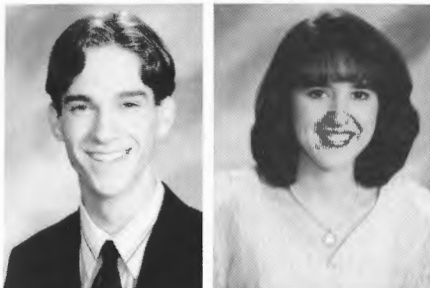
Beeson Shepherd (1972) were also alumni.

For Harrell, Jones, and Shepherd following this family tradition brought them closer to one another. "Matt's my second cousin and we always lived in different towns. I never really knew him," said Susan Harrell. "Since we have been here, we have become much closer, like best friends."

Being family didn't stop Harrell, Jones, and Shepherd from claiming their own identities. Between them, they represented three different areas of studies and various organizations on campus, including the different social clubs.

The three agreed that their family was proud and excited to have them continue the tradition. "My grandparents have always supported Ouachita," said Shepherd. "My grandfather has since passed away, but I know he was proud I'm here."

Harrell said, "My grandmother and great-aunt love us all being here because it's easy to keep up with all of us." The three enjoyed keeping up the family tradition.



*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

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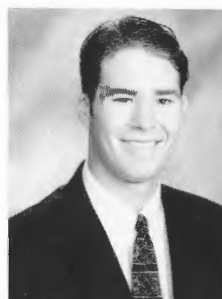
## KEVIN G. JONES,

a biology major, played varsity football and golf. He served as social chairman and vice-president of Rho Sigma Men's Social Club. He was assistant director of Miss OBU for Blue Key and an EEE beau. He was named to the dean's list. He was a volunteer coach for Arkadelphia Parks and Recreation pee-wee basketball program. He enjoyed playing sports as well as teaching them to children.



## ANDREA LEAGANS,

a music education major, was a member of the Praise Singers, Ouachita Singers, Sigma Alpha Iota, and the MENC student chapter. She was a member of the college ensemble at church and helped with extended session. She was chosen as a Harris Scholar, a Pressor Scholar, and was a member of Pi Kappa Lambda and Alpha Chi. She was a Spanish lab assistant and an RA. She enjoyed reading, singing, and playing racquetball and tennis.



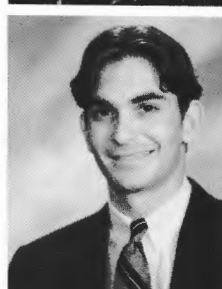
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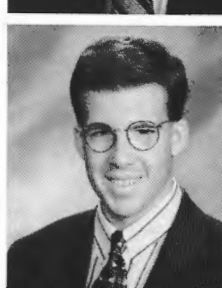
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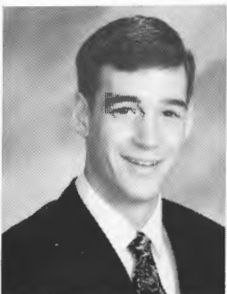


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*Outside these walls...*

# NOVEMBER 1995

*Nov. 20th-* Olympic pairs figure skating medalist Sergei Grinkov died

*Nov. 21st-* Walt Disney World turned on the newly received Osborne lights

*Nov. 21st-* Balkans agreed to end war and divided Bosnia

*Nov. 23rd-* Leaders of Bosnia-Serbia reportedly accepted the U.S. backed peace plan

*Nov. 25th-* Ireland voted to legalize divorce

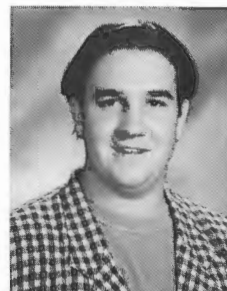
*Nov. 26th-* Former Arkansas Lt. Governor Maurice "Footsie" Britt died

*Nov. 28th-* Clinton signed a bill ending 55- MPH speed limit

*Nov. 28th-* Tucker kicked off his highway campaign

*Nov. 29th-* Guard killed at Arkansas' Tucker prison

*Nov. 29th-* U.S. GI arrived in northern Bosnia to scout the countryside for places to bring U.S. peacekeepers



*Homecoming-* Junior fullback Brent Black dives for the endzone in the Homecoming football game against Harding University. After a tough struggle, the Harding Bison came out on top with a score of 16-13. *photo by Jim Yates*



Sophomore Brooke Sorters cheers on the basketball team. Last summer Sorters took on two jobs, one as a waitress at Disney World, and one as a missionary to children. Sorters used both jobs as opportunities to set a Christian example for those around her. •photo by Jim Yates

## Tackling two roles BROOKE SORTERS

— by Danielle Carey —

Mickey Mouse, worldwide tourists, and children making crafts—Brooke Sorters, a sophomore dietetics major, met them all last summer. Through the Baptist Home Mission Board, she worked as an innovator in Orlando, Florida. This meant she had a secular job as well as did missionary work. She worked at Plaza Restaurant, a restaurant in the Magic Kingdom of Walt Disney World, part of the time and also worked with a missions team.

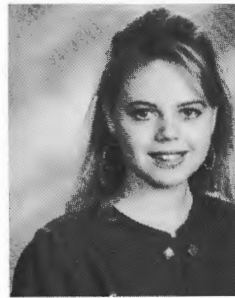
Sorters alternated between her two jobs. Her missionary work in the morning consisted of “kid’s camp.” The team was split up into groups, each going to a different hotel’s pool. There the group entertained children, gave them a light snack, and read a Bible story. “We played games like Marco Polo, and sometimes we did an arts and craft activity after the Bible story,” Sorters said.

At night the group, called King’s Company, went to different tourist areas. They did puppet shows and interpretative movement to both sacred and secular songs. “We used a lot of Disney songs

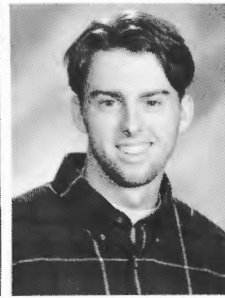
because of the area we were in,” Sorters explained.

Her main priority was her job at Plaza Restaurant where she worked as a waitress. “A thing that really surprised me was that people from Walt Disney World are from everywhere. I worked with people from Jamaica, India, Africa, and Germany. At first everyone was stand-offish, but eventually they started opening up. One girl just started telling me her problems and telling me about her church life, and I hadn’t even asked,” she said. Her purpose at her secular job was to build relationships while being a good Christian example. One thing Sorters did was put Biblical literature in their “reading stash.” Employees often read when the restaurant wasn’t busy. “I saw some people reading the things that I brought,” she said.

Through her experiences last summer, Sorters learned to rely on God and saw how much people cared about her. “I was getting care packages from people at church that I didn’t even think knew I was gone. People were writing to me saying they were praying for me.”



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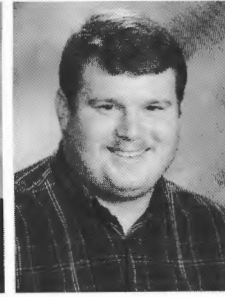
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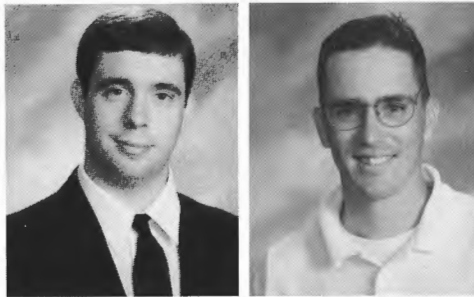
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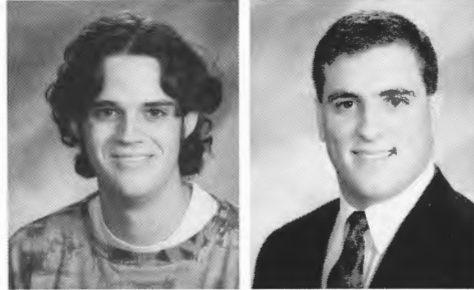
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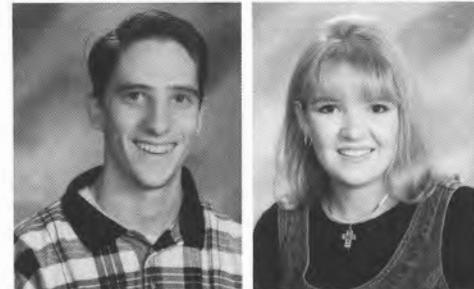
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*Profile...*



Sophomore James Flint saunters past a university marker on a campus that was nothing more than a street sign to him a year ago. Flint visited the University as a result of his parents seeing a sign while on their way home from a summer vacation. Flint decided to leave Chicago for Arkadelphia, turning coincidence into career preparation. *photo by Jim Yates*

*Following the signs*  
**JAMES FLINT**  
*by Priscilla Shrader*

Every student had their own story of how they came to the University. For sophomore James Flint, his story began with a simple road sign that brought him all the way from Chicago, Illinois, to Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Returning from a vacation in Texarkana, the green and white highway sign signaling the next exit for the University caught the eye of Flint's parents. The prospective student had shown interest in other schools in the South, so his parents decided to take the exit and stop off for a look.

After visiting the University, Flint's parents brought home a top-rate report of a small university in a nice community in southern Arkansas.

"What made up my mind was when I came to see it for myself," said Flint. "I talked with Kathy Berry, toured the campus, and decided that this is where I wanted to go."

"Sometimes it's easy to please parents, but students have to decide for themselves," said Admissions Counselor Kathy Berry. "For James, Ouachita was easy to sell

because of the outstanding religion department and the type of atmosphere he was looking for."

Flint thought the University had more to offer than the other schools in which he had shown interest. After weighing the pros and cons of his selections, he decided to head to Arkadelphia in the fall.

Flint, a sophomore biblical studies/language major, was involved in various campus activities. He was a member of the Black American Student Society (BASS), played intramurals, and worked in the library. He was pleased with the choice he had made and was making the best of being so far from home.

"I really like the family atmosphere," said Flint. "Everybody knows each other, and everyone helps each other out."

For Flint, a summer vacation brought about an important decision. Whether it was through an alumni family member or "a sign," every student had a story to tell on how they came to exit 78 off of Interstate 30 into a small southern Arkansas community.

*Outside these walls...*

# DECEMBER 1995

*Dec. 2nd-* Clinton traveled to Germany to talk to U. S. troops stationed there

*Dec. 3rd-* Clinton ended five-day European trip by sending 700 troops to Bosnia

*Dec. 4th-* Little Rock Air Force Base called to join Bosnia mission

*Dec. 6th-* White House unveiled its new seven-year balanced budget proposal

*Dec. 8th-* UCA approved new stadium

*Dec. 8th-* Congress restored states' authority to set their own speed limits

*Dec. 10th-* First group of U. S. Marines arrived in Sarajevo

*Dec. 12th-* Arkansas residents voted against a consitutional convention

*Dec. 14th-* Three Balkan leaders signed peace pact

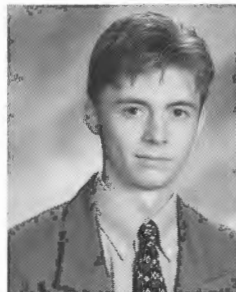
*Dec. 14th-* House voted to restrict Clinton administration's ability to borrow during the fiscal crisis



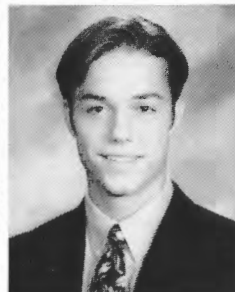
*Christmas Party-* Junior Jason Bennett and sophomores Kevin Morgan and Meredith Kelley play games with the children at the University's Christmas party. Dr. Elrod portrayed Santa Claus, passing out gifts given by each of the social clubs. •photo by Carol Price



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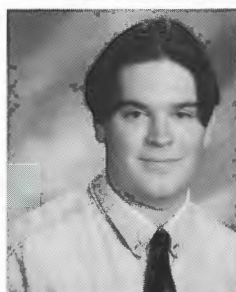
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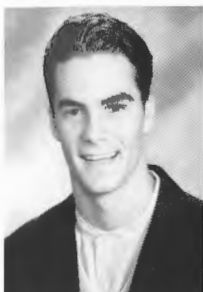
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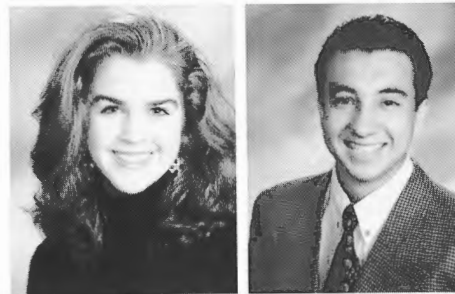
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## BETH ANN LEE,

a communications major, served as editor, assistant editor, and people editor of the *Ouachitonian*. She was vice-president and assistant chairperson of publicity for OSF. She participated in concert band, marching band, and the Praise Players. She was a member of Alpha Chi and was a Homecoming nominee. At church, she was a ministry team leader, children's choir director, and a part of the singing ensemble and orchestra. She received an OSF endowed scholarship, a Scholastic Excellence scholarship, a band scholarship, an Acteens' scholarship, and was named to the dean's and president's lists. She received first place for a newspaper ad by the CSPA. She enjoyed hiking and singing.

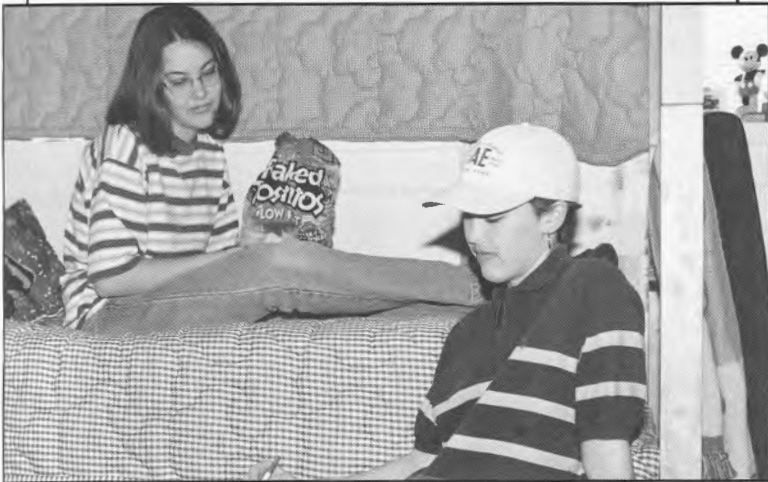


## JASON MERRICK,

a biology major, was a member of Blue Key, Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Chi, and Gamma Sigma Epsilon. He was student director of the Praise Singers and the concert committee chairman for SELF. He was a member of Promised, a contemporary Christian music group. He received third place in the regional NATS competition. He enjoyed singing, music, sports, and outdoor activities.



Profile...



Freshman twins Jennifer and Julie McClain spend a late night studying in the dorm room they share. The majority of same-sex twins chose to continue living together after they came to college. They were available as a familiar support for each other. •photo by Amy Morton

# Seeing double TWINs

—by Cory Hutchinson—

Every day people looked in the mirror to see their reflections gazing back at them. For several students, the reflection was an everlasting one—a constant glimpse at themselves walking to class or staring back at them from across the table. Twins held the privilege and the burden of practically living a double life. They took care of their own responsibilities and acted as their brother's or sister's keepers as well.

One of the numerous sets of twins did not mind the responsibility. Juniors Amy and Allison Miles were quite accustomed to spending all of their time together and enjoyed being so much alike.

"When we were growing up we dressed alike, but in different colors," said Allison. "We didn't know any different."

The similarities extended beyond clothing. The Miles twins confessed that they even thought alike. "Most of our friends hear the same story twice," said Amy.

Like the Miles twins, Aimee and Amanda Dinwiddie enjoyed being around to support one another, but they

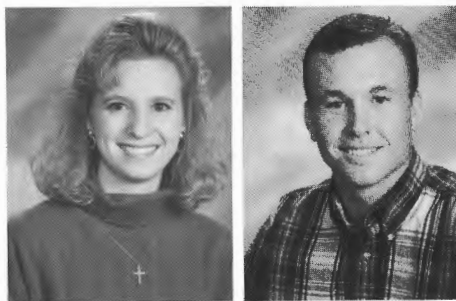
also wanted to appreciate their differences.

"We are different from each other," said Aimee. "One of us is quiet, while the other is outgoing, not to mention our majors are completely different. One is biology/chemistry, while the other is elementary education."

Despite differences, the Dinwiddie twins couldn't imagine being without one another. "We didn't have plans to come to the same school, but it just worked out that way," said Amanda.

Sophomores Jennifer and Jonathan Hillman had their whole lives to adapt to finding themselves in the same schools and involved in many of the same activities. Jennifer said, "It's bad in a way because we've never had the opportunity to do things on our own, but it's good because every time we face a new situation, we have each other's support."

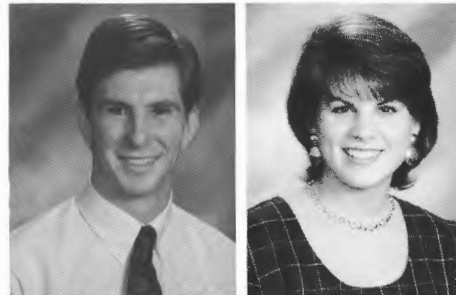
Ironically, the twins' similarities set them apart from other students, but they still faced a dilemma common to all students—a simultaneous struggle for individuality and an appreciation for familiarity.



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**Lisa Rose**  
Paragould



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Richmond, TX  
**Jeremy Smith**  
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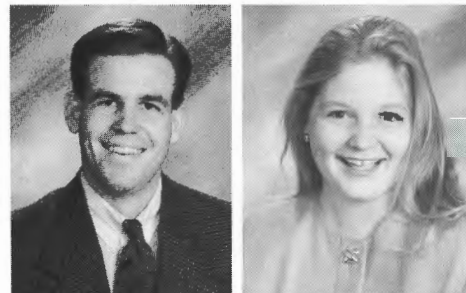
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*Profile...*



Sophomore Holley Michael displays her typical enthusiasm with a cheerleading jump. After being told by doctors that she would not be able to engage in physical activity again, Michael mustered the determination to fully recover. She used her abilities to teach at a Christian cheerleading camp. *photo by Fred Michael*

*With a cheerful heart*  
**HOLLEY MICHAEL**  
*by Rachel DeBusk*

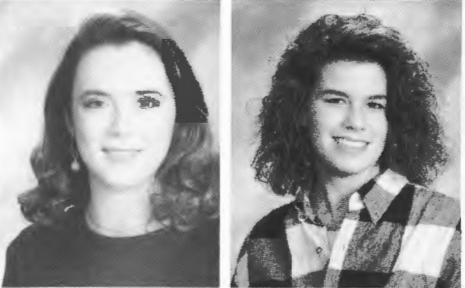
Doctors told her that she would probably never be able to participate in any type of physical activity again — cheering included. It was Holley Michael's ninth grade year. She fell and injured her neck and back. To the doctors things looked bleak, but one year later Michael regained movement. It was then that she decided to use cheerleading as a witness, for she could then do what seemed hopeless just a few months before.

For several years, Michael worked for SCORE, Sharing Christ Our Redeemer Everywhere, a Christian-based cheerleading camp. She led camps in California, Florida, and Colorado, and in one summer, covered about 22 cities. As an instructor, Michael's day began at 7 a.m. and ended at 1 a.m. Michael said, "It was very stressful, but it was worth it." Beginning in the middle of May and ending in the middle of August, Michael traveled, cheered, taught, and developed friendships that would last a lifetime.

SCORE, the non-denominational camp, had

squads from Christian, private, and a few public schools. With fellow instructors, Michael helped lead devotions three times a day. Devotions included praise choruses, instructors' testimonies, and squad share time. Michael was privileged to see between one and 50 people saved each week. She said, "It was awesome seeing so many girls develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Michael used her God-given ability of cheering to share the Word of Jesus with girls in an enjoyable environment. Her devotion to God and to her sport was a model for girls to use in not only their cheering days but for the rest of their lives. Michael was proud of the SCORE program. She said, "The best thing about SCORE is that it stretches you to your maximum potential in both your cheering and spiritual walk. There are times when you are so tired and run down, but this program teaches you to develop a brand new dependence on God." Michael happily served as an example of Christian stability and strength during trials.



*Outside these walls...*

# DECEMBER 1995

*Dec. 15th-* Leader of Bosnia's Serbs declared an end to war in all areas except Serb sections of Sarajevo

*Dec. 16th-* Second government shut-down in a month

*Dec. 16th-* Israel and Syria set peace talks

*Dec. 19th-* Clinton and GOP leaders agreed to try to strike a budget deal by the end of the year

*Dec. 20th-* Senate voted to take Clinton to court

*Dec. 23rd-* French officials found 16 burned bodies; cult suspected

*Dec. 24th-* Fire in Babwali, India killed more than 400 at a school party

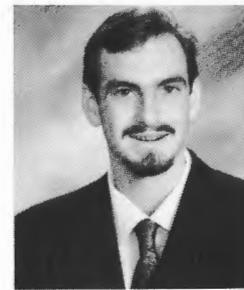
*Dec. 26th-* Mansfield teens stole and crashed a truck after fleeing a camp

*Dec. 27th-* Israelis withdrew from Ramallah; left to Palestinian rule

*Dec. 30th-* First war injuries in Bosnia; land mine injured 61 people



*Festival of Christmas-* Members of the Ouachita Singers, Ouachita Sounds, Praise Singers, University choir, and Wind Ensemble perform during one evening of the Festival of Christmas. The groups combined their talents to entertain the community. •photo by Carol Price



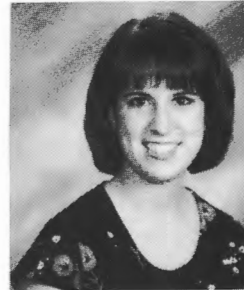
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**Karen Southerland**  
Lonoke  
**Bert Spann**  
Benton



**Carrie Spradlin**  
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**Lukasz Staniczek**  
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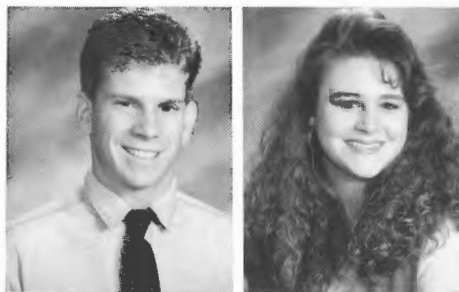


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Colorado Springs, CO  
**Stacy Stuart**  
Carlisle

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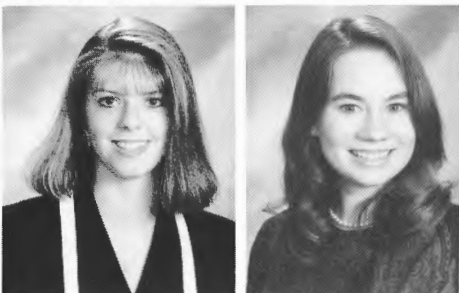
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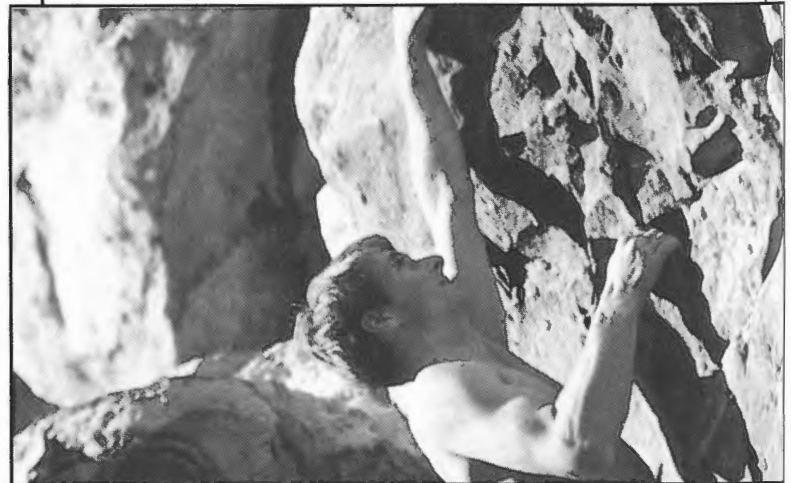
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*Profile...*



Sophomore Nathan Xiques reaches for his next handhold as he climbs the face of a rock in Heber Springs. Xiques started repelling when he was 12, and later branched out and included rock climbing as another hobby. *photo by Jason Bird*

*Vertical challenges*  
**NATHAN XIQUES**  
*by Danielle Carey*

They drove around the countryside looking for the right spot. When they found the perfect place they unloaded all their equipment and started the exhausting trek up the mountain. It was just another day of repelling and mountain climbing for Nathan Xiques, a sophomore pre-engineering major. He started repelling at age 12 when an older friend taught him. He grew up in Heber Springs, a northwest Arkansas resort town, where repelling was a popular sport. Everyone in his family but his mom had participated in the sport.

After coming to the University, he started mountain climbing. "Repelling is the tool to do other sports," he explained, "like mountain climbing and spelunking." It was a relatively expensive sport. Two hundred dollars bought the basics to repel. For \$500, one used equipment that "offered a variety."

Repelling could be a dangerous sport, especially when safety equipment was not used. "This weekend I was freeclimbing [climbing with no equipment] on a 20-foot

boulder," said Xiques. "I had just reached the top and was starting down when the rock that I had my weight on completely came loose. I fell, and halfway down I bounced off a rock. The rock didn't fall off; if it had, I probably would have been killed." After some quick prayers, Xiques proceeded back up the boulder and flung off the 20-pound rock that almost killed him. The irony of the situation was that right before Xiques fell, he looked down and thought, "that would be a nasty fall."

Xiques explained one misconception thought by people that don't climb," he said. "The equipment does not help you climb. You're doing all the work yourself. It's there only for safety purposes. You can make it help you, but that takes all the sport out of it."

He enjoyed teaching others and often invited other students to repel with him. "People usually hear me talking with my friends about it and ask to come along," he said. Asked when he usually went out, he replied quite honestly "any sunny day."

Inside these walls...

# WHO'S WHO

—recognized for excellence—

## JULIE MERRICK,

an elementary education major, was a member of Alpha Chi national honor fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi, Ouachita Student Educators Association, and the Carl Goodson Honors Program. She had been a preschool teacher and day camp director. She helped in her church's infant and child care program. She enjoyed traveling, crafts, sewing, and reading.

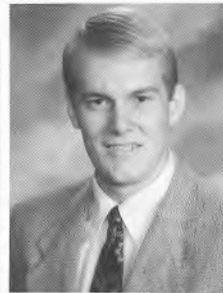


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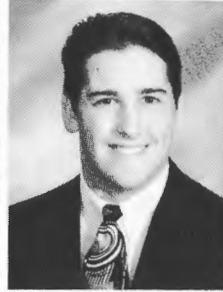
a history major, was a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Tau Delta. She was first vice-president, Tiger Tunes director, and played intramurals for EEE Women's Social Club. She was a Homecoming and Miss Ouachitonian Beauty nominee. She was named to the dean's list. She was a gymnastics and cheerleading coach. She helped in the nursery at church. She enjoyed snow skiing, reading, and gymnastics.



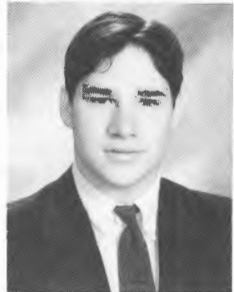
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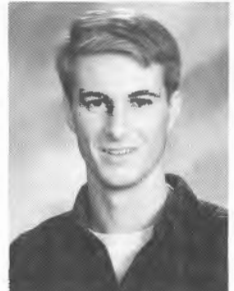
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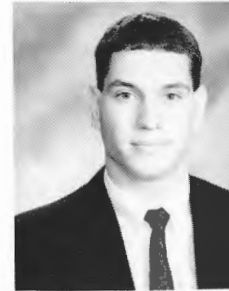
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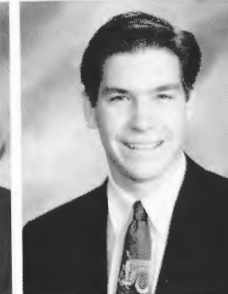
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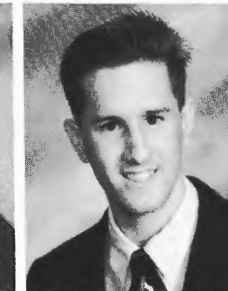
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**Nicole Baugher**  
Star City



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Gillett  
**Susan Beal**  
Caracas, Venezuela  
**Jennifer Beard**  
North Little Rock



*Outside these walls...*

# JANUARY 1996

*Jan. 2nd-* AT&T cut 40,000 jobs across the corporation

*Jan. 3rd-* Winter storm dumped from one to 12 inches of snow in northern parts of Arkansas

*Jan. 5th-* Former Secretary of State Bill McCuen pled guilty to felony charges

*Jan. 7th-* Blizzard of historic proportions shut down the East; at least 40 deaths

*Jan. 9th-* Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's highway construction proposal rejected

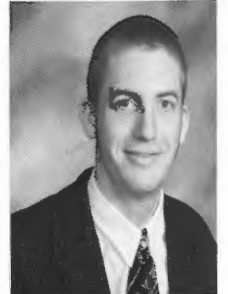
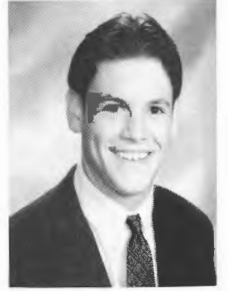
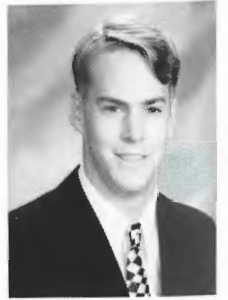
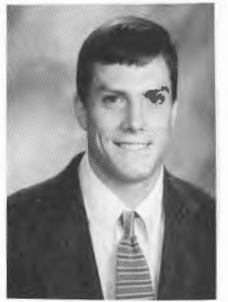
*Jan. 9th-* Federal appeals court panel said Paula Corloin Jones' civil lawsuit against Clinton could go to trial while he was in the White House

*Jan. 10th-* Arkansas Court of Appeals grew from six to nine members including its first black judges

*Jan. 13th-* Nine Republican presidential hopefuls staged debate

*Jan. 14th-* Last victim found from American Airlines crash

*Jan. 15th-* Fifth anniversary of Desert Storm



*Rush-* Members of the EEE Women's Social Club perform skits and choreography to music from the '50s during their "Greeese" rush party. Each club had a different theme for each night of rush in an effort to spark interest in its social club. *photo by Jim Yates*

Profile...



Freshman Chris Cox uses his motorized wheelchair as transportation to and from classes across campus. Chris did not allow his handicap to hold him back or prevent him from participating in activities. Instead, he used his circumstance to show others the difference God made in his life. *photo by Melissa Tidwell*

*Keeping the pace*  
**CHRIS COX**  
*by Kelly Douglas*

Byron Eubanks was concerned as he and his family group approached the lake. He was concerned about the young man in his group that was in a wheelchair. When they reached their destination, Eubanks realized that Chris was quite able to handle it on his own. He joined in the fun just like the rest of the group.

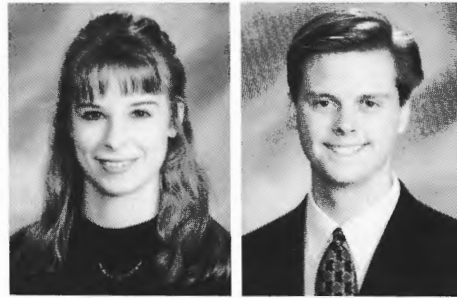
Chris Cox was born with FSH Muscular Dystrophy, a hereditary, genetic disorder which causes the muscles in the body to become weaker and weaker as time goes by. However, the disease was not fatal. Chris noticed a poster on the wall that had the poem "Footprints" on it at the same time that the doctor diagnosed him. His mother read it to him that day and that had become one of his favorite poems. "It just helps me remember that Christ carries you through the hard times," Chris said.

Chris was never treated like he had a handicap. He was always very active, but when he reached the ninth grade, he began to need a wheelchair. "I don't give up easily, and going into the wheelchair was like losing a battle."

Chris did not let that slow his life down whatsoever. He used his handicap to enhance his testimony for Christ. He gave his testimony to different groups all over the state.

About two years ago, Chris began a treatment at the Self Therapy Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee. This organization was searching for new treatments for Muscular Dystrophy. Chris was the first patient who tried one of their treatments. He had the muscles around his lungs treated. The treatment was successful and increased his pulmonary functions by about 30 percent.

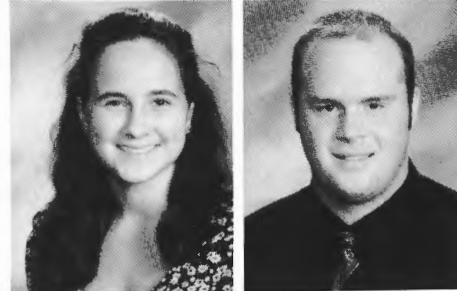
Through that ordeal Chris learned to put his trust in God. He displayed that trust when he chose what university to attend. He knew that he wanted a school with a good religion department. Chris felt that God was calling him into some sort of ministry. He wanted to use his life to touch the lives of others. Ryan Hillman, who was in Chris' family group at the New Student Retreat, described Chris as "a great guy who loves the Lord and gives him the glory for all his accomplishments."



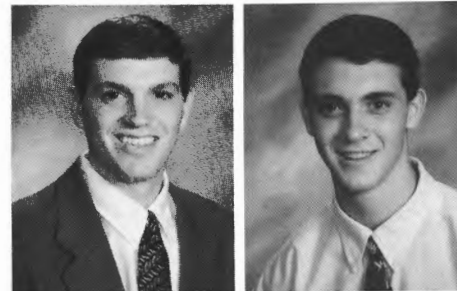
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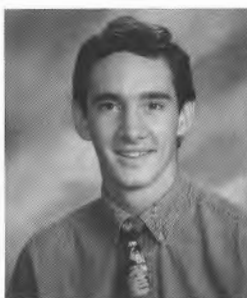
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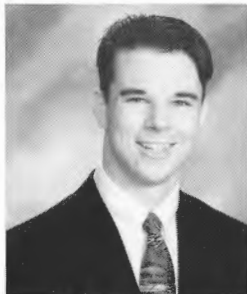
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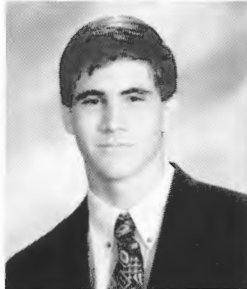
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*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

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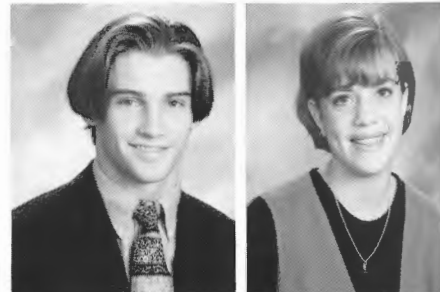
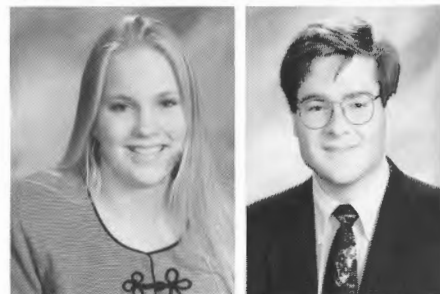
## ASHLEY NALL,

an English major, served as historian and secretary of EEE Women's Social Club. She was a member of OSF, SELF, Phi Beta Lambda, and Sigma Tau Delta. At church, she was children's worship music leader and participated in the handbell and vocal choirs. She was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and was named to the president's, dean's and national dean's lists. She was a Trustee's and Governor's Scholar, a Harry Truman scholarship nominee, and received the USAA National Collegiate Business Award.



## STACEY PEOPLES,

a speech pathology major, was a member of Chi Delta Women's Social Club and the Panhellenic Council. She also served as treasurer of NSSLHA. Her honors included being named to the dean's, president's, and national dean's lists. She was chosen as both a Homecoming delegate and a Miss Ouachitonian Beauty contestant. She enjoyed walking, reading, and intramural sports.



Profile...



Freshmen Brad Pierce and Cory Goode do some last-minute editing before their footage is shown to the youth at Siloam Springs. Pierce and Goode were hired as staffers for the new video ministry, providing campers with exciting glances at the day's events and fun-filled memories. •photo by Jonathan Henderson

# Pause and take a look GOODE & PIERCE

— by Jennifer Hillman —

Videos—a ministry? This was many people's initial thought when they heard that Arkansas Baptist Assembly had purchased \$13,000 worth of video equipment and hired two full-time staffers to begin a video ministry. Those two staffers were freshmen Cory Goode and Brad Pierce. They definitely worked full time.

Each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, the guys took footage of services, classes, lunch, and recreation. Late in the afternoon, they sifted through the footage and came up with an eight to 10-minute video played with lively contemporary Christian music at the beginning of the evening worship service. "We were able to pick out songs with lyrics that drove home specific messages that we thought were important," Pierce said. Pat Batchelor, director of the Assembly, was primarily responsible for the beginning of this ministry. He said that "It's (the video ministry) the best way to communicate what goes on at camp everyday." The videos served as a great memoir to the campers too. "Seeing it again helps to

experience camp again. Plus, everybody likes to see themselves on the screen," Batchelor said.

A real treat each week was the top 10 video: Top 10 Reasons to Come to Siloam. It took a light-hearted look at the fun things Siloam offered—such as sophomore lifeguard Scott Walsh and the wonderful food.

The final video of the week was an emotional one for many. It featured Phillips, Craig, and Dean's *Will You Love Jesus More?* It served as a time of reflection by encouraging campers to look back on the ways God had worked in their lives over the week. "The closing video challenged kids to take what they learned home with them, not just forget about them," Goode said.

Goode benefited from this ministry through relationships. "It was a good chance to interact with the kids and make some new friends," he said.

Whether it was for the church member who stayed home or a camper's souvenir, Goode and Pierce's videos had an effect on all who saw their work.



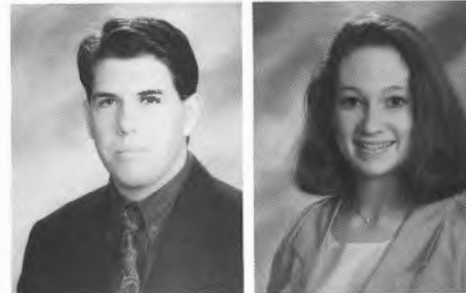
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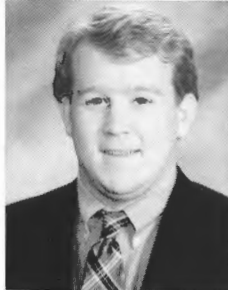
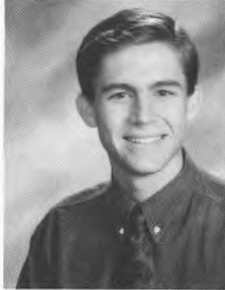


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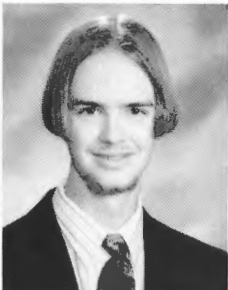
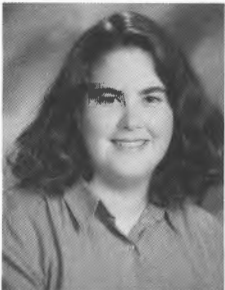
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Benton



*Profile...*



Freshman communications major Lori Reed enjoys one of the simple pleasures of life—talking to a friend on the phone. After being diagnosed with leukemia, Reed became keenly aware of life's finite quality, and she determined not to let disease rip her away from the life she loved. *photo by Carol Price*

*The heart of a fighter*  
**LORI REED**

— by Cory Hutchinson and Amanda Seale —

She moved toward the microphone and scanned the audience of students who were sitting in silent expectation. With a voice that had been sweetened by grace and steadied by patience, she began to tell her story. Without hesitation, she uttered the words that had forever altered her life. She said: "They told me I had cancer." Cancer, incurable and life-threatening, had preyed upon this unsuspecting young person, leaving her with two choices: give up or fight. Beneath the soft, gentle exterior of freshman Lori Reed pumped the heart of a fighter.

When Reed was 14, she was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) after finding a lump in her breast. On May 22, 1992, Reed was admitted to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Throughout the whole process of physically weakening testing and treatment, Reed was positive and persistent, determined not to let the cancer get the best of her.

"The most difficult thing about treatment is probably not knowing what is going to happen from week to week,"

said Reed. And even though cancer was usually fatal, Reed said, "I never thought about my leukemia being terminal."

Even in March of 1993 when she developed a fungal infection and had to be hospitalized for 30 days, Reed saw the positive. "When it comes to the real bad parts, I tend to block them out," she said.

One thing Reed did not block out was her desire to participate in the activities she enjoyed. She had been in pageants since the age of 10, and she did not allow her illness to prevent her from competing and winning. Perhaps "tough" was not a word that most people would have used to describe a beauty queen, but Reed was much more than a pretty face. She harbored a trust in God which helped her remain determined and hopeful in the midst of tragedy.

She did not remain silent in anger or helplessness. She shared her experience with others and exuded the strength of a person who did not know what it meant to throw in the towel, no matter how deadly the opponent.

Outside these walls...

# JANUARY 1996

*Jan. 16th-* First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton kicked off a publicity tour for her new book

*Jan. 16th-* UN official announced that data on human rights violations in Croatia had been stolen

*Jan. 17th-* Astronomers discovered two new planets around two nearby stars

*Jan. 18th-* Presidential aide Carolyn Huber recounted finding Hillary Clinton's billing records

*Jan. 20th-* George Burns celebrated 100th birthday

*Jan. 21st-* Fire gutted historic Ice House Center in Little Rock

*Jan. 26th-* First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified before federal grand jury

*Jan. 28th-* Dallas Cowboys beat Pittsburg Steelers 27-17 in Superbowl XXX

*Jan. 28th-* Du Pont heir John E. du Pont captured by SWAT team ending 48-hour stand off

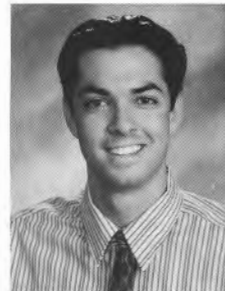
*Jan. 31st-* Truck bomb killed over 75 in Sri Lanka capital



*Pledging-* Members of Kappa Chi Men's Social Club decked out in pledge week attire enthusiastically cheer at a University basketball game. Nametags, notebooks, and unique clothing signified pledge week activities and the beginning of second semester. \*photo by Jim Yates



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**Carrie Edwards**  
West Helena  
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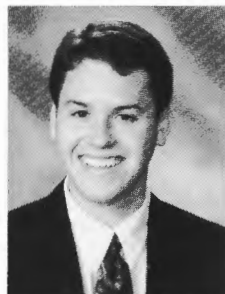
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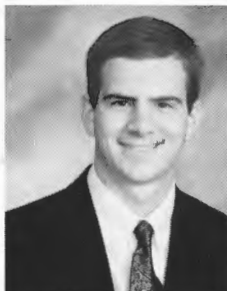
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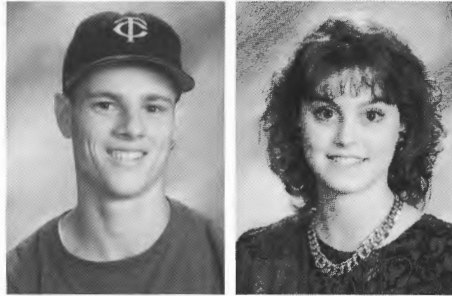
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Texarkana



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**Tad Hardin**  
Arkadelphia



**Sarah Harmeyer**  
Houston, TX  
**Holly Harp**  
Linden, TX



**Brandy Harper**  
Texarkana, TX  
**Dianne Harper**  
Little Rock



**Tim Harrell**  
Minden, LA  
**Brooks Harrington**  
Little Rock



**Preston Harris**  
Garland, TX  
**Janice Hart**  
Plano, TX



*Profile...*



Freshman John Lincavage listens as junior Doug Dickens plays the guitar during some free time in the dorm. The population of 99 preachers' kids on campus struggled to break stereotypes while continuing to support their fathers' ministries. *photo by Kyle Hamman*

*Supporting a ministry*  
**PREACHERS' KIDS**  
*by Jennifer Hillman*

"Please don't tell them," she thought to herself as she stood in front of her new class. She could already hear their various responses: "You know what they say about them; they're the wild ones." But she knew her teacher would say it; they always did, and so she simply smiled as the teacher said, "Janna is a preacher's kid."

Being on a Christian campus, it wasn't uncommon to come in contact with students whose fathers were ministers. These kids were nicknamed PKs—preachers' kids.

While some may have thought that the life of a PK was no different, PKs had pressures that many didn't. "People expect you to be good," said freshman Chris McAlister, "not just because you're a Christian, but because you're a preacher's kid."

In order to get rid of the stereotypes that came along with being a PK, McAlister would try to shock people in high school. "Here (at Ouachita) it is no big deal being a PK. It's a Christian environment, so it's kind of assumed for you to live up to

those expectations." Junior Jennifer Tolbert said people always expected her to be "good" growing up. According to Tolbert, this helped her be good. "I knew that what I did would reflect on my dad, so I tried to stay out of trouble." Tolbert said that although everybody referred to her as a PK, she was treated as an "ordinary" person.

Tolbert saw benefits of being a PK. Her dad got to perform her wedding ceremony. "It was special but hard on my dad because he had to play the role of my dad and preacher," she said. "He really had to hold back the tears."

Freshman Karlyn Hughes said she helped her father out a lot. "He gained experience of how to help other parents with their children through my sisters and me."

Some felt that their families were closer because of their father's position. Senior Risha Young said, "External conflict brought us together."

It took a special person to be a PK. The 99 who were on campus had the opportunity to support and were an essential part of their fathers' ministries.

*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

—recognized for excellence—

## MATTHEW PRYOR,

an elementary education major, served as dorm Bible study ministry leader and executive councilman for the BSU. He was a member of SELF, OSEA, and was president of CMF. He served as a youth and music minister and a Disciple Now leader. He participated in mission trips with the BSU to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Australia. He received the Presidential Leadership Scholarship and the McCain Scholarship. He enjoyed computers, traveling, and playing frisbee golf.

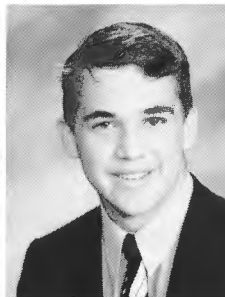


## REBECCA ROE,

a history major, served as president of OSF, president of Phi Alpha Theta, and vice-president of the senior class. She was a member of the Carl Goodson Honors Program and took a trip to China with the International Studies program. She was a Model UN delegate. She received the Ben Elrod Scholarship, the Everett Slavens Outstanding Sophomore History Major Award, and was a nominee for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. She volunteered with the Big Sisters/Little Sisters program. She enjoyed water skiing, snow skiing, reading, and aerobics.



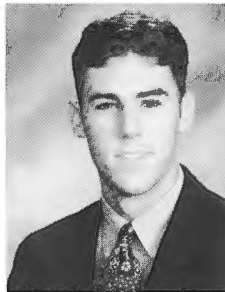
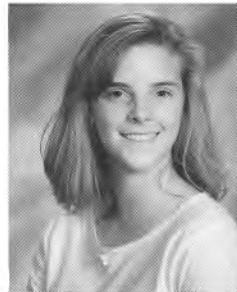
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Ashdown  
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Jacksonville



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**Alison Hill**  
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Almyra  
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**Jason Holsclaw**  
Arkadelphia



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Flippen  
**Tiffany Horton**  
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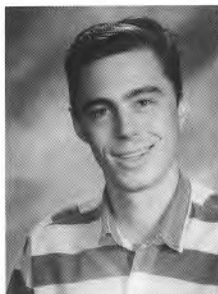
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**Aaron Kirchhefer**  
Benbrook, TX



**Roman Klykov**  
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Moscow, Russia



*Outside these walls...*

# FEBRUARY 1996

*Feb. 2nd-* Snow and ice up to two inches covered the state

*Feb. 3rd-* First member of U.S. forces in Bosnia died

*Feb. 5th-* President Clinton subpoenaed by Whitewater grand jury

*Feb. 7th-* Chartered jet with German tourists crashed leaving 105 bodies in the Atlantic

*Feb. 9th-* Whitewater grand jury subpoenaed ADFA records

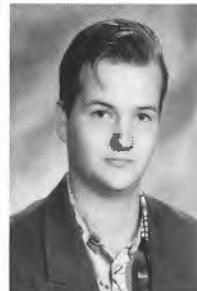
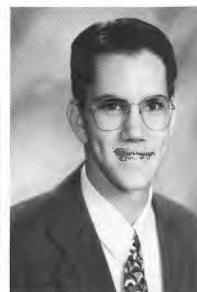
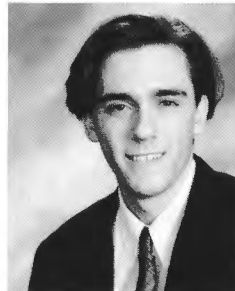
*Feb. 9th-* Irish Republican Army blasted a bomb in East London just one hour after the one-and-a-half year truce ended

*Feb. 11th-* Two car bombs in Algiers, Algeria killed 17 people and wounded 93 others

*Feb. 12th-* Dole led in the Iowa caucuses followed by Buchanan and Alexander

*Feb. 12th-* Hundreds injured and 11 killed when 300 cars crashed in fog on Italian highway

*Feb. 14th-* Gary Dockery awoke after seven-and-a-half years in coma



*Winter Storm-* Students engage in a snowball fight between Berry Bible Building and Berry Chapel. Freezing temperatures, snow, sleet, and ice plagued the campus for the first half of February. Many enjoyed the leisure games that the weather brought. *photo by Guy Lyons*

Profile...



Freshman theology/organ double major Matt Lyles works on the computer. With the assistance of special devices and a spirit of determination, Lyles lived the college life as almost any other student. *photo by Diane Deaton*

*A different perspective*  
**MATT LYLES**  
*by Amanda Seale*

Every sock, every shoe, and every piece of clothing was in its proper place. Nothing was mismatched or in disarray. This was not the room of an obsessive-compulsive, but of a student who depended on order so he could function in a world of darkness.

Because of a cancerous tumor that destroyed his eyes, freshman Matt Lyles had been blind since he was four. He only remembered what life was like then, and because he was so young, those memories were few. But that didn't stop Lyles from continuing with life's incredible journeys, one such journey being his education.

Before coming to school, he visited a few times with his "director of orientation" to "get the feel" of the campus. After examining and actually feeling his way around on a model, Matt formed a mental picture of what the campus looked like. He said, "It's kind of like learning a map. You just get the feel for it, and no, I don't count my steps! I don't know of any blind person who does."

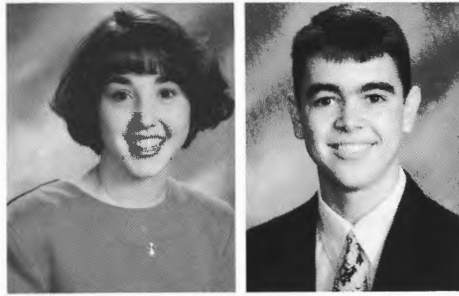
While most people took their notebooks and pens to class, Matt took his personal

"Braille 'n' Speak. This device enabled him to type his notes using the Braille alphabet. When it came time for him to review his notes, he hooked his machine to his computer which read the words back to him. "The school has been very helpful in providing readers that are on tape for me to study by," he said.

Lyles also kept devices in his room to make life a little easier. "Everything in my room either talks to me or makes a coo-coo noise, that's why I don't have a roommate. He would probably get very annoyed at everything talking to me," he said.

When Matt wasn't busy with daily tasks, his favorite thing to do was to check his E-mail. His computer had a speech synthesizer which read the screen to him.

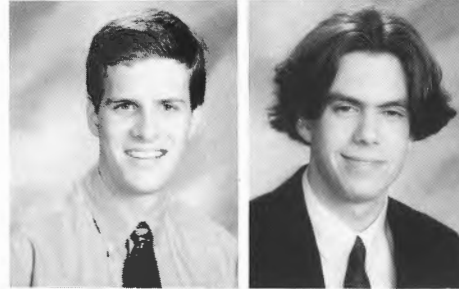
Matt said that when people see a blind person they tend to feel uncomfortable and ask, "Are you lost," or "Do you know where you are?" "People assume that blind people are 'special.' We are just very much like the usual person," he said. "I'm not a genius, I just use what I've got."



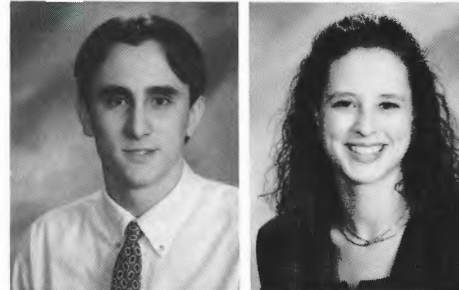
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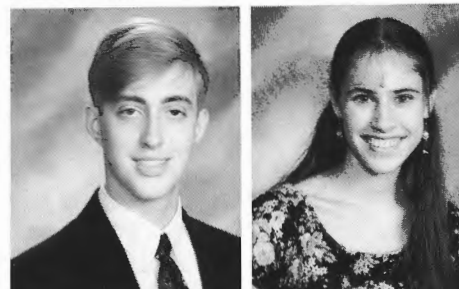
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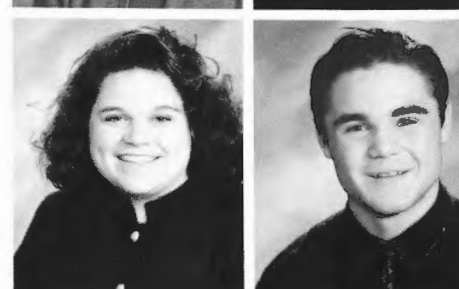
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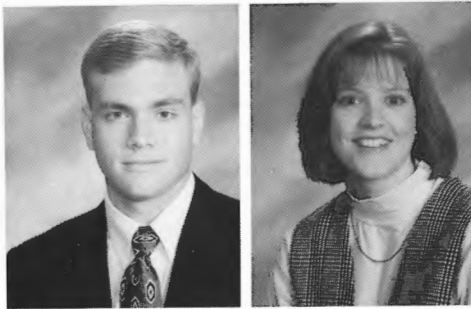
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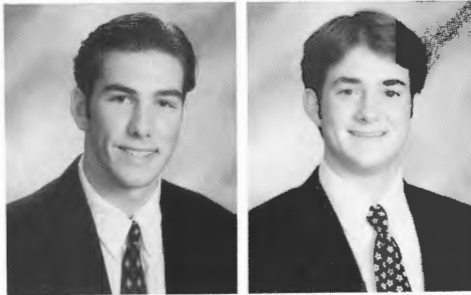
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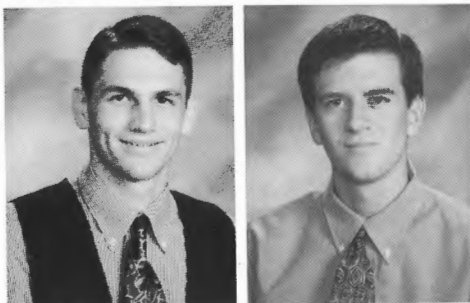
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*Profile...*



Christina Kartsonakis, a freshman communications major, steals a quiet moment to study. Having performed with her family's show in Branson for years, Kartsonakis was familiar with the fast-paced excitement of entertaining a large crowd. *photo by Amy Morton*

*From the shadow to the spotlight*  
**CHRISTINA KARTSONAKIS**  
*by Salinda Russell*

All eyes in the 2200 seat theatre turned their attention to the young performer as a green Austrian curtain stepped out on stage. Dressed in blue sequins, she would begin the show. Smiling she announced, "Hi everyone! Welcome to the Dino Christmas Extravaganza!" For Christina Kartsonakis, pleasing the crowds was a way of life.

For the past several years, in October through December, Kartsonakis performed with The Dino Show in Branson, Missouri. During the first 15 to 20 minutes of the show, Kartsonakis told jokes and visited with the crowd to make them comfortable. As the show began, Kartsonakis joined her father, older sister, and their cast of pianists, singers, and dancers on stage to entertain.

At the age of three, Kartsonakis followed in her mother's footsteps and began singing on stage. Growing up in Los Angeles and around her family's performances, she never felt the need to learn to play the piano. "Growing up with everyone else playing, I felt like I was already close to it," she said. "Instead, I went

with the vocal part of music." After high school, Kartsonakis spent two years on the road with The Dino Show. It was through Beth Anne Rankin, a 1994 graduate and member of the show's cast, that Kartsonakis heard about Ouachita. "Beth Anne was always wearing OBU sweat-shirts," Kartsonakis said. "I asked her about Ouachita, and she always told me how much she loved the school."

Rankin decided to show Kartsonakis the campus. "We visited the campus, and I loved it," Kartsonakis. "I enrolled the same day."

Kartsonakis, a freshman communications major, continued her performing. In addition, she and Rankin worked on a television project, a morality talk show for youth.

Growing up in a show business family provided Kartsonakis with many opportunities. Realizing that the biggest of these chances came through her father's show, she took the chance not only to share a part of herself, but also to brag about her father. "I'm really proud of my father," she said, "but he's just my dad."

*Inside these walls...*

# WHO'S WHO

—recognized for excellence—

## JON SHIRLEY,

a Biblical studies major, was a Tri Chi Women's Social Club beau. He served as a worship leader for BSU-sponsored praise and worship. He was a member of the Praise Singers and was involved in music evangelism. He performed in the contemporary Christian music group Nickle and Dime. He enjoyed singing and playing the guitar.



## ZINE SMITH,

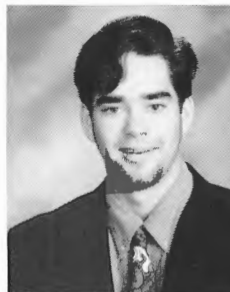
a physics and math double major, was a member of the BSU, OSF, and Blue Key. He also participated in the Carl Goodson Honors Program. He was named outstanding freshman and junior physics major. He was a member of the sanctuary choir and worked with the youth at church. He was a math tutor and worked for campus maintenance. He enjoyed reading and golf.



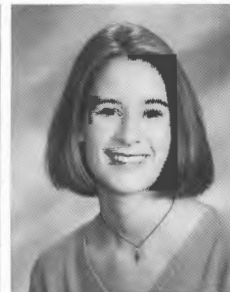
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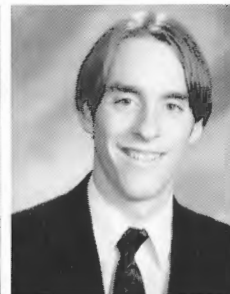
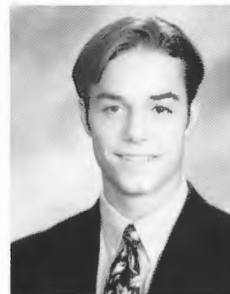
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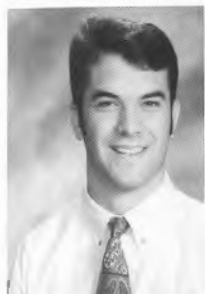
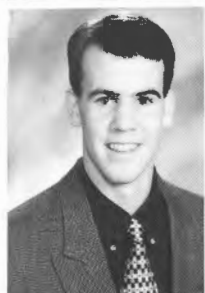
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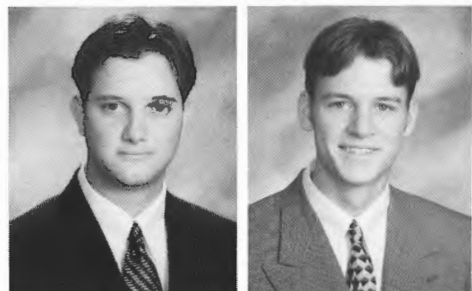
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Pine Bluff  
**Marilyn Patrick**  
North Little Rock



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Nashville  
**Brad Pierce**  
Benton



**Kim Pitts**  
Little Rock  
**Meredith Pope**  
Crossett



*Profile...*



Junior Trey Barr spends a few moments one afternoon recounting events of the trip to Washington, D.C., with Dr. Hal Bass. Acting as a sponsor, Bass accompanied a group of students to the nation's capital, where they were forced to stay an extra day due to the Blizzard of '96. •photo by Sandra Scucchi

*W* the house in winter white  
**WASHINGTON TEAM**  
by Aaron Black

In the busy city of Washington D.C., nothing could be taken for granted. Whether trying to get an appointment with a congressman or just wanting to take in the sites, one risked the chance of the strange and bizarre occurring.

For the group of students that went on the annual trek to the capital, they certainly were not expecting the surprise they received. Afraid that the government shutdown would keep them from seeing the sites, they were relieved that a temporary spending measure was passed to open up federal monuments and sites. They were less relieved, though, when the snow started falling, and falling, and kept falling. The Blizzard of '96 had finally rolled across the Midwest and had hit the capital, crippling it by closing down airports and tourist attractions.

"It was exciting," said Dr. Hal Bass, who annually headed up the trip to D.C. "Being stranded was the big event of the trip." Though many of the traditional spots and attractions were closed, the students made up for the loss, taking as much

sightseeing in as possible. "I had a great time even with all the snow," said senior Chad Gallagher.

The group went to several seminars and visited offices of Arkansas's congressmen, Democratic Senator Dale Bumpers and Republican Representative Tim Hutchinson. Other places that the students had a chance to visit were the Supreme Court, the White House, and many area restaurants.

Trying to get back to Arkansas at the end of the trip was a difficult process with area airports shut. The group was stranded in the capital an extra day and had to spend one night waiting in the airport itself before rigging up a flight plan.

Though the students certainly weren't expecting one of the largest blizzards of the century to visit the capital at the same time they were, they made the most of it and enjoyed the trip anyway. "All you could see was white—everywhere, everything just white," said senior Rebecca Briggs. "I have never seen so much snow in my life, but it is definitely an experience I won't forget."

Outside these walls...

# FEBRUARY 1996

*Feb. 15th-* Gennady Zyuganov accepted the Russian Communist Party's presidential nomination

*Feb. 18th-* Balkan leaders promised to stick by the peace plan that halted the Bosnian war

*Feb. 21st-* Jeanne Calment celebrated 121st birthday by releasing a rap CD of her memories

*Feb. 22nd-* First day of integration at primary school in Potgietersrus, South Africa

*Feb. 23rd-* Wildfires raged out of control over Texas and Oklahoma

*Feb. 24th-* Cuba downed two U.S. civilian aircraft; U.S. called on UN to discuss punitive actions against Cuba

*Feb. 25th-* Two Israeli bomb attacks by Islamic militants killed 26 and wounded 77

*Feb. 26th-* Governor Jim Guy Tucker enrolled Jim Pledger as a special assistant during Tucker's trial

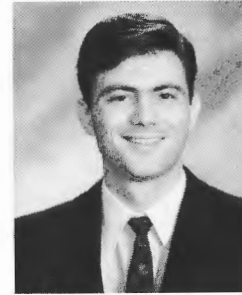
*Feb. 28th-* Princess Diana agreed to a divorce from Prince Charles

*Feb. 29th-* Television industry leaders promised a plan to rate shows

*Phonathon-* Jennifer Tolbert and 154 other students call alumni, former students, and friends of the University in the annual phonathon. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights of February, students congregated in Perrin West to call. •photo by Jonathan Henderson



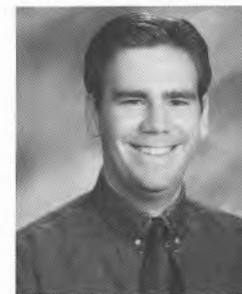
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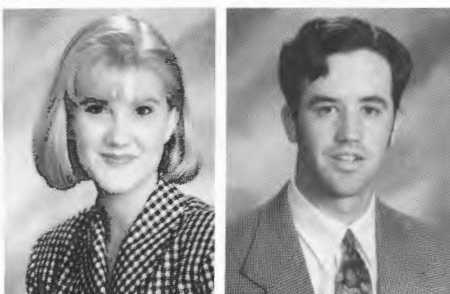
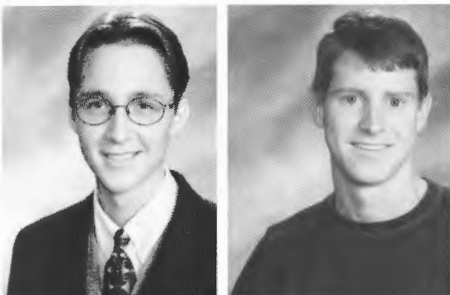
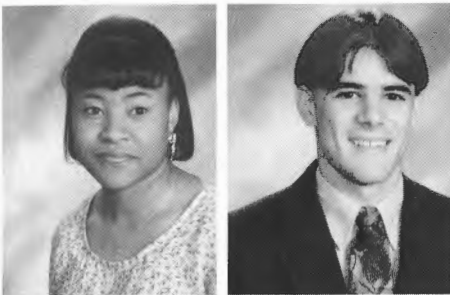
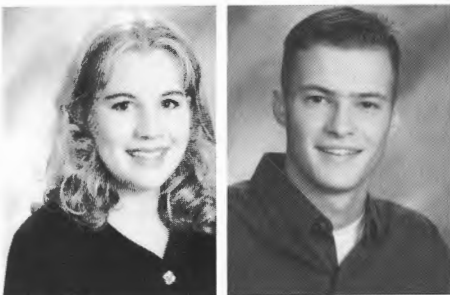
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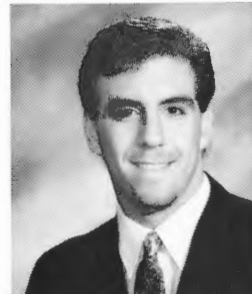
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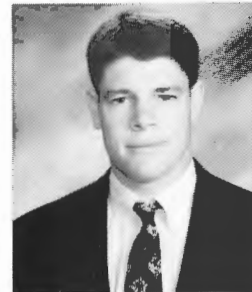
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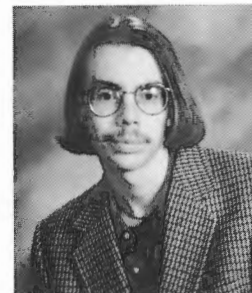
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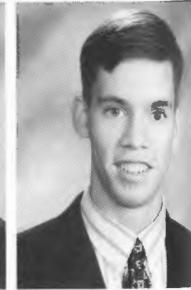
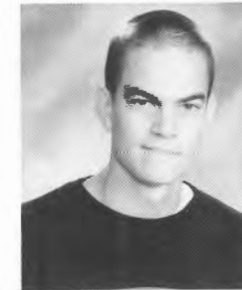
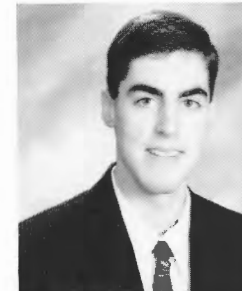
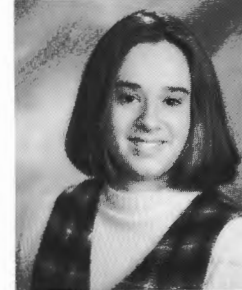
## JOHN SOWERS,

a communications major, was a member of SELF, Blue Key, the *Ouachitonian* staff, and played baseball for the Tigers. He was president of FCA. He participated in Tiger Tunes and played intramural sports. He received an OSF Scholarship, the Victoria Martic Scholarship, and the Robert McBrayer Scholarship. He was named to the dean's and president's lists. He was involved with K-Life and worked at Kanakuk. He enjoyed hunting, playing the guitar, and doing karate.



## LESLIE SRYGLEY,

a vocal performance major, was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and Pi Kappa Lambda. She was student assistant for the Ouachita Sounds, student director of the Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses, a Kappa Chi Lil Sis, and played leading rolls in *Music Man* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She was a Homecoming nominee. She was a Friends of the School of Music scholar, a Presidential scholar, and was named to the president's list. She was a performer at Magic Springs. She enjoyed singing, playing the piano, dancing, old musicals, and movies.





Freshman John Mark Huckabee works on the equipment in a television production room. Although he was the son of a well-known political figure, Huckabee did not allow that relation to dictate his identity or his choices. He reserved an interest for politics, but he also pursued other interests. •photo by John Barber

# *The affiliation of an independent* **JOHN MARK HUCKABEE**

— by Aaron Black —

For most students, when elections rolled around they weren't all that interested. Going to Lincoln Day Dinners and walking in parades weren't on their list of important things to do. But for one student, the political races decided his family's future for the next few years.

John Mark Huckabee, the son of Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee, entered school in the fall after his father's successful run in 1994 for the Lieutenant Governor's office.

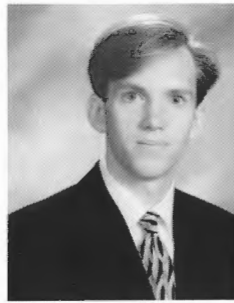
When his father first wet his feet in politics, Huckabee wasn't his biggest supporter. "I used to hate it," said Huckabee. "I had absolutely no interest in it for a while." After a time, though, Huckabee discovered being the son of an elected official wasn't so bad. "It really didn't change my life that much," said Huckabee. "You have to walk in some parades and go to a lot of Lincoln Day Dinners, which I really don't like, but it isn't that bad."

Huckabee, who was majoring in communications and English, seemed just a normal student to most people

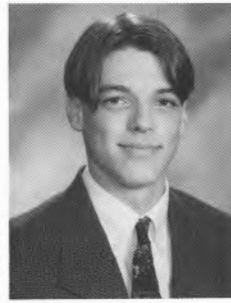
on and off campus. He was never a person that touted the fact that his father was in politics. "I don't bring that up right away," said Huckabee. "That way there is no prejudging me on what they know about my dad." Another problem he faced was dealing with what people thought of him after they found out his family ties to government. "There is one really big misconception out there, and that is that all politicians have a lot of money. Well, that's not true for the honest ones."

Huckabee said he personally had no political aspirations for the future. "No, I don't want to be in politics," said Huckabee. "I would like to work behind the scenes though, in creating strategy and the inside work." He also had thoughts of writing about the political environment in which he was raised.

In addition, Huckabee spent time working in the area of television production. He remained supportive of his father's choice to enter the world of politics, but he pursued his own interests and followed his own path.



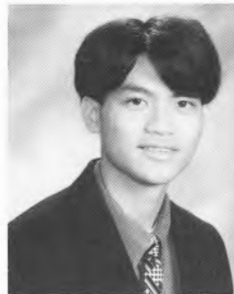
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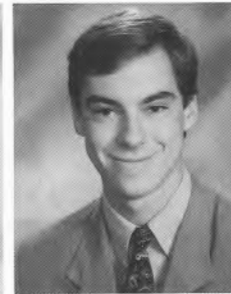
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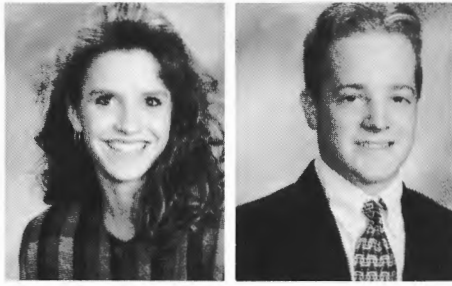
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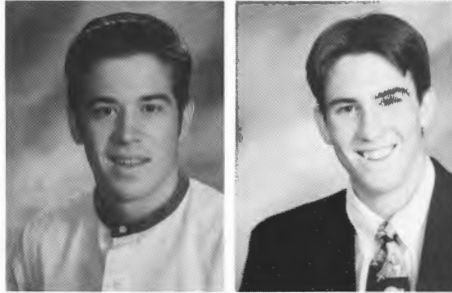
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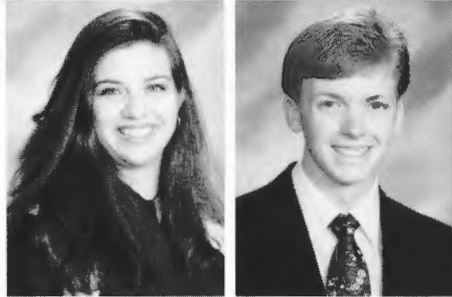
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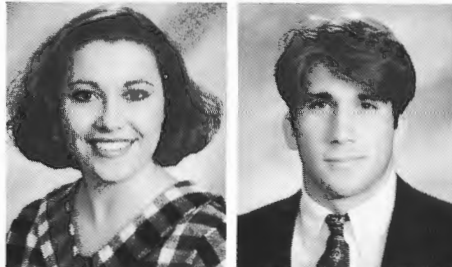
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**John Nathan Wooten**  
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**Shane Wooten**  
Wooten



*Outside these walls...*

# MARCH 1996

*Mar. 3rd-* Israel declared war on the militant Islamic group Hamas

*Mar. 4th-* Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and James and Susan McDougal went on trial in U.S. District Court

*Mar. 5th-* Dole swept all eight primaries

*Mar. 5th-* Russia backed down on ban of U.S. chicken imports

*Mar. 6th-* Richard Lugar and Lamar Alexander quit presidential race

*Mar. 7th-* Jury selection for Tucker's trial finalized

*Mar. 7th-* GIs in Japan received six to seven years for girl's rape

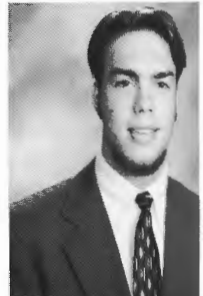
*Mar. 8th-* Jack Kevorkian freed again

*Mar. 9th-* George Burns died at the age of 100

*Mar. 10th-* Four historic downtown shops in Hot Springs burned

*Mar. 13th-* Teacher and 16 kindergarteners in Dunblane, Scotland killed at Dunblane Primary School

*Mar. 13th-* Arabs joined Israelis at a summit of world leaders



*Mr. Tiger-* Matt Bailey performs "Smelly Cat," a song from "Friends" as his talent during Mr. Tiger. Bailey represented Kappa Chi Men's Social Club. Every March, Gamma Phi Women's Social Club hosted Mr. Tiger. *photo by Carol Price*

Profile...



Freshman Cynthia Blackmon spends some quiet reading time in her room. Blackmon crossed the threshold of the campus and brought with her the experiences of living in six different countries—an example of one more dimension to the multi-faceted face of the student body. •photo by Carol Price

*A worldwide perspective*  
**CYNTHIA BLACKMON**  
*by Rachel DeBusk*

Most students came to college leaving behind a familiar city where they had lived all their lives. They went to one school and one church, and their biggest change came when they left their comfortable surroundings and came to campus.

This was not the case with freshman Cynthia Blackmon. In 18 years, Blackmon moved to six different countries, living no less than two and no more than four years in each place. Being born in Japan and graduating in England, Blackmon experienced language barriers, cultural differences, and the joys and heartaches of moving from place to place.

No, her parents were not missionaries. Her dad was a high school assistant principal on several military bases. Blackmon attended the American section of military schools, so she spoke English both at school and at home. "I never had to depend on an international language to make it, although I did have trouble shopping sometimes," she said. "Sometimes I would know how to talk to a sales person in his

language, but when I got there I would get blocked and start mumbling in English."

Each move became harder for Blackmon. She moved from Holland to Scotland, where she attended first through fourth grades. It was the move from Scotland to Cuba when she began to understand the concept of leaving friends behind.

Then Blackmon moved from Cuba to Belgium, but it was the move from Belgium to England that was the hardest for her. Her family got surprising news that they had about one month to move to England. Blackmon had to move in the middle of the summer when half of her friends were on vacation, so she did not even have a chance to say goodbye.

Before coming to college, Blackmon had only visited the States. She saw Disney World and the Grand Canyon and hoped to be able to tour.

Blackmon planned to remain on campus for summer school and to tour the United States after graduation. "I plan to live in the States after I graduate," she said. "College does not say it all."



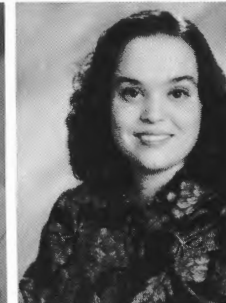
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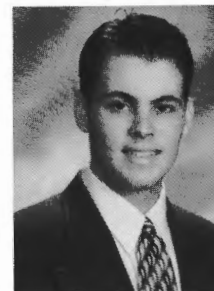
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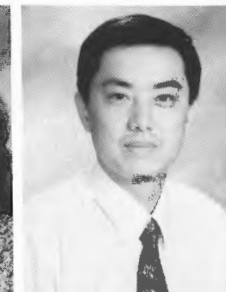
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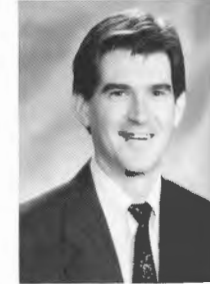
## GYELLA SWANIGAN,

a math major, was a member of Tri Chi Women's Social Club and was chosen vice-president and pledge class secretary. In the BSU, she served as dorm Bible study and Noonday leader and was a member of the executive council. She was elected state BSU vice-president. She was also involved in Student Senate. She was a Trustee's and President's Scholar and was named to the dean's list. She served as a summer missionary in Durban, South Africa. She enjoyed playing the violin and travelling.



## STEPHANIE TURNAGE,

a general business major, served as social chairman and president for EEE Women's Social Club, publicity chairman for Association of Women Students, historian and vice-president of Phi Beta Lambda, and was a member of the Student Business Advisory Council. She was a national and local winner for Impromptu Speaking PBL Award. She was a Tiger Belle, a Homecoming nominee, runner-up in Miss OBU, and was named to the dean's list. She enjoyed playing the piano, singing, and shopping.



Profile...



Walt Kehoe volunteers his time to be a target for food instead of a provider of meals. Walt served as the Director of Food Services for 21 years. Not only did he bring more variety to Birkett Williams Dining Hall, his sense of humor made it an entertaining social hangout. *photo by Lesha Kirkham*

## Wadding a little spice WALT KEHOE

by Marci Phillips

"Did you see who he was with last night?" she said. Four girls were gathered around a table gossiping over dinner, only to be interrupted by a screaming shrill of a bell. A look of fear appeared on the face of one, while a strange nostalgic feeling of grade school overcame the other girls. Their eyes searched the room to find the source of the noise, as Walt Kehoe rounded the corner with a bell in his hand.

Walt, the food service director, entertained students at breakfast, lunch, and dinner for 21 years. Many things had changed since Walt began at Birkett Williams Dining Hall.

Shortly after Walt arrived, an art student designed a T-shirt which read "Eat at Walt's." The slogan caught on, and "Walt's" became the place to eat. "It's a great honor," said Walt.

With the introduction of "Walt's" came the increase in a variety of food. In addition to the early changes, Walt added a fast food line which included a deli, hamburgers, and pizza. Walt believed his success came because his taste buds were the same as students', and he led a

hard-working staff, some of whom had worked for him the full 21 years.

Walt enjoyed his job. "I don't really know my age," he said. One member of Walt's staff that was well-known by students was Minnie, who worked with Walt from the beginning. Students were always surprised as he pulled out a new costume, decoration, or toy. "Just as I begin to think dinner is boring, Walt does something crazy or funny," said junior Cortney Brown.

One thing that did not change about Walt's was the social atmosphere. "My freshman year I went to Walt's at 4:30 p.m. and left at 6:00 p.m.," said junior Alicia Harman. Lunch and dinner became the time to meet friends or new people. "Ouachita is so unique because students actually wait for friends before eating a meal; it is the social place," said Walt.

Whether they just ate a meal or visited with friends, the students enjoyed the atmosphere Walt created. "My job is great because of the kids," said Walt. "We've come a long way from being boring."



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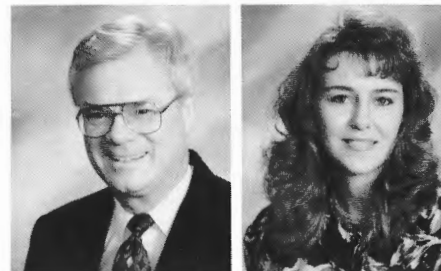
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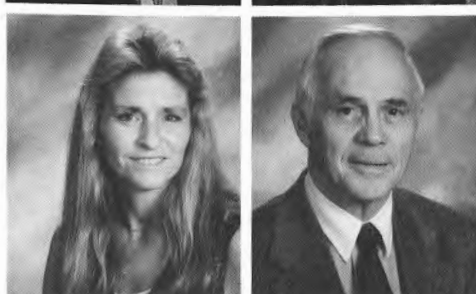
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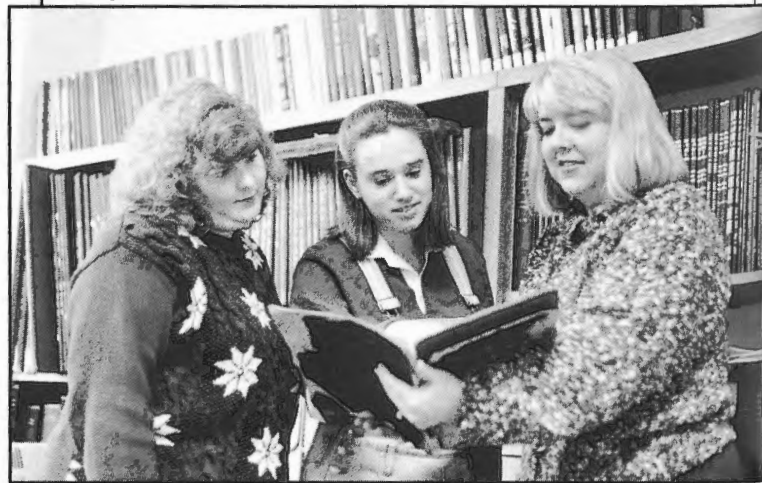
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*Profile...*



Wendy Richter helps some students locate information in the archives. In addition to various other projects, Richter conducted the research for "Land and People of a President: An Arkansas Scrapbook," a display of life in Southwest Arkansas during the early life of Bill Clinton. *photo by Diane Deaton*

*W* piecing together the past  
**WENDY RICHTER**  
*by Cory Hutchinson*

A scrapbook of over 1,400 photographs—captured moments of the environment and the people that shaped a young boy who would one day become the leader of a nation. "Land and People of a President: An Arkansas Scrapbook" was a collection of essays and old pictures of life in Southwest Arkansas during the early life of Bill Clinton. Wendy Richter, instructor and archivist, conducted the research for the project and co-wrote two essays with Dr. Tom Greer and Lavell Cole. Richter also bore the time-consuming task of sifting through over 20,000 photographs, most from private collections not accessible to the public. "We wanted to show the environment in which Clinton grew up. He was just one of the people," Richter said.

The display opened in the summer of 1993 at Mid-America Museum and was moved to the University from June until August. It was then transported to the Oil and Brian Museum at Smackover.

Richter's love for history was sparked long before her work as an archivist began. "A

professor had me look at some primary source material, and from then on I was hooked," she said. In order to continue working "hands-on with historical materials," Richter decided to acquire a masters degree in public history.

She recently completed her work as co-editor of a book on Clark County residents in World War II called *We Were There*. In addition to that endeavor, Richter had the opportunity to write the text for the historical markers located in the sidewalks of Hot Springs. Richter kept herself and the student workers in the archives busy throughout the year. Stacey Eley, a junior social studies major who worked in the archives said, "As soon as we finish a project, there are three more waiting. It's unbelievable what she gets done in a semester."

Amid the shelves of books, documents, and old photos, one could usually find the dedicated archivist, busy with the endless task of recording and reporting history. "You see so much change," she said. "It makes you wonder where we're going from here."

Outside these walls...

# MARCH 1996

*Mar. 16th-* Razorbacks win sweet 16 victory over Marquette 65-56

*Mar. 19th-* Clinton offered a fiscal 1997 budget calling for \$100 billion in tax cuts over seven years

*Mar. 19th-* Fire engulfed disco in Manila, Philippines killing at least 149 people

*Mar. 20th-* Menendez brothers found guilty of first-degree murder for slaying parents

*Mar. 21st-* Razorbacks lose to Massachusetts in East Regional Semifinal 79-63

*Mar. 22nd-* House voted to repeal 1994 federal ban on assault-type weapons

*Mar. 25th-* David Hale received 28-month prison sentence for association with Whitewater

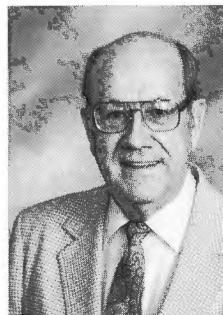
*Mar. 27th-* American astronauts worked outside a space station for first time in 22 years

*Mar. 31st-* Yeltsin ordered cease fire-withdrawal from Chechnya

*Mar. 31st-* New York group sought approval for abortion pill



*Spring Break Missions-* Brandi Byrd, BSU assistant director, summarizes the Spring Break mission trip to San Antonio, Tex. Students participated in revivals and worship services, Backyard Bible Clubs, and visitation while emphasizing missions outreach. \*photo by Guy Lyons



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# WHO'S WHO

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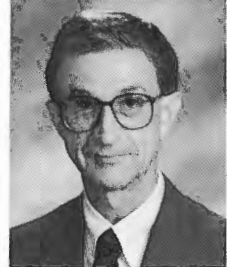
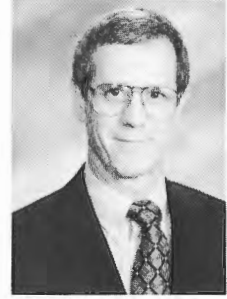
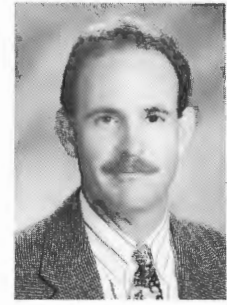
## APRILE WILLETT,

an English major, was Tiger Tunes director and vice-president of Chi Delta Women's Social Club. She was also a Rho Sigma Sweetheart and secretary of Sigma Tau Delta. She was a Homecoming representative and was named to the dean's and president's lists. She worked for admissions counseling. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Smackover, and she enjoyed jogging, reading, and playing basketball.



## LAVINIA YOUNG,

a professional accountancy major, was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Black American Student Society, and played basketball for the Lady Tigers. She was named as an all-AIC player. She worked as a secretary at Pioneer Abstract, and she hoped to become a certified public accountant. She enjoyed reading poetry.



Profile...



Dr. Charles Fuller, associate professor of music and coordinator of music studies, glances through his scrapbook. Fuller had the opportunity to perform in the Robert Shaw Festival Singers and the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop at Carnegie Hall in New York City. *photo by John Barber*

# *The opportunity of a lifetime* **DR. CHARLES FULLER**

by Mac Sisson

Marching down the busy streets, surrounded by a host of people, he made his way across the city winding up on the steps of Carnegie Hall. Bright lights and big city were not what was on his mind, it was being a part of a one-of-a-kind concert.

Dr. Charles Fuller, associate professor of music and coordinator of choral music studies at the University, was selected through competitive audition to be a member of the Robert Shaw Festival Singers and Robert Shaw Choral Workshop who performed in concert in January at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Five days prior to the concert, Fuller was in a schedule of rehearsals and workshops in New York. The singers practiced and perfected the material they would sing and perform for the Big Apple audience. It was a time to meet new people and share music with those in Fuller's field.

The concert featured three significant choral works of Giuseppe Verdi: "Requiem," "Ava Maria," and "Stabat Mater." These works were performed and accounted for the majority of the concert. The

chorus was accompanied by the Orchestra of St. Luke's.

Fuller was pleased with his involvement in the production of the workshop and the concert. The trip to New York was a dream come true for Fuller.

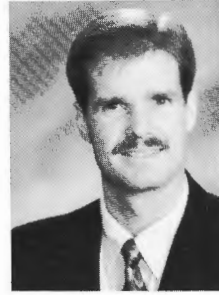
For any musician, the chance to perform in New York City would be an event of a lifetime. The surroundings of the big city and the high paced life added to the excitement. Being around professionals and their unique talents made Fuller's trip worth while.

"Every choral conductor in this country has been influenced either directly or indirectly by the work of Robert Shaw," said Fuller. "His work, which has spanned over half a century, is known around the world promoting the highest standards of musical excellence. It is a great honor to have been selected for such an experience. It is, for me, the opportunity of a lifetime.

Life offered Dr. Fuller this special opportunity to perform with his peers and travel to New York City. Fuller accepted the challenge and carried it out to perfection.



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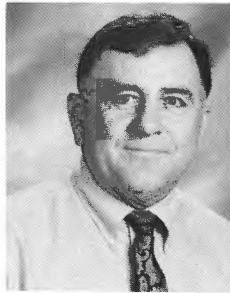


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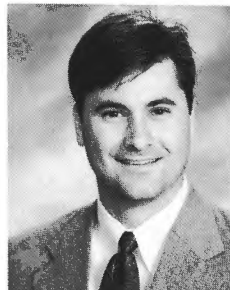


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*Profile...*



Writer-in-residence Mary Medearis gives freshman Lori Reed a piano lesson. Medearis attended The Julliard School of Music to study her first love and taught music for 45 years before falling in love for a second time. After moving to Arkansas, she turned to writing full time. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*

*Searching for everyday treasure*  
**MARY MEDEARIS**  
*by Christina Lance*

“Every day is a new adventure; the key is finding the ‘nugget.’” These simple, yet profound words became the philosophy of writer-in-residence Mary Medearis. From studying at The Julliard School of Music to stumbling upon an American classic, this woman of great magnitude overcame numerous obstacles and offered society a new perspective.

Starting at the tender age of 21, Medearis traveled to The Julliard School of Music to study and perfect her first love. It was then that this love was expanded, and writing entered the picture. While taking a writing course at Columbia University, Medearis won a national short story contest for her partially autobiographical piece, which later became “Big Doc’s Girl.”

While having a husband, six children, and an occasional live-in student, Medearis traveled all over the United States teaching music for 45 years. It was not until she retired to Washington, Arkansas, that writing became her sole occupation. While in Washington, she founded the

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, which she directed and used for various works for 13 years.

Even with a best seller, a completed family, a remarkable reputation, and various occupations behind her, Medearis never lost sight of her purpose. This God-fearing woman accomplished many tasks and made an infinite number of friends along the way. The idea of everything imaginable being a possible writing topic enabled her to see new ideas each and every day. When asked where she came up with her topics, Medearis said, “You must be willing to look beyond everyday normality and see the lesson to be learned or the problem to be solved waiting in front of you.”

Making the most out of every situation helped Medearis reach her goals and allowed her to enjoy an active, purposeful life. She overcame all expectations and made each day an adventure by always remembering her mom’s saying: “If something exciting has not happened in your life by five o’clock, get out and make it happen.”

*Outside these walls...*

# APRIL 1996

*Apr. 1st-* Taco Bell fooled the nation with a new public relations campaign

*Apr. 2nd-* Russia and Belanis agreed to form new union

*Apr. 2nd-* Dan Harmon, prosecuting attorney arrested for alleged kidnapping of his wife, hospitalized for not eating

*Apr. 3rd-* Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 others killed in Air Force jet crash outside Dubrovnik, Croatia

*Apr. 4th-* Theodore J. Kaczynski charged with possessing bomb components in cabin; believed to be the "unabomber"

*Apr. 5th-* Second day of talks with Montana Freeman

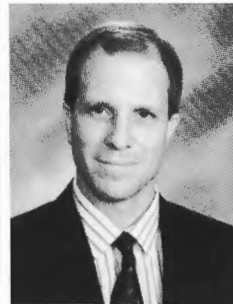
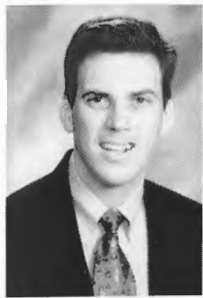
*Apr. 6th-* Two North Carolina youth committed suicide as part of a suicide pact

*Apr. 8th-* Yugoslavia and Macedonia tied diplomatic knots

*Apr. 11th-* Jessica Dubroff, seven-year-old who attempted to set record as youngest person to fly across America, died along with father and flight instructor



*Spring Fling-* Students race to grab a bar while tied to bunji ropes during the S.E.L.F. Spring Fling. From four to nine on the afternoon of April 16th, students congregated on the lawn in front of Daniel for a picnic, games, and a concert. *photo by Sandra Scucchi*



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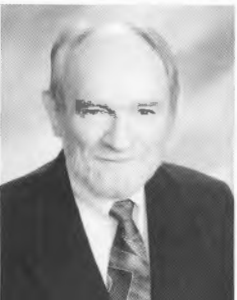
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*Outside these walls...*

# APRIL 1996

*Apr. 14th-* Tornado hit Arkansas killing seven people

*Apr. 15th-* Governor declared Izard and Stone counties a state of disaster

*Apr. 17th-* Jury recommended life term for Menendez

*Apr. 19th-* At 9:02 a.m. Oklahoma City recognized 168 seconds of silence remembering the one year anniversary of the Federal Building bombing

*Apr. 20th-* Leaders of world's seven richest democracies agreed to end nuclear tests by fall

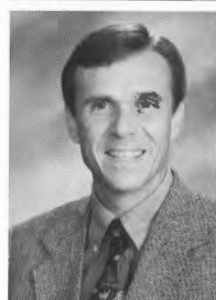
*Apr. 21st-* Tornado hit Van Buren and Fort Smith killing two children

*Apr. 23rd-* Subway gunman Bernard Goetz ordered to pay \$43 million

*Apr. 23rd-* Fire raced through Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine

*Apr. 28th-* Clinton took stand for Whitewater trial

*Apr. 29th-* Former Secretary of State Bill McCuen sentenced to 17 years in prison



*TigerTraks* Senior Mary Lewis carefully removes a Jenga block from the shaking tower. Jenga was one of 10 events put on by OSF on April 19-20. The annual event brought the student body together for a weekend of sloppy, messy fun. •photo by Jim Yates

Profile...



Dr. Steve Phillips helps his son Austin off of a game at the Spring Fling sponsored by S.E.L.F. Phillips wholeheartedly tried to make every event that he was a part of a fun one, for his students as well as his loved ones. •photo by Sandra Scucchi

# Shared blessings DR. STEVE PHILLIPS

by John Sowers

On a given day, Dr. Steve Phillips could be seen playing instructional games like capture the flag with students, tearing up the outdoors on his bike, or serving the community through service projects.

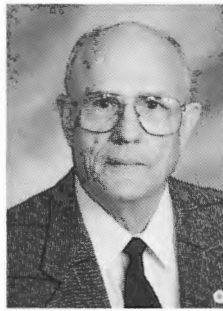
Phillips started his teaching career as a graduate assistant at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, and it had been a wide roller coaster ride for the journeyman ever since. He taught at the University in 1983-1985, and then moved to the University of Southern California and earned his Ph.D, while he taught. From Southern California he went to the University of Montana for five years. In that span he won five teaching awards for his labor. Phillips believed that teachers have the responsibility to "bring something of substance in an interesting manner, and show compassion to the students as individuals," he said.

Phillips required his students to do community service projects such as Group Living, Courage House, and Carpenter Hill Projects. At Group Living, a center for the mentally disadvantaged, students held a St. Patrick's

Day function. At the Courage House, students totally refurbished two rooms. They also provided treat bags for children. "Basically we try to plug in with people who are disadvantaged in some way. We give back and try to spread a little light. It's a sort of reality check; it helps keep me and students plugged into the real world," Phillips said. Senior Rebecca Roe said, "It makes me realize how much I've been given, and it makes me appreciate it."

Phillips had always been a lover of the outdoors, and his interests heightened in Montana. His outdoor activities included hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting, kayaking, and canoeing. Phillips described himself as a connoisseur of American National Parks. He planned to hike all of them, and he had already conquered over 30.

Phillips hoped to continue a recreational ministry. He believed that the outdoors helps humans to "be still before God." It also reminded him who is in charge. "It's hard to see the miracles and still not believe in God," he said.



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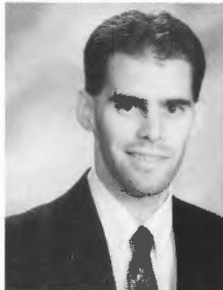
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# retiring professors leave 118 years of service

# MCBETH, SHAMBARGER, & VINING

by Mac Sisson

The spring semester marked a new season for the University, not only in a literal sense, but in a figurative one as well. Three faculty members announced their retirement from fulltime teaching. The three reflected a total of 118 years of employment at the University. After the announcements, Dr. W. Francis McBeth was named as Distinguished University Professor; Dr. Jake Shambarger as Professor Emeritus of Education; and Bill Vining as Professor Emeritus of Physical Education.

McBeth joined the faculty in 1957 and completed a distinguished 39-year career as the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music, Resident Composer, and Chair of the Department of Music Theory/Composition. In 1975, the Lubbock, Texas native was

named by the Governor as Composer Laureate of Arkansas.

McBeth was a leading figure in American music and had just completed a term as President of the American Bandmasters Association. McBeth's works had been performed all over the world. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious ASCAP award for 30 consecutive years.

McBeth was conductor of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra for many years until his retirement from the organization in 1973, whereupon he was elected Conductor Emeritus.

Shambarger joined the faculty in 1966. He served as Professor of Education and completed a productive 37 years of teaching, which included a highly successful stint as baseball coach from

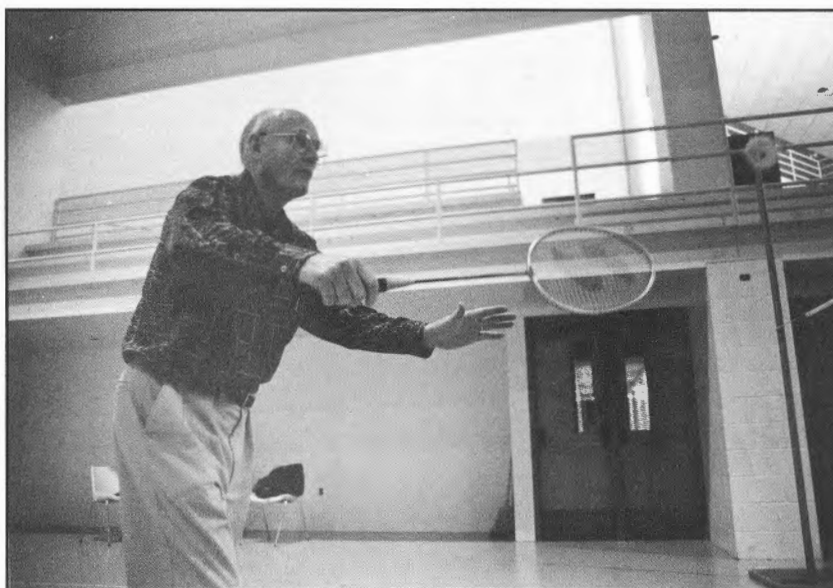
1965 to 1973. In that coaching tenure, Shambarger had three Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships.

Vining began in 1954 and completed a distinguished 42-year career as Athletic Director, Men's Basketball Coach, and Associate Professor of Physical Education.

His coaching record was unequaled in University history, as his basketball teams won over 500 games during his tenure. His teams claimed six AIC championships.

The Eudora native toured the world, serving as coach for various Pan America, AAU, World University, and Olympic trials competitions. He was a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the NAIA Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Athletic Director, Men's Basketball Coach, and Associate Professor of Physical Education Bill Vining concentrates on the birdie as he instructs his students in the game of badminton. Coach Vining retired, concluding a 42-year career at the University. His service along with the service of two other retiring professors, McBeth and Shambarger, totaled 118 years of employment at the University. *photo by Guy Lyons*



Outside these walls...

## MAY 1-15, 1996

*May 1st-* Boeing 727 failed take off and landed in street in Quito, Ecuador

*May 2nd-* Senate voted 97-3 to crack down on illegal immigration

*May 3rd-* Identical twins Lt. Mark Kelly and Lt. Scott Kelly were the first siblings named to the NASA space program in Cape Canaveral

*May 4th-* Rosie Gries, Avon company's eldest sales representative, made first sale in 1938 and still selling in her North Dakota community at age 100

*May 5th-* Two fishing boats collided on DeGray Lake near Bismark killing two people

*May 7th-* Federal Judge dismissed four indictments against Governor Tucker and Susan McDougal leaving Tucker with seven indictments

*May 11th-* First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke at the University of Arkansas' commencement



*Senior Picnic-* Professor of Accounting Dr. Bob Webster discusses with Tyler and Angie Vance what their plans are after graduation. Several graduates met at Dr. Elrod's house on May 10 for the senior picnic. *photo by Dr. Jeff Root*

Profile...



Artist-in-Residence David Allen Wehr performs an evening of concertos for the campus and community. After performing at the University and meeting several professors during a piano tour in 1983, Wehr found new goals in life by joining the faculty in 1994. *photo by Guy Lyons*

# Talent molding talent DAVID ALLEN WEHR

by Salinda Russell

"I have been given a great body of music," David Allen Wehr said. "My goal is to achieve the level of greatness that the material possesses. It's just like an actor trying to be as great as the part he is playing or a dancer wanting to be as great as the part she is dancing. It's something I can never achieve, but something I want to achieve everytime I sit down to play."

Wehr began playing the piano at the age of four. His studies led him to the Cleveland Institute of Music and the University of Kansas, but only after several years under his parents' instruction. Wehr knew he would be a pianist early in life. "Since both of my parents were professional musicians, I was just going into the family business," he said.

During 15 years of professional performances, Wehr played in over 30 countries. He decided his most nerve-racking experience was his performance with the London Symphony and one of his most exciting was on the 1989 tour in Seville, Spain where he was called back for five encores.

"I travel a lot," Wehr said, "but playing concerts is a free-lancing business. Sometimes

I am on the road three weeks straight. Other times, I am at Ouachita a week and then on the road a week."

Wehr first came to the University on a tour in 1983. His schedule allowed him to spend several days in the community, and he had the opportunity to meet many faculty members. It was through these meetings that Wehr was called to become Artist-in-Residence.

Teaching at a university is something Wehr never planned as a goal. However, his years of professional performing and experiences led him to the classroom. "There comes a point where a person in any field wants to start giving back to the next generation part of the small wisdom they have gained from the real world," Wehr said. "I'm at that point."

Wehr spent his afternoons teaching piano students. "I find that students are like sponges," he said. "There is a lot of talent here, not only in the pianists, but also in the choir, the band, art, and the theatre. That's what makes my job interesting because I have to shape and mold and especially challenge that talent."



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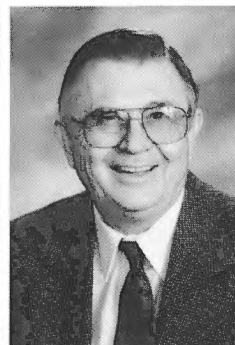
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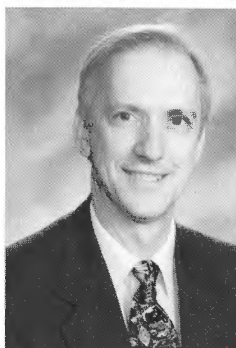
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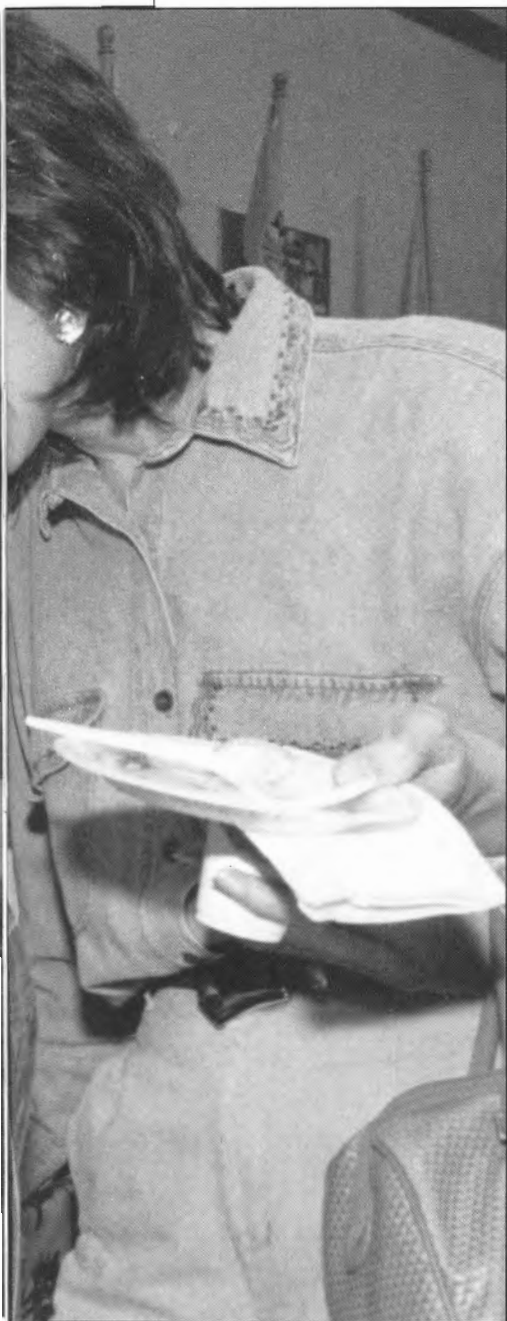
# COMMUNITY



*photo by Guy Lyons*

The conversations of students and merchants, business professionals and church representatives filtered through the air in Grant Plaza on the evening of August 22. Suddenly, the canopy of noise was interrupted by the voice on the microphone saying, "It's time for the Stuart-Pedigo Jewelers drawing."

**REACHING** his hand into the glass jar, a student pulled out a card with the name of the winner of a \$200 gift certificate. Free gifts and free food signified the arrival of the University's second annual "Spotlight on Arkadelphia."



The evening served as a linkage between the family inside and the family outside the wall of campus. A record 59 businesses, churches, and other organizations from the area moved **BEYOND** the walls of their locations to reach out to students and acquaint them with their services.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the evening, the area merchants and professionals learned that they were not the only ones who had something to offer. The door had been opened for students to begin building relationships in the community. They would volunteer around town at **THE** Courage House and Group Living. And in a climax of unity between the campus community and the local community, the clubs and organizations on campus combined their talents to host a Christmas party for area children. Students had learned to give something back to what the community had to offer.

It was the generosity of one woman in particular who helped us learn this lesson. Bernice Young Jones reached beyond her comfort zone to provide the necessary funds to advance the University.

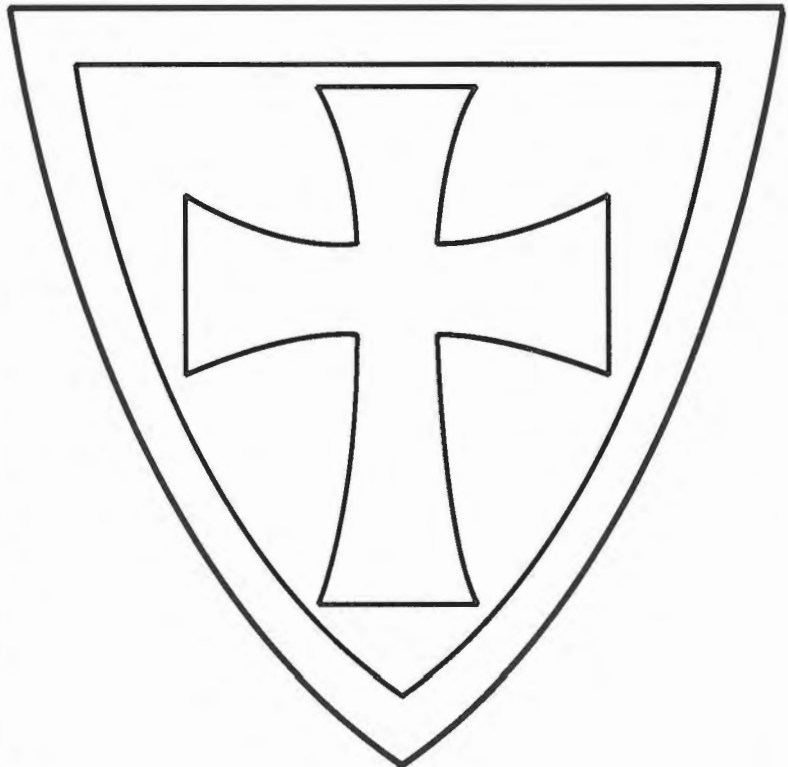
Faculty and students alike were encouraged to grasp the experience offered inside the **WALL** and incorporate the lessons learned from community involvement so that we could make a difference in the world outside.

*Dr. Isaac Mwase, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, shows some residents of Arkadelphia some artifacts from his native land of Zimbabwe during the International Food Fest. Each year, the International Students Association hosted the International Food Fest as part of the Christian Focus Week activities. This event, among others, drew faculty and students from campus as well as residents of the community, serving as a link between the people on both sides of the wall.*

# Beta Beta



# Men's Social Club





**FREE PIZZA**— Juan Carlos Pereira and Edilberto Moreno, both sophomores, enjoy free pizza from one of the local businesses. Many businesses participating in Spotlight on Arkadelphia offered students free samples, coupons, and discounts. • photo by Jim Yates



# Community businesses take CENTER stage

Music playing over the loud speakers went unnoticed as students gathered at the foot of the steps of Evans Student Center to catch up on gossip and look around for freebies. The night before classes began,



**IN FASHION**— Three students model the latest fashions from Maurices. Over 50 businesses shared their merchandise at the evening's activities. • photo by Jim Yates

over 50 businesses and churches participated in Spotlight on Arkadelphia.

In three weeks, senior Chad Brinkley and Heather White organized Spotlight on Arkadelphia.

“We took a list of businesses that participated in it last year and then brainstormed other businesses that we could invite,” Brinkley said. “Then we went to each business personally and asked them to come. There were 30 more businesses that came this year, and it will continue to grow.”

The businesses were told that they could

not sell anything, but they could give things away.

“It was good for businesses because it was free advertising, and it gave all the new students an idea of what Arkadelphia has,” Brinkley said.

Businesses were excited to participate in it because it gave them a chance to promote their businesses.

“It was a good opportunity,” Tanya Ruble, manager of TCBY, said. “We gave out a lot of coupons and free yogurt. It was fun because so many people were there.”

Upperclassmen knew Arkadelphia, but new students had not yet learned what Arkadelphia had to offer.

“We wanted to get out circulation and business for the store,” Kelley Harris, the Taco Bell representative said. “It was a good way to meet the freshmen and the transfers.”

In coordination with freshman orientation, Spotlight on Arkadelphia was designed for the freshmen and transfers to get to know the businesses in town.

“I thought it was great because a lot of people participated in it, and it was a great way for the community to welcome us,”

freshman Sarah Robbins said.

Freshman Wayne Landers liked all of the free things businesses gave away like Subway sandwiches, snow cones, TCBY yogurt, and cokes. Some businesses gave away coupons and had discounts for those who dropped by their booths. Others had drawings. Collier's jewelry store gave \$100 off anything in their store to the student who correctly guessed the weight of a diamond.

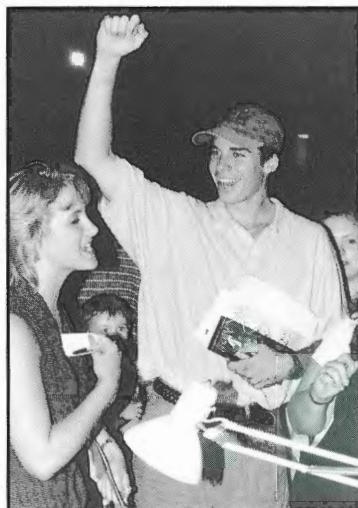
Brinkley said that success was based on the business turnout, but overall the student turnout was most impressive.

“Everybody was there, and it gave you a chance to talk with all your friends that you hadn't seen over the summer,” Beth Ann Richardson said.

Upperclassmen saw advantages of both local businesses and the student body by having Spotlight on Arkadelphia in Grant Plaza. “I really think it benefited the students and the businesses,” Mark Conine said. “It gave the students a chance to get acquainted with the community of Arkadelphia. And I met a lot of people I didn't know by working Elk Horn Bank's booth.” • by Becky Herndon

**LUCKY GUESS**—

Senior Larry Hurta cheers as he is awarded a \$100 gift certificate for guessing most accurately the weight of a diamond. Collier's Jewelry was just one of the many community businesses that took part in the evening that introduced new students to the area. • photo by Jim Yates



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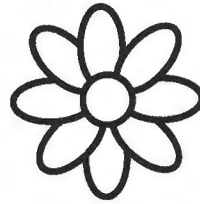
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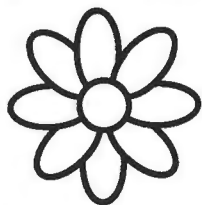
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# Touching lives with a SHARING hand

Everyone knew of Jones Performing Arts Center and had heard of Mrs. Bernice Young Jones, but few understood the depth of caring that emanated from the individual responsible for so many breathtaking



**SHARING**— Mrs. Bernice Jones speaks to the crowd at a Decade of Progress ceremony. The Jones family contributions had allowed the University to complete the Jones Performing Arts Center, begin the Harvey Jones Science Center, and create the Bernice Jones School of Fine Arts. *•photo by John Barber*

progressions made on campus. Mrs. Jones thought enough of others to give of herself. She had truly “made a difference” in the lives of many.

Born in 1905, Bernice Young’s character developed early as she grew up on a farm outside of Springdale, Arkansas. The fondest memories of childhood held by Mrs. Jones included days spent relaxing on the front porch of her family’s home, “listening to the wind in the trees.” She might have never dreamed, in those days, where her life would have led or the kind of man she would meet and marry.

When Bernice Young first caught the eye of Harvey Jones as she passed him in a Springdale train station, he remarked to a

friend that he would one day marry her. He did not know how or when, but he knew eventually they would be together. Months later they met through a mutual friend, and in 1938 the couple married.

Mr. Jones opened a trucking company several years before meeting Mrs. Jones when he “hitched two mules to a wagon and began carrying goods between Fayetteville, Springdale, and Rogers.” However, throughout their marriage, the two made up the “board of directors” for Jones Truckline. Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent countless evenings discussing business ventures and financial strategies. The two partnered each other and together they built the truckline into the largest independently owned trucking company in the United States. The Jones’ company maintained that status from 1948 until 1980, when they sold the business.

A picture of financial success could not begin to accurately portray the Jones’. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had always been very civic minded. Harvey Jones worked in the creation of Northwest Regional Hospital, served on the local school board, and participated in countless other community organizations. Bernice Jones supported him in all his efforts, and she volunteered a great deal also.

After Mr. Jones’ death in 1989, Mrs. Jones searched for ways to help people on an even greater scale. She looked for worthwhile organizations where her help could provide the greatest good. She said

she felt a call from God to use her resources in this manner praying daily, “Lord, I want to do what you want, when you want, and if I’m not, stop me.”

Helping Arkansas colleges and universities became one of Mrs. Jones’ projects. University president, Dr. Ben Elrod said, “Mrs. Jones’ involvement with Ouachita was the beginning of a new day for our institution. She has been a singular factor in Ouachita’s becoming a regionally recognized university.” Many other organizations also benefitted from Mrs. Jones’ generosity including Arkansas Children’s Hospital and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Anyone given the opportunity to meet Mrs. Jones found a warm and caring lady who kept other people as her first priority. Dr. Elrod commented, “She is one of the most unselfish people that I have ever known. Sharing her financial blessings with others occupies almost every waking minute of her life. Only eternity will measure her contribution to the lives of young people, in the meantime, we all owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.”

Mrs. Jones said that the best advice she could give was “to care about others.” This remarkable woman dedicated her life to following that advice. She invested her life in caring for others. Her warmth, her smile, her countenance proved that caring for others was the utmost in worthwhile pursuits. *•by Rebecca Roe*

**THANK YOU**— Dr. Ben Elrod thanks Mrs. Jones for her support of the University. Mrs. Jones’ gifts touched the lives of students not only here, but also at institutions like Arkansas Children’s Hospital and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. *•photo by John Barber*





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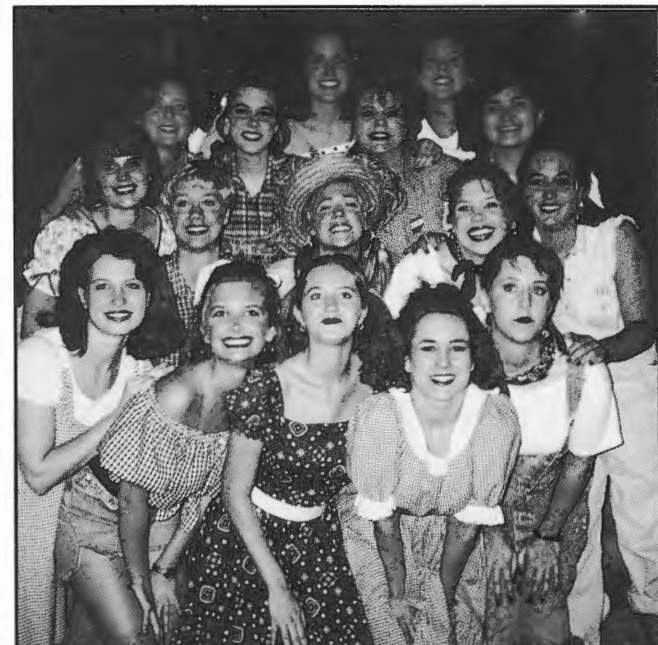
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**HOME COURTS**—The Heflin Tennis Center is home to the University's tennis teams. The teams upheld a longstanding standard of excellence on the indoor and outdoor courts. • photo by Jim Yates

setting to a satisfying victory.

The Heflin Tennis Center was recently named as one of the top three collegiate

sports complexes by the United States Tennis Association. The award was given to honor those universities that had established high standards in tennis facilities while also encouraging increased community and student involvement in tennis.

The Heflin Tennis Center was named in honor of the Johnny Heflin family of Little Rock, Arkansas. A member of the class of 1967, Heflin not only generously shared funds to complete the tennis center, but he also shared his time as he served as the chairman for the University's Board of Trustees. Other family members also contributing to the tennis center included, Heflin's wife Sharon of the class of 1967; Jay and Lynn Heflin; Dr. Boo and Mary Heflin; Jay, class of 1993, and Andrea, class

of 1994, Heflin; and Marc, class of 1995, and Billie, class of 1994, Heflin.

Complete with four indoor courts, six outdoor courts, and indoor viewing area, the Heflin Tennis Center served as the home courts for the University's men's and women's tennis teams. Continuing in the strong tradition of success at the University, last year's men's team took seventh place at the NAIA Tournament, and the women's team ranked fifth in the AIC.

The Heflin Tennis Center courts were also host to many community activities. Tennis fans could find tournaments, leagues, and lessons open to players of all ages. Senior Larry Hurta said, "The tennis center offers people from Arkadelphia a place to enjoy tennis, and it gives the team a great place to play." • by Salinda Russell



**FOR THE FANS**— A tennis fan watches a match from the Tennis Center's upstairs viewing area. The Heflin Tennis Center provided an indoor setting for players and spectators to enjoy the game. The Center was open to students and the community. • photo by Jim Yates

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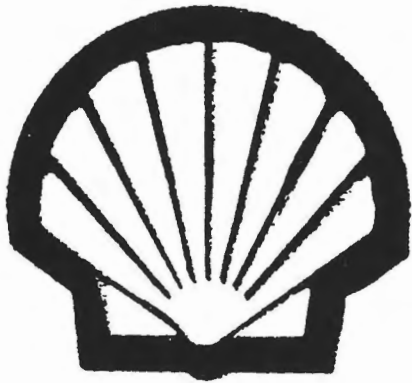
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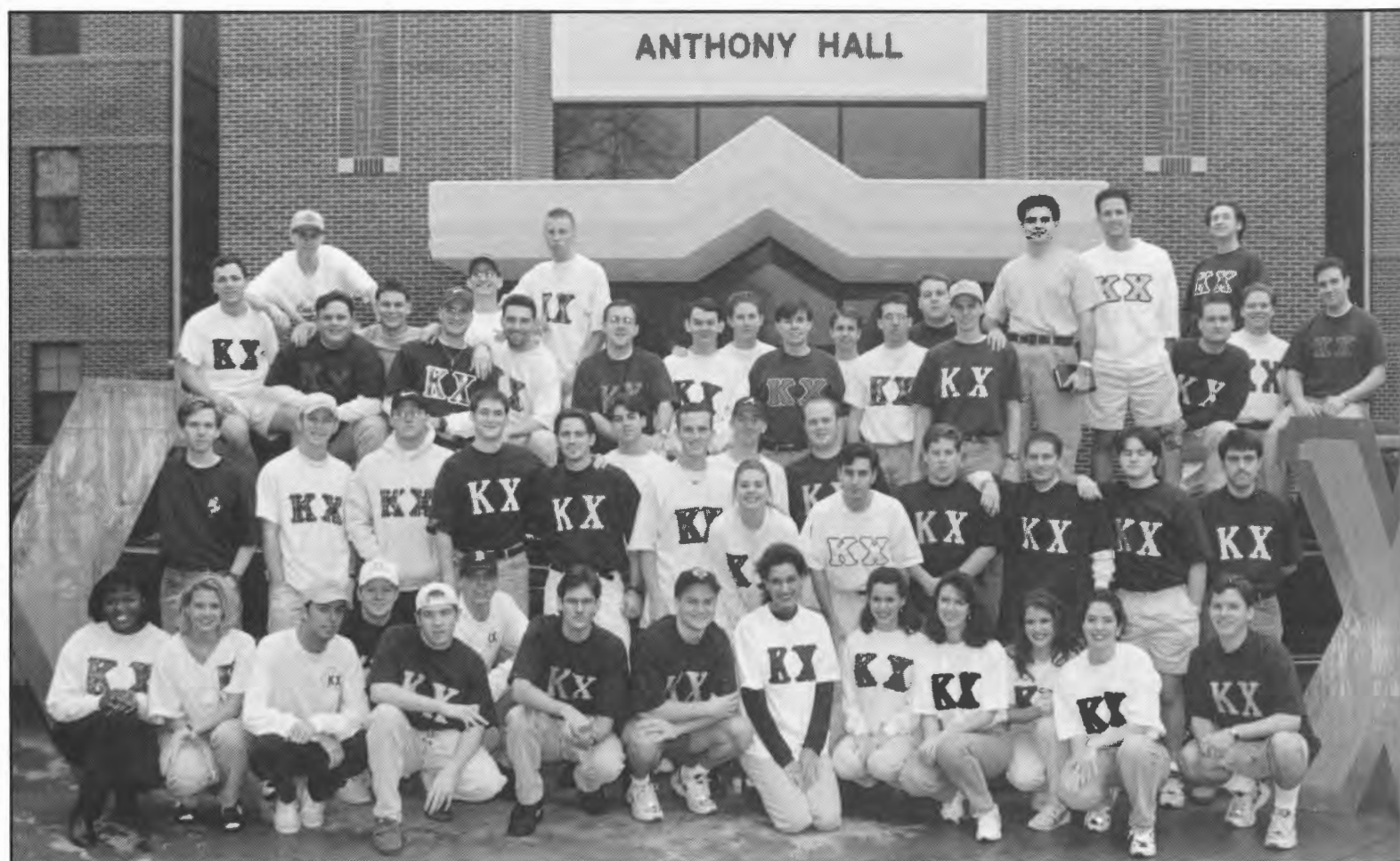
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# Students spread a little CHRISTMAS cheer

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Participating students also made new friends at a Christmas party for many children in the community. Despite the hectic schedule before finals, they took a few hours to create smiles on faces who do not see Christmas every year. "It was so exciting to see the looks on their faces when they opened the gifts," said Allyson Roy.

The social clubs joined together to provide gifts for the under privileged children. Along with the donations and time of the social clubs, Student Senate also pitched in to create Christmas. Circled

around the light covered tree, everyone sang carols led by Jon Shirley and Zac Murtha. In addition to the hard work of the students, Dr. Ben Elrod dressed in the big red suit to portray Santa Claus. Elrod's spare time added the magic of imagination for the children.

Without a special vision from Randy Odom, the party could not have happened. Odom touched many lives at the local Boy's and Girl's Club until the doors closed to the children. Despite the shut down of the organization, Odom still wanted the children to enjoy Christmas. "I would see the kids at Wal-Mart and they always asked when we were going to have the party," said Odom. "Just because the club closed down didn't mean we couldn't help."

Local elementary school counselors helped Odom locate the names of children who needed help during the holiday season. Odom said many of the kids were from the Club. However, many other children were

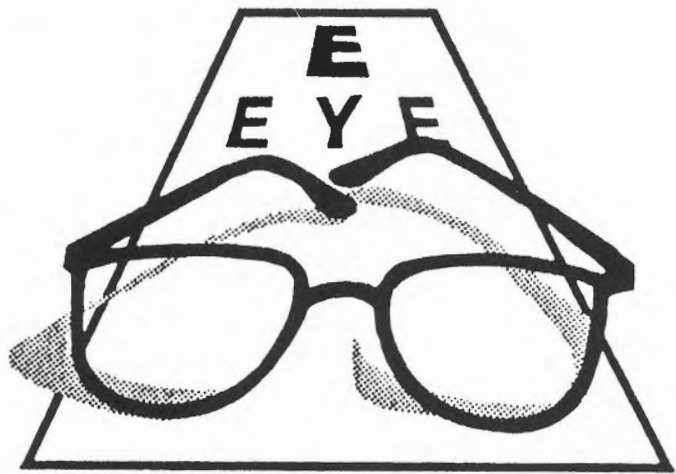
also able to share in the joy of Christmas. "It was a good way to help the community,"

said Bridget Birdsong. "I enjoyed helping the kids find a way to be happy."

With time that students sacrificed during finals and the holiday rush, the children enjoyed the food, music, Santa's gifts, and the love from the students. Whether the children took a new friend home or left one behind, everyone felt loved. Some gave and some received, but the joy of Christmas filled many hearts. *• by Marci Phillips*



**PRESENTS!**— Santa Claus, portrayed by Dr. Ben Elrod, passes out gifts to children. Social clubs not only donated the gifts, but also their time in sponsoring the party. • photo by Carol Price



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**STORY TIME**— Senior Randy Odom reads a Christmas story to young boys and girls. Odom's wish to bring Christmas to underprivileged children was fulfilled with the Christmas party sponsored by the Student Senate and the University's social clubs. • photo by Jim Yates

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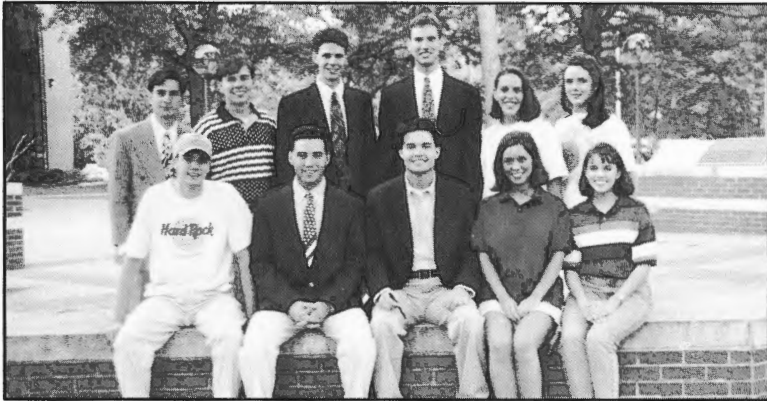
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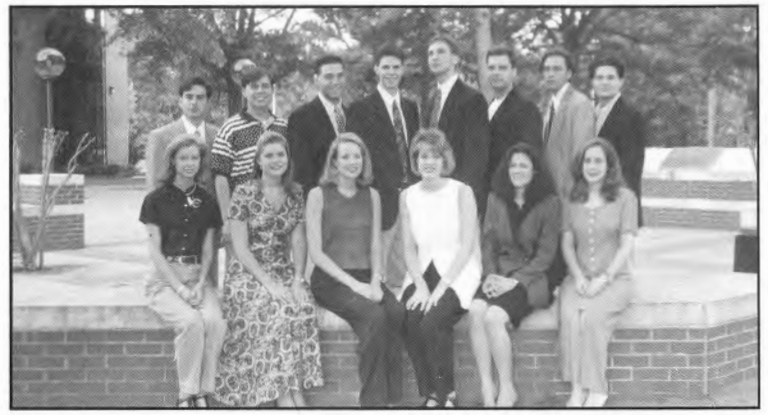
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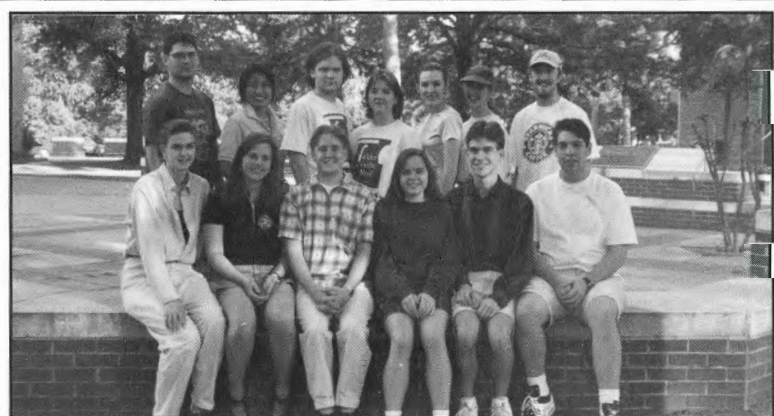
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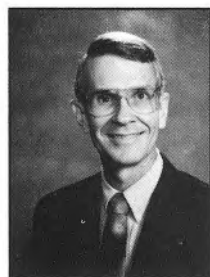
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# Memorials

## Dr. Alton Crawley



Dr. Alton Crawley, professor and chair of the department of math and computer science,

died on Tuesday, June 18 following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Crawley had taught at Ouachita since 1983. He also served as coordinator of academic computing.

"I have admired Alton Crawley as a exemplary teacher, an influential member of our faculty and a leader at First Baptist Church," said Dr. Ben M. Elrod, president of Ouachita. "Both his devotion to teaching and his courage when facing serious illness flowed from a deep, personal, Christian faith. He was an inspiration to us all and his influence will be sorely missed."

In 1991, Crawley won the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Cam-

pus Leadership Award. The national award recognized Crawley's "resourcefulness and leadership as an independent college educator."

Crawley was an active leader among faculty members. He had chaired two influential committees, the Academic Standards Committee and the Academic Computing Committee. Crawley also was a member of the steering committee which developed a Title III grant proposal in 1994. The proposal was funded for approximately \$1.5 million and greatly updated faculty access to computers and faculty advising.

Crawley also took part in many workshops related to math and computer science. He was awarded a summer sabbatical to study artificial intelligence at Texas A&M in 1989. Crawley taught in summer AEGIS programs in the 1980s and took part in a math/science initiative program for high school students in 1992. He also served on a

statewide committee which evaluated Arkansas' standards for accreditation of public schools.

Before coming to Ouachita, Crawley served on the math and computer science faculties at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and Northeast Louisiana University. He received a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Louisiana Tech University. His M.S. and Ph.D. were awarded at Texas A&M in 1967 and 1970, respectively.

Crawley was survived by his wife, Joanne, who served as loan officer for the financial aid office at the University, and two children, Donald and Dayna. Dayna graduated from the University in 1994 and Donald in 1996.



Receiving the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award

## Charles David Robinson



Charles David "Gramps" Robinson, head resident of Daniel Hall South,

died on Friday, June 14.

He was born Dec. 27, 1946, in England, Ark., the son of Charles Boyd and Doris Louise Wood Robinson. He was a retired U.S. Army and National Guard veteran and a member of First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School.

Robinson was also a full-time honor student at Henderson State University and drove a school bus for the Arkadelphia Public Schools.

Survivors included one daughter, Carla Robinson, a University safety officer, and one granddaughter.

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## editor's note

Beth Ann Lee

As I sit here prepared to write my last words at Ouachita, I can't help but be reminded of Jeremiah 29:11. The Lord truly has plans for each of our lives, and it is when we discover those plans that we find the true blessings and joy in our lives. It was never in my plans to be editor of the Ouachitonian, but I know now that it was in God's plans.

Unsure of myself and feeling like I had no talent, I faced my first year as editor with great fear. But, prayer for strength and a team of friends and hard workers conquered that fear. We finished the year feeling good about the book and about ourselves. Consequently, I faced my second year as editor possibly with even greater fear. I had given 110 percent to the 1995 yearbook, so how could I give any more? I had the best staff for the 1995 book, so how could it get any better?

All things get better with prayer. Once again, I had prayed for God to give me a team who would build friendships. I prayed for talent and strength because on my own, I am nothing.

So as I close this book and my Ouachita career, I must first say thank you to the One who gave me the experience. If I have any talent, I owe it all to Christ Jesus who gave it to me and has guided me to use it.

Secondly, I must say thank you to my parents who introduced me to this source of strength. Your unconditional love and Christian guidance made me who I am. And to my brother and sister, thank you for being my example and letting me learn from you. There truly is no friend greater than a brother or sister.

Now, to the people who worked with me day in and day out on this book, thank you. I prayed for a team of friends, and that is just what I got.

Aaron, you taught patience. But more importantly, you taught me to stop and enjoy people.

Jessica, your devotion to Christ kept me disciplined, and your creativity inspired me.

Danielle, you really believe in people. And because of you, I know to look for the nugget of good in every individual.

Christina, your loyalty to me as a friend and coworker kept me strong.

Janna, you encouraged me to stop and take time for the people in my life.

Cory, your depth and integrity as an individual is incredible. You have inspired me to always be true to myself and to become a stronger individual.

Jennifer, your friendship and guidance kept me going through the year. I never have been able to comprehend how you believed in me.

Priscilla, thanks for always picking up the slack. Just believe in your talent, and you will be a great editor.

Dr. Downs, Dr. Jeff Root, and Dr. Deborah Root, thank you for always encouraging me to do my best and for believing in me.

Monica, because of you, every day I realize more and more that a friend loves at all times.

And Kevin, your willingness to believe in me encourages me to believe in myself. Your love truly is unconditional.

It wasn't in my plans to be editor, but being editor, brought me joy and gave me confidence in myself. It forced me to reach beyond my wall of comfort and change my world.



# THE WALL



*photo by Sandra Scucchi*

Students walked to class dodging the sea of orange plastic fencing and construction workers wearing hard hats. They watched the foundation of the new Harvey Jones Science Center being poured and its first steel beams **REACHING** into the sky. This hole where Mitchell stood began to take shape. And as students watched its construction and counted the days of class left, they began to realize that summer approached and life inside the wall would come to an end.



For some, the summer meant more school. For others, it meant a chance to wet their feet in the "real world" with internships, summer jobs, and summer mission trips to foreign countries. We would reach **BEYOND** the norm of classes and campus life to experience life outside the wall.

Through the year, classes had broadened our minds, giving us a greater depth of understanding of our fields. Club outings, roadtrips, Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks, and the S.E.L.F. Spring Fling built new friendships and enhanced social skills. Community service projects opened our eyes to the world around us and sparked a new compassion in our hearts. We were a little more prepared to face what awaited us outside **THE** wall. We would see the world for a short break and then return to the family support found in "the bubble."

Yet, for some, returning to the life inside the wall would only come in memories. Graduation had come. The challenge was inevitable. Graduates would take what they had gained and use it to change and strengthen the world.

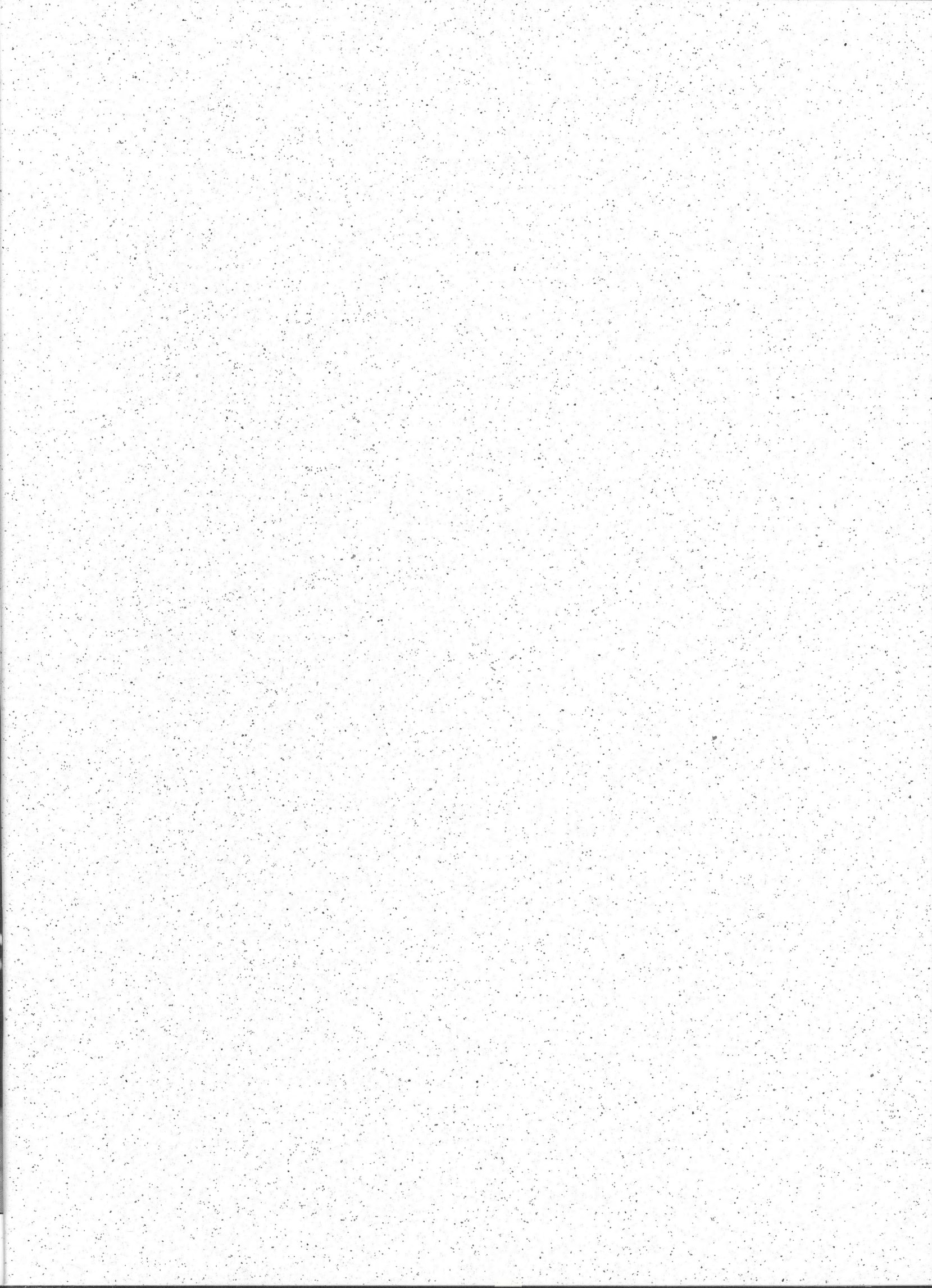
Each of us had grown mentally, socially, and spiritually by experiencing life inside the wall. Now, we would face the challenge. We would take what we had gained to reach the world. We would reach beyond the **WALL**.

*Trying not to laugh but instead to prove her friends wrong, sophomore Nancy Day challenges her athletic abilities as she competes in one of the games at the S.E.L.F. Spring Fling. Students met on the lawn in front of Daniel Hall in an effort to reach beyond the rigorous routine of classes and studying and release all of their stress. The friendships formed through leisure activities like this often created the college memories which would linger for a lifetime.*

# REACHING BEYOND

*Suited up in the designated striped jumpsuit, a student jumps into the air and does a flip which velcros her upside down to a curtain wall. Everything inside the walls of campus, including entertaining activities like the S.E.L.F. Spring Fling, geared students for life beyond the wall. They would finish their stays on campus leaving mentally, spiritually, and socially prepared for the "real" world. •photo by Guy Lyons*





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