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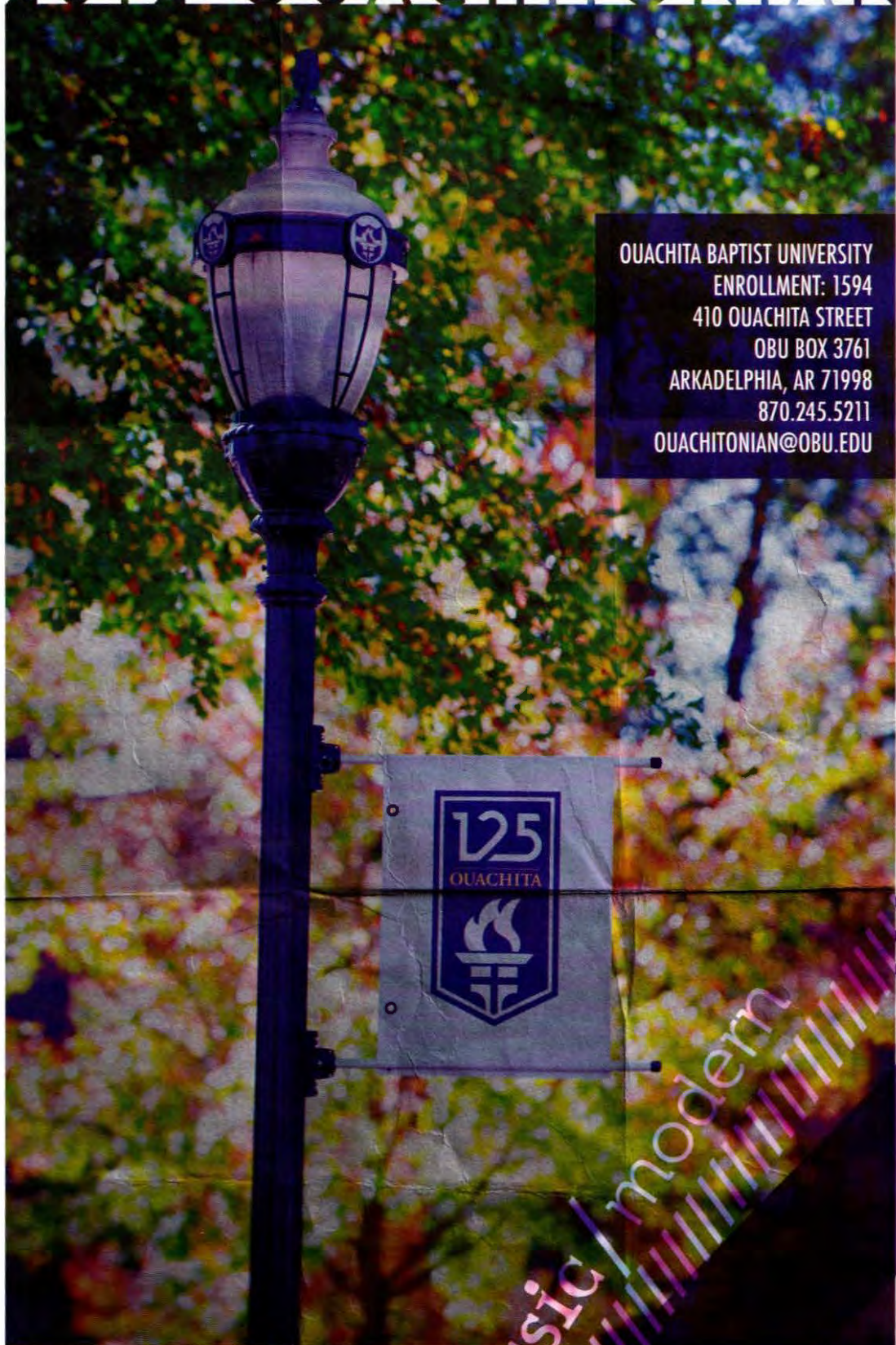


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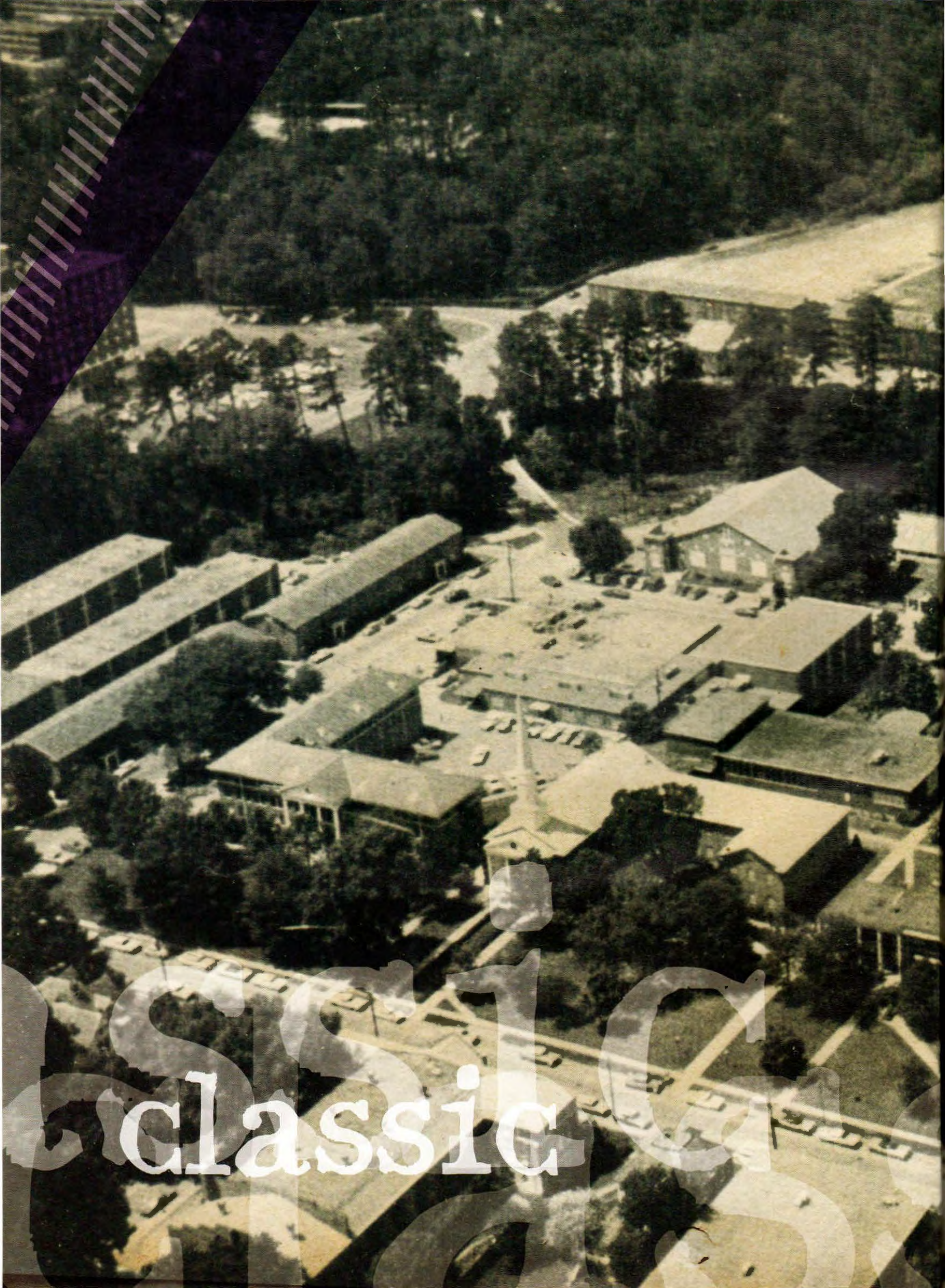
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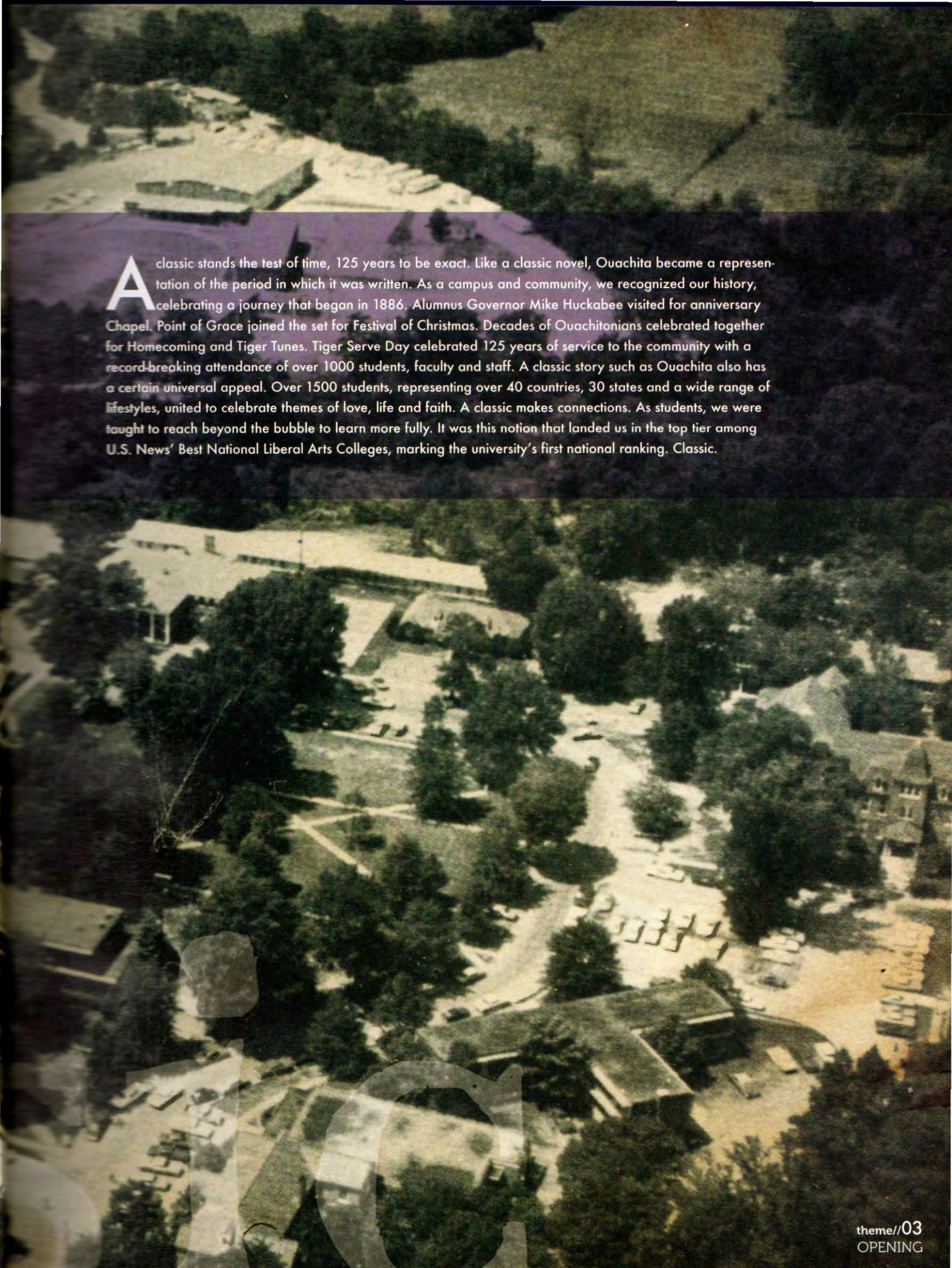
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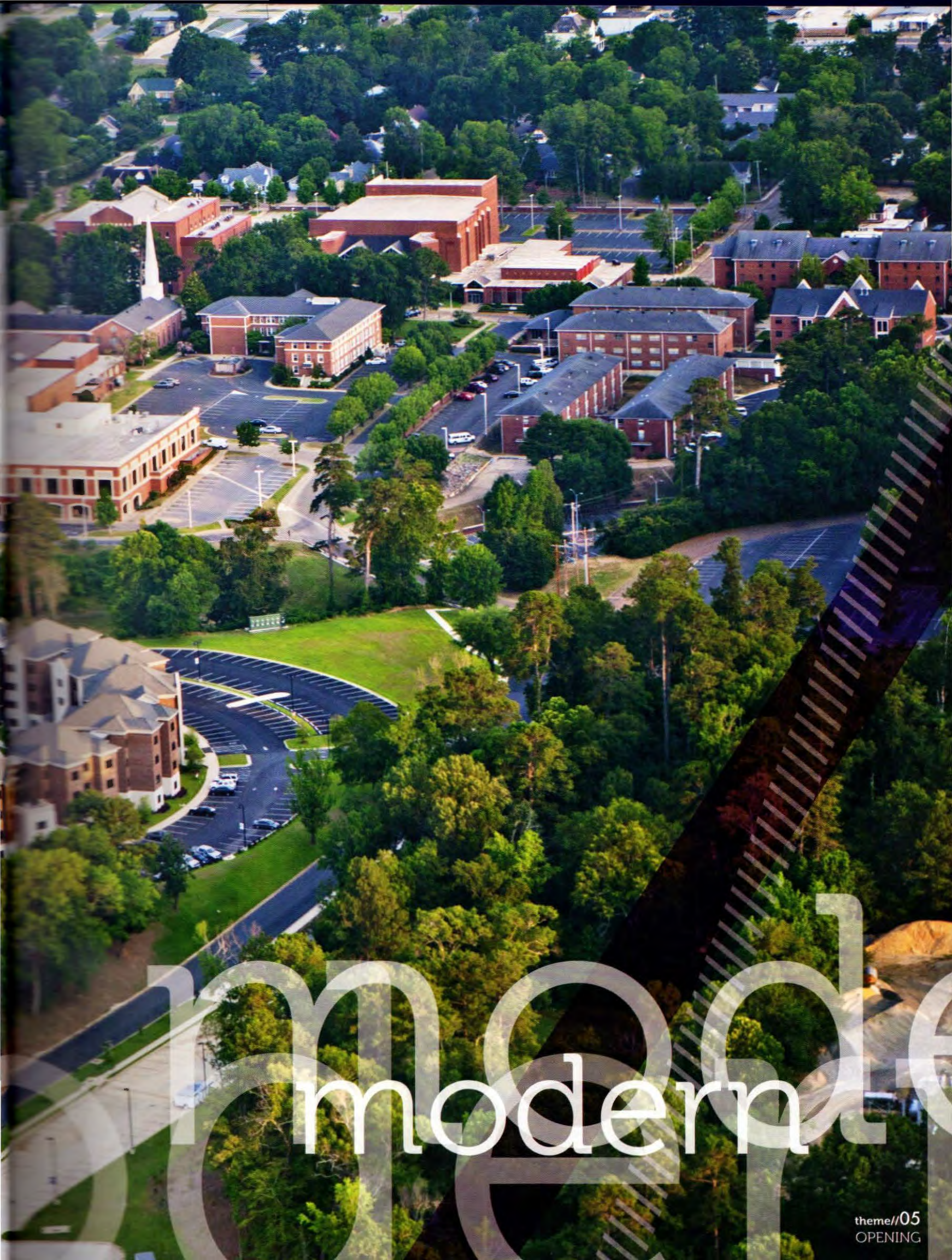


A classic stands the test of time, 125 years to be exact. Like a classic novel, Ouachita became a representation of the period in which it was written. As a campus and community, we recognized our history, celebrating a journey that began in 1886. Alumnus Governor Mike Huckabee visited for anniversary Chapel. Point of Grace joined the set for Festival of Christmas. Decades of Ouachitonians celebrated together for Homecoming and Tiger Tunes. Tiger Serve Day celebrated 125 years of service to the community with a record-breaking attendance of over 1000 students, faculty and staff. A classic story such as Ouachita also has a certain universal appeal. Over 1500 students, representing over 40 countries, 30 states and a wide range of lifestyles, united to celebrate themes of love, life and faith. A classic makes connections. As students, we were taught to reach beyond the bubble to learn more fully. It was this notion that landed us in the top tier among U.S. News' Best National Liberal Arts Colleges, marking the university's first national ranking. Classic.



Modern is a more complex word. Sometimes it can just mean “nowadays.” Nowadays for Ouachita meant a dynamic campus bound for change and growth. Renovation and architectural growth added sophistication and modern amenities to a classic campus. Modern, in the sense of a modern novel, can also mean “based in a world the reader recognizes as familiar.” Ouachita was nonetheless a familiar place. Many students grew up familiar with the campus, whether through summer camps or a long succession of family alumni. The “bubble,” as so many refer to it, has a way of making its inhabitants feel at home. A strong moral compass, a drive for integrity, and a heart for service remind many of a southern Christian upbringing, while giving others a sense of love and security possibly never felt before. Familiarity kept us modern. New technologies such as Twitter altered campus communication and social life, keeping Ouachita on the brink of change. We were young, fresh, and familiar, yet had a sense of longevity. Ouachita was a modern classic.





immediate modern



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From curfews,
"late minutes,"
and "date-jerks"
to open dorm
visitation and
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leave and enter
campus, from
one choice of
meal in the
dining hall to
the convenience
of Starbucks,
Chic-Fil-A, and
the Tiger Grill,
from a limited
social scene
on campus to
Phil Wickham
concerts, Tiger
Tunes and
sand volleyball
courts,
from picnicking,
doing home-
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the Tiger statue,
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RAPIDS// Juniors Hannah Pilcher and Ashley Tanner white water raft through the Andes Mountains during a mission trip in Chile. Fifteen students made the trip in May, which was sponsored by Campus Ministries. Photo courtesy of James Taylor

1// Senior Jacob Lively makes use of the newly purchased "jumbo trikes" during New Student Retreat in August. Current students were recruited to staff the event, which was hosted by the admissions office. Wesley Kluck Photo.



2// Students gather for a group shot during Kanakuk Kamps in Branson, Mo. Staffing camps was a common summer employment option for students. Amy Campbell Photo.



3// Sophomore Rachel Gilmer, 2011 alumna Jessica Schleiff, and senior Natalie Polston pose with a Chinese student during the summer mission trip to the region. The team worked with the Schleiff family, who is stationed in the region for the International Mission Board. Photo courtesy of James Taylor.



4// Senior Alyson Walker leads children in a worship dance during the Campus Ministries trip to South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal region. The 15-member team traveled to six schools in the region, distributing approximately 1,500 New Testaments while teaching classes about the gospel and a biblical view of sex and marriage. Shelby Briley Photo.



embracing the POST-SPRING



For some, summer is a time of relaxation and leisurely days spent by the poolside. Others use summer as a time to adventure in the Hawaiian Islands, play under the hot Arkansas sun, or jam on drums for hundreds of teens at live worship.

"This summer my family and I went on our first big family vacation to Hawaii and stayed in Waikiki beach," said Sarah Moore, a junior physiology major and Christian Studies minor from Garland, Texas. "One of my favorite parts was when my whole family got to swim with dolphins and ride on them," said Moore. "We went to Waimeo Bay and went swimming and jumped off the cliff into the water, went on a helicopter tour and saw the island, and went parasailing."

Students such as Taylor Guerin, a senior Christian Studies major from Little Rock, had the opportunity to travel to different church camps and retreats leading worship with the Jarrett David Band.

"Our biggest event of the summer was in Bogg Springs," Guerin said. "We got to lead worship at a Missionary Baptist camp in Arkansas that brought in churches from all over the state. We were able to lead worship for over 800 high school students."

He was also able to use the summer as a time to become closer with the members of the band.

"This was the best summer because of the unity of the senior counselors...we all connected immediately."



▲ KELLY FERGUSON

While some spent time traveling place to place, others had opportunities close to home, such as Kelly Ferguson, a junior mass communications major from Benton.

"I worked at a Christian day camp called Family Farm in Glen Rose," said Ferguson. "I was a senior counselor, so every day I took care of a group of age 12-13 kids and worked with two other junior counselors. While on the farm, we did different recreational activities throughout the day, preached the gospel and just loved on the kids all week."

Kelly was able to go home on the weekends and recharge from the week since it was a day camp close to her home in Benton. She had a special connection to her past camp experiences that made it extra rewarding for her, as well as new relationships she formed as a senior counselor.

"This was the best summer because of the unity of the senior counselors," said Ferguson. "We all connected immediately and were able to open up with each other. We would have Bible studies together, and it was amazing. I grew up going to this camp, and this is my second summer of doing it. I intend on doing it again this summer."

// BY ABBEY JAMIESON

CAMO//
During Super Summer Arkansas, senior Daniel Smith leads the camo team to its designated meeting place. The camp is held each summer on Ouachita's campus.



WESLEY KLICK PHOTO



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NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO



MOVE IN// Junior MyLisa Speer helps her team to unload in the Francis Crawford parking lot. While the freshmen checked into their rooms, WOW leaders delivered their belongings.

▼SPOTLIGHT ON ARKADELPHIA, 8/23/11



▲TIGERS & TORCHES, 8/21/11



Enter through Elrod Boulevard. Follow the line of upperclassmen directing freshmen and families to the dorms. Wait 0.3 seconds while the car is unloaded by another group of upperclassmen. Make your way through the maze of boxes and over-stuffed duffel bags lining the halls and find your room. Welcome to Move In Day. Welcome to Ouachita's World.

WOW week kicked off with volunteer upperclassmen helping the freshmen move into their dorms. "I had 12 cardboard boxes and Ryan [Kirk] had two suitcases. I felt kind of bad," said Dylan Haney, a freshman political science major from El Dorado.

The girls in Francis Crawford spent the morning squeezing large amounts of clothes and accessories into any available space and hanging matching wall art. "My dad built loft beds and a lot of girls came around to look at them. It was a great way to meet a lot of girls on move in day," said Madeline Martin, a freshman biology major from Garland, Texas.

Moving in for the guys was a little different. "My roommate and I had

never met before, and it took about an hour to get everything settled," said Kyle Hargis, a freshman biology major from Camden. "Right away we started to get to know each other. The whole process went pretty quick."

After all the freshmen got settled into their new homes, they attended a New Beginnings ceremony with their parents where they said their last goodbyes. After the goodbye ceremony the new students met their WOW groups at session one. That

"My roommate and I had never met before, and it took about an hour to get everything settled."

—Kyle Hargis

night the WOW groups ate dinner at faculty/staff homes, attended a Campus Ministries mixer and watched "Heavyweights" in Walker Conference Center.

"We [Ashley Johnson and I] were introduced that night and were sitting there watching the movie and it was really awkward because we didn't know each other and then three months later we were inseparable," said Emily Payne, a freshman Christian

studies major from Eureka Springs.

The next three days were filled with WOW info sessions, hall dinners in the caf, Tigers and Torches, ice cream with Dr. Rex Harne, and a Jimmy Needham concert.

At Tigers and Torches, new students were lead out of Jones Performing Arts Center and up the senior walk by WOW leaders carrying torches. The students received their OBU beanies as they joined their classmates in a candle-lit circle to be officially initiated into Tiger Nation.

"Bug spray was essential during Tigers and Torches," said Jim Hampton, a freshman Christian studies major from Hope.

WOW week was an opportunity for students to get acclimated to their new environment and meet the people they would be spending the next four years with.

"WOW was fun and I got to meet and connect with lots of people I hadn't met before," said Megan Clay, a freshman biology major from El Dorado.

"All I can say is wow!" said Jessica Smith, a freshman vocal performance major from Van Buren.

// BY HANNAH SHULL

PRESIDENTIAL// President Horne and his wife Becky Horne converse with students from the freshman class. Students were able to speak with faculty and members from each social club while enjoying "Ice Cream with the President." Nicole McPhate Photo.



WOW WEEK// 1. Sophomore Annelise Henley greets freshman Paul Spann at Ice Cream with the President. Social club members handed out ice cream bars and socialized with new students. 2. Juniors Jordan Neal and Patrick Krauss 3. Sophomore Lindsay Henderson 4. Freshman Aly Smith signs up for a Freshman Family Group at the Campus Ministries mixer. Freshman Family groups served as a great way for upperclassmen to spend time with the new freshman class. 5. Raleigh Hansen, Jose Medina. 6. Sophomore Amanda Nitcher and Senior Tyler Hawkins move boxes into Francis Crawford. WOW leaders worked together to haul belongings to the correct rooms.

NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTOS

Ouachita's week of SADIE HAWKINS

Sadie Hawkins Dance in my khaki pants - there's nothing better." Relient K expresses the sentiment of students all over campus toward TWIRP, a full week of girls-ask-the-guys date nights. The women of Chi Delta, Chi Rho Phi, EEE, Tri Chi, as well as Campus Ministries and CAB, each sponsored a different night.

Ouachita women dug deep into their creative sides to ask the guys out in memorable ways.

David Sypult, a sophomore business administration major from Rogers, recounted one of his more memorable invites saying, "I looked outside my window and a girl had written with chalk on the sidewalk outside my dorm to ask me to Barn Bash. It stayed on the sidewalk for about a month!"

The guys appreciated the creative invitations, whether it was a video, a serenade or an invitation taped to a Frisbee.

"When a girl asks in a creative way, it enriches the whole experience," said Gareth West, a sophomore mass communications major from Bolivar, Mo.

"A creative invite is the cherry on top," Sypult said.

"A good invite makes the whole night more memorable," said Clay McKinney, a sophomore accounting major from Hughes Springs, Texas. "Looking back on the week the next year, you'll remember the more creative invites."

The Chi Rho Phis changed their theme from Luau to Nerd Prom,

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▲ DAVID SYPULT

adding new life to the TWIRP line-up. The pocket-protector, suspender filled night was well received by students in every class.

Micale Kocke, a freshman education major from Cabot, said Nerd Prom was her favorite night.

"You could just be awkward and it didn't matter because the whole setting was awkward," Kocke said.

Tori Abellera, a sophomore mass communications major from Garland, Texas, and Chi Rho Phi member, explained the reasons behind the change.

"We had always done Luau night without really much thought to it," Abellera

said. "I guess no one else had a better idea, but we wanted to do a TWIRP event that was fun and easy-going so that when people attended the event they felt welcome and interested in participating."

Students danced the night away with the nerdiest moves they could muster, which was one of the reasons the night was so well accepted.

"Nerd Prom is fun because you don't have to necessarily know how to dance," Abellera said. "You can be silly and corks as much as you want."

The night included a balloon arch where students could take prom pictures and sophomores Arthur Johnson and Mary Rachel Wolf were crowned Nerd Prom 2011 king and queen. Games such as pin the mouse on the computer and Mario Cart were also available for students to play.

"I think the first Nerd Prom went fantastic. I have been told that it was fun and easy for people to just be silly and be themselves," Abellera said. "I am very grateful for how it turned out and for all the hard work my sisters helped put in to making it successful night."

// BY NICCI FILLINGER

TWIZ//
Freshmen Mackenzie Bryant and Connor Good play a game with Twizzlers at EEEs 50s night. F night was held in the Tiger Den.



JESSICA BOWLING PHOTO





SQUARE// Students square dance as part of Barn Bash activities. Barn Bash was hosted by Campus Ministries at Bridges Farm. Bekah Hall Photo.



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1// Students dance during the annual Harvest Moon event hosted by the women of Chi Delta. Previously a formal event held at DeGray Country Club, this year's event was located inside Dino's Main Street Cafe. Heather Ellis Photo.

2// Students play "Mario Kart" during Nerd Prom, the inaugural TWIRP event sponsored by the women of Chi Rho Phi. Replacing the ladies' previous TWIRP event Luau Night, Nerd Prom included video games, awkward dancing and creative nerdy costumes. Kristen Barnard Photo.

3// Sophomores Mary Rachel Wolf and Hunter Threadgill dance during EEE's 50s night. Fifties night was held in the Tiger Den and featured an intimate Twizzler game, lots of dancing and "Chicken in the Coop." Kristen Barnard Photo.

4// Sophomore Garet West sits on stage, as a candidate, awaiting the announcement of Nerd Prom King and Queen. Arthur Johnson and Mary Rachel Wolf won king and queen. Kristen Barnard Photo.

ON-AIR// Sophomore Charles Tillery and senior Rod Arnold held Channel 7 anchor Melinda Mayo in a shoulder stunt during the Channel 7 Daybreak pep rally. Students met on A.U. Williams Field at 5 a.m. to show their Battle of the Ravine spirit. Nicole McPhate Photo.



BOTR// 1. Students parade to the intramural field with torches for the bonfire hosted by the men of Rho Sigma. The Rho Sigmas also held a fireworks display on the intramural fields, a first for the campus. 2. Sophomore Jacob Catlett. 3. Senior KC Knobloch. 4. Senior Jason Kirk goes through the food line for Lunch on the Lawn during BOTR week. Sodexo sponsored all food activities for the week. 5. Sophomore Megan Scarbroough plays a game against a HSU student at the Channel 7 Daybreak pep rally. The station hosted the show at 5 a.m. on Nov. 11. 6. The giant "H" goes up in flames after students throw their torches on the Rho Sigma bonfire.

NICOLE MCPHATE & HEATHER ELLIS PHOTOS



INCENTIVE// Children climb the rock wall sponsored by the National Guard at Rally on the Ravine. The HSU intramural fields were the site for this year's Rally on the Ravine events.

▼ **BOTR PEP RALLY, 11/11/11**



▲ **KAPPA CHI CAR BASH, 11/9/11**



Through all of the tests, assignments, essays and responsibilities that take place in the lives of college students, for one week out of the year, Tiger Pride takes prominence. During Battle of the Ravine, the annual rivalry against Henderson State University, student and faculty alike ban together and show what it truly means to be a tiger for life.

Annual traditions such as guarding the Tiger were dispersed this year, giving everyone the chance to get involved. Each class was given a night to guard, with Friday night going to the men of Rho Sigma. The phrase "Keep Calm and Guard On" came to be the slogan for the week.

"Carrying on the tradition of guarding the Tiger from the Red-dies with the sophomore class was a memorable experience," said Emily Anderson, a sophomore Christian studies major from Siloam Springs. "Their attempt to attack the Tiger was fiercely repulsed, and I think everyone who was there enjoyed bonding with their class!"

Every social club got involved to provide fun activities for the campus

throughout the week. On Monday night, the men of Beta Beta and Eta Alpha Omega hosted a viewing of Monday Night Football outside by the Tiger.

"This event was a blast because we got to fellowship with guys from other clubs," said Matthew Cook, a sophomore Christian media major from Harrison. "We got to throw around the football, scream at the top of our lungs and have an awesome time."

On Tuesday night, a Students vs.

"Their attempt to attack the tiger was fiercely repulsed, and everyone there enjoyed bonding."

—Emily Anderson

Faculty flag football game sponsored by the women of EEE was scheduled, but due to weather, it was cancelled. On Wednesday evening, a full out carnival invaded campus, with inflatables all across the Grant Plaza and Dinner on the Lawn hosted by Sodexo, followed later that night by the annual Kappa Chi Car Bash, with refreshments provided by the women of Chi Rho Phi.

On Thursday night, the men of Rho Sigma hosted a Battle of the Ravine bonfire and pep rally behind the intra-

mural fields, with a special fireworks display directly after, followed by refuge at Second Baptist Church and S'Mores and Hot Chocolate on the Grand Plaza provided by the Women of Tri Chi. Friday night saw the second annual Rally on the Ravine celebration on the Henderson intramural fields, followed by karaoke at Grant Plaza sponsored by the women of Chi Delta and a showing of the movie "Ghostbusters" provided by CAB.

After a full week of fun and tiger spirit, Game Day was finally underway on Saturday. A Tiger Tailgate competition was held on the Henderson intramural fields, with each social club setting up its own unique tailgate to continue the Battle of the Ravine spirit, but also for a chance to win a cash prize for their club. This year, the men of Eta Alpha Omega took home first prize for their tailgate.

After a 36-41 loss for the Tigers, the spirit-filled week ended Saturday night with a special concert by country artist Pat Green at the Henderson football stadium. While the week came to an end, Tiger pride never died.

// BY JAKE COFFMAN



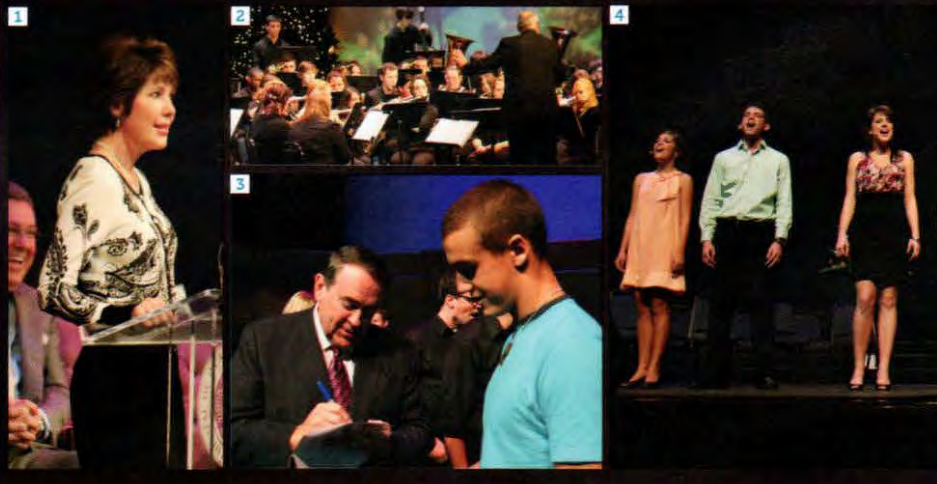
CONVOCATION// Dr. Rex Horne presents copies of *Ouachita Voices* to Edwin Shapard and Margaret Fanning during the Founder's Day Convocation Chapel on Sept. 6. Shapard and Fanning are great grandchildren of Dr. John W. Conger, Ouachita's first president.

1// With the support of her husband, Dr. Rex Horne, Ouachita First Lady Becky Horne speaks during a spring chapel service. Horne spoke to the student body about her family life and God's faithfulness during times of extreme hardship. Kristen Barnard photo.

2// The Concert Band performs for students at the Christmas Chapel. The band was conducted by Dr. Craig Hamilton, and performed a Christmas carol sing-a-long to end the service. Kristen Barnard photo.

3// While getting his Chapel bulletin autographed, freshman Jeb Little visits with former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Huckabee was welcomed to chapel as a 125th Anniversary special guest speaker. Nicole McPhate photo.

4// Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses lead students in worship with an excerpt from their sacred set. The group performed on the Tuesday of Tiger Tunes week, giving the student body a preview of what was to come. Nicole McPhate photo.



a timeless tuesday

TRADITION

Every Tuesday morning just before ten o'clock, the entire student body migrated to one central location, Jones Performing Arts Center (JPAC).

The year began with the traditional Chapel Convocation and a special 125th Celebration. Each week during the fall and spring semesters, a different speaker was featured. From business tycoons and mission workers to vocal and instrumental groups, students and faculty welcomed a diverse group of speakers and performers to the JPAC

stage. Students also welcomed several guest keynote speakers to Chapel as part of the "125 Speakers" campaign launched in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary agenda. These included Governor Mike Beebe, Liverpool Hope University Vice Chancellor Gerald Pilly, Governor Mike Huckabee, and both Dr. and Mrs. Rex Horne. Students took full advantage of having the opportunity to seek wisdom from people who had a passion for sharing God's word and work with students.

Becky Horne, Ouachita's first lady, was given the opportunity to speak to in Chapel on March 6, 2012, for the first time. She shared stories about her family and how she came to understand Christ's sovereignty in her life through relationships. She encouraged students to seek God and to trust in Him with every aspect of their life.

"It was really special to get to share that experience with my Ouachita family."



▲ KATIE THERIOT

"It was really special to get to share that experience with my Ouachita family," said Katie Theriot, a communication science disorder major from Alexandria, La. "Most people don't think of dance as a form of worship, but you can praise God in a really unique way through dance."

Traditionally, students prayed for their peers at the close of Chapel. And then, every Tuesday morning, students exited through the JPAC doors at about a quarter until eleven o'clock, reminded of Ouachita's aspiration for them: to live as students of vision, integrity and service.

// BY ALY SMITH & TORI ABELLERA

"Hearing about her struggles, any person of weak faith would have given into the series of trials she went through," said Nathan Goy, a Biology major from Little Rock. "Seeing how she lives now shows that she is woman of faith."

Another new addition to the Chapel schedule was a performance by Ouachita's newly created worship dance group, the Ouachita Company, led by graduate Grace Whitaker. The dance team consisted of a group of students both male and female who had the desire to worship Christ through their dance skill.

HYPE// Beau Daggett, freshman class president, encourages his classmates to be more involved on campus. The Homecoming Chapel was organized by Student Senate, and featured the presentation of Homecoming contestants.



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO



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#RocktheVoteOBU
#Traks2012
#BOTR2012
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#Tunes2011
#obuRUSH
#socialclubprobs

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#TUNES11

tweetup//
OSF hosted a "Tweetup" for Tiger Tunes, gathering a select group of avid tweeters to sit in on dress rehearsal and tweet throughout the show. The goal was to stir excitement for Tunes by giving the student body a preview of what to expect for the weekend.

participants//
@justinmharper, @Jmitchel09,
@kylesullivan, @amyleewit,
@jhilburn, @phillipbenjamin,
@kellysmagee, @katykrik,
@JulieHagar, @jikirthomas,
@landon2221

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#difference



Social networking is nothing new. You create a profile, talk to friends, meet people and play games. It seems, though, that is all changing. A rising and powerful force is moving through the nation. And it takes the unassuming, little form of a cartoon bird. Twitter.

Twitter is unique in that its goal is to spread the human thought. It's about seeing into a person's mind and not needing to know all the details.

"Twitter is an outlet for the random thoughts I have throughout the day," said Marshall Pope, senior graphics design major from Texarkana, Texas. He went on to say the "tweets" from his close friends and family he receives through text messages makes him feel closer to them. Keeping loved ones close by is a perk from this social site.

Were there any other reasons for its popularity? Tyler Herron, a junior technical theatre arts major from Rosston, thought so. He appreciated the clarity Twitter provided that other networks don't, saying, "...the hash-tag eliminates the need for that elusive 'sarcastic font.' With a single word an entire tweet is put into context." Tyler also made a good distinction between Twitter and Facebook, "Facebook equals life, Twitter equals mind."

So, is it possible Twitter could replace Facebook? The common consensus: no. Both Marshall and Tyler agreed that Facebook and Twitter are far too different to replace the other. Twitter can give you a snapshot into someone's day. Facebook can give you a glimpse into a person's life.

Sarah Davis, a sophomore Christian studies major from Bedford, Texas, confessed that's not her main objective in using Twitter. "I get to stalk celebrities," she said. After a moment of sheepish laughter, she explained a little more. "You can see what people are doing in a condensed way.

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- @ROMSobu
- @betabeta1941
- @chidelta
- @OBUOutdoorRec
- @OBUSwimandDive
- @womenofEEE



I mean, who can hunt down Natalie Portman on Facebook?"

Twitter shows a whole new side to people that most rarely got to see. It also gave Joey Licklider the chance to witness something only few experience. Something historic.

Joey, manager of the Jones Performing Arts Center, was part of the NASA sponsored Tweetup of the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery of the STS-133 mission. "As the shuttle climbed higher and faster, the flames got longer and brighter. There is no photo or video that can capture the amazing brightness and color of the flames from the shuttle engines and SRBs. I have never, and probably won't ever, see anything as vividly bright or powerful again."

It was clear that Twitter was more than just a social networking site. It was a place of discovery. A place where your dreams might become a reality. Joey's life was changed forever. Joey sums up Twitter beautifully, saying, "Yes Twitter is a form of web communication called 'social media,' but that's just what it does. Twitter creates a special environment for people with a special connection."

BY SAMANTHA SPRADLING

experiences

tweeting from the bubble



getting back to

THE CROSS

We wanted to get back to the basics and really just get back to the cross."

This was the rationale that Abbey Jamieson, a junior Christian Studies major from Sochse, Texas, gave for this year's Christian Focus Week theme of "Rooted." Colossians 2:6-7 was chosen to be the focal passage for the annual event, hosted February 12-18 by Campus Ministries. "We wanted to talk about growing but we knew you had to be rooted in Christ first and He had to be your foundation before He could grow you," said Jamieson.

Jamieson was part of the leadership team that planned Christian Focus Week, serving alongside Stewart Kelly and Mark Bartels. Phil Wickham kicked off the week with a concert that created a buzz of excitement on campus. "It was the best attended Focus Week concert that I can remember," said James Taylor, Campus Ministries director.

PHIL//
Wickham leads worship in Jones Performing Arts Center. The Phil Wickham concert had the largest attendance in CFW history.



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO

"I love that you get to fellowship with people while eating pancakes," said Aubree Fry, a junior dietetics major from Berryville. "I got to know a lot of people better during that time. Then during the prayer part it was a really good time to sit back and reflect. The prayer

"We wanted to get back to the basics and really just get back to the cross"



▲ ABBEY JAMIESON

tree was a great addition as well," said Fry.

The Christian Focus Week team also brought in missionaries and student mobilizers for the breakout sessions to help encourage students to look at how they can serve Christ in the future. "The breakout sessions really connected with students. They are always smaller groups but they are aimed at more focused group interests. All were very well attended," said Taylor. Breakout session speakers included Trey and Elise Atkins, Amy Garrett, Matthew Miller, Nathan James and Grant Harrison. They led discussions on missions, church planting and teaching overseas.

Campus Ministries had many goals during the week when looking at the impact Christian Focus Week has on students. "I hope that students will hear something or be a part of something small during the week that will stick with them and challenge them in their walk with Christ throughout the year," said Taylor. Attendance was high at events this year, with a large number of students seeing the benefits of participating in the activities. "It's a good time for everyone to reflect and rejuvenate in their relationship with Christ," said Fry.

Not only was attendance high at the events, but volunteerism to facilitate the week was up from years past. "All of the event setup and clean-up was a breeze because so many people volunteered," said Jamieson.

Between morning worship, breakout sessions and evening events, Christian Focus Week provided students with multiple opportunities to grow in their relationship with Christ.

"We just wanted people to put their eyes back on Jesus and not let it become what can I do or self effort, but all about what He did and is doing," said Jamieson.

// BY DEVAN MALONE





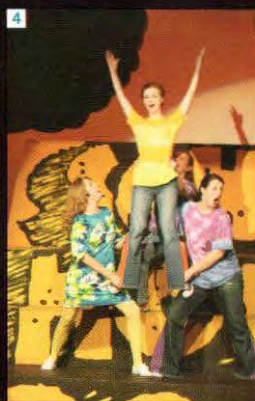
PAINT// Junior Aubree Fry worships through her artwork. Students were able to practice the art of worshipping through more than just song.

TYLER ROSENTHAL PHOTO



- 1// Freshman Beau Dagget raises his hands in praise during a CFW worship service. All students were encouraged to attend the daily worship services, as well as afternoon breakout sessions with the special guests of the week. Kristen Barnard Photo.
- 2// Guest speaker Steven Weathers speaks during Tuesday morning's worship service. His message concentrated on interracial and interethnic leadership in the church. Kristen Barnard Photo
- 3// The Jarrad Morris band leads worship during a morning worship service in JPAC. The band, led by Ouachita graduate Morris, was the worship band for the entire week of events. Jason Pullano Photo.
- 4// Freshman Jayson Harris cooks pancakes on the bridge. Campus Ministries provided pancakes for a time of fellowship and fun. Jason Pullano Photo.

COMEDY// Bethany Swiontek performs as Janet Vand de Graff in the School of Fine Arts production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." Swiontek was a senior musical theatre major from Colorado Springs, Colo. Heather Ellis Photo.



ON STAGE// 1. The cast and crew from "The Drowsy Chaperone" sing "As We Stumble Along" to close the show. The production ran from April 19-21. 2. Senior Bethany Swiontek and freshman Ben Stidham in "The Drowsy Chaperone." 3. Junior Joel Rogier in "The Magic Flute." 4. Juniors Heather White and Julia Williams, and sophomore Kayla Esmond bring classic Schoolhouse songs to life. 5. Sophomores Gemma Guimard, Ben Perry, and junior Amanda Murray perform in "School House Rock." 6. Sophomore DeCarl Jones performs as Monastatos in "The Magic Flute." Covered in body paint from head to toe, Jones blew the audience away with his performance.

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ERICA PORTER PHOTO

FAMILY AFFAIRS// As Queen of the Night, senior Grace Johnson sings to her daughter Pamina, played by junior Coitlin Secrest. "The Magic Flute" told the story of Pamino's rescue by prince Tamino.

□ THE MAGIC FLUTE, 11/17-20



HENNER ELLIS PHOTO

□ THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, 4/19-21

ERICA PORTER PHOTO



Every year students are provided the opportunity to participate in shows and musicals to showcase their hard work and talents. Hours of memorizing songs, running lines and perfecting scenes were put into the musical productions.

The year started off with "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." in September. The play followed Tom, a young teacher anticipating his first day. After turning on his television, characters from the old Schoolhouse Rock cartoon series jumped from the screen to help prepare Tom for teaching.

The opera theatre presented Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Magic Flute" during the fall semester on November 17-20. Dr. Jon Secrest served as co-director, music director and conductor for the show. Dr. Glenda Secrest served as co-director and stage director. Joey Licklider served as technical designer and technical director.

The Magic Flute follows the journey of Tamino, an Egyptian prince as he goes to rescue the Queen of the Night's daughter, Pamina. The lead role was played by Xavier Lagunas, a senior music theatre major from

Arlington, Texas. The Queen of the Night was a double-casted roll played by Grace Johnson, a senior vocal performance major from Tyler, Texas, and Rachel Harris, a senior music theatre and vocal performance major from Springdale. Pamina was played by Caitlin Secrest, a sophomore vocal performance major from Arkadelphia. Rehearsals for the opera began at the beginning of the fall semester.

For the spring semester, the Department of Theatre Arts and Divi-

freshman musical theatre major from Dallas, Texas, on their wedding day. Members of the cast and crew began working on the musical after returning from break in January.

DeCarl Jones, a musical theatre major from Rowlett, Texas, took part in the opera during the fall semester. He played the role of Monostatos, a Moor whose obsession is Pamino, daughter of the Queen of the Night.

"One of the best parts about the musical productions at OBU are the relationships that you build during them. Backstage memories, costume mishaps, the cries and the laughs. They make every production special, and something to look forward

to for the next," said Jones. "Drs. Jon and Glenda Secrest are blessings to work with. They really care about their students and us fulfilling our full potential. The talent at Ouachita is overwhelming some days, but it is a wonderful experience being able to work with such amazing people and such talented performers. Ultimately, even though rehearsals can be exhausting after a full day of classes, it is the best part of it all."

// BY HANNAH SHULL

"Schoolhouse was a high energy children's musical with challenging dance numbers and a great amount of props, but I had a great team working with me."

—Mary Handiboe

sion of Music presented a musical

titled "The Drowsy Chaperone." The musical opened with Man in Chair, played by Jacob Sturgeon, a sophomore musical theatre major, showing the audience his favorite musical record. The play continued with a comedic story of a bride and groom, played by Bethany Swiontek, a senior musical theatre major from Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ben Stidham, a

JASON PULLANO PHOTO

UNDER MILKWOOD// Sophomores Timothy Drennan, Joe Ochterbeck and Garret Whitehead, and senior Jacob Watson, discuss dreams and despairs of living in Llaeggub in "Under Milk Wood." The play was an adapted radio show by Dylan Thomas.



1// Junior Kathryn Kellogg performs as one of several characters she portrayed in "Under Milk Wood." Directed by Daniel Inouye, the production included more than 50 characters portrayed by only nine actors. Jessica Bowling Photo.



2// To begin the play, a chorus dances to explain how Eurydice and Orpheus meet and fall in love. The production was a culmination of over two years of work and planning. Breanne Goodrum Photo.



3// Juniors Betsy Wilson, Jacob Way and Bethany Swiantek perform in the one-act play, "Wanda's Visit." Directed by senior Moriah Patterson, the play focused on a husband and wife, going through a rough patch in their marriage, quickly invaded by the husband's former girlfriend. Jason Pullano Photo.



4// The audience acknowledges the work of the students who performed and produced the fall One-Acts. The plays were part of a directing course which required theatre majors to direct their own plays. James Wood Photo.



action, direction, collaboration, PRODUCTION

The theatre arts department worked countless hours to entertain the student body and community through their productions. Students, both those on stage and those in behind-the-scenes roles, made these productions possible through their time, hard work and dedication.

In October, students presented "Under Milk Wood," with only nine actors who played over 50 characters. Set in a fictional Welsh fishing town, inhabitants re-

vealed their innermost thoughts and dreams. The production was entered in the Arkansas Theatre Festival and won Excellence in Directing, Respondents' Choice Award and Director's Choice Award.

"It was very much a collaborative process between me and the actors as we worked to capture the essence of the piece and the poetry of the language," said Director Daniel Inouye, assistant professor of theatre arts.

At the end of the fall semester, students directed One-Act plays as a requirement of their directing class. Students in the class were responsible for every aspect of the production: casting, rehearsing and preparing the set and costumes.

"The directing class expanded our knowledge of all the responsibilities a director has when putting together a show," said Moriah Patterson, a senior

"We made sure everything was running smoothly. It was pretty challenging, but every show succeeded."



▲ BLAINE SURBER

musical theatre major from Sheridan.

Directed by Kathryn Kellogg, a senior musical theatre major from Sherwood, the department presented "Eurydice" in March. Kellogg had the idea of directing a show over two years ago.

"I worked all last summer on a full analysis of the script, but I only had three and a half weeks to put the show together," said Kellogg. "The full show did not completely come together until the day before we opened, and even then we were tweaking, but it was

amazing to see such a unified show where everyone came together."

The 10th Annual 10-Minute Play Festival or "All Night Theatre" in March featured One-Act plays written and directed by students. Scripts were chosen by a panel of professors on Thursday, rehearsals started Friday and performances were Saturday with special awards given afterward.

"When the directors and cast members stayed up all night rehearsing the performances, we made sure everything was running smoothly," said Blaine Surber, a freshman theatre arts major from Sulphur Springs, Texas. "It was pretty challenging, but every show accepted and succeeded."

// BY MAURI SPARKS

MEMORY//
Sophomores Jordan Miller and CJ Bernard portray Eurydice and her father, as Orpheus (junior Cody Myers) enters Hell to reunite with Eurydice. The play was directed by senior Kathryn Kellogg.





KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO

COMMUNITY// Students dedicate their Saturday morning to serving the community. Tiger Serve Day was a bi-annual event where students were able to form teams to make a difference in Arkadelphia.

▼ ELROD CENTER AWARD BANQUET, 4/17/12



▲ TIGER SERVE DAY, 3/31/12



The Elrod Center continued to provide opportunities for students to serve the Arkadelphia community and beyond. In honor of the University's 125th anniversary, the Elrod Center challenged students and faculty with a goal of 125 hours spent serving throughout the year. Many rose to the challenge, with 40 students volunteering 7,614 hours of service and 14 faculty/staff volunteering 3,904 hours of service for a total of 11,518 hours.

"Because this year marked our 125th anniversary, I believe that service was highlighted in a way that had never occurred in the past," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement. "In the future, the record will show that during the 2011-2012 academic year, our students excelled as serving their community."

The Elrod Center provided the structure and framework that was needed for students to know about service opportunities and become involved. "The Center truly is a lighthouse to the community connecting volunteers with needs," said Judy Duvall, assistant director of the Elrod

Center.

The Elrod Center had a year full of service and fun. The extremely popular Tiger Serve Day took place in both fall and spring. The Center also sponsored Healthy Relationships Week and a service awards banquet honoring OBU volunteers.

Several volunteer programs were coordinated and infinitely bettered by the Center and its devotion to service. One of the programs, America Reads/America Counts, brought together 1st

service that goes out from the university into the community. The staff is knowledgeable about the needs of the community and are able to connect students with the needs," said Duvall. "The students are the 'hands and feet' of Christ that volunteer and meet the needs in this community and beyond. Most everything we do centers around connecting students with service opportunities."

Tiger Serve Day in the fall semester marked a huge accomplishment for the Elrod Center. They had a record breaking 1,003 volunteers.

"When I consider the first Tiger Serve Day that I organized in 1997, I am thrilled that today we have 75 percent of our students participating in an event that is now part of the Ouachita tradition," reflected Cosh.

"I am very proud of the fact that about 2/3 of the campus population serve this community each Tiger Serve Day. I don't know of a university anywhere else that has this many students show up early on a Saturday morning to put their faith into action and serve others," said Duvall.

// BY CALLIE HAMILTON

"The students are the hands and feet of Christ that volunteer and meet the needs in this community and beyond."

—Judy Duvall and 3rd graders with OBU students, who tutored them in reading and math.

ElderServe was a similar program that connected students with area senior citizens, who greatly benefitted from the acts of kindness and companionship shown to them by student volunteers.

"The Elrod Center serves as a umbrella for all of the volunteer

SERVICE// Mr. Ian Cosh presents a student with an award for their time and dedication to Ouachita and the Elrod Center. At the Elrod Center banquet, students who gave their time to serve throughout the year were honored. Kristen Barnard Photo.



VOLUNTEER// 1. The women of Chi Rho Phi eat breakfast as they wait for their Tiger Serve Day assignments. The Elrod Center provided breakfast for all TSD volunteers. 2. Junior Kyle Smith scrapes paint off of a wooden handrail. 3. Junior Daniel Hastings. 4. A student helps to stuff baskets to be given away for Thanksgiving. The baskets were given to needy families in the community. 5. Faculty and honored guests participate in thanking students who volunteer their time and service at the Elrod Center Banquet. 6. Junior Daniel Aylett gives freshman Candace Carr the assignment for her Tiger Serve Day team. Aylett was part of the TSD leadership committee.

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arkansas' most exciting college

WEEKEND

Organized chaos, rousing relays and muddy tracks were a few words used to describe Tiger Traks, Arkansas' most exciting college weekend. Tiger Traks was sponsored by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF). OSF students tended the sidelines as students fought toward victory. Students and faculty dedicated their time to help set up and run each Tiger Traks event.

Teams consisting of eight members worked together to race toward the goal of championship. On Friday night, students gathered at East Village to hear their assignment for the night. At the sound of the horn, students raced off to various buildings to answer trivia questions about Ouachita history. At the end of the night, students were able to view where they scored in relation to the other 40 teams.

On Saturday morning, events started at 8 a.m. where they met at Sturgis Physical Education Center (SPEC) with their teams. Students in SPEC competed in water raft races and a tricycle relay. Next, the teams met at the intramural field for Tiger

"It was hard to move around in the mud which just added to the clumsiness and excitement."



▲ JUSTIN JONES

Relay.

Tiger Relay included many different activities. During an event in Tiger Relay, one team member was blind folded to complete an activity that required relying on team members. One student had to drink an entire can of Coke as fast as he could. Another group member had to eat five saltine crackers and whistle the Happy Birthday song. Participants completed various tasks that were challenging and interesting. Getting muddy was a necessity to doing well in the race to victory. Teams worked together in tug-of-war events and the notorious volleyball tournament.

"My favorite part was the mud games. They were fun and I found it very funny to see people diving, falling and sliding in the mud," said Justin Jones, a freshman kinesiology major from Garland, Texas. "It was hard to stand up and move around in the mud, which just added to the clumsiness and excitement. I don't exactly know how well my team was ranked, but with how much fun we had it was an afterthought to me, and I'm sure my teammates thought the same way."

Thanks to the organized chaos, rousing relays and muddy tracks, memories were made of a triumphant weekend that was designed to build community, get students involved, and raise money for scholarships.

// BY TORI ABELLERA

RELAY//
Sophomore
Garet West
and junior
Jasper Harrell
participate in
Tiger Relay.
Students
showed their
team spirit by
encouraging
each other.



JESSICA BOWLING PHOTO





TEAM-WORK // After a long day of races and trivia, students play mud volleyball and tug-of-war. Activities in the mud were the last events of Tiger Traks.

JESSICA BOWLING PHOTO



1// A team tries to guess what their teammate has drawn in a game of Pictionary. Teams were given the opportunity to accumulate points on Friday night before the Tiger Relays. Jessica Bowling Photo.

2// Students pass an orange to the other team member without using their hands. Events during Tiger Traks were designed to challenge students. Jessica Bowling Photo.

3// Junior Trent Gardner separates Skittles without using his hands. Teams were challenged to step up and contribute to help their team win the competition. Jessica Bowling Photo.

4// Senior Brandon Stokes leads his team closer to victory. During Tiger Relay on Saturday morning, students had to complete various activities individually and then as a team. Jessica Bowling Photo.

TIDBITS



STEPPING UP FOR OUACHITA

DETAILS//
On November 10, Ouachita presented its second annual "Stepping Up for Ouachita" scholarship luncheon in Walker Conference Center.

IN HONOR//
Celebrating the theme "Looking Back, Stepping Forward" the event honored Margaret Wright, Ouachita alumna and professor emerita of accounting.

FASHION//
During the luncheon, Little Rock philanthropist Grace Steuri shared items from her vintage women's clothing collection in a FASHIONating History Vintage Style Show. Steuri, a Dallas native, collected fashions covering the full range of the 20th century. Her style show not only examined the clothing and accessories from the past but also the historical context from which they evolved, a fitting subject as Ouachita reflected on 125 years of educating young people.

SPECIAL APPEARANCES

LECTURE//
Dr. Bart McGettrick, dean of education at Liverpool Hope University, speaks on March 6 as part of the Birkett Williams Lecture Series. McGettrick has widespread international experience, serving as a regent of Bethlehem University in Palestine and participating in various projects in Canada, India and Lithuania. He is in demand as a keynote speaker for national and international conferences.



DEDICATIONS

ROOTS//
Dedication of the Dr. Paul and Mary Root Education Seminar Room, funded through a donation from the Clinton Family Foundation. The Roots dedicated their careers to education and were leaders in school integration.

MCCLELLAN//
Opening of the Sen. John Little McClellan Collection on Dec. 1. The day included a ribbon-cutting, tours of the collection, lecture by Dr. Robert Blakey and book signing by Sherry Laymon, author of the McClellan biography.

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QUARTET//
Dr. Paul Root, Mr. Randy Garner, Dr. Ray Granade and Mr. Lynn Hoggard perform at the 12th annual "final" concert of the Faculty Quartet. The performance included a variety of musical groups from the campus and community.



MEMORIAL// The men of Rho Sigma hosted a 9/11 memorial service at 9:11 p.m. near the World War II memorial. Gabriel Musser, a Rho Sigma who served a tour in Afghanistan, coordinated the event, and shared a student perspective during the service. Other speakers include Major General (ret.) Mel Thrash and Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services. The candlelight service also featured a color guard and a bugler who played taps. The campus community and area residents were invited to participate.

LIVERPOOL LEGENDS

BEATLES EXPERIENCE//

The Liverpool Legends, a Beatles experience group, performed on March 15 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The two-hour show featured the OBU Band as part of the Liverpool Legends' "Help Keep Music Alive" program that promotes the importance of music in schools.



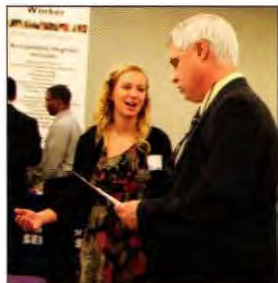
CAREER FAIR

PREPARING//

The Career Services office hosted its Spring Career Fair on April 4. The fair was an opportunity for students to learn about internships, full-time and part-time jobs and general information about more than 60 companies and organizations.

PHOTO//

Senior Beth Wendt shares her resume during the fair. Wendt was an early childhood education major from Plano, Texas.



24-HOUR TAILGATE

TIGER NATION//

For the first home football game on Sep. 10, social clubs and other student organizations were invited to participate in a 24-hour tailgate before game day. Throughout the season, Student Senate awarded cash prizes to clubs with the "best" tailgates at each home game.



SHAMBARGER COMPETITION

COMPETITION//

The 14th annual Shambarger Competition took place on Feb. 21. Established in 1999 in honor of OBU Professor Emerita of Music Mary Shambarger, the competition featured 17 singers from Ouachita's vocal studies program.

WINNERS//

(Left to Right): Caitlin Secrest, 1st place; John Tneoh and Xavier Lagunas, honorable mention; Rachel Harris, 4th place; Meredith Martin, 3rd place; Grace Johnson, 2nd place.



ACADEMIC BANQUET

ACHIEVEMENTS//

Highlighting a variety of academic and leadership achievements throughout the year, the May 3 event honored students in each of the university's seven academic schools.

PHOTO//

Junior Adam Wood accepts a chemistry award from Dr. Joe Jeffers.



MISS OBU 2012

MARYLACEY//

MaryLacey Thomson, a sophomore musical theatre major from Plano, Texas, was crowned Miss Ouachita Baptist University 2012 on Feb. 25 at Jones Performing Arts Center.

Thomson was a member of the EEE Women's Social Club where she served as co-Tiger Tunes director. She was also a member of the Ouachita Sounds vocal ensemble. Thomson was also awarded the Private Interview Award, Artistic Expression and Talent Award, Lifestyle and Fitness Award and Newcomer Talent Award.

"I am absolutely humbled and honored to represent Ouachita as Miss OBU 2012 on this campus, as well as at Miss Arkansas this summer," Thomson said. "It is amazing to be able to give back and serve a school that has done so much."



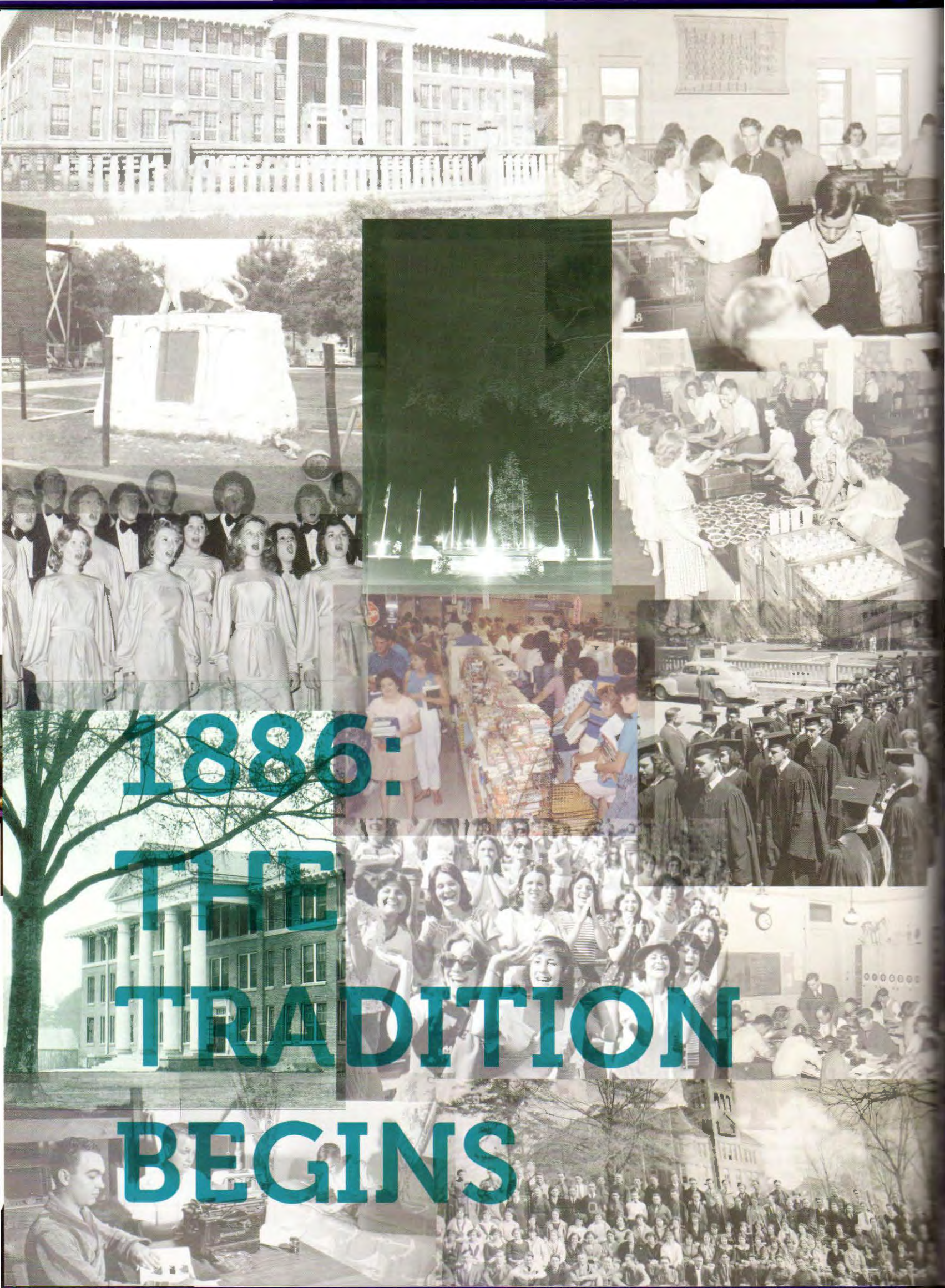
CONTESTANTS//

Front Row: Natalie Way, Abby Lindsey, Sarah Jones, Haley Prowell, Sydney Gibson, Natalie Whisenant, Alli Goodson, Kris Wright, Emily Parker, Sarah McKimmey; Back Row: Lauren Jackson, Sarah Liz Carter, MaryLacey Thomson, Brooke Ault, Brandi Hull, Alexis Penn



COUNSELING//

Dr. Larry Henderson presents at the first annual Conference on Issues in Christian Counseling on Feb. 25. The conference provided ministers, professionals and students the opportunity to learn about the causes and effects associated with Internet pornography addiction and how to appropriately minister to those affected by it.



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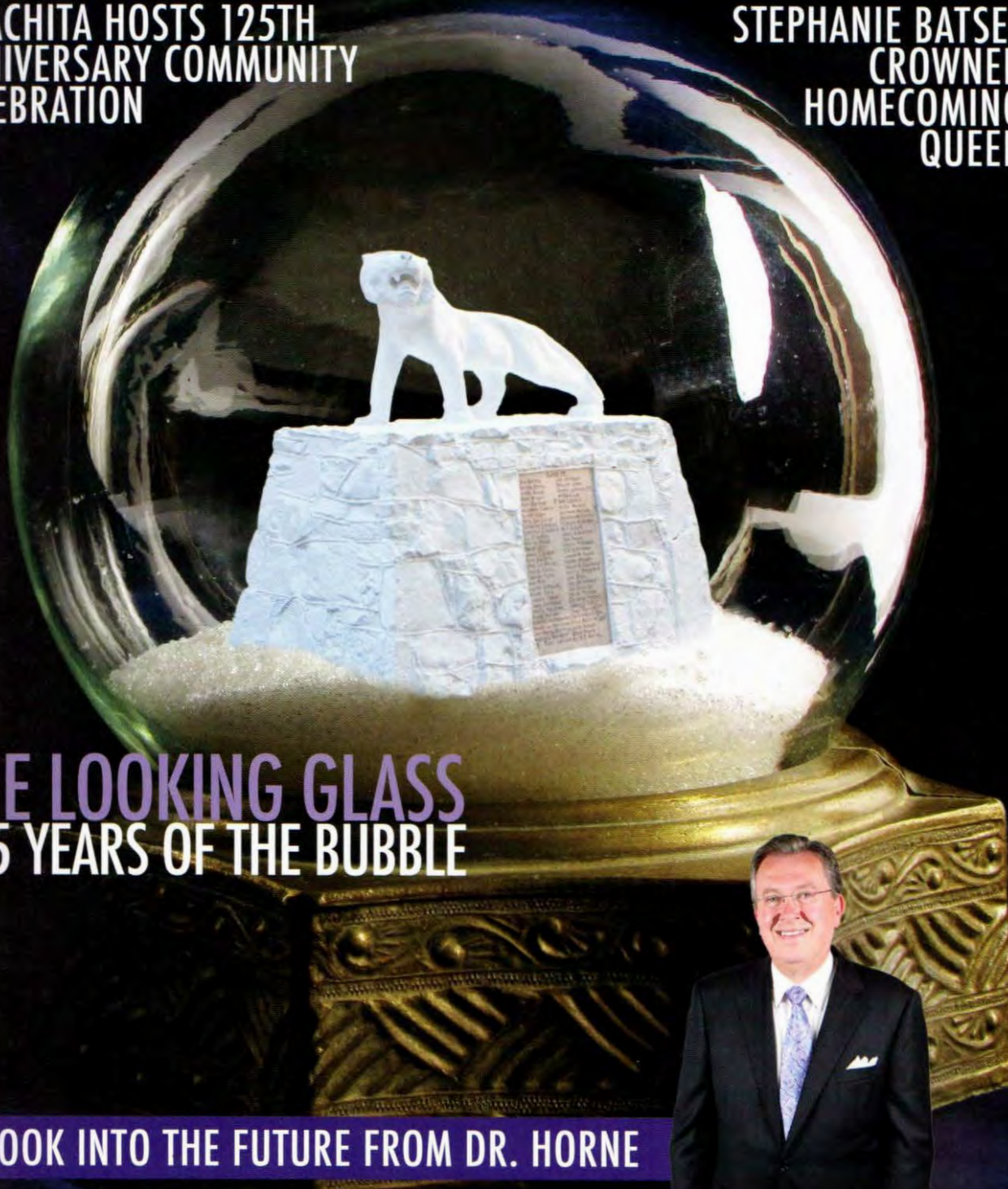
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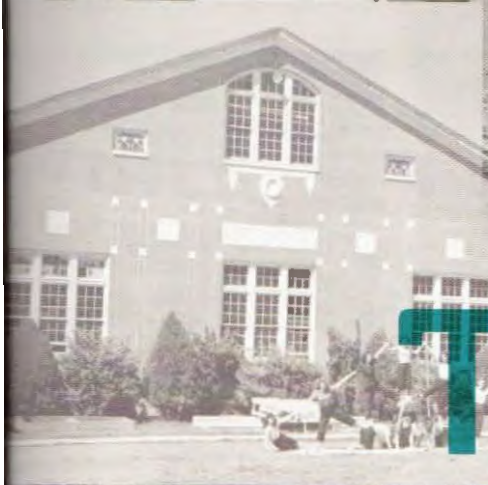
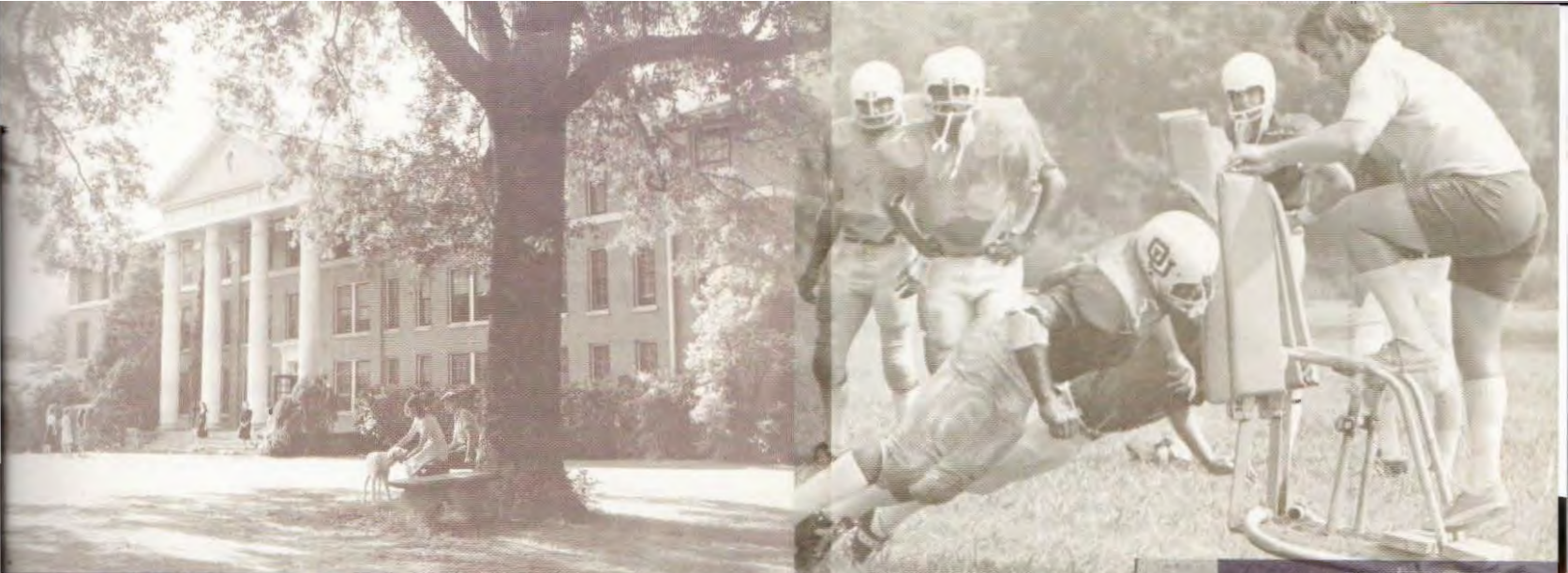
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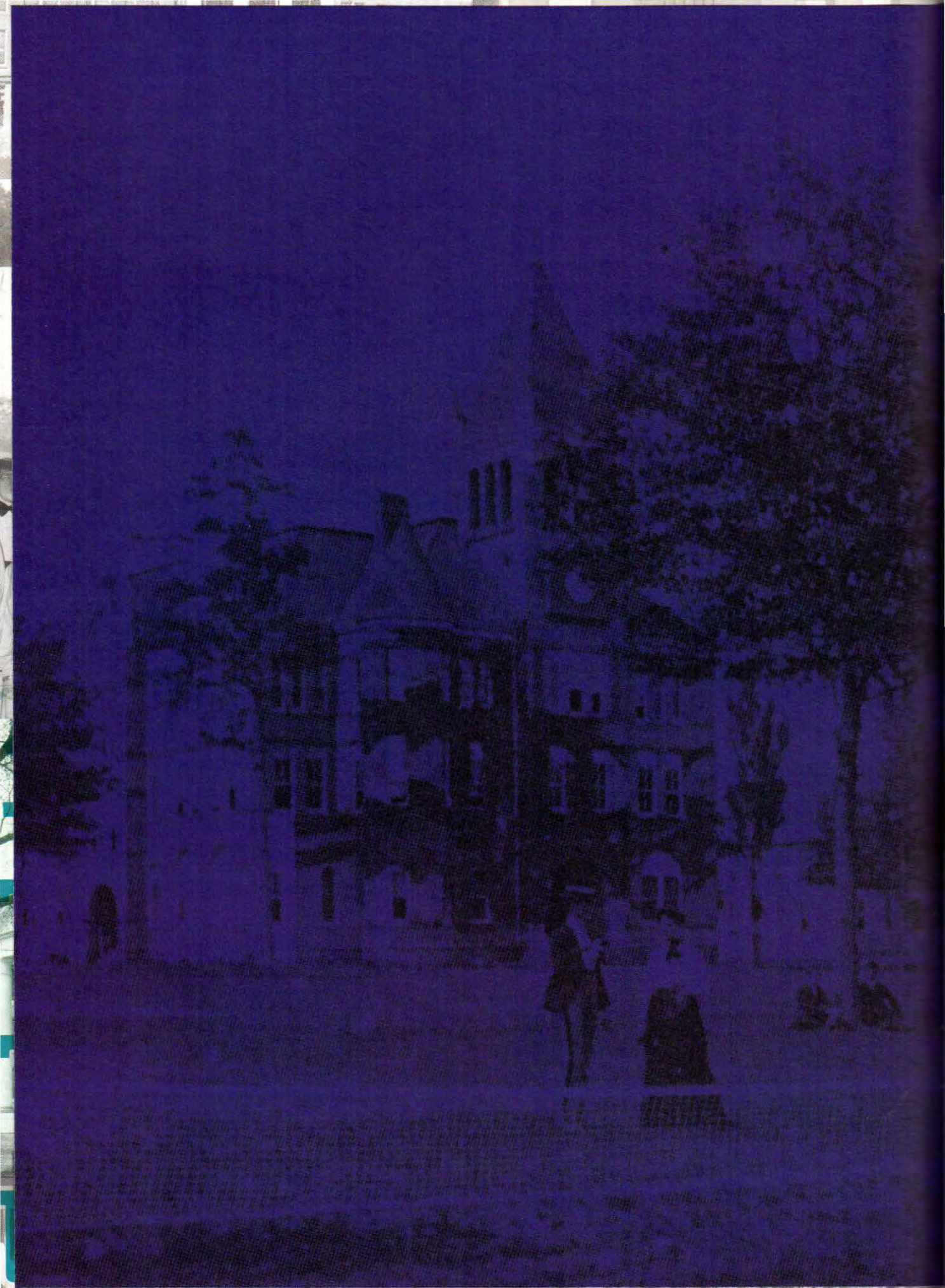
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WOMEN OF EEE TAKE 2011 TIGER TUNES CROWN

Nine Ouachita groups, 456 participants and more than 21,000 hours of practice culminated into one outstanding Tiger Tunes production, performed at Jones Performing Arts Center. Audiences were entertained Oct. 6-8 during four shows by the Tiger Tunes 2011 hosts and hostesses, campus groups and organizations and Tiger Blast band. The announcement of EEE Women's Social Club as the overall winner brought the show to a close Saturday night.

Tiger Tunes is an annual production hosted by the Ouachita Student Foundation to raise thousands of dollars for student scholarships. The show is also set up as a competition among organizations on campus for cash prizes and bragging rights.

EEE Tunes Co-Director Brittney Reynolds, a junior accounting major from Benton, Ark., explained that the idea for EEE's outer space theme came about in an unusual way.

"Stephonie Morse and I knew that we wanted to be Tiger Tunes directors. We didn't know what our theme would be if we actually got the position, so we would brainstorm about crazy and fun ideas if we were to get the job," Reynolds said. "Then, about a year ago, I had a dream about being astronauts and aliens for Tunes. I knew that was what we were supposed to be, even if we weren't the directors."

Morse, a junior accounting major from Benton, Ark., and co-director of the EEE show with Reynolds, said she loves all things Tunes. "I honestly don't know what my favorite aspect of Tiger Tunes is because I love it all: practices, bonding with EEE sisters, fun costumes and



NERDS// The men of Kappa Chi perform as nerds during their Tiger Tunes show. The club walked away with the second place title. **PROFESSORS//** Students in the Campus Ministries show strut their stuff at "graduation" to end their show. The show took third place overall.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

makeup and of course the actual performances," she explained. "Planning the show was a lot of work but definitely one of the best experiences I've ever had. Brittney and I had so much fun choosing music, changing lyrics, choreographing and creating fun costumes. Seeing our show come to life was literally a dream come true!"

The groups competing in Tiger Tunes included: Beta Beta Men's Social Club as zookeepers, Campus Ministries as professors, Chi Delta Women's Social Club as truck drivers, Chi Rho Phi Women's Social Club's "Lunch Room Days," EEE Women's Social Club in outer space, Eta Alpha Omega Men's Social Club hosting the "Eta Clock News," the freshmen class on the Oregon Trail, Kappa Chi Men's Social Club as nerds and Tri Chi Women's Social Club as the "Real Housewives of Clark County."

The hosts and hostesses kept the

audience entertained between group performances with music from many genres and time periods. Hosts and hostesses auditioned in February, began planning their show in the spring and started practicing before school began in August. Hours of practice went into their show, but for the hosts and hostesses it was worth it.

This year's hosts and hostesses included: Stephonie Batsel, a senior music major from Mansfield, Texas; Paul Huenefeld, III, a senior church music major from Heber Springs, Ark.; Joseph Hurst, a sophomore music major from Morrilton, Ark.; Alison Johnson, a junior musical theatre major from Shreveport, La.; Alexis Pace, a junior musical theatre major from Sugar Land, Texas; Ryan Strebeck, a junior biology major from Texarkana, Ark.; and Kiley Wright, a junior biology major from Glenwood, Ark.

125
YEARS
OF
THE
BUBBLE

1886 September 6, 166 students enrolled in Ouachita College. Ouachita accepted students for primary, preparatory and collegiate programs. President- John W. Conger (1886- 1907)

1888 Old Main constructed

1898 Conservatory Building built (later called Wallis Hall)

1890 Conger created a School of Music and hired Fred D. Baars, Leipzig and Cincinnati conservatories of music graduate and the state's only male music director. Literary magazine Ripples started

1891 Young Ladies Home constructed (later called North Dorm)

1893 Ouachita Conservatory of Fine Arts built

1894 Conger hired his first faculty with an earned doctorate away from Little Rock's First Baptist Church to begin a School of Bible Study

"Tiger Tunes was one of the most fun things that I've ever participated in, and just the fact that I know that a Ouachita student is going to receive financial aid made it all worthwhile," said host Paul Huenefeld.

"My favorite thing about being a host was the opportunity to meet and work with some amazingly talented students. We started out as seven Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses, but grew into best friends in the midst of it all," said Ryan Strebeck. "Once you experience Tiger Tunes, you realize it is so much more than just a show. I am so blessed to have had a part in it."

The overall winner of Tiger Tunes 2011 was the women of EEE, with the men of Kappa Chi placing second, and the men and women of Campus Ministries in third. The Congeniality

Award, given by the members of OSF, was presented to the men and women of Campus Ministries, and the People's Choice Award went to the women of Tri Chi.

Awards for each of the five criteria (costume, choreography, musicality, entertainment value, and theme and lyric) were announced after each of the first three performances. Thursday night's winners were: Kappa Chi for theme and lyric, Eta Alpha Omega for musicality and EEE for costume, choreography, and entertainment value. Friday night EEE swept the show and won all five awards. Saturday's 5 p.m. show winners were: EEE for costume and theme and lyric, Tri Chi for choreography and Eta Alpha Omega for musicality and entertainment value.

//BY NICCI FILLINGER

NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO



INVASION!! The Women of EEE invade the stage of JPAC as aliens during their award-winning Tiger Tunes show. Sponsored by OSF, Tiger Tunes raised scholarship money awarded to upperclassmen.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTOS

1895 Start of the football program

1898 Conger built a new building to house the expanded fine arts program and the auditorium for daily chapel.

1904 President's home built on campus

1906 Constructed "The Lab Building" which housed the Department of Natural Sciences

1907 First Battle of the Ravine. First yearbook. President-Henry S. Hartzog (1907- 1911)

1908 President Hartzog established a military band to play at football games

1911 7 tennis courts were built, and 40 women joined the Ouachita Tennis Association. President-Robert G. Bowers (1911- 1913)

1912 A.U. Williams donated 7 acres for a new football field

1913 Ouachita mascot changed to Tigers after former football player Cleve Turner said the team "fought like tigers". President- Samuel Y. Jameson (1913- 1916)

1916 Signal started. President- Charles E. Dicken (1916- 1926)

1919 Dexter Rivers became the first girl on the debate team

125 YEARS OF SPIRIT

NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO



BOOK SIGNING// Former OBU presidents Dr. Beth Eron and Dr. Daniel Grant, along with OBU Tiger and Dallas Cowboy Cliff Harris, sign copies of the "Ouachita Voices" book.

An extra buzz of excitement seemed to hover around the campus during this year's homecoming week since OBU was celebrating its 125 anniversary.

In his letter to the student body, President Horne encouraged students to become involved as much as possible during this exciting time.

"I don't have to tell you that no university has any more excitement than Ouachita for these few days each year during this week," said Horne.

Students were given plenty of opportunities throughout Homecoming week to show their tiger pride through social events, hosting GROWers, Homecoming Refuge, and Tiger Tunes.

Social clubs held a variety of events to show school spirit including the Rho Sigma Homecoming banner decoration, EEE car decorating, and Tri Chi poster party. One of the most popular social events took place after the finale of Tiger Tunes on Saturday, HAQ Muggin'.

The women of EEE took home first place in Tiger Tunes with their astronaut and alien performance. They wowed the crowd with their light up costumes.

Madison Scott, junior and EEE, said, "We all started screaming and jumping really loud! Many of us cried and we were so thrilled because we all worked so hard for this accomplishment! Brittney Reynolds

and Stephanie Morse put together a great show for us to work hard and when we won it was the greatest feeling! It made me so proud to be an E!"

All of the clubs put in many hours and effort, but the EEE's win was especially special.

"The EEE's haven't won in eight years so it was time for us to win and we put all we had in this show and I feel like it definitely showed. We weren't going to stop for anything. We were there to have fun and to win, and we accomplished both," said Scott.

Tiger athletes added to the week's excitement. The men's and women's swim team took on Henderson in the Battle of the Ravine. The Tigersharks left everything they had in the pool but were just out touched by the Reddies with a score 129-102 Henderson. However, the Lady Tigersharks ruled the pool with dominating swims to win the meet 124-115, a feat uncommon in the Tigersharks' season.

Alumni and students witnessed the crowning of OBU's Homecoming queen before the game. OBU student body crowned Stephanie Batsel as their new queen.

The Tigers football team started the game off strong, but fell to Valdosta State Blazers 40-13. //BY ANNALIESE CLARK

"I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT NO UNIVERSITY HAS ANY MORE EXCITEMENT THAN OUACHITA FOR THESE FEW DAYS EACH YEAR DURING THIS WEEK"

—REX HORNE

125 YEARS OF THE BUBBLE

1920 Gymnasium and dining hall built

1923 Cone-Bottoms Hall for girls constructed

1924 John W. Conger, Ouachita's founding president, died. He and his wife were buried on campus in a double vault

1925 EEE was founded, reversing the thirty-year ban on social clubs

1926 President-Arthur B. Hill (1926-1929)

1929 President-Charles D. Johnson (1929- 1933)

1933 SAS founded

1934 President-James R. Grant (1934-1949)

The Tiger statue was erected during the 34-35 academic year carved by student B.F. Worley in lieu of tuition payments during the Great Depression



QUEEN// Senior Stephanie Batsel is crowned Homecoming Queen before the Tiger football game. The queen is elected each year by the student body.

1935 Rho Sigma founded

1939 New gymnasium built

1941 Beta Beta founded

Flenniken Memorial Student Center was built

1942 Mitchell Hall was finished

1949 President- S. William Eubanks (1949- 1951)

Old Main, a campus landmark for more than sixty years, was destroyed by fire

Riley-Hickingbotham Libray built

1952 President- Harold A. Haswell (1952- 1953)

1953 President- Ralph A. Phelps, Jr. (1953- 1969)

Conger and Grant halls were constructed

1965 Ouachita Baptist College becomes Ouachita Baptist University

School of nursing established (dropped in 1967)

1970 Chi Delta founded

President- Daniel R. Grant (1970- 1988)



embrace
today AND DREAM
OF TOMORROW

I find it interesting to write an essay concerning the future. I sit in an office that is an hour away from the town of my childhood and youth. I never would have dreamed that I would have had the opportunity to serve great churches, know wonderful people and even be the pastor of a United States president.

Surely the thought of being president of a great university would have been a fleeting thought at most. I have so enjoyed my years here at Ouachita. I marvel at the faculty, students and staff who study and serve here. The point I am attempting to make is that while I cannot predict the future, there are some things I pray will occur in the coming years.

Ouachita is widely recognized as an excellent university. In the coming years, the knowledge of our university should grow regionally and beyond. In order for this to occur, it is vital that friends and alumni support our mission with their influence and resources. Our greatest limitation is not our vision, energy and dreams but the resources to carry them to reality. I think the day may come that acceptance to Ouachita is a truly exceptional achievement. While we always want to be accessible and affordable, as the quality of our university is learned, more prospective students will apply. We all smile to think there could be a waiting list to get in to Ouachita!

The future years will testify of excellence all around campus. Our teaching, student life, athletics, facilities and expectations will be marked by excellence. I know of no other word that should more fully describe

Ouachita Baptist University. A graduate of Ouachita will cherish his or her education throughout future years and for a lifetime. I know this to be true as I have visited with many who graduated from Ouachita fifty, sixty or more years ago. Our faculty and staff prepare our graduates for the world. The world is not so much shrinking as it has become highly accessible due to enhanced travel, communication and technology.

Ouachita faculty and students deserve the opportunity to know and impact the nations of this world. We have and will have men and women representing the cause of Christ to the nations. We will see increasing research and medical treatments in which our alumni will be leaders. We are relational people and committed to public service as educators, elected officials and observers of mankind, communicating news, opportunities and ideas. Hundreds of men and women will be innovators in business with great expertise and a Christian ethic that will shine today and in tomorrow's world. Our people are compassionate and will always be involved in humanitarian efforts while also lifting the spirits of all people through the arts. The Ouachita of tomorrow will be awesome!

While I am currently only an hour away from my boyhood home, my life journey has taken me through many experiences. Leading Ouachita into the future is a true blessing. The foundation for the future is being constructed today. Today is all we really have, so I invite you to join the Ouachita community and me as we embrace today and dream of tomorrow.

// DR. REX HORNE

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Ouachita Voices



◀ Published in "Ouachita Voices," an historical book featuring essays by alumni, presidents, faculty, trustees and current students at Ouachita. The book is available through the Office of Communications or the OBU Bookstore.

WORSHIP// Point of Grace performs with the Concert Choir during Festival of Christmas. The group began as friends while students at Ouachita.



POINT OF GRACE FEATURED IN FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

Ouachita's School of Fine Arts presented its annual Festival of Christmas in Jones Performing Arts Center on Dec. 2. The show featured the Christian music group Point of Grace as the final event of Ouachita's 125th celebration.

"The Festival of Christmas featuring our own Point of Grace graduates is a fitting end to what has been a rich celebration of Ouachita's 125th anniversary year," said Ian Cash, vice president for community and international engagement and chairman of Ouachita's 125th anniversary steering committee.

Since forming at Ouachita Baptist University 19 years ago, Point of Grace emerged as one of the biggest names in Christian music. The two-time Grammy

nominees have sold more than 6.5 million albums and earned 24 consecutive No. 1 singles, including radio staples "Steady On," "The Great Divide" and "Circle of Friends," a feat unmatched by any other artist in any musical genre. Point of Groce has won 13 prestigious Dove Awards, including three in 2011: Recorded Song of the Year for "There Is Nothing Greater than Grace," Country Album of the Year for "No Chargin' Us" and Christmas Album of the Year for "Home for the Holidays."

"The presence of these alumni, who have done so well in the music world, will be a reminder that our mission as a university is to graduate students who are competent, compassionate and com-

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1973 Evans Student Center was built at the center of Ouachita's distinctive mega-structure

1975 First Tiger Traks. Tiger Traks began as a bicycle race

Mabee Fine Arts Center constructed

1976 Campus drive and pedestrian bridge built

Eddie Blackmon Field House built

1977 McClellan Hall built

1979 First Tiger Tunes

1981 Lancelot and Starlight Apartments built

Kappa Chi founded

1983 Sturgis Physical Education Center constructed

1987 Riley-Hickbotham Library was expanded, renovated and renamed



mitted to Christ," Cosh said.

The program included performances by students in the vocal, instrumental and theatre programs as well as dance students. Ensembles performing included Concert Choir, Ouachita Sounds and the Festival of Christmas Band.

"We wanted to do something special for the 125th year of Ouachita," said Dr. Gary Gerber, Division of Music chair. The performance included "a little bit of us and a little bit of Point of Grace."

The first half of the show featured the "best of" audience favorites from the past, including "Jingle Bells" "Holly Jolly Christmas," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Sleigh Ride," "Silent Night," "Breath of Heaven," "O Holy Night" and many more. Following this, Point of Grace performed "Home for the Holidays," followed by intermission.

After intermission, Point of Grace performed a selection of sacred Christmas tunes with the OBU Concert Choir.

Gerber added that the second half of the show was special because the concert choir performed with Point of Grace.

//LARA OVERMAN



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

125TH ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE

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Chair, 125th Anniversary Steering Committee
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Associate Professor of Music

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Ouachita Student Foundation Co-President, 2010-2011

1988 President- Ben M. Erod (1988- 1998)

1989 R.A. Lile Hall built

1991 Heflin Tennis Center opened

1992 Jones Performing Arts Center built

1994 Anthony Residence Hall built

Cone-Bottoms remodeled to house the Grant Administration Center

1995 Maddox Residence Hall built

1996 Tiger Den built

1997 International Flag Plaza constructed as a visual reminder of Ouachita's commitment to international education

Harvey Jones Science Center built

1998 Chick-fil-a installed

President- Andrew Westmoreland (1998-2006)

2001 Ouachita Commons built

2002 Open dorm visitation policy created

CELEBRATE!

125TH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION HELD

It is essentially us throwing a birthday party and inviting the community to join us.

It is our special way to open up our living room and say thank you to the Arkadelphia and Clark County Community.

—KEISHA PITTMAN

To say thank you for 125 years of community support, Ouachita invited the residents of Arkadelphia to a community celebration. The celebration was held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the center of OBU's campus. The event was free and open to everyone in the community.

Despite a chill in the October air, hundreds gathered for an afternoon of celebration for the campus and Arkadelphia community.

The event was designed as the signature event on the 125th Anniversary calendar, said Keisha Pittman, OBU development officer. "It is essentially us throwing a birthday party and inviting the community to join us. It is our special way to open up our living room and say thank you to the Arkadelphia and Clark County Community."

Pittman and Mallory Modellmog, OBU's director of Career Services, both served on Ouachita's 125th Anniversary Steering Committee and served as coordinators for the celebration. The two, along with a team of Ouachita students, worked on this event since last spring.

"This summer, Save the Date cards were hand delivered by OSF (Ouachita Student Foundation) students to business and community leaders," Pittman said. The Community Celebration was also included in the weekly Chamber of Commerce e-blast as a way to inform the community about the event.

The event was meant to have a "festive" type feel, according to Modellmog. Dinner on the grounds was provided,

along with a Cub Zone with inflatables for small and big (college) kids and a dunk tank. Students enjoyed the opportunity to dunk their favorite professors and administrators, including Dean Bryan McKinney and Vice President Keldon Henley.

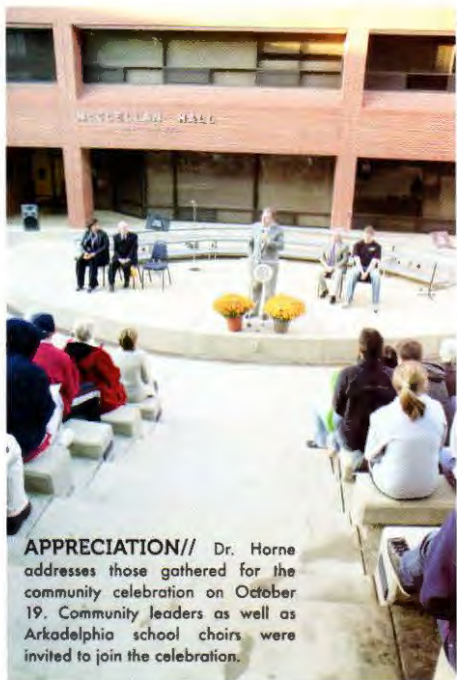
Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored sport-related activities. Clubs and organizations had booths with activities for young and old, and the OBU Jazz Band combo played in front of Mabee Fine Arts Center.

Event sponsors included Suddenlink, which sponsored the Amphitheatre Stage, and Centerpoint Energy, which sponsored the Mabee Stage.

A formal program at 5:30 p.m. included remarks from Mayor Chuck Hollingshead, Chamber of Commerce Director Connie Nelson, OBU Vice President for Community and International Engagement Ian Cosh, Student Senate President Jacob Lively and President Horne. The program also included performances by Perritt Primary and Central Primary School choirs. The event ended with a pep rally.

"This event is a celebration of Ouachita's 125 years in the community of Arkadelphia," said Catie Bennett, a junior early childhood education major from Nixa, Mo., and a member of the student leadership team. "This is a great opportunity for the student body to thank the City of Arkadelphia and Clark County for their wonderful support over the past few—well, 125—years."

//BY LACEY BROOKS



NICOLE MOHATE PHOTO

APPRECIATION// Dr. Horne addresses those gathered for the community celebration on October 19. Community leaders as well as Arkadelphia school choirs were invited to join the celebration.

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2006 Hickingbotham hall built.

President Rex M. Horne, Jr. (2006-present) Currently the newest academic building on campus

2009 Student Village built, giving the north campus a facelift and the university its most sophisticated student housing facility to date

2010 First University in the state to have a wrestling program

Restored Tiger statue unveiled and dedicated

Westside Dorms constructed

Heflin Plaza dedicated

2011 Hatcher Wrestling Complex dedicated in honor of Greg Hatcher of Little Rock

125th Anniversary Community Celebration held on campus

2012 Evans Student Center remodeled

Lile Hall renovated to house the school of Humanities



CHILL// Dr. Keldon Henley, vice president for student services and dean of students, gets a cold dip in the dunking booth during the community celebration.





GOING DOWN IN HISTORY

THOUGHTS ON BEING PART OF THE 125TH GRADUATING CLASS

If we're being honest, being a part of Ouachita's 125th graduating class probably didn't feel any different than if I had been a part of the 124th or the 126th. But the activities and the nostalgic opportunities to remember throughout my senior year served as perfect reminders of what Ouachita is well known for - tradition.

One tradition almost ended with the class of 2012, however. A rainout threatened the outdoor commencement ceremony on May 12, but a few rumbles of thunder didn't move the crowd inside.

After several tweets and status updates questioning the fate of the ceremony, graduation continued on as planned. Mist still hung in the air as our class met on the steps of the Commons for a class picture. We organized ourselves in Walker Conference Center to walk over, single file, in alphabetical order, to the front lawn of Cone-Bottoms.

As I sat in Walker with the rest of my classmates, a wave of expected emo-

tions hit me - excitement, nervousness, sadness, uncertainty, and most prevalently, heartbreak. The thought of leaving a place I called home for four years and the friends I will forever call family was genuinely heartbreaking.

But as I made my way with my classmates through the tunnel of professors lining the sidewalks and the masses of friends and family there to support us, the heartbreak I felt went away. This wasn't goodbye. This was the beginning of a lifetime of catching up and visiting with old friends. Ouachitonians have a unique bond I could not have found at another university and I'm forever grateful for that bond.

Ouachita's 125th anniversary is just a small milestone in the vast expanse of the university's history. The class of 2012 is just one of the 125 classes to graduate having discovered themselves and the value of integrating faith and learning. And I am just one of the thousands of alumni who won't ever say goodbye to

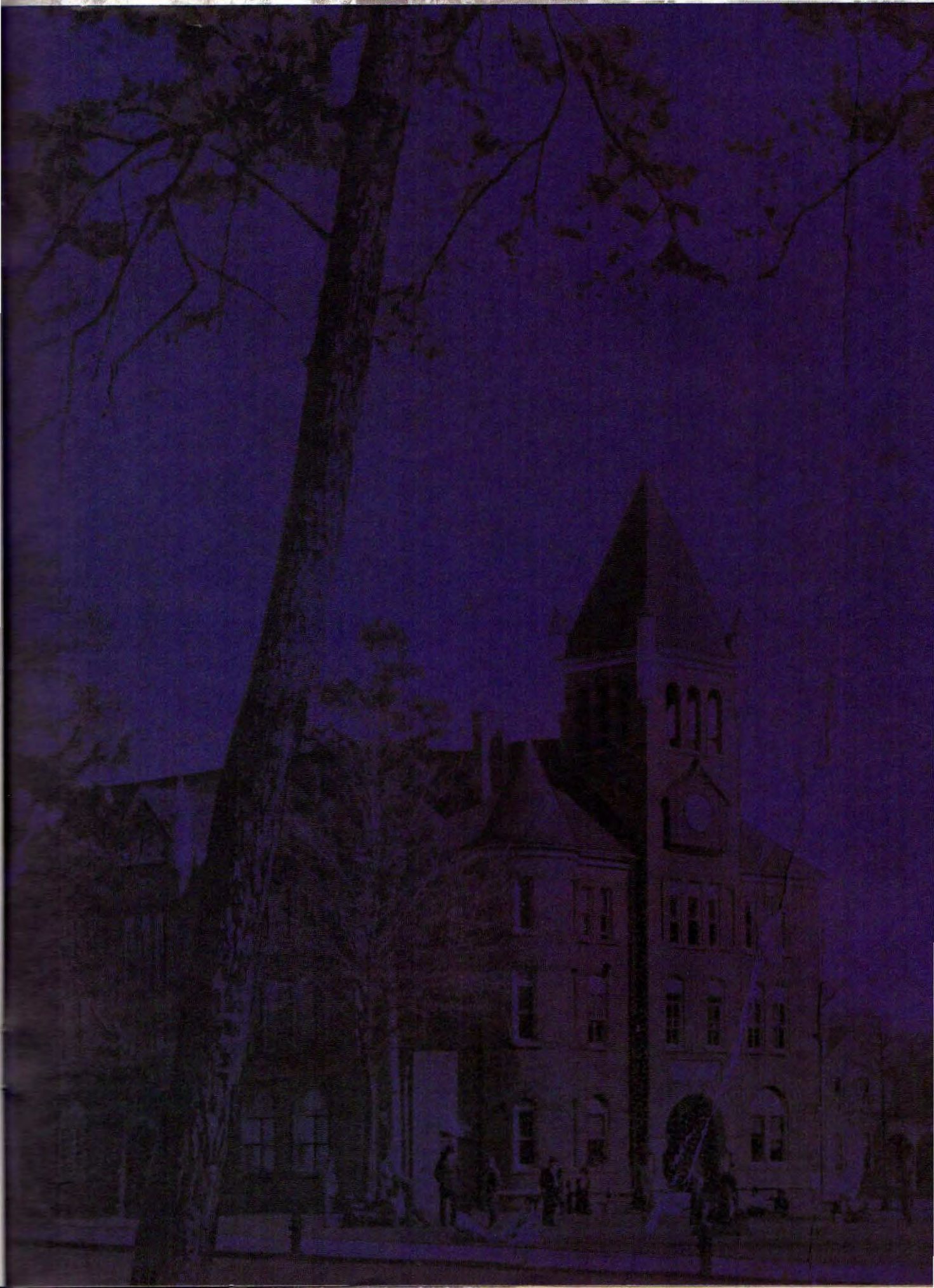


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my time at an amazing university, but carry with me the respect for professors, the knowledge of what it means to incorporate my faith into whatever career path I choose, and the irreplaceable companionships I have made with people who never gave up on me, as I would never give up on them.

Thank you for these four years, Ouachita! I look forward to watching you change the lives of future Ouachitonians for years to come.

//BY KATIE STEELE





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CHRISTMAS AT OUACHITA

PARTY//
Sophomores Rusty Butler and Garett West pose at the Freshman Family Group Christmas party.

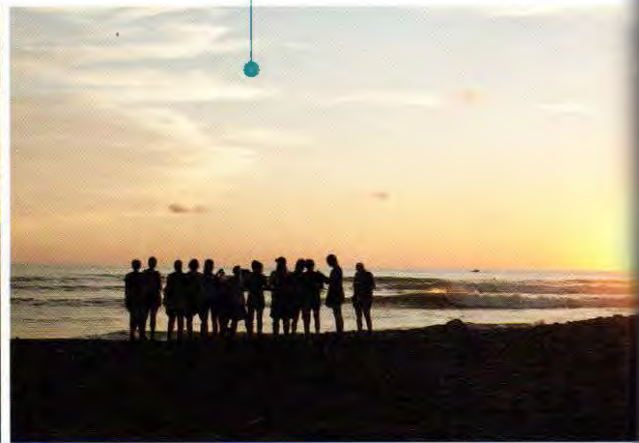
EVENTS//
Besides Festival of Christmas, which featured Point of Grace, Christmas events on campus included the annual Speechie Christmas tree lighting, the Big Brother/Big Sister Christmas party, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas chapel.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WINTER TRIP

COSTA RICA//
The women's soccer team traveled to Costa Rica during the Christmas break. During the trip, they played against professional teams and went sightseeing.

ORNAMENT

CONE BOTTOMS//
The Historical Association of Clark County featured Cone-Bottoms Hall on its 2011 Christmas ornament. The Association selects a different historical Clark County structure each year to be featured. A reception for the unveiling was held on Aug. 9 in Cone-Bottoms.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

SAYING GOODBYE//
A reception for the 17 retiring faculty and staff members was held May 2 in Walker Conference Center. The 17 retiring faculty and staff members have served at Ouachita a total of 410 years, averaging more than 24 years each. Two faculty members completed more than 40 years of service: Tona Wright with 41 years of service and Glenn Good with 43 years of service.



PRISM

PERFORMANCE//
The Division of Music presented its annual "PRISM" concert on May 3. The concert is a presentation of the Ouachita Wind Ensemble, Combined Bands and various small ensembles and soloists from the instrumental department.



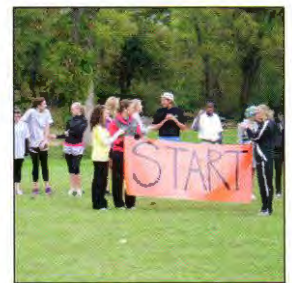
TILLERY COLLECTION

FINE ART//
The Visual Arts Department hosted an exhibit April 17-20 of artwork donated by the Allen Tillery family. The exhibit included 22 representative works from the large collection of art donated to the art department by the Tillery family in 2010. The extensive collection is valued at more than \$250,000 and includes numbered and signed black and white photographs by professional photographers, hundreds of numbered and signed original prints and numbered and signed lithographs.



CAROLANN SANITA

VOCAL GUEST//
Guest vocalist Carolann Sanita performed in a musical theatre cabaret program on Sept. 12. The program also featured John Alec Briggs on piano and was free of charge and open to the public. Sanita also led a masterclass for musical theatre students.



HALLOWEEN RUN

STARTING LINE//
The Campus Activities Board hosted a Halloween Run at the Cross Country course. Runners were invited to wear their costumes during the competition.

TIDBITS



◀ ASHLEY BRIGGS

ALEXIS PENN ▶

◀ BRAD HUNTER HEIRD

INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

FIRST PLACE//
Senior Amy Vaughn: South Africa

SECOND PLACE//
Senior Abby Dekle: Venice

THIRD PLACE//
Sophomore Kristen Barnard: Ecuador

TIGER IDOL

EVENT//
Student Senate sponsored "Tiger Idol," a student singing competition, in the amphitheatre following Saturday Night's Tiger Traks activities.

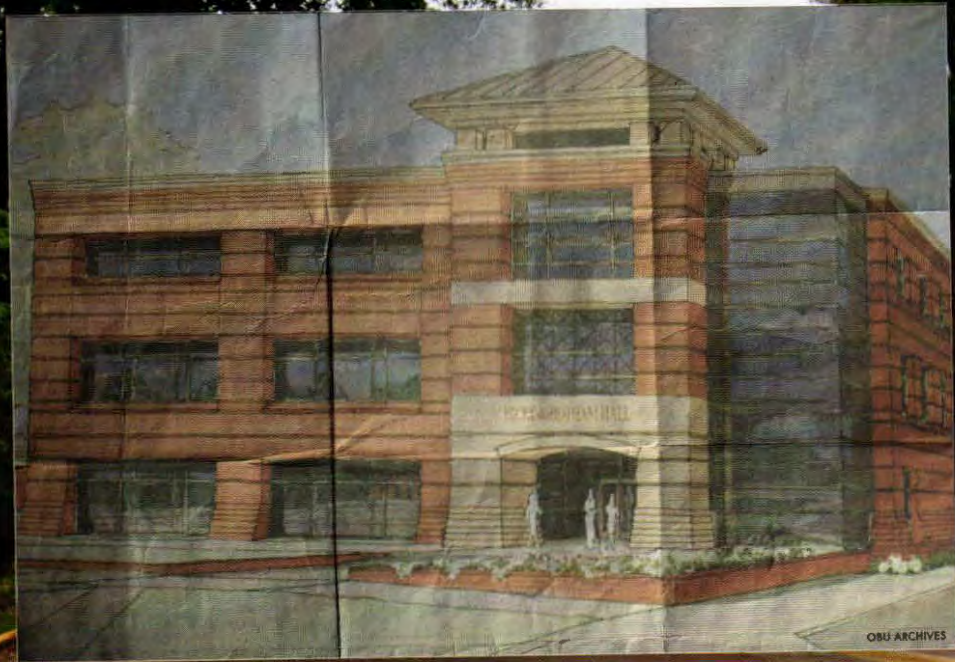
JUDGING//
Dean of Students Keldon Henley, Career Services director Keisha Pittman, and Dr. Chris Bruning were chosen to judge the event—in true "Idol" fashion. Freshman Alexis Penn took home the "Tiger Idol" title, as well as a \$250 cash prize.



ISRAEL TRIP

HUCKABEE//
Governor Mike Huckabee went with a group of students to the Holy Land in February. Seniors Nate Peace, Lauren Bacon and junior John Bacon received the opportunity to attend.

PICTURED//
Huckabee and Bacon play music together during their trip.



OBU ARCHIVES

From operating out of only one building in 1886 to a campus encompassing 200 acres, from music, art, and bookkeeping to over 60 academic programs, **from the 1989 construction of Lile Hall to its renovation into a state-of-the-art communications hub,** from six original faculty members to the world-renowned legacy and dedication of Dr. Francis McBeth, **from the first chemical laboratory in 1905 to John Gomez' prestigious chemical research internships in Germany,**

**WE
STILL
RISE
ABOVE
THE REST**



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

TIME FOR BUSINESS//

Seniors Jordan Snook and Chad Bullington present at the Business Plan Competition. The competition gave students a chance to practice their business skills by thoroughly developing a company from the grassroots.

reaching beyond these walls

The Hickingbotham School of Business pursued the goal of guiding its students to a successful future.

"In the School of Business, we try to prepare students to make a positive difference in the business world," said Bryan McKinney, dean of the School of Business. "I think we accomplish that goal through the commitment of our great faculty and students."

The Hickingbotham School of Business prepared its students in the classroom by focusing on self-reflection, problem solving, and social entrepreneurship.

"Business gets blasted all the time because of all the greed in the world, but business can help by providing jobs and solving problems in order to bring along a better society," said McKinney. "We are striving to teach our students to use business to make the world a better place."

The Hickingbotham School of Business kept its students involved outside of the classroom through the annual business trips and the First Friday Speakers. The First Friday Speakers included several successful business leaders including Frank Hickingbotham, Todd Denton, and Federal Judge Joe Volpe.

"It was great to get to meet Frank Hickingbotham, who is one of the most successful businessmen in the state of Arkansas," said Demarcus Thornton, a junior business management major from Plano, Texas. "He gave us an incredible amount of advice, and it was great to see his love

for God and this school."

The Hickingbotham School of Business also hosted a Business Plan Competition.

"The Business Plan Competition was originally a way to encourage and increase participation in our own Ouachita students to compete in the Governor's Cup," said McKinney.

This competition was not just limited to business majors.

"We encourage all Ouachita students to participate in the competition. In fact, this year's winner, Note Peace, was a mass communications major."

After competing in the school competition, Peace and other students went on to compete against Henderson State University, and they then went on to compete in the Governor's Cup competition.

Although the Hickingbotham School of Business is focused on preparing its students for the practical application of their education, the school still firmly believes in the liberal arts education.

"Since my goal in life is to go into the ministry after graduation, I feel like the School of Business has given me the tools to relate what I have learned to several aspects of my future job. I hope to use these tools to help lead a church financially one day," said Thornton.

"We are always trying to find ways to fuse faith and business into our classroom discussion," said McKinney. "Our true mission is beyond these walls."

// BY AUSTIN KING

LISTEN// Juniors Alyssa and Daniel Richardson listen during the Fine Arts: Music course. Fine Art: Music taught students about different music genres and fostered their appreciation for the arts.



BREANNE GOODRUM PHOTO

a strong foundation building

The CORE program at Ouachita is a rigorous 55-hour required curriculum that was taken by each student along with his or her major. The program covered a wide range of material from religion, science, mathematics, history, language, and the arts. The general education program was replaced by the CORE curriculum in the fall of 1999. In 2005, the program was reviewed and revised to give us the streamlined program of today.

Although many universities across the United States have a similar program, Ouachita is unique because it offers such a wide range of studies that prepare students for success in the modern workplace.

"While students sometimes think that studying subjects outside their major is a waste of time, more and more employers and professional organizations understand that intellectual skills cultivated through learning in a variety of disciplines actually better prepares workers for a rapidly changing workplace," said Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Some of the main differences the CORE program has to offer are the Introduction to Liberal Arts and Senior Seminar. These classes, taken as a freshman and a senior, serve as a gateway and a capstone to a liberal arts education.

"Senior seminar was a very fitting bookend to my time at Ouachita," said Austin King, a senior political

science major from Arkadelphia. "It applied not only what I learned from my major, but what I had learned from all my other core classes."

Another difference Ouachita offers in its CORE Program is the two Bible classes, Bible Survey and Bible Interp. The first surveys the redemptive story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, emphasizing how that story shapes the Christian's worldview and affects life decisions. The second focuses on developing the skills necessary for valid interpretation and application of the Bible. Together, they equip students to accurately understand and apply the Biblical message to everyday life.

"The Bible survey and interpretation classes allow us to look at the Bible from different angles in way that I had not thought of before," said Adam Cline, a junior secondary education major from Little Rock.

"A liberal arts education helps you appreciate other fields of study and their unique role in the world," said Mauri Sparks, a sophomore mass communications and Christian studies major from Queen City, Texas. "I have learned to respect my friends in other majors as I have gained perspective in other areas outside my majors."

While the university has a strong CORE curriculum, the faculty began a process during the spring semester of reviewing the current requirements and creating potential models of a new curriculum. That process will continue during the fall semester.

// BY BEN CLINE

MUSIC// Dr. Rob Hewell assists senior Britney Kiefer with a presentation during Fine Art: Music. The course presented students with a background in various genres and important figures in music history.

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LIFE// Junior Landon Freeman works on a project in Life Science. CORE science courses offered students of all majors a chance to experience Ouachita's natural science program.



STUDY// Junior Nigel Ramsey and sophomores Breana Dillard and Morgan Asbill work on an assignment in a Life Science class. Life Science was a requirement of the CORE curriculum.

APPRECIATE// Dr. Raouf Halaby shows his class art pieces from a specific art period. The Fine Art: Art class increased students' appreciation for art by teaching them about various eras of art.



JASON PULLANO PHOTO



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELBY BRILEY



LOVE// Senior Shelby Briley spends time with orphaned South African children during the June mission trip. Students partnered with non-profit Biblica, teaching HIV-prevention as part of Biblica's mission to "transform lives through God's word."



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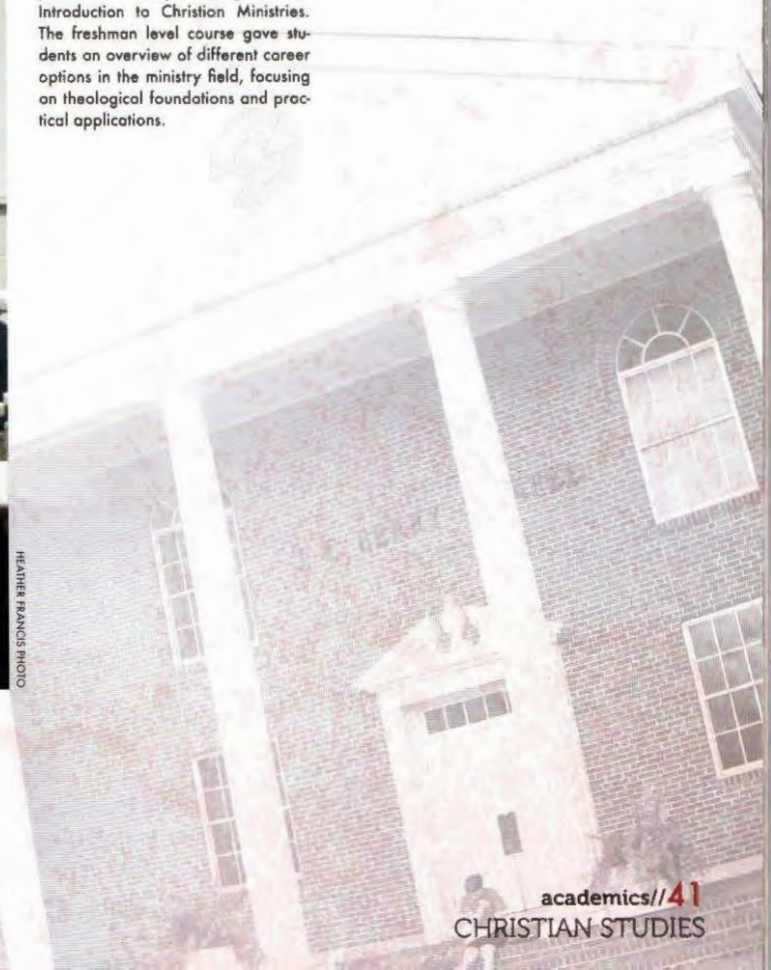
MINISTRY// Facing his Survey of Acts classmates, junior L.J. Brooks presents his Exegetical paper, which included Moses' journey to Mount Sinai and the deliverance of the Egyptians. Taught by Dr. Joey Dodson, the newly-added course was an in-depth chronological study of Acts.




HEATHER FRANCIS PHOTO

MINISTRY// Juniors Chris Redman and Nathan Hohulin prepare for a daily reading quiz in Introduction to Christian Ministries. The freshman level course gave students an overview of different career options in the ministry field, focusing on theological foundations and practical applications.

SPIRIT// Dr. Scott Duvall lectures to Spiritual Formation students about spiritual gifts outlined by 1 Corinthians. With this course, Duvall challenged students to integrate spiritual disciplines into their daily lives, fostering spiritual growth.





LIFE// South African orphans rejoice with their Reach 4 Life New Testaments. Students visited the HIV/AIDS orphanage as part of the Reach 4 Life campaign to prevent the suffering of innocent children.

Preparation around the world

SHELBY BAILEY PHOTO

Preparation School of Christian Studies readied students for a life-long journey in ministry. Whether immediately seeking ministry after graduation or moving on to more education, PSCS students were taught with seminary in mind, giving them exceptional preparation for either.

"Our students graduate with both knowledge of Scripture and the ability to study and correctly derive practical theology from the Bible," said Dr. Danny Hays, dean of PSCS. "While we seek to prepare them for a wide range of ministries, we continually stress the servant leadership model provided for us by Christ."

In the summer of 2011, students had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to South Africa for six credit hours after attending preparation courses during the previous spring.

"We saw God working in the schools of the Zulu homeland," said Dr. Ray Franklin, associate professor of Christian Missions. "Our main task was to teach abstinence AIDS prevention using the New Testament. This was meaningful and important work for us."

PSCS students could also gain mission experience in a Hands-On program offered by the International Mission Board. Abby Williams, a senior Christian Studies major from Paragould, went to Naples, Italy.

"I was assigned pre-field work including reading different books and creating a people group profile," said Williams. "Once I returned, I wrote papers about my experience and what I learned while in Italy."

The program consists of a semester-long missions program serving in teams of four, alongside field supervisors. Students participating in Hands-On wanted to gain experience outside the walls of a classroom.

"I helped start the first university ministry along with my partner Stephanie Warren and a journeyman who was also serving there," said Williams. "We felt God calling us to start something on the university campus, but were unsure if people would come. Around eight people came the first day."

Students pursuing a major in Biblical Studies with PSCS were able to dive into the original Hebrew language of the Old Testament and Greek language of the New Testament, allowing them to learn how to translate the Bible for themselves.

"Being able to use the Biblical languages enables people to accurately interpret and apply Scripture to their own lives and teach others with greater precision than they otherwise could, and to do this for the rest of their lives," said Dr. Daug Nykalaishen, associate professor of Biblical Studies.

"What I enjoy most about PSCS is not simply the classes I teach but the students I instruct," said Dr. Joey Dodson, assistant professor of Biblical Studies. "These students have extraordinary hearts for God and keen minds for scholarship. Their love for Christ inspires their passion for learning and their passion for learning inspires their love for Christ."

// BY MAURI SPARKS

ADVICE// Donnie Smith, CEO of Tyson Foods, speaks to students at Ouachita's Business Administration Day. Smith gave students insight into the world of business.



CONNECT// Senior Harrison Tamlinson makes connections on Business Administration Day. Business Administration Day gave students a chance to network within the business community.

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WINNERS// Seniors Tanner Ward and Britta Stamps receive second place at the OBU/HSU Business Plan Competition. Ward and Stamps were awarded \$3,000 after the February competition.



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NETWORK// Seniors Britney Jones and Britta Stamps speak with alumnus Gene Whisenhunt, Executive Vice President for Hickingbotham Investments. Whisenhunt, along with many other business leaders, visited campus for Business Administration day to meet and speak with students about their careers.



LEGACY// Dr. W. Francis McBeth stands before the audience after conducting a piece. McBeth was a recipient of an American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Special Award annually for more than 30 consecutive years.



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Time of musical success and legacy

Internationally acclaimed composer and conductor and longtime professor of music at Ouachita Baptist University, Dr. W. Francis McBeth, died Friday, Jan. 6, at age 78.

Dr. McBeth, who earned extensive accolades throughout his career, served as Ouachita's composer-in-residence, Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and chair of the theory/composition department of the Division of Music. He also served as conductor of the Arkansas Symphony and as Arkansas' composer laureate, the first composer laureate named in the United States.

"How blessed we have been to have Dr. McBeth invest his life and work at Ouachita," said Ouachita President Rex M. Horne, Jr. "This was the center for his creative work. We are enriched by his service. We also give gratitude to God for Dr. McBeth."

McBeth, who joined the Ouachita faculty in 1957, was named Distinguished University Professor by the Ouachita Board of Trustees upon his retirement in 1996. The William Francis McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center was also named in his honor.

"There is no way to measure how much impact Dr. McBeth has had on Ouachita's music program over the years," said Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of Ouachita's School of Fine Arts.

President Emeritus Daniel Grant, who served as president of Ouachita from 1970 to 1988, recalled, "On becoming president of Ouachita Baptist University in 1970, I soon learned that W. Francis McBeth qualified as every university president's distinguished 'dream professor.' Everyone sang his praises - students, faculty, administrators, custodians, community leaders and professional peers literally around the world!"

McBeth, who began playing trumpet in the second grade, earned degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Texas and also studied at the Eastman School of Music. He served from 1954-56 with the 101st Airborne Band at Fort Jackson, S.C., and the 98th Army Band at Fort Rucker, Ala. One of the most prolific composers of wind band music in the 20th century, he was a past president of the American Bandmasters Association. His "Double Pyramid Balance System" is a widely used pedagogical tool in the concert band world.

During a musical tribute titled "The Creative World of Francis McBeth," presented on the Ouachita campus in conjunction with his retirement, McBeth was invited to conduct several of his compositions as part of the two-night concert, including "Caccia, Opus 62," "The Dream Catcher, Opus 86" and "The Gathering of the Waters, Opus 76."

In a 2003 interview with Jim Newsom, McBeth said that "Through the Countless Halls of Air," a piece commissioned by and dedicated to the U.S. Air Force Band, best defined his work. "I just think it's the best piece I've ever done," he noted.

Reflecting on his musical legacy, McBeth told Newsom that his fondest desire was for his fellow musicians, students and music lovers everywhere to say of him, "I liked his music!"

"That's your whole lifetime's work. You want it accepted more than you want yourself accepted," McBeth explained. "The work is much more important - especially when you've spent your whole life just doing that."

// BY TRENNIS HENDERSON

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MEMORIES// On the home work desk of the late Dr. McBeth sits coffee mugs, family portraits and work notes. McBeth's legacy lives on due to his unwavering devotion to his work. "The work is much more important - especially when you've spent your whole life just doing that," McBeth said.

MUSIC// Antique piano from the home of late Dr. McBeth. Dr. Charles Wright, professor emeritus of music, said at the time of McBeth's retirement, "He has meant a great deal to Ouachita and the field of music, generally."

NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO



CAVE// McBeth's hunting and game room in his Arkadelphia home. "Although a celebrity, he was very accessible to students, colleagues, audiences and friends," said University Chancellor Ben Elrad. "His life was well-lived and made great contributions to all."



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

CONDUCT// Dr. McBeth conducts a class during his time teaching at Ouachita. Outside his conducting career on campus, he also served as a conductor throughout Europe as well as Australia, Canada and Japan.



MARIE LINDAHL PHOTO

CRAFTY// Students work on a project in Public School Arts and Crafts. Students from all majors were able to take the course.

making a creative presence

Even though Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Visual Arts was tucked away on the second floor of Moses-Pravine, a building at the farthest corner of campus, the presence of its professors and students was well known. With frequent student galleries, faculty exhibits and special guest presentations, the department stood out as a unique branch of the university.

"My overall first impression of the art department is that I'm pretty impressed with the talent of work that has come out of here," said Ferris Williams, assistant professor of visual arts who joined the faculty in August of 2011. "Just having the facilities and the space and room to work with is nice. I'm also impressed with the ability of students and the energy of faculty that I'm coming in with."

This year alone the visual arts department hosted a variety of guests artists in the Hammons Gallery in Mabee Fine Arts Center including Laura Terry, Dennis McCann, Josh Pickens and Barb and Jim Larkin.

The past and present students of the visual arts department also took part in displaying their work. The Hammons Gallery hosted a month-long Alumni Exhibition in the fall, and the spring semester brought student art shows presented by graphic design and studio art majors.

"The primary purpose of having displays of art work on campus is to provide the Ouachita community with first-rate experiences with living artists and artwork," said Donnie Copeland, assistant professor of visual arts. "Art is an important component to many people and cultures around the world, and having art on campus is an important component in meeting our goal as a university of graduating students

who live and think globally."

The year included field trips to neighboring studios and museums, and demonstrations in print making and pastel workshops. "It is greatly important that our visual arts students have the opportunity to gain from the perspective and example of these working and successful artists as our students work to moving forward with their own artistic pursuits," said Copeland.

While students in visual arts displayed their talents through a variety of artistic pieces, students in theatre arts brought their talent to the stage.

Productions included "Eurydice," "Under Milkwood," and the children's theatre production of "Schoalhouse Rock." Students were also involved in "The Drowsy Chaperon" and Festival of Christmas.

"Eurydice was one of my first college acting opportunities," said Blaine Surber, a freshman theater arts major from Sulphur Springs, Texas. "It was a learning experience that I am forever thankful for.

Before the students took the stage, the foundation for their knowledge of theatre began in the classroom. Classes from Acting Workshop and Scene Design to Theatre History provided an education in all aspects of theatre.

Students showed their skills in theatre from acting and directing to set design and sound through the popular One-Acts.

"Participating in the One-Acts allowed me to be more involved in a major other than my own. It's a great way to dive into the arts, and I would recommend anyone who appreciates theater arts to participate," said Breanne Goodrum, a junior mass communications major from Fort Smith.

// BY JORDAN CAMPBELL

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DISPLAY// A "Tape on the Wall" piece by a student in Summer Bruch's Design I class. These projects were displayed in the stairwells of Moses-Provine.

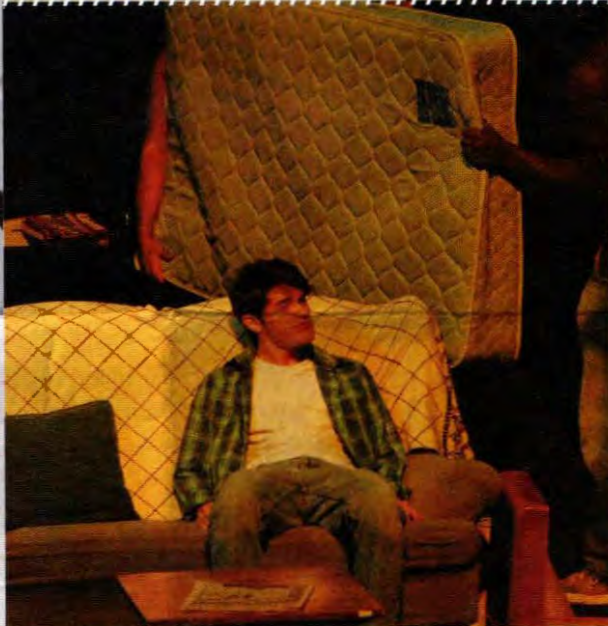


KRISTEN MALKIN PHOTO



LESSONS// Dennis McCann teaches a pastel basics class. In addition to his guest lecture, McCann's exhibit, *Landscapes*, was an display in Mabee Fine Arts Center.

TEACH// Sophomore Garret Whitehead awaits a set change during his One-Act performance. One-Acts were directed by senior theatre majors to fulfill their direction class requirements.



MARIE LINDAHL PHOTO

EXHIBIT// Students attend the reception for *Landscape*, an exhibit by Laura Terry and Dennis McCann. The exhibit was an display during November and December.



PRACTICE// Freshman Allison Smith practices a piece for Concert Choir. The Concert Choir's spring concert was performed in Latin.



TYLER ROSENTHAL PHOTO

music around the clock

as one of the more challenging academic areas on campus, a student who pursued a degree in the Division of Music did so with the knowledge of its demanding schedule, which included the usual classes, stacked together with rehearsals, lessons, and practice sessions on the student's own time.

All of this hard work was not for work's own sake, however. The Division of Music presented an array of different shows and productions to give the students a chance to put their hard work into practice. While not all shows were required, most would say they enjoyed the experience, regardless of requirement. In the fall, opera students presented "The Magic Flute." Usually presented in the language the opera was written in, this year's opera was presented in English. The end of the fall saw the annual Festival of Christmas, which brought together the entire School of Fine Arts.

"Not many undergrads can say that they were given the opportunity to take on the lead of one of Mozart's most popular works," said Xavier Lagunas, a senior musical theater major from Arlington, Texas. "It was challenging but most definitely worth the experience. Although it would have been exemplary to perform it in the original language, it was still an amazing experience."

The spring semester brought in the production of the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone," the annual Shambarger competition for vocalists, and the annual spring show from Ouachita Sounds and Tiger Blast. Ouachita Singers had a busy semester, with a

tour to Texas to represent the university and the chance to sing Beethoven's Ninth with the Arkansas Symphony in Little Rock, along with 400 other Arkansas college students.

"Getting to be a part of a group of 400 college students singing one of the most famous works of all time was an irreplaceable experience. It was really exciting to get to meet students from all across Arkansas who shared the same passion for music," said Amanda Nitcher, a sophomore music education major from McKinney, Texas. "I'm thankful for the opportunity of being directed by the world-renown conductor Philip Mann. I will always remember the performances at the Robinson Center."

Instrumental ensembles from jazz and percussion to saxophone and handbells provided a variety of concerts for the campus community. The wind ensemble also performed in high schools and churches. The spring semester ended with the Prism Band Concert and the annual Composers' Symposium.

"The music faculty at Ouachita expect a high level of commitment and excellence from their students, allowing them to learn how to become masters of their craft," said Dr. Gary Gerber, Chair of the Division of Music. "The music faculty is committed to seeing their students succeed in their endeavor of a music career."

A sense of passion drove the students who pursued a music degree, taking all of the stress, worry, and time commitments and turning them into something of which the students could be proud.

// BY JAKE COFFMAN

TYLER ROSENTHAL PHOTO



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO



SING// The Concert Choir performs its Spring Concert. The choir was under the direction of Dr. Gary Gerber.



TYLER ROSENTHAL PHOTO

SOUL// Senior Jeremy Prine and sophomore Brooks Burleson practice during a Jazz band rehearsal. The Jazz Band performed several concerts throughout the year.

DANCE// Devon Melear works on technique in a jazz dance class. Students were introduced to the basics moves and techniques of jazz.



TYLER ROSENTHAL PHOTO

PLAY// Junior Bradley Lindsey practices a piece on his Bari Saxophone. Lindsey was a member of the Jazz Band.



SAFETY FIRST// Mrs. Sally Dann talks to students in her Health and Safety class. The class dealt with issues of health, along with measures to take in preventing injury and illness.

BLAKE BRYANT PHOTO



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EDUCATE// Seniors Hope Freel and Miranda Lytle, sophomore Margan Asbill, and freshman Rebecca Sanchez listen during Health and Safety. Health and Safety was a required course for all education majors, which substituted for the Wellness requirement in the CORE curriculum.

TOGETHER// Sophomore Natalie Way works on a group project in an early childhood education course. Early childhood education majors learned skills to develop creative and productive classrooms

BLAKE BRYANT PHOTO



STRETCH// A student does yoga in Methods of Aerobics and Rhythm. The course taught students the skills and techniques of various sports and activities.



TEAM WORK// Junior Sean Nance talks to a group of education students. Education classes often focused on group projects, which helped the students develop teaching strategies.



JASON PULLANO PHOTO

in the classroom connecting

It was a Friday morning," said Natalie, "one student, Loinee, was absent. She came in about two hours later with a huge smile on her face. She gave me a huge hug as if I hadn't seen her in a week. She handed me an envelope with a note inside. It said 'I love you! Thank you for working hard in my classroom. Love, Laine.' It was the exact encouragement I needed."

Natalie Holmes, a senior early childhood education major from Richardson, Texas, was one of 27 student teachers during the spring semester.

"Student teaching is a wonderful glimpse in the reality of teaching," said Holmes. "The students are a wonderful encouragement to me. They continually challenge me to work harder because I know they will reap the benefits of the effort I give."

In the Huckabee School of Education, the professors strive to encourage their students academically, socially and emotionally. "You can't use a cookie cutter application," said Carrie Sharp, instructor of education. "Every student is different and has different needs."

Whether through public school observation or student teaching, each class provides an element of field experience.

"The classes that I have taken at Ouachita have prepared me for a variety of subjects and developmental areas," said Holmes.

"Each semester," said Dr. Meribeth Bruning, Dean of the Huckabee School of Education, "the Freshman Seminar in Education class goes to Little Rock to the State Capitol building and to the Clinton Library so that the students are able to see the connection between government and education."

The school of education selected four students to go to England and Ireland in May. Kathy Collins, instructor of education, led the trip. The students attended Liverpool Hope University to study the British Education system and consider the impact of culture on education.

The Huckabee School of Education sponsored a

Scholastic book fair with the Education Honorary, Kappa Delta Pi, in the fall. The proceeds went to the student library and resource areas. Alumna and Benton Middle School Principal Sue Shults gave a motivational presentation for education majors.

The school of education has grown this year, adding Rachel Pool, instructor of education, to the faculty. Also, the school received a grant from the Clinton Family Foundation. This allowed them to remodel and dedicate the Dr. Paul and Mary Root Education Seminar Room.

The Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Department emphasized teaching, fitness and recreation. The department plans to add two new majors: Rec and Sports Ministry and Pre-Professional, which takes over the role of Athletic Training.

"My philosophy is a person has to get out of the classroom and experience a so called 'classroom without walls,'" said Dr. Mike Reynolds, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies.

Field Experience students worked 60 hours in the field, whether it was at health clubs, schools, or physical therapy facilities. Dr. Reynolds organized the Special Olympics Basketball Day in February, with most of the School of Education volunteering at the event. Over 300 people with disabilities gathered in Bill Vining Arena for an afternoon of basketball-related activities.

"I have a saying," said Reynolds, "'moving forward in all directions,'" a goal The Huckabee School of Education sought to accomplish.

"One thing that we emphasize in our department is that teaching is a calling," Sharp said.

The School of Education commissions men and women who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others.

"I have received insight and advice from various teachers through this experience," Holmes said. "Each student has a story to tell that deserves a happy ending."

// BY EMILY COLES

POETRY// Alumni Greg Browndeville presents poetry from his published anthology, "Gust." The reading was organized by the English Department.



TANNER HUFFMAN PHOTO

The Rogers Department of Communications underwent exciting changes as it made the transition from 22 years in Mabee Fine Arts Center to Lile Hall. From packing books to acquiring new technology, the department took measures to ensure a better learning atmosphere and experience for communications students. With the second largest major on campus, a bigger area was needed.

"We've spent a lot of time this year making decisions about the move and how that will help our department. We're excited because we think it will not only provide a better place for our students to learn, but it will be great in recruiting new students to our program," said Dr. Deborah Root, chair and professor of communications.

Despite the large number of majors, students were not short-changed of a personalized, practical experience. With the ability to work on the yearbook, newspaper, photo lab, video or news bureau, students had the opportunity to integrate the knowledge they gained from classes with real world experience. Another way students gained a real-world experience was through the AD-PR Campaigns class taught by Rebecca Jones. The campaigns class partnered with the American Cancer Society to formulate an advertising and marketing plan to target college students.

"I am always amazed and always surprised at the creativity that the students apply to the campaigns projects. I'm just excited to see what they come up with. They've been very collaborative and working very well together and they seem to really have

taken hold of the idea that they can make a difference with this," said Jones.

Students in the school of humanities excelled in and out of the classroom. Senior English and mass communications major Jady Persson received the Carol Gay Award for the Children's Literature Association. This highly recognizable award sought out the best undergraduate paper in regard to children's literature. "I submitted a research paper on 'To Kill a Mockingbird' that I had written last semester for my Literary Criticism class, which is an English class," says Persson. She explained that the communications department has helped her write "clearly and concisely." Seven English majors presented original work at the Sigma Tau Delta international English honor society's notional convention in New Orleans. The students were able to receive feedback from students and professors concerning their work.

The modern foreign languages department began a year of transition as three professors planned retirements and French and Russian began to be phased out as majors. Despite the curriculum changes, students were still able to receive CORE credit in Spanish, French, Russian, German, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Japanese. "While we will only maintain Spanish as a major, the students have a wide menu from which to pursue their foreign language credit," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities. "We are fortunate to have several professors on campus with a diverse background in languages."

// BY KRISTIN BARNARD



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BEGAN HALL PHOTO



ANNALEESE CLARK PHOTO

LAW// Professor Dave Ozmun lectures to his Communication Law class. The course taught students the basics of First Amendment law, concentrating on legal issues that may arise in the communications field.



KATHRYN KELLY PHOTO

DISPLAY// Senior Leah Garavelli, junior Nicole McPhate and senior Tanner Huffman work the communications department booth during Octigerfest. Each academic department set up booths to display current work for visitors and alumni.

SCOPE// Seniors Andrew Sweatman and Emily Davis work to complete the SCOPE literary magazine. SCOPE was published each year by the English department to sell during Scholar's Day festivities.

DESIGN// Sophomore Brittany Nolan designs a story package in Dr. Deborah Root's Publication Design class. The class taught students the rules of design for various aspects of newspaper.



MARIE LINDAHL PHOTO

DECIPHER// Junior Emory Clayborn and sophomore Kara Reynolds study for a phonetics test. According to Clayborn learning phonetics was like learning a completely different language.

opening new doors for research

A grant received by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Sciences Education Alliance allowed the School of Natural Sciences to provide more research opportunities for students.

Ouachita, the only Arkansas institution invited to participate, allowed 25 students to isolate a bacteriophage from soil bacteria. Funding also allowed one of these phages to be sent for DNA sequencing.

"This program enables us to move that [research] experience to the freshman year," said Dr. Tim Knight, Patterson Professor of Biology and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. "This is not only good for our freshmen, but will significantly impact the quality of research that those freshmen will be capable of as upperclassmen."

The Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) conference, held in Fayetteville, allowed students from 23 colleges and five states to present their research in the fields of biology, chemistry and physics. Senior biology major Mikki Gaines won first place for her research concerning ajulemic acid and its effects on osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. Senior chemistry major Tanner Simon won third place for his research on pharmaceutical drug effectiveness.

Dr. Joe Jeffers, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, said the INBRE Conference was "a good opportunity for our students to be able to present research they did."

Secondary mathematics education majors Audrey Craven, Jordan Neal, Tyler Posey, T.C. Squires, and Rebecca Wright travelled in October to St. Louis with Mr. Darin Buscher for the Nation Council of Teachers of

Mathematics regional conference. The conference focused on the use of technology in classrooms. In February, the Arkansas Undergraduate Mathematics Competition allowed students to participate in a mathematics competition at Hendrix College.

Students also participated in programs outside of Ouachita during the summer. John Gomez, a senior biology, chemistry and English triple major, participated in the German Academic Exchange Service's Research Internships in Science and Technology. J.K. Slyby, a senior computer science, math and music triple major, took part in the Secure Information Systems Mentoring and Training program. Elisee Habimano, a senior computer science and software engineering double major, took part in the Data Sciences Summer Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Speech Communication Disorders students continued to provide clinical services as part of their training program. Their clients ranged from age 18 months to 80 years, with disorders from language delay to autism and aphasia. Six students and two professors attended the American Speech/Language Hearing Association Convention in San Diego.

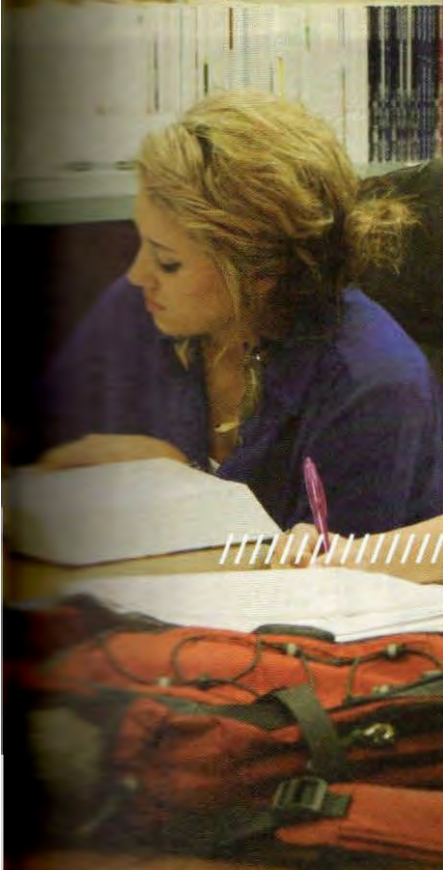
Dietetics students provided nutrition education programs to community groups including Perritt Primary, Head Start and the Boys and Girls Club. Students gained practical experience by shadowing at Baptist Medical Center-Arkadelphia and volunteering at Wednesday evening dinners at First Baptist Church. The program saw its largest graduating class, with students earning graduate internships at universities including UAMS and UCA.

// BY RACHEL GILMER

SPEECHIE// Senior Shannon Benning studies in a communication disorders class. Communication disorder classes taught students about speech development in children and adults.

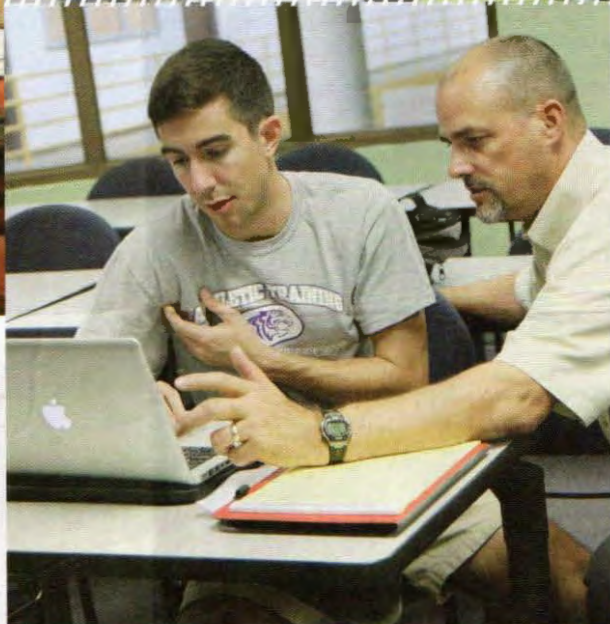


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LAB// Junior Marcus Schlesinger works on a lab during chemistry. This course introduced students into the basic field of chemistry and consisted of a lecture class and a lab.

COLLABORATE// Junior Gillis Jones works with Dr. Terry DeWitt in an athletic training class. Professor and student collaboration was a key aspect of Ouachita life.



HEATHER ELLIS PHOTO

DIETETICS// Seniors Lauren Wholey and Katelyn Smith work in the nutrition lab. Nutrition classes taught students about the different food groups and various nutrition topics.



POLICY// Senior Beau Martin sits in on a round table discussion in the Public Administration course. This seminar course studied the theory and behavior of bureaucracies, focusing on the government's administration of public policy.



ANNALISE CLARK PHOTO

Ready to historical roots

the W. H. Sutton School of Social Sciences welcomed a new dean, Dr. Randall Wight. Due to Wight's promotion to dean and the upcoming retirement of Dr. Richard Mills, chair of sociology, the psychology and sociology departments were busy with faculty searches for the fall semester.

In addition to serving as dean, Wight spent time in the classroom, including teaching Senior Seminar for majors in the school. "We got the opportunity to take what we know about our disciplines and apply them to different areas. It's the kind of class that brings things together," Wight said.

Throughout the semester-long class, Wight wove elements of David Foster Wallace, J. W. Conger and The Phantom Tollbooth, a children's book, together to help.

"I thought coming back to Wallace and Conger together gave us a touchstone for who we are compared to Ouachita's historical roots," said Wight. "It [The Phantom Tollbooth] manages to give you a sense of knowledge and numbers and words."

Social sciences students were busy in and out of the classroom. Each April faculty and students alike join together to participate in Scholar's Day. Students in the history and political science departments presented mostly papers, while sociology and psychology students primarily presented posters.

Students also had the opportunity to take a class titled Model

UN. The students were assigned a particular country and they represented it at a national conference in Washington, D.C.

Students gained practical experience and insight into their chosen professions through research conducted through classes and with faculty who shared common research interests. Dr. Guyla Davis researches different aspects of aging. She conducted a study on retirement and was assisted by seniors Whitley Berry and Taylor Bartel.

"I helped code data for a retirement study she was doing along with help on a study about body images," said Berry, senior psychology major. "Research was one of my favorite parts of my undergraduate experience."

Dr. Chris Lang's research deals with brands and how people react to them differently. "He challenged us to think creatively and outside the box," said Judith Brizuela, junior psychology and business management major.

Brizuela believes the experience taught her a lot about time management and dealing with the unexpected. Even with its challenges, she recommends that students take part in the research opportunities available to them.

"It will obviously require effort and dedication, but in the end, it will prove to be a gratifying experience," Brizuela said.

// BY JESSICA WASMUND

BREANNE GOODRUM PHOTO



JASON PULLANO PHOTO



HISTORY// Students listen and take notes during US History. US History offered students a survey of the development of American economic, cultural, and political institutions.

SOCIOLOGY// Junior Lacey Brooks listens during a sociology class. Students were introduced to the systematic study of society.



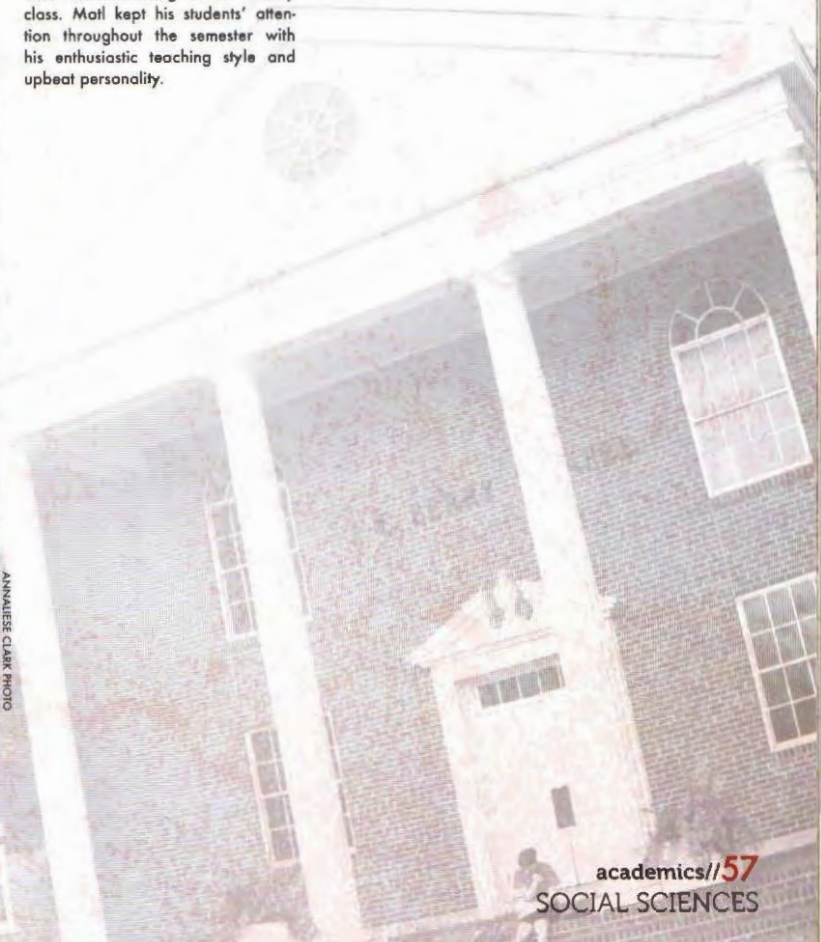
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ANNALISE CLARK PHOTO

PASSIONATE// Dr. Kevin Matl lectures during his US History class. Matl kept his students' attention throughout the semester with his enthusiastic teaching style and upbeat personality.

POLITICS// Junior Stacy Beck takes notes during a political science class. Students focused on individual, collective, and institutional political behavior.



COSTA// Senior Aaron Butler, sophomores Logan Webb, Justin Young and Mason Wadley, and senior Trevor Huxham pose during their trip to Costa Rica. The summer study session gave students the opportunity to fulfill their foreign language credit requirements.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY SHARP



VALLEY// Sophomore Courtney Sharp stands before a mountain valley in Austria. Students in Austria studied at Salzburg College.

BOOTH// Senior Jacob Lively peeks from a phone booth during the 2011 European Study Tour. The summer tour was led by Dr. Raouf Haloby and allowed students to earn credits toward CORE Fine Art requirements.

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EDINBURGH// Junior Shelby Briley stands before a cathedral in Edinburgh. Briley visited Edinburgh during her semester studying in Scotland.



GREECE// Senior Laura Sykes stands cliffside in Lindos, Greece. Sykes traveled to Greece during her semester studies at Liverpool Hope University.



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a global community preparing

Looking at the world from a different perspective was one of the benefits of studying abroad. The Grant Center for International Education provided study abroad opportunities in 14 countries, in addition to the European Study Tour and Hands On study program.

During the past year, 52 students studied abroad. Their destinations included Costa Rica, England, France, Austria, Scotland, Indonesia and a new partnership in Urbana, Italy. "Our new program in Italy will provide our voice majors with an opportunity to hone their linguistic and cultural skills and provide them with a full immersion in experience in the heartland of opera," said Rene Zimny, assistant director of the Grant Center for International Education.

In the summer, nine students studied in Costa Rica, where they could earn up to six credits in the Spanish language. Aaron Butler, a senior Spanish and education major from Little Rock, describes his experience: "When I first got there it was all Greek to me. By the time I left, my Spanish was pretty bueno and I was more bronze than a third place medal."

Kathryn Kelly studied at Liverpool Hope University for the spring of 2011. "Not only did I grow as a person and become independent, I was able to travel Europe and have a once in a lifetime experience," she said.

Rebekah Poyner, a junior art major from Aubrey, Texas, chose to study at Slazburg College in Austria. "I have

learned so much about painting and learning a completely different way to approach things has helped a lot. I've been able to see how other people view the world," she said. "I had no idea what a big deal America is until I came here and it has given me a feeling of thankfulness to have grown up in such a country. I get to see situations from different points of view."

Living in another country and with a host mom also taught Poyner to become more independent. "I am more independent since I have been the only one from OBU here. I have left the OBU bubble and have been living in a secular world, which has taught me more than I could have ever thought. It is definitely not easy leaving the bubble of OBU, but it has helped me to grow up and trust in the Lord every moment of every day," she said. "I have a better view of how the world is hurting, something you do not always notice at OBU."

Zimny echoed the value of studying abroad. "Students of the 21st century are all members of the global community," said Zimny. "It is no longer optional, but imperative, that the modern college graduate be a person who is comfortable and competent when crossing international boundaries. The journey toward becoming a global citizen often starts with a challenging study-abroad experience."

In addition to Ouachita students studying abroad, 43 students from 23 countries called Ouachita home during the year.

// BY ADAM WEBB

THESIS// Senior Jesse Pruett presents his honor's thesis titled "The Year of Jubilee is at Hand: A Call for Social Justice." Carl Goodson Honors Program seniors were required to present a research thesis as part of Scholar's Day.



HEATHER FRANCIS PHOTO

to celebrate academics

Spectator sports are huge in our country. Basketball, baseball and especially football can draw in a crowd on any level of competition. The Alpha Tau Honors Society and the Carl Goodson Honors Program gave academics its own day to shine where student scholars could receive a similar attention. On Wednesday, April 25, from 1:30-5:30 p.m., Scholar's Day gave students and faculty the opportunity to appreciate the artistic and academic endeavors of its contributors through a campus-wide event.

"This is our day to celebrate academics," said Dr. Barbara Pemberton, director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program, which sponsored the event. "We have a lot of events that celebrate other things, but this is our chance to applaud students in every discipline who have done well and worked hard. What I like about it is that it gives students from different fields an opportunity to go see what other people do."

Scholar's Day was first held in 2001, organized by Dr. Tim Knight, professor of biology, and Dr. Joe Jeffers, professor of chemistry and dean of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences, to share the projects of summer research students with the campus. Over the past 12 years, the event has grown to include more than 120 presentations and now includes senior thesis presentations, poster presentations of experiments and research, music recitals,

theatre presentations and a juried art show.

Scholar's Day kicked off at 1 p.m. on the main plaza with the induction of new members into Alpha Chi Honors Society, juniors and seniors in the top ten percent of their class. Poster presentations and honors theses presentations followed, then individual presentations, music recitals and theatre presentations.

"It is an amazing feeling when your professor comes to hear your research and gives you a pat on the back," said Abby Dekle, a senior biology major from Sachse, Texas.

The juried art exhibit was on display through Thursday, April 26. Stephanie Chontos, a sophomore graphic design major from Wylie, Texas, earned Best of Show honors for her acrylic painting "Picadillo." Tanner Huffman, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from Wynne, Ark., earned second place for his monoprint "Twilight," and Kelly Boggus, a senior Christian studies/Christian missions major from Harrison, Ark., earned third place for her monoprint "Dying in the Sun."

"As a faculty, we are so proud of everyone who gives a presentation at Scholar's Day," Pemberton said. "When we say this is campus-wide, we mean everybody, students and faculty coming to support their own. That's what Scholar's Day, and Ouachita, are about."

// BY NOAH HUTCHINSON & NICCI FILLINGER

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HEATHER FRANCIS PHOTO



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SUPPORT// Faculty and students listen as senior Kimberly Carlton presents her senior thesis. A psychology major from Johannesburg, South Africa, Carlton presented on "Function, Fulfillment and Chaos in the Meta-Nature of Scripture."

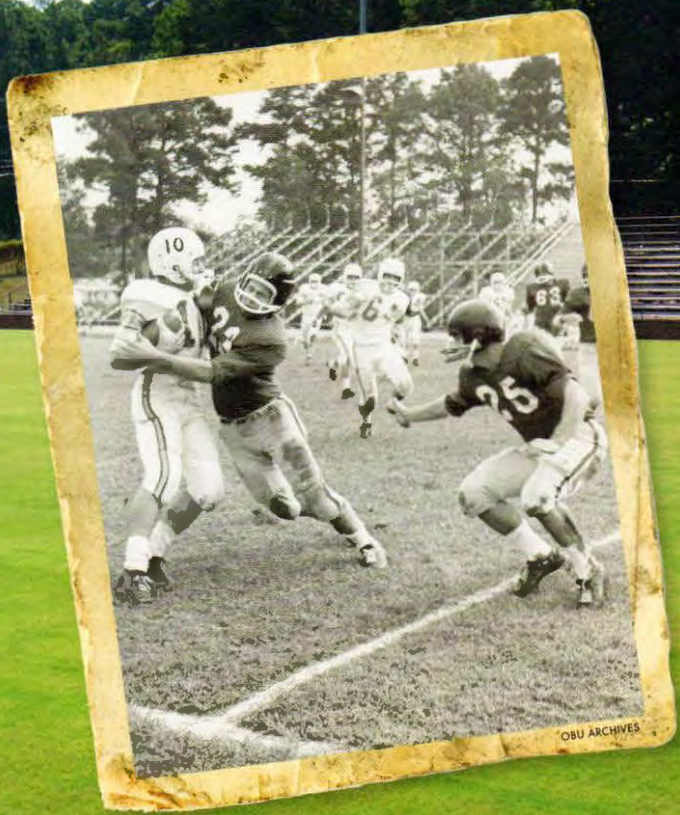
POSTER// Junior Alex Lomax presents her poster on the effects of Ajulemic Acid. Lomax conducted her research under the supervision of Mrs. Amy Eubanks and Dr. Lori Hensley.

STAGED// Seniors Grace Johnson and Xavier Lagunas present a dramatic scene as part of the acting class presentations on Scholar's Day. Johnson and Lagunas were musical theatre majors.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

ALPHA CHI// Dr. Amy Sonheim addresses guests at the Alpha Chi Inductions to kick off Scholar's Day. Alpha Chi recognized the top ten percent of the junior and senior classes.



From winning the first Battle of the Ravine in 1895 to clinching two inaugural Great American Conference championships, from the 1912 funding of A.U. Williams field to the opening of the state-of-the-art Hatcher Wrestling Complex, from President Hartzog hiring the first professional coaching staff in 1905 to the addition of former NBA player Dennis Nutt as head basketball coach, from tuning in to AM radio for the baseball broadcast to receiving text alerts and live stats via obutigers.com,

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JAMES WOOD PHOTO

SNAP// The Tigers prepare for an offensive snap during the Sept. 10 game against East Central Oklahoma State. The game ended in a 31-18 victory for the Tigers.

history

MAKING

The Tiger football team made history on November 5 when they were victorious in a nail-biter 21-18 win over Southeastern Oklahoma State and were named the inaugural Great American Conference Champions. In their first year playing in the GAC, the Tigers saw high and low points throughout the season to win the first conference championship. Pre-season polls predicted the Tigers to finish third in the conference, but they surpassed these expectations and won their first conference title since 1982.

Thirteen players won GAC honors, and head Coach Todd Knight was named coach of the year. With a 6-1 conference record and 7-3 overall, quarterback Casey Cooper proved he was nothing short of fulfilling the duties as he was named GAC Offensive Player of the Year, with 2,779 yards of total offense and 19 touchdowns. "We knew we had an opportunity to take our program to the next level," Cooper said. "Our commitment level was extremely high thanks to the leadership of our senior class."

The Tiger offense showed explosiveness throughout the entire season, averaging 32.4 points per game and totaling 4,114 yards of total offense. Not only was their offense ranked second overall in the conference, the Tigers also led the conference in turnover margin due to their playmaking successes on defense.

The 17 seniors played a major role in the team's success. Senior tight end Philip Supernaw saw the team's growth over the past four years, and developed a deep passion for Tiger football. "We brought a football team from mediocrity to a championship through hard work, dedication, great



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

CELEBRATE// Defensive backs coach Adam Olson celebrates with his players during the Homecoming game. This season marked Olson's third year with the Tigers. Soccer Club. Because it was an exhibition, the score wasn't kept. players and great coaches," Supernaw said. Supernaw led the team in receiving touchdowns.

Seniors like Travis Anderson, who led the team in receptions with 39, and Taurus Williams, a multiple-year starter and leader on the defensive-line, exemplified their contribution to the team. Terrence Garrett led the team with 91 tackles and also became the all-time leading tackler in Ouachita football history.

The Tigers started off the season with three straight wins over East Central Oklahoma University, Arkansas-Monticello, and Texas A&M Commerce. After two disappointing losses to Delta State and Valdosta State, the Tigers showed why they were a special team by responding and winning four straight games to claim the conference crown.

"This year our team was indescribable, our work ethic was great, and we were all like brothers," said junior linebacker Augustine Ume Ezeoke.

Through the highs and lows of the season, one could not argue the excitement of the entire season and celebrating the team's first conference championship in 29 years.

// BY KATHRYN KELLY

EAST CENT. OK. ST.: 31-18
 UA-MONTICELLO: 38-20
 TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE: 39-33
 DELTA STATE: 14-45
 VALDOSTA STATE: 13-40
 SW OKLAHOMA ST.: 48-38
 SOUTHERN ARK.: 53-43
 HARDING: 31-27
 SE OKLAHOMA ST.: 21-18
 HENDERSON STATE: 36-41
season record: 7-3

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DIRECTION// Junior quarterback Casey Cooper listens for play direction during the Henderson game. Cooper was named the GAC offensive player of the year.



▼ TERRANCE GARRETT & A.J. WILLIAMS



GARET WEST PHOTO

▼ CHRIS RYCRAW



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TUNNEL// The Tigers take the field in their Homecoming match-up against Valdosta State. The Oct. 8 game ended in a 13-40 loss for the Tigers.



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TIGER FOOTBALL// Front Row: A.J. Williams, Clinton DeWitt, Phillip Supernaw, Travis Anderson, Adam Cooper, Terrance Garrett, Jonathan Browning, Tyler Gorge, Waylon Slabach, Quint Ashburn, Matt Sawyer, Roy Richard, Tucker Gilbert, Jacob Raine, Cory Godbolt, Kyle Smith, Taurus Williams; Second Row: Jacob Clark, Chris Rycraw, Casey Cooper, Jamien Neal, Jalen Jones, Jeremy Small, Ty Towers, Jemarkus Harmon, Zack Ruple, Jason Fowler, Marcus Calhoun, Benson Jordan, Terrill McCray; Third Row: Jarrod Flowers, Collin Wood, Justin Jones, Brandon Davis, Antwion Patterson, Steven Kehner, Julian Jackson, John Edwards, Spencer Knight, Travis Simon, Patrick Dukes, Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, Daniel McGee, Zack Mitchell, Dijon Benton; Fourth Row: Ricky Brown, Ezekial Garcia, Devon Cousins, Korey Byrd, Jackson Guerra, Brady Clifton, Dustin Donaldson, Kyle Lamothe, Desmond Shaw, Caleb Ramsey, Landon Freeman, Tyler Robinson; Fifth Row: Ugo Nkalari, Eric Ashburn, Clark Gaddis, Dion Young, Ethan Ramsey, Dennis Stratton, Marquez Massey, Dave Fair, Luke Kimmel; Sixth Row: Hunter Soper, Alex Poole, Joel White, Hal Hoggard, Cory Matlock, Barkley Legens, Michael Rogers, Chris Townsend, Tom Boles, Brian Griffith, Aaron Sprinkle, Brent Calhoun, Seventh Row: Trevor Newton, Mitch Bledsoe, Brandon Stagner, Garrett Sykes, Jake Kraus, D.J. Miller, Drew White, Bonner Chilton, Adam Ragland, Bradley Stamm, Brad Thomas, Eighth Row: Peyton Tolliver, Brett Reece, Shaun Hawkins, Darryl Parker, Adrian Thomas, Sam Dunnam, Justin Waite, Blake Johnson, Matt Maineiro, Ryan Newsom, Khalil Abdulkarim.



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TOP// Sophomore Keena Dixon cheers at a Nov. 21 basketball matchup between the Lady Tigers and Texas A&M Commerce.

MIDDLE// The lady Tiger mascot cheers during the Battle of the Ravine on Nov. 11. The Tigers would fall to the Reddies 41-36 in a heartbreaking loss.

BOTTOM// Junior Stephanie Morse performs her routine before a Sept. 13 football game. The dance team worked with the Cheer Squad and often had solo performances.



STUNT// The Ouachita Spirit Squad competes in the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships held in Orlando, Florida Jan. 13-16. The team placed seventh, the highest in school history.

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MAKING SPIRIT SQUAD history

RECAPPING HISTORY



Proudly wearing purple and white, the Spirit Squads could be found raising Tiger spirit at anytime. The Spirit Squads consisted of two squads, the Cheer Team and the Pam Squad, but they came together to form one unified team. The squads made their season debut in early September, but their hard work and preparation started much earlier.

The Tiger Spirit Squads began their season with a three day clinic in early April that ended with the team try-outs. In late April, the squads met again for their first team practice.

In July the Spirit Squads met in Hot Springs for a three day camp to learn routines, master skills, and bond together as a team. Camp days were filled with intricate new routines, intense conditioning work-outs and silly bonding games. "We counted it up and we learned like 15 new routines in three days," said Heather Ellis, a freshman education major from Texarkana, Texas. "And my arms were so sore from push-ups - I hate push-ups - but it was worth it."

The men and women of the Tiger Spirit Squads reunited in August with an early move-in back to campus. While everyone was glad to have missed the chaos of move in day, an early move-in meant immediate practices to prepare for the upcoming football season. The squads met twice a week to practice routines and perfect various skills. However, team practices consisted of much more than dances and chants. Coach Brian Bridges conditioned his squads with timed mile runs, circuit training, timed sprints and other fitness routines. "The hard part of being on the team is definitely the physicality of it. Just like any other sport we have to work out and train," said Leah Harrington, cheer captain and senior biology major from Hot Springs. "But it's more than that, it's the bruises and broken noses when

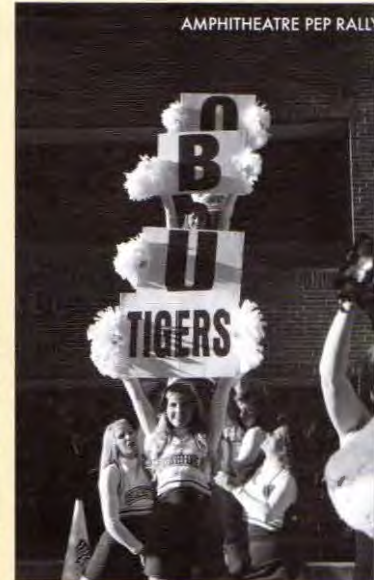


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HOME FOOTBALL GAME



AMPHITHEATRE PEP RALLY

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PERFORMANCE// Sophomore Kristen Bernard and others perform at halftime during a basketball game on November 14th. The Cheer Squad kept the crowd on their feet during half time.



JASON PULLANO PHOTO

stunts fall that make it tough."

The highlight of the Spirit Squad's season came mid-January when the squads traveled to Orlando, Fla., for the cheer team to compete in the UCA National Cheer Team Competition. The squad moved back to campus 10 days early to train hard and prepare for nationals, where they advanced to the finals after their first performance. "They called the teams in random order and only eight teams could make it to finals," Harrington recalls. "I remember hearing the seventh team called and I had already sent a text to my mom saying 'We didn't make it to finals.' It wasn't but 10 seconds after that Ouachita Baptist University was

called as the final team."

The team made history at nationals placing seventh in the nation. This marks the highest any squad in Arkansas has ever placed. "Being nationally ranked is an honor we worked very hard for. Our team honestly stepped it up and proved that we deserved to be in the top with the best of the best," said Rod Arnold, a senior education major from Texarkana, Texas.

"Nothing beats the time spent together as a team," says Arnold. "I will miss the bonding that we as a team had through pep rollies, games and bus rides. You form a small family and I will miss them."

// BY ALY SMITH

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SPIRIT SQUADS// Front Row: Heather Ellis, Casey Knight, Molly-Ann Turner, Kayleigh Darlin, Libby Harrington, Stephanie Morse, Aly Smith; Second Row: Taylor Skinner, Keena Dickey, Crista Carile, Ashleigh Canada, Ashley Bell, Kristen Bernard, Paige Onyuru, Elizabeth White, Mallory Burroughs, Kaylae Barnett; Back Row: Natalie Way, Leah Harrington, Rod Arnold, Caleb Stephens, Brad Hunter-Heird, Charles Tillery, Chandler Tillery, Carrington Tillery, Caiti Sturell

CHRIS HOGAN ▼



NICOLE ARCHAMBAULT PHOTO

THE TIGER BAND ▼



JAMES WOOD PHOTO

QUEEN// Sophomores Ryan Hess and Breni Nessler, and senior Alex Goff play "We are the Champions" during the halftime homecoming performance. The set included five Queen numbers.



RALLY// Marching Band students play at a pep rally in the amphitheater. The band led pep rallies as part of their goal to boost school spirit.



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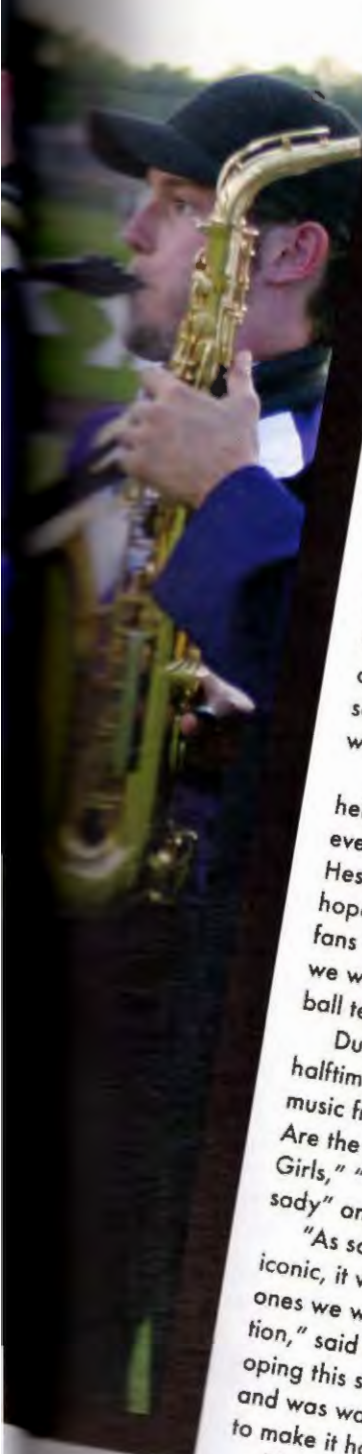


ELECTRIC// Rocking the new marching band uniform, Senior Cory Epps plays the electric guitar during the halftime performance for the Battle of the Ravine game. Director Robert Hesse said the uniforms made the band feel more connected to the "Ouachita look."

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MUSIC, ENERGY,

Spirit



SOLO// Senior Andrew McCraw plays a trombone solo during "Somebody to Love." This was McCraw's fourth and final year in the Tiger Marching Band.

The Tiger Marching Band used their skills and energy to boost school spirit among students. The marching band was devoted entirely to supporting the football team as it went on to win the Great American Conference Championship. Their first priority was to the school, and, without them, campus would have been lacking in spirit.

"One of our main functions is to help support and promote any athletic event no matter what," said Robert Hesse, director of athletic bands. "We hope we have helped entertain the fans who have come to the event, and we were extremely happy for the football team to be so successful this fall."

During football games, the band's halftime performance featured the music from Queen, and included "We Are the Champions," "Fat Bottomed Girls," "Bicycle," "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Somebody to Love."

"As so many of Queen's songs are iconic, it was hard to decide on which ones we would put into our production," said Hesse. "I have been developing this show for about 10 years and was waiting until the right moment to make it happen."

The marching band was a place

for students of all majors and backgrounds to join in bringing spirit to campus. "I have been embraced into a big family, full of great people with the same love I have for music," said drum major Elyse Senteney, a junior instrumental education major from Plano, Texas.

Students in the band were able to connect with others they may not have had the chance to meet otherwise. They could get things done while not feeling too stressed.

"Marching band provides the opportunity to support the school in various ways while still being a part of something enjoyable for those involved," said Anna English, a sophomore English major from Coppell, Texas. "With the way Mr. Hesse runs rehearsal, we are able to have fun while staying focused and getting work done."

New uniforms allowed the band to feel more connected to the "Ouachita look," according to Hesse. "It was past time to replace the old uniforms and we were very excited that we had so many people willing to help us get new uniforms," said Hesse. "We feel more connected to OBU now with our school colors and even our Tiger logo on the uniform."

There is a level of dedication that repeatedly goes unnoticed, but the marching band regularly exceeds expectations by showing their talent to members of the university.

"Our goal is to be better musicians, better entertainers and better ambassadors each year," said Hesse. "I am pleased that we are continuing this great tradition at OBU and look forward to doing the same in the future."

// BY MAURI SPARKS



JOHN SANDERS

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HOMECOMING, 10/8/11

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TWIRLING// Freshman major-ette Ashley Pinales performs during halftime of the Battle of the Ravine. The Tiger Band had a halftime performance at each home football game.



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TOP// Senior Libby Harrington spikes the ball against Arkansas-Monticello. The lady Tigers won the match 3-0.

MIDDLE// Freshman Chelsey Hess digs for the ball in a game against East Central Oklahoma. Hess, a defensive specialist, hails from Conway, Arkansas.

BOTTOM// Freshman Savannah White serves the ball in the first home game of the season. Ballad, from Grand Prairie, Texas, played middle/right side for the Lady Tigers.



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SALUTE// The Lady Tigers salute for the National Anthem during the Sept. 13 game against Arkansas Tech. The match ended in a 1-3 loss for the Tigers.

PLAYING FOR EACH

other

RECAPPING HISTORY



Although the Lady Tigers volleyball team has had its ups and downs, this year's team decided to take a whole new outlook on the game which in turn, led to their successful season.

"We wanted to play for each other," said Allison Frizzell, a junior mathematics major from McKinney, Texas.

"That is the main difference between this year and last year," she said. "We got a new assistant coach, Rebecca Smith, and she really pushed us to compete with each other. She had us pursue that fifth game and taught us to never give up."

The Lady Tigers started the season with the Christian Brothers University Tournament in Memphis, Tenn. They came away with three out of four wins from the Central Baptist College tournament with their only loss coming from West Alabama.

The Lady Tigers played West Alabama taking the match to four games but were unable to close out the win in the end. Frizzell, defensive specialist, was selected for the Central Baptist College Tournament All-Conference Team.

Two volleyball games played this season were against a team right across the street: the Henderson Lady Reddies. The girls walked away victorious in both Battles of the Ravine.

In the last battle, the Reddies came to the Lady Tiger's den, and while they put up a forceful fight and took the match to five games, the Tigers finally pounced when it counted the most and defeated the Reddies in a 3-2 match.

In addition to the Battle of the Ravine, one night that every senior athlete remembers is senior night. The Lady Tigers took down University of Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms and won the match in three games.

Frizzell was named Great American Conference Defensive Volleyball

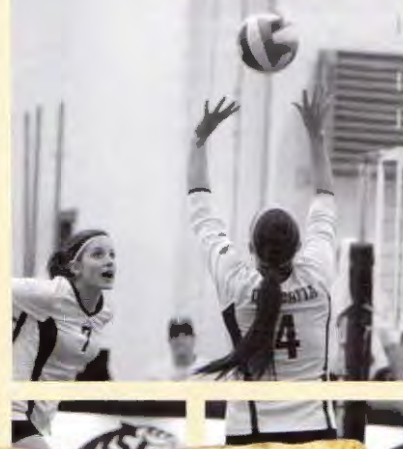
18-13
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LIBBY HARRINGTON, LEXIE HEGI

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ALLISON FRIZZELL



AMERICAN INT'L: 3-0
WEST ALABAMA: 1-3
MONTEVALLO: 3-0
WEST GEORGIA: 3-2
AUSTIN COLLEGE: 3-1
TEXAS COLLEGE: 3-0
HARDIN-SIMMONDS: 2-3
MCMURRY: 2-3
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR: 0-3
UT-TYLER: 3-0
ARKANSAS TECH: 1-3, 0-3
HARDING: 0-3, 3-1
RUST COLLEGE: 3-0
HUNTINGDON: 3-0
HENDRIX: 3-1
WILLIAMS BAPTIST: 0-3
SE OKLAHOMA ST: 0-3, 1-3
HENDERSON STATE: 3-0, 3-2
SW OKLAHOMA ST: 3-2, 3-1
EAST CENTRAL OK: 2-3, 3-1
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS: 2-3, 3-2
ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO: 3-2, 3-0
*EAST CENTRAL: 1-3



HUDDLE// The Lady Tigers huddle up before a Sept. 13 match-up against Arkansas Tech. This was the first home game for the Lady Tigers.

Player of the week for the ninth week of the team's season. The Lady Tigers had never had a player receive this honor.

Lady Tigers were able to make a showing at the Great American post-season tournament. The volleyball team has not made a showing at a conference tournament in five years.

Jillian Jeffcoat, a junior kinesiology major from Frisco, Texas, said it was especially exciting for the team to make it to conference play.

"It was super exciting to be successful enough in the season to make it to the tournament," said Jeffcoat. "My favorite part was that our team pulled together in order to accomplish

our goal and making it to the post season."

Unfortunately, they were unable to overcome East Central University. However the Lady Tigers still attacked the match and came away with two players named to the All-GAC team for 2011 season: Frizzell and Libby Harrington, a senior kinesiology major from Conway. Frizzell was selected as the libero position and Harrington was selected for the second team middle blocker position.

By the end of the Lady Tigers season, they had an 18-13 overall record, and a winning record of 9-7 in the Great American Conference.

// BY ANNALIESE CLARK

WESLEY KLUCK PHOTO



TIGER VOLLEYBALL//

Front Row: Savannah White, Chelsey Hess, Allison Frizzell, Kristyn Hawk, Jillian Jeffcoat, Stephanie Bayne, Lexie Hegi; Back Row: Head Coach Danny Prescott, Keely Hawk, Lauren Perry, Danielle Wells, Julie Stanley, Kelley Ballard, Libby Harrington, Madison Scott, Megan Askew, Kelsi Bodine, Faith Avalos, Assistant Coach Becki Smith



LARA OVERMAN PHOTO

MOVING// Junior Taylor Gay moves the ball upfield in the first exhibition match of the season. Gay, a Little Rock native, scored six goals for the season.

making goals

- HENDRIX COLLEGE: 1-0
- HARDING: 3-0
- TEXAS A&M INTER: 0-1
- NE OKLAHOMA ST: 0-1
- CENTRAL BAPTIST: 4-0
- SW OKLAHOMA ST: 0-1
- EAST CENTRAL OK ST: 2-0
- WEST FLORIDA: 0-1
- ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE: 1-2
- SW OKLAHOMA ST: 1-2
- EAST CENTRAL OK: 0-1
- NE OKLAHOMA ST: 1-2
- CHRISTIAN BROTHERS: 1-0
- DELTA STATE: 0-1
- DALLAS CHRISTIAN: 9-0
- HARDING: 3-0
- *SOUTHWESTERN OK: 1-0
- *EAST CENTRAL: 1-3(PK)

season record: 8-10



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO

JUNIOR LAUREN HATCH ▲



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO

UPFIELD// Freshman Brie Munoz moves the ball upfield in the match against Delta State. Munoz was recognized as Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 27.

The OBU Lady Tigers were a team full of passion, commitment and talent. These qualities were proven by their successful season both on and off the field.

The team consisted of 25 women of all four classifications from all across the country. Early in the season, the Lady Tigers proved to be a strong contender in their conference.

They began their season with victories over Hendrix College and Harding University. The victory over Harding marked the team's first Great American Conference victory. Although the girls fell short against opponents such as Texas A&M International and Northeast Oklahoma State, they picked up consistent wins in conference play to maintain a successful season.

They ended their season with 3-0 victory over Harding, earning them a 7-9 record, including a record of 3-3 in conference play and securing their spot in the conference tournament.

The success of the team heavily relied on the leadership of seniors Whitley Hoppe, Beth Wendl and Miranda Lytle. Before the tournament, Hoppe had earned 41 goals and five shut-outs. Wendl led the team in scoring with 14, followed by Lytle with eight.

In the tournament, the team defeated Southwestern Oklahoma State in the first round, but lost to East Central University in the second round after two overtime periods.

As the tournament closed, the conference released the 2011 GAC All-Tournament team. Ouachita placed three players on the All-Tournament team: Wendl at the forward position, Lytle at the midfield position and Hoppe at the goalkeeper position.



LARA OVERMAN PHOTO

SCORE// Senior Beth Wendl moves in for a steal during the Oct. 23 match against Delta State. Wendl led the team in scoring with 14 goals for the season.

Besides a successful season on the field, the Lady Tigers formed a close bond throughout the season.

"This group of girls is phenomenal," said Lauren Hatch, a junior English major from Mesquite, Texas. "I have never felt like I have more of a family than I do with them."

In their time spent not practicing, the team started a bible study in which they all had the chance to pair up and have prayer partners. "It's encouraging to know that someone is always sending up a prayer for you," said Mary Whisenhunt, a junior speech pathology major from Little Rock.

Being a part of collegiate athletics also had its obstacles. "It's definitely a lot of hard work, but whenever you see goals met it's exciting and encouraging," Whisenhunt said.

For Hatch and Whisenhunt, setting higher goals and seeing progress help keep the program successful. "Next season will be even better because we set the bar high this year," said Hatch. "I'm excited to see what it will bring."

// BY HANNAH BISHOP

▼ FANS AT HOME MATCH AGAINST NE OK STATE



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▼ MARY WHISENHUNT



HEATHER ELIUS PHOTO

HIGH FIVE// Juniors Sarah McKimmey and Carrie Lieblong celebrate during the Aug. 27 exhibition against Carrera Elite Soccer Club. This match was the season opener for the Tigers.



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WESLEY KLUCK PHOTO

WOMEN'S SOCCER//

Front Row: Allison Drobena, Taylor Gay, Alex Patterson, Beth Wendl, Miranda Lytle, Whitley Hoppe, Angel Palacios, Sarah Broyles, Sydney Phillips, Abby Emanuel, Cara Smith; Back Row: Lauren Hatch, Carrie Lieblong, Leah Anderson, Brittany Davidson, Mary Whisenhunt, Morgan Pitchford, Jessica Allen, Brie Munoz, Allison Rupp, Akane Forbess, Megan Clay, Kelsey Frink, Sarah McKimmey.



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TOP// Sophomore Nathan Gay and junior Ben Pettigrew clear the ball from an Arkansas Rush defender. Pettigrew said the juniors had to step up into leadership positions this season.

MIDDLE// Junior Payam Pourjavad looks upfield to pass against Central Baptist College. Pourjavad was selected to the 2011 All-GSC First Team.

BOTTOM// Junior Rizvan Ceka strikes for goal against Arkansas Rush. Ceka was selected to the All-GSC second team.



KRISTEN BERNARD PHOTO

RUSH// Sophomore Nathan Gay moves the ball upfield in an exhibition game against the Arkansas Rush. Gay, a Little Rock Native, started at center back for the Tigers.

A SEASON OF growth

RECAPPING HISTORY



After coming off the success of an 11-6 season, along with having a young team with no seniors, the Tigers set out to prove themselves. By picking up four wins and nearly making the conference tournament, they did just that. The Tigers met many hardships, and through the season they grew into a very close family.

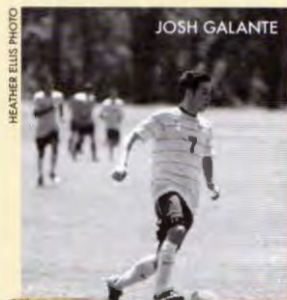
The team was composed of three freshmen, eight sophomores and 12 juniors. Not having any seniors forced the team to look for leadership in new places. According to Ben Pettigrew, a junior history major from Hot Springs, the junior class stepped into a leadership role before the 2010 season was over. "Last year we didn't have many seniors, so the sophomore class kind of started taking leadership then," Pettigrew said. "So really, our growth as a team started last year and carried over this year."

Jared Carlin, a sophomore accounting major from Lubbock, Texas, commented on how the team's age contributed to their chemistry. "Because we are all so close in age it allows our team chemistry to develop," Carlin said. "This also gives younger players the opportunity to be leaders without the obstacle of upsetting the older members of the team."

OBU started the season with a 2-1 victory over Drury, but took a string of losses against Lynn, Northeast Oklahoma, Harding, and Texas A&M International. The Tigers bounced back with a 4-1 victory over Delta State, but met some tough losses in conference play. OBU finished with a second win over Delta State and a crushing 15-0 win over Dallas Christian College. The final game of the season was an extra-time tie against in-state rival, Harding. However, the tie sent the Bison to the GSC tournament over the Tigers.

"It was a tough game to swallow and move on from," said Pettigrew. "The team gave it all and just didn't

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seem to catch a break."

The Tigers however did manage to place two members of the team on the GSC all-conference teams. Payam Pourjavad, a junior physics major from Plano, Texas, was an All-GSC First Team selection, following his 2010 selection to the All-GSC second team. Pourjavad played in 13 games, collecting two goals and four assists for a total of eight points. Rizvan Ceka, a junior business administration major from Coppell, Texas, was chosen as a 2011 All-GSC Second Team selection after leading the Tigers in offensive production. After an All-GSC First Team selection in 2010, Ceka finished the 2011 campaign with 14 starts,

scoring seven goals and collecting four assists for a total of 18 points.

After a long season the team developed a strong band led by the hard work of the junior class.

"We are all defiantly close like most sports teams," said Pettigrew. "I consider them like my immediate family. Like having 22 brothers on the same team."

Although the Tigers finished the season strong, the young team is destined for more success.

"After this difficult season, we will be more prepared and poised to make a run in the national tournament," Carlin said.

// BY BEN CLINE

- DRURY: 2-1
- LYNN: 0-2
- NE OK STATE: 1-6
- HARDING: 1-2
- TEXAS A&M INT: 0-1
- DELTA STATE: 4-1
- CENTRAL BAPTIST: 2-2
- WEST FLORIDA: 0-1
- AL-HUNTSVILLE: 0-1
- NE OK STATE: 1-2
- CHRISTIAN BROS.: 0-1
- DELTA STATE: 5-2
- DALLAS CHRISTIAN: 15-0
- HARDING: 1-1

DEFENSE// Sophomore Taylor Heinsohn, and juniors Payam Pourjavad and J.T Goodrum stop an attack on goal against Christian Brothers. The Tiger defense held Christian Brothers to only one goal.

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DEFENSE// Front Row: Jacob Vickey, Ben Pettigrew, Jared Carlin, Cameron Espy, David Henly, Wayne Smith, Andrew Davis, Jason Cantwell, Taylor Heinsohn, Mat Brockway; Back Row: Jonathon Batres, AJ Bauckman, Nathan Gay, Bry Grass, Daniel Johnson, Connor Burke, Sergiu Postolache, Rizvan Ceka, JT Goodrum, Payam Pourjavad, Clayton Case, Josh Galante.

KACEY MCLEANE ▼

PARISH REED, JOCELYN JONES ▼

STARTING GUN// The Lady Tigers start strong at the Bob Gravette Invitational. The girls finished first in the women's collegiate division, placing Ouachitians in the top four positions.



GADET WEST PHOTO



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2011 CROSS COUNTRY//
Front Row: Kasey McLeane, Leah Whitlow, Jocelyn Jones, Rebekah Ward; Back Row: Parish Reed, Ashley Randels, Johanna Casey, Hannah Diaz, Kelsie Wilson.



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HOME RUN// Sophomore Leah Whitlow gets a second wind at the Bob Gravette Invitational. The event was held on OBU's campus and featured junior high, high school, and collegiate divisions.



DICHIE ONYIAH/NIA NGUYEN

finishing strong



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LEADING// Sophomores Johanna Casey and Leah Whitlow increase their lead on the competition at the Bob Gravette Invitational. Casey finished first with a time of 20:13.87.

Most students would do anything to keep from having to put on 8 a.m. class on their schedules. To the women's cross country team however, 8 a.m. was sleeping in. The Lady Tigers bonded with daily 6:30 a.m. practices and once a week track workouts at the local high school.

While their season may have only lasted from early September through early November, these ladies trained year round, summer months being their most intensive training time.

Evident at the sound of the starting gunshot, the women of the cross country team were set out to leave their competitors in the dust. The Lady Tigers claimed first place and the top four individual times in the inaugural GAC meet, the Harry Denson Memorial, in Monticello.

The team went on to grab another first place finish on home turf at the Bob Gravette Invitational on Sept. 10. Ouachita put runners in spots first through fourth place, and the team walked away with first place. The race not only consisted of women's college level racing, but also hosted junior and senior high boy and girl events.

A highlight of the season was a road trip to Pensacola, Fla. to compete in the Gulf Coast Stampede. The meet consisted of 16 teams coming from a mixture of NCAA Division I and Division II schools.

"Pensacola was my favorite memory of the season," said Ashley Randels, a freshman early childhood education major from Rogers.

The ladies headed back home with nice tans, good food, great memories and a seventh place finish.

The Lady Tigers had a successful season, earning first place at several of their meets and placing runners in the top spots on a regular basis. Hannah Dioz, a freshman history major from West Monroe, La., would credit their success to the unity of the team.

"We had a great team this year," Diaz said. "When you run with people, you talk a lot. After a few of the travel meets everyone bonded really well. Everyone gets along and it's really nice."

The team's shining moment came when they competed in the inaugural Great American Conference Cross Country Championship and placed sixth out of the nine teams that competed, finishing ahead of rival Henderson State University.

The team's lead runner, Johanna Casey, a sophomore kinesiology major from Aurora, Ill., was named to the inaugural GAC All-Conference Cross Country Team.

"It was great to finally see all the hard work pay off," said Casey. "God deserves all the glory though. He is the one who gave me all the strength and discipline to train and He blessed incredibly that race."

// BY ALY SMITH

HARRY DENSON MEMORIAL: 1ST PLACE
BOB GRAVETTE INVITATIONAL: 1ST PLACE
GULF COAST STAMPEDE: 7TH PLACE
CHILLE PEPPER INVITATIONAL: 35TH PLACE

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▲ JOSH EMERY, NICK CRUMP, CRAIG DANIELL



MEGAN YOUNG PHOTO

TOP FINISHER// Freshman Hannah Diaz begins her race in the Bob Gravette Invitational on Sept. 10. Diaz was one of five Ouachitians who finished in the top eight.



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TOP// The Tiger Spirit Squad gets Tiger Nation pumped up at a September Pep rally.

MIDDLE// Senior Steven Harvell shows his Tiger Spirit at the Homecoming game. Harvell could often be picked out of the crowd because of his antics at the games.

BOTTOM// Fans sit on "the hill" overlooking A.U Williams field to cheer on the Tigers. Fans would gather on the hill to get a different view of the game.

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SALUTE// Tiger Nation shows its love for Tiger football at the Battle of the Ravine. Students guarded the Tiger all week in preparation for the game.

ONE TEAM, ONE nation

RECAPPING HISTORY

recapping history



Supporting the athletic events throughout campus and cultivating school spirit, Tiger Nation is the compus-wide organization dedicated to supporting Ouachita athletics through increased promotion, student attendance, and campus engagement.

Tiger Nation began two years ago as an opportunity to further involve students for the purpose of supporting Ouachita athletics and forming a spirit of unity between the school and its athletic programs. Dr. Kevin C. Matl, assistant professor of history, serves as the founder and faculty sponsor of Tiger Nation. Matl explained, "Everyone who cares about Ouachita and Ouachita athletics is already a citizen of Tiger Nation, and hopefully, a proud one!" Unlike typical clubs and organizations, there are no registration fees or sign ups, instead, Tiger Nation is an organization that adopts every proud Ouachitonian, or Ouachita supporter, and provides them with an opportunity to support the school through encouraging the athletic department.

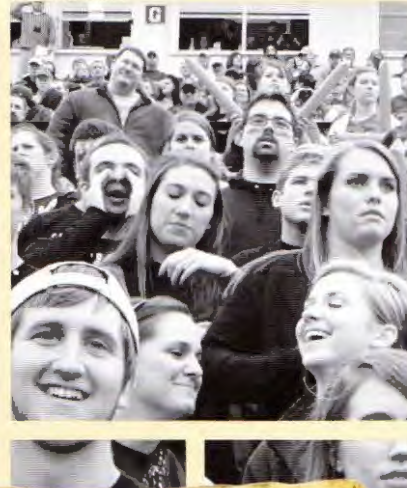
"As of last year, Tiger Nation co-sponsors the Battle of the Ravine Week activities leading up to our annual football matchup with rival Henderson State," said Matl.

Although the week refers to the competition between the two football teams, one of the oldest rivalries in the NCAA, the Battle of the Ravine takes place within a variety of sports, and at each one, Tiger Nation is there in support of their team. Because of Tiger Nation, students are re-energized during the week and motivated by the campus-wide support, and by the faculty sponsor Dr. Matl, encouraging the athletic teams to go one yard farther, one second faster, and one point higher.

Kyle Smith is a senior business management major from Fredericksburg, Va. and, therefore, a member



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DR. KEVIN MOTL



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HUDDLE// The Women of Tri Chi show their support for the Tigers at a September Pep Rally. Social clubs would compete on gameday to have the best tailgate.

of Tiger Nation. Smith revealed that, "Tiger Nation is the primary vehicle of support for Ouachita sport teams, and it allows us to build an atmosphere that encourages athletic success and campus unity." Besides involving students, the organization has the innote result of providing a stronger home court advantage in which Ouachita teams can compete, and succeed in.

Ouachita sponsors 16 Division II athletic programs, and each one of them is a target and goal of Tiger Nation, a target and goal to support and encourage. In order to engage and involve the student body, Matl and the student leaders inform the campus with social media, emails, word of

mouth, and with their active involvement. In order to transform their campaigns around campus into results within the stands, Tiger Nation also sponsors cookouts and competitions.

However, it is still early for Tiger Nation, and in the future Matl envisions "big, rowdy crowds at our home athletic events, competition between the academic classes and the social clubs for more cash prizes, and exponential growth in Tiger Spirit." Tiger Nation is gaining participation and increasing student involvement after only two years, and continually seeks to better Ouachita by supporting its strong legacy of athletics.

// BY NATE PEACE

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CAR CHALK// Seniors Lauren Dewitt and Leah Harrington decorate a car during Homecoming week. The women of EEE sponsored a car decorating event to help boost school spirit.



SNAP// Senior guard Sarah Pugh lays the ball up against southwestern Oklahoma. Pugh was one of five senior players who, according to her, had "great team chemistry."

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leaders

SENIOR leaders

Team chemistry was the major component in the Lady Tigers' campaign in 2011-2012. The ladies earned a 10-6 record in Great American Conference play and finished the season with an overall record of 18-10.

"We had five seniors who played together all four years," said Sarah Pugh, a senior post player from Kaufman, Texas. "This gave us good team chemistry. This season I feel like everyone was always trying to push their teammate to do the best possible job on the court every day."

As a team bound together by senior leadership, the Lady Tigers started strong, winning six of their first eight games. They then won only five of their next 11 games. Whether it was the newness of the month or a just another chance to start fighting for playoff contention, February proved to be a big month for the Lady Tigers as they would begin a 7-3 run that gave them a chance to play in the conference tournament.

Throughout the season, close games were a norm that resulted in both losses and wins. Senior guard Beulah Osueke recalled the January 19 game played at Bill Vining Arena: "The Harding game was the most exciting game because we were down by 18 points and had to depend only on each other to fight back and capture the win."

Pugh remembers the February 5 game that began the 7-3 run. "We played Southwestern Oklahoma at their place. Lae (A'Laeshia) Adams didn't get to play in that game so people had to step up. We played our best team ball that game. We were down most of the game, but we were able to pull it out in the end. Their



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DRIVE// Senior A'Laeshia Adams drives down the lane in a home-game match up. Adams led the team in scoring, averaging 13.7 points per game, with 383 for the season.

player, Darci Dick, who was the GAC conference player of the year, was held to only two points that game."

The Lady Tigers were 2-0 against the Reddies this year and in both games the Tigers defeated them by at least 13 points.

"We effortlessly destroyed them and embarrassed them with ease," said Osueke. "Shamefully beating arch-rivals is always memorable."

The year finished with one nail-biting win against UAM and a loss to Southwestern Oklahoma. Though for a time, it looked like the Lady Tigers were going to have a rare, disappointing season, the senior leadership took the team back to the strong winning record that the Lady Tigers were accustomed to having.

More than the winning record, there was a noticeable difference of unity between the Lady Tiger players and other teams that Ouachita played. Osueke said, "The senior class had known each other and played with one another from freshman year. We all had the potential to be starters since the beginning stages of our careers and our bond was noticeable on the court."

// BY GARET WEST

TEXAS WOMEN'S: 65-75
 TEXAS A&M COMMERCE: 89-67
 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA: 58-67
 U of NEW ORLEANS: 78-43
 UT-PERMIAN BASIN: 70-51
 PHILANDER SMITH: 84-34
 DELTA STATE: 65-60
 WILLIAMS BAPTIST: 91-56
 U of A-FT. SMITH: 63-75
 CHRISTIAN BROTHERS: 67-48
 EAST CENTRAL OKLAHOMA: 91-79
 SW OKLAHOMA: 68-73//88-87//67-83
 S. ARKANSAS: 85-70//91-67
 SE OKLAHOMA: 55-61//88-82
 HARDING: 80-76//76-60
 HENDERSON: 89-57//82-69
 ARKANSAS TECH: 66-76//70-80
 U of A-MONTICELLO: 81-93//74-72
 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY: 72-77//67-83
 ARKANSAS TECH: 70-80

season record: 18-10

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FADER// Senior Tamera Robinson shoots a fade-away jump-shot over two Southeastern defenders. Robinson, a Mablevale native, ended her final season with 275 points scored.

▼ ERICA SHARP



GARET WEST PHOTO

▼ ELISE HOLMAN



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ENCOURAGE// The Lady Tiger bench cheers on the team in a February 11 match up against Southeastern Oklahoma. The Tigers won the game 88-82.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL//

Front Row: Allie Brown, A'Laeshia Adams, Sarah Pugh, Nashia James, Domino Miller, Hayley Cooper, Madeline McCorkle; Back Row: Head Coach Gary Crowder, Assistant Coach Liz Webb, Kendra Coyle, Elise Holman, Erica Sharp, Breana Dillard, Mallory Cluits, Hannah Persing, Beulah Osueke, Tamara Robinson, Hayley Cooper.

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TOP// Senior Emmanuel Engulu waits for a pass against Southwestern Oklahoma. The Tigers defeated the Bulldogs 68-56.

MIDDLE// Junior Nigel Ramsey shoots free-throws against Southwestern Oklahoma. Ramsey was named as an All-GAC Honorable Mention selection for the 2012 season.

BOTTOM// Freshman Colt Fason defends the inbound pass at home on January 7. Fason, a Conway native, saw a lot of action this year as a true freshman.



STUNT// Junior Michael Morris goes for a big dunk against Henderson State on January 23. The Tigers fell to the Reddies at home but exacted revenge in the away game at HSU.

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A SEASON OF

firsts

RECAPPING HISTORY

recapping history



It was a year of firsts for the Tigers with new head coach Dennis Nutt, their first year of play in the Great American Conference. The Tigers compiled a winning record of 16-12, which was the first winning season since 2008.

Nutt, who played in the NBA for three seasons with the Dallas Mavericks in 1986-88, also was a top student-athlete at Texas Christian University and Little Rock Central High School.

"I was thrilled that Coach Nutt joined our staff this season," said Athletic Director David Sharp. "His experiences playing on the collegiate and professional levels, along with his coaching and scouting experiences, brought a new dimension to our program."

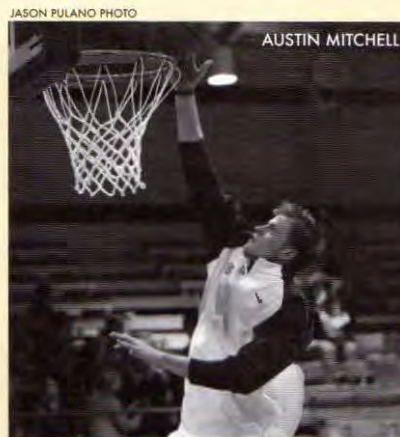
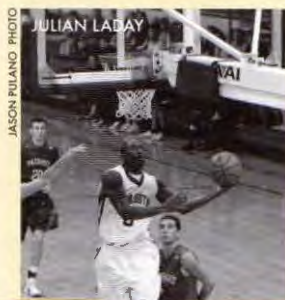
The season began with a close loss to Div. 1 opponent Northwestern State University. The Tigers fought hard but would come up short 67-65.

After the loss, the team had four-game winning streak, averaging 91 points per game and giving up only 61. They also defeated Baptist Bible in their highest scoring game of the season, 103-67.

The first conference game was at home against East Central University. The Tigers took this game 87-74, led by junior guard Austin Mitchell with 29 points, shooting 5/8 from behind the three-point line. Junior Julian LaDay scored 20 points and had seven assists.

"My teammates found me on a lot of good open looks and everything I seemed to throw up went in. It was a great feeling," said Mitchell.

The team then captured wins over Southeastern Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma and Harding, and a loss to Southern Arkansas University. After a five game losing streak, the Tigers pressed forward with a 70-57 win over Southern Arkansas. Junior Michael Morris scored 12 points on



- NORTHWESTERN STATE: 65-67
- ABSOLUTE ATHLETES: 89-54
- RHODES COLLEGE: 85-63
- BAPTIST BIBLE: 103-67
- DELTA STATE: 88-59, 62-65
- CHAMPION BAPTIST: 94-73
- NORTH ALABAMA: 75-74, 64-82
- DALLAS BAPTIST: 65-69
- WILLIAMS BAPTIST: 91-78, 86-72
- EAST CENTRAL: 87-74, 70-75
- SW OKLAHOMA: 68-56, 53-79
- SOUTHERN ARK: 69-71, 70-57
- SE OKLAHOMA: 78-75, 55-71, 85-65
- HARDING: 67-60, 69-60
- HENDERSON STATE: 70-80, 93-86
- ARK. TECH: 67-82, 80-76, 62-67
- U of A - MONTICELLO: 56-70, 77-81



PERFORMANCE// The Tigers huddle up before a scrimmage against Absolute Athletes, a team out of Little Rock. The Tigers ran away with the game and won 89-54.

4-5 shooting and had a record three blocks and two steals in the game.

The team won four of their last six games, with a notable win in this span over in-state rival Arkansas Tech, ranked No. 17 in the nation. Led by junior Nigel Ramsey with 21 points and 10 rebounds, the Tigers upset Arkansas Tech 80-76.

The season of firsts ended in the second round of the GAC tournament, as the Tigers fell to Arkansas Tech in a nail biter 67-62. Junior Austin Mitchell, the team's leading scorer, and guard Nigel Ramsey were both awarded All-GAC honors.

"It felt good to be recognized for my individual talents, but it would

have meant even more to have won conference and seen my whole teams hard work pay off," Ramsey said.

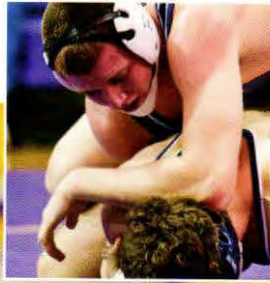
When Coach Nutt was asked to evaluate his first season as a whole, he replied, "We were pleased with our first year at Ouachita, as well as the inaugural season of the Great American Conference. I thought our guys bought into our new system, style of play and truly played hard all season long. As a coach, you hope your team improves all season and plays its best basketball in late February and early March, and we did that. We hope we can improve on this season and be better next year."

// BY ANTWOINE PATTERSON



MEN'S BASKETBALL// Front Row: John Kornet, Nigel Ramsey, Michale Morris, Emmanuel Engulu, Austin Mitchell, Julian LaDay, David Day; Back Row: Head Coach Dennis Nutt, Eric Brauer, Taylor Smith, Tyler Posey, Colt Fason, Nick Ross, Tyler Gattin, Assistant Coach Logan Johnson.

DALLAS SMITH ▼



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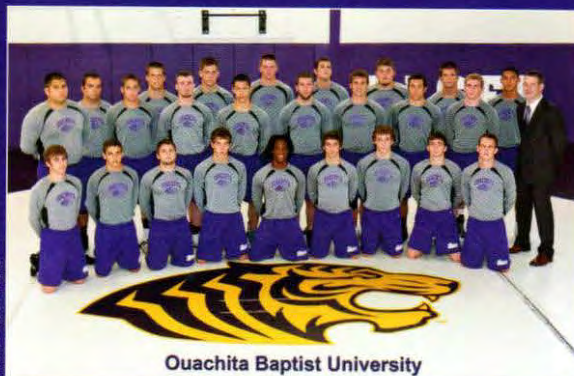


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TIME// Sophomore Josh Meyers builds up riding time against a UCO opponent. Meyers was one of four Tiger Wrestlers to qualify for the national tournament.



TIGER WRESTLING// Front Row: Shane Fletcher, Tyler Hartman, Seth Hutchison, Garret Evans, Jayzee Williams, Joey Mereo, Cole Bundy, Spencer McMurtrey, Adam Cline; Back Row: Taylor Poe, Cooper Hayes, Ben Cline, Phillip Dolan, Josh Meyers, Gabe Musser, Sawyer Smith, Dallas Smith, Dallas Gracey, Aaron Butler, Tyler Graham, Kyle Farley, Anthony Melilio, Bobby Williams, Zach Smith, Dexter Carter, Coach Kevin Ward.



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Ouachita Baptist University

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CLINIC// Gabe Musser and Bobby Williams demonstrate a few wrestling moves at the Hatcher Wrestling Complex dedication. Greg Hatcher, founder of the Arkansas Wrestling Association, was instrumental in bringing wrestling to OBU.

BEKAH HALL PHOTO



finishing strong



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COMPETE// Coach Ward and the team look on as the Tigers take on the Mustangs from Central Oklahoma. The Tigers finished the season ranked 15th in the nation.

In its first year at Ouachita, the wrestling team shared quarters with the basketball players, swimmers, intramural tournaments and activity courses. But now, thanks to a brand new home, The Hatcher Wrestling Complex, the team was able to train in one of the nicest facilities in the state. In what was once the old maintenance building, the 26 Tiger wrestlers from all over the United States were able to train just as well as most Division 1 wrestlers and excel at competing on the mat, thanks to their renovated training facility.

"Recruits are interested in the facilities," said head wrestling coach Kevin Ward. "It's one of the most important things they look at when they compare schools. Having something that's really going to set you apart from other places is going to be really important, and I'm absolutely sure that this facility does that," he added. "So I see it as having a big positive influence on our ability to get more quality athletes to our school."

Convincing quality wrestlers that they belonged at Ouachita was exactly what Coach Ward did. The wrestling team finished up their 2011-2012 season by placing 15th overall

in the NCAA National Tournament in Pueblo, Colorado, and having three athletes named All-Americans, accomplishing all of this in just their second year of existence. Garret Evans, Bobby Williams, and Dallas Smith were the Tigers given All-American honors at the tournament. Coach Kevin Ward was able to lead his team to its first national ranking in the history of the program, as well as the having two Regional Champions, the first in program history.

"The facility was definitely beneficial," said sophomore wrestler Ben Cline. "Just having everything in one location has been a huge help because you don't have to scramble around campus." The wrestling complex now holds a large room with two regulation mats, a spacious locker room, and cardio and weight areas. "We have an ice bath and small recovery room and that was a huge help," Cline added.

Coach Ward didn't mind bragging when it came to his team's state-of-the-art facility. "It's rare that you have a wrestling team to have their own building and everything they need to function under one roof. As far as it compares with the best teams in the country, we're right there with them. We have a room as nice as most Division 1 programs, and nicer than a lot of them. We're fortunate to have this place, and it's one of the best in the country at any level."

"We went from being ranked last in the nation in Division II and now we're ranked 15th and it's just a huge improvement," Cline said. "To achieve All-American status is a big deal, and we have three this year. We had a pretty impressive season."

// BY HANNAH BISHOP

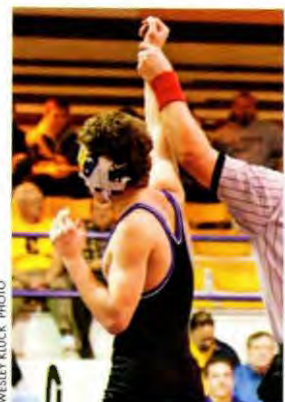


WRESTLING

HEAD COACH KEVIN WARD,
GREG HATCHER, REX HORNE



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WIN// Sophomore Garret Evans gets his head raised after a hard fought victory at home. Evans earned All-American status at the national tournament.

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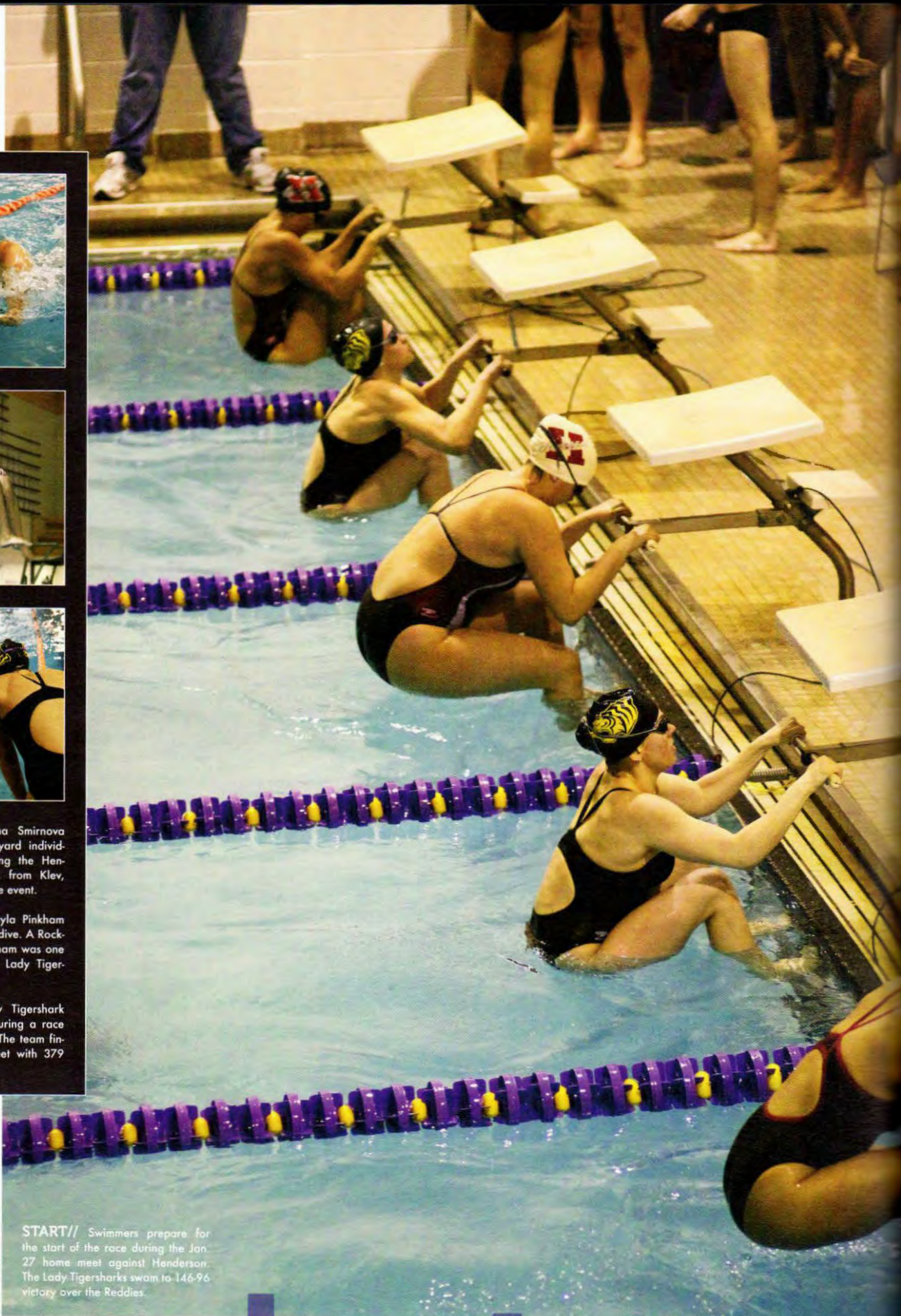
TOP// Junior Svitlana Smirnova competes in the 200 yard individual medley event during the Hendrix Classic. Smirnova, from Klev, Ukraine, took ninth in the event.

MIDDLE// Junior Kayla Pinkham rounds out a one meter dive. A Rockwall, Texas native, Pinkham was one of three divers for the Lady Tigersharks.

BOTTOM// A Lady Tigershark awaits her teammate during a race at the Hendrix Classic. The team finished the Oct. 28 meet with 379 points, taking first place.

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START// Swimmers prepare for the start of the race during the Jan. 27 home meet against Henderson. The Lady Tigersharks swam to 146.96 victory over the Reddies.



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The Lady Tigersharks opened their season October 7 against the Lady Red Waves of Henderson State University at Henderson. Kelli Caldwell, a senior music education major from Roanoke, Texas, won first place in the 3 meter diving competition. Jennifer Steele, a sophomore early education major from Tyler, Texas, also won her events in the 1000 and 500 freestyles. Haley Fax, a sophomore early education major from Garland, Texas, won the 200 freestyle. Rebecca Zandstra, a sophomore biology major from St. Charles, Mo., won the 50 freestyle. Svitlano Smirnova, a junior accounting major from Kiev, Ukraine, won the 100 breaststroke. Ksenia Gromova, a senior chemistry major from Russia, won the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. The end results of the meet was 124 to 115.

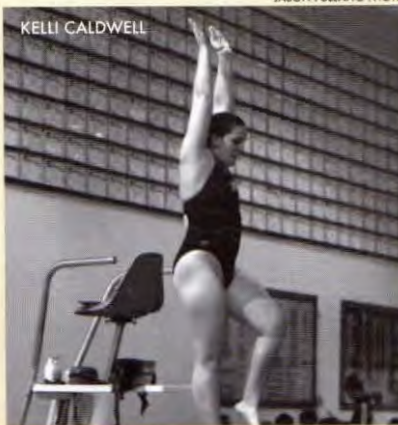
The first home meet of the season was against the University of Incarnate Word. Steele won the 200 freestyle. Gromova won her races in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. Smirnova won the 100 breaststroke. The final score was 85 to 157. "The main goal was to get up and swim hard and swim fast regardless of how torn down we are, and I think we did that," Head Coach Ryan Killockey said. "All in all I was very proud of the team. They really come together as a team, swam as a team, and competed as a team."

On October 28 the team traveled to Conway and participated in the season's first multi-team invitational, The Hendrix Classic. Caldwell finished in first place in the 3 meter diving, and Steele won the 1000 freestyle and the 500 freestyle. Gromova won the 200 butterfly. She also led her relay team in winning first place. The team won the meet with a total of 379 points.

The team competed in the Henderson State Invitational held in Bryant Nov. 11 and 12, with Oklahoma Baptist taking first, HSU second, and



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OBU third.

The team then swam against Delta State University on November 19 at home. The 200 yard medley relay team won first place. Smirnova won first place in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Gromova won first place in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. Caldwell won first place in the 3 meter diving. The 200 yard freestyle relay team won first place. The final score was 141-89.

The UALR Christmas Invitational took place over three days in December. Day one of the meet consisted of relays. Steele, Young, Fox and Gromova won first place in the 800 freestyle relay. On day two of the

meet, Gromova won first place in the 100 butterfly. Day three brought a first place finish from Steele in the 200 freestyle.

A January meet with Delta State saw a close loss with DSU taking a 109-105 team victory.

The team won the next meet at home against Henderson 146 to 96, and then traveled to the NSISC Championship in Cleveland, Miss. where they won third place.

Gromova and Steele qualified for the NCAA National Championship meet, where Gromova posted two new school records in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

// BY HANNAH SHULL

- HENDERSON: 124-115
- INCARNATE WORD: 85-157
- HENDRIX CLASSIC: 1ST PLACE
- HSU INVITATIONAL: 3RD PLACE
- DELTA STATE: 141-89
- UALR INVITATIONAL: 3RD PLACE
- DELTA STATE: 105-109
- HENDERSON: 146-96
- NSISC CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3RD PLACE
- NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 23RD PLACE

FINISH// A lady Tigershark dives to begin a race at the Hendrix Classic in Conway. The Tigersharks took first place in the meet, which was their first invitational of the season.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING//

Front Row: Holly Wray, Megan Rishel, Megan Young, Kelli Caldwell, Ksenia Gromova, Jessica Hillyard, Kelley Lester, Haley Fox, Chelbi Smith; Second Row: Caitlin Boren, Kelsey Brum, Kayla Pinkham, Meritxell Mellado, Jennifer Steele, Svitlano Smirnova, Michelle Wasmund; Back Row: Ruth Megli, Jessica Wasmund, Rebecca Zandstra, Annaliese Clark, Brittany Ewart.



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SHUT-EYE// Freshman Christopher Price and others catch up on some sleep. The TigerSharks spent numerous hours on the road.

making goals

From October to March, the men's swimming and diving team competed in meets across the region. As a whole, the team did very well, placing third at the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships in Cleveland, Miss.

"We met all of our goals and finished as a strong team," said Nathan Bercaw, senior business administration major. "Our main thing was keeping the team together, keeping a strong team bond."

For nearly a week during the spring semester, head coach Ryan Killackey was hospitalized for pneumonia and a staph infection that infected his heart. Assistant coach Kyle Tilley had to step in and prepare the team for several of its toughest meets.

"When Killackey was ill I had to take up the reigns," said assistant coach Kyle Tilley. "It was a huge weight on my shoulders."

Working for Tilley was a learning experience for the team as a whole. This was especially eye opening for the seniors because two years prior Tilley swam in the pool as a competitor and fellow teammate.

"Having an assistant coach that you swam with for two years is not easy," said Bercaw. "But you still want to work your hardest for him and for Coach, too."

During Tilley's time as temporary head coach, Ouachita hosted its annual duel meet against Henderson. This meet also recognized the seniors on the team. The 2012 seniors on the men's team were: Nick Bass, Bercaw, Kristian Krc, Matt Pope, Austin Teague and Harrison Tomlinson.

Naturally Killackey would be the one to present the seniors with their



JASON PULLANO PHOTO

SPEED// Junior Carl Johnson digs hard to finish in the 200 Fly. Johnson hailed from Klein High School in Spring, Texas.

flowers, but this year it seemed nearly impossible. This happened to be the day Killackey was released from the hospital, and nothing could stop him from being there for his swimmers. At the end of the team meeting in the locker room, Killackey burst through door with none other than an IV machine hooked up to him. His entrance was soon met by shouts and cheers from his team.

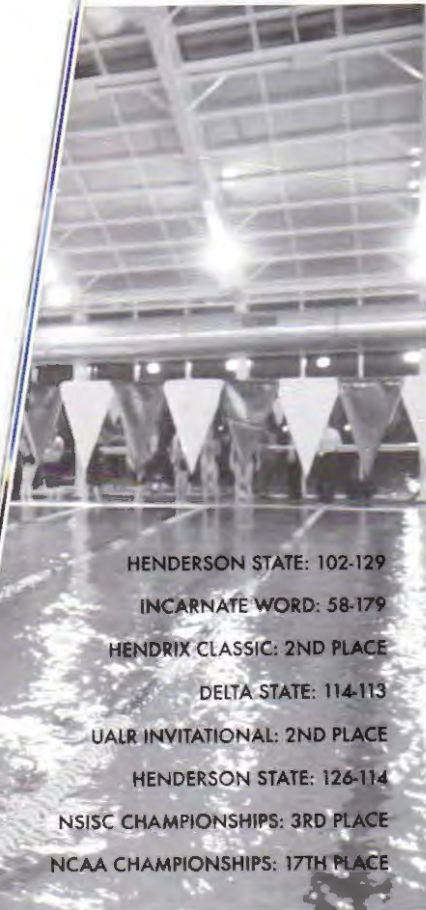
"Everyone was really excited," said Krc, a senior physics major. "It really motivated everyone to try their hardest."

This year marked the first time in several years the men's and women's teams beat Henderson State. With a score of 126-114, including an A relay disqualification, the men finished strong and on top.

The season ended with the NCAA Swimming and Diving competition. The meet took place in Mansfield, Texas. Krc, Pope, freshman Adam Zajac and junior Marcus Schlesinger were all in attendance at the meet.

"Never lose sight of your goals and never give up," said Bercaw. "It will be tough but you will make some of the best friends of your life."

//BY JESSICA WASMUND



HENDERSON STATE: 102-129

INCARNATE WORD: 58-179

HENDRIX CLASSIC: 2ND PLACE

DELTA STATE: 114-113

UALR INVITATIONAL: 2ND PLACE

HENDERSON STATE: 126-114

NSISC CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3RD PLACE

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 17TH PLACE

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TIME// Senior Kristian Krc checks his time at the end of a heat. Krc, a Conway native, was the recipient of the NCAA prestigious elite 89 award.



□ STARTING BLOCK

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□ CARL JOHNSON

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RELAY// Junior Carl Thomas competes in a relay during the Jan. 27 match against Henderson. Thomas' relay group finished a close second to OBU's "A" relay team, leaving HSU out of a top two finish for the event.



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MEN'S SWIMMING// Front Row: Jason Pullano, Carl Thomas, Logan Distefano, Nathan Bercaw, Martin Stevens; Second Row: Student Coach William Wood, Student Coach Razvan Goga, Matthew Pope, Eran Jennings, Christopher Price, Harrison Tomlinson, Austin Lindsey, Hein Hilmer; Third Row: Emile Maritz, Michale Sullivan, Carl Johnson, Kenton Scott, Marcus Schlesinger, Jake McLain, Graduate Assistant Kyle Tilley; Back Row: Dawson Prichard, Kristian Krc, Austin Teauge, Adam Zajac, Jacob Ramaly, Nick Bass, Student Coach Kyle Bartlett.



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO



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TOP// Sophomore Kourtney Chumbley takes on her opponent with a direct hit. Chumbley was an education major from Richardson, Texas.

MIDDLE// Sophomore Katelyn Barber saves the ball by using her backhand swing. Barber led the team in wins with singles and doubles victories against Delta State and Tarlton.

BOTTOM// Senior Kristin Bodine returns a ball in a home match. Bodine came to OBU from Webb City, Missouri.



LUNGE// Junior Samantha Street lunges for the ball in order to win the point against her opponent. In doubles, Street matched with partner Lilia Sokolova.

JASON PULLANO PHOTO

TOGETHER IN

spirit

RECAPPING HISTORY



There are times when technicalities don't accurately reflect the truth about a person, or a group of people.

This was the case with the Lady Tigers tennis team. Ending with a conference record of 4-5 and an overall record of 4-13 didn't accurately reflect the hard work and dedication the Lady Tigers put into their matches.

A string of losses began the season, with three 1-8 lasses to Delta State University, Northeastern Oklahoma State, and Tarleton State.

In their dual with the Lady Statesmen of Delta State, the Lady Tigers were only able to record one team point, coming in a victory by Kristin Bodine in singles play. In doubles action, Courtney Chumbley and Bodine fell by a score of 8-4, while Samantha Street and Lilia Sokolova fell by a score of 9-8.

The Lady Tigers hosted Drury on Feb. 2, falling by a score of 9-0 after a clean sweep by Drury. Chumbley and Bodine were unable to find an answer for Bea Juan and Stefanie Monsh of Drury, taking an 8-0 loss to the pair. As they moved into singles play, the Lady Tigers were unable to gain points, and Drury took the overall dual by a score of 9-0.

Leading the team in wins were Kristin Bodine, a junior music major from Webb City, Mo., and Katelyn Barber, a sophomore mathematics major from Mesquite, Texas. Bodine won in singles action against Delta and Oklahoma, while Barber won in both singles and doubles against Delta and Tarleton with her partner, McKenzie Cranford, a freshman mass communications major from Irving, Texas.

With their 4-13 record, the four wins gained this year came from two schools, Henderson State and Southern Arkansas. The Lady Tigers defeated the rivals each time with a score of 9-0. The two wins against Henderson gave the Lady Tigers this

4-13
season record



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LILIA SOKOLOVA



JASON PULLANO PHOTO

DELTA STATE: 1-8
DRURY UNIVERSITY: 0-9
NE OK STATE: 1-8
TARLETON STATE: 1-8
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST: 0-5
NE OK STATE: 0-9
HENDERSON: 9-0
S. ARKANSAS: 9-0
ARKANSAS TECH: 0-9
CENTRAL OK: 1-8
DALLAS BAPTIST: 0-9
SE OK STATE: 2-7
ARKANSAS TECH: 0-9
S. ARKANSAS: 9-0
HARDING: 1-8
HENDERSON: 9-0
EAST CENTRAL: 1-8

PERFORMANCE// Freshman McKenzie Cranford stretches out to make a solid hit against her opponent. Cranford received doubles wins against Delta and Tarleton with her partner Katelyn Barber.

year's Bottle of the Ravine win, the annual rivalry against Henderson State in every athletic event.

To be awarded a ticket to the Great American Conference tournament, two wins are necessary. With four under their belt, the Lady Tigers were in, making the trek to their own courts as conference was held on campus. Unfortunately, they suffered a loss to their first opponent, Southeastern Oklahoma University, but not without a few wins. Kourtney Chumbley, a sophomore middle school education major from Richardson, Texas, won in singles action, while Barber and Cranford won in doubles.

"I'm really proud of our team,

even though we didn't get very far in conference," said Chumbley. "There's a lot of spirit in our team. We don't take our matches lightly."

With no one on the team graduating, the team grew closer, not having to go through the trials of a teammate leaving.

"I'm so relieved no one is leaving this year," said Bodine. "It's always so hard to see a teammate go, and I'm really excited we all get to be together as a team for one more year."

While the record reflected one message, the team's togetherness reflected another - one of strength, teamwork, and spirit.

// BY HANNAH SHULL



BETSY DANNER PHOTO

WOMEN'S TENNIS// Mary Rachel Wolf, Kristin Bodine, McKenzie Cranford, Katelyn Barber, Samantha Street, Kourtney Chumbley, Lilia Sokolova

DOUBLES// Marvin Muller and Helge Knuth play doubles at a tournament in Little Rock. Knuth was named to the all-GAC team.

▼ ERNESTO MARTINEZ



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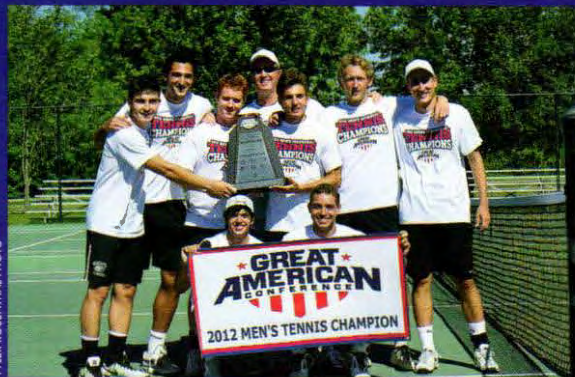
▼ RAMON VAZQUEZ



HEATHER ELIS PHOTO



MEN'S TENNIS// Front Row: Ramon Maria Abaitua Vazques, Kenny Brasil; Back Row: Teodor Anghel, Ernesto Alejandro Laborda Martinez, James Ingrahm, Coach Craig Ward, Marko Boskovic, Marvin Muller, Helge Knuth.



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READY// Freshman Kenny Brasil gets ready to receive from the opposing team. An Apucarana, Brazil native, Kenny was one of two freshmen to receive All-GAC honors.



HEATHER ELLIS PHOTO

finishing strong



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SWING// Freshman Marko Boskovic, from Belgrade, Serbia, serves during a home match. Boskovic was chosen as the No. 2 player in the region and was given All-GAC honors.

What do three All-GAC Selections, one coach of the year, Great American Conference champions, and a nationally ranked team all have in common? They all describe the men's tennis team of Ouachita Baptist University.

The team's hard work certainly didn't go unnoticed this year. With the pressure of a No. 1 pre-season ranking and losses in only three sets, the team came out undefeated in conference and were ultimately named the inaugural GAC champions. "We were very excited to win the GAC Championship. It took a lot of practice and hard work," said sophomore Teodor Anghel.

Ouachita's men's tennis team also had the highest number of All-GAC Selections within the conference: sophomore Helge Knuth from Mandelbochtal, Germany; freshman Marko Boskovic from Belgrade, Serbia; and freshman Kenny Brasil from Apucarana, Brazil.

After conference, the team hosted the NCAA Regional in match. In the

first round, Ouachita defeated St. Edwards by a score of 5-3.

The next stop was the NCAA Round of 16 held in Louisville, Kentucky. The Tiger team faced Bluefield State, taking a 5-0 win after weather postponed a number of matches. In doubles play, three doubles teams claimed victory, along with two singles players. The victories secured a spot in the quarter-finals match against West Florida.

The No. 2 West Florida Argonauts came into the match with a 26-2 record. They proved their talent once again, defeating the Tigers 1-6. The lone win came in doubles play with Ramon Vasques and Marco Boskovic.

The team ended the season with a 15-7 record.

Not only did the team win player recognition throughout the year, but also coach recognition. Head Coach Craig Ward was named GAC Coach of the Year shortly after being named the Jim Verdieck College Coach of the Year by the Professional Tennis Registry. In a release Ward said, "Verdieck was a man of impeccable character and professionalism. I am very flattered to receive this award. It is a reflection of the friends, family and players I have learned from over the years."

Ward has been coaching at Ouachita since 1990 and is Ouachita's most successful tennis coach with more than 200 victories to his coaching credit.

The tennis team was young, with the exception of senior James Ingrahm, and under the coaching of Craig Ward, the Ouachita men's tennis team will continue to build on its successful year.

// BY KRISTEN BARNARD

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY:	7-0
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST:	5-4
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN:	1-8
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST:	8-1
SE OKLAHOMA:	7-2
ST. MARY'S:	8-1
ST. EDWARDS:	5-2
ROLLINS U:	2-5
S. FLORIDA:	5-3
BARRY UNI.:	3-6
LYNN UNI.:	0-9
HAWAII PACIFIC:	1-5
VALDOSTA STATE:	8-1
GRAND CANYON U:	3-6
HARDING:	8-1
NW MISSOURI:	5-1
EAST CENTRAL:	9-0
HARDING:	5-0
EAST CENTRAL:	5-1
ST. EDWARDS:	5-3
BLUEFIELD STATE:	5-0
WEST FLORIDA:	1-6
season record:	15-7



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VICTORY// Coach Craig Ward visits with Tiger tennis fans between matches. Ward received both conference and national honors, with more than 200 victories to his credit.

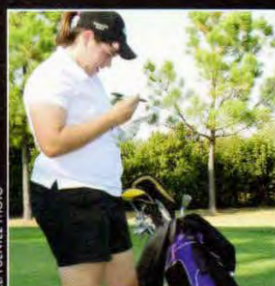
MEN'S



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TOP// Ashley Jackson fishes for a tee in her golf bag. Jackson was from El Dorado, Arkansas.

MIDDLE// Freshman Emily Sinclair, crouches to get the lay of the green. Sinclair finished 13th in the GAC Championships in Hot Springs.

BOTTOM// Caitlin Jones keeps track of her strokes at the UAM classic. Jones was named Most Valuable Golfer for her dedication to the program as a whole over the past two years.

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SALUTE// Freshman Emily Sinclair prepares to tee off at a tournament. The women's golf team traveled to Texas for several tournaments this year.

DEVELOPING

Success

RECAPPING HISTORY

recapping history



We have learned so much but we are still learning so much." Eli Fuentez, coach of the women's golf team, had these words to say concerning the completion of a second season for the team. The women's golf team was started by Fuentez in 2010 and entered the school year with one year experience under their belt and lots of hope for the future.

The women's golf team had seven members competing: Amber Beacham, Allie Brown, Collie Horner, Caitlin Jones, Victoria Mantoath, Morgan Morehead, and Emily Sinclair. Though the golf season is technically in the spring, the girls had the opportunity to compete in two tournaments in the fall semester. Once the season started in February the girls competed in six tournaments, going through April. For each tournament five girls would attend and compete.

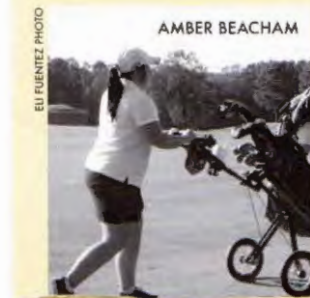
With the program still in the developing stage, the girls were kept on an honorary system for their practice schedule. Fuentez expected them to go to the golf course at least three times a week to practice and play at least one round of golf once a week. Practices were held at the DeGray State Park Golf Course.

After competing in the conference tournament in April, the team placed sixth in the conference. Emily Sinclair, a freshman dietetics and kinesiology major from El Dorado, was the number one golfer for the team throughout the season. She placed 13th in the conference out of 38 golfers. At the annual Athletic Awards Banquet Sinclair was awarded the "Most Outstanding Golfer" honor while Caitlin Jones, a junior early childhood education major from Benton, was awarded the "Most Valuable Golfer" honor.

As the women's golf program continues to develop, Fuentez is continuing to learn and grow as a coach, as is the rest of the team. "Really my



CAITLIN JONES



AMBER BEACHAM



ASHLEY JACKSON

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- HARDING FALL CLASSIC: 4TH
- UAM FALL CLASSIC: 5TH
- HSU REDDIE INV.: 4TH
- TEXAS A&M COMMERCE INV: 20TH
- S. ARKANSAS TOURNAMENT: 4TH
- GAC CHAMPIONSHIPS: 6TH

SCORES// Allie Brown records strokes at the Harding's Natural State Golf Classic. The early April tournament had the Lady Tigers finish in four place

knowledge as a coach has increased so much that it made it more possible for us to have access to more events and tournaments," said Fuentez. "We have learned so much, but we are still learning so much."

Caitlin Jones agreed with Fuentez that the team grew in knowledge and skill in its second year. "We held our own in tournaments, sticking towards the middle of the pack," said Jones. "As a new program it takes time to get solid, consistent golfers. Once we have a sound program, we'll be able to get golfers who consistently shoot low to help build a strong program."

A general consensus within the golf team was an appreciation for

relationships within the teams in their conference. "I enjoyed going to the tournaments and seeing friends from other schools as well as being with my team," said Sinclair.

Fuentez acknowledged that being a student golfer is not an easy task. "Golf is a sport where your everyday stresses of life can affect your performance. It's more of a mental game than most other sports."

For the women of the golf team, though, there was a deep love and passion for the game. "Being a college athlete playing golf is great and something not a lot of people get to experience and enjoy," said Jones.

// BY DEVAN MALONE



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WOMEN'S GOLF// Front Row: Callie Horner, Amber Beacham, Emily Sinclair, Allie Brown; Back Row: Coach Eli Fuentez, Caitlin Jones, Morgan Morehead, Victoria Mantoath.



BUCK SCHROEDER PHOTO

RANGE// Freshman Will Hegi practices on the driving range at DeGray State Park Golf Course. Golfers were required to practice on their own time at the course.

season season

SWINGING



- BISON FALL CLASSIC: 4TH PLACE
- UAM CLASSIC: 3RD PLACE
- BOOMTOWN CLASSIC: 4TH PLACE
- TEXAS A&M COMM.: 8TH PLACE
- DAVE FALCONER INVITE: 9TH PLACE
- GAC CHAMPIONSHIP: 9TH PLACE

The Tiger golf team began their season with a fourth place finish at Harding's Bison Fall Classic on Sept. 19. Sophomore Bruce Brockinton and Will Hegi led the team with two-day scores of 148.

The University of Arkansas-Mantacella hosted the Community Bank & Trust UAM Classic Oct. 17-18. Ouachita sent two teams to the event, finishing in third and seventh place. The third place team was led by Evan Greenwood with a two-day total of 153. He was followed by Bruce Brockinton (158) and Jamie Barker (158). The seventh place team was led by Logan Byrd (160).

Southwestern Oklahoma State University won the tournament with a score of 598, followed by East Central Oklahoma (629) and Ouachita (633).

At the Boomtown Classic in February, the team finished fourth, led by junior Bryce Skinner with a two-day score of 156.

At the Texas A&M Commerce Classic in February, Hegi led with a three-round score of 229, followed by Skinner with a 234. The team finished in eighth place.

In March, the Tigers competed in the Dave Falconer Invitational, finishing in ninth place. Hegi led the team with a two-round total of 152, followed by Skinner with a 153.

Winding down the end of the season, the Ouachita Tiger golf team traveled to Hot Springs for the inaugural Great American Conference Golf Championships. The tournament was held at the Hot Springs Country Club.

The Tigers had a 13th place finish in Hegi, but it wasn't enough to lift them to the top of the leaderboards as they ended up finishing ninth.



ELI FUENTEZ PHOTO

SWING// Junior Bruce Brockinton prepares to swing during the March 27 Dave Falconer Invitational. Brockinton led the team to a ninth place finish by shooting a two-round total of 152.

Hegi finished the three-day event with an overall score of 230, finishing 13th in the field of 45 golfers. During his first day of competition, Hegi finished with a 73 and over the three day event, he never shot over a 79. Skinner placed 37th for the Tigers, posting an overall score of 245, including a 79 on the third day of competition. Barker was third among the Tiger golfers, placing 41st with an overall score of 249. He shot an impressive 76 on the last day of play. Austin Sarabia and Brockinton rounded out the field for the Tigers, finishing with overall scores of 259 and 262 respectively. Sarabia finished day two with an 82, while Brockinton finished day two with an 85.

Southwestern Oklahoma State was the eventual champion, finishing the competition with an overall team score of 898.

// BY ALY SMITH



ELI FUENTEZ PHOTO

DIRECTION// Freshman Jamie Barker drives a ball from the rough at the UAM Invitational. Barker shot 80 and 78 during the two rounds of play.

▼ DRIVING AT LAKE DEGRAY



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▼ EVAN GREENWOOD



BUCK SCHROEDER PHOTO

VIEW// Sophomore Austin Sarabia looks across the course as he walks to his next hole. A top five golfer, Sarabia was from Houston, Texas.



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- JAMIE BARKER
- BRUCE BROCKINTON
- LOGAN BYRD
- MATT DAY
- EVAN GREENWOOD
- WILL HEGI
- JOHN MURRY
- AUSTIN SARABIA
- TANNER SIMON
- TYLER SIMON
- BRYCE SKINNER

2011-2012 TIGER GOLF TEAM



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TOP// Junior and third baseman Bailey Sanders warms up on the field. Sanders, along with junior Megan Askew, led the team with runs batted in with 25 for the season.

MIDDLE// Sophomore Abbi Frakes winds up her pitch. Frakes, one of three rotating pitchers for the Lady Tigers, boasted the lowest earned run average for the season with 3.51.

BOTTOM// Freshman Jocelyn Jones throws the ball to one of her teammates. An Inez, Texas native, Jones was the only freshman starter for the Lady Tigers.



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SALUTE// Sophomore Rayn House pitches the ball at Sully Anderson Field. House earned ten pitching wins for the season.

A LEARNING Season

RECAPPING HISTORY

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The Ouachita Lady Tigers finished well this year in the new GAC conference with an 18-31 overall season record. Though they had some disappointments along the way, the women learned a lot and have some great season memories.

The season began with a double header against Midwestern State. In the second inning of the first game, outfielder Megan Askew hit a grand slam on which four runs were scored. Ouachita wrapped up with a 9-3 win over Midwestern State. Though this victory was immediately followed by disappointment – a loss of 1-9 to Midwestern State – the Lady Tigers just practiced harder.

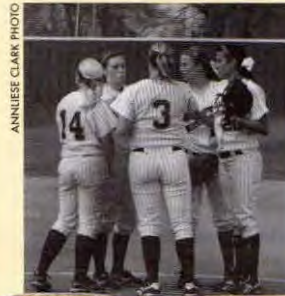
Perhaps the most exciting part of the season for many women on the team was the four game series against Henderson State in late February. When asked her favorite memory from the season, first-baseman Alexis Johns replied, "Beating Henderson State University 3 out of 4 in the series!"

The series was a great one for Ouachita, which started with beating Henderson 7-1. The Lady Tigers continued to perform with excellence heading into the second game. Abbi Frakes threw seven innings, giving up only four hits and three runs in the 4-3 game. Ouachita also scored a 2-0 victory in the third game. Though the series was not a complete sweep, because of a close 4-3 loss to Henderson in the fourth game, the Lady Tigers performed admirably in the softball Battle of the Ravine.

On March 14, the Lady Tigers swept the Dustdevils of Texas A&M-International, not only marking a midweek series victory, but also head coach Mike McGhee's 200th victory.

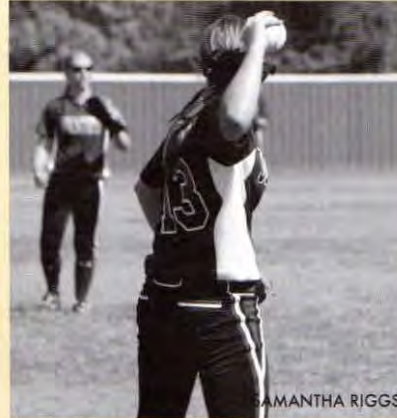
"I am very happy for Coach McGhee in achieving his 200th victory," said Athletic Director David Sharp. "I know he would be the first to say that he has had a lot of good student

18-31
season record



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SAMANTHA RIGGS



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MIDWESTERN STATE: 1-9, 9-3
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY: 3-4
 MISSOURI WESTERN: 6-0
 MISSOURI S&T: 7-3, 13-2
 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA: 3-9
 EMPORIA STATE: 2-6
 NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA: 0-9
 HENDERSON: 7-1, 4-3, 3-4, 2-0
 NEWMAN: 4-2, 4-3, 5-4, 6-5
 U of A - PINE BLUFF: 12-13, 2-6
 ARKANSAS TECH: 5-2, 0-2
 TEXAS A&M: 8-7, 3-2
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY: 6-3, 1-4
 SE OKLAHOMA: 0-7, 0-7, 1-2, 0-6
 SW OKLAHOMA: 0-6, 1-7, 1-4, 0-1
 U of A - MONTICELLO: 2-3, 0-1
 U of A - MONTICELLO: 1-8, 1-8
 U of A - PINE BLUFF: 6-3, 3-0
 EC OKLAHOMA: 3-2, 13-1, 1-12, 5-0
 S ARKANSAS: 0-1, 2-3, 0-2, 0-2
 U of A - MONTICELLO: 1-9
 HENDERSON STATE: 0-12

SWING// Senior Alexis Johns awaits the pitch from the East Central Oklahoma pitcher. The four-game, April 14-15 weekend series ended in a 2-2 tie for the Lady Tigers.

athletes play for him. We are also very proud of his team's academic accomplishments at Ouachita."

The hard work of the Lady Tigers continued to pay off – the women made it to the GAC Softball Championship Tournament. Though they lost to Arkansas-Monticello and Henderson State early in the tournament, three Lady Tigers received All-GAC Selection awards. First-baseman Alexis Johns, outfielder Megan Askew, and pitcher Rayn House were first-listed on the Honorable Mention ballot for All-GAC Selections.

Junior Bailey Sanders commented on what she learned and where she improved this season: "Whether we

won or lost, we knew what we had to work on and we supported each other the whole way...This season I have improved by becoming more of a leader and stepping up in the areas that I needed to. On the field or off the field, I made sure my teammates knew I was there for them and believed in them 100 percent."

Johns reflected on her experience as a Ouachita athlete, "I learned that being a college athlete is something that goes by faster than you could ever imagine. The time that often seems like it drags on, ends before you know it. I was blessed to have had this opportunity."

// BY RACHEL GILMER

WESLEY KLICK PHOTO



TIGER SOFTBALL//

Front Row: Samatha Riggs, Monica Smith, Olivia Guin, Sarah Watson, Kayley Willingham, Jacelyn Jones, Bailey Sanders, Teresa Mursuli, Nicole Wiganawski; Back Row: Hannah Brawn, Brianne Bailey, Parish Reed, Rayne House, Abbi Frakes, Rebekah Dindak, Shelby McWharter, Megan Askew, Alexis Johns, Jaci Wulfgen, Sarah Strassmeyer, Lauren Bundy.

STRIKE// The Tiger defense pitches to the Henderson Reddies. The Tigers went 3-1 against the Reddies for the season.

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TIGER DEFENSE ▼

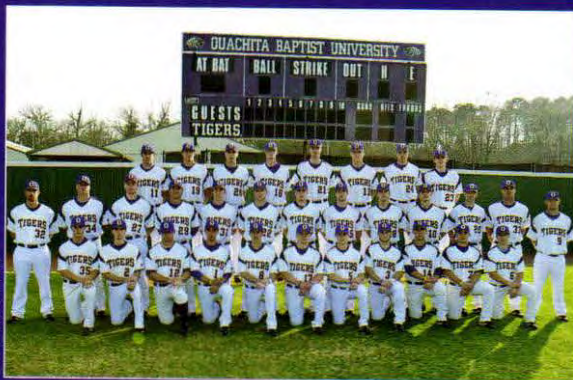


HANNAH BISHOP PHOTO



TIGER BASEBALL// Front Row: Craig Daniel, Clayton Brandt, McCrae Jones, Landon Flax, Matt Balough, Jace Melby, Duncan Collins, Parker Norris, Seth Childers, Tyler Faught, Danny Aday; Second Row: Grad. Assistant Justin Hall, Coach Jeremy Haworth, Keegan Ghidotti, Beau Martin, Davis Ward, Paul Ward, Lucas Castleberry, Nick Crump, Landon Moore, Tom Ward, C.J. Jacoby, Assistant Coach Issac Dulaney, Grad. Assistant Cass Via; Back Row: Sean Noland, Zac Treece, Kurt Peppenhorst, Ryan Westover, Ben Gielow, Josh Everett, Brock Green.

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WINDUP// Sophomore Davis Ward winds up for a pitch early in the season. Ward came to OBU from Little Rock, Arkansas.



KATHRYN KELLY PHOTO

close to victory



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LEADING// Sophomore McCray Jones swings for the fence against the Reddies at home. The Tigers beat Henderson in the GAC tournament.

After losing Chris Modellmog as head coach of the past three seasons, Tiger baseball welcomed Jeremy Haworth, a former standout baseball player for OBU, as the new head coach of the program.

After a runner-up finish in the NCAA Division II Championship in 2008, Coach Haworth was confident that his team could compete for national titles.

"I know the school can win," he said. "I have seen it win and I know what it takes to win and do it with integrity and character."

The season started slow with the Tigers losing six of their first seven games. However, the team regained footing in their first home match, sweeping St. Joseph's in a three game series. In game one, senior Ryan Westover led offensively for the Tigers, throwing the entire game while recording 13 strikeouts.

To open conference play, the team went 2-1 in a three game series against Arkansas Tech. Offense was strong in game one, with the team scoring 10 runs and winning by run

rule in eight innings. The Tigers took game two by a score of 5-4 on a walk-off single by sophomore Keegan Ghidotti, scoring freshman Parker Norris.

"Gaining our first wins the first time we played at home gave us confidence for the remainder of the season," Ghidotti said.

Another conference win came after sweeping Arkansas Monticello. Junior Josh Everett captured the victory in game three with his seven inning performance, holding the Ball Weevils to four runs on five hits in the game.

The Tigers ended regular season with a 2-1 series win over Henderson State, giving them an overall record of 30-26, 12-12 in conference.

In GAC tournament play, the Tigers defeated HSU, Arkansas Tech and SE Oklahoma to secure a spot in the conference championship versus Southern Arkansas. After splitting the first two games, the Muleriders captured the conference victory after 11 innings of play. Seniors Tom Ward, Ryan Westover and Zac Treece, junior Duncan Collins and sophomore Keegan Ghidotti were named to the All-Tournament team for their efforts.

Ghidotti was also selected to the All-Arkansas Collegiate Baseball Team, while Treece and senior Brock Green received honorable mention selections.

Treece went on to sign a contract with the Goteway Grizzlies, a professional baseball team and a member of the Frontier League.

"This is a great opportunity for Zac," said Haworth. "This is another step closer to where he wants to be and I know that his talent and competitiveness will allow him to be successful at the next level of competition."

// BY TANNER HUFFMAN

ANGELO STATE: L/L/L/L
 N. ALABAMA: L/L/W
 ST. JOSEPHS: W/W/W/W
 CENTRAL MISSOURI: L
 KY WESLEYAN: W/W/W/L
 QUINCY: L/W/W/L
 HENDERSON: W
 ARKANSAS TECH: W/W/L
 MCKENDREE: W/W
 SE OKLAHOMA: L/L/L
 DELTA STATE: L
 SW OKLAHOMA: W/L/L
 MONTICELLO: W/W/W/W
 HARDING: W/L/L
 MONTICELLO: W
 EAST CENTRAL: W/W/L
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 HENDERSON: W/W/L

GAC TOURNAMENT
 SE OKLAHOMA: L 0-1
 HENDERSON: W 5-3
 ARKANSAS TECH: W 13-7
 SE OKLAHOMA: W 5-4
 S. ARKANSAS: W 4-3
 S. ARKANSAS: L 3-4

season record: 30-26



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SLIDE// Senior Brock Green stands up from a slide into third base against Arkansas-Monticello. Green was named on All-Arkansas honorable mention selection.



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TOP// Senior Zack Nottingham practices serving to warm up for a volleyball match. Volleyball and basketball matches were played in the indoor practice facility of SPEC.

MIDDLE// Senior Jesse Pruett pitches in an intramural softball game. Over 750 students participated in the intramural league, making it the most participated rec sport of the year.

BOTTOM// Freshman Rebekah Taylor and sophomore Hunter Threadgill fight for control of the ball to warm up for a match. Intramurals encouraged working together and fostering friendship.



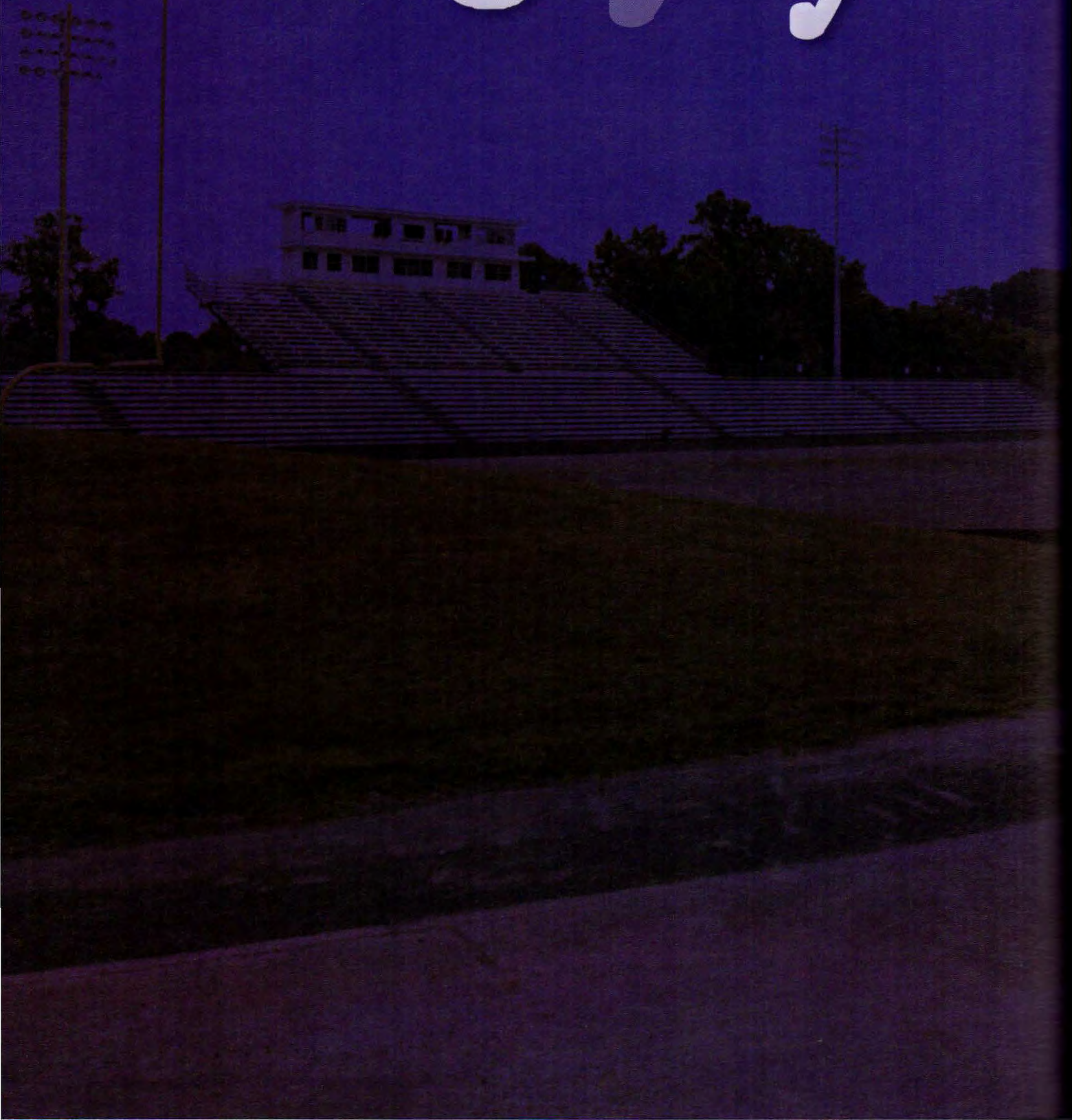
SPEED// Senior Daniel Smith, playing for Kappa Phi, runs for a first down against the Thundercats. The game ended in a victory for the Thundercats.

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FINDING TIME TO

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FIELD OF Legacy



Whether you're there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, whether you spent your childhood sneaking under the fence to play, or whether you sat in the stands every Saturday during the fall semester, A.U. Williams Field provokes memories from every person who has walked through the gates.

The history of A.U. Williams Field is a colorful one, with various locations across Ouachita's campus. Each coach, athletic director, player and donor has left his or her mark on the legacy of the field.

Ouachita first began playing football on a collegiate level in 1895. The sport was still relatively new, so the area where athletes played was the first type of football field in the city of Arkadelphia.

"Sports teams resembled sandlot pick-up games with a little more structure imposed by officials and internal discipline provided by a coach, not a coaching staff," said Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history. "So things were much simpler and less structured then. The hierarchy of sports under which we operate didn't exist."

A.U. Williams Field is named after Arthur Upton Williams, a physician from Hot Springs, Ark., after a generous donation in 1912. The first field was where Conger and Earnest Bailey dorms once stood and where Gosser dorms and its parking lot currently stand. Early in its history A.U. Williams Field hosted Ouachita's baseball team in the warm months and the football team in the cold months. In 1960, the name transferred to a new football field that was being built in its current location.

President Henry Simms Hartzog transformed the football team and field in 1905 by making a daring decision to remove the responsibility of the team from faculty and students. Hartzog hired professional coaches and organized intercollegiate athletic competition by Ouachita teams, according to Granade. Another step forward came when President Robert Bowers hired Coach Morley Jennings in 1912, and it was during his term that the first field was constructed and mascot of Tigers was introduced.

"Former student Cleve Turner remarked the next year that the team "fought like tigers" and soon other players, then the whole campus, latched onto the phrase to nickname the team," Granade said.

The football program was highly successful in its early years but lacked membership in any kind of regulating body, such as the Arkansas Athletic Association. As a result, many state schools chose to not compete with Ouachita as a result of player eligibility issues.

President Charles Dicken attempted to correct this overdue issue by having Ouachita become a charter member and serving as the first president of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Even though this participation was a significant change for the football program, students and players still struggled with the level of brutality involved in the sport, but not in the way you would expect.

"No-holds-barred sports were essential to produce 'fearless, sturdy men,' Granade said. "[Ouachita] boasted that athletes' on-field conduct was 'free from all immoral

practices and profane language' and that students under twenty-one produced parental permission to participate."

The original stadium consisted of one set of wooden stands with a field house right next to the field. Only known as the "field house," it was a red brick structure that housed the football players in the top floors and the training room on the first floor.

"The football field didn't have painted lines and boundaries like they all do today; they used powered chalk to draw the lines," said Billy Jeff Campbell, a 1957 Ouachita graduate. "It worked well until it got wet. The field goal was wooden, not stable and in the shape of a 'H.' It looked kind of primitive."

In 1960 the football field moved to its current location and the original location was developed for dorms. A.U. Williams Field featured lights that consisted of telephone poles with lights hoisted on them, wooden bleachers and small matching stands on either side of the field.

"One of the first things I remember that we did was improve the lighting of the field," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities and a 1983 graduate. "They were not bright enough to light up the field properly and they were also kind of on eye sore. So we replaced those lights and that made it much easier to have night games, which is important in September because it's still hot."

Over the next few decades, A.U. Williams Field stayed in the same location and slowly continued to improve. The goal post upgraded from a wooden 'H' structure to a metal one, then to the classic 'Y' shape that it is today. The home side stands expanded and aluminum replaced the metal seats. A second level was added onto the press box in the 1980s. The grounds also introduced paint to A.U. Williams field instead of the traditional chalk yard lines.

Most recently, the football field has adopted Sand Based Bermuda grass as opposed to the previous Johnson grass. A brick wall surrounding the field was also added along with hillsides behind the end zones and the brick scoreboard spectators see today.

"We hope to make some upgrades which can include artificial turf, a new stadium and parking areas," said David Sharp, director of athletics and 1979 graduate. "All of these upgrades are dependent on private donations."

Along the things most commonly loved about A.U. Williams Field's current location and is its proximity to the university. The recent surge in tailgating and game day activities has increased the interest in the atmosphere.

"I think all those things make up part of Saturdays in the fall on a college campus," Root said. "It has been a good opportunity for spirit groups, band, social clubs and other groups of people to enjoy the college atmosphere together at football games. It's a gathering place for people to perform and for fellow students to appreciate their work."

While the look of A.U. Williams field is changing, the feeling people receive from the field has not. From 1895 to 2012, A.U. Williams Field embraces the college atmosphere and continues to regenerate and create memories for those who have walked through the stadium.

// BY JORDAN CAMPBELL



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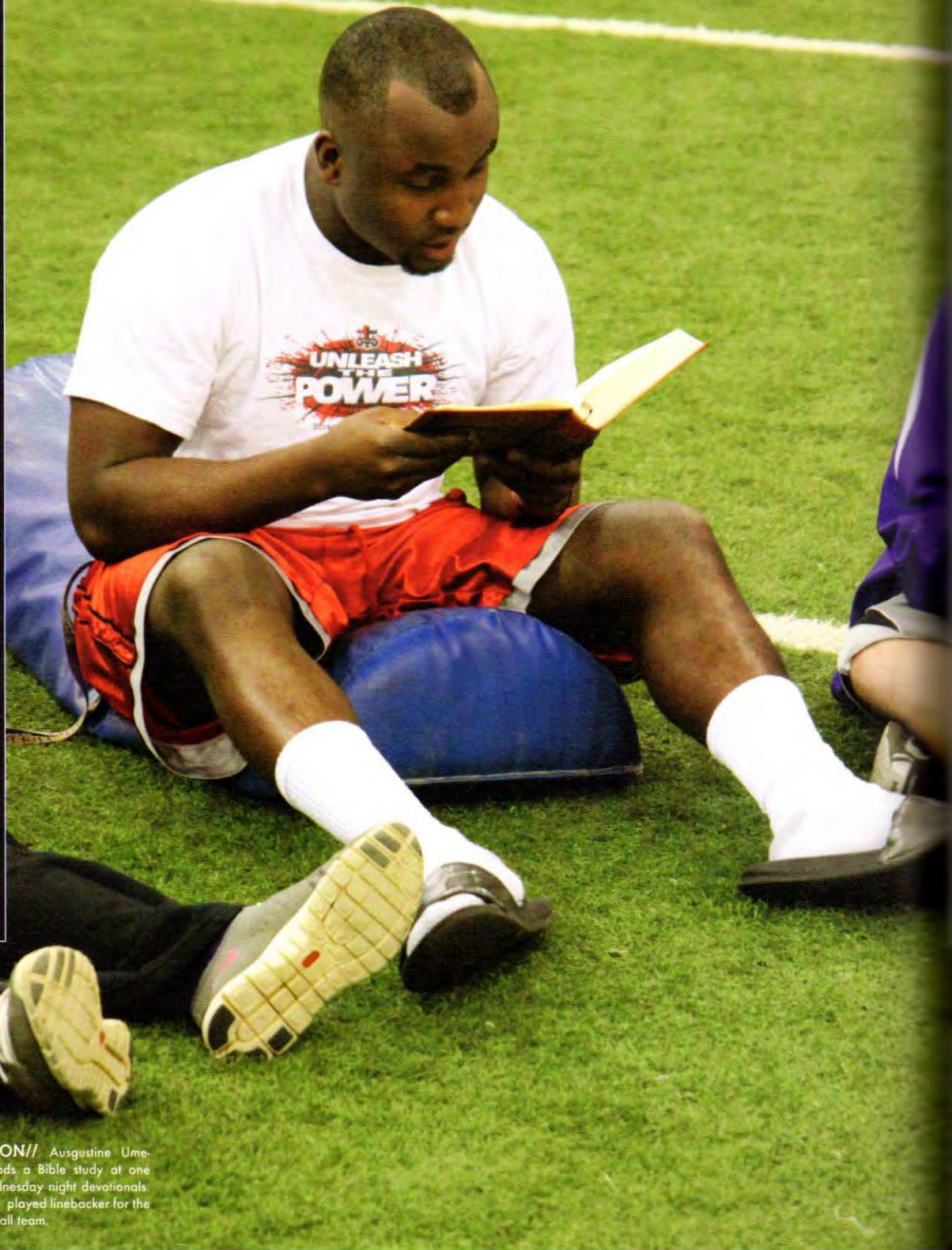


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TOP// Junior Bailey Sanders runs through an obstacle course at the indoor practice facility.

MIDDLE// An FCA member runs through an obstacle course. FCA members enjoyed some physical activities before Bible study.

BOTTOM// Senior Beulah Osueke gives her opinion at an FCA meeting. Osueke played basketball for the Lady Tigers and was a leader on and off the court.



DEVOTION// Augustine Ume-Ezoke leads a Bible study at one of the Wednesday night devotionals. Ume-Ezoke played linebacker for the Tiger football team.

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CHAMPIONS FOR eternity

RECAPPING HISTORY

recapping history



Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a club designed around the concept of athletes joining together to study in the Bible and spread God's word. FCA at Ouachita is popular with both varsity athletes and non-athletes in the community.

"FCA provides students who already have a common interest with the opportunity to fellowship with one another," said Beulah Osueke, senior psychology major and president of the FCA. "Through both a love for sports and God, great relationships can be built and nurtured through membership and consistent attendance at FCA meetings."

With a steady fellowship, FCA leaders organized an FCA Spring Retreat and also participated in the FCA National Convention in the summer. The goal was to learn new ways to approach spreading God's message and to worship.

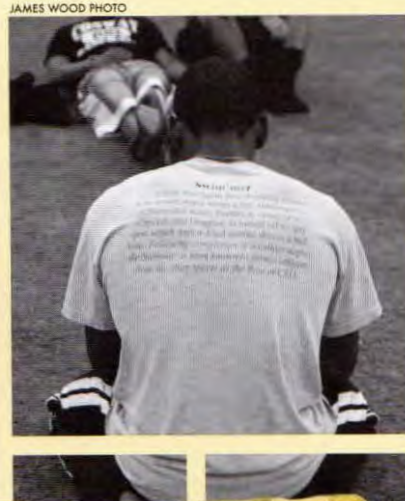
"During the conventions there were numerous speakers who ministered to the athletes ranging from well-known Division I student-athletes to former professional college coaches and players," Osueke said. "The speakers had great experience and knowledge in the practice of balancing a commitment to Christianity, a love for their respective sport and all of the other trials and tribulations that come with life."

FCA members joined for weekly fellowship on Wednesdays, where speakers came and participants learned and discussed how to put God's word into practice in their lives.

"Many faculty members, such as the Motls, have come and spoken during the FCA meetings," said Bailey Sanders, junior education major and a leader of FCA. "They talk about many relatable topics for college students



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CIRCLED UP// The FCA group meets in the indoor practice facility for a devotional. FCA members enjoyed weekly fellowships on Wednesdays.

and explain how to make it through college and all of its obstacles by living for God."

FCA also allowed students to take leadership positions within the club. The leaders met on Monday nights to plan the devotional that would be discussed on Wednesdays with the rest of the group.

"Being a leader was a great opportunity because I was able to commit to something other than my sport and it allowed me to meet amazing people," Osueke said. "Knowing that my actions affected others, especially in their spiritual growth, was a responsibility that no other position on

campus would have provided me."

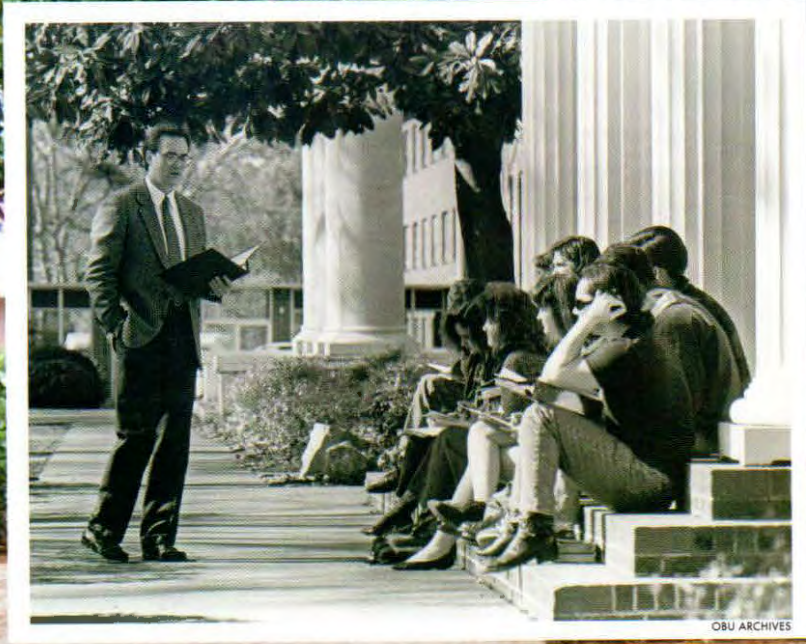
While being involved on any team builds bonds and increases patience, engaging in a weekly fellowship built around the idea of a team was a unique characteristic that FCA organization fostered.

"There is nothing more important than preparing our fellow classmates and teammates to be successful in the game of life," Sanders said. "All students strive for success and it's great to hear about playing on God's team and how being a Christian is like being on an eternal championship team."

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RECAPPING HISTORY



With over half the student population participating, intramurals had an extreme impact on student life. Almost daily, students would be in the gym or on the field taking a break from classes by competing against their classmates.

The fall season started with flag football. Over 400 students combined to make 38 teams. Beta Black and En Fuego captured the coveted upper division titles while Silent Treatment and the Terradactyls won the lower league championships. "Intramural sports has been one of the most fun activities to take part in during college," said Jessica Winstead, a senior member of En Fuego. "It allows for all of us "has-been" athletes to feel like we have still maintained those abilities we once worked years to achieve. That is until we wake up and can barely walk the next morning after the first game of every season."

The later fall semester previously consisted of volleyball and dodgeball, but dodgeball was cut after a public opinion poll to make room for a larger softball season in the Spring. "Although I was sad to see one of my favorite sports go, I was pleased with the extended softball season," said Michael Curtis, a junior music performance major from Wylie, Texas. Soccer was the smallest turnout of the year with only 260 participants. Volleyball, however, saw an increase to 360 participants.

With spring came basketball season, which also underwent changes. In addition to the men's upper and lower divisions, a globetrotter league was created to give teams a chance to dress up, bend the rules, and have fun. "It was a great opportunity for us less inclined athletes to have fun," said David Sypult, a business major from Fayetteville.

To end the year, more than 750 students signed up for softball season,



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FOOTBALL//	400 PARTICIPANTS 38 TEAMS
VOLLEYBALL//	360 PARTICIPANTS 36 TEAMS
SOCCER//	260 PARTICIPANTS 26 TEAMS
BASKETBALL//	600 PARTICIPANTS 63 TEAMS
SOFTBALL//	750 PARTICIPANTS 50 TEAMS

SUPPORT// EEE members attend a soccer match to support their sisters. In addition to providing a physical competition outlet, intramurals became an enjoyable past-time for relaxing and socializing.

making it the largest season of the year. Fifty teams were divided into coed or men's league. "My softball team was made up of mainly senior guys," said Jacob Lively, a senior biology major from Hooks, Texas. "Playing softball was a great way to relax in my last semester. Even though we didn't win a lot of games, I loved our memories."

Blood, Bath and Beyond won the men's lower division while Beta Black took home the upper title. It Could Happen snagged the coed lower, and The Purkaples fought hard for the upper championship. Men could play on both a coed a lower team.

The Rec Sports office had their

hands full in planning the schedules for the number of students participating. "It was difficult with the increase of teams to create schedules," said Demarcus Tharton, a junior business major from Plano, Texas, and assistant director to Rec Sports. "Students have lots of conflicts, but Jeff did a very good job of making a schedule that worked for everyone."

No matter the season, weather, or event, Rec Sports brought excitement to student life. "Everyone wants a coveted championship t-shirt to fuel their athletic pride," said Winstead. "In case you need to know, I am retiring with 7."

// BY AUSTIN KING



BEKAH HALL PHOTO

FLAG PULL// Senior Emily Vinson, playing for EEE Hardcore, takes down freshman Hailee Bezet with an aggressive flag pull. EEE Hardcore placed second in the upper-league women's division, falling to El Fuego in the final seconds of the championship match.

From four students in the first graduating class to 318 in the class of 2012, **from being limited by the boundaries of campus to studying and ministering in Israel and Bosnia,** from an enrollment of 235 during OBC's first session to an enrollment of 1594 in the fall, **from a majority of "close-to-home" students to a student body representing 30 states and 40 nations,** from Dr. John Conger serving as the first president to Dr. Rex Horne honoring the Conger family during the 125th year celebration,

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"The animals are like that [Madagascar: the movie], maybe, but there are also people there. There are dancing lemurs though, no joke. You can YouTube it."

For most, the anticipation of a normal freshman move-in day would be enough, but add traveling 10,000 miles from home and one would expect to be a basket case. This was far from true for Paul Spann, a freshman history major from Antananarivo, Madagascar. In fact, he wasn't nervous at all about leaving home or being back in the United States. "I wasn't nervous about coming back to the States because it is my favorite country. I was more nervous about meeting all sorts of new people once I got here." Paul has spent the last eight years living in Madagascar with his family, where his parents serve as missionaries.

Paul was born in Orlando, FL, but after a year his family moved to Virginia for his parent's missionary orientation. After a year in Virginia, he and his family spent four years living in Moscow, Russia, where he remembers being, "just a little guy in a my little snowsuit who played in the snow." His family then moved back to the States, living in various parts of Texas for four years before going international once again: to France for a year, and finally taking root in the capital city of Madagascar, Antananarivo.

In "Tana" as Paul called it, the official language is French, but most people outside the city speak Malagasy. Paul speaks English, French and, "enough Malagasy to get around." Paul's family remains in Madagascar where his dad is a church planter, while he studies as OBU.

While Paul was nervous about meeting lots of new people, he was excited about

getting back to his

heritage. "My ancestors are from Arkansas, so I feel like I might have some roots here." The fright of new faces was also eased by the fact he was sure to find one familiar voice on move-in day. Paul and his roommate, Coleson Lechner, an English major from Minden, La., had already met prior to coming to Ouachita. Lechner's parents are also missionaries and he and Paul had met through South African missionary meetings over the years.

Paul's favorite thing about Madagascar is the laid-back atmosphere, so the get up and go attitude of American culture was a big adjustment. "Everything is really fast here. Everyone wants to do stuff, do stuff, do stuff. People here never just relax. I've become really busy all the time since I came here, because everyone is always busy, busy, busy."

While Paul may not be keen on the fast pace of American life, there are still several things he prefers about the US.

"I like the food in America better, because I like fast food. I also like how in America, you feel safer. If something were to happen to you, in one phone call you can have ambulances and police to help you. In Madagascar if something happens to you, you are just out of luck."

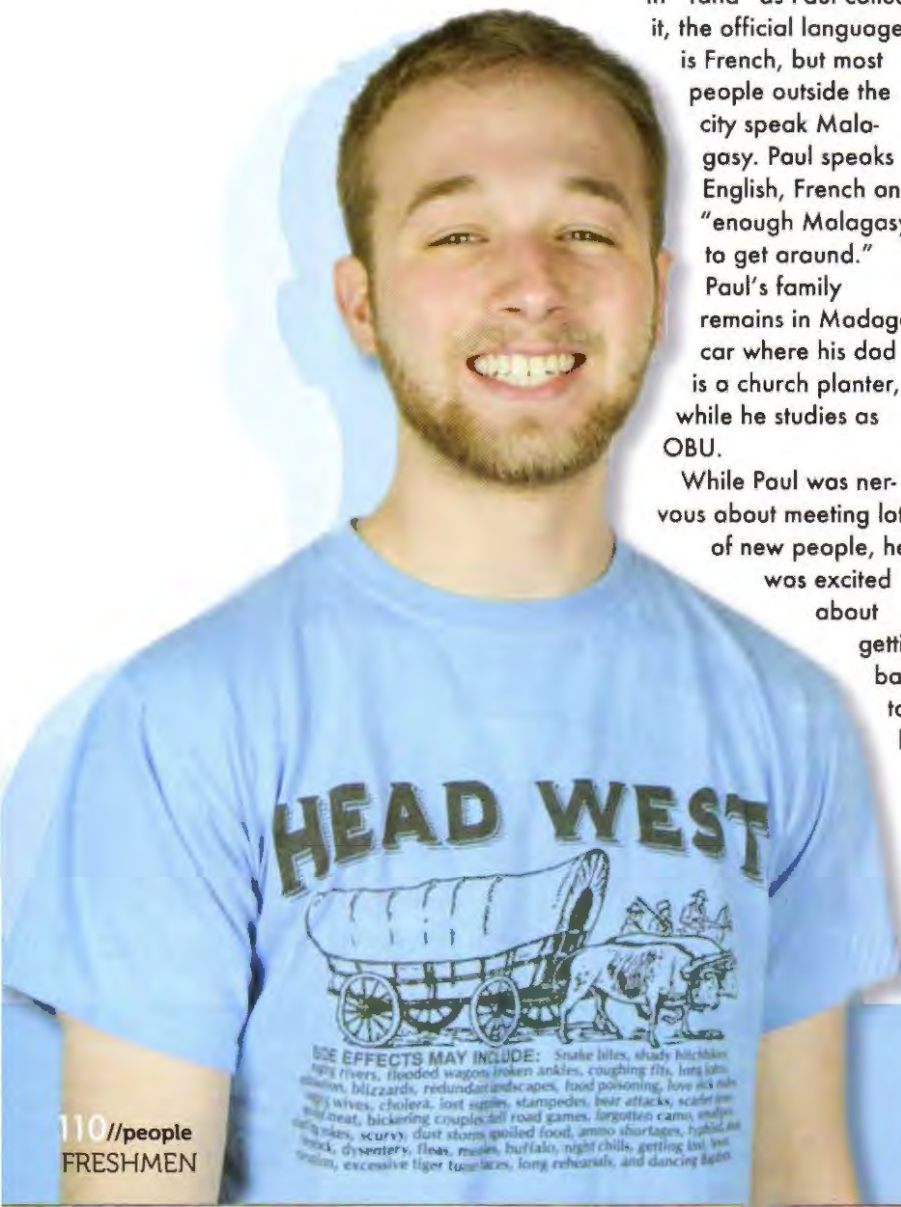
Even though Paul is very thankful for American emergency response teams, he sometimes misses the traffic system of Madagascar. "Over there you don't have to worry about the Police watching you when you drive, so you don't have to worry about stuff like speed limits," Paul explains.

Paul has had several adventures during his time in Madagascar. When his family arrived in Madagascar they were the first IMB missionaries to the area in a long time. Paul went on a backpacking trip to survey the people groups and research their beliefs. He arrived at one village by helicopter, which amazed the locals.

"I asked this man who he thought God was and he said, 'You are,'" Paul said. "They wanted me to give them spoons from above. They wanted spoons from heaven, because they didn't have any. Then I had to explain I wasn't God."

While Paul misses home, he is loving his time in the States, though he might have to disagree with the US perspective on Madagascar. When asked how he felt about the movie "Madagascar," Paul replied, "Madagascar is not really like that. The animals are like that, maybe, but there are also people there. There are dancing lemurs though, no joke. You can YouTube it."

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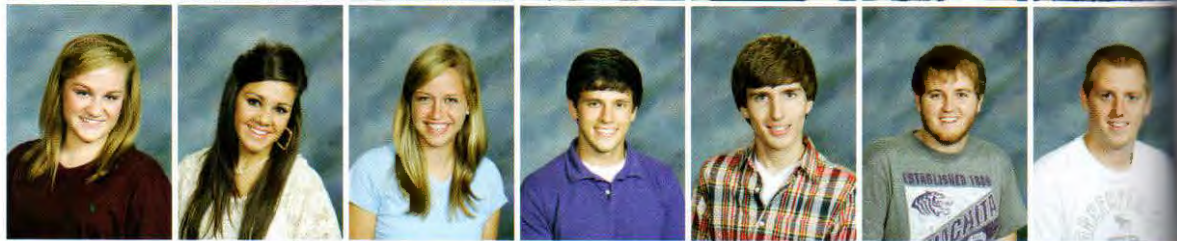
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KELLYSTRICKLAND

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elly Strickland first realized her father was sick when he couldn't give her piggy back rides.

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis before she was born, Russell Strickland knew he wouldn't be

able to do the same things that other dads could. This never stopped him from trying.

Making up for piggy back rides, Russell would tell stories to Kelly and her older sister, Emily. Kelly remembers climbing in his lap as she was listening to her father tell about his childhood - stories that would normally include animals running away.

"I didn't get the dad who was able to come out and play ball with me, but he's always been there," Kelly said. "He would come to every one of my games but he couldn't stand up and scream . . . so he'd have my mom yell it for him."

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system and causes interruptions in nerve impulses. It affects about 400,000 Americans but symptoms vary among individuals. The symptom that caused Russell to consult a doctor was impaired walking.

When Kelly was in third grade her dad left his job as an accountant for British Petroleum in Anchorage, Alaska, and the family moved to Arkadelphia, Ark. in order to be closer to relatives. When the family moved, "it really hit" Kelly how bad MS could be. But, she never complains.

A busy high school student, Kelly participated in basketball, dance and cheer. Her day began at 6 a.m. when she and her mother, Leanne, helped her father get ready in the morning. She could normally get a quick nap before she left for school, where she sometimes felt nervous.

"Every time the phone would ring and they'd call for me, I was always scared that he had fallen or that he would need me," Kelly said.

The summer after her senior year, Kelly earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certification at Twin Rivers, a nursing home close to the hospital in Arkadelphia. It was not an easy decision for Kelly, who was uneasy being around elderly who are sick. But, her sister, who had already earned a CNA certificate in 2009, encouraged her.

Kelly is now grateful for her sister's advice. She didn't have to work with patients, but practiced on a dummy and found that she "enjoyed it, throughout everything." Had her sister not earned her certificate, Kelly never would have taken it. Now, she feels very rewarded by having it.

Though she doesn't use every skill she learned, Kelly is very thankful for the ones she does. She learned how to help Russell sit up properly to take medicine, and to transfer him without hurting her back.

She feels that the certificate also gives her a form of job security. If, in the future, a job doesn't work out, she has a set of skills to fall back on. "Oh, and the money isn't too bad. It's nice having money in college," Kelly said.

Kelly is now a freshman at OBU and majoring in early childhood education. She hopes to be a first grade teacher in north Arkansas. She participated in Tiger Tunes 2011, played intramurals, and was a Ballin' Beauty. She loves to sing, dance and spend time with friends.

Though she is busy, Kelly still goes home every day to help her father. She is there about five to six times a day for about 30 minutes between classes. She totals, normally, around 21 hours per week.

"It's not anything that I don't like. I love going home and getting to see my parents," Kelly said. "I like a good meal every now and then that's not from the cafe!"

For now, Russell's MS is at a standstill. He struggles with trigeminal neuralgia, a nerve disorder causing extreme pain to the jaw. But he finds a way to glorify God in his struggles.

"Most people in his situation would give up, but he's used his situation as an opportunity to witness," she said. "He can show people how God can use him, even if he can't move," Kelly said. "Because of him, so many people have been brought to Christ. Faith is everything for us."

BY ALY SMITH



"It's really humbling to have a man dying in a hospital bed praying for you. At the very least, this whole situation has made me a stronger prayer warrior."

Elliot Davis, a freshman from Garland, Texas, was attending his girlfriend's high school graduation when he passed out. "I remember standing up as the graduates walked in, and from there I don't remember a thing," Elliot said.

Elliot had been suffering from severe headaches. He thought it might just be sinus headaches, but after he passed out, his parents decided to go to the hospital to get it checked out. After the graduation ceremony was over, Elliot's girlfriend and other friends visited him in the hospital. "I remember my girlfriend walking in with tears on her face and feeling bad because I felt like I had ruined her day, but I knew it was just because she cared," Elliot said.

That night, the doctors looked over his tests and told him he could go home, but his parents insisted the doctors run some more tests to make sure everything was OK. The next day the doctors said they found something and wanted to get another look, so they admitted Elliot into the hospital.

During that time Elliot had former teachers, principals, counselors and church members visit him. "I was swamped with people that day," Elliot said.

"That's something I'm really thankful for, to not only know that my God loves me, but that he's put people in my life that care about me like that."

The next day, Elliot had an MRI which revealed a tumor. The surgeon explained the tumor was not cancerous; it was just something that wasn't supposed to be there. The doctors couldn't perform the surgery for another week, so they sent Elliot home with

some pain medication to help with his headaches. His girlfriend's family, who lived in Mexico, came and visited because

they didn't want to miss the chance to meet him. "It's amazing how it can happen like that. People who don't even know you are going to take the time and sit down and go the Father and pray," Elliot said. "That is something I'm going to take into ministry."

On the day of Elliot's surgery, he had the support of his family and church family. When Elliot returned to his room after surgery, he continued to have numerous visitors. "It was still the love that I was thankful for, the people who come to the hospital and saw me. I think having those people actually helped in the process," Elliot said.

After Elliot went home, he was headache free and able to resume normal activity a week after the surgery. The day Elliot was leaving for NSR he had one more doctor appointment. The doctor advised it would be best to have a second surgery to make sure the tumor wasn't cancerous.

Elliot decided to have the second surgery, basing his decision on the peace God provided him. They couldn't remove the tumor completely, but it was benign. Next was six weeks of radiation. During the first week of radiation treatment Elliot began noticing a pattern in how he conducted himself while in the radiation room. "I would just close my eyes and think 'I wonder what's for lunch' or 'what can I do today,' just random thoughts that didn't really mean anything," Elliot said. On Thursday of the first week of treatment Elliot began praying for his church music director who was suffering from leukemia and other family members and friends.

Elliot's music director had a list of people he would pray for each day, and when he found out Elliot had a brain tumor, he put him on the list. "It's really humbling to have a man dying in a hospital bed praying for you," Elliot said.

Elliot was then inspired to make a prayer list of his own. That night he put everyone he could think of on his list and also posted on Facebook asking for prayer requests. Now every time Elliot went in for treatment, he would pray for the people on his list. "At the very least this whole situation with the brain tumor has made me a stronger prayer warrior," Elliot said. "I think that's the reason I stayed behind, to strengthen my prayer life."

"I would be like I've had so many blessings come out of this. This is not the worst thing to happen to me," Elliot said. "I'm just waiting to see the rest of the fruits to come from this. I really don't see this as a tragedy. I see it as a blessing from God."

// BY HANNAH SHULL





Chloe Huff / JONESBORO, AR
 Trey Huneycutt / ARKADELPHIA, AR
 Jon Jacks / FOUNTAIN HILL, AR
 Brittany Jackson / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Zara John / DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAN
 Caitlyn Johnson / WINNSBORO, TX
 Kailen Johnson / MAGNOLIA, AR



Amber Jones / NEW BOSTON, TX
 Hannah Jones / GRAPEVINE, TX
 Jocelyn Jones / INEZ, TX
 Abbie Kambanis / JONESBORO, AR
 Jake Kausler / MARION, AR
 Austin Kennedy / BENTON, AR
 Allison King / FORT WORTH, TX



Jacob Kirchoff / CYPRESS, TX
 Ryan Kirk / HARARE, ZIMBABWE
 Alexa Knutson / DE QUEEN, AR
 Griffin Kretzer / SILOAM SPRINGS, AR
 Logan Kuhn / ROLAND, AR
 Jordan LaBry / LITTLE ELM, TX
 Jared Lantzsch / ROGERS, AR



Elizabeth Lawson / TEXARKANA, TX
 Coleson Lechner / FORT WORTH, TX
 Neelie Lee / GLENWOOD, AR
 Abby Lindsey / VAN BUREN, AR
 Jeb Little / WARREN, AR
 Brandon Long / RUSSELLVILLE, AR
 Tracey Mardis / SPRINGDALE, AR



Madeline Martin / GARLAND, TX
 Kala Mavity / GREENBRIER, AR
 Drake May / JONESBORO, AR
 Karissa McCalip / IRVING, TX
 Jancy McCarty / POTTSVILLE, AR
 Chance McClure / CORINTH, TX
 Madeline McCorkle / WEST FORK, AR



Kasey McLeane / CAMDEN, AR
 Bailey McMullen / IRVING, TX
 Todd McNeel / GRAND PRAIRIE, TX
 Shelby McWhorter / BEARDEN, AR
 Katherine Melson / BATESVILLE, AR
 Bryson Mendoza / HORATIO, AR
 Jessie Meyer / WOODWAY, TX



Kelly Mezzanatto / MURPHY, TX
 Mariah Miller / CONWAY, AR
 Brian Monk / EL PASO, TX
 Cameron Moore / SEARCY, AR
 Austen Morgan / SUNNYVALE, TX
 Kristin Morris / HAMBURG, AR
 Melanie Morse / BENTON, AR

gaining blessings from trials

ELIOT DAVIS

Anna Moxley / BLUEFIELD, VA
 Jon Murry / CAMDEN, AR
 Katie Novy / CONWAY, AR
 Michelle Oliva / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Paige Onyuru / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Janet Ozmun / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 Maddie Patterson / ALLEN, TX



Molly Patterson / SAN ANTONIO, TX
 Emily Payne / EUREKA SPRINGS, AR
 Lauren Perry / SPRINGDALE, AR
 Hannah Pinkerton / BENTON, AR
 Lindsey Pipkin / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 Rachel Polhemus / VAN BUREN, AR
 Sarah Pollock / NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX



Chris Price / ABILENE, TX
 Sara Quiring / MOUNT PLEASANT, TX
 Rebekah Raine / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Kyle Rapp / EL DORADO, AR
 Emily Reeves / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Will Richey / BENTON, AR
 Jordan Riffey / MILLEDGEVILLE, GA



Sam Riggs / MOUNTAINBURG, AR
 Rachel Roberts / JONESBORO, AR
 Austin Roden / ALLEN, TX
 Rachel Rogers / SPRINGDALE, AR
 Sarah Rogers / CAMDEN, AR
 Tyler Rosenthal / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Seth Rountree / ROGERS, AR



Clayton Rowe / SILOAM SPRINGS, AR
 Alayna Rutledge / WEST MONROE, LA
 Molly Salmon / HENDERSON, TX
 Rebecca Sanchez / ROMANCE, AR
 Kaitie Scott / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Megan Scrape / CAMDEN, AR
 Shelby Seabaugh / PONCA CITY, OK



Laura Grace Shaddox / N. LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Ashley Sharp / SEARCY, AR
 Hannah Shull / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Anna Sikes / GREENBRIER, AR
 Amy Simon / KATY, TX
 Emily Sinclair / EL DORADO, AR
 Allie Smith / LITTLE ROCK, AR



Allison Smith / JONESBORO, AR
 Aly Smith / SHERWOOD, AR
 Bobby Smith / SHERWOOD, AR
 Jessica Smith / VAN BUREN, AR
 Kevin Smith / BAY, AR
 Jake Sowell / DE QUEEN, AR
 Paul Spann / MOORELAND, OK



living for the water //

MORGAN MOREHEAD

Summer days on the lake often involved laying out, water skiing, and having fun with family and friends. For Morgan Morehead, things were a little different. Summer days on the lake meant perfecting her tricks for her next wakeboarding competition.

Some family friends had a houseboat next to Morgan's on Lake Degray and introduced Morgan to competitive wakeboarding. "I grew up on the water," Morgan said. "I started out skiing and then began wakeboarding when I was 12 and have been competing for five years now."

Morgan's training season starts in March. "A lot of stuff I'm self-taught. My parents had always grown up as skiers and that's what I had always done, and then when I got into wakeboarding they kind of took on to it. My dad is very knowledgeable and so he can help me," Morgan said.

In addition to being self-taught, Morgan attended camp at Bennett's Water Ski and Wakeboard School in the summer where she practiced all her tricks for tournaments.

Morgan also had the privilege of training with Melissa Marquardt, the number two wakeboarder in the world. "The last two summers Melissa has flown down from California and stayed at our house for a week and rode with us every day. I have some friends in Mt. Home and they fly her in too, so I'll go up there. She was a lot of help," Morgan said.

Morgan was sponsored by Stuckey and Grimes Xtreme Marine in North Little Rock, Ark. "We have a promo boat, so we represent his company throughout the year. He sets me up with a board, lifejacket, a rope, and each summer I get all new equipment," Morgan said.

Competing divisions ranged from Mini Outlaw, for 8 and under, and Masters for competitors over the age of 30. In each division there is a set of tricks that is required to complete for that level. The riders are judged on a scale of one to ten based on how well they do the trick and their style. "If I had a perfect run down and back and didn't fall, I'm probably going to get all my style points," Morgan said.

After the rider is able to complete all the tricks in one division, they move up to the next division. "You have to move up. It's not like 'oh, I have the option to stay.' If you can do more than the tricks in that division, they won't allow you to stay in there," Morgan said.

In a typical season, Morgan competes in six tournaments beginning the first weekend in June. Competitors complete six tricks while riding from one green buoy to another green buoy. They are allowed to fall once, and if they fall a second time, a jet ski comes and picks them up.

The top two riders from the season are invited to nationals. "Because the effect the economy has had on INT, which is the league we ride through, they only do nationals every other year," Morgan said. "And on the off year we do regionals which is held at Burns Park in North Little Rock." Morgan made it to nationals her senior year of high school where she won second place.

When Morgan isn't training for a tournament, she loves to just hang out at the lake with her friends and family. "Being out on the water, there's nothing like it," Morgan said. "It makes me forget about everything else," Morgan said.

// BY
HANNAH
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"As we started to buy into Coach Ward's program, I knew that the team had the potential to be great."

If you took a look at Dallas Smith's accomplishments this year, you would think that he was a fifth year senior - first place at the NCAA Super Region 2 tournament, All American and a sixth place finish at the National Wrestling Championships in Pueblo, Colorado.

What makes these accomplishments even more amazing? The fact that Dallas Smith is a freshman. Apparently, others feel the same way; Dallas was voted freshman of the year for the Great American Conference.

Despite all this success, Dallas is still a normal every day 19 year old, adjusting to college and being away from home. It is pretty clear he is not having too much trouble.

Dallas went 33-11 this season with numerous pins and technical falls. He placed at almost every tournament he went to and was

ranked No. 1 going into the National Tournament.

Dallas started wrestling when he was 8 years old, and was a high school state champion in Neosho, Missouri, where he lived. Coming out of high school, Dallas was ranked 16th in the country. Dallas first got into wrestling through a friend while in the first grade.

"I went to one of my friend's youth tournaments, and was pretty much hooked after that," Smith said.

Of the 14 starters on Smith's high school team, he had been wrestling with nine of them since second grade.

"We were all really close. We could hold each other accountable and worked together, and I think that's one of the reasons we were so successful as a team," he said.

The Neosho Wildcats were back-to-back state champions in 2010 and 2011.

Dallas's success can be attributed to a number of factors, one of them being his coach, Kevin Ward. Ward, in his second season as coach, has taken a team that did not qualify a single wrestler in 2011, to having three All-Americans and a 15th place finish at the national tournament.

Coming to OBU was a tough choice for Dallas, but he felt he made the right decision quickly after getting on campus.

"I knew I made the right choice after the first week of training," he said.

He quickly began to feel a close bond develop with his new team as the season progressed.

"As we started to buy into Coach Ward's program, I knew that the team had the potential to be great," he added.

Coach Ward played a major role in Dallas' decision to come to OBU for his collegiate wrestling career.

"Once I learned of Coach Ward's accomplishments, I knew that he knows what it takes to be successful," Dallas said.

Although he had a lot of success, he is definitely still not satisfied with his performance.

"As soon as my season was over, I knew I had to start preparing for next year."

Dallas Smith has the drive, and the time, to accomplish greatness in his wrestling career. All we have to do now is wait.

// BY BEN CLINE



Bradley Stamm / SEGUIN, TX
 Courtney Stange / HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR
 Jordan Stewart / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 Sarah Stiles / AUBREY, TX
 Taylor Strain / BENTON, AR
 Kelly Strickland / ARKADDELPHIA, AR

Erin Sumner / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 Blaine Surber / SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX
 Sarah Talley / BELLA VISTA, AR
 Shannon Talley / CELINA, TX
 Rebekah Taylor / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Tegan Taylor / CLARKSVILLE, AR

Elise Teel / POYEN, AR
 Emily Terry / BRYANT, AR
 Katie Theriot / ALEXANDRIA, LA
 Jamie Thompson / CLARENDON, AR
 Marissa Thornberry / MABELVALE, AR
 Tanner Trantham / BENTON, AR

Curt Tucker / BENTON, AR
 Ramsey Vaughan / BRANSON, MO
 Chelsea Villanueva / BENTONVILLE, AR
 Brandon Vining / HEBER SPRINGS, AR
 Allie Wade / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Zach Waggoner / ARKADDELPHIA, AR

Kaiti Walker / BENTON, AR
 Sara Walker / SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX
 Dustin Walter / WEST MEMPHIS, AR
 Taylor Wentz / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Jaiin Wesley / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Zach White / BENTON, AR

Keri Wickson / DIERKS, AR
 Nicole Wilganowski / CYPRESS, TX
 Ali Williams / CHIANG MAI
 Jayzee Williams / PALM COAST, FL
 Tyler Williams / FORDYCE, AR
 Cami Willis / FLOWER MOUND, TX

David Winkler / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Tyler Wisdom / RUSSELLVILLE, AR
 Katy Wood / PLANO, TX
 Kris Wright / GLENWOOD, AR
 Alex Young / LITTLE ROCK, AR

//////////////// GAC freshman of the year

DATIAS SMITH

Idiosyncrasies are things that make people interesting and ultimately extremely memorable.

Imagine being introduced to a completely new culture thousands of miles away from home. You know no one and no one knows you. People look and act differently than you are used to. Still, it is extremely important to find your place among many other hardworking and vibrant people.

Teodor Anghel, a sophomore accounting and psychology double major from Romania, made sure to stay true to himself by getting involved through the men's tennis team and standing out with his European style.

Teo was easy to spot on campus because of his clean and classy style. The most important part of Teo's everyday outfit: the notorious suspenders.

"When I first came to OBU everything was new for me and very different from the European style that I was used to. Buildings, cars, clothes. I think the clothes that I wear is the only thing that I will not change. I will never let my suspenders down," he said.

On another note, with so much expectation to both discover oneself and be discovered, one could easily conform under the pressure. Teo decided to continue his reputation of excellence.

Teo has won 58 national and seven international tennis tournaments, being ranked as one of the top ten players in the country for every category. In 2009 he was deemed the Romanian national champion under 18 in every category.

Teo joined the men's tennis team in the fall of 2010 where he discovered the group of people who encouraged him and embraced his uniqueness.

"I have wonderful teammates. We are first friends and then teammates. This helps us better understand and help each other when it is needed. In my opinion a good team and good teammates play and win like brothers and this is what I found at OBU," said Teo.

Tennis has been a vital part of Teo's life since the age of 7. His journey began when he saw tennis players on the television and told his father that he wanted to be a tennis player someday.

Teo said that at that point he had no idea that his dad was a very skilled tennis player. Teo's father took him to the court soon after their conversation and later on signed him up for professional lessons. After just a few years of lessons, he was back to practicing with just his father.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Teo pulled a muscle in his lower abdomen which hindered him from being able to serve.

"I was practicing and I did the warm up as usual and when we started playing points after the fourth serve I felt a sharp pain in my side and I couldn't breathe," said Teo. Teo remained positive although he was forced to not participate in some tournaments during the spring semester.

"Since my injury affects only my serving, I can still work out and practice. I am grateful that I could still play the sport and be with my team. But the thing that I miss the most is the competition and going out and playing matches to represent the University by playing official games," he said.

Teo was able to represent his team after recovery lasted from the end of January until the beginning of April. The road to recovery for Anghel was challenging but rewarding. Teo said that through his injury he was able to learn many things, one lesson being "do whatever you can to stay connected."

//BY TORI ABELLERA



"I grew up going to camp at Pine Cove and always knew that I wanted to work there someday."

Pine Cove is a summer camp nearly every Ouachitonian has heard about in one way or another. This camp, located in Tyler and Calumbus, Texas, is a place where children, youth, and families can come to grow in their relationship with Christ. For Meagan Moore, a sophomore business management and marketing major from Waxahachie, Texas, her experiences at Pine Cove Christian Camps went above and beyond the description on their Web site.

For Meagan, camp was an opportunity to get to work with friends from OBU as well as her own brother. She interviewed for the summer position when Pine Cove came to campus in October of 2010 and, as Meagan described, "When they called me in early December and told me I had the job, it may or may not have been the best day of my life!"

Meagan grew up around Pine Cove, so she was ready to apply long before the annual campus visit from the camp. "My grandpa was on the board at Pine Cove for years and my mom went to camp there as a kid and worked there," Meagan said. "I grew up going to camp at Pine Cove and always knew that I wanted to work there someday."

Meagan worked at the Ranch Camp, which is based in Tyler, and served as a counselor to sixth and seventh grade girls. She said working at camp "was one of the most challenging yet rewarding things I've ever done in my life."

The girls she counseled were not

only influenced through the camp, but they were also an influence in Meagan's life. "Being able to invest in the lives of sixth and seventh graders all summer taught me about my relationship with Christ as I was able to see Him work in my life and theirs."

The girls Meagan counseled were not the only ones who helped grow her walk with Christ. Through camp's challenges, she was able to delve into the great community provided through her coworkers. "All the staff from camp became like a big family to me. I have never been a part of such a powerful Christian community," Meagan said.

Through camp, Meagan was also able to make a change in the way she influences her Little Sisters in the Big Brother/Big Sister program sponsored by Campus Ministries at Ouachita. "I pick up my little sister, Hayley, and her own sister whose Big Sis is a fellow student and friend of mine. Together, we get the girls every Wednesday and hang out for a few hours," Meagan said.

But camp was not the only step Meagan took with Pine Cove. At the beginning of the summer, the camp staff was given the opportunity to sign up to go with Pine Cove Christian Camps to Guatemala in January of 2012. "Everyone was given the chance to apply, and then they selected eight guys and eight girls to go on the trip," Meagan said. "I was extremely honored to have been given the opportunity to go with them to Guatemala."

In Guatemala, the staff worked with a local church to run camp in two different locations. Although the language barrier was a challenge, Meagan described her experience while in Guatemala: "There was one particular 7-year-old girl named Juanita and the bond created between the two of us is one that I will never forget. Saying goodbye to the Guatemalan kids was much harder than it was to say goodbye to my campers in the summer, as I had no idea what they were returning home to and that I would probably never see them again. I have to trust that God is watching over all of the Guatemalan children."

Meagan was very much changed through Pine Cove Christian Camps. "Although I only counseled for six weeks, it was one of the most influential and incredible times of my life." Though those six weeks in the hot summer sun may have been tough to endure, Meagan is ready to take on the challenge once again this coming summer. "I think of Pine Cove as home and I cannot wait to go back for a full 13 weeks next summer."

// BY ALY SMITH



Trey Lynch / VALLEY SPRINGS, AR
 Victoria Mantooth / SHERWOOD, AR
 Meredith Martin / GARLAND, TX
 Nicole Massey / WEATHERFORD, TX
 Megan Mattson / ROWLETT, TX
 Shelby McAdoo / COPPER CANYON, TX
 Lauren McElyea / GARLAND, TX



Elizabeth McGowan / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Clay McKinney / HUGHES SPRINGS, TX
 Oscar Menendo / CONROE, TX
 Celia Miller / ALMA, AR
 Jordan Miller / ROCKWALL, TX
 Josh Montgomery / FRISCO, TX
 Meagan Moore / WAXAHACHIE, TX



Chelsea Morehead / MABELVALE, AR
 Asaf Moreno / MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
 Bailey Morris / MESQUITE, TX
 Cambri Morris / FLINT, TX
 Dani Moses / TEXARKANA, AR
 Savannah Motzko / BERRYVILLE, AR
 Spencer Neblett / LITTLE ROCK, AR



Taylor Neeley / CAMDEN, AR
 Alex Nelson / FRISCO, TX
 Chelsey Nicholas / TEXARKANA, AR
 Amanda Nichol / MCKINNEY, TX
 Brittany Nolan / EL DORADO, AR
 Hannah Nolan / SHERWOOD, AR
 Carly Oetker / HECTOR, AR



Daniel Ogier / SAN ANTONIO, TX
 Trey Oliveto / SEARCY, AR
 Emma Patterson / GARLAND, TX
 Bernita Pearson / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Bethany Peevy / ROGERS, AR
 Michelle Perez / VENEZUELA
 Shelby Pierceall / MABELVALE, AR



Morgan Pitchford / COLUMBIA, MO
 LeeAnne Polk / GREENVILLE, TX
 Kelsie Ponder / BELLVILLE, TX
 Kathleen Post / GRAND PRAIRIE, TX
 Dawson Pritchard / DENTON, TX
 Chris Redmon / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Shelby Reed / NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR



Crista Riggs / EDMOND, OK
 Kayla Roop / MAUMELLE, AR
 Hannah Rucker / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Emily Sanders / CONWAY, AR
 Austin Sarabia / HOUSTON, TX
 Carli Sasser / HAMBURG, AR
 Megan Scarbrough / FAYETTEVILLE, AR



being a difference maker //

JUST IN YOUNG

Justin Young, a sophomore business administration and finance major, from Springdale, takes his business skills far beyond the walls of Hickingbothom Hall. He is actively involved on campus in Student Senate, Beta Beta, the Big Brother program, his studies, and SIFE, where he currently serves as project leader of the Business Plan Competition and assistant leader of the Honduras project. SIFE, Students In Free Enterprise, is currently working on a few projects in Honduras with World Gospel Outreach in order to teach the Hondurans necessary business skills to keep their organization thriving.

Justin first got involved with the Honduras project in August of 2011.

He said, "It was of interest to me so I started looking into it more and it kind of reminded me of a mission trip. It was a way that I could use my business skills while serving as well. It was the perfect combination of a mission trip, a business trip and using my talents to glorify God."

Justin is definitely using his talents to go above and beyond to coordinate, alongside Judith Brizuela, the work that SIFE members are contributing in Honduras. The team has three specific projects in progress: the mission house, the orphanage, and the bridge house.

"First is the mission house. People will come from all over the world to stay at this mission house and go out during the days and serve on medical brigades. Another part of it is their orphanage that they have on the other side of town. This orphanage has nine host families that house anywhere from four to eight kids and while these orphan kids are having a home with moms and dads, they're also going to school and getting a bilingual education. Hopefully this education propels them to go into the work force after high school," he explained. "Then the third part of WGO is the bridge house. That is where if you leave the orphanage and you graduate from the high school there, you can go to the bridge house. It's kind of an intermediate college-type experience—you go and you learn how to make a budget, start to live on your own and from there you start working and doing your own laundry and everything like that. It's kind of a good transition from being in high school to being out on your own."

Not only is he coordinating those three projects, but also implementing business skills to help the orphanage market their

coffee. The orphanage in Honduras grows coffee, which is ranked in the top two percent of the world, and blackberry—the source of most of their profit. They lack, however, the skills to market and properly sell their products in local markets or even nationally.

He explained, "We're looking into helping with the coffee production. We're going to help them market it better in their local markets and also to bring it here to the United States and, ultimately, our end goal would be to open up a coffee shop and be able to run a whole coffee shop using their coffee, but that's a big step so we're working with little steps toward that right now."

Justin continues to use his skills and leadership business skills

to not only enhance his business experience at Ouachita, but serve others globally as well. Whether it is participating in Tiger Tunes with the men of Beta Beta, hanging out with his little "brother," or working on projects in another country, Justin Young is a prime example of a Ouachita difference maker.

// BY KRISTEN BARNARD





Rebekah Dindak / ALLEN, TX
 Megan Evans / MESQUITE, TX
 Brittany Ewart / BOSSIER CITY, LA
 Sally Ferguson / MAUD, TX
 Cassie Fikes / HONOLULU, HI
 Tyler Files / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 Kyle Fischer / TEXARKANA, TX

Kelsey Frink / MARION, MA
 Rachel Gilmer / PRINCETON, TX
 Connor Goad / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Megan Graves / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Mallory Green / CARL JUNCTION, MO
 Rachel Gregory / MALVERN, AR
 John Grove / LITTLE ROCK, AR

Bekah Hall / PORT ELIZABETH
 Jake Hannon / CONWAY, AR
 Drake Hardy / ROYAL, AR
 Meg Hart / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Andrew Hassell / TYLER, TX
 Emily Hastings / LEAWOOD, KS
 Lindsay Henderson / EULESS, TX

Annelise Henley / ARKADDELPHIA, AR
 John Hewitt / MESQUITE, TX
 Chelsea Hill / SEARCY, AR
 Hayley Hill / LOWELL, AR
 Hein Hillmer / PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA
 Maegan Hodge / SPRINGDALE, AR
 Elise Holman / BERRYVILLE, AR

Rachel Hooker / PALESTINE, AR
 Katie Hopmann / CYPRESS, TX
 Allyson Huffman / DENTON, TX
 Jenna Hurst / GURDON, AR
 Joseph Hurst / MORRILTON, AR
 Austin Ingram / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Arthur Johnson / ROCKWALL, TX

Blake Johnson / CAMDEN, AR
 Kristin Johnson / BENTON, AR
 Lacey Johnson / RANCHO MIRAGE, CA
 Alexis Kamerman / SEARCY, AR
 Ana Kim / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Lorna Kirkpatrick / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Helge Knuth / MANDELBACHTAL

Taylor Koller / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Joseph Koon / HENSLEY, AR
 Jake Kraus / LONGVIEW, TX
 Lindsey Lederer / CARROLLTON, TX
 Ally Lemos / HANFORD, CA
 Amelia Lindsey / CAMDEN, AR
 Lauren Linton / MILLINGTON, TN

finding a home away from home

MEAGAN MOORE

"Spreading the gospel is not always easy and it's not always going to be safe. Get out of your comfort zone and go."



For the past two summers sophomore Kristen Barnard has spent some of her time serving the people of Ecuador and spreading the word of Christ. Kristen and members of Crossgate Church, which is also her hometown church, in Hot Springs, participate in missions on a regular basis.

"I have such a heart for missions and orphans and just traveling the world," Kristen said.

During her 2010 visit, Kristen and her mission group had the opportunity to minister to children who live in the jungle. Their Vacation Bible School attracted more than 200 children. The group got to ride a basket on a cable car across a gorge and spent some time at a tributary in the Amazon.

The group was exposed to some of Ecuador's wildlife as well. On a trip to a jungle village they were able to see and play with Ocelots, which are twice the size of the average house cat.

"It wasn't some tame zoo animal," Kristen said.

After her first trip, Kristen felt the need to further involve herself in her service of Christ and the people of Ecuador.

Through an organization called Compassion International she now sponsors a 4-year-old girl from the country. On her most recent mission trip she had the opportunity to meet the girl and her family.

"It was really special," said Kristen. "It was finally made real. It was an awesome experience getting to meet her and talk with her."

On her second trip in 2011 Kristen and the mission team spent a week in Ecuador and worked with an orphanage. The volunteers played with the kids and hosted a three-day VBS. They also made minor repairs to some of the orphanage houses including painting, digging wells and ditches.

Prior to going on the trip the team had to mentally prepare themselves.

"Spreading the gospel is not always easy and it's not always going to be safe," said Kristen.

The group collected toys and sporting equipment like soccer balls to bring with them. Kristen will embark on another adventure to Africa, in the country of Zambia.

"Just in the past few years God has really been working on my heart and calling me to other countries to work with countries," said Kristen. "I have it in my heart to love on those who haven't really been loved."

In addition to mission work Kristen has engaged herself in other activities to spread the word of God. For a large portion of the summer of 2011 Kristen spent a month working at Sky Ranch.

"That was such a neat experience," said Kristen. "It was the first time I had ever worked a summer camp."

Kristen worked as a counselor to middle school aged girls.

"I got to love on the girls and learn a lot about them and about myself," Kristen said.

The time she spent with the girls gave her the opportunity to reflect on her own life and learn from them.

"I got to mentor them and counsel them through their situations all while directing them with the word of God," Kristen said.

All of Kristen's mission trips have been through her church. Organizations such as World Vision and Compassion International coordinate mission trips of their own. Kristen encourages anyone interested in getting involved with mission work to do so.

"Get out of your comfort zone and go," said Kristen. "It will change your life more than you think."

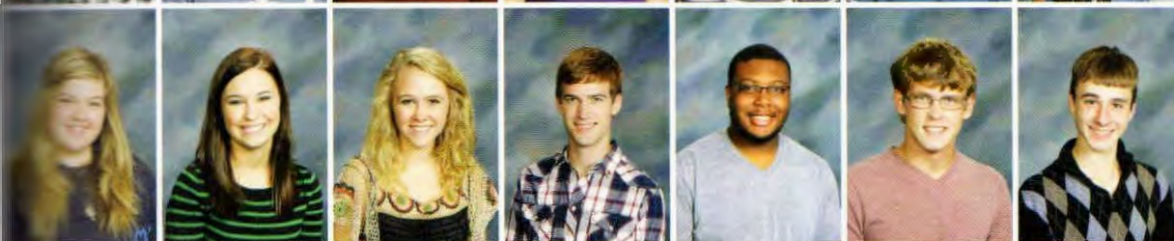
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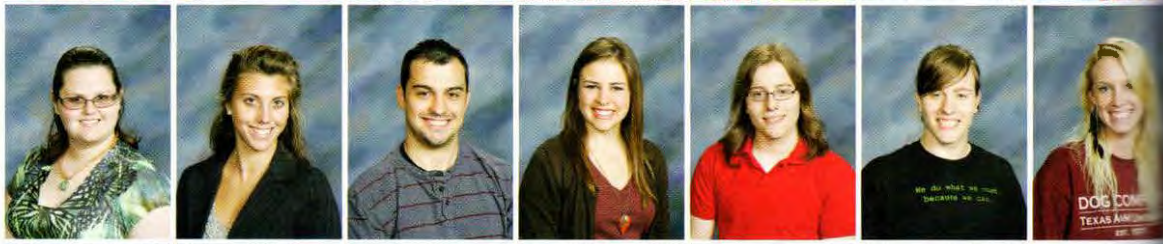
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humility through suffering //

HOPKINS PHILLIPS

For junior Hope Phillips, a double major in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish from El Dorado, speaking is not a problem that she experiences. One of her passions though, is to help others develop the ability to communicate for themselves.

"I want to work with people who have disorders because I simply enjoy helping and serving people," Hope said

Although Hope does not have a speech disorder, she experiences a different one; a sleeping disorder called Narcolepsy that she was diagnosed with her junior year of high school. This is a chronic neurological disorder, which causes excessive sleepiness, and frequent daytime attacks at inappropriate times. There is no cure for the disorder; only treatments are available to help one control their symptoms.

"I have learned immense patience (from living with the disorder)," Hope said. "It is frustrating at times to fall asleep when you are busy and have many things to do. I have to understand that it is uncontrollable and simply try to exhibit patience with my own self and my disorder."

Although Hope experiences frustration daily from her disorder, she has learned many things from it.

"I feel that through the patience that God has taught me and is still teaching me," Hope said. "I have grown to have a heart for people that need that patience and understanding."

While she learned these virtues, Hope was able to relate to people around her that experience disorders, even if they aren't the same as hers.

"Seeing their struggles is humbling. Just when I begin to hang my head or

feel sorry for myself, I think about what they go through and I am grateful for the abilities God has given me."

With these abilities that God has blessed her with, Hope has the chance to help change lives every day with her therapy and passion for people.

"I've learned to not take the ability of simply being able to communicate and understand the world around for granted," Hope said. "Every day I get to see people with disorders make progress and work on overcoming their disorder even if it's just one baby step at a time. It melts my heart."

//BY ABBEY JAMIESON



"I've been thinking and praying about doing mission work as a career...This is what I feel God's been preparing me for, for a long time."

It was a hot summer afternoon and kids were running around playing soccer on a field, until the ball rolled off the side of the mountain. Adam Webb, a junior mass communications major from Jakarta, Indonesia, had to wait while one of the kids ran down to retrieve the ball so they could keep the game going. This is what Adam did most afternoons for a few weeks while on a mission trip to Thailand last summer.

"I had no summer plans, so I thought, why not go on a mission trip," Adam said. He looked at various trips and had quite a few different options, but "through prayer and talking with others, I came to a decision." He was going up a mountain to Bacam, a village so small that it doesn't show up on Google maps. There was no big team. For six weeks it was just Adam, another American named Nick and their two Thai translators. "Our goal was to build relationships with the people and show them as

much as we could about God and the Bible. But we couldn't just walk into people's houses. We had to just do nothing first."

They didn't exactly do nothing

ing. After hiking for 20 minutes to the schoolhouse, they taught English and math in the mornings, played soccer with the kids in the afternoons and had a time of worship and prayer at night. "Sometimes we would worship in English and sometimes in Thai while Nick played his guitar."

After a few weeks they went down the mountain for a short break. When it was time to go back, they had a tough climb because one of their motorbikes broke. They were late getting back to the village and, upon their arrival, learned that someone had died and there was a funeral taking place. "That was the point when we really got to know the people in the village," Adam said. "They started to trust us and we were finally able to go into people's houses and work in their fields. The fields were on a steep incline and I fell a lot because I couldn't wear shoes." He didn't care, though. For the remainder of the trip he got to present the word of God to people who had never heard it, and that was worth the bumps and bruises.

Adam is no stranger to international travel or missions. Because his dad is in the energy business, he was born in Scotland and has lived in Louisiana, Dubai, Texas, Vietnam and Indonesia. "I'm not an MK," Adam said, although he's frequently mistaken for one. He's a TCK—a third culture kid.

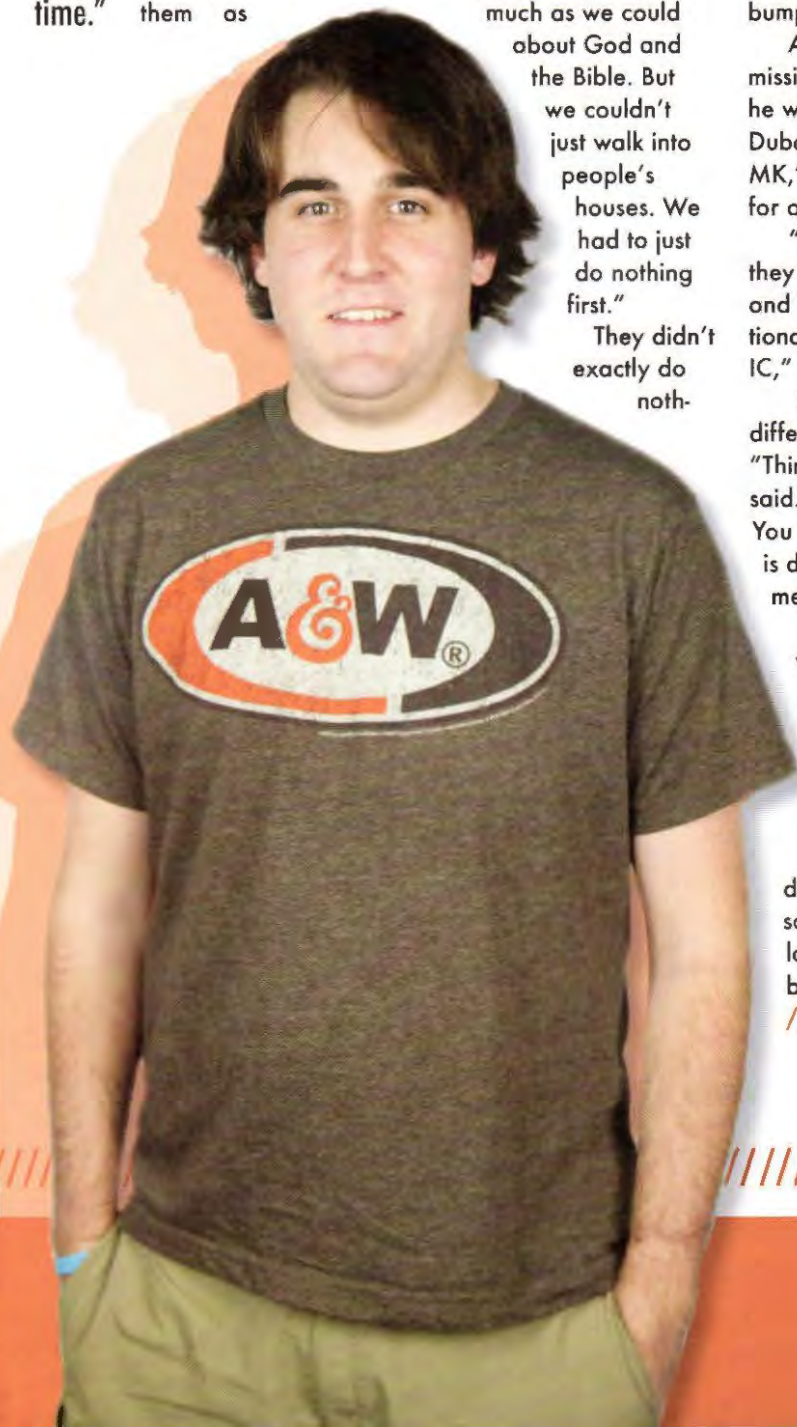
"Part of the reason I chose this school is because they have a large heart for international students and TCKs," he said. He is a member of the International Club and last year was the secretary. "I love IC," he said with a grin on his face.

Living in other countries has given Adam a different, more informed perspective on the world. "Things are done differently in different places," he said. "In the U.S., people follow laws to the point. You stay in your lane when you drive. Every country is different depending on their culture. It doesn't mean that they're better or worse, just different."

Thailand is a country that is different. There were no Christians in Bacam when Adam and his partner first arrived, and none came to Christ while they were there. But God has been working in the little village and there are now 11 new believers. He made a difference.

"I've been thinking and praying about doing mission work as a career since my sophomore year and it was confirmed in Thailand," Adam said. "This is what I feel God's been preparing me for, for a long time."

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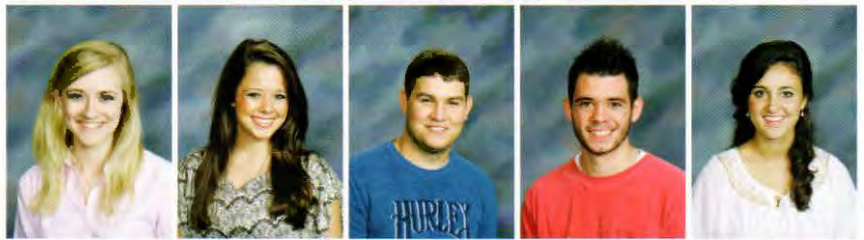
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new addition to the family //

DEVAN MALONE

Many OBU students recognize Devan Malane's smiling face around campus. The mass communications major appears to be a typical OBU student dealing with all of the same deadlines and pressures as the rest of us, but this year Devon had a much bigger concern than a homework assignment or a test to study for, a choice her family made out of love that would come to change everything about Devan's life and family.

Devan's family isn't a cookie cutter replica of the traditional nuclear American family. Devan is a devoted loving member of a family of six. Mary and Steve Malone set out to create a loving family when they married, however the capacity for love and acceptance that the family would exhibit took everyone by surprise. Devan was the first child brought into the world by her loving parents, followed by Jordan five years later. Most families would have been complete, but the Malones were just getting started. When Devan was still in elementary school, Mary began talking to the family about adoption. After two years and lots of prayer, the family was ready to welcome another member.

The new addition was 15-month-old baby Jenna whom the Malones brought home from China in March of 2005. "She was such a blessing in our lives and bringing her into our family changed each of us. We grew to love the world of adoption and it stirred in us a compassion and love for orphans," said Devan. The story doesn't end here, however, as the Malones felt that they could reach across the world one more time to bring the love of family as well as the love of Christ to a child facing the world alone. When Devan was in her sophomore year at OBU, the Malones once again began the tedious process of adopting overseas. To save time and to help a child that would otherwise have been overlooked, the Malones opted to adopt through a special needs agency.

The Malones then heard nothing for several months. The waiting and the uncertainty was torturous for the family. Then suddenly on a May night in 2011 they received word that a 3-year-old girl who didn't have a left forearm was in need of a family. It was a joyous moment for the Malones as they saw their future sister Desi on the computer screen. "I still remember my mom opening the email and us seeing Desi's beautiful face for the first time," said Devan. The wait was over. The Malones had found their missing puzzle piece. All that was left was the

legalities. As Devan's junior year began she had to leave home without welcoming her new sister to it. The wait was taking longer than anticipated as the Malones were asked to jump through bureaucratic hoops. Devan describes her junior year as a hectic series of phone calls to her mother to reassure and comfort her.

Finally in November, Mary Malane traveled across the world to bring young Desi home. However, she ended up spending nearly two weeks in the country as she was required to fill out more and more paperwork. Finally on December 9, Mary and Desi touched down in the United States, and the trial was finally over and the Malones were complete. "I will never forget the moment Jordan, Jenna, and I met her for the first time, as they tapped the escalator. It was as if time was standing still," a smiling Devan recalled. Desi fit right into the Malone household and the family is happier than ever.

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"You do not have to have a lot of money to provide for those who are in need, you just have to have the willingness to be obedient."

Wesley and Natasha May are not your average college couple. Married in May of 2008, they have one child, Esther, and will soon add Judah to their family. Wesley is a senior Biblical studies major with an outdoor recreational ministries minor, and Natasha graduated in December as a Christian studies major with an emphasis in missions. Both are originally from Highland. Their story shows love and compassion in helping those in need, willingness to let God take the reins on their finances, and patience in waiting on God to show them what their next move is in life.

The Scripture verse at the core of the Mays' mission comes from James 2:14-17: "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

The Mays use this verse to drive their mission to help the poor and feed the homeless. They started their marriage with all of \$80 in their bank account, but God worked in mighty ways to reveal to them that they would be an active part in God's mission to the world.

Though Wesley and Natasha did not have very many resources as they began their marriage, they said, "We decided we would much rather be poor together than apart. After getting married we were

challenged by the Lord to take a job at a church full time without pay. We watched as the Lord graciously provided for every one of our needs through our faith family."

Through the help of this family, the Mays felt led to provide for others as they had been provided for. When they came to Ouachita, they were unsure of how they would pay for college. "Something that God had taught us through His Word and through the actions of our faith family was that you do not have to have a lot of money to provide for those who are in need, you just have to have the willingness to be obedient."

As they faithfully walked with God, there were times when they received large amounts of money, but were convicted to give this money right back to people placed in their lives with needs greater than their own. "We were only a vehicle through which God could be faithful to His people," Wesley and Natasha said. "Our prayer is that people would not see this as an uncommon lifestyle, but as a fulfillment of our obedience to Scripture."

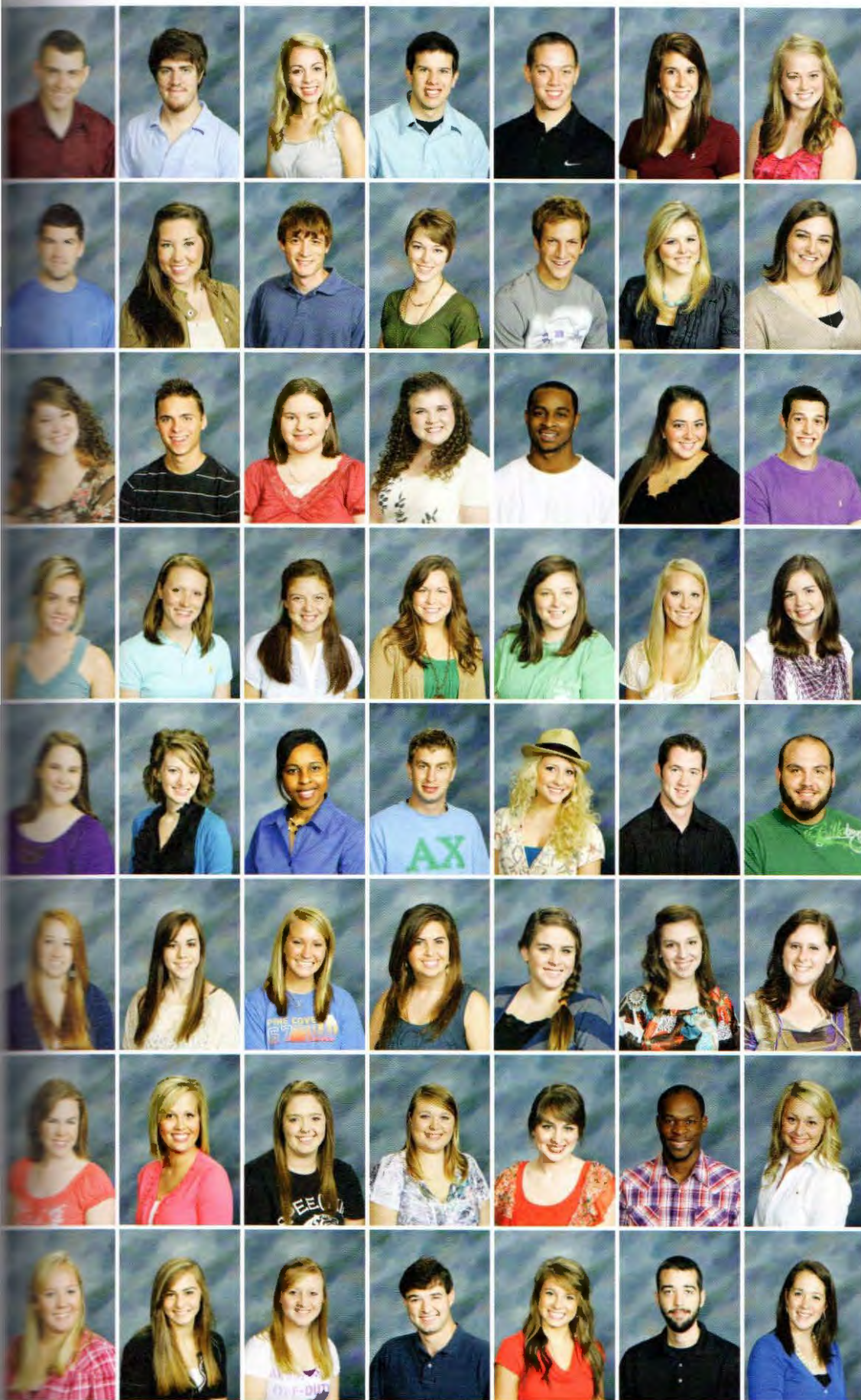
The Mays were able to find faithful friends within Arkadelphia to help them financially. "In our first year of marriage we did not have a vehicle. Stephen and Caitlin Chapman heard of our need and sold us their car, a beautiful Mazda 6, for \$600," the Mays said. "The Lord humbled us by providing through a couple our own age who did not have much either. We have been blessed in this friendship, and our families continue to provide for each other."

Through the community of young couples like themselves, they were able to help out by "making dinner for each other, buying groceries for one another, doing each other's dishes, and meeting needs in a very practical way," Wesley said.

The Mays hope that their children "will grow up to understand that prayer concerns can be met in practical ways and that sacrifice is often necessary to provide for those you love."

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child of war, man of intellect //

ELISEE HABIMANA

It had taken EZ quite a while to answer most of the questions, and I was a little worried that he wouldn't be able to answer the next one. Of course, EZ (Elisee is his real name, but few use it) is full of surprises.

"What was the hardest part?" I asked. He answered right away, as if he had been asked the same question a hundred times.

"Hearing the deaths: grandma, uncle, aunt. One after another. I was not old enough to really understand and my mother covered my face, but it was still scary," Elisee said.

I have known Elisee (EZ) for around two years, and every time I see him there is a huge smile on his face. It would be difficult for anyone to guess that underneath this smile lies a story of genocide, education and hope.

EZ's family fled from Rwanda when the genocide began. He was carried by his mother on the way out. "It was a good thing I was the youngest because I was a very lazy kid. I would have probably just sat down and died if my mother had not carried me," EZ told me a few months ago, the first time I heard him talk about his early childhood.

After living in a refugee camp for two years, there is not much hope left in a person. "I went to school for two months. After that I quit. It felt hopeless. It was like there is no future. That is the best way to describe it," said EZ.

Even when it is over, the genocide is still haunting, especially for a child. "Imagine going from living in tents to concrete. In the morning when you wake up there are windows instead of just the sun," EZ said. "You go to sleep without hearing mosquitoes, but you are still scared. What if it happens again? You think about the past."

EZ lost two uncles, an aunt and his grandmother to the horrific prejudice. EZ's father died of malaria in 1998 and his mother became ill just a short time before he came to Ouachita. EZ's parents have had an enormous effect on his life, and he would not be where he is today without them. Because of his parents, and despite all of the struggles he has gone through, EZ still considers himself blessed, along with his three brothers and two sisters.

"We were very fortunate. Both of our parents went to school. This is why we all graduated. My mother was an elementary school teacher," EZ said. "Usually people dropped out of school, but because our parents went to school we did not. Most people did not have help at home and their parents were illiterate so they have to

walk around five miles to get help from the nearest student. Because our parents went to school we did not have to do this."

EZ's intellect proved to be something special. In 2005, the Rwandan government began giving scholarships to the top high school students in the country, and EZ qualified. These scholarships came through partnerships with various U.S. schools (mostly Southern, Christian schools), including Ouachita. This was all a part of a Rwandan government initiative to help develop technology and science. Of course, Rwanda and America are not exactly similar.

When EZ first came to the U.S. he was expecting skyscrapers and big lights. "I came to Arkansas, but I expected something like New York," said EZ. "I wasn't expecting the natural state."

When I asked EZ if he had any advice for the masses, he paused with a laughing smile. I knew that he has something to say, but he didn't want to offend anyone. After a few minutes of awkward silence he let it out. "Sometimes we become so spoiled that we don't notice we take things for granted. We use things and talk with people without thinking it's special. We take what we have for granted from people who don't have them."

While his life has not been as simple as his name, EZ has kept his smile and his knowledge. I have to think EZ is an exception to his own rule. I would trust him no matter what he looks like.

// BY ADAM WEBB



"I was just super thankful and knew God could answer prayers, but that was really quick!"

After beginning their first year of marriage as seniors, John Bacon, a Christian studies major with a double emphasis in biblical studies and missions from Bryant, and his wife Lauren (Tallakson) Bacon, an early childhood education major from Keller, Texas, were given an opportunity that most newlyweds in college don't normally get to experience.

In October of their senior year, after being married for only three months, John and Lauren were chosen to travel to Israel during the spring semester with a group of students, alumni, and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, who sponsored the trip. Huckabee wanted the trip to be given to a married couple who wanted to be involved in ministry one day. How the trip came about was something even more mind-boggling for the Bacons.

"Lauren had previously wanted to go to Israel, and I wanted to go too," said John.

"We didn't have the money and we didn't talk much more about it. At the International chapel, Dr. Duvall talked about Israel and

all of a sudden I wanted to go. I thought it was from God, so we prayed about whether or not we should go. The very next day, Dr. (Danny) Hays asked to have a meeting with me and he told me there was an anonymous donor who wanted to take us to Israel. It was shocking because 24 hours before we were praying about it."

"I started crying," said Lauren. "I was just super thankful and knew God could answer prayers, but that was really quick!"

In preparation for their trip, John and Lauren talked to Hays often and he gave them materials to look over beforehand. He recommended they go through and read the gospels as a way to prepare as well. In regard to classes, both John and Lauren had to make arrangements in advance to stay on top of their schoolwork.

"Some of our favorite sites of the trip were the wailing wall, the garden tomb, Har Megiddo (mountain of Armageddon)," said John. "Also, Masada which is a fortified mountain in the Judean desert that the Jews ran to when the Romans were trying to kill them," said Lauren.

But traveling to the sites was not the only aspect of the trip the Bacons treasured. There was a spiritual aspect as well.

"The coolest part was making connections with Scripture," said Lauren. "I looked at Psalms and understood what David was talking about...it helped me to connect the Old Testament with the New Testament. It helped me picture everything visually."

The trip also opened up a new door for the newlyweds. After returning from the trip, the Bacons came back with a desire to start a trip back to Israel that would be long term.

"I want to go to Hebrew University," said John. "We would like to be missionaries. Although Israel has been close to the Gospel, there are people that still don't know it. We want to stay there and do enough work to show the Gospel, not just the manifestations of the church, but for them to see Christ there. It was very convicting about how the people of Jerusalem need to know about the Gospel."

I want to go back and let the people know that the Messiah has already come," said Lauren. "I want them to know they don't have to go the temple anymore."

BY ABBEY JAMIESON





Charlene Leus / STUTTGART, AR
 Paschall Leus / ALTHEIMER, AR
 Joseph Levy / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Chelsy Lewis / BENTON, AR
 Madison Lewis / CONWAY, AR
 Amanda Like / SACHSE, TX
 Jenna Lindsey / VAN BUREN, AR

Jacob Lively / TEXARKANA, TX
 Miranda Lytle / MCKINNEY, TX
 Hollyn McCarty / TEXARKANA, AR
 Addison McCarver / TEXARKANA, AR
 Cara McKinney / HUGHES SPRINGS, TX
 Nikki McNair / MINOT, ND
 Ruth Megli / ENID, OK

Devon Melear / MAGNOLIA, TX
 Emily Morgan / MOUNTAIN HOME, AR
 Corey Morrow / CONWAY, AR
 Gabe Musser / CHAPEL HILL, NC
 Katelyn Mustain / COPPELL, TX
 Kezia Nanda / JAKARTA, INDONESIA
 Jordan Neal / GILBERT, AZ

Vinh Nguyen / BELLEVILLE, IL
 Moriah Patterson / SHERIDAN, AR
 Stoney Patton / SCURRY, TX
 Nate Peace / BEDFORD, TX
 Joanna Persson / SHERWOOD, AR
 Hannah Pfeiffer / BENTON, AR
 Natalie Polston / SEARCY, AR

Whitley Poole / BATESVILLE, AR
 Marshall Pope / TEXARKANA, TX
 Matthew Pope / SHREVEPORT, LA
 Jeremy Prine / DE WITT, AR
 Haley Prowell / ROGERS, AR
 Jesse Pruett / HARRISON, AR
 Elizabeth Quick / COLONIA, URUGUAY

Jacob Raine / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Humoyiddin Ravshanov / TERMEZ, UZBEKISTAN
 Anthony Ridgway / SOFIA, BULGARIA
 Ruth Rosas / ARKADELPHIA, AR
 Jason Rynders / MALVERN, AR
 Elyse Senteny / PLANO, TX
 Elyse Setiawan / TANGERANG, INDONESIA

Ashlee Sharp / ARKADELPHIA, AR
 Russell Shaw / MESQUITE, TX
 Dielle Short / BOERNE, TX
 Andrew Shotts / CABOT, AR
 Laura Sikes / GREENBRIER, AR
 Andrew Simmons / TEXARKANA, AR
 James Simpson / ROGERS, AR

J.K. Slyby / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Mary Smethers / HOT SPRINGS, AR
 Katelyn Smith / LONGVIEW, TX
 Kyle Smith / FREDERICKSBURG, VA
 Rachel Spencer / ROCKWALL, TX
 Samantha Spradling / ITALY, TX
 T.C. Squires / SHERWOOD, AR

prayers being answered

THE BACONS

Britta Stamps / FORT SMITH, AR
 Bradley Stark / HEBER SPRINGS, AR
 Katie Steele / MCKINNEY, TX
 Sara Strassemeyer / FLOWER MOUND, TX
 David Street / CHEROKEE VILLAGE, AR



Chris Sumner / NEEDVILLE, TX
 Andrew Sweatman / VAN BUREN, AR
 Taylor Tarlton / MESQUITE, TX
 Katy Thompson / MESQUITE, TX
 Morgan Thornton / BISMARCK, AR
 Slava Timokhin / HARRIET, AR



Lindi VanSlyke / WYLIE, TX
 Amy Vaughan / GRAPEVINE, TX
 Kristen Vaughan / LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Wendy Vick / CONWAY, AR
 Emily Vinson / CORNING, AR
 Neil Wacaster / HOT SPRINGS, AR



Nathan Wade / BIG SANDY, TX
 Alyson Walker / BENTON, AR
 Austin Walsh / DALLAS, TX
 Caitlyn Wamble / PINE BLUFF, AR
 Stephanie Warren / SPRING, TX
 Jessica Wasmund / DENISON, TX



Brittany Watson / HARLETON, TX
 Joseph Watson / AZLE, TX
 Sarah Wenzl / NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR
 Beth Wendt / PLANO, TX
 Hannah West / ROCKWALL, TX
 Nolan West / BOLIVAR, MO



Lauren Whaley / TYLER, TX
 Josiah Wheeler / JACKSONVILLE, AR
 David White / CROSSETT, AR
 Abby Williams / PARAGOULD, AR
 Holly Williams / ROWLETT, TX
 John Williams / LITTLE ROCK, AR



Melanie Williams / WEST MONROE, LA
 Kelli Wilson / EDNA, TX
 Jessica Winston / SHERIDAN, AR
 Christina Wood / LONGVIEW, TX
 Will Wood / MAGNOLIA, AR
 Erin Woodfin / MARSHALL, TX



Rebecca Wright / CORDOVA, TN
 Alyssa Wylie / HENDERSON, TX
 Callie Yeager / TYLER, TX



a life of media and ministry //////////////////////////////////////

NATE PEACE

Inate Peace, senior Christian studies, Biblical languages, and mass communications triple major, from Bedford, Texas, may be the most involved student on Ouachita's campus.

Involved directly in at least seven organizations at Ouachita, Peace still finds time to volunteer as an intern at a local church. Some of Peace's positions on campus include president of Theta Alpha Kappa, media officer of Students in Free Enterprise, publicity officer of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team, member of the Carl Goodson Honors College, member of Alpha Chi, and member of the Ouachita Student Foundation.

One of Peace's most important positions however, is his job as the associate producer of Ouachita's video department. The position is more than enough to keep a normal person busy. What began as a work-study job under Dr. Dave Ozmun developed slowly into a more evolved role as the associate producer.

Peace said, "My freshman and sophomore year, I worked hard, and more than that, was simply responsible, so for my junior and senior years I was chosen as the associate producer of the video department, which is a full-tuition position and makes me responsible for six work study students, up to nine practicum students, two TV shows, and Tiger Tunes."

Peace's position as associate producer also offers other opportunities. "The day after Tiger Tunes Dr. Ozmun told me that the mass communication department was sending me to Israel to make a video for Mike Huckabee. I was in shock," said Peace. The trip, February 20-28, was sponsored by Gov. Mike Huckabee and had over 160 people on it. The trip began in Jerusalem and travelled north toward the Sea of Galilee, visiting many Biblical sites along the way.

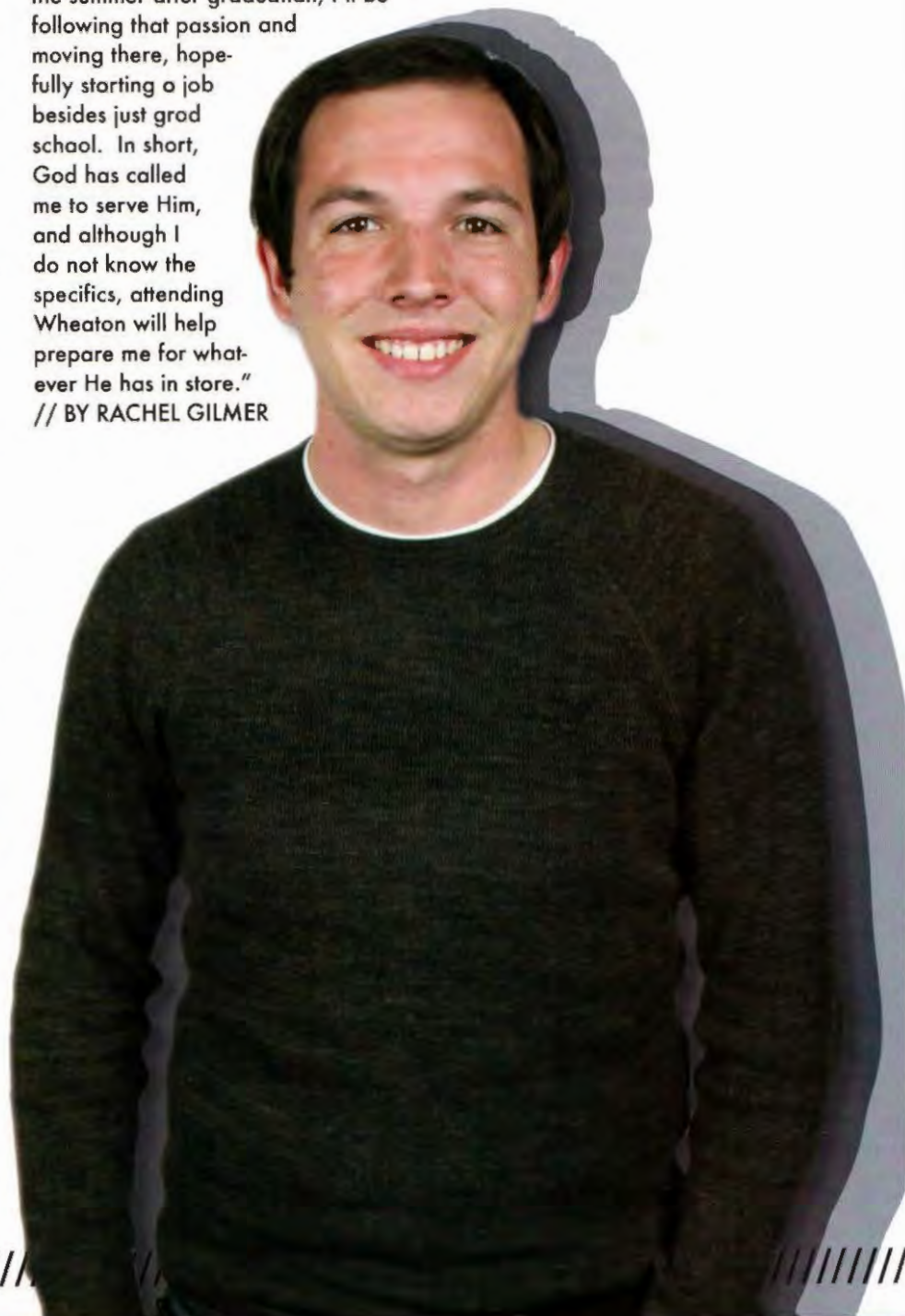
"Throughout the trip myself and Reece Franklin were filming, and I was concerned it would distract us, but instead it worked out and helped focus our attention. Plus, the video allowed us to work closely with Gov. Huckabee. In short, it was the trip of the lifetime where I not only saw amazing sites, but met some amazing people and continue to build my network throughout the United States."

Peace believes Ouachita has prepared him in every way for his future plans, both competitively and socially. "First, Ouachita has given

me an academic experience that I am proud of and that I know is at par with any others in the world. Second, it has given me a network of Ouachita alumni that is continuously growing," said Peace. More importantly however, Peace is thankful for his friendships at Ouachita. He said, "[M]y experience at Ouachita has given me relationships and friendships that will prepare me to face whatever I encounter in the world."

After graduation, Peace plans to attend Wheaton College Graduate School to receive his Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis. He said, "God has given me a love and a passion for the Chicago area. And the summer after graduation, I'll be following that passion and moving there, hopefully starting a job besides just grad school. In short, God has called me to serve Him, and although I do not know the specifics, attending Wheaton will help prepare me for whatever He has in store."

// BY RACHEL GILMER



WHO'S WHO



STEPHANIE BATSEL

major//
Music and Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing

involvement//
Ouachita Singers (section leader and vice president), SIFE (serving as project leader for Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Arkansas), Tiger Tunes hostess, Tiger Serve Day, Youth group at First Baptist Church El Dorado (Jan 2009-Aug 2010), Youth worship, retreats and youth choir ministry at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church

brags//
dean's list, Homecoming queen

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, SIFE and Pregnancy Resource Center

plans//
Obtain a master's and doctoral degree in music education and become a collegiate choir director

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CAITLYN WAMBLE

major//
Biblical Studies/Pre-nursing

involvement//
International Club historian, Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Chi, intramurals, Campus Ministries leadership team

brags//
president's list

volunteer//
Operation Christmas Child, International Food Festival planning committee, Tiger Serve Day

plans//
overseas medical missions

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MAX FORD

major//
Chemistry & Biology

involvement//
OSF (special events), Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks, scholarship and accreditation committees through OSF, Tiger Serve Day, American Chemical Society

brags//
dean's list, president's list, 1st place Biochemistry poster contest at state INBRE symposium

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Master's degree or PhD in environmental studies/environmental toxicology. Career goal is to do geological impact research concerning water quality analysis near industrial work sites, including fracking sites or coal emission work sites

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ABBY DEKLE

major//
Biology/Pre-Med

involvement//
Alpha Tau honors society- chair, Campus Activities Board, Tri Beta biological society member, Eta Alpha Omega sweetheart, Tiger Tunes

brags//
Ouachita Scholars scholarship, Betty D. Grant award recipient, Carl Goodson honors scholar

volunteer//
ElderServe, Thanksgiving Day basket co-chair, Tiger Serve Day, WOW leader, NSR leader

plans//
Applying to medical school. Establish own practice and participate in medical missions. Interested in pediatrics

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REUBEN CASH

major//
Double major in Accounting and Business Administration with emphasis in Finance and Management

involvement//
SIFE (project leader and officer), Carl Goodson Honors Program (four year undergraduate thesis research concerning the 2008 securities market crisis and the effectiveness of the resulting TARP bailout program)

brags//
Beta Gamma Sigma business honors society membership, First Tee scholar and scholarship award recipient

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day leadership team

plans//
Career as a certified public accountant

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KEZIA ARYA NANDA

major//
Psychology, Speech Communications, minor in French

involvement//
International Club (VP), Director of International Food Festival (2010), Psi Chi, intramural basketball captain, intramural volleyball, intramural flag football

brags//
Musician for IFGF GISI Arkansas, 3rd runner up Homecoming queen 2010, president's list, dean's list, Mochtar Riady scholarship, John/Gloria Elrod scholarship, Global Scholarship, Ouachita grant

volunteer//
Elder Serve, Tiger Serve Day, TranServe, Compassion International

plans//
Grad School in France or USA, being a reporter, a talk-show host

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TREVOR HUXHAM

major//
History and Spanish

involvement//
Concert Choir, Carl Goodson Honors Program, Alpha Tau honors society (academic chair), International Club, OSF-history and traditions co-chair

brags//
Alpha Chi national honor society, Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Pi Gamma Mu social sciences honor society, president's list, Sigma Tau Delta English honors society, Theta Alpha Kappa theology/religious studies honor society, Fran Coulter Award to outstanding junior (history, 2011), outstanding Spanish major (2011)

volunteer//
International Food Festival steering committee 2011, New Orleans mission trip, Tiger Serve Day, WOW leader

plans//
Teach English in Spain and pursue a career in writing

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CARA MCKINNEY

major//
Biology, Chemistry/Psychology minor

involvement//
Tri Chi, Panhellenic Council president, CM women's discipleship, OSF, WOW steering committee

brags//
3rd runner up 2011 Homecoming queen, recipient of Hannah Joy Sullivan Scholarship, president's list, dean's list, OSF scholarship

volunteer//
WOW steering committee, Tiger Serve Day, Operation Christmas Child, TranServe

plans//
Attend the doctorate of physical therapy program at the University Oklahoma in Tulsa to be a physical therapist

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MASON HAYES

major//
Accounting

involvement//
Beta Beta, WOW steering committee, Student Senate, Fellowship Church K-group, worship planning committee

brags//
dean's list, 2 time flag football champion

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day mowing crew

plans//
Become a CPA and work as an accountant

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REBECCA ATKINSON

major//
Early Childhood Education, Spanish minor

involvement//
EEE (treasurer), OSF, Kappa Chi little sis, Kappa Delta Pi (service co-chair), Alpha Chi, First Baptist Church home group

brags//
Alice Searcy Award, Curtis Echols Lion's Club Award, president's list

volunteer//
Big sister/little sister, Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Teach elementary students

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KENDALL CALVERT

major//
Church Media Production Arts

involvement//
WOW steering committee, photography ministry leader, freshman family groups ministry leader, 2011 Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes choreographer, women's discipleship leader, five-time intramural champion, NSR leader, JPAC crew, FBC Benton youth group, mission trips to Alaska and Peru

brags//
2011 1st runner up to Homecoming queen

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, Beach Reach, DNOW leader

plans//
Plans to do something that involves having fun and glorifying God

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AUSTIN KING

major//
Political Science, minor in Mass Communications and English

involvement//
Kappa Chi president, VP, special events director, and asst. Tiger Tunes director, OSF (fundraising and financing co-chair), Judicial Council, freshman family group dad, Homecoming steering committee, Worship leader for SCB youth, middle school boys small group leader

brags//
Sigma Tau Delta honors society

volunteer//
CM international mission trip to South Africa, Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Attend law school at the University of Arkansas

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WHO'S WHO

LEIGHA HILL

major//
Communication Sciences and Disorders

involvement//
Tiger Serve Day leadership team, RA for FCW2
Sunday School teacher at Fellowship Church, K-group

brags//
dean's list, president's list

volunteer//
Speech therapy, babysitting

plans//
Attend grad school and become a speech pathologist

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NATE WADE

major//
Accounting

involvement//
Hickingbotham School of Business student advisory board, intramural sports, Tiger Tunes, Fellowship Church

brags//
president's list, dean's list

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, America Counts tutor, ElderServe

plans//
Working with Hudson, Cisine & Co. in Little Rock as a staff accountant

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NOLAN WEST

major//
Biology

involvement//
Senior class president, 2009-10 kids K-group leader at Fellowship Church Arkadelphia, K-group participant

brags//
Alpha Chi national college honors society, Alpha Tau honors society, president's list, 2010 Carl Goodson honors scholar, Richard Brown outstanding biology student

volunteer//
Big Brother mentor, 2009-2010 Big Brother ministry leader, Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Attend a physician's assistant graduate program

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DAVID STREET

major//
Biology

involvement//
Intramural sports- flag football team represented OBU in state and regional tournaments for four years, Attend Fellowship Church

brags//
Alpha Chi

plans//
Youth pastor

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LAURA SIKES

major//
Communications Science Disorders, Christian Studies(related field)

involvement//
Theta Alpha Kappa, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association OBU chapter VP, Speechie social chair, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes leadership, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes direction, senior class secretary, study abroad- Liverpool, England, Mission trip to Seoul, South Korea

brags//
president's list, dean's list

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, speech therapy at Ouachita Elementary school, OBU speech clinic, over 100 hours of volunteer service

plans//
Speech language pathologist

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NATALIE HOLMES

major//
Early Childhood Education with a middle school endorsement

involvement//
OSF special event committee, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes, Big sister/little sister, Backyard Bible Club, America Reads/America Counts program assistant, food committee, K-group leader

brags//
Sylvia Gates Webb award, dean's list, president's list

volunteer//
Backyard Bible Club, Big/sister little sister

plans//
Plans to teach kindergarten through sixth grade

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JESSICA WINSTON

major//
Biology

involvement//
WOW steering committee, OSF co-chair special events, freshman family group mom, K group member at Fellowship Church

brags//
dean's list, president's list, Theta Alpha Kappa

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, Thursday's @ 10 student facilitator for freshman experience class

plans//
Physician Assistant

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PAUL HUENEFELD III

major//
Bachelor of Music in Worship Arts

involvement//
Musical director of 2009 Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes, 2011 Tiger Tunes host

brags//
President of Ouachita Singers, OBU choral student conductor

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, men's discipleship wolfpacks

plans//
Choral/instrumental conductor, music minister

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KATELYN MUSTAIN

major//
Dietetics

involvement//
Tiger Serve Day leadership team, WOW steering committee, Co-president Dietetics club, Fellowship Church Arkadelphia, small group member

brags//
Service Above Self presented by the Arkadelphia Rotary Club

volunteer//
Big sister, TranServe

plans//
Plan on completing a dietetic internship, pass the registered dietitians exam, and become a registered dietitian

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NATE PEACE

major//
Christian Studies, Mass Comm, Biblical Languages

involvement//
President of Theta Alpha Kappa, media officer of SIFE, publicity officer of Tiger Serve Day, "Ouachita" show associate producer, OSF, Intern at Park Hill Baptist Church

brags//
Mass Comm outstanding sophomore, honors college, Garrett Hamm scholarship, president's list, dean's list

volunteer//
Intern at Park Hill

plans//
Senior or young adult pastor

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CHEYENNE FLEMISTER

major//
Accounting, business-finance

involvement//
OSF-fundraising and finance co-chair, co-president, 125th steering committee, Hickingbotham School of Business student advisory board, freshman business student teacher, OBU experience teacher, EEE, big brother big sister, mentor 6th and 7th grade girls student leader at second Baptist church, the desk project-Ghana, Africa

brags//
president's list, Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Chi, OBU representative at the National Student Leadership Conference

volunteer//
TranServe, Tiger Serve Day, Second Baptist Church- 6th and 7th grade girls leader

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JEREMY PRINE

major//
Bachelor of Music/Worship Arts

involvement//
Eta Alpha Omega-president, Tiger Tunes director, historian, social director, Kappa Kappa Psi-parliamentarian, Tri Chi beau, Campus Ministries-big brother, Tiger Tunes, Refuge, noonday, Tiger Serve Day, OBU choir, OBU marching band, wind ensemble, jazz band

brags//
Vocal scholarship, instrumental/band scholarship, Ouachita Scholars scholarship, OSF scholarship

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, big brother, Eta Alpha Omega and Kappa Kappa Psi service projects, Arkansas county teen pregnancy prevention, community organization for drug education

plans//
Full time worship pastor

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WHO'S WHO

ALLISON GRIGSBY SWEATMAN

major//
Mass Communications

involvement//
Student Senate, Noonday leader, small group leader for CM Women's Discipleship, intramurals, Fellowship K-Groups, Resident Assistant, Interim Hall Director

brags//
Dean's list

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Continue work with Residence Life at OBU and pursue further education

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WENDY VICK

major//
Biology

involvement//
Treasurer of International Club, Tiger Serve Day leadership team, WOW leader, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes, International Food Festival committee
DNOW leader, Sunday School teacher

brags//
Dean's list, Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Award

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day, International Food Festival, ElderServe

plans//
Attend physicians assistant school and be a missionary overseas

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KINSEY ANN CARPENTER

major//
Choral Music Education

involvement//
Ouachita singers, concert choir, ElderServe, Tri Chi social chair- Alumni Correspondent, VP, OSF- fundraising and finance co-chair, secretary, Homecoming steering committee, mission, vision, values student team

brags//
Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Delta Pi, Rachel Fuller Endowed Scholarship, President's list, Dean's list

volunteer//
ElderServe, TranServe

plans//
Teach music in public schools at the elementary or high school level

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JOHN GOMEZ

major//
Chemistry, Biology, English

involvement//
American Chemical Society chapter president, vice-president, science and math tutor

brags//
Overall Academic Achiever, Top Academic Achiever for the Patterson School of Natural Sciences, Mondy-Provine Scholar, Ben Elrod Scholar, Outstanding junior English major, Stanford University research internship, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität research internship

volunteer//
Arkansas Human Development Center, Big Brother program

plans//
pursue a Ph.D. in physical chemistry or English in order to teach at the university level

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GRACE JOHNSON

major//
Vocal Performance, minor in Theatre

involvement//
Ouachita singers, OBU jazz band vocalist, Phi Mu Alpha sweetheart

brags//
2nd runner up for 2011 homecoming queen, 3rd place junior women Arkansas NATS, 2nd place Sophomore women southern regional NATS, 3rd place LDMT Arkansas NATS

volunteer//
First Presbyterian Church choir

plans//
Graduate school to pursue a master in music for performance. After that, sing with different opera companies both national and international

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BEULAH OSUEKE

major//
Psychology

involvement//
Upward Bound TRIO program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes - President, Women's Basketball team, Reading satirical comedy and writing

volunteer//
Big Brothers Big Sisters

plans//
Pursue a graduate degree

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NATASHA MAY

major//
Christian Studies- emphasis missions

brags//
Who's who among students in American universities and colleges

plans//
Working with husband with children who live under the poverty level in Fayetteville, homeschooling children

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WESLEY MAY

major//
Christian Studies- emphasis Biblical Studies, minor Outdoor Recreational Ministries

brags//
Who's Who among students in American universities and colleges, TJ Connell award for communicating the gospel

plans//
Pursue a masters at Truett Seminary in Waco, TX and a doctorate at Wheaton College Graduate Program in Wheaton, IL

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NATALIE CARROLL

major//
Music Education

involvement//
Tri Chi song leader, concert choir rehearsal accompanist, American Choral Directors Association, Covenant worship arts ensemble

brags//
President's List, Dean's List, Kappa Delta Pi honor society for education, Distinguished International Student Award, Friends of Fine Arts award for keyboard, honorable mention and runner-up honors in Virginia Queen Piano Competition

volunteer//
Worship Leader for Baptist Bible Church in Harare, Fellowship Arkadelphia worship team

plans//
teach music, choir director in Zimbabwe and pursue her love of composition

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JEFFERY NEIL WACASTER

major//
Business Administration with management emphasis, minor in Spanish

involvement//
Honors society, Hickingbotham Student Advisory Board, SIFE

brags//
Won business plan competition between OBU and HSU, played Dr. Lester Cantaloupe III in the play "Goldilocks on Trial," comic strip for the signal won third on a state competition

volunteer//
Tiger Serve Day

plans//
Entrepreneur, business professor

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"Sometimes loyalty to your friend means sacrifice, whether it be stopping something you are currently doing or giving up your time to help a friend, that's what friendship is."

The movie "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" became a reality for three best friends and co-retirees on Ouachita's campus: Mrs. Nona Anderson, professor of Spanish; Dr. Irene Trofimova, professor of Modern Foreign Languages; and Dr. Jan Duncan, chair of the modern foreign languages department and professor of French.

Anderson, originally from New Mexico, came to Ouachita in 1988. She met Trofimova (Tro-fee-mova), who emigrated from Russia "with love" to America and was employed by Ouachita in 1991 after being invited to the U.S. by former President Bill Clinton.

"She wrote poetry and I enjoyed hearing her speak, especially her Russian," said Anderson.

Duncan, from Missouri, came to Ouachita in 2000.

From across her desk, Trofimova happily explained one of their unique bonds.

"The most fascinating thing is that we not only understand each other, but we are very passionate about our jobs and compassionate toward each other," said Trofimova.

"We bring all our cultures together, French, American, Spanish and Russian," Duncan said. "We could discuss words and when saying goodbye we say it in three different languages."

From the office to after hours, these friends enjoy their quality time together.

"We enjoy going to lunch together, either to eat pizza, which Dr. Tro-

fimova loves, or to the Honeycomb," Duncan said.

As we see friendships come and go, there are always those that last forever.

"Sometimes loyalty to your friend means sacrifice, whether it be stopping something you are currently doing or giving up some of your time to help a friend, that's what friendship is," said Trofimova.

"We are very sympathetic toward one another. It's a great friendship," said Anderson, as she leans back into her chair, smiling. "This friendship is for life," said Duncan.

As friends grow older together and friendships grow stronger, how could you think of describing your friend in one possible word? These friends seem to do a great job at it.

"Confidant! That is Dr. Duncan. She taught me that sleeping on a thought and thinking overnight would provide a better understanding the next morning. She was right," said Anderson.

Trofimova, Anderson said, comes across "very logical but very whimsical. She loves playing tricks on people."

"I could describe them both as Christian. True Christians. That word applies so many things to how they are," said Trofimova.

As these ladies began a great friendship together, they coincidentally left together.

"I was talking to Dr. Jeff Root and made a joke about us all leaving together, and his jaw just about hit the ground when we actually ended up all leaving at the same time," said Duncan.

If there were something she would ask of her students to remember it would be to, "go with God, let God be your guiding hand in life," said Anderson. Anderson's motto in life is, "se paga con amor," which means "one pays with love."

Trofimova has two important sayings she lives by and which she hopes her students and other students will remember and put into action.

"Education is the best gift a person can give themselves," she said. "The price of excellence is discipline, the price of mediocrity is disappointment."

Duncan said she feels God had led her to Ouachita and to her friends to be a part of her "final experience as an educator."

One thing she would have her students remember it would be to "approach everything with God's help and your best effort," said Duncan.

After 56 years combined spent as educators at Ouachita, Anderson, Trofimova and Duncan now bid the campus a farewell.

"I won't leave. I have been here for 21 years and I am going to be on campus every day because I love this place. I love this school," said Trofimova.

"With us being the whole language department and knowing the history of everything, I thought to myself 'boy they'll really miss us'," said Duncan.

// BY HEIN HILMER





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making a positive difference //

DAN JARBOE

You can find him on the last page of any and every class syllabus, but you may not know he's there. He is, after all, down at the bottom with the Covenant on Academic Honor, the attendance policy, and cell phone rules – guidelines often ignored. But Dan Jarboe should not be ignored.

From your syllabus, you probably already know that Jarboe is our university counselor. But chances are, you don't know much more, either about just what he does here and what he did before he got here. Jarboe began his career working in a psychiatric hospital in Texas, working with inpatient children and adolescents. He then worked in outpatient day treatment.

Jarboe then moved to Colorado, where he did forensics work. "I did evaluations of children and teens who were crime victims," Jarboe said. "My role was to find out what had happened – the veracity of the report – and give my recommendations." He often had to testify, giving statements about the family dynamics and instances of child abuse.

Then, Jarboe's life took a turn he did not expect: God called him and his wife Kyle to missions.

"My twin brother was a missionary in Cambodia," Jarboe said. But until then, he had never thought he would become a missionary as well.

The Jarboes served in Russia from 2002 to 2008. Dan worked with university students, teaching them communication and people skills as well as problem solving and management in the workplace.

"It was a real service," Jarboe said. "We trained these young Russian business people how to work with Western companies. And as we got to know them, we would invite them to house church."

Jarboe went to work in Indonesia for five weeks after the tsunami hit in 2004. That same year, Islamic militants took over 1,000 people (including over 700 children) hostage at a school in Beslan, Russia. After the three days it took to rescue the hostages, over 300 were dead. Jarboe was sent to Beslan to help in the aftermath of the traumatic event, where he found himself equipped for the job.

"I didn't know it at the time, but my forensics work in Colorado was preparing me for this time," Jarboe said.

In 2008, God led the Jarboes back to the United States – to Ouachita.

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity," Jarboe said. "I can have a really pivotal influence on students, especially during these years of their lives."

He keeps himself busy.

"I teach a couple classes," Jarboe said. "I like getting to interact with students who aren't in counseling." He teaches Crisis and Trauma Counseling as well as Interpersonal Communication. Jarboe also offers marriage counseling. "It's nice to work with those couples because they're happy. They're not in the middle of a crisis – they're engaged."

Jarboe counsels on several different types of issues. "I talk to people about stress management, sexual addictions, and even abuse and assault that they've been through," he said. "The top two issues I counsel students for are depression and anxiety." Students don't always realize they are depressed, Jarboe said. He helps them identify it, giving them an accurate diagnosis and referring them to get medical help if needed.

Jarboe counsels students who come to him with family relationships and difficulties as well as those with self-image and body-image issues.

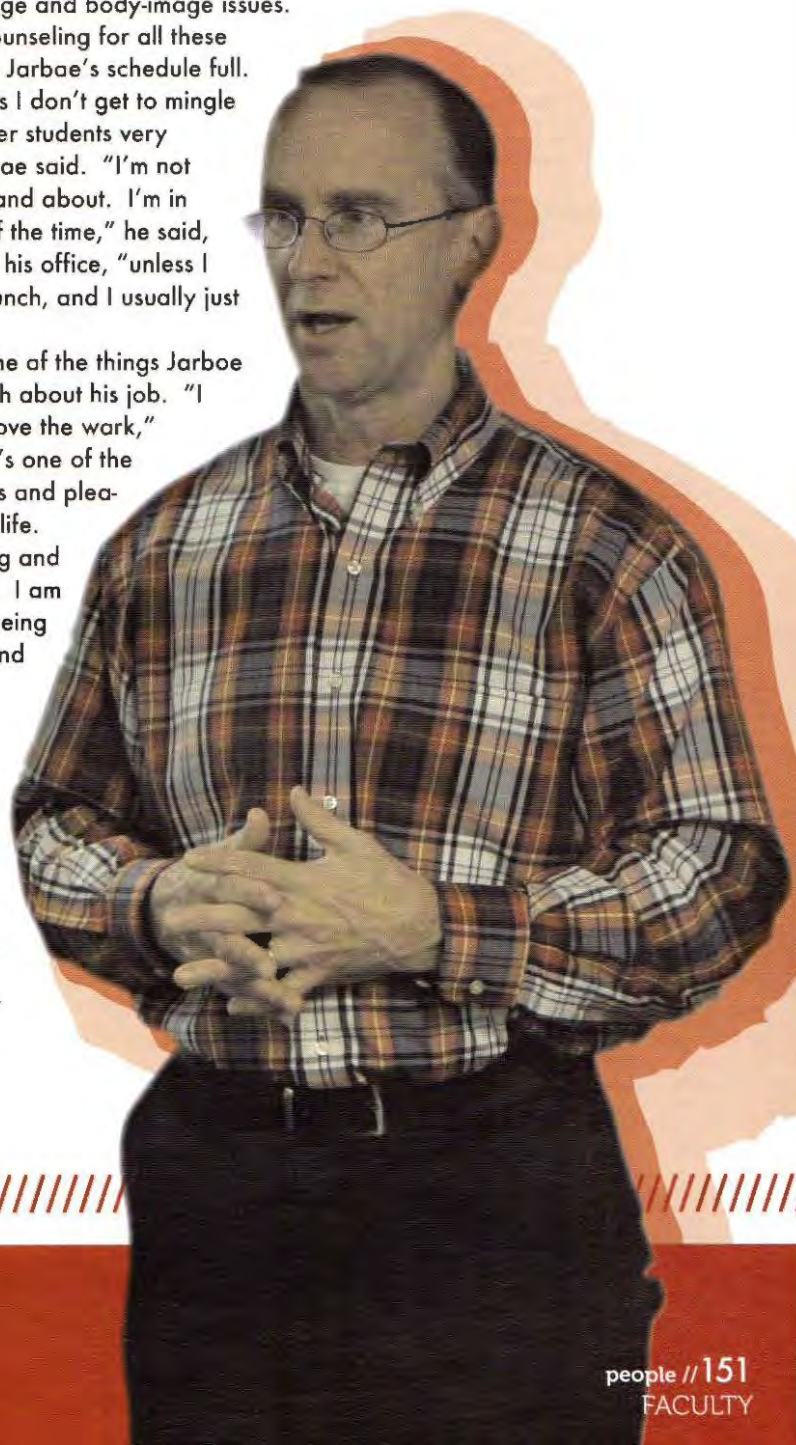
Providing counseling for all these issues keeps Jarboe's schedule full.

"It means I don't get to mingle and see other students very much," Jarboe said. "I'm not usually out and about. I'm in here most of the time," he said, gesturing to his office, "unless I go out for lunch, and I usually just eat here."

That's one of the things Jarboe likes so much about his job. "I absolutely love the work," he said. "It's one of the greatest joys and pleasures of my life.

It's intriguing and demanding. I am constantly being stretched, and constantly learning. And there's a great reward – making a positive difference in someone else's life."

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finding peace through daily sacrifice ////////////////

ATKINS FAMILY

Sometimes you just have to go with your instinct. Sometimes that's all you have. Living a missionary's life is a daily challenge that requires a great deal of faith. Such a life is not for everyone, but for Trey Atkins, it's a dream job.

Born in Abilene, Texas, and raised in western Oklahoma, Trey Atkins had a pretty normal childhood. Growing up, he knew that he was loved. "I knew there was stability," he said. But Christianity was not a major influence in his early years.

"Dad was into math," said Atkins. His father loved numbers and solid answers. He put a lot of stock into math. Atkins grew up with a knowledge of Christian beliefs, but his family was not overly Christian. It wasn't until the end of his high school career that Atkins came to the saving knowledge of Christ.

It wasn't long before Atkins could begin to feel God urging him into missions. "Step by step, God slowly called me," said Atkins. First Atkins felt God's calling, and then his wife Elise did as well. Atkins explained how wonderful and supportive Elise has been through the whole process.

She was and is a source of strength for him. Even though they never knew exactly what was in store, they trusted that God would show them the very next step in his plan. "We always took one step at a time," he said. "We never knew many steps ahead." They have served under the International Missionary Board for 14 years and consider it an honor. "We are humbled that we get to do what we do, and it is a great honor to serve in the way we do," said Atkins.

Living by such faith is not a simple task, and living in such a situation can naturally take its toll, which is why Atkins takes part in several activities that keep him focused. He also calls to mind the things that encourage him.

The first on his list is his wife, Elise. Knowing that he has her by his side is a great relief. Atkins also takes great joy in the people God puts in his life to strengthen him. Whenever he is in need, it is never too long before someone is there to build Atkins up and get him through to the next task at hand. "God has always blessed me with people to encourage me," Atkins said.

Another way Atkins finds restoration is through reading and writing. "I think I'll finish my 31st book since being at OBU," said Atkins.

Reading provides an escape for Atkins. He loves to learn, and doing so is a way to de-stress.

Atkins' main job is working with the English as a Second Language Program teaching conversational English. He is also heavily involved with the International Club and Campus Ministries. His hope through his time here is to "help students get involved in summer missions."

The hardest thing for Atkins is being away from family. This last Thanksgiving was the first they had celebrated in the states in eight years: eight years of living thousands of miles away from dear friends and family. The Atkins have two sons, Ryan, 20, and Bret, 19. There is at least 6,000 miles between the Atkins and their sons. But this is not the only struggle.

Atkins recalls a chilling moment of stepping off the plane in Sarajevo, Bosnia. "War torn. The graffiti outside the airport said 'welcome to hell.' The guards with machine guns showing you where to go," he said. Such unsettling moments cannot be erased from memory. But they shouldn't be. Though there was danger and though it was difficult, Atkins pushed forward and worked in the projects in Bosnia.

Missionaries like the Atkins take risks daily in order to spread the saving knowledge of Jesus and to improve the lives of others. They sacrifice so much through their service and ask for little in return. But they find their work to be reward enough. "It's like we were made to do it," Atkins said. "It's like we're doing what we were meant to do. It gives a great feeling of peace."

// BY SAMANTHA SPRADLING



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From the founding of EEE in 1925 to the comeback of a determined Sigma Alpha Sigma, from the launch of OSF and their Tiger Traks & Tunes legacy in the 70s to the recycling and service initiatives of Students in Free Enterprise, from Sunday night SELF movies to the CAB Christmas Party and Spring Fling, from local ministry projects of the BSU to Campus Ministries efforts around the globe,

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COMMUNICATIONS// Dr. Jeff Root lectures to his Public Relations class. Root served as faculty sponsor for Ouachita's IABC chapter, which is the only college chapter in Arkansas.



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making connections

Academic clubs at Ouachita have become a vehicle for Ouachita students to use their knowledge gained in the classroom help themselves, help other students, and serve the community. The clubs have transformed lessons into practical applications.

One such example is Ouachita's Dietetics Club. Junior Alex Patterson reveals that "the Dietetics Club holds fundraisers, like bake sales or mixers, which not only allows us to make money for the program, but also allows us to put a 'healthy' twist on food and introduce better eating habits and better health."

The Dietetics Club was primarily composed of dietetics majors at Ouachita and provided a practical avenue for their knowledge that benefitted the community and allowed students to gain experience.

The International Association of Business Communicators, or IABC, composed mainly of communications and marketing majors, sought to connect students with potential employers so that dreams within the communication field could become realities. Ouachita's group had the opportunity to attend many events through IABC Arkansas, the state organization, allowing them to form a network of practical job connections.

"Our college chapter of the International Association of Business Communica-

tors provides professional experiences and connections to students interested in public relations and related media jobs," commented Dr. Jeff Root, faculty sponsor. "It is the second largest public relations organization in the world, and we were pleased a few years ago to start the first college chapter in Arkansas."

The National Students Speech Language Hearing Association, or NSSLHA, organizes a network of communication sciences/disorder majors at Ouachita, and around the country. The group had a book drive at Christmas for Head Start programs, hosted the annual Christmas tree lighting, put on a Group Living fashion show, and participated in Operation Christmas Child.

"We also redesigned the Speech Therapy room at Head Start in Arkadelphia," said Laura Sikes, a senior communication sciences/disorder major. "We received a Kluck Grant that made it possible to bring in some new furniture as well as paint to decorate the walls with a barn theme."

The American Chemical Society Student Affiliate club afforded students the opportunity to share their research with peers within their scientific community.

From business competitions and education book drives, to Christian Studies fellowships and humanities conferences, academic clubs provided an avenue of service and knowledge in one's major.

// BY NATE PEACE

▲ ALEX PATTERSON



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BRANDI HALL PHOTO

1-FIRE// Senior John Gomez demonstrates a chemical reaction during the 125th Community Celebration. Gomez was the president of Ouachita's National Chemical Society chapter.



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2-CHEMISTRY// Junior Marcus Schlesinger does a chemistry experiment during his lab session. Chemistry majors and minors were encouraged to join the National Chemical Society.

3-DIETETICS// Senior Bryan Church escorts senior Shannon Bennings during Homecoming Chapel. Bennings represented Ouachita's Dietetics Club.

4-FESTIVE// Students converse around the Christmas tree outside of Grant Plaza. The Speechies sponsored an annual tree lighting before classes let out for winter break.



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FOC// The Concert Choir performs during Festival of Christmas. Music students were encouraged to join one of four music societies on campus. Nicole McPhate Photo.

TAU BETA SIGMA// Members of Sigma Alpha Iota greet visitors at the OcTiger Fest. Students who worked the festival helped greet students and alumni at Homecoming. Bekah Hall Photo.

SOUNDS// Members of Ouachita Sounds perform during a Fall concert. Music club members were active in on-campus music ensembles, as well as in the community through volunteering. Nicole McPhate Photo.

PHI MU ALPHA// Senior Grace Johnson is escorted by sophomore Jacob Sturgeon at the Homecoming chapel. She represented Phi Mu Alpha and was named second runner-up on Saturday before the football game. Nicole McPhate Photo.



a love for the music

The goal of any social club, fraternity, or organization with a mutual goal or purpose is family. Ask any one of the members—Tau Beta Sigma, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Mu Alpha became more than just a group of people who love music. They were families of young men and women who had played, sang, and served together.

"There is no requirement to join the club and you don't even need to be a music major to join," said Phi Mu Alpha's music director Jahn Tneah, a senior vocal performance major from Butterworth, Malaysia. The resulting diversity has been a "blessing," as the group was "able to produce better quality singing, and I was able to arrange more complex harmonies for the group during our serenade," said Tneah. Another example of this diversity was the addition of Anthony Ridgway, a senior graphic design major from Sofia, Bulgaria, who contributed to the club through creating posters and other design projects for the club.

Phi Mu Alpha served the community during Tiger Serve Day, held a serenade for each of the women's dorms, and participated in Homecoming Week's exhibition on the lawn.

Sigma Alpha Iota threw its annual 90s party as an informal rush for those looking to join. Their club grew by four members. Bekah Anthony, a senior voice performance major from Roanoke, Texas, was vice president of Ritual and the Reception Rose. "They have added diversity and excitement to the club. It's great to see the club growing each semester."

Students had to be in one of Ouachita's bands in order to be a part of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi. Tau Beta Sigma had three new additions,

all of whom "are already changing the dynamics of the club in a positive way," said Elyse Senteney, a senior music education major from Plano, Texas. "They are all so willing to give a helping hand, and it is obvious the kind of servants' hearts they have." The club's newest fundraiser, TBS Clean Sweep (where members clean Ouachita students' rooms at the end of the year), showed their heart for serving fellow students. They also provided water to band members at football games, moved equipment, hosted receptions for faculty and guest artist recitals and assisted with band uniform fittings.

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma assisted Arkadelphia High School by cleaning the stadium after Friday night games. Kappa Kappa Psi also held a water bottle drive to help areas hit by natural disasters.

The music clubs were shaped by their members. With different gifts, but a mutual love for music, each member strived to make a difference not only in the club they chose, but in the community surrounding them.

"With the hospitality of my brothers, I was able to feel at home even though I live halfway across the globe," said Tneah.

// BY JORDAN DENNISTON



TBS// Senior Kelsey Bates is escorted by junior Cameron Jones at the Homecoming chapel. She represented Tau Beta Sigma for the event.



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HOMECOMING// Senior Grace Janzen is escorted by senior Chris Sumner at the Homecoming chapel in the fall. Janzen represented the Carl Goodson Honors Program for the event.

recognizing excellence

Ouachita honors clubs were able to accept and recognize students through various events and opportunities, which allowed students to show their passion for academic excellence.

The Alpha Tau Honors Society mobilized students from the Carl Goodson Honors Program. To complete the program, students were required to meet specific academic requirements, complete seven hours of honors class work and write an honors thesis in an area that allowed academic research. Alpha Tau recognized 17 seniors with honors at graduation.

Alpha Tau sponsored Scholar's Day, an opportunity for students to show their academic research. Alpha Tau also sponsored the first annual Spring Swing, a new event where students competed for money in a swing dance competition.

Alpha Chi was the national honor society for Ouachita, and students who met the necessary requirements and distinguished themselves as top college students were invited to join.

"Alpha Chi is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the academic success of students and serves as an encouragement for those students to continue their scholarly endeavors," said Kimberly Carlton, a senior psychology major from Johannesburg, South Africa. Alpha Chi

provided scholarships for students, and was able to send students to various conventions to present papers and research.

Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for the Pruet School of Christian Studies, recognized students who academically succeeded in Christian Studies courses. "I'm glad we get to recognize students who have distinguished themselves through their excellent work in theology and religious studies and give them a discrete way to let others know about their accomplishments," said faculty sponsor Doug Nykolaishen. The organization gave students the opportunity to further their study and occasionally provided scholarships to send members to various conferences.

Sigma Tau Delta, the honor society for the English department, published the journal "Scope," which allowed students to reveal their literary works in a respected publication. Sigma Tau delta continued to provide students with opportunities to present papers and research at Sigma Tau Delta's international convention.

Other honors clubs that highlighted Ouachita's commitment to recognizing academic excellence included Phi Theta Alpha, Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi, and Pi Gamma Mu in the Sutton School of Social Sciences; Iota Tau Alph and Beta Beta Beta in the Patterson School of Natural Sciences; and the Hickingbotham School of Business' selective club, Beta Gamma Delta.

// BY NATE PEACE

▼ DOUG NYKOLAISHEN



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1-INDUCTIONS// Dean Joe Jeffers hands sophomore Savannah Matzko a certificate at the Alpha Chi inductions. The induction kicked off the annual Scholar's Day event in April.



ABBY DEKLE PHOTO

2-HONORING SENIORS// Seniors Trevor Huxham and Abby Dekle speak at the Alpha Tau reception. Seniors were honored and new officers were sworn in at the event.

3-SERVICE// Members of the Carl Goodson Honors Program pose after their Tiger Serve Day project. Several honors club had a TSD team.

4-CELEBRATE// Vice President for Student Services Keldon Henley, along with his wife Celeste, visit with their daughter, Annelise, during the Carl Goodson Honors Program and Alpha Tau Celebration on Feb. 9. Annelise was a sophomore history/psychology/graphic design triple major from Arkadelphia.



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FENCING// ROMS members help clean a fence for Tiger Serve Day. The group also helped with International Food Festival, Christian Focus Week and Black History Month activities. Blake Bryant Photo.

TSD// Taking a rest from yard work, senior Kristen James speaks with an elderly man during Tiger Serve Day. TSD allowed groups to not only manually serve and clean the neighborhood, but to form relationships with the community. Blake Bryant Photo.

DISCUSSION// Members discuss issues that multicultural students face as OBU students. The group held panel discussions periodically every semester. Nicole McPhate Photo.

BOTTOM// Senior Kristen James is escorted by A.J. Williams during the Homecoming Court presentation of Lunch on the Lawn. James represented ROMS as the club's president. Nicole McPhate Photo.

reconciling with race

In a predominately white school, other ethnic groups of students existed, including Internationals and American minorities. International Club was primarily for students who were not U.S. citizens and ROMS

(Reaching Out to Multicultural Students) provided an organization for minority citizens. But ROMS was not always this way, having only recently grown to include all students.

ROMS was once known as BASS, an organization created solely for African Americans. The students involved in BASS were going to a primarily white school during a very difficult time in America. BASS began as a place where students could feel safe discussing race-related topics. This aspect remained true from the founding of the program in 1960.

"I think race affects Ouachita in ways most people don't realize," said Anthony Emerson, a senior Christian studies major from Fresno, Texas. "ROMS is trying to spread racial awareness and encourage diversity." For those in ROMS, simply knowing more about people different from themselves led to fewer misconceptions.

After three years of participation in ROMS, Kristen James, a senior kinesiology major from Missouri City, Texas, and president of the organization, said, "I can see that it's changed." Seniors in the program graduated and new students filled their places, adding new variety to an already diverse group.

Panel discussions were held periodically every semester. Each discussion was assigned a slightly different subject, but managed to touch on every area of life affected by race: work, school, relationships, athletics, social clubs and especially one's faith.

For Black History Month, ROMS played a trivia game, held a panel discussing issues that African

Americans face and led a worship service in Berry Bible Building. ROMS also participated in the International Food Festival and Noon Day devotionals to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During Christian Focus Week, ROMS organized dinners with off-campus guests.

Informal meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of every month on the Evans Student Center bridge. Members planned future events to help ROMS continue to reach out to students. With the passionate help of faculty, staff and students, ROMS grew with each new wave of freshmen in size, ethnic diversity and spiritual maturity.

"Race and racial divisions on campus and in the community are issues that we need to talk about together as a community," said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries. "Especially since our student body completely changes every four years, this is never an issue that is 'settled.' ROMS gives students from different backgrounds and cultures a structure to come together, when they might not do so on their own. At the heart of the gospel is God reconciling people with himself and reconciling people with each other, so I think that the work of ROMS is at the center of Ouachita's mission."

// BY RACHEL GREGORY



SHEAR//
Junior Tonner Ward trims back hedges for a local family during Tiger Serve Day. ROMS taught that simply knowing more about different people groups led to fewer misconceptions concerning race.



HEATHER ELLIS PHOTO

WIND ENSEMBLE// The Wind Ensemble performs its annual spring concert in March. The ensemble also performed in churches and high schools.

striving for excellence

At the heart of the Division of Music was a vast array of ensembles where students applied what they learned in the classroom. These ranged from vocal to instrumental and were open to any students with the talent and passion to participate, regardless of their major. Each group offered the chance for students' talents to be challenged and improved.

Vocal ensembles varied vastly in size, from Concert Choir including about 150 students to the show choir Ouachita Sounds, made up of only 10. Each ensemble offered something different for the student, with opportunities to develop their voices.

More non-music majors participated in Concert Choir than any other, making up a diverse group of musically inclined students. Concert Choir participated in the annual Festival of Christmas as well as their annual spring concert.

Ouachita Singers and Women's Chorus were audition-based and offered more difficult repertoire and did more traveling to promote the school. Ouachita

Singers was given the chance to sing Beethoven's Ninth with 400 other Arkansas college students and the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 25 and 26.

Ouachita Sounds, a show choir, was another audition group of only 10 students who performed pop and Broadway repertoire and traveled to schools and churches, along with their annual spring concert.

"Sounds has been a great experience for me," said DeCarl Jones, a sophomore musical theatre major from Garland, Texas. "I have been given the opportunity to grow in so many ways whether that be from doing choreography for the show or having a solo. I have found a family here at Ouachita and I am thankful for them."

Instrumental ensembles varied from large concert groups to more select audition groups. Larger ensembles were open to any student with band experience. Symphonic Band performed campus concerts and provided music for school functions. Marching Band performed at football games and showcased at marching competitions. Tiger Blast fused visual and theatrical effects in their performances on campus and at other schools. The Spring concert "PRISMS" showcased large and small instrumental groups.

Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble required an audition to participate and performed both on and off campus. Jazz Band performed various jazz styles, ranging from swing to progressive. Wind Ensemble performed both sacred and secular repertoire.

"The opportunities Ouachita provides for our music students are so wonderful," said Robert Hesse, instructor of music and director of athletic bands. "All of our different ensembles show that our students are diverse in musical repertoire and the future of music is in good hands with their continued strive for excellence."

// BY JAKE COFFMAN



▼ DECARL JONES

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1-CONCERT// The Concert Choir performs "Mary Did You Know" during Festival of Christmas. The performance showcased the various ensembles of the School of Fine Arts.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

2-JAZZ BAND// Junior Christopher Mazen plays the keyboard for the Jazz Band's concert in March. Jazz Band was an audition based group that performed on and off campus.

3-SOUNDS// Members of Ouachita Sounds perform during their show in February. The concert showcased the talents of both Ouachita Sounds and Tiger Blast.

4-BRASS ENSEMBLE// The Brass Ensemble performs a concert in McBeth Recital Hall in October. Various ensembles performed throughout the year.



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GUNGOR// Gungor plays a concert in Jones Performing Arts Center in September. Campus Activities Board sponsored concerts throughout the year for the student body. Kristen Barnard Photo.

TICKETS// Junior Jessica Scoggins hands a student her tickets for the Jimmy Needham concert. Students were able to purchase tickets online or at the door for the event. Nicole McPate Photo.

WOW// Members of Jimmy Needham's band sing a reggae tune at their concert in August. CAB sponsored this concert as part of WOW, or freshman orientation. Nicole McPate Photo.

SPRING FLING// A student laughs after racing on an inflatable. CAB hosted its annual Spring Fling at the end of March after students returned from Spring Break. Kristen Barnard Photo.



promoting student

growth

The Campus Activities Board was not only an organization which gave students something to do on the weekends, but according to their mission statement, provided students with “engaging activities and events that cultivate their social, physical, intellectual, and spiritual development.”

“CAB benefits students because its goal is to always provide activities and events to reach the entire campus,” said Erin Ellis, assistant director of Campus Activities. “We work hard to provide every student the opportunity to get involved, have fun, and be themselves through the events we plan and implement.”

CAB oversaw many events on campus such as monthly movie nights, concerts, and late night coffeehouses. They also hosted the annual CAB Christmas party and Spring Fling. Before the start of the year, Campus Activities sponsored Welcome to Ouachita’s World (WOW), a freshman orientation which helped students become informed about campus life.

“We sponsored Gungor, Jimmy Needham, and Phil Wickham in concert,” said co-chair Hannah Pilcher, a junior Spanish major from Maumelle. “We want students to have opportunities to come together to build memories and bond with others on campus.”

Members regularly attended events sponsored by the organization and helped to set up and tear down these events. They were dedicated to seeing students interact with other students at every CAB event.

“CAB members are willing to show up and work hard to do whatever needs to be done to make every event run smoothly,” said co-chair Grace Janzen, a senior graphic design and history major from Tulsa,

Okla. “Putting on a big event is so much easier (and a lot more fun) when there is a group of workers we can count on.”

Students were able to start new relationships and build old ones through CAB.

Events such as the Christmas party and coffeehouses allowed students to talk with their peers and motivate them in their talents shown through performances at each event.

“We had several coffeehouses to display student talent and give students a chance at fellowship while listening to their peers,” said Pilcher. “CAB reaches out and includes every single student on this campus.”

As students went about their busy schedules, CAB wanted to give students the chance at study breaks and fellowship with their friends. But the organization was also dedicated to helping students grow socially.

“CAB provides fun and entertaining opportunities for students to interact with other students,” said Janzen. “We help develop a community among students at Ouachita, and that community contributes to the students’ growth while on campus.”

// BY MAURI SPARKS



WORSHIP//
Phil Wickham worships with the student body in Jones Performing Arts Center in February. The concert was held on a Sunday night to kick off Christian Focus Week.



KRISTEN BARNARD PHOTO

EXCITEMENT// Members of OSF reveal themes for each group participating in Tiger Tunes. The organization raised over \$60,000 in scholarships from Tunes performances.

raising student scholarships

Three key goals set forth by Cheyenne Flemister, a senior accounting and finance major from Monticello, and co-president Jacob Lively, a senior biology major from Queen City, Texas, were "to raise \$100,000 for student scholarships, increase awareness of our organization on campus, and help our members grow as servant leaders." These guided OSF through a year of fundraising activities.

Ouachita Student Foundation was made up of 69 student leaders who wanted to raise scholarships for their peers. Four committees, student recruitment, history and traditions, fundraising and finance and special events, worked toward fundraising and serving future, current, and past Ouachita students.

OSF's first major event was Tiger Tunes on October 6-8 in Jones Performing Arts Center. OSF used new fundraising ideas including a \$125 seating package deal and a \$5 per person open dress rehearsal. "The \$125 package was a hit. It included four seats anywhere in the auditorium and you could reserve those for the same fee for years to come," said Jessica Winston, a senior biology major from Sheridan, and both Tunes director and special events committee co-chair.

Tiger Tunes raised over \$60,000 for student scholarships. Nine organizations on campus participated, and the women of EEE took first place overall. Octigerfest was the same weekend and OSF hosted a silent

auction to contribute to scholarships.

Following Tiger Tunes, OSF members devoted several weeks to calling OSF alumni during a phon-a-thon. After many nights, OSF members raised almost \$11,000 from alumni during the phon-a-thon.

In the spring, OSF members gave tours on campus during Tiger Fridays, as they did in the fall, and other members hosted former students who joined the "Gold Tigers," alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago. The student recruitment committee, on top of serving as student ambassadors, also took on creating a new Boom-a-Locka Web site for future and current students to get a taste of student life.

Tiger Traks, held April 13-14, saw an increase in teams, from 33 last year to 39 teams. "The special events committee worked hard to make Traks the best it could be this year by adding new games and moving the mud pits to a better location," said Winston. Winston said many students were unaware that Traks used to be a huge event on campus, and OSF worked hard to bring it back to that popularity.

So much time and effort put forth by every member made certain attributes stand out in these student leaders. "I love their level of capability and willingness to problem solve as well as serve in basically any capacity," said Rebecca Jones, an OSF faculty sponsor and instructor of communications. "They are such a capable and willing group of students."

// BY DEVAN MALONE



▼ REBECCA JONES



"They are such a capable and willing group of students."



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1-GAMES// Juniors Aubree Fry and Devan Malone explain a game to a team in OSF's Tiger Traks in April. Students were able to participate for a small fee, which allowed the organization to raise more scholarship money.



BRIAN HALL PHOTO

2-PROMOTION// Junior Ryan James speaks on behalf of the student recruitment committee in an OSF meeting. The committee was in charge of giving college tours and going to college fairs to recruit students.



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3-AUCTION// Junior Clark Whitney and senior Lida Lee stand at the silent auction. The auction was held during Homecoming week and was a part of OSF's fundraising with Tiger Tunes.

4-ALUMNI// Senior Kinsey Ann Carpenter speaks with an alumni for the fall phon-a-thon. OSF members called for several weeks and raised a total of almost \$11,000 for student scholarships.



ASSEMBLY// Senior Jacob Lively presides over a Senate meeting in the Board Room. In his second year as president, Lively pushed the group to grow in campus involvement and "help take Ouachita to the next level." Jessica Bowling Photo.

SERVICE// Senior senators Alyssa Wylie and Elizabeth Burke meet with the group for a weekly meeting. Student Senate served different organizations on campus while also sponsoring a few events of their own, including the Tiger guarding campaign, Miss OBU and Tiger for Life. Jessica Bowling Photo.

SPRING CAMPAIGN// Sophomore Justin Young speaks in chapel before the student body. His campaign helped him win the position of Senate president for the following 2012-13 school year. Nicole McPhate Photo.

VOTING// Sophomore Brittany Nolan receives a ballot for her class at the Senate elections. Students looking for a position in Senate had a couple weeks to campaign before voting started. Kristen Barnard Photo.

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Leadership, time management, cooperation, organizational skills and communication are skills sponsor Hal Bass, professor of political science, says were developed in the 41 students who served on Senate.

Student Senate played a key role on campus, staying involved in numerous activities. "They took the responsibility as representatives of the student body very seriously, and they assumed the role of unpaid employees of OBU. They spent long hours not only doing the grunt work of activities but were also heavily involved in the planning process," said Bass.

With so much responsibility falling to the senators, finding astute leadership was crucial to Senate's success. Student Senate President Jacob Lively, a senior biology major from Queen City, Texas, took on the leading role for a second year.

"Serving as Student Senate president for a second year was a great experience. It was nice that I already knew what to expect and how to get things accomplished. I feel like having the experience of one year already under my belt allowed me to serve students more effectively," said Lively.

Key events in which Senate was involved included Homecoming week, guarding the Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week, Tiger Tailgate contests, the Miss OBU Pageant, and the Tiger for Life campaign.

The Tiger Tailgate contests and Battle of the Ravine events were new activities for Senate. "The tailgate increased the amount of school spirit at football games," said Lively. In cooperation with Tiger Nation, Student Senate felt that Battle of the Ravine week, "was successful and we were happy with the way it turned out. The students responded really well

to the Guard the Tiger challenge," said Lively. Each class took turns sleeping on the lawn during the week. If a student stayed 11 of the 12 hours their class was responsible for guarding, they received a free T-shirt. Over 200 students participated.

Lindsey Fowler, a sophomore accounting and political science major from Arkadelphia, served as co-chair of the Tiger for Life committee with Emily Merryman, annual fund director, and on events such as the Tiger Idol, Tuition Free Day, and Donor's Day. Fowler described her experience as, "a really great way to get to know the faculty and staff."

When asked about Senate's purpose on campus, Bass said the group existed to "promote campus unity. Senate is less visible than many other organizations but plays an essential role in connecting campus." Senate helped provide financial assistance to organizations in their various endeavors.

"It will be really cool when senators come back to campus 20 years from now during events like Battle of the Ravine week and see students guarding the Tiger. They'll be able to say, 'I helped start that tradition at Ouachita'," said Lively.

// BY DEVAN MALONE



VOTING//
A student places her vote in the ballot box at the Student Senate elections in the fall. Every enrolled student was able to place a vote for who they wanted in office for their class.

PREPARE// Senior Tanner Huffman works on his laptop to prepare layouts for the yearbook. Every student was able to receive a copy of the yearbook.



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gaining experience

Although each was unique in its responsibilities, the award winning publications worked together to make each one a pleasure for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to see. They included the video production, photography lab, the Ouachitonian, and the Signal and online Signal. Students working on publications had work study positions, received a half hour credit or just worked as a volunteer.

Rachel Gilmer, a sophomore mathematics and mass communications major from Princeton, Texas, was part of the video staff.

"We are responsible for filming various events around campus and even film Arkadelphia High School's football season," said Gilmer. "The experience is already helping me with internships and is helping me build up a portfolio." The video staff produced two local TV shows for the community that helped students gain experience.

The biggest event for the video staff was filming Tiger Tunes and broadcasting it live over the Internet. They set up cameras throughout the auditorium, had a student director, and produced a live Internet broadcast seen by thousands around the world.

This extraordinary opportunity to broadcast Tiger Tunes was introduced only in the past several years with the development of the online Signal. For decades, the print newspaper was the only one available, but recently the Internet newspaper was added as an instant source of news.

Tanner Ward, a junior business finance

and management and mass communications major from Bryant, was the news and features editor and the advertising manager for the Signal. "The Signal is a unique avenue for communicating with the campus," said Ward. "We only publish once a week. We don't do much hard-hitting news, but we like to do feature stories about people and happenings on campus."

Providing pictures for the publications and the Office of Communications was the photo lab. Students were responsible for taking pictures at various events. The photo lab provided cameras for workers and had its own studio for a variety of work.

Nicole McPhate, a junior mass communications and graphic design major from Conway, was the photo lab editor. "We are in charge of capturing the spirit of Ouachita, whether that's in the classroom, through sports, or just events around campus," said McPhate.

The Ouachitonian yearbook received many awards over the years, and for over a century has provided students with a publication full of memories. Tanner Huffman, a senior mass communications and graphic design major from Wynne, was the Ouachitonian editor. Besides preparing a strong Ouachita publication for the students, the experience "has helped me learn how to manage my time and be more responsible for not only myself, but for others," said Huffman.

The end of the year brought new possibilities, as the publications moved over the summer from the Mabee Fine Arts building to new facilities in Life Hall.

//BY NATE PEACE

▼ RACHEL GILMER



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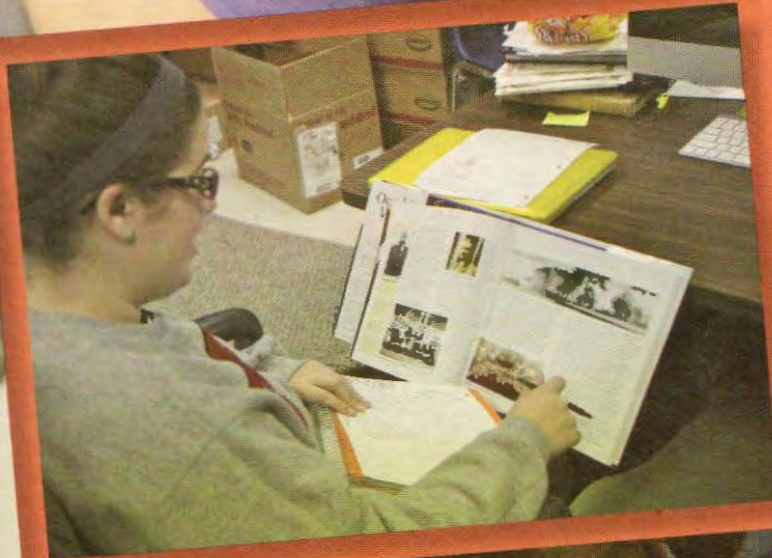
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UPDATE// Senior Townsend Keller types the finishing touches on his Signal column. The newspaper staff also worked on the online Signal for quicker updates to the student body.

REMINDERS// Freshman Heather Ellis takes pictures in a classroom for the photo lab. Students who worked in the photo lab took pictures at various events on campus for student publications.

HISTORY// Freshman Hannah Shull looks through her copy of the new book "Ouachita Voices" for a timeline of events to be presented in the mini magazine. Yearbook students worked to prepare stories and spreads for yearbook pages.

EDIT// Senior Tarah Elliott edits a feature story on Tiger Tunes for the front page of the Signal. A new edition of the Signal came out every Thursday afternoon.



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PIPE BAND// The Lyon College Pipe Band performs at the International Food Festival. The musical group also performed earlier that morning in Chapel. Photo by Kristen Barnard.

SERVICE// International Club members pick up supplies for their Tiger Serve Day project. Both international students and American students were welcome to join the club. Photo by Nicole Mcphate.

TALENT// Junior Judith Birzuela and sophomores Asof Moreno and Rusty Butler perform at the International Food Festival. Many students showcased their talents at the event. Photo by Kristen Barnard.

AFRICA// Students serve food at the Africa table during the International Food Festival. There were different tables set up around the room with food according to each separate continent. Photo by Kristen Barnard.

exploring different cultures

Ouachita's International Club was one of the most unique clubs on campus. Both International and American students met weekly to learn about different cultures. With the goal of sharing experiences and thoughts from different areas of the world, IC had a great impact on both American and international students at Ouachita.

A typical IC meeting included some time to talk, a few games, a short presentation about a country or continent, and sometimes even international food. More importantly, students from many different countries and cultures attended each meeting.

"IC is not a social club, so anyone can come and meet people who have different backgrounds. Everyone is invited," said David Jeon, a senior Christian studies major from Little Rock.

That's what made IC so special – there was a place for everyone. Though a formal membership required an annual fee, many students who attended regularly were not paying members.

The IC board included President David Jeon, a senior Christian Studies major from Little Rock, Vice President Kezia Nanda, a senior psychology major from Jakarta, Secretary Adom Webb, a junior mass communications major from McKinney, Texas, Treasurer Wendy Vick, a senior biology major from Conway and Historian Elisée Habimana, a senior computer science major from Bryant.

Besides weekly meetings, IC planned several other activities. One such event was an annual camping trip. "Each year we have international students who don't have anywhere to stay during fall break, so we go on fall break trip," said Jeon.

IC members also played a role in planning and cooking for Ouachita's annual International Food Festival. Though the club was not in charge of the event, three of the five board members were on the planning committee and many IC members and attendees helped cook the international food for the festival. There were over 50 different dishes at the festival.

The festival was an opportunity "to let our community and campus know who our international students are and a bit about their culture and, in particular, the food that they eat," said Sharon Cosh, a staff coordinator for the event and coordinator of OBU's English as a Second Language Program.

International Club was important, because it helped students understand the world in which they live. "Through International Club I have met and become good friends with loads of people from all regions of the world," said Wood. "I have also learned about many different religions, foods, music, entertainment and other forms of culture, and am better because of it."

// BY RACHEL GILMER



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CHAPEL//
Junior Adam Webb escorts junior Sunhye Kim during the Homecoming Chapel service. Kim represented the International Club for the week's festivities.



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COFFEE// SIFE members raise money for their Honduras project at the majors fair. SIFE planned to help an orphanage in Honduras learn to better market their coffee production both locally and globally.

the globe

Students in Free Enterprise made a difference in the lives of many students, the community, and even globally.

The organization worked on seven projects, including Go Green or Go Home, Honduras, the Business Plan Competition, Campus Store, Arkadelphia Promise, Pregnancy Resource Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

"SIFE is an organization that not only is really good on your resume, but it's also an organization that's worth your time. It's something that you can get involved in that's bigger than yourself. It's more about helping our community and, more recently,

even helping places all over the world develop their own personal skills and things that they can use to better themselves," said Justin Young, a sophomore business management major from Springdale.

SIFE started a project in the spring to help redefine the purpose of the campus bookstore. SIFE members made a mini-mart available, where snacks, necessities and various items could be purchased. This student-led project provided them the opportunity to learn real-world business skills.

SIFE also helped the community in many ways, such as through the Boys and Girls Club. Led by Carrington Tillery, a sophomore business administration management major from Lonsdale, the team visited the Boys and Girls Club in Arkadelphia about

once a week. They taught the kids to make healthy life choices whether physically, emotionally or financially.

"We are really trying to invest in younger kids and say 'Hey this is the best way to live a better life and a more sustainable life for the future,'" said Jared Carlin, a sophomore accounting major from Lubbock, Texas.

Another way SIFE reached out to the community was through Arkadelphia Promise. SIFE students helped mentor high school students who needed an extra boost to raise their GPA in order to be considered for the Arkadelphia Promise scholarship.

In addition to contributing on campus and in the community, SIFE also contributed globally. Young led the Honduras project in partnering with World Gospel Outreach to enhance the business skills and market conditions of the coffee production for the orphanage there.

"The orphanage in Honduras grows coffee, which is ranked in the top two percent of the world, and blackberry—the source of most of their profit," said Young. "They lack, however, the skills to market and properly sell their products in local markets or even nationally. We're looking into helping with the coffee production."

The SIFE team was named co-champions at the SIFE Regional Competition in Dallas, Texas, and competed in the national competition in Kansas City in May.

// BY KRISTEN BARNARD

▼ JARED CARLIN



"We are really trying to invest in younger kids and say 'Hey this is the best way to live a better life and a more sustainable life for the future.'"





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1-CHILDREN// Junior Judith Brizuela helps a child at Casa Hogar Luz, an orphanage in Honduras. SIFE had many projects to help children, including visiting the Boys and Girls club every week.



KIRSTEN BARNARD PHOTO

2-QUEEN// Senior Stephanie Batsel is escorted by senior Cory Epps at the Homecoming chapel. Stephanie represented SIFE at the event and won the title of Homecoming Queen before the game on Saturday.

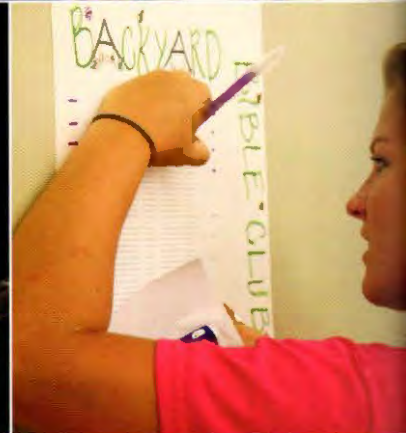
3-REGIONALS// Dr. Wesley Kluck talks with students at the SIFE table during the 125th Community Celebration. Ouachita SIFE was named regional co-champions at the SIFE Regional Competition in Dallas, Texas, in May.



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4-AWARENESS// Sophomore Rachel Hooper and senior Briita Stamps stand at a table at the International Food Festival to raise money for Honduras. The group helped raise awareness for an orphanage in Honduras.

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3RD AND NICE// Juniors Abbey Jamieson and Lacey Brooks dance on stage as 'students' in the Campus Ministries Professors show for Tiger Tunes. The Professors received both the OSF Congeniality Award and 3rd place overall.
Photo by Nicole McPhate.

A WEEK TO FOCUS// Jarrod Morris' band leads worship at a morning session during Christian Focus Week in February. The week included morning worship services, breakout sessions, Refuge and a Phil Wickham concert.
Photo by Jason Pullano.

MINISTRY// Freshman Nicole Wilganowski signs up for Backyard Bible Club at the CM Mixer during WOW. CM offered many different ministries, including the Big Brother/Big Sister program and Monticello Children's Home.
Photo by Nicole Mcphate.

PRAYER// Students have a moment of meditation over a prayer table at the event 'Pancakes and Prayer' that helped kick off Christian Focus Week. Students came to the ESC Bridge for a prayer walk over the week and the rest of the semester.
Photo by Jason Pullano.

the bubble and beyond

Everywhere students looked, Campus Ministries was involved one way or another. Whether it was participating in Tiger Tunes, TWIRP week, Christian Focus Week or countless other events, Campus Ministries

had a huge impact. Campus Ministries was founded with a three fold goal in mind: To make disciples of Jesus on campus, in the community and beyond. On campus, Campus Ministries participated in Refuge, Twirp Week, Christian Focus Week, Tiger Tunes and other events to improve student life at Ouachita.

At the beginning of the year, Campus Ministries held its annual retreat. Approximately 175 students attended the time of Bible study and fellowship held at Camp Paron. Also early in the semester, CM held its traditional Born Bash during TWIRP week. "I love TWIRP week and Barn Bash! It's always exciting to see who gets asked to what," said Adam Cline, a junior secondary education major from Little Rock.

For Tiger Tunes, Campus Ministries' theme was university professors, pointing out funny stereotypical associations with OBU professors. The show included a finish of glow in the dark effects that landed Campus Ministries the third place prize.

In February, the Campus Ministries team hosted Christian Focus week. This year's theme, "Rooted," was based on Colossians 2:6-7, which states, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

"I think it's incredibly important that our students have a special time of focus and renewal to help them live faithful lives throughout the year," said James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries.

Throughout the year, CM held Refuge every

Thursday at 9 p.m. Refuge allowed the students a break from the busy school week and chance for fellowship with Christ.

Campus Ministries had an impact in the community as well. Through Big Brother/ Big Sister programs, Backyard Bible Clubs, and the Monticello Children's Home ministry, the surrounding community benefitted greatly from CM's involvement.

"My experience with the Big sister program was very rewarding," said Aaren Crews, a senior early childhood education major from Arkadelphia. "It was encouraging to know that even a short amount of time spent with her was the highlight of her week. I got to talk with her about her life, give her encouragement, and even tutor her in math homework."


Campus Ministries sponsored two mission trips during the year. A group of 30 worked with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans during Spring Break. For the third consecutive summer, a group from OBU worked with "Reach 4 Life" Ministry in South Africa.

Whether you were a student at Ouachita, a local in need, or just in need of Christ's fellowship, Campus Ministries' effects could be felt in the Ouachita bubble and beyond.

// BY BEN CLINE



REFUGE//
Junior L. J. Brooks speaks at Refuge during the fall semester. L. J. and senior Jesse Pruet took turns speaking at student-led Refuge services on Thursday nights at Second Baptist Church.



Q&A// Junior Stephen Raines and senior John Williams talk with sophomore Jacob Vickery during Rush Week. Rushees had the chance to meet with students in social clubs.

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reinforcing tradition

The social club system represents one of the oldest traditions on campus," said Tim Harrell, director of Campus Activities. Since 1925, "it has been a vital part of Ouachita's history."

With a representation of this long-standing tradition in the fall, it came as no surprise that a record number of students wanted a chance to participate in Rush Week. "We were overwhelmed with the number of students interested in clubs," said Austin King, a senior political science major from Arkadelphia, and Kappa Chi member. A total of 284 students - 109 guys and 175 girls - rushed in January.

Rushees were able to see every club up close. "The parties were a great way to know what the clubs stood for," said Austen Morgan, a freshman pre-physical therapy major from Sunnyvale, Texas, and Eta Alpha Omega pledge. "I was looking for a brotherhood, and every club offered that."

"Rush week helped me see where I felt comfortable," said Sydney Daniell, a freshman communication science disorders major from Arkadelphia, and EEE pledge.

Performing song-and-dance routines at parties was only a small part of what members did during the week. Each club spent countless hours voting on rushees. "The club banded during voting," said Devan Malone, a junior speech communication major from Benton, and Tri Chi member. "We had to trust each other's opinions, because we

were determining the future of our club."

The number of new pledges also exceeded expectations: 239 students joined the legacy. "We were all excited to see the growth of every club on campus," said King. Saturday morning of Pledge Week, Bid Day, brought all 86 men's club pledges and 153 women's club pledges together on campus to celebrate. Each pledge knew they had found their exact fit.

Members began passing down traditions as old as the clubs themselves as the excitement of Bid Day gave way to Pledge Week. During Pledge Week, each club used its traditions to create both a pledge class band and club unity.

"It's a chance for members to get to know the guys, and for them to begin the process toward authentic brotherhood," said Jesse Pruet, a senior Christian studies and Biblical languages major from Harrison, and Eta Alpha Omega member.

Along with nightly activities, pledges started each day with devotionals, ate every meal together and worked on homework during study hall. Each pledge class also participated in a service project: writing letters for the American Cancer Society, raking leaves, or cleaning up highways. Students had the chance to develop friendships with their new brothers or sisters.

"Pledge week is about team building," said Harrell. "If traditions serve that purpose, great. We try to encourage the clubs to be the best form of themselves they can be."

// BY HOLLY WILLIAMS

"We had to trust each other's opinions

because we were determining the future of our club."

▼ DEVAN MALONE





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1-TRADITION// Tri Chi members circle up around pledges on Bid Day. Members went to each of the girls' dorm rooms Saturday morning asking them to accept their bids.

2-BONDS// Sophomore Hannah Nolan talks with a rushee at Tri Chi Country Night. Each women's club had themes for each separate night of the week.

3-LOOKING BACK// Four rushees look at past pictures in an old Sigma Alpha Sigma book. Social clubs displayed memorabilia to show the history of the club.

4-LAUGHS// Sophomore Meg Hart and sophomore Danielle Wells talk with freshman Abby Collett during an EEE Rush night. Every woman rushee received a T-shirt to wear on the first night of Rush Week.



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a family serving others

The Women of Tri Chi had a full schedule this year participating in a variety of exciting activities. In the fall, Tri Chi took part in Tiger Tunes, debuting as the Real Housewives of Clark County. "Housewives came

to my mind because of the ever-present media of 'The Real Housewives of Orange County,' or 'The Real Housewives of Atlanta,'" said Hope Phillips, a junior communication disorders major from El Dorado, and Tri Chi Tunes director. "I thought it funny what we consider housewives to be today versus what was considered a housewife decades before us. I figured we could take the same slogan, but take a blast to the past." After several weeks of hard work and some late nights, they pulled together a show and stole the hearts of the crowd with their performance, ultimately winning People's Choice.

Not only were the women of Tri Chi involved with fun and competitive events such as Tiger Tunes, but in several philanthropy events as well. In the fall, the club participated in Tiger Serve Day through several different teams, worked the Special Olympics held on campus, and participated in A Race for the Cure in Little Rock.

Another philanthropic event they took part in was Operation Christmas Child in December. Tri Chi gave about 10 boxes to the Operation Christmas Child organization. "It was a great experience working with my sisters in Tri Chi to put together the boxes," said Devan Malone, a junior speech communications major from Benton, and leader of this project. "We not only got to shop together, but then pack the boxes with each other, who led the project. It was such an encouragement to me to see their heart for service

and realize we are all striving to pick up our cross daily and serve Christ to those in need around the world."

The spring was an equally exciting semester, kicking off with the addition of 47 new pledges, one of the biggest pledge classes Tri Chi has had in a long time. These numbers certainly did not hinder the club from being involved on and off campus. In the spring semester, the women of Tri Chi participated in Relay for Life, met for weekly Bible studies, volunteered for Tiger Serve Day, went to Dallas for a weekend, and even discovered a newfound love for paint wars.

This year, Tri Chi was able to come together to serve campus, the community and the nation, all the while having a great time. "It means the world to me to be a part of such a great group of girls," said Karissa Winfrey, a sophomore Christian studies major from Stuttgart. "I honestly don't know what I would do without them; the girls I had never met before, those I pledged with, have grown to be my best friends. Tri Chi is so much more than just a pair of letters we wear on Wednesdays; it's a family."

// BY KRISTEN BARNARD



SPIRIT//
Junior Brittany Nolan paints a sign for Homecoming at the club's poster making event in the amphitheatre. Tri Chi invited all of campus to the event in preparation for Saturday's game.

NEW TRADITIONS// An enormous "H" burns during the Battle of the Ravine bonfire pep rally. The men of Rho Sigma hosted a fireworks display along with the bonfire.



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steady progress

The Men of Rho Sigma celebrated 77 years of fraternity and brotherhood by serving Ouachita and the community in unique and extraordinary ways, capitalizing on their athletic roots during intramural games and by welcoming 10 new members into the oldest men's social club on campus.

The Redshirts began the year with a bang by hosting a slew of events and celebrating new traditions. The two most notable were a firework display following the Battle of the Ravine Bonfire and the 9/11 Memorial Service cosponsored with ROTC.

"These events are times to bring the campus together as one tiger," said Pete Brunson, a junior biology major. "These are times where people can drop their club affiliations and just be one. I believe participating in these events are one of the main reasons why people come to Ouachita, because we come together as one community."

In addition to these events, Rho Sigma participated in a wide variety of philanthropic activities such as a can food drive, MS Walk, Tiger Serve Day, the Adopt-a-Highway program and performing at the retirement village and hospital.

"Philanthropy work has helped shape Redshirts and Ouachita by showing others that this university is not just about them, but about each and every student," said Hein Hillmer, a sophomore mass communications major. "Rho Sigma strives to succeed,

achieve, grow and be difference makers."

Tradition and athletics continued to flourish by way of intramural games. Redshirts participated in a variety of sports and were active on campus whether in a varsity game or pickup game.

"Intramurals are important to the men of Rho Sigma, because we are such a competitive group of guys," said Gobe Musser, senior business administration and marketing major. "Intramurals are a spot for us to go out and compete and do the best job we can do. While we may not have been the best team in each sport, we had fun hanging out and playing together."

The men of Rho Sigma also welcomed 10 new members this year with majors ranging from science to theater to business. The diversity within the club continued a core tradition of celebrating brotherhood with people who had various interests and activities.

"The new members who pledged this year are a great group of guys," said Brunson. "It's great to see such a diverse group of guys get along so well. It's amazing to see how our club has progressed in one year. This diversity puts us in so many more groups around campus and I believe people see us in a new light now."

The Redshirts have become leaders in the classroom, on campus and in the community. The traditions, fraternity, and heartbeat of the club will continue to grow and become stronger.

// BY JORDAN CAMPBELL



▼ PETE BRUNSON



"It's amazing to see how our club has progressed in one year."



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1-REMEMBER// Junior Deborah Caldwell plays "Taps" at the 9/11 memorial service. Rho Sigma, along with Henderson and Ouachita's ROTC, cosponsored this 10th Anniversary event to remember the events of 9/11.



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2-REFLECT// Senior Pete Brunson holds a torch during the 9/11 memorial service. Rho Sigma also sponsored a Homecoming bonfire in the fall.

3-SERVE// The Redshirts gather supplies before going to their Tiger Serve Day projects in the fall. Rho Sigma participated in TSD both semesters.

4-RUSH// Junior Gannon Lindsey and graduate Nick Brown talk with rushee Blaine Lewis during Rush Week. Rho Sigma received 10 new members in the spring.



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RUSH// Rushees listen to members of Chi Rho Phi during Rush Week. The week helped students hoping to join a social club learn about the different aspects of each club.
Photo by Jessica Bowling.

LOLLIPOPS// Chi Rho Phi members work their "Lollipop Pull" booth at the 125th Anniversary Community Celebration. Each social club sponsored a booth for the Oct. 19 event.
Photo by Nicole McPhate.

THROWBACK// Senior Jeremy Prine and junior Trent Gardner sing in the Tiger Den at 90s Throwback Night. The concert featured OBU students performing the best hits of the 1990s.
Photo by Marie Lindahl.

TUNES// Sophomore Carli Rae Sasser sings a solo on stage at Tiger Tunes. This was the first year for the club to participate in Tunes since 2008 when they had a joint show with Eta Alpha Omega.
Photo by Nicole McPhate.



TWIRP// Students gather in the Tiger Den during TWIRP Week for Tri Chi 80s Night. TWIRP was held the first full week of classes in the fall semester.
Photo by Kristen Barnard.

DETERMINATION// Sophomore Lindsey Barnhart passes the football to senior Dayton Lavender during an intramural football game. Members of Tri Chi participated in all intramural sports.
Photo by Kristen Barnard.

SERVICE// Seniors Meredith Butler and Madison Lewis work together during Tiger Serve Day in the spring. The women of Tri Chi served on many different TSD projects in both the fall and spring semesters.
Photo by Laro Overman.

CROWD FAVORITES// Members of Tri Chi sing and dance on stage during Tiger Tunes. Tri Chi won the People's Choice Award, as they received the most votes from the crowd over all four nights of Tunes.
Photo by Nicole Mcphate.

growing in unity

Every Wednesday evening the ladies of Chi Rho Phi could be found having prayer time. They got together each week to talk and de-stress. "It's a time of getting together," said President Tiffany Ohman, a junior

early childhood education major from Haltom City, Texas. "Two people will lead and go through a bible study, or whatever God is leading them to do."

At the beginning of the school year the girls participated in one of Ouachita's famed events: Tiger Tunes. This was the club's first time to perform solely as their club and not with another organization on campus. They performed a "Lunch Room Days" routine as cafeteria ladies and students.

"Tiger Tunes was a really good experience for us this year," said Bailey Nichols, a junior dietetics major from Little Rock, and chaplain of Chi Rho Phi. "We really bonded as a group." In addition to Tunes in the fall, the girls hosted a night of TWIRP with the new theme of "Nerd Prom."

Each semester the group went on an outing. For their fall outing the girls did a community service project in Branson, Missouri. They worked with a church and helped clean up a vacant camp.

Also in the spring the club participated in Rush Week to decide which girls were the right fit for their club. Chi Rho Phi had an overwhelmingly successful year, adding 20 new members to the 18 already in the club.

"We are excited to be growing as a club with each other and with the Lord," said Nichols.

For each night of Rush, the members had to plan a party. They decided which type of atmosphere was needed each time so they could get to know the girls

rushing as best as possible.

"You make the girls feel welcome," said Ohman. "You get to know them."

As part of their induction, the Chi Rho Phi pledge class of 2012 hosted a fund raising project for the club. They decided to put on a 90s night.

The club's 16 Big Brothers helped them as well by setting up events and going on the spring outing with the girls.

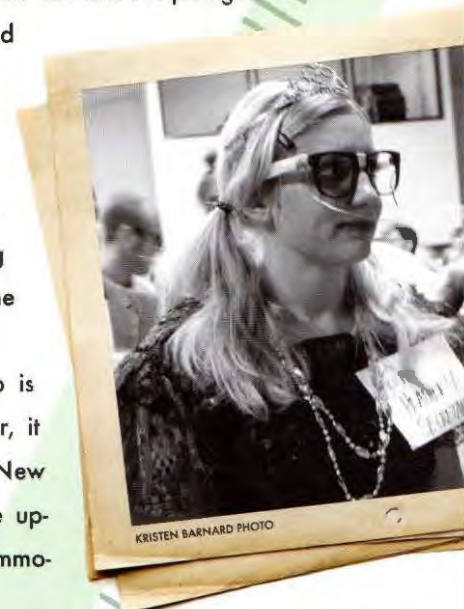
The new size to the club is exciting to the girls; however, it is not without its challenges. New measures were taken for the upcoming school year to accommodate the size of the club.

"We are definitely in transition," said Hillary Hill, a senior sociology major from Benton. "A lot of what we did in the past is having to change because we are a lot bigger now."

The expansion of the group has also earned the girls recognition from former members.

"Our founders have told us they never imagined us being this big," said Hill. "We are working through a lot of changes, tweaking the constitution with their advice. It's been a learning semester for us."

// BY JESSICA WASMUND



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TWIRP//
Sophomore Heather Francis is dressed properly for Chi Rho Phi's Nerd Prom in the fall semester. The event's theme was new this year from former TWIRP weeks.



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HELPING HAND// Senior Chris Chandler and junior Stephen Raines clean leaves in a yard for Tiger Serve Day. Beta Beta participated in community service activities throughout the year.

taking pride in brotherhood

A club's endurance is based on its prominence and reputation, as well as the members who back these up. In its 70th year as a social club, Beta Beta not only grew in reputation, but also in size.

The Betas hosted a number of events for the student body, including Monday Night Football with the men of Eto Alpha Omega during Battle of the Ravine Week, a Halloween party for students, and serenades for women on campus. The club also won two Tiger Tailgate competitions during football season, awarded with \$500 for each.

The Betas' Tiger Tunes show was a crowd favorite. While the club didn't win any official awards - at least none that were announced - Student Senate awarded them with a special honor: Wednesday, October 12, 2011, was officially named "Beta Zookeeper Day" in reference to their theme and in honor of being most improved and most entertaining.

"When we found out about the award, we were so excited that I think we flipped over some tables in celebration," said Mark Bortels, a senior music major from Henderson, Texas. "All the guys gave it their all for each of our three rehearsals, added to our incredible director, so we were bound for greatness."

Beta Beta brought students from all majors and backgrounds together to help them grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. After 70 years, members

and the 17 new pledges offered solid proof of this credo.

"Though pledge year is far from over, being a part of the many traditions our club has makes it worth it," said Blake Johnson, a sophomore warship arts major from Camden. "I'm proud to wear Beta letters, and I consider myself lucky to have a group of brothers that would stand by me through anything. I'm blessed."

While members had a wide range of backgrounds, majors and lifestyles, their feelings about being part of Beta lined up quite coherently. When asked about his experience as a member, President Chris Chandler, a senior biology major from Little Rock, felt the sting but had no regrets.

"While at times my pledging experience proved difficult and somewhat daunting, I can declare that I never once regretted my decision," said Chandler. "Now as a senior and president, I fervently believe that I will always take pride in the goals my pledge brothers and I achieved and the resulting kinship with those who preceded us."

An all too apparent brotherhood existed between the ever-changing members of Beta Beta, and with change came unity.

"Upon completion of the pledging process, students take pride in knowing they are a part of a brotherhood greater than themselves," said Chandler. "While names of members are ever-changing, traditions and pursuit of a common purpose will continue to strengthen an incomparable bond."

// BY JAKE COFFMAN



▼ MARK BARTELS

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1-DEDICATION// Junior Tyler Weddle runs with the football at an intramural game. Beta Black won the championship for the men's upper flag football league.



JAMES WOOD PHOTO

3-TAILGATE// Junior Daniel Sims sits at the Beta Beta petting zoo during a tailgate. The club won \$500 prize for their tailgate.



NICKI TALL PHOTO

4-HISTORY// Members stand at the Beta Beta table for Octiger Fest. Clubs were able to meet their alumni for the event hosted on the morning of the Homecoming game.

HEATHER ELLIS PHOTO



FOR A CAUSE// Sophomores Kathleen Post, Victoria Samuelson, Elizabeth White and Lindsey Fowler watch sophomore Sara Huneycutt run to the finish at the EEE 5K run in September. The purpose of the 5K was to raise money for the American Cancer Society.
Photo by Nicole McPhate.

RUSH// Senior Lauren DeWitt talks with rushee, sophomore Victoria Mantoath, at Patriotic Night of Rush Week. The women of EEE also had 50s Night where they sang Grease tunes and wore poodle skirts.
Photo by Kathryn Kelly.

SPIRIT// Sophomore MaryLacy Thomson decorates a student's car before the annual Homecoming game in October. The car painting allowed students to show school spirit before the big game.
Photo by Heather Ellis.

DEDICATION// Junior Lauren Jackson keeps the football at hand while running away from her opponent. EEE had many intramural teams ranging from "fun" to "hardcore."
Photo by Amy Vaughan.

accomplishing the dream

For the women of EEE, exciting wins and growth were not at all unfamiliar. After reigning as Tiger Tunes champion, having a representative from their club win Miss OBU, and gaining a large pledge class, it was far from being a boring year for these girls.

"We started a Relay for Life team for the first time this year," said Kristen Vaughan, a senior Christian studies major from Little Rock, and president of EEE. "We had people walking the whole night."

Vaughan was president of EEE for the spring semester during Rush Week and Pledge Week.

"It can be a little overwhelming at times but it's fun being president," said Vaughan. "I wanted to be closely involved in Rush Week and Pledge Week and wanted to give back to this tradition that I love at Ouachita."

As well as establishing a new team, the club also welcomed a large pledge class of 63 girls. New member Hailee Bezet, a freshman mass communication major from Conway, expressed her newfound love for her club.

"I love always having something to do," said Bezet. "I don't even know what I did first semester because I'm so busy now. I have so many new friends and everywhere I go I can almost guarantee I will have a sister there. I also love the colors because it makes a statement. When everyone wears their letters on letter day I feel so proud to be wearing them also."

The women of EEE could definitely take pride in their letters this year. MaryLacey Thomson, a sophomore and musical theatre major from Plano, Texas, won the title of 2012 Miss OBU, and the club took

home first place in the 2011 Tiger Tunes. Directors Stephanie Morse and Brittney Reynolds, both junior accounting majors from Benton, were thrilled to help lead their club in this victory.

"We think winning Tiger Tunes really brought us closer together as a club," said Reynolds. "When you all strive for a goal and accomplish it together, it is so rewarding! We had so much fun, and so many inside jokes and memories were made through the whole process that will hopefully last a lifetime!"

After the many victories, new members, and some additional developments in the club, the women of EEE were able to form even greater bonds as sisters.

"Being an EEE this past year has been such a wonderful ride," said Kristen Ashburn, a junior psychology major from Monroe, La. "Winning Tiger Tunes was definitely the highlight and one of my proudest moments as an EEE. The dedication that my club had was rewarded with such a special memory that will always be linked with Ouachita. I was able to grow with my sisters and truly be blessed by my club."

// BY ABBEY JAMIESON



TUNES FACE//
Senior Emily Morgan sings on stage during Tiger Tunes in October. The women of EEE received first place overall at Tiger Tunes during Homecoming Week.



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BOTR// Kappa Chi sponsors a car bash during Battle of the Ravine Week. Each social club participated in guarding the Tiger on different nights throughout the week.

encouraging brotherhood

Respect. Brotherhood. Diversity. As the men of Kappa Chi celebrated their 30th year as a social club, these words continued to ring true.

Kappa Chi started when 23 men on campus filled the need for a new social club. Thirty years later the club doubled in size to 46 members and continued to be a vital part of campus. To honor the anniversary, Kappa Chi held an alumni banquet during Homecoming.

"It was a great chance to reconnect with our alumni, hear their stories and realize we are sharing the same traditions that

have been developed over the past 30 years," said Austin King, a senior political science major from Arkadelphia, and president of Kappa Chi.

The club was heavily involved in campus life. This included Tiger Tunes, hosting a cookout during homecoming week, KX Glow, multiple serenades, mixers with all four women's social clubs, an

outing to Memphis, intramurals, and date nights both semesters.

Michael Curtis, a junior musical performance major from Wylie, Texas, and treasurer of Kappa Chi, said he enjoyed date night. "It was cool to be outside the bubble but still with all of my Kappa friends," said Curtis. "We were able to enjoy each other's company and eat good food."

The Kappa Chi nerds won second place in Tiger Tunes. Chris Sumner, a senior music

education major from Needville, Texas, was the show director. Their show included lockers that lit up, back flips and professions of undying love for the cheerleaders, played by the club's sweethearts.

"I got to know the older members a lot better because I was able to spend so much time with them," said Kirby Von Edwins, a sophomore biology major from Little Rock, and special events director. "I never appreciated them until I spent that time with them. The brotherhood preached to me in the first semester become a reality in the second."

In the spring, 16 men went through Rush Week and decided Kappa Chi was the place for them. They then went through Pledge Week, which was led by Head Pledge Master Tanner Huffman, a senior mass communications major from Wynne.

"I feel comfortable around my pledge class and I really fit in with them. They are a great group of guys I want to associate myself with for the rest of my time at Ouachita," said Drew Farris, a freshmen Christian Studies major from Hot Springs, and Kappa Chi pledge.

The new pledge class hosted several fund-raisers including an Ultimate Frisbee tournament, dodge ball tournament, Kappochino and date auction.

King emphasized the impact Kappa Chi strives to have on campus. "We want Kappa to be remembered as a brotherhood that encourages character, religion, service, scholarship and fellowship," said King.

// BY DEVAN MALONE



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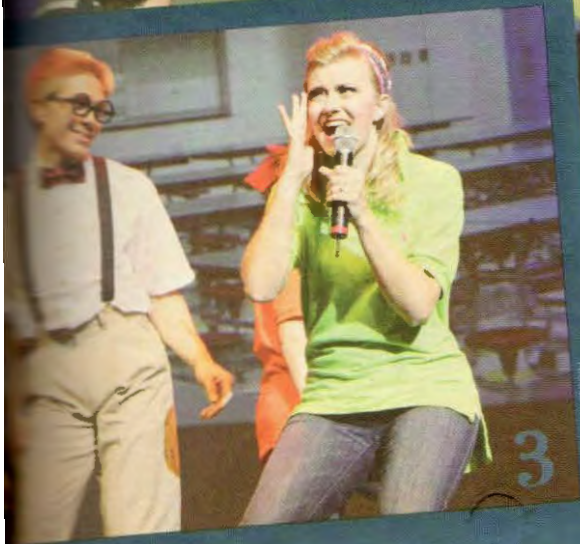
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1-DANCE// Members and rush-ees dance and mingle during the third night of Kappa Chi Rush. Planned by senior Chris Sumner, the men hosted this night at Dino's Main Street Cafe.



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2-SERENADE// The men of Kappa Chi sing the "Little Sis Song" during a serenade. The men had a long-standing tradition of presenting these ladies with roses and singing to them as a part of each serenade.



MICHAEL WOODRUFF PHOTO

3-NERDS// Junior MyLisa Spear sings to Sophomore John Grove during Tiger Tunes. The Kappa Chi nerds received second place overall for their performance.



WEATHER ELLIS PHOTO

4-INTRAMURALS// Senior Vinh Nguyen runs with the football during an intramural game. Members of Kappa Chi participated in many intramural sports throughout the year.



HISTORY// Members of Chi Delta greet guests at their table at OctTiger Fest before the Homecoming game. Clubs were able to meet with alumni during the event.
Bekah Hall Photo.

SPIRIT// Signs from Chi Delta line the rails of the football stands. The women of Chi Delta made a sign for each of the football players for the Homecoming game.
James Wood Photo.

FUN & GAMES// Members of Chi Delta and Eta Alpha Omega dance in the Tiger Den at their club mixer. Both clubs were to dance as old people for the event.
Tyler Rosenthal Photo.

TUNES// Sophomore Amber Beacham sings on stage with members of Chi Delta during Tiger Tunes. The club's theme for the event was 'Truckers.'
Heather Ellis Photo.

working to

grow

With a small group of only 19 girls returning as members in August, the women of Chi Delta stood confident in their club, looking forward with hopes of growing in both membership and campus involvement.

The ladies kicked off the year with their annual "Harvest Moon" night during TWIRP week. The night included a dance which allowed students to dress more formal, compared to other events during the week.

In October, the ladies brought out the snapback hats and ploid shirts as they performed as Truckers during Tiger Tunes. Directed by saphomores Michelle Woddell and Talia Prince, the ladies worked hard to present a quality, competitive show.

"We tried to make our show more competitive than those in recent years," said Prince, a sophomore communication sciences major from Rowlett, Texas. "Although we had a small group, I was pleased with the end result. We stood strong amidst a lot of awesome shows."

Also in the fall, the ladies hosted their annual Masquerade Ball, as well as "Owl-O-Ween." For "Owl-O-Ween," the ladies, as well as their dates, watched a scary movie in the woods of Arkadelphia.

"Talk about creepy," said Chelsy Lewis, a senior communication sciences major from Benton.

In December, the ladies made the most of the Holiday season by singing Christmas carols at the local nursing home. "It was such a blessing to see the smiles on those elderly faces," said Lewis.

Like every other social club, the ladies hopped on the Rush wagon to begin their Spring semester, hoping to grow their club in both numbers and person-

ality. After a record-breaking women's rush turnout, Chi Delta added 20 new "daisies" to its membership.

"Every year we have a good group of girls that go through rush and an amazing group of girls who pledge Chi Delta," said Liz Jones, a sophomore mass communications major from Grapevine, Texas. "This year was different from last year because we started with a larger pledge class who loved Chi Delta and wanted the club to continue growing, and they worked for it. All of their hard work paid off and Chi Delta welcomed another amazing pledge class."

The ladies hosted two more student-driven functions in the Spring: the Stoplight Dance and Daisy Ball. The Stoplight Dance required students to wear a certain color based on their relationship status: green for single, yellow for "it's complicated" and red for dating.

"It was great seeing everyone's creative ways of wearing the colors," said Taylor Skinner, a sophomore biology major from Hot Springs Villoge. "Our club really came together and put on an awesome event that the campus enjoyed."

/// BY CALLIE HAMILTON



COURT//
Senior Alex Rijken is escorted at Homecoming by her mother as a representative of Chi Delta. Also representing the club were junior Kelsie Wilson and sophomore Taylor Skinner.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

SERVICE// Junior Daniel Lee washes a window for Tiger Serve Day in the spring. Eta Alpha Omega participated in TSD both semesters, as well as many other service projects sponsored by the Elrod Center.

promoting discipleship

Growth. This single word defines what the men of Eta Alpha Omega strove for. Between planning for events on campus and with other clubs, Eta set aside most of their time to invest in each other through spiritual growth and in service to campus and the community.

Discipleship among the members as brothers in Christ took center stage in the club's priorities. They took the time to invest in each other and spend time together studying God's Word, praying for the club and others around them, and simply having fellowship with one another. "Triads" was

a way for the members to grow closer and pour into each other's lives, as members shared their personal lives with groups of three.

At least every other week, Eta organized a service project through the Elrod Center, which gave the club a chance to minister to the needy beyond campus. They also participated in Tiger Serve Day, a semiannual campus-wide service project for the community.

"Growing with a group of guys whose sole intent is to promote Christ through service and fellowship has been a life-changing experience," said Matthew Cook, a sophomore Christian media/communications major from Harrison. "We try to pour into one another and invest in each other's lives for accountability and discipleship."

Eta participated in Homecoming Week with their annual "Eta Break Week," where they offered free chili dogs, frito chili pie,

and root beer floats in Grant Plaza. For Tiger Tunes, the club's theme was "Eta Clock" Anchormen, which won them awards for musicality and lyrics on different nights. Break Week ended on Saturday with "Muggin'," a campus-wide event held after the last Tiger Tunes performance. The club gave out 1,600 bottles of root beer and Sean Michel was a featured musical guest.

"The founder of 'Muggin'' was there and he was impressed with the turnout," said Steven Horvell, a senior Christian studies major from Landstuhl, Germany. "He started the event in 1998 at the Gazebo with a boom box, one cooler filled with IBC root beer and a few of his friends."

In the spring, Eta more than doubled their club membership with 34 pledges. The pledges put on a fund raiser event called "Eta Clock," reminiscent of Tiger Tunes, which had a soda shoppe theme with entertainment from poetry readings to comedy and dramatic performances by the pledge class. The Etas also put on their annual "Whose Line Is It Anyway" fund raiser, mirroring the popular TV show.

"Being a part of Eta Alpha Omega has been one of the most meaningful experiences I've had this year," said Stephen Curry, a freshman church music major from Little Rock. "It's not just all the mixers and club stuff, but the new relationships I've been able to make through the club. It's something special when 60 guys can carve out time in their week to come together and praise the Lord. At the end of the day, that's what the club is about."

// BY JAKE COFFMAN



MATTHEW COOK

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1-BREAK WEEK// Members serve chili dogs to students in Grant Plaza during Eta Break Week. The event took place during Homecoming Week, ending with "Muggin'," the club's annual root beer event after the final performance of Tiger Tunes.

2-SPIRIT// Senior Steven Harvell is painted for the BOTR Black-Out game against Henderson. The club set up a bottle breaking contest at the tailgate before the game.

3-ANCHORMEN// Members of Eta Alpha Omega sing on stage at Tiger Tunes as the "Eta Clock" Anchormen. Eta won awards for musicality and lyrics on different performances throughout the week.

4-GUARD ON// Students play video games while guarding the Tiger on Monday night of BOTR Week. Eta helped guard, along with the men of Beta Beta and the junior class.



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SPIRIT// Members of Sigma Alpha Sigma support the men's basketball team in the spring semester. The club went to many games to support the athletic teams.
Wesley Kluck Photo.

HUNGRY GAMES// Junior Kelley Lester eats a pie at Sigma Alpha Sigma's Hungry Games eating competition at Dina's Cafe. Students won \$20 for winning each station and \$100 was awarded to the winner of the final ice cream round.
Jason Pullano Photo.

FRIENDS// Sophomore Dawson Pritchard and senior Jesse Pruett jump for the volleyball at the Sigma Alpha Sigma mixer with Eta Alpha Omega. The mixer gave the clubs a chance to hang out and talk.
Jason Pullano Photo.

RUSH// Senior Nick Bass speaks to rushees about Sigma Alpha Sigma. Students had the chance to learn about the different social clubs offered on campus through rush week.
Heather Ellis Photo.

creating a new image

After losing their charter in the Spring of 2009, the men of Sigma Alpha Sigma returned to campus, adding their rich history and tradition back into Ouachita's social club system. The men hoped to rebuild the

club's membership, its trust with administration, and its image on campus.

First chartered in 1932, Sigma Alpha Sigma was a long-standing tradition on campus that wouldn't stay gone for long. During the fall semester, acting president Nick Bass worked with campus activities director Tim Harrell to organize a way to bring the club back to campus.

"There was a lot of behind the scenes work," said Bass, a senior history and political science double major from Coppell, Texas. "Meeting after meeting, and lots of wheeling and dealing to figure out where the alumni stood, where the faculty stood, and where the student body stood."

Ultimately, the club was granted its charter back, and they were able to participate in Rush.

"We were completely unaware of where we stood until we got the charter back and were told we could commence in the Spring," said Bass. "It was crazy, crazy exciting!"

With the start of the spring semester, the club hoped to move in a new direction, seeking men who were dedicated to both the OBU experience and the student body. After Rush, eight new men were added to Sigma Alpha Sigma's membership, giving the club 11 total members.

"I couldn't have asked for a better pledge class to bring this club forward," Bass said. "With pledge week, we tried to make the impression that the old im-

age was behind us. I think we did surprisingly well."

In an effort to restore this new image on campus, the men hosted "The Hungry Games" at Dino's Main Street Cafe. The event was a campus-wide series of eating competitions, whose proceeds were donated to the World Hunger Fund. This was the first major event entirely hosted and funded by "the new" Sigma Alpha Sigma, who attribute a lot of their success to the cooperation of Dino's.

Seeking to plug into athletics and school spirit, the club began working on a campaign called "Bring the Noise," which they hope to start in the coming athletic year.

According to Bass, Sigma Alpha Sigma is trying, more than anything, to be students who love Ouachita. Rather than representing a specific group within campus, the club desired to be an all-encompassing group of students to represent the entire campus.

"I hope we can bring SAS back to what it was," Bass said. "We want to have a considerable amount of influence on campus. In the future, I hope when people think of SAS, they think of OBU. I think that's the way it's going to be with us."

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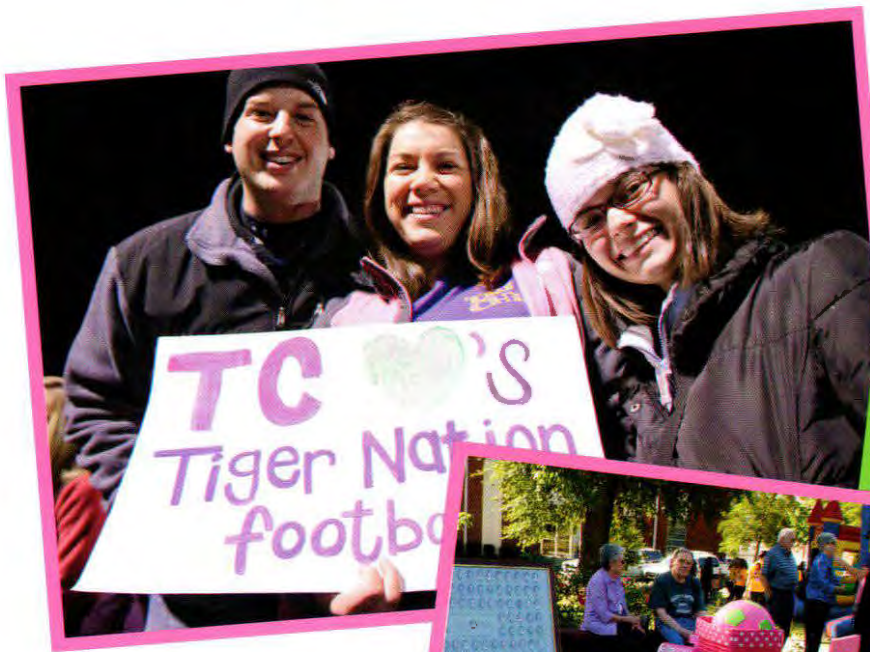
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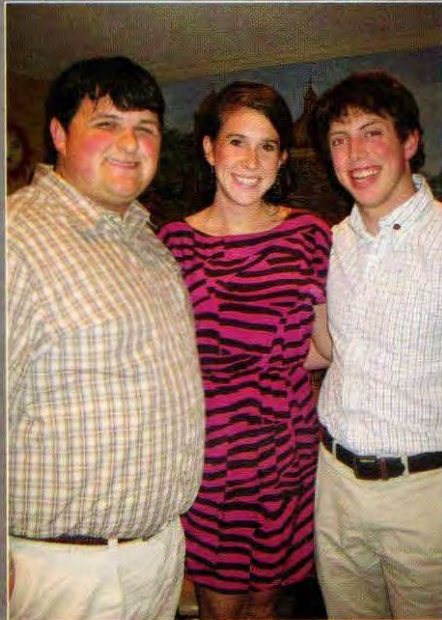
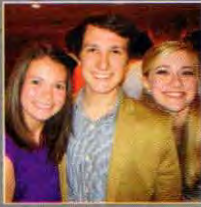


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One thousand kilobytes is equal to one megabyte. 1,000 megabytes is equal to one gigabyte. 1,000 gigabytes is equal to one terabyte. One terabyte is not enough for Dr. Kluck. Not even 10 terabytes are enough. No, the storage that Dr. Kluck needs for the pictures he takes on Ouachita's campus has reached an astronomical 20 terabytes. If you need that in picture terms, he takes an average of 100,000 photos a year. Some call that an obsession. For Dr. Kluck though, it's a hobby that has been growing since childhood and shows no sign of slowing down.

Many know Dr. Wesley Kluck as Ouachita's campus physician. Still many more know him as one of the vice-presidents of the university. There is a growing group of students that know him in a different way- Professor Kluck. That's because Dr. Kluck teaches Introduction to Photography and Advanced Photography. His journey toward taking on the two classes began decades ago, starting with a wedding present.

"Growing up I remember enjoying taking pictures," said Dr. Kluck. "I wouldn't say it was the main focus of my life, but I would get little cameras and thought it was neat. I really developed the interest, but didn't have the equipment until I got married in 1980 and received my first really nice camera as a wedding present."

Once Dr. Kluck received the camera, he began reading everything in sight on photography and cameras. In 1984 he made the journey back to Arkadelphia to start a clinic and life got busy. Even though he still enjoyed taking pictures, photography as an intense hobby wasn't possible with his busy schedule. It would take a few years and a leap in technology to bring Dr. Kluck back to his photography passion.

In 1999, Dr. Kluck bought a different type of camera than he had previously owned: a digital camera. "The next year I went with the Ouachita Wind Ensemble to Europe on a trip. I took hundreds of pictures and really started using that digital camera," said Kluck. At the time Dr. Kluck was not on staff at Ouachita but served as the athletic team doctor. He realized the time he spent just standing at Ouachita football games could be spent capturing the memories, so he began bringing his camera. 2005 is the final monumental year in Dr.

Kluck's photography journey so far. In that year he not only came to serve as vice-president of Ouachita, but bought his first nice quality digital camera. "Since I was at Ouachita and there were so many events to attend, I started taking photos at more than just football. It was mainly sporting events since I served as team doctor," said Kluck. This was the same year Facebook opened up to the world, and Dr. Kluck began posting the photos he was taking.

Though teaching was never in the plans, it is something Dr. Kluck and his students alike enjoy. What does he enjoy most about his classes? The creativity of his students. "My brain is not creative. I'm more factual and data driven, but I really enjoy creativity in others since I don't have it," said Kluck. His philosophy on teaching the photography classes is that he, "tries to teach the technical skills so the creativity looks good."

Dr. Kluck's devotion to taking pictures has not gone unnoticed by Ouachita. "Dr. Kluck is a gifted photographer and is continually learning new techniques in the field of photography," said Dr. Deborah Root, professor of communications. "We are fortunate that he has found time in his busy schedule as an administrator and physician to share his passion for photography with our students. He understands not only the technical aspects, but the importance and role of photography in storytelling in a digital age. That's important for our students to understand," said Root.

So where do the 100,000 photos a year Dr. Kluck takes go, besides onto his 20 terabyte external hard drive? Facebook. With every click of the shutter, Facebook gains another photo from Dr. Kluck. Faculty, students, parents and alumni are all able to enjoy Ouachita life through the lens of Dr. Kluck's camera as he uploads every photo, folder after folder, to one of the largest social media networks in the world.

Kluck keeps a Facebook page up and running that users are able to "like" and get updates. His "reach of people" on Facebook has hit 340,000, a number most Facebook fanatics only dream of.

It seems safe to say Ouachita will continue seeing Dr. Kluck capturing the moments and memories as his love for photography only grows. Another safe assumption? He won't let those terabytes hold him back.

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Judy Duvall was Female Clark Countian of the Year in the Arkadelphia Daily Siftings Herald's 2012 Readers' Choice Awards.

Readers of the newspaper are invited to vote each year on their top three choices in a variety of categories, including businesses, restaurants and community leaders. Arkadelphia Mayor Chuck Hollingshead was named Male Clark Countian of the Year.

Duvall, assistant director of Ouachita Baptist University's Elrod Center for Family and Community and coordinator of Elder-Serve, is a 1982 Ouachita graduate. She works with students and faculty on volunteer projects and campus-wide events such as Tiger Serve Day and Healthy Relationships Week, allowing her to serve many people in the community.

"Through my job at the Elrod Center at OBU, I get to meet many people in the community and I love that," said Duvall. "I have to say though, the OBU



students who volunteer out in the community, many times out of the spotlight, are the ones who deserve the recognition. I have the distinct privilege of placing them with people and non-profits in the community. They are an amazing group of students who love to serve and meet needs. I'm super proud of each of them."

Other Ouachita staff members honored in this year's Readers' Choice Awards include Garry Crowder, head women's basketball coach, who was named the No.1 college coach in Arkadelphia, and Todd Knight, head football coach, who was named the No. 3 college coach.

Crowder, a graduate of Henderson State University, has served at Ouachita since 1995. In addition to coaching women's basketball, he is an instructor of kinesiology and leisure studies.

Knight, a 1986 Ouachita graduate, has served as head football coach since 1999.

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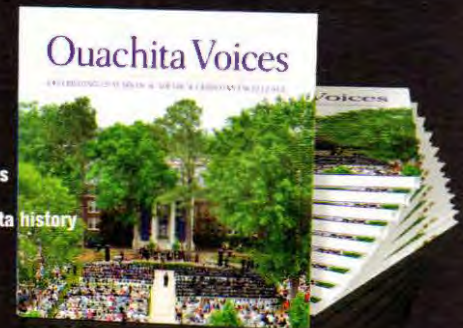
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In March through August of 2008, Keisha Pittman went through cancer treatments. "I had had my third chemo treatment on the day of Relay For Life. They told me to just come at 6 a.m. so I walked in and the national anthem was playing. I looked to my left and saw my friends with shirts that said "I heart KP." That was a big moment for me. I really understood what Relay For Life was about and what people in the community do for it." That year Keisha walked her first "survivor" lap in the middle of her treatments. The next year Keisha came back and led the OBU Relay For Life Team. She was also the leader of the team this past year.

Keisha, a development officer for OBU, first got involved with Relay For Life in 2006 and has been involved ever since. "OBU has a Relay For Life team and the folks leading at that time told me about it." She explained that it was an overnight event that is part of a year-long work to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Relay does the majority of the fundraising for the American Cancer Society. "AMC is a purely volunteer decision. What's bigger and cooler about it is that it happens in smaller communities."

Keisha explained that over 5,100 communities across the nation contribute to this run and everybody benefits from it equally. "Last year Arkansas raised \$4 million, Clark County raised \$60,000." She compared Ouachita to Relay when saying, "American Cancer Society is like OBU, in that Relay For Life is like the development office for American Cancer Society. You've got different departments that are doing things and different researchers that are doing all kinds of stuff for the cause."

Treating cancer is anything but cheap. "On average cancer treatment cost \$1 million. If ACS wasn't there to help, there would be a board saying only certain people get to be treated," she said.

When Keisha said that Relay for Life was an all night event she was telling the truth. So many activities go into making this event what it is. "When we begin at 6 p.m. we have things going until 6 a.m. The event symbolizes the cancer patients' journey. The night starts off with a 'survivor

lap' around the track and a 'caregiver' lap. This is a chance to focus in and remember what we are all there for. As the night goes on, it gets harder to stay and to stay up and going- this is just like it is for a cancer patient when they are in the middle of all their treatments," Keisha explained.

After the first laps are completed, at 9 p.m. there is the luminary ceremony. During this part of the event, all of the lights are turned off in the stadium and the participants line the track with luminary bags that are lit to represent those who are currently going through the battle with cancer, those who have gone before us in the battle, and those who are still living to tell a story. "There is usually a survivor and/or a

caregiver testimony. It's the most moving part of the event." Keisha said. "Everybody then walks a full lap in silence remembering and praying for all the names as they see them.

At midnight, the event turns to a much lighter note when "Relay's Got Talent" starts. Keisha says, "It's just like on the show, it's kind of a variety show of sorts. Every team is encouraged to enter a contestant." The fun doesn't stop there. At 3:30 a.m. everybody is up and moving doing Zumba. Keisha said, "Nothing like moving for an hour at 3:30 in the morning!"

In between these events there are also smaller activities going on. Keisha named many of the different activities that keep people busy. "We have team games in the middle of the field, bands that play. We invite kids' choirs, cheer groups, gymnastics groups, dance groups, etc. to perform at the event. Obviously we want to keep energy up and activities going to keep everyone out there and energized all 12 hours."

On April, 2012, at 6 p.m. Keisha and a group of students were at Badger stadium participating in Relay For Life, walking the track to fight cancer. Keisha talked about what sounded like the perfect ending to a great night when she said, "As the event is coming to a close, the sun begins to rise and remind us that a new day is coming. That there is light for those going through this process."

For her work with Relay for Life and the fight to find a cure for cancer, Keisha was honored by the Arkadelphia Rotary Club as Volunteer of the Year.

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21 YEARS OF SERVICE

I came to OBU from the Soviet Union in 1991 at the invitation of the former OBU president Dr. Ben M. Elrod to teach Russian and German, the two languages that were not taught at OBU before. In my 21 years here, I have enjoyed every day in the classroom with my beloved Russian majors and minors and my German students. In 1880, Mark Twain wrote an essay about his attempt to learn German and entitled it "The Awful German Language." In it he said: "...Surely there is not another language that is so slipshod and systemless, and so slippery and elusive to the grasp," but he didn't discourage me from enjoying teaching it. In actuality, both languages are great fun to teach, and I am rewarded practically every day with the successes and solid knowledge of my students. I live to teach; it has always been my passion and I am blessed with the immeasurable pleasure of being a teacher.

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 22 YEARS OF SERVICE

Before I came in 1990, I knew of Ouachita's reputation. However, the reality was more wonderful than I imagined. H.W. Hunt once told me that Ouachita was the most Christian of all Baptist colleges, and he was right. Here I was surrounded by Christian faculty, students, staff and administration. For 22 years I have been privileged to teach voice, church music, and the CORE, surrounded by students and colleagues performing great music. I have taught hundreds of students and learned much from them. Through good times and bad, I have always felt OBU was the place for me.

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24 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Periodicals Librarian
13 YEARS OF SERVICE

Leaving my home of 26 years in Richmond, Virginia, for Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was NOT on my top ten list of things to do. Matter of fact, I made the move "kicking and screaming." It is interesting how I can see how the Lord orchestrated my life in hindsight. Over the years, I've found OBU to be like a hidden treasure. My greatest love has been the relationships that still continue to this day. Arkadelphia has become home. I may be retiring but plan on remaining here for the foreseeable future... just exploring a few new horizons in the days ahead.

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12 YEARS OF SERVICE

I believe God sent me to finish my 43-year teaching career at OBU and what a wonderful experience it has been! I have enjoyed my colleagues, especially my wonderful friends in my department, and I've had amazing students. I believe learning takes place best when it is enjoyable, so I've always encouraged and used humor in the French classes. I'll take away wonderful memories of French tongue twisters, April Fools tricks (Jour du poisson), and wearing Groucho glasses, nose and mustache to class as well as of the pride I have felt listening to students perform in recitals and honors' day presentations or writing a really good French composition. What a wonderful 12 years it's been!

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32 YEARS OF SERVICE

If I had to choose one word to characterize my years at Ouachita, that word would be "change." My first semester at Ouachita in the fall of 1980 I taught an Introduction to Data Processing class without the availability of computers. In contrast, I have taught one or more classes online every semester for the past several years. Of course, the Ouachita campus has changed dramatically. The removal of some buildings and the construction of others have made the campus even more appealing than it was when I first arrived. In spite of all the changes which have occurred, it is comforting to realize that the friendliness, care, and concern of Ouachita students, faculty, and staff have remained a constant through the years. It has truly been a blessing to be a part of such a family over the past 32 years!

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Ouachita has been a great place to work. The things I remember and enjoyed the most are my students. I have really enjoyed working with students. They "make my day." My colleagues have been great to work with and will definitely be missed. I have been blessed with excellent student workers and lab assistants. It makes me proud to know that my former students have gone on to become teachers, engineers, medical doctors, dentists, physical therapists and professional physicists.

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COMMENCEMENT // Eric Phillips walks down the senior sidewalk with the faculty for the 125th commencement ceremony.



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From 1997 until the present, I have worked at the Elrod Center. I began coordinating the America Reads program in January, 1998. America Reads was a national initiative to provide one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to children in reading. I added coordination of the America Counts program the fall semester of 1999. Also a national initiative, America Counts provides one-on-one tutoring and mentoring in math. Those programs have continued since their implementation. As an early childhood educator, these programs have been immeasurably rewarding to me. Ouachita students have made a huge contribution as we have partnered with the Arkadelphia Public Schools over these years.

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PHOTO LAB EDITOR

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone and I'm one step closer to graduating. It feels like just yesterday I was moving into Francis Crawford West 2nd floor! I never knew on that day that Ouachita would soon become my second home and the place that held the biggest part of my heart. Here at Ouachita, I have made the most amazing relationships and been given some great opportunities, including being Photo Editor. This job has taught me a lot about myself and a lot about how to work and deal with all types of people. This job has brought great joy into my life and I'm so thankful I get to do it all over again for another year. This job would not be complete without the people in my life who support me and love me through it all:

MOM & DAD: Without your love and guidance, I would never be where I am today. Without your sacrifices, I wouldn't be at OBU. Without your constant support, I would have given up a long time ago. Thank you for always seeing something in me, that I can't always see in myself. Thank you for believing in my wildest dreams and biggest desires. It is because of the two of you that I am the person I am today, because of the examples of the forever y a u and I you can never say thank enough.



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TANNER: Congratulations on such a good looking yearbook! Your hard work and sleepless nights definitely paid off (even if those sleepless nights lead to a few overslept mornings)! Thank you for always helping me and for letting me complain non-stop during my rough days. You have made this year an absolute blast. I'm impressed by your creativity and skills. I will miss you and we better stay in touch!

CALLIE: Although you are in grown-up land now, and won't receive this yearbook, I must say thank you. It was you who believed in me enough to ask me to be on your staff, and you who believed in me enough to suggest I be editor. Thank you for your knowledge and support throughout this year. I truly learned from the best!

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To all of my other friends and professors that have influenced my time here at OBU, I can never say thank you enough. There are far too many to name and too many kind words to say, but know that you all have had a hand in forming me into the person I am today, and you all make Ouachita the special place that it is.

I've loved every minute of this year and can't wait for senior year, which I believe will truly be the best! Thank you again for all the support and encouragement, it means the world!

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OUACHITONIAN EDITOR

My time at Ouachita officially comes to an end with the finish of this book. This year was a rough ride to say the least, but it was an experience I will be forever grateful for.

MOM: I will remember this year as the time our relationship grew the strongest. You heard my cries, my struggles, my frustrations, and my fears. You counseled me, critiqued me, financed me, and pushed me. Most importantly, you believed in me. You've always called me your heart child, and it becomes more evident by the day. It brings me much joy to know that my number one fan is also my number one creative colleague. Thank you for always cheering me on and for being the strong foundation I've always needed. I love you.

P.S. I'm glad you finally found your happy place.

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NICOLE: Thanks for putting up with my disorganization, procrastination, untimeliness and spontaneity. Now you know how next year is NOT supposed to go. Thank you for always listening to my frustrations and for confiding yours in me. If it weren't for our weekly vent sessions, we would have said lots of things we shouldn't have and hurt lots of people's feelings. You have become a true friend, and I hope we can stay in touch for years to come. You have a good heart that will lead you to great places in the future. Good luck with your last year. Make it count!

MAURI: You've got huge shoes to fill. Good luck. Just kidding! I'm glad you finally decided (after lots of stressful conversations) to take the job. I believe in you, and I hope this year teaches you as much as it did me. Thanks for all of your hard work on this book. I could not have done it without you. You're going to be a great editor, just do the opposite of everything I did:) And stop studying so much!

HANNAH & ALY: Thank you for being my comedic relief on those FEW days I worked in the office with you. You two never thought twice about calling me out. Thanks for keeping me on my toes. You were both great assets to the staff. Not to mention, you were the only ones who shared my geeky obsession with perfect "yearbookness." Congrats on making the smartest choice a freshman girl can make. Good luck with the rest of your time at OBU. Keep in touch!

TORI: Thank you for always offering to help and for always knowing what to say. You have such a heart for Christ, and it is evident in everything you do. One piece of advice-AVOID inheriting my sleeping habits. Trust me.

BEN: Thanks for, quite literally, diving head first into the mess we call yearbook. You had no idea what you were getting into, and I'm still not sure you do, but I'm glad you went through with

it. It was such a relief to have a fellow Kappa/rager/shade tree/procrastinator to work with in that basement dungeon. You did a great job, but please don't force Mauri to hunt you down like I had to. Gee.

PRACTICUM: Thanks for all your hard work. I'm sorry I made it impossible to accumulate your credits for the semester. I know you all were dying for extra assignments. I hope each of you gained something valuable from your experience.

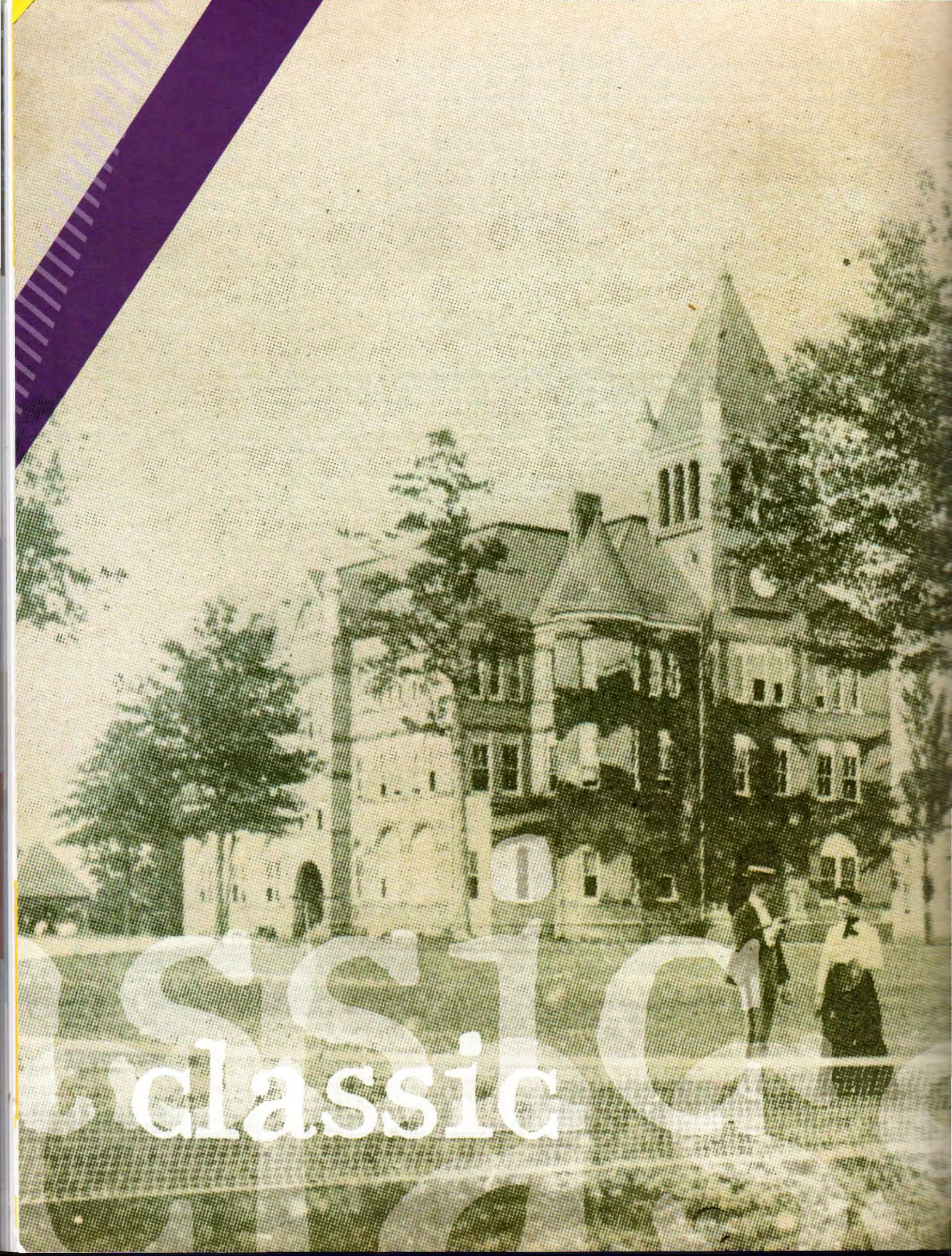
DR. DEB: My first instinct was to apologize for ALL the mistakes I made this year. However, there isn't enough room, or words for that matter, to describe those feelings. In fact, I'm not sure I could sincerely apologize. Making those mistakes allowed me the chance to learn and grow more than I ever imagined. Above all, these mistakes opened the floodgates of our relationship. It was you who facilitated my learning and growing because of these mistakes. For that, I owe you no apology. Instead, I owe you the utmost gratitude. Thank you for being the guardian angel I needed to survive this year. Thank you for keeping me organized. Thank you for the six-page threatening text messages. Thank you for those intensely emotional, yet very necessary, closed-door office sessions (I always knew it was serious when the door shut). Thank you for not letting me FAIL my last semester. Thank you for always having the answers I needed. Above all, thank you for caring. You invested so much of your time and energy into helping me succeed and overcome my struggle of a year. You have no idea how much that means to me. Thank you.

To my Kappa bros, my EEE girls, and all those in-between, thank you for your friendship and support during my time here. And for the record, I'm sorry for being so shady. Blame it on a yearbook. Sounds like a good excuse.

Enjoy the masterpiece,

Tanner





CLASSIC

classic

clas·sic

adj \ˈklɑ-sɪk\

- a: serving as a standard of excellence : of recognized value;
- b: traditional, enduring
- c: characterized by simple tailored lines in fashion year after year
- 2: of or relating to the ancient Greeks and Romans or their culture
- 3a: historically memorable
- 3b: noted because of special literary or historical associations

mod·ern

adj \mə-dərn, ÷ˈmə-d(ə-)rən\

- a: of, relating to, or characteristic of the present or the immediate past
- b: of, relating to, or characteristic of a period extending from a relevant remote past to the present time
- 2: involving recent techniques, methods, or ideas : up-to-date
- 3: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of the present or most recent period of development of a language



classic / modern

adj 'kla-sik / mä-dərn

- 1: serving as a standard of excellence in the present
- 2: traditional and enduring, yet relevant
- 3: historically memorable, yet up-to-date
- 4: historically associated, yet recently developed
- 5: of or relating to Ouachita



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