





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

Photogenic

By: Amanda Seale

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.



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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 dizzied 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.

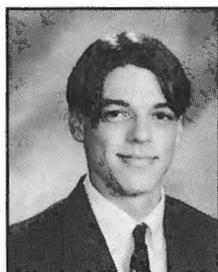
The warm, beautiful weather provided a great atmosphere for Saturday's activities. The day began with relay raft races in the pool. "The raft races were a lot of fun once I got turned around in the right direction," said sophomore Carmen Byrd. They continued after a short lunch break at the practice 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."

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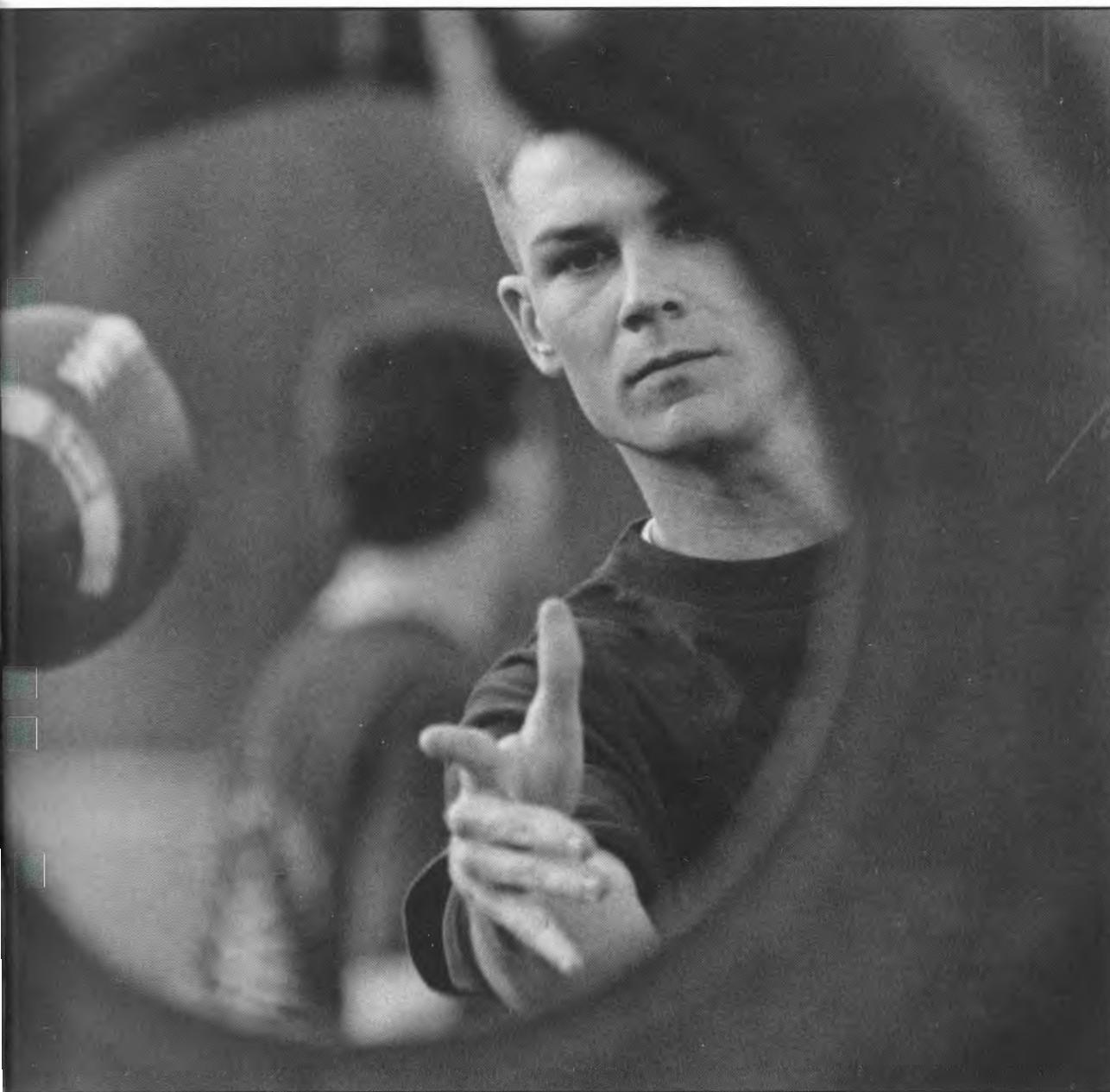
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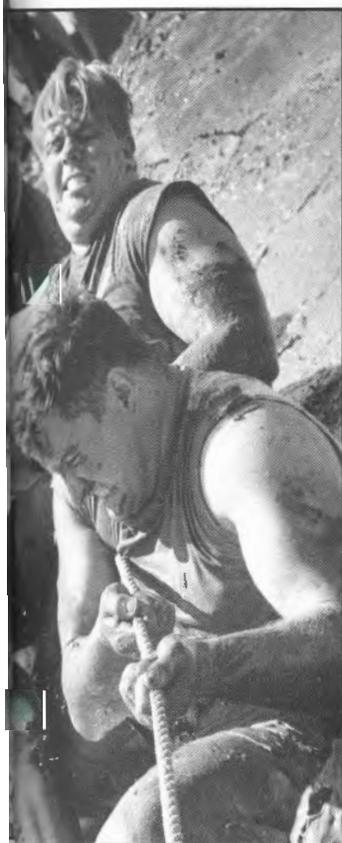
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Junior Bryan Smith almost gets it through the center as he attempts to throw a football through a tire while playing pig skin pass. Such events as this and games like the egg toss took up most of Friday as the teams tried to gain all the points they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

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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.



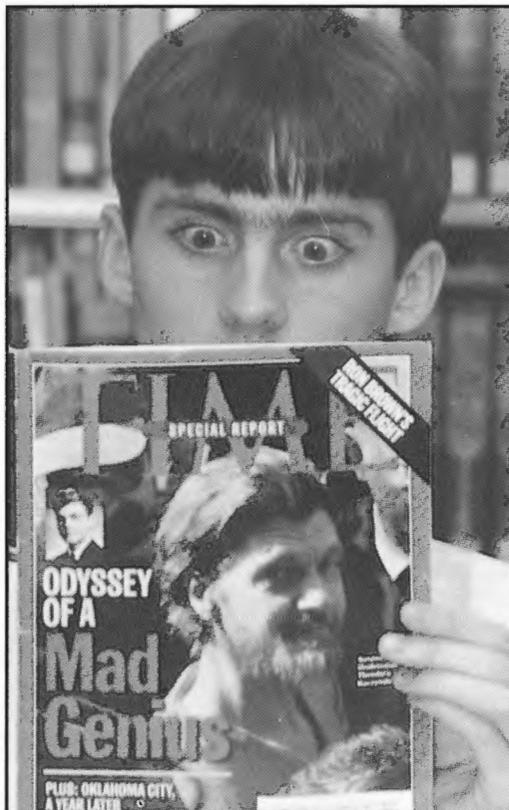
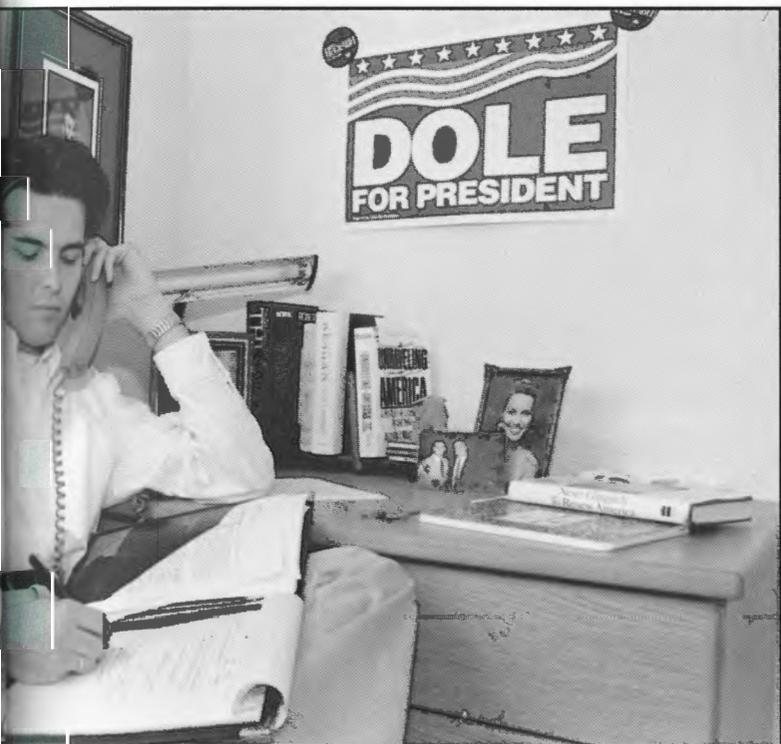
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A large group of students and faculty gather in the communications lobby to hear the O.J. Simpson verdict as it is read on live television. This very publicized trial brought the campus to a halt on the day that the jury gave out its decision. *photo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



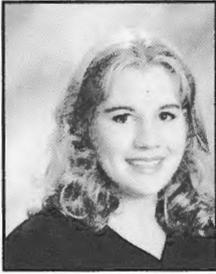
Junior David Sanders sits at his desk as he speaks to someone about hosting a Senatorial debate on campus. Sanders, like many other students, was very involved in the political scene on and off campus. *photo by Jim Yates*

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

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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."

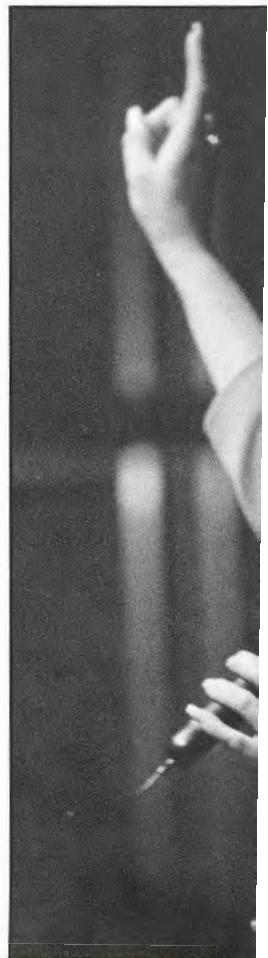
Christ was truly reflected in their attitude of worship as they sang. Freshman Jill Presley said, "I feel like the concert was inspirational as well as entertaining. They really have a strong ministry through their message and through their music." Emily Goode, a visiting high school student, said she 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."

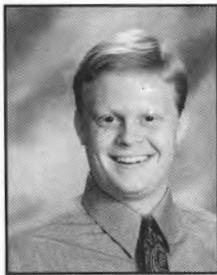
In the spring season, the competitive spirit surfaced again during the basketball season. With the addition of a men's faculty basketball team, competitive spirits soared. Many times teams had to be reminded that, in the end, it was all for fun. The upper division winning team in basketball was "White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

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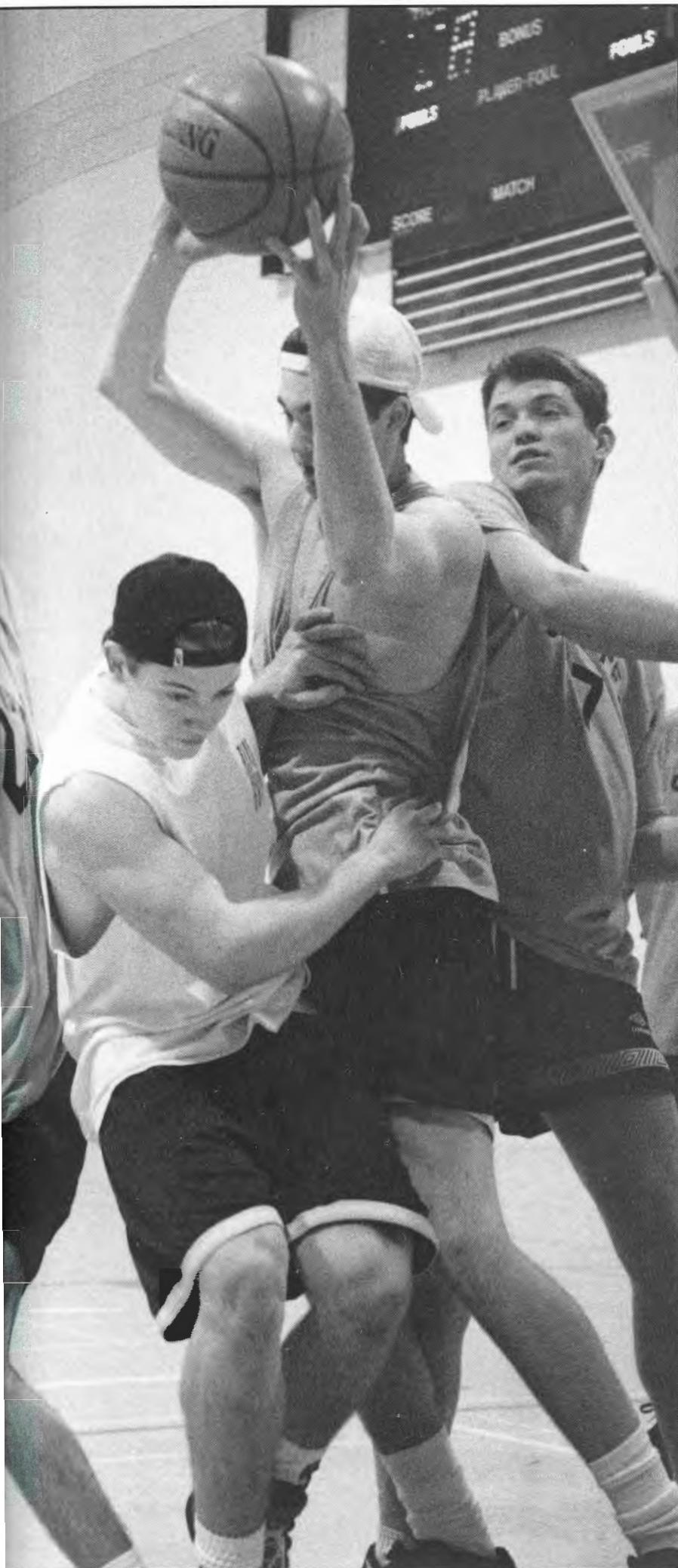


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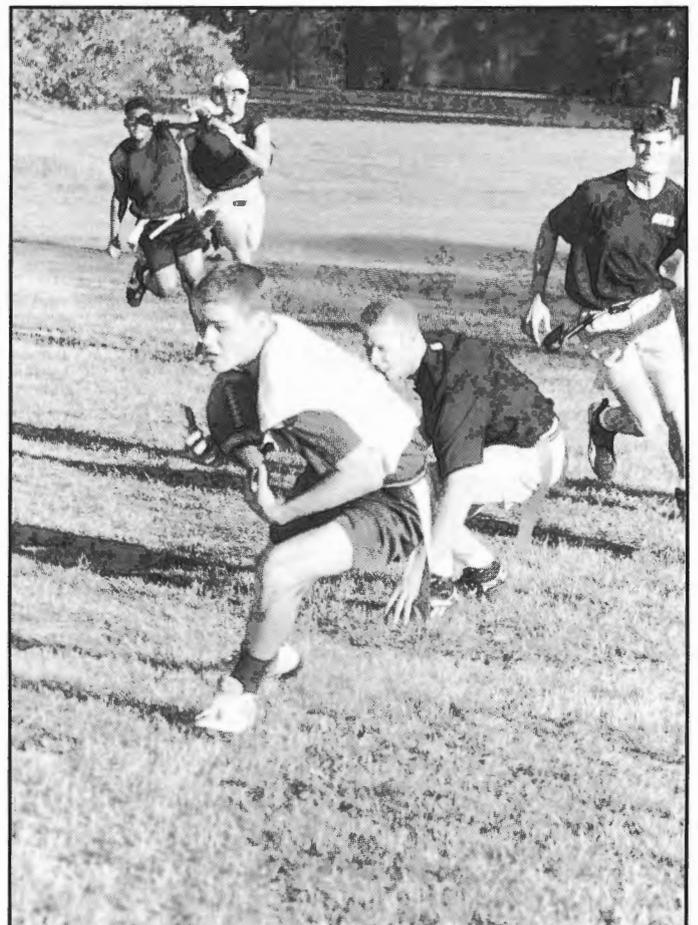
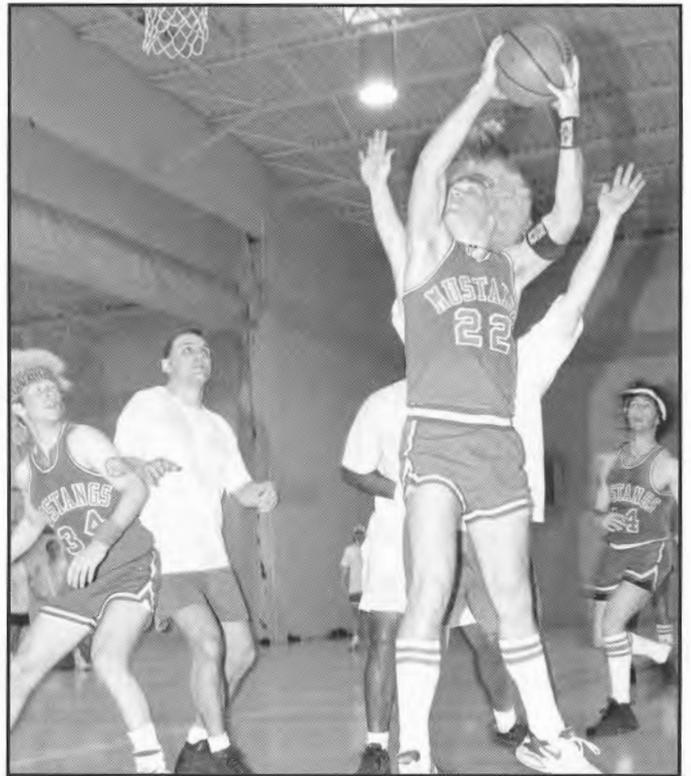
Senior Heather White knocks one home for her intramural softball team. Through intramural games of all kinds students were able to not only participate but just simply watch and cheer on their friends. *photo by Jonathan Henderson*





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*

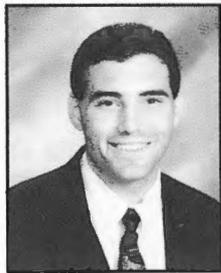




Though all good things must come to an end, that only leaves the chance for a new

Beginning

By: Aaron Black



Chad Gallagher

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Black 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."



The 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

Keynote 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