

# 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.

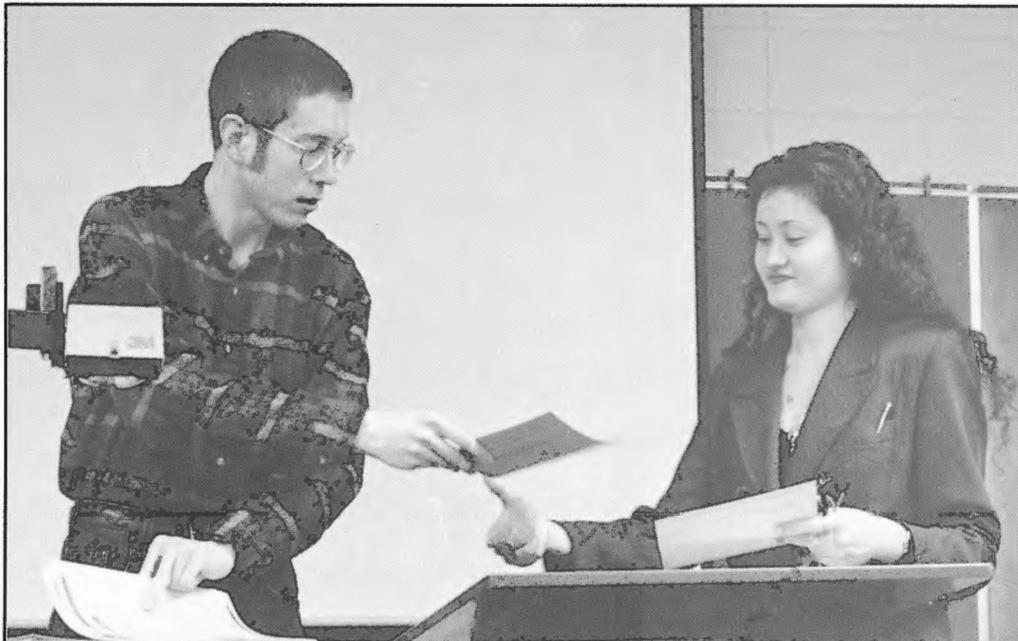
Through publications, mission trips, concerts, pep rallies, services, and social events, the organizations fulfilled the needs of students while reaching beyond the **WALL** to touch the lives of those they met.



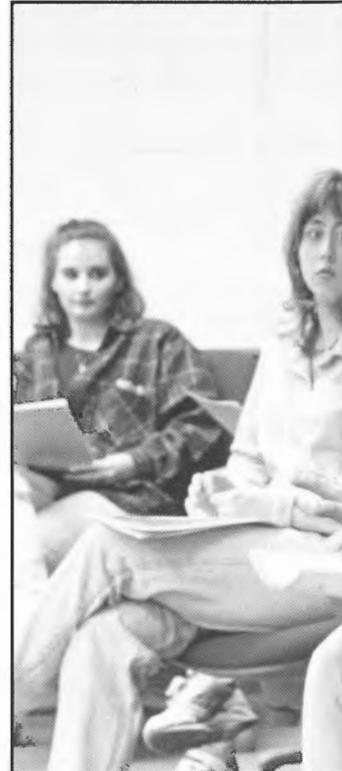
*With her hands tightly clenched on a handful of red, yellow, green, and multi-colored balloons, sophomore Aimee Plummer waits for the count to release her balloons. Tri Chi Women's Social Club found people to donate a dollar to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For their donation, Tri Chi released a balloon 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*



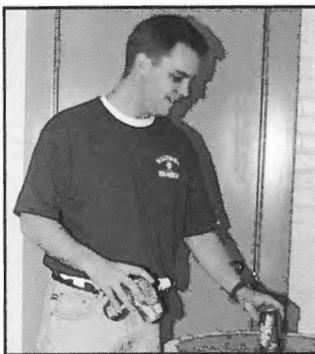
Senior Brian Davidson and junior Miloslava Bourkachova prepare items for Phi Beta Lambda. Phi Beta Lambda helped members take what they learned in class and apply it by helping around the community. *photo by Carol Price*



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. Auffmanberg'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*

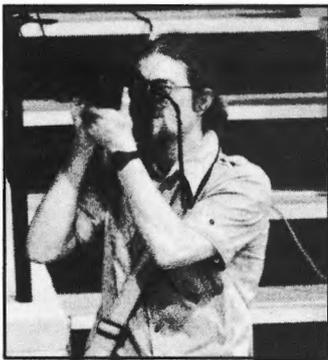


Freshman Lynn Hudspeth, junior Jesse Gray, freshman Lisa Klander, and sophomore Carrie Spradlin play in the concert band performance. Concert band was a group of select musicians chosen by auditions. *photo by Amy Morton*

# 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*

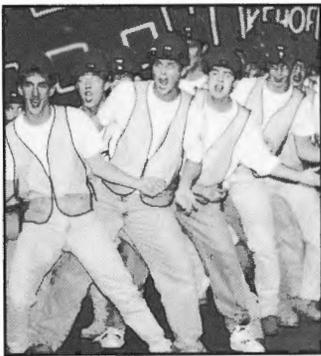
Dr. Steeger speaks at the CMF banquet. CMF, Christian Ministries Fellowship, provided inspiration and worship for members. *photo by Amy Morton*



# 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

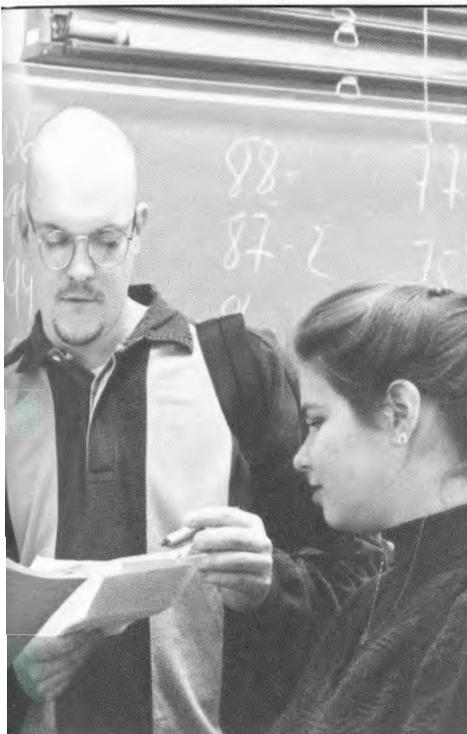
BSU secretary Misty Brewer. "It has also helped me discover the gifts God has given me for service and ministry."

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.

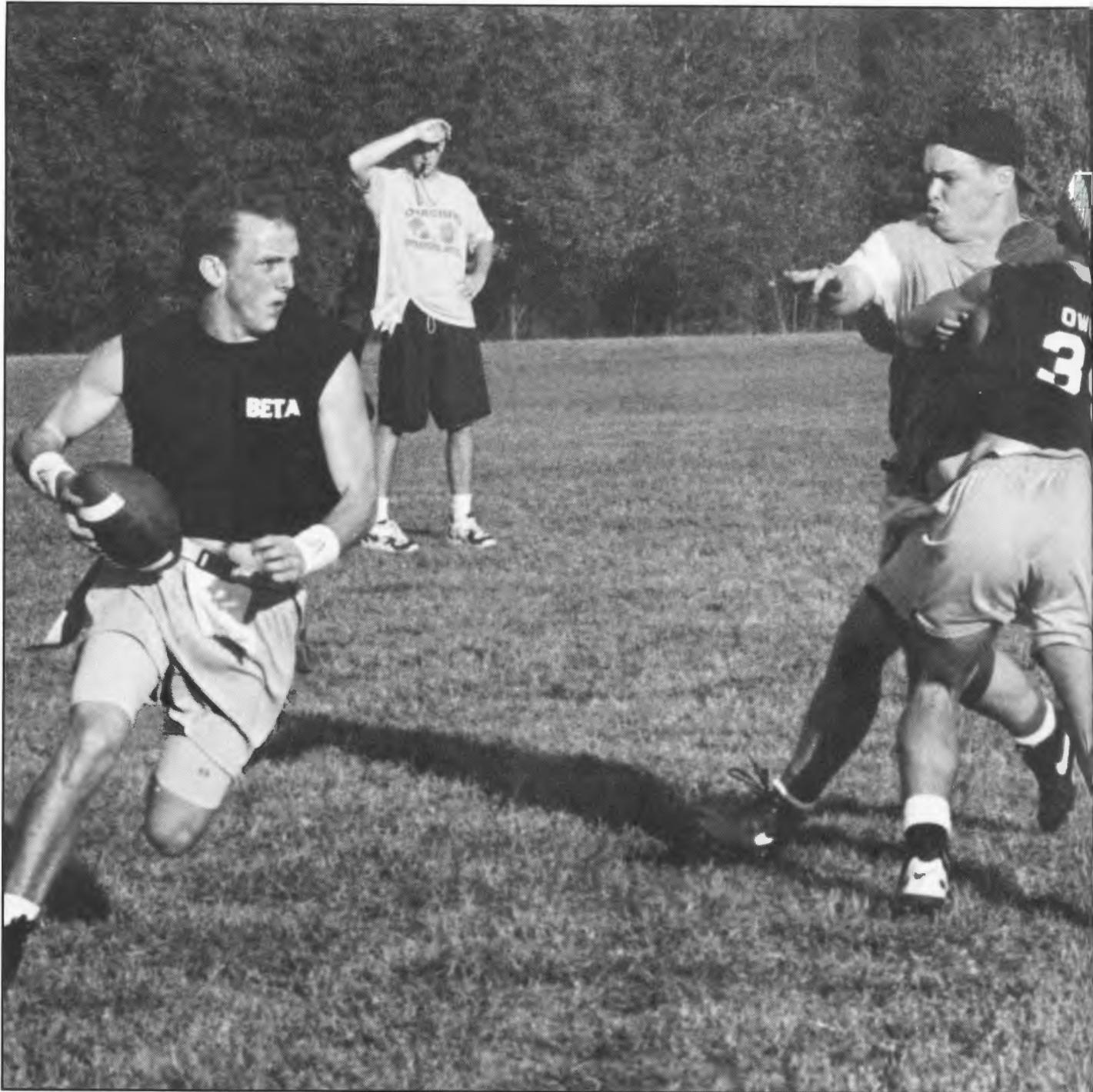
Whether the clubs served or provided fun for others, the efforts resulted in success. Despite the hectic schedules of meetings, homework, and classes, some students took time to do for other students. The service clubs provided many additions to campus through hard work and dedication to their clubs.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

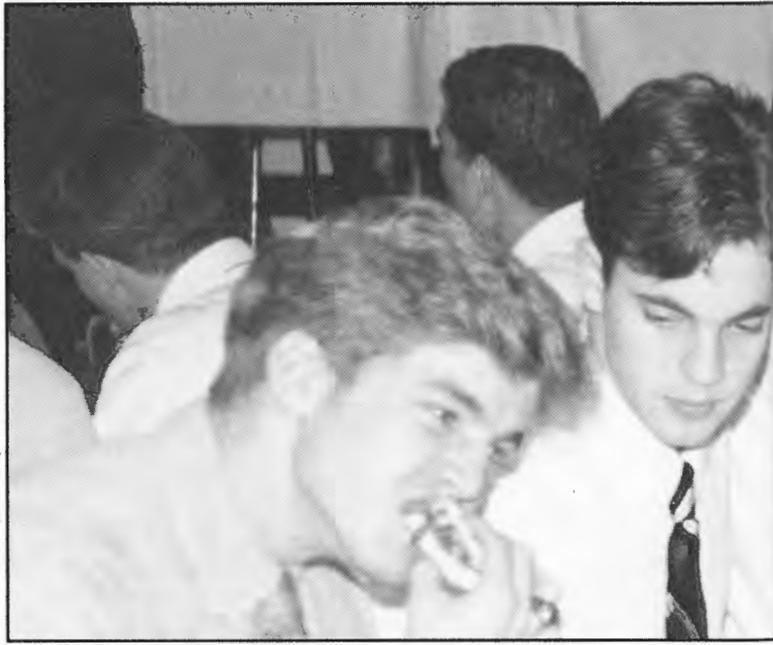
Senior Wendy Chappell participates in team building games during the first OSF meeting. OSF raised money by sponsoring TigerTunes and Tiger Traks. *photo by Jeff Root*

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*

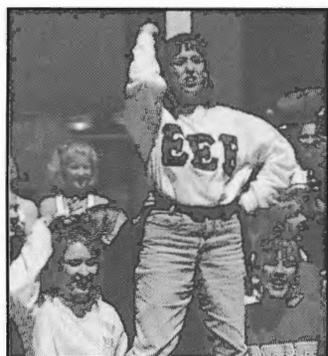


Senior Maradee Kem greets one of the pledges on Bid Day. Bid Day marked the start of a week-long induction for pledges. *photo by Jim Yates*

# 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

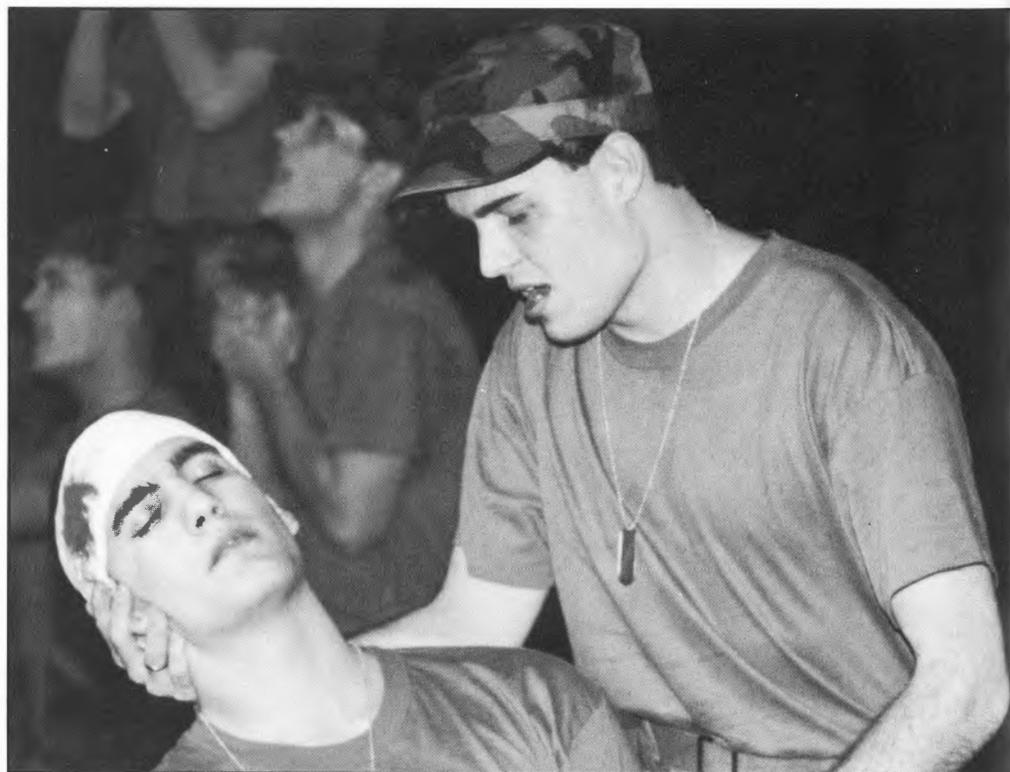
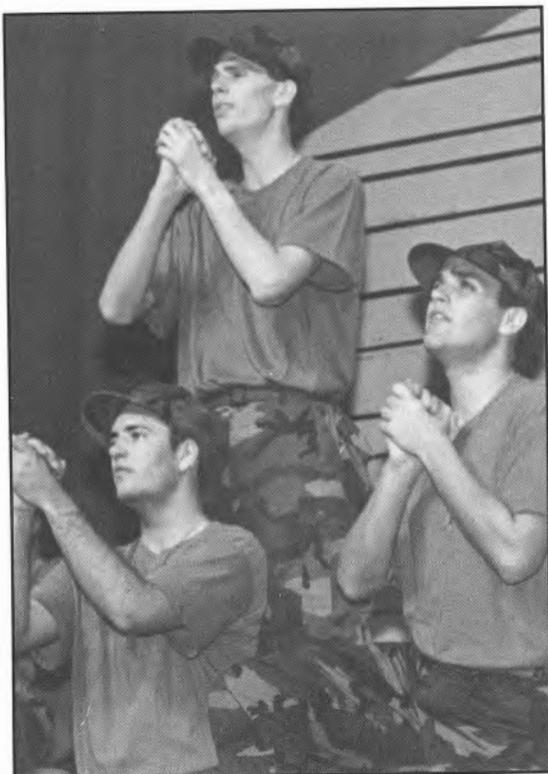
Jeanetta Becholdt and Lisa White chase down their opponent in an intramural football game. Intramurals proved to be a time of fun and excitement for the Gammas. *photo by Jim Yates*



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

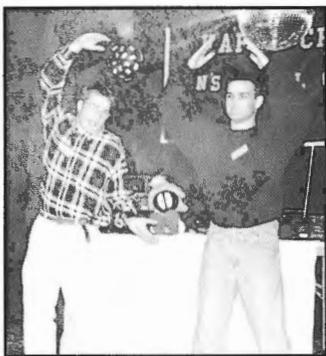




# Back To Back

*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.

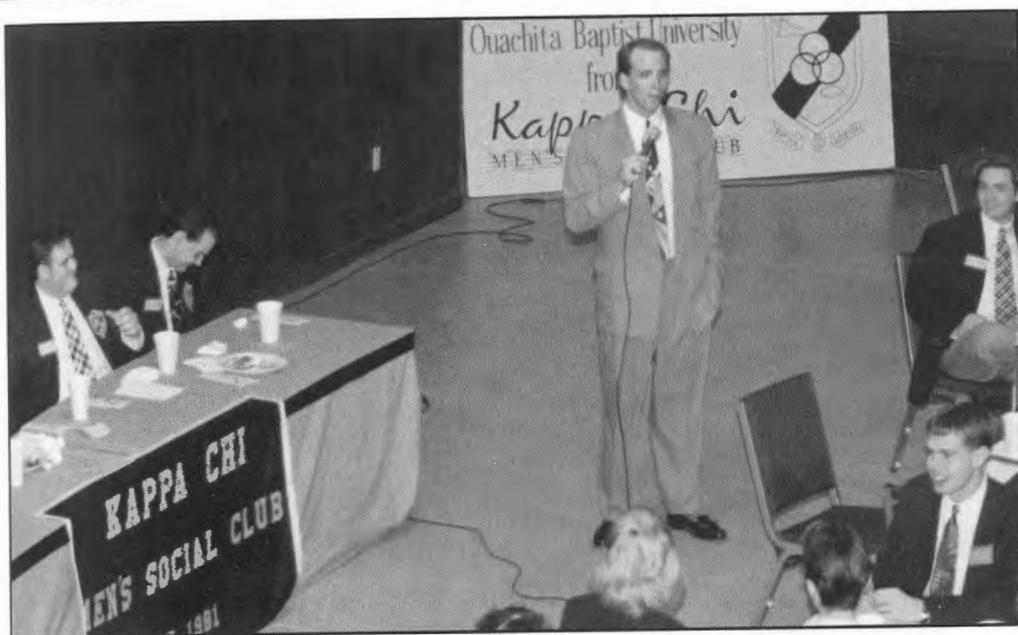
Late Night with the Kappas was only one of the many successful events the men created throughout the year. The sound of marching soldiers, drill sergeants, and mail call rang through Jones Performing Art Center as the Kappas turned the stage into a patriotic salute. The soldiers fought to steal the show 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

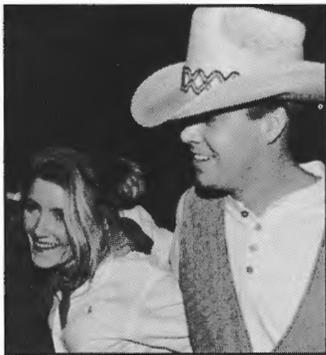
One can find many members of Rho Sigma screaming at basketball games. The common bond between the guys was found in sports and there was no better way to spend an evening than to cheering the Tigers to victory. •photo by Matt Manning



# 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.

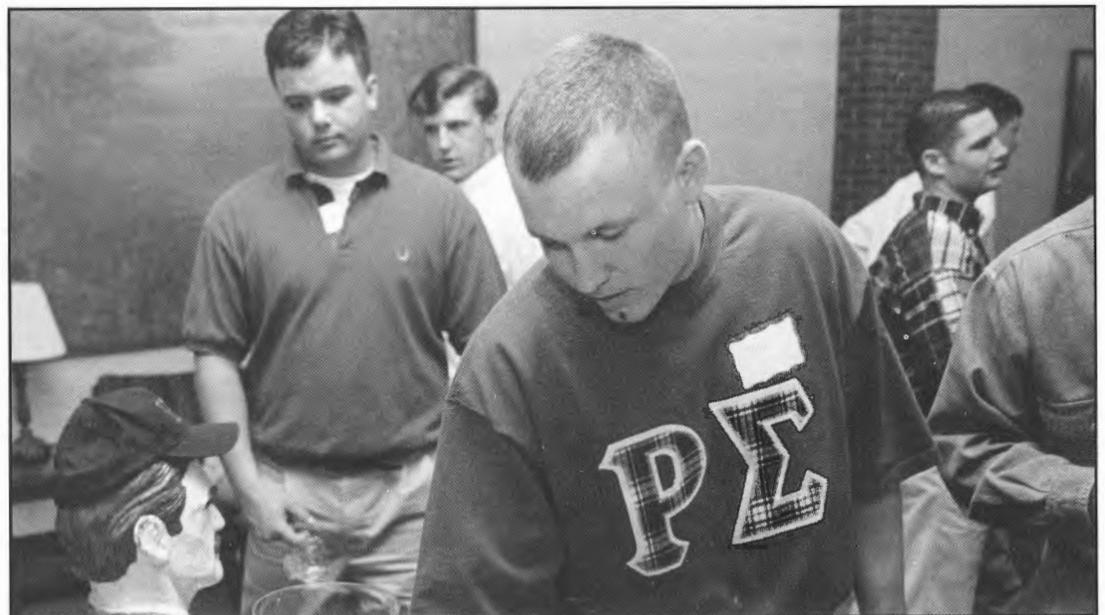
Along with school spirit, the Red Shirts

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

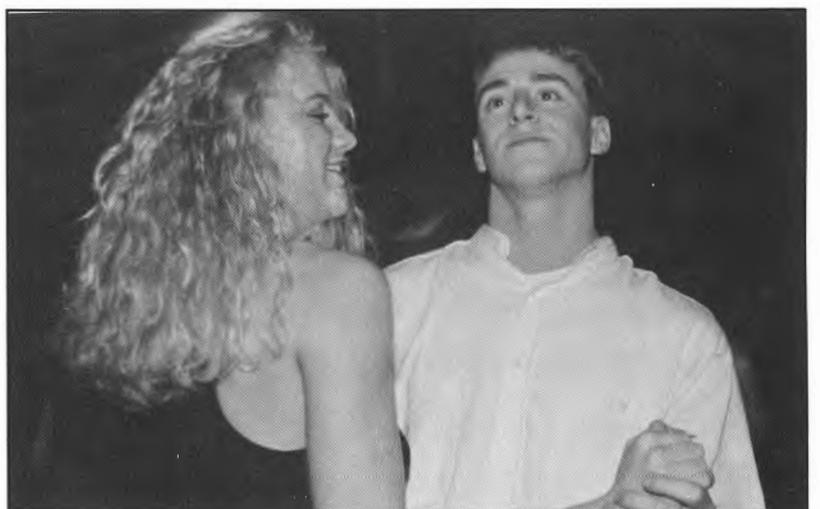
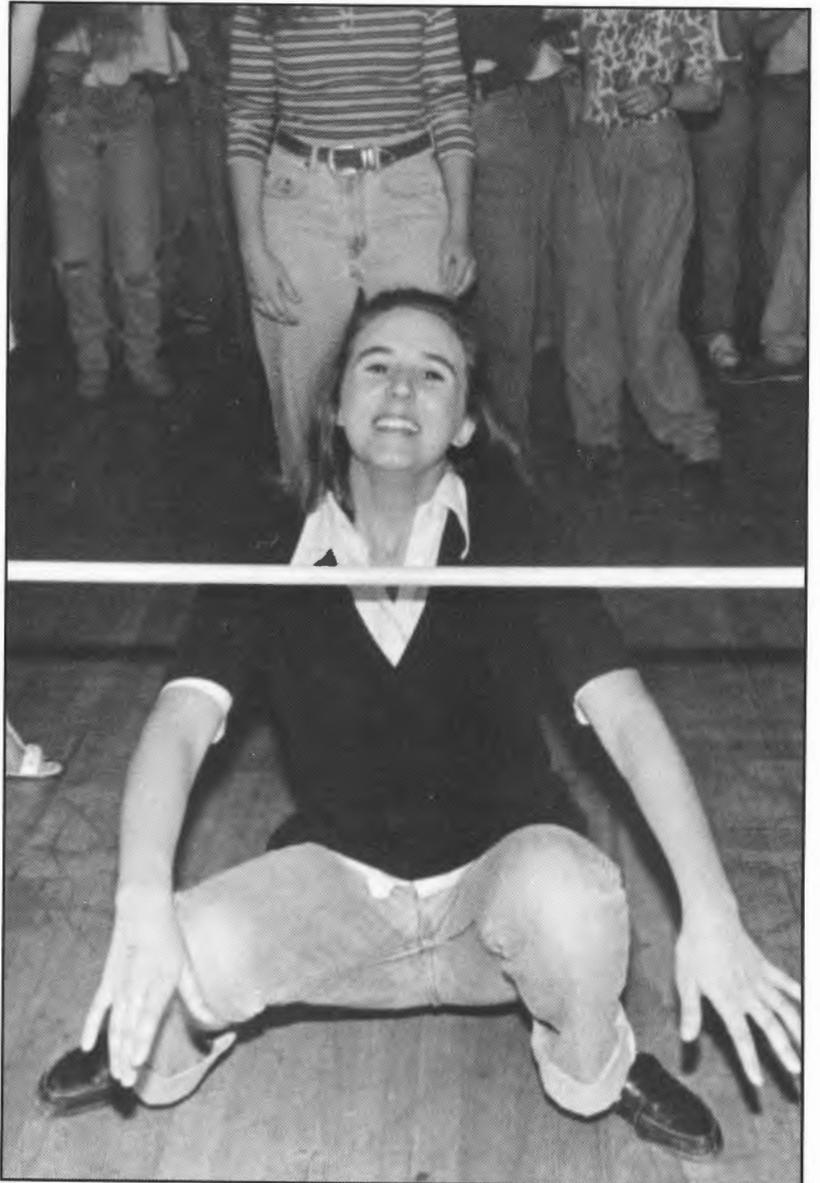
Dave Whittington shouts commands at pledges Jason Miller, John Lincavage, and Ryan Killackey. The week was full of chores and walking in lines, but the pledges obeyed the demands of the senior S members. •photo by Jim Yates





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

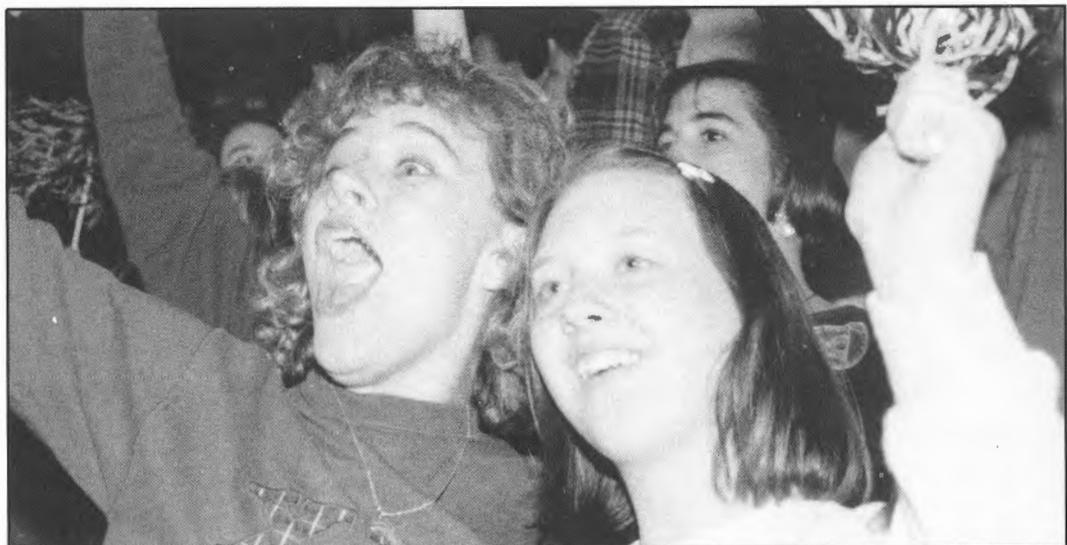
beanies were to be passed on to all following pledges. After the final day of pledge week the club had a lock-in for the 23 women who were proud to be Tri Chi members. "Pledge week was rough, but it was worth it," said freshman Allyson Denton. "I was proud to be part of the group I had respected all 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*

