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**Becoming**  
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**Tripp the Tiger** shows his spirit by waving the Ouachita flag. Tripp led the crowds in cheering on the Tigers at athletic events.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



As Ouachita's president, Dr. Rex Horne said, "Ouachitians are called to be difference-makers."

For students, this was the *difference* between living a life in the light of Christ and a life in darkness, embracing fellow students and those around the world from local Backyard Bible Clubs to mission trips to New Orleans and Africa.

We learned the difference between average and excellence when U.S. News & World Report named Ouachita the No. 1 Baccalaureate College in the South for the fourth consecutive year.

Professors added to our lives by providing students with new knowledge taught through traditional classroom activities and hands-on learning, including a new study abroad program in Liverpool; the *difference* between what we had and what we were about to receive.

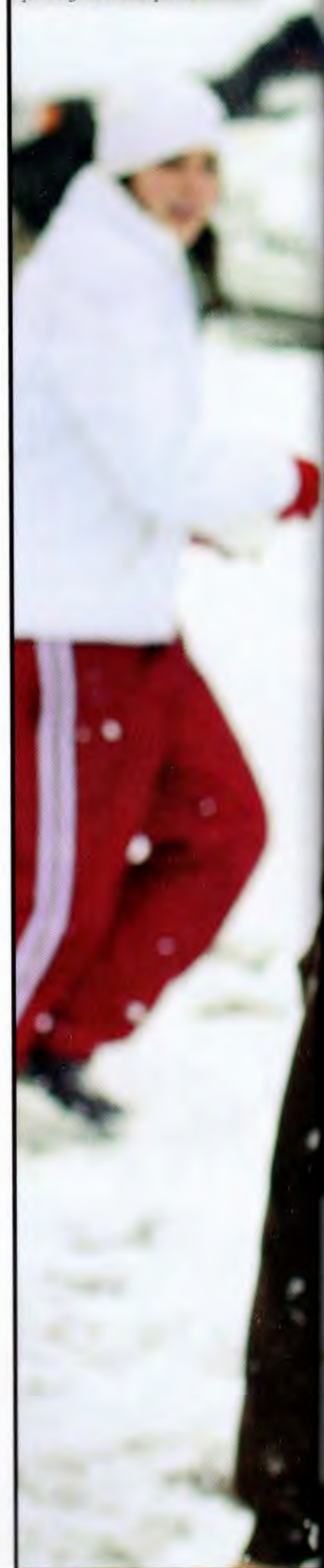
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Ouachita's athletes showed the *difference* between playing a sport and becoming a team when the men and women TigerSharks were well represented in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships in San Antonio, Texas.

There was a *difference* between everyday life and living out your passion demonstrated by students like Tim Ferris and Marcus Schlesinger who were training to compete in the Olympics.

The Tiger for Life campaign began its first year with the incoming freshman class and taught the university about the difference between attending a college and becoming a life-long member of the family.

Juniors Abby Faulkner and Brian Stokes play in the snow with a group of friends. On February 9, many snow fights broke out across campus on a campus-wide snow day.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



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Freshman Carli Sasser and the Movers and Shakers hit a high note during the Festival of Christmas. For Ouachita, the Christmas season began with the Festival of Christmas.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



The *difference* between flying solo and networking was demonstrated by the overwhelming response to Rush week and the commitment to service through OSF, Campus Ministries and Student Senate.

We were shown the difference between the ordinary and the extraordinary when Tiger Serve Day was recognized locally as one of the Volunteer Organizations of the Year.

We learned the *difference* between embracing community and doing it on our own when the men of Kappa Chi hosted two benefits for Mr. Graham's Bread, a local non-profit business, and the university sponsored a team in Relay for Life.

As our journey began, we realized that **we are Ouachitoni**ans, and we are

*Becoming the Difference.*

Seniors Mark Morrison and Sarah Greeson high five one another during Tiger Serve Day. The Elrod Center for Family and Community and Campus Ministries provided various ways for students to become involved in community outreach.  
*photo by Nicole McPhate*



# Student Life

A campus that promoted community and family made a difference in the lives of the students who called it home. The Tiger for Life campaign began its first year and made a difference in the lives of the freshman class. Tiger Serve Day sent students into the community to serve as Christ would. TWIRP week allowed students to make new acquaintances and possible lasting friendships. Chapel and Refuge taught students

*The difference between a life in the light of Christ and a life in darkness.*



# A Life-Changing Summer

O uachita students did not take summer lightly. Some students worked, some traveled, but a few chose to spend their summer making a difference as missionaries.

Lauren Smith, a senior early childhood education major from Kennett, Mo., worked as a missionary in Branson for Mountain Country Ministries.

“We got to live on the campus of College of the Ozarks,” said Smith. Along with three other missionaries, Lauren was responsible for helping youth groups run camps, Vacation Bible Schools and community service work.

“Kids came from all over the place: Georgia, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas. It was amazing to see them building their relationships with Christ, and being a part of that,” said Smith, a second year veteran of the program. “I gained people skills and learned how important it is to live out the gospel on a day to day basis, not just have it as a presentation when the right people are looking.”

All the way across the continent, Jordan Lentz, a senior communication science and disorders major from Waterproof, La., worked in Nome, Alaska.

“The only way into Nome is by plane, unless, of course, you are a participant in the Iditarod Races, where your sled dogs will lead you across the state,” joked Lentz. Lentz, as well Christina Albee, a senior psychology major from Hannibal, Mo., worked as helpers for Nome Community Baptist Church with projects such as Summercise. Summercise is a day camp for kids to promote healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle. Lentz and Albee got to experience native Alaskan culture first hand. They even tried whale as an entrée.

“The culture is so rich there, that even after two months I still don’t feel as if I completely see it through a crystal clear filter,” said Lentz. Lentz continued to describe her stay in “bush Alaska” and it was evident that it had a huge impact on her life. “We took away a true love and respect for the people in the town of Nome and in remote Alaska. All this talk about Alaska makes me want to jump on a plane tonight and head back,” exclaimed a smiling Lentz. Although she was only in Nome for a few months, the experience she had was obviously a life-changing one.



**Junior Taylor Tarlton**, sophomore Jakson Guerra and alumnus Robert Pinkston help move Qubecqoius in on National Moving Day. The trip to Quebec was one of two mission trips sponsored by Campus Ministries during the summer.

*photo courtesy of: Deborah Caldwell*

**Senior Jordan Lentz** fishes on the banks of Nome, Alaska. Lentz experienced many parts of Alaskan culture while serving as a missionary with NAMB.

*photo courtesy of: Jordan Lentz*





Sophomore Stewart Kelly plays a game with a group of children in a village in Northern Thailand. Kelly went with the University of Arkansas's BCM and International Missions Board to Thailand for two months during the summer.  
*photo courtesy of: Stewart Kelly*



Senior Lauren Smith paints during a mission project in Branson. Lauren served as a missionary for Mountain Country Mission.  
*photo courtesy of: Lauren Smith*

missionaries photo courtesy

**Junior T.C. Squires** helps fellow ResLife leaders check in new students in the dorm lobbies. Freshmen were greeted by R.A.s and WOW leaders the minute they arrived on campus.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Tyler Ellis** assists WOW leaders in unloading new students' cars on move-in day. Leaders spent all morning moving freshmen into their new homes at Ouachita.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Junior Jacob Lively** directs freshmen during Tigers and Torches. Freshmen participated in Tiger and Torches as a part of WOW orientation.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Singer/Songwriter Summer Ames** performs at the WOW concert. Ames opened for Matt Wertz.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





**Freshmen register for Freshman Family Groups at the Campus Ministries Mixer.** CM hosted the event at WOW to introduce new students to different opportunities to serve around campus.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Incoming freshmen were greeted by eager upperclassmen at the start of the school year as they unloaded cars and carried boxes to their new homes. This process was the first step the freshmen took during Welcome to Ouachita's World (WOW).

The WOW Steering Committee organized the week to make it more enjoyable and helpful for the freshmen. Sophomore Ryan James, a pre-nursing major from Benton, was on the committee for WOW.

"We started planning in the spring to get everything ready. We got all of the WOW leaders lined up and made a rough draft of what we wanted to see happen," said James. "We came back about two weeks before school started to get all the videos shot, all the sessions planned and the logistics figured out for the herd of freshmen moving in."

The "New Beginnings" session in JPAC was a way to congratulate incoming freshmen on becoming a Tiger for Life. Student Body President Jacob Lively, a senior biology major from Queen City, Texas, spoke to welcome the freshmen and their parents to campus.

Students had an opportunity to make friends and many memories in their WOW groups. Each was headed by two upperclassmen to teach the freshmen about traditions and student life on campus.

"My WOW group leaders were so interactive and personal," said Rusty Butler, a freshman church music major from Little Rock. "Being a part of the group gave me the opportunity to get to know a few of my fellow classmates."

Sunday morning was a time for the new students to slow down their weekend and worship together in Jones Performing Arts Center.

"There was just something incredible about being away from all I have known, in the middle of so much unknown, singing to my God who knows everything about me," said Katie Hopmann, a freshman art major from Cypress, Texas. "To lift up one voice as a class was super neat, and being able to worship together reaffirmed that my decision to come to Ouachita was one of the best I ever made."

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) held a Matt Wertz concert in JPAC Monday night. "It was nice to go with a group of new friends and enjoy good music together. Also, it was only \$5. You can't beat that," said Carli Sasser, a freshman music education major from Hamburg.

WOW was a chance for freshmen to not only begin forming life-long friendships, but also begin their journey as a Tiger for Life.

# Becoming A Tiger for Life

By: Mauri Sparks

# Partying Like Our Parents

Campus windows, mailboxes and sidewalks were filled with questions the week of Tuesday Sept. 7 through Monday Sept. 13 asking, friends, potential boyfriends and crushes to various dances and parties hosted by organizations on campus. TWIRP week had begun.

Girls quickly began asking guys to be their dates as soon as the word spread that the week was coming. For many it was “an opportunity to meet new friends and develop friendships even farther,” said Alexis Pace, a sophomore musical theater major from Sugarland, Texas.

Beginning the week was the Tri Chi 80s Night, where the ‘couples’ were invited to join members at the Tiger Den to enjoy popular culture inspired music and compete in various competitions.

“The Tri Chi night was so full of energy,” said Preston Winstead, freshman Christian studies major from Fort Smith. “It was good to see what our parents’ parties would be like and add our own flavor to it.”

The dates continued throughout the week with other themed events. Wednesday brought EEE 50s night. The event on Thursday was Chi Delta Harvest Moon, a semi-formal occasion allowing students to dress up for their dates. The Chi Rho Phi Luau night on Friday and the CAB Movie, “Toy Story 3,” on Sunday were the weekend events.

“The whole week was so different this year. The atmosphere was open and ready for all of us to be who we are,” said Brandom Stokes, a junior Christian studies major from Fort Smith.

For the first time, Student Senate hosted a Cajun night held in the Commons. Students were invited to come with their dates, eat Cajun-inspired food and visit with members of the Student Senate.

“The Cajun night was different in a good respect. We were able to really come out of our shells and stick to our friends at the same time. I’ll be happy to see what happens next year,” said Chase Clay Rackley, a sophomore business major from Little Rock.

Ending the week was the popular Barn Bash, hosted by Campus Ministires. “The Barbeque and sqaure dancing is always fun, but what makes it even better is that all of your friends are there.” said Hannah Hilburn, a junior Christian studies major from Harrison.

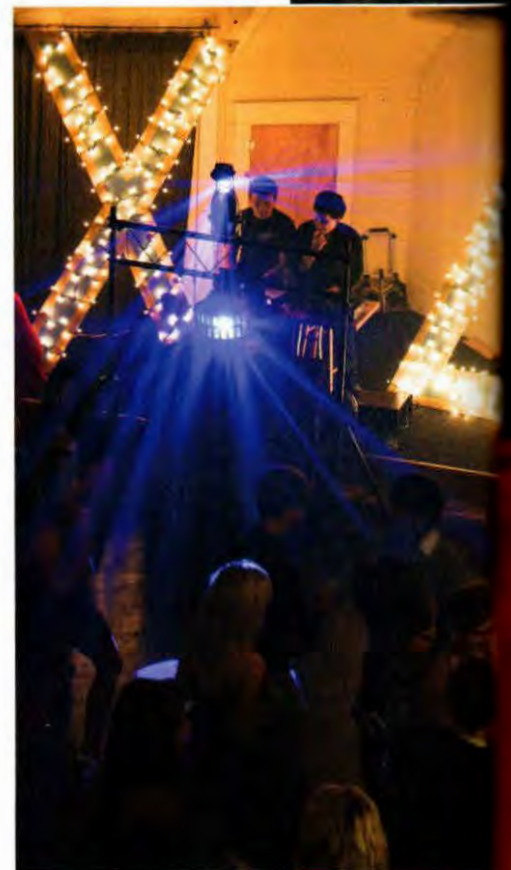


Students pose for a picture in their best western attire. Barn Bash, sponsored by Campus Ministries, was a tradition of TWIRP week.

*photo by: Lara Overman*

Delta's Harvest Moon. The dance was a semi-formal TWIRP event held off campus at Dino's Main Street Cafe.

*photo by: Jessuca Bowling*





Juniors **Ryan James** and Taylor Sanford swing dance to 50s tunes at 50s night hosted by the women of EPE. 50s night also included snacks, games and a performance by club members.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*

**Tri Chi pledges** perform for a large crowd at 80s night. The women of Tri Chi kicked off TWIRP week on Monday.  
*photo by: Nicci Fillinger*



Sophomores **Breanna Holder** and Chad Bullington pose for a picture in their Hawaiian garb. The women of Chi Rho Phi hosted Luau night and had limbo, contests, food and games as part of the evening's events.  
*photo by: Zach Nottingham*

Sophomores Jason Cantwell and Payam Pourjavad lift weights. The workout room in the student center received new cardio and weight equipment.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*



Senior Casie Neal rides her bike across campus. The new bridge served as a connector between north and south campus.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Dr. Rex Horne presents the newly refinished marble Tiger. President Horne dedicated the Tiger to the family of its sculptor at OctTigerFest.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Seniors Amy Harrington, Allie Baldwin and Holly Garland enjoy the spring weather. The newly built bridge contained benches great for students to relax on.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Sophomore Rebecca Atkinson hangs out with her friends in the new West Side dorm. The dorm's unique layout provided community interaction for students.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Heflin Plaza, the West Side residence halls and the OBU Cardio Center in Evans Student Center were a few of the new facilities that were seen around campus. Each addition brought campus even closer together by providing outlets for community, transportation, fitness and more.

Heflin Plaza was a key element of the campus redevelopment, and was formed to easier link north campus with main campus by replacing the old footbridge. The Heflin family dedicated the Plaza during the early part of the summer, and it was available for use to students at the start of the fall semester. The bridge became the site for Spotlight on Arkadelphia and other campus activities, and gave a feeling of unity to the residents of each side of campus.

Another new addition and part of the campus redevelopment effort was the construction of new residence halls. The West Side dorms, lovingly nicknamed Rex and Becky by the residents, were two three-story residence halls for both males and females. The dorms were designed with community in mind. Each two-bedroom suite surrounded a large common room filled with couches, lamps, rugs and a big screen television. The living room provided a space for residents to read, study, eat and hang out. This set up was extremely beneficial for the goals of RAs.

"The living rooms are the center point of each floor," said Amanda Seeley, a junior theology major from Garland, Texas, who was an R.A. in West Side. "It gives all us girls an opportunity to get to know each other. I am fully engrossed in their lives. I am able to serve them so much better with a set up like this."

Another change to the campus was the newly renovated workout room in the student center. The OBU Cardio Center contained new treadmills, stationary bikes, ellipticals and weight machines. The Cardio Center provided easier access to exercise equipment, which promoted good health habits around campus.

The renovations around campus gave students a wide range of opportunities to build friendships and gain experiences.

By: Sarah Henley

In with the New

# Restored Traditions

By: Tanner Huffman

When Student Senate members were seen walking across campus at 5:45 a.m. students knew that, soon enough, purple and gold balloons would cover every square inch of campus, and the day of Homecoming would begin.

“It was rough for everyone to get up that early, but it had to be done, and it was definitely worth it for the student body and alumni that came to campus that day,” said Hannah Pfeiffer, a junior mass communications major from Benton.

The day started with OcTiger Fest activities on central campus. The festivities included alumni drop-ins for social clubs and academic departments and booths for campus organizations. Also, for the second year, Student Senate sponsored a live tiger display near the library.

“The tiger was a big hit last year with the student body, so we decided to bring it back,” said Senate President Jacob Lively, a junior biology major from Texarkana, Texas. “It also added to the overall specialness since the Tiger statue was also revealed later that day.”

The Tiger statue was restored to its original white marble state, tail included, and was revealed in a ceremony which honored those who built the statue, as well as those who donated to the restoration project.

In the pre-game Homecoming ceremony, the queen and her court were announced after being voted on by the student body. Allison Cornell, a senior mass communications major from Allen, Texas, was crowned Homecoming queen.

“When they had called the first four members of the court, I figured my chances were gone,” Cornell said. “Then when they called my name for queen, it just all seemed surreal.”

The court included: Amy Campbell, a freshman biology major from Russellville; Jennifer “Pooh” White, a senior Christian studies major from Stuttgart; Kezia Nanda, a junior psychology major from Jakarta, Indonesia; and Julielle Vault, a senior studio art major from Little Rock.

The football game resulted in the Tigers defeating the North Alabama Lions 24-23 in overtime.

“Homecoming week was a great opportunity to welcome former students and friends back to campus while honoring traditions and milestones among the on-campus community,” said Lauren Land, Ouachita’s internal alumni director.



**Members of Rho Sigma** stand behind their club’s table at the annual OcTiger Fest. All social clubs had areas set up for their members and alumni to gather the morning of Homecoming.

*photo by: Katie Osment*

**President Rex Horne** greets guests at OcTiger Fest. OcTiger Fest allowed alumni to have a central location to visit with faculty and current students.

*photo by: Katie Osment*



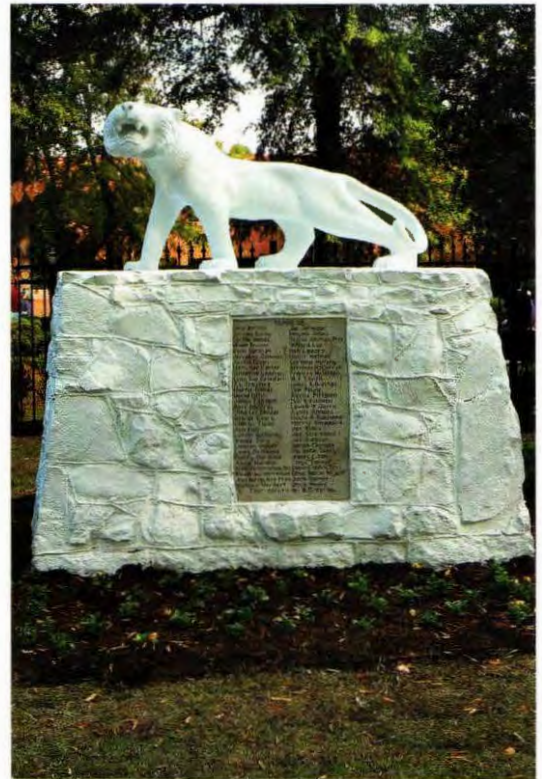
Senior Allison Cornell and her father pose for a picture at the pre-game presentation of the Homecoming court. Cornell was voted Homecoming Queen by her fellow students.

*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*



The Tiger offense moves the ball against a tough North Alabama defense. The Tigers won in overtime against the Lions, 24-23.

*photo by: Alexis Johns*



The newly restored tiger reigns over its territory in the middle of campus. The project to restore the Tiger to its original state was completed in the early fall.

*photo by: Katie Osment*

**Seniors Drew Harper** and **Brooks Sisson** and sophomore **Blayne Beene** sing in their best southern accent in the Beta Tunes show. The men of Beta Beta were hillbillies.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Host Cory Epps** performs during the sacred set of Tunes. The hosts and hostesses had themed acts between each club's performance.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*



The women of Tri Chi dance the "Single Ladies" dance as a part of their White House secretaries show. Tri Chi won third place over all in the competition.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



The men of Eta Alpha Omega get ready for surgery in their portrayal of doctors. The men of Eta Alpha Omega won first place overall for the competition.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





The Men of Kappa Chi sing about the risks and benefits of being an aviator. The Kappas won second place over all at the Saturday night performance.

photo by: Callie Stephens



If a bystander entered Ouachita grounds during the weekend of Homecoming, they were probably a bit taken aback with the sight before their eyes: hillbillies with scraggly beards, inmates walking freely around the grounds, women dressed up as men, doctors tossing around baby dolls, aviators ready for takeoff, the last three presidents of the United States and tooth fairies trying their best to fly. Of course, for any Ouachitonian, this was a completely normal activity. For inquiring minds that were still confused, only one thing could have explained this lunacy: Tiger Tunes.

Tiger Tunes was an annual event was hosted by the Ouachita Student Foundation and held during the week of Homecoming in Jones Performing Arts Center. Its main goal was to raise money for scholarships for upperclassmen. Although Tiger Tunes was held during the fall, preparation started as early as last spring.

The show consisted of six social clubs, Campus Ministries, Tiger Blast and the hosts and hostesses, who were chosen by audition in the spring. Each group decided on a theme for their show and came up with lyrics, choreography and costumes.

"I was so glad to able to participate in Tiger Tunes with Campus Ministries," said Amanda Nitcher, a freshman music major from McKinney, Texas. "God gave me some amazing friends from that experience. Despite the amount of time it took up in my week, I don't regret it one bit."

The hosts and hostesses performed solely for entertainment and introduced each act. The hosts and hostesses included: Cory Epps, Kelsey Kearney, Stewart Kelly, Callie Chancey, Aubrey Elliot, Brandon Stokes, Cortnie DeVore and Ben Reeves.

"My experience as a host could probably be best described as great. I really enjoyed getting to know the other hosts and hostesses and having the opportunity to share the gifts that God has blessed me with," said Epps, a junior church music major from Wynne. "The performances are such an adrenaline rush. It's scary and exciting to know that all eyes are on you, and it's your responsibility to give the people what they want."

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By: Jake Coffman

# An Exciting Surprise

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Each group brought something unique and entertaining to the stage with their themes.

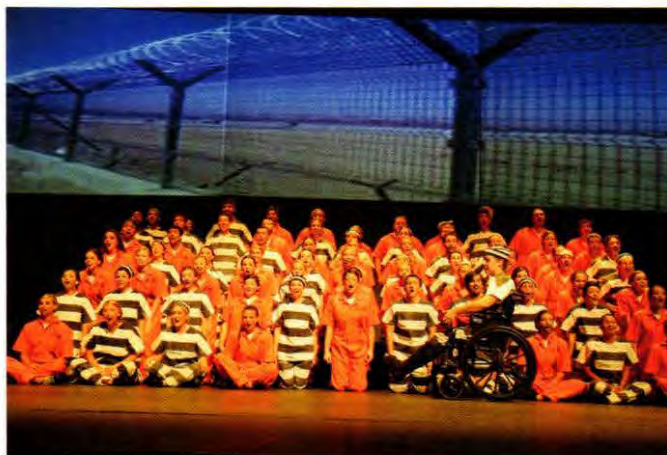
The men and women of Campus Ministries took the stage as inmates longing for escape; the women of EEE portrayed couples longing for their “ring by spring;” the men of Eta Alpha Omega were doctors saving the sick and delivering newborns; the men of Beta Beta portrayed hillbillies at their finest; the women of Chi Delta were tooth fairies explaining their business to a young child; the women of Tri Chi were White House secretaries compalined about their busy schedules; and the men of Kappa Chi flew in as aviators. Tiger Blast performed a dark set “Mad World,” which included the popular song “Mad World” as well as other popular songs such as Lady GaGa’s “Poker Face.”

Different judges were brought in each night to give awards for musicality, theme and lyric, choreography and costume. At the final show the overall awards were chosen for first, second and third place.

First place went to the men of Eta Alpha Omega, second place to the men of Kappa Chi and third to the women of Tri Chi. The women of Tri Chi also won the People’s Choice Award, which was decided by the audience of each show who voted for their favorite act by dropping a dollar (equal to one vote) into that group’s voting box.

This was the first year for the men of Eta Alpha Omega to place in the history of Tiger Tunes. They celebrated after the last performance with their famous Muggin’ party, an event that invited all of campus to join them in drinking over 1500 bottles of root beer.

Even in its 32nd year, Tiger Tunes was still one of the most anticipated events and continued to entertain a wide variety of audiences. The people behind the production were the members of the student-led organization OSF. In the past OSF, has awarded over \$92,000 in scholarships.



The men and women of Campus Ministries dream of the day when they will live a life “Somewhere Over the Barbed Wire.” Campus Ministries’ show had an inmate theme for the event.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Nikki Anderson sings with her leading lady in the EEE set. The women of EEE portrayed men and women defending the tradition of “a ring by spring.”

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





**Junior Kelsey Kearney** sings her heart out with fellow hostess, sophomore Callie Chancey. Kearney and Chancey were two of the eight hosts and hostesses chosen for Tiger Tunes 2010.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Senior Melissa Collier** dances with the Women of Chi Delta. Chi Delta entertained the crowd with their humorous tooth fairy Tunes show.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*



**Senior Jordan Henry** holds tightly to his hospital gown while performing his solo. The men of Eta Alpha Omega came in first place overall in Tiger Tunes.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Senior T.C. Squires works on the Eta Alpha Omega window for the CAB window decorating contest. The Etas won the competition with their "Santa at the eye doctor" window.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Sophomore Hannah Ramsey prepares a box for Operation Christmas Child. A packing party was held on the bridge to allow students the opportunity to reach children around the world at Christmas.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Junior Katelyn Mustain drinks hot chocolate and enjoys the company of friends at the Christmas tree lighting. The Christmas tree lighting was sponsored by the Speechies.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Junior Rudy Jones and Sophomore Jillian Kanis act out the nativity scene during Festival of Christmas. FOC served as a time of celebration and worship during the Christmas season.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Freshman Zach Smith constructs a gingerbread house at the annual CAB Christmas Party. The CAB Christmas party provided food, fun and entertainment for students.

*photo by: Hannah Bishop*



When Christmas time rolled around, the air on campus began to change. The people, usually welcoming and giving, became even more so. Students all across campus joined together during the season and participated in service opportunities. Two of these projects were a canned food drive and Operation Christmas Child.

A canned food drive was held to help those in the community who did not have a sufficient amount of food. Students from all areas of study and social circles donated cans that were then distributed.

Lauren Jackson, a sophomore biology major, was one of several students who participated in the food drive. For her, donating food was a way to make a difference in someone's life. Beyond just a service, Jackson saw donating cans of food as a way to spread the gospel in a practical and active way. "It is a good way to get involved in the community and to be a part of something that can make a difference," said Jackson.

Another student who served during Christmas time was Haley Whisenhunt, a junior communication science and disorders major, who participated in Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, allowed students to fill a shoebox with toys and daily necessities for a child. Once the shoeboxes were filled, they were taken to a local church and distributed to children all across the world as Christmas gifts.

For Whisenhunt, this ministry was a way for her to make someone's Christmas "extra special," and like Jackson, she felt it was a Christian duty. "I love getting to help out because I have been so blessed, and being able to give back is something that I feel called to do," she said.

Both Operation Christmas Child and the canned food drive were service opportunities that students who had been blessed with the opportunity of education, the opportunity to make something of themselves and the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with someone through an act of service, could give back.

"It is a small way of reaching out to those in need, and letting them know that they are cared for by people in their community and by Christ," said Whisenhunt. "It is a way to share the true message of Christmas -- that Christ was born in a small stable to die on a cross for each of us so that we may be saved."

By: Aspen Grams

# A Season of Service

# Rally on the Ravine

By: Tori Abellera and Sarah Hentley

To give the college football game between Ouachita Baptist University and Henderson State University the notorious title of "Battle of the Ravine" was certainly not an exaggeration. At Ouachita the battle was not half-way fought. During the Battle of the Ravine week school spirit turned into school obligation.

Carrying on the tradition of guarding the Tiger, newly restored to its original glory, the men of Rho Sigma began their battle on Sunday night, October 24. "The Rho Sigmas do this for the students," said K.C. Knobloch, a senior accounting major from Monticello and vice-president of the Rho Sigmas. "The bell ringing and traditions that we do are for us, but we always strive to improve our campus." The men of Rho Sigma set up tents around the Tiger and kept guard day and night, every day, to prevent vandalism like what has occurred in the past.

Because of their constant watch, the men of Rho Sigma were able to stop Henderson students in one attempt at this kind of vandalism.

"They were suspiciously wandering around the campus, and I had never seen them before, so we kept a close eye on them," said Quint Ashburn, a senior history major from Monroe, La. "It turns out that they were planning to attack our campus with eggs and water balloons filled with Listerine and lotion."

The Battle of the Ravine Week was a full week of celebration. On Wednesday, Oct. 27, social clubs participated in a carnival organized for students where they graciously distributed free goodies. The women of Tri Chi had a great turn out with their delicious candy apples as well as the women of EEE with their decorative cookies.

A new aspect to the Battle of the Ravine was the Rally on Ravine. Organized by community leaders, the first Rally on the Ravine was a city-wide celebration and pep rally held in downtown Arkadelphia. It included games, food and even a dunking booth featuring faculty members from the two universities.

After Rally on the Ravine, fans were pumped for the main event of the Battle of the Ravine, the football game between HSU and Ouachita. The cheers and chants in the student section were led by Ouachita's cheerleaders and the new pom squad.

But even with a large, supportive crowd, the Tigers lost a hard-fought game to Henderson, 35-26.



Senior Eli Cranor looks for the open slot in the Reddie defense during the Battle of the Ravine. The Reddies won the game 35-26.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Dr. Kevin "Casey" Motl prepares to dunk Brian McKinney at Rally of the Ravine. Rally of the Ravine was a city-wide pep rally held in downtown Arkadelphia the day before the game.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*





Students yell at the top of their lungs at the Battle of the Ravine pep rally held in the amphitheater. Students competed in a spirit competition at the pep rally that resulted with the women of EEE in first, the women of Tri Chi in second and SIFE in third.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Junior Townsend Keller paints his arms in preparation for the Henderson-Ouachita game. Body painting became a popular way to show spirit for OBU students.

*photo by: Nicci Fillingner*

Sheby Briley holds up a sign with her prediction of the outcome of the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. Students at both universities competed in their respective teams.

*photo by: Lilla Stephens*

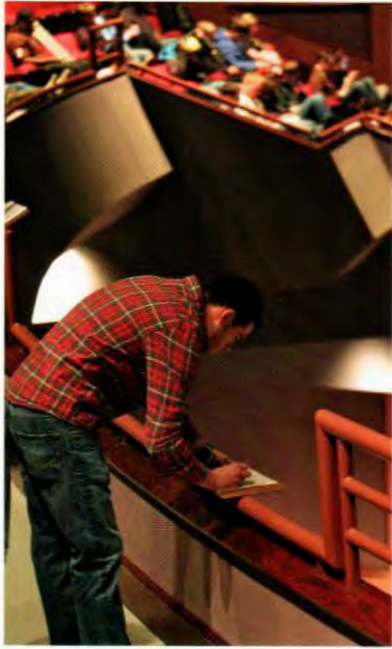
Junior Cory Epps leads the Chapel congregation in worship. Cory served as the student worship leader several times throughout the year.

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Sophomore Chad Bullington takes roll during Chapel. Students were required to attend seven semesters of Chapel.

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JPAC Manager Joey Licklider adjusts the sound and lights during a Chapel service. One of Licklider's responsibilities was to make sure that all technical aspects of Chapel ran smoothly.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



A group of students look through stacks of children's profiles after hearing Sean Groves in Chapel. Groves spoke about his experience supporting a child with Compassion International and encouraged students to do the same.

*photo by: Sarab Sparks*



Professors lead students in the song “Sweet Betsy” as part of the 125th Chapel. This service kicked off the 125th anniversary celebration of Ouachita.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



“D

efinitely the best way to end my Chapel career. No lie. So amazing to see my student body broken, humbled and in awe of Christ!” tweeted Leanne Cushman, a senior Christian Studies major from Springdale, in response to Chapel led by Reverend Archie Mason of Central Baptist Church.

Chapel was a time for students to worship and it expressed a large part of what the university stood for: faith.

“The benefit to students can be of eternal consequence. The varied speakers, programs and people who share in Chapel can challenge the course and impact a student’s life. Chapel, by its very existence, is a consistent reminder of one of our core values of faith in Christ,” said Dr. Rex Horne, president of Ouachita.

Guest speakers came from all over to deliver their message. These men and women were chosen with the intent of displaying diversity and appealing to different types of students.

“Chapel provides a chance to hear different perspectives on Christian faith and heritage and to develop an appreciation of different speaking and preaching styles,” said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagements and Chapel coordinator. Among Chapel speakers was former NFL player Scott Turner. His passion for the sport and Christ, and his dedication to both, left students with an unforgettable message.

For some students Chapel served as the small push they needed to keep their head up through a hard time. Students relied on this time and took advantage of it in more ways than one, often embracing the Lord during a time of struggle.

“There are some days when I know for a fact that I am having a bad week, and Jesus is what I really need to just make it through the day,” said Monica Smith, a freshman biology major from Van Buren. “Those weeks I just can’t wait to get to Chapel and hear what God has in store for me.”

Without the Chapel experience some students may not have been able to seek, learn or find a love of God. Chapel was a place for students and faculty to emphasize their love for God and their love for learning. The campus community worshipped together and learned together—keeping their faith strong and their love for the Lord stronger.

# Keeping a Strong Faith

By: Alexis Johns

# Willingness to Serve

By: Abbey Jamieson

Since its beginning, The Elrod Center made a difference not only in the lives of the people being served, but in the lives of the students who served. Students not only participated in Tiger Serve Day, but also had the opportunity to serve through ElderServe, America Counts, America Reads, TranServe, Disaster Relief, Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, Dating, Engagement and Marriage Week and a celebration for World War II veterans on Veteran's Day.

Students' involvement and willingness to serve had grown over the past few years and was well noticed on campus.

"The biggest change was in the willingness of our students to take the initiative and volunteer without being asked," said Ian Cosh, Director of the Elrod Center. "Students truly discovered the joy of service. That motivation seemed to come from the inside, and students were more and more willing to take the initiative and serve in new and creative ways."

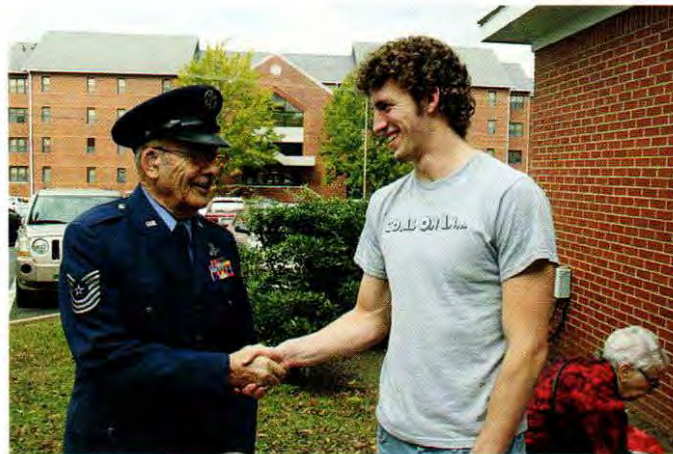
Senior Sarah Greeson, an English major from Hot Springs, found joy in her work-study job at the Elrod Center tutoring for America Reads. She described it as much more than a simple work-study position.

"My tutoring sessions were a huge highlight of each week," said Greeson. "The students welcomed us into their little worlds, and we got to build a friendship with them while teaching them about something as essential as reading."

Students such as senior Daniel Anderson, a Christian Studies major from Spring, Texas, also found a true passion in the program of his choice, ElderServe.

"I started ElderServe thinking I could help them out through listening, yet listening only opened the door for some of the greatest friendships I'll ever have," said Anderson. "The older generation is one that is overlooked and underestimated, yet I'm proud to call some of them friends."

Not only does the Elrod Center hope students can find a place to serve on campus, but that they will take this way of life a step further, and continue to serve during their lives outside of Ouachita.



**Senior Matt Pope** shakes hands with WW II veteran Gene Pillard at Elder Serve's Veterans' Day luncheon. The luncheon allowed local veterans to share a little about their experiences serving their country.

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**Freshman JaDarius Dade** washes a car during Tiger Serve Day. The Elrod Center gave students two opportunities, one in the fall and one in the spring, to impact the community through Tiger Serve Day.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





Senior Lori Hilburn tutors an elementary student as a part of the America Counts program. The Elrod Center provided opportunities for students to serve a multitude of people.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Mark and Linda Whitworth speak during a breakout session at the Elrod Center during DEM week. The Whitworths also spoke at chapel that week.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



Seniors Leanne Cushman and Greta James check out their gifts from the Elrod Center. The Elrod Center recognized students and members of the community at the annual Service Banquet.

*photo by: Jessica Bowling*

# A Little Different



**Junior T. C. Squires** and Clayton Chapiou, hall director of O. C. Bailey, check freshman guys into the dorm. The ResLife staff was responsible for checking every student into their dorm rooms during move-in.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Junior Leigha Hill meets with freshman Katie Hoppman. The ResLife staff made themselves available to the students on their halls to talk or just hang out.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Facilitating Growth

By: Cassie Harrell

When life was crazy, exciting, happy, sad and even devastating, students in every residence hall had at least one person to turn to for advice, love, care or something as simple as a hug.

Who were these people? They were the ResLife staff and they were willing to meet the needs of the students on their hall at all hours of the day.

“Our vision is to help people grow,” said Michael Cox, director of residence life and hall director of Flippen-Perrin men’s dormitory. “Part of what Ouachita wants you to do is grow socially, spiritually, academically and physically.”

In order to facilitate growth, the 50 men and women who made up the ResLife staff had to have a sense of creativity, an ability to see the good in all situations and a passion for people. Leigha Hill, a junior communication sciences and disorders major encapsulated all three of these criteria. “I believe that ResLife staff makes a difference through their ability to care,” said Hill. “We help to provide a safe environment for students to interact and build friendships.”

Despite having to enforce the rules, the staff took a genuine interest in the lives of each student on their hall. “I know that I am not the parent, but sometimes I do have to enforce rules,” said Hill. “During these times, I try and remember why I do what I do. I want to provide a place of safety and security.”

For Daniel Searles, a freshman Christian studies and philosophy major from Maud, Texas, his RA, Adam Gosnell was just that—a place of safety and security. “He had an impact on my life because his room was always open to come and hang out to talk about life or whatever. It was kind of like a little sanctuary,” said Searles.

However, the two men also formed a friendship. “We also started a devotional session a couple times a week where we would just get together and love Jesus,” said Seales.

No matter how you looked at the people who made up the ResLife staff, there was no denying that they were working hard to challenge the growth of the students, facilitate community, and in the lives of each person they came in contact with, they did their best to make a positive difference.

Francis-Crawford West Hall Director Becca Woodall meets with the RAs in her dorm. Hall directors were required to hold weekly meetings to find out what was going on in the lives of their RAs.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Gosser Hall Director Nancy Harrell has lunch with sophomore Erin Edge, an RA in Gosser. Hall directors met with their individual RAs bi-weekly in order to facilitate community within the staff.

*Photo by: Allison Grigsby*



# Worship Amidst the Storm

By: Becca Watts

Students came from all different backgrounds with different life experiences but they had one thing that joined them into the body of believers: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Christian Focus Week reminded students of this unity.

“The theme was ‘Same But Different,’” said Katelyn Mustain, a junior dietetics and nutrition major from Lewisville, Texas, and a member of the Christian Focus Week leadership team. “This theme came from the desire to communicate that as Christians, we are not called to sameness- but to embrace who God has made us to be.”

With the theme verses, Ephesians 4:14-16, Christian Focus Week began on Sunday, February 6, and went through Friday February 11. On Sunday a Prayer and Pancakes event allowed students to pray for everything God was going to accomplish in the week ahead.

The week continued with daily worship sessions in JPAC with various speakers and bands. Noonday was spent focusing on the theme passage for the week and learning more about the unified church. In the afternoons and evenings, breakout sessions and special events were held. Also with the help of CAB and Student Senate, Campus Ministries brought in Charlie Hall and Lindsey McCall on Tuesday night for a concert and to lead worship in the morning worship sessions.

“My favorite part of CFW were the international student testimonies on Tuesday afternoon,” said Mustain. “I enjoyed this because it is so refreshing to hear the stories of people who have grown up so differently than the average students.”

“The main difficulty of the week was the uncertainty of the weather,” said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries. “Since the forecast held snow, we had to stay flexible and be willing to work around whatever weather we had. We did end up having to cancel one morning session and a couple of breakout sessions because of heavy snowfall. However, our leadership team bounced right back, and that night we were able to hold Refuge, despite the arctic weather.”

Despite the weather, CFW was successful, but not because of the attendance, or the leadership team overcoming obstacles or organizations working together to accomplish something. “The most important part of Christian Focus Week are the memories and the new realizations students take away from this week,” said Mustain.



**Senior Allison Cornell** entertains students with her musical talent during CFW. Campus Ministries hosted the coffeehouse in the Tiger Den.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*

**Junior Katelyn Mustain** paints scripture onto canvas. CFW held an Art and Worship session for students to discuss and practice praise through art.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Like the sun breaking through  
on a grey-sky, cloudy day  
Like water on a desert  
that hasn't seen any rain  
Your love fills us up  
so that we can pour it out  
those who are broken and troubled  
so they can sing and shout



**Alumnus Jarrett Davis** leads worship in JPAC. A worship service was held each night of the week during CFW.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

A student uses her Bible as a reference for artwork during the Art and Worship session. Breakout sessions during CFW provided a more intimate setting for students.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Charlie Hall** performs as part of the CFW concert. The concert was sponsored by CAB, Students Senate and Campus Ministries.

*photo by: Jason Stevenson*

Senior Elisabeth Hipp, as Kim Macfee, argues with her onstage father played by freshman Timothy Drennan. The musical provided entertainment for the community in the spring.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Senior Jacob Watson slides his way across stage in "Bye Bye Birdie." The production was held in April.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Andrew Miller and Senior Jody Lee perform in the opera "Don Giovanni." Miller and Lee held lead roles in the Italian production by Mozart.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Well known faces perform in the musical, "Bye Bye Birdie." Drs. Poole, Henley, Root and Holsclaw brought laughter to the audience with their song.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





Juniors Andrew Miller and Grace Johnson share a tender moment in "Don Giovanni." Johnson, as Donna Elvira, was doublecast and performed two out of the four nights.

photo by: Callie Stephens



From bee hive hair dos to retro 60s dance moves, the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" captivated American audiences for years with its catchy melodies, crazy characters and its satirical display of American life in the 1960s.

In the spring, the School of Fine Arts went full force putting this show together in every aspect, from colorful set pieces and costumes to the vibrant lighting designs and musical numbers.

For the freshmen, they were excited to be a part of the 60s journey, however, they did not know what to expect performing at the college level. "It was really intimidating in the beginning, but I became comfortable as the process went on with all the support from my peers and the staff," said Garrett Whitehead, a freshman musical theatre major from Clebourne, Texas, who played the role of Harvey Johnson.

Not only was it an experience for those performing but it was a great learning experience for those working behind the scenes. "Stage managing 'Bye Bye Birdie' was a totally fulfilling opportunity," said Jordan Miller, a freshman musical theatre major from Rockwall, Texas, and stage manager. "It was my first large show to manage and I learned so much, I cannot wait to work on another production."

Everything that went into a stage production was thought out until the drop of the final curtain. The audience left with a sense of satisfaction and the feeling that they were doing more than simply watching a show, but that they had become a part of the story themselves.

The School of Fine Arts aimed and achieved this goal in the spring with "Bye Bye Birdie" but also in the fall with "Don Giovanni." "[This] marks only the second time we have presented our opera in a foreign language (Italian) with English Surtitles," said Jon Secrest, professor of music and director of Don Giovanni. "Don Giovanni" is a two act opera. Last year we presented 'Gianni Schicchi' in Italian, but it was a one act opera, making it significantly shorter than 'Don Giovanni.'"

Another difficult aspect of the production of "Don Giovanni" was the large cast, which added to the technical aspects of the production. "[This was a] monumental work for a school of our size," said Secrest. But students were up for the challenge. "You get to learn from each other. Acting and performing is a constant journey and its nice to be around fellow students who are just starting off in that journey with you," said Jacob Watson, a senior musical theatre major from Wynne.

# The Drop of a Curtain

By Shay Michael and Becca Warts

# Hard Work and Dedication

By: Jake Coffman

**H**ard work and dedication made up the core of how the Department of Theatre Arts functioned, and there was no hiding these attributes in the productions this year.

The fall production of "Wiley and the Hairy Man," directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Daniel Inouye, was the theatre department's annual children's theatre production. Second and third graders from Arkadelphia's Central Elementary School came to see the show.

"We [started] our season with a children's show to provide an opportunity for area school children to experience a theatre production," said Inouye. "It also provided our OBU theatre students with an opportunity to act in a different style of production. We [strived] to find opportunities to encourage the appreciation of the arts in young students, and the children's show [was] a great opportunity in that endeavor."

Also in the fall was "You Have To Serve Somebody," directed by Associate Professor of Theatre Mary Handiboe. This play served as the department's submission in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. The annual student-directed One-Act Plays and the Ten-Minute Play Festival also took place in December and March, respectfully. The uniqueness of both was that students alone, under supervision of a member of the theatre faculty, directed the plays and, in the case of the Play Festival, wrote them as well.

"Being on the production team as a freshman was a real honor," said Garrett Whitehead, a freshman musical theatre major from Cleburne, Texas. "It was a fantastic, fast-paced and intense night full of duties. As for writing, I kind of wrote the script for my own entertainment, and when the opportunity to submit it for the Ten Minute Play Festival came around, I was excited to share my work."

The spring saw the production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," directed again by Inouye with help from Assistant Director Kathryn Kellogg, a senior musical theatre major from Sherwood.

The theatre department went above and beyond with every performance and proved themselves one of the most involved majors for students and faculty alike.



**Junior Kathryn Kellogg** and seniors **Jody Lee** and **Molly Brown** perform in "You Have to Serve Somebody." The Theatre Department won three Irene Ryan awards from the Kenedy Center's American College Theatre Festival.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Senior Lauren Casteel**, as Maria, schemes against Cesaro/Viola, played by **Moriah Patterson**, in "The Twelfth Night." The Shakesperian play was one of the spring productions.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*





Wiley, played by freshman Lauren Linton, scolds his dog, played by Bethany Swiontek. "Wiley and the Hairy Man" served as the children's theatre production in the fall.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Samantha Spradling plays Denny Standard in the production "You Have to Serve Somebody." The comedy was written by Arkansan Werner Trieschmann.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Junior Rudy Jones and freshman Timothy Drennan bring laughter to the audience in "The Twelfth Night." The play, originally set in a mythical land, was restaged in Arabia by the OBU cast.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Frosty the Snow Man welcomes students to campus on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms. Unfortunately, when the sun came out Thursday, his stay was not for long.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Junior Andrew Shotts takes a bite out of a giant snowball. Students around campus enjoyed the snow in various, silly ways on their day out of class.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Freshman Channi Park molds a snowball to throw at her friends. Both students and faculty were caught throwing snowballs throughout the day.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Sophomore Bradley Lindsey makes his way down the ravine on a water flotation device. Students made sleds out of anything they could find, including cafeteria trays.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Seniors Kelly Magee and Jennifer White prepare to be pushed down a snowy hill together. Sledding was one of students' favorite snow day activities.

photo by: Sarah Sparks



February 27, 2003, was the last time Ouachita declared an official snow day for the campus, but on February 9 and 10, 2011, another snow day was declared across the university, thus breaking the long 9-year stretch.

Faculty had to go through a lengthy process to make this call. According to Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students Keldon Henley, many factors were taken into consideration before a decision was reached.

"We paid close attention to weather reports and to the conditions on and around campus," said Dr. Henley. "Ultimately, there are three or four of us who make a final decision together. Because 95 percent of our students live on campus, cancelling classes can actually serve to increase the number of students who are driving. . . That's the primary reason we only cancel classes if we absolutely have to. . . Safety really is our biggest concern."

During 11:00 classes on Wednesday, students received text messages from the Ouachita Emergency Notification System announcing that campus was closed for the afternoon. As soon as 11:00 classes were over, snowball fights and sledding on campus began. And after it grew dark, students were hoping for another day in the powdery white stuff.

Students were ecstatic, as the new sparkling snow began to fall again on Wednesday night. As students found out that Thursday's classes were canceled, a wave of relief and joy swept through campus.

"Somebody found out on their phone that we had no school the next day and everyone on my floor was running around insanely happy," said Shelby Briley, a sophomore biology major from Siloam Springs. "There were screams of joy that resounded all over my dorm in that short amount of time when we all found out."

Hall directors and faculty also experienced the excitement of a day off. West Side II Hall Director Sarah Bean noticed a peculiar sort of celebration outside her dorm. After the OENS alert went out to all students and faculty, a parade of students began gallivanting through campus with trumpets, drums and saxophones celebrating the news.

"I thought the parade was awesome," said Bean. "It made me laugh to see the swarm of students celebrating in the snow. I even tried to run after them and get some photos. That whole snow day we served hot chocolate in our lobby and our girls really took advantage of their fun day off."

# Snow Day Play

By: Abbey Jamieson

# Relational Service

By: Korrie Browning

Since 1997, Tiger Serve Day was created to impact the community as well as the students who participated. Under the Leadership Team, comprised of 21 students, Tiger Serve Day was held both in the fall and spring semesters.

At the heart of Tiger Serve Day were relationships. Some were between the students working together while others were with the people whom they served.

Students met people in the community who left lasting impacts. "Before we did our first project, the man we were serving asked to pray with us. I'm not sure if he read the back of our shirts or not, but he prayed the exact scripture that was on them," said Whitney Moore, a senior early childhood education major from Sheridan. "It was such a blessing to be able to talk, laugh and listen to his stories."

"The hugs we gave and received were my favorite part of Tiger Serve Day," said Daniel Anderson, a senior Christian studies major from Spring, Texas. "The people were so appreciative of us not only helping clean, but also listen, chat and give them those hugs."

Without the careful planning of many students and faculty working through the Elrod Center, the stories of Tiger Serve Day would never have been told.

There were two significant changes, according to Judy Duvall, the assistant director of the Elrod Center. "We set deadlines for volunteers to sign up and also for community people to sign up for projects."

Along with the deadlines, a meeting was held the week before the spring Tiger Serve Day for team leaders to ask questions and be better informed for the big day. These changes, according to members of the Leadership Team, made this year's Tiger Serve Day the most organized yet.

"It's a very close team and we have a lot of fun working together," said Emily Morgan, a junior accounting and business finance major from Mountain Home who served as the chair of the Teams Committee for the event. "This year was the most organized it has ever been."

It was because of the Elrod Center, and the involvement of 920 students in the fall and 807 students during the spring, that Tiger Serve Day continued to bring much needed help, along with a few hugs, to people in need in Arkadelphia.



**Junior Leigha Hill** registers Tiger Serve Day teams early Saturday morning. Leigha served on the Leadership Team, comprised of 21 students.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Sophomore Lauren Shawver** adds to a pile of limbs and sticks outside the home of an elderly resident. Students participating in TSD did both inside and outside work for community members.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Daniel Anderson sweeps the roof off for a senior citizen. Much of the work completed during TSD was for students to help community members do housework that they were physically unable to do themselves.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Students gather in front of The Elrod Center on an early April morning. Tiger Serve Day took place during both the fall and spring semesters.

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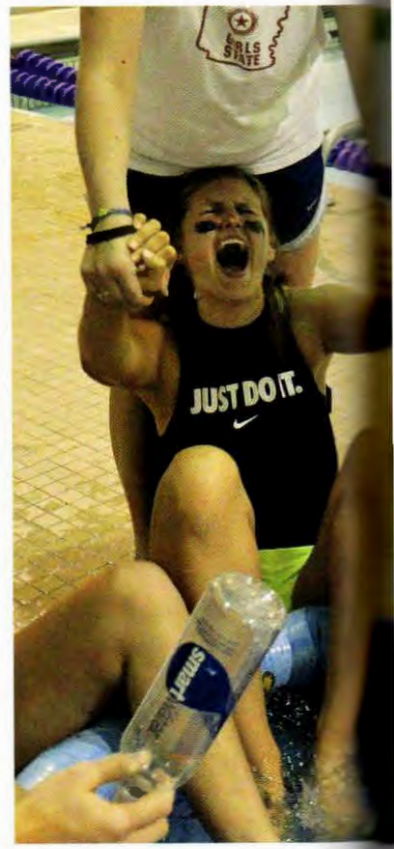


Freshman Danielle Wells cleans the windows of an Arkadelphia home during TSD. TSD was a way to get to know community members, and also a great way to fellowship with peers.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Freshman Meagan Moore screams and squirms during ice fishing. Teams had to see how many marbles they could fish out of a pool of ice water with their feet in under a minute.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



A group of OSF members demonstrates one of the mega relay tasks. During the relay, teams had to complete as many tasks as possible in seven minutes.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

A Tiger Traks team dives after a volleyball during oozeball. The mud games took place Saturday.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Juniors Nolan West, Elizabeth Quick, Hannah West and David Street celebrate with her team after an Oozeball game. Oozeball was a favorite game for Tiger Traks participants.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*







Junior Kyle Smith and sophomore Zachary Pinkston race toward OSF members during the mega relay. The mega relay was one component of the Saturday morning fun of Tiger Traks.

photo by: Callie Stephens



As the warm breeze seemed to carry the sun ever closer, teams pushed until the very end, paying attention to every serve of the volleyball. A nice game of volleyball may not have been so hard if it were not for wading in ankle-deep mud.

Tiger Traks started on Friday, April 8, and concluded the next day. Teams started with the egg toss and then moved on to events in SPEC like basketball relay, Pictionary, ice fishing, and Charades. After every team finished in the gym, it was time for the final event of the night: Tiger Trek.

Tiger Trek required a lot of endurance to make it to the end. Starting at the Village Circle, each team had 25 minutes to run to as many of the 18 different stations as they could.

The first event of Saturday was the Raft Race in Waggoner Pool. The second was the mega relay on the intramural fields. Every team scrambled around trying to accomplish as many tasks as possible in seven minutes.

After lunch, the much anticipated and most competitive games, began. Tug-of-war and oozeball, a muddy version of volleyball, created pressure on the teams until the very end.

A total of 33 teams, 264 students overall, competed for the title and prize money. First place went to Extremely Processed Sandwich Meat, second place to Jehovah's Fitness and third place to The World Changers.

"Being on a team with my best friends made the experience that much more enjoyable," said Haley Prowell, a junior business administration major from Rogers and member of Jehovah's Fitness. "My team was super competitive, especially when money was involved, but we had a great time and had a lot of fun!"

"Hopefully the event will continue to grow every year and we will have a record-breaking number of teams sign up for Tiger Traks 2012," said Jessica Winston, a junior biology major from Sheridan and the OSF student director of Tiger Traks.

"Who wouldn't want to participate in 'Arkansas's Most Exciting College Weekend' and help raise scholarships for their friends at the same time?" said Winston.

By: Mauri Sparks

# The Most Exciting Weekend

# A Moment Worth Waiting For

By: Cassie Harrell

**M**ay 14, 2011, was the day they had worked for years to see happen. They had completed degree requirements, participated in social clubs and intramural sports, and spent hours cramming for major exams. They built friendships, learned to ask for help and most of all, completed the classes it took to make this moment happen. They were the class of 2011 and they were ready to graduate.

As the processional began, graduates were led from Walker Conference Center toward Cone-Bottoms Hall by the commencement marshal, Dr. Byron Eubanks, chair of the University Committee. Serving alongside Eubanks were Dr. George Keck and Mrs. Mary Worthen as honorary commencement marshals.

Crossing the senior walk allowed graduates to take a look at the buildings they had spent so many hours in. For some, it was emotional. For others, it was a moment of victory.

“The most meaningful part of graduation was being able to spend the morning with fellow classmates and being able to celebrate our accomplishments over the past four years together,” said Jeremiah Nugent, a biology major from Wynne.

University officials conferred a total of 263 degrees, including 227 bachelor of arts degrees, 23 bachelor of science degrees, eight bachelor of music degrees and five bachelor of music education degrees.

After conferring the degrees, President Horne recounted current events to graduates, including the flooding in the U.S. and the death of Osama bin Laden. He acknowledged the events “do not give graduates what would seem to be a warm welcome into this world in 2011.”

However, President Horne went on to say, “You have received a first-rate education. Your minds have been challenged and instructed. You have grown intellectually.”

Before leaving the ceremony, graduates were given one last piece of advice from their president, “So I would say you are prepared and you’re ready to face the world as it is in 2011. And I would go further in saying that with all the challenges that you face, what an ideal time to go out and to make a difference.”



**Dr. Daniel R. Grant**, Ouachita’s 12th president, greets current faculty and staff prior to commencement. The 124th commencement was held on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

**Senior Caitlin Chapman** reads Scripture during the commencement ceremony. The graduate from the Pruet School of Christian Studies with the highest GPA was asked to read during commencement.

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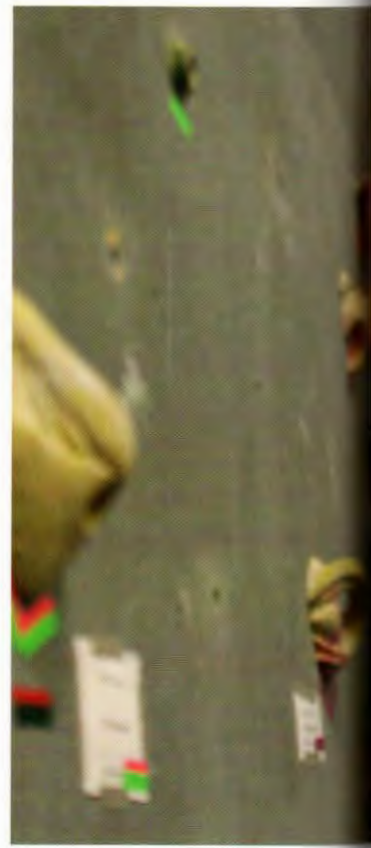
**Dr. Kevin Motl** hugs a student after commencement. Ouachita created an environment where professors not only taught students, but invested in their lives.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

**Graduates sing** the university hymn, "See God's Light." The hymn was written for the university and reflects the words on the university seal: vision, service and integrity.  
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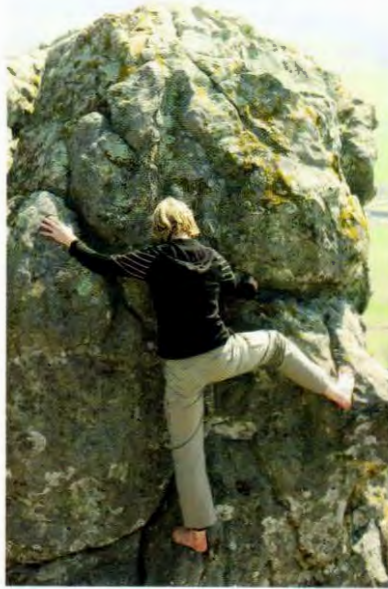


**Dr. Byron Eubanks**, chair of the University Committee, serves as commencement marshal and carries the university mace. Dr. George Keck and Mrs. Mary Worthen were named honorary marshals and followed Eubanks while leading graduates to the commencement ceremony.  
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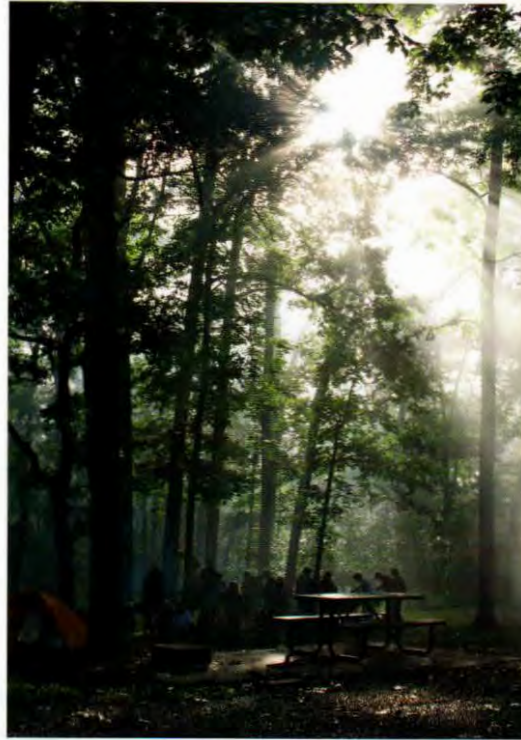
Senior Marcus Schreiner works his way up the climbing wall. Outdoor Rec hosted Battle of the Boulder for students to compete in indoor rock climbing.  
*photo by: Merideth Butler*



Freshman Preston Winstead climbs barefoot up a boulder at Petit Jean State Park. Students enjoyed the outdoors on various Outdoor Rec trips.  
*photo by: Trevor Huxham*



Students gather around a picnic table to share a meal at the Buffalo River National Park. This trip provided an activity for students to do over the Labor Day weekend.  
*photo by: Trevor Huxham*



A group of students stand on top of Pinnacle Mountain near Little Rock. Outdoor Recreation provided many small trips around the state for students.  
*photo by: Trevor Huxham*



Students make their way across a stream at Petit Jean Mountain. Outdoor Rec took a trip to Petit Jean to provide students with an opportunity to hike and hang out.  
*photo by: Meredith Butler*



In the midst of homework, college life can be overwhelming. Fortunately for students, Outdoor Recreation provided numerous opportunities to get out of the library and into the great outdoors. Hikes to Albert Pike, a Labor Day canoe trip, biking the Big Dam Bridge and relaxing in hammocks on the bluff were just a few of the many Outdoor Recreation activities. Outdoor Recreation took seven trips in the fall semester, six in the spring and a ski trip over Christmas break.

The leadership for the organization has grown significantly since its first year in 2005. Outdoor Recreation gained a new director, Clayton Chapuis, a 2010 graduate of Ouachita. Chapuis and his “Think Tank,” a group of students who helped brainstorm ideas for outdoor activities, met together and planned activities with Dr. Mike Reynolds, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies.

Outdoor Recreation trips would not be possible without the help of students who plan the trips. Sara Hanson, a senior dietetics major from Tyler, Texas, was fortunate enough to have a work-study position as a part of Chapuis’s “Think Tank.”

Hanson first got involved with Outdoor Recreation because of her love for outdoor sports and a desire to broaden her outdoor activities.

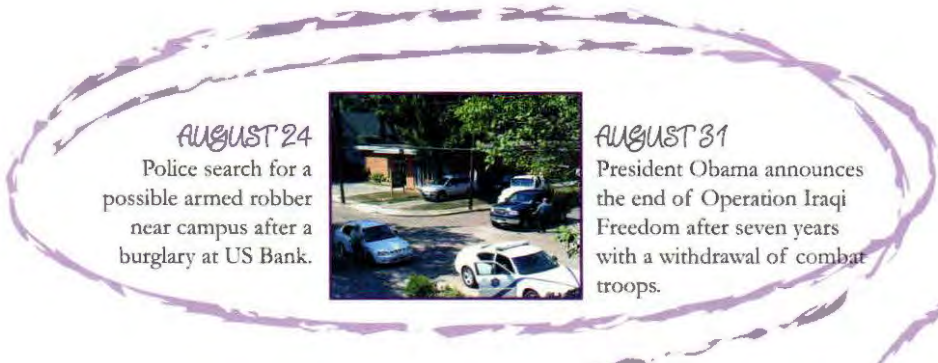
“With my adventurous spirit and my love for the outdoors, it seemed right to check out what Outdoor Recreation had to offer,” Hanson said. “I was attracted to the opportunities available that I wasn’t able to experience with my own resources, such as rock-climbing, kayaking, camping and more.”

Hanson encouraged other students to get involved with Outdoor Recreation as well. “The program benefits students because it refreshes the drive for adventure so many college students possess, allowing them to meet that need for excitement with nature instead of the other options so common on college campuses,” Hanson said.

Involvement with Outdoor Recreation had more than just a physical impact on students who participated. “One sees the world from a different and new perspective, breaking the shell of the narrow-minded and unappreciative,” Hanson said. “Being outside in God’s creation nurtures mind, body and soul, and it promotes healing in more ways than imaginable.”

# Recreation and Relationships

By: Katie Osment



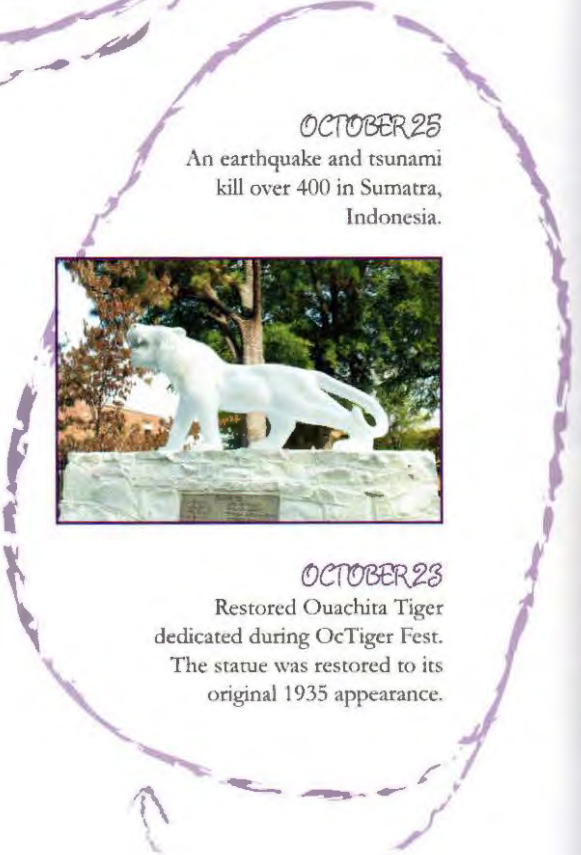
**AUGUST 24**

Police search for a possible armed robber near campus after a burglary at US Bank.



**AUGUST 31**

President Obama announces the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom after seven years with a withdrawal of combat troops.



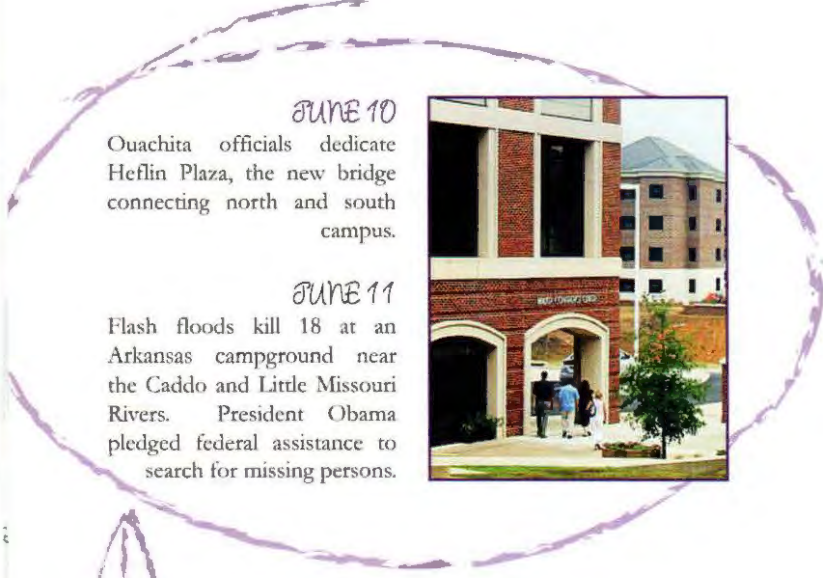
**OCTOBER 25**

An earthquake and tsunami kill over 400 in Sumatra, Indonesia.



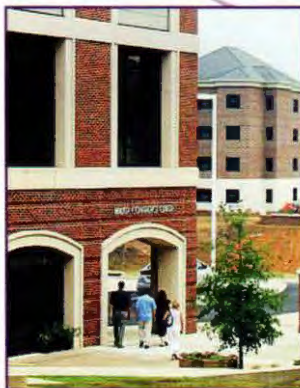
**OCTOBER 23**

Restored Ouachita Tiger dedicated during OcTiger Fest. The statue was restored to its original 1935 appearance.



**JUNE 10**

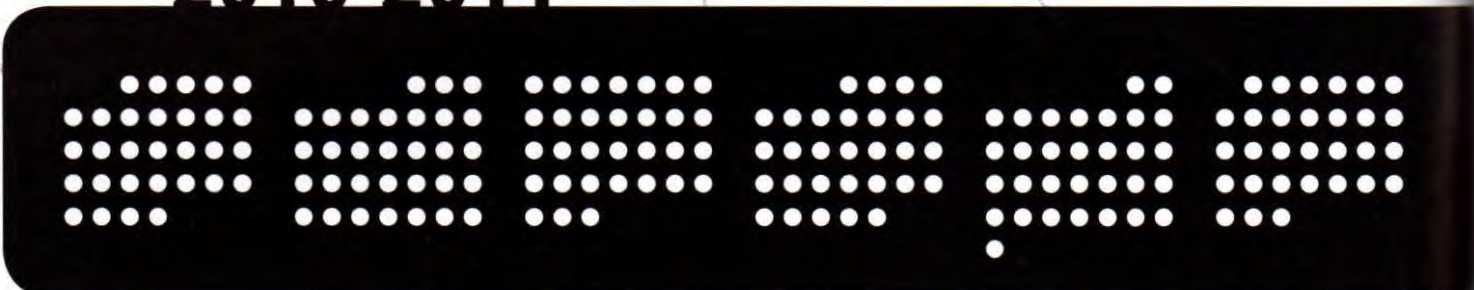
Ouachita officials dedicate Heflin Plaza, the new bridge connecting north and south campus.



**JUNE 11**

Flash floods kill 18 at an Arkansas campground near the Caddo and Little Missouri Rivers. President Obama pledged federal assistance to search for missing persons.

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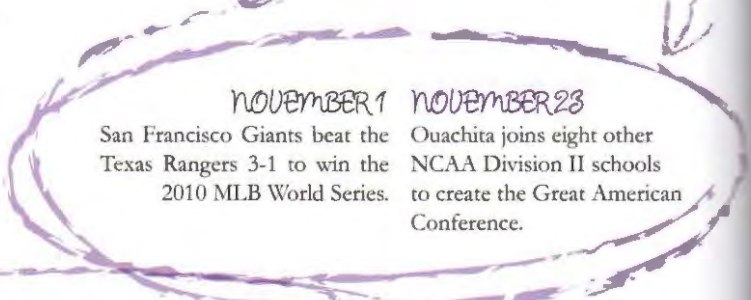


**JULY 15**

BP caps oil well after 86 days of spilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

**JULY 17**

Ouachita graduate Alyse Eady crowned Miss Arkansas at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

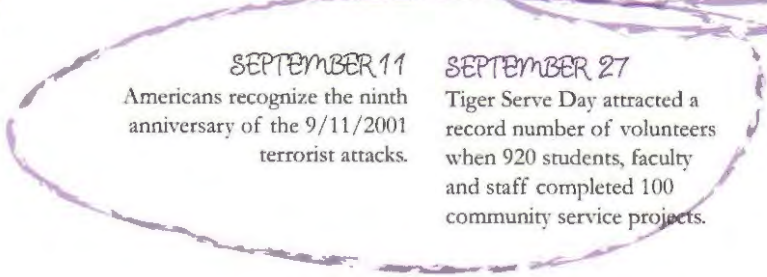


**NOVEMBER 1**

San Francisco Giants beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 to win the 2010 MLB World Series.

**NOVEMBER 23**

Ouachita joins eight other NCAA Division II schools to create the Great American Conference.



**SEPTEMBER 11**

Americans recognize the ninth anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks.

**SEPTEMBER 27**

Tiger Serve Day attracted a record number of volunteers when 920 students, faculty and staff completed 100 community service projects.

**DECEMBER 6**

Senior Abby Turner wins the 2nd annual Business Plan Competition with her event planning business, "iPlanit."

**DECEMBER 21**

The first lunar eclipse to occur on the day of the Northern winter solstice and Southern summer solstice since 1638 takes place.

**APRIL 8**

Ouachita Student Foundation hosts annual Tiger Traks. Thirty-three teams participated in the event.

**APRIL 29**

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, marries Catherine Middleton. An estimated two billion people tuned in for the "Royal Wedding."

**FEBRUARY 1 FEBRUARY 6**

Ouachita launches yearlong 125th anniversary celebration. "Making a Difference Since 1886" was coined as the theme for the celebration.

Green Bay Packers defeat Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 to win Super Bowl XLV.



**MAY 16**

Ouachita confers 263 graduates for class of 2011. The event marked the 124th spring commencement exercise.

**MAY 22**

Tornados kill over 125 in Joplin, Missouri. The storm was reported to be the deadliest in the U.S. in over 60 years.



**JANUARY 6**

President Obama names William Daley of JPMorgan Chase to be his new chief of staff.

**JANUARY 15**

2010 Ouachita grad Alyse Eady named first runner-up in the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas.



**MARCH 7**

Ouachita's Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community launches annual Dating, Engagement and Marriage Week.



**MARCH 11**

Massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake and 23-foot tsunami strike Japan 230 miles northeast of Tokyo.


Students engage in a hands-on activity during an education class. The education department required students to do many projects and presentations to prepare them for teaching in a classroom setting.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*





# Academics



Professors made a difference in the lives of their students from placing all the dietetics graduates in internship programs to taking students on a journey to walk where Jesus once walked. While the study abroad program was enhanced by the addition of Liverpool Hope University, three new degree programs were added to Christian Studies. The university was recognized nationally as one of 12 colleges and universities selected to participate in the prestigious National Genomics Research Initiative. Ouachita's academic departments were constantly striving to make a difference by providing students with the best education possible.

Academics at Ouachita were

*The difference between what we had  
and what we were about to receive.*

# A Real World Experience

By: Mauri Sparks

In the Hickingbotham School of Business, professors sought to give students the kind of education they needed to succeed in their futures. Through their Four Year Experience program, students could major in accounting or business administration with an emphasis in finance, management or marketing.

"This program encourages students to grow personally by strengthening their relationships with each other and with faculty through the annual trips each class takes," said Jim Rothwell, assistant professor of accounting and leader of the Four Year Experience program. "Through these trips and the First Friday Speaker Series, they also grow in their understanding of business principles and concepts taught in the classroom and their application in the real world."

"The purpose of the trip was to be able to see firsthand some major corporations in action," said Justin Young, a freshman business administration management major from Springdale, about the freshman trip to Memphis, Tenn. "The best part for me had to be seeing St. Jude's Children's Hospital. It gave us the opportunity to see the business aspect of it, and helped us realize how blessed we are."

The accounting department helped students prepare for life beyond the classroom. "Accounting graduates are prepared to assume entry level professional accounting and finance positions upon graduation in businesses, government and not-for-profit organizations such as churches, colleges, and hospitals," said Dr. Bob Webster, chair of the accounting department.

As chair of the business administration department, Dr. Marshall Horton realized the depth of personal growth from freshman to senior year. "By the time they graduate, successful business students should be able to decipher a document like a college catalog, seek expert advice when necessary and take responsibility for planning their careers with a minimum of supervision."

Hickingbotham School of Business also sponsored a Business Plan Competition. "This competition encourages entrepreneurial thinking among students," said Chris Brune, assistant professor of finance. "Winning teams advance to a joint competition with Henderson and ultimately submit their plans to the statewide Governor's Cup competition...They have worked very hard and represented Ouachita well"



**Junior Krystal Qualls** completes an in-class assignment. Students learned in Microcomputer Applications to use business related software.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

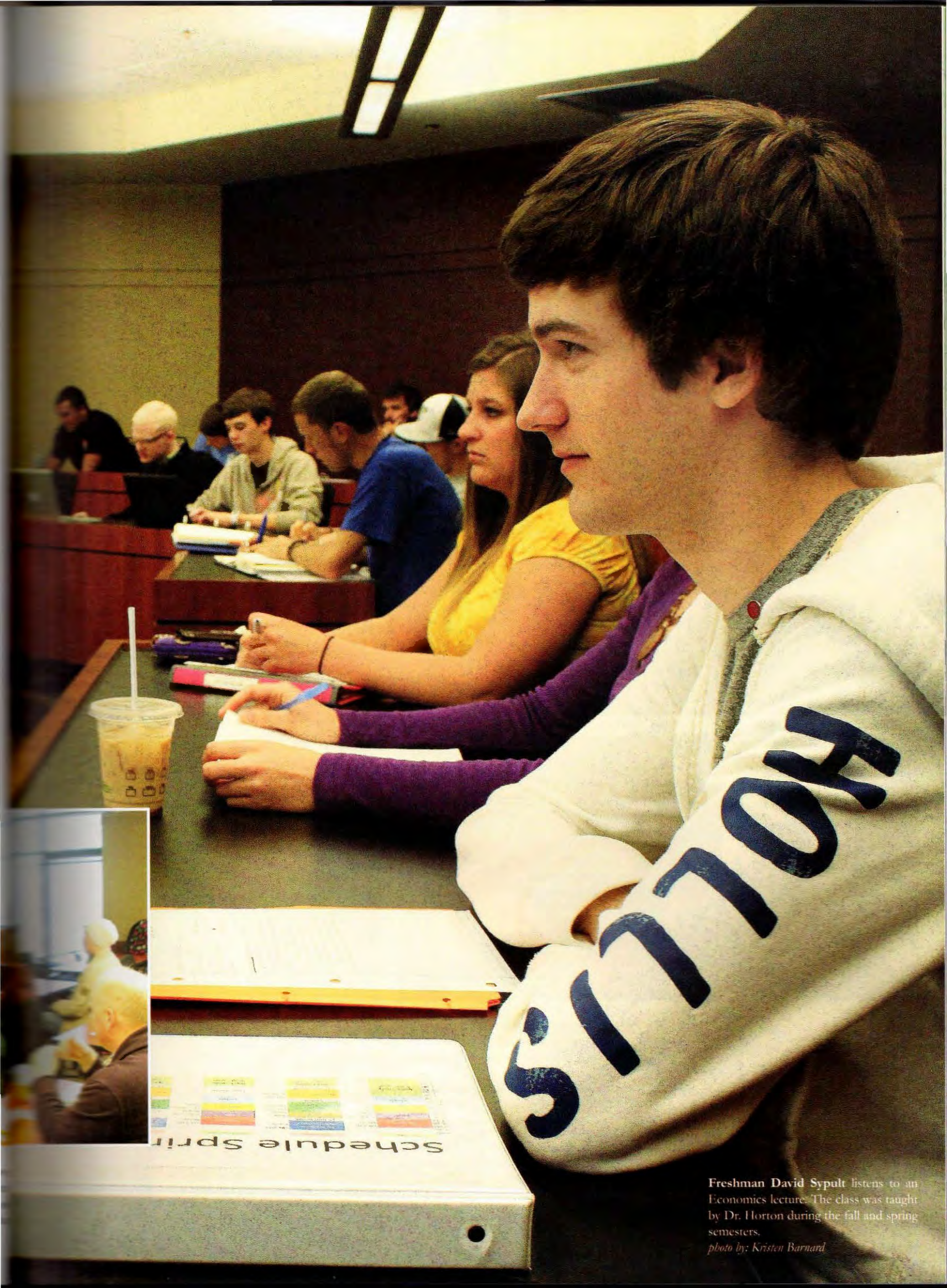
**Senior Abby Turner** answers questions during the Business Plan Competition with Henderson. Turner's business plan, "I plan It," was awarded first place.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



**Students give a group presentation** on an aspect of business ethics. Students were graded on their own presentation as well as their participation in group projects.

*photo by: Zach Killian*



Freshman David Sypult listens to an Economics lecture. The class was taught by Dr. Horton during the fall and spring semesters.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



**Dr. Scott Duvall** tells a story during his Life of Christ class. The class walked through Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*



**Dr. Byron Eubanks** takes roll before leading his Death and Dying class in prayer. Christian Studies professors took the time out of their lecture time to meet the needs of students through prayer.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*

**President Rex Horne** holds a class discussion in his Servant Leadership class. President Horne used the combination of a book and life experiences to teach the course.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*



# A Need Being Met

By: Jessica Wasmund

The Pruet School of Christian Studies found new ways of meeting students' needs. They achieved this by giving students first-hand experiences and new degree options to better optimize their skills and callings.

One way students could receive credit and gain mission experience abroad was through the Hands On program. Students' missions emphasis in the Christian studies degree was covered by the 12 hours of credit they received for completing the program while they made a difference in the mission field.

In addition to Hands On, the Pruet School of Christian Studies offered other opportunities for students to explore foreign countries. The school took a missions study trip in the summer to South Africa. Students received six hours of credit by meeting one hour a week during the previous semester to prepare for the trip.

In the summer of even years, the school takes a biblical studies trip to Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The students receive six hours of credit, three for a biblical studies trip and three for the Life of Christ course. If there are problems in Israel at the time the trip is supposed to take place, an alternative location in Turkey is chosen.

"It's always been a dream of mine to go to Israel. When I saw the opportunity to go on the study tour I knew it was an experience I would probably never get again. This is an experience of a lifetime. There are so many historical and holy sites that we visited. When I read my Bible I can actually picture myself standing in the specific place that I'm reading about," said senior graphic design major Emilie Gorman, who traveled in 2010.

"Although the classroom is a great learning environment, going overseas provided me with an experience and my own memories to go with the places we had been studying," said Nate Peace, a junior mass communications and Christian studies double major from Bedford, Texas.

The Pruet School of Christian Studies also added three new degrees, Biblical Languages, Church Media/Production Arts and Christian Media/Communication. After collaborating with graduates about vocations regarding church media elements, Dr. Danny Hays, dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies, Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities and Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of the School of Fine Arts, created these new degrees to fit the needs of the students.

"Really Scott Holsclaw in fine arts was more the driving force behind [Church Media/production arts]," said Hays. "This is the most unique one because in the last 15 years we have seen a new vocation pop up in churches--that is this media director."

Based on the response of students, it was decided that in the fall of 2011 another degree, Worship Arts, would be added to the curriculum. This program is music oriented, requiring a minor in music and a list of Christian Studies courses.

"All of these are really cross-disciplinary types of degrees. They are just different way of packaging it to fit student needs," said Hays.

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*-Nate Peace*

*Junior*



# A Little About A Lot

By: Alexis Johns

The CORE program was designed to encourage and develop critical thinking skills needed for success in the contemporary world. The courses provided study in math, languages, history, natural sciences and fine arts. The liberal arts aspect of the university was intended to provide students with a well-rounded education, leaving them to be educated across disciplines.

The CORE program desired not to prepare students merely for jobs, but for living a meaningful life. These courses helped students inherit the best general education possible. "The idea is to prepare students for a dynamic and changing world," said Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

While many students felt these were just required hours, they eventually came to realize that each course held its own life lesson. Whether it was writing, analyzing or continuing education, it was something that would always be necessary after graduation.

"CORE classes allow us to expand our minds by giving us the opportunity to learn a little bit about a lot of subjects as we fulfill our liberal arts education," said Kristen Riggsbee, a senior accounting major from Frisco, Texas.

The CORE curriculum also gave students the opportunity to meet fellow students and faculty outside of their majors. This broadened their social horizons and introduced them to new concepts outside their majors.

"The material and abilities learned in these courses will prepare students for a future that will put them in contact with people different from them and require them to adapt to changing situations, both on the job as well as in life in general," said Dr. Kevin Brennan, professor of political science. The School of Interdisciplinary Studies was a program full of important knowledge and skills for the professional, social and changing lives students would soon lead.

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Senior



Students laugh at a story in Julia Jones' Spanish I class. Two semesters of a foreign language was a CORE requirement for all students.

photo by: Laura Overman

Sophomores MyLisa Spears and Caleb Knight work on a Life Science lab. All CORE sciences had a required lab to accompany the class.

photo by: Laura Overman



Dr. Tom Auffenberg gives a lecture during Western Civilization. The class focused on the historic events of Western Europe and how they have impacted events today.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*





Students on the Israel trip stop at a tourist look but point to take photos of the Sea of Galilee. Students also had the opportunity to swim in the waters of the Sea of Galilee.

*photo courtesy of: Katelyn Cash*



Seniors Bethany Moss and Katie Wilhite, along with juniors Timothy Stringfellow, Jesse Pruitt and Nate Peace, hike in Jordan. The ancient city was carved into the rock valley.

*photo courtesy of: Katelyn Cash*

Juniors Jeremy Prine and Jesse Pruitt perform a traditional dance of the men of Eta Alpha Omega (the dance of the execs) in the streets of Jerash. Students toured the ancient city.

*photo courtesy of: Katelyn Cash*





# In the Steps of Jesus

By: Abbey Jamieson

Every other year the Pruett School of Christian Studies sponsored a biblical studies trip. Twenty-nine students earned six hours of credit as they studied sites in Israel and traveled through famous places in the life of Christ for two weeks. Students saw significant locations throughout the Bible come to life as they walked the streets Jesus once walked.

"After this trip, reading the Bible was never quite the same," said Dr. Terry Carter, the Vaught Professor of the Christian Studies. "The text came alive and I can't read things about Moses on Mount Nebo without visualizing it in my head."

The trip visited numerous sites while in Israel such as the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Nebo, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more.

"The Sea of Galilee was so beautiful," said Amanda Seeley, a Christian Studies major from Garland, Texas. "It was everything I had imagined and it was so cool to see where Jesus and his disciples did their ministry."

Dr. Scott Jackson, assistant professor of Christian ministries, felt a deep connection among many of the sites, but one in particular hit him hard.

"One of the most beautiful sites was at Nazareth's highest point," said Jackson. "It was cool to know that's where Jesus would go to have his quiet times."

Sophomore Bryan Davis, a Christian studies major from Sugar Land, Texas, found other cities such as Jerusalem a place of great importance to him for political and historical reasons.

"I loved seeing Jerusalem the most because of the mixture of the three biggest world religions," said Davis. "It was mixed with so many cultures and controversy between Christian denominations and other religions. I felt like I was at the center of the world."

The trip was popular for its rich historical background. Andrew Shotts, a Christian Studies major from Cabot, walked away with a different sort of revelation.

"I learned so much on the Israel trip but there was one particular thing that really affected me," Shotts said. "I learned Israel is not that special. Special things happened there and many times God chose to reveal himself there, but I learned that God cares more about the hearts of the people in Israel rather than the landmarks. This is not to undermine the context the Israel trip gave to the Bible, but God's love for those people affected me more."

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Dr. Scott Jackson teaches students about the landscape outside of Nazareth. Students were amazed as they enjoyed a view of the landscape.

photo courtesy of Sarah Greeson



Dr. Terry Carter baptizes senior Aubrey Elliot in the Jordan River. The Jordan River was the river where Jesus was baptized.

photo courtesy of Sarah Greeson

# The Art of Expression

By: Sarah Henley

The Division of Applied Arts strived to bring awareness of the arts to the campus and community through guest lectures, drawing exhibits and traveling exhibitions.

The Visual Arts Department kept the Hammons Gallery full for all students and faculty to enjoy by hosting, in the fall, The Logo Show, an exhibit that consisted of almost 200 logos designed by esteemed graphic artists Rolando Murillo, Tom Nynas and Brian Owens.

By opening the gallery year round, "Students from other disciplines could see and enjoy the art. It really livened up that part of campus," said Lori Hilburn, a mass communications and management marketing double major from Monticello.

Rick Poynor, a world-renowned writer on graphic design and visual culture, was invited to speak to a group of faculty, staff and a select group of art students about the relationship between pop culture and graphic design.

"The department was able to bring in esteemed designers and artists to tell us what they know and teach us how to make it applicable in our future lives," said Callie Stephens, a senior mass communications major from Conway. "This was hugely beneficial to our current work and future aspirations."

For the second year in a row the Visual Art Department conducted the "Tape on the Walls" exhibit, where a students used black tape to set out a design on the walls of the second floor of Moses-Provine.

In the fall, the department of theatre arts held the traditional, student-directed one act plays along with the children's show "Wiley and the Hairy Man" and "You Have to Serve Somebody." In the spring the department held the Ten Minute Play Festival and Shakespeare's "The Twelfth Night" as well as the musical production, "Bye Bye Birdie."

Theatre arts students involved in the various productions were able to take classes to strengthen their skills. "Voice and movement has been my most beneficial class this year. It has helped me connect the physical aspect to the vocal," said freshman DeCarl Jones, a theatre arts major from Rowlett, Texas. "It has made me aware of every small detail that goes into being a great actor."

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Professor Eric Phillips shows senior Jacob Watson how to create a stage design layout. Theatre Design allowed students the opportunity to explore all areas of the theatre arts.

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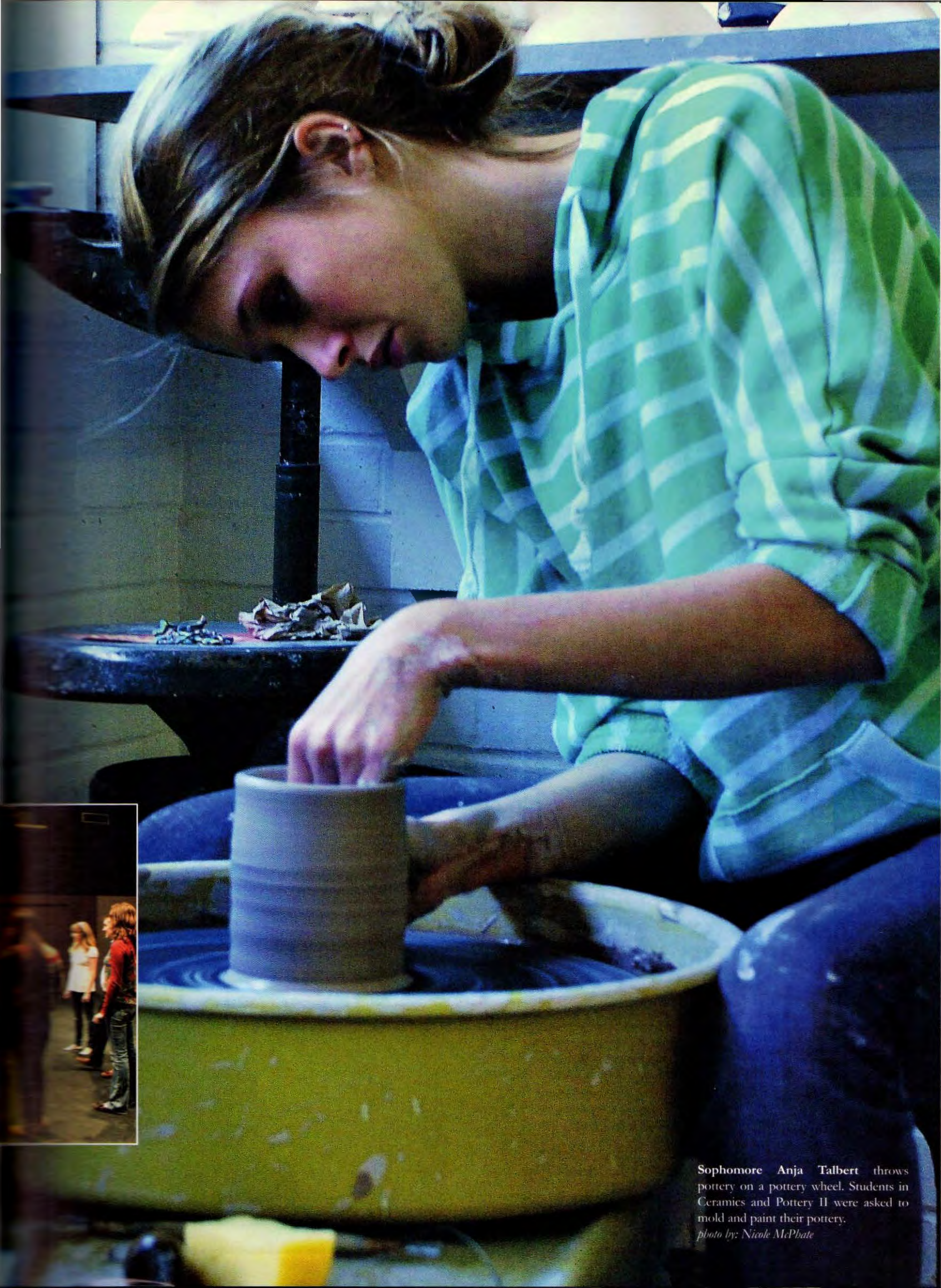
Freshman Katie Hoppman sketches a tribal man. In Drawing I, students were shown different drawing techniques.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Advanced Acting students perform a group exercise. Advanced Acting challenged students to perfect their craft with the help of other aspiring actresses.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Sophomore Anja Talbert throws pottery on a pottery wheel. Students in Ceramics and Pottery II were asked to mold and paint their pottery.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Nathan Courtright, along with sophomores Michael Curtis and Zach Zucha rehearse with the Jazz Band. Jazz Band was one of several music ensembles in which students could participate.

*photo by: Hannah Bishop*



Freshman Zach Smith takes the stage during rehearsal for the fall opera "Don Giovanni." Students were able to participate in many different productions throughout the year.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Senior Alissa Hill and sophomore Bradley Lindsey prepare their instruments before band practice. Concert Band members met on average four hours a week for rehearsal.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



# A Universal Language

By: Jake Coffman

For music majors, school days and sometimes weekends were spent in Mabee Fine Arts Center. Their talents were strengthened through involvement in classes that challenged their hearing and writing abilities as well as rehearsals for the vast array of ensembles.

Core classes allowed them to break free of Mabee, but only for a moment, before they had to return to their "home" in the rehearsal rooms. However challenging fine arts majors were, students chose them as their area of study because of a great passion for music.

The Division of Music never failed to impress. Faculty and students were able to observe the Division of Music through concerts, student recitals, competitions and productions that brought in record-breaking crowds.

One of those competitions was the Shambarger Competition held in the spring. "I am so honored to have won the Shambarger Competition," said Elisabeth Hipp, a senior vocal performance major from Memphis, Tenn. "I am always blown away and humbled by the incredible talent that Ouachita's voice program has. I think this year was one of the best years in terms of stunning performances from every participant."

In the fall, opera students presented "Don Giovanni," a comedic opera. At end of the fall semester the Division of Music hosted the Festival of Christmas which brought together the entire School of Fine Arts.

"This year's Festival of Christmas was a tremendous success," said Dr. Gary Gerber, chair of the division of music and the director of choral activities. "The students did an outstanding job and really presented to our campus and community a wonderful gift to begin the Christmas season."

The spring semester brought the production of the musical "Bye, Bye Birdie," as well as the annual Spring show from Ouachita Sounds and Tiger Blast. Ouachita Singers was chosen to sing at the Arkansas All-State Music Conference in Hot Springs, and the Wind Ensemble performed at churches and high schools in Arkansas and Texas.

Despite the challenges of a busy schedule, including shows and concerts and late night practice sessions into the early morning, if one were to ask any music major how they felt about being in music, almost everyone would answer with something along the lines of: influential, challenging and rewarding.

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Chris Sumner practices in front of his class and choir conducting classes during the spring semester.



Concert Choir members rehearse for a performance. The Concert Choir held concerts for students, faculty, staff and the community.  
photo by: Hannah Bishop

# A Positive Difference

By: Chelsy Lewis

"We are preparing competent, caring teachers who can cultivate learning in others, create meaningful lessons and work collaboratively," said Dr. Merribeth Bruning, dean of the Huckabee School of Education. Housing two departments, the Huckabee School of Education achieved that goal. The department of education had majors in early childhood, middle school and secondary education. The department of kinesiology and leisure studies prepared graduates in three tracks: fitness, recreation and teaching.

The department of kinesiology and leisure study enjoyed their experiential education approach. This meant that professors got students out of the classroom and into the world to learn by doing. This method has been called "a classroom without walls," said Dr. Reynolds, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies. Dr. Reynolds used L.E.A.D for the introduction of this department, Learn, Experience, And Disciple. They pushed their students to lead, and leading is what they did.

With many of the education classes students to go into the schools and teach and observe at different grade levels. Through observation, teaching exercises and student teaching, "we had the opportunity to see what teaching at each grade level would be like," said Elizabeth Davis, a senior education major from Ashdown.

Davis' favorite part of the education department was the professors and the wealth of knowledge they possessed. She also enjoyed the fact that they were so willing to help them outside the classroom. Their doors were always open for them to come by with questions, borrow things, or just ask for their advice. They had the opportunity to sit down and discuss different things about the department during Dinning with the Dean. It allowed them the opportunity to talk about what they liked and what they thought could have been done better.

Overall, the Huckabee School of Education knew the impact they were making on tomorrow's teachers. "OBU education students really do see teaching as a ministry. They want to make a positive diffence in the lives of children and youth," added Bruning. "They strive to make learning interesting and fun, going beyond just the standards that are expected."



Juniors Abby Faulkner and Allison Frizzell demonstrate a counting technique. Students practiced teaching on each other before going in the classroom.  
*photo by: Jessica Bowling*

Senior Natalie Carroll leads other students in a learning technique she designed. Students followed as Carroll used techniques discussed in class.  
*photo by: Jessica Bowling*



Junior Whitley Poole engages in an interactive learning project. She worked in pairs to complete the project.  
*photo by: Jessica Bowling*



Professor Kylie White hands back an assignment in a kinesiology class. The department of kinesiology and leisure studies prepared students to instruct various types of physical activities.

*photo by Megan Ruggles*



Dr. Johnny Wink lectures in his mythology class while wearing his big and easy doofus t-shirt. Professors in the Department of English were known for their unique teaching styles.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Freshman CJ Bernard listens to a public speaking lecture. Students were given instruction and then applied their knowledge by giving speeches throughout the semester.  
*photo by: Megan Ruggles*

Junior Tanner Huffman designs a layout in the Speer Digital Lab. The lab provided 18 Macintosh computers for students to use.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*





# A Lifestyle of Learning

By: Tori Abellera

With the goal to look for ways to work together as a faculty and to enhance the curriculum, the School of Humanities made the decision to combine the departments of mass communication and speech communications. The William Fenna and Emily Rogers Department of Communications still offered two degree programs, but the merger of the departments and the move to one central location allowed the faculty to teach in both areas and provide more learning opportunities for the students. "The faculty in both degree programs are qualified to teach in mass communication and speech communications, so it made sense to combine the departments and better utilize our faculty," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the School of Humanities.

The department added one new faculty member, Tiffany Eurich, a 2005 Ouachita graduate. "Tiffany's expertise in broadcast performance was a highlight for our students this year," said Dr. Deborah Root, chair of the Rogers Department of Communications. "We also kept her busy with courses in newswriting, speech and online media, as well as advising the online Signal."

In addition to its regular publications, the communications department worked with the English department to redesign the literary publication, "Scope." This year's publication included photography as well as the traditional poetry and short essay selections. The English department debuted "Scope" at Scholars' Day in April. The English department also brought to campus Gary Schmidt, a professor at Calvin College and author of children's books. Schmidt spoke at area schools and at chapel on children's literature.

The Department of Modern Languages also did some re-structuring during the year, as two of its faculty members taught half time as they entered the phased retirement program. The department continued to offer courses in Spanish, French, German and Russian. "The foreign language department did a great job providing students with the ability to learn another language and visit other countries to use it," said TC Squires, a junior education, mathematics and Spanish triple major from Sherwood. Foreign language students also took part in international programs including Costa Rica, Spain and France. Two English faculty members also taught foreign language. Dr. Wink continued to teach Latin, and Dr. Mary Beth Long taught French.

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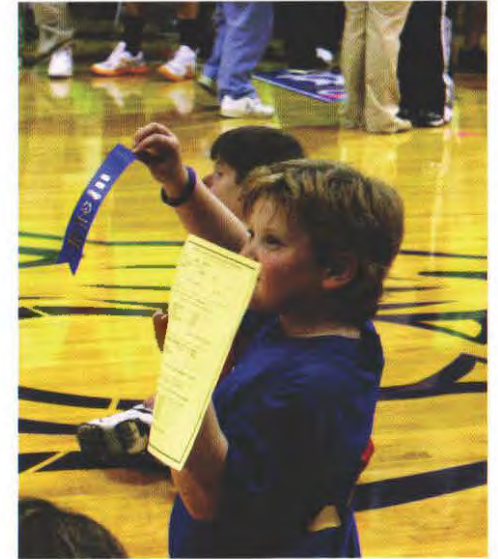
**Junior Nate Peace** films an interview in Broadcast Journalism class. Broadcast Journalism was one way mass communications students gained experience working both in front of and behind the camera.  
photo by: Jessica Bowling

**Taylor Stanford** takes notes in Spanish lecture. All students were required to take two semesters of a foreign language.  
photo by: Sarah Sparkes

# A Little Different

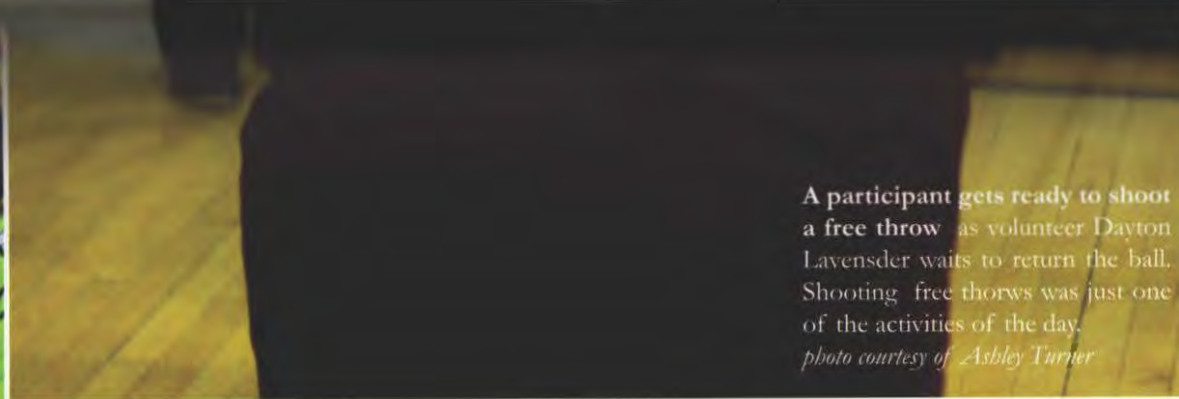


**Dr Mike Reynolds** hands out trophies at the awards ceremony. Reynolds was one of the major forces behind Special Olympics Basketball.



**A participant** shows off his ribbon and certificate. Everyone who participated in the day's events received a ribbon or trophy for their hard work.  
*photo courtesy of: Ashley Turner*

**A group of** volunteers welcome athletes to the gym. Special Olympics Basketball had over 250 volunteers to help with the day's events.  
*photo courtesy of: Kelsey Frink*



A participant gets ready to shoot a free throw as volunteer Dayton Lavensder waits to return the ball. Shooting free throws was just one of the activities of the day.  
*photo courtesy of Ashley Turner*

# A Different Athlete

By: Becca Watts

Bill Vining Arena was normally filled with the type of athlete who was competitive to the point where nothing else mattered; the type of athlete who wanted to win at almost any cost. But on February 17, Bill Vining Arena was filled with the type of athlete whose smile lit up the gym and whose goal was to have fun. They were the athletes of Special Olympics Basketball.

For the past nine years, the Adapted Physical Education class hosted Special Olympics Basketball. "It affords my students the opportunity to serve others, to interact with students with a disability, to view various disabilities first hand (i.e. intellectual disability, seizures, visually impaired, mobility impaired, etc.), to develop leadership and management skills, and to develop empathy and compassion for others," said Dr. Mike Reynolds, chair of the kinesiology and leisure studies department and coordinator for Special Olympics Basketball.

Students in the Adapted Physical Education Methods class made preparations for the event and then volunteers from other areas in the Huckabee School of Education and from across campus assisted with the activities. "It's a great way to bring our textbook to life," said Dr. Terry Dewitt, professor of biological sciences and professor of the adapted physical education class.

According to Reynolds, there are two important aspects to hosting Special Olympic Basketball. "First, the paradigm shift that occurs with my students. They are nervous, anxious, and hesitant to work with students with disorders," said Reynolds. "Why, because most have never been around a student with a disorder. Midway through the events, the nervousness, anxiety and hesitation melt away and they realize this is fun and they can do this. Second is the glow I see from the volunteers and participants working together. During the day, they develop a special bond."

"Seeing those kids and how happy and full of life they are despite some of the problems they have was very encouraging," said Macy Epp, a freshman early childhood education major from Little Rock. "They live out every day and are happy with who they are. We could learn so much from them."

A participant throws a ball back on to the parachute after a game of parachute popcorn. After completing all of the activities, volunteers led participants in parachute activities while other groups finished.

*photo courtesy of Kelsey Frink*

Junior Natalie Holmes reads to a group of participants. Early childhood education students were asked to read to participants during their lunch.

*photo courtesy of Kelsey Frink*



# An Applied Science

By: Chelsy Lewis

Students of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences were awarded for their outstanding achievements and dedication to learning. 17 students had the opportunity to work on a variety of research projects in partnership with a professor or mentor.

Twenty-three students had the opportunity to represent the school at the Arkansas IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence conference in Fayetteville. Among the 23 students who participated, 20 presented research results via poster or oral presentations. Three students won awards and cash prizes.

Senior John Gomez, a chemistry, biology and English triple major from Conway, won first place in the biological science oral division. Senior Emily Coffman, a chemistry major from Hattiesville, won second place in the biological science poster division. Also, Senior Grace Whitaker, a biology major from Victoria, Texas, won second place in the chemistry and biochemistry poster division.

The biology department accepted participation in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science Education Alliance (HHMI-SEA). Students were also able to participate in the prestigious National Genomics Research Initiative.

Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences, was proud to announce that Ouachita had its first graduates from the Software Engineering program – Rachel Griffith, Stephen Jones, and Trent Schmidt this May. “We have the only Software Engineering program in Arkansas,” said Jeffers.

The Patterson School of Natural Sciences stood out by creating new events and bringing back old traditions. Faculty and students welcomed Mary Virginia Orna, professor of chemistry at New Rochelle College in New York and editor-at-large of Chemical Heritage magazine, to spend three days on campus delivering her lecture titled “Five Thousand Years of Chemistry.”

The Mathematics and Computer Science Department held the first ever Pi Day Extravaganza, complete with carnival booths sponsored by social clubs.

The dietetics program offered students a quality education while serving the community through nutrition programs. “The dietetics department combines head knowledge with hands on experience allowing us to apply and better grasp what we are learning,” said Heidi Siner, a senior dietics major from Grandville, Mich.

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Senior Domino Miller ices freshman Leith Hobbs' foot after practice. Students in the Athletic Training Program gained experience working with athletes.  
*photo by: Lara Overman*

Students work on a chemistry experiment during chemistry lab. Students applied what they learned in the classroom during labs.  
*photo by: Lara Overman*



Stacy Freeman holds a discussion in her nutrition class. Students in the program prepare for careers in dietetics and nutrition.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparkes*



Communication Sciences and Disorders majors work as a group to learn the inner parts of the ear. This knowledge was valuable in working with clients in the speech/hearing clinic.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



**Junior Angel Acosta** gives a presentation to his Age of Reason class. The course was taught by Dr. Casey Motl.

*photo by: Megan Ruggles*



**Students listen** and takes notes during a World History lecture. World History was a required course for all history majors and minors.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

**Dr. Doug Reed** holds a class discussion in Constitutional Law. The course gave students the opportunity to examine the US Constitution in depth.

*photo by: Lori Hilburn*



# An Inspiring Endeavor

By: Tanner Huffman

During the summer before the fall semester, students of the Sutton School of Social Sciences presented research at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in Boston. Students were able to participate in studies such as "The Influence of Identity Status and Age on Facebook Use" and "The Effect on Sentence Priming on Preoccupation with Weight."

Amy Guiomard, a senior psychology major from Hannibal, Mo, was able to be involved in one of the presenting teams. "I really enjoyed getting to see so much research; it was amazing how many different studies were presented. The sessions on getting published and getting into grad school were also encouraging."

In the Department of History, Dr. Tom Auffman led students in studying "mankind's past endeavors to inspire them for future endeavors," he said.

Students were also able to experience benefits from the department's passionate faculty in which two new professors were added: Eric Goddard and Bethany Hicks. "The benefits of my history degree are endless," said Katie Osment, a senior history, spanish and mass communications triple major from Jonesboro. "Not only does this department prepare you for future careers, it gives a new perspective of the world and of those who have come before us."

In the department of Sociology, Dr. Elizabeth Kelly was added as a new faculty member. In addition to teaching, Kelly served as a research associate for teh Elrod Center.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in Washington Seminar and Model U.N. "Studying political science has not only allowed me to understand our government and political system, but also to grow and develop my own opinions concerning the way things work," said Austin King, a junior political science major from Arkadelphia. "I have learned to embrace both my spiritual thoughts and political thoughts and use them to my advantage. My journey of learning will only develop more as I continue in the program."

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participate in a class discussion in Introduction to Sociology class. The class is required for majors and was a lecture class.

photo by Hannah Bishop



Juniors Hillary Hill and Brandon Stokes work together in Counseling Psychology. Students were asked to collaborate and work together on group assignments.

photo by: Ashley Young

# A Change of Scenery

By: Mauri Sparks

To most students, every semester looked the same. But some decided on change of scenery by studying abroad, experiencing foreign cultures for months at a time.

There were chances to go to many countries including: Australia, Austria, China, Costa Rica, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, and the United Kingdom. The Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education helped students fulfill the dream of studying abroad.

"The Grant Center manages over 13 different options for students and works to make the process as seamless as possible," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement and director of the Grant Center.

Cosh said many students who studied abroad were changed by their experiences. "Students who study abroad generally feel more independent, inquisitive, self-confident, appreciative of their own culture, and much more likely to feel empowered to travel and navigate the world of which they are a part," said Cosh.

"Seeing the world was incredible and so much fun, but most of all it really made me appreciate the community at Ouachita and how blessed I really am," said Jillian Sharp, a sophomore studio art major from Little Rock.

Students in the school of Christian Studies could choose an alternative approach to studying abroad through the Hands On program. This allowed students to meet the required hours for a missions emphasis in the school of Christian Studies while getting hands-on experience doing mission work in foreign countries.

During the summer, students had the opportunity to travel to western Europe with the European Study Tour. "The European Study Tour is a trip of a lifetime. You get the chance to see more than any other way of travelling through Europe," said Dr. Barbara Pemberton, co-director of the European Study Tour.

"Taking the class and studying hundreds of paintings, I didn't realize how much it would affect me to see the paintings in person," said Natalie Gregory, a senior early childhood education major from Jonesboro.

Both studying abroad, working to make a difference and travelling through Europe opened students up to the greater world around them. "Understand that it is truly a once in a lifetime experience," said Cosh.



Sophomore **Jillian Sharp** and England friends look over the Oslo Harbor in Norway. A total of 17 students studied at Liverpool Hope University in the spring. *photo courtesy of: Jillian Sharp*



Junior **Caitlyn Wamble** plays basketball with intercity kids in China. Through the Hands On program, students were able to earn credit for doing missions work. *photo courtesy of: Caitlyn Wamble*



Senior **Liz Richardson** learns about humming birds in Puerto Rico. Her program at the University of Puerto Rico gave a month-long alternative to students seeking foreign language. *photo courtesy of: Annie Gerber*





**Junior Rachel Harris** and senior **Amber Oee** journal while at the Roman Forum. Students on the European Study Tour traveled across western Europe for three weeks during the month of May.  
*photo courtesy of Raouf Hlalaty*



The Advertising Campaigns class presents their final presentation to their client, the Admissions Office. The Campaigns class created a complete AD/PR campaign for the Admissions Office to use the next fall.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Drew Harper presents his research on staph to freshman Garrett West. Harper's research was with the National Center for Toxicology Research.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Freshman Katie Hoppman receives a subscription to an art magazine after winning the student competitive art show for work done outside of the classroom. Hoppman's piece was, "Going the Distance."

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



# An Academic Showcase

By: Jake Coffman

For years, students had been showcasing their talents in their classes through papers, projects, and other various forms of assignments. With Scholars Day, students had the opportunity to showcase their work to the entire campus.

Scholars Day was started 10 years ago by Dr. Tim Knight and Dr. Joe Jeffers in an effort to spark interdisciplinary interest in all four ranks of under and upperclassmen. In its first year in 2001, 56 presentations were presented. In 2011, that number grew to 126 and continued to grow. Scholars Day was a beneficial force among students, who normally fixate into their majors and rarely see the other majors that make up the campus. But with Scholars Day, students were given the opportunity to see works by other students in their area of study and expand their educational horizon.

"Some of the work created by students is so good that it needs to be seen by all students," said Dr. Barbara Pemberton, associate professor of Christian Missions and the director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program. "That is what Scholars Day is for, celebrating the best academic work happening at Ouachita in order to kindle afresh the excitement of discovery and learning."

"I really liked how people were interested in what we were doing. It was fun to explain to them what we were doing in the science building. I think some people didn't realize what we were working on and how significant it is," said Whitley Hoppe, a junior biology major from Montgomery, Texas.

To participate in Scholars Day, students were required to pass two gate keepers who judged their presentation to see if it was worthy of showing. First, the student must have the endorsement of a faculty sponsor to submit a presentation and second, an Honors Council member, who was the faculty representative from each student's academic school, must judge the project worthy of presenting on Scholars Day.

While the majority participated through their major, some participated not through their major, but through the Honors Program. Ananda Boardman, a senior political science and Spanish double major from Geronimo, Texas, presented her senior thesis "Body of Lies," a presentation on U.S. government propaganda and media framing in war.

"Presenting 'Body of Lies' at Scholars Day gave me the chance to share my finished work with both faculty members and my friends," said Boardman. "As I couldn't have done it without their encouragement, it was great to be able to show them my finished thesis."

Scholars Day gave students the chance to showcase their work and turned into a beneficial annual event for students and faculty alike. It created a spark of interest for students in areas other than their applied major, proved to be an innovative way for students to apply what they had learned.

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*-Ananda Boardman*

*Senior*



Jessica Schlieff presents her thesis in the Walker Conference Room. Upon completion of her presentation, Schlieff had fulfilled all requirements for the Carl Goodson Honors program.

Photo: Mike Grigsby

Two football players share in the excitement of a play during the Homecoming game. The Tigers defeated the North Alabama Lions 24-23 in overtime.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



# Sports



Athletics were an important part of life at Ouachita. While some athletes made a difference being named to All Academic and conference teams, others made a difference by their service to the community through Tiger Serve Day. The basketball teams demonstrated what it means to make a difference when they hosted the Pink Out games for cancer awareness, and the softball team raised money for an athlete on an opposing team who was battling cancer. When the first collegiate wrestling program in the state was added at Ouachita, the men who wrestled as individuals, but supported one another, showed us

*The difference* between playing a sport and becoming a team.

# Heading In The Right

Every season was different. It was shaped by the players, the leaders, the coaches, and the fans. Every year set the stage for the next, and reflected the choices and consequences of the last. This was quite a year for Tiger football. With stable coaching, strong leaders, and an energized and committed group of fans, Tiger Nation saw the football team grow in confidence and performance.

"We had our leaders spread out like we really haven't before," said Head Coach Todd Knight. "A good year really depends on the perseverance of the leaders, and we had them spread out on both offense and defense, and that made a big difference."

Among those differences were some broken records. Heading the offense was quarterback Eli Cranor who broke two OBU records for single season passing as well as total offensive yards. "We had a lot of confidence this year," Cranor said. "There wasn't a game we felt we couldn't win."

Terrence Garrett, a senior linebacker, also had a great year, finishing with the most tackles for the second time in his career. Garrett said, "We've developed a winning attitude. This was the first year we weren't underdogs. That gave us a lot of confidence."

With an overall record of 6-4, the Tigers had a winning season for the third straight year. "We had a good year," Coach Knight said "It could have been a phenomenal year. We felt good about it. The guys are building confidence and we feel like the program is going the direction we want it to."

A high point for the season was the Homecoming game against North Alabama, a team that had not been beaten by an Arkansas team in years. "We were in control of what was happening and it really did a lot for us," said senior defensive lineman Bryan Church.

Close games against Valdosta and Delta State tipped the wrong way and proved to be the difference in making it to the Gulf South Conference playoffs. The Tigers earned a record high of 10 spots on the All-GSC team.

## Direction

By: Carmen Merrick

Sophomore Troy Shoate made an interception against Texas College. Tigers defeated the Steers 70-0 in the Sept. 2 game.

photo by: Alexis Johns

The offensive line blocks for a play against Arkansas-Monticello. The team gained over 4,500 yards of total offense for the season.

photo by: Gary Gerber



Senior Eli Cranor looks for an open receiver downfield. Cranor broke school records in passing and total yards.

photo by: Gary Gerber





**J.R. Eldridge** discusses a new strategy during the Harding game. The team finished in a 37-34 win for the Tigers.  
*Photo by Molly Anne Turner*



**Football Team** members are **Front Row:** A.J. Williams, Nico Hobbs, Casey Cooper, Troy Shoate, [unclear], Desmond Smoot, David Robinson, Eli Cranor, Clinton Dewitt, Jaime Harris, Phillip [unclear], Travis Anderson, Adam Cooper, Blake Burkett. **Second Row:** Benson Jordan, Chad [unclear], Terrence Garrett, Nathan Hohulin, Jonathan Browning, Chris Rycra, Tyler George, Jeremy [unclear], Demarcus Collier, Jamerson Tolbert, Patrick Dukes, Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, Daniel McGee. **Third Row:** Jermichael Smith, Dijon Benton, Ricky Brown, Landon Freeman, Colby Miller, Nick [unclear], Jackson Guerra, Chase Nichols, John Simmers, Jason Fowler, Tony Malfer, Tyler Robinson, [unclear], Andrew Ahfield, Ezekial Garcia, Ryan Gorman. **Forth Row:** Brandon Womble, [unclear], Clark Gaddis, Dion Young, Quint Ashburn, Devin Ball, Ja Darius Dade, Matt Sawyer, [unclear], Roy Richard, Tron Ross, Tucker Gilbert, Joe Ochterbeck, Makio Houston, Jacob [unclear], Hunter Soper. **Fifth Row:** Cory Godbolt, Trey Reagan, Cory Matlock, Kyle Smith, Ugo Nkalari, [unclear], Jesse Pennington, Zack Bernard, Brian Griffitt, Aaron Sprinkle, Brent Calhoun, [unclear], Austen Hybsha, Kyle Garner, Garrett Sykes, Jake Kraus, Xavier Acklin. **Sixth Row:** [unclear], Justin Waite, Standrick Williams, Brandon Huckaba, Peyton Tolliver, Ryan Tibbets, [unclear], Shaun Hawkins, Westley Martin, Bryan Church, Taurus Williams, Michael Happell, Sam [unclear], [unclear], Caleb Ramsey, Justin Kirst, C.J. Bernard, Breland Houston. **Back Row:** [unclear], Mark Kelly, John Johnson, no name, Brett Shockley, Head Coach Todd Knight, J.R. [unclear], Roy Thompson, Adam Olson, Frank Espy, Chris Scarborough.

*Photo by Molly Sherman*

## Scoreboard

Texas College	70-0
Nebraska-Omaha	38-23
Arkansas-Monticello	31-37
Harding University	37-34
Valdosta State	9-21
Arkansas Tech	28-7
North Alabama	24-23
Henderson State	26-35
Delta State	27-33
Southern Arkansas	52-34

*Season Record: 6-4*

# New Addition Brings

# More Spirit

By: Chelsy Lewis

The Spirit Squad added a new group of girls to the program: the pom squad. Coach Brian Bridges was in charge of both the cheerleaders and the pom squad. The pom squad's goal was to help the cheerleaders build and lead school spirit.

The girls met for four days at cheer camp in Hot Springs in the summer. To participate in camp, the girls from both squads had to run two miles under 23 minutes before the first morning practice started. They had early morning practice along with afternoon practice. The girls were treated to facials and makeup tips from Mary Kay makeup artists to make sure faces were game-day ready. Team bonding was very important to the Spirit Squads. After dinner, squad bonding activities took place. Bridges held a cookout at Lake Hamilton for all the girls on the last day to show his support and appreciation for their hard work during the four-day camp.

To prepare for football season both squads practiced Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. The squads performed together during pregame and also did a half time show during one of the games. The cheerleaders competed in Hot Springs at the Turkey Jam cheer competition in November, where they placed first, to help prepare them for their trip to the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Fla.

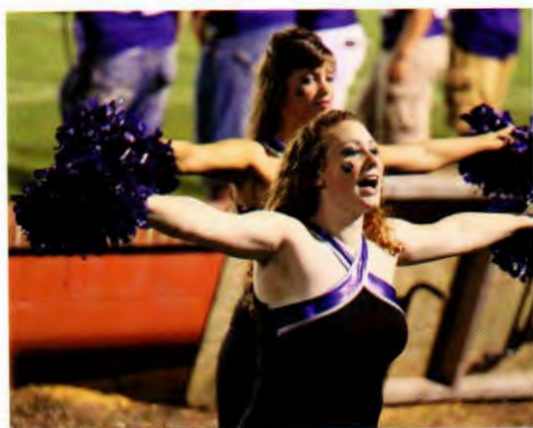
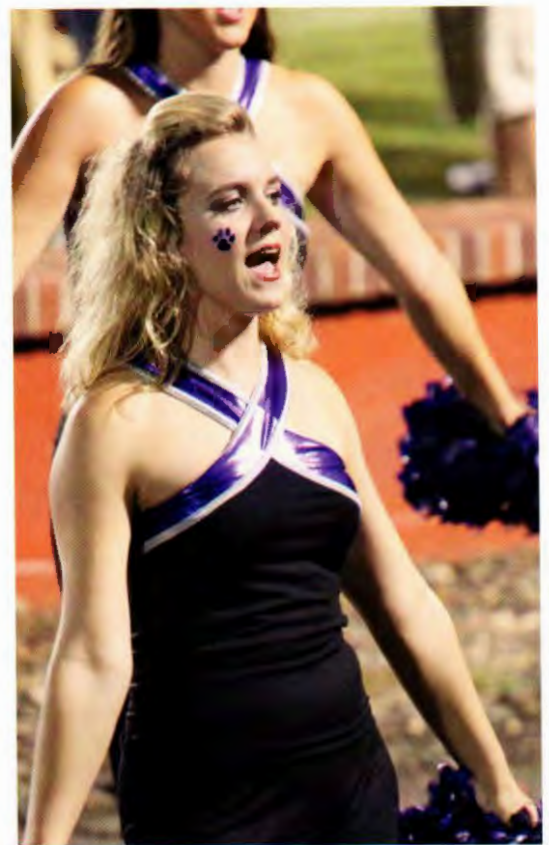
To raise money for all the expenses, the squad sold OBU vs. HSU t-shirts during football season. They also worked a cheer competition in Hot Springs doing various duties such as tabulating scores, setting up the stage, working t-shirt booths, ticket booths and working behind the stage with the competing squads.

The cheerleaders moved back to school in early January to prepare for the national competition. They practiced and conditioned daily to be at the top of their game. The cheer squad performed well but did not make it to finals. While in Orlando, the squads had the opportunity to explore Disney Park for a couple days.

The Spirit Squad also supported the men and women of the basketball teams at all of their home games and followed the women's basketball team to the NCAA conference and regional tournaments.

Freshman Anna McCulloch cheers with the pom squad alongside the cheer squad. While the two squads performed together, the pom squad incorporated more dance into their routines.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Stephanie Morse dances to "Eye of the Tiger" as the Tiger Band plays for the crowd. Morse was captain of the pom squad.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Spirit Squad members lead a pep rally in the amphitheater. Pep rallies were held during the week before home games.

photo by: Nicole McPhate







Freshman Mary Ellen Hunthrop stunts at a home football game. Hunthrop was one of 11 freshmen on the cheer squad.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Spirit Squad members are *Front Row:* Amanda Seely, Libby Harrington, Stephanie Morse, Anna McCulloch, Casey Knight; *Second Row:* Ashley Bell, Chelsy Lewis, Keena Dickey, Kelley Lester, Kelsey Lamb, Kristen Barnard, Ashleigh Canada, Mikki Gaines, Taylor Skinner; *Back Row:* Austin Selph Chelsea Ariola, Krista Carlisle, Leah Harrington, Tyler King, Carrington Tillery, Charles Tillery, Caleb Stephens, Rod Arnold.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Marching To A More

As energetic students piled into the football stadium and fans began to take their seats to watch the game, a particular group of students had been preparing and practicing for countless hours on a performance they were about to share with the student body. This group was the Tiger Marching Band.

Members of the Marching Band such as Jeremy Prine, a senior church music major from Hazen, particularly enjoyed the theme for this year, "David Matthews Band." The show was arranged by director Mr. Robert Hesse, and conducted by Elyse Senteney at halftime during football games.

"This year's theme was a lot more modern than in the past years," said Prine. "I loved it because I started listening to David Matthews Band in the last year and I really liked them."

The Tiger Marching Band also had a unique opportunity to show their spirit and talents at the Battle of the Ravine Pep rally. "We have always had fun at the pep rallies, but this year we had a Battle of the Ravine band-off," said Prine. "We played songs back and forth against the Henderson band and I had never done that before."

In addition to events such as these, band members like Deborah Caldwell, a sophomore instrumental music education major from Siloam Springs, participated in the band's Tiger Blast for Tiger Tunes that presented a Lady Goga themed performance.

"Tiger Blast was so fun this year!" said Caldwell. "It was really fun to get outside our marching band box and try something new."

Besides the performances and events the band participated in, several moments from rehearsals and games held many fond memories for members.

Prine said, "It's a large group of people that you are with every day, and everyone is not always happy to be there, but you still have to get everything done. You get close to those people while working toward the same goal. We do that all semester and when it's done, you feel accomplished and it's a lot of fun in the end."

## Modern Beat

By: Abbey Jamieson

Freshman John Hewitt marches the drumline to the field. The band formed at tailgating parties and student body to the field.

*photo by: Molly Ann Turner*

Band members perform their show at halftime. The theme this year is "Dave Matthews Band."

*photo by: Molly Ann Turner*



The Brass section plays in the stands during a home football game. The band provided spirit numbers for the cheer and dance squads.

*photo by: Molly Ann Turner*





Freshman Megan Graves performs during a home football game. The band played hits including "Eye of the Tiger" and "Goodbye."  
*photo by Molly Ann Turner*



Nathan Courtright and Alex [unclear] played a big part in halftime festivities. The event included cheer, colorguard and musical performances.  
*photo by Callie Stephens*



Sophomore Erica Porter plays the oboe to the melody of a Lady Gaga number. "Poker Face" was both a halftime performance and the band's Tiger Tunes number.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

# Attempting To Put It

The Lady Tigers may not have had the kind of season they hoped for, but they did have a winning season in the end. Though conference play did not go well for the team, they ended most matches with a two-point loss, showing they were not too far from victory.

At the Christian Brothers Tournament in Memphis, Tenn., the Lady Tigers started their season with a 4-0 sweep. They remained unbeaten in non-conference with wins over Philander Smith College, Lyon College, and Hendrix College. The Hendrix College tournament in Conway led the girls to an 11-0 start.

Head Coach Danny Prescott said he noticed something different about the girls this season. He said it was a key factor in their overall success and a life lesson that will help the girls in their successes throughout college and afterward.

"Volleyball is the very essence of a team sport. Unfortunately, it is very easy to get lost in individual statistics and become concerned with individual successes. The girls bought into the idea of working hard for the team," said Prescott.

Conference proved to be a trying time for the Lady Tigers. The team dropped all of their conference matches, with the exception of sweeping Arkansas-Monticello twice.

Allison Frizzell, a sophomore mathematics major from McKinney, Texas, and Megan Askew, a sophomore mathematics major from Fort Worth, Texas, were both named to the All-GSC Volleyball Second Team. "Both girls are extremely talented at their respective positions, and they each contribute to the success of the team," said Prescott.

Frizzell led the conference with 6.98 in digs and was second in the nation. She was also on the Christian Brothers Invite All-Tournament Team on Sept. 7 and named GSC Defensive Player of the week on Sept. 28. Askew received her first GSC volleyball award. She led the conference in blocks per game with 1.13 and was number 20 in the nation.

The end of the season brought the Lady Tigers to 14-12 overall with a 2-10 record in the Gulf South Conference. "The team scratched the surface of their potential this season," said Prescott. "Success for these young ladies is just around the corner."

## By: Mauri Sparks All Together

Senior Kaitlyn Mitcham spikes the ball in the 3-0 match against Arkansas-Monticello. Mitcham had 137 kills for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Matt Sawyer



Junior Libby Merrit goes up for a block against a Lady UAM Bollweevil. Merrit was second on the team in blocks.

photo by: Matt Sawyer

Junior Kristyn Howk spikes the ball at Henderson State. The match ended in a 0-3 loss for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens





## Scoreboard

Christian Brothers Tournament	3-1,3-2,3-1
Cameron	3-0
Philander Smith	3-0
Lyon College	3-1
Hendrix College Tournament	3-2,3-0,3-1
Champions Baptist	3-1,3-0
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Christian Brothers	2-3
Arkansas- Monticello	3-2
Henderson	0-3
Texas A&M- Commerce	0-3
Southern Arkansas	0-3
Harding	2-3
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Christian Brothers	2-3
Arkansas- Monticello	3-0
Alabama- Huntsville	1-3
Henderson	0-3
Philander Smith	3-0
Southern Arkansas	0-3
Harding	0-3
<i>Season Record: 14-12</i>	

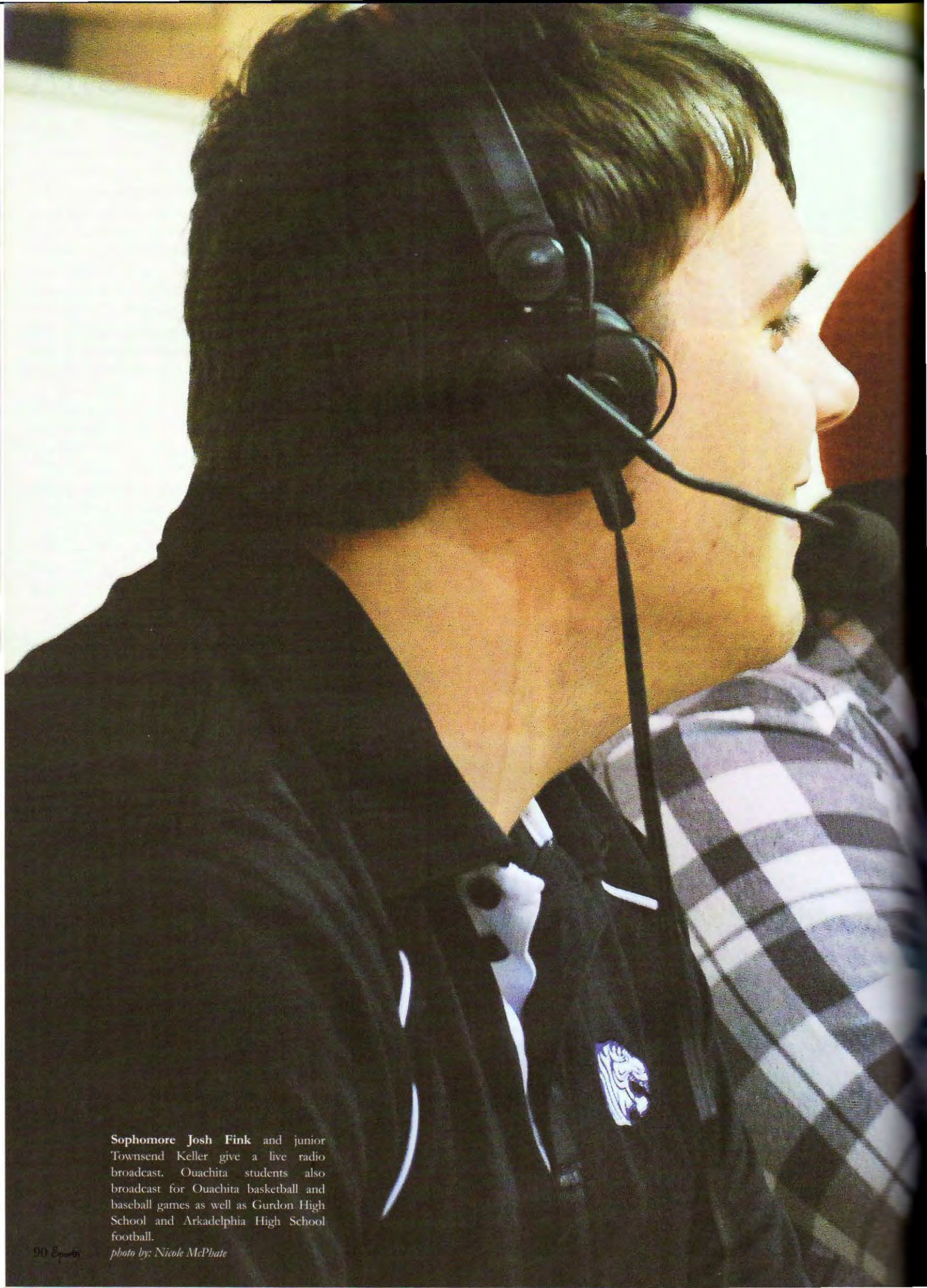


**Volleyball Team** members are: **Front Row:** Lauren Stuart, Stephanie Bayne. **Second Row:** Libby Merrit. **Third Row:** Kelsi Bodine, Allison Fizzell, Kristyn Kowk, Jillian Jeffcoat, Kaitlyn Mitcham, Ryleigh Lay, Team Manager Natalie Whitehouse. **Back Row:** Head Coach Danny Prescott, Assistant Coach Raichel Settle, Lizzy Bauman, Madison Scott, Faith Avalos, Kate Strom, Megan Askew, Sara Wareback, Lexie Hegi, Trainer TJ White.

*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

Lexie Hegi sets the ball for a  
... led the team in total sets for

*by Matt Sawyer*



Sophomore Josh Fink and junior Townsend Keller give a live radio broadcast. Ouachita students also broadcast for Ouachita basketball and baseball games as well as Gurdon High School and Arkadelphia High School football.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



# Broadcasting: Turn

By: Glenn Leroy Bolton III  
**Your Radio On!**

It is a classical scene across small towns throughout America. The stadium was packed with family and friends to cheer on their young athletes. The cheerleaders were riling up the crowds and the concession stand was consuming America's favorite drive-in's profits. For the crowds there was a sense of unifying pride as they combat their rivals on the field. In towns like Gurdon, Arkansas, it was cheap entertainment as they pack in to cheer for the Go Devils.

In the meantime, Josh Fink, a sophomore mass communications major from Forney, Texas, and Townsend Keller, a junior mass communications major from Celina, Texas, prepped for a live radio broadcast of the game. Fink plugs in the phone and taps the line back into the KIX 106.9 FM while Keller was on the sidelines talking to the coaches and discovering how the night will most likely unfold for the Go Devils.

Fink and Keller have both enjoyed sports from an early age. Keller played every line position, full back and tight end in football while in high school. Fink played football from seventh to tenth grade for the Forney Jackrabbits.

Keller had integrity in the service he provided for the community. He showed up early to interview coaches and got accurate information for the play-by-plays. Fink also prepped before the games. "When I know I have a game coming up, I like to spend hours preparing stats and interesting facts about the teams before going on the air," said Fink.

Fink grew a lot from covering the Go Devils, all the while building his broadcast profile. "Since I began broadcasting games, I have become a much more outgoing person due to the confidence in myself that I have found through broadcasting," said Fink.

Fink was responsible for setting up the equipment and the behind the-scenes work for getting the show on air back at the station. He also assisted Keller in calling the plays on air. "I feel that I have been given an opportunity to positively impact a vast number of people, including casual listeners, parents and even players," said Fink.

Fink and Keller both realize the importance of their job to the community. "This season I watched a team attain their first playoff bid since 2007. It was nothing short of magical to watch and I'm honored I was their voice to the community," said Keller.

# Staying Strong During

# Tough Times

By: Tanner Huffman

When starting midfielder Miranda Lytle, a junior dietetics major from McKinney, Texas, sprained her ankle during a Tiger Tunes stunt, the women's soccer season took a dramatic turn, and the girls had to pull together for a successful last two matches.

"Being out for the last two matches allowed me to see the team come together and push hard through times of trouble," Lytle said.

The Lady Tigers, who were 7-7-2 coming into Tiger Tunes week, still had two important matches following Lytle's injury, one being a Gulf South Conference match against Harding University.

When the team traveled to Searcy to face the Bison, the game came down to the wire, which was a usual for the Lady Tigers in their recent matches. Both teams held scoring throughout regulation game play, but Harding scored after eight minutes of overtime play. Goalkeeper Whitley Hoppe, a senior biology major from Montgomery, Texas, recorded five saves to help hold the Bison in the tight match.

"Harding was a tough match, but we held our own," Head Coach Alex Denning said. "The team really proved their commitment to each other and to being a very competitive group."

The ladies ended their season with a 5-1 victory over Houston-Victoria in Arkadelphia. Forward Beth Wendl, a junior biology major from Plano, Texas, led the team with two goals and three assists. Sophomore Carrie Lieblong, a biology major from Austin, Texas, scored her first goal of the season to end the scoring for the Lady Tigers.

Wendl finished first in the Gulf South Conference in assists, and fourth in goals, while maintaining a 3.47 GPA as a biology and secondary education double major. Because of her accomplishments both on and off the field, she was named to the ESPA CoSida Academic All-District team. Wendl was also named to the Second All-GSC women's soccer team. Mary Whisenhunt, a sophomore communication sciences major from Little Rock, was named to the first team.

"I was honored to be named to both teams," Wendl said. "It felt good to be recognized for what I do both on the field and off. I care a lot about my grades, so it was a good boost of recognition and encouragement."

Sophomore Lauren Hatch dribbles downfield in the match against Palm Beach Atlantic. The Sept. 6 match ended in a 0-3 loss for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Erica Porter



Junior Beth Wendl looks for the receive after a head from junior Miranda Lytle. Wendl led the team in goals scored with 12 for the season.

photo by: Kristen Barnard

Junior Miranda Lytle moves gameplay downfield in the home match against Texas College. The Lady Tigers won the match 4-1.

photo by: Kristen Barnard







Sophomore Mary Whisenhunt throws the ball inbound. Whisenhunt was selected to the First All-GSC team.  
*photo by: Katie Orment*

## Scoreboard

Texas Wesleyan	0-2
Palm Beach Atlantic	0-3
Hendrix College	4-1
Letourneau	8-0
Texas A&M- International	4-1
North Alabama	0-2
Texas College	4-1
Delta State	2-0
Alabama-Huntsville	0-2
West Florida	0-4
Christian Brothers	1-2
West Georgia	2-2
Delta State	5-0
Northeastern State	0-0
Christian Brothers	2-3
Central Baptist	3-0
Harding	0-1
Houston-Victoria	5-1

*Season Record: 8-8-2*



**Soccer Team** members are: **Front Row:** Becca Cochrum, Cara Smith, Becca Shupe, Miranda Lytle, Sydney Phillips, Whitley Hoppe, Sarah Broyles, LaToya Parker, Alex Patterson, Angel Palacios, Beth Wendl, Jody Persson. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Lauren Denning, Kelsey Frink, Haley Whisenhunt, Sarah McKimmey, Carrie Lieblong, Mary Whisenhunt, Taylor Gay, Brittany Davidson, Lauren Hatch, Jessica Allen, Morgan Pitchford, Jessica Reid, Head Coach Alex Denning.  
*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

# Taking It To A Whole

The men's soccer team, consisting of freshmen, sophomores and three seniors, certainly proved to be both hard working and committed. The team collected a 11-6 record, the best season in program history.

Two major factors made the season special for the Tigers. Freshman Taylor Heinsohn, a computer science major from Hallsville, Texas, said the team had good chemistry and worked hard. Heinsohn said, "It's definitely a self discovery thing when you are looking at how hard you work and comparing that to how much you've grown personally and as a team. It's incredible."

Senior Victor Romero, junior a mathematics major from Grand Prairie, Texas, said the team has come a long way and was now a force in the conference every season. "Four years ago, they were going to cut the team. Now, with coach and all he's done, he's basically kept the program alive," said Romero.

In only his third season as head coach, Coach Alex Denning was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year. "I was blown away with the award announcement for Coach of the Year," said Denning. "I'm humbled by it, but it's more of an award for our team as a whole."

Sophomore Rizvan Ceka was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year. "I'm really proud of Riz," Denning said. "He did an excellent job this year. He helps push the rest of the guys hard in practice and that is why we did well in matches." The Tigers were awarded four other spots on the All-GSC team. Senior Alex Tonrey and sophomore Sergiu Postolache were First Team selections. Sophomore Payam Pourjavad and freshman Grayson Townsend were Second Team selections.

The team picked up early wins against Harding and Christian Brothers and advanced all the way to the Gulf South Conference Tournament in Pensacola, Florida, for the second year in a row. However, they suffered a first round defeat to Harding University.

Ceka, Tonrey, and Postolache were selected to the 2010 Daktronics NCAA Division II South Region Men's Soccer Team.

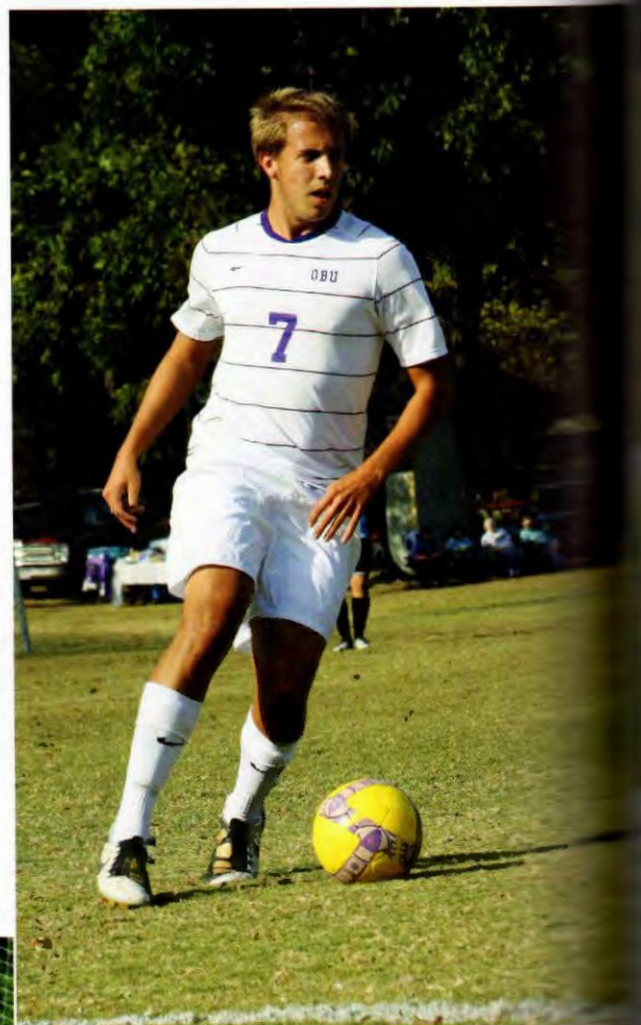
## By: Travis King New Level

Senior John Mark Tohlen looks to pass the ball. Tohlen scored the penalty kick awarded to the Tigers this season.

*photo by: Katie Osment*

Senior Victor Romero makes a tackle in the home match against Brown University. The Golden Eagles defeated the Tigers in the 0-1 match.

*photo by: Molly Ann Turner*



Sophomore JT Goodrum receives a pass from a teammate. Goodrum led the team in game-winning goals with three for the season.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Alex Tonrey makes a cut up the sideline against Christian Brothers. Tonrey was selected to the All-GSC first team.

*photo by: Katie Osment*



Men's Soccer Team members are **Front Row:** Justin Lowry, Jacob Vickery, Ben Pettigrew, Victor Romero, Jared Carlin, Grayson Townsend, Jonathan Kauffman, Wayne Smith, Andrew Davis, Ben Daniel, Taylor Heinsohn, Jason Cantwell, Wesley Cummins. **Back:** Assirant Coach Lauren Denning, Brian Czeka, Bry Goss, Philippe Ichter, Clayton Case, Daniel Johnson, Sergiu Postolache, Payam Tavakoli, Nathan Gay, Alex Tonrey, Connor Burke, JT Goodrum, Garrett Campbell, John Mark ... Head Coach Alex Denning.

*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

## Scoreboard

Texas Wesleyan	3-1
Palm Beach Atlantic	2-0
Letourneau University	3-1
Texas A&M- International	1-4
Harding University	4-1
John Brown	0-1
Delta State	2-0
Alabama- Huntsville	2-0
West Florida	0-1
Christian Brothers	3-1
Delta State	2-3
Northeastern State	3-1
Christian Brothers	1-2
Central Baptist	4-2
Harding	2-0
Houston-Victoria	2-1
Christian Brothers	0-3

*Season Record: 11-6-0*

# Finishing Ahead Of

To be a serious athlete, two things are needed: hard work and dedication. Without one, the other is meaningless. The cross country team showcased both the hard work and dedication to make their team the best it could be. Even with their busy schedules, which included early practices and meets mixed with their schoolwork, the Lady Tigers' drive to succeed allowed for an accomplishing season.

Leading the team was Johanna Casey, a freshman from Rogers. Coming from an intense high school cross country team, Casey was ready for a break from running, but was convinced by Head Coach Mike McGhee to give it a try. Obviously, the right decision was made. Casey led the team to two second place wins and one first place win at the Arkansas-Monticello Invitational. Casey was also named Gulf South Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week after her first win at the Harry Denson Memorial Invitational.

"This year was amazing. We had a small team, but the girls were such blessings and all have amazing hearts," said Casey. "This was a great season for me; God blessed me unexpectedly with my best season yet. This year affirmed that this is the team I am supposed to be a part of. I can't wait to see what God has in store for our entire team in the years ahead."

Aside from their first place win at Arkansas-Monticello, the Lady Tigers also finished second overall at the Harry Denson Memorial Invitational and the Bob Gravette Invitational. The Lady Tigers finished 12th overall in the Gulf South Conference Cross Country Tournament held in Hoover, Ala. Casey led the tigers with a 24th place finish and a time of 20:27.

Head Coach Mike McGhee said, "This year was a challenge for us. We had no seniors, but I had a great group of girls. These girls were as dedicated and hardworking as any group I've seen," said McGhee. "Some girls ran with injuries that most girls would've used as an excuse to sit it out. I've never seen a group with such big hearts for their teammates and for their sport."

Although some bumps along the road crossed their path, the Lady Tigers didn't let adversity stop them from doing what they truly love.

## By: Jake Coffman The Pack

Sophomore Kelsie Wilson runs to stay ahead of her competition. Wilson was in her second year of running for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Kelsie Wilson and freshman Johanna Casey congratulate each other after the race. The Tigers ended with two first place finishes for the season.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Aubry Fry competes in the Bob Gravett Invitational. The Lady Tigers finished second in the meet.

photo by: Callie Stephens



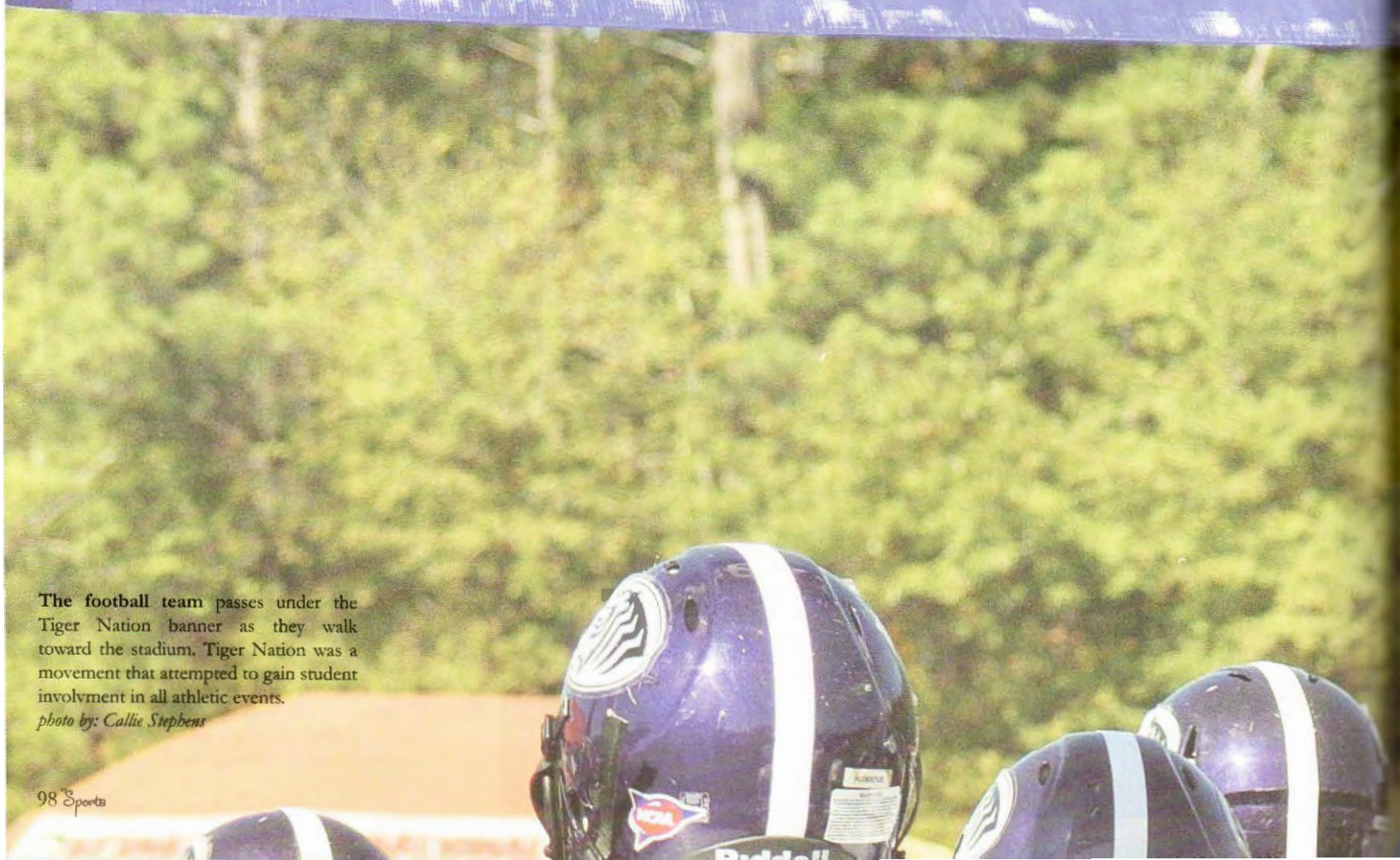
Freshman Johanna Casey makes her way to first place in the Bob Gravett Invitational. Casey was named Gulf South Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week after her first win.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

## Scoreboard

Monticello Invitational	2nd Place
Bob Gravett Invitational	2nd Place
Mulerider Invitational	1st Place
UAM Classic	1st Place
GSC Conference Meet	12th Place



**Cross Country Team** members are: Aubry Fry, Johanna Casey, Rebekah Ward, Kelsie Wilson, Parrish Reed.  
*photo by: Cathy Wilson*



The football team passes under the Tiger Nation banner as they walk toward the stadium. Tiger Nation was a movement that attempted to gain student involvement in all athletic events.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

# Engaging Excellence:

## Tiger Nation

By: Jake Coffman

At any prestigious university, academics are the showcase for any kind of publicity and showmanship for the school. This is great in itself, since academics are the basis for what college stands for: higher education. But underneath that stands a sense of school pride, which encompasses the events of the entire campus, including athletics. This is why Tiger Nation was formed: while athletics play a major role on campus, non-athlete student interaction and support for athletics has become rather slim.

Tiger Nation is a campus-wide organization dedicated to increasing student attendance at and enthusiasm for Ouachita Athletics. It's built around the notion that, no matter what the sport, OBU's student-athletes are all part of one team, and we, as students, faculty, and fans, play a critical role in supporting that team. Ultimately, it's intended as a step toward student identification with the whole of the Ouachita community, and not restricted to majors, social clubs, or any other smaller group, which seems to have taken over the social norm of the campus.

Tiger Nation made its debut this year, the brainchild of Dr. Kevin Motl, assistant professor of history and an avid supporter of Ouachita athletics. He felt that student participation in supporting the athletics program was much smaller than it should be. The student athletes on campus have proven themselves above and beyond, with many accomplishments under their belts that should be noticed and supported by the campus as a whole, not just within the department.

"Put simply, I'm unsatisfied with the level of commitment that the student body demonstrates toward our athletic programs," said Motl. "Our student athletes put their bodies at risk every single time they perform, and put in countless hours of exhausting work to represent Ouachita and achieve a standard of athletic excellence. It's time for the Tiger Nation to step up and engage; be a part of that excellence."

While Dr. Motl is the head of the movement, students have also shown enthusiasm for it and have given their time and commitment to see that it grows on campus.

"Dr. Motle is simply electric," said Justin Young, a freshman business administration management major from Springdale. "You want to be around him and he gets you pumped up for even the littlest thing. His passion is contagious."

A student leadership team is in the works for next year and already students have stepped up and committed to making Tiger Nation a real thing.

Anything that's worth having takes time and commitment, and with the right team behind it, Tiger Nation can become a campus-wide movement that can take Ouachita athletics to a whole new level.

"Showing up is important, but it's not enough," said Motl. "It's time for students to scream for their team, to make noise, and stay to the end—win or lose."

# Going Deeper Into

If you could have asked any of the girls on the team before the season started, they would have said they were going to have a good year. However, the Lady Tigers went above and beyond expectations and advanced all the way to the big dance. The Lady Tigers were eliminated in the first round, but it was a season to remember.

The Lady Tigers started the season with a strong non-conference schedule going 9-3 in their first 12 games losing only to Southeastern Oklahoma, North Alabama, and West Alabama. In Gulf South Conference play, the Lady Tigers proved that they were a force to be reckoned with. The Lady Tigers went 10-5 in GSC competition, with two of those losses coming to top 5 nationally-ranked teams. The Tigers swept Christian Brothers, Henderson State, Harding and Southern Arkansas in conference.

The team qualified for the GSC tournament in Southaven, Mississippi. The Lady Tigers defeated GSC East opponent Valdosta State with a strong performance by A'Laeshia Adams who scored 24 points including 9 free throws. In the next game of the tournament, the Lady Tigers ran into a hot No. 4 Arkansas Tech team, who defeated the Tigers 89-73. Adams led the way with 20 points on 8-of-20 shooting, with five rebounds. Junior Beulah Osueke added 17 points and seven rebounds in the loss. However, the win over Valdosta State solidified an invite to the NCAA South Regional Tournament held in Russellville. The Lady Tigers faced off against No. 21 Florida Southern, and fell short with a score of 87-74. The play of Ouachita senior Gabby Coleman and Osueke kept the Lady Tigers in the game, as Coleman scored a game-high 23 points and Osueke added a double-double at 19 points and 11 rebounds.

The team was lead this season by lone senior Gabby Coleman, who averaged 30.4 minutes per game and 13.7 points per game. Also leading the Lady Tigers was junior point guard Domino Miller from Mountain Home and Adams, who was named to the All-GSC First Team. When talking about the success and the mentality of the team, Miller said, "People were playing for the love of the game and wanting to win championships and that is what it's all about. We had goals such as being conference champions and national champions because we knew that this team is capable." The team certainly turned lots of heads this season finishing with a 20-9 record and a 10-5 record in GSC play.

## The Playoffs

By: Travis King

Junior A'Laeshia Adams attempts a free throw shot for the Tigers. Adams shot 75 percent from the free throw line.  
*photo by: Nicole McPbate*



The team discusses the defense for the next play against Henderson State. The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Reddies both times they played.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Domino Miller looks to take the ball inside the paint. Miller averaged 10 points per game.  
*photo by: Alexis Johns*





Freshman Elise Holman goes up to get the offensive rebound. Holman had 17 rebounds on the year.  
*by Callie Stephens*



## Scoreboard

Alabama-Huntsville	95-73
North Alabama	78-53
Southeastern Oklahoma	75-88
Texas A&M-Commerce	83-61
Mobile	73-57
Texas A&M-International	85-74
Oklahoma Panhandle State	73-54
North Alabama	56-59
Lambuth	83-58
West Georgia	70-61
West Alabama	74-81
UA-Fort Smith	77-68
Harding	76-61
Delta State	61-68
Southern Arkansas	86-66
Christian Brothers	99-76
Arkansas-Monicello	72-69
Henderson State	83-70
Arkansas Tech	79-82
Harding	83-73
Southern Arkansas	71-60
Delta State	71-80
Christian Brothers	78-48
Arkansas-Monticello	71-57
Henderson State	75-65
Arkansas Tech	97-100
<b>Gulf South Conference Tournament:</b>	
Valdosta State	79-74
Arkansas Tech	73-89
<b>NCAA South Region Tournament:</b>	
Florida Sothern	74-87

*Overall Record: 20-9*



**Women's Basketball Team Members are:** Front Row: Gabby Coleman and Maranda Parker. Second Row: Nashia James, Allie Brown, Domino Miller, and Beulah Osueke. Back Row: Head Coach Gary Crowder, A'Laeshia Adams, Tamara Robinson, Shatelia Walker-Scott, Mallory Clutts, Breana Dillard, Elise Holman, Erica Sharp, Sarah Pugh, Gabrielle Grady, Assistant Coach Lizz Webb, and Student Assistant Tori Jones.

*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

# A Solid Start For A

Even though the team had seven returning members, preseason preparation was important for the Tiger basketball team. They practiced two to three hours a day with only one day's rest a week. "We're in there a lot before and after practice just shooting around for fun," said Austin Mitchell, a junior guard from Conway.

In the season opener against Alabama-Huntsville on November 17, the Tigers scored only 39 points. From then, the team did nothing but improve. They had their first win against Baptist Bible College on November 23, scoring 100 points.

Throughout the season, the Tigers won both Battles of the Ravine. In their first meeting on January 27, Austin Mitchell led the Tigers to an 86-63 victory by scoring a game high 23 points, while senior Scott Day scored 14 points. In round two on February 24, Emmanuel Engulu had team highs with 15 points and 9 rebounds while, Day had 12 points and 7 rebounds in the Tiger's 79-70 victory.

The final game of the season was against No. 9 Arkansas Tech who came into the game undefeated in conference play. The Tigers were able to hand the Wonderboys their first loss, thanks to a strong effort by Mitchell who scored 26 points.

"The season was different from ones in the past because we won games with a young team, and that means a lot," said Miles Monroe, a sophomore forward from North Little Rock. The team consisted of only two seniors, forward Scott Day and guard Jeremy Banks. The team also had only one junior, Emmanuel Engulu.

The team clocked a lot of miles on the road. They traveled to Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Texas. Miles' favorite memory was when the team traveled to Texas and watched a NBA game between Dallas Mavericks and the San Antonio Spurs. He also said the reason all the trips, and this past season, were so much fun was because there was no turmoil with anyone and all the members were friends.

In a season that ended 11-15 and 6-8 in GSC play, the highlights were numerous. Junior guard Austin Mitchell led the team with an average of 13.3 points per game. The assist leaders were sophomore guard Nigel Ramsey with 3.5 per game and senior guard Jeremy Banks with 3.4 per game. Senior Scott Day averaged 10.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

## Young Core

By: Chelsy Lewis

Freshman Eric Braeuer takes the ball to the hoop against Henderson State. Ouachita completed the season sweep of Henderson.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Scott Day works to get the ball inside the paint. Day was one of two seniors on the team and averaged 10.9 points per game.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Nigel Ramsey takes a hook shot over the defender's head. Ramsey started in all 26 games and averaged 26.7 minutes per game.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Emmanuel Engulu drives toward the basket for a layup. Engulu averaged 8.6 points per game.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Men's Basketball Team Members are: **Front Row:** Austin Mitchell, Nigel Ramsey, Jeremy Banks, Sean LaDay, Head Coach Mark Price, Eric Braeuer, Olden Jordan, Emmanuel Engulu and Jaron Sierra. **Back Row:** Student Assistant Coach Franklin Featherston, David Day, Scott Day, John Kornet, Jacob Hobbs, Miles Monroe and Assistant Coach Sean Rutigliano.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

## Scoreboard

Alabama-Huntsville	39-74
North Alabama	62-69
Baptist Bible	100-67
Incarnate Word	57-81
Dallas Baptist	82-91
Ecclesia	81-64
College of the Ozarks	88-67
North Alabama	60-73
Lambuth	75-82
West Georgia	65-78
West Alabama	55-42
Central Baptist	75-55
Harding	55-59
Delta State	83-91
Southern Arkansas	76-69
Christian Brothers	65-73
Arkansas- Monticello	59-64
Henderson State	86-63
Arkansas Tech	73-83
Harding	82-89
Southern Arkansas	83-80
Delta State	78-86
Christian Brothers	53-49
Arkansas- Monticello	70-71
Henderson State	79-70
Arkansas Tech	92-88

Overall Record: 11-15

# Wrestling Program

After a vote by the board of trustees and a generous program donation by Greg Hatcher of Little Rock, the university became the first college in Arkansas to offer collegiate wrestling, and the face of men's athletics on campus changed forever.

Kevin Ward, a graduate of and four-year starting wrestler for Oklahoma State University, was recruited last spring to coach the first-ever team, and he soon recruited six wrestlers to sign national letters of intent to prepare for the inaugural season.

"We have amazing support from the administration and student body, so we have a solid foundation to build from," said Ward. "I get to recruit the type of student-athletes that I think will fit in well at OBU."

The team began its season on November 1 in with a Purple/Gold Intrasquad Match in Bill Vining Arena. The match provided the wrestlers their first taste of collegiate competition, while also giving the student body its first taste of the program.

"Watching wrestling was something totally new for me," said Lori Hilburn, a senior business administration major from Monticello. "The game was hard to understand, but it got quite interesting once the crowd got into it."

The regular season opened on November 7 with the Dan Harris Open at Baker University. Five wrestlers walked away from the tournament with top five finishes: freshmen Josh Myers, Brantley Pyle and Jake Simpson, and juniors Aaron Butler and Gabe Musser.

In its NCAA debut, the squad defeated Central Baptist in a 46-7 victory. Simpson and Butler ended the night with the biggest wins, as each won by fall: Simpson in the second period and Butler in the first.

At Bacone College, the Tigers proved victorious in a 26-20 win, during which Musser managed an 8-0 major decision shutout. The squad also earned a third place finish in the 2010 Jet Invitational and a 1-2-1 finish in the 2011 Lonestar Duals.

With these victories, however, came losses, including a 0-4 finish in the University of Central Missouri Dual Jamboree and a 4-9-1 finish in the Central Oklahoma Open.

"It was a successful season overall," said Butler, a Spanish major from Mabelvale. "For a first-year program to compete as well as we did, it really says a lot."

## Makes Debut

By: Tanner Huffman

Freshmen Seth Hutchison and Josh Myers go head-to-head in practice. The team had a rigorous practice schedule that included lifting in the mornings and wrestling in the afternoons.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Dexter Carter accumulates riding time in his win over freshman Tyler Graham in the Purple/Gold Intrasquad match. The match was the first chance for students to see the team in action.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Freshman Brantley Pyle puts freshman teammate Ben Cline into an arm-bar. Brantley's performance in the match helped him secure the 133-pound position in the starting lineup.

photo by: Callie Stephens





Freshman A.J. Stephens attempts to defend a single-leg foot-sweep by 174-pound junior Aaron Butler. Butler was known for his successful foot-sweeps throughout the season.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

## Scoreboard

OKCU/Wayland Baptist	39-13
OKCU/Wayland Baptist	21-25
Central Baptist	46-7
Bacone	26-20
Jet Invitational	2nd Place
Nebraska-Kearney	22-26
American	12-38
Wisconsin-Parkside	5-37
Central Missouri	9-33
Mary	9-33
Fort Hays State	12-36
Newman	18-32
Central Oklahoma	36-4
NCAA Super Regional 2	13th Place
<i>Season Record: 4-9-1</i>	



**Wrestling Team** members are **Front Row:** Dallas Gracey, John Grove, Josh Myers, Dexter Carter, Ben Cline, Tyler Hartman, Brantley Pyle, Shane Fletcher and Seth Hutchison. **Back Row:** Jake Simpson, Josh Brown, C.J. Hayes, Taylor Poe, Aaron Butler, Gabe Musser, Blake Magee, Layne Smith, Tyler Graham, A.J. Stephens, and Coach Kevin Ward.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

# High Expectations

The Women's Swimming and Diving team opened the season with great expectations. Awarded with a 6th overall ranking to start the season, the TigerSharks looked tough to beat and were looking forward to the competition.

The campaign started off hot for the TigerSharks taking first place against UALR with a score of 139.5-86.5. Ouachita also stomped the University of New Orleans with a 116-41 victory. Ouachita took a first place victory at the Delta State Invitational with a score of 146-91.

The Battle of the Ravine was a turning point in the TigerShark's season. Junior Jessica Wasmund said, "The team had a lot of fire after a hard week of practice and it showed that we can come together as a whole and really do our best in the pool."

At the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships in Cleveland, Mississippi, the TigerSharks opened with impressive victories by Megan Young finishing third in the 1000 Free, coming in at 10:31.24 and by the 200 Medley Relay team of junior Ksenia Gromova, sophomore Svitlana Smirnova, senior Katie Patterson and freshman Rebecca Zandstra at 1:48.39 finishing fourth. On the second day of competition, in the 200 IM, Gromova easily took the overall title at 2:03.75. Patterson also recorded a solid performance in fourth at 2:08.30. On the final day of the NSISC Conference Championships the 200 Butterfly was conquered by Gromova in a winning time of 2:03.30, while freshman Jennifer Steele took home top honors in the 1650 Free with the time of 17:27.37. The TigerSharks finished up a strong performance at the NSISC Championships finishing in third place.

At the NCAA Championships in San Antonio, Texas, the TigerSharks were well represented. Ouachita was led by as she produced an impressive week of individual and relay performances, finishing in the top-10 in the nation in five different events. In the 200 IM, Gromova finished in fourth place, turning in a time of 2:03.74. "We compete together, we train together, and we succeed together," said Wasmund, quoting the team's theme. "It's definitely true when we work hard together, that's when we perform our best." Ouachita finished the season in 16th place overall at the NCAA Championships.

## By: Travis King Lead to Great Results

Junior Kelli Caldwell executes a dive into Waggoner Pool. Caldwell was the only diver to represent the university.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Megan Young prepares for a race. Young competed in the Freestyle races.

*photo by: William Wood*



Senior Katie Patterson competes in the IM. Patterson advanced all the way to the NCAA Championships.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





Junior Ksenia Gromova leads the pack in the Fly. Gromova finished in the top 10 in five different events at the NCAA Championships.  
photo by: Callie Stephens



Swim and Diving team members are: **Front Row:** Kelli Caldwell, Megan Young, Chelbi Ksenia Gromova, Sarah Davis, Jessica Hillyard, Holly Wray and Michelle Wasmund. **Second Row:** Kelsey Brum, Crista Riggs, Brittany Ewart, Hayley Fox, Megan Rishel and Aime'e Ragan. **Third Row:** Jessic Wasmund, Caitlin Boren, Ruth Megli, Rebecca Zandstra and Katie Patterson. **Back Row:** Steele, Anna Clark and Svitlana Smirnova.  
by Wesley Kluck

## Scoreboard

UALR Invite	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Univ. of New Orleans	1st/2
Hendrix College Invite	1st/8
HSU Invite	2nd/5
Delta State	1st/2
Mansfield Invite	2nd/6
Delta State	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Centenary/New Orleans Dual	1st/2, 1st/2
NSISC Championships	3rd/6
NCAA Championships	16th/38

# Lapping The Rest of

## The Competitor

By: Travis King

The Men's Swimming and Diving Teams debuted at No. 9 in the inaugural edition of the TYR/CSCAA Dual Meet Men's Swimming Poll. Their stellar performances throughout the year propelled the team through the season. It all ended deep in the heart of Texas as many of the TigerSharks advanced all the way to the NCAA Championships in San Antonio.

The TigerSharks started the season in early October competing in the S&T/UALR meet, finishing first overall, along with a second place finish at the Hendrix Classic. More first place finishes came against the University of New Orleans and Delta State.

The New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships were held at Delta State in Cleveland, Mississippi. The TigerSharks opened the day with a victory in the 200 Medley team which consisted of sophomore Jake McLain, senior Razvan Goga, freshman Carl Thomas and junior Kristian Krc with the time of 1:32.97. At the end of the first day, Ouachita sat in fifth place. On day two, sophomore Marcus Schlesinger gave the TigerSharks their first victory of the day in the men's division with a time of 20.45. In the 400 Medley Relay, Ouachita was victorious with the team of McLain, Goga, senior Daniel Karkoska and Schlesinger at 3:21.59, nearly two seconds ahead of second place. Schlesinger garnered another title with the 100 Free in 44.35 seconds, as the sophomore was joined by Goga, who won the 200 Breaststroke in 2:02.04. The TigerSharks took third overall in the NSISC.

Ouachita was well represented in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships in San Antonio. In the men's division, Ouachita finished seventh in the 200 Free Relay with the team of Tim Ferris and Schlesinger, Krc and Karkoska with the time of 1:22.19. In the 200 Medley, the TigerSharks finished 10th with Schlesinger, Karkoska, Ferris and senior Razvan Goga at 1:30.15.

It was much the same in the 400 Medley Relay, as Schlesinger, Karkoska, Goga and Krc came in 10th, finishing at 3:19.13. For individual events, Schlesinger finished 10th in the 50 Free at 20.32, while Karkoska finished in 11th in the 200 IM (1:49.81) and 14th in the 100 Butterfly (49.32). The TigerSharks finished the season at 12th overall.

The TigerSharks compete in the 100 Free race at Waggoner Pool in the Sturgis Physical Education Center. Waggoner Pool was the site of all home swim meets.  
*photo by: Wesley Kluck*



**A Ouachita swimmer** competes against Henderson State. The Tigers faced off against the Reddies three times.  
*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

**Sophomore Carl Johnson** turns back for another lap to finish his race. Johnson competed in the Free and Fly.  
*photo by: William Wood*







Sophomore Marcus Schlesinger prepares to launch into the pool. Schlesinger competed in the Free and Back.  
*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

## Scoreboard

S&T/ UALR	2nd/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Univ. of New Orleans	1st/2
Hendrix College Classic	2nd/7
HSU Invite	2nd/2
Delta State	1st/2
Mansfield Christmas Invite	2nd/4
Delta State	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Centenary/New Orleans Dual	2nd/2, 1st/2
NSISC Championships	3rd/6
NCAA Championships	12th/30



**Men's Swim Team Members are:** Front Row: Michael Sullivan, Eran Jennings, Marcus Schlesinger, Carl Thomas, Logan Distefano, Nathan Bercaw and Martin Stevens. Second Row: Ben Prince, Kristian Krc, Chase Owens, Daniel Karkoska, Jason Pullano, Jake McLain, Razvan Goga and Travis Ball. Third Row: Tim Ferris, Matt Pope, Dawson Pritchard, Carl Johnson, Austin Lindsey, Harrison Tomlinson, Kenton Scott, Kyle Bartlett and Will Wood. Back Row: Nick Bass, Austin Teague, Jacob Ramaly and Austin Henslee.

*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

# A Little Different



The basketball pep band joined the women's basketball team in Pinking Out for the Cure. The pep band provided music for the cheerleaders and pep squads to dance to as well as for entertainment.



The Tigers sport their Pink Out attire during warm ups. The American Cancer Society estimated that 390 men in the United States died from breast cancer in 2010.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

The stats table workers support the fight for the cure. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer survival rates have been decreasing due to early detection and the right treatment.



Students cheer on the Lady Tigers as they go head to head with Delta State. Students “pinked out” the stands in support of finding a cure for breast cancer.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Fight for a Cure

By: Alexis Johns

In years past it seemed the Battle of the Ravine was the biggest game of the year. The Lady Tigers basketball team had an even bigger match in mind this year. It was a fight for more than a conference win against Delta State—it was a fight for a cure. They called these games PINK OUT in an attempt to raise awareness for breast cancer. Fans were encouraged to wear pink and bring whatever donation possible to support breast cancer research. It was the first year the women’s basketball program was actively involved in fundraising.

Having the chance to host this event meant a lot to all who were involved. “The players really embrace the opportunity to raise awareness and funding for breast cancer research. As student-athletes, sometimes they get so busy that they miss out on other opportunities to get involved, and they are proud to be able to sponsor this event and hope to make a small difference by doing so,” said Lizz Webb, the women’s assistant basketball coach.

This was one of the many ways Ouachita was making a difference. The student-athletes, students, staff and other supporters all played a large part in the success of these games. “The student body has the power to make or break these games. With the absence of the student body’s support, the Pink Out game fails to raise the awareness that it is looking to raise. The student body is an essential part,” said Beulah Osueke, a junior Lady Tiger basketball player and psychology major from Sugar Land, Texas.

The campus and community came together and raised over \$1300. The social clubs also played a large part in the “Change for the Cure.” “It is truly an honor and blessing to be a part of these events. The whole basketball team just loves the chance to make a small difference in the fight against breast cancer. Every penny counts in this fight against this killer and we raised a lot more than a penny,” said Coach Webb.

Junior Tamara Robinson goes for a two pointer during the Pink Out game. The Lady Tigers fell to Delta State but raised over \$1300 for cancer research.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

The Lady Tigers cheer on their teammates in their Pink Out gear. This was the first year for the Lady Tigers to raise money for breast cancer.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



# Giving All There Is

No matter what the outcome, teamwork and love for the game take the top spot for any true, dedicated athlete. This was the case for the Lady Tigers tennis team this year. Ending the season at 4-10 overall and 3-4 in the Gulf South Conference didn't down their spirits.

A string of losses began the season, starting with 2-7 falls to both Drury and Arkansas Tech. Lilia Sokolova, a sophomore business administration/management major from Yoshkar Ola, Russia, led the team in wins for both games, finishing the day with 2-0 in singles action. Samantha Street, a junior accounting major from Rogers, also finished with a win over Arkansas Tech, while Megan Ruggles, a senior mass communication major from Arkadelphia, brought the other win against Drury.

Circumstances began to brighten as two consecutive 6-3 wins occurred, the first to North Central Texas College and the second to Henderson State, who they also defeated a second time later in the season (7-2), giving the Lady Tigers this year's Battle of the Ravine win. Mariana Divardin, a senior business administration/management major from Ponta Grossa, Brazil, picked up the first singles win against the Lady Reddies, along with a doubles win with her partner, Kourtney Chumbley, a freshman middle school education major from Richardson, Texas. This being Divardin's final year, she says she will miss the feeling that being a member of the team gave her.

"Being part of the team was what kept me going most of the time," said Divardin. "This year we had a team with mostly all new girls and I just loved to get to know them better and realize that we can find good friends where we least expect. I will be sad to leave behind the energy of the team and the friendships that I made."

The Lady Tigers later 9-0 win to Christian Brothers gave them their golden ticket into the Gulf South Conference Tournament. According to coach Betsy Danner, this is the final year either tennis team will be a part of the conference because of a change in conference. "Since we are changing conferences next year, we really stressed getting into the conference this final year," said Danner.

Unfortunately they suffered a loss to their first opponent in the conference, West Florida. "Every single girl played their best and their hardest and even though this wasn't our beset season," said Coach Danner, "we played our best and that's all any coach can ask for from their players – their best."



Senior Annie Gerber returns a serve during singles action. Gerber finished her four-year career with Ouachita in 2011.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

## To Give

By: Jake Coffman

Freshman Kourtney Chumbley during singles action at home. Chumbley was selected as a Second Team All-SEC selection.

photo by: Ben Harrington

Junior Kristin Bodine focuses on her approach. Bodine played in both singles and doubles play during the season.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Senior Mariana Divardin eyes her opponent during a conference match. Divardin was one of two seniors for the Lady Tigers.  
*photo by: Bob Harriman*



Women's Tennis Team Members are: Front Row: Katelyn Barber and Kourtney Chumbley. Second Row: Lilia Sokolova, Samantha [unclear], and Mariana Divardin. Back Row: Maria Kiseleva, Kristin [unclear], Annie Gerber and Head Coach Betsy Danner.

*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

## Scoreboard

Drury	2-7
Arkansas Tech	2-7
Northeastern Oklahoma State	0-9
Tarleton State	3-6
North Central Texas College	6-3
Henderson State	6-3
Southeastern Oklahoma	0-9
Delta State	1-8
Harding	1-7
Henderson State	7-2
Delta State	0-9
Arkansas Tech	0-9
Christian Brothers	9-0
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
West Florida	0-5
Overall Record:	4-10

# Continuting To Be

The Ouachita Men's Tennis team opened the season with a No. 4 ranking and came out of the gate blazing hot. The Tigers were a young squad, however, high expectations were still intact. "This was the youngest team I have ever had," said Head Coach Craig Ward. "My goal was to expose them to the best competition in the nation and still finish above .500 winning percentage."

The Tigers opened with a three match winning streak against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, GSC opponent Delta State and Southwest Baptist. However the team dropped the next two matches to Oklahoma Christian and Drury.

After picking up a win against Southwest Baptist and another GSC victory against Christian Brothers, the Tigers went on the road to Florida to play seven-consecutive road matches, finishing at 2-5 against a group of top-40 Division II ranked programs.

The Tigers returned home to Arkadelphia to take on Southeastern Oklahoma State and defeated them 5-2. The team picked up its final GSC win against Harding University with a score of 8-1, securing its eighth-straight GSC West Division title.

First round action of the Gulf South Conference tournament in Montgomery, Ala. kicked off against the North Alabama Lions, whom the Tigers defeated easily, 5-0. However, the Tigers lost in the semi-finals to then-No. 7 West Florida with a score of 2-5. Ouachita then advanced to the NCAA South Regional Tournament, falling to then-No. 4 Barry, 1-5.

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann was awarded the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year. Kuhlmann was also named to the All GSC team along with senior Till Heilshorn and freshman Roman Abaitua. Heilshorn earned a spot on the All-GSC West Division Team for the fourth-straight season. Heilshorn put together a 10-6 singles record. In doubles action, Heilshorn teamed with Kuhlmann to go 10-8 on the season at the No. 1 doubles spot. Kuhlmann finished the season as a top-10 singles player and ITA All-American at 14-2 in singles.

The Tigers finished the season at 10-9, accomplishing Coach Ward's goal. "Any success we have is due to character, hard work, and perseverance. We try to control the things we can. Effort being the most important," said Ward.

## By: Travis King Superior

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann gets ready to serve the ball to his opponent. Kuhlmann was named the GSC West Player of the Year. Kuhlmann finished ranked in the top-10 in the nation in singles as an ITA All-American.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw



The doubles team of Abaitua and Anghel take on a GSC opponent. The Tigers won the GSC West Division.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann and senior Till Heilshorn step up to the court to play a doubles match. Heilshorn and Kuhlmann combined for a 10-8 doubles record.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw



Freshman Teodor Anghel reaches up to return the ball across the court. Anghel gave the Tigers the final singles match to advance to the tournament.  
*photo by: Linssey Upshaw*



## Scoreboard

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9-0
Delta State	8-1
Southwest Baptist	8-1
Oklahoma Christian	1-8
Drury	4-5
Southwest Baptist	7-1
Christian Brothers	9-0
West Florida	2-7
Valdosta State	2-7
Cameron	5-4
Florida Southern	5-4
Rollins	4-5
Barry	1-5
Lynn	0-5
Southeastern Oklahoma	5-2
Harding	8-1
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
North Alabama	5-0
West Florida	2-5
NCAA South Regional Tournament:	
Barry	1-5
Overall Record:	10-9



**Men's Tennis Team members are:** Head Coach Craig Ward, Till Heilshorn, Teodor Anghel, Tobias Kuhlmann, James Ingrahm, Helge Knuth, Ramon Abaitua and Ernesto Laborda.  
*photo by: Wesley Kluck*

# Inaugural Year Leads

## To Growth

By: Travis King

Excitement was one of the words heard around campus and the athletic department to describe the women's golf team. This was the inaugural year for women's golf. The team was formed to counter the addition of the men's wrestling team. The six team members were Amber Beacham, Allie Brown, Caitlin Jones, Katelyn Smith, Victoria Mantooth and Whitley Berry.

"Starting a first year program is difficult, and I was unsure how this year would go. We spent time on the course working on short game and trying to prepare them for the season," said Head Coach Eli Fuentes. "For many girls on the team, it had been a while since they had played any competitive golf, so they were pretty nervous about the tournaments."

"This program will open doors for many young women golfers to continue playing at such an amazing and life-changing place like OBU," said Jones, a sophomore early childhood education major from Benton. "I can't wait to see how the program progresses and becomes a competitive program."

Ouachita fired a second round 388 team total to finish in seventh overall in the 2010 Bison Fall Classic held in Searcy. The Lady Tigers improved from a first day total of 397, finishing with a two-day total of 785. Leading the way for the Lady Tigers was Beacham, who finished in a tie for 27th overall with a total of 182 (95, 87), followed by Jones, who finished in 34th place with a 189 (95, 94). Smith (207), Mantooth (213) and Brown (214) rounded out the top five finishers for OBU.

The women's golf team finished in 15th place in its first-ever spring golf match at the Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas. Leading the way for the Lady Tigers was Jones, who finished with a total of 195 (99, 96). Beachman fired a 198, while junior Berry (226) and freshman Brown (243) rounded out the scoring.

The 2011 GSC Championship Tournament was held in Hot Springs where the Lady Tigers finished 7th. Ouachita fired a 378 to open play in the first round of the championships. The Lady Tigers were led by an 88 from Beacham, followed by Jones' first round 93.

"My vision for the team is that in the coming years we will be competitive at tournaments, recognized as a strong program on campus, and will represent both Ouachita and Christ on the course and on campus," said Fuentes.

**Junior Caitlin Jones** practices her shots during a mid-week practice. Jones was a consistent force for Ouachita throughout the 2011 season.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Sophomore Whitley Berry** walks the course at North Ridge Country Club in Texarkana. The Lady Tigers placed 7th in the SAU Invitational.

*photo courtesy of: Lisa Berry*



**Whitley Berry** tees off at the SAU Invitational. Berry was a sophomore member of the team.

*photo courtesy of: Lisa Berry*





Freshman Allie Brown calculates the perfect shot out of the sand trap. Brown was one of two multi-sport athletes for Ouachita.

*photo courtesy of: Allie Brown*



## Scoreboard

Texas A&M-Commerce	15th
Southern Arkansas Invitational	3rd
Harding Invitational	10th
GSC Championships	7th



Women's Golf team members are:  
 Amber Beacham, Allie Brown, Caitlin  
 [unclear], Coach Eli Fuentes, Katelyn Smith,  
 [unclear] Mantooth and Whitley Berry.

*team photo*

# Successful Season

The men's golf team made Ouachita history by winning its first NCAA Men's Golf Tournament at the 2010 Commerce Bank and Trust University of Arkansas-Monticello Classic in Benton at the Hurricane Creek Golf Course. Ouachita shot a two-round total of 647, defeating Central Baptist by only two shots. Bruce Brockinton led the team and finished 6th overall with a two-round total of 159. Bryce Skinner finished 11th place overall shooting a 162.

The others weren't far behind with scores of 165 and 166 from Josh Buchanan and Cole Fisher. Team members said their favorite thing about their season was that fact that they won a tournament and made school history.

The men's team also traveled to Texas, Commerce, and placed three of their players in the top 25 and finished eighth place overall in the Crawford-Wade Invitational. Ouachita finished at 961 as a team, led by a 20th place finish from senior Cole Fisher, who shot 237 (78, 80, 79), a shot ahead of sophomore Bryce Skinner at 238 (78, 79, 81). "Even though it rained throughout the whole trip, it was one of the most enjoyable golf tournaments," said Skinner, a sophomore accounting and political science major from Clarendon.

Ouachita finished eighth overall in the 2011 Doyle Wallace Classic at the Glenwood Country Club on Feb. 22. Ouachita finished at 629 overall, as the Tigers shot a 311 on day one and finished the tournament with a team score of 318. Cole led the team with a 20th place finish and shot 75 in the first round and 78 in the final round of play. Skinner (78, 79) finished at 157, while freshman Austin Sarabia shot a 159 (80, 79). Rounding out the top five for Ouachita was Brockinton (78, 82) at 160 and sophomore Tanner Simon (82, 86) at 168. "I shot a solid score and it was exciting to be able to lead my team," said Fisher, a senior finance major from Hot Springs.

The men had a successful season and there looks to be strong hope for the next season. The team consisted of one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. "We're only losing one guy, so next season you should expect more championships from us and to have another good season," said Skinner.

## Leads To Hope

By: Chelsy Lewis

Freshman Austin Sarabia takes an iron shot during tournament play. Sarabia was a regular at the top of the Ouachita leaderboard.

photo by: Kristen Bernard



Among the many things that members of the team took pride in was representing the university at tournaments. The golf team competed in five tournaments throughout the year.

photo by: Kristen Bernard

Several members of the men's golf team practice their swings. The golf team held weekly practices.

photo by: Kristen Bernard



A golf team member tees up during practice. The golf team placed 10th at the GSC Championship held in Hot Springs.

*photo by: Kristen Bernard*

## Scoreboard

Doyle Wallace Classic	8th
Crawford-Wade Invitational	8th
Mulerider Invitational	2nd
Natural State Golf Classic	10th
GSC Championships	10th



**Golf Team** members from are: Cole Fisher, Bruce Brockinton, Austin Sarabia, Bryce Skinner and Josh Buchanan. The team was coached by David Sharp.

*photo by: Austin Sarabia*



**Coach Buddy Benson** motivates his team on the sideline. Benson coached at Ouachita for 31 seasons.

*photo courtesy of: OBU Archive*

# Remembering A Legacy

by: Trennis Henderson

Legendary Ouachita Baptist University football coach Buddy Benson passed away Friday, April 22, at age 77.

Benson, the head football coach at Ouachita from 1965 to 1995, was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame and the OBU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Benson, who recorded the most coaching wins in Arkansas college football history, compiled a 162-140-8 record during his 31 seasons at OBU, including four conference championships and two trips to the NAIA national playoffs. He coached 16 All-America players, 208 All-Conference players and was named AIC Coach of the Year four times.

The Ouachita position was Benson's first and only collegiate head coaching job after four years as an assistant coach. During his tenure as head coach, the Tigers earned the program's 300th and 400th milestone victories. Following his retirement from coaching, Benson served as Ouachita's athletic director until 1998.

During almost four decades at Ouachita, Benson was known for his dedication to the university and his commitment to prepare student-athletes for successful lives. "If a kid can stick it out with us for four years, he will end up being a pretty successful person," he was fond of saying.

"I have been blessed with having the opportunity to coach at a wonderful institution and to have the honor to work with so many fine young men over the course the years," Benson said in 1995 as he made the transition from head coach to athletic director. "I tried, along with my fellow coaches, to teach them not only about football but also about the true values of life."

"Coach Benson was such an influence on me in times in my life that demanded I step it up a notch," said Cliff Harris, who played for Coach Benson at Ouachita before an All-Pro NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys. "He added a component of toughness in our lives that helped us overcome obstacles. His influence really was about challenging us to dig deeper and reach within ourselves to achieve levels we would not have thought possible otherwise."

Coach Benson "really cared for his players and for our well-being," Harris added. "He was obviously a father figure for me and for all of his players. We all felt like we were part of his family."

Ouachita Chancellor Ben Elrod, president when Benson retired from coaching, said at the time, "Buddy Benson has demanded excellence from his players in the classroom as well as on the field. Buddy has left a legacy of integrity, loyalty and dedication to one's work. The world in which we live could well use many more like Coach Buddy Benson."

"Coach Benson was and is a legend at Ouachita," said Rex Horne, president. "His influence in shaping the lives of young men as well as his impact upon our university will always be remembered."

"As I reflect on Coach Benson's life and legacy, I think about the many relationships he built and how he invested his life at Ouachita," Horne added. "Becky and I have the greatest respect and appreciation for his wife, Janet, and the Benson family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as we all feel a tremendous sense of loss today."

On the collegiate level, Benson played for the University of Arkansas and is best remembered as a leader on the 1954 team that won a Southwest Conference championship. He lettered as a Razorback in 1954 and 1955.

"When you think of Coach Benson's legacy, he basically molded young boys into young men through hard work and discipline, while building character at the same time," said Ouachita Athletic Director David Sharp, who played and coached for Benson and succeeded him as AD. "One of the things he was proud of over the years was seeing his players graduate."

"His loyalty to Ouachita was immeasurable," Sharp added. "He is Ouachita football. When you think of Ouachita football, you think of Coach Benson."

# Hardwork Equals

The Lady Tigers competed hard, went through many ups and downs, but ultimately finished in the GSC Conference Tournament. Even though the team finished with a losing record, they still placed second in the GSC West. It meant mountains to senior Sarah Bell from Forney, Texas, who was one of two seniors on the squad. Bell said, "This year's team was special because we had great team chemistry and everyone's willingness to work hard."

The season started off on the rocks for the Lady Tigers after they opened the season going 5-10 through the South Central Shootout and a series with Texas Women's University. However, the team turned its season around by opening GSC play with a four-game sweep of Delta State. "My favorite part of the year was when we swept Delta State. That was the first time in school history that Ouachita has swept a series against Delta," said Bell.

After the Delta victory, the Lady Tigers took a doubleheader sweep against Christian Brothers and then traveled to the 2011 GSC Crossover Tournament against the GSC East Division. The Lady Tigers played seven games in Decatur, Ala., with each game counting as a conference match up, as Ouachita grinded out a 2-5 record overall.

The Lady Tigers then hit the road for Russellville to defeat eventual GSC West Champion Arkansas Tech with 3-of-4 victories in a 3-1 series victory. The team returned to Sully Anderson Field to take on then-No. 20 Arkansas-Monticello for Senior Weekend, splitting the series at 2-2. After dropping a 3-1 series with Henderson State, the Lady Tigers set their sights on the 2011 GSC Tournament.

The GSC Tournament was held in Southaven, Miss. In first round action, the Lady Tigers faced off against then-No. 4 Valdosta State. The Lady Tigers fought hard, but dropped the game 1-3. The Lady Tigers were knocked out of the tournament in the next round by North Alabama by a score of 0-3.

The team finished the season with a 21-25 record, going 15-13 in the GSC. "The overall record may not show it, but most teams as young as we were would have laid down with all the adversity this team faced due to the injuries," said Head Coach Mike McGhee. "They have big hearts and worked really hard. They earned so much respect from me I can't say enough about their effort."

## Great Effort

By: Travis King

Freshman Pete Reed throws the ball from left field. Reed had a .983 fielding percentage.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Brianne Baley celebrates the third out of the inning with the team. Baley was a utility player for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Megan Askew fouls off a pitch. Askew hit .286 on the season with three homeruns. Askew was a First Team All-GSC selection in the outfield.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Alexis Johns throws the ball down to first after a drop third strike. Johns was a First Team All-GSC selection at catcher.  
photo by: Callie Stephens



## Scoreboard

Arkansas Pine Bluff	1-0, 12-3
Texas A&M International	0-2
Missouri Western	3-4
Angelo State	1-9
Cameron University	0-2
Texas-Permian Basin	3-2
Southeastern Oklahoma	0-3
Texas Woman's University	2-3, 8-1, 1-9
Tarleton State	1-2, 1-0
Texas A&M- Kingsville	3-9, 2-7
Delta State	8-0, 1-0, 6-4, 4-2
Christian Brothers	12-2, 9-1
Southern Arkansas	7-4, 2-3, 4-6, 7-4
West Florida	1-6
Alabama- Huntsville	0-8
Lambuth	7-0
North Alabama	2-1
West Georgia	2-3
West Alabama	2-7
Valdosta State	0-1
Arkansas Tech	5-3, 6-4, 1-4, 8-0
Arkansas- Monticello	0-8, 2-0, 1-2, 5-2
Henderson State	5-7, 2-1, 3-1, 5-1
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
Valdosta State	1-3
North Alabama	1-3
<i>Season Record: 21-25</i>	



**Softball Team Members are:** Front Row: Mallory Green, Coach Kelli Beth Bratton, Parrish Reed, Bailey Sanders, Kristen Riggsbee, Teresa Mursuli, Monica Green, Brianne Baley and Rayn House. Back Row: Head Coach Mike McGhee, Sara Strassemeyer, Alexis Johns, Sarah Bell, Megan Askew, Rebekah Dindak, Abbi Frakes and Coach Keith Bell.  
photo by: Wesley Kluck

# Overcoming a Rough

# Start to the Season

By: Travis King

The Tigers were poised to have a great year with many returning players and a good transfer class; however, things would not turn out as well as the Tigers planned. Key losses during the conference schedule kept the Tigers out of the Gulf South Conference tournament.

The Tigers started out the season with a series win against Southeastern Oklahoma, but the Tigers dropped their next four series against North Alabama, Central Missouri, Angelo State and Northern Kentucky. The Tigers went 5-8 through the first 13 games.

After a series win against Quincy and a 1-2 finish at the Mulerider Classic, the Tigers opened up GSC play against Arkansas Tech. The team was swept by the Wonder Boys and again the next weekend by the Harding Bison. Rather than lay down and quit, the Tigers won the next two series against rivals Henderson State and Delta State.

"Sweeping Delta State on the road was a highlight for our program and beating top ranked Central Missouri on a walk off grand slam was a big win as well," said Head Coach Chris Modellmog.

Senior Justin Hall, a kinesiology major from Willis Point, Texas said, "It was hard to come back from the way we started conference, but those wins showed we weren't going to quit."

The Tigers went into the series with Southern Arkansas needing a victory to solidify a spot in the GSC tournament; however, the Tigers were swept by the Muleriders.

The Tigers finished GSC play against Arkansas-Monticello and Christian Brothers, sweeping both series. The Tigers finished 21-26 overall with a 10-10 GSC record.

"We had a rough start in the conference and battled our way back at the end and I was very proud of our guys for playing hard the entire season," said Modellmog.

Overall three players were placed on the 2011 All-Gulf South Conference Baseball Team. Senior Kolby Moore earned First Team accolades, while senior Kyle Zimmerman and junior Brock Green made the All-GSC Second Team. Moore led on the pitcher's mound all season and earned GSC Player of the Week honors on April 12. He also finished the season at 9-5 with a 4.04 ERA, including 67 strikeouts in 78 innings. The Indianola, Ind. native finished third in the GSC in conference game ERA with a 2.44 ERA, fourth in opponent batting average (.220), sixth in innings pitched (48), sixth in strikeouts (39) and third in batters struck out looking (16).

Senior Kyle Zimmerman threw the pitch from the Reddie position. Zimmerman was selected to the All-GSC Second Team.

photo by: Lori Hilburn

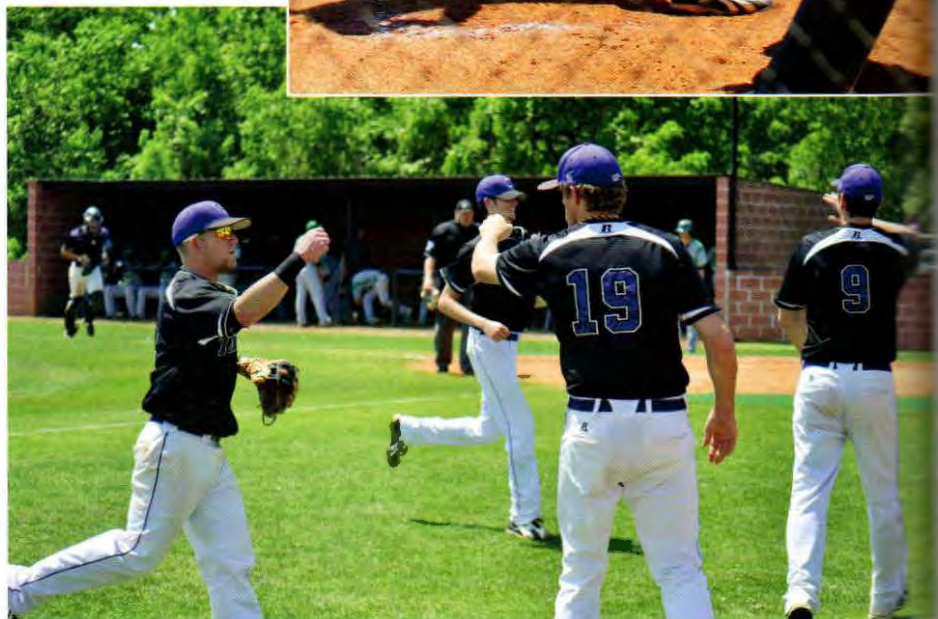
Junior Zac Treece and senior Taylor Henry fist bump with teammates as they come off the field. Treece led the team in saves with four.

photo by: Callie Stephens



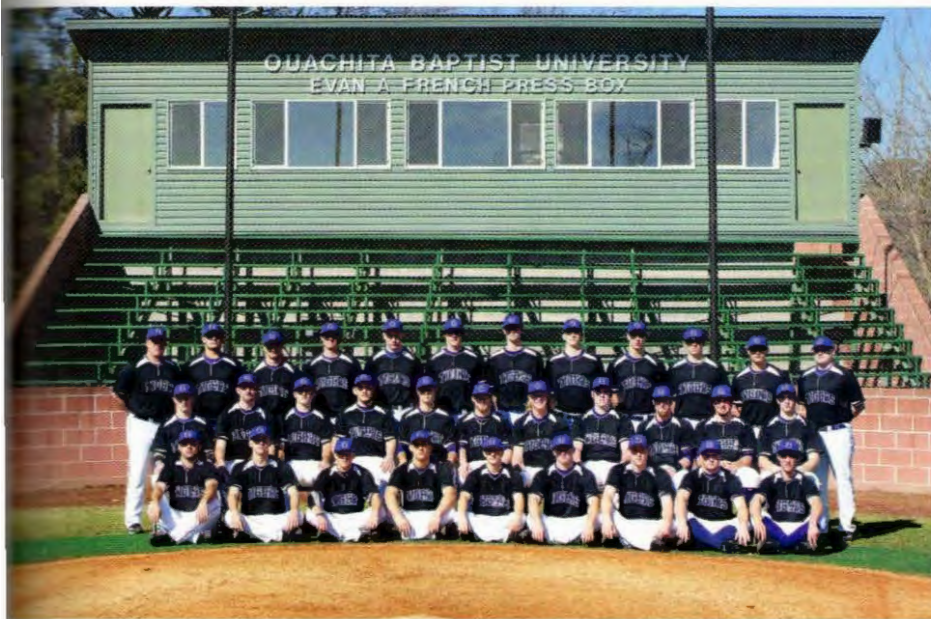
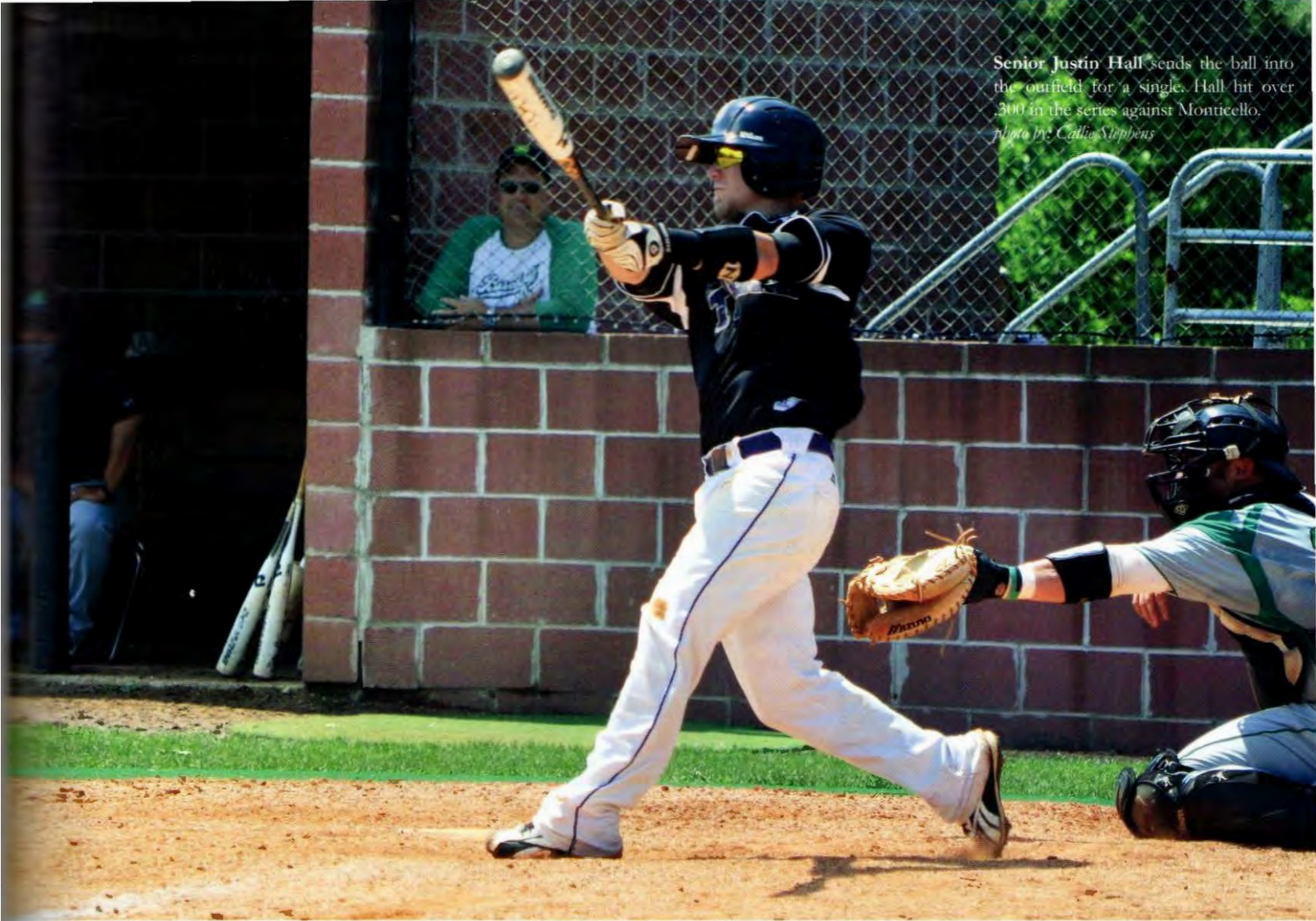
Junior Ryan Westover delivers the pitch. Westover recorded over 65 innings on the mound.

photo by: Callie Stephens





Senior Justin Hall sends the ball into the outfield for a single. Hall hit over .300 in the series against Monticello.  
photo by: Callie Stephens



## Scoreboard

Southeastern Oklahoma	1-0, 4-3
North Alabama	0-11, 7-6, 4-15
Central Missouri	3-9, 16-12, 5-10
Angelo State	4-5, 2-5
Northern Kentucky	1-10, 4-6, 6-4
Quincy	9-5, 9-7, 5-12, 6-5
Arkansas- Monticello	12-5
Southern Arkansas	1-8
Delta State	1-11
Arkansas Tech	5-7, 2-4, 2-9
Trevecca Nazarene	23-9
Belmont University	5-11
Harding	6-7, 9-8, 8-9
Southeastern Oklahoma	10-6, 4-12
Henderson State	12-3, 1-3, 7-2
Arkansas Tech	6-14
Delta State	9-8, 2-1, 9-11
Henderson State	4-7
Southern Arkansas	5-10, 2-4, 6-14, 2-8,
Arkansas- Monticello	13-10, 16-1, 10-0
Christian Brothers	10-0, 6-0
Overall Record:	21-26

**Baseball Team Members are:** **Front Row:** Brett Mazmanian, Landon Moore, Joshua Emery, Zach Childers, Danny Aday, Paul White, Davis Ward, Travis King, and Landon Flax. **Second Row:** Deacon Collins, Student Assistant Coach Taylor Henry, Kyle Zimmerman, Kolby Moore, Ben Warner, Justin Hall, Sam McGill, Michael Haydon, Cass Via, Nick Holtgrieve, and Nicholas Crump. **Back Row:** Head Coach Chris Moddelmog, Graduate Assistant Coach Issac Dulaney, McCrae Jones, Brent Martin, Keegan Ghidotti, Zac Treece, Ryan Westover, Taylor Burns, Kurt Peppenhorst, Brock Green, Tom Ward, and Assistant Coach Luke Howard.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

# A Blessed Break

Through tests, papers, presentations and everything else that required so much time, students needed a break to get away from all the busyness of college. For some students, intramural sports were a way to escape the pressures of class.

In the fall, Rec Sports started out with flag football. Francie's Favs took the title for women's, Beta Black won men's upper division and The Remedy won men's lower.

"Our last game against the infamous staff team was a hard fought battle," said The Remedy's Marcus Schreiner, a senior biblical studies major from Raleigh, N.C. "When that last touchdown was scored and the clock ran out some would have thought we had just won the Superbowl."

Next was volleyball, played on Mondays and Wednesdays, and dodgeball on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jordan N' Friends won in men's volleyball, Freshman 15 won the women's division and West Side Out won co-ed. In dodgeball, Black Ops won men's lower, Ourselves won men's upper, and Dodgeballin' took the women's championship.

After Christmas break, many students got involved in intramural basketball. With 43 teams in five leagues, the competitive spirit to win that championship T-shirt was almost tangible. EEE Hardcore won women's upper while Southern Belles won women's lower. In men's basketball, Team Scottie Pippen took the title for upper, Beta Black won middle, and Team Rec Sports won the lower division.

Jacob Post, a freshman kinesiology major from Grand Prairie, Texas, said basketball was a great way for him to get involved. "I met new people that I may not have met any other way," said Post.

Finally, softball and soccer intramurals started up in April with 38 teams participating. However, there were no winners, because the championship tournament could not be played due to flooding.

"I was bummed the games were called off because of rain. I was pretty confident the Terror-Dactyls would make it to the championship game. But I was still proud of my team," said Katie Hopmann, a freshman art major from Cypress, Texas.

"The fact that Ouachita supplies our students with an organized means of gathering teams and battling them together on the court/field is an absolute blessing," said Schreiner.

## from Busyness

By: Mauri Sparks

Senior Beau Landers of Kappa Phat deflags Jason Kirk after a run for team Fog Blue. Fog Blue, along with members of other teams, went to the state tournament to represent Ouachita.

photo by: Nici Fillinger



Junior Taylor Geurin tries to get the ball past Turner Roberts. The Beta Sheds and Kappa Slim were both humorous teams in the men's lower league.

photo by: Ben Harrington

Francie's Favies members greet En Fuego after a game. Members of Francie's Favies were a top contender for the title in 2010.

photo by: Amy Vaughan





Freshman Molly Bowman looks for an open teammate during a game against EEE in upper division play. Over half of the student body participated in Rec Sports.  
*photo by: Ben Harrington*




**Team Rebel Alliance** prays before a flag football game. Rebel Alliance competed as a group of friends in flag football, dodgeball, basketball and softball.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*

Students gather in the amphitheater for a pep rally. The cheerleaders led the pep rallies in an attempt to raise excitement for Tiger football games.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



# People



While Ouachita was a place that focused on creating difference-makers, that focus would not have been possible had it not been for the people on the campus. The freshman class stood out when three sets of twins enrolled. Junior Leigha Hill invested in the lives of the students in her dorm through Crafternoons. Showing how her Ouachita education made a difference in her life, junior Amanda Like signed a contract to have her first book published. Senior Nathan Lochala proved that Ouachita was more than just a place filled with students ranging from the ages of 18-22, when he returned to school as a husband, a dad and an employee.

Students learned

*The difference between everyday life*  
and living out your passion.

Ramon Abaitua • *Portugalete, Spain*  
 Tori Abellera • *Garland, TX*  
 Danny Aday • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Brynn Alford • *Rogers, AR*  
 Emily Anderson • *Siloam Springs, AR*  
 Chelsea Ariola • *Springdale, AR*



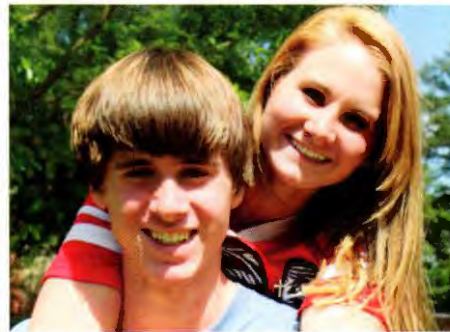
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 TJ Bailey • *Fort Smith, AR*  
 Elizabeth Baker • *Grapevine, TX*  
 Gabriela Baltzley • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Kristen Barnard • *Grand Prairie, TX*  
 Lindsey Barnhart • *Maud, TX*

# Freshman Twins

By: Hannah Bishop

“There’s always a piece of home here with me,” said Kathleen Post, a freshman Christian studies major from Grand Prairie, Texas, about having her twin brother Jacob at the university. Jacob was a transfer student from Mountain View Community College but he realized early on that wasn’t where he was meant to be. “Kathleen being here wasn’t the only reason I decided to transfer, but that was a big part of it,” said Jacob.

Charles and Carrington Tillery, both freshman business administration management majors from Hot Springs, had a similar story. Charles was enrolled at National Park Community College



but changed his mind and enrolled at Ouachita before the fall semester. “Before he transferred, I was scared of coming by myself,” said Carrington. They both said they don’t have to hang out a lot to spend time together. “I just feel comfortable with him being here,” said Carrington. “We mainly see each other during cheerleading practice.”

The Carr sisters, Rachel and Sarah, moved from Utah to Cherokee Village shortly before starting college. When they found out they were moving, they began looking at colleges in Arkansas. “We’ve always been really close and did extracurricular activities together growing up,” said Rachel. “We are roommates and both pledged Chi Rho Phi so we are really close and spend a lot of time together,” said Sarah. “One of the first things we’ll do separately is have different majors. I’m a biology major and Rachel is an early education major.”



Finally, The Hartman’s, Kyle, a history major, and Garrett, a Christian studies major, from Bentonville, chose to transfer to Ouachita after going to community

college for a year. They too pledged the same social club and have a lot of the same interests. “Being a part of Beta Beta will keep us close if we start getting busy with other things,” said Kyle. However, he also stated they are extremely different. “I’m more of the laidback go-with-the-flow one and Garrett is sometimes uptight. We enjoy some of the same things, but are two very different people.”

Although college was a time of growth and finding your individuality, there is something about the relationship with a sibling that will keep each twin grounded. Like Kathleen said, “I love having [Jacob] here because it’s one less person for me to miss.”

A Twin



Amber Beacham • Midlothian, TX  
 C.J. Bernard • Sherwood, AR  
 Kelsey Biasatti • Carrollton, TX  
 Sarah Bishop • Paron, AR  
 Molly Bowman • Greenbrier, AR  
 Michael Braudrick • Frisco, TX



Hannah Bridges • Clarksville, AR  
 Ashley Briggs • Alexander, AR  
 Bruce Brockinton • Sherwood, AR  
 Pete Brunson • Monticello, AR  
 Ashley Bundy • Justin, TX  
 Barrett Burger • Camden, AR



Brooks Burleson • Camden, AR  
 Hannah Bushey • Stuttgart, AR  
 Stephanie Butcher • El Dorado, AR  
 John Buter • Hope, AR  
 Rusty Butler • Little Rock, AR  
 Korey Byrd • Cypress, TX



Amy Campbell • Russellville, AR  
 Ashleigh Canada • Rogers, AR  
 Cort Cantrell • Benton, LA  
 Rachel Carr • Roy, UT  
 Sarah Carr • Roy, UT  
 Dexter Carter • Little Rock, AR



Sarah Liz Carter • Norphlet, AR  
 Johanna Casey • Lowell, AR  
 Jacob Catlett • Malvern, AR  
 Kirstin Changose • Little Rock, AR  
 Sam Chatman • Rogers, AR  
 Seth Childers • Cooter, MO



Kourtney Chumbley • Richardson, TX  
 Emory Clayborn • Camden, AR  
 Kate Cody • Sulphur Springs, TX  
 Jake Coffman • Tyrone, AR  
 Matthew Cook • Harrison, AR  
 Jennifer Coon • Conway, AR

Cara Cox • Benton, AR  
 Katy Cox • Conway, AR  
 Michael Crowe • Donaldson, AR  
 Jonathan Curry • Little Rock, AR  
 Cara Curtis • Stuttgart, AR  
 Andrew Davis • Little Rock, AR



Sarah Davis • Bedford, TX  
 Michaela Deen • Arlington, TX  
 Megan de la Torre • Mansfield, TX  
 Rebekah Dindak • Allen, TX  
 Timothy Drennan • Paron, AR  
 Josh Emery • Collierville, TN



Summer Engel • Richmond, TX  
 Anna English • Coppell, TX  
 Tuyajargal Enkhbayar • Ulaanbaatar,  
 Mongolia  
 Ellen Eubanks • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Megan Evans • Mesquite, TX  
 Brittany Ewart • Bossier City, LA



Krista Fauber • Marion, AR  
 Sally Ferguson • Maud, TX  
 Cassie Fikes • Honolulu, HI  
 Tyler Files • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Kyle Fischer • Texarkana, TX  
 Shane Fletcher • Bixby, OK



Lindsey Fowler • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Abbi Frakes • Plano, TX  
 Heather Francis • Grand Prairie, TX  
 Rachel Gilmer • Princeton, TX  
 Ashley Glover • Stuttgart, AR  
 Dallas Gracey • Tuttle, OK



Megan Graves • Hot Springs, AR  
 Rachel Gregory • Malvern, AR  
 Bekah Hall • Port Elizabeth, South  
 Africa  
 Drake Hardy • Royal, AR  
 Katie Harris • Little Rock, AR  
 Trent Harris • Austin, AR





# JT Goodrum

By CJ Santiago

Leading a team was the job of a captain. They were the ones who set the example and took responsibility for their teammates. They were the ones who the team looked to make things happen. A captain pushed his team to get better and work harder. The captain was usually one of the older members and usually one of the more experienced team members. For the Ouachita soccer team, this was not the case.

JT Goodrum was a transfer student from Nacogdoches, Texas, who transferred to Ouachita from Appalachian State in North Carolina in the fall to play soccer for the Tigers. He came and surprised everyone by becoming one of the captains for the Tiger's soccer team his first season. "It has been great to take a more of a leadership position," said Goodrum.

Goodrum played soccer for as long as he could remember. He said that soccer had always been a good outlet for stress. "I just love playing and the bond you make with your teammates, it is a good preparation for life," said Goodrum.

Goodrum transferred because "OBU is a great balance of what I want out of soccer. It is competitive and we have a great team, but it is not over the top," said Goodrum.

When it comes to college athletes, balancing time between sports and other priorities could be difficult. Goodrum was not only part of the soccer team, but a member of Beta Beta Beta's social club and a men's discipleship group under Dr. Scott Duvall. "During the season it is definitely not easy to balance everything," said Goodrum. Throwing in soccer to a long list of school, friends and sleep made it hard for Goodrum to divide his time.

Though it was difficult to balance his time, Goodrum was able to keep his school work first. The chemistry major boasts a 4.0 GPA "by the grace of God," said Goodrum. Most college athletes hope to play professionally, but this was not the case for Goodrum. He hopes to go to med school when he graduates. His dream isn't to play soccer professionally, but he said, "hey if it happens that would be great, but honestly that's a little bit of wishful thinking."

His advice to college athletes was "school is first. Sports will fade no matter how long you play. Your degree is most important." This was reflected in Goodrum's actions by maintaining his outstanding GPA.

Goodrum was a unique student because he excelled academically and athletically. Though it was his first year to play for the Tigers, Goodrum led a very talented Tiger soccer team through his character and leadership. "Play in such a way that you can hold your head up after the game is over. What happens on the field stays on the field," said Goodrum.



# A Leader



Meg Hart • Little Rock, AR  
Tyler Hartman • McKinney, TX  
C.J. Hays • Newport, MN  
Kayla Hedin • Grand Prairie, TX  
Lindsay Henderson • Euless, TX  
Annelise Henley • Arkadelphia, AR

Austin Henslee • Cleburne, TX  
 Ryan Hess • Deridder, LA  
 John Hewitt • Mesquite, TX  
 Hayley Hill • Lowell, AR  
 Hein Hillmer • Port Elizabeth,  
 South Africa  
 Kelsey Himes • Garland, TX



Christian Hjertquist • Stockholm,  
 Sweden  
 Maegan Hodge • Springdale, AR  
 Elise Holman • Berryville, AR  
 Rachel Hooker • Palestine, AR  
 Katie Hopmann • Cypress, TX  
 Kegan Houston • El Dorado, AR



Allyson Huffman • Denton, TX  
 Daniel Humbert • Hot Springs, AR  
 Mary Ellen Hunthrop • White Hall, AR  
 Jenna Hurst • Gurdon, AR  
 Joseph Hurst • Morrilton, AR  
 Austin Ingram • Little Rock, AR



Arthur Johnson • Rockwall, TX  
 Kristin Johnson • Benton, AR  
 Lacey Johnson • Rancho Mirage, CA  
 Elizabeth Jones • Grapevine, TX  
 Alexis Kamerman • Searcy, AR  
 Jonathan Kauffman • Houston, TX



Ana Kim • Little Rock, AR  
 Lorna Kirkpatrick • Little Rock, AR  
 Helge Knuth • Mandelbachtal,  
 Germany  
 Tayler Koller • Hot Springs, AR  
 Ernesto Laborda • Zaragoza, Spain  
 Kelsey Lamb • Little Rock, AR



Lindsey Lederer • Carrollton, TX  
 Ally Lemos • Hanford, CA  
 Amelia Lindsey • Camden, AR  
 Lauren Linton • Millington, TN  
 Helene Ly • Chartres, France  
 Trey Lynch • Valley Springs, AR





Blake Magee • *Shreveport, LA*  
 Evan Malcolm • *Shreveport, LA*  
 Victoria Mantooth • *Sherwood, AR*  
 Meredith Martin • *Garland, TX*  
 Nicole Mattson • *Rowlett, TX*  
 Shelby McAadoo • *Copper Canyon, TX*

Kayla McAndrew • *Arlington, TX*  
 Endsley McClellan • *Searcy, AR*  
 Kevin McClure • *Elkborn, NE*  
 Anna McCulloch • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Lauren McElyea • *Garland, TX*  
 Clay McKinney • *Hughes Springs, TX*

# Meg Hart

By: Jordan Campbell

Meg Hart, a freshman accounting major, did not spend her teen years in drivers ed, or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Before Ouachita, Hart served in Russia with her family as missionaries.

"I say my family, not just my parents, because we were all called to do missions. I personally was involved in orphanage ministry, homeless ministry, addictions ministry and Backyard Bible Clubs while I lived in Russia," said Hart.

While most MKs attended international schools, Hart and her sisters attended Russian public schools. "[School in Russia] was so much harder than American school," Hart said. "In Russian school, you have college-level math and science classes by ninth grade, so coming to college was really easy academically."

The most notable difference for Hart was the driving age. "I was counting the days until my 16th birthday, so I could be free to drive myself everywhere," she said. "There was a problem, in Russia you have to be 18 to drive. Period."

According to Hart, the hardest adjustment was the climate difference. "I miss being able to snowboard whenever I want," she said. "I lived in the mountains, and the slopes were literally five minutes from my house, so I could always go snowboarding, skiing or tubing in my free time."

For Hart, growing up in Russia enriched and completely changed her life. Learning to care, help and witness to others was a part of her daily life for eight years. While she took a trip to Chile with Campus Ministries this past summer, her heart remains in Russia, and she plans on going back.

"I've learned so much about the world that I otherwise wouldn't have known (Contemporary World was a breeze!), and I've learned that I am just part of a bigger plan," she said. "What I do serves a greater purpose, so I need to be intentional in all I do. There were times when I had to depend on God for literally everything, so I know how important having that relationship with Him is. I don't take things, such as religious freedom or good friends, for granted."



# Missionary

# Liverpool Hope University

By: Erica Porter

Nineteen students enrolled in the international studies program at Liverpool Hope University (LHU) during the spring semester.

"Liverpool is quite a bit bigger than Arkadelphia and has an extremely deep history, as any English town does," said Joe Anderson, a junior music major from Hot Springs. "From the common college student's perspective, I would probably say there's much more to do and see, which is definitely a plus. However, everything is spread out like a typical bigger city and things can get expensive."



The students had to adjust to the differences in the classroom, too. "The education system is much different in terms of hours I spend on campus and how courses are laid out," Anderson said. "I don't have class on Tuesday or Thursday, and when I do have class, I don't spend more than two to four hours a day in class. There is no homework or tests, just essays and final examinations."

The ability to earn credits in multiple subjects was expected to make Liverpool a popular destination for students who wished to experience a semester abroad, but were not language majors, or desired classes taught in English.

The students spent their time outside of the classroom meeting people from all over the world and exploring the city's many historical and cultural attractions.

"International students kind of stick together," said Andrew Sweatman, a junior English major from Ft. Smith. "Most of my friends aren't from the UK, but are German, French, Finnish, Dutch and several Americans from other universities."

Liverpool had a wide variety of cultural excursions such as art galleries, museums, theaters and concert halls. There were also 24 soccer and rugby teams that students participated in.

"The docks are a beautiful place to go for a walk and there's a maritime museum nearby that focuses on Liverpool as one of the world's major ports," said Sweatman.

Some students took advantage of Liverpool's proximity to other European attractions and spent their three-week spring break exploring other European countries.

In January, seven administrators and faculty visited Liverpool to learn about the university and its programs.

"It was a very enlightening trip that afforded us the opportunity to look closely at the LHU curriculum and visit with the Ouachita students who were already there," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities. "In its very first semester, a record number of students have already participated and I'm sure it will continue to be very popular with Ouachita students."

## A Traveler

Celia Miller • Alma, AR  
Jordan Miller • Rockwall, TX  
Sidney Milton • Little Rock, AR  
Josh Montgomery • Frisco, TX  
Landon Moore • Sheridan, AR  
Meagan Moore • Waxahachie, TX





Micah Moore • Little Rock, AR  
 Sarah Moore • Garland, TX  
 Chelsea Morehead • Mabelvale, AR  
 Asaf Moreno • Little Rock, AR  
 Bailey Morris • Mesquite, TX  
 Dani Moses • Texarkana, AR



Savannah Motzko • Berryville, AR  
 Maddie Mueller • Colorado Springs, CO  
 Spencer Neblett • Little Rock, AR  
 Alex Nelson • Frisco, TX  
 Brent Nessler • Rowlett, TX  
 Chelsey Nicholas • Texarkana, AR



Amanda Nitcher • McKinney, TX  
 Brittany Nolan • El Dorado, AR  
 Hannah Nolan • Sberwood, AR  
 Grant Novak • Haughton, LA  
 Adam Oakes • Campbell, TX  
 Carly Oetker • Hector, AR



Daniel Ogier • San Antonio, TX  
 Trey Oliveto • Searcy, AR  
 Haley Olmsted • Little Rock, AR  
 Emma Patterson • Garland, TX  
 Bernita Pearson • Little Rock, AR  
 Bethany Peevy • Rogers, AR



Michelle Perez • Palm Harbor, FL  
 Ben Perry • North Little Rock, AR  
 Katie Pesck • Texarkana, TX  
 Shelby Pierceall • Mabelvale, AR  
 LeeAnne Polk • Greenville, TX  
 Jacob Price • Magnolia, AR



Ben Prince • Tomball, TX  
 Dawson Pritchard • Denton, TX  
 Brittany Proffer • Grand Prairie, TX  
 Phebe Pruett • Summers, AR  
 Matt Ray • Plano, TX  
 Chris Redmon • Little Rock, AR

Shelbie Reed • North Little Rock, AR  
 Krista Reitz • Wylie, TX  
 Crista Riggs • Edmond, OK  
 Tuesday Riley • Bearden, AR  
 Tyler Robinson • White Hall, AR  
 Rachel Rogers • Springdale, AR



# A Crafter

## Leigha Hill

By: Callie Hamilton

Leigha Hill, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Bolivar, Mo., with a sweet spirit and love for people, was the perfect mentor for freshman girls first encountering life away from home. Not being from Arkansas, the feeling of being in a brand new place while embarking on the next chapter of life was not unfamiliar to this Francis Crawford RA.

“Crafternoons” began when RAs were asked to come up with a weekly activity for people on their floor. While true that Hill had a love for crafts, it was Hill’s commitment to the girls on her floor and to creating a place of belonging for them that enabled “Crafternoons” to become a dorm-wide event.



“It’s great relationship bonding time and a chance to get to know people all the while engaging the brain with creative crafts,” said Hill.

For Hill, “Crafternoons” were all about the fellowship. “It’s providing a way for girls to get plugged in,” said Hill. “ResLife’s heart behind these acts is to give people a place where they feel welcomed and know that whatever’s going on in their lives, they can come and ‘Crafternoons’ will be going on.”

Hill gives credit to the “ResLife” team, a group of Residential Advisors on campus, for making these opportunities of outreach possible. “I’m very impressed by ResLife and how caring the staff is,” said Hill. “RAs are often overlooked, but I feel they are the heartbeat of life at Ouachita.”

Hill took her duties as an RA past organizing activities and often connected with girls on a personal level. “A home is where you’re able to see who people actually are,” Hill said. “It’s easy to seem fine on the surface, but I pop in someone’s room and see that they’re upset or stressed, and that’s real.”

Being an RA also provided Hill with opportunities to develop close relationships with girls. “I’m able to be a person that girls can come to in confidence and share problems and struggles with,” Hill said. “Recognizing that I didn’t get that reminds me of how important it is.”

Hill attributed her compassion for the girls and her desire to help them in all aspects of her heart to service. “Ultimately, my goal is to show Christ to them,” said Hill.



Joel Rogier Glen • Carbon, IL  
 Chris Ross • Wynne, AR  
 Stephen Rothwell • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Hannah Rucker • Hot Springs, AR  
 Gerry Ruiz • Indio, CA  
 Becca Rutherford • Bay, AR



Victoria Samuelson • Conway, AR  
 Brandon Sanders • Franklin, TX  
 Emily Sanders • Conway, AR  
 Austin Sarabia • Houston, TX  
 Carli Sasser • Hamburg, AR  
 Megan Scarbrough • Fayetteville, AR



Ben Schleiff • Manila, AR  
 Ashli Schmidt • Rowlett, TX  
 Buck Schroeder • Conway, AR  
 Kramer Schuereberg • Sikeston, MO  
 Daniel Searles • Maud, TX  
 Caitlin Secrest • Arkadelphia, AR



Marissa Selden • Marion, AR  
 Savannah Shotts • Cabot, AR  
 Jake Simpson • Tuttle, OK  
 Daniel Sims • Conway, AR  
 Luke Smith • Paron, AR  
 Monica Smith • Van Buren, AR



Wayne Smith • Texarkana, TX  
 Zach Smith • Batesville, AR  
 Mauri Sparks • Queen City, TX  
 Jessica Stanley • Mesquite, TX  
 Kelsey Stawasz • Mesquite, TX  
 Bret Steed • Idabel, OK



Jason Stevenson • Guy, AR  
 Jessica Stewart • Mansfield, TX  
 Meagan Stiles • Conway, AR  
 Ryan Strebeck • Texarkana, AR  
 Laura Strossner • Conway, AR  
 Jacob Surgeon • Pine Bluff, AR

David Sypult • Rogers, AR  
 MaryLacey Thomason • Plano, TX  
 Hunter Threadgill • Cordova, TN  
 Carrington Tillery • Lonsdale, AR  
 Jacob Tinklenberg • Arlington, TX  
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Molly Anne Turner • Sherwood, AR  
 Steven Turney • Royal, AR  
 Katie Vaughn • Hot Springs, AR  
 Jacob Vickery • Jonesboro, AR  
 Kirby Von Edwins • Little Rock, AR  
 Michelle Waddell • Marion, AR



Jonathan Waddell • North Little Rock, AR  
 Anna Wakeling • Bryant, AR  
 Kyle Walker • Benton, AR  
 Amy Walters • Springdale, AR  
 Natalie Way • England, AR  
 Logan Webb • Benton, AR



Danielle Wells • Plano, TX  
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 Lauren West • Hot Springs, AR  
 Alyssa White • Tyler, TX  
 Elizabeth White • Searcy, AR  
 Natalee Whitehouse • Prairie Grove, AR



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 Kaitlin Williams • Shreveport, LA  
 Stephen Williams • Roland, AR  
 Jonathan Williamson • Batesville, AR  
 Kelsey Willis • Redfield, AR



Chandler Wilson • Cabot, AR  
 Josh Wilson • Conway, AR  
 Seth Wilson • Hot Springs, AR  
 Karissa Winfrey • Stuttgart, AR  
 Preston Winstead • Fort Smith, AR  
 Hunter Wolf • Waco, TX





# Amanda Like

by Jessica Wasmund

What started out as a high school English assignment brought Amanda Like, a junior English major from Sachse, Texas, to a new level in writing. Before this college student graduated, she had a contract to publish her first book "Defying Courage."

The project began as a short story assignment for Like's high school English class. "I received a call on the assignment and my teacher told me she wanted to read more," said Like.

Like then took between three and four months to finish the novel and in June of 2009 sent the book to Publish America, a publishing company out of Dallas. Two weeks later she received a call from them that the manuscript was bumped up in the reviewing process. In August her book was ready to be published.

As easy as it sounds, Amanda's path to being a published author was not without its obstacles. "The whole process is very new. I kind of got gypped on a few things. I did not have an editor for my book, so if you ever read it there are quite a few typos that I'm kind of embarrassed about," said Like.

After "Defying Courage" was published, Amanda received a good bit of success. "There's a place in India you can buy it, and it's really popular there, strangely enough. I don't know anyone in India," Amanda said.

Like's interest in writing began with her love of reading. "My dad used to read to me when I was a little girl. I just loved reading, and one day I decided to write," said Like.

Creating the different characters, attributes, scenes and adventures was Like's favorite part of writing. "I'm hoping to go to graduate school to learn more about creative writing. I'm hoping to also continue to publish throughout graduate school," said Like.

Even after her success, Amanda still remained humbled by her family and friends. "Always have great friends. Write all the time," said Like. "And keep doing what you're doing and hopefully one day you will reach your goals."



FWriter



Mary Rachel Wolf • Hot Springs, AR  
Will Wooten • Conway, AR  
Holly Wray • Eads, TN  
Miki Yokota • Fukuoka  
Justin Young • Springdale, AR

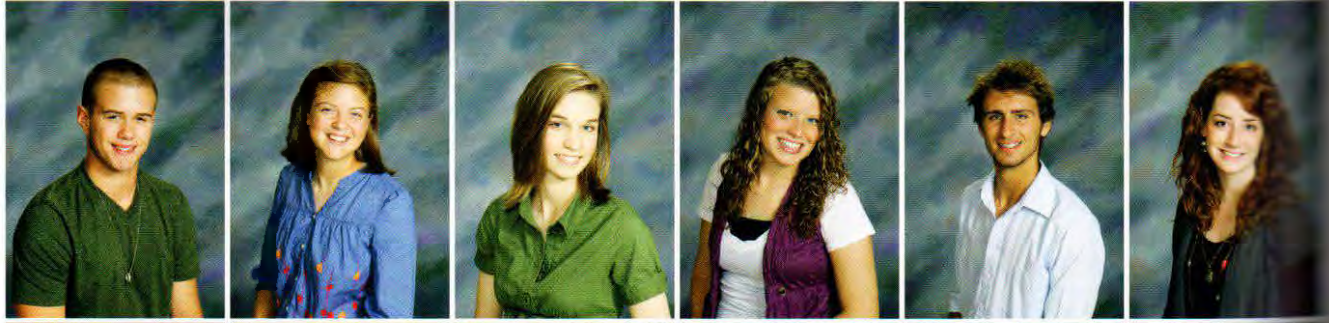
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 Wendy Berry • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Baronger Bieger • *Rockwall, TX*



Hannah Bishop • *Conway, AR*  
 Glenn Bolton • *Hensley, AR*  
 Sara Booker • *Prescott, AR*  
 Shelby Briley • *Siloam Springs, AR*  
 Judith Brizuela • *Cortes, NM*  
 Lacey Brooks • *Benton, AR*



Chad Bullington • *Hot Springs, AR*  
 Deborah Caldwell • *Siloam Springs, AR*  
 Jessica Caldwell • *Roe, AR*  
 Jenny Campbell • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Clayton Case • *Santiago, Chile*  
 Mary Castleman • *Batesville, AR*



Sam Chidister • *DeValls Bluff, AR*  
 Whitney Collier • *North Little Rock, AR*  
 Duncan Collins • *Texarkana, AR*  
 Haley Crabtree • *Simms, TX*  
 Nicholas Crump • *Camden, AR*  
 Samantha Cummins • *Rogers, AR*



Ethan Day • *Garland, TX*  
 Stephanie Deen • *Jonesboro, AR*  
 Keena Dickey • *Crossett, AR*  
 Erin Edge • *Southaven, MS*  
 Josh Fink • *Forney, TX*  
 Karlee Finney • *Winnsboro, TX*



Molli Flurry • *Carrollton, TX*  
 Jason Fowler • *Mesquite, TX*  
 Allison Frizzell • *McKinney, TX*  
 Kiley Gamble • *McKinney, TX*  
 Trent Gardner • *Dallas, TX*  
 Trey Gosser • *North Little Rock, AR*



Erin Grammer • Garland, TX  
 Amberly Green • Batesville, AR  
 Mallory Gross • Alexander, AR  
 Stephanie Hampton • Perryville, AR  
 Daniel Hastings • Lowell, AR  
 Skylar Hearron • Doyline, LA

# Tim & Marcus

By Annaliese Clark

Making it to the Olympic Games was every athlete's dream, but only a select few ever see that dream come true. Two sophomore swimmers, Tim Ferris, a business administration marketing major from Triangle, Zimbabwe, and Marcus Schlesinger, a biology major from Nuevo, Calif., were 2012 Olympic hopefuls for the summer games in London, England.

Both Ferris and Schlesinger grew up swimming and swam in high school for both school and club teams. After high school, Ferris and Schlesinger were both recruited to swim at OBU and found similarities and differences compared to their training back home.

"The training is somewhat more team orientated here and a lot more emphasis is put on keeping the team together," said Ferris. "I'd never heard of a dual meet until I got here. Dual meets are more fun!"

"Adjusting to OBU's practices was a little difficult. Although the swim practices were the same or a little easier than my club practices, the incorporation of the level of land and weights we do here combined with the swim practices made practice here harder," said Schlesinger.

Despite the difficult practices and schedule, both Ferris and Schlesinger adapted well to college swimming and made it to the 2010 NCAA national swim meet as freshmen.

Then Schlesinger and Ferris split ways to train for the summer. Schlesinger went back to his club team in California to train for the USA National swim meet and Ferris trained around the country for Pan Pacs.

In December, 2010, while their classmates were taking final exams, Ferris and Schlesinger competed against the best in the world. Ferris represented his country at the World Championship swim meet in Dubai.

Even though the World Championship meet in Dubai was full of well known athletes, Ferris swam well and came away with all personal best times, which was quite the accomplishment.

During Christmas break, Schlesinger took part in the Maccabi games in Sydney, Australia. "It felt pretty sweet to represent the USA in Australia. "It feels way cooler than swimming in USA Nationals because you are just swimming against Americans. At the Maccabi Games, you meet a bunch of cool people from all over the world," said Schlesinger. Schlesinger represented the United States well, earning gold medals in the events in which he competed.

Since his strong performances in Dubai, Ferris looked forward to 2012 to representing Zimbabwe at the 2012 summer Olympics. "I just have to have one of the top two times in my events. I'm trying my best to get there. I think I got a pretty good shot."

Schlesinger also had Olympic hopes. "My goals for this summer are to drop a lot of time in my events so I can swim better than I did last year at Nationals. Next summer, I want to get my Olympic Trial cuts and place as high as I can," said Schlesinger.

OBU swim coach Ryan Killackey explained that the level of competition in these meets boosts Ferris and Schlesinger's confidence. "The main thing is Tim and Marcus have the opportunity to be at these meets and compete against a level above them which in turn gives them the confidence to enhance their swim ability," said Killackey



# Olympic Hopefuls

# A Beauty

# Kristen Glover

By: Korrie Browning

The 2011 Miss Ouachita Baptist University crown went to an energetic and passionate dancer that exuded poise and grace both on and off the stage. Kristen Glover, a senior chemistry major from Stuttgart captured the hearts of the judges and crown in order to win the title and represent the university in the summer of 2011 at the Miss Arkansas Pageant in Hot Springs.

“Preparing for Miss OBU required interview preparation, paperwork, P90X workouts, talent practice and wardrobe decisions,” said Glover. Her level of dedication paid off in the end, but there was still more hard work to be done before the summer’s competition.

The past three Miss OBU’s have made top ten at Miss Arkansas and Glover hoped to continue the winning tradition with the help of her support system.



“My dance teacher, Micki Konecny and former Miss Arkansas, has inspired me to chase this dream and remain true to myself,” said Glover. “Mac and Donna Sisson have always been supportive of my efforts as well, offering help along the way.”

Glover not only represented Miss OBU in competition, but was also able to impact the community.

“Since February, I have spoken in schools in Arkadelphia, Hot Springs, Bismarck and Magnet Cove,” said Glover. “I also attended a Ouachita board meeting and the annual Drug Free Walk at Perritt Primary School.”

Despite her demanding new schedule, Glover managed to keep herself busy with school. She was accepted into the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy to pursue a career in clinical pharmacy. Although she graduated in May, Ouachita will always serve as her foundation for her life to come.

“Ouachita has helped form me into the woman I am today,” said Glover. “The students, professors and faculty have shown incredible support and interest in my personal and spiritual development. It has been a complete joy to share this Miss Arkansas journey with my Ouachita family!” Glover was crowned Miss Arkansas 2011 in July. See feature in index.

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 Tim Horton • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Raley Howard • El Dorado, AR  
 Hannah Hunter • Bryant, AR  
 Lauren Jackson • Arkadelphia, AR

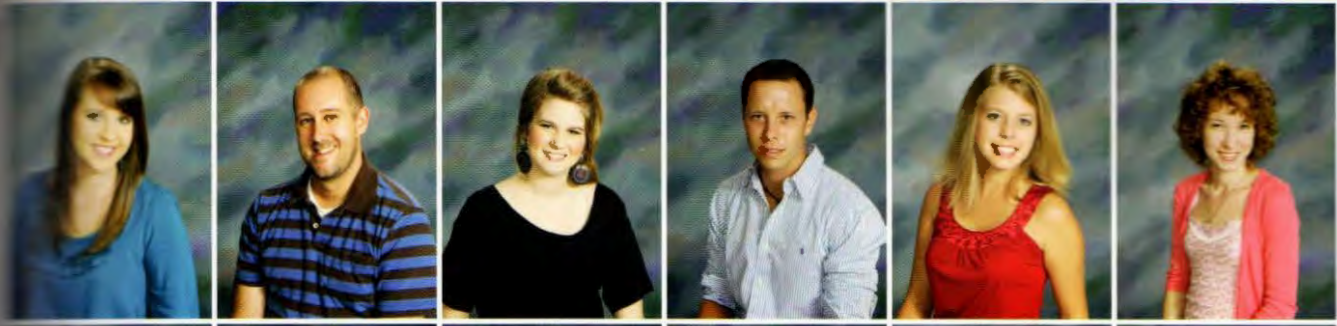


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 Abbey Jamieson • Sachse, TX  
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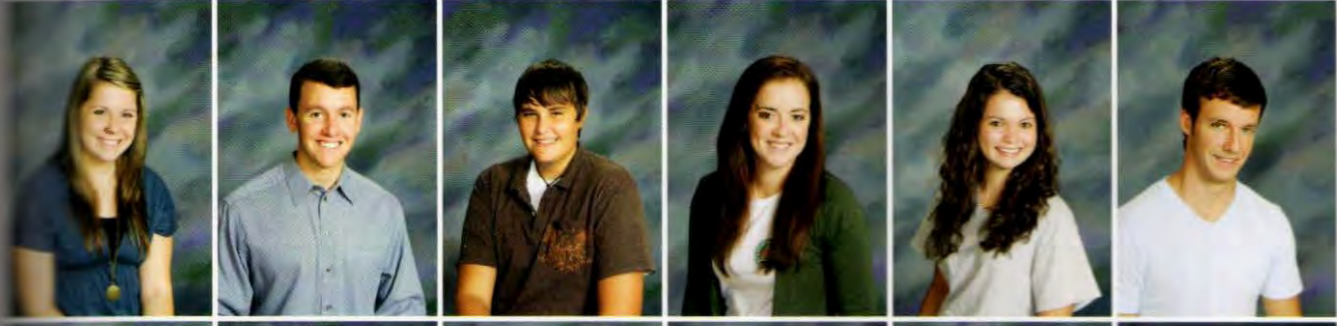




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 Sunhye Kim • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Travis King • *Dallas, TX*  
 Caleb Knight • *Arkadelphia, AR*



Casey Knight • *Arkadelphia, AR*  
 Simon Knighten • *Texarkana, AR*  
 Kelly Knobloch • *Monticello, AR*  
 Tobias Kuhlmann • *Hassel, Germany*  
 Michelle Lackey • *Decatur, TX*  
 Carissa Landrum • *Indio, CA*



Michelle Lanza • *Allen, TX*  
 Greg Lawrence • *Sagibaw, TX*  
 Daniel Lee • *Atlanta, TX*  
 Jenna Lindsey • *Van Buren, AR*  
 Devan Malone • *Benton, AR*  
 Tyler McCarley • *Little Rock, AR*



Jena McCarty • *Pottsville, AR*  
 Nicole McPhate • *Conway, AR*  
 Audrey Melson • *Batesville, AR*  
 Jill Mitchell • *Texarkana, TX*  
 Stephanie Morse • *Benton, AR*  
 Sean Nance • *Dallas, TX*



Valerie Nickel • *Richardson, TX*  
 Elliot O'Connor • *Montrose, CO*  
 Tiffany Ohman • *Fort Worth, TX*  
 Alexis Pace • *Sugar Land, TX*  
 Emily Parker • *Shreveport, LA*  
 David Pennington • *Bearden, AR*



Hannah Pfeiffer • *Benton, AR*  
 Hannah Pilcher • *Maumelle, AR*  
 Whitley Poole • *Batesville, AR*  
 Rebekah Poynor • *Aubrey, TX*  
 Courtney Puddephatt • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Krystal Qualls • *Texarkana, AR*

Hannah Ramsey • Naperville, IL  
 Kayleigh Ratliff • Conway, AR  
 Brittney Reynold • Benton, AR  
 Cody Riggs • Nederland, TX  
 Andrew Robert • Plano, TX  
 Brian Sain • Hurst, TX



# A Voice

## Allison Cornell

By: Katie Osment

"Mom, don't you think I'm a good singer? I could be a really good singer someday, huh?" the fifth-grader asked as she paraded around the house screaming an \*NSYNC song. "I'm sorry, honey, but you just don't have a good voice," her mother replied. Ten years and an Extended Play later, the girl who was told she could not sing proved a lot of people wrong.

Allison Cornell, a senior mass communications major from Allen, Texas, had an EP for sale on iTunes and frequently plays small shows in local coffee shops.



Cornell recorded her EP during the Christmas break of 2009 with the collaboration of close friends. The opportunity to record more or less just fell into her lap.

"I knew that God was doing something in and through my music and that I wanted to share it with people, but I had no idea how to go about doing that," Cornell said. "There was one night I prayed, 'God, it's okay if that's not what you have for me.'"

The next day Cornell received a call from a fellow Ouachita student who had a friend who wanted to help Cornell record her album for free.

"I'd been writing a whole lot the summer of '09, and it had been a while since I'd written that much music, so I was eager to get into some sort of studio and record at least an EP," Cornell said. "When the opportunity came about, I grabbed it and ran with it."

Cornell and her friends recorded all the songs in one day. She titled the EP, "Mustard Seed."

"Mustard Seed is about not having as much faith as you would like to, and crying out to God for more of that faith so that He can change things and do things in your life," Cornell said. "I actually wrote Mustard Seed in tears in a time of not a lot of faith and a lot of uncertainty. To see it come from that all the way to the recording, which is really musically victorious and full and strong, has been a really big blessing."

While faith was a big theme of "Mustard Seed," so were brokenness and healing. "A lot of the songs on the EP are about romantic relationships, and a lot of the songs deal with coming from a place of a broken relationship," Cornell said. "They really highlight God's love and healing and show the contrast of what God's love looks like and what earthly love looks like. It really pays tribute to how good God's love is."

Since recording the EP, Cornell's music was well received and became available on iTunes. She also had several opportunities to showcase her music, especially in Arkadelphia.

Despite her success and even being voted Homecoming Queen in the fall of 2011, Cornell was far from prideful about her musical ability and realizes that her talent is a God-given gift.

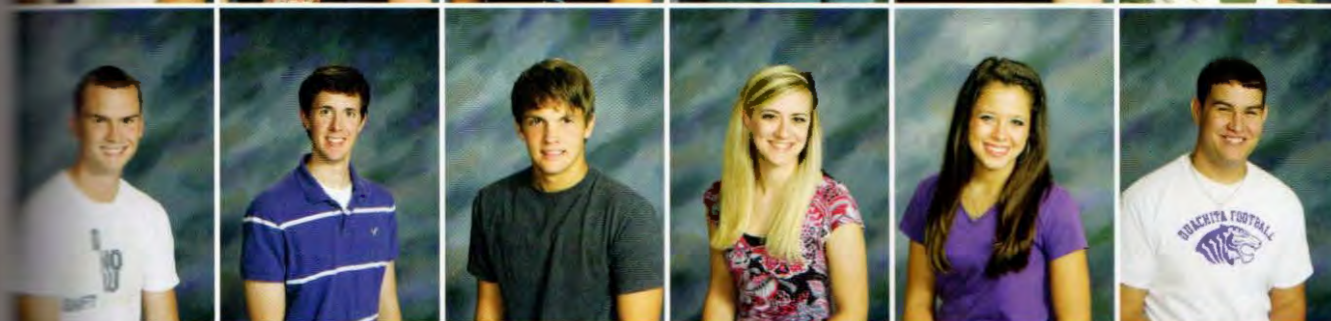
"It's not just for me, to say look at this song I wrote, it's for my brothers and sisters to be able to sing this song with me to God," Cornell said. "That's the biggest blessing-realizing it's not about me, it's just about giving us the opportunity to sing together and be unified in our singing. The more I'm involved in music, the more I realize there's just something in all of us that sing the same song."



Ryleigh Salmon • Henderson, TX  
 Audra Sargent • Fort Smith, AR  
 Meghan Savag • Frisco, TX  
 Jessica Scoggins • Bedford, TX  
 Madison Scott • Little Rock, AR  
 Ken See • Mesquite, TX



Elyse Senteney • Plano, TX  
 Courtney Sharp • Cherokee Village, AR  
 Jillian Sharp • Little Rock, AR  
 Lauren Shawver • Grapevine, TX  
 Rachel Shrader • Litchfield, IL  
 Abbey Smith • Gurdon, AR



Tyler Smith • Shreveport, LA  
 Jordan Snook • Little Rock, AR  
 Will Sparks • Dripping Springs, TX  
 MyLisa Speer • Ashdown, AR  
 Taylor Stanford • White Hall, AR  
 Jacob Stephens • New Boston, TX



Katy Stone • Little Rock, AR  
 Samantha Street • Rogers, AR  
 Alex Taylor • El Dorado, AR  
 Lauren Telford • Texarkana, TX  
 Emily Treadway • New Boston, TX  
 Justin Trewitt • Plano, TX



Emily Tucker • Hot Springs, AR  
 Lindsey Upshaw • Sheridan, AR  
 Johnathon Valdez • Garland, TX  
 Katie Varner • Vilonia, AR  
 Tanner Ward • Bryant, AR  
 Anastasia Waymire • Wynne, AR



Danielle Wilson • Simla, CO  
 Tristan Wooster • Mansfield, TX  
 Kiley Wright • Glenwood, AR

Sarah Anderson • Denton, TX  
 Rod Arnold • Wake Village, TX  
 Nikki Bain • Texarkana, TX  
 Dusty Barnette • Dermott, AR  
 Sarah Barteaux • Jones, OK  
 Taylor Bartel • Lucas, TX



Kyle Bartlett • Conroe, TX  
 Brooke Basinger • Carrollton, TX  
 Kelsey Bates • Marion, AR  
 Stephanie Batsel • Mansfield, TX  
 Stacy Beck • Sheridan, AR  
 Vikki Kay Bennett • Jonesboro, AR



Jessica Bowling • Santiago, Chile  
 Elizabeth Burke • Hot Springs, AR  
 Meredith Butler • Hope, AR  
 Melissa Butters • Denison, TX  
 Kendall Calvert • Mansfield, TX  
 Jordan Campbell • Houston, TX



Kimberly Carlton • Lafayette, LA  
 Kinsey Ann Carpenter • Memphis, TN  
 Rennetta Carter • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Matt Caudle • Parker, TX  
 Rachel Chapman • Rowlett, TX  
 Meg Coffman • Tyrone, AR



Audrey Craven • Rockwall, TX  
 Aaren Crews • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Emily Davis • Little Rock, AR  
 Abigail Dekle • Sachse, TX  
 Britney Dickerson • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Kelsi Ferguson • Louisville, KY



Nicole Fillinger • Morrilton, AR  
 Lydia Fincher • Hot Springs, AR  
 Mikki Gaines • Hope, AR  
 Leah Garavelli • Olive Branch, MS  
 Taylor Geurin • Little Rock, AR  
 Brittany Green • Frisco, TX





# Evan Park

By: Katie Osment

The shivering 21-year-old laced up his Chuck Taylors, set his iPod to Coldplay and headed to the windy rooftop of the Union Rescue Mission in downtown Los Angeles, where he spent the summer after his sophomore year. As he stood near the ledge of the building, he observed the typical scene unfold on the street below. It was in this moment that Evan Park, now a senior theology major from Mesquite, Texas, realized his purpose in coming to that city and to skid row.

Park and his teammate lived in a cleared-out office in the Union Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter that sits between the two biggest drug streets in Los Angeles. Each afternoon, the two worked off their rent at the mission by doing whatever needed. But their mornings were spent ministering to the homeless at the Ford Hotel.

"During those four hours we would give away free cookies and coffee," Park said. "We sat around a table and they would hang out with us. They would tell us their stories and we would talk about the gospel."

Park experienced a lot of difficulty trying to get people on skid row to know he truly cared about them. Often times, things would get worse before they got better.

In the midst of hard times, Park saw God work in incredible ways. At times people came to the hotel asking for prayer. Other times, a needy person would take several water bottles and immediately hand them out to his friends on the street.

In a room next door, the two college students helped lead a Bible study, and they were able to see real growth in some of their friends. It was times like these that moved Park to write in his blog that "love overcomes evil every day in the Ford Hotel."

For Park, the hardest part of that summer was leaving Los Angeles. "I remember driving away back to Texas, and tears coming to my eyes not wanting to leave," Park said. "We could do that for the rest of our lives and always have ground to break through."

But Park remembered, "God was around before we met these people, and He will be there after. I know they're in God's hands. I told God, 'I trust You with these people,' and I do."

Park's experience in Los Angeles impacted him so much that he and a friend started a ministry of their own when he returned to Arkadelphia.

"This [homeless] ministry led into the Manna ministry. I couldn't come out of something like that and just keep to myself," Park said. "It was really contagious, that feeling of giving."

Park plans to continue this lifestyle of giving, but isn't sure what his future holds after graduation. He just knows he wants to continue ministering to the needy.

"It's so cheesy, but it's true. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care," said Park.

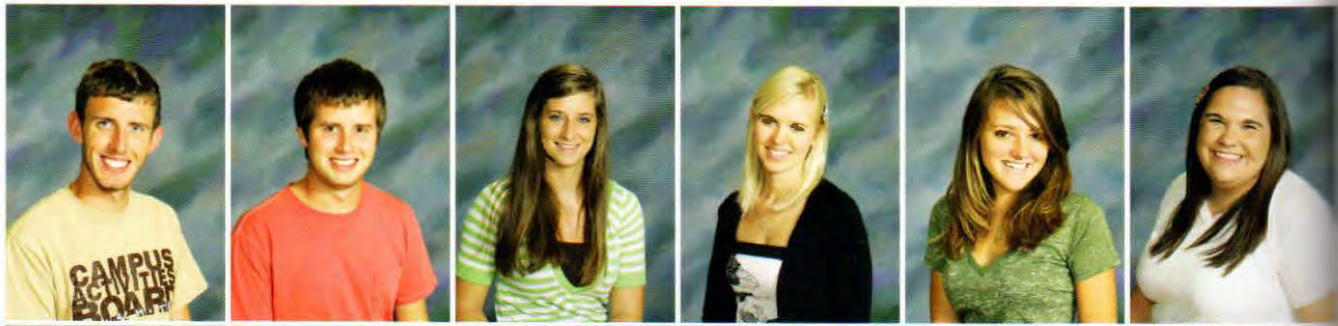


# A Giver



Elisee Habimana • Rwanda  
Lindsey Hackett • Texarkana, TX  
Adam Hansen • Glenwood, AR  
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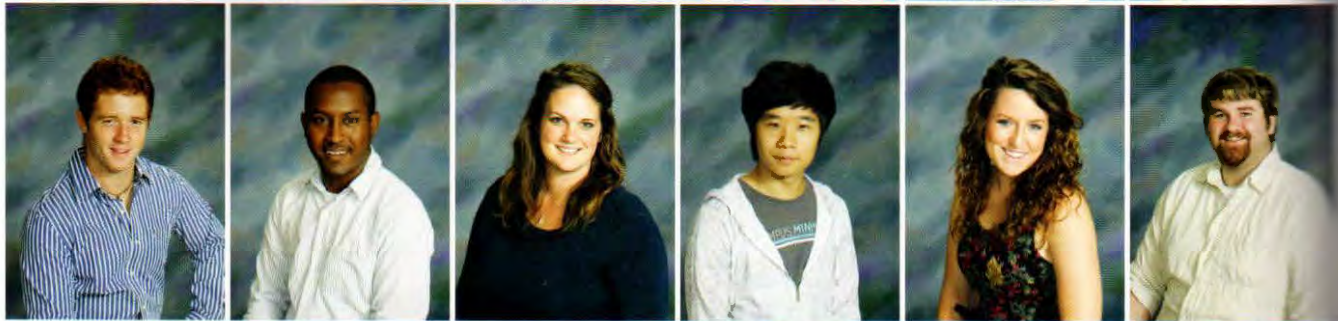
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 Mason Hayes • Cabot, AR  
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 Hillary Hill • Forrest City, AR  
 Jessica Hill • Ponder, TX  
 Leigha Hill • Bolivar, MO



Natalie Holmes • Richardson, TX  
 Chelsea Holsted • Morrilton, AR  
 Paul Huenefeld • Heber Springs, AR  
 Tanner Huffman • Wynne, AR  
 Shannon Hunt • Longview, TX  
 Trevor Huxham • Plano, TX



James Ingrahm • St George, Barbados  
 Bereket Isayas • Tyler, TX  
 Grace Janzen • Tulsa, OK  
 David Jeon • South Korea  
 Kayla Kagel • Royal, AR  
 Brian Keen • Montgomery Village, MD



Townsend Keller • Celina, TX  
 Kathryn Kellogg • Sherwood, AR  
 Kathryn Kelly • Hot Springs, AR  
 Brittney Kiefer • Little Rock, AR  
 Austin King • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Katy Krikorian • Rockwall, TX



Dayton Lavender • Grapetvine, TX  
 Steven Lawrence • Sunset, TX  
 Madison Lewis • Conway, AR  
 Hollyn McCarty • Texarkana, AR  
 Addison McCarver • Texarkana, AR  
 Cara McKinney • Hughes Springs, TX



Nikki McNair • Minot, ND  
 Ruth Megli • Enid, OK  
 Devon Melear • Houston, TX  
 Libby Merritt • Conway, AR  
 Corey Morrow • Conway, AR  
 Katelyn Mustain • Lewisville, TX





Jordan Neal • Gilbert, AZ  
Natalie Polston • Searcy, AR  
Marshall Pope • Texarkana, TX  
Haley Prowell • Rogers, AR

# Nathan Lochala

By Ben Harrington

Imagine spending two years working with a company, climbing the corporate ladder and training others. Next, imagine taking time off and coming back to find yourself on the bottom rung of the ladder. Well, this is similar to what happened to Nathan Lochala.

Lochala, a 27 year old senior from Mena, was a student at OBU in 2006. However, an unexpected pregnancy with his wife made him stop and rethink some things. In order to provide for his family, Nathan put school off for a while to get a job. Instead of moving his family, he was able to get a job with IT services.

Lochala, a hardware specialist, has worked for IT services since 2008. He works with 10 other people in the department.

Lochala had a busy workday, especially during the semester. He responded to everyday calls from professors as well as students. From slow computers to viruses, all the way down to broken printers, Lochala responded to almost any request. "The key word here is almost," said Lochala. "People think that we have a magic Internet button in the IT department. They call us asking if we can fix the Internet being down, and sometimes I like to respond with, 'oh yeah I forgot to flip the Internet button under my desk.'"

Lochala, and his sarcasm, worked with IT services for two years in order to get a handle on all of the bills that having a baby entails. Finally, in 2008, Lochala went back to school and finished his Christian studies degree in May.

"What do I plan on doing after I'm finished with college?" said Lochala. "That's really the question of the year. I've looked at everything. I do know that I definitely want to be involved in the ministry somehow, I just don't know how yet." Nathan took a class that gave him an idea of what the future might hold for him. The class was Crisis Counseling taught by OBU's counselor Mr. Dan Jarboe. "Dan has been through a lot of things," stated Lochala. "He has experience out the wazoo. He was at Columbine and many other disastrous events in history. His passion for crisis counseling has really gotten through to me." Inspired by this class, Nathan might seek a career in crisis counseling, maybe even work overseas as a missionary.

For now, Lochala will remain working in the IT department, balancing school, work and a family. He stands to remind students that Ouachita is a place that embraces all different students, stories and lives.



AM IT GUY

# A Musician

# Russell Hodges

By: Becca Watts

Thirty-five years of service marked the end of an era in the division of music when Mr. Russell Hodges retired at the end of the spring semester.

"Mr. Hodges is an outstanding organist, and one of the things many of us will miss is his powerful organ accompaniment of the Christmas carols each year during the Service of Lessons and Carols," said Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the school of interdisciplinary studies.



Hodges was one of the first to introduce the idea of Lessons and Carols through a concert of scripture and organ music. Hodges included popular carols such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Silent Night," "What Child Is this?" and "Joy to the World." When Lessons and Carols became a tradition on campus that included various ensembles, Hodges continued to play for the service.

Known best for his organ playing during the Lessons and Carols service at Christmas, Hodges was also an associate professor of music and music librarian who taught organ, harpsichord, church music and liberal arts.

Dr. Deborah Root, professor of mass communication and chair of the Rogers Department of Communication, had known Hodges as both a professor and a colleague. "I first knew Russell Hodges when I was in the OBC hand bell choir in 1977 and it has been a privilege to be a colleague of his the last 25 years," said Root. "I've always

respected his gift as a musician and his dedication and intellectual contributions to our liberal arts program."

Hodges held a bachelor of music degree with an emphasis in organ performance from Oklahoma Baptist University and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma with the same emphasis. In 1994, Hodges returned to school and received his master's degree in library and media sciences from the University of North Texas.

In addition to his teaching, Hodges was active in the community. He worked in churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas as an organist, choir director and hand bell director. During his time at Ouachita, Hodges served for 20 years as the director of music and the organist for the First Presbyterian Church of Arkadelphia.

"We appreciate the many years of dedicated service Russell Hodges gave to Ouachita during his time as a faculty member and wish him the best during his retirement," said Poole.

Elizabeth Quick • Colonia, Uruguay

Hanna Rose • Baytown, TX

Ashlee Sharp • Arkadelphia, AR

Dielle Short • Boerne, TX

Andrew Simmons • Texarkana, AR

Tanner Simon • Denton, TX





Tyler Simon • Denton, TX  
 James Simpson • Rogers, AR  
 Katelyn Smith • Longview, TX  
 Kyle Smith • Fredericksburg, VA  
 Rachel Spencer • Rockwall, TX  
 Samantha Spradling • Italy, TX



T.C. Squires • Sherwood, AR  
 Bradley Stark • Heber Springs, AR  
 Ashton Stewart • Gurdon, AR  
 Josh Stewart • Floresville, TX  
 Brandon Stokes • Fort Smith, AR  
 Sara Strassmeyer • Flower Mound, TX



David Street • Cherokee Village, AR  
 Chris Sumner • Needville, TX  
 Michael Sutton • Hot Springs, AR  
 Morgan Thornton • Bismarck, AR  
 Jamerson Tolbert • Bastrop, LA  
 Kirstie Tollett • De Queen, AR



Amy Vaughan • Grapevine, TX  
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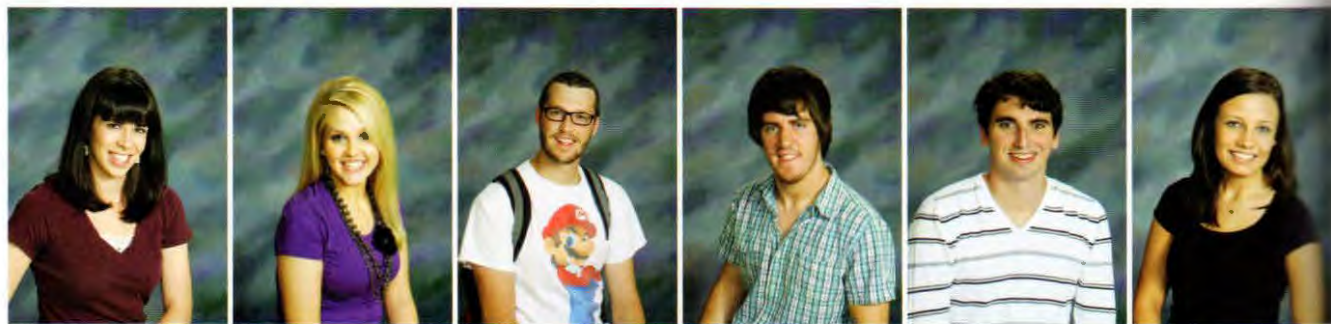


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 Kelli Wilson • Edna, TX  
 Jessica Winston • Sheridan, AR



Christina Wood • Longview, TX  
 Erin Woodfin • Marshall, TX  
 Rebecca Wright • Cordova, TN  
 Alyssa Wylie • Henderson, TX  
 Callie Yeager • Tyler, TX

Christina Albee • Hannibal, MO  
 Claire Anderson • Shreveport, LA  
 Daniel Anderson • Spring, TX  
 Joe Anderson • Hot Spring, AR  
 Radu Badalac • Sibiu, Romania  
 Allie Baldwin • Arkadelphia, AR



Travis Ball • Fort Worth, TX  
 Stephanie Beck • Sheridan, AR  
 Amy Berry • Little Rock, AR  
 Ananda Boardman • Geronimo, TX  
 Anne Bradford • Edmond, OK  
 Jeremy Briggs • Alexander, AR



Karen Brown • Greenville, TX  
 Molly Brown • Rowlett, TX  
 Ruth Bryan • Wimberly, TX  
 Rob Carney • Van Buren, AR  
 Natalie Carroll • Harare, Zimbabwe  
 Reuben Cash • Springfield, TN



# Who's Who

39 students were selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The students were chosen for Who's Who by the faculty, staff and senior class based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.



## Allison Cornell

Mass communications major • Signal newspaper staff writer • Worship leader at Fellowship Church • Homecoming Queen • ElderServe • Plans to attend seminary and pursue a career in leading church worship



## Allie Baldwin

Dietetics major • EEE women's social club • Dietetics club (treasurer and president) • Freshman Family Group leader • South Africa mission team • President's List • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • Relay for Life • Nutrition fairs (OBU, Scroll and Head Start) • Spotlight on Arkadelphia (with Southern Bancorp) • Plans to continue education with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## Caitlin Chapman

Biblical Studies major • Youth ministry at Fellowship Church • President's List • Office aid at Arkadelphia Clinic for Children and Young Adults • Plans to pursue a career in foreign missions/ministry



## Stephen Chapman

Biblical Studies major • Tiger Serve Day leadership team • Kappa Chi men's social club • Pruet Brotherhood • Youth minister at Fellowship Church • Dean's List • Theta Alpha Kappa • Resident Assistant • Apartment Manager • Big Brother Program • Plans to pursue a career in foreign missions/ministry



Colbe Christopher • Prescott, AR  
 Emily Coffman • Hattiesville, AR  
 Graham Cole • Garland, TX  
 Tami Collins • Murfreesboro, AR  
 T.J. Connell • Hope, AR  
 Nathan Courtright • Rowlett, TX

Matt Cox • Hot Springs, AR  
 Eli Cranor • Russellville, AR  
 Katie Cresswell • Shreveport, LA  
 Whitney Crews • Jonesboro, AR  
 Leanne Cushman • Springdale, AR  
 Elizabeth Davis • Ashdown, AR

Sarah Davis • Newark, TX  
 Ian Deetz • Houston, TX  
 Sean Dickard • Kijabe, South Africa  
 John Dicus • Clarksville, AR  
 Hannah Dreyer • Siloam Springs, AR  
 Heather Ederington • El Dorado, AR



## Cortnie DeVore

Musical theater major • 2-time Tiger Tunes Hostess • Miss OBU Court of Honor • Theta Alpha Phi (children's theater workshop director) • OBU theatre productions • OBU theatre traditions student representative • OBU Donor's Banquet entertainment • Women's Chorus • Festival of Christmas • NATS semi-finalist • Tiger Serve Day • Plans to pursue a career in vocal performance and educate young musicians through vocal lessons



## Emmanuel Engulu

Theology, Biblical studies and kinesiology triple major • FCA • Noonday leader • Men's basketball • Resident Assistant • International Club • University Scholars Club • Dean's List • President's List • Tiger Serve Day • Plans to pursue a career in ministry, teaching and coaching



## Kristen Glover

Chemistry major • Tri Chi women's social club (Tiger Tunes director) • OSF (student recruitment co-chair) • Intramurals • American Chemical Society • Fellowship Church K-group member • Ouachita Scholars • President's List • Dean's List • Promise House mentor • Courage House volunteer • Miss OBU • Big Sister program • Plans to obtain a PharmD degree and pursue a career in community pharmacy

Aubrey Elliott • Bentonville, AR  
 Ryan Ellis • Allen, TX  
 Sharon Emerson • Pine Bluff, AR  
 Emmanuel Engulu • Fort Worth, TX  
 Clay Fitzhugh • Stamps, AR  
 Cheyenne Flemister • Monticello, AR



Max Ford • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Anna Fruchey • Little Rock, AR  
 Holly Garland • Searcy, AR  
 Renee Garza Adams • Chiang Mai, Thailand  
 Richard Garza Adams • Benton, AR  
 Kristen Glover • Stuttgart, AR



Rachel Glover • Cabot, AR  
 John Gomez • Bluefield, VA  
 Emilie Gorman • Shreveport, LA  
 Ryan Gorman • Plano, TX  
 Christa Gorz • El Dorado, AR  
 Meg Gosser • Coppell, TX



## Meg Gosser

Mass communications and speech communication double major • Panhellenic (vice president) • IABC (president) • EEE women's social club • OSF • AHS Coach's Show reporter • Ouachita Show co-host • Intramurals • Crossroads college ministry • Dean's List • Tiger Network Leadership • Homecoming court nominee • News Bureau • Fox Sports Southwest intern • Relay for Life • Tiger Serve Day • Big Sister program • Volunteer for Clark County Humane Society • Plans to pursue a career in broadcast journalism



## Sarah Greeson

English and Russian double major • OSF (secretary) • Honors program • Freshman Family Group leader • Sigma Tau Delta • Wind Ensemble • Marching Band • Fellowship Church K-groups • President's List • Dean's List • Outstanding Sophomore English Major • Creative writing published in "Scope" and "Assayers" • America Reads • TranServe • D-Now leader • Plans to pursue a career in Christian publishing



## Natalie Gregory

Early childhood education major • EEE women's social club (vice president) • College Republicans • Kappa Delta Pi • Alpha Chi • Big Sister program • Student Senate • Second Baptist Church youth ministry volunteer • Crossroads college ministry • Alice Searcy Education Award • Resident Assistant • America Reads • Camp War Eagle • Tiger Serve Day • Relay for Life • United Way • Plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher





Aspen Grams • Elkins, AR  
 Sarah Greeson • Hot Springs, AR  
 Natalie Gregory • Jonesboro, AR  
 Rachel Griffith • Greenwood, AR  
 Josh Groves • Bryant, AR  
 Amy Guiomard • DeSoto, TX

Julie Hagar • Mansfield, TX  
 Sara Hanson • Tyler, TX  
 Jessica Hardy • Ozark, AR  
 Drew Harper • North Little Rock, AR  
 Cassie Harrell • Ruston, LA  
 Amy Harrington • Benton, AR

Rachel Harris • Springdale, AR  
 Lindsay Hay • Blytheville, AR  
 Amy Hazelrigg • Batesville, AR  
 Till Heilshorn • Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany  
 Sarah Henley-Richardson  
 • El Dorado, AR  
 Jordan Henry • Greenbrier, AR



## Rachel Griffith

Software engineering major • Student Leadership Conference • EEE Women's social club (president, vice president, treasurer) • Ouachita College Republicans • Inter-Social Club Council • Student Organization and Social Club Council • Arkansas Women's Foundation • Girls of Promise • Second Baptist Church youth ministry volunteer • Online Design Chair • Clark County Cancer Society Committee • Plans to pursue a career working for a non-profit organization



## Drew Harper

Biology major • Beta Beta men's social club (vice president and president) • WOW Steering Committee • Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • Homecoming Committee • Intramurals • Campus Ministries • FBC College Home Group • Dean's List • Tiger Network Leadership Award • New Orleans mission trips • Elrod Center • Plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician



## Keaton Harper

Church music major • Kappa Chi men's social club (president and Tiger Tunes director) • Student Senate • Ouachita Singers • Music minister at Walnut Road Baptist Church in Springhill, La. • Theta Alpha Kappa • Dean's List • Press Operator at OBU Printshop • Tiger Serve Day • Elrod Center • Plans to pursue a career in music and youth ministry

Jessica Hensarling • Allen, TX  
 Anna Leigh Herrin • BonWier, TX  
 Lori Hilburn • Monticello, AR  
 Alissa Hill Bella • Vista, AR  
 Sarah Beth Hill • El Dorado, AR  
 Theo Hone • Harare, Zimbabwe



Whitley Hoppe • Montgomery, TX  
 Sky Howard • Nacogdoches, TX  
 Brandi Hughes • Malvern, AR  
 Hannah Hurn • Hensley, AR  
 Wes Hymer • El Dorado, AR  
 Leslyn Ichter • Conway, AR



## Lori Hilburn

Business and mass communications double major • Student Senate (sophomore class representative, junior class secretary, external vice president and chair of the Tiger for Life committee) • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge mistress and social chair) • IABC • CAB • OSF • Tiger Tunes • OBU Wrestling Mat Maid • Freshman Family Group leader • Choir • Women's Chorus • News Bureau writer • Intramurals • D-Now leader • Crossroads college ministry • Dean's List • America Counts tutor • Tiger Serve Day • Easter baskets for ABCH • Thanksgiving Baskets • Plans to receive a master's in business and pursue a career in event planning



## Elisabeth Hipp

Music-vocal performance major • OBU Musical and Opera • Ouachita Singers (vice president) • Ouachita Sounds • Concert Choir • Fine Arts Student Advisory Board • Fellowship Church K-groups • Friends of Fine Arts Scholar • Scholars Day • 2-time First Place Winner--Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers • Dean's List • President's List • Robert Edwin Masterclass participant • Trinity Presents Collegiate Competition Finalist • Regional and Arkansas State National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition Finalist • Pine Cove Christian Camps • International Opera Theater • Changchun, China mission • Soprano Section Leader for Association of Christian School's International • Big Sister program • Plans to receive a master's in voice performance and pursue a career in opera nationally and internationally



## Hannah Hurn

Spanish and secondary education major • Freshman Family Group Leader • Resident Assistant • Dean's List • CAB • Backyard Bible Club • Camp Wamp • Tiger Serve Day • Fellowship Church K-groups • America Reads tutor • Pine Cove • Plans to pursue a career in middle school counseling

## Wes Hymer

Business administration marketing management major • WOW Steering Committee • Refuge Band • Intramural Sports (Team Fear) • Tiger Tunes director for Men of Fourth Floor • Worship team at Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • Plans to pursue a career in music



Bethany Ivie • Red Oak, TX  
 D.J. Jacks • Fountain Hill, AR  
 Greta James • Little Rock, AR  
 Molly Johnson • Gillett, AR  
 Andrea Jones • Texarkana, AR  
 Leah Jones • Burkburnett, TX

Daniel Karkoska • Bryan, TX  
 Joy Kelly • Waxahachie, TX  
 Tyler King • Judsonia, AR  
 Jason Kirk • Harare, Zimbabwe  
 Ashley Knight • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Brandon Knight • Searcy, AR



## Leslyn Ichter

Choral music education major •  
 Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes •  
 Tiger Tunes hostess • OSF (Special  
 Events) • CAB • Refuge Band  
 Ouachita Singers • Ouachita Sounds  
 Band Singer • Student-Faculty  
 Council for the School of Fine  
 Arts • Intramurals • Kappa Delta Pi  
 Recognition honor society • Crossroads  
 college ministry • Worship leader at  
 Fellowship Church in Little Rock and  
 Fellowship Church in Arkadelphia  
 • Dean's List • President's List •  
 Academic Enrichment Center tutor •  
 TRS and WOW Leader • Tiger Serve  
 Day • Plans to pursue a doctorate in  
 music and teach at the collegiate level



## Greta James

Studio art major • Tiger Serve Day  
 Leadership Team • Fellowship Church  
 K-groups • 2-time Best of Show  
 annual art competition • President's  
 List • Elderserve • Plans to pursue a  
 career in illustrating children's books



## Ashley Knight

Psychology and biology double major  
 • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge  
 mistress) • Member First Baptist  
 Church • Dean's List • Zeitgeist  
 Award • Rockin' C Ranch • WOW  
 leader • Tiger Serve Day • Campus  
 Ministries (Dixonville tutoring) •  
 TranServe • Plans to pursue a career  
 in psychiatric nursing

K.C. Knobloch • Monticello, AR  
 Logan Kucginski • Mountain Home, AR  
 Jody Lee • Arlington, TX  
 Lauren Lefler • Conway, AR  
 Jordan Lentz • Waterproof, LA  
 Jacob Lively • Texarkana, TX



Nathan Lochala • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Katie Luff • Colorado Springs, CO  
 Kelly Magee • Conway, AR  
 Justin Magness • Texarkana, AR  
 Matt Marsh • Benton, AR  
 Keeson Martin • Plano, TX



Wade Matheny • Denton, TX  
 Kimberly Mathews • Universal City, TX  
 Leasha May • Spring, TX  
 Cassie McKinley • Missouri City, TX  
 Callie Miller • DeQueen, AR  
 Steven Miller • Arlington, TX



## Beau Landers

Biblical studies and speech communication double major • Student Senate (sophomore class president, internal vice president and senior class president) • Kappa Chi men's social club (intramural director, chaplain and Tiger Tunes director) • Tri Chi Beau • Christian Focus Week coordinator • Tiger Serve Day • Backyard Bible Club • Camp Wamp director • Refuge speaker • Children's K-Group Leader • Youth Intern • Intern at Iglesia Biblica- Guatemala City • Mission trips (Honduras; Ethiopia; New York City; Long Island, NY; Peru and Arlington, Texas) • Sunday School teacher • Small Group leader • Guy's Retreat leader • D-Now leader • Dean's List • Little Rock Compassion Center • FCA Arkadelphia • Disaster Relief • Fisica Director at Atlantida Pacifico Guatemala City, Guatemala • Plans to attend Southeastern Seminary



## Jordan Lentz

Communication sciences and disorders major • Tri Chi women's social club (chaplain and pledge class secretary) • National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (secretary) • Freshman Family Group leader • Tiger Tunes • Intramurals • Tiger Traks • Transerve • Tiger Serve Day • Study trip to Chile • Served with NAMB as a summer missionary for Nome Community Baptist Church in Nome, Alaska • Dean's List • President's List • Habitat for Humanity • Operation Christmas Child • Tri Chi mission trips • Plans to pursue a master's degree in communication disorders



## Jacob Lively

Biology major • Student Senate (president, secretary and freshman class president) • OSF (Co-Chair student recruitment and ambassadorship committee and scholarship selection committee) • College Republicans • Tri-Beta Biology Honors Society • Alpha Tau Honors Society (founder member) • Carl Goodson Honors Program • Homecoming Steering Committee • FBC College Home Group • President's List • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • Big Brother Program • Plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in medicine



Whitney Moore • Sheridan, AR  
 Emily Morgan • Mountain Home, AR  
 Bethany Moss • Mesquite, TX  
 Casie Neal • Gilbert, AZ  
 Desarae Nelson • Arkadelphia, AR  
 Scott Nelson • Dallas, TX

Nico Nguimbi • Angola  
 Chris Nissen • Frisco, TX  
 Madison O'Connor • Boulder, CO  
 Katie Osment • Jonesboro, AR  
 Sarah Partida • Whitehouse, TX  
 Ashley Partridge • Baton Rouge, LA

Moriah Patterson • Sheridan, AR  
 Nate Peace • Bedford, TX  
 Lindsey Pearson • Conway, AR  
 Kristin Penn • Hensley, AR  
 Gray Prichard • Dixon, TN  
 Jeremy Prine • DeWitt, AR



*Katie Luff*

Early childhood education major • Tri Chi women's social club (social chair) • Panhellenic (president) • OSF (Student Recruitment and Ambassadorship Committee) • America Reads • CAB • Tiger Tunes • Kappa Chi little sis • Tiger Serve Day • Tiger Traks • Costa Rica • Dean's List • President's List • Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes • D-Now leader • Camp Elim • Plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher



*Kelly Magee*

Communication sciences and disorders major • Tri Chi women's social club (social chair) • Student Senate (senior class position 1), OSF • Freshman Family Group leader • National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (president) • Wrestling Team Mat Maid • Intramurals (Francie's Favs) • Crossroads college ministry • President's List • 2-time intramural flag football champion • TransServe • Tiger Serve Day • Plans to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology



*Keelson Martin*

Business management and finance major • Student Senate (internal vice-president, sophomore class vice president and junior class president) • Kappa Chi men's social club • Tri Chi Beau • ESL tutor at Gurdon Middle School • America Reads • Plans to pursue a career in business

Jesse Pruett • Harrison, AR  
 Aime'e Ragan • Paris, TX  
 Juliana Ragsdale • Cabot, AR  
 Alex Ray • North Little Rock, AR  
 Ramsi Richey • Benton, AR  
 Anthony Ridgeway • Sofia, Bulgaria



Kristen Riggsbee • Frisco, TX  
 Katie Roam • Hermitage, MO  
 Andrew Roberson • Conway, AR  
 Jessie Sanders • Booneville, AR  
 Jessica Schleiff • Beijing, China  
 Haley Scott • Hot Springs, AR



Elyse Setiawan • Jakarta, Indonesia  
 Beth Anne Shrader • Litchfield, IL  
 Laura Sikes • Greenbrier, AR  
 Heidi Siner • Grandville, MI  
 J.K. Slyby • Hot Springs, AR  
 Kayla Smith • Hot Springs, AR



## Casie Neal

Early childhood education major  
 • Backyard Bible Club • Freshman Family Group leader • OSF • Ouachita-Henderson Swing Dance Club instructor • Tiger Tunes • Intramurals • Resident Assistant • Tiger Serve Day • Student-directed One-Act plays • Fellowship Church K-group member • Alpha Chi Honor Society • President's List • Honors Program • America Counts • Plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher



## Chris Norcross

Business administration-finance and accounting double major • WOW steering committee • CAB • OSF (History and tradition committee) • Campus Ministries (Freshman Family Groups and Backyard Bible Club) • Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board • 4th Floor • Fellowship Church drummer and K-group participant • President's List • Internal Business Plan Competition (2nd place) • Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society • Tiger Serve Day • Camp Wamp • Member of worship band for various Arkansas Disciple Nows • Refugee musician rotation • Plans to pursue a career with a financial or CPA firm and overseas missions



## Alex Ray

Political science major • Student Senate (freshman president, secretary and senior class representative) • OSF (ambassadorship and recruitment committee, fundraising and finance committee and scholarship selection committee) • Tiger Network Leadership Scholarship Selection Committee • Ouachita Singers (president) • Marching Band • Symphonic Band • Tiger Band • OBU Experience • Debate Society (Intercollegiate IPDA Debate) • SIFE • College Republicans • Young Republicans • Associate Worship Pastor - Second Baptist Church • Tiger Network Leadership Award • Arkansas Student Leadership Forum • Tiger Team Host • National Honor Roll • Tiger Serve Day • Mission trips to Ecuador • Hearts and Hooves equestrian therapeutic riding for the disabled • Plans to pursue a career in Arkansas political elected office



Lauren Smith • *Kennett, MO*  
 Mike South • *Little Rock, AR*  
 Sarah Sparks • *Texarkana, TX*  
 Zach Sparks • *Mt. Holly, AR*  
 Britta Stamps • *Fort Smith, AR*  
 Robert Steed • *Dumfries, VA*

Callie Stephens • *Conway, AR*  
 Hillary Stillwell • *Desoto, TX*  
 Mark Sumrall • *Tomball, TX*  
 Lauren Tallakson • *Keller, TX*  
 Maggie Taylor • *Russellville, AR*  
 Oliver Thomas • *Searcy, AR*

John Mark Tohlen • *Grapevine, TX*  
 Callie Travis • *El Dorado, AR*  
 Julie Tucker • *Hot Springs, AR*  
 Abby Turner • *Sherwood, AR*  
 Ashley Turner • *White Hall, AR*  
 Lauren Uhrich • *Cabot, AR*



## Maggie Taylor

Choral music education major • Tri Chi women's social club (vice president) • Ouachita Singers (assistant conductor) • Concert Choir • Marching Band • Wind Ensemble • Tiger Tunes hostess • Covenant • Youth intern FBC Arkadelphia • Mission Arlington trip • Fall Retreat • Music Ministry • Tiger Serve Day • Tri Chi philanthropy • Plans to pursue a career in high school education, collegiate choir and foreign missions

## Mark Sumrall

Christian studies major • Refugee speaker • Kappa Chi men's social club (historian, vice president and secretary) • Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society • Student Senate • OSF • CAB • Dean's List • Member of Fellowship Church • Telecounselor for the Admissions Office • Student grader for Hebrew • Tiger Serve Day • Kappa Chi service projects • Plans to pursue a career as a professor of Christian studies while serving as an interim pastor for various churches

## Pessica Schleiff

English major • International Club • Campus Ministries (Christian Focus Week) • Resident Assistant • Member of Park Hill Baptist Church • Sigma Tau Delta • President's List • Plans to study Mandarin and pursue a career involving translation and teaching

## Pulielle Vaught

Studio art major • Campus Ministries (Prayer ministry leader, special events leader and office assistant) • Eta Alpha Omega sweetheart • CAB • Resident Assistant • Fellowship Church worship leadership team • Homecoming court • Camp counselor • Give A Kid A Chance • plans to pursue a career in studio art

Katie Uttley • Heber Springs, AR  
 Jillian Vire • Burleson, TX  
 Lynley Vire • Searcy, AR  
 Alyson Walker • Benton, AR  
 Austin Walker • Benton, AR  
 Caitlyn Wamble • Pine Bluff, AR



Stephanie Warren • Spring, TX  
 Eddy Watson • Poyen, AR  
 Jacob Watson • Wynne, AR  
 Becca Watts • Smackover, AR  
 Lauren Whaley • Tyler, TX  
 Josiah Wheeler • Jacksonville, AR



Grace Whitaker • Victoria, TX  
 Jennifer White • Stuttgart, AR  
 Bethany Whitfield • Bryant, AR  
 Katie Willhite • Rowlett, TX  
 Rachel Willhoite • Reelsville, IN  
 Amy Wood • Carrollton, TX



## Jillian Vire

Early childhood education major •  
 EEE women's social club • Kappa  
 Chi little sis • OSF • Second Baptist  
 Church youth ministry volunteer  
 • Kappa Delta Pi Honors Society  
 • Alpha Chi Honors Society •  
 President's List • Homecoming court  
 nominee • America Reads • South  
 Africa Missions • New Orleans  
 missions • Tiger Serve Day • WOW  
 leader • D-Now leader • Plans to  
 pursue a career in early childhood  
 education



## Jacob Watson

Musical theatre major • Multiple leads and  
 supporting roles in over 10 OBU Theatre,  
 Musical Theatre and Opera Theatre productions  
 • Ouachita Singers • Concert Choir • Festival  
 of Christmas • Tiger Tunes host • Occasional  
 Refuge band member • WOW Leader • 11-time  
 NATS Finalist (Regional and State) (7 time  
 First Place) • 2-time Mary Shambarger Voice  
 Competition Finalist (3rd Place and 2nd Place) •  
 Honorable Mention-Trinity Presents Collegiate  
 Showcase • Summer youth intern at Green  
 Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas • Equity  
 Performer • Tent Theatre of Missouri State  
 University in Springfield, Mo. • Plans to pursue  
 a career in performance and eventually obtain a  
 Masters of Fine Arts in acting



## Grace Whitaker

Biology major • OSF (Special Events  
 committee) • Beta Beta (Biology Honor  
 Society) • American Chemical Society •  
 Choreographer (Tiger Tunes host and  
 hostesses, Festival of Christmas, Ouachita  
 Sounds, Miss OBU Court of Honor, "Seuss  
 the Musical" and "Bye Bye Birdie") • Member  
 of Fellowship Church • Harvey Outstanding  
 Research Student Award • 2nd Place in  
 the INBRE AR Chemistry/Biochemistry  
 Undergraduate Poster competition • Presenting  
 cancer research in Fayetteville; San Francisco,  
 Calif. and Washington, D.C. • ShowTime  
 International Staff Member • Plans to obtain  
 a Ph.D. in Cell Biology, doing biomedical  
 research and teach at the collegiate level





Will Wood • Magnolia, AR  
Andrew Yates • Mesquite, TX



## Bethany Whitfield

History major • EEE women's social club • College Republicans • Student Senate (student committee, freshman and sophomore class treasurer and junior class vice president) • Tiger Tunes hostess • EEE Tiger Tunes Show Director • Homecoming Planning Committee Member • Entertainer at OBU Donors Banquet • Ouachita Sounds • Crossroads college ministry • Breakaway College Ministry • Miss OBU • Homecoming court • Phi Alpha Theta • Alpha Chi Honor Society • Clark County Relay for Life Committee Member • Miss Arkansas Organization • Miss Spirit of Arkansas • Miss OBU • Children's Miracle Network • Plans to attend law school and work for a non-profit organization



## Katie Whillhite

Christian Studies and Theater Arts double major • Rough Draft (Campus Ministry student leader) • Theta Alpha Phi (chaplain and treasurer) • Chi Iota Sigma little sis • Student Judicial Council • Ouachita's motion picture productions and Theater department • Student Producer of "All Night Theater: 10 minute play festival" • Student/faculty Fine Arts Council (theater representative) • Pruer Sisterhood • Fellowship Church (K-group and childcare volunteer) • Outstanding Freshman Theater Award • Friends of the Fine Arts Award for Theater Arts • Best Actress in a Leading Role from Theta Alpha Phi • Best Assistant Stage Manager from Theta Alpha Phi • Box office manager • Courage House tutor • Theta Alpha Phi Children's Theater Workshop • Plans to pursue a career in the theater and film industry



## Rachel Willhoite

Communication Sciences and Disorders major • CAB (president) • OSF (fundraising group) • Church small group • Daycare at church • Dean's List • Resident Assistant • America Reads • D-Now/youth retreats leader • Camp Wamp • rummage sale for the Courage House • Tiger Serve Day • Backyard Bible Clubs • Plans to pursue a career in speech pathology with kids and adults

**Charolette Allison** •  
*Executive Secretary to the President*  
**Nona Anderson** •  
*Professor of Modern Languages*  
**Genie Ashcraft** •  
*Administrative Assistant / Education*  
**Sandy Atkins** • *Administrative Assistant / Student Services*  
**Susan Atkinson** • *Administrative Assistant / Humanities*  
**Dr. Tom Auffenberg** •  
*Hill Professor of History*  
**Mike Ayres** • *Printing Department Dir.*  
**Chris Babb** • *Development Officer / External Alumni Director*  
**Diana Barnes** •  
*Administrative Assistant / Athletics*  
**Tammy Barnes** • *Administrative Assistant / Student Activities*  
**Dr. Hal Bass** • *Dean of Social Sciences / Professor of Political Science*  
**Dr. Linda Bass** •  
*Assistant Professor of Education*



# A Ball of Energy

## Mallory Modellmog

By: Lacy Brooks

Her energy was impossible to escape. Her smile was contagious. And she could tell you anything you need to know about resumes. Mallory Modellmog brought the Career Services office to a whole new level in just two short years.

Modellmog accepted the job as head of Career Services after her husband, Chris Modellmog, accepted the job as head coach for Ouachita's baseball team. "Ouachita has been a blessing in not only in my life, but my entire family's lives. Our daughters [Mia, 10, and Emma Grace, 5] take advantage of several opportunities on campus, and we feel so lucky to have the benefit of an amazing university in our own backyard," she said.



At times the job can get chaotic and stressful, but Modellmog had a desire driving her. "My desire is to help both our students and alumni meet their desired career goals. By nature, I want to help people and somehow help individuals realize that embarking on a job search isn't as intimidating as they might think," said Modellmog.

Modellmog helped countless students find their passion and learn how to get there. She is there to assist students on creating a resume, learning interview skills and connecting with the right people.

Modellmog saw a bright future for Career Services. With events getting larger and more students coming in, this service had never been more vital. "We have developed a program called Alumni Helping Tigers. Several of our alumni have offered to help students by

sharing knowledge about their own profession. Career Services is trying to embrace our alumni and involve them with placement opportunities for our students," said Modellmog.

Modellmog continued to look for ways to help students network with events such as the Spring Career Fair. This type of event "can provide insight, tips and training that will allow a student to be more successful as they begin their job/internship search," Modellmog said.

Modellmog's impact on campus cannot be denied. She's provided students with valuable information that will aid them outside of their time on campus. "I thoroughly enjoy what I do and I am excited to come to work every day! I am passionate about helping each student and impacting their life in a positive way," said Modellmog.



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**Sarah Bean** • Hall Director-West Side Two  
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**Dr. Merribeth Bruning** • Dean of Education/Prof. of Education  
**Suzanne Burgess** • Student Relations Coordinator  
**Dr. Lei Cai** • Associate Professor of Music  
  
**Dr. Terry Carter** • Vaught Professor of Christian Ministries  
**Jacque Cash** • Post Office Clerk  
**Clayton Chapuis** • Head Resident - OC Bailey/Dir. Outdoor Recreation  
**John Cloud** • Senior Development Officer  
**Yvonne Cloud** • Bookstore Manager  
**Lara Cobb** • Admissions Counselor  
  
**Kathy Collins** • Instructor of Education  
**Dr. Kevin Cornelius** • Associate Professor of Physics  
**Ian Cosh** • Vice President for Community and Inter'l Engagement  
**Sharon Cosh** • Lecturer and Coordinator of ESL  
**Evalyn L. Cowart** • Administrative Assistant/Library  
**Michael Cox** • Director of Residence Life/Hall Director  
  
**Mariela Crockett** • Adjunct - Spanish  
**Rob Crockett** • IT Computer Network Manager  
**Garry Crowder** • Women's Basketball Coach/Inst.-Kinesiology & Leisure Studies  
**Reo Cummings** • Learning Specialist for Academic Enrichment Center  
**Jeanie Curry** • Assistant Professor of Accounting  
**Betsy Danner** • Women's Tennis Coach/Adjunct Instructor  
  
**Dr. Guyla Davis** • Assistant Professor of Psychology  
**Alex Denning** • Head Soccer Coach  
**Dr. Terry Dewitt** • Assoc. Prof. of Biological Sciences/Dir. ATEP  
**Luiz Dos Santos** • Student Relations Coordinator  
**Dr. Janice Duncan** • Professor of Modern Languages  
**Judy Duvall** • Assistant Director Elrod Center  
  
**Erin Ellis** • Hall Director/Asst. Dir. of Campus Activities  
**Dr. Ben Elrod** • Chancellor  
**Frank Espy** • Student Assistant - Football  
**Dr. Byron Eubanks** • Professor of Philosophy/Dir. Center for Integrity  
**Tiffany Eurich** • Instructor of Communications  
**Dr. Kent Faught** • Associate Professor of Management

**Dr. Jim Files •**  
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**Melinda Fowler •** *IT Programmer*  
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**Dr. Gary Gerber •**  
*Associate Professor of Music*  
**Suzetta Glenn •** *Lecturer - Music*  
**Dr. Eric Goddard •**  
*Assistant Professor of History*  
**Glenn Good •** *Holt Professor of Physics and Pre-Medical Studies*  
**Dr. Ray Granade •** *Director of Library Services; Professor of History*



**Jeff Green •** *Dir. of Recreational Sports/Hall Director*  
**Kathy Green •** *Payroll and Fringe Benefits Specialist*  
**Alan Greenwood •** *Sports Information Director/Hall Dir.*  
**James Guthrie •**  
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**Dr. Raouf Halaby •** *Professor of English and Visual Arts*  
**Dr. Craig Hamilton •** *Trimbles Professor of Music/Dir. of Bands*



**Mary Handiboe •** *Associate Professor of Theatre Arts*  
**Phil Hardin •** *Asst to Pres for Adm / Dir of Instl Res/ Compliance Officer*  
**Shirley Hardin •**  
*Development Officer*  
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*Admissions Counselor*  
**Nancy Harrell •** *Asst. Dir. Residence Life/Hall Director*  
**Tim Harrell •**  
*Director of Campus Activities*



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*Associate Professor of Chemistry*  
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**Dr. Keldon Henley •** *VP for Student Services/Dean of Students*  
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*Associate Professor of Biology*  
**Kevin Herrington •**  
*Webservices Coordinator*  
**Dr. Rob Hewell •**  
*Associate Professor of Music*



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**John Hill •** *Sr. Programmer Analyst*  
**Dr. Scott Holsclaw •** *Dean of Fine Arts/Professor of Theatre Arts*  
**Dr. Rex Horne •** *President*  
**Dr. Patrick Houlihan •**  
*Professor of Music*  
**Dr. Sara Hubbard •**  
*Assistant Professor of Chemistry*



# Dr. George Keck

By Jordan Campbell

For a man of music, Dr. George Keck, the Addie Mae Maddox Professor of Music, had a big enough audience and sense of humor to put any comedian to shame. With his unique teaching style and great sense of humor, Dr. Keck influenced many students' lives during his time on campus.

"The great thing about Keck is he loves what he teaches," said Nikki Anderson, a junior music education major from Heber Springs. "I'm sure he is responsible for the variety of playlists on every music major's iPod. And I love how he can say something completely hysterical and keep a straight face."

"I like for the classroom to be non-threatening, disciplined, with humor, and a sense of joy about learning," Keck said. "I expect students to work hard and to be prepared for class. I am best at lecture because I have been doing that for 46 years now."

After teaching at Ouachita for 42 years, Keck picked up on a few changes in students' style, behavior and musical preference.

"The students' tastes these days are much more eclectic but they know a much wider variety of music," Keck said. "[They] know many more different kinds of music now than in the past. They hear music almost all day--in the dentist's office, on their ipods, etc." said Keck. In addition, students today grow up with contemporary worship and don't know much about the great music of the church. All of these things require a renewed effort on the part of students and teachers to really listen, to study the styles of classical music, to discover the best in each musical style."

For the past 42 years Dr. Keck had walked across campus at least four times a day. Ouachita had been close to his heart and his home, considering he lived directly behind Jones Performing Arts Center. But in the fall of 2011 Dr. Keck's walks across campus will decrease to only a few times a week as he enjoys retirement after four decades of service to the university.



# A Comedian



**Ann Hughes** • Development Gift Processor  
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**Kim Hunter** • Director of Purchasing  
**Susan Hurst** • Director of Student Financial Services  
**Daniel Inouye** • Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts  
**Tanya Jackson** • Administrative Assistant, International Education  
**Dan Jarboe** • University Counselor  
**Dr. Joe Jeffers** • Dean of Natural Sciences/ Professor of Chemistry  
**Judy Jones** • Registrar/ Director of Admissions  
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# Mrs. Mary Worthen

By: Annalease Clark

"How ya doin' kiddo!" was a phrase that greeted students when they entered the office or classroom of Mrs. Mary Worthen, professor of music. For the over 20 years, Worthen spent her time building on OBU's Division of Music and investing in the lives of her students.

"She is such a kind person, but she knew how to make you work for your grade. She would feed you the right amount of questions and guide you in the right direction to the answer that we needed, in a way that made you actually think about what you were trying to do rather than just answer it and move on," said junior music major Kelli Caldwell. "She challenged each of her students to push through the hard spots to find a solution. Some days she knew that we were having a rough day and would show up with treats for us, whether it be donuts or ordering a pizza in the middle of class."

Her positive energy alone would be enough to encourage anyone. "There are so many students, especially in Women's Chorus, that cling to her as a motivator and a mentor. She has such a kind spirit and upbeat personality. She always has a smile on her face and it's hard not to smile back when she asks 'how ya doin' kiddo?' which is quite the common phrase for Mary Worthen," said Caldwell.

Worthen first came to Arkadelphia in 1982 when her husband was pastor at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. She began work on her master's and became a graduate assistant. This job soon became a full-time position teaching Ear Training and Aural Skills. After a move to Missouri in the early 90s, she and her husband returned to Arkansas and Worthen returned to teaching.

OBU has been one of my loves. To be able to be here has been one of God's gifts to me. I feel the gifts He has given me, I have been able to give back to my students, and vice versa. They inspire me too! The comradery of the faculty is also important. The value of the relationships I have developed here is immeasurable," said Worthen.

Not only has Worthen greatly changed the lives of OBU students, but her "kiddos" have kept her at OBU. "Oh my students! That has been the hardest part about this decision. The energy and creativity and talent and openness that my students share is going to be hard to leave," said Worthen about her retirement. "I'm going to miss that. Seeing them grow, and remembering where they started as freshmen and watching them become vital, producing human beings is exciting. You kiddos keep us young!"



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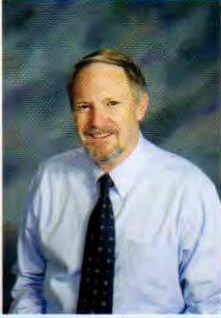
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# Dr. Randall Wight

By Hayley Scott

Dr. Randall Wight, one of the most easily recognizable professors on campus in his button-down shirt and black Carhartt overalls, glanced around his dimly lit office at the many items that adorn the walls and shelves—each with its own significance. “Some of the most treasured items in my office are a replica of the telescope Galileo used to verify that the heavens aren’t perfect, a copy of a *Homo heidelbergensis* skull found near a famous rose quartz hand known as ‘Excaliber,’ a photograph of William Faulkner and Eudora Welty, and marble reproductions of the stone lions (‘Patience’ and ‘Fortitude’) that guard the entrance to the New York Public Library,” he recalls. Only a small green lamp and the sunlight streaming through the wide window offered any light to the room, which he said is because the bright overhead lights give him a headache. Now that he has been appointed as the new dean of the W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences, he has a new office to call home, and sadly one without a window. “I’m moving down the hall, but I’m keeping this office,” Dr. Wight said. He added, “I’ll make it look like an intellectual home, but I don’t know what that means yet. I hope to have one of my artist friends create some new pieces for the new office.”

Dr. Wight said that the former dean of the Sutton School, Dr. Hal Bass, has done great work for the school, and he plans to expand on that work. “I’d like to bring people to campus. I’d like, when people come to OBU, for the Sutton School to be one of the first to come to mind. I’d like to find ways to continue making a difference,” said Wight, who joined Ouachita’s faculty in 1986.

Always full of quotes from history’s more influential men and women, Dr. Wight described his leadership style: “There are two perspectives to keep in mind. One is a quote from Lao Tzu—his observation is that you lead a great nation the way you cook a small fish: you don’t touch it. On one level, you have to let people do their jobs and not meddle. On the other hand, there is a quote from Voltaire. The closing words of Voltaire’s *Candide* are, ‘Let us cultivate our garden.’ So on the one hand, you have to let things cook and leave them alone, but on the other hand you have to cultivate the way you would cultivate a terrace.”

To his dismay, Dr. Wight will not be spending as much time in the classroom. He still teaches History of Psychology, Neuroscience, General Psychology and Senior Seminar, and he hopes to teach Western Civ as well, but this is a surprisingly large cut in his time as a teacher. He described his love for being in the classroom and a deep passion for teaching, but looks forward to his new role and the things to unfold in years to come. “I’d like to see us keep advancing our students and faculty, continue reaching out to friends and alumni,” he said of the future of the Sutton School. He feels as if he is ready for the job at hand. Dr. Wight said, “As with every challenge there are unknowns that you can’t predict, but I’m looking forward to the adventure.”

Dr. Wight was also appointed self-study coordinator in summer 2008. It was his responsibility to prepare for Ouachita’s reaffirmation of accreditation, which was a three-year-long process to prepare for a visit from the Higher Learning Commission. “My job was to pull together people across the entire campus, all to the benefit of Ouachita,” he said, adding, “I do love this place.”

If he were to have a fantasy dinner party, Leonardo DaVinci would be the first guest on the list, adding, “I think he is one of the most interesting minds of all time.” Also at this party would be Benjamin Franklin, Jimmy Buffet, William James, Louis Armstrong, Bernini and Hillary Clinton—an interesting cast of characters. It is clear that Wight has a very wide range of interests, and he joked that it would certainly be a very interesting dinner conversation. He is a complex individual, always full of surprises. He added on a more serious note: “There’s always work to do. Every time you finish building a road, you always have another road to build. We always need to keep building roads, keep making opportunities for students, faculty and alumni.”



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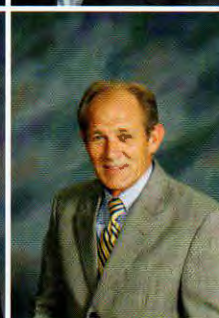
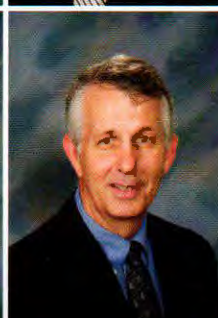
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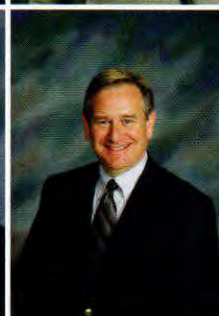
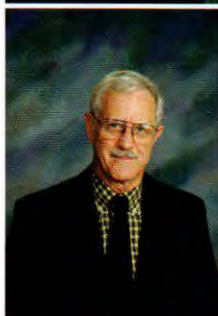
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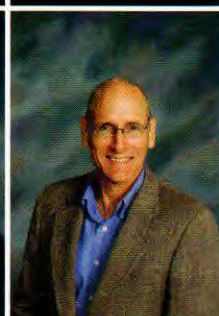
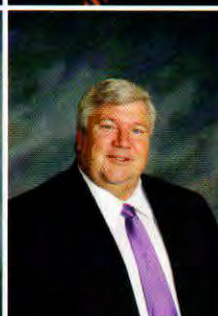
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Freshmen Meg Hart and Katie Pesek join hands and form a circle with other rushees. Rush week provided students a time to meet new people and form unbreakable bonds.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



# Organizations



Organizations were not only a way for students to make new friends, but they also gave students the opportunity to come together in groups and make a difference in the lives of those around them. A vital part of pledge week was the community service projects the new members completed, teaching them how to work with one another and what it means to make a difference in the lives of other people. Some clubs raised money for nonprofit organizations such as Relay for Life. Academic clubs, including SIFE and the student publications, received national recognition for their work. Whether honing their leadership skills or working to pull off a campus event, students learned

*The difference between flying solo  
and networking.*

# Applying Skills

By: Becca Watts



**Students wear fruit** costumes to encourage kids to eat more fruits. The Dietetics Club held a Health Fair and helped with Scroll Technology Health Fair. *photo courtesy of: Heidi Siner*

Ouachita's numerous academic clubs gave students the opportunity to use the skills they learned in the classroom to benefit their fellow students and the community.

The Dietetics Club volunteered at the Scroll Technology Health Fair by taking attendees' blood pressures and body mass index readings. They also held a nutrition fair at Arkadelphia's head start where they taught children the importance of healthy nutrition.

"The best part of being in Dietetics Club is being able to serve the community though nutrition fairs with your dietetics friends," said Allie Baldwin, a senior dietetics major from Arkadelphia. "It is so fun to see children learn about nutrition and know that it could have a positive effect on their lives."

American Chemical Society Student Affiliate allowed students to educate their peers and share their research with others in the science community. In the spring, ACS hosted National Chemistry Week and performed presentations in the amphitheatre during lunch. Members also went to the ACS National Conference in Anaheim over spring break to present research they had done the previous year and explore all of the advancements in the area of chemistry.

The International Association of Business Communicators gave students access to information about future careers in the communication field and provided internship opportunities to students. IABC Arkansas, sponsor of the university's chapter, held IABC University Day which gave students the opportunity to hear from speakers in the morning and shadow PR professionals in the afternoon.

On campus, IABC hosted an evening with Rex Nelson, president of Arkansas' Independent Colleges and Universities and a columnist for the Arkansas Democratic Gazette. This allowed students the opportunity to visit and ask questions of someone in the communications field.

The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association linked communication sciences/disorder majors with others from around the country. "The OBU NSLHA chapter has allowed us, as speech path students, to increase awareness about speech and hearing in our community by volunteering and hosting campus-wide events," said Laura Sikes, a junior communication sciences/disorders major from Greenbrier. "I think it's made our group even closer as we worked together this past year."

**IABC members** ask questions and discuss issues of public relations with Rex Nelson. A night with Rex Nelson was sponsored by IABC in the spring. *photo courtesy of: Deborah Root*





Junior Hayley Whisenand shows the food pyramid with a child at Lead Start day care. The Dietetics Club hosted a nutrition fair at the day care.  
*photo courtesy of: Heidi Siner*

# Gifted

# Giving

By: Korrie Browning



**Kappa Kappa Psi** members huddle and sing at the end of a meeting. It was tradition that all Kappa Kappa Psi chapters sing their fraternity hymn at the end of meetings and recitals.

*photo courtesy of: Jessica Hensarling*

Ouachita was always known for extracurricular clubs and activities. A group of students that might not have been as well known were the music clubs. Although each of OBU's four music clubs had different requirements for membership, they all shared a desire to serve through their musical gifts.

Tau Beta Sigma focused primarily on serving members of the marching band. They brought water to every football game in the fall and provided prizes for marchers of the week. They also helped distribute uniforms and host guest artists on behalf of the Tiger Band.

Kelsey Bates, a junior music education major from Marion held two positions in TBS: historian both semesters and president in the spring. Along with their focus on service, Bates emphasized the sense of community within the club. "The men and women in this club are my best friends and have become my family," said Bates.

Kappa Kappa Psi, the brother fraternity to TBS, also sought to impact the Ouachita community through service. "We fix band stands and clean instruments," said Trey Gosser, a sophomore music education major from North Little Rock, and alumni secretary for the club. Aside from their service to the band, KKΨ also started a little mischief with a water balloon fight at the band picnic.

Outside of band, Ouachita also had two music clubs that focused more on vocal performance. Ouachita students recognized Phi Mu Alpha for their annual piano bash, but they also held several events to get members involved in service. "We put together Mills Music Mission to take the gift of music to the local nursing homes and the human development center," said Josiah Wheeler, a senior music education major from Jacksonville, and fraternal education officer and treasurer for ΦMA.

Sigma Alpha Iota worked with ΦMA on many projects. "We had a Christmas Party with ΦMA in the winter and a cookout with them in the Spring," said Rachel Harris, a junior musical theater and vocal performance major from Springdale, and vice-president of membership for ΣAI. "We also went caroling at the nursing homes and were in charge of hosting recital receptions for faculty and guest artists," said Harris.

Each of the four music clubs worked together in order to impact their community. Although each was founded as an outlet of service, the bonds their members made provided plenty of fun along the way.



**Sophomore Erin Edge** and freshman **Lauren West** set out snacks for a guest artist reception. Tau Beta Sigma was in charge of all the receptions for instrumental guest artists.

*photo courtesy of: Kelsey Bates*





The Men of Phi Mu Alpha serenaded the women of the West Side dorms. Phi Mu Alpha was an all men's national fraternity with the purpose of promoting music on campus.

*photo by Sarah Sparks*



Mrs. Mary Worthen pies Dr. Kevin Motl in the face during a Tau Beta Sigma fundraiser. The 'pie the professor' fundraiser was an annual event for Tau Beta Sigma.

*courtesy of: Kelsey Bates*

Students play musical chairs an event sponsored by music clubs. All of the music clubs came together to host this event in the fall.

*photo by: Nicole McPbate*

# Fostering

# Community

By: Tori Aberella

Honors clubs were able to accept students who desired to show the importance of academic achievement in their college careers.

Alpha Tau was added in the fall semester as the student organization of the Carl Goodson Honors Program. Alpha Tau gave students greater networking opportunities and the chance to serve the community. Selected students were welcomed into the program with a banquet partially funded by Student Senate.

"I admire the organization because it provided great opportunities for community to students from many different backgrounds," said Elise Holman, a freshman Christian media and political science double major from Berryville.

Theta Alpha Kappa remained the only academic club of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. The national honor society "provided recognition to students who have attained a high level of academic achievement in theological studies," said Dr. Doug Nykolaishen, associate professor of biblical studies.

Phi Alpha Theta provided academic opportunities through offering assistance in providing connections to various meetings, conferences and publications. Members of Phi Alpha Theta met qualifications such as a 3.0 overall GPA and at least 12 semester hours in the field of history. The organization remained active with the help of its faculty leaders Dr. Tom Auffmanburg and Dr. Kevin Motl.

Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi and Pi Gamma Mu also recognized students within the Sutton School of Social Sciences. The Patterson School of Natural Sciences sponsored various clubs, including Iota Tau Alpha and Beta Beta Beta.

Sigma Tau Delta, the honor society for the English department, inducted 12 new members into the club. They also published the annual academic journal, "Scope," had a Tiger Traks team, hosted a welcome party for freshman English majors and hosted children's author, Gary Schmidt. Sigma Tau Delta also sponsored five students to present scholarly papers at Sigma Tau Delta's annual international convention in Pittsburgh, Penn., over spring break.

"Sigma Tau Delta is a special part of Ouachita because the organization provides a place for English majors to foster meaningful community outside of class, something that OBU holds in high regard," said Sarah Greeson, a senior English and Russian major from Hot Springs. "During my time as a member of Sigma Tau Delta, I have bonded with other English majors who share a passion for good literature and writing."

Senior Jessica Schleiff pins sophomore Jessica Scoggins during Sigma Tau Delta inductions. It was a tradition that current members pin membership pins on new members during the ceremony.

photo by: Sarah Sparks

Drs. Doug and Amy Sonheim oversee Sigma Tau Delta inductions. Sigma Tau Delta was the honor club for the English Department.

photo by: Sarah Sparks





**Senior Amy Guimard** addresses the audience at Alpha Chi inductions. Alpha Chi inductions occurred on Scholars Day.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Senior Jacob Watson** performs at the Theat Alpha Pi Caberet held at the beginning of the fall semester. This cabaret allowed incoming freshmen to meet current theatre and musical theatre majors.

*photo by: Jessica Bowling*



**Mr. Bryan McKinney** presents junior Neil Wacaster with his certificate of induction into Alpha Chi. All Alpha Chi inductees were given a certificate, pin and a t-shirt.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

# Becoming Aware

By: Korrie Browning

Reaching Out to Minority Students, or ROMS, was known for fostering a sense of community within its members, but this year they took their message to the campus in order to effect change and promote dialogue.

“ROMS is an organization that strives to bring students together in Christ as a body of believers, encouraging each other to step outside what society has deemed as ‘comfort zones,’” said Lauren Keefer, a sophomore psychology major from Fort Worth, Texas.

Led by their president, Kristen James, a sophomore kinesiology major from Houston, Texas, ROMS was able to host a panel discussion over the issues facing the black community at Ouachita. “Everyone left learning something new that changed their way of thinking about race relations,” said James.

Ten students were active members and worked hard to broaden their outreach to all races on campus. They felt that open dialogue and a growing presence on campus would lead to more people joining in the years to come. “Anybody can join ROMS, no matter their race,” said James.

Meetings this year were held every other Wednesday in Mabee 104 and consisted of going over the agenda for those weeks, future events, and different activities to build the organization. More than anything, these meetings helped to nurture the bonds between minority students and always made for an evening full of laughter and fellowship.

In February, ROMS held an ‘Issues Facing the Black Community’ panel discussion, and in April they sponsored a ‘Racial Issues Round Table Discussion.’ “Meetings were always fun and full of laughter, and panels were a time that we could all be open, honest, and not be judged for our opinions,” said Keefer.

Members thought of new ways to have students on campus become more aware of ROMS. In February, there were many events on the calendar for all students to attend. Before the last week of the spring semester the club hosted a Before Finals Mixer.

In the future, ROMS hoped to continue their panel discussions and involve more students on campus. They strove to be an active, unified voice at Ouachita for all racial concerns across ethnic divides. The members of ROMS also hoped to involve more majority students in order to have a balanced viewpoint. This year was foundational to their future goals and presented great potential for the future.

Members of ROMS meet together in February. The purpose of this ‘Issues Facing the Black Community’ panel discussion was to get students involved.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Sophomore Kristen James speaks at a ROMS meeting in the spring semester. ROMS students talked about events on campus during meetings.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Students in ROMS speak at a 'Racial Issues Round Table Discussion' in April. ROMS brought students together to discuss racial issues on campus.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Gabby Coleman and junior Beulah Osucke play a board game on the Student Center bridge. ROMS invited the campus to Game Night in the fall.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



ROMS members play the game Apples to Apples on the bridge. ROMS held a Before Finals Mixer at the end of the semester to help build their presence on campus as well as to give students a place to destress before finals week.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Finding

# A Niche

By: Jake Coffman



The Women's Chorus performs at Festival of Christmas. The women's ensemble was one of five ensembles to perform in Festival of Christmas.

photo by: Callie Stephens

At the heart of the Division of Music was the vast array of musical ensembles. Different vocal and instrumental gave students choice and variety to help them find their niche.

By far one of the biggest ensembles offered was Concert Choir. Over a hundred students from all different majors completed the group, which made it one of the more diverse ensembles offered.

"I'm in choir because music has always been my biggest passion," said Hannah Bishop, a sophomore mass communications major from Conway. "Concert Choir is the best way to have a small part in the music world at OBU."

In May 2010, a select group of students in Ouachita Singers went on a tour of Italy. Their tour included Venice, Florence, Asisi and Rome. While in Rome, the choir was invited to perform in Vatican City at St. Peter's Basilica.

"The trip was amazing and made me realize how important music is to our world. It communicates without words and our choir was able to experience that our entire time in Italy," said Jacob Watson, a senior musical theatre major from Wynne.

On the opposite side of the spectrum Tiger Blast was one of the most unique instrumental ensemble. In the fall, Tiger Blast performed their Lady Gage theme Tiger Tunes show and held a concert with Ouachita Sounds in the spring.

Ouachita Sounds was a show choir of eight students that traveled to churches and schools. "Sounds is my music outlet. There is nothing like performing a show with people you've worked hard with all year long. We have a special connection up there," said Bethany Whitfield, a senior history major from Benton.

In addition to doing campus concerts, the Wind Ensemble took a recruitment tour to high schools. In the fall, the Wind Ensemble went to local high schools such as Arkadelphia High School and went as far as Texarkana. In the spring, their tour focused on Northwest Arkansas.

"I love being in Wind Ensemble because Dr. Hamilton always gives us difficult literature to work on. We come out better musicians each semester," said Kelsey Bates, a junior instrumental music education major from Marion.

Music ensembles were at the heart of the music program, giving students an opportunity to apply what they learned in their classes and hone their musical skills. Each ensemble proved to be at the top of their level and always produced impressive results.



The Wind Ensemble performs in its spring concert. The Wind Ensemble consisted of woodwind and brass instruments.

photo by: Ashley Young



The Ouachita Singers pose for a picture in Italy. The Singers went on an Italian tour in the Summer of 2010 which included a performance at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

*photo courtesy of: Garry Gerber*



Members of Ouachita Sounds perform during their concert in the spring. Sounds also traveled across the south performing for schools and churches.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Sophomore Trey Gosser performs during the Tiger Blast section of Tiger Tunes. Tiger Blast also held a concert in the spring.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

# Upbeat & Exciting

By: Chelsy Lewis & Mauri Sparks

Coffeehouses, Spring Fling, concerts, movie nights and Christmas parties were just a few annual events sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. CAB kept campus life exciting and always had new events to liven up the community on campus.

“CAB tried to create an environment for students to be connected with others and have an enjoyable time,” said President Rachel Willhoite, a senior communications science major from Liberty Township, Ohio.

For concerts on campus during both semesters, CAB brought outside musicians for performances that were open to all students. In the fall semester, during WOW, Matt Wertz performed in JPAC. During Christian Focus Week in the spring, Charlie Hall performed and Lindsay McCaul, the guest worship leader for CFW sessions previous to the concert, opened for the band.

In October, Shaun Groves spoke in chapel about sponsoring children for Compassion. Later that night, CAB sponsored the Shaun Groves Coffeehouse where students also had the chance to sign up to sponsor children.

Talent on campus was brought out during Coffeehouses to give artists and musicians the opportunity to show off their unique talents. Jordan Lentz, a senior communications science disorders major from Waterproof, La., said she always enjoyed getting to watch others perform at these events.

CAB also sponsored popular events called movie nights where students brought pillows and blankets to enjoy the movies, usually hosted in Walker Conference Center. Before Christmas break, CAB sponsored a Christmas movie that students voted on in advance. This year, the majority decided on “Elf” as the Christmas movie.

“Movie nights are a good excuse to get away from all the stress and school work,” said Leah Harrington, a junior biology major from Hot Springs.

Once the weather warmed up in the spring semester, CAB hosted the annual Spring Fling on the lawn. The event was the first chance for students on campus to get outside and enjoy the spring weather. There were inflatables, music and games to bring students together for an afternoon in April. CAB sponsored movies outside on the lawn and in the amphitheatre during the spring semester.

“CAB tries each semester to put on a bigger and more exciting event,” said Willhoite. There was never a dull moment on campus because Campus Activities Board kept Ouachita exciting and upbeat.



Students make crafts at the CAB Christmas party in December. Students also sang during the Christmas party in the student center.

photo by: Molly Anne Turner

Sophomore Michael Curtis fills out a child's sponsor sheet for Compassion. Students signed up at the Shaun Groves coffeehouse and in chapel that morning.

photo by: Sarah Sparks

Freshman Rusty Butler enjoys the company of friends at a CAB Coffeehouse. CAB Coffeehouses allowed students the opportunity to hang out and listen to music.

photo by: Kristen Bernard





Matt Wertz and Seth Philpott host a concert in Jones at the beginning of the fall semester. CAB sponsored campus concerts throughout the year.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Madeline Wallace works on a gingerbread house at the annual CAB Christmas party. The party was open to all students, faculty and their families.  
*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*



Charlie Hall performs on campus Wednesday night of Christian Focus Week. The band played the following morning for another CFW session.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

Shaun Groves sings at the coffeehouse sponsored by CAB in October. Groves also spoke in chapel about sponsoring children for Compassion.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

# Giving to Students

By: Sarah Henley-Richardson



**Director of Campus Activities** Tim Harrell addresses OSF about Tiger Traks. Faculty and staff members served as advisors for OSF.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

It was no secret that Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks were some of the most popular events around campus and the greater Ouachita community. But between the music and the mud, its members reached Ouachita Student Foundation's primary goal: "Students Helping Students."

Through events like OSF's Silent Auction, Phone-a-thon, Tiger Tunes, and Tiger Traks, students in need of financial assistance were able to submit an application for an OSF scholarship. A scholarship selection committee, consisting of members from each of the four sub-committees, met for several days for many hours at a time to pour over hundreds of students' situations.

"Being a part of a process that awards scholarships to students who need the extra help is so rewarding," said Sarah Partida Howard, a senior music major from Tyler, Texas, and co-chair of the History and Tradition Committee. "It has given me the privilege to realize how wonderful it is to go to a school that allows students to be a part of a process that enables thousands of dollars to be given out to other students."

The applications were filled with stories, sometimes devastating, of students who needed an extra financial boost. Each application was "graded" using a rubric to provide fairness to the tedious, emotionally tiring process. By the end of the week, however, the committee felt more blessed than stressed.

Many Ouachita Student Foundation members joined the group because of the difference they saw OSF making. "I joined OSF because of the passion I saw in some of my closest friends when they would participate and talk about OSF," said Katy Krikorian, a junior business major from Rockwall, Texas. "My junior year I was a recipient of a scholarship from OSF. The fact that it came from an organization run by students, most of which I knew, made it all the more meaningful."

Ouachita Student Foundation was full of students who wanted to help their fellow classmates while still having a little fun. Because of the hard work and dedication the members put into the services and events that OSF provided, more than 60 scholarships were awarded at the end of the spring semester. This gave many students the opportunity to finish their education at Ouachita with as little stress as possible about how to pay their way.



OSF members gather for a group photo during Tiger Tunes. OSF raised a total of \$85,000 for student scholarships.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Sophomore Amberly Green** and other OSF members get ready for the annual Tiger Traks. Traks was OSF's spring event featuring team competitions.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Junior Jessica Winston** starts the Mega Relay during Tiger Traks in the spring. Events on Saturday included raft races, Mega Relay and mud games.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Seniors Tyler Hawkins and Sharon Emerson watch over the OSF silent auction table at OcTiger Fest. All proceeds went toward scholarships for OBU students.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Junior Nate Peace listens to instructions during an OSF meeting. The group met as a whole every other week throughout the year with smaller committee meetings between in order to get everything accomplished.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Junior Max Ford signals to start a game of Tug-of-War during Tiger Traks. Mud events for Tiger Traks started Saturday after lunch and included Tug-of-War and Oozeball.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

# Behind the Scenes

By: Tori Abellera

Selected student leaders worked together to be a voice and committed representative of their student body. Along with attending weekly meetings, Senate members were asked to volunteer in the community and at various campus activities.

Dr. Hal Bass, dean of the Sutton School of Social Sciences, served as Senate's faculty sponsor. "I think OBU student government has served both students and administration well in my time here," said Bass. "Senate did a lot of things behind the scenes to represent the interest of the students and very effectively allocate student resources."

One change that occurred within Student Senate was the effort to make sure minorities were included. Jacob Lively, a junior biology major from Queen City, Texas, and president of Student Senate, said he realized the importance of including minorities during the fall semester while working with students of different ethnicities.

In response, at the beginning of the spring semester, Senate members voted Jonathan Williamson, a freshman psychology major from Batesville, to become a senate member to represent the minorities on campus. "It gave me the opportunity to share my views and the views of those who have expressed themselves to me," said Williamson. According to Williamson, being a minority on campus "has its ups and downs, but God has made everyone different with a special purpose in mind."

For the first time, the Tiger for Life campaign was presented to students with the help of Senate members. Philanthropy Friday and giving away T-shirts to freshmen were just a few things Senate members participated in to raise awareness of the importance of donors to the university and the students.

Senate was behind the scenes of many Homecoming events to make them bigger than ever. A live tiger was brought on campus and events were held during the week by social clubs that were funded by Student Senate. It was also the first year for Senate to be a sponsoring partner with the Miss OBU Pageant.

Senate members required service hours each semester and were asked to communicate with students frequently about things Senate could do to better the campus. "Senate was interested to hear other voices," said Lively. Their impact was made evident by requiring members to be involved in as many events and organizations as possible to represent a love for their school and its success.

Senior Alek Eurich speaks at the Senate town hall meeting in the fall. The meeting was open to all OBU students to speak about issues on campus.

photo by: Kristen Barnard



Freshmen Natalie Way and Justin Young write to thank donors on Tuition Freedom Day. This day was dedicated to informing students of how important donors are to the university.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Senate Executive President Jacob Lively emceeds the Miss OBU pageant in February. Senate co-sponsored the event in the spring with the Miss OBU Organization.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Students dance at Cajun Night during TWIRP Week in September. This was Senate's first year to hold a TWIRP week event.

*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*



Juniors Hope Freck and Jahner Huffman talk with a student at Traffic Court. Senate members held court every Wednesday afternoon.

*photo by: Nicole McPate*



Junior Hannah Pfeiffer stands on stage with former Homecoming queen Haley Hayes during the Homecoming chapel. Senate was in charge of Homecoming chapel as well as the pregame ceremonies at the Homecoming game.

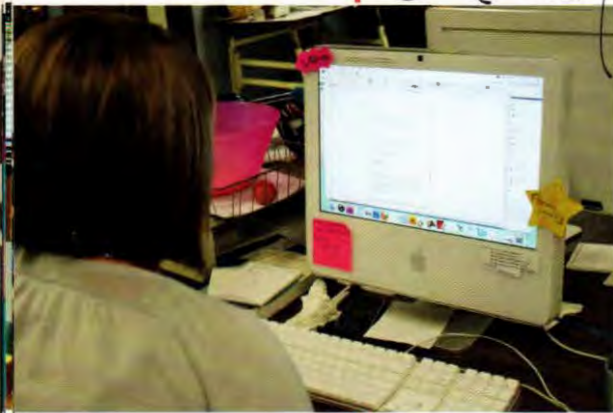
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Junior Jill Mitchell watches over ballot booths for executive elections in the spring for next fall's officers. Separate class elections were held in the fall.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

# Uniquely United

By: Korrie Browning



Senior Whitney Crews edits a story to go in *The Signal*. A new edition of *The Signal* was distributed every Thursday afternoon.

photo by: Sarah Sparks

When setting foot in the basement of Mabee, the winding hallway that may confuse outsiders was home to those who worked for one of the school's many publications. Whether in *The Signal*, the *Ouachitonian*, the online *Signal*, the photo lab, the video department or news bureau, students shared a special bond both within their publication and throughout the department.

"The people make working here so unique," said Leah Garavelli, a junior mass communications major from Olive Branch, Miss., and editor-in-chief of *The Signal*. "It's such a great culture of people."

Under two editors, the *Ouachitonian* had twice the dynamic as in the past, with co-editors Becca Watts and Cassie Harrell. Watts, a senior mass communications major from Smackover, said the yearbook was where the history of the university was kept.

The online *Signal* came under the direction of a new instructor of communications, Tiffany Eurich. Although many of the same stories were published in the print version, being online allowed the story to be told without limitation. "We are able to layer information, using every type of medium, not limited to the image, audio or print," said Eurich. "We can adapt our story-telling method to best tell the story."

The photo lab provided images for every publication and the Office of Communications. This meant having a photographer at every event on campus. "Making publications a success requires the coordination of so many different people, which can be a struggle at times, but it's always great to get to see our work published," said Callie Stephens, a senior mass communications major from Conway and photo lab editor.

The video department was responsible for producing "The Billy Elmore Show", as well as special events such as Tiger Tunes. Ben Thomas, a sophomore mass communications major from Keller, Texas, remembered having to think on his toes during Tunes. "The zoom on the camera broke so we had to do everything manually. We had a great team and it all came together in the end," said Keller.

Unlike other on-campus publications, the news bureau covered stories and sent out news releases to media outlets from Arkadelphia to larger statewide and regional publications. Stories also focused on Ouachita alumni which often made their way into *The Circle*, a publication sent out to OBU graduates and donors.

Each medium had to rely on each other to be successful. It took editors, work-study, and practicum students working together to produce publications with excellence.



Junior Katie Steele talks with Dr. Jeff Root before a broadcast. The video students helped produce the webcast of Tiger Tunes.

photo by: Callie Stephens



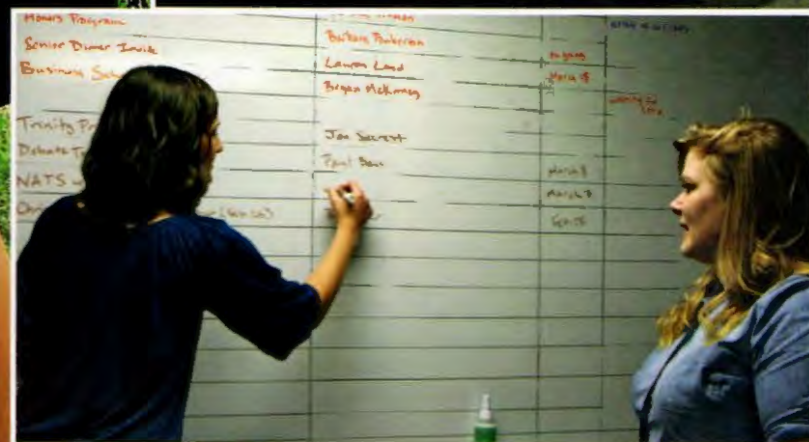
Senior Devin Waters works on the Tiger Tunes simulcast during the last night of Tiger Tunes. This was the third year for the online *Signal* to sponsor the simulcast. photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Mauri Sparks hands junior Macy Buchanan her yearbook during distribution. Every student on campus received a yearbook. photo by: Jessica Bowling



**Senior Aspen Grams** works on the online *Signal*. The online *Signal* allowed students a more flexible and visual way to present information.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



**Assistant Director of Communications** Brooke Zimny discusses story assignments with sophomore Breanne Goodrum. Students working in the news bureau office helped with public relations for the university.  
*photo by: Jessica Bowling*

**Senior Sarah Sparks** takes pictures at the intramural fields. Photographers attended events on campus and displayed photos in many publications.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Small Things

By: Becca Watts



**Freshmen Chris Ross and Meagan Moore** worship at the CM Retreat in September. About 200 students attended the retreat.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

Barn Bash, Tiger Tunes, Men and Women's Discipleship, Refuge, Christian Focus Week, Freshman Family Groups and Noonday were just a few things that came to mind when a student thought about Campus Ministries. With a three-fold goal, Campus Ministries reached the lives of students, the Arkadelphia community and people around the world.

"Relationships. I don't know who said it, or if I'm even quoting it right but 'Life is about relationships; everything else is in the details,'" said Preston Byrd, a senior philosophy major from Carrollton, Texas, and the Men's Discipleship ministry leader. By forming relationships with students, Campus Ministry leaders were able to get to know, disciple and encourage other students to grow and get involved with Campus Ministries.

Campus Ministries strived to do more than meet the needs of students. "Our ministries are based on a three-fold goal. We want to reach our local community, surrounding cities, and entire world for the name and renown of Jesus Christ," said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries.

Campus Ministries reached people outside of campus through ministries such as Big Brother and Big Sister, Backyard Bible Clubs, the Dixonville mission, Rough Draft and working with the Monticello Children's Home. Students were able to reach the people in the community in their backyards.

Students involved in Campus Ministries were also given the opportunity to reach people around the world. With service opportunities to help rebuild New Orleans, summer international missions and spring break mission trips, students could influence the lives of others and experience new and exciting things.

Campus Ministries took its first ever spring break mission trip to New York City, according to Taylor. While students prepared to visit the big apple and minister to Muslim and Hindi immigrants, other groups of students prepared for our international trips to Chile and East Asia.

Whether working to help restore New Orleans after hurricane Katrina, changing lives internationally or playing with kids in Arkadelphia, the work of Campus Ministries can be summed up into one phrase. "Don't forget the small things," said Byrd. "I don't even know what or how else to say but, its so easy to get wrapped up in the huge events and forget about the day to day ministry- praying for those who have hurt us, listening to others as they struggle, reminding people how much their loved, loving on kids in the community. That blows me away."

**Junior Whitley Poole** plays with her Little Sister on campus. Big Brother/Big Sister helped students reach out to children in the area.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

**Freshmen Rusty Butler, Daniel Elliff and Kevin McClure** sing at New Student Variety Show. This event helped showcase new talent from the freshman class.

*photo courtesy of: Amy Vaughan*







Junior Bradley Stark hands out chips to children in South Africa. There were 15 people who went on this mission trip.  
*photo courtesy of: James Taylor*



Students wait before beginning the line dance at Barn Bash. CM sponsored Barn Bash every year during TWIRP week.  
*photo by: Lara Overman*



Sophomore Ryan James and others perform at Tiger Tunes. Campus Ministry's theme for Tunes was Inmates.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

Freshmen Annalese Henley and Amelia Lindsey work on a project during the New Orleans mission trip. Twenty-five students volunteered on the Habitat for Humanity project.  
*photo courtesy of: Becca Woodall*

Into

# the Rush

By: Jake Coffman

As Christmas break came to a close and the spring semester crept ever closer, one special event stood out in the minds of students before any other: Rush Week. Exactly 132 girls and 102 guys participated in Rush, a larger number compared to previous years.

Each social club hosted parties, which all the rushees were given the chance to attend. The purpose of these parties was to give the rushees a chance to get a feel of what each club was about, meet its members, and ask any questions they may have had. Unlike past years, this year's men's and women's Rush took place during the same week, on the same days, with women's rush taking place earlier in the evening than the men's.

"Rush week was a whirlwind of fun and excitement," said Lauren McElyea, a freshman music major from Garland, Texas. "Though I'm not one to be anxious, I couldn't help but pick up on the thrilling vibe from girls frantically looking for the last article to complete their perfect outfit. Each club put their best foot forward and welcomed everyone with bright smiles."

Whatever stress was put on the rushees, equal stress was on club members who had to prepare for the week. "It takes a lot of work to set up for Rush," said Daniel McFarlin, a sophomore business major from Dallas, Texas. "Each night was a build up to the next, and each night became more elaborate and more detailed as to what we did and to how we approached the rushees. Even though it got stressful at times, it was definitely worth it to get to show everyone what our club is all about."

Some of the burden of Rush was taken off of the clubs by the grace of the Interfraternal and Panhellenic Councils. Their job was to explain the rules of Rush to students participating and to act as a neutral third party.

"As president of Panhellenic this year, I have enjoyed the challenge to make Rush as simple and as stress free as possible for the girls rushing," said Katie Luff, a senior early childhood education major from Colorado Springs, Colo. "I love being able to be there for the girls and answer questions when they come up."

Filled with a mixture of fun, stress, pride and suspense, Rush Week was one of the events many on campus looked forward to.

"Rush is a crash course in meeting and making friends," said Bethany Whitfield, a senior history major from Bryant. "It's a chance to put names and faces together. I seriously look forward to it like I do Christmas morning!"



**Members of Eta Alpha Omega** greet rushees on the first night of men's Rush. The Etas served jambalaya and had a time of fellowship with rushees.

*photo courtesy of: the Men of Eta Alpha Omega*



**Freshman John Hewitt** listens to Kappa Chi members speak about the club. There were four nights of men's Rush.  
*photo by: Nicole M. Phate*



**Sophomore Tiffany Ohman** talks to a rushee about Chi Rho Phi. Rushees got acquainted with current club members during Rush.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Sophomores Kayleigh Ratliff** and Mallory Gross perform at a Chi Delta rush party. Each night, clubs had different themes and entertainment for rushees.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Senior Justin Magness talks to a rushee at the Beta party. There were 102 guys who participated in men's Rush.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Senior Kristen Glover leads freshman Hannah Bushey through the Tri Chi tunnel on Western Night. The women's social clubs worked hard to make rushees feel welcome during Rush parties.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Members of EEE sing for rushees on the third night of Rush. The club's theme for the night was Grease.  
*photo by: Nicole McPbate*

Keeping

# Tradition

By: Mauri Sparks



**EEE pledges Megan Scarbrough and Endsley McClellan study together during study hall. Pledges used study hall as a time to bond with their new sisters and brothers and to get needed school work done.**

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Finally, all of Rush week's late nights and excited voices were over and everything would be back to normal on campus. Or so everyone thought. The sounds of much laughter and cheering filled the air as many eager new members were asked to join their club on Bid Day.

All day, the atmosphere began to change around campus as colors from purple and gold to bright pinks and deep reds flew and Greek letters appeared in windows. Doors were wrapped in paper displaying each resident's new club colors, but Saturday was only the beginning.

Throughout the next week, pledges wore matching outfits, sat together at every meal and carried around matching notebooks. Keeping up with assignments and going to class made the week more challenging but study hall every afternoon helped pledges catch up on homework in the company of their brothers or sisters.

Tasks were assigned to each new member for the week. Banners were displayed in the student center every morning and taken down every afternoon. Pledges walked everywhere on campus with another brother or sister and were led by pledge masters or mistresses to every destination, including Noonday, Refuge and basketball games.

"We attended basketball games during the week," said junior Rho Sigma pledgemaster Andrew Myers, a business administration major from Crowley, Texas. "This is one of the main things that attracted me to this club. Being in the stands yelling and 'making a difference' really helps bond everyone together as a club, and not just as a pledge class."

Every morning before classes started, pledges attended devotionals to get their minds off the busy things of the coming day and keep their focus on Christ. "Chaplain was decided at the beginning of the week," said new Chi Delta member Amber Beacham, a freshman kinesiology major from Midlothian, Texas. "The pledge class chaplain led devotionals every day before breakfast."

The whole week was designed to teach pledges long-lasting traditions of their club, all the while meeting new people and growing strong relationships within the group.

"During the week, they had to fill out and study a packet with personal information of each of the members and each of their pledge brothers, as well as history of the club," said Myers. "I would say this sparks the brotherhood that carries on for the next three and a half years. It's the one thing that got me to know my brothers."

**Chi Rho Phi pledges and members stand in Flag Plaza on Bid Day. There were eight new members to the club.**

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Tri Chi pledges dress up for the beau party. There were a variety of activities throughout the week for pledges.**

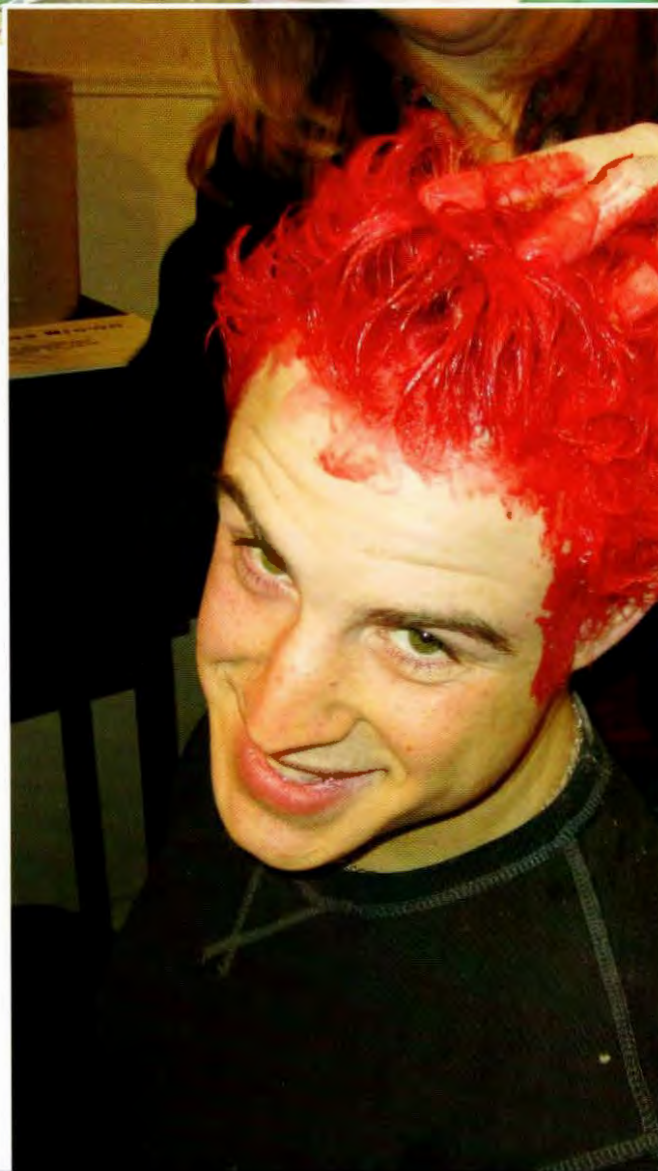
*photo by: Lori Hilburn*



Tri Chi pledges eat together at lunch in the Commons. Pledges sat together at every meal throughout the week.  
*photo by: Lindsey Upshaw*



Freshman Kappa Chi pledge Michael Wooldridge studies for class. Study hall was held for all pledges and attendance was required every evening.  
*photo by: Lori Hillburn*



Chi Deltas stand in front of the Tiger on Bid Day. Seventeen new pledges were added to the club.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Freshman Hein Hilmer dyes his hair red for Rho Sigma. The new members of Rho Sigma chose to dyed their hair in true Rho Sigma tradition.  
*photo courtesy of: Abby Clark*

# Ardently Involved

By: Mauri Sparks



**Tri Chi members** dance in the Tiger Den at 80s night during TWIRP. 80s night gave students an opportunity to dress in wild colors and listen to music from the decade.  
*photo by: Nicci Fillinger*

As the women in pink and green, Tri Chi was involved in TWIRP week, Tiger Tunes and the Battle of the Ravine, and sponsored events like the Crush Dance and 80s Night.

In the fall, the women of Tri Chi were Whitehouse Secretaries for Tiger Tunes. They received an award in the categories of costume and musicality. The club also won the People's Choice Award and third place overall. Kristen Glover, a senior chemistry major from Stuttgart and director for the Tri Chi show, explained some of the challenges and rewards of working with such a big group of girls.

"As director of Tiger Tunes, it was hard to organize and prepare for every practice. Buying costumes for 60 girls was also a great challenge," said Glover. "However, directing Tiger Tunes follows the cliché phrase 'What you put in is what you get out.' By serving as director, I grew to love this club and the girls involved even more. I valued the time, talents and support that each of the girls offered."

Jennifer White, a senior Christian Studies major from Stuttgart and corresponding secretary of Tri Chi, talked about some of the philanthropies Tri Chi was involved in throughout the year, both on and off campus, statewide, locally and internationally.

"Some things we do on campus are Tiger Serve Day, writing letters to all faculty and staff showing our appreciation and Special Olympics," said White. "Off campus, we are involved in Operation Christmas Child, Monticello Children's Home, medical missions for Haiti, The Promise House, The Courage House and many more."

Tri Chi was involved in many ministries that have changed from year to year, but there were a few consistent ministries the club continued every year. Tri Chi President Bethany Moss, a senior Christian Studies major from Mesquite, Texas, said one such ministry is sponsoring children.

"One consistent ministry we're involved in is with Compassion International. We sponsor three children through Compassion," said Moss. "We love doing this because we can write letters back and forth to our kids (who live in Africa), which allows us to get to know them a little bit. They tell us how to pray for them and their family as well."

Through every activity and tiring event during the year, the women of Tri Chi kept their main focus on Christ. "What I love most about being president of Tri Chi is the fact that I'm representing a group of genuine, respectable Christ-like girls," said Moss. "I consider it an honor to serve and take care of them."



**Tri Chi pledge mistresses** watch over pledges during lunch. Mistresses walked with pledges to things like meals and study hall throughout the week.  
*photo by: Lori Hilburn*



**The women of Tri Chi** sing on stage as White House secretaries. The club won People's Choice Award from the audience at \$1 for one vote.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



**Sophomore Caitlin Jones** holds a sign for Tri Chi at the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. The women of Tri Chi were in attendance at sporting events.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Senior Jessie Sanders puts on her make-up for Tiger Tunes. Tri Chi received third place overall in the competition.

*photo by: Lara Overman*



Tri Chi members answer questions from rushees during Rush Week. The club provided entertainment for each of the themed nights throughout the week.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Senior Lori Hilburn talks with a rushee during Tri Chi's Jazz Night Rush party. The women of Tri Chi received 38 pledges after Rush.

*photo by: Jessica Bowling*

# Newfound Passion

By: Abbey Jamieson



Rho Sigma pledges and members stand in front of the Tiger on Bid Day. There were 10 young men who pledged during the spring semester.

photo by: Callie Stephens

With the immense growth the men of Rho Sigma experienced with their new pledge class, the Red Shirts underwent a new and exciting time for their club of 76 years.

In addition to the growth of the club itself, Rho Sigma maintained the traditions of the university. The men of Rho Sigma had always been known for their school spirit. They hosted events such as the annual ball run, sponsored many Battle of the Ravine events, and protected the new Tiger from the Henderson Reddies.

“As a pledge, I felt that what caused the Red Shirts to stand out more than most clubs was their traditions that have carried through since 1935,” said Hein Hilmer, a freshman mass communications major from South Africa.

Another area of growth for the Rho Sigs was in the growth of the number of sweethearts, bringing the ratio of members to Sweethearts 1:1.

“Rho Sigma loves our sweethearts,” said K.C. Knobloch, a senior accounting major from Monticello. “They’re gracious and considerate of our ways, but encourage us to grow and mature by their very presence.”

Sweethearts such as Kristen Ashburn, a sophomore Christian studies and physiology major from Monroe, La., felt a special connection for the Rho Sigs.

“I’m not sure they will ever realize how honored I was that they chose me to be a sweetheart,” said Ashburn. “Watching my brother as a Rho Sigma when I was in high school, I knew he was passionate about it, and I was envious of the tradition and wanted to be a part of their legacy.”

Along with new excitement and pride the club members felt, they were eager for upcoming events the club would sponsor.

“We are excited to be continuing our participation at the Annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk held in Little Rock,” said Knobloch. “We have helped raise approximately \$25,000 per year for this cause in support of one our alumni, Mr. Russell Strickland, who has battled MS for many years.”

With new projects, a passionate pledge class, a legacy of proud members, and a new round of sweethearts, Rho Sigma had a vision for their club and its successful future.

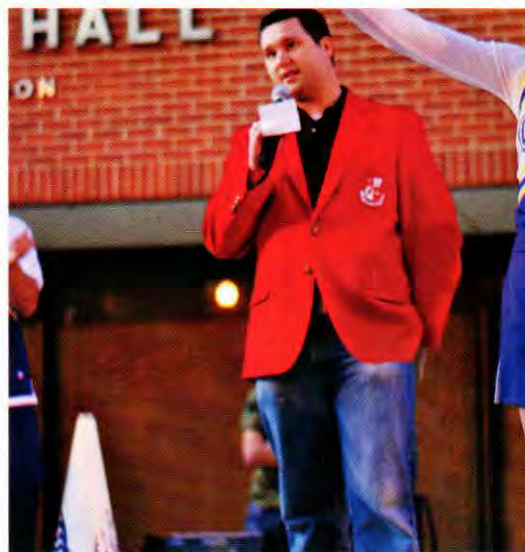
“Let it be known that the men of Rho Sigma are ready for a rebirth into the Ouachita community,” said Knobloch. “And though we may sometimes fall short of the standards we have set for ourselves, know that we are striving to fulfill our values and enshrine this glorious university.”

Senior K.C. Knobloch speaks at the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. The men of Rho Sigma attended sports events throughout the year.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

Rho Sigma guards the Tiger during the Battle of the Ravine. This week-long tradition kept anything from happening to the refurbished Tiger.

photo by: Nicole McPhate







Rho Sigma alumni hang out at the Rho Sigma booth during Mr. Tiger Fest. Club alumni had the chance to visit with current members about sponsored events and involvement in the community.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*



Rho Sigma pledge Blake Magee weighs a bag of coins at the Pink Out basketball game. Rho Sigma won the challenge.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



Freshman Hein Hilmer talks on stage at Mr. Tiger. Twelve men from various clubs and organizations participated in the event.  
*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*

Senior K.C. Knoblock hands a football to a child at Rally on the Ravine. Rho Sigma was one of many clubs from both Ouachita and Henderson to have a booth at the community event.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# A Little Different



Senior **Sam McGill** gives his testimony at Refuge. McGill's testimony was about how his support group at Ouachita really showed him who God was and what God's love felt like.

*photo by: Ashley Young*



Students participate in an activity during an FCA meeting in the gym. FCA meet every Wednesday night.  
*photo by: Kriste Bernard*

# A Simple Reminder

By: Alexis Johns

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men," Colossians 3:23, a verse many Christian athletes turned to for a simple reminder that they were not competing for their own glory. Fellowship of Christian Athletes tried to do just that.

"FCA is important for the athletic body because we are different for one, we understand things different," said Coach John Johnson, running back coach for the Tiger football team and FCA advisor. Since 2010, the group grew from five to about 60-plus.

The purpose of the organization, according to Johnson, was "to bring lost souls back to Christ." However, the FCA was not limited strictly to athletes, nor was FCA limited to students on campus. "I'm willing to accept anyone," says Johnson. The program was a simple sanctuary that gave student-athletes the opportunity to find God's light in the darkest of places.

The nature of the FCA organization was to teach athletes that their passion for sports and their passion for Christ did not have to be separate. "FCA gives athletes a sense of unity and infiltrates the love of God with the love of sports. It gives us a sense of community that encourages us to be challenged on the field/court and in our walk with Christ," said Beulah Osueke, a junior psychology major from Sugarland, Texas, a member of the Lady Tigers basketball team and president of FCA.

The organization gave athletes the opportunity to come together for prayer, worship and an understanding of God. It also encouraged integrity, serving, teamwork, and excellence among the athletes who participated and inspired spiritual growth among athletes.

"I struggled with my relationship with God while I was at JUCO[junior college], and now that I'm here and involved in FCA it has helped a ton, and strengthened my relationship with Him," said Kyle Zimmerman, a senior business administration and management major from Four Seasons, Mo, and a member of the Tiger baseball team.



FCA advisor John Johnson speaks at an FCA meeting in the gym. Johnson took over advising the group in the spring of 2010.  
*photo by: Kristen Bernard*

Senior Sam McGill, freshman Kelsey Frink and junior Beulah Osueke prepare to speak at Refuge. FCA and Refuge joined together in an effort to encourage more athlete attendance at Refuge.  
*photo by: Ashley Young*



Fulfilling the

# Mission

By: Whitney Crews

A club's history and traditions, activities and community appearance have great influence on its reputation and endurance. But its members create these qualities and are the mark of its character and excellence.

Bringing new life to a club each year is always the newest pledge class.

After the excitement of Rush and the bonding of Pledge Week, the newest members have a knack for bringing new excitement, ideas and personality. For Chi Rho Phi, the pledge class of 2011 did all this and more.

"The most amazing thing is how we grew over the past year," said senior member Erin Flippin. "We grew in numbers of course, but we grew closer together in Christ and we all grew a lot personally and individually. We started to reach out more, not just on campus but also in the community. That's what our main goal and mission is in Chi Rho Phi, and it was cool to see us moving closer to that goal."

The new group of eight pledges made service its focus, volunteering at the Arkadelphia Courage House for bid day and creating a community service position within the club to oversee the organization of more service projects.

"The biggest difference I've seen in Chi Rho Phi over this last year is the need to look beyond our club to better serve the needs of the campus and the community," said Christa Gorz, also a senior member of the club.

"My favorite thing about Chi Rho Phi has always been our Wednesday night prayer meetings in Berry Chapel," Gorz said. "As a club, our mission is 'college women ministering to college women.' I remember one particular Wednesday night before summer break where a lot of girls were burdened for friends and family members, and we all gathered around each other and prayed specifically for that request. It's a comforting feeling to know you have 24 other women lifting you up in prayer."

As the club strove to fulfill the words in their mission statement, they kept working to develop new ways to encourage others.

"If they see something that needs to be done, they do it," Gorz said about the pledge class. "No questions asked. Also, many of the girls made posters and encouraging notes for the women's basketball team and sent goody-bags, and we had a game night mixer with Tri Chi. The girls loved it. I think everyone had fun laying down our letters for a while and hanging out with other sisters in Christ," Gorz added.



Chi Rho Phi members visit with alumni and parents during OcTiger Fest. Clubs provided displays of memorabilia to promote their organization's activities.

photo by: Katie Osment



Senior Alissa Hill participates in a game during 90s night. The club provided campus-wide activities throughout the year.

photo by: Kristen Barnard



Hillary Hill and Brianna Holder give instructions during a TWIRP Week event. The Chi Rho Phis sponsored their annual luau night.  
*photo by: Zach Nottingham*



Junior Kelsi Ferguson and senior Leah Jones paint a window for the CAB Christmas window-painting contest. The contest was a campus holiday tradition.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Jason Curlin and Nolan West play games during a Chi Rho Phi throw back night. Students enjoyed a variety of old time games.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

Moving

# Forward

By: Korrie Browning



**Freshman Justin Young** washes a car at the Beta Beta pledge car wash. Pledges raised money for the club to use for club sponsored events throughout the year.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

The men of Beta Beta have been a prominent influence on campus since 1941, and although the faces have changed over the past 70 years, tradition kept the original spirit of their founding members strong.

"The goal of our club has always been to grow young men who are spiritually, socially, intellectually and physically better than when they first joined the club," said President Nick Tinnesz, a senior biology major from Mena.

This year the club added 22 new members in the spring, nearly doubling its membership to 50. "I am proud to say we had the biggest pledge class Beta has seen in the past 10 years," said Tinnesz. These new members came from a wide variety of majors and joined for equally diverse reasons, but at the end of pledge week they learned what brotherhood was all about.

"I was attracted by the confidence and humble attitudes that have endeared them to students and faculty alike throughout generations, and their desire for excellence, whether it is in the classroom, weight room or Tiger Tunes," said Barrett Burger, a biology major from Camden and member of pledge class 2011.

From a senior member to a freshman just joining, Tinnesz and Burger agreed that the direction of club was a positive one. The Betas have increasingly become more active on campus, having members involved in American Chemical Society, SIFE, College Republicans, Tiger Serve Day, FCA, Tri Beta and Student Senate.

The social aspect of Beta Beta was evident in the various mixers with the women's clubs on both Ouachita and Henderson's campuses as well as their support of Ouachita athletics. They also have beaus representing EEE, Chi Delta and Tri Chi.

Whatever the Betas were involved in, they sought to perform to their highest ability, and although a healthy sense of competition was a must at all events, brotherhood was at the core of all their actions. "I know that no matter what happens at the end of the day I have over 50 brothers that I can rely and depend on," said Tinnesz.

This year has brought vast growth and reinforced a strong sense of tradition among the men of Beta Beta. "We are heading in the only directions we know, up and forward," said Burger. With so many new members the club was sure to continue its legacy well into the future.

**Junior John Williams** stands with Brent Harris at a Beta Beta intramural basketball game. The men of Beta Beta participated in various intramural sports throughout the year.

*photo by: Ben Harrington*

**Senior Justin Magness** speaks to rushees about the club during Rush Week. Beta Beta received 22 new pledges in the spring semester.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*





The men of Beta Beta perform their hillbillie themed show for Tiger Tunes. The Betas rehearsed an average of two days a week for three weeks to prepare for the show.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Sophomore Jake Edwards helps paint for the Christmas window contest. The Beta's theme was "Total Frat Christmas."  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Beta Beta members work at a booth during OcTiger Fest. This booth allowed current members and alumni to connect and discuss the club.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

Beta Beta pledges Kyle and Garrett Hartman answer an on-stage question at Mr. Tiger. The Hartman twins competed together as one contestant in Mr. Tiger under the name "Karret."  
*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*

# Beyond College

By: Alexis Johns



**Sophomore Katie Bennet** serves the volleyball during an intramural game. Volleyball was one of many intramural sports in which the EEEs participated.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

needs of students all across campus.

Members of EEE developed lifelong friendships in their sisterhood. "I know EEE has taught me how to be comfortable in my own skin and has encouraged and challenged me to reach past my comfort zone and try new things," said President Bethany Whitfield, a senior history major from Bryant. "This will follow me past Ouachita for sure."

EEE impressed the lives of many young women who decided to pledge in the spring semester. There were a total of 40 girls in the new pledge class. These girls brought new excitement and personality to the already passionate club.

During the fall semester each year, clubs around campus held "The Woman Is Required to Pay" week. Each night, clubs had separate themes for dances on and off of campus. EEE held 50's night early in the week.

The women of EEE also did what they could to play a part in the community, on and off campus. From Tiger Serve Day to Relay for Life, EEE made a difference. "EEE works very hard to focus on meeting the needs of our university and community," said Whitfield.

"Our social club represents so many things. One of the most important is how to be one in Christ," said Ashlee Sharp, a junior speech communication major from Arkadelphia. "We try and put Christ first in everything we do."

This club goes beyond college, following members throughout the rest of their lives. "The sisters I have gained will stay my friends for the rest of my life. All of my best friends are EEEs," said Pledge Mistress Emily Vinson, a junior business administration and finance major from Corning.

This social club changed the many lives of the women who joined. It was a place where they could be themselves and leave stronger than when they started, a place where they could develop lifelong relationships, becoming women of integrity and even greater servants of Christ.



**Sophomore Abbey Jamieson** prepares for the Tiger Tunes dress rehearsal. The Women of EEE won choreography all three nights of competition and musicality on the first night.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



**The women of EEE** make a tunnel at Battle for the Cure. This was a students versus faculty basketball game to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

*photo by: Molly Anne Turner*



**EEE members greet** alumni during their annual alumni tea, held during OcTiger Fest. OcTiger Fest allowed alumni to visit with current members.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*



**Women of EEE** "Don't Stop Believing" in their dream of a ring by spring. The club's theme for Tiger Tunes in the fall was "Ring by Spring."  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Members of EEE** work at Tiger Serve Day in the fall. The club had several teams during both Tiger Serve Days to help out the community.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

The women of EEE cheer at the first pep rally of the season. During the pep rally, the club was the spirit competition by cheering above the crowd for the Tigers.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Living Intentionally

By: Cassie Harrell



**Kappa Chi members** tailgate before the Battle of the Ravine football game. The tailgate provided social clubs an opportunity to show their support for the team.

*photo by: Callie Stephens*

Class schedules, worship services, time with friends and service projects were only some of the things that kept the men of Kappa Chi busy. In every activity the club participated in or put on, the men had the goal of living with the intention of making a difference in the lives of not only each other, but also the lives of surrounding people.

“Kappa has been intentional more this year than ever about finding ways in which we can benefit those around us,” said Keaton Harper, a senior church music major from Hope and Kappa Chi president. “We started D-groups last semester for the purpose of unifying our diverse membership under the common banner of our faith. In these groups we pray for one another, teach and learn from God’s Word, and participate in service projects. In bettering ourselves, we are more capable servants to OBU, Arkadelphia, and various communities where we are involved.”

The men of Kappa Chi made a difference in the life of one Ouachita alumnus, Daniel Graham, by hosting Graham Jam during the fall semester. “We hosted ‘Graham Jam’ and all proceeds went to Mr. Graham’s Bread,” said Harper. “We have also provided Daniel a venue, like ‘KX Late Nite,’ to promote his company and explain its origin, purpose and hopeful future in Arkadelphia and beyond.”

Late Nite, Kappachino, Kappassassins, Graham Jam, Homecoming Bonfire/Cookout, and various community events and booths (such as the downtown festivals) were only some of the activities the club hosted.

The men also participated in Tiger Tunes, Tiger Serve Day and many other events on campus. “I really enjoy getting to be part of Tiger Tunes with Kappa,” said Tanner Huffman, a junior mass communications major from Wynne. “Our club has a legacy of delivering unbelievable shows and it’s awesome to be able to carry that legacy forward.” Participating in Tiger Tunes was another way the club made a difference in student’s lives because the show brought in scholarship money for students.

“Kappa Chi is about reflecting the reality of Jesus’ lordship,” said Harper. “We attempt to carry out this mission through revealing our unity in our joint sonship with Jesus amongst our diverse membership.” Together, the men of Kappa Chi took their mission and their diverse backgrounds and successfully reached the world around them with intention; they were becoming the difference on campus, in the community and in the lives of one another.

**Sophomore Demarcus Thornton** helps at the Kappa Chi table during OcTiger Fest. Members met with alumni to show the club’s involvement on campus.

*photo by: Katie Osment*

**Junior Austin King** and senior Natalie Gregory perform at Kappachino. The club sponsored many Kappachino events to showcase talent on campus.

*photo by: Katie Osment*





**Kappa Chi members** sing on stage at the Tiger Tunes. The men of Kappa Chi received second place overall as aviators.  
*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



**Junior Vinh Nguyen** grills at the Kappa Chi cookout in honor of Tiger Tunes. The cookout was held at the gazebo after the Friday night Tunes performance.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*



**Kappa Chi members** hold a party during Rush Week for possible pledges. There were 20 men who pledged Kappa Chi in the spring.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**Kappa Chi junior Aaron Butler** answers on-stage questions at Mr. Tiger. The fundraising event was sponsored by EEE and hosted men from many clubs.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*

# United in Difference

By: Jake Coffman

For the average college student leaving home and adjusting to a completely new environment was a challenge in itself. Imagine leaving the country to live and adjust in a completely new place for college. For these students, this was the case. International Club was formed to help adjust to a new culture and add some ease to their newfound lives.

International Club (IC) helped international students get more involved. It also introduced the campus to their cultures, through activities such as the campus-wide International Food Festival. The "Amazing Graze" featured a variety of foods representing different countries and each dish was prepared by a club member. This proved to be a great way for students and faculty alike to get to know the international students as well as a way for students on campus to see different cultures of the world.

In addition to campus activities, IC also helped international students get a feel for western culture by taking them on trips during school breaks. During fall break, IC took a trip to Chicago, Ill., where they visited the Art Institute of Chicago and did some shopping. During spring break, IC took a trip to Dallas, Texas, where they toured Dallas and even stopped at Six Flags over Texas.

"International Club is not a social club so everyone can come and enjoy it. For international students, it is a very good place to meet American friends and share cultures together," said President David Jeon, a junior Christian Studies major from Little Rock. "MK students contribute to the club with their American culture and their culture from where they have served, so it is helpful to share our cultures and opinions. Our American friends also try to share the Gospel to international students as well so there are many Bible studies for international students."

IC was a benefit to international students and Americans alike. Cultures merged and both sides learned to appreciate the different cultures and customs of each country represented. The club has become a melting pot for the American and international cultures to meet and blend.

"Most people think IC is a social club for only international students. However, the majority of the members are American," said Elisee Habimana, a junior computer science major from Kigali, Rwanda, and IC historian. "I have learned a lot about various countries from all continents, and I was able to acknowledge and respect their cultures. In this way, IC benefits both American students and international students."



The International Club hosted the band IZIBONGO for the International Food Festival. The band also performed earlier that morning during chapel.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Judith Brizuela and Alyssa Reynolds perform during the International Food Festival. Students provided entertainment for those in attendance.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Sophomore Tuyajargal Enkhbayr serves food at the International Food Festival. Students involved in IC served foods from all over the world.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



IC members talk about the different trips they took over Spring Break. IC gave students the chance to travel during breaks, such as Chicago during fall break.  
*photo by: Sarah Sparks*



**Freshman Chanmi Park** serves food from her native country at a table during International Food Festival. Students in IC served students and staff who attended the event.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



**Senior Jessica Braudrick** paints a window with International Club for the Christmas window contest. International Club's theme was "Santa Imposters Beware."  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*

**IC students** work at a booth for International Club during OcTiger Fest. IC helped students from all around the world become adjusted to western culture.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*

Forever

# Bonding

By: Cassie Harrell



**Beaus Blake Mercer** and Bryce Skinner perform with Chi Delta during Tiger Tunes. The women of Chi Delta performed as tooth fairies and the beaus were their bodyguards.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*

The women of Chi Delta may have been few in number, but that did not stop them from being a very close group of women.

“Just goofing off with my sisters is a lot of fun and I love the closeness that we all share,” said Ashley Evans, a freshman from Austin, Texas. “Being able to go to one of my sisters with a problem and knowing that they will actually listen and try to help me out is a great thing also.”

“I think the size of our club really sets us apart from others. Since we’re so small we all know each other as if we have been best friends for 10 years, and I love that bond,” said Chelsy Lewis, a junior communications science major from Benton.

The women of Chi Delta participated in many events on campus, including Harvest Moon as part of TWIRP week. This formal dinner gave students a more elegant choice of date for the week.

During the fall semester, the club took to the stage of JPAC dressed in tutus, crowns and holding wands. The women put together a show for Tiger Tunes as the Chi Delta Tooth Fairies, explaining their existence to a child.

In the spring, Chi Delta hosted dances like the Stoplight Extravaganza. Students who attended the dance wore either the color red, signifying the person was in a relationship; yellow if things were complicated and green if the person was single.

The women of Chi Delta also took time for outings with their sisters. “My favorite thing we do as a club would be the spring outing,” said Lewis. “It’s a tradition that we always go on a float trip. We make so many funny memories.”

The many events Chi Delta either hosted or participated in provided the women with the opportunity to get together, have a good time and develop deep relationships with one another. “I’ve made some really good friends since joining Chi Delta,” said Evans, after joining the club in January. “I always have someone to go hang out with and just have a good time with.”

The club was not only a way for the girls to have fun. It also made a difference in the lives of each girl. “Being a member of the club has made a difference by introducing me to some of the coolest girls at OBU,” said Evans. “It has also helped me find some lifelong friends that I wouldn’t have met otherwise.”

The women of Chi Delta stood out on campus, not because of the many activities they participated in or the letters they wore every Wednesday. Instead, what really set the women apart was their love and devotion to one another.

**Chi Delta members** and beaus cheer at the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. Chi Delta attended sporting events throughout the year to cheer on the Tigers.

*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

**Senior Hannah Moon** puts finishing touches on the Chi Delta Christmas window painting. Each club painted a separate window before winter break.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*





Chi Delta explains the existence of Tooth Fairies to a child during their Tiger Tunes performance. Tiger Tunes was the weekend of Homecoming.  
*photo by: Callie Stephens*



Chi Delta members stand at their booth during OcTiger Homecoming. The women of Chi Delta were founded in 1971.  
*photo by: Katie Osment*



Students dance with their dates at Harvest Moon. Harvest Moon was the Chi Delta's TWIRP week sponsored event.  
*photo by: Jessica Bowling*

Senior Melissa Collier holds a sign at the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. The club participated in Club Carnies during BOTR week.  
*photo by: Nicole McPhate*

# Living with Integrity

By: Tori Abellera



**Junior Steven Harvell** sings with Eta Alpha Omega at the Christmas serenade. The club honored the women on campus with several serenades throughout the year.

photo by: Lara Overman

Aside from being Tiger Tunes champions and inducting the largest pledge class in Eta history, the men of Eta Alpha Omega shook the campus and the community with their service and enthusiasm for who the club represented: Christ.

“Putting on those letters means that I’ve forgotten my past and I am using the present to grow deeper with God with other men of God and show His love,” said Corbin Owens, a sophomore English major from New Boston, Texas.

The impact of the Eta’s on pledges could be expressed in the testimony of Owens. “I lost my faith through middle and high school because of some terrible things going on in my life. When I was in ROTC, I met a senior named Matt Dillard. He had the qualities of a leader that I wanted. He shared his testimony with me and told me about Eta. I could feel the Spirit in all of the guys and found my faith again,” said Owens.

Owens served as the club’s historian for both the fall and spring semesters. Through his leadership position, he was able to share the same desire to know Christ that he discovered with the new pledge class.

“There are guys in the club who understand the struggles I have and will give their all to lift me up no matter how much it costs them,” said Hunter Threadgill, a freshman philosophy major from Cordova, Tenn.

In the fall, Eta Alpha Omega received first place overall in the annual Tiger Tunes competition. Following Tunes, the Eta’s hosted Muggin’ in which over 400 people were in attendance. “We gave 1,500 bottles away in less than 40 minutes,” said Vice President John Dicus, a senior business administration major from Clarksville. Also during Homecoming Week, the Eta’s served free root beer floats, frito chili pies and chili dogs to everyone on campus at lunch.

In addition to participating in Tiger Serve Day, the men of Eta Alpha Omega gathered on Saturday mornings to serve the community. The club hosted serenades and events such as “Whose Line is it Anyway?” in the spring semester. Club members had outings and participated in extracurricular activities and weekly Bible studies.

“It will be great to keep in contact with my brothers and receive spiritual encouragement from them,” said Jordan Henry, a senior music education major from Greenbrier. The men of Eta Alpha Omega were able to live as leaders on campus as they worked to be men sold out to Christ and openly invited others to join them.



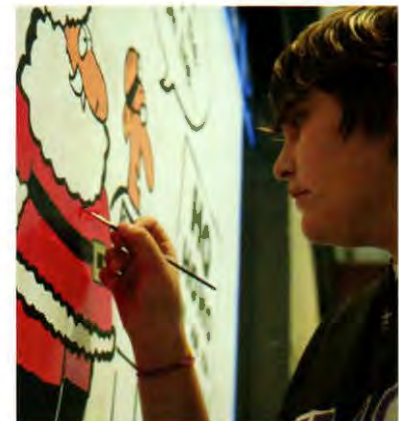
**Jesse Pruett** talks on stage with Holly Williams and Bryan Davis at the Eta Alpha Omega date auction. The club held a date auction each semester as a fundraiser.

photo by: Lara Overman



**Julielle Vaught** and Holly Williams revive Patrick Krauss during Tiger Tunes. The men of Eta Alpha Omega were doctors saving the sick.

photo by: Callie Stephens



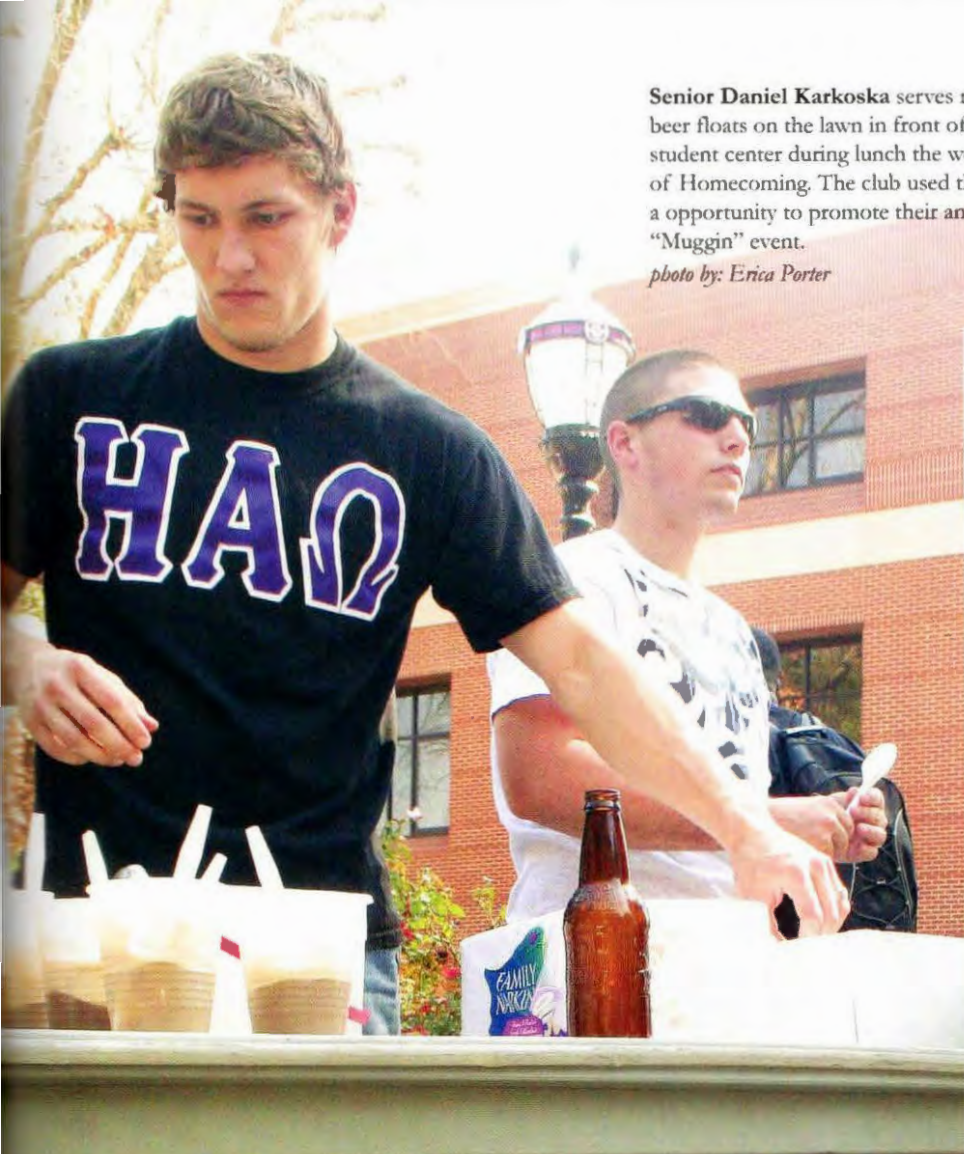
**Sophomore Daniel Lee** paints a window in the student center. Eta Alpha Omega won the Christmas window painting contest before winter break.

photo by: Callie Stephens



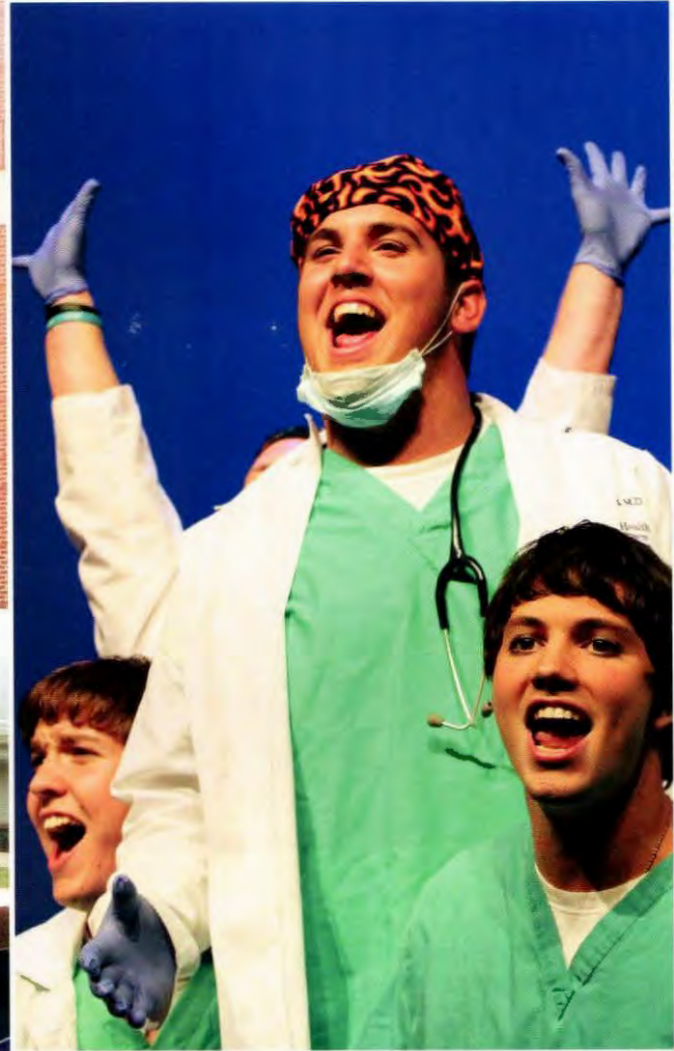
Senior Daniel Karkoska serves root beer floats on the lawn in front of Evan's student center during lunch the week of Homecoming. The club used this as an opportunity to promote their annual "Muggin'" event.

*photo by: Erica Porter*



Eta Alpha Omega members sing on stage during Tiger Tunes. They received first place overall, the first year in Tiger Tunes history for the club to place.

*photo by: Kristen Barnard*



Pledges gather early Sunday morning to attend church. The Etas received 21 pledges after Rush week.

*photo courtesy of: Eta Alpha Omega*

No

# Exception

By: Jake Coffman

Academic clubs were present in almost every discipline on campus, and business was no exception. One of the largest clubs in this area was S.I.F.E., which stands for “Students In Free Enterprise,” and their resume of accomplishments and community service projects throughout the year

proved they meant business.

S.I.F.E. was a student-led organization that did several community service projects throughout the year. It was designed to help students by helping people, allowing students to further develop their leadership skills by helping their local communities with service projects designed to give the community more economic opportunities. The motto was “A head for business and a heart for the world.”

Members of the team were given the opportunity to help out in the Arkadelphia community through various projects such as the Boys and Girls Club of Arkadelphia and the Arkadelphia Promise, along with larger projects such as K.I.P.P. Schools and Southern Good Faith Fund. Members were also involved on campus, serving with Ouachita’s own “Go Green or Go Home” project, encouraging a greener environment.

“The dedication of our members to serving Ouachita as well as the surrounding community is truly inspiring,” said Buck Schroeder, a freshman accounting major from Conway. “It is rewarding to see an actual difference being made throughout the unique projects we have the opportunity to work with.”

S.I.F.E. sponsored regional, national and international competitions where students annually present the results of their work in their communities. The Ouachita chapter competed at the regional level and were named Regional Champions for the third year in a row due to their extensive work and impressive presentation. This allowed them to move on to Nationals, where they advanced to the top 80 of S.I.F.E. teams in the country, competing against universities with much larger programs and resources.

“S.I.F.E. is one of the things I’m most proud of,” said Bryan McKinney, associate professor of business law and the dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business. “Our team has advanced to Nationals for three consecutive years, which is a phenomenal accomplishment for a school our size. I believe S.I.F.E. brings out the best in our best students. When that happens, great results follow.”

S.I.F.E. proved themselves to be a powerhouse for business at a local and national level. Their consecutive accomplishments and caring team of students and sponsors made them a club that excelled, whatever the endeavor.



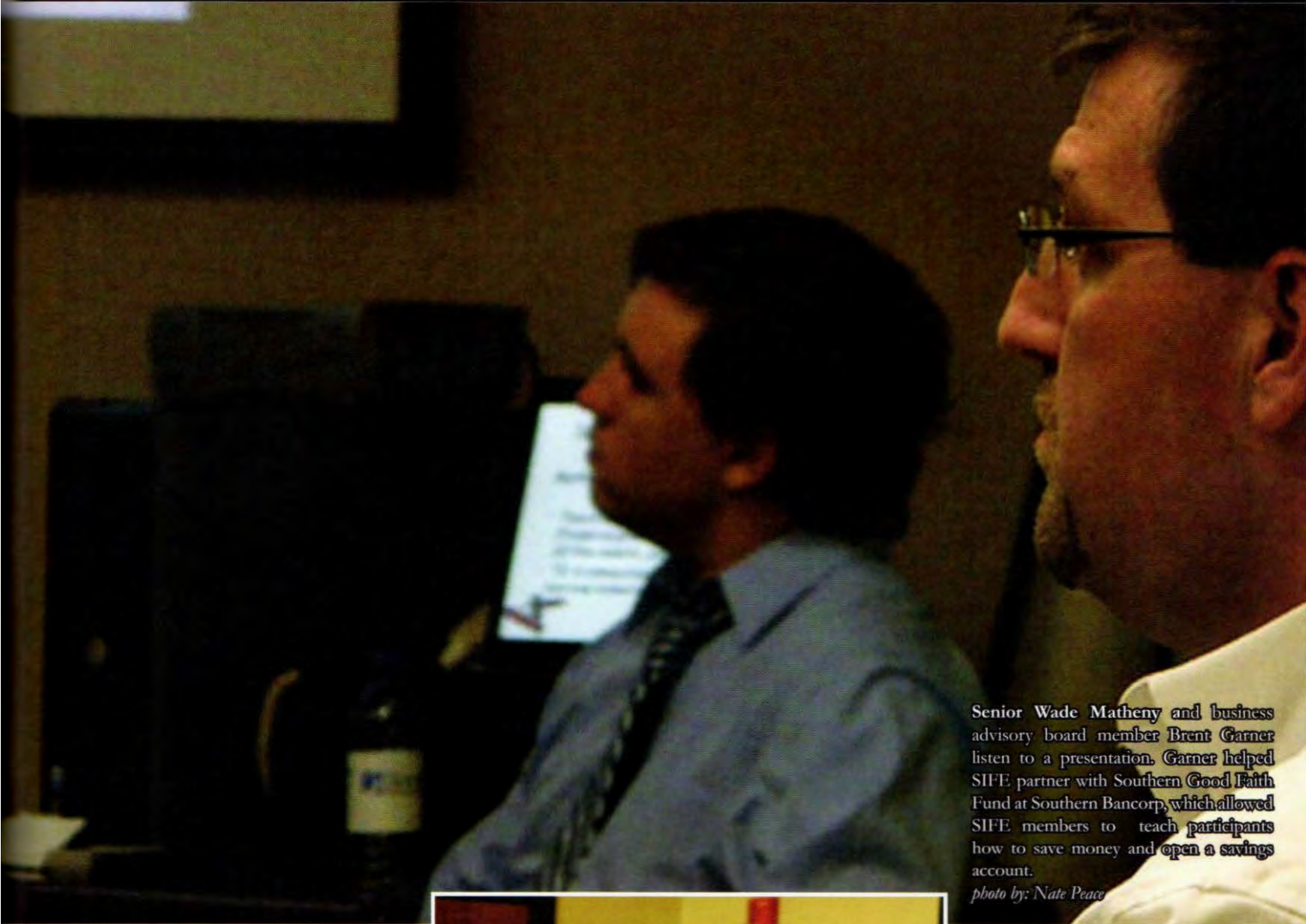
**SIFE members rehearse** their presentation for competition. SIFE competed on the regional and national level.

*photo by: Sarah Sparks*

**Members of SIFE** teach Money Matters to kids at the Boys and Girls Club in Arkadelphia. Money Matters taught kids about saving, budgeting and the basics of finance.

*photo by: Nate Peace*





Senior Wade Matheny and business advisory board member Brent Garner listen to a presentation. Garner helped SIFE partner with Southern Good Faith Fund at Southern Bancorp, which allowed SIFE members to teach participants how to save money and open a savings account.

*photo by: Nate Peace*



Sophomore Hayley Prowell hands out \$25 gift cards to the women of the West Side 2. The women in West Side 2 won SIFE's Go Green or Go Home contest

*photo by: Nate Peace*




SIFE president, junior Britta Stamps steps forward to rehearse her part of the SIFE competition presentation. The SIFE team advanced to nationals for the third year in a row.

*photo by: Nate Peace*

Dino's Main Street Cafe owner Jackie Ochello speaks to students during Spotlight on Arkadelphia. Spotlight was hosted in the fall and gave local businesses a chance to show students what all Arkadelphia has to offer.

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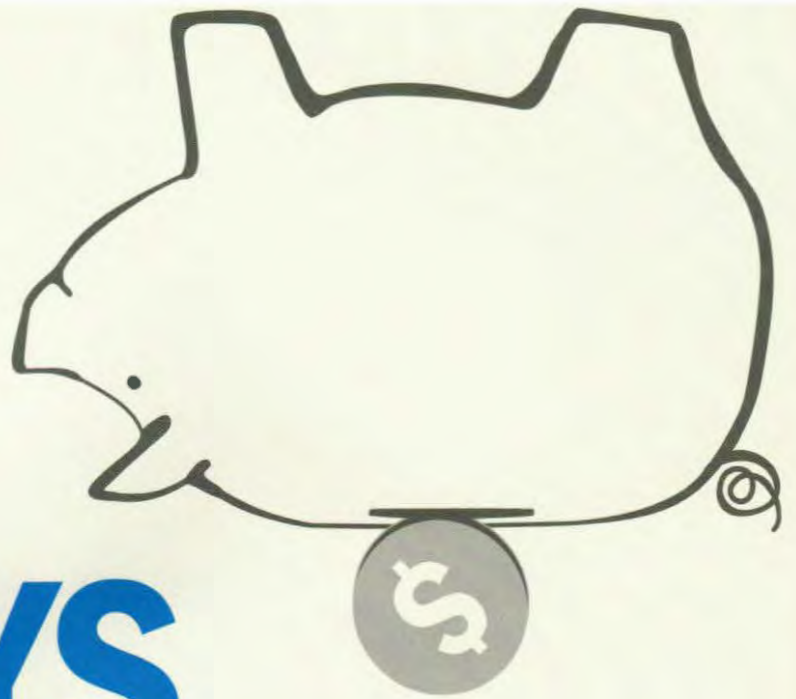


# Community

Ouachita provided a place for students to help one another grow. However, through programs like Big Brother/Big Sister, AmericaReads and AmericaCounts, Ouachita students were able to facilitate growth among kids in Arkadelphia. When unfortunate weather hit parts of Arkansas, students responded and helped with disaster relief. ElderServe and Tiger Serve Day gave students the chance to make a difference while faculty and staff were involved in the Clark County Strategic Plan, the Arkadelphia Promise and the Arbor Day Celebration. When Dino's Main Street Café allowed students to use their facilities on multiple occasions, they truly showed

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# Sonic Happy Hour

by: Allison Grigsby



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"I love Happy Hour because it's such a great place for me and my friends to come and just chill after classes," said Kourtney Chumbley, a freshman middle school education major from Richardson, Texas. "Plus it's cheap, so I don't feel like I'm breaking the bank every time I go, which happens to be a lot!"

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## Mr. Graham's Bread

by: Annaliese Clark



When you walk into Dino's, the first thing you notice is not the small counter top pushed out of the way of the tables, couches and kitchen. No one would know the impact the contents under the counter are making in the lives of many Arkadelphians. As I made my way toward the counter, also the location of Mr. Graham's Bread, the owner of Dino's sent me back to the kitchen where I found Daniel Graham, smiling as usual and cleaning off the counters.

Daniel Graham, a 2010 Ouachita Baptist University graduate in business, started Mr. Graham's Bread in May following his graduation. Mr. Graham's Bread is not about providing Graham with a livelihood, but it is about giving to the community. For every loaf of bread Graham sells, he bakes another loaf and gives it away to someone in the community who needs it.

I stood there waiting for him to finish cleaning but was pleasantly surprised when Graham pulled out a mixing bowl and suggested we do the interview right there. As he began adding the ingredients together, he explained the process of baking the bread.

"The bread takes three days to make. It tastes similar to sourdough bread but sweeter. I knead it and then I let it set for 12 hours. Then I knead it and let it set in trays for 24-36 hours. I got the recipe from a woman from Fellowship Church, Mrs. Bridges. She gave me the recipe and the starter," said Graham.

Graham was not always baking bread from Dino's though. He started from his home. Once the business began gaining popularity, he needed a new venue. Several of the buildings he investigated needed renovations and the cost was too expensive for Graham since he was just starting out. He went to Dino's for help. While he rented the space, customers brought in by Dino's in return brought him business.

"It ended up as a win-win situation for both of us," said Graham. With Dino's allowing Graham to continue his mission from their kitchen, Graham has been able to make an impact on Arkadelphia.

"How do I select who gets it? I mostly work through the Back Yard Bible Club. I know the families. They get it whenever they need some, but the outlets grew so I also take bread to the Courage House," said Graham. The Courage House is a house in Arkadelphia for abused, single moms and their children.

"A lot of people will come to me and say that so-and-so could use some bread. They deliver the bread or I will deliver it to them on my own," said Graham.

The community is especially appreciative of what Graham is doing.

"The kids expect it. They run up to the car and ask for it. I also go to this older lady. She is always so grateful. The Courage House - they don't even know what to say. So I usually have to explain to them what I am doing and why I am there. It's always gratitude. I've never had anyone refuse," said Graham.

Graham has found that the real purpose of Mr. Graham's Bread is about building relationships with people.



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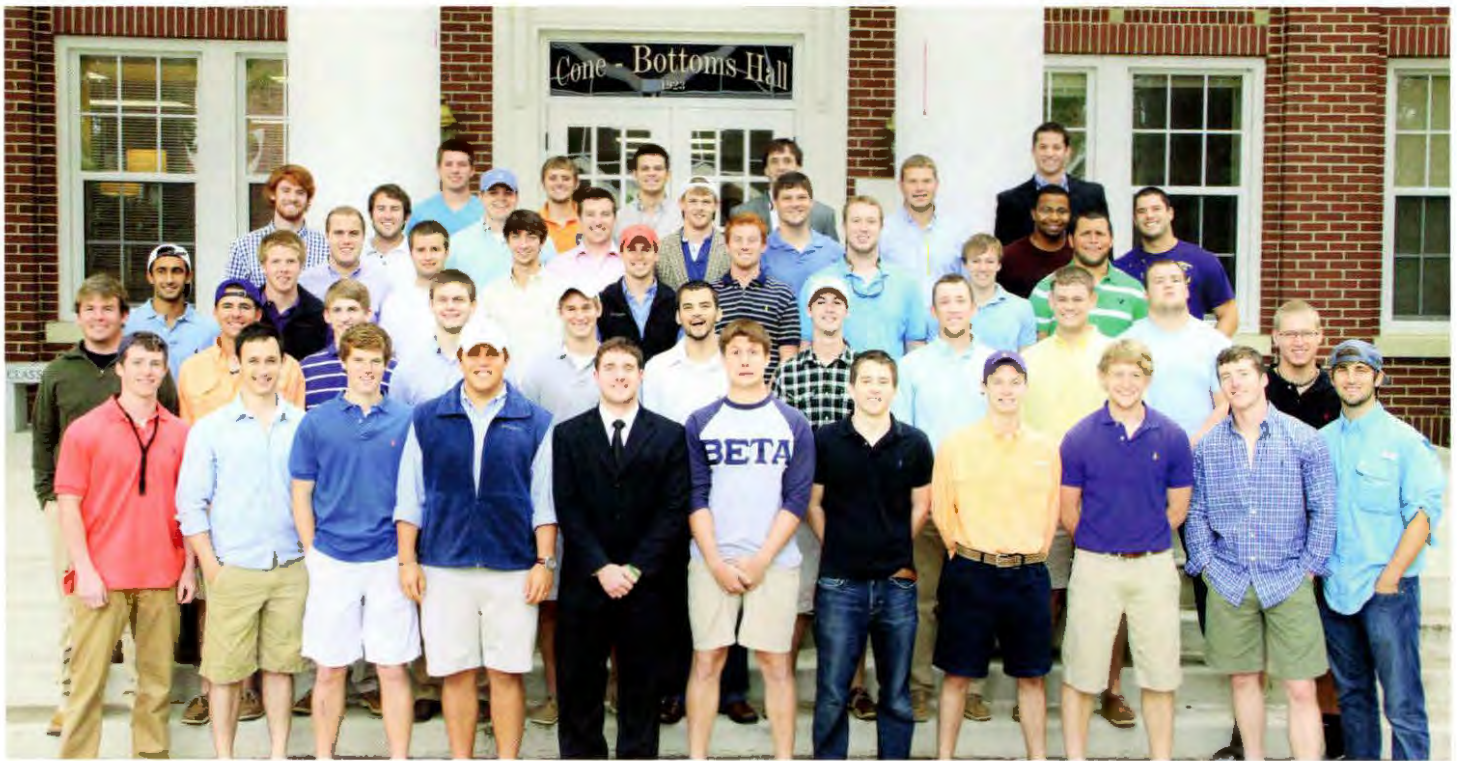
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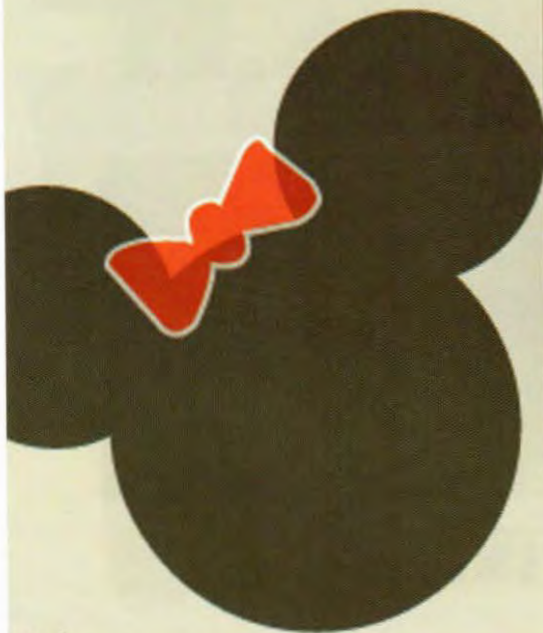


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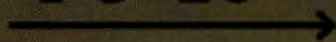
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# Arbor Day Partnership

by: Meg Gosser

More than 50 Ouachita Baptist University volunteers partnered with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Stream Team Friday, April 29, to observe Arbor Day by planting trees, working to improve the condition of the ravine that runs through campus and participating in other fun activities emphasizing environmental stewardship.



"This has been a good day for Ouachita," said Dr. Brett Powell, OBU vice president for administrative services. "The ravine area was filled with students and faculty planting trees and working on other erosion control efforts. I was pleased with the turnout for our first Arbor Day celebration and hope we can build on it in future years."

"It is so great to come outside and enjoy the fresh air toward the end of the semester when everything starts to get crazy and busy," said Endsley McClellan, a sophomore biology major from Searcy, Ark. "Today I have had a blast serving Ouachita and serving the environment with my closest friends."

The Arkansas Stream Team provided erosion control matting, technical assistance and litterbags, and Ouachita provided the volunteers.

"I love working in a partnership with Ouachita to complete this task," said Steve Filipek, assistant chief of programs for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. "I have never been to a school with this many volunteers."

"We came here to do stream work in the ravine," Filipek explained. "We wanted to create the stream to be more stable and stop polluting silt into the river. The river is an ecological sensitive water body, which means it has rare aquatic species."

"The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's Stream Team was a tremendous resource in making the day a success," Powell said. "Hopefully, that will be a long-term partnership for the university."

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission founded the Stream Team in 1996. It began with 12 volunteers and has grown to include 750 volunteer teams such as the Ouachita team. The Stream Team focuses primarily on education, advocacy and stewardship by providing information to increase understanding and appreciation

of Arkansas stream systems. According to Filipek, people with firsthand knowledge of problems, needs and solutions are better equipped to speak on behalf of the rivers and streams. The Stream Team also assists landowners and stream users to plan and carry out projects by matching them with the appropriate resources.

"There are 100,000 miles of streams in Arkansas and this state is called the Natural State so we want to keep people envious of our natural beauty," Filipek said.

Hannah Nolan, a freshman dietetics major from Little Rock, Ark., concluded, "Today has been a great opportunity to volunteer and make our campus even more beautiful."



# Miss Arkansas 2011 • Kristen Glover

Miss Ouachita Baptist University Kristen Glover was crowned Miss Arkansas 2011 on Saturday, July 16, at Summit Arena in Hot Springs.

It was a memorable Ouachita moment as Glover, a 2011 Ouachita graduate, was crowned by outgoing Miss Arkansas Alyse Eady, a 2010 Ouachita alumna. Adding to the university's tradition of success in the Miss Arkansas Pageant, this marks the fifth time that a reigning Miss OBU has been named Miss Arkansas and the 10th time that a Ouachita student or alum has been awarded the state crown.

"Kristen Glover is a young woman distinguished by discipline, zeal, commitment and excellence in every area of life," said President Rex Horne. "Ouachita could have no better ambassador. Now Arkansas will benefit by Kristen's grace and character."

Justin Harper and Kirt Thomas, Ouachita alumni who serve as executive directors of the Miss Ouachita Baptist University Pageant, affirmed Glover's selection as Miss Arkansas.

"Kristen represented the Miss Ouachita Baptist University scholarship organization with beauty and grace and captured the judges' hearts to garner the title of Miss Arkansas 2011," they emphasized. "We couldn't be more proud of Kristen's work ethic and determination. She will be an incredible representative for not only Arkansas, but also Ouachita."

Glover, the daughter of Keith and Mary Glover of Stuttgart, graduated magna cum laude from Ouachita in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. She will represent Arkansas in the 2012 Miss America Pageant in January in Las Vegas.

Glover, 21, will tour the state for the next year promoting her platform issue of "Second Chances: Empowering Youth to Rise Above" as well as the Children's Miracle Network. Following her year as Miss Arkansas, she plans to attend the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy.

In addition to being crowned Miss Arkansas, Glover received the crowd favorite award, interview award and lifestyle & fitness award as well as preliminary awards for lifestyle & fitness and evening gown. For the talent portion of the competition, she tap danced to an arrangement of "I Got Rhythm."

Active in campus and community service during her years at Ouachita, Glover served as student recruitment co-chair of the Ouachita Student Foundation and Tiger Tunes director for Tri Chi women's social club. She also was involved in the American Chemical Society and intramural sports. A Ouachita Scholar, she was named to the Ouachita President's List and Dean's List and was a recipient of the Mondy-Provine Chemistry Scholarship. A member of First Baptist Church of Stuttgart, Glover also volunteered with the Promise House, the Courage House and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

After being named Miss OBU in February, Glover said, "Ouachita has instilled within me a desire to serve, and I have been inspired by so many professors, staff and fellow students who truly make a difference through service. This university has helped form me into the woman I am today."

Three of this year's Top 10 Miss Arkansas participants have reigned as Miss OBU, including Glover; first runner-up Lauren English, a 2010 Ouachita alum; and semi-finalist Bethany Whitfield, a 2011 Ouachita grad. Candace Carr, an incoming Ouachita freshman, also finished in the Top 10.

Additionally, 2011 OBU graduate Abby Turner was named Miss Congeniality. Cortnie DeVore, a 2011 OBU grad who served on last year's Miss Arkansas Court of Honor, also competed in this year's pageant.

Among other awards, English won the Miss America Community Service Award and the Tony Bowls/Mon Cheri People's Choice Award, Whitfield won the Miss America State Scholar Award and Turner was named the Bob Wheeler Spirit of the Pageant award winner. Participants were awarded a total of more than \$75,000 in scholarships during the annual competition. • *By Trennis Henderson, VP for Communications*



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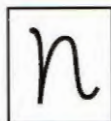


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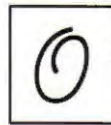
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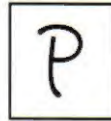
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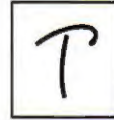
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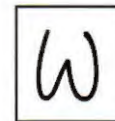
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# Becca Watts

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Hello friends!

As I sit staring at a blank screen, scared to death about what to write, I think back to last September when I was staring at a blank screen and scared to death to start a project that I had been waiting to start since my freshman year of college. And that project or should I say adventure is now coming to a close.

But this adventure would not have happened without some pretty special people. To our staff, practicum workers and contributors, I would like to give a HUGE thank you! You guys are awesome and we could not have put together a book quite as awesome without you!

To everyone who had their yearbook picture taken, participated in student life, gave us quotes and helped us gather everything together, thank you! You are the reason that we made this book. I hope you enjoy it!

To those who took photos and wrote stories for weather for practicum, Dr. Root's class, or because we roped you into it somehow, you guys are awesome! We appreciate your hard work and time to help make our book so special.

Sarah, you are such a trooper! How you handled one of the largest sections in the book plus getting married and graduating, I will never know. This might have been your first year working on a yearbook but you quickly became a pro!

Travis, I have enjoyed getting to know you so much! Our late night conversations in the yearbook office often brightened my day and I will never forget our stimulating conversation about shampoo.

Tori, thank you so much for your hard work and honesty this year. You had a tough section that I don't think you really enjoyed and yet you stuck it out. You have no idea how much that means to me!

Jake, during the fall semester you helped us out and this past spring you jumped into full time staffing. You are such a talented writer and I have always enjoyed reading your stories.

Mauri, at first you were so quiet but we soon changed that! I have enjoyed watching you grow as a student, editor and beautiful young woman. I cannot wait to see what God does in your life next!

Tanner, thank you so much for helping to haul us out when we were close to a deadline, doing odds and ends to help section editors get their pages complete and for being a great writer. Next year, this baby is yours and I know that you will do us proud!

Callie, guess what? We're finished! Thank you so much for all of your help and patience. We finally got it all figured out and I think it is going to be a pretty awesome book!

Dr. Root, or should I say mom? Thank you so much for the snacks, words of wisdom, worried nights about me driving home late and helping me deal with those moments when I felt like a total idiot and failure. Thank you for loving me and for opening up your family to me. I love you all dearly! Also thank you for pairing me with Cassie. I could not have done this without her and I think somehow you knew that.

To my roommate Gracie, how can I say thank you enough! You are truly an awesome and supportive friend! I am so grateful for the nights that you have kept me company in the office, made me care packages and dinner, plus listening to all of my yearbook related frustrations. I am so blessed to have been living with you this past year!

Cassie, we have definitely been on an adventure the past few months and while our adventures in life will change, I hope they never end. God puts certain people in our lives when we need them the most and I am so grateful that God put you in mine. I love you dearly and I am so glad that we decided to be friends throughout this process instead of enemies. Good friends are hard to find and harder to keep. I hope that is never a problem for us.

To my precious Momma and Daddy, we've been through a lot the past four years and thank you for supporting me no matter what. Thank you for allowing me to give back to the school that gave so much to me. I would not be where I am today without your guidance, patience, words of wisdom and for my general upbringing. Thank you for showing me God's love and for helping me find His plan for my life. I love you more!

As this adventure comes to an end, I cannot help but think that it is only beginning for the theme of our book. If there is one thing that I know about Ouachitians it is that they will always be the difference in this crazy world.



# Cassie Harrell Franklin

Co-Editor-in-Chief

I'd like to say that I'm filled with all these wonderful things to say about the experiences I've had over these past four years working as a part of the yearbook staff. But the truth is, the words aren't coming. Which is strange.

Only the people who work on publications will be able to understand the excitement, relief, doubt and nerves I have surrounding me. This book has become my baby. It's seen my sweat, blood, tears and even a jammed thumb (yearbook distribution!). I've spent more time with it than my fiancé at times. I've worried about it more than I worried about my grades (sorry parents!). I spent the night with it more than I spent the night with my roommate. This book has been my life for the past year.

And now it is completed. The last page is finished, all links are found, proofs are sent in and it is completely out of my hands. The book is done.

I have so many people to thank, but the truth is, I would certainly leave someone out if I named you all.

To the awesome staff: I cannot thank you enough! You all did your work and you did it to the best of your ability. I'm not sure you really know how much I cared about each one of you. But, I did. I believed in you, and I still do! I know that you will continue to work hard, learn and stretch yourselves. You will make a book that's even better than this one. You will improve on the things we did wrong and you'll find new ways of doing things. Never be afraid to try something new. Never be afraid to be *different*.

Dr. Deb: This is the part where I really feel like crying! You've seen me at my absolute worst this year, and you encouraged me to continue. Thank you. Thank you for believing in me and stretching me to my full potential. Although my words are slightly few, know that my heart is filled with nothing but love, admiration and thankfulness for the mentor and friend I have found in you.

I have to say a quick thank you to my family. You guys have always believed in me and my abilities in writing and design. Thank you for encouraging me to take chances and never be afraid to follow my own path.

Becca: "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good." I can't say much more than that right now. But to me, that says it all. Love you!

Aaron Franklin: What can I say? You've been my rock through this entire process. You've listened when you really didn't know anything about the subject matter. You've hugged me when you didn't know why I needed a hug. And you've loved me through it all. Your love and encouragement have gotten me through moments that I didn't think I would make it through. I love you (and I'm glad you still married me after the stress of this past year!).

Now the time comes for me to say my last little blurb. This entire year, I've had it on my mind to find the things that were different, to find the people who were making a difference and to show everyone how different Ouachita is. Never did I expect to find myself changed because of the *difference* this book and journey have made in my life. I've learned so many things that can't be taught in a classroom, and those lessons are the ones I will remember forever.



Callie Stephens

## Photo Editor

In my high school senior scrapbook, all I really had to say about OBU was a summary of my SCOPE (now "GROW") visit: "We attended the annual Tiger Tunes, stayed in a cute dorm room, went to Refuge and sat in on two classes. I adored everything about the campus and the people; I'm so excited I got accepted!" If only I had known at the time the huge impact such a small place would have on me over four years. I was certainly excited about something new, but never could have imagined how amazing this experience would be.

I'm not the same person I was four years ago. Now, I'm "adult." I have drive. I'm determined. I'm spiritually mature. I'm educated. I know what I want from life. Having the privilege of serving as photo editor for two years has greatly contributed to all these changes and more.

The relationships I have developed here have been life altering. It's Ouachita as a whole that has made me, "me." But there are several people I have encountered here that have challenged and encouraged me to become who I am today more than others.

Brooke & Trennis, I have really enjoyed getting to shoot for the Circle. You guys have done great things for the PR and promotion of this campus...keep it up and keep winning awards for doing what you guys do best!

Arthur J. Meade III was my high school photography teacher and a huge nut. I have to thank him for teaching me the basics of everything I know about photography...I still miss the darkroom and can't believe they tore it down after I graduated and he retired! He taught me well, about everything from developing film to crazy similes.

Leah, I've really enjoyed working with you this year and can't wait to meet up with you in Colorado. You've been a great editor and I wish you the best for your senior year!

Jessica, Sarah and Kristen, thanks for all your hard work this past year. Each of you has a lot of talent and I really appreciate you guys dedicating your time to the photo lab. I, along with all of the publications, couldn't have done it without you!

Nicole, I can't believe we lived just a few blocks away from each other for so long, and have just become great friends this past year! Your friendship has meant a lot to me and I'm really going to miss you. You're going to do such an amazing job as editor next year. Your organization, timeliness, enthusiasm and photography skills all combine to make you a great editor. I wish you the very best and hope to get plenty of phone calls and texts from you next year!

Rebecca Jones, you have been more than a teacher to me. You have become a dear friend and wonderful mentor; I look up to you in so many ways and hope to become more like you in the years to come. Your patience, kind words and diligence have taught me just as much as the two classes I had with you! (That's a lot.) Good luck finishing up your doctoral degree and keep helping OSF improve each year.

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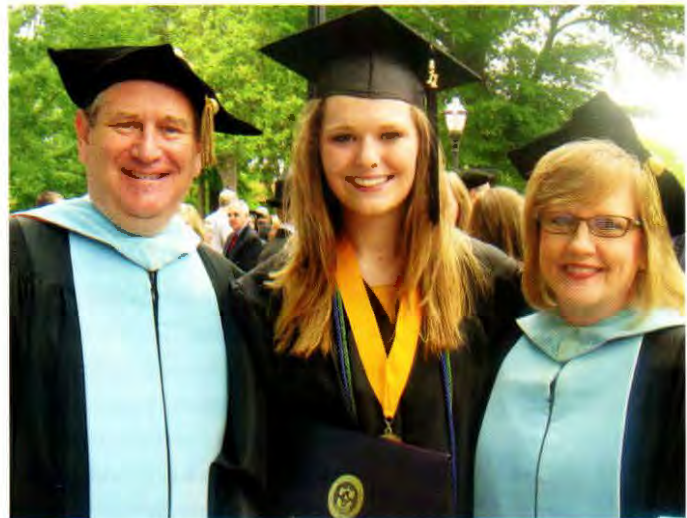
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-Henry David Thoreau



Callie with her first camera.



Callie with Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root



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As our journey ended, Dr. Horne reminded graduates that they were equipped with vision, integrity and service. That they were prepared for the next stages of their lives and that it was an ideal time to go into the world and make a difference. With that it must be said, **we are Ouachitonnians, and we are**

*Becoming the Difference.*



TRENNIS HENDERSON  
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Highlighting the theme, "Making a Difference since 1886," the Ouachita community marked the historic milestone with a yearlong campus celebration that began in the spring semester and will continue through the following fall semester.

Dr. Jeff Root, dean of Ouachita's School of Humanities, helped kick off the anniversary observance with a Feb. 1 chapel address exploring "The World of 1886."

"Why care about what happened 125 years ago?" Root asked. In response, he noted, "The people who established Ouachita were real people who were formed by their faith in God and by the times in which they lived. They weren't perfect, but they were intent to create a campus where the love of God and the love of learning were not just compatible but worked hand in hand.

"Ouachita's mission, which they put in place, has a direct impact on the experience you are having here on campus every day," he told the students.

President Rex M. Horne, Jr., appointed a 14-member anniversary steering committee last year to plan and coordinate the 125th anniversary observance. Chaired by Ian Cosh, OBU vice president for community and international engagement, the steering committee includes faculty, staff members and student leaders.

"Celebration and thanksgiving are two key words associated with Ouachita's 125th anniversary events throughout 2011," Cosh said. "The occasion will provide a time to have some fun and to give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has showered upon us since 1886."

Major spring events included the Pastors and Presidents Symposium, International Food Festival, Birkett Williams Lecture and Tiger Serve Day. Events scheduled for the fall include the Founders Day Convocation on Sept. 6 and the 125th Anniversary Community Celebration on Oct. 19. Keynote speakers during the coming fall include Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe on Aug. 30 and former Gov. Mike Huckabee on Sept. 20.

Additional fall events include Homecoming and Tiger Tunes (Oct. 6-8), which will feature connections to the 125th anniversary celebration. The university's annual Festival of Christmas extravaganza on Dec. 2-3 will feature a guest appearance by Point of Grace, a chart-topping contemporary Christian vocal group with strong Ouachita roots.

Ouachita officials also are planning a major fundraising campaign designed to help finance several priority campus initiatives. The public phase of the Defining the Difference campaign is scheduled to launch on Sept. 6 in conjunction with Founders Day.

As Ouachita celebrates 125 years of service, "I am often mindful of the leaders and students who have come before us," President Horne said. "We often say we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. I think more of walking alongside the men and women whose influence is still felt." People who made a

*Difference*

We are

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