



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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SERVICE

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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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 OeTiger 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 John 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.

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.



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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.

WIND ENSEMBLE// The Wind Ensemble performs its annual spring concert in March. The ensemble also performed in churches and high schools.



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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.



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2-JAZZ BAND// Junior Christopher Mazon 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 offer 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.



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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-o-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



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1-GAMES// Juniors Aubree Fry and Devan Malane 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.



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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.

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.



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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.

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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. Jessico 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 Mophate 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.

1 student leaders

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 Lile Hall.

//BY NATE PEACE



▼ RACHEL GILMER

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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.



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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 "Ovachita 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 Asaf 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 Adom 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.

all around 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 Corrington 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



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DILOM VITTIKUM MURRY

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.



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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.

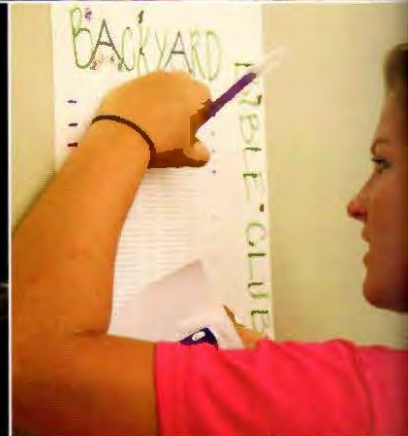


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3-REGIONALS// Dr. Wesley Kluck talks with students at the SIFE table during the 125th Community Celebration. Ouachita SIFE was named regional co-champions at the SIFE Regional Competition in Dallas, Texas, in May.

4-AWARENESS// Sophomore Rachel Hooker and senior Britta 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 Bosh 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 loded 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 Aoren 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 Pruett, 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

▼ DEVAN MALONE



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HICKEY ARCHIVE PHOTO

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 Cotten during an EEE Rush night. Every woman rushee received a T-shirt to wear on the first night of Rush Week.



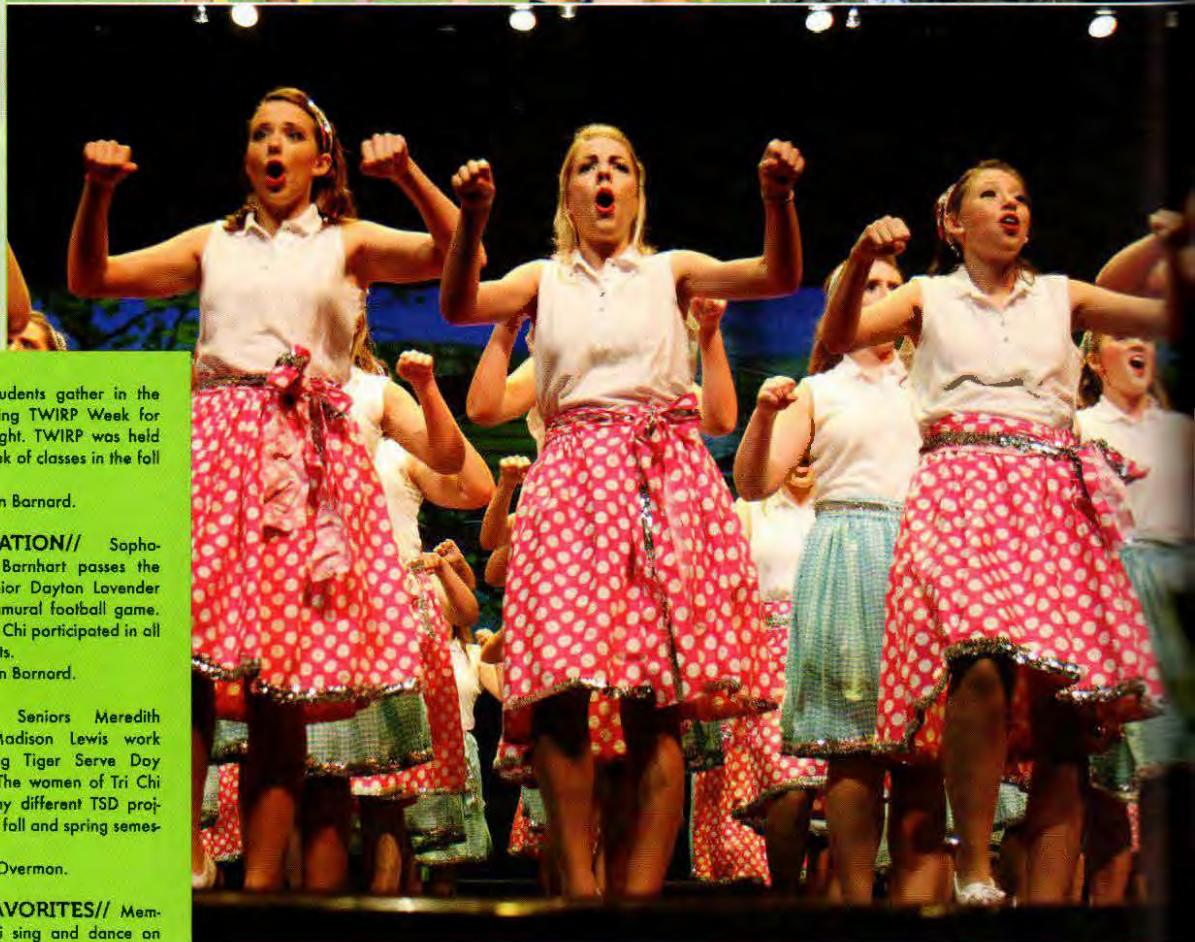
HEATHER ELLIS PHOTO



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JESSICA BOWLING PHOTO



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.

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 Nalan 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.



NICOLE MCPHATE PHOTO

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.



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4-RUSH// Junior Gannon Lindsey and graduate Nick Brown talk with rusher 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.

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.

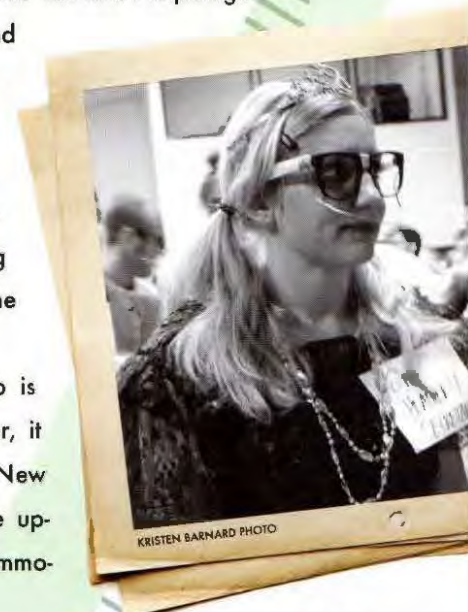
The new size to the club is exciting to the girls; however, it is not without its challenges. New measures were taken for the upcoming school year to accommodate the size of the club.

"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 Eta 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 Bartels, 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.



ALAN WOOD PHOTO

2-COMEDY// Junior Brandon Briscoe plays a caged lion at the club's annual Tiger Tunes performance. The men of Beta Beta were "Zaakepers" for the 2011 Tunes event.

3-TAILGATE// Junior Daniel Sims sits at the Beta Beta petting zoo during a tailgate. The club won \$500 prize for their tailgate.



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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.



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 Mantooth, 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 MoryLacy Thomson decorate 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. MaryLocey 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 happily 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 became 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, Koppachino 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.

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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 Dina's Main Street Cafe.



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.



3-NERDS// Junior MyLisa Spear sings to Sophomore John Grove during Tiger Tunes. The Kappa Chi nerds received second place overall for their performance.



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 plaid shirts as they performed as Truckers during Tiger Tunes. Directed by sophomores Michelle Waddel and Talio 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 Bentan.

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 Village. "Our club really came together and put on an awesome event that the campus enjoyed."

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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.



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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 Harvell, 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 sodo 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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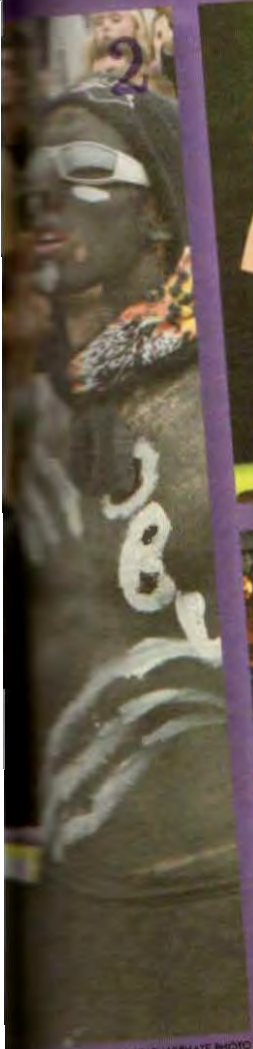
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1-BREAK WEEK// Members serve chili dogs to students in Grant Plaza during Eta Break Week. The event took place during Homecoming Week, ending with "Muggin'," the club's annual root beer event after the final performance of Tiger Tunes.

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 Fritchard 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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RAFFLE// Sigma Alpha Sigma sold raffle tickets at Hungry Games. The winner of the raffle received free ice cream from Dino's Cafe.