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Continuing one of Ouachita's long-time traditions, senior Trey Baldwin leads new and old Ouachitanians around campus for Tigers and Torches. Prayer around the Tiger was the first stop that began the walk around campus.
photo by Callie Stephens



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Senior Wes Hymer performs at Refuge. Refuge was held at different locations throughout the year, such as JPAC, Second Baptist Church and the Student Village.
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While Ouachita continued to be a place where students made life-long relationships, served their community, challenged their minds and made significant strides in discovering their true selves, it was the people and places that defined the university and made each year unique. And it was a year full of changes that provided a **facelift** to the Ouachita experience.

The horizon of campus was transformed with the construction of the Student Village and new sophomore dorms, which in effect, caused a transformation in the notion of living arrangements and the sense of community among students.

The bridge connecting north and main campus proved symbolic and a metaphor for Ouachita's renewal. Its appearance was altered and reconstructed into something more than a means to cross campus. The bridge's ability to "connect" students with campus, was congruent with its ability to provide new ways for students to connect with one another and venture to the new additions to campus, in a more pleasing and innovative way.

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Students lend a helping hand to one another on Tiger Serve Day. Sixty-five teams were put together to serve the community.
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Changes were also evident in the classroom and campus life. Tiger Tunes raised a record amount of scholarship money, while OcTiger Fest provided a new way for alumni to gather during Homecoming and reminisce about their days at Ouachita. The once non-existent open dorm policy was reworked and another Battle of the Ravine was won. Ouachita was ranked the No. 1 Baccalaureate College in the South for the third consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report and student organizations such as SIFE made their mark in state and national competitions.

It was a time of change for everything and everyone. A time of moving forward while still remembering where we've been and what got us here.

It was a new beginning for some, a stepping stone for most and for the graduating class, an end to an unforgettable journey. A journey that changed the **face** of Ouachita.

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award



Performers in **Tiger Tunes** anxiously run to the Performing Arts Center to hear the presentation of awards after Saturday night's performance. The clubs were required to wait outside while the points were tabulated.
photo by: Collie Stephens

Student Life



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he spirit of the student body was felt, the bustling activity was heard, and the results of the **facelift** of campus life was certainly seen by all.

Rush and Pledge Weeks welcomed new members of sisterhoods and brotherhoods, along with changes to long-held policies and rules.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the Arkadelphia community gathered to commemorate one of America's greatest heroes, Martin Luther King, Jr., in a panel discussion.

The tradition of Tigers and Torches continued as students passed their torch to freshman students during Battle of the Ravine Week, and a newly-renovated Tiger began to take form in the center of campus, complete with its very own tail.

sophomore Rachel Chapman and senior
 Barrett Davis lead Refuge outside in the center
 of the Student Village. Students were invited
 to bring blankets and pillows to sit on the
 grass and participate in the service.
 Photo by: Kara Humble



Students, faculty and alumni form a
 prayer circle on the sidewalk of the Student
 Village. The dedication ceremony was held
 Aug. 20.
 Photo by: Callie Stephens



NEW DIRECTIONS

by Megan Lindsey

In the fall of 2006, an architect stepped onto campus equipped with something we needed. A fresh perspective. His job was to determine what facilities were in the most need of improvement. It came as no surprise to the university that there was a critical need to improve residence halls. Construction plans were made immediately. Four years later, nearly one-third of all residence halls were being replaced with state-of-the-art dormitories. Like most big changes, mixed emotions came. Surprise, gratitude and nostalgia were felt in the hearts and minds of alumni and students as campus experienced a major facelift.

The last time new dorms were added was the mid 1990s, which consisted of the upper-classmen dorms Anthony and Maddox. That left the other 40-60 year old dorms, consisting of O.C. Bailey, Frances Crawford, Flippin-Perren, Daniel, Conger, and Ernest Bailey still standing. With the building of the new Student Village came the tearing down of the main freshman men's dorm, Daniel, along with the beloved "Daniel Lawn." The large parking lot in front of SPEC was also removed to allow for the village to be located in its place. The village had the capacity to house 360 people. The actual construction process ended just in time for the 2009-2010 school year, allowing freshmen that first heard of the possibility of new dorms an opportunity to live in them their senior year. "It was nice to experience having my own room for once while continuing to live with my friends and be close to campus," said senior speech pathology major Alden Ashley from Booneville. "The new dorms are so beautiful and definitely a step up from living in Frances Crawford as a freshman." The \$26 million residential village acted as the centerpiece of an extensive \$40 million campus construction and expansion effort.

A primary goal of the creation of a brand new living situation for students was to give them an opportunity to build community, whatever that may mean to each individual living there. This goal was weaved into the actual design process. Students were asked about what they would want to see in a new residence hall, and the suggestions and comments made proved helpful in deciding some of the elements of the Student Village. There was a multitude of thoughts about the word community. Some students couldn't imagine life without a roommate, others viewed having private space of their own as a top priority. The varied opinions shared

by future inhabitants explained why some of the new suites in the Village were made to have private bedrooms while others had two-person bedrooms. Other opportunities for students to experience community with others were the spacious lobbies complete with four comfortable lounge areas, as well as a television for each one. The terraces, study rooms, theater rooms and game rooms are also examples of places where students could gather in groups while still being in the dorm.

Quality was an important aspect of the new halls. Everyone involved with the project wanted students to have a place they would be proud to call home. The unique walls, stained concrete walls, brand new furniture and modern exterior were designed with that idea in mind. "The Student Village is important because it places our housing on a much higher level than before. I think the beauty and quality of the village says something about how we view Ouachita," President Rex Horne said. "It is important personally because my desire for the student, family or one-time visitor passing through to see from our facilities that this is one special university."

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"...the beauty and quality of the village says something about how we view Ouachita."
President Rex Horne



Students watch a movie in Gosser Hall's theatre room. The room was available by reservation to all residents to enjoy a movie, while still feeling as though they were in a movie theatre.

photo by: Callie Stephens



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The building of the Student Village strengthened the university's emphasis on environmental stewardship. Several features were incorporated into its design to reduce energy consumption throughout the life of each building making up the Village. Highly efficient heating and cooling systems, glass with the ability to block heat generated by sunlight, hot water systems that use much less energy and eliminating fluorescent light bulbs were all included in the make-up of the buildings. Vice President for Administrative Services Brett Powell described the elements of the village as the best of the best. "With the quality and amenities going into these buildings, it's a huge step forward. It's as high quality as you're going to find on any campus," said Powell.

Two weeks after its dedication, and just as students were getting settled into new homes in the Student Village, university administrators began planning the next phase of construction on the other side of campus. Starting November 1, the foundation for another set of dorms was laid and with the promise of being finished before the 2010-2011 school year began. They were built next to Maddox Hall and Flippen-Perrin Hall, completing a kind of "circle" that the four dorms shaped. Making sure to once again cater to the varying housing preferences of the students, the dorms were designed differently than the private suite-style rooms of the Student Village.

"Future students will benefit from the sense of community that is found in living in these beautiful dorms," said junior Mark Bartels, a church music major from Henderson, Texas. "They will also benefit Ouachita by attracting students who might not have considered the school." Rather than putting a living space in each suite, they were made to have one living space per floor. This created a "den-like" atmosphere. A large number of students requested a living arrangement where they could have 20 or 30 people live on a floor together and build community, resulting in why the dorms were created. Another reason why they were built was to give freshmen another option if they were not yet ready to move into the Village for their sophomore year.

"The way each of the floors was arranged in the two buildings was individual suites around the outside of a big living area," stated Powell. "There will be a suite with four students in it that is just bedrooms and bathrooms. And there are six of those suites that surround a big living room. So, you have lots of seating area and TV, and you've got 24 people on that floor that can build a community among themselves."

"I think the housing places us in a much stronger position recruiting future students," Horne said. "This is a different era and when we can match anyone on housing and exceed most on education, we should remain strong for years to come." The face of Ouachita changed dramatically. But most importantly, it changed for the better. Despite the sadness that came with the tearing down of some of the university's most beloved structures, a bright future with endless possibilities came, also. "This is a completion," Horne said of the multi million dollar construction project, "but more than that, this is a great beginning."

"Future students will benefit from the sense of community."
Mark Bartels

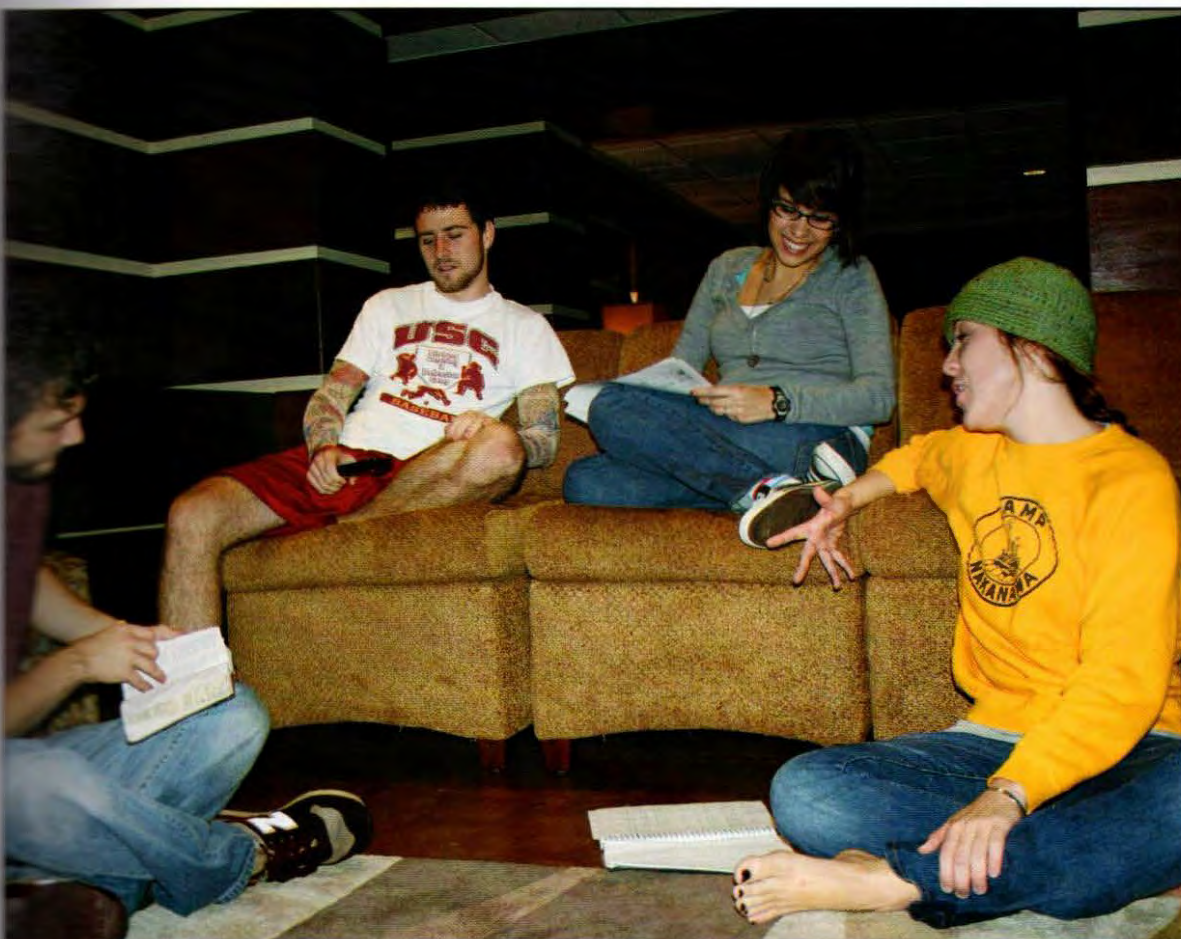


President Rex Horne leads the official dedication of the Student Village on Aug. 20. A crowd of approximately 200 students, faculty, staff, donors and honorees gathered along the sidewalks of the circular courtyard ringed by the new facilities.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Future dorms undergo the construction process next to Maddox Hall and Flippen-Perrin Hall. They were set to be completed before the 2010-2011 school year began.
photo by: Callie Stephens



A computer generated image shows what the newest dorm project will look like once completed. The dorms were built in order to provide another opportunity for students to gain a sense of community.
photo courtesy of the News Bureau



Student Village residents seniors J.L. West and Landon White, along with juniors Sarah Partida and Danielle Duhan, do homework together in the lobby of Gasser Hall. The lobbies were a popular place for students to study, watch TV and hang out.
photo by: Kara Humble

Junior Sara Hanson looks out over the mountains of Chile. Hiking was one of the activities she participated in with the people of the community.
Photo Courtesy of Sarah Hanson



Freshman Karis Crosby is covered in watermelon after falling during a food fight chase. Crosby worked at Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp and enjoyed a summer that included outdoor games with kids.
Photo Courtesy of Karis Crosby



SIMPLY SUMMERTIME

by Abbey Jamieson

As spring 2009 semester came to a close, students began packing up their dorms and heading home for the long-awaited summer vacation. While some were planning for a long rest, other students started preparing for a busy summer.

"I worked for Toms Shoes this past summer for a month designing my own pair," said freshman Harper Davison, a sociology major from Katy, Texas, said. "I won Best In State for photos I had taken, and a Toms representative was there and he asked me if I wanted to come and work there for a month to design a pair of Toms."

Davison was asked to base her pair she designed off of her own photography. A team looked at fabrics with her, researched what pairs would sell, and looked at idea boards that could help her develop her design.

"Working for Toms was something really fun for me," Davison said. "But it is not something that I would want to do for the rest of my life. It was still cool to work with the people and be in a real world work atmosphere."

Students also had the opportunity to work at local church camps and build relationships with younger students through recreation and fellowship.

"I went to Rockin' C Ranch in Red Springs, Texas and worked as a camp counselor," said Richard Adams, a Christian studies major from Benton, said. "It was a Christian camp and the main focus was letting kids know about Christ. I got to share my faith with kids who wanted to know about Christ. It was like camp with a purpose."

Freshman Karis Crosby, a Christian studies major from Columbia, Missouri, also had the opportunity of working with kids at a church camp. This was Crosby's eighth year to attend, and fourth year to work at Turkey Hill Ranch Bible camp in Vienna, Missouri.

"I loved counseling the younger little girls," Crosby said. "We did this thing called 'star tripping', we watched one star, then twirled around fell down in the grass. We also loved doing horse-back rides."

While some worked at camps and held internships, others had the opportunity to share their faith across cultural boundaries on mission trips on their summer vacation. Junior Sara Hanson, dietetics major from Tyler, Texas, traveled to Chile, South America, for three weeks. She did an activity called GPS hiking and did a VBS-type trip where she hung out with the kids and the university students from the area.

Hanson prepared for this trip by learning about the culture and country as well as planning out lessons for the kids and connecting Bible stories to the activities they did. The students also were able to do activities such as water rafting and hiking in the Andes Mountains. "The last few days we were there we took a huge hike up a mountain, and it turned out to be a big success," said Hanson. "We didn't expect that many people to show up, and it was cool because those people that showed up were staying in Chile and they could make connections with the people living there."

"It was cool to work with the people and be in a real work atmosphere."

Harper Davison



Junior Richard Adams demonstrates how to use a bow and arrow to a child at Rockin' C Ranch. Adams worked as a counselor at the camp.

Photo courtesy of Richard Adams

Freshmen boys high five at Chi Rho Phi's Luau. Luau was held on Friday of T.W.I.R.P. week.
Photo by: Sarah Henley



A Freshman couple have a laugh after playing a game at 50s Night. 50s Night was hosted by the Women of EEE.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

by Abbey Jamieson

As the beginning of fall semester approached, girls began building their courage and scouting out their possible dates for the long awaited T.W.I.R.P. week. Social clubs, Campus Ministries, and CAB all started planning their separate nights to put on a memorable and eventful evening, and guys got to take a break for a week and wait anxiously for their special invites.

"I got to go to every T.W.I.R.P. night," said freshman Gillis Jones, an athletic training major from Andalusia, Alabama. "It was weird not having to pay for the dates and kind of awkward, but it was nice not having the pressure of asking the girls an dates. But still, very weird."

The women of Tri Chi put on the annual 80s night, and the incoming pledge class performed an 80s-themed dance along with the rest of their social club sisters. "I was more excited than I was nervous about the performance we had," said junior Stephanie Warren, a Christian studies major from Spring, Texas. "It was good having friends there supporting us, and we practiced really hard for that dance."

At the annual 50s night sponsored by the EEEs, couples played games involving Twizzlers, peanut butter and wax paper. There also was a dance competition for couples. "We didn't even know there was going to be a dance competition," said Timothy Squires, a math education and Spanish major from Sherwood. "My date and I taught a swing dancing class, but if you count dancing for a whole semester preparing, I guess we were pretty prepared then."

Hosted by Chi Delta, Harvest Moon was also a well-attended night of the week. Girls had the privilege of whipping out their semi-formal gowns, and guys pulled out their slacks and button-ups. "My date was a

Chi Delta beau and we danced the whole night," said sophomore Chelsea Lewis, a speech pathology major from Benton. "I loved to get dressed up and put on heels and a dress. Harvest Moon was fun far me because I was also in the Chi Delta pledge class."

Barn Bash was sponsored by Campus Ministries was held in SPEC due to rain. Students square danced the night away and flaunted their country-western ensembles. "I loved Born Bash because it was a combo of my two favorite things: barbeque and square dancing," said sophomore Natalie Polston, a Biblical studies and psychology major from Searcy. "It was fun and like a sauna in there. It was humid and there was no air conditioning."

While students began putting away their grass skirts and cowboy boots, another week of T.W.I.R.P. wrapped up and girls could barely wait for the upcoming year.

"It was weird not having to pay for the dates and kind of awkward."

Gillis Jones



Junior Keeson Martin dips junior Lauren Leffler at Tri Chi 80s Night. 80s Night was the Tri Chi's annual TWIRP event.
Photo by Sarah Henley



Students at Campus Ministries Barn Bash get ready to square dance in SPEC. Due to rain, the event was held inside Sturgis Physical Education Center.
Photo by Sarah Henley

BRINGING IN TRADITION

by Emma Smith

In "The Bubble," Ouachita has its unique culture and WOW (or Welcome to Ouachita's World) was the first step to making new students feel like part of the community. "The purpose of WOW is to welcome the students, bring them into the fold and show them how things work and where they might fit here at Ouachita as well as to let them see what we're about," Tim Harrell, director of campus activities, said.

"I think the purpose of WOW is connection," said Austin Walker, a junior Christian studies major from Benton and member of the WOW steering committee. "You instantly connect with tons of people, mostly people in your class but also upper-classmen and faculty," he added.

WOW began with upperclassmen helping new students settle in. "I love move-in because it's always a lot of fun. There's people running all over the place, but it's organized chaos," Harrell said.

"It was really helpful that the people came up to the car as soon as you got there and helped you unload and put your stuff in your room. It was a really easy process to get moved in," said Samantha Street, a freshman accounting major from Duncan, Okla.

For many students the highlight of the week was Tigers & Torches. "It was one of the coolest things I've ever seen. There's a handful of stops where they talk about things like the mission statement, vision, integrity and service, and how big of a deal it is," said Harrell.

"Tigers & Torches was a huge thing this year. It's something that started my first year on the WOW steering committee and so it's been cool to watch it evolve and grow," said Jake Sligh, a senior business major from Camden and member of the WOW steering committee. "This year I feel like was the most inline with the original plan of Tigers & Torches."

Along the route students were given a Ouachita beanie, a tradition which ended many years ago but was brought back this year. "I remember Tigers and Torches really well because we got those cool beanies. I still have mine hanging up by my bed," said Street.

Another memorable moment from the WOW sessions was a rap about campus safety put together by Sligh and Wes Hymer, a senior business major from El Dorado. "Wes Hymer and I were deemed the task of educating incoming students on Campus Safety," said Sligh.

Harrell did not hesitate to credit the success of WOW to the WOW steering committee, a group of students who were in charge of planning the weekend. "They handle anything from planning out sessions to move in," said Harrell, adding "there was some guidance but really it's a chance to let the students do it because they're very passionate about bringing new students into the fold."

"You instantly connect with tons of people, mostly in your class."

Austin Walker



Ouachita loves the idea of going green. During move-in, there were many places near the freshman dorms where cardboard boxes could be recycled.

Photo by: Callie Stephens



Michael Cox, hall director of Flippen-Perrin Hall, oversees the check-in process during WOW. During check-in students got the keys to their new rooms and were allowed to start moving in.

Photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Danielle Varner helps freshmen girls move into their dorms by carrying their belongings from the car to the room. Upper-classmen volunteered their time to be WOW leaders and to help with freshman move-in activities.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Greg Schwartz offers his help by carrying in a heavy box to Francis Crawford. WOW leaders came back to school early to prepare for the weekend's festivities.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Lindsey Forga films "The Telephone Hour" scene for the film. Forga played the nameless 'trash girl,' who was transformed from an ugly duckling to a movie starlet in the first "Movie Musical."

Photo by: Hannah Beth Midkiff

The cast and crew of "Another Movie Musical" pose for the film's final shot. Almost 50 individuals were involved with the production.

Photo by: Becca Watts



CREATING ENTERTAINMENT

by *Ribka Oyong*

A fresh and funny story idea plus singing, dancing, and acting, were compiled to make "Another Movie Musical." After succeeding with an independent student project, "A Movie Musical", Rance Collins, a senior mass communications major from Hillsboro, Texas, decided to work on the sequel. Around 450 people came to watch the premiere on Oct. 24 in Jones Performing Arts Center.

"Two years ago Grace Whitaker and I were on a trip to California," said Collins, who co-wrote, co-produced, edited, directed and even played the character Rancen Collins in both movies. "We watched 'Hairspray' and started thinking, why don't we make a movie musical." After the first movie proved popular, they went ahead with a second film. "Things were bigger in the second one," Collins said. "There were more people, more complex songs. We had a lot of solos in the first movie musical, but in the second one we had more group songs, which was harder."

Besides playing a character and writing the script, Grace Whitaker, a senior biology major from Victoria, Texas, was in charge of choreography in many of the songs such as: "Footloose," "Dancing Queen," "That's How You Know" and "You Can't Stop the Beat." "I would say the first one was really great, but 'Another Movie Musical' was so much better," said Whitaker. "We kind of knew what we were doing, so we knew what we needed to get done and how much time we had. We knew which direction we wanted to take. I think the whole process was pretty amazing."

Roughly 50 people were involved in this movie. "The hardest thing was to work around everybody's schedule," Collins said. "Leading a group of your peers wasn't easy, because I had to work the line between friend and authority figure."

"It helped me build relationships, and it's just a really good experience," said Trey Baldwin, a senior political science and speech communication major from Forrest City. "Recording was one of the biggest challenges for me. Sometimes it was just hard being on pitch or knowing the lyrics, but we worked through that."

This movie was shown for free, but DVDs were provided for a donation to the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF). J.L West helped shoot the movie and Matthew Landers was in charge of the music recording.

"I learned new things while helping with the music and recording because I've never done that before," said Lynley Vire, a junior musical theater major from Searcy, who helped with the music direction.

Lindsey Forga, a senior musical theater major from Glenwood, who played nameless 'the trash girl,' said, "It was fun because I felt the quality was becoming much better, especially with the music and recording."

The movie could not have happened successfully without support and help from faculty members, particularly the Root family, Mary Handiboe and Brett Powell. "I found that the people of the university were very supportive in helping it all come together," Collins said.

All the challenges and hard work paid off when they saw the reaction of the audience. "More than just wanting the experience in movie making, I wanted to make people happy, laugh and enjoy the entertainment," Collins said. "I think it was worth making this movie musical."

"I wanted to make people happy, laugh and enjoy the entertainment."
Rance Collins



Senior Rance Collins performs a song in a scene from the movie. Collins co-wrote, co-produced, directed, edited and played one of the principal parts in the film.
Photo by: Hannah Beth Midkiff

Alumnus Matthew Landers and senior Rachel Street play out Guy Johnson and Val Carter's hilariously overdramatic breakup scene.
Photo by: Hannah Beth Midkiff



Senior Amy Wentz and sophomore Julie Hagar display two valuable means of communication for students, texting and phone calls. Students were always talking to each other in between classes.
Photo by: Megan Fida

A NEW NETWORK

by: Megan Fida

Status updates, wall-to-wall posts, photos, group pages, fan pages. Any college student identified these terms with Facebook. What exactly is Facebook? Although some did not participate, it's safe to say that most college students used the Web as a social media.

"You truly are not a college student without Facebook," Kara Humble, a junior mass communications major from Brinkley, said. Students often got on Facebook intending to be online for just a second and two hours later, homework was not done and the laundry had been forgotten. This social network became one of the largest forms of procrastination for students. However, many students considered Facebook an interesting way to keep up with all high school and even elementary school friends.

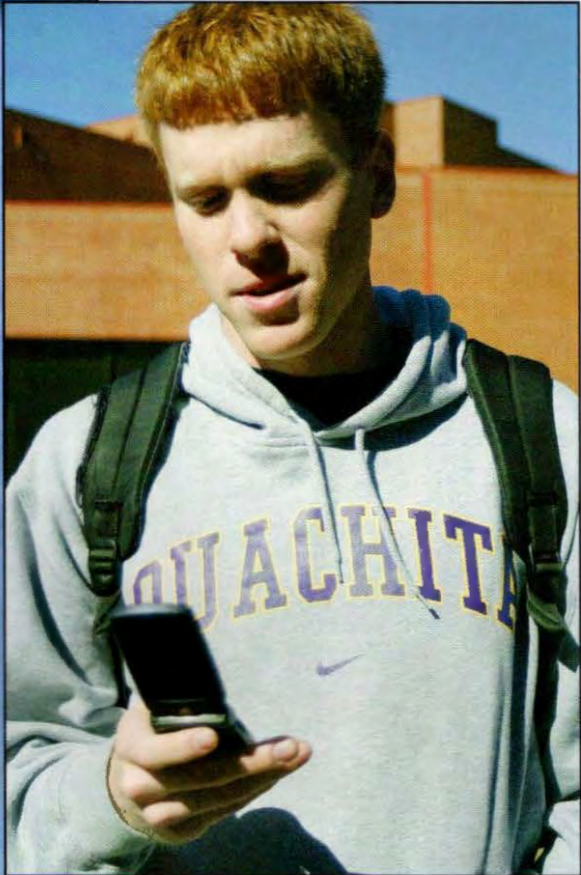
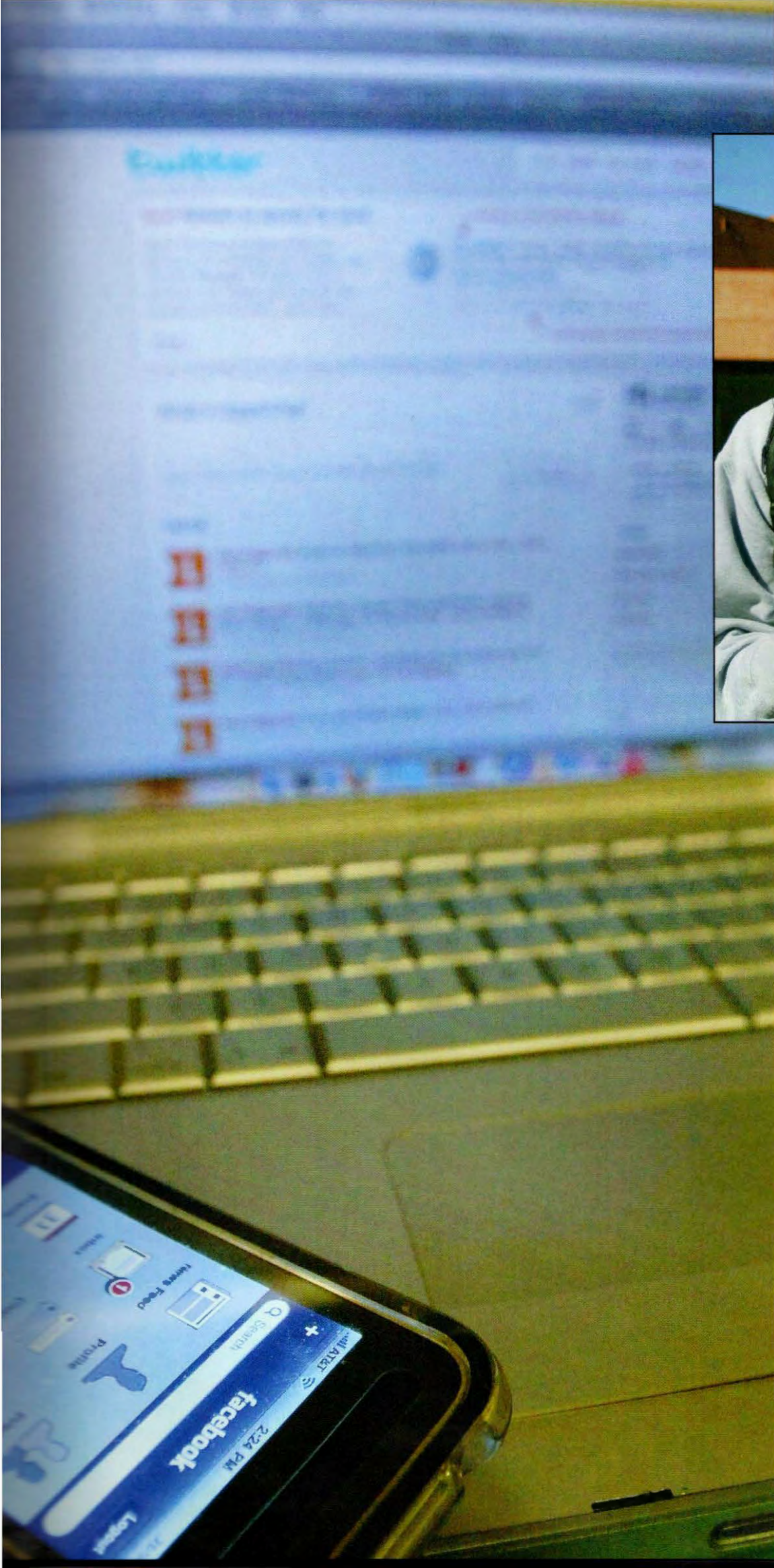
Once students thought that they could connect with each other, a new and interesting network arrived by the name of Twitter. How exactly did this keep us connected? Some students voiced that Twitter was silly, updated statuses that meant nothing. However, Twitter was actually a very fascinating way to keep up with celebrities, politicians, or even our very own OBU page. "Personally, I do enjoy Twitter more than Facebook. I check Twitter many times each day. I only check Facebook once a day or less," Jake Sligh, a senior business administration/marketing major from Camden, said.

"Personally, I do enjoy
Twitter more than
Facebook."
Jake Sligh

Many students continued to use both Facebook and Twitter to keep in touch. Twitter was for quick shout-outs or simple messages that were on students' minds. "I think it's fun to just write the random and funny things that come to my head. I love reading other people's tweets, especially if they're funny," Humble said. Despite the growing popularity of Twitter, not everyone jumped on the bandwagon. "I do not have a Twitter account," Abbey Jamieson, a freshman Christian studies major from Sachse, Texas, said. "I even think Facebook can be too much sometimes, so I definitely don't have the time to update something like Twitter every five seconds to let people know what I'm doing or thinking."

Why did we feel the need to add one more virtual site to check each day when we were already checking emails, Facebook, bank accounts and blogs? "I enjoy Twitter for my pursuit of a career in public relations and advertising is what drove me to catch the Twitter craze early, but since then a lot of my friends began tweeting," Sligh said. The new network became a social network for all kinds of people. Often musicians were seen tweeting before a big concert or promoting new albums and preachers made comments about sermons they just preached. It was an easy way to get a quick message out to up-date its followers.

Facebook and Twitter were two very useful social networks that will continue to bring people closer together and to keep us all updated.



Richard Atkinson uses his phone to check for Twitter updates. Many students used their phones to search the Web, check e-mail and look at their Twitter or Facebook accounts.
Photo by: Megan Fida

Twitter and Facebook are the means of communication for many students. It was not uncommon to hear the words Twitter or Facebook in casual conversation among students and some professors.
Photo by: Sarah Henley

Ouachita's offensive line prepares for a play against the Harding Bisons. The Tigers played a tough game, but in the end fell short to the Bisons 21-7. Photo by: Callie Stephens

The OBU cheerleaders perform during the Homecoming pep rally. All students, faculty, staff and alumni were encouraged to attend. Photo by: Callie Stephens



COMING TOGETHER by Whitney Crews

It was the most wonderful time of year for most at Ouachita; Homecoming week. The Homecoming festivities included many new events to take part in, along with the traditional Homecoming activities, in an effort to bring the Ouachita community together for this spirited week.

Through the efforts of the Ouachita Student Foundation and the Ouachita Alumni Office, special events throughout the week such as Tiger Tunes, reunion dinners, dorm decorating contests and OcTiger Fest - now in its second successful year - were planned to bring students and alumni together to celebrate the spirit of Ouachita in a 'Totally Tigers' Homecoming.

"We really wanted to bring the campus out together into community," said Chris Babb, development officer and external alumni director for Ouachita. "It's important for the alumni to see that although the Ouachita campus has visually changed, the tradition and core education in a Christian environment has been a constant."

Spirits were high as the pre-game ceremonies began at A.U. Williams Field on Saturday before the Tigers took to the field against the Harding Bisons. During pre-game ceremonies, Haley Nolan was crowned Homecoming queen. "My initial feeling was that I could not believe it," said Nolan, a senior Spanish and psychology major from North Little Rock, who represented OBU Campus Ministries. "I thought about what a huge honor it was to represent OBU in such a cool way." Nolan was accompanied in the Homecoming court by Sam Parish, Laura Kirby, Megan Lindsey and Nancy Christner.

"My initial feeling was that I could not believe it!"

Haley Nolan

Although the Tigers fought a tough battle against the Bisons, the game ended with the Tigers falling short. Students did not let the game's loss deter the celebration. Tiger Tunes' final show was a sold out affair with the men and women of Campus Ministries taking home the coveted overall win with their comical Southern Baptist theme.

On into the night, the men of Eta Alpha Omega hosted their 12th annual Muggin' at the Gazebo event. Students gathered in the plaza, due to flooding at their usual location, and enjoyed free IBC root beer, music and fellowship after a full and exciting Homecoming week on campus.

Perhaps the greatest joy for most during Homecoming week was seeing the Ouachita community come together in spirit, celebration and tradition. Laura Kirby, co-president of the Ouachita Student Foundation, worked very closely with Tiger Tunes, GROW-the program for prospective students, to feel the spirit and day-to-day life of Ouachita, and the alumni office. "It's wonderful for the alumni to reconnect with each other and the different clubs and events they were involved in during their time here," Kirby said. "Everything has been a huge success this year and we hope that it continues to grow in years to come."



Senior Jarod Townsend opens a bottle of IBC root beer during Muggin. The event was hosted for all students by the men of Eta Alpha Omega. Photo by: Callie Stephens

2008 Homecoming queen Kately Cash crowns the 2009 Homecoming queen, senior Hayley Nolan. Nolan represented Campus Ministries. Photo by: Callie Stephens

LET THE MUSIC PLAY

by Tanner Huffman

It was the event that took participants 12 hours a week to prepare for. It was the weekend when students could see horse jockeys, wild village natives, medieval knights and security guards walking around campus. It was when Jones Performing Arts Center was filled with 1500 excited students, faculty, alumni and guests. It was Tiger Tunes 2009.

"I was really anxious to finally see all the performances I had been hearing so much about," said Jacob Lively, a sophomore biology major from Hooks, Texas. "I know each group put in many hours of hard work. It was great to see their efforts pay off, and it turned out to be a great show."

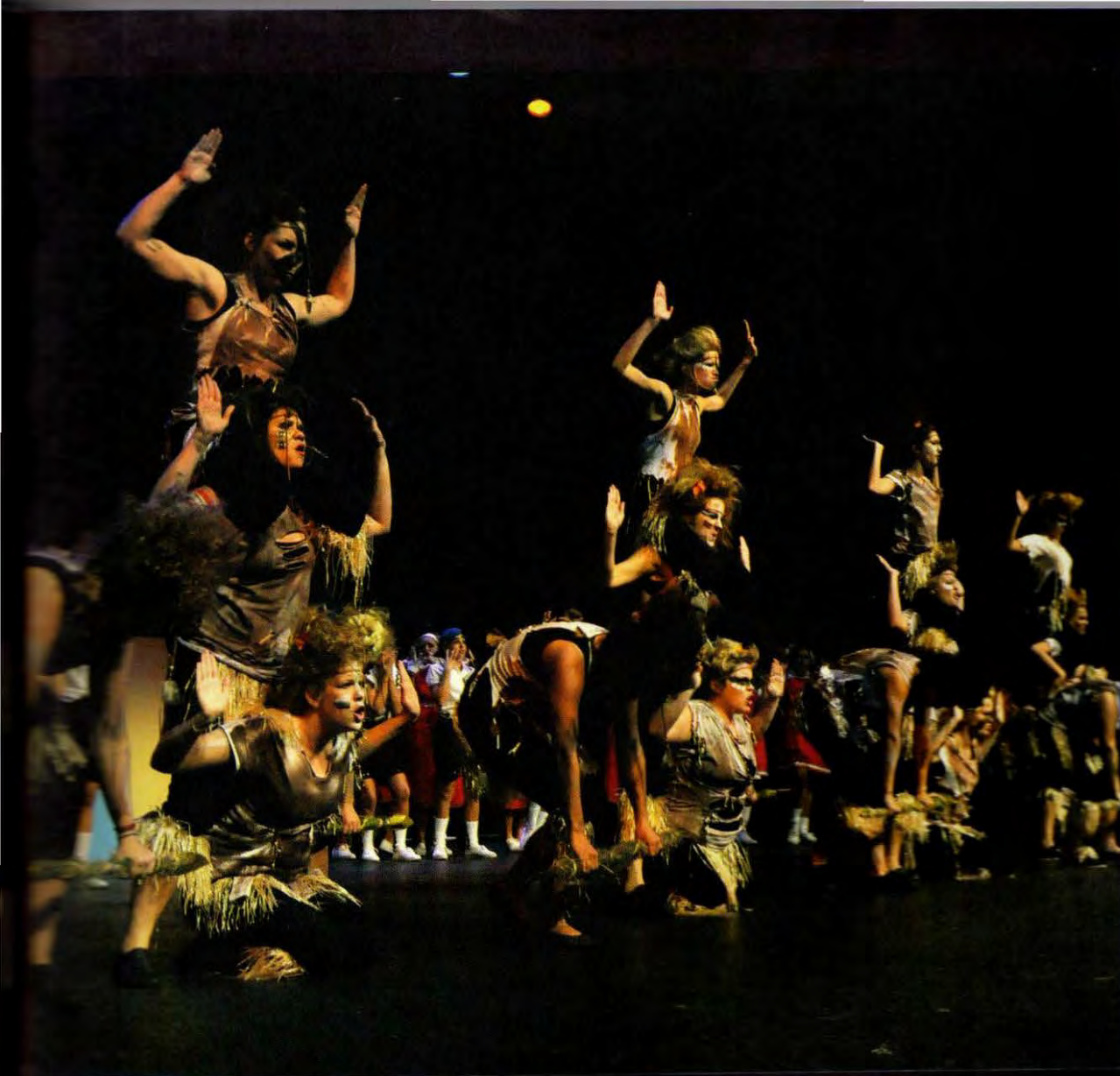
Tiger Tunes, hosted by the Ouachita Student Foundation, was held October 8-10 and featured eight student groups, each bringing their own unique flare to the stage. For the first year, an unofficial student group was allowed to participate in the event. The men of the fourth floor of the new student village put together a show at the last minute and graced the stage as campus security officers. Although the group was not eligible for competitive awards, it did receive the People's Choice award.

"Nobody has ever put together a Tiger Tunes show in a five-week span," said Jake Sligh, a senior business administration major from Camden. "And I don't recommend anyone doing it."

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The men and women of Campus Ministries perform their grand prize winning show "Acting as Servant Leaders" they included aspects such as the passing of the offering plate and pollock dimmies.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



The women of EEE form human totem poles during the "native" portion of their show, which was an element of surprise featured in the performance. The EEEs won second place overall.
photo by: Callie Stephens



With their smiles gleaming, the women of Tri Chi perform as soccer moms. Their beaus played the role of the soccer players.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

Being very careful not to wake him, the men of Kappa Chi sneak past their sleeping dragon during their performance in Tiger Tunes. The Kappas were awarded Best Costume twice and won third place overall.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



The men of Rho Sigma "praise the Lord" as monks. The show featured a red light show at the beginning and the sweethearts acting as nuns.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

Saying "hello" to the audience, the men of Fourth Floor sing as campus safety officers. They made history as the first group of students not in an organized club to perform in Tiger Tunes.
Photo by: Callie Stephens





Claiming their territory from the poachers, the women of Chi Delta perform as jungle people. Their costumes featured neon green eyelashes and spray painted hair.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



The men of Beta Beta explain the life of a horse jockey in Tiger Tunes. Their show featured music from Bon Jovi and the Bee Gees.
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The Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses perform during their 80s set. Senior Grace Whitaker choreographed the sets of hosts and hostesses performances.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



Along with the group performances, eight students were chosen to perform as the hosts and hostesses for the show. These included: Nikki Anderson, a sophomore music education major from Heber Springs; Mark Bartels, a freshman church music major from Henderson, Texas; Leslyn Ichter, a senior music education major from Conway; David Jacks, a junior accounting major from Fountain Hill; Emily Morgan, a junior accounting major from Mountain Home; Alex Ray, a junior political science major from Jacksonville; Maggie Taylor, a junior music education major from Russellville; and Jacob Watson, a sophomore musical theatre major from Wynne.

"I loved getting to know everyone involved—not only other hosts and hostesses, but also several OSF members, the technical crew and even members of some of the clubs," Taylor said. "Obviously I love dancing and singing, but this group of people really made the dancing and singing so much more enjoyable."

The groups each entertained the audiences with their hard work and talent. The men and women of Campus Ministries portrayed southern Baptists at their best; the women of EEE were passengers on an airplane landing on an unmarked island; the men of Kappa Chi were knights rescuing a princess; the women of Tri Chi were soccer moms cheering on their boys; the men of Rho Sigma told of their lives as monks; the women of Chi Delta showed their wild sides as jungle people; the men of Beta Beta rode in as horse jockeys; and the men of Fourth Floor were campus security guards. Tiger Blast performed a hip-hop set during intermission, including the hit song "Gangsta's Paradise."

Each night, a new panel of judges critiqued and awarded category winners for costume, musicality, theme and lyric, and choreography. After the last performance on Saturday night, the overall winners were announced. First place was awarded to Campus Ministries, second to the women of EEE and third to the men of Kappa Chi.

The 2009 performances marked the 31st anniversary of the event, and allowed for over \$60,000 to be raised for student scholarships.

The men of Rho Sigma promote school spirit and energize the student body during the bonfire. The bonfire was a tradition held the Thursday before the Battle of the Ravine.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

Members of the Tiger defense tackle a Hendersn Reddie on game day. The Tigers won the battle, 35-28.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



A by: Devin Waters TRADITION OF RIVALRY

Every fall semester students got excited about one week. Over 100 years had passed since the beginning of this electrifying clash – the Tigers versus the Henderson Reddies. Although the weeklong festivities of the Battle of the Ravine were somewhat new, the rivalry between the two universities was an old tradition.

Not only was the game between the two schools a major part of the week, but other traditions that had been adopted by the university also became a big part of the week. These newly-made traditions were started by the men of Rho Sigma. "The bonfire and the bell ringing have been the most stable traditions for the last 40 to 50 years," said Kyle Barnard, a Rho Sigma and senior kinesiology major from The Woodlands, Texas. "As a club, it's really an idea we created three years ago and we really liked it. We really wanted to raise awareness on the campus as far as school spirit."

The Rho Sigmas took pride in the events they planned during the week. The night of the bonfire pep rally, students took torches supplied by Rho Sigma and carried them down to the intramural fields where they threw them into a massive bonfire.

Other social clubs got involved during the week, too. The women of Tri Chi gave out hot chocolate and s'mores for the students and the women of EEE put on a cookie decorating event. The women of Chi Delta hosted a karaoke event.

The Rho Sigmas also had another tradition – guarding the Tiger statue in the middle of campus. They set up a tent by the Tiger and each night would take turns guarding it, preventing the Reddies from doing anything to the statue. However, the Redshirts let their guard down for a few seconds as the Reddies were able to spray ketchup on the Tiger. "Someone came running full sprint from the road and sprayed ketchup on the Tiger," said Barnard. "No one saw it coming."

"The Battle will forever be etched into my memory."
Brady King

The rivalry football game was the culmination of the week's activities. "It's not all about the game," said Chris Babb, external director of alumni and development officer at the university. "The game is an important part of the week, but when you get down to it, it's basically all of the students coming together uniting the school. Coming together for one common theme – it brings out school pride." Babb, along with Dr. Wesley Kluck, university physician and vice president for university advancement, worked together to make sure that the students were aware of what events were taking place during the week.

For the first time, a Battle of the Ravine blood drive was hosted by the Red Cross in which any student from the two universities could partake. Ouachita won the contest with 223 student donors making up 15 percent of the population on campus.

The week ended with Ouachita hosting the football game. Going into the game, the historic battle was tied with each team ready to win. The Tigers broke that tie with a 35-28 victory. "That was, in essence, our championship game. For seniors especially, we got a sense of closure to our career," said Brady King, a senior mass communications major from Plano, Texas. "The battles in 2008 and 2009 will forever be etched into my memory."



The Tigers celebrate their victory over the Reddies by lifting high the Battle of the Ravine trophy. Upon winning the game, the trophy was kept at Ouachita to show their victory.
Photo by: Callie Stephens



International students joust on an inflatable at one of the Battle of the Ravine festivities. The festivities were led by the men of Rho Sigma.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

JOINED BY ENTHUSIASM

by *Breanne Goodrum*

Students banded together on the side of the fields and courts intent on watching their team play, intent on seeing every possible point gained. This was O-Zone and they were the student mass seen on the sidelines creating support for their team. Some had faces painted, some crazy outfits, but all were joined by the enthusiasm of school spirit.

While many college campuses may have had a group dedicated to creating school spirit and team support, the O-Zone differed. O-Zone was created to include all students and not be led. It was designed for community and fellowship as well as team support.

"I think the O-Zone gives the people of Ouachita an opportunity to express themselves in an environment where nobody is going to make fun of them for having something on their face or anything like that. It also builds community and fellowship in a way that a classroom or dorm room can't," said sophomore Jonathan Valdez, a speech communication major from Garland, Texas.

"The atmosphere is one of enthusiasm and just pure joy at times."

Devan Malone

O-Zone provided students an opportunity to connect and see all of their friends while enjoying and supporting their team. It was a group where all students, no matter what the involvement, could go and support their school and be within their group of surrounding friends.

"The atmosphere is one of enthusiasm and just pure joy at times because everyone is together and cheering on the Tigers," said freshman Devan Malone, a business administration major from Benton.

"I think this would draw in more of the outside crowd, such as the alumni, when they see this one united spirit and everyone wants to be a part of it. It is the chance to unite and bond, no matter who you are or where you're from, because there everyone is an Ouachitonian."

Purple was the main color seen from the football field, catching the eye of the players at half-time who need support, but during basketball season, O-Zone showed many different colors. Since pledging occurred during basketball season, many new members were encouraged to wear club colors while supporting the team.

"For basketball games, I have attended them as a Tri Chi, which is a totally different experience than going as an independent. Tri Chi has its own set of cheers and the basketball games are a completely different atmosphere. I have enjoyed them a lot though, and loved the atmosphere OBU creates," Malone said.

While it could be thought that different colors and the segregating cheers of the clubs could cause a distraction from unity, it caused many to notice the bonds more. Clubs did not put a boundary on the cheers and excitement sent out through the night. Friends connected and socialized like any other game; O-Zone remained the same.

"I know that I honestly was worried about going to some of the games when I first joined a social club because of the segregation aspect, but after I joined and went to my first one it really was not that bad," said senior Tri Chi BethAnne Shroder, a church music major from Litchfield, Ill. "You do have to stand with your club for most of the game, but you can still go and say hi to your other friends and cheer on the team like normal. It's like going to the football games with your group of friends."

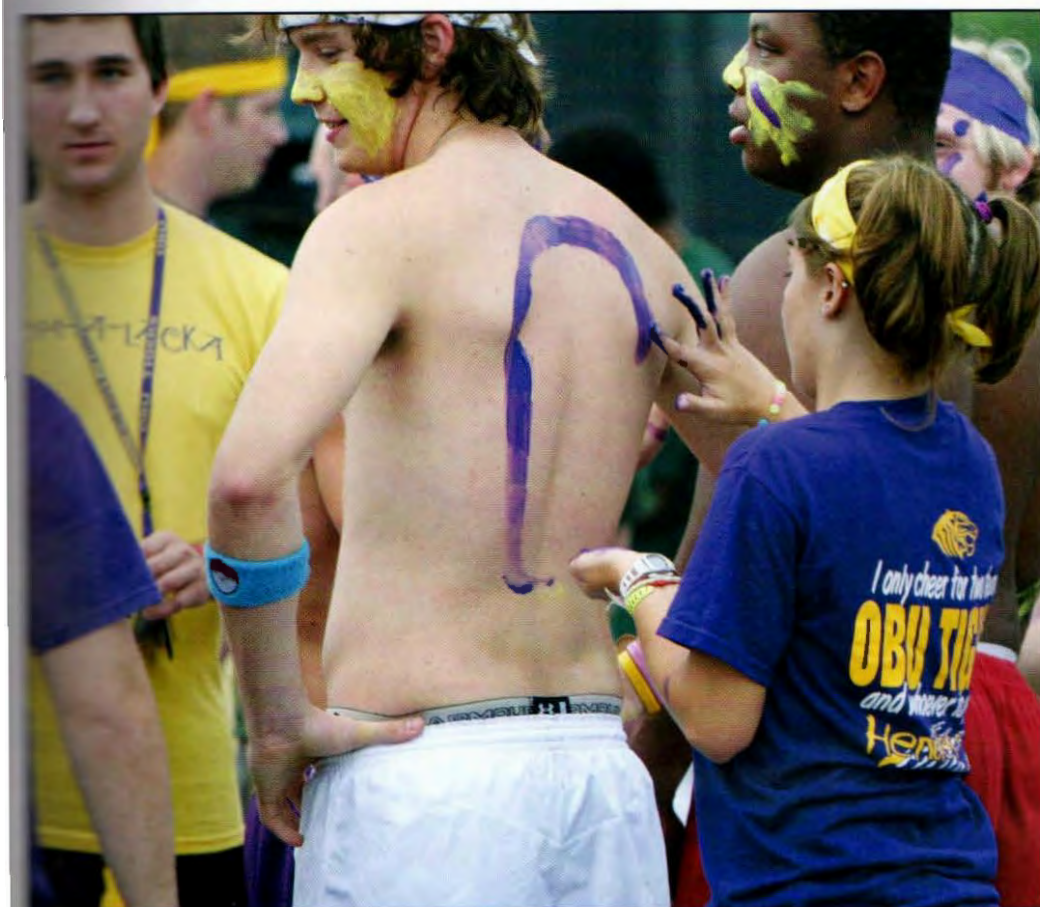


Tripp the Tiger creates O-Zone spirit by joining in the cheers and waving a Ouachita flag. Tripp could be found roaming the stands during all home games.

photo by Sarah Henley



The O-Zone cheers on the Tigers against the Henderson Reddies during the Battle of the Ravine. The group of students showed enthusiasm by coming up with unique O-Zone cheers.
photo by Collie Stephens



Sophomore Jessica Hill paints the back of freshman Patrick Krauss. Many students painted their faces and bodies to show school spirit.
photo by Sarah Henley

Students regularly saw construction trucks in the ravine. Preparations for the new bridge were made during the fall semester with completion in late spring.
Photo by: Callie Stephens

As students cross the old bridge, they are able to see the progress being made on the new bridge. Construction workers worked throughout the year on the new bridge.
Photo by: Whitney Crews



BRIDGING THE GAP

by Leah Garavelli

There was a major change in the Battle of the Ravine. No – not that one. I’m talking about the struggle of students, faculty and staff to cross the wide, shrubby gap separating North and main campus.

The bridge that connected these two sides of campus had become old and instead of spending money to fix the problems with the old bridge, the university decided to invest in a new bridge. There were also plans to build a plaza in connection to the bridge.

The new plaza and bridge were being built thanks to a donation by the Heflin family in memory of former Ouachita Board of Trustees Chairman Johnny Heflin and in honor of his wife Sharon and their family, Jay and Andrea Heflin and Marc and Billie Heflin.

“The whole area is going to be called Heflin Plaza when they get done,” said Dr. Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services. “The actual plaza is what’s going to be on the North side of the bridge where Ernest-Bailey is now.”

A dirt roadway was cleared below the bridge to move materials and machinery. However, when the project was completed, that area was expected to look like it did before construction started.

As part of the building plans, traffic on Campus Drive in front of Walker Conference Center was rerouted for a time to allow for safe building of the South side of the bridge.

Some students were less concerned with the traffic changes and more anxious about losing a structure that was associated with so many traditions and legends, including throwing pumpkins off of the old bridge at Halloween and rappelling off the bridge to the ravine floor.

“I went over and decided to rappel...it took 20 minutes to get up the nerve.”

Brandi George

“Freshman year a group of guys had a bunch of mountaineering equipment and so they set up rappelling on the bridge,” said Brandi George, a senior from Malvern. “I’m afraid of heights, but I went over there and decided to rappel and it took me about 20 minutes to get up the nerve.”

George said her memories of the old bridge made her sad to see it go.

“It’s [the old bridge] just been kind of a reference point for me and my friends,” George said. “We used to meet at the end of the bridge to have big group discussions and we would just hang out at the end of the bridge. And now Daniel is gone and a lot of people don’t know that it’s Daniel bridge anymore. It’s just going to be another one of those things that’s disappeared from my freshman year.”

However, she remained optimistic that she could make more memories with the new bridge.

“I definitely want to find some way to attach myself emotionally to the new bridge so I don’t feel like I’ve really lost anything, just gained something different,” George said.



Groundwork for the bridge is prepared by digging into the hill of the ravine. The support beams of the bridge were placed in early fall.

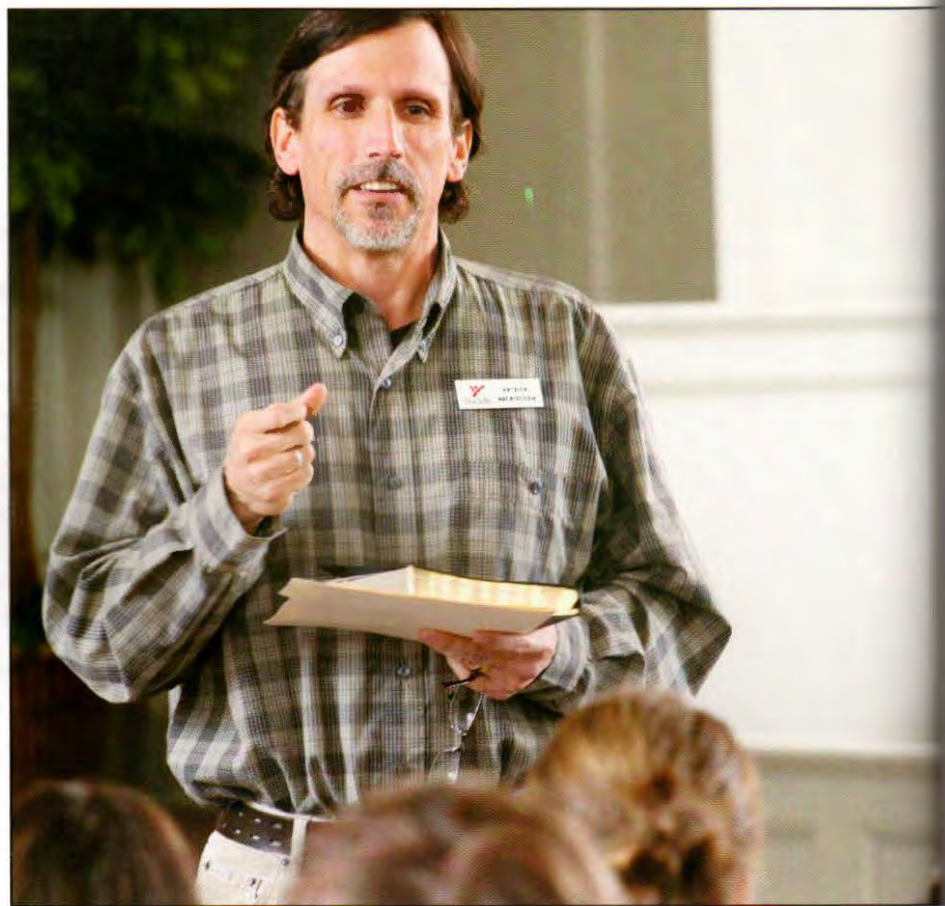
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“Construction Area” is a phrase students at Ouachita are used to seeing. Beyond the sign, construction workers placed the support beams for the new bridge.

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Patrick Walkinshaw speaks at Noon Day about Wycliffe Bible translators. There were different speakers at each Noon Day session during Christian Focus Week.
 Photo by Sarah Henley

Minister Rodney Woo leads a discussion about his family and church as a racially-accepting environment. Woo also introduced the theme of "Found," which was carried throughout the week.
 Photo by Kara Humble



TIME TO REFOCUS

by Breanne Goodrum

One passage and one focus geared the week; a week where students gathered as friends. Students could lend support to one another while learning about their faith. In a world where Bible studies, social clubs, friends and family shaped lives and defined character, a week of change was welcome. That is where Christian Focus Week came into play. During the week of Feb. 8-12 students were given the opportunity to re-focus their attention, not on the things of this world making up who they are, but the things of Christ and of the Spirit.

Students were called to forget the things that defined who they are and focus on others. The theme of "Found" continued this message. Based upon Philippians 4:3-9, the week encouraged participants to not establish righteousness in the things done but in the righteousness of Christ.

"Our heart's desire for this week is that we as believers would find our identity in Christ. A lot of times, we find ourselves in the good things that we do, organizations we are a part of, the major that we are, the church we go to and Phil 3:7-9 says that those identities are not how Christ wants us to define ourselves," said sophomore Nathan Wade a business administration major from Big Sandy, Texas.

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Nathan Wade

To start the week, Minister Rodney Woo from Wilcrest Baptist Church in Houston spoke of his church and his ministry. With his church being a racially-accepting church and open to those of all ethnicities, his testimony and views were helpful to the focus of the week. Woo opened up the theme of "Found" by speaking on how color and ethnicity does not define the character of a person.

"This benefits a Christian campus because it really gives students a time to reflect on their relationship with God. Many times, students get really centered on themselves and forget who they are in Christ. It is a good week to reconnect and refocus," said senior Tyler Bureson, a church music major from Camden.

Activities such as panel debates, art shows and dinner parties were held throughout the week to keep the theme and the message going. Students were also given an opportunity to take a break from the seriousness of the lectures and learning by attending a concert. Campus Activities Board hosted the Jake Smith concert during the middle of the week to add a shift to the next section of the week.

"The week was just a way to learn and see something new. It was a lesson on us and how we could grow and change to become more like Christ. Then the concert, that was a time to just forget it all, put the lessons we had learned into perspective and just worship our Lord," said freshman Alexis Pace, a vocal performance major from Sugarland, Texas.

After the concert, students were invited back the next day to experience the next shift on the message; a shift on serving and accepting others. Ben Stuart from Breakaway Ministries at Texas A&M led the rest of the week.



Sophomore Rachel Chapman and junior **Kara Humble** lead worship during Christian Focus Week. Worship services were a daily part of the week's activities.
Photo by Callie Stephens

Freshman Kirstie Tollett works on a project for Worshipping Through Art. Students had the opportunity to channel their creative side during the week.
Photo by Callie Stephens



Junior Jacob Watson does strength training as part of a weekly exercise routine. Many students made exercising a priority to keep themselves healthy.
photo by: Kara Humble

HEALTHY NEW HABITS

by Becca Watts

Trends in fashion, weddings, movies and cars come and go but there was one trend that hopefully became a lifestyle change that hit campus—being active. It was hard to take a walk across campus without finding someone who was participating in this new trend.

“Physical health is extremely important but, so often, we take it for granted until our health starts to decline. Regular exercise is a wonderful way to stay healthy and I would encourage it for all of our students,” said Dr. Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services.

“By starting the day with an early morning workout, I have the energy and stamina required to pay attention in class and I have the focus I need to be productive throughout my day,” said Megan Tucker, a senior accounting major from Benton.

“For me it is absolutely essential to be active because I think it balances the stress from classes to homework,” said Beau Landers, a junior Christian Studies major from Allen, Texas.

The administration supported this new trend on campus with the addition of fitness facilities around campus, sidewalks for students to use for running or walking and bike racks. They worked with the local health clubs to make it easier for students to use their facilities, and through the outdoor recreation program, the university offered more hiking and mountain biking activities for students.

In addition, Human Resources “has a wellness emphasis for faculty and staff to encourage us to be active and eat healthy,” said Powell.

There were only two main concerns about this new trend. One was the potential for students to take this trend to an extreme and create an unhealthy lifestyle.

“Some students can slip into eating and exercise disorders without really being totally aware the process is occurring. Unfortunately the treatment of such problems is very difficult and time consuming,” said Dr. Wesley Kluck, vice president for institutional advancement and university physician.

The other concern was, “whether the university can keep up with student needs in this area. We need to be sure we provide the facilities and support needed to encourage students to be active,” said Powell.

Through the Wellness course and avenues for exercise, the University hoped students would continue a healthy lifestyle after college. “I believe exercise is very important for my personal growth—physically, emotionally and spiritually. The key to living a healthy and wholesome life is exercise and physical activity. Exercise is the healthy habit that essentially leads to the development of other healthy habits,” said Tucker.

“I think people exercise because there is something about playing a sport, running, and working out that just makes you feel better. To quote “Legally blonde”, “Exercise gives you endorphins. Endorphins make you happy,” said Landers.

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Beau Landers



Senior Sarah Greeson runs on the treadmill in the workout room in Gosser Hall. The new girls' dorm had a workout room to provide a convenient and clean place for the women to exercise.

photo by: Kara Humble

Junior Luke Hardcastle lifts weights in the student center workout room. Student's had access to the workout room at any time of day, which allowed them to work out at times convenient to them.

photo by: Neal Ozmun

MTV is commonly found on students' televisions. MTV was one of the new channels Ouachita allowed students to have with their cable. Photo by: Sarah Henley



MAKING IMPROVEMENTS by Cassie Harrell

The fall semester ushered in many new and exciting changes. There was a whole new freshman class, brand new dorms were opened for upper-classmen and a new bridge was being built to connect the new dorms with the rest of campus. All of these changes were obvious and exciting for the campus community. However, there was one change that was not obvious until students were in their dorm rooms, flipping through the TV channels, trying to find something to watch in their spare time. In doing this, many upper-classmen noticed that some of the most popular channels like MTV, Vh1 and Comedy Central were now available for them to enjoy in their dorms.

In previous years, students would arrive and after getting settled in, they would turn the TV on to the guide channel, look for their favorite network, punch in the numbers for that network on the remote and quite possibly find nothing but static on the screen. Until the fall semester, Ouachita had limited access to some channels. "I watch a lot of Bravo, A&E, USA, MTV, MTV 2, Vh1 and E!, junior Aspen Grams, a mass communications major from Elkins, said. "Until this year, I wasn't able to watch many shows because we couldn't get the channels on campus."

"It makes me feel like they respect us to let us make our own choices."

Elisa Modesto

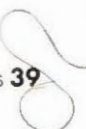
Although some students were not bothered by the lack of popular channels, many felt the same way Elisa Modesto felt about the change. Modesto, a senior mass communications major from Red Oak, Texas, said, "I appreciate the fact that they opened up the TV options to us because it makes me feel like an adult and it makes me feel like they respect us enough to let us make our own choices in what we watch."

Students could be found enjoying fellowship with one another as they gathered in the dorm lobbies on the night of the MTV Video Music Awards. "I was just excited to get to watch the music awards because I was never able to since we never had Mtv on campus," senior Megan Lindsey, a senior mass communications major from Camden, said.

Whether or not people watched the added TV options, most everyone was appreciative of the amount of respect given to them by the administration for the trust they had displayed in allowing students to make their own choices in what to watch in their dorm rooms during spare time. Whether it be music, reality television, comedic relief, action or investigative programming, all students had the option of watching their favorite television genre.



Students **commonly flipped** through the TV channels to find something to watch. New channels like MTV, Comedy Central and VH1 were now available to students.
Photo by: Sarah Henley





New Parents Michael and Terese Cox play with their son Nathaniel. Michael was the hall director of Flippen-Perrin, where the family lived. Photo by Sarah Henley

KIDS ON CAMPUS by Katie Osment

Raising a child on a college campus wasn't the dream of most married couples. Void of playgrounds and swarming with students, it's probably not every kid's dream either. However, raising a child in Ouachita's "bubble" came with both hardships and blessings.

For Alex and Britta Stamps, juggling classes with work and potty training a 2-year-old was hard work. Sophomores Alex and Britta live in Ouachita apartments with their energetic daughter, Brooklyn. Britta, a political science and business double major, managed taking 18 hours, worked 25 hours a week and took care of little Brooklyn. Alex was a Henderson business major, was in the National Guard and volunteered as a soccer coach for Arkadelphia High. For these two, the hardest thing about being in college and raising a child was "just not getting to always spend the time that we want to with Brooklyn because of having to work," Britta said.

Raising their daughter in the bubble wasn't all bad, though. "There's lots of babysitters," said Britta. Brooklyn had even been to class with Britta, which was something unique to Ouachita, that a professor would allow a 2-year-old to visit his class. "He told me to cover her ears a few times," Britta said, laughing.

"I would probably feel a lot more uneasy if we were at a bigger school."

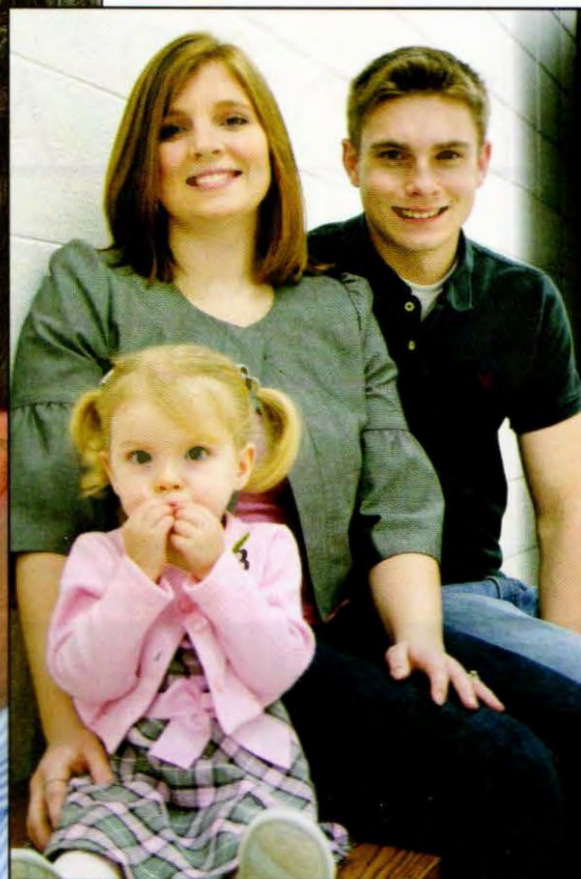
Terese Cox

Being surrounded by couples their age was also something good about "the bubble." "Right now it seems like I have a lot of pregnant friends, so it'll be exciting when they have their babies in a few months to have kids her age." The Stamps' scholarships also paid for their apartment, which was a huge perk of raising Brooklyn on a college campus.

The Stamps were not the only couple raising a child at Ouachita. Michael and Terese Cox were dorm parents in Flippen/Perrin, and were raising baby Nathaniel. Hearing a crying baby in a freshman boys' dorm wasn't what you'd expect, but at Ouachita, Nathaniel was a welcomed resident. Michael and Terese had a passion for college students, and knew that despite having to raise a baby on a college campus, they were right where they belonged.

When Nathaniel was born, students wrote notes to him and left them outside the door. "He was born into an environment with lots of people, and those are things he will cherish when he's older," Terese said. For this family, raising Nathaniel in the bubble was a huge plus. "It's definitely fun for him to be around students. I don't know if he loves the bright lights or the people more, but he loves going to the cafeteria."

Terese and Michael are thankful to raise their child in such a close-knit community. "I would probably feel a little more uneasy if we were at a bigger school without as many connections," Terese said. "This is a really great environment with strong students and staff." Of course, raising Nathaniel on a college campus is hard. With Michael as hall director and the director of residence life, and Terese as assistant director of campus ministries, finding time to spend together as a family was challenging. Despite the difficulties though, both the Coxes and the Stamps were thankful to be at Ouachita, raising their children in such a safe and positive environment.



Brooklyn Stamps shows her silly side during a photoshoot with her parents, Alex and Britta. Alex and Britta had to balance school, working and parenthood, while still finding time for each other.
Photo by Kara Humble

Henry Harrell is comforted by his dad, Tim Harrell, after tripping outside. Tim was the director of campus activities and lived in Gasser Hall with his wife, Nancy, who was the hall director.
Photo by Mallory George

Coach Houston Nutt signs a cap after speaking in Chapel. Nutt, once the head coach for the University of Arkansas, was the head coach for Ole Miss and a highly-anticipated Chapel guest.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Dr. Guy Grimes speaks to students about dating during Chapel. Grimes was the guest speaker during Dating, Engagement and Marriage Week.
photo by: Kara Humble



PUTTING ON A SHOW

by Kathryn Kellogg

Leaning back in the booth, he watched hundreds of students find their seats. It was a busy Tuesday morning, and Chapel was getting ready to begin. The lights were on and the musicians were settled. The students were greeting their neighbors, adjusting their bags, and the occasional laptop. He saw it all. Dr. Rob Hewell, chair of the department of church music and associate professor, opened and led the student body in song.

The lyrics appeared on the screen hanging in the middle of the stage. No one thought about or wandered from where the lyrics appeared, they just did. Speakers had power point or video clips. It all happened seamlessly. The speakers were seen and heard. It was just normal. We never thought about all the work that goes on before or what it takes for the service to run smoothly.

Joey Licklider was the man behind it all. He's the man we never see. He has been in charge of the technical side of chapel since 1998. Licklider said, "Ian sends information about the speaker and what their needs are, like power point, and I work with Dr. Hewell and the musician needs every week."

Licklider was in charge of all of the technical aspects and the stage on Tuesday mornings during Chapel. "I usually run sound," said Licklider. "A student runs sound sometimes and ... presentation and lyrics. But, I haven't seen anything really crazy for Chapel. Sometimes it's a power point or a couple of video clips that need to be done." Dennis Jernigan, a songwriter and vocalist, used power point with pictures to tell his life story, and how God moved and changed his life.

It can be difficult to get everything together because Licklider only has two hours to get everything done. "Everything (has to be done) on Tuesday morning because typically there's a rehearsal on Monday night," Licklider laughed, "Especially in Tiger Tunes, I don't have time to do anything but Tiger Tunes." But, some speakers don't use power point, like Dr. John Walton, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College. Dr. Walton gave insight on the book of Job.

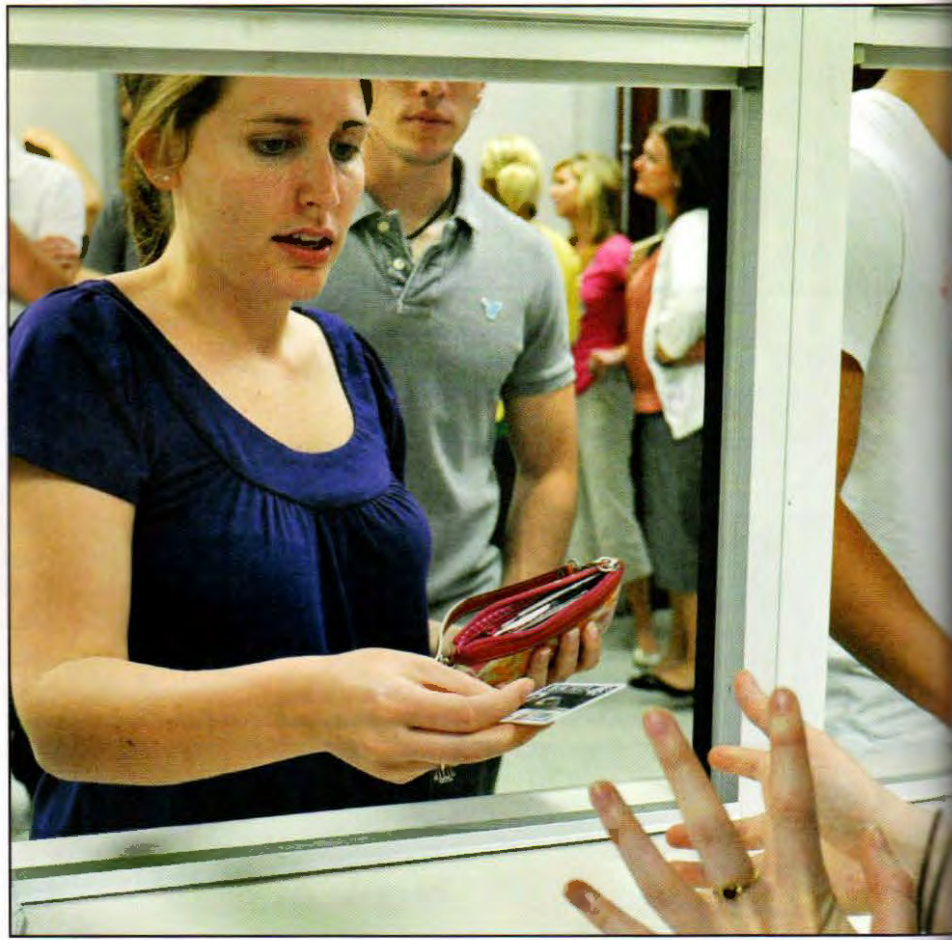
On the inside, Licklider gets a preview of the music and the speaker. "I know what's going on a couple of days ahead," Licklider said. Speakers come from all over with all different types of messages. Robert Pinkston, the missionary in residence from Canada, spoke on John 10:10. Mr. Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development, introduced people from all around the world who came to speak at Chapel from faculty, alumni, pastors and guests, such as Coach Houston Nutt. But, Licklider sits in the booth and ensures that everything will run smoothly; He was the man behind it all.



Mr. Ian Cosh welcomes students to Chapel before introducing the guest speaker. Cosh was responsible for putting together the program for Chapel, which was held every Tuesday morning.
Photo by Kara Humble

Junior Amy Berry hands over her I.D. to get her free ticket. Students were able to attend various music and theatre productions for free by presenting their I.D. cards at the box office.
photo by Callie Stephens

Freshman Sam Park scans tickets at the door to the production. Sam was one of many student volunteers who ushered during productions.
photo by Callie Stephens



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

by Leslie Reynolds

Money was no longer an object for students wishing to attend productions on campus. For the first time, students had the opportunity to attend most any theatrical play, opera or musical free of cost by presenting their I.D. card to the ticket box office before the show.

Dean of Fine Arts Dr. Scott Holsclaw was the one who initially proposed to arrange this opportunity. "I believe as an educational institution we should provide the resources to students," Holsclaw said. "[Fine Arts productions] should be a part of their education."

Another reason behind Holsclaw's proposal was the issue of money for students taking Fine Arts Theatre classes to fulfill CORE requirements. The class required students to attend productions and write reviews and having to pay for each show was a growing concern.

Junior English major Jessica Schleiff, a student of the CORE Fine Arts Theatre class, had nothing but good things to say about the free admission to productions. "It's really nice because I don't have to shell out 20 bucks for tickets to plays for a class for which I'm already paying for books," Schleiff said.

But if students aren't paying for tickets, where does the school of arts receive its profits? Holsclaw explained that the "activity fee" included in students' tuition pays for most of the ticket cost.

Junior music education major Jessica Hardy only saw good for the arrangement. "Some of my friends wouldn't usually come to our productions because of money, so this allows them to come no matter what their bank account says and I don't think revenue will be an issue,"

Hardy said.

The spirit of gratitude was apparent from all sides of the campus. Students in the productions weren't worried about losing money. Sophomore musical theatre major Mariah Patterson appreciated the wider variety and larger size of the audience. "It has really opened up our audience base to our peers, people we really care about," Patterson said. "Before, college students who aren't as familiar with the arts couldn't justify spending \$6 or \$8 on a theatre ticket when they could easily spend it on McDonald's or Wal-Mart. Now, I feel like we've exposed more students to our love of theatre and hopefully they understand why we're always locked in Verser!"

Although there were a few glitches, like students not knowing the protocol on behavior, Holsclaw was very happy with the much larger crowds and positive feedback. Whether this opportunity will continue with the years to come was still unknown. Jessica Schleiff said it best when explaining why this opportunity has been ideal for everyone. "It can only be positive," Schleiff said, "It encourages students to participate and appreciate the fine arts, enhancing their liberal arts education."

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Mariah Patterson



Students wait at the box office window to get their tickets to "Seussical the Musical." The musical was the major spring musical theatre production.
photo by Callie Stephens

QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT

by Stephanie Hampton

The talent of the students has always been something to look forward to, and the musical productions were a testament to it. Throughout the school year, the students had a lineup of musicals that were a joy for everyone to watch. The students and faculty involved in making the performances happen put time and effort into making it a showcase of talent.

Opera Theater presented Gianni Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" Nov. 19-21 in the Jones Performing Arts Center during the fall semester. The story involved a recently deceased Cousin Buoso Donati who had left his beloved family members out of his last will and testament in favor of the friars of the local parish. The one-act comedic opera was produced by Dr. Glenda Secrest, OBU associate professor of music and co-directed by Joey Licklider, director of the Jones Performing Arts Center. The opera was performed in Italian with English subtitles that appeared onscreen. "We felt in this time and place that Gianni Schicchi was an excellent opera to introduce our students to singing in the original language," Secrest said. Set designs and costumes were all made by the students and the orchestra was composed of Ouachita students and members from the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra, and conducted by Marc-Andre Baugie, with R. Andrew Clark as orchestra manager. The tale of family deceit and love made for a story full of laughter, along with amazing vocals by the student cast.

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Ryleigh Salmon

Festival of Christmas was another production enjoyed during the holiday season. The cast included the Concert Choir, Ouachita Sounds, Ouachita Singers, Women's Chorus, Tiger Blast, and the Festival of Christmas Pit Band. "Being part of the cast for Festival of Christmas is one of the best experiences I have had. It really has gotten me into the Christmas spirit and I have gotten to meet so many new people," said Ryleigh Salmon, a freshman member of the Concert Choir. The lineup of songs included Christmas classics like "Carol of the Bells," "Mary Did You Know?," "O Holy Night," "Breath of Heaven," and many more. The Festival of Christmas was a tradition of the School of Fine Arts and was something that people of all ages loved to see.

The spring musical was "Suessical," based on different stories by Dr. Seuss. It ran from April 15-18 in Jones Performing Arts Center. The show's musical director was Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music, and the stage director was Daniel Inouye, assistant professor of theatre arts. The cast included over 30 students who also served as the technical crew. The production was based on the original play that debuted in 2000 with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, music by Stephen Flaherty and book by Ahrens and Flaherty. It included Dr. Seuss classics like "Cat in the Hat," "Horton Hears a Who," and the Grinch all tied together into one story. The cast and crew started rehearsal and production in January. "We actually only had less time than usual on stage for rehearsal," said Rudy Jones, a sophomore theatre arts major from Smackover, who was part of the chorus in "Suessical."

The productions that students performed gave them the experience needed in both music and theatre. All musicals were done by students, including the lighting, props, costumes, makeup, and set designs. Students were able to become involved and become part of something that was creative and special.



Senior Michael Krikorian plays the Cat in the Hat in "Suessical the Musical." Krikorian is present in nearly every scene, often disguised as something else other than the Cat, while still sporting the Cat's famous red and white stripes. photo by: Callie Stephens



The orchestra plays as a scene from "Gianni Schicchi." A live orchestra performed during each musical. photo by: Callie Stephens



Playing the role of Horton, junior Jacob Watson, along with senior Rachel Street playing Gertrude, figure out how to save the people of Whoville in "Seussical the Musical." Gertrude's character was in love with Horton and tried desperately to get his attention throughout the musical.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Andrew Miller acts out a scene in the opera "Gianni Schicchi." The story was one of love, deceit and family bickering.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Jeffrey Stakes and junior Lauren Casteel rehearse for "Goldilocks on Trial." The play was performed during the fall semester.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Kyle Huey and sophomore Xavier Lagunas act for "The Doctor in Spite of Himself." The play was the major theatre production during the spring semester.
photo by: Sarah Henley



SHOWING DEDICATION

by Sarah Sparks

As soon as they stepped foot into the theatre, the actors, crewman and directors pushed any thought of their lives to the back of their minds. The lives of the students of the theatre department revolved around putting on a great show while still balancing school, work and relationships.

The fall production "Six Characters in Search of an Author," directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Daniel Inouye, brought a darker side of theater to the Verser stage. "We wanted to take the theatrical conventions that are mostly accepted and kind of turn them on their head," Inouye said. "We wanted to give the audience a different opportunity to experience theater in that way." "Six Characters in Search of an Author" was all about breaking down the expectations of the audience.

Because of the show's dark nature it was tough for some actors to portray their characters. "It was difficult to go to those places that we had to every night. To try and honestly present people who were suffering, and hurting, and in general people we would rather not relate to," said Jody Lee, a senior theatre major from Arlington, Texas.

The spring production, "The Doctor In Spite of Himself," shed wit and laughter on the theater's stage. The play was directed by Associate Professor of Theater Arts Mary Handiboe. "The actors had to make the lines seem honest but still vibrant enough for the audience to catch everything," said Handiboe, "I felt like they all did a great job with that."

The annual student-directed one act play festival was produced in December. This gave the upperclassman theatre students a taste of directing their own play with the help of their peers as cast members. The students got to experience first-hand what it was like to create a show from the ground up. "I loved being able to work

behind the scenes rather than on the stage," said Greg Schwartz, a senior theatre and mass communications double major from Texarkana, Texas. "It showed me a new aspect of theatre that I fully enjoyed and am hoping to pursue in the future."

The ten minute plays followed in March. Students from any major were encouraged to participate. This was a three-day event in which the students auditioned on Thursday, got cast on Friday along with an all-night practice, and then performed their play on Saturday.

Although the actors, crewman, and directors hardly had time for relaxation, they wouldn't trade their time on the stage for anything. Their passion for what they do kept them going. For Schwartz, perseverance will carry him far after graduation. "It's difficult to pull off these shows with our busy and hectic lifestyles," said Schwartz, "but those of us in this line of business know that strong dedication to our craft will pay off for us in the long run."

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Senior Christina Coiner and junior Daniel Collier perform a scene from "Six Characters in Search of an Author." The two played the roles of Little Boy and Little Girl in the production.
photo by: Collie Stephens



Sophomore Taylor Bass recites a line during dress rehearsal for the One Act Plays. Students who were not theatre majors were given the opportunity to act in and direct the One Act Plays.
photo by: Sarah Henley

Tby: Tarah Elliott RANSFORMING CAMPUS

Once the leaves fell from their branches and the crisp air of winter began to set in, the "bubble" became more like a snow globe. There was an obvious transformation of campus into a place that was full of the Christmas spirit.

If a student was bored around Christmas time, it meant they simply were not looking in the right places for something to do. Between the Festival of Christmas, the CAB Christmas party, Lessons and Carols and all the various other activities around campus, there was never a time when the campus was quiet.

The Festival of Christmas, affectionately known as "FOC" among students, was once again the center of many students' attention. "FOC week is really insane," said Sam Spradling, a junior theatre major from Italy, Texas, who played the role of Mary. "It's amazing that they put everything together on stage in just one week. It was so much fun to be a part of something as great as Festival of Christmas," she said. "For all the work they do, I think [Festival of Christmas] should have a longer run. People love it, and everyone puts so much work into it."

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Another memorable event that took place was the CAB Christmas party. Sophomore Nikki McNair, an early childhood education major from Minot, North Dakota, has been a part of the planning team for two years. The team put together one of the biggest Christmas parties on campus. "We have crafts and games. Santa is there, and you can get pictures with him," McNair said. "There's a cake walk, lots of prizes, Gingerbread houses and cookies. Oh, and there's the ugly sweater contest." Annette Whitehead, a senior graphic design major from Malvern, said, "[The party] definitely puts me in the Christmas spirit."

Even the various social clubs had their own Christmas traditions. Kelsi Ferguson, a sophomore psychology major from Louisville, Kentucky, and member of Chi Rho Phi, described some of her fondest memories with her club sisters. "We do an ornament exchange. Every year, we can either make the ornaments or buy them, and then we give them to one another," said Ferguson. "We also have a winter formal. Basically, we all just get dressed up and go out to eat."

Among the other traditions of the social clubs, one of the biggest was the popular window decorating contest. "It's my favorite thing," Spradling said. The women of Chi Delta took first place in the contest.

Even if a student wasn't a member of a social club, or didn't attend one of the many Christmas-themed performances around campus, there was more than enough to do. While walking down the halls in any of the dorms, one would find colorfully-lit decorations and tinsel lining the hallways and doors. Behind those doors, students took part in all sorts of traditions held between them and their friends.



Stephen Raines, Jake Edwards and Demarcus Thornton attempt to build a gingerbread house at the CAB Christmas party. Students were provided the opportunity to decorate ornaments, build gingerbread houses, compete in a tacky sweater contest and have their picture taken with Santo.

Photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Christina Wood lights President Horne's candle during the candlelight service. The service was one of many Christmas events.

Photo by: Callie Stephens





The Concert Choir, along with the dancers, help bring the Christmas spirit to Ouachita by performing a song during Festival of Christmas. The Festival of Christmas was an annual event held the first weekend of December.

Photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Charlene Heimsch paints a window in the student Center for the women of Chi Rho Phi. CAB sponsored the window painting contest.

Photo by: Callie Stephens

Junior Rachel Willhoite makes a quick save to recover her egg during the egg toss event. Tiger Traks was not only fun for the participants, but it also promoted teamwork and unity.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Junior Kyle Sullivan and team Chaos wait for instructions during mega relay. The relay was a fast-paced event that had teams running around doing crazy things, such as eating sardines.
photo by: Callie Stephens



ONE CRAZY WEEKEND by: Allie Hodges

"Tiger Traks is a great way for all students on campus to get together and have a fun weekend of games and competition. It really builds community and is a weekend of fun before the end of the semester," said senior Jessica Bruchan, an accounting major from Lucas, Texas.

Tiger Traks was an exciting and crazy weekend held in the spring of every year. 30 teams participated and each team competed in nine events. The events were games such as raft racing, mud volleyball, mud tug-of-war and a basketball relay. The teams in the top three places won cash prizes. The prizes started at \$100 for each member of the winning team.

Beau Landers, a junior Christian and Biblical studies major from Allen, Texas, was on the winning Tiger Traks team, Taterat Casserole. To hype themselves up before an event Landers and his other team mates would chant, "Tater tater tater tater tater tater TOT! Let me see that casserole!" Landers has participated in Tiger Traks for the last three years. He loved participating in Traks and said, "You have one life to live, why not spend it eating sardines and playing in the mud."

Senior Lauren Nelson, a biology major from Russellville, had participated in Tiger Traks for two years. Her team did not come in first place, nor did they enter with the intention of winning. She said they entered as an all girls team not with the intention to win, but to have fun. Lauren's favorite event was the raft race. "I had been training beforehand by swimming laps and because I got to wear my swim cap and goggles," said Nelson.

Tiger Traks was not only a fun way to spend the weekend, it also served as fundraising for scholarships. OSF, Ouachita Student Foundation, has a motto of "students helping students." Bruchan was the co-chair of Special Events for OSF. "This year through the team registration fees and the generous sponsorship by the Board of Trustees, Tiger Traks was able to help students by adding to the scholarship fund," said Bruchan. Tiger Traks was an excellent way to plug in on campus. "I love participating in Traks because it's not only a great time to have fun with my friends, but I also know that I'm making a difference in students' lives through the money it raises for student scholarships," said Nelson.

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Lauren Nelson



Senior Jeffrey Harmon jumps from the mudpit to save the volleyball from going out of bounds. Harmon's team won the award for best costume. photo by: Callie Stephens

The Tiger Traks team, "Totally Radical" uses their feet to fish for marbles during the ice-fishing event. Ice-fishing required teams to fish for marbles in pools of ice and water using only feet. photo by: Callie Stephens

SERVICE TAKEN SERIOUSLY by: Katie Osment

On Sept. 26, music filled the air as the Ouachita jazz band welcomed students to the Elrad Center lawn for the fall Tiger Serve Day. A record 694 student volunteers formed 62 teams to complete 80 projects during the day, which was dedicated to ministering to the needs of Arkadelphia residents. Free t-shirts and donuts were provided by the Elrad Center and lunch was provided by Summit Bank.

The spring Tiger Serve Day was held on April 10, and 648 volunteers once again came out to serve the community. Students participated with groups like sports teams, freshman family groups, social clubs, organizations, residence halls or simply groups of friends. Service projects ranged from cleaning up trash on walking trails to washing cars and doing yard work for the elderly.

Tiger Serve Days were organized by a group of 22 students called the Tiger Serve Day Leadership team. The staff coordinator was Judy Duvall, and together they planned, advertised and organized both Tiger Serve Days for the year. "Some of their tasks included designing the media, volunteer recruitment, visiting and getting information about the projects and getting the tools ready for the day," Duvall said. "It takes a lot of work and much of it is done by this leadership team. They are strong servant leaders who have hearts for service and want others to experience it also."

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Judy Duvall

According to Duvall, Tiger Serve Days were a way for the Ouachita community to share their faith with the city of Arkadelphia. "As Christians we are called to imitate Christ and be His hands and feet," Duvall said. "The people that are served in this community are able to see our students and faculty/staff put their faith into action."

Cami Jones, a senior early childhood education and Spanish double major from Mansfield, Texas, was a member of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team. "Tiger Serve Day was an opportunity for Ouachita to get outside the bubble," Jones said. "This was a great chance for Ouachita students to connect with the people of Arkadelphia and serve them." Stephen Johnson, a senior accounting and business finance double major from Brazil, said that Tiger Serve Days have impacted him in a personal way. "I love having the opportunity to get together with some friends or even total strangers and go out into the community, both as representatives of Ouachita and as fellow Christian students, and serve the needs of our community in a practical, tangible way."

The fall and spring Tiger Serve Days impacted other students in a positive way as well. Kate Shell, an early childhood education major from Batesville, has participated in every Tiger Serve Day since her freshman year. "The best thing is that if you go into it with a servant's heart, then everyone involved will be blessed," Shell said. "It has really taught me the importance of being Christ-like." Serve Day reminds me that nothing is about me. It's about showing Christ's love in action through serving others."

Tiger Serve Days were not only beneficial to the community, but also for Ouachita students themselves. "I always am happiest when I am serving someone else rather than being served," Nathan Wade said, a sophomore business major from Gilmer, Texas. "Tiger Serve Day is great way to invest in the community of Arkadelphia. It is so easy to just get caught up in the Ouachita bubble, and Tiger Serve Day is a good reminder that there is a whole city outside of Ouachita that we can serve."



Freshman Ryleigh Salmon bags a pile of pine straw after raking. Many service projects were outdoors, cleaning yards to prepare for mowing season.
photo by Callie Stephens



Junior Jake Stanley and senior Clayton Chapuis gather supplies for their team to do yard work. Teams were provided with rakes, gloves, water and sunscreen for the day.
photo by Callie Stephens



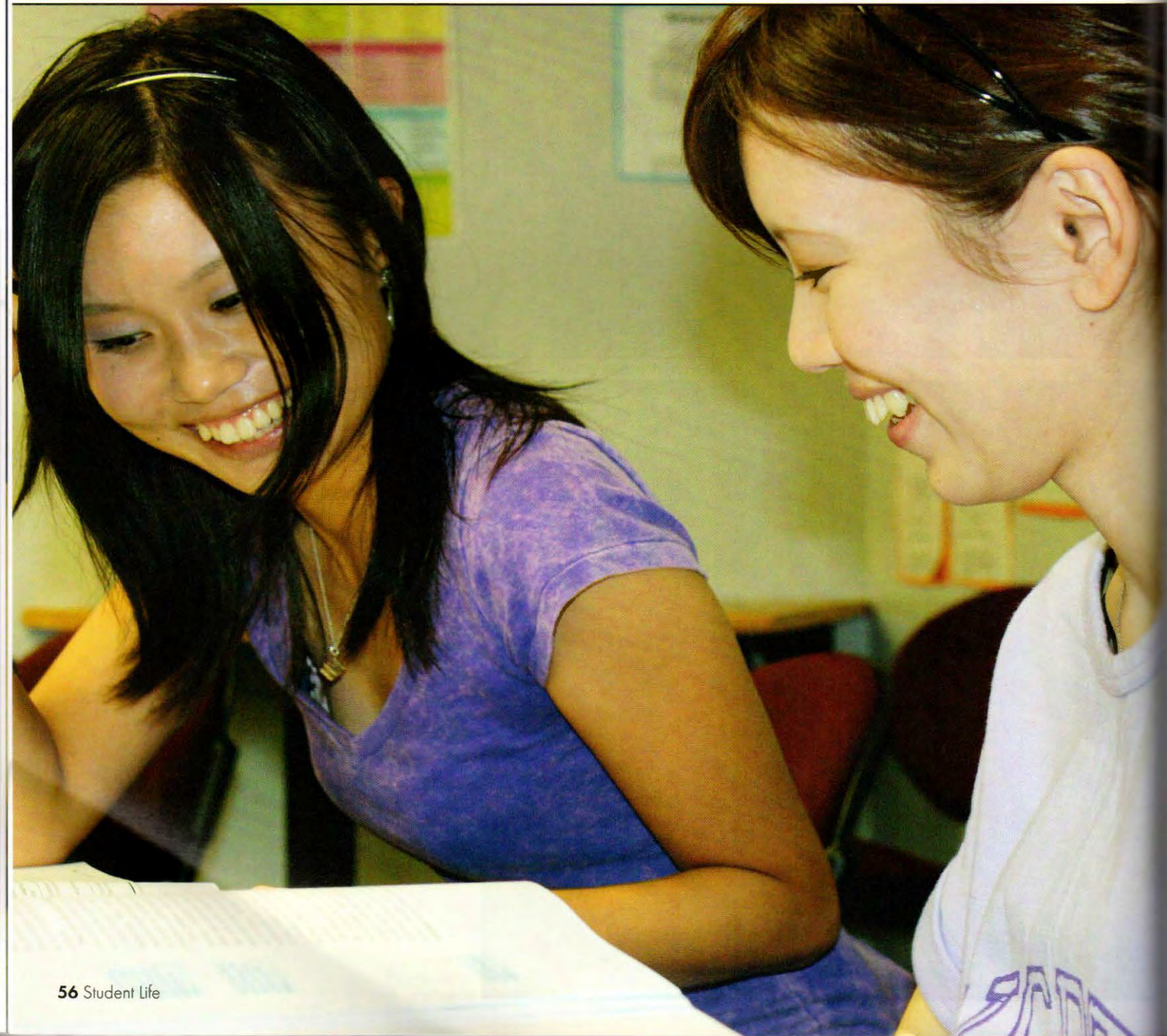
Sophomore Jessica Fleeman learns how to use a weed eater during the spring Tiger Serve Day. Fleeman was part of a team with the women of EEE who did lawn care.
photo by Callie Stephens



Senior Cami Jones instructs team leaders where to go after signing in their team. Jones's watch documented that it was 8:33 a.m., but students were still eager to serve.
photo by Callie Stephens

An international student from Japan, Ayako Shigita works on a project in Publication Design. Ayako was one of two international students taking the course.
photo by Callie Stephens

Yui Tagawa and Ayaka Shigita enjoy studying for English as a Second Language together. The course enabled students to write and speak English more fluently.
photo by Jessica Bowling



A SHARED EXPERIENCE

by Breanne Goodrum

They were not any different from us. They dressed the same, experienced the same events, and many times acted the same as we did, the only difference was where they were from. They filled our campus and created diversity. They were international students.

While there was an International Club devoted to the students, where they could feel at home and help the club by contributing to a learning environment for students wanting to expand their knowledge of the world, many still found themselves at a loss when they experienced America.

"When I first came to America, I thought I knew everything about it from watching the movies made here and T.V. shows and listening to the music," said freshman John Tneoh, a vocal performance major from Penang, Malaysia. "I realized when I arrived on campus it was completely different from what I had expected it to be. America was fast paced and demanding."

For some, going to college was their first time to experience American culture. Some came because it was where their parents gained their degree before becoming a missionary and others came for the opportunities offered. While there were many different reasons for moving to America for a college experience, many felt the same about the changes they experienced.

"Everyone here is so nice. It's not like this where I am from," said freshman Sam Park, a vocal performance major from Seoul, South Korea. "You can go up to anyone and say hi and you can ask someone to talk and they will. It's really different. I like it here better, actually."

While some were amazed with the difference and the acceptance America had, others were appalled by the morals the country held. From standards on monetary value to sexual displays in advertisements, many international students were shocked by the values they were shown.

"Here everything is bald and out. Back home it is all kept a secret, so I find it very odd," said freshman Lilia Sokalova, a business administration major from Yoshkar-Ola Ola, Russia. "It is probably because of the weather where I am from. Since it is always cold we are covered up and things are kept covered. Here it is not like that."

The expansion of knowledge was crucial to be marketable for jobs in society. Many chose to come to America for its quality education and its foreign job knowledge.

"I know that back in Namibia, they really encouraged us to either go to America and get an education or go to South Africa, because they have a great school also," said freshman Chad Bullington, a business marketing/accounting major from Windhoek, Namibia. "My parents are missionaries and for me the states seemed the perfect option because of surrounding family, but now that I am here, I realize that America offers great education."

While the culture shock scared some at first, the benefits reaped from education, friendships and learning experiences were invaluable to international students.

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Sam Park



Stephanie Beck and sophomore Elisee Habimana discuss the agenda of an International Club meeting. International Club gave all students a chance to get to know people from different cultures.

photo by Collie Stephens



Senior Elyse Setiawan and freshman Judith Brizuela engage in conversation during breakfast. International students got to know people from different cultures by sharing tables in the cafeteria.

photo by Erica Porter

President Rex Horne welcomes those in attendance at the commencement ceremony. The ceremony was held outside on the lawn in front of Cone-Bottoms.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Kyle Ferguson watches his fellow classmates receive their diplomas. The students, as well as family, friends and faculty, were allowed to stand and honor the graduates as they walked across the stage.

photo by: Callie Stephens



A NEW BEGINNING

by: Megan Lindsey

It was a day that few thought would ever come. A day that symbolized what the class of 2010 had accomplished in their lives over the last four years. But ultimately, it was a day that stood for who they had become. Graduation marked the start of a brand new chapter in the lives of 288 students, who were suddenly finding themselves embarking on the path that they had been carving.

The sunny Saturday morning service on May 10, held on the front lawn of the historic Cone-Bottoms Hall, was soon filled with thousands of family members, friends, and members of the faculty and staff. President Rex Horne described the class of 2010 as difference makers, and it was plainly evident. The graduating class featured more than 120 honor students, including 24 who graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher, 43 who graduated magna cum laude and 58 who graduated cum laude. Eleven graduates were recognized for completing Ouachita's Carl Goadson Honors Program, as well as 32 members of the Alpha Chi national honor society.

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Dr. David Uth

"Graduating was bittersweet," said Allison Smith, a psychology major from Annona, Texas. "It was like leaving a place that felt like home and a group of amazing friends, but it was good because I was moving on to pursue and achieve more goals in my life." While it was a special day for the graduates, it was also an important day for Dr. David Uth, a member of the class of 1979, who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his contribution to the field of Christian ministry. The Ouachita Board of Trustees voted unanimously to confer the degree. As he addressed the graduating seniors, Dr. Uth said, "It's a great honor to graduate. It's a great thing to be able to sit here and receive a degree. But I've got a question: Where are you going? That matters more than where you are today. It's my prayer that you will set your sights high."

Dr. Horne, who had served as president since 2006, also welcomed and addressed the graduating class, whom he had special place for in his heart. As the ceremony came to a close and the tassels had all been turned, he said, "We started this journey together, most of us, four years ago. Because of that, I will always look upon you as a very special class...You are men and women of character, of passion, of devotion, of great ability. You are indeed difference makers and we will look forward to seeing what is going to take place in the years ahead."



Seniors Allison Smith and Jake Sligh walk to the commencement ceremony. The graduates were greeted by all the professors as they made their way to their seats at the ceremony.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Aug. 20 • Ouachita is ranked the No. 1 Baccalaureate College in the South for the third consecutive year by *U.S. News & World Report*

Aug. 28 • "King of Pop" Michael Jackson's June 25 death is ruled a homicide by drug overdose

Aug. 26 • Fall classes begin highlighted by the opening of the Student Village

Oct. 9 • President Obama wins the Nobel Peace Prize for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples"

Oct. 10 • Campus Ministries wins Tiger Tunes with the theme "Southern Baptists" and Hayley Nolan is named Homecoming Queen

Oct. 24 • President Obama declares H1N1 Flu a national emergency

Dec. 1 • President Obama announces that the U.S. military will be sending an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan

Dec. 4-5 • The School of Fine Arts presents Festival of Christmas

Dec. 18 • "Avatar" is released and surpasses "Titanic" as the highest grossing movie of all time (adjusted for inflation)

August • September • October • November • December

Sept. 8-14 • TWIRP Week includes events sponsored by clubs and organizations where The Woman Is Required To Pay

Sept. 24 • For the first time, scientists created a vaccine that seems to reduce the risk of contracting the AIDS virus

Sept. 30 • A 7.6-magnitude earthquake hits the island of Sumatra, leaving more than 700 people dead and thousands trapped under collapsed buildings

Nov. 4 • The New York Yankees win their 27th World Series title, and their first since 2000, against the Philadelphia Phillies

Nov. 5 • A gunman opens fire at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, killing 13 and wounding 30 others

Nov. 13 • Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the self-professed organizer of the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S., stood trial in criminal court

Nov. 7 • Ouachita defeats Henderson in the Battle of the Ravine 35-28

Feb. 3 • Toyota recalls 9 million vehicles for brakes temporarily failing at low speeds and gas pedals that stick, due to floor mats

Feb. 7 • New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV

Feb. 8-12 • Christian Focus Week features speakers Dr. Rodney Woo and Ben Stuart and a concert by Jake Smith

April 3 • Apple launches the iPad tablet computer

April 5 • 29 mine workers are killed in West Virginia

Apr. 10 • 673 faculty, staff and students participate in Tiger Serve Day

April 20 • BP's offshore oil rig "Deepwater Horizon" explodes off the Gulf of Mexico killing 11 workers and causing a major economic and environmental disaster

January • February • March • April • May

Jan. 3 • Stricter screening requirements were announced for passengers traveling by air to the U.S. from 44 countries

Jan. 12 • The beleaguered country of Haiti is dealt a catastrophic blow when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake strikes 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, the country's capital

Jan. 18-23 • Rush Week is held, followed by Pledge Week

March 8 • Kathryn Bigelow wins Best Director Oscar, "The Hurt Locker" wins Best Picture, Sandra Bullock wins Best Actress and Jeff Bridges takes the Best Actor prize at the Oscars

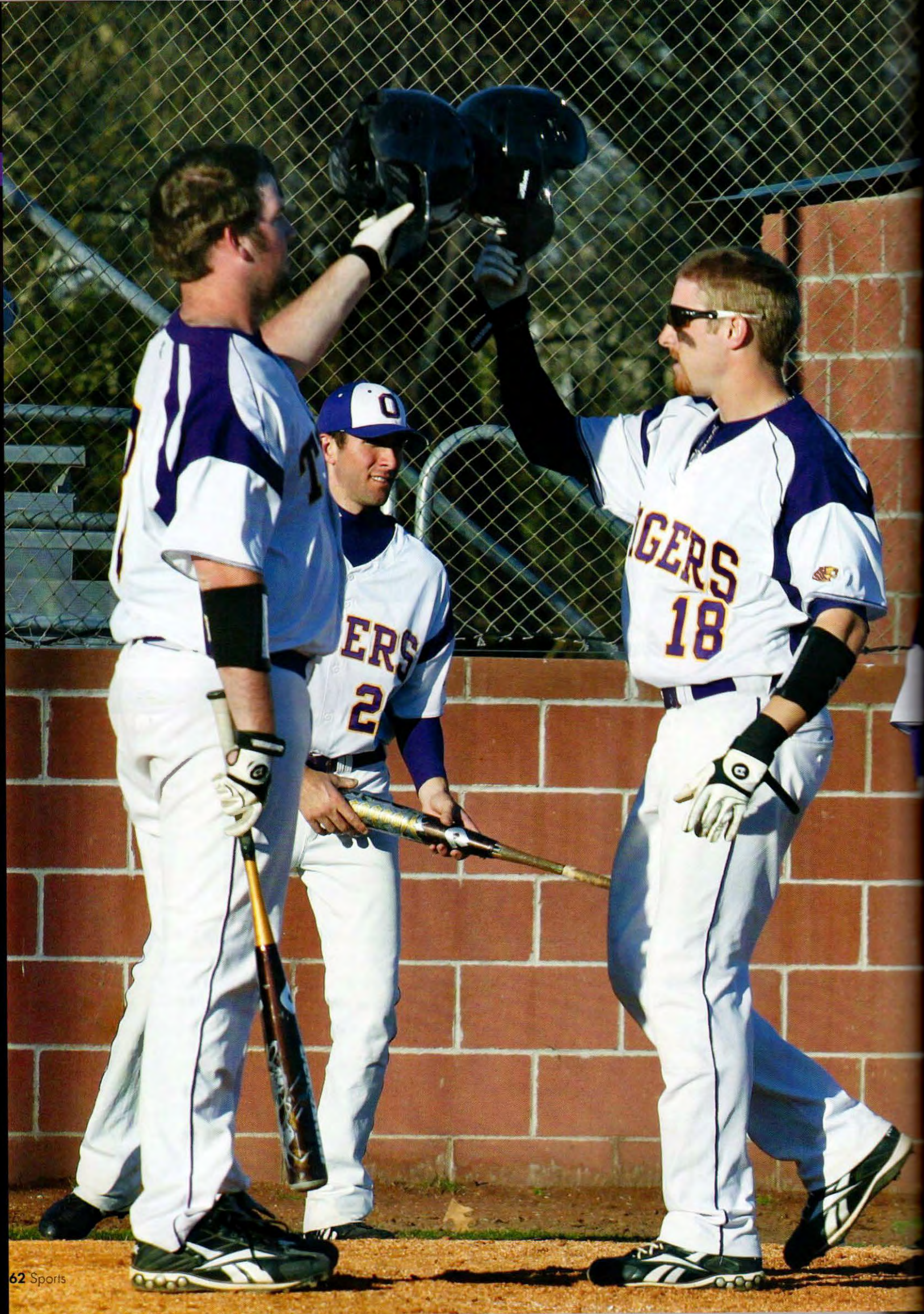
Mar. 23 • President Obama signs the Affordable Health Care Act into Law

Mar. 22-26 • 28 students traveled to New Orleans to work with Habitat for Humanity during Spring Break

May 2 • Police find car bomb in Times Square

May 10 • Ouachita confers 291 degrees in ceremony on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms

May 26 • Apple passes Microsoft as Most Valuable Technology Company



...Landon Moore celebrates with
...teammate after the Tigers score a
...baseball team ended the season
...
...by Callie Stephens

Sports



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eing a Ouachita Tiger meant something different to each person. Whether it was running onto campus's grassy fields and illuminated courts to show what it meant to be a Tiger athlete, or crowding the stands and showing support as a fan, the reminder of long-standing traditions hung in the air as Tiger spirit got a **facelift**.

Intramural sports rose even more in popularity with the addition of field hockey. Rugby became a new alternative to throwing the football around on weekends.

Athletic options were expanded to include wrestling and a women's golf team, bringing the total of athletic teams to 16.

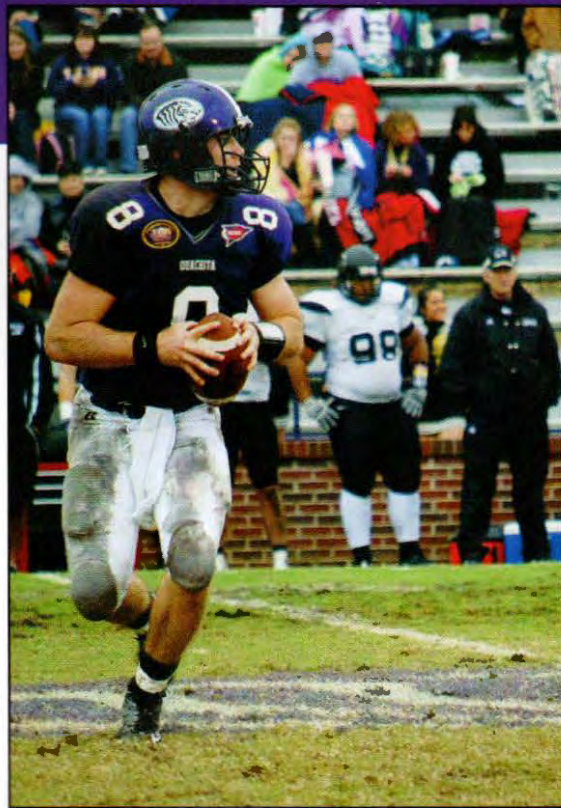
The women's softball team gained the title of the number one team in academics in the nation, and the football team claimed another Battle of the Ravine win against Henderson.

Senior Keldrick Johnson rushes against Valdosta State defense linemen on September 19. Johnson led the team in rushing with 1178 yards for the season.
Photo by Callie Stephens



Players rush onto the field during the Homecoming game. The Tigers fell to the Harding University Bison in the conference match.
Photo by Callie Phelps

Quarterback Eli Cranor, a junior from Russellville, seeks an open teammate during the Homecoming game versus Harding University. Cranor passed for 1941 yards in his third season with the Tigers.
Photo by Sarah Henley



EARLY **SUCCESS**

by *Alan Greenwood*

In every story, there is a climax that creates interest that keeps you wondering what will happen next. At the height of the 2009 Ouachita Baptist football team's season, success bloomed in a way that never dawned the university's football program before.

It was a tale of two halves for the Ouachita Baptist football team. The first provided the brightest beginning in the history of the program, as the Tigers recorded a 4-0 and reached No. 14 in the American Football Coaches Association Poll after top-25 Gulf South Conference victories over Valdosta State and Delta State.

The month of October that followed, however, was the internal and external conflict of injuries and circumstance that changed the complexion of the season and provided a twist to the story that would challenge players and coaches alike.

After senior wide receiver Jeremy Young returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown against Arkansas-Monticello, the Tigers couldn't seem to get into sync again long enough to derail the Boll-Weevils, losing both their first game overall and GSC loss of the season that ended on a blocked 22-yard field goal attempt with 32 seconds left. The momentum swing would carry over into the next two GSC matchups, as Ouachita could not provide enough offensive output, losing to Harding on Homecoming and Southern Arkansas on the road.

A non-conference matchup with Southwest Baptist went down to the wire, but junior safety Chad Emmons broke up a pass with no time remaining to give the Tigers their only victory in the month of October. An offensive shootout wouldn't end in Ouachita's favor

the following week against West Alabama, losing 52-49, as both teams combined for 101 points. The Battle of the Ravine rivalry against Henderson State pitted a pair of teams that were looking for a bright finish to the 2009 season after early success faded with mixed midseason results. An early 21-0 lead for the Tigers provided enough confidence that held through a late Reddie rally, giving Ouachita their second-straight winning record under Head Coach Todd Knight since his arrival in 1999.

Despite the struggle to maintain external conflict of early season success at its height, the Tigers put together a group of the finest individual performances to come through the university in decades. Ouachita placed a school-record nine players on the All-GSC team. Among them were Young, who set a school-record with 13 catches for 261 yards and two touchdowns against Valdosta State. Senior running back KJ Johnson rushed for 1,122 yards and 12 touchdowns to lead all GSC running backs for the second-straight season, while senior defensive end Jerry McNeil secured his second-straight season to lead the GSC in sacks as he finished with 8.5 in 2009. The Tigers ranked second in the league in both scoring defense and total defense, while allowing the least rushing yards among all schools.

Just as it is in life, circumstance is subject to change, but the will of a man's desire to succeed can surpass all external conditions in the way. The Tigers set out to do something no other team has in the history of the university, and continued the climb in establishing the program as a legitimate force in the GSC for years to come.



Scoreboard

Texas College:	52-6
West Georgia:	48-14
Valdosta State:	24-14
Delta State:	38-14
Arkansas-Monticello:	32-34
Harding:	7-21
Southern Arkansas:	7-15
Southwest Baptist:	14-10
West Alabama:	49-52
Henderson State:	35-28
<i>Season Record:</i>	6-4

Team members are **Front Row:** Jeremy Young, Keldrick Johnson, Jacob Harris, Jerry McNeil, Head Coach Todd Knight, Kyle Gardner, Drew Gardner, David Hollis, Brady King. **Second Row:** Kalby Ball, Nico Habbs, Karen Pruitt, Kendall Council, Cody King, David Smeat, Clayton Goree, Eli Cranor, Clinton Dewitt, Josh Langley, Phillip Supernaw, Travis Anderson, Adam Cooper, Troy Shoote, Blake Burkett, Chad Emmons, Terrence Garrett, Casey Cooper. **Third Row:** Jonathan Browning, Denszell Brown, A.J. Wilkins, Tyler George, Jaime Harris, Demarcus Collier, Jamerson Tolbert, Patrick Dukes, Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, Daniel McGhee, Ethan Brooks, Germaine Gilbert, Tyreese Prince, Landon Freeman, Dijon Benton, Nick Davis, Stoney Patton. **Fourth Row:** Jonathan Braune, Jason Brooks, Jason Fowler, Tony Malfer, Devin Ball, Alonzo Newton, Hollis Landreth, Ryan Gorman, Ugo Nkalari, Graham Cole, David Berg, Tyler Lokey, Quint Ashburn, Jacob Harris, Ja'Darius Dade, Matt Sawyer, Travis Yarbrough, Roy Richard. **Fifth Row:** Tron Ross, Germaine Gilbert, Aaron Epperson, E.J. Perrin, Jacob Raine, Austin Evans, Hunter Soper, Cory Goldbolt, Sam Henley, Kyle Smith, Michael DeYoung, David DeYoung, Benjamin English, Brian Griffith, Andrew Myers, Kyle Garner, Justin Kirst, Blayne Beene. **Sixth Row:** Andrew Sanchez, Taylor Masters, Jaime Harris, MacKenzie Wallace, Zach Penny, Peyton Tolliver, Dominick Thompson, Brett Reece, Patrick Thornton, Bryan Church, Taurus Williams, Michael Hoppell, Garrett Sykes, Westley Martin, Sam Dunnam, Alex Poole, Patrick Derby, Alex Cook, Mark Kelly, John Johnson, Brett Shackley, J.R. Eldredge, Frank Espy, Roy Thompson, Adam Green, John Keim. Photo courtesy of Alan Greenwood



Cheerleading Squad members are **Front Row:** Breona Aikins, Kaitlin Mayfield, Jill Mitchell, Jeno McCarty, Krystal Qualls; **Second Row:** Leah Harrington, Chelsy Lewis, Lauren Dewitt, Kelsey Kearney, Kelley Lester; **Back Row:** Tyler King, Abby Turner, Rod Arnold, Evelio Zapata.
 Photo by Wesley Kluck



During **Octiger Fest** activities, freshman Brittany Hughes sells Battle of the Ravine shirts at the cheerleaders' booth. The squad fundraised throughout the fall to prepare for their trip to nationals in the spring.
 Photo by Callie Stephens

EARNING RESPECT

by: Kelsey Kearney

It is was a joy to be involved in the spirit of athletics on campus: shirtless guys wearing body paint, rows of girls in club shirts that say "We Heart the Tigers," and alumni with future Tigers in tow. At center stage for all of this madness and loving support for Ouachita were the guys and girls involved in the OBU Spirit Squad.

In the past, according to former cheerleader Stephanie Glenn, a 2009 graduate and former captain, cheerleaders on campus "were not respected." However, getting a new coach last year, who continued his leadership, was what the program needed to stay on top.

Brian Bridges, a former Arkansas Razorback cheerleader, crafted the spirit squad with intense summer training, 5:45 a.m. practices, and a zero tolerance attitude.

"His leadership really kept the team motivated," said Captain Chelsy Lewis, a sophomore speech pathology major from Benton.

Sophomore Leah Harrington, a second year cheerleader from Lake Hamilton, said she enjoyed cheering for football the most.

"This year the crowd was bigger and better," Harrington said. "Having fan support not only helps us enjoy the games more, but it also helps the team do so much better."

As the year brought a bigger Tiger fan base, the squad faced much adversity and their numbers began to dwindle with the onset of the Cheerleading College National Championships.

The team was optimistic about competing after placing eighth in nationals last year, but the second time around proved a last battle. The squad had to drop three of its members the weekend before the 2010 Nationals, due to injury. Their whole routine had to be altered two days before departing for Florida.

"We had many ups and downs as a squad, but we kept our motivation and worked even harder to perform a solid routine," said Harrington.

They did not place at Nationals, but they were proud just to

have made it there with a routine they could be proud of, having learned it in one night.

"After all of the sweat and injuries, we pulled it off," said Evelio Zapata, a freshman Spanish major from Fort Worth, Texas. "If I could do it again, it wouldn't even pass my mind not to."

The squad was later able to live stress-free, as Nationals were held at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"Wow, I could not think of a better way to unwind and take my mind off of all that we had been through," said Lewis, very excitedly. "As the squad's leader, I reminded them that we were at the most magical place on Earth, and they should make the most of it."

Tamara Robinson, a sophomore business major from Little Rock, and member of the Lady Tiger Basketball team, offered a surprising, yet humorous take on how she saw the cheerleaders.

"As a spectator, I found myself yelling along with them, and even trying some of their moves," Robinson said. She began to laugh adding, "They made me want to be a cheerleader."

The cheerleaders began their season with football, running out from the tunnel on A.U. Williams Field on Saturdays, leading their Tigers out to prey. They cheered at every home game of the 2009-2010 seasons. Their season ended in the spring with basketball, as they cheered the men's and women's teams on multiple times a week, with no signs of losing spirit.

On the rise as a respected sport on campus, the OBU Spirit Squad had quite a year. They went to Nationals for the second time in the school's history, were able to bounce back with a solid routine despite injuries, and managed to entertain and motivate the home crowd and the home teams during the athletic seasons.

"Cheerleading brings a great bond between you and the student body," Zapata said. "The experience is even more amazing at a place like Ouachita. I didn't feel like we were cheering alone, but with our classmates all behind us."



Leah Harrington cheers on the Tigers at the Ravine game against Henderson State University. The game was held at A.U. Williams Field.
Photo by Callie Stephens



The spirit squad pumps up a crowd of students and alumni at the annual Octiger Fest. The squad helped boost support for the Homecoming game, in which the Tigers took on the Harding University Bison.

Photo by Callie Stephens

"Having fan support not only helps us enjoy the games more, but it also helps the team do so much better."

LEAH HARRINGTON



During pregame festivities, sophomore Chris Sumner performs a solo for "The Star Spangled Banner." Sumner performed the solo for every home football game.
Photo by Gary Gerber

Freshman saxophone player Bradley Lindsey leads the band onto the field before the Homecoming game. Each game, the marching band led the football team from the run through for pregame festivities.
Photo by Callie Stephens

ALL FOR THE **CROWD** by Whitney Crews

Nothing could deter Mr. Robert Hesse, director of athletic bands, from gearing up with students for another year of spirited half-time entertainment during Tiger football season. With support from family, staff and the student body at its highest in years, Hesse was confident that this would be another wonderful year for the marching band.

Featuring medleys from the 70s R&B band Earth, Wind & Fire, the band performed under the direction of drum major Emily Duncan. A senior instrumental music education major from Marion, Duncan described how important the audience was to their production. "We view being in the marching band as an act of service to our campus and community," Duncan said. "We work very hard to be able to provide the people around us with quality entertainment on Saturday afternoons."

With selections such as "Let's Groove," "Shining Star," "Rock That" and "Fantasy," and an incorporation from Tiger Blast "I Don't Care" by Fall Out Boy, it was easy to see that Hesse was considering the people who would be occupying the stands at each game. "The audience is a vital part of anything you do," Hesse said. "I ask myself, 'What can I do to draw people in? To get them enthralled in what they are hearing?' I am always looking for something different."

With numbers down slightly from last year after a change in curriculum, Hesse was apprehensive about the upcoming season. Worries soon dissipated however. "We were working with the students during a rebuilding year," Hesse said. "With only about 80 in the band I was a little concerned, but they were as strong as they ever were with a mature sound. Never underestimate the sound of the Ouachita band."

With the band's daily rehearsals, repetitious drill practices

and music memorization, a lack of enthusiasm would be likely to appear for some members. However, for senior Cami Jones, an early childhood education major from Mansfield, Texas, and self-appointed social director of the trumpet section, it was the roar of the crowd and the anticipation of performing that kept the energy high. "Ouachita's band is unique in that it is so relaxed," Jones said. "We want to look good and sound good, but it's all about fun. My favorite part of the season is the excitement of the tailgate, marching to the stadium with the crowd cheering, just that atmosphere."

Senior biology major Mike Kizzor from Danville, Calif., expressed the same feeling. "If I had to summarize the OBU band, I'd say we're passionate but relaxed. We love what we do and will devote everything we have to working for it."

Ask any of these seniors and they will tell you there was, as always, an unmistakable atmosphere of family and Tiger spirit among the members of the marching band. Perhaps it was the hours spent together perfecting the techniques of the "most exciting band in Tigerland," or maybe there was a general camaraderie that came from wearing the same bibbed, black and purple uniform.

"Musicians at OBU share a mutual respect for the hard work and dedication we see in each other," Duncan said. "It's as though all the hard work that the band does makes its members closer." In this way the members of the marching band shared their love of music and the Tigers with the crowd for mutual enjoyment.

"Hearing a crowd explode when you finish your piece is the most exciting and gratifying experience you can imagine," Kizzor said. "It's the reward for all the work you've put into the year, all the Friday afternoon practices, the sacrificing of study time to learn music and drill - it's all worth the sound of the cheering fans when you finish."



Feature: **twirler** Christina Albee, a senior from Missouri, performs her routine during the game. Albee was joined on the field this season by **twirler** Brandi Hull.
Photo by: Gary Gerber



Members of the trumpet and french horn lines gather for a medley of "Shining Star," "Get Away," and "Rock That" during a halftime performance. Black platform boxes were used to add depth and a "casual" feel to the performance.
Photo by: Gary Gerber

"We view being in the marching band as an act of service to our campus and community."
EMILY DUNCAN

REBUILDING CHAMPS

by *Melissa Richardson*

With yet another young team, 10 freshmen and sophomores, the Lady Tigers fought hard through a 14-21 season.

The year started off a little rocky winning only one out of the first five, losing to Northwest Missouri, Missouri-St. Louis, Alderson-Braaddus and Illinois-Springfield. The girls finally pulled out their first win of the season against Hendrix. "This season and last season really mirrored each other," said Head Coach Donny Prescott. "We got off to slow starts in early tournaments, and we had double digit wins in the second half of each season."

The Lady Tigers finished their season winning six out of their last 10. Three out of the last four were shutouts at a tournament held at Hendrix College. They defeated Westminster, Hendrix College and Central Baptist with ease.

Although the season did not turn out the way most had hoped, it helped lay the groundwork for upcoming seasons. "The hardest part for me as a coach was motivating the team to compete at their highest level every night," said Prescott. "On the occasions that everything did come together, this team was very exciting to watch play. These moments gave us great momentum and insight for the upcoming season."

Each match was close, and most of the time came down to the last game, which became frustrating for some of the girls. "The hardest thing for our team was winning a match. We were able to keep up with all the teams from our conference," said sophomore Libby Merritt, a kinesiology major from Conway, "and took many to

five games [including the best in conference, [Harding University]] but [we] could not pull out a win."

Even though the girls had a hard time winning on the court, off the court was a different story. "The highlight of my season was just becoming really close with all my teammates," said Kaitlyn Mitcham, a junior from Fort Worth, Texas. "This season was really tough but it brought us all together and made us closer." Rachel Settle, a senior from Garland, Texas, agreed, "My favorite thing about the team is the girls. We have some funny, amazing personalities and that always made it fun."

And that growing team chemistry will help the Lady Tigers in the long run. "I feel like next year is going to be our year. I felt like we all learned a lot and grew together and it will show next year," said Mitcham.

Merritt, Mitcham and Settle were among the top performers of this Lady Tiger team. Merritt led the team in kills with 246, averaging almost three per game, followed closely by Megon Askew, a freshman from Weatherford, Texas with 229 kills. Merritt and Askew also led the team in blocks with a combined total of 159. Allison Frizzell, a freshman defensive specialist from McKinney, Texas, was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the year with 463 digs. Settle was the second leading defensive player with 394 digs, and got her fair share of kills in with 163. Mitcham was top three when it came to kills with a total of 178, while contributing 70 digs on defense.



Lady Tiger team members celebrate following their victory over Hendrix College. The girls defeated the warriors 3-0 in their first home match of the season.

Photo by John Morgan



Sophomore Libby Merritt jumps for a spike. Merritt was named to the 2009 Preseason All-Gulf-South Conference Team.

Photo by John Morgan

"This season was really tough but it brought us all together and made us closer."

RAICHEL SETTLE

Scoreboard

Westminster: 3-0
 Hendrix: 3-0, 3-0
 Williams Baptist: 3-1
 Central Baptist: 3-0
 Henderson State: 0-3, 0-3
 Arkansas Tech: 0-3, 0-3
 Arkansas-Monticello: 2-3, 0-3
 West Alabama: 0-3, 0-3
 Christian Brothers: 2-3, 2-3
 Alabama-Huntsville: 3-1
 Harding: 0-3, 2-3
 John Brown: 2-3
 Lyon: 3-2
 Southern Arkansas: 3-0, 3-2
 Berry College: 3-1
 East Texas Baptist: 3-1
 Mary Hardin-Baylor: 3-0
 UT-Tyler: 3-0
 Texas A&M-Commerce: 0-3
 St. Edwards: 0-3
 TAMU-International: 3-0
 Colorado-Mines: 1-3
 SE Oklahoma State: 0-3
 Illinois-Springfield: 1-3
 Alderson-Broadus: 0-3
 Missouri-St. Louis: 0-3
 Northwest Missouri: 0-3
Season Record: 14-21



Volleyball Team members are **Front Row:** Stephanie Carrell, Lauren Stuart; **Second Row:** Anna Ryan, Jillian Jeffcoat, Allison Frizzell, Kaitlyn Mitcham; **Third Row:** Rachel Settle, Kristyn Hawk, Chloe Lowrance; **Back Row:** Lindsey Pry, Megan Askew, Kate Strom, Ashley Parker, Libby Merritt, Madison Scott.
 Photo by Wesley Kluck

Freshman Megan Askew spikes the ball in a match against Hendrix College. Askew was one of five freshmen to join the team.
 Photo by John Morgan.

Rwandan team member advances across the field as junior Victor Romero tries to defend. The match was one of friendly competition rather than serious conference play for the Ouachita team.

Photo by John Morgan



Senior Jarad Townsend and junior Alex Tonrey greet Valens Nteziyaremye prior to the game. Valens, a UALR student, witnessed the 1994 genocide that killed over one million innocent people in his country.

Photo by John Morgan

Junior John Mark Tohlen defends a Rwandan player during the charity event. The event raised over \$700 for the Bridge2Rwanda program.

Photo by John Morgan



PLAYING FOR A **CAUSE** by Breanne Goodrum

The team prepared with drills and warm-ups, anticipating the match that was about to take place. Soccer balls flew from one end of the field to the other; it was game time. As the coach called and the whistle blew, the team rushed to the sidelines to watch as the opposing team entered. Smiles were exchanged as the teams took their places on the field. This was not just a game; it was a mission, a cause.

Money was donated as students rushed into their places ready to cheer on their team and friends who were playing for the benefit of others; they were playing for one of their own. As the game began, students watched as sophomore Elisee Habimana started for the Bridge2Rwanda team. Created by Little Rock businessman Dale Dawson, Bridge2Rwanda, a non-profit charity, provides scholarships to top students in Rwanda hoping to better their country. Habimana, a sophomore, is one of the 75 students in Arkadelphia participating in this program.

"I admire Elisee for his hard work and intelligence. I appreciate his genuine desire to change his country," coordinator and junior chemistry major Kristen Glover from Stuttgart, said. "He has incredible strength and character, and I have no doubt that he will have huge influence in today's world. His dreams are colorful."

Although a success, the game took more than a simple notion, it took a coordinator. Glover, after hearing about the Rwandan students and their created soccer team, began to question the soccer coaches and players about involvement in her fundraiser. Her idea developed and she focused not only the cause and its

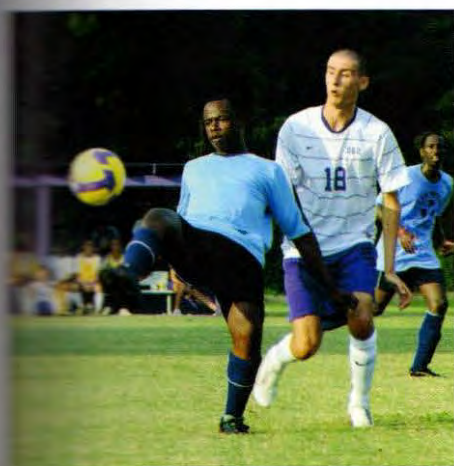
benefits, but her good friend Elisee to raise student awareness. After talking with colleagues and friends the game was set.

"She asked me about potentially playing the Bridge2Rwanda team in order to help promote their organization and raise funds," soccer coach Alex Denning said. "We had a few dates open that we could play and it would be a good chance for all of my guys to be able to get in and do good with their skills rather than just play the game."

After much anticipation, organizing and advertising, the date arrived. Soccer players warmed up and 200 students filled the sidelines after their second school day. Glover's project was finally in play. Soccer balls flew and cheers ignited the field every time Elisee Habimana received the ball. At halftime, the spectacle did not end as a penalty kick competition took place and Glover counted the donations.

"The fundraiser showed these students that there is a bigger world out there, people come from all over with so many different backgrounds and it is great to help out other people. While they asked for \$3 donations to get into the game, I think students came to see a cause and support their friends, not just to give," Denning said.

The game ended and as students left volunteers finished counting the donations reaching \$300. With the day closing, all volunteers received an invite to eat at Western Sizzlin along with good friend Elisee and the Rwandan team. The team gathered around the table for fellowship and fun as friends celebrated the victory of a cause.



Players exchange friendly handshakes and encouragement following the game. Although the Tigers defeated the Rwandan team, everyone was in good spirits due to the philanthropic nature of the event.
Photo by John Morgan

A Rwandan player kicks the ball past freshman Clayton Case. The fundraiser event, attended by over 200 students, was organized by junior Kristen Glover in honor of sophomore Elisee Habimana, a Rwandan native.
Photo by John Morgan

Scoreboard

Dallas Christian: 15-0
 Texas Wesleyan: 2-6
 Louisiana College: 6-0
 Palm Beach Atlantic: 1-4
 University of the Ozarks: 8-1
 North Alabama: 1-8
 LeTourneau: 1-2
 Alabama-Huntsville: 1-0
 Hendrix: 0-1
 West Florida: 0-10
 Delta State: 4-2
 Christian Brothers: 0-1
 West Georgia: 0-2
 Harding: 1-1
Season Record: 5-8-1



Women's Soccer Team members are **Front Row:** Haley Barron, Miranda Lytle, Beth Wendl, Haley Whisenhunt, Jody Person, Brittany Vick, Felicia Arnold; **Second Row:** Taylor Gay, Sarah McKimmey, Becca Shupe, Becca Cochrum, Alexandra Patterson, Kelly Harris, Lauren Denning; **Back Row:** Whitley Berry, Randi Wilson, Carrie Lieblong, Brittany Davidson, Mary Whisenhunt, Jessica Foster, Whitley Hoppe, Katie Cresswell, Head Coach Alex Denning.
 Photo by: Wesley Kluck.



After being kicked out of bounds, the ball is thrown in by sophomore Miranda Lytle. Lytle was one of four returning sophomores on the team.
 Photo by Jeff Harmon.

OVERCOMING *ODDS* by Sarah Glenn

The Lady Tigers overcame many obstacles and pushed past expectations. Along with being the underdog in most games, the team faced the challenge of welcoming 10 new freshmen.

"The team was young this season with only three seniors and no one older than a sophomore athletically," said Lauren Denning, assistant coach.

Early in the season, captain Haley Barron from Euless, Texas, one of the four seniors on the team, tore her ACL.

"Off the field we all got along and we have a lot of really solid, good girls," said Barron. "Because of them, I was able to make it through the season."

Also, as pre-season approached, the team did not have a goalkeeper. Keeper coach Robert Pinkston worked with newly recruited goalkeeper Whitley Hoppe. Although Hoppe had never played soccer before, she met the challenge and even earned conference player of the week during the season.

Seniors Felicia Arnold, Brittany Vick, Haley Barron and Rondi Wilson not only set a precedent of work ethic during practice and games, but also with character.

"[The seniors] are all very solid girls and put Christ first. The other girls seeing that realize it is something they want and it has helped grow the program in a great direction," said Coach Alex Denning.

The team not only faced the challenge of youth, but also the challenge of being the underdog in many games.

"We were not supposed to compete with some of the teams we played against, but we did. We beat some teams that we were not

suppose to," Coach Denning said. "The girls overcame a lot and did very well after we went through some rough spots."

Despite odds against them, the Lady Tigers exceeded expectations and fell only one win short, against Harding, from making the GCS post-season tournament.

"It was a challenge but we did it. In the end, we accomplished more than we ever thought and were just one game away from playoffs," said Beth Wendl, a sophomore from Dallas. The team ended the season at 5-8-1. Wendl led the team with 11 goals, scoring four in a 6-0 victory over Louisiana College. During much of the season, the Lady Tigers were ranked No. 1 in the nation for goals per game average.

A major game of the season was against highly ranked Alabama-Huntsville. With few subs and many injuries, the Tigers battled for over 107 minutes into double overtime before freshman Sarah McKimmey scored from outside the 18-yard box to claim the team's first conference win of the season.

"UAH ended up ranking third in conference, which just shows that we have the talent to fight for a spot in conference every year," Lauren Denning said.

Overcoming countless obstacles throughout the season, the Lady Tigers continued to work hard and bond as a team. Although the team did not join the men's team in the GCS tournament, Coach Denning considers the Lady Tigers' season victorious.

"We had girls that were great leaders as well as a large and talented freshmen class," said Coach Alex Denning. "The combination helped to make this season a success."



Sophomore captain Haley Whisenhunt prepares to trap the ball before taking it down field. Trapping with a technique drilled during practices. Photo by Jeff Harmon.



In the match against University of the Ozarks, sophomore captain Beth Wendl tries to get around a defensive player. The Tigers defeated the Eagles 8-1 in the match. Photo by Callie Stephens.

"The girls overcame a lot and did very well after we went through some rough spots."
COACH ALEX DENNING

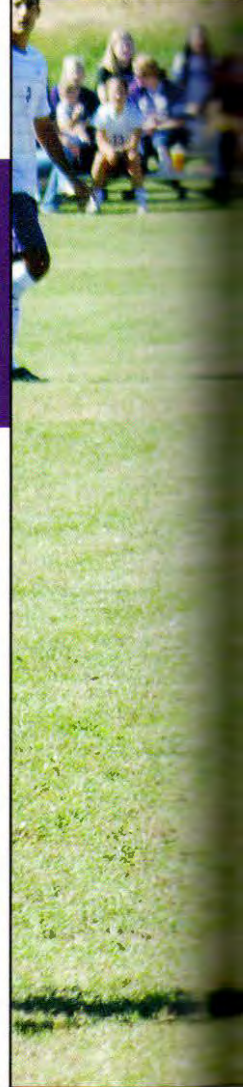


Trying to keep the Bison defense from regaining possession of the ball, freshman Tyler Humphrey kicks the ball from his path. Humphrey was one of 13 freshmen who joined the team.

Photo by Jeff Harmon

Freshman Rizvan Ceka moves the ball down field in the match against Harding University. Ceka led the team in points and goals, and was selected to the GSC First Team and named the GSC Freshman of the Year.

Photo by Jeff Harmon



THE TEAM THAT COULD,

DID

by: Hannah Clayton

After soccer almost being removed from Ouachita's athletic program, a short two seasons later the Tigers kicked and sweated their way to a never before achieved high. It was a historic season to top all previous seasons: for the first time in the team's history, the Tigers, with a 6-7 record for the season, made it to the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

"We had more talent that we've ever had," Head Coach Alex Denning said. "It's a very young team. We had 13 freshmen, but we also had returners who brought composure to the game. Luckily, the chemistry between the two worked out well."

Even before balancing books and the ball, demanding practices and demanding tests, the Tigers were working hard. With three practices per day in the Arkansas summer heat for most of August, the Tigers were on the field preparing for what they hoped to be a strong season.

"Before the season started, we decided to make it our goal to come out and play strong and make it to the Conference," said Jarad Townsend, senior and one of the four captains. "After two years in from reinstating soccer, we were ready to win."

The Tigers started off their 13-game season strong with a 3-0 shutout against Dallas Christian. After falling to Texas Wesleyan, John Brown and Palm Beach Atlantic, the Tigers dominated Louisiana College, Williams Baptist and LeTourneau.

With the season over halfway through, the Tigers knew they had a shot at making the GSC Tournament. It came down to the wire, and their hopes for the tournament were close within reach. The whole season rested upon the outcome of their final game of the season against their biggest rival—Harding.

"This was the game that was do or die," Denning said.

The Tigers came out ready. Freshman Poyom Pourjavad scored a goal in first 29 seconds of the second half to put the Tigers up 1-0 and set the pace for the rest of the game. Minutes later, junior Victor Romero put one in the net from an assist from Pourjavad increasing the lead to 2-0. Rizvan Ceka broke through late in the second half to put in two goals within two minutes—the first by an assist from senior Blake Mercer, and the second going solo by breaking through the Bison defense. A final victory of 4-0 sealed the deal for the Tigers. They were going to the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

"We were excited to have the opportunity to go to the Gulf South Conference," Ceka said.

With energy, motivation and talent fueling them, for the first time ever the Tigers packed their bags and headed to Pensacola, Florida, to play the top-seeded West Florida in the GSC Tournament.

The West Florida Argonauts started strong and put in two goals in the first 12 minutes of the first half. Late in the first half however, freshman Tyler Humphrey put one in the back of the net leaving the Tigers down only 2-1 at halftime. "Everyone was pretty much ready to fight after that," Denning said. "That got the guys motivated."

The Tigers came out on the attack in the second half, but the Argonauts were able to take advantage of the heavy offense and slip in two more goals before the end of the game with a final score of 4-1 Argonauts.

"Win or lose in the GSC Tournament, it was a huge accomplishment in and of itself," Denning said. "We've got a great bunch of guys, and I couldn't be more proud of their performance from beginning of the season to the end."



Junior Alex Tonrey goes for a steal against the Harding University defense. The game marked the climax of the season and ended with the Tigers winning the match and securing a spot in the GSC tournament.
Photo by Jeff Harmon



Scoreboard

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- Texas Wesleyan: 1-3
- John Brown University: 1-2
- Louisiana College: 6-0
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- Williams Baptist: 7-0
- LeTourneau: 2-1
- Alabama-Huntsville: 0-1
- West Florida: 0-5
- Delta State: 2-1
- Christian Brothers: 0-3
- Central Baptist: 1-2
- Harding: 4-0
- West Florida: 1-4

Season Record: 6-8

Men's Soccer Team members are **Front Row:** Jarod Townsend, Ben Pettigrew, Jason Cantwell, Zack Pinkston, John Lee, Ben Emanuel, Tyler Humphrey, Ben Smith; **Second Row:** Tyler Dennis, Victor Romero, John Mark Tohlen, Alex Tonrey, Reid Adkins, Payam Pourjavad, Barry McCaskill; **Back Row:** Robert Pinkston, Neal Ozmun, Rizvan Ceka, Sergiu Postalache, Daniel Johnson, Conner Burke, Clayton Case, Blake Howard, Blake Mercer, Jonathan Kauffman, Coach Alex Denning.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Monticello Invitational: 1st Place
Bob Grovett Invitational: 1st Place
Mulerider Invitational: 3rd Place
Lyon College Invitational: 1st Place
GSC Conference Meet: 8th Place



Cross Country members are **Front Row:** Hannah Howard; **Second Row:** Aubree Fry, Amona Boyce; **Third Row:** Kelsie Wilson, Sara Hanson; **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Mike Prince, Head Coach Mike McGhee.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

Senior Hannah Howard runs in the meet against Henderson State University. Howard was one of three seniors who helped lead the team for the season.
Photo by John Morgan



BECOMING *ONE* TOGETHER by: Julie Hagar

There are few experiences in life that compare to that of waking up even before the sun does, but the OBU cross country team has lived for it. Every morning, the girls woke up to a dew soaked ground and breathed in the crisp morning air, ready to run miles upon miles.

The women's cross country team participated in several meets this season including the Gulf South Conference meet, held in Hoover, Ala. The ladies finished eighth out of 15 teams for the conference meet as well as three first place finishes throughout the season. Hannah Howard, a senior from Nacogdoches, Texas, was the lead runner for the team, helping direct the Tigers into a winning season.

"Howard was a key runner this season. Not only was she a good runner, but an amazing person. She was always encouraging others, and keeping a good attitude which was refreshing for everyone on the team," said Kelsie Wilson, a freshman from Batesville.

The team didn't just concentrate on winning meets, but on becoming a more unified set. After losing some runners early in the season, the team was able to connect and focus on encouraging one another and taking on one meet at a time.

"We were able to go to Alabama this year, which is a seven hour bus ride. The whole way there, all of the girls just laughed and became closer, while still concentrating on what we were going to do in Alabama," said Boyce.

The team started out with eight runners for the season, but soon dropped to four. Two girls were able to join the cross country team at the last minute so that the Tigers could compete at conference. Whitley Hoppe, a Junior from Montgomery, Texas and Sarah

Hanson, a junior from Tyler, Texas, joined the team to help them place eighth at the conference meet.

"That is definitely one of the highlights of my entire season. Having Whitley and Sara join us for our last meet was definitely a much needed blessing," said Wilson.

With a season of shortages, the Lady Tigers overcame. "I felt this team accomplished more with less talent of teams in the past. This group of young ladies met with more adversity and still found a way to compete," said Coach Mike McGhee.

With each meet came a different strategy and McGhee knew to look ahead. "We approached each race differently. It may have depended on the teams there, or we may have focused more on the structure of the course itself, but the girls were always well prepared to win the race," said McGhee.

For the season, the Lady Tigers finished first in three meets which were the Monticello Invitational, Bob Gravett Invitational, and the Lyon College Invitational. The team also finished third in the Mulerider Invitational and eighth at the conference meet.

Daily nutrition habits, practicing in the early hours of the morning, and even mental willpower helped these girls conquer what many didn't think they could. They were determined to prove that they could compete on a strong level with few runners.

The season had a lot of surprises, but the Lady Tigers handled the cards they had been dealt with in a positive way. With a new level of excitement and determination, they were looking ahead to see what the future brings them, and using what they learned from this season to set new goals.

"I know we're young, but we have heart, and with that kind of combination, nothing will stop us," said Wilson.



OBU and HSU runners near the end of the finish line. The Gravett Invitational was held on Ouachita Mountain.

Photo by John Morgan



Waiting for the whistle, team members ready their watches to keep track of their progress along the run. The team placed eighth in the GSC meet. Photo by John Morgan

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KELSIE WILSON

Junior Gabby Coleman presses past a Lady Reddie in the away Battle of the Ravine game at HSU. Coleman led the team in scoring with 448 points for the season.
Photo by Callie Stephens



Lady Tigers shake hands with the Henderson State Lady Reddies after the home court Battle of the Ravine. The girls lost the game 76-79 after a close game of play.
Photo by Callie Stephens

Sophomore guard A'Laeshia Adams runs through a UAM defensive player in Bill Vining Arena. Adams led the team in successful free throws, with 131 shots made, and successful three-point shots, with 49 shots made.
Photo by Callie Stephens



STRONG LEADERSHIP

by: Haley Griffin

The Lady Tigers may not have had the Cinderella season of the year before, but the season certainly had its success stories. "As a team we had some ups and downs," said junior kinesiology major and guard Gabby Coleman. The Lady Tigers were a very young team. They returned this year losing only three seniors from the prior year. So, most of the talent was back.

The Lady Tigers pulled away with a 13-14 record, going 5-9 in the GSC conference. "The GSC conference is a really tough conference to compete in and has been for years," said Graduate Assistant Kim Beverly.

Leadership was key to a team and the Lady Tigers found senior leadership in Angela Colliver and Melissa Richardson, the only four year veterans of the team. "It was tough to replace the leadership we had the previous year but I feel like we came together as a team mid-season," said senior business major and post Angela Colliver. They also had to get to know each other and get used to how well they played together. "We have worked on building our team chemistry. From road trips to game days to late and early practices, we have grown closer together as a basketball family," said Colliver.

The Lady Tigers kept a steady winning streak through the first half of the season. They had a bit of an advantage having the majority of their games on their own court, although they did have a lot of traveling once they did hit the road. Having such a young team, road trips proved to be a little intimidating and rough on new players.

An advantage to having a young team is they have a lot to look forward to the next four years as these players progressed. "I think these girls have

so much potential and I hope that they continue to learn and grow together become one unit," said Colliver.

The Lady Tigers did well throughout the conference but one game that stood out was against the rivals across the street, Henderson. The first meeting was at Bill Vining Arena. The Lady Reddies pulled away with a 76-79 win against the Lady Tigers. "It was a big upset because that is one of the goals every year to not let Henderson beat us on our own court," said Colliver. The next meeting against HSU would be a different story. It was a must win for the Lady Tigers. If Henderson beat them the Lady Reddies were likely heading the conference tournament.

"I wanted to beat them on their court since earlier in the season they had won ours," said Coleman. The game came to a bitter end where both teams were calling time outs and setting up special plays. It was the game that basketball players dream about. Gabby Coleman's dream came true that night. As the last seconds counted off the clock with the Lady Tigers down, A'Laeshia Adams headed down the court with the ball and gave Coleman an assist at the left three point line. She pulled up and scored and the Lady Tigers won the game 79-77. "I have never made a last second shot to win the game before. It was awesome," said Coleman.

The Lady Tigers ended the season with several individual awards. Terrell Robinson and Melissa Richardson were named to the GSC winter all-conference team. Gabby Coleman was named GSC women's basketball second team player while A'Laeshia Adams was named GSC player of the week.



Quachita's Basketball Team members are **Front Row:** Shannon Bennings, Gobby Coleman; **Second Row:** Blair Jordan, Lydia Fincher, Kaitlyn Bennett; **Back Row:** Beulah Osueke, Shatelia Walker-Scott, Sarah Pugh, Tamara Robinson, Breana Dillard, Lauren Kollmorgen, Kaitlyn Collier, Melissa Richardson, Maranda Parker, A'Laeshia Adams, Domino Miller.
 Photo by Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Harding: 60-70, 62-76
 Henderson State: 79-77, 76-79
 Southern Arkansas: 91-85, 80-78
 Arkansas Tech: 72-92, 74-78
 Arkansas Monticello: 67-69, 66-61
 Christian Brothers: 87-68, 62-65
 Delta State: 37-73, 60-71
 Southeastern Oklahoma State: 79-87
 West Alabama: 78-65
 West Georgia: 72-55
 Southwest Baptist University: 69-72
 Ecclesia: 80-57
 Newman: 76-59
 St. Mary's (Texas): 48-56
 Lambuth: 70-91
 Incarnate Word: 59-58
 North Alabama: 86-67
 Alabama-Huntsville: 69-66
 Philander Smith: 100-70
 Tougaloo: 70-79

Season Record: 13-14

Scoreboard

Harding: 71-72, 58-79
 Henderson State: 81-73, 80-52
 Southern Arkansas: 69-64, 62-66
 Arkansas Tech: 61-71, 65-74
 Arkansas Monticello: 40-69, 48-60
 Christian Brothers: 59-54, 51-58
 Delta State: 77-84, 62-67
 Texas A&M Commerce: 59-62, 59-66
 West Alabama: 58-51
 West Georgia: 66-80
 Dallas Christian: 83-75
 Central Baptist: 81-66
 College of the Ozarks: 72-79
 North Alabama: 75-83, 64-90
 St. Edwards: 64-79
 Drury University: 51-78
 Incarnate World: 79-72
 Alabama - Huntsville: 50-56
Season Record: 8-19



Basketball Team members are **Front Row:** Austin Mitchell, Julian LaDay, Landon Parker, Keilan Stittiams, Head Coach Mark Price, Corey Morrow, Jeremy Banks, Reggie Britton, ; **Back Row:** Belford Williams, Josh Raine, Miles Monroe, Bryce Miracle, Scott Day, Emmanuel Engulu, Olden Jordan, Assistant Coach Sean Rutigliano.
 Photo by Wesley Kluck

Senior Belford Williams takes a shot in Bill Vining Arena in the game against UAM. Williams, who led the team in field goals made, rebounds and blocked shots, was one of only two seniors.
 Photo by Callie Stephens



HIDDEN SUCCESS

by: Josh Fink

The men's basketball team had a season full of ups and downs en route to an overall record of 8-19. One of those losses came against Drury University by a final score of 78-51, one of the biggest deficits that the team would suffer all year. The team proved that they were not one to lie down though, when they were able to compete strongly against the No. 1 team in the nation, Arkansas Tech, only losing by a final score of 74-65. Although they didn't finish with the best record in the Gulf South Conference, according to head coach Mark Price, this season was a huge success.

"We took a lot of steps in the right direction," said Price. "We are on the right path to where we want to go and we are very pleased with the progress that we made as a team." The Tigers were able to prove themselves as a competitor against some of the top competition in division II. The first key game for them was their loss to Delta State by a score of 67-62. The biggest turning point though was a conference win in which the team was able to defeat Christian Brothers at Bill Vining Arena by a final score of 59-54 going into the second half of their conference schedule. They finished the season with a one point loss to Harding at Bill Vining Arena in which Harding was able to hit the game winning shot with nine seconds left on the clock. Their final conference record in the Gulf South Conference was 4-10, but other than two of the losses, the team did not lose one of those games by more than 12 points. "I think finishing the season on a high note was a strongpoint for the team," Rutigliano said. "Once the guys saw how good we could be, they really started believing in our team."

As mentioned before, two of the four wins that occurred in conference play were achieved against rival school Henderson State in the Battle of the Ravine. The Tigers won the first game 80-52 at home. When they played at Henderson, the game was much closer, but the Tigers were able to pull out the win with a final score of 81-73. "Winning the season series with Henderson was huge for the team," said Franklin Featherston, the freshman student assistant from Searcy, Arkansas. "It helped build confidence and momentum for the team late in the season."

Even though the team only had two seniors and two juniors, the one

sophomore and six freshmen on the team were all able to step up in their own ways and create a cohesive unit that was able to play together as well as any team in the Gulf South Conference. "The atmosphere around the players was very positive this season," Price said. "It was very energetic and our kids like each other and get along very well. They have good camaraderie together."

Belford Williams, a senior speech communications major from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, came into the season as by far the oldest player on the team at the age of 25. Williams led the team in rebounds, with a total of 173. This is very impressive considering that Williams stands at 6'5 tall, shorter than many other players in the conference. Williams also led the team in blocks and shooting percentage and was second on the team in steals with 32 blocks, a 60.7 field goal percentage and 26 steals. The Tigers were led in scoring by Scott Day, a junior from Highlands Ranch, Colorado, who finished with a total of 259 points on the season. "Coach told me I needed to be a leader on the floor and not seclude myself," said Williams. "Coach challenged me. It was a personal challenge from my coach and I had to fulfill it."

Overall, the team grew a lot over the course of the season. They worked together and through it all they formed relationships with coaches and other players. The team is only losing two players to graduation, those being Williams and Josh Raine, a business administration major from Little Rock, Arkansas. They started off slow but were able to pick up some key wins against some of the toughest competition in the nation. As previously mentioned, the key wins during the season were the win over Christian Brothers late in the conference schedule and the series sweep of the rival Henderson State University Reddies. These wins were pivotal and led to a chance at the conference tournament, even though the Tigers were not able to capitalize on this opportunity due to a combination of unfortunate occurrences.

"It was a year of ups and downs, but toward the end of the season we were able to end on a high note," Rutigliano said. "The biggest thing is when you are able to bring a group of guys together and as the year progresses they really learn to enjoy each other."



Junior **Scott Day** presses past a Henderson player in the home game against the Reddies. The Tigers defeated the Reddies 81-73. Photo by **Callie Stephens**



Sophomore guard **Reggie Britton** goes up for a shot against the Henderson defense. Britton was the only sophomore on the team, and scored 167 points for the season. Photo by **Callie Stephens**

"We are on the right path to where we want to go and we are very pleased with the progress we have made as a team."

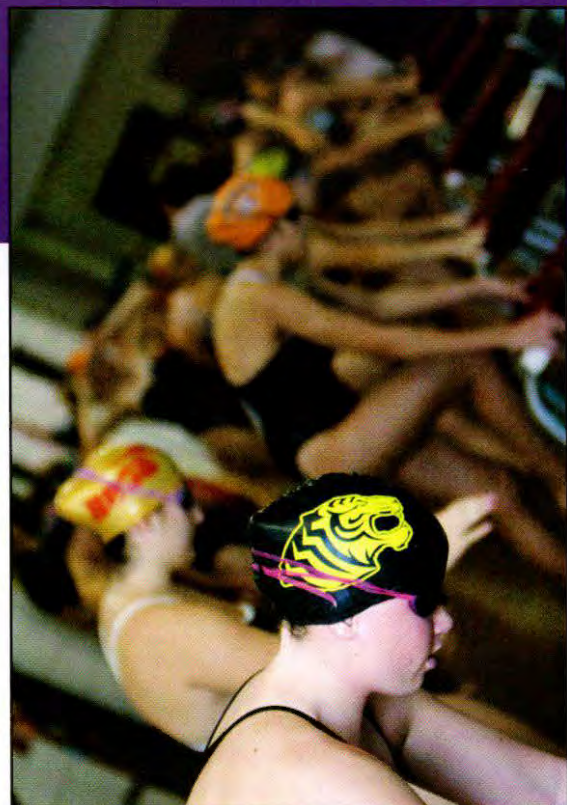
HEAD COACH MARK PRICE

Senior Summer Morris dives to begin a race at the Henderson State Invitational. The Lady TigerSharks placed second behind Henderson in the meet.
Photo by John Morgan



Ksenia Gromova, a sophomore from Kostrama, Russia, swims in the Henderson meet. Gromova was one of two international students on the women's swimming and diving team.
Photo by William Wood

Sophomore Kelly Johnson and team members prepare for a freestyle swim in the Henderson State Invitational. Sophomore Megan Young and senior Summer Morris led the team to a second place win.
Photo by William Wood



EXCEPTIONAL **EFFORT**

by Amy Lynn Wentz

As their team saying goes, "we train together, we compete together, we succeed together." Such was the story for the Lady TigerSharks.

With a team stacked full of underclassmen, the Lady TigerSharks set the foundation for years to come with the ability to compete at the highest level during conference and NCAA competition.

"This year was a very solid year for our ladies considering our numbers," said Head Coach Ryan Killackey. "The girls were able to improve throughout the year in regards to their times, efforts and abilities to succeed in the meets and in practice."

At the New South Intercollegiate Conference Championships, the Lady TigerSharks finished in fourth place overall with 524 points behind conference champion Truman State University (923.5).

Ouachita was led by top individual performances by a trio of Lady TigerSharks. Sophomore Megan Young, an early childhood education major from Bryan, Texas, recorded a first place finish in the 1000-yard free, along with second place finishes in the 500-yard free, 200-yard IM and 1650-yard free.

"What was different about this season was that we really came together as a team, and it was the focus of the entire year. It brought us closer together," Young said.

Sophomore Ksenia Gramova, a Russian major from Kostrama, Russia, put together a first place finish in the 100-yard butterfly, as well as second place finishes in the 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley (IM). Junior Katie Patterson, a history major from San Antonio, Texas, added a first place finish to the team's

record in the 400-yard IM.

Ouachita took home first place honors in the 200-yard medley relay with a team of Gromova, Patterson, freshman Svitlana Smirnova, a business administration/finance major from the United Kingdom, and senior Summer Morris, a psychology major from Tyler, Texas, while the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Young, Patterson, Smirnova and Gromova finished second. "Not only did the relay qualify me for nationals and set the tone for the meet, but it was the first 1st place finish I have had at conference, which made my senior year especially memorable," Morris said. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Ouachita finished second with Gramova, Patterson, Young and junior Ruth Megli, an early childhood education major from Enid, Okla.

"Compared to most teams with 20+ swimmers, we had a small number," Killackey said. "We were able to put it together. We have the quality. The quantity is what we had to overcome."

At the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships at Canton, Ohio, Ouachita finished in 18th place overall with 59.5 points. The highest individual performance went to Gromova with a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.59. The Lady TigerSharks also recorded top-20 finishes in the 400-yard IM, as Patterson finished 11th, while Gromova finished 11th in the 200-yard butterfly. The 800-yard Freestyle relay team of Young, Patterson, Smirnova and Gromova finished 13th overall.

"The girls had the work ethic to achieve greatness," Killackey said. "Overall, our efforts were exceptional."



Scoreboard

Drury State: 64-172
 Delta State: 96-127
 UALR Invitational: 2nd
 HSU: 87-149, 115-119
 HSU Invitational: 2nd
 NSISC Meet: 2nd
 Conference Championship: 4th
 National Meet: 18th

Women TigerShark team members include: **Front Row:** Svitlana Smirnova, Kelli Caldwell, Chelbi Smith, Megan Young, Sarah Davis, Megan Rishel and Summer Morris; **Back Row:** Sarah Bennet, Ksenia Gromova, Ruth Megli, Kelly Johnson, Katie Patterson, Anni Clark, Kaitlin Ragan and Jessica Wasmund.
 Photo by Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Drury State: 103-138

Missouri S&T: 85-120

Delta State: 147-86

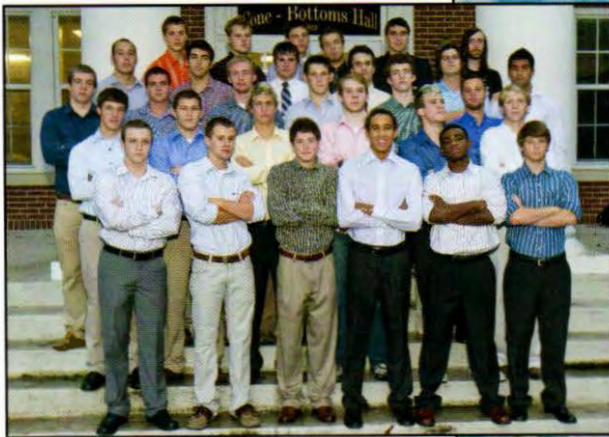
UALR Invitational: 1st

HSU: 116-121, 128-131

HSU Invitational: 1st

NSISC Conference Championship: 2nd

National Meet: 5th



TigerShark team members are: **Front Row:** Nathan Bercaw, Austin Farr, Martin Stevens, Marcus Schlesinger, Carl Thomas, Douglas Distanofano; **Second Row:** Tyler McCarley, Daniel Karkaska, Kanton Scott, Jake McLain, Carl Johnson, Harrison Tomlinson; **Third Row:** Austin Lindsey, Travis Ball, John Ragland, Tim Ferris, Matt Pope, Nelson Silva; **Fourth Row:** Jacob Osborn, Jacob Ramaly, Kyle Bartlett, Razvan Gaga, Kyle Tilley, Joseph Caudill; **Back Row:** Kristian Krc, Nick Bass, Austin Teague, Will Wood, Radu Badalac, Chris Hull.

Photo by Wesley Kluck

Senior Kyle Tilley swims in a 400 yard consolation event at the Henderson State Invitational. Tilley clocked a time of 25.18 seconds in the event.

Photo by John Morgan



NATIONAL SUCCESS by Josh Fink

The men's swimming team wrapped up a successful season on March 13 when they traveled to Canton, Ohio, to participate in the NCAA championship meet. The Tiger Sharks finished fifth overall, with strong performances by multiple swimmers.

"To finish fifth at nationals was a great experience," said Daniel Karkoska, a junior from Bryant. "It was my third time attending the national championship swim meet and was another top five finish. It was great to succeed as a team. We had a few wins including two relays and one individual event which increased the pride I have for my team. Finishing fifth was like icing on the cake after having an amazing meet and season."

The TigerSharks were led by five seniors, all contributing in their own ways, and according to head coach Ryan Killackey, all will be missed next year.

"It is always very hard to lose your seniors to graduation," said Killackey. "It will be very difficult to achieve the same success as this year without them."

The biggest contributing factor on the team was actually not the seniors, but instead the freshmen. The Tiger Sharks had a total of 14 freshmen swimming for them, with a couple of those going on to compete at the national meet.

"It is a very big advantage to have so many returning guys next year," Killackey said. "At this point we have a lot of guys who have a chance to step up and prove themselves as leaders both in the pool and out of it."

Although they did go on to compete at the NCAA national meet, it could not have happened without the momentum the team

built during the season. The team started off slow but went on to win their meets later in the season in a dominating fashion.

"I could compare this year's team with a freight train," said Radu Badalac, a senior from Bucuresti, Romania. "It takes a while to get it going, but once it goes, it is hard to stop. What made the 'train' really move, was the UALR Christmas meet. That was, in my opinion, a good indicator of how the season would be."

One of the most important factors for a winning team is how well they interact with each other. If a team does not compete well as a unit, it can cause many problems. Killackey does not think working together was a problem for the TigerSharks.

"This group is a family," Killackey said. "It is evident in practice and competitions how close knit all of these guys are. They are willing to do whatever it takes to succeed and that is a big part of our fifth place finish at nationals."

Overall the TigerSharks finished this season successfully. They finished second at their conference meet, finished with national championships in multiple events, were able to place fifth overall in the national meet and also had 11 All-Americans. For any team with 14 freshmen, that would almost be considered impossible. The most important thing in the end is success, and the TigerSharks were able to achieve that under the direction of Killackey.

"Since Coach Killackey took control of the swim program, he kept emphasizing 'we work as a team, compete as a team, succeed as a team'," Badalac said. "We have been able to apply that, throughout the whole season. I believe that those were important goals, and the good results are coming naturally from them."

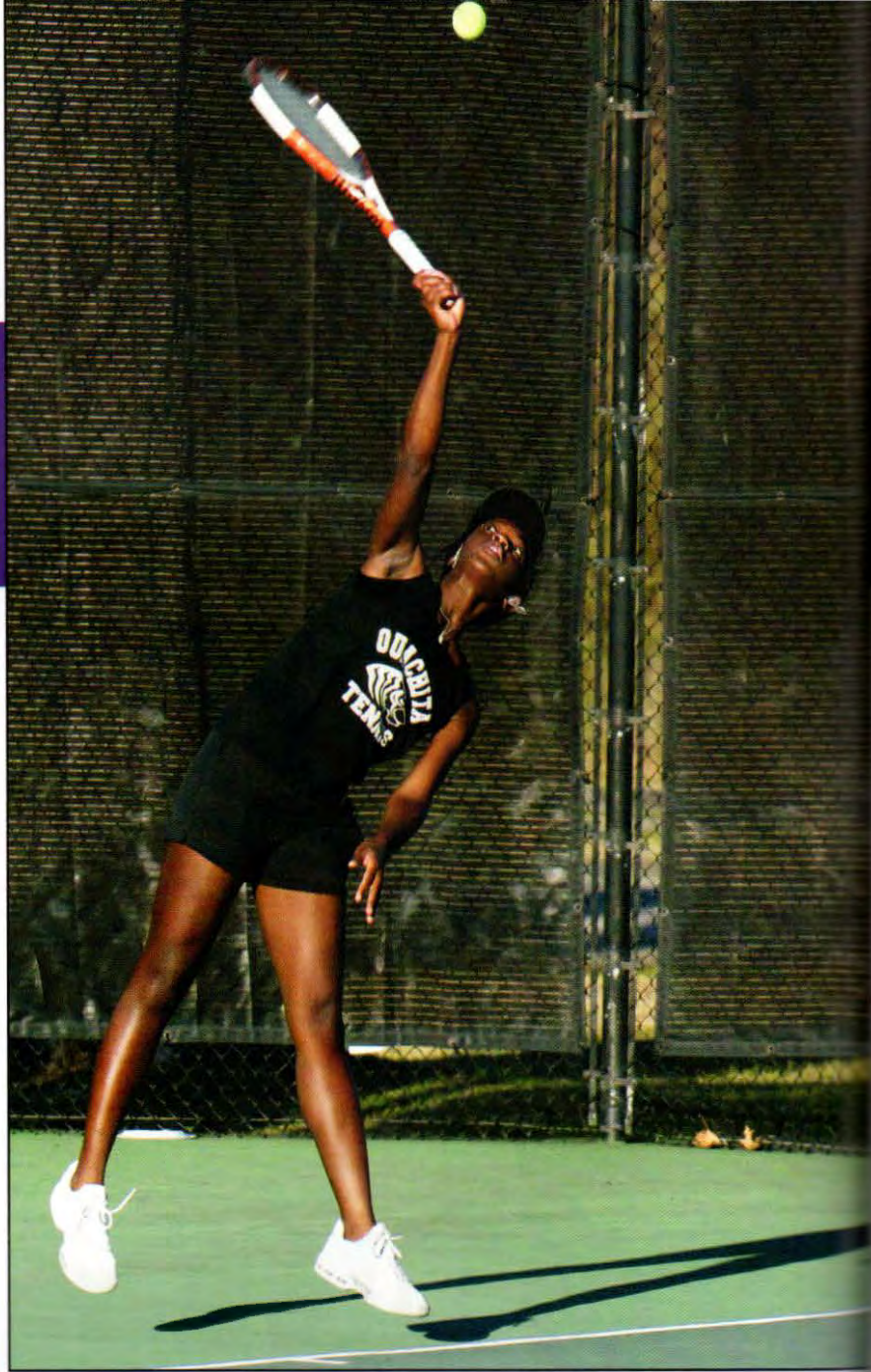


Freshman Carl Thomas swims the 100 yard butterfly consolation round in the Henderson State Invitational. Thomas placed fifth in the event.
Photo by Will Wood

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RADU BADALAC

After the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in Canton, Ohio, senior Radu Badalac receives his trophy for third place in the 100 yard freestyle. The TigerSharks placed fifth after the four days of competition.

Photo by Will Wood



Thoko Zulu delivers the serve during a home match. The Zimbabwe native was a senior on the tennis team.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Scoreboard

Tarleton State:	1-8
Drury:	0-9
Oklahoma Christian:	0-9
Northeast Ok. State:	0-9
Southwest Baptist:	2-7
Christian Brothers:	9-0
Delta State:	0-9
Southern Arkansas:	9-0
Arkansas Tech:	2-7
Univ. Ark.-Fort Smith:	3-6
Arkansas Tech:	3-6
Harding:	2-7
Delta State:	0-9
Henderson State:	3-6

Season Record 2-12



Women's Tennis Team members are: Lilia Sokolova, Mariana Divardin, Thoko Zulu, Megan Ruggles, Annie Gerber, Samantha Tavu Fa, Katie Potts.
photo by: Wesley Kluck

Senior Tavu Fa returns a volley during GSC play. Fa teamed up with Mariana Divardin to finish 9-5 in doubles play.
photo by: Kara Humble



Senior Katie Potts practices her form at the Heflin Tennis Center. The center was open for students and the public.
photo by: Callie Stephens



PULLING THROUGH

by: Alan Greenwood

According to Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." For Ouachita, the record didn't fully indicate the measure of progress for the 2010 women's tennis team.

Playing a tough non-conference and competitive Gulf South Conference schedule, Ouachita was challenged against some of the best talent in the South Region.

After starting the season at 0-5, the Lady Tigers put together a 9-0 decisive victory over Christian Brothers on Feb. 27. Led by 6-0, 6-0 shutout wins from senior Tavu Fa, junior Mariana Divardin and junior Annie Gerber in singles play, Ouachita also picked up their first Gulf South Conference win. Freshman Lilia Sokolova also recorded a 6-0, 6-1 singles victory and teamed with Gerber for an 8-1 doubles triumph. Teammates Divardin and Fa also were victorious in doubles play with an 8-0 shutout.

After dropping a match to Delta State to even the GSC record to 1-1, Ouachita again provided a shutout victory against a conference opponent in Southern Arkansas, 9-0 on March 2. In the No. 1 doubles spot, Divardin and Fa provided an 8-0 victory, while senior Katie Potts and Sokolova won the No. 2 doubles match with an 8-3 score and Ouachita won the final doubles matchup via forfeit.

In singles play, Divardin won the No. 1 spot with a 6-4, 6-0 victory, while Potts and junior Megan Ruggles provided shutout wins, 6-0, 6-0. Teammates Fa and freshman Samantha Street each provided

victories in the No. 4 and No. 5 spots.

The pair of victories over Christian Brothers and Southern Arkansas would be the only wins all season for Ouachita, finishing at 2-12 overall and 2-6 in GSC play.

On three different occasions, the Lady Tigers lost tough 6-3 matches, as Divardin and Fa each won the opening No. 1 doubles spot, only to see the victory slip away in singles play. Against Arkansas Tech and Henderson State, the Lady Tigers won a pair of matches in the top singles flight, but couldn't compete in the middle of the lineup. "We didn't shy away from tough competition because tough competition only makes us better," Coach Betsy Danner said. "We didn't look at the win-loss statistics because realistically if we didn't beat everyone we came up against we were not likely to win the GSC Championship again like we did in 2003 and 2004. So we'll keep working hard and playing tough teams to help us get better."

While team success was harder to come by, several individual performances stood out for the team, including newcomer Street finishing the season with a 6-4 record in singles action, while Divardin and Fa each finished with a 9-4 record in doubles play.

According to Street, "Being on the Ouachita Women's Tennis team this past season gave me an opportunity to play with some great girls and to be a part of a team again. I enjoyed being able to play on a higher level of tennis and getting a chance to play the sport I know and love."

LEAVING BEHIND A *LEGACY*

by Alan Greenwood

When you reach a pinnacle of success, you want to annually compete with the nation's best. In this process of facing elite competition, you eventually mirror the success you face and your program begins to play at such a high level that nothing less than a National Championship is acceptable.

For the Ouachita Baptist men's tennis team, such is everyday life, as the Tigers again finished the season among the nation's best in Division II with an 18-3 record.

Among the three losses during the 2010 season, all three were to national championship participants that advanced to the 2010 Division II Men's Tennis National Championship match in national champ Barry and national runners-up Valdosta State.

After a 9-0 start to the regular season, Ouachita's first loss of the season came at the hands of No. 2 Valdosta State (21-2) on March 14, 7-2.

Ouachita then went on to win six-straight, recording a 5-0 record during spring break, including 5-4 victories over then-No. 8 Florida Southern and Barry. After defeating Barry (25-4), 5-4, on March 24, the Tigers finished the regular season unblemished to earn their seventh-straight Gulf South Conference West Division Men's Tennis crown.

The Tigers then advanced to the GSC Tournament, knocking off Alabama-Huntsville, 5-0, and West Florida, 5-2, during the first two rounds of action. However, for the third consecutive season, it was Valdosta State who took home the GSC Championships crown, 5-1.

When the NCAA Championships began, Ouachita traveled to Miami Shores, Fla., as the No. 1 seed in the South Region No. 2 tournament. After a first round bye, the Tigers took down then-No. 8 Florida Southern, 5-2, in the second round to advance to the regional final to face a familiar

opponent in Barry. The quest for the program's first national title ended when Ouachita lost to eventual national champion Barry, 5-0, in the South No. 2 Region final.

For many teams around the country, the difficulty doesn't come in regional play, while the Tigers were forced to advance from a South Region that featured seven of the top nine schools in the nation.

"Team chemistry is a big factor in our success," Ouachita Head Coach Craig Ward said. "I try to keep things fun and non-competitive inside the team. That being said, each team and year is different and there is no cookie-cutter model."

For the fifth consecutive year, No. 4 Ouachita Baptist swept the Gulf South Conference Men's Tennis West Division awards, as sophomore Jean Charles Diame was named the 2010 GSC West Division Player of the Year and freshman Tobias Kuhlmann was selected as the 2010 GSC Freshman of the Year. Diame marked the seventh-straight player to take home the award for Ouachita and finished the season as the No. 8 singles player in the country with a 17-2 record. Kuhlmann was the sixth-straight player to win the award for the conference's best newcomer with a 14-1 singles record and teamed up with junior Till Heilshorn to compile a 15-5 doubles record and No. 25 national ranking. Along with Diame, senior Jan Plewinski, sophomore Pierre Tafelski and Heilshorn were all named to the 2010 All-GSC West Division squad. Plewinski finished the season at No. 26 in singles action, while Heilshorn ended the season at No. 34 and Tafelski at No. 43.

"Each team leaves a legacy. This group will be remembered for setting aside personal differences and maintaining their focus until the end. We overcame a lot of obstacles and really played some great tennis," said Ward.

Scoreboard

Arkansas-Pine Bluff: 9-0
Harding: 9-0
Southwest Baptist: 8-1
Oklahoma Christian: 6-3
Delta State: 5-0
Drury: 7-2
Christian Brothers: 9-0
Delta State: 7-2
West Florida: 6-3
Valdosta State: 2-7
Florida Southern: 5-4
Rollins: 7-2
Barry: 5-4
St. Leo: 8-1
Florida Tech: 9-0
Harding: 9-0
Alabama-Huntsville; GSC Championships: 5-0
West Florida; GSC Championships: 5-2
Valdosta State; GSC Championships Final: 1-5
Florida Southern; NCAA Championships: 5-2
Barry; NCAA Championships: 0-5

Season Record: 18-3



Men's Tennis Team members are **front row:** Till Heilshorn, Jean Charles Diame, Coach Craig Ward, Christian Ceparu, Satoshi Gada. **Back row:** Jan Plewinski, Tobias Kuhlmann, Daniel Moser, Pierre Tafelski.

photo by: Wesley Kluck



GSC West Player of the Year sophomore Jean Charles Diame displays his back hand shot. Diame ranked at number eight nationally in singles action.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Satoshi Goda and freshman Daniel Moser practice during a fundamentals session. Moser went 17-2 in singles action in both the number five and number six positions.
photo by: Neal Ozmun



Senior Cole Fisher works on his form during a practice session. Fisher led Ouachita with a two-round total of 145 at the Derrall Foreman Invitational. *photo by: Callie Stephens*



SEARCHING FOR **DEPTH**

by: *Tanner Huffman*

With two starting members graduating and one transferring, the Ouachita golf team had to search for depth in their team and look ahead with confidence for success in the upcoming seasons.

"We had good talent on our top five but we didn't have much depth besides them," said Cole Fisher, a junior business administration major from Hot Springs.

In the fall, the team participated in the Bison Fall Golf Classic hosted by Harding University in Searcy. Sophomore Tanner Simon led the team with scores of 73 and 75, helping the junior varsity team place 13th overall.

"I really wanted to come out of the gate on fire," said Simon, a sophomore chemistry major from Denton, Texas. "I put in two great rounds of golf and it was a great way to kick off my sophomore season."

On Sep. 22, the team traveled to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, for the Northeastern State Golf Classic, where they placed 10th. The team put forth a strong effort in the Derrall Foreman Invitational to finish seventh overall in the tournament. Fisher led the team in the tournament with a combined score of 145. Seniors Rob Greer and Dax Demaree contributed as well, with scores of 146 and 153.

"We performed decently in tournaments partly due to the fact that we all got along fairly well," said Demaree, a senior chemistry major from Dexter, Missouri. "We showed great team unity."

The team kicked off the spring season with a ninth place finish

in the Doyle Wallace Classic held at the Hot Springs Country Club on Feb. 22. Pottsboro, Texas, was the next stop for the Tigers as they participated in the Crawford-Wade Invitational hosted by Texas A&M-Commerce, finishing seventh. Demaree led the team with a two-round score of 157, and finished 17th in the individual rankings.

"It felt good to finish on top," Demaree said. "My golf experience here has been great and I'm glad to have had an opportunity that many people never get to receive."

On March 15, the Tigers hosted the Ouachita Baptist Invitational at DeGray Lake Resort and Golf Course. The two-day tournament ended with the Tigers in third place.

The team traveled to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on Mar. 29 for the North Alabama Spring Classic, where they finished 17th in the two-day tournament. To end their season, the Tigers ventured to Hot Springs Country Club for the Gulf South Conference Golf Championships on April 19. The Tigers placed ninth in the tournament with a total score of 928. Demaree, Greer and Buchanan ended their last seasons for Ouachita, but the team looked forward to improvement and finishing stronger in upcoming seasons.

"They have the potential to do very well," Demaree said. "They have a great amount of talent remaining and, if they find some promising incoming freshmen, then it could be a very successful season ahead for the team."

Scoreboard

Bison Fall Classic: 13th (JV)

Northeastern State Classic: 10th

Derrall Foreman Invitational: 7th

Doyle Wallace Classic: 9th

Crawford-Wade Invitational: 7th

North Alabama Spring Classic: 17th

Gulf South Conference Tournament: 9th

Junior All-GSC performer Kristen Rigsbee delivers the pitch. Rigsbee led the Lady Tigers with a 20-10 record on the mound with a 2.57 ERA.
photo by: Neal Ozmun



Sophomore Jana Deen rounds the bases in a victory over Christian Brothers. Deen hit a .266 batting average.
photo by: Callie Stephens



SETTING A HIGHER STANDARD

by: Alan Greenwood

"If you build it, they will come." While Kevin Costner's quote in "Field of Dreams" wasn't referring to the process of building a team, it fits perfectly in the design of the Ouachita Baptist softball program since its inaugural berth during the 2002 season. To fully understand the magnitude of the Lady Tigers' success during the 2010 season, you must first take a look back to where the team once was.

In the beginning, during the 2002-2004 seasons, the Lady Tigers won a combined 31 games total. During the 2010 season, Ouachita Baptist set an all-time program best wins mark with a 36-24 record overall, including a 14-16 mark in Gulf South Conference play and a No. 3 seed in the GSC Tournament.

After an 11-1 start to the season, it didn't take long for supporters to see something special was in the making. It wasn't just the victories that caught the attention of opponents. It was more about how Ouachita was winning: coupled with a dominant starting pitcher in junior Kristen Rigsbee and a trio of powerful sluggers in the lineup at the No. 3-5 spots in junior Sarah Bell, Rigsbee and senior All-American Haley Chambers, the Lady Tigers broke the team record in home runs with 46. The trio each collected 13 homers each, breaking the 2008 program record of 12 set by Rigsbee.

The tone of the GSC season was set right away in a 3-1 series victory over cross-town rival Henderson State at Sully Anderson Field, followed by a four-game sweep over reigning West Division conference champion Arkansas Tech to start the GSC slate at 7-1. It was the following pair of series that brought the Lady Tigers back to life, losing four-straight to Delta State and 3-of-4 to Arkansas-Monticello. The Lady Tigers didn't stay down for long, answering back with a 6-1 stretch, including a 3-1 series victory over Southern Arkansas and a 3-0 victory over GSC East opponent West Florida to open the 2010 GSC Crossover. After

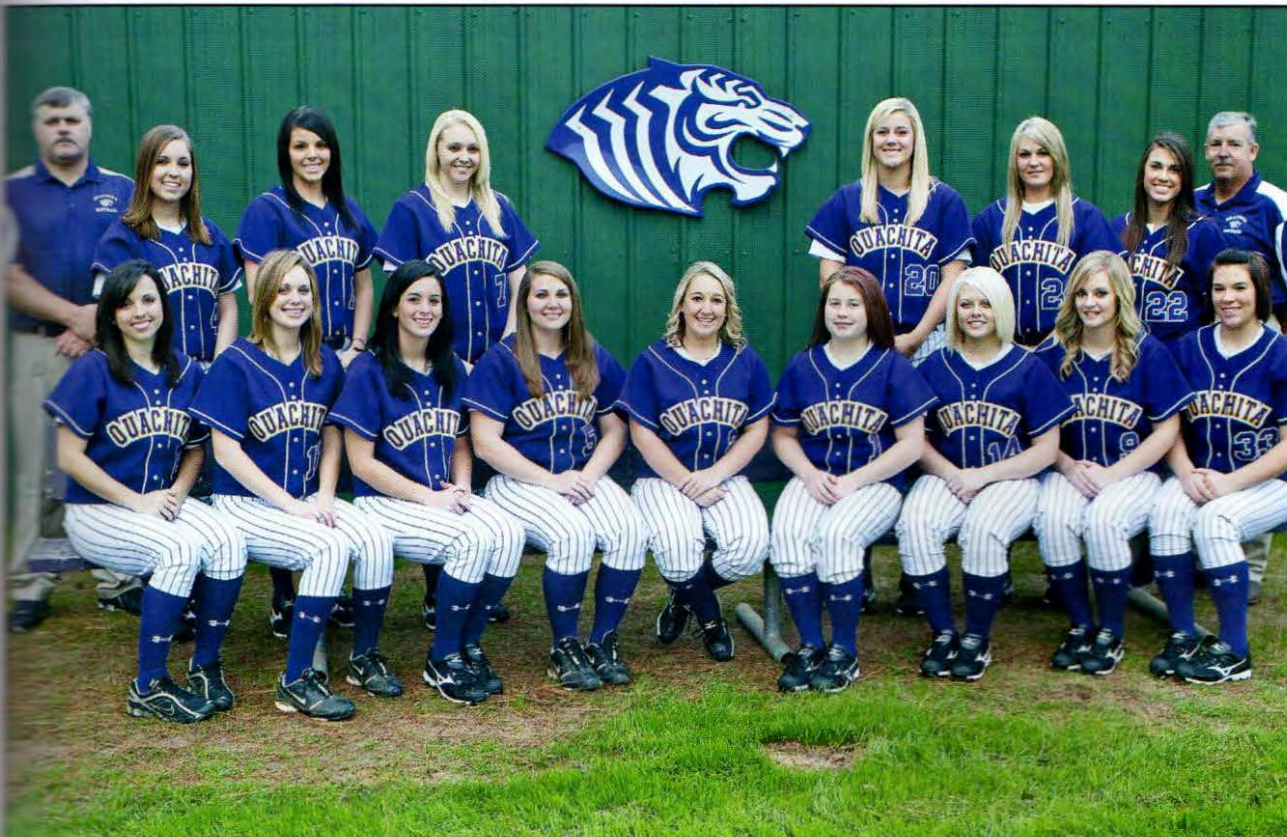
rough results at the Crossover, Ouachita clinched a GSC Tournament spot with a 3-1 series victory over Christian Brothers, led by a walk-off home run from an unlikely offensive hero in junior pitcher Sara Hanson.

While the GSC Tournament left disappointing emotions for the Lady Tigers after an eighth inning loss to national runners-up Valdosta State, 2-1, and a late inning loss to North Alabama, 6-5, Ouachita constructed a body of work that will continue to stretch the potential and heights of a once dismal program.

The individual accolades of several players didn't go unnoticed once the season was over, as senior Haley Chambers became the program's first All-American, earning a First Team spot on the 2010 Daktronics All-America team as an outfielder. Chambers finished a banner season by batting .435 with 15 doubles, 13 home runs and 69 RBIs. Chambers also earned 2010 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II All-Region Team honors, while junior Kristen Rigsbee joined her teammate on the Second Team. The duo also was named to the 2010 Daktronics All-South Region Softball Team and All-GSC First Team, while Bell was named to the All-GSC Second Team as a second baseman. "It was a very good season in which we broke several team records throughout the season, including most wins, most team home runs and the highest team batting average," Ouachita Head Coach Mike McGhee said. "We have even higher expectations for next season and want to continue to build our program to be recognized as a top contender in the GSC every season."

The 2010 Ouachita Baptist Softball program set out to build not only a competitive squad, but a program that challenged even greater heights in conference supremacy and postseason opportunities. By combining parts of the program together for the banner season, future seasons at Sully Anderson Field will always look back at the team that set the bar higher.

Sophomore Taylor Austin jogs in to the dugout after a defensive stop. Ouachita finished 19-5 at home.
photo by: Paden Fontenot



Softball team members are **front row:** Whitley Happe, Sara Hanson, Korrine Cook, Kristen Riggsbee, Jana Deen, Kelli Beth Bratton, Bailey Sanders, Jana Neal, Kiana Wilson. **Back row:** Head Coach Mike McGhee, Carissa Williams, Taylor Austin, Megan Askew, Haley Chambers, Sarah Bell, Alexis Johns, Assistant Coach Mark Bell.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Lyon College:	0-2, 3-0
OBU Classic-Drury Univ.:	5-3
OBU Classic-Southwest Baptist:	1-0, 6-5
Arkansas-Pine Bluff:	4-0, 11-3
Lincoln University:	9-0, 8-0
Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis:	9-4
Missouri Western State Univ.:	4-3
Texas A&M-Kingsville:	8-0
Southwestern Oklahoma State:	0-3
Southwest Baptist:	5-8, 8-1
Southeastern Okla. State:	10-9, 4-12
Henderson State:	2-1, 0-4, 6-0, 5-3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff:	16-3, 7-0
Arkansas Tech:	5-3, 5-0, 4-0, 8-7
Illinois-Springfield:	8-0, 7-5
Central Arkansas:	7-2
Delta State:	1-8, 5-8, 7-8, 12-16
Missouri Southern:	6-0, 1-2
Arkansas-Monticello:	7-4, 1-3, 4-12, 3-11
Missouri S & T:	6-1, 8-0
Southern Arkansas:	1-2, 8-4, 4-1, 5-2
West Florida (GSC Cross-over):	3-0
Alabama-Huntsville:	0-4
North Alabama:	1-2
West Georgia:	2-10
West Alabama:	2-4
Valdosta State:	1-3
Lyon College:	8-5, 7-9
Christian Brothers:	3-0, 9-7, 9-1, 2-5
Valdosta State:	1-2 (GSC Tournament)
North Alabama:	5-6 (GSC Tournament)

Season Record: 36-24

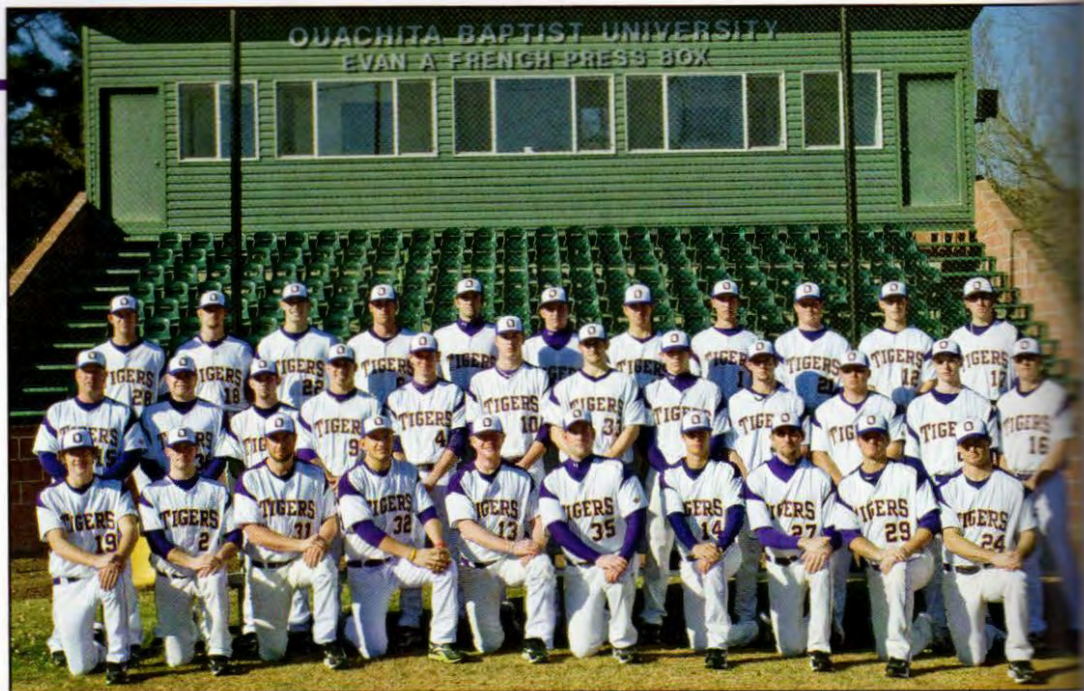
Sophomore Brock Green tries to beat the throw to first. Green led Ouachita's season with 19 doubles and five home runs.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

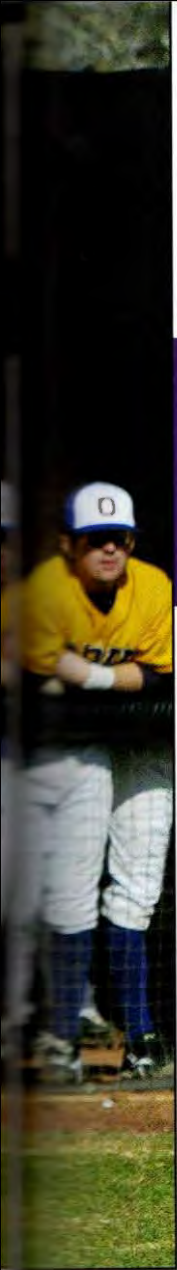
Christian Brothers: 14-4, 16-5
 North Alabama: 9-3, 3-5
 Southern Arkansas: 2-15, 2-4, 4-7
 Arkansas Tech: 4-7, 7-11, 5-10
 Arkansas-Monticello: 11-10, 10-9, 10-4
 North Alabama: 2-9, 4-3
 Henderson State: 7-10, 10-1, 8-9
 Stillman College: 15-1, 5-9
 Harding: 6-13, 3-4
 Valdosta State: 6-14, 10-2
 Delta State: 4-0, 3-4, 9-8
 Hendrix College: 7-0
 Missouri S&T: 13-10
 Drury University: 10-4
 St. Cloud State: 3-5
 Arkansas-Fort Smith: 9-7, 7-5, 3-11, 4-7
 Central Missouri: 7-2, 2-4
 Wisconsin-Parkside: 11-1
 North Alabama: 3-0
 Evangel University: 11-9, 13-4
 Kentucky Wesleyan: 2-3, 19-6
 Angelo State: 5-15, 3-6, 3-7, 4-3

Season Record: 24-23



Baseball team members are **front row:** Zac Treece, Steve Mirizzi, Nick Holtgrieve, Kolby Moore, Sam McGill, Michael Hayward, Taylor Henry, Beau Martin, Ben Warner. **Second row:** Head Coach Chris Moddelmog, Assistant Coach Luke Howard, Hordcastle, Mark Cain, Drew Baker, Will Gowdy, Wesley Clingman, Brock Green, Cody Matthews, Kevin Bird, Nick Crump, Assistant Coach Justin Cunningham. **Back row:** Justin Hall, Brandon Moyer, Taylor Riggs, Cass Via, Kyle Zimmerman, John Gebhard, Evan D... London Flox, Travis King, Duncan Collins, Miles Neimeyer.

photo by: Wesley Kluck



Senior Luke Hardcastle receives the pitch as catcher. Hardcastle was one of five seniors on the team.
photo by: Collie Stephens

Freshman Duncan Collins applies the tag at second base. Collins provided solid play with a .387 batting average in 25 games in his debut season.
photo by: Matt Sawyer



FINISHING **STRONG**

by: Alan Greenwood

As the old saying goes, it's not necessarily how you start that matters the most, but how you finish. The process of closing out games was the heart of the issue for the 2010 Ouachita Baptist baseball team. The Tigers finished the season at 24-23 overall, including an 8-11 record in Gulf South Conference play.

While proving their ability to play with some of the nation's elite baseball programs, the Tigers lost seven GSC games by three runs or less, including losing three games by one run. Among the program's highlight victories on the season, the Tigers defeated postseason No. 4 Central Missouri in non-conference play on Feb. 22, while also defeating top-20 Valdosta State in a GSC Cross-over match up on March 17.

Ouachita used a 12-game home stand at the beginning of non-conference play to pick up eight victories, including seven games with seven or more runs for the team. The Tigers didn't have issues at the plate, but it was when games shifted to the conference season that the bats struggled to produce.

As the second-best team in the GSC defensively, Ouachita recorded the least amount of errors among all conference programs. After opening up GSC play with a series victory over perennial power Delta State, the season had a promising outlook. It was the next series with Harding, coupled with a handful of injuries, including returning senior All-American Will Gowdy, that led to a tough midseason and year end stretch that ultimately took away hopes of postseason play for Ouachita.

After losing the GSC series to Harding, the Tigers traveled across the street and left with a disappointing series loss to the Reddies, including a late-inning error in the 13th inning that led to a 9-8 loss in Game 1.

The following weekend provided a series sweep over Arkansas-Monticello at home, breathing life into a program that had experienced close defeats as of late. The next pair of GSC series, however, closed the door on a GSC Tournament berth, as Arkansas Tech and then-No. 1 Southern Arkansas swept the Tigers. Ouachita finished the season with strong back-to-back victories in a rain-shortened weekend against Christian Brothers.

Gowdy, an Amarillo, Texas, native earned a spot on the 2010 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division II All-South Region Second Team and was a unanimous selection to the All-GSC First Team as an outfielder. Gowdy finished the season with a .351 average with 14 doubles, 10 homeruns and 45 RBIs. Sophomore Brock Green also picked up postseason accolades with a selection to the 2010 GSC Spring All-Academic Team.

The head coach remained optimistic about what the team accomplished. "We had a whole new team that had some tough luck and just were not able to finish games," Ouachita Head Coach Chris Modelmog said. "We were able to beat some very good teams. We really are excited for next year and look forward to finishing games and changing those tough losses to wins."

Junior Beau Landers seeks a receiver during an intramural flag football game. The Kappa Chi team was defeated in the upper league championship by Team Rex Horne.

Photo by Callie Stephens



The women of EEE cheer on their basketball team during the upper women's division championship game. The team was defeated by "Powerhouse" in the game.

Photo by Callie Stephens

During the men's upper division championship, opposing teams struggle for a rebound. "El Tigre" walked away with the championship t-shirt and bragging rights in the league.

Photo by Callie Stephens



FOR THE LOVE OF THE SHIRT by: Tanner Huffman

College students love free things: free food, free events and, especially for Ouachita students, free t-shirts. Intramural athletics offered students the chance to compete in friendly competition with fellow students, and the prize for winning: none other than a free t-shirt, THE t-shirt to be exact.

"In the end, the chance to have bragging rights is the biggest plus for most students," said Alan Greenwood, recreational sports director. "The championship t-shirt is like the 'Holy Grail' on the Ouachita campus."

In the fall, flag football was the first opportunity to participate. "True Breed" took the title for the lower division. "Team Rex Horne," three-year-reigning champions for the men's upper division, came in to win it once again, defeating the men of Kappa Chi in the division championship.

In women's flag football, "Crowford Crushers" won the lower division. "Freshman 15" walked away with the title in the upper division. This team was made up of a group of senior girls who started the team as freshmen and continued all four years.

"Freshman 15 was the best bonding experience I had at OBU," said Audreyonna Harrell, a senior communication sciences major from Russellville. "We didn't know much about flag football freshman year, but we kept growing and the effort paid off with a championship this year!"

Dodgeball and volleyball seasons were played simultaneously. "The Wreckin' Crew" earned the championship t-shirt for men's dodgeball and "Dodge Ballin'" for women's. On the volleyball

court, "Llab Yellow" wore the shirt home for the co-ed division, while "Intentional Grounding" earned the title in the men's division.

Basketball started in January and had the most participants next to flag football. In the men's league, "El Tigre" won the upper division, "The Rhinos" the middle, and "The Red Shirts" the lower. The women's lower division champions were "The Has Beens."

In the upper women's league, the championship game was notable. Fans packed into the stands of Bill Vining Arena to witness the event between "Powerhouse" and "EEE Hardcore." "Powerhouse" walked away with the title.

In the women's soccer division, "Backatcha" defeated the women of Tri Chi in the championship. The men's upper division soccer champion team was "Man U Wish You Were Us," a group of guys from the OBU soccer team. "Cole's Meatheads" walked away with the shirt in the lower men's division.

The men's softball tournament ended with "The Crow Hoppers" winning the title. Garrett Berg, a freshman athletic training major from Jonesville, Wisconsin, earned four home runs in the tournament to help lead the team to victory.

"We just took one game at a time," said Berg. "When we got to the tournament, we got really hot and when we got to the championship we weren't going down without a fight."

In the co-ed softball division, "We Got the Runs" won the championship title and the shirt to prove their glory.

In the end, only 17 teams walked away with "Holy grails," but the fun and fellowship of intramural athletics lived on another year.



Sophomore Austin King bats for the EEE co-ed softball team on the intramural softball field. The co-ed teams consisted of an equal number of guys and girls.
Photo by Callie Stephens



Players sprint for the balls during an intramural dodgeball game. The games were held on the volleyball court in Sturgis Physical Education Center.
Photo by Callie Stephens



The women of Tri Chi huddle before an intramural soccer game. The ladies were defeated by "Backatcha" in the championship game.
Photo by Erica Porter

Junior Beau Landers blocks off junior Jason Kirk while running downfield. Kirk, along with juniors Theo Hone and Clayton Chapuis, organized the games.

Photo by Jessica Hill



Players struggle for control of the ball during a rugby game. Games were organized throughout the year and were held on the intramural fields.
Photo by Jessica Hill

NOW INTRODUCING... **RUGBY** *by Brody King*

Ouachita had football; it had soccer. Yet, for some guys, that wasn't enough. Hence, rugby was introduced to the school.

Clayton Chapuis, a junior Christian studies from Utica, New York, Jason Kirk, a junior biology and Christian studies double major from Zimbabwe, and Theo Hone, a junior physics and biology double major also from Zimbabwe, collaborated to organize a game once it became evident there were several people on campus with a desire to play.

"I had a lot of people interested," said Chapuis. "There was a bunch of soccer players, a bunch of football players, and rugby integrates the skills of soccer and football. And then I found out there were a couple of Zimbabweans on campus - Jason and Theo - and they taught us how to play."

Rugby is to southern Africa what desert is to northern Africa. The game's popularity cannot be underestimated. It served as a vehicle to promote unity in South Africa, Zimbabwe's neighbor, when the country hosted and won the 1995 Rugby World Cup. So while growing up in Zimbabwe, Kirk and Hone were around the sport.

"I think it's great," said Kirk. "And there's little tricks I know that these guys haven't picked up on yet. Just to tackle somebody without any pads on, it's just different and unlike any other sport."

"It was a good sport to grow up playing," said Hone. "Just going out there having fun with friends, being able to vent frustration if you need to."

Since they were introducing a sport foreign to Ouachitonians, Jason and Theo made sure to emphasize basic rules. Game-play is a continuous style and forward passes are not allowed. Once they got a legitimate rugby ball, play also improved.

"The first couple of games we played were with a football, which was fine," laughed Kirk. "At first it was really clumsy, but we started playing just to learn the rules."

Throughout the year, they established a faithful following. The consistent contingent of participants hovered around 20 guys, so they averaged 10 to a side. On some days, however, up to 40 players would show up.

"One of the challenges we had was that it just became very popular very fast," said Kirk. "When it's that huge it's almost chaotic. It's hard to keep everybody playing by the rules."

One main problem with soccer is that you cannot pick up the ball with your hands and run with it. One main problem with football is that you have to wear pads. Rugby solves both these problems. However, rugby is not a contact sport, it is a collision sport.

"Our hits are generally not that hard," said Chapuis, well aware of the physical risk but attracted to the physicality of the sport. "We try to keep it safe. Everybody's out there to just have some fun. It's fun to just hit somebody."

One of the biggest problems with rugby?

"It's for guys only," asserted Chapuis. "We've had girls who have asked to play and have been promptly rejected."

Chapuis does not expect the sport to become a staple of Ouachita intramurals.

Either way, he and the rest of the guys were happy just to receive the chance to play.

"We're comfortable where we are," said Chapuis. "We'd like for new guys to come out and just learn how to play. Just teaching people, that's a lot of the fun for us."



Shutout **Ethan Williams** charges toward the goal. Williams was one of over 40 guys who participated in the rugby games throughout the year.

Photo by Jessica Hill



"**The Shirts**" huddle before beginning play for a rugby match. Since the sport was school sponsored, "shirts" and "skins" acted as jerseys for the players.

Photo by Jessica Hill

"One of the challenges we had was that it just became very popular very fast."

JASON KIRK



Student walks to class in the snow that covered campus in January. Unlike high school, students found out that just because it snowed, classes were not cancelled.
written by: Callie Stephens

Academics



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inging true to its reputation of being one of the most prestigious schools in the region, the world of academics was enhanced and the **face** of it was changed by award-winning research and hard work from academic organizations and departments.

Scholars' Day received record participation from students presenting research and performances. Projects ranged from research on pediatric tumors to biodiesel fuel, and presentations included musical performances and a marketing campaign titled "Tigers for Life."

After putting in 5,000 hours of work throughout the year, SIFE earned the title of regional champions and advanced to nationals. Dedication to studies also was evident in the campus-wide recognition of Alpha Chi members and through those who pursued individual research through the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

Students in Dr. Kevin Motl's Western Civilization class listen and take notes on the the great minds of the changing world. Students learned about everything from the discovery of the new world to the Renaissance and beyond.
Photo by Collie Stephens

Dr. Amy Sonheim has students in her Composition II class spell out "Poem" with their bodies. Poetry was a very important part of the Composition II curriculum and it helped students build their analytical skills.
Photo by Collie Stephens



Getting to of the CORE Education

by: Shea Higerson

Students who attended a liberal arts college had a unique opportunity to gain a well-rounded education. Not only did students take classes in their chosen field of study, they were required to learn other subjects as well. This was where the CORE classes were useful. Students were required to take, among other courses, two fine arts classes, two Bible classes, and a class about the contemporary world, which reminded students that there are other things going on in places outside of America and outside of their "bubble."

"All CORE classes are important for the overall education. They help provide background knowledge and preparation for the future," said Elizabeth McGowan, a freshman studio art major from Little Rock.

While students were initially unaware of the impact these classes would have on their education, they later come to realize that Core classes taught them how to comprehend, analyze, write, and most importantly, they taught students how to learn. "I really enjoyed Contemporary World with Dr. Mark Edwards," said Megan Gentry, a senior English major from Little Rock. "His class helped me learn how to learn. We had sizable reading assignments, detailed exams, and the mop test."

Core classes did not have to be a drag for students if approached the right way. Freshman studio art major Andrea Lock from Stuttgart said she enjoyed Western Civilization,

because "Auffenburg is awesome." Core classes provided students with the opportunity to learn from professors who do not teach in their major. This allowed students to learn in different ways and experience how fun and involved different professors can be.

Another important opportunity Core classes allowed students to have was the excitement in meeting many other students. "If I hadn't been required to take CORE classes, I probably wouldn't have met half of the people I know on campus," said Gentry. "Being in a small major like English, I see the same people in most of my classes. It's nice to have an academic experience with a variety of people. I also had to learn to complete different kinds of assignments—power point presentations, group projects, labs—that I never would have had to do in an English class. I think that variety and exposure are the strongest elements of the CORE program."

Core classes were not only important to every student's education, but they were also important to their overall college experience. They got to learn from professors whom they wouldn't have otherwise been taught by; they met students they may not have known; they learned about subjects that they wouldn't have pursued; and they learned how to apply all that they have learned to their lives and to their majors. Core classes existed to better the student and that was exactly what happened, whether immediately or a little farther down the road. The effect of CORE classes on education was everlasting.



Students listen as Dr. Cornelius gives instructions in an afternoon Physical Science lab. Labs were a favorite aspect of taking science CORE classes for students, and provided them with an opportunity to work with their peers.

Photo by Callie Stephens

Major Change in Ministries

by: Zach Killian

With a growing interest in church media, worship arts and languages, the Pruet School of Christian Studies teamed with two other schools to add three new majors to the curriculum. The new majors were church media/production arts, Christian media/communications and biblical languages.

Courses in ministry, biblical studies, lighting and sound, and visual fundamentals were in the curriculum for church media. Christian media will include a double major in mass communications. It will train students for vocations in media careers often found in a wide range of Christian organizations and ministries. Courses in the fine arts and mass communications combine with Christian studies for the church media major. A major in biblical languages involves 30 hours of Greek and Hebrew classes and requires a minor in Christian studies.

Dr. Danny Hays, dean of the Pruet School, said that churches need people to run the media side of worship services. "You need someone who knows enough about theology to realize what's going in the worship and also knows sound and lighting and video production. There was no one really training these people," said Hays. He added that Dr. Scott Halsclaw, the dean of the school of fine arts, came up with the idea.

In regard to the biblical languages program, Hays said, "Biblical languages is one we used to have years ago and we dropped it trying to simplify some things about 10 years ago. We always have someone ask about it."

Several students switched when the new majors became available. Between contacts from churches and Early Registration of next year's freshmen, a clear demand was shown, Hays said.

Dr. Jeff Root, dean of the school of humanities, said, "We already had students double majoring in Christian studies and mass communications, but this will be a unique combination. We're very excited about its potential."

In addition to new majors, there were more hands-on opportunities. Mission trips were popular. Several students and faculty went to Chile last summer. The trip provided important practical experience in spreading the Gospel abroad.

More than 20 students participated in the trip. The group split into four teams and they were able to work in and around the city of Santiago. There were on-site missionaries who helped to coordinate the trip. The missions group helped other missionaries in Chile also.

Wesley May, a student from Highland, said the classes in Christian studies are changing. "They're different," May said, "They are progressing. At the entry level, more topics are being addressed." The classes have delved into progressively deeper topics, he added.

May said he feels the classes are helping him prepare for ministry. "It forces you to get in the Bible and you get spiritual insight," said May. He said the books that are required for classes address topics he never thought about.

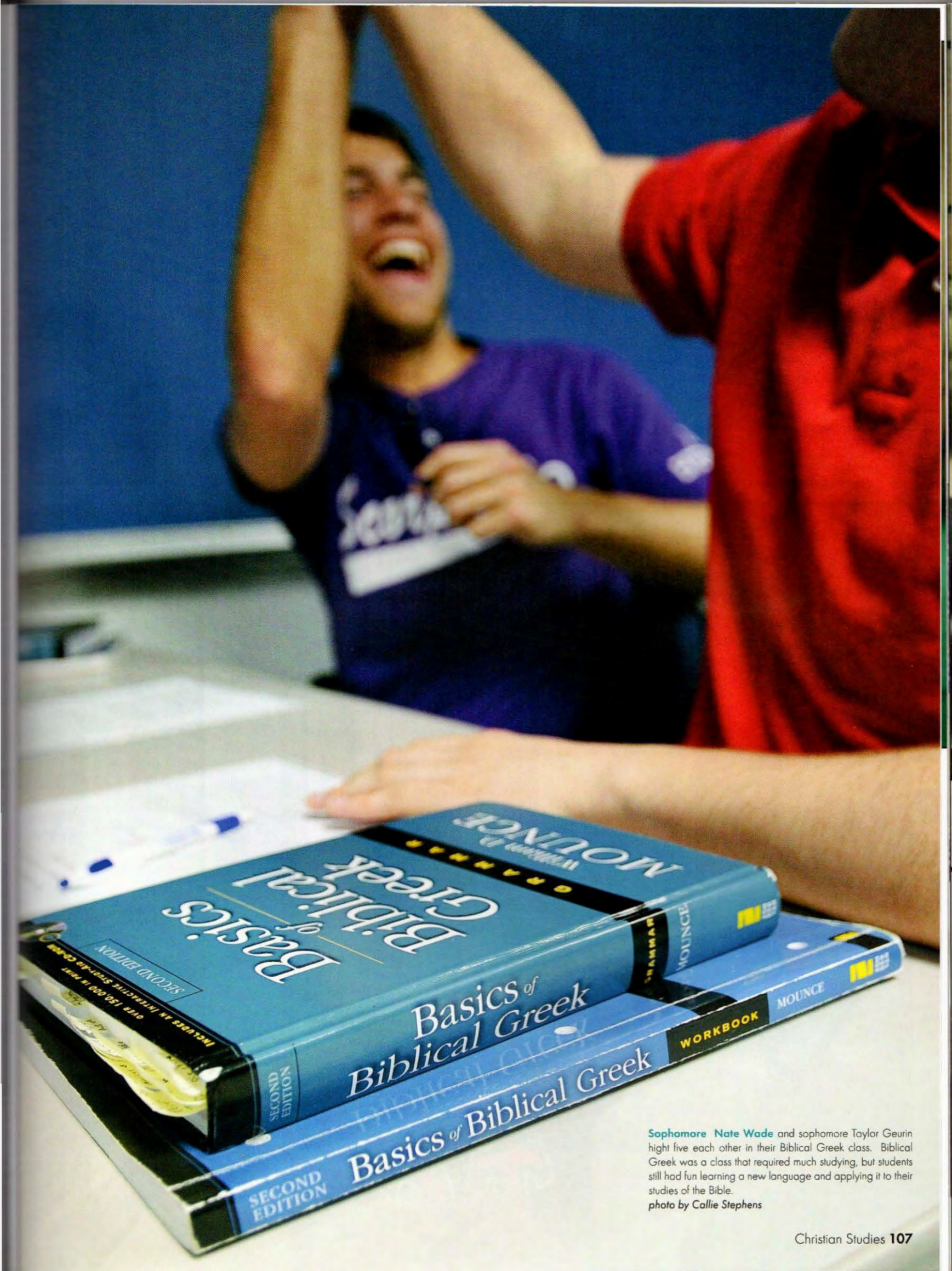
The Pruet School of Christian Studies made changes with new majors, more hands-on opportunities and summer mission trips. Students in Christian Studies were prepared for their career and their lives after college.



Senior Jacob Harris and Junior Jennifer White work on an assignment in one of their Christian Studies classes. The Christian Studies major required students to do significant research and spend a lot of time in God's Word.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Dr. Joey Dodson teaches students in his Biblical Greek class. Greek was one of the Biblical languages many students chose to study in an effort to increase their knowledge about the original meaning of the Bible and learn how to interpret it and apply it to their lives.
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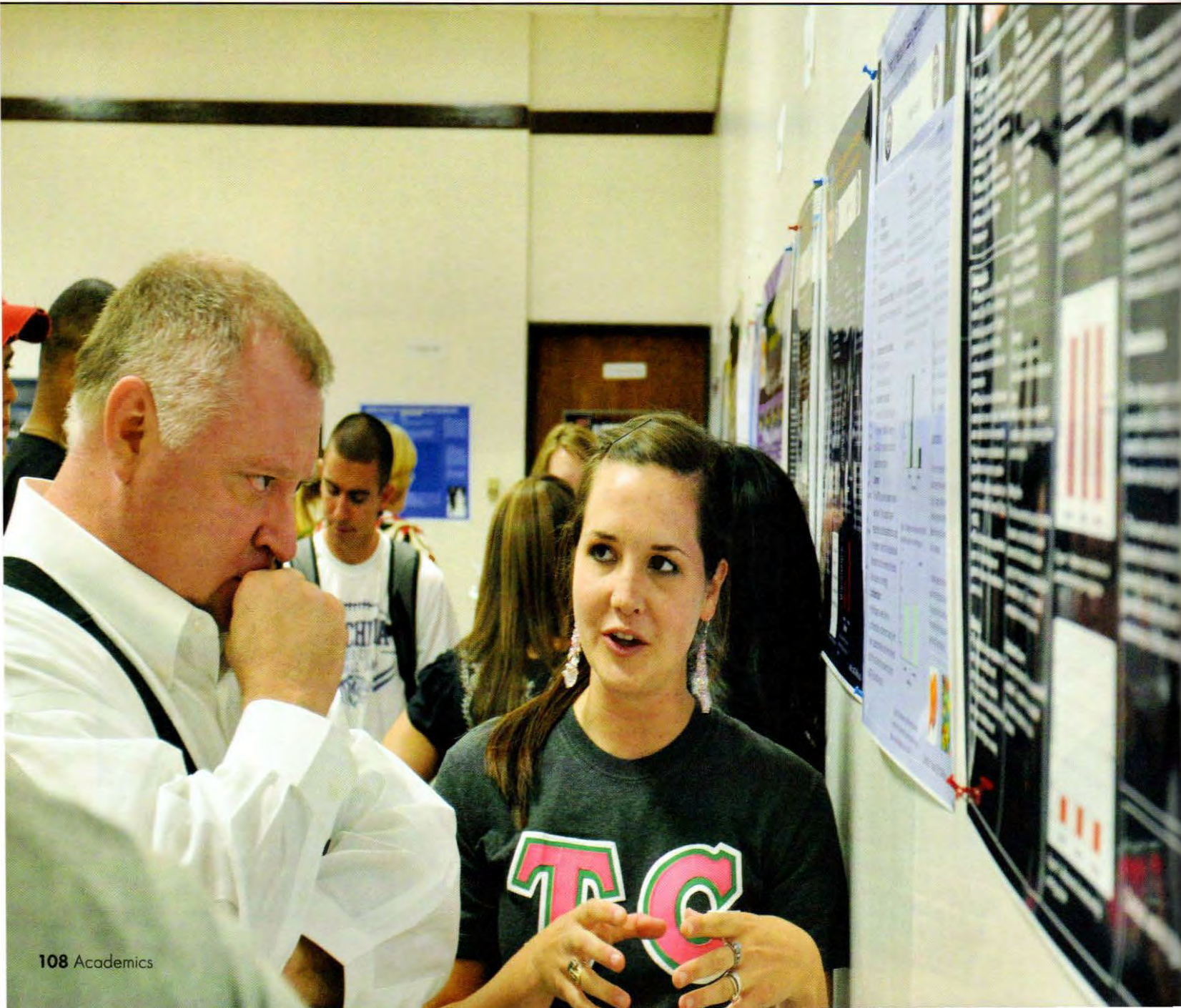


Sophomore **Nate Wade** and sophomore Taylor Geurin high five each other in their Biblical Greek class. Biblical Greek was a class that required much studying, but students still had fun learning a new language and applying it to their studies of the Bible.
photo by Callie Stephens

Dr. Kevin C. Mott tells students about African American history in the core class Contemporary World. Every student was required to pass a map test as part of the course.
photo by: Zach Killian



Senior speech pathology major Kelly Harris explains her project to Dr. Wight on Scholars Day. Faculty enjoyed getting the opportunity to view students' work.
photo by: Callie Stephens



A Passion for People

by: Carmen Merrick

The W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences represented a very diverse group of students and majors. Though they came from different backgrounds and with different reasons, all were here for a common goal, because they had a passion for people. "Our students aren't just doing work," said Dr. Randall Wight, chair of the department of psychology, "they're making a difference. That's something that isn't offered everywhere." While some students graduated in May and headed to graduate school, others entered the workforce, and still others went in different directions, but all shared confidence from their professors and the assurance of their broad and thorough education.

The department of sociology anticipated growth in the form of a new professor in the fall, while the psychology department was busy conducting experimental research. Dr. Guyla Davis took seven students to the American Psychological Society to present research, three of whom conducted theirs without faculty sponsorship. "That's huge," said Dr. Wight, "I don't think the department has ever been stronger."

Seeing students take initiative made all of the professors proud, because students felt confident enough with the education they had received to strive for independence long before most students get the chance. "Our psychology department is trying to do all they can to equip students to be competitive in the field," said Christina Albee, a junior psychology major, sociology minor from Hannibal, Mo. "This is mostly accomplished by providing ample opportunities to conduct research. Dr. Wight, Dr. Long, and Dr. Davis invited students to help them with their research, and encouraged and aided students in conducting independent research projects." Christina, along with Amy Guimard

and Jessica Henslerling, presented their research in May.

In the history department, the number of history majors grew significantly. Dr. Kevin Motl contributed the growth in history majors to the unique rapport between teachers and students, "We build more than a degree," he said, "we build a life long relationship." As the number of majors grew, the history department took measures to get the students involved. "We're about to start a history club," said Dr. Motl, "for those students who are majors and minors and want to celebrate history." As well as experiencing growth in students, the history department also expected to see a new face or two in the faculty soon. Motl, as well as the other professors in the department showed enthusiasm and interest that served as inspiration for the students. "The professors care, they make whatever they're teaching about come to life. It makes you want to go to class, because they make it fun to learn," said Quint Ashburn, a junior history, secondary education major from Garland, Texas.

Dr. Hal Bass, dean of the Sutton School of Social Sciences, as well as the other faculty members who were involved, agreed that the program was thriving. They gave credit to having a great group of students but Dr. Bass maintained that there was more to it than that. "We've got a great collection of teachers and scholars. They have good credentials, and they fit the OBU mode," he said. "They are excited about teaching undergraduates and they also support the Christian dimension."

While there were new things going on in all of the departments, one thread remained constant, the professors and students worked together to facilitate growth and to learn about and learn to help humanity.



Junior history major **Katie Osment** gives a presentation on African American religion on the Underground Railroad for her research seminar class. Students were given a chance to critique their peers and receive feedback from their fellow classmates' criticisms and encouragement.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Changing the World One Child at a Time

by: Mallory George

President Rex Horne's words—"Difference Makers"—resounded around the campus. The Michael D. Huckabee School of Education was responsible for cultivating difference makers through its courses and opportunities.

The School of Education was comprised of two departments: the department of education and the department of kinesiology and leisure studies. The Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Merribeth Brunning, stated the department of education's mission as being "to provide the curriculum and the environment that will prepare future teachers who are student centered and see teaching as a ministry; possess the knowledge, skills and dispositions for being effective in diverse classrooms; [and] are life-long learners involved in their disciplines and professional development."

Last spring the Teacher Education program was accredited by NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. To accommodate NCATE, the School of Education changed its curriculum in several areas over the last few years. Dr. Linda Bass, the chair of the department of education, spoke about how, with each change to the curriculum, the annually-published teacher education candidate handbook was updated.

According to Brunning, NCATE "noted that we are doing the kinds of things that prepare teacher education candidates to be successful in the classrooms of today which positively impact student learning in P-12 (Pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade) classrooms." Accreditation does not mean that the school begins to atrophy, but rather the dean was already looking into study abroad opportunities for education majors as soon as next spring.

According to senior early childhood education major Mallory Bussey from Bassier City, La., the most enjoyable part of her major was that "every day I really did have the opportunity to change children's lives. When I walked into the classroom I was able to mentor, lead, and teach students." She added that, "some of my favorite experiences in the OBU education department have been spent in our lab...It doesn't matter what you came to the Education Lab to do, you will most likely leave a little less stressed and with a smile on your face!"

Alongside the department of education was the department of kinesiology and leisure studies. The department of kinesiology prepared students for teaching physical education, outdoor recreation and fitness.

Tona Wright, chair of the department of kinesiology and leisure studies, detailed the department's three main purposes: "[the department] prepare[s] teachers and coaches for secondary education in public schools. [We] prepare majors in area of fitness [and] prepare majors in recreation." The department prepared majors in areas of fitness by certifying them to become personal trainers, strength coaches, and to prepare the students to pass the certification exams.

Wright explained that by preparing the students in recreation they might "be able to run their own church camp, a community recreational program, or a recreation facility for a church."

The year marked the first time in ten years that the department underwent no curriculum changes. In the past the department had "tried to adapt new curriculum courses to meet the needs of the students. We've tried to stay current with demands in society," Wright said. To bring these goals to fruition, the department added a minor last year - Recreation Ministry - and hoped to have it available as a major as soon as next year.

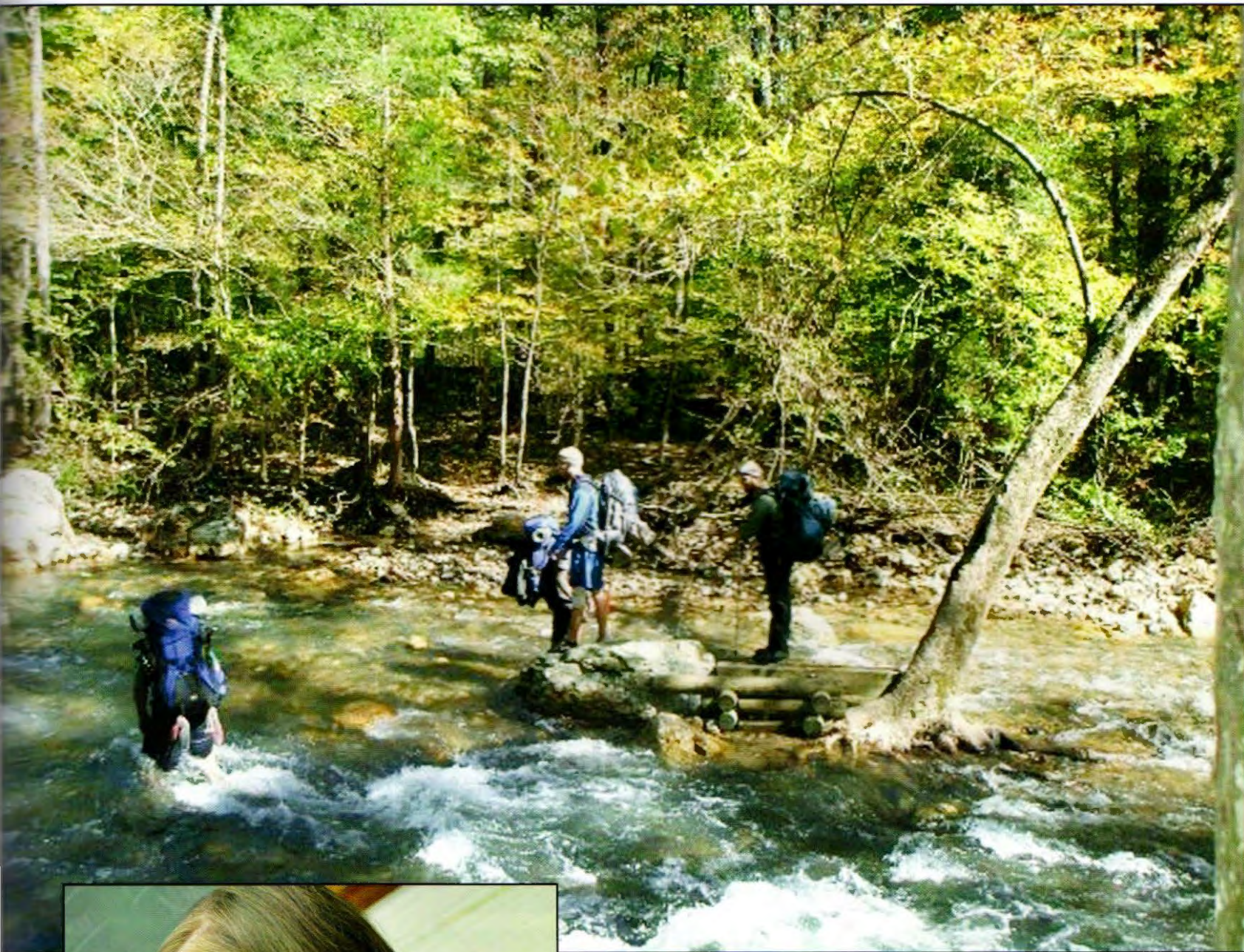
Wright taught a course called Backpacking and Nature Awareness. The course was open to all students regardless of major and involved several faculty members, which according to Wright, "it allowed these students to see different sides of one another as well as allowing them to see different sides of us. When speaking of the trips and courses offered within the department, Wright said, "God manifests himself to us through nature," teaching us to be still in today's fast-paced society.

Brunning spoke of Dr. Mike Reynolds, who was "involved with Outdoor Recreation and using Place-based Education to help OBU students develop necessary skills in each area." Reynolds explained that Outdoor Recreation was not an academic department, but a campus organization lending itself to students of all majors. Outdoor Recreation was responsible for kayaking, hiking, camping, and backpacking trips along with workshops teaching the skills involved with fly fishing, Dutch oven cooking, and kayak rolling. Reynolds hoped within the next year to increase the number of workshops offered and to allow for students to receive certifications, such as wilderness first responders. "I enjoy the students getting outdoors," Reynolds said. "I always encourage students to do something new while in college," he explained. The workshops and trips provided by the department and by Outdoor Recreation were ways for students to face experiences and challenges both socially and physically.

During the year, the department of kinesiology and Outdoor Recreation came online—Outdoor Recreation began a Weblog on the Ouachita Web site and Reynolds posted to his Facebook page to display photos from their many trips and to detail future ones.

On Tiger Serve Day a team of students volunteered at a nearby national forest by renovating trails, another first for students in the department.

Between the training, observation and student-teaching taking place in the department of education and the training in both academia and physical fitness in the department of kinesiology and leisure studies, students learned so that they might one day teach or train others. Bass said, "Our president talks about being difference makers—well these students definitely are. They change the world one child at a time."



Juniors Andrew Yates and Robert Steed, along with senior Clayton Chopuis cross a river while backpacking the Eagle Rock Loop Trail in the Ouachita National Forest. The hike took place during Fall Break. *photo courtesy of Mike Reynolds*

Sophomore early childhood education major Melissa Butters practices drawing henna for a class project. Education majors were given countless opportunities to tap into their creative side while in class. *photo by: Callie Stephens*

Junior Lola Runyan works on a paper mache' elephant for an assignment in her education class. Students often used hand-made projects as props for student teaching. *photo by: Callie Stephens*



Senior Ananda Boardman works on a computer in the Signal office. Students who worked on the Signal were responsible for interviewing people and writing news stories about important campus events, as well designing the newspaper pages.

photo by Callie Stephens

Students in the Ad-Fed class present their project on how to improve Ouachita's annual fund at Scholar's Day. The class worked on the project during the entire spring semester.

photo by Callie Stephens



A Campaign for Awareness

by: Katie Steele

Client: the Development Office. Project: create a campaign to educate current students on Ouachita's financial need so they'll be more inclined to give when they are graduated. Executors: the Ad-PR Campaign class.

"We began by meeting with our client and trying to understand their needs," said Rebecca Jones, instructor of speech communications and the Ad-PR instructor. "Then we started on the research and understanding the target market. We surveyed [about] 400 students and had focus groups with about 30 students."

The Ad-PR class was divided into three groups. The "Media Promotions" team was responsible for developing ways to get the students' attention around campus. The "Creative" team was in charge of creating ads, posters, videos and branding for the campaign. And finally, the "Plans and Workbook" team wrapped up the campaign with a book explaining what all happened in the course of creating the campaign.

"I hope that we can impact student appreciation for donors and all that Ouachita is by creating a plan that will educate current students and encourage them to step up and give in the future," said Holland Powell, a senior mass communications major from Nashville. "It would be really rewarding to come back to Ouachita and see how our campaign has influenced students and faculty to be more philanthropy-minded."

In addition to an exciting campaign project, the school of humanities had four guest speakers to add to the school's educational curriculum.

Dr. Arvind Singhal, professor at the University of Texas at El

Paso, works with the entertainment education industry, contacting government agencies daily, as well as conducting numerous other tasks. "I study it, write about it, talk about it," Singhal said. "You name it [I do it]." On Oct. 22, he lectured on the topic of "New Mindsets for Communication and Social Change."

Dr. Douglas Hofstadter, a renowned professor at the University of Indiana, was another lecturer. "Hofstadter is clearly a man in love with learning," said Ian Whitlow, a senior English major from New Orleans, La. "There are people who love one subject, one branch of knowledge that intrigues them. There are others, however, for whom one subject isn't enough; they desire to know as much as they can about as many subjects as they can. Hofstadter is certainly one of the latter."

Fabrizio Conti, an Italian scholar who spoke on "Early Christian Art & Iconography in Rome," was also praised by faculty for his genius. "His take on early Christian art and culture will be interestingly different from what we might get on the same topic in a class at OBU," said Mary Beth Long, assistant professor of English at Ouachita.

Celestino Ruiz was the final of the four lecturers on campus. He spoke to students about culture and accepting people from other cultures than their own. Ruiz also signed the agreement between Ouachita and La Universidad de Costa Rica in Dr. Rex Horne's first year as president. "I view Mr. Ruiz coming to campus as a great privilege," said Lara Overman, a freshman mass communication and Spanish double major from Langview, Texas. "He's very intelligent and really knows his stuff."

Each speaker brought the students and faculty of the school of humanities a little tidbit of knowledge to expand their horizons, granting students an even more rounded, liberal arts education.



Senior Richard Atkinson shows off his resume at the Career Fair. Many career opportunities were displayed for all students with majors in the school of humanities.
photo by Callie Stephens



Senior English major Ian Whitlow shares information about the School of Humanities to a student at the Majors Fair. Every school was represented at the fair.
photo by Callie Stephens

Ready for the Real World

by: Carmen Merrick

The J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences found and maintained a delicate balance for its students. "The curriculum," said Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean, "is focused on helping students get to the next level. We attract good students and then make them work hard. We teach them how to study," Jeffers said. "Professional schools love our students because they come in with an exceptional base as well as the skills to go further." The students not only learned from the lectures, but also by the initiative the professors took. Dr. Joe Bradshaw applied for and received an equipment grant for \$10,000 toward an infrared spectrometer. Furthermore, state-sponsored research that Dr. Lori Hensley headed was extended for another five years of funding because of her previous work.

Students learned both inside and out of the classroom. Students studying athletic training worked with players of all athletic teams during games and practice. Speech pathology majors were expected to participate in therapy, which involved experience in the field they will actually encounter. Students studying dietetics and nutrition also got a chance to take what they learned and apply it in the community. Senior biology and chemistry major Matt Deel said, "Most schools don't give you the chance to see what you're learning in the classroom in action. Here, we not only got to apply what we learn, but we also got to see how the scientific community works."

Students were also challenged individually. Lauren Nelson, a senior biology major from Russellville, won second place in oral

presentations of biology at the national meeting, and Max Ford, a junior chemistry major from Arkadelphia took first in the presentation of a chemistry poster. Nelson was also accepted to the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, to which over 700 students applied and only 124 were accepted. She said, "Ouachita did a great job in preparing me, especially for the entrance exam. When you're used to taking three to four hours tests in your regular classes, you're more prepared to take those longer tests when it counts."

Students were also challenged by each other. "Being a science major has been like being part of a family," said Nelson, "There's always someone checking in on you, asking how you're doing. They actually care." Senior biology and chemistry major Dax Demaree from Dexter, Missouri, said, "My science courses definitely prepared me for life after Ouachita. They don't make it easy—they set a standard, and sometimes it's a lot of effort for a little reward, but that's how it is in the real world. They forced us to change our study habits, but we became more efficient." When presenting their research, students were questioned by other students; not out of malice, but because they genuinely cared, and wanted to help their fellow students.

The students in natural science developed their own identity. They worked with groups at school, went to national conferences, and worked with the community. Each student was eager to share what they learned to help others, and to see how their studying and hard work could pay off outside of "the bubble." They were supported by each other, gained confidence, and were ready to change the world.



Junior Callie Yeager, along with her lab partner, dissects a starfish. Dissections were a requirement of most life science labs.

photo by Whitney Crews



Seniors Dax Demaree, Daniel Coyce and Tim Sowder work the table representing the Chemistry major at the Majors Fair, held in the student center. Students were able to find out more about various majors by viewing displays and talking with students and professors.

photo by Callie Stephens



Senior **Jordan Lentz** performs therapy with the aid of a model illustrating the throat. Weekly speech therapy sessions were required of each speech pathology student.
photo by Whitney Crews



Seniors **Hannah Howard** and Laura Goode sort materials for the Dietetics Club's annual baked potato and salad lunch fund raiser. Each lunch cost \$5 and was open to all faculty and students.
photo by Callie Stephens

Freshman **Kiley Wright** listens as Dr. Knight explains how to do a dissection in one of his science labs. Students often took advantage of the professor's help while performing lab assignments.
photo by Whitney Crews

Freshman music education major Bradley Lindsey plays the saxophone during his music lesson with Dr. Caroline Taylor. Music majors were required to practice their respective instrument or voice requirements between lessons.

photo by Collie Stephens

Dr. Gary Gerber, associate professor of music and director of Ouachita Singers, conducts practice for the spring concert. The concert acted as a preview of the Singers' May concert tour in Italy.

photo by Collie Stephens



An Expanded Perspective

by: Megan Lindsey

The Division of Music lived up to its reputation of being one of the most comprehensive, successful music programs in a Christian liberal arts tradition. Audiences were privileged to enjoy unique showcases of talents ranging from a famous musical to individual student concerts.

In April, the division once again joined forces with the theatre arts department to present the colorful and witty musical, "Seussical," based on the books of Dr. Seuss. Dr. Jon Secrest, professor of music, served as the show's musical director. He, along with Dr. Daniel Inouye and Mary Handiboe, teamed up to choose the play based on a variety of reasons.

"Anytime we selected a show, we first considered the strengths and weaknesses of our performing forces," Secrest said. "We also considered the financial impact each production would have on the budget and whether or not we could cover the expense of a show through ticket sales. People may not realize how costly it is to mount a full production with costumes and orchestra." But "Seussical" did not disappoint. The show received rave reviews from all who attended and Jones Performing Arts Center got a considerable turnout each night the musical was performed.

The Ouachita Singers presented their annual spring concert in Mabee Fine Art Center's McBeth Recital Hall. "I have tried hard to catch on to all the little details and nuances that Dr. Gerber was wanting us to express in the concert," said Jarrett Davis, a senior church music major from Henderson, Texas. "He constantly reminds us to be musicians rather than just singers and I tried to do just that."

The concert also acted as a preview of what would be performed when the majority of the Singers traveled to Italy in May, which included a performance at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. "I remember looking around during Mass as we were singing and

seeing several choir members crying," said Alex Ray, a political science major from Jacksonville. "Words couldn't describe how beautiful and majestic the moment was. It was unforgettable."

The eclectic Instrumental Chamber Concert added to the list of the division of music's concerts. Heather Thayer, adjunct instructor of horn, directed the featured Horn Ensemble as well as the Clarinet Ensemble and two woodwind quintets. The Trombone Ensemble was directed by Dr. Josh Bynum. A flute choir recital set, women's chorus and handbell ringers concerts, and "PRISM," a concert featuring Ouachita's instrumental ensembles, were all part of the year's concerts, as well.

The university hosted international instrumentalist and renowned saxophone player Amir Gwirtzman in a master class. The class gave those who participated the chance to experience Israeli culture. Dr. Craig Hamilton, professor of music and director of bands, described the class as a way for students to broaden their knowledge of music as a whole.

Individual music majors were given the opportunity to shine in their area. Senior piano performance major from Knoxville, Carrie Brawn, was named the first place winner for the second year in a row in Ouachita's Virginia Queen Piano Competition. The 33rd annual competition was held in McBeth Recital Hall in April. Brawn performed "Sarcosms No.3" and "Etude Transcendant No. 10." "To me, winning this competition was very important," Brawn said. "Being a performance major, I worked hard and looked for opportunities to perform, and winning the competition was a display of all the hard work I put into my piano studies."

The Division of Music provided entertaining musical performances and displays of individual and collective talent that never ceased to disappoint. The prestige of the division was enhanced, as well as the outlook on music for students and the public alike.

Striving for Excellence

by: Kathryn Kellog

We continue to strive for an increase in the visibility of our department on campus, in the community, and in the region," stated David Beiloh, chair and associate professor of visual arts. One notable event that brought the school a good deal of publicity was the accepted invitation of an artist by the name of Jonathan Brilliant.

Brilliant spent a week of the spring semester in the art gallery on campus constructing a massive sculpture composed entirely of coffee stir sticks. Beiloh met him in Tennessee a few years back and stayed in touch with him on Facebook. Striving to find a way to "engage the entire community," while keeping his personal quota of "one visiting artist per semester," Beiloh asked that he bring his "Brilliant" artwork to Arkadelphia. With him came reporters and fascinated onlookers from all around. It was quite literally "like a swarm."

For Donnie Copeland, assistant professor of visual arts, nothing could quite top a trip that he took with nine of his students. The group made a day of traveling to the Dallas/Fort Worth area to visit a number of distinguished art museums. "I want my students to enjoy my class, to learn from my class, and to enjoy learning," said Copeland.

In the fall students of Visual Fundamentals were given roles of black tape, a week's time, and a randomly selected portion of wall in the upstairs corridor and back stairwell of Mases-Pravine to come up with an original, abstract, black-and-white design.

Other key occurrences included the three-person painting show, the senior graphic design show, and the juried student art show in which awards were given in three different categories: graphic design, photography, and studio art. The "Best in Show" award was given to

Greta James for her single figure in cardboard. "We are always going to have bigger and better exhibits," said Copeland. "We want to get artists to really interact with the student body."

The theatre department had its own exciting developments over the past year. Some notable productions included, "Goldilocks on Trial," "Six Characters in Search of an Author," "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," and "Seussical." An added bonus was that each student received a free ticket to each production upon presenting his/her student ID.

"As director of 'Goldilocks on Trial,'" said Mary Handiboe, associate professor of theatre arts, "the most exciting thing for me was watching the students tackle the many different design aspects of the show." The scene of hilarity that was the audience's reaction showed the fruit of their efforts. Goldilocks and the bear family she intruded on, made it an enjoyable night for everyone in attendance. "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" was more of a challenge seeing as a week of rehearsal was missed due to many of the actors coming down with the flu. Another barrier to overcome was how to do justice to the low comedy of the script without causing any undue discomfort among the members of the audience. "Despite these things, the show was still a success," said Handiboe.

The theatre arts department also sponsored actress Elaine Bromka in a master class titled "Acting for the Camera." The class was open to all students. "I enjoy being involved in the theatre department even though I am a mass communications major, so it was a pleasure to experience this class where both of these areas worked together. It was a fun class and exciting to get to learn about the realities of the business from a working professional. And Ms. Bromka was just as impressed with Ouachita as we were with her," said Adam Wheat, a senior mass communications major.



Freshman Ashley Rau centers clay in a fine arts class. Students often enjoyed the opportunity to "get their hands dirty" instead of doing traditional class work. photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Haley Barron takes notes in a business class. Most business classes consisted of a mix of lectures and group presentations, which provided a way for students to work together.
photo by Callie Stephens

Seniors Molly Magee and Richard Atkinson take notes in Legal Environment of Business. It was a popular class for students of all majors, especially those planning to attend law school, such as Magee.
photo by Callie Stephens



Creating of Leaders Tomorrow

by: Kathryn Kellogg

Looking in the Hickingbotham School of Business, it was hard to find any student not going above and beyond. Students were constantly and consistently encouraged to participate, under the leadership of Bryan McKinney as dean, who wanted the school to focus on preparing students for life after college. "The gap between students and the professional world is monstrous," McKinney said, "and the value Ouachita offered was working one-on-one with students trying to get in the job market."

Students were given opportunities to work on teams like SIFE, Students in Free Enterprise, which gave them insight into the application of the curriculum they had learned, as well as the chance to share the business concepts they had learned with the community. The team traveled to Dallas in March and won the regional competition.

SIFE president David Hollis, a senior accounting and finance major from Bryant, said, "We all had to put in a lot of time and effort, but it paid off." Not only did the team compete, but while in Dallas they were provided funds to tour businesses and meet new people. "These competitions give you the chance to meet people in other business schools as well as people in the professional world. It's a great way to build your network and gain experience," Hollis said.

A new program for students to take at advantage of was the business plan competition. Students formed groups that created extensive business plans and set them into action. Senior Kendra Pruitt, a business administration finance major from Newport, said, "We actually got to put a business together. It was a lot more intense than I expected, but not many people get that kind of hands-on experience." Pruitt's team tied for second in the competition at Ouachita and in April

competed against other Arkansas schools.

On the first Friday of every month, the business school invited speakers to come share their career experiences with students. "We bring people in that do what our students are interested in," McKinney said. "Students get to see what other people are doing, and then learn how they got there." It was these kinds of activities that made the business school thrive. Pruitt said, "No matter where any of us go, we're prepared."

Committed to students learning not only about business concepts, but also the business community, the school sponsored a trip for each classification. Students also participated in mock interviews and lunches with board members. McKinney said, "They sit with board members and actually talk to them, and get to be exposed to that sort of business environment." Freshman Garth Hollis, a business major from Bryant, said, "The lunches were kind of intimidating. But the faculty understands how important it is for us to meet people in the real world and get used to people outside of the college mentality."

He added that he was surprised at the closeness between the professors and the students. He said, "They really invest a lot into us, and they expect a lot in return." That investment certainly pays off for students. David said, "Other Ouachita students have set such good standards in the job market already, it gives the seniors who are graduating a better chance at finding the jobs that we want."

"It really is a joy to work with our students. The longer I'm here, the more I love it. It's great to see kids 10 years out and see how you've helped them connect with the next step in life. We teach them, too, but it's incredibly important to do both. We're trying to help people get to that next step," McKinney said.



Senior Allison Smith writes a paper in the business lab. The lab was open at all times for students' use and included a study room equipped with tables and sofas.
photo by Callie Stephens



Bryan McKinney, dean of the Hickingbotham School of Business, conducts his business law course. Students were taught valuable, real-life lessons about how to protect themselves from lawsuits and other difficult situations.
photo by Callie Stephens



Junior Elisa Modesto and senior Alyse Eady tour Barcelona, Spain. The students on the trip expanded their knowledge of Spanish culture and perfected their speaking of the language.
photo courtesy of Alyse Eady

Riding in a gondola, students on the European Study Tour take in the sights of Venice, Italy. While on the trip, the students enjoyed finding unique ways to sight see.
photo courtesy of Lauren English



An Unforgettable Experience

by: Brittany Vick

Every year there were always a few brave Ouachitians who went off to venture into the hills that were alive with the sound of music or gaze at the twinkling Eifel Tower for the first time.

"Studying abroad is an investment in a person's life with rewards that will last for a life time," said Ian Cash, director of the Grant Center for International Education.

As director, Cash was very dedicated to expanding the program. "I graduated from Ouachita as an international student, so I have a very personal interest in the programs of international education," Cash said. Currently the program offered 15 different locations to choose from, in addition to the Hands On program. Students had the option to go to Morocco, Jordan, Spain, Australia, China, France, South Africa, England, Costa Rica, Austria, Scotland, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and the European Study Tour.

Alyse Eady, a senior mass communications and speech communications double major from Fort Smith, attended the University of Alicante in Spain during the fall semester. She made new lifelong friends from all over the world and unforgettable memories.

Eady also learned more about the Spanish language. "When I first came to Spain, my extent of the language was to say hello. I was so amazed when I found myself at the end of the trip writing full essays in Spanish," said Eady. She also learned and practiced the language by going to the beaches.

Another trip that was offered in the summers was the European

Study Tour. A group of students traveled to European cities in three countries in three weeks. "I love watching students see the sculpture by Bernini for the first time at the Borghese in Rome. I love Evensong Service in Canterbury Cathedral - especially when the cats who live there decide to "sing" along with the choir. But my favorite of all is listening to a Vivaldi concert in Sainte Chapelle in Paris," said Dr. Barbara Pemberton, associate professor of Christian Missions and a sponsor for the tour.

Students were required to take a three-hour class as a requirement for the trip. Molly Magee, a senior mass communications and Spanish double major from Conway said, "The class was difficult, but I was so thankful to have all of the knowledge of the places and the things we were going to see and experience because we all enjoyed it more and it was exciting to know the history of things."

Allison Francis, a senior dietetics and Spanish double major from O'sallon, Ill., enjoyed studying abroad so much this past summer that she returned in December. "After living in Costa Rica for a month in the summer, I just really fell in love with learning the language and knew I had to go back," said Francis. "I enjoy the big things like ziplining and traveling on the weekends, but it was the simple things that were my favorite. Memories like playing games with my host brother, or eating breakfast with Mama in the mornings."

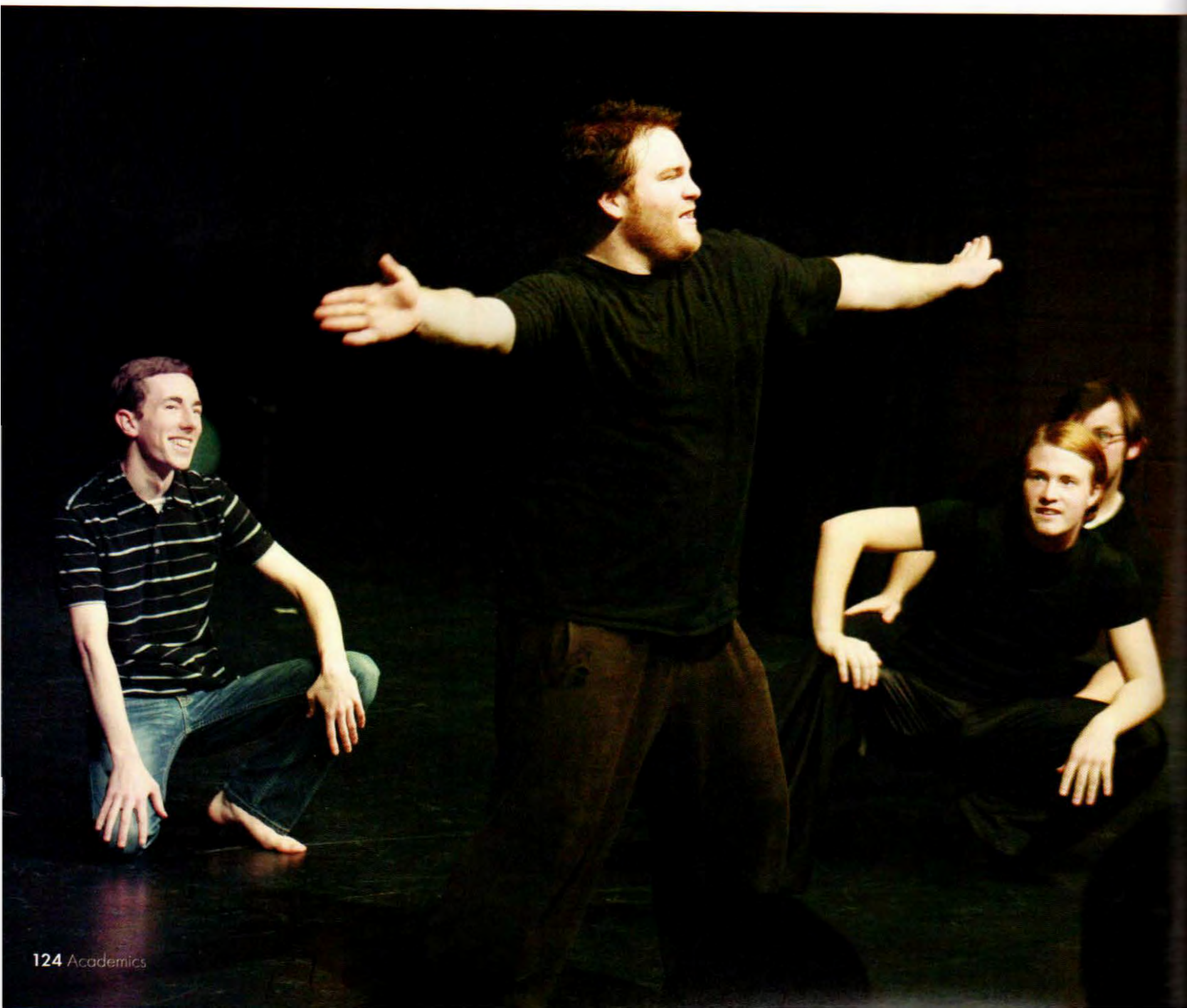
"Today's students live in an interconnected world and one in which you really need to know your way around the global village," said Cash. The study abroad program equipped students with this knowledge while making their experiences come to life.

Seniors Jeff Stokes and Heather Baker show what they have learned about choreography during a routine. The class taught students about the art of choreography and the hard work that goes into it, and also taught them more about themselves.

Photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Jacob Watson and his fellow classmates are all smiles as they perform a piece on stage. While the class required a lot of hard work, the students had a lot of fun performing and creating their unique pieces.

Photo by Callie Stephens



A Different Kind of Class

by: Kathryn Kellogg

You've crunched the past three weeks, and your heart was pounding. You glanced over at the person next to you; they're smiling. The lights slowly rise. Six silhouetted figures strike their opening pose, and the music starts. Your heartbeat doesn't slow because your work was in the hands of the critics. You're not performing in a play, musical or weekend recital. You're in the new choreography class.

Technically speaking your grade was in the hands of the judges, but the musical theatre choreography class was not any less of a terrifying, experience. "If it was just a performance it would've been more relaxing easier. Naturally it's hard to expect criticism," said Taylor Bass, a sophomore musical theatre major from Houston, Texas. Lauren Casteel, a sophomore musical theatre major from Garland, Texas added, "You do get a little scared not just for the people, but you put a lot of work behind it. You want healthy criticism. You do not want it so negative that you never want to do it again."

Any type of art was incredibly venerable. "My favorite thing is to watch the confidence build. There is a fear of doing anything new for students," said Mrs. Jennifer Maddox, Artist in Residence. That was the point of the class, to inspire confidence and, "To introduce the craft. For most of the students it is their first time to have the experience of designing movement for a group of performers." Maddox was the instructor, but for this class she was more than just a teacher, she was a creative mentor.

It's not about the end product it's about the process. Maddox said, "All of the students found something new about themselves and the craft." Reflecting on the process Bass said, "I was really nervous, extremely nervous when I showed my piece the first time. I was nervous because I felt like my dancers weren't confident in their work. They understood the concept of how to perform the piece, but they weren't confident in the movement yet. During the actual performance they were confident. I entrusted my and Jeff's work to them. And, when they feel confident, I feel confident as a choreographer."

This class was very unique. It was about more than just dance. It was about personal discovery. It was easy to perform something set - something given. It was not nearly as easy to have to create something. Even in its difficulty it was a very liberating experience. How often do you get the chance to create something? This was an opportunity to discover more about who you are, from picking your partner, the dance moves, the song and the dancers. Maddox required the class to keep journals so they could track what they learned about the craft and themselves.

All art forms were forms of self-discovery, dance just happened to be one of them and all it took was a step. In the words of famous ballet choreographer George Balanchine, "God creates, I do not create. I assemble and I steal everywhere to do it - from what I see, from what the dancers can do, from what others do ... choreography is simpler than you think. Just go and do, and don't think so much about it. Just make something interesting." Any one can dance or create. The only requirement was movement.



Students in the choreography class use their creativity to create unique pieces of art. The class helped to build the students' choreographing skills and confidence, as well as taught them how to handle criticism of their work.

Photo by Jessica Bowling



Moriah Patterson and CE Fifer perform "Just the Way You Are" from "Moving Out," choreographed by student choreographers Jody Lee and Haley Broadway. Student choreography couples were allowed to pick the song and musical for their performance.

Photo by Jessica Bowling

An Influential Day

by: Melissa Richardson

Albert Einstein and Thomas Jefferson were both great scholars but they were nothing compared to Ouachita students on Scholars' Day.

"Scholars' Day is Ouachita's annual undergraduate symposium featuring the best academic work in all disciplines - performances, experiments, papers and projects," said Dr. Amy Sonheim, director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

Starting back in 2000, Scholars' Day was brought to life by Dr. Joe Jeffers, dean of the Patterson School of Natural Sciences. "Dr. Jeffers realized that even though every year his outstanding chemistry students were presenting their experiments at national conferences, no one else on campus saw their outstanding research," Sonheim said. "Scholars' Day was born to showcase the award-winning work all over campus in an event for all to attend." As the student body grows, so does Scholars' day; last year there were 135 students involved and this year it grew to 160.

Not only were there team and individual presentations, but also a juried art show and recitals were held that allowed students to display their musical and artistic talents. Some presentations were made to inform students and encourage them to give back to Ouachita.

"I am in the Ad/PR Campaigns class this semester, and we are working with the Development Office to devise a plan to raise

future alumni support to the Annual Fund. Scholars' Day is a good avenue to present our plan to current students," said Jake Sligh, senior business administration major from Camden. "We spent a lot of time on primary research. Along with the help of Dr. Kent Faught and Dr. Randall Wight we created, administered and assessed a student survey. The survey was designed to find out current students' knowledge and opinions on things about Ouachita, specifically geared toward philanthropy."

After spending numerous hours researching, preparing papers and presentations, students were finally allowed to showcase all their hard work. "I was a little nervous, I've never been a fan of public speaking so anytime I have to present I get a little nervous," said senior Joseph Staut, a double major in graphic design and mass communications, from White Hall. "It felt good to present. It was nice to see people show up and listen to the work I spent so much time researching and writing, gave me a sense of accomplishment."

One addition to Scholars' Day was the induction of new members of Alpha Chi. The ceremony was held at the beginning of the day's activities.

Scholars' Day gave Ouachita students a time to present all their hard work and research to their peers in a different way, outside of the classroom. "Coming at the end of the year, Scholars' Day is a joyful reminder of what Ouachita does best - educates her students to be independently curious and interested in the world," said Sonheim.



Senior Lauren Nelson, a biology major from Russellville, presents her poster at Scholars' Day. For the first time, there was a juried competition.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior biology major Alex Hargis tells a student about "The Effects of Cannabinoids on Pediatric Tumors." Hargis was awarded first place out of the 42 science students who participated.
photo by: Callie Stephens





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during a rush party. Most of the wom-
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their name while they ran through a
tunnel as they entered.
by: Callie Stephens

Organizations



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thought by many as one of the most prominent forces driving the spirit of Ouachita, clubs and organizations reached new heights. Each was revamped, renewed and refocused in individual ways. Students found their niche so no one felt like just another **face** in the crowd.

Five members of Sigma Tau Delta made presentations at the International Convention in St. Louis, Mo., and Campus Ministries invited students to participate in a spring break project in New Orleans. Social clubs provided campus activities while continuing their efforts to improve Pledge Week. OSF was restructured into new committees in order to serve several areas of the university.

From academic clubs to service and social clubs, organizations provided a way for students to use their intellectual and creative minds to grow as individuals and to be of service to others.

Making Voices Heard

by Bethany Briscoe

Although Ouachita was not one of the largest private schools by comparison, it could still be difficult for one's voice to be heard over a crowd of 1,500 students on one campus. Often students felt like their opinion wouldn't be taken seriously or that nobody, in turn, would listen to their ideas, concerns and opinions on certain matters. For the past 61 years, Student Senate provided an outlet for students on campus to do just that.

Student Senate had one of the busiest years sponsoring and organizing events such as Homecoming, Academic Awards Banquet, Traffic Court, OBU's service day, Question and Answer Session with the president, and Campus Leaders Summit which occurred every 4th week of the month. Senate also funded many events for several social clubs and organizations, on and off campus. These included Muggin' at the Gazebo, The Women Tell All, Backyard Bible Club, Camp Wamp, and the Freshman Family Group Kick-Off Party. Without Senate's financial help, many of these organizations would not have been able to have these events that made Ouachita's community what it was.

At Homecoming, Senate sponsored a live tiger that was displayed in the middle of campus and Senate worked alongside Student Services to get a new TV in the Growlery. They also instituted class projects that were very successful. These projects ranged from purchasing new ping-pong tables that were installed in the dorms, to a new microwave that was purchased for the cafeteria, to planting trees on campus.

"The main purpose and goal of Senate is to serve as the voice of the students to the administration in a particular way," said Student Senate President Stephen Johnson, a senior business major from Brazil. "We want students to not only bring issues and concerns but also bring ideas that they have to improve on the campus or campus life." One way senators did that was to help sponsor a Question and Answer session with Dr. Rex Horne where students brought questions that they had about the University's future and got direct answers from the university's president. A two-year member of Senate, Megan Fida, a senior mass communications major from Plano, Texas, said, "At other universities, many students don't have the opportunity to meet their president, much less ask him questions directly about certain topics. Senate has provided a way to connect the students and faculty to ultimately make the campus community stronger."

For a little over six decades, Student Senate has pushed and strived to honor their purpose and reputation of making a direct impact on the campus. "Senate is a great and practical way for students to voice their opinions and where every perspective is considered," Johnson said. "The relationship between the Senate and the students on campus is truly a great one."

Members of Senate vote on an issue presented to them from the student body. Campus organizations often proposed financial support for retreats, projects and fundraisers to Student Senate.

photo by Collie Stephens





Student Senate president Stephen Johnson leads a group discussion. Members of Senate were encouraged to voice their opinions during each weekly meeting, held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.
photo by Callie Stephens



Junior Keeson Martin talks to a student about Senate during OcTiger Fest. A table was set up in the middle of campus equipped with pamphlets, pictures and other information about how Senate makes the students' voices heard.
photo by Callie Stephens



During OctTiger Fest and Tiger Tunes performances, OSF members held a silent auction. Auctioned items included books by Ace Collins, tea with Miss OBU Bethany Whitfield, and a photo shoot with Lori Motl.
 photo by Callie Stephens



Sophomore Cheyenne Flemister calls an alumnus during the OSF phon-a-thon. Fundraising efforts like the phon-a-thon raised over \$86,000 total in student scholarships.
 photo by Callie Stephens



Juniors Ali King, Sarah Greeson and Natalie Holmes sell Tigers Tunes t-shirts at Tiger Tunes. The proceeds from the sell of the t-shirts, along with ticket sales and proceeds from the silent auction, raised over \$60,000 for student scholarships.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Students on the Move by Adam Wheat

Before many students' feet hit campus in August, the Ouachita Student Foundation was on the move. Not only were preparations for the 31st annual production of Tiger Tunes well under way but other activities were already begun by the group's Steering Committee.

"The leadership has been wonderful this year," said Jacob Lively, a sophomore biology major from Hooks, Texas. "We, as members, were provided with up-to-date information on what the Steering Committee and staff coordinators were doing and discussing with campus administration." Lively was a member of the student recruitment/ambassador committee which represented the student body to visiting dignitaries, alumni, friends of the university and students—including a newfound relationship with the KIPP college preparatory school in Helena—as well as prospective students at college fairs and other off-campus events.

"I think OSF has moved beyond the period of uncertainty of our first year as a revamped organization and developed a better sense of identity," said senior Philip Williamson, a Christian studies, political science, and philosophy major from Batesville.

Williamson served his second year as co-chair of the history and traditions committee and was excited to see that group's ambitious new idea of compiling a handbook of university history come to fruition. The committee worked closely with staff coordinators Chris Babb, development officer and external alumni director, and Lauren Land, internal director of alumni.

"As a staff coordinator," said Land, "I have the opportunity to work behind the scenes with OSF students. I am continually amazed by the genuine excitement they have in raising scholarship money for their fellow students. They set the bar higher and higher each year."

"OSF is also continuing to expand its function as a major student face of Ouachita," said Williamson. "OSF's role as the president's student organization, the thrill of Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, the impact of the scholarships OSF raises, and the importance of preserving institutional history are all great reasons members enjoy OSF."

Williamson agreed with Lively who said, "The motto of OSF truly says it all: students helping students. OSF members learn to sacrifice to work toward helping their peers." Truly, as Williamson so eloquently expressed, "Life in OSF is rarely boring."

International Culture Shock

by Emma Smith

"Culture shock" was the perfect way to describe what many international students felt when they got to "The Bubble." The International Club existed to help these students ease into the Ouachita way of life.

Gray Prichard, a junior business major from Dickson, Tenn., understood what these students were feeling. Prichard spent part of his sophomore year studying abroad at the Universitas Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia. "While there, I realized the importance of having a group of students that can show you around your new surroundings and help you learn how to operate in such a significantly different culture. It is also important that [international students] have that outlet to make friends, including other internationals who are experiencing the same delights and frustrations as they are," said Prichard.

The International Club helped international students adjust to living in Arkadelphia and exposed American students to different cultures. "Any person is welcome in International Club, it isn't just for internationals. International Club's purpose is to give people a taste of culture and really open their eyes to the world and people around them," said club member Samantha Frank, a senior business major from Sunnyvale, Texas.

For fall break, the club went to Branson, Mo. "The fall break trip was the best because we got to get away from school, to go somewhere really fun, and experience something new. While we were there we got to know each other better and really deepen our friendships," said Frank.

The International Food Fest was the International Club's largest event with students and faculty in attendance. "So far this semester, our main focus has been International Food Festival, and the whole format of it was completely different. The whole club gets really involved in that, and it keeps us pretty busy," said Prichard.

"The best thing about International Club this year is that we have a great group of people," said club president Willy Rasilim, a senior accounting major from Tangerang, Indonesia. "This year we have had a great set of internationals who are so willing to be involved in every aspect of International Club and campus life in general. It's really just wonderful to see them enjoy their time so much," said Prichard.

For some students, the International Club was a way to serve their fellow students. "Ever since I arrived at OBU, I believe that God has put the internationals in my heart," said Rasilim. "I hope that for the coming years, not only that the internationals would be able to learn and get adopted to living and studying in America, but the internationals would be able to introduce the world to Ouachita in a greater scale. I also hope that all the internationals will take part in this club in the future, including all the international athletes," he added.



Juniors Greta James and Angela Gillis stand in line at the International Food Fest. The Festival was organized in a way where attendees felt as if they were traveling to different continents as they received their food.

Photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Caitlyn Wamble, freshman Sunhye Kim and senior Jarod Tohlenn sign up for an activity during an International Club meeting. International Club meetings were a weekly event held on Monday nights at 9p.m.
photo by Callie Stephens



Sophomore David Jeon outlines the International Club's window for the CAB Christmas Party Window Decorating Contest. The club's window included a picture of Ian Cosh as Santa Clause.
Photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Stephanie Beck Irish step dances at the International Food Festival. The Festival included more than just food, it also included entertainment from various cultures.
Photo by Callie Stephens



Sophomore Mait Ceudie plays on an inflatable at Spring Fling. Spring Fling was hosted by CAB but it encouraged involvement from various clubs on campus.
photo by Callie Stephens



Junior CAB member Alex Ray sells t-shirts at the Andy Davis concert held in the fall. T-shirts were also sold at the Jake Smith concert in the spring.
photo by Callie Stephens



Juniors Natalie Gregory, Bethany Whitfield and Courtnie Devore create gingerbread houses out of gingerbread crackers, candy and icing at the CAB Christmas Party. Gingerbread house building was just one of the activities CAB provided at the campus-wide Christmas party.
photo by Callie Stephens



Singer/songwriter Andy Davis performs during the fall concert presented by CAB. It was Davis' second time to perform at a CAB concert in Jones Performing Arts Center.
photo by Callie Stephens

Giving a Getaway

by Daniel Anderson

The activities held by CAB allowed for students to temporarily get away from the stress and assignments of what could be an educational asylum. "[CAB] offers something to do for the student body that is fun, different and overall a good time," said Madison O'Connor, a junior political science major and president of CAB from Boulder, Colorado. Andrew Simmons, a sophomore Christian Studies major from Texarkana, added, "It is a good way to get away and take a break. It's good clean fun."

"CAB offers activities and things to do on the weekends and throughout the week that Arkadelphia is unable to offer us as college students," said O'Connor.

CAB held many activities on campus as a getaway. "The movies committee is where we show Sunday evening pre-released movies in the Walker Conference center," O'Connor said, mentioning CAB's contract with Swank Motion Pictures that allowed this to happen. "Movies included "Up", "Twilight", "The Blind Side" and "Star Trek".

The music committee worked hard to involve students and even popular musicians during the year. "This year CAB put on a fall concert with Denison Witmer, which we teamed up with Invisible Children and made it a benefit concert," O'Connor said. "It was a great event and we were able to involve, not just the students of Ouachita, but also the Arkadelphia community in this fundraiser."

"Coffeehouse is a fan favorite," O'Connor said. "It allows for student involvement on campus in a creative way." Students were able to express their musical abilities and perform for fellow students.

Favorite events included the CAB Christmas party and Spring Fling. "The Christmas party has many different events in one, each with many different fun aspects to them," said Bethany Moss, a senior Christian studies major from Mesquite, Texas. "Spring Fling was on a weekend so you had a bunch of time. They were really fun because you could bring all your friends and it lasts all day."

It took a lot of work for CAB to pull off these events, but it was well worth the effort. "On the inside, if you're a member of CAB, it gives you the chance to serve. It makes you feel good to know that planning a movie can impact those who are attending," said Alden Ashley, a senior speech pathology major from Booneville.

CAB had a great influence on campus. Students continually got involved on both sides of the activities and brought life to campus.

Finding a New Family

by Jaranimo Marks

ROMS, Reaching Out To Minority Students, was an organization established to bring students together despite their culture differences or beliefs. They encouraged students to get involved and meet different people. "There are so many different types of people involved. And, so many different opinions that are voiced," says junior Alyssa Pickett, a psychology major from Texarkana, Texas, and an active member of ROMS.

Distance played an important part in the lives of many students on campus. But ROMS allowed you to get through that void by socializing with students and meeting lifelong friends. "I joined because some of the people I became friends with were members, and the advisor at the time was persistent at getting me to attend a meeting," said senior chaplain Kendra Pruitt. "It looked like a family, and they were really good, friendly people that served as a safety net for minority students, and I appreciated their goals and mission and wanted to contribute."

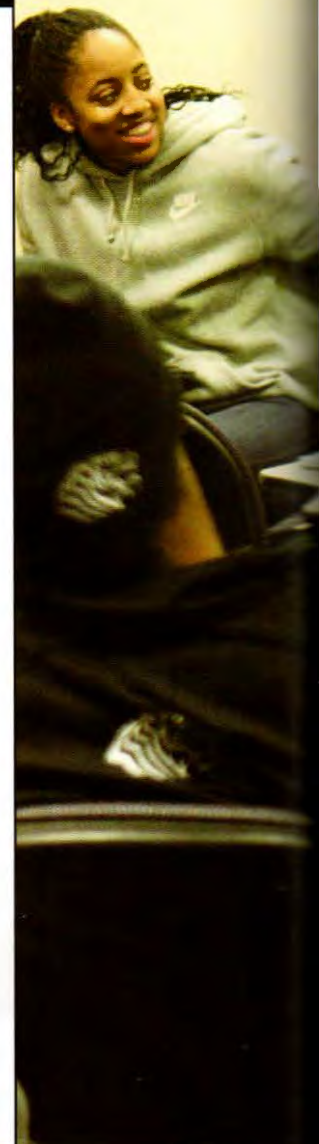
In the spring, ROMS held a panel discussion on campus that focused on issues in the minority population. "The panel discussion was called 'Issues facing the Black Community', and we had a great outcome. We allowed students to talk about important issues that affect our generation and different races. I had a great time," said Pruitt.

Becoming a part of an organization like ROMS had a great impact on students' experiences as a college students. The organization allowed you to learn and understand the different nationalities that are on campus. It gave students a greater appreciation for different traditions.

All students were encouraged to take the time to learn more about ROMS, and attend the many activities they had throughout the year. "This organization provided me with a comfort zone that served as a foundation for my time here," said Pruitt. "It has given me a family away from my family back home, friends of a lifetime, and memories to never be forgotten. It's been a great experience."

ROMS began to make an impact. The members of ROMS did much to capture the attention of all students on campus, and they planned to keep it going. "We have game night mixers every once in a while, and we are scheduled to have an outing this fall," said Pruitt.

ROMS also teamed up with Henderson State University to host "The Revolution" concert. "The concert was amazing. Many students came out to show their support and hear the speaking. I am so glad I was a part of that fun," Pruitt stated. Every activity sponsored by ROMS was opened to all students and they hoped that each year more and more students would come out and join in the fun.



Senior Kendra Pruitt leads a devotional, serving as chaplain of ROMS. Devotionals were held at the end of every meeting.
photo by Jessica Bowling

ROMS members listen to a panel discussion during one of their meetings. Members often took time to do something to grow us closer as an organization by sharing memories or discussing current events or classwork.
photo by: Jessica Bowling



Junior Colbe Christopher represents ROMS at homecoming. Homecoming was one of the ways that ROMS was represented on campus.
photo courtesy of James Burge



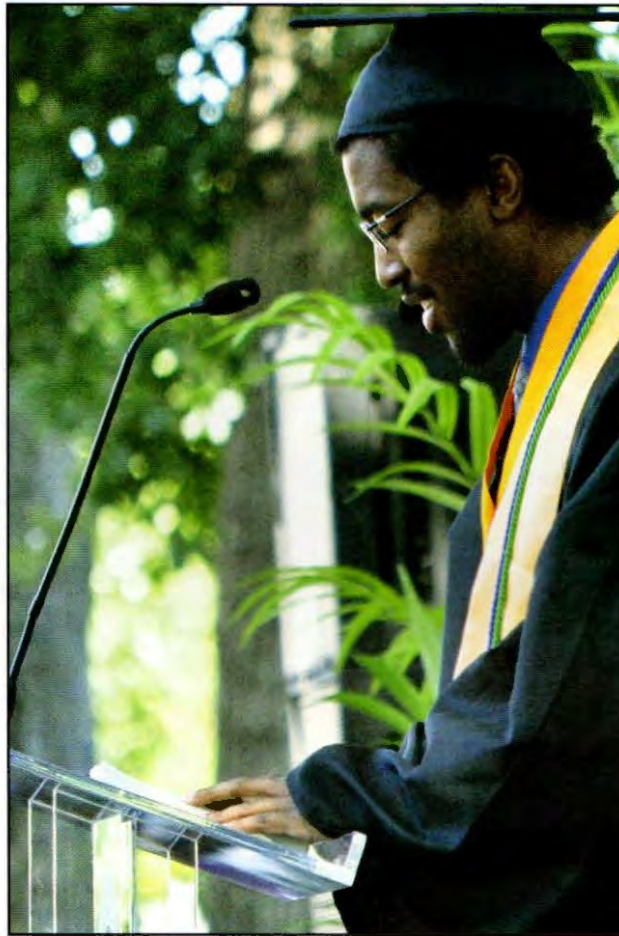


Members of Sigma Tau Delta are inducted in to the club at Drs. Doug and Amy Sonheim's home. The inductees brought the club's total membership to 19.

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Honor graduate Philip Williamson presents his speech to his fellow classmates of the class of 2010. Williamson was also president of the honors club, Alpha Chi.

photo by: Callie Stephens



The Chosen Few

by: Megan Lindsey

Among the junior and senior classes, an elite group of students were chosen. These students showed great dedication coupled with serious work ethic, not to mention endless motivation and time management skills. These were the students who were members of the honors clubs.

The club Sigma Tau Delta proved to be very involved on and off campus. They collected books for Chessie Holmes, a Sigma Tau Delta alumna teaching in Honduras, and were able to mail around 35 children's books to her for use in her school. "Our sponsor was Dr. Amy Sonheim, to whom we give special thanks," said Megan Gentry, a senior English major from Little Rock. "She is a phenomenal sponsor who made possible everything the club wanted to do. The entire English department really worked with us to bolster our involvement on campus." Sigma Tau Delta published *Scope*, the Sigma Tau Delta literary journal for OBU. Inductions for new members were held in the fall, increasing membership to 19 members. The club was honored to have five of its members accepted to present their original writing at the Sigma Tau Delta International Conference in St. Louis, Mo. Those students were Liz Richardson, Hannah Holmes, Rachel Dunnahoe, Megan Gentry, and Ian Whitlow. Rachel Dunnahoe received an award for one of her essays.

The national society of Alpha Chi consisted of members who were granted membership through invitation only. It was made up of the top ten percent of the junior and senior classes. Senior Alpha Chi member Philip Williamson, from Batesville, served as president and presented his honors thesis at the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society Super-Regional Convention, held in Little Rock in the spring. "Philip looked as though he was simply born to be up there presenting," said Dr. Lori Hensley, assistant professor of biology and faculty sponsor of Alpha Chi. "He was the last one to speak in his category, and the judges immediately went up to him and started praising him and asking him his plans for the future. I knew he was going to win an award." Williamson presented "Civilizational Identity and International Conflict" in the Economics and Political Science category. "My theory is that the source of conflict is the universal nature of Islam and Western Christianity/Democracy, while the fuel for ongoing conflict is a radically different sense of self-identity within each civilization," said Williamson.

Alpha Chi also joined with the Honors program to host Kim Craig at a breakfast while she was on campus for her lecture.

Two new traditions were established to raise the profile of Alpha Chi on campus. A public induction ceremony was held to open Scholars' Day, and graduates were allowed to wear cords at graduation. Carrying on the traditions of the honors clubs on campus, Alpha Chi and Sigma Tau Delta were well represented to the public, and showcased their servant hearts and intellectual abilities in individual and personal ways.

A Common Bond

by Cassie Harrell

Despite being from all different backgrounds, ethnicities and places around the globe, members of music clubs had one common bond: they all loved music and had a desire to get to know people who shared the same love.

"Being in Sigma Alpha Iota was always a dream of mine in high school, and now that dream is a reality," said Angie Rosenblatt, a sophomore music education major from Grapevine, Texas. "Sharing in the love of music with my sisters is a priceless and gratifying gift from God."

While some chose to be in a music club as a way to meet new people, others chose to join music clubs in order to serve in ways that related to music. Many music clubs, including Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, were focused on ways to better the OBU marching band by volunteering the club members' time to help serve.

"The goal and purpose of Kappa Kappa Psi is to promote college bands and to help them in any way we can," said Jessica Hensarling, a senior psychology major from Allen, Texas. Hensarling also served as president of Kappa Kappa Psi. "We are looking to provide the band with any help and support that they need, as well as organizing events for its members."

During the spring semester, members of Kappa Kappa Psi found a way to serve the band by giving all of the music stands a facelift. "This spring we have tightened and fixed up all of the stands as well as generally cleaning up the band hall. Last year we went through and repainted most of the stands so that they would be more presentable at concerts," said Hensarling.

Both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma served the band by helping carry equipment to the performance places and tearing down after a performance was over. The clubs helped clean the band hall and at the end of the spring semester the clubs sponsored a hamburger cookout for the band.

The members of Sigma Alpha Iota chose to serve not only Ouachita, but the community. "We participate in Tiger Serve Day each year, as well as sing at the nursing homes at various times," said Rosenblatt. "We also donate money to philanthropies, which helps out in the creation of music, performance and scholarship."

While members of music clubs were drawn together by a love of music and a willingness to serve, many were not expecting to find the friendships that were formed. "I also saw a great group of individuals that I could join and be a part of," said Hensarling. "It has turned out to be a better experience than I anticipated, and I have formed lasting friendships with not just brothers from Ouachita, but from all over the country."



Junior Cyrus Morris teaches a student at a music workshop. The music clubs administrated and taught several workshops for high school students. photo by: Jordan Henry



Members of the Henderson State University chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi enjoy a mixer with Omicron's chapter. The game night mixer was held at Lake DeGray.
photo by: Jordan Henry



Senior Doug Brady mixes hot chocolate at OcTiger Fest. Phi Mu Alpha had a table at OcTiger Fest for current students to visit with alumni.
photo by: Callie Phelps



Junior Josiah Wheeler takes an ax to an old piano during Spring Fling. The Piano Bash was sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Hannah Howard and junior Laura Goode pack baked potato lunches at a fundraiser. This was one of many fundraisers held by the Dietetics Club.
photo by Callie Stephens



Members of the American Chemical Society perform a science show for students in the amphitheatre. The American Chemical Society held a different event everyday to celebrate Chemistry Week.
photo by Callie Stephens



Senior Lindsay Pry and work on a presentation during SIFE practice. The SIFE presentation team presented on the regional level and attended nationals in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
photo by Callie Stephens

Like-Minded People

by Bethany Eliff

Attending conferences, putting on fundraisers, going on trips, hanging out with like-minded people, and loving your major: what did all these things have in common? These were just some of the aspects of being a part of an academic club.

Senior Heidi Sanders, a speech communications major from Monticello, was a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and had thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the group.

"NSSLHA provides a way for us to bond as friends and grow closer together," said Sanders. There were many social events and activities, such as the Christmas party, that provided the speech-pathology majors with opportunities to get to know each other outside of the classroom and therapy sessions. While there were many fun things in which to participate, Sanders was careful to point out the underlying goal of NSSLHA. "Our main purpose is service," said Sanders.

The Dietetics Club was another academic club committed to serving others and bringing like-minded students together. "It has been personally influential in my OBU experience, because it has increased my awareness to the need for nutrition knowledge in fellow students and the community. It also has encouraged me for what is ahead professionally," said senior Nony Christner of Denton, Texas.

The Dietetics Club attended the national American Dietetics Association Conference in Denver in the fall and worked toward raising awareness among fellow students and the community. The club performed BMIs (Body Mass Index) for the elementary schools, sponsored health fairs for both OBU and the community, and set up fundraisers such as the baked potato lunch and car washes.

There were also certain academic clubs that required a specific grade point averages and involvement. TAK (Theta Alpha Kappa) was one such organization. TAK was a national theological club and was available to students with the highest grade points within the Christian studies field. Senior Lindsey Baker was one of these students asked to be a part of TAK, and greatly enjoyed the privileges and opportunities that come along with this invitation.

Whether it was hosting local fairs and events, reaching out to the community, finding your spot or attending conferences and lectures to grow further in your understanding, academic clubs were enriching and encouraging experiences, no matter what major was chosen.

Maintaining Excellence

by Becca Watts

Time was one thing that college students did not have, especially those working for a publication. Whether *The Signal*, the online *Signal*, the *Ouachitanian*, the video department or the photo lab, students were heavily involved in creating excellence.

The Signal continued with a larger broadsheet publication. "This has given the paper a more professional look and has created a new dynamic for the editors who have found it easier to design," said Holland Powell, a senior mass communications major from Nashville and editor-in-chief of the *Signal*.

The online *Signal* worked to maintain the excellence left behind by former faculty member and advisor Mitch Bettis. "We've really focused on trying to maintain the same level of quality in the content and features that we had last year," said Emma Smith, a senior mass communications and graphic design double major from Little Rock and editor of the online *Signal*. "It's been a big task, especially since there isn't really a faculty member in our department who knows the site and how to work it."

Following their 100th anniversary edition, the *Ouachitanian* had a challenge all its own. "After the event of reaching the 100th anniversary of the *Ouachitanian*, it was a challenge for me to create a book that would begin, in a way, a new era for the book. I wanted to show that the school is moving in a new and exciting direction," said Megan Lindsey, a mass communications major from Camden and editor-in-chief of the *Ouachitanian*.

The video department was busy balancing time and content. "The video department produces two shows," said Rance Collins a senior mass communications from Hillsboro, Texas, "the 'Ouachita' show which airs once a month and, in the fall, 'The Billy Elmore Show', which airs every week."

Keeping all of these publications in line was the photo lab. "The photo staff here at Ouachita basically aims to help create a more media-driven campus. I always tell anyone who asks what all we take pictures of, 'every single event on campus and then some'," said Callie Stephens, a junior mass communications major from Conway and editor of the photo lab. "In any given week, there are well over 600 pictures taken. Sometimes, during the really busy weeks, up to 3,000."

In the fall the online *Signal* was awarded a Pacemaker Award from the Associated Collegiate Press. *The Signal* and the *Ouachitanian* were both awarded the Gold Medalist rating from Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The various publications on campus strived for excellence in every area in order to further represent Ouachita both on and off campus.

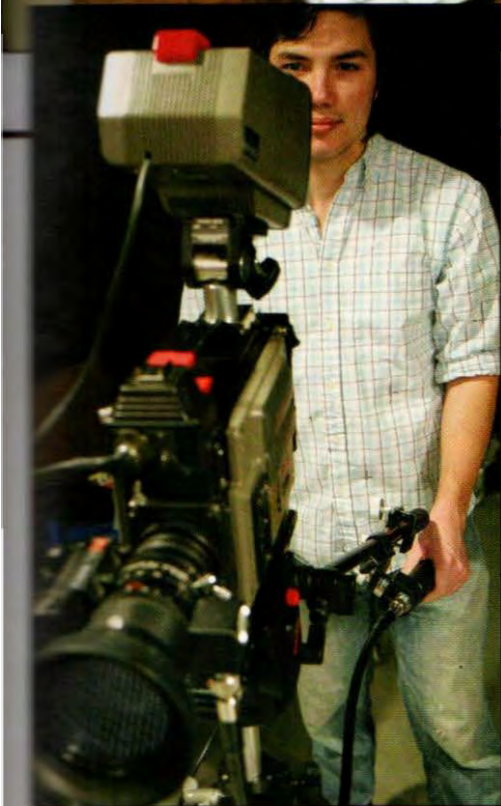


Junior assistant editor Cassie Harrell and senior editor-in-chief Megan Lindsey prepare pages of the *Ouachitanian* to be sent into competition. The *Ouachitanian* won a total of 16 awards in the spring from the Arkansas College Media Association.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Jeff Harmon and junior Julia Hagar work on the online edition of the *Signal*. The Online *Signal* won a Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Holland Powell laughs in *The Signal* office during a Wednesday night "work night." Powell served as the editor-in-chief for *The Signal* and the online *Signal*.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Ronce Collins films an episode of the "Ouachita" show. The "Ouachita" show was one of two shows produced on a regular basis by the video department.
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The women of EEE perform a 1950s song and dance routine for the second night of rush. 50s night is the traditional second night of rush for the EEEs.

photo by Kara Humble

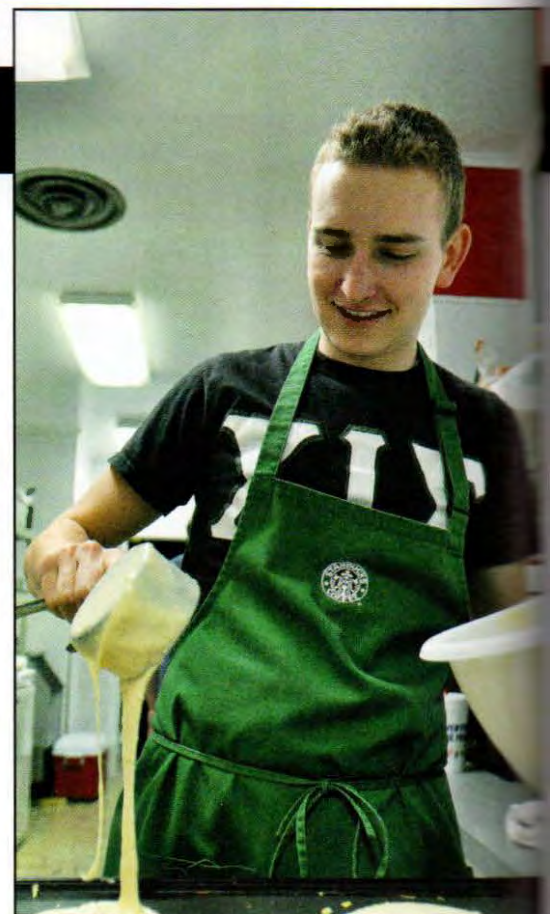


The women of Chi Delta talk to rushees during their 1970s-themed party for the first night of Rush. The first night of Rush was the only night that girls had to attend all of the social club parties.

photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Marcus Schreiner laddels up pancakes during Chi Iota Sigma Crush Rush. The Chioties held a game night with a pancake dinner for Crush Rush.

photo by Callie Stephens





Rushees pour themselves a soda at the first night of Rho Sigma Rush. The second night of men's Rush was the Red Shirts' red and white traditions night where members wear their traditional red coats and alumni speak.
photo by Callie Stephens



Finding a Place to Belong

by: *Bethany Briscoe*

One event of the spring semester that seemed to be one of the most exciting was Rush week. Exactly 98 girls and 47 guys participated in the events of the week. Rush week gave the rushees an opportunity to see what each club was like individually by attending parties where they could ask questions and get a feel for what each club was all about. "Rush week was really exciting and busy overall. The girls ran around the dorm, getting ready beforehand borrowing shoes, sharing necklaces, helping each other with hair," said Karis Crasby, a freshman Christian studies major from Columbia, Missouri. "The overall experience definitely introduced me to so many awesome people. It's also fun to dress up and get free food!"

Going through Rush can only be somewhat of a stressful time for the rushees but also for the club members themselves. To make sure that the rushees leave feeling like they have had a positive experience some clubs put in hours of preparing and planning to make everyone feel comfortable and entertained at each party. "In the fall Tri Chi had three practices and usually they lasted about an hour. This semester we had two practices with one that lasted about three hours," said Amber Lee, a senior graphic design major from Plano, Texas.

The men's club also takes great pride in gearing up for the busy week. Calvin Reynolds, a senior business major, said "Our goal of all of our rush nights to let the rushees see an accurate picture of who the Men of Beta Beta really are, including our diversity, what we truly believe, and what we stand for."

Rush week itself would not be as successful and run as smooth if it wasn't for the Panhellenic and the Intrafraternal Council. "Rush week can sometimes be a hectic time for these girls and it helps to have somebody on a neutral bases that they can go to with questions or concerns," said Meg Gosser, a junior mass communications major from Coppell, Texas. "Rush is such a neat time for these freshmen and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Being a part of Panhellenic for the first time this year was such an honor."

At the end of the week the rushees had a decision to make, to rush or not to rush. Some students chose to join a social club while others decided that staying independent was the way to go. Overall, the clubs, along with Panhellenic and IFC, gave students the opportunity to see a special and traditional aspect of Ouachita.

A New Beginning

by Breanne Goodrum

It appeared to be a typical college Saturday morning; a morning where no student dared wake before 8 a.m. It appeared to be, that is until the colors and letters arrived filling every square inch of campus, then the appearance was shed.

Saturday arrived and girls ran out from Francis Crawford filling the campus early on Saturday, Jan. 23. The bids had arrived and Pledge week had begun. Pink and green balloons flew into the sky, red and white sweatshirts painted the stairs of Cone-Bottoms, maroon and green covered the Flag Plaza, while blue and yellow sat patiently by the Tiger. For one Saturday it was not purple and gold, it was a rainbow of colors; a new sense of belonging and friendship for many freshmen.

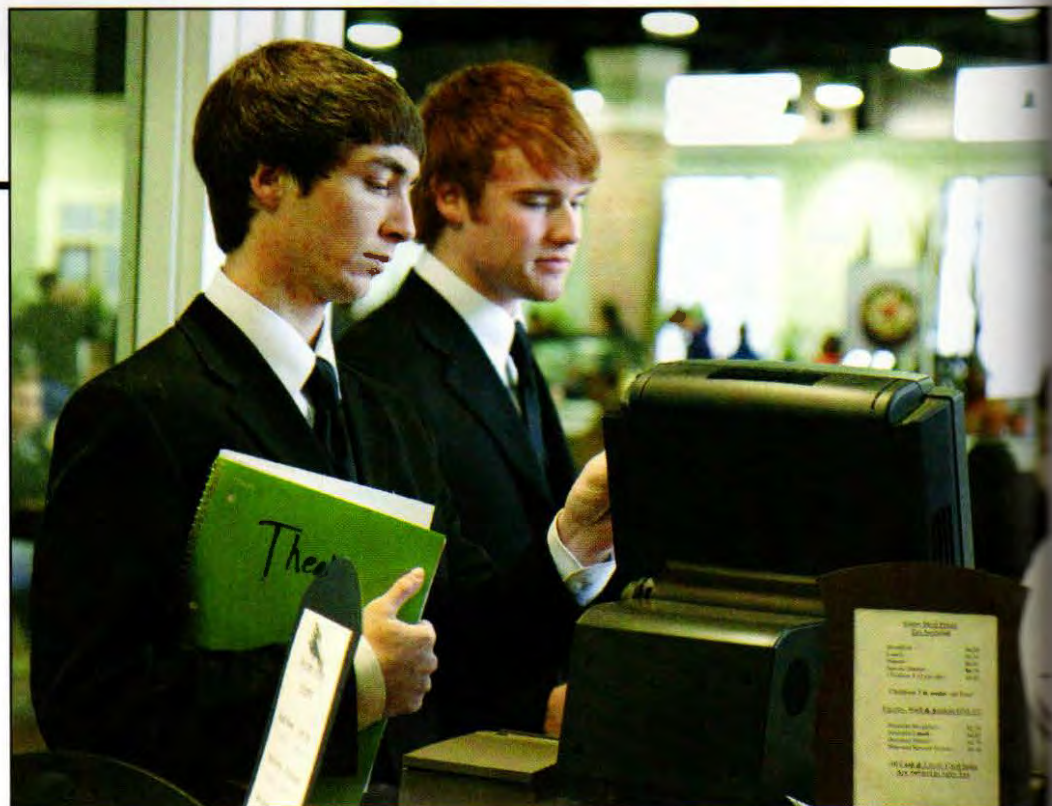
For the men that participated in Pledge week, their bid was received on Thursday morning, where they were greeted at their dorm room door by the members of the club they chose to be inducted into. "On bid night we choose the one that we feel like we connect with and then we just jump right in and get to pledging," said freshman theater and Christian studies double major Aaron Watson from Little Rock.

After a meet-and-greet with the members, the social clubs embarked on their first outings with the pledges. They took them to customary sites and taught them the traditions of the clubs. Rules were explained and colors shown, but for the most part the day was dedicated to getting to know the pledges.

"Saturday was a great way to get to know the members after just being at rush parties. You really got to see their personalities and see what they were really like. They were interested in us, not just the club and how many pledges they got. They wanted to know what we wanted out of pledging," said freshman church music major Breonno Holder from El Dorado.

As soon as the weekend ends, the tough week of pledging began. Tasks were assigned to pledges and the transformation began. Dorms were colored, bonners hung from the bridge, and community projects completed.

"Looking back right now it was hard, but without it I would have never met my close friends," said senior literature major Ian Whitlow from New Orleans, La. I know it's a stereotypical answer, but it really does create a bond. You spend so much time together, you learn to rely and trust each other."



Beta Beta pledges Biayne Beene and Brandon Briscoe swipe their cards as they go into the Commons for lunch. Pledges for all of the clubs were required to eat together every day of pledge week.
photo by Kara Humble



Tri Chi pledge mistress Jenna Cummings monitors the Tri Chi pledges at lunch. On the Friday of pledge week, Tri Chi pledges are required to bring a date to lunch.
photo by: Kara Humble



Eta pledges perform their first "men in tights" serenade. Putting on a serenade was just one of the tasks that the pledges had to do during pledge week.
photo by Whitney Crews

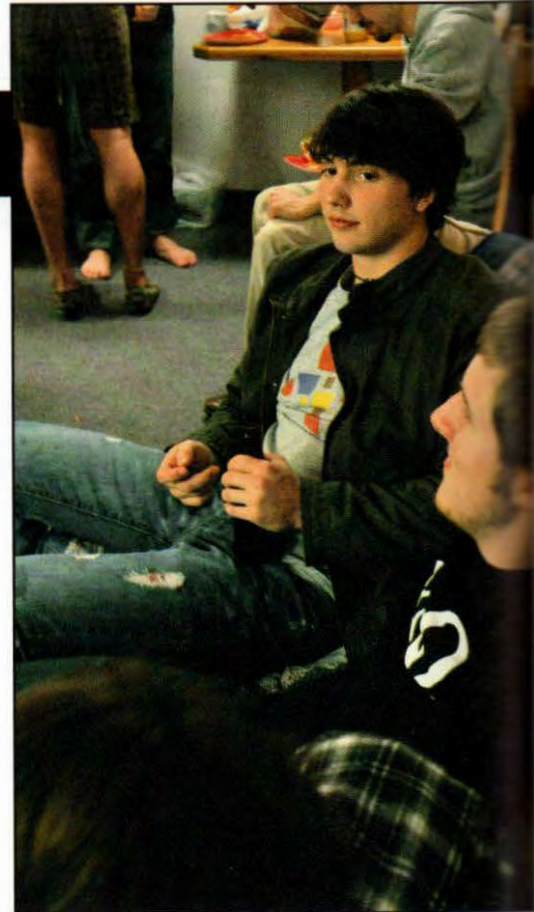
Chi Rho Phi pledges Raley Howard and Breanna Holder do their homework during study hall. Study hall was a much-needed break in the day for pledges to get their school work done.
photo by Whitney Crews



Senior Matt Dillard and junior Richard Hubber serve IBC for Muggin'. Muggin's location was changed from the traditional gazebo to the middle of campus due to flooding.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Trey Baldwin works on the Eta window for the CAB Christmas Party window decorating contest. The Etas won second place in the contest.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Chase Clay drinks a IBC Rootbeer at the first night of men's Rush. The Etas received 12 pledges as a result of Rush.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Freshmen Patrick Krauss and Aaron Watson, along with sophomore Steven Harvell, make a mess during the last event of Eta Whose Line. Whose Line was an annual fundraiser held in the spring.

photo by: Zach Killian



Name: Eta Alpha Omega

Established: 1997

Colors: Purple and Black

Mascot: Bulldog

Motto: "As Iron Sharpens Iron"

Members: 22

A Future of Growth

by: Townsend Keller

The men of Eta Alpha Omega experienced a year of revitalization and growth, with the largest pledge class in the club's history. "The future of our club will definitely stay strong focused on Christ and in our relationships with Him and spreading it throughout campus," said John Dicus, a senior business and political science double major from Clarksville.

The Etas welcomed a dozen new pledges into the club. Known as, "the Twelve Pack," these new members were a diverse and lively bunch. "We are what guys on campus are looking for, a brotherhood focused on our growth in Christ and our relationship with Him and with each other," Dicus said.

"I became an Eta because because I liked the brotherhood and how they treated their pledges and because they are a fun group that likes to do things for the rest of campus," said Steven Harvell, a sophomore Christian studies major from Washington, D.C., and a member of the Eta pledge class. "I'm looking forward to doing Tiger Tunes and helping out with Muggin'," Harvell said.

Freshman Patrick Krauss from Plana, Texas, wanted to be a part of the activities that the Etas put on for the rest of the school. "I wanted to join a club that was relaxed and had a good group of guys," Krauss said. "They had done lots of events like Muggin' that I wanted to be a part of."

The Etas did not do Tiger Tunes, but the Eta tradition of Muggin' at the Gazebo after the last night of Tiger Tunes was considered an integral part of Tiger Tunes tradition.

"That's a tradition that has been going on for many years, and it's one of the biggest ways we can bring the campus together for a bit of fun after an extremely hard month," Dicus said. "It's our way to give back to campus in a big way and let others see what we are really about."

Muggin' at the Gazebo was actually held in the middle of campus due to flooding at the Gazebo, but that didn't stop the fun of those in attendance.

The group's spring activities included a camping outing with the club's alumni, participating in Tiger Serve Day, and hosting Eta Whose Line, a night where those in the club encouraged anyone in their audience to join them performing sketch comedy.

No Two the Same

by Breona Atkins

"You don't know how it feels," but the women of Chi Delta definitely did. "You Don't Know How It Feels" was the Chi Delta theme song, by Tom Petty. The women's social club was founded in 1970 and the same traditions they had then were still around.

The first time the club was seen on campus was during registration in the fall. It didn't take long for Chi Delta to be noticed as they joined other clubs in promoting their activities. During the fall semester, the women hosted Harvest Moon during TWIRP week, and different functions both on and off campus. Also during the fall semester, the women participated in Tiger Tunes with a Jungle-themed show.

Melissa Collier, a junior Christian studies major from Langview, Texas, said, "We wanted to make it different. We added more contemporary elements to make it more entertaining and crowd pleasing. The hardest part of everything was the teased hair."

After all of the hard work was done, the women rewarded themselves with their annual fall outing. They traveled to St. Louis for their outing where they spent an entire weekend touring and relaxing. Saphamare Lacey Smith, a pre-nursing major from Claremore, Okla., said, "Getting everything together was a lot of hard work."

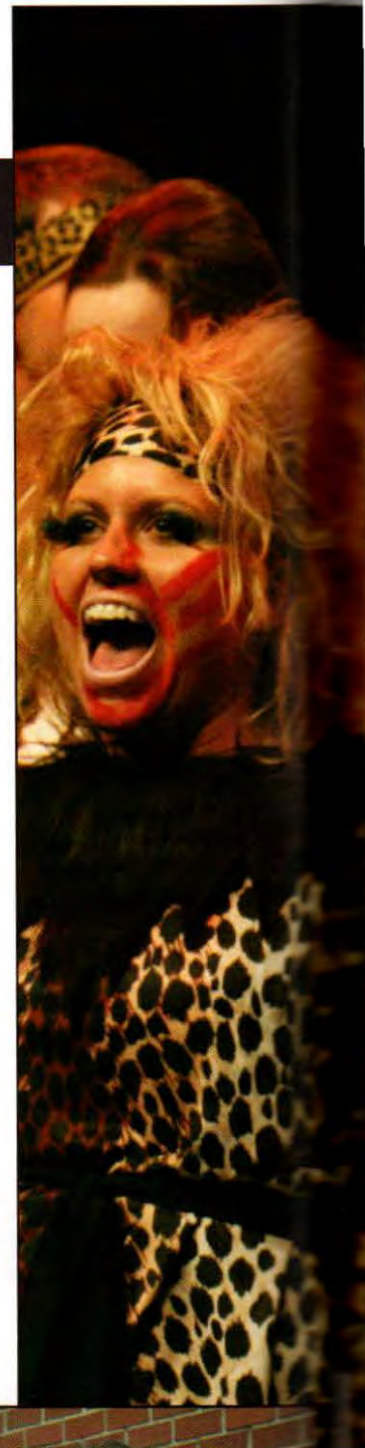
The women of Chi Delta also held Owl-O-Ween, Date Dash and mixers with other clubs such as a dancing in the deer woods mixer with the men of Beta Beta, a Jersey Shore mixer with the men of Rho Sigma and a girl mixer with the women of Tri Chi. "The Tri Chi mixer was also fun. It was the best mixer ever," Smith said.

The women gave back to their community by holding a garage sale and giving everything that they didn't sell to the Beehive and the Courage House, which was a part of the club's philanthropy. They also visited with the residents at the Courage House and participated in Tiger Serve Day.

In the spring, the women inducted nine new members into the club. Freshman Tiara Hastings, a biology major from Clinton, said, "I chose Chi Delta because I was led in that direction. This was the group that I came to realize that I fit best with."

From the beginning, Chi Delta was a club that was based on diversity. No two girls were the same. The club still thrived on that. Just like with club, the women built friendships that will last forever.

"Chi Delta brought me lifelong friends that have given me confidence in who God made me. I never felt like they tried to make me into someone else," said senior Allie Hedges, a studio art major from Garland, Texas, and president of Chi Delta. "Being president has given me strength in my leadership skills and given me the opportunity to pour my love back into Chi Delta."



Name: Chi Delta

Established: 1970

Colors: Blue and Yellow

Flower: Daisy

Mascot: Owl

Motto: "Standing out but never standing alone."

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Jungle People

Members: 21

Sophomore Sarah Duke hands daisies out at Octiger Fest. The women of Chi Delta had a table at Octiger Fest to help alumni reconnect with their sisterhood.

Photo by Callie Stephens





Sophomores Juliana Rogsdale and Lacy Smith sing karaoke at karaoke night during the Battle of the Ravine Week. Karaoke night was held the second night of the Battle of the Ravine Week and was hosted by the women of Chi Delta.
Photo by Allie Hodges

The women of Chi Delta sing about the wonders of life in the jungle. Their jungle themed show included a story about how several outsiders realized the wrongs in their ways and became a part of the tribe.
Photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Melissa Collier adds paint to her brush as she works on the Chi Delta window for the CAB Christmas Party Window Decorating Contest. The women of Chi Delta won first place in the contest.
Photo by Callie Stephens

The Kappa Chi Knights save the day in their medieval-themed Tiger Tunes show. The men of Kappa Chi won third over all for Tiger Tunes.
photo by Callie Stephens



Sophomore Tanner Huffman points the Kappa's window for the CAB Christmas Party Window Decorating contest. The Kappa's window design was inspired by the Apple iPod commercials.
photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Mark Sumrall speaks as his fellow members finish up dinner, catered by Chicken Express, on the traditions night of men's Rush. The men of Kappa Chi received 13 pledges as a result of Rush.
photo by Callie Stephens



Junior Joe Anderson plays the guitar and sings at Kappachino. Anderson was one of many students to perform at the fundraising event. photo by Sarah Sparks



Name: Kappa Chi

Established: 1981

Colors: Maroon and Navy Blue

Motto: "A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Knights

Members: 36

Forming a Brotherhood

by: Sarah Sparks

Brotherhood, respect, and diversity were the words that the men of Kappa Chi stayed true to since they were founded on November 10, 1981. Throughout the years, their club has grown stronger in these characteristics, on and off campus.

The members of Kappa Chi valued the act of service and strived to make it a priority. They volunteered at a homeless shelter over fall break, where spent quality time with the people there, helped serve food and clean. They also helped elderly people in the community by volunteering to clean their lawns. "It's always a goal of ours to make a bigger impact in our community and campus than the previous year," said Kappa Chi President Greg Schwartz, a senior mass communications and theater double major from Texarkana, Texas. "We always make an effort to be involved in as many campus organizations as possible to show our club's commitment to Ouachita."

The club also hosted Kappachino in both the fall and spring semesters. Kappachino allowed students to showcase their talents while enjoying a coffee house environment. There was wide range of performers, including a few of the Kappas themselves. Kappa Chi Late Night was held in the spring semester, which was Kappa's version of a late night talk show. The evening included a spoof on the hit movie "Twilight" and the Kappa Chi pledge class comedy skit.

Kappa Chi claimed the third place prize at the 31st annual Tiger Tunes. The men fought dragons and saved princesses each night as brave knights on the JPAC stage. "We decided to have a fun show this year instead of taking it too seriously," said Ben Reeves, a senior church music major from Hot Springs. "It ended up being OK because we won third place and we were really happy with it."

Among Kappa's accomplishments were the 13 new members the club received after Pledge Week. "An increased pledge class of 13 was nice just because it made for a better Pledge Week and you like to see people who are enthusiastic about joining," said John Mark Tohlen, a junior biology major from Grapevine, Texas.

Developing relationships was important to Kappa Chi as they continued to make an impact on campus. "Over the past four years, I have loved being part of Kappa Chi," said senior Kappa Chi lil' sis Megan Lindsey, a mass communications major from Camden. "Each year with them has been different and better than the last. I have no doubt that they will continue to grow as a fun, committed and loyal group of guys."

Back to the Basics

by Tanner Huffman

Christ, the Lord, my love. These five words, taken from the Greek letters chi, rho and phi, frame the central meaning behind the Chi Rho Phi sisterhood.

The women of Chi Rho Phi celebrated their 10 year anniversary in the fall, and had high hopes for growing their club. Their main focus, however, was shifting back to their original mission: ministering to their sister clubs, the campus and the community.

"This has been a year of getting back to the basics," said Hillary Hill, a sophomore sociology major from Forrest City. "We've had a lot of transitioning the past two semesters. During the fall, we had to grow and build unity and trust in each other before we could start serving others. I feel we grew very close and were able to find ways to serve others this spring."

In the fall, the ladies hosted their Luau TWIRP night, where they served food, played games and even entertained guests with fire twirling performed by their big brothers. They also hosted fundraisers, participated in Tiger Serve Day, and took a spiritual outing to Russellville where they volunteered at a crisis pregnancy center.

With the spring semester came Rush and Induction Week. This meant growth for the women of Chi Rho Phi. "Our new pledges were wonderful," said Charlene Heimsch, a junior business administration major from Stuttgart. "They each brought their own personality and traits to the club and made it their own. I was drained by the end of the week, but it went well and was completely worth the time I spent investing in the girls."

Under pledge mistresses Heimsch and Whitney Crews, a senior mass communications major from Jonesboro, the club added nine girls to its membership.

"I pledged Chi Rho Phi because God wanted to bless me with a smaller club so I could develop deeper relationships with both Him and others," said Bailey Nichols, a freshman biology major from Little Rock.

The spring semester also allowed the girls more opportunities for fellowship and service. The club took an outing to Memphis, Tenn., where they enjoyed a day at the Memphis Zoo. They also had a mixer with their brother club, Eta Alpha Omega, helped with Spring Fling and participated in the spring Tiger Serve Day.

With a membership of over 20, the girls have high hopes for next year. One of their main goals is to participate in Tiger Tunes in the fall. They also hope to continue growing to become truly devoted to serving God and others.

"We have lots of ideas being sorted out and hope to start organizing many more activities for next school year," Hill said. "As long as we continue to work toward our mission and serve others, I feel God will continue to grow us for Him."

Name: Chi Rho Phi

Established: 1999

Colors: Maroon and Hunter Green

Flower: Dogwood

Mascot: Dove

Motto: "The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian does make me a different kind of woman."

Members: 20

Junior Kristin Penn and her husband Thomas Penn participate in Chi Rho Phi's Luau night during TWIRP Week. A congo line was part of the party that allowed other students to take part in the festivities.

photo by Callie Stephens





Senior Whitney Crews works on the Chi Rho Phi window for the CAB Christmas Party window decorating competition. The theme for the Chi Rho Phi window was "Have a Rockin' Hollyday" and featured Snoopy.
photo by Callie Stephens

Members of Chi Rho Phi greet alumni at OctTger Fest during Homecoming. Alumni visited the club's table in honor of Chi Rho Phi's 10th anniversary.
photo by Callie Stephens

Senior Rob Carney and juniors Brian Keen and Mike South, hang out at the Chi Iota Sigma table during OctTiger Fest. The Chiotes had a table set up to welcome former Chiotes back to campus.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Matt Cox plays Apples to Apples with girls at Chi Iota Sigma's Crush Rush night. Crush Rush was the third night of Rush for the Chiotes.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Philip Williamson supervises the painting of the Chi Iota Sigma window for the CAB Christmas Party window decorating contest. The Chiotes' window made a joke about GPS and featured the three wise men.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Marcus Schreiner struts his stuff during the sportswear competition of Mr. Tiger. Schreiner represented the men of Chi Iota Sigma.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Name: Chi Iota Sigma
Established: 1998
Colors: Red and White
Mascot: Wylie Coyote
Motto: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."
 Luke 2:52
Members: 9

A Sad Farewell

by *Abbey Jamieson*

After being on campus since 1998, the men of Chi Iota Sigma revoked their charter at the end of the spring semester. While this may seem as a negative thing, the Chioties did not let this new change break their love for the club or passion for community.

"After Rush week we had a long talk as a group about the future of the club and realized that God has a time and a purpose for everything," said Rob Carney, president of Chi Iota Sigma and a senior biology and psychology major from Van Buren. "We knew then that in not getting a pledge the last two years of normal Rush, God was telling us that he had fulfilled his purpose in our club and it was our time to go."

While members such as Carney have found the Chioties as icing on the cake of their college experience, Lil Sis Katie Willhite, a junior Christian Studies and theatre double major from Rowlett, Texas, also felt an equal appreciation for Chi Iota Sigma.

"The Chioties have been so special to me the past few years," said Willhite "They are a great group of guys that are always so encouraging and really live out what they stand for. I had kind of a difficult freshman year and a couple of the guys went way out of their way to make sure I felt wanted and needed at Ouachita."

Willhite, in addition to the members, also felt the weight of the decision for the Chioties to fold.

"It was kind of sad at first," said Willhite. "But seeing how all of the guys felt at peace about it and saw it as God completing how he wants to use the Chioties, it seems okay."

Along with the others, Philip Williamson, a senior Christian studies, philosophy and political science triple major from Batesville, felt bittersweet about the last year of the Chioties.

"Part of me was really sad to see it go," said Williamson. It was a huge part of my life for the last four years, so it hurts a little. But at the same time, I know it's the right time and right decision. I feel a peace about it."

Though they shared many memories together, and grew together as friends and classmates, Williamson hopes that when they are remembered for one important thing.

"I hope we are seen as guys that really lived our letters of self discipline, compassion and integrity," said Williamson.



The women of EEE sing their closing song during Tiger Tunes, a version of the 80s song "Africa" by Toto. The EEE's awards included theme and lyric, choreography and musicality.
photo by: Callie Stephens



During Rush, juniors Whitney Moore and Amy Berry visit with a rushee at EEE Patriotic Night. The club performed a patriotic dance routine for the rushees, complete with American flags and red, white and blue vests.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Jennifer Callaway and freshmen Elizabeth Blankenship and Kirstie Tallet study during Pledge Week. Pledges had the opportunity to work on homework throughout the week during study hall, held in the afternoons.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomores Morgan Thornton, Ashlee Sharp and Jordan Campbell perform their TWIRP routine on 50s night. Pledge class 2009 rehearsed for weeks in preparation for putting on the show during TWIRP.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Name: EEE

Established: 1925

Colors: Red and White

Flower: Rose

Mascot: Mickey Mouse

Motto: "It just keeps getting better..."

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Airline Passengers

Members: 105

Long-Standing Traditions

by: Rance Collins

The women of EEE entered their 85th year continuing their long-standing tradition of community and service. "The Women of EEE are godly women who work towards their goals whole-heartedly, and they do it all for the glory of God," said club president Lauren English, a senior mass communications from Hot Springs.

The EEEs put together their traditional events, such as Barn Party and Find Your Sister a Mister. In addition, they hosted the 50s night of TWIRP and for Homecoming, they touched based with their rich history by having a tea with alumni.

For Tiger Tunes their theme was "Flight 1925" where the women were airplane passengers making an emergency landing on an island populated with natives. "All of our hard work and practicing paid off when we received second place," said English. "It was a show that we were so proud of and we had blast performing it." The women also earned the musicality and choreography awards during the Thursday night and Friday afternoon performances.

The women also managed to find time to serve others with various charitable events, including "Matter of the HEEart," a 5K race held at the intramural fields to benefit mothers of newborn babies in need of medical assistance, such as baby monitors. "We were able to donate the money raised from the 5K to Arkadelphia's local hospital," said English. "This was a really rewarding experience and an event that we plan on implementing in the years to come."

At the start of the spring semester, the EEEs welcomed 35 new members. "We loved getting to know each girl personally and were thrilled to have 35 new girls," said English. The pledges put together the annual EEE Haw, a social fundraiser where they perform a song-and-dance routine and organize traditional club games. "We spent a lot of time prepping and getting things ready," said pledge-class president Catie Bennett, a freshman early child education major from Nixa, Mo. "It gave us a lot of sisterly bonding."

The EEEs were often assisted by their beaus. "My experience as a beau has been fantastic," said Richard Atkinson, a senior mass communications major from Arkadelphia. "I got a chance to attend all their events and get to know a great group of girls."

"Being an EEE is more than just a social club, it's a way to get involved," said Bennett. "I have met so many girls that I would not have met unless I would have pledged. The EEEs are classy women who seek to exemplify Christ on campus and at home."

Trying to Make a Difference

by John Morgan

The men of Beta Beta had always been known for having a good 'ole time, but now they put emphasis on something else: helping the community while still having a good 'ole time. The 47 men of Beta Beta, including 15 that joined in January, were eager to serve.

When it came to serving others, Tiger Serve Day was the first thing that came to mind. Mason Hayes, sophomore accounting major from Springdale, signed up with members of his pledge class and worked on an elderly couple's yard. "I have driven by the house that we worked on several times since then and the yard still looks great. I'm proud of the work that we did," Hayes said.

Apart from Tiger Serve Day, the Betas sponsored a child through the Angel Tree program and sold "Help for Haiti" bracelets in response to the earthquake in Port Au Prince, Haiti. Beta President Nick Bobo, a senior accounting major from Dundee, Mo., said, "We had a lot of opportunities to give back to the community."

Hayes was proud of the continued and constant effort to make a difference. "Every week each member brings spare change to the meeting, and we collect the money and use it to buy animals to send to needy villages through Heifer International," he said. When they weren't out saving the world, the men of Beta Beta spent their time having fun at mixers, Homecoming and Tiger Tunes.

The mixers included EEE "White Trash Wedding," Chi Delta "Dancing in the Deer Woods" and the Tri Chi "Crowfish Boil." For Homecoming the men of Beta Beta set up a table with milk and donuts, then grilled hot dogs and hamburgers before going to the pre-game ceremony and the big game.

For Tiger Tunes, the men dressed up as singing horse jockeys, and most members considered it the highlight of the year. Bobo said, "Josh Hesse and Justin Magness put together a great show, and the rest of the guys put a lot of effort (a week and a half) into preparing for the show. The most important thing is that we had fun goofing off and jaking around during practice."

When asked about Tiger Tunes, Hayes said, "We put in a lot of time preparing for Tiger Tunes this year and our hard work paid off. No, we didn't win any awards but we laughed a lot and we got some sweet horse jockey shirts to wear around campus."

Whether they were serving the community or just having fun, the men of Beta Beta were, according to Bobo, "committed to breaking down any social barriers between students on campus, and advancing our members spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically."

Name: Beta Beta

Established: 1941

Colors: Blue, Gold, White and Black

Motto: "The tradition continues."

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Horse Jockies

Members: 47

Freshman Cole Fisher swipes his ID card in the Commons with his pledge class. The Beta pledges had to eat all of their meals together in the Commons during Induction Week.
photo by: Kara Humble



The men of Beta Beta come together at the end of their Tiger Tunes performance. The Beta's theme for Tiger Tunes was Horse Jockies. photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Adam Cooper and Senior Barry McKoski talk with junior Holly Garland at the first night of Rush. The first night of Rush the Betas were allowed to bring dates. photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Chris Chandler works on the Beta's window for the CAB Christmas Party window painting contest. The Beta's theme was the Nutcracker. photo by: Callie Stephens

The men of the Fourth Floor try to solve the case of the Tiger's missing tail in their security guard-themed Tiger Tunes show. The men of the Fourth Floor won the over all people's choice award for Tiger Tunes.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Suites participating in the Fourth Floor relay get ready to pass off their batons to the next guy to run. The Fourth Floor relay was held in the courtyard of the new Student Village at the beginning of the fall semester.

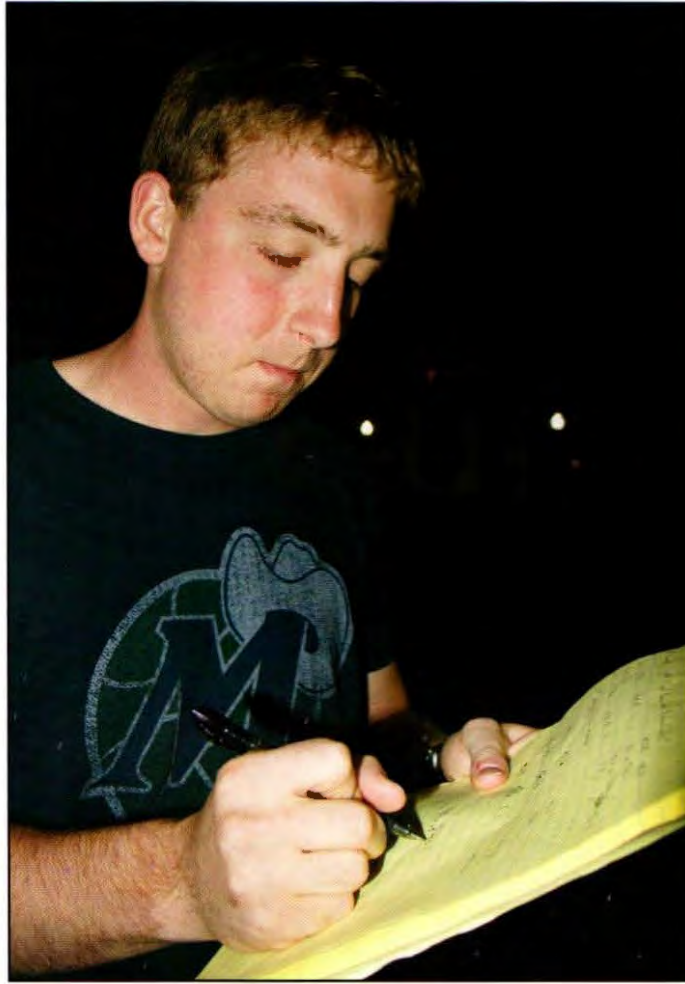
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Senior Jeff Garner sings about the perils of being a security officer. The men of the Fourth Floor performed in Tiger Tunes as an exhibition group.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior John Allen Cockerell records runners' times for the Fourth Floor Relay. The Fourth Floor Relay was a relay race among suites in the New Student Village.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Redefining Community

by: Bessie Watts

Relay Races, Tiger Tunes and a bond that they will carry for the rest of their lives. These were just some of the characteristics that described the men of the Fourth Floor. "The Fourth Floor, like every other hall, is made up of an extremely diverse group of people. I think what stands out about us is the community we share," said Jake Sligh, a senior business administration major from Camden. "It is not uncommon for people who share a suite to be close, but it is pretty uncommon for several suites to be a close-knit group."

"There are some things they just don't teach you when you go through RA training. And that's what it's like, every day," said Preston Byrd, a junior Christian studies major from Carrallton, Texas, and RA for the men of the Fourth Floor. "It's pretty incredible. The guys are all wonderful and the community is unlike any other. I absolutely love it."

The men of the Fourth Floor had traditionally been located in Anthony Hall, but with the creation of the Student Village, the group of guys were moved to East Village Hall. With a new dorm and high expectations, the men started the year off with a bang.

"We started off with the Inaugural Fourth Floor Relay Race, which got all the new guys on the hall aware of the responsibility that comes with the territory," said Sligh. "The event was well advertised and publicized afterward by our campus media outlets. That built up a full head of steam for our Tiger Tunes campaign."

After a Tiger Tunes group dropped out of the show at the last minute, the men of the Fourth Floor jumped at the opportunity to participate in the annual Homecoming event as an exhibition group. The group had always joked about being in Tiger Tunes and after they heard about an opening in the show, the group decided to write a letter to OSF and included a letter signed by the participating clubs that it was alright for the group to participate late in the Tiger Tunes planning process. After being rejected by OSF twice, the third time was the charm for the men of the Fourth Floor.

"It's just such a vital tradition to our school and most of our guys would have made it through four plus years at Ouachita without being involved," said Sligh. After writing their show in a weekend, the men of the Fourth Floor walked away with the Overall People's Choice Award for Tiger Tunes.

Members of the men's Tiger Tunes show left the Tiger prop behind as a memento for future residents of the Fourth Floor.

Teamwork and Dedication

by: Kathryn Kelly

"I am proud of my club because of the traditions that we have started and upheld," said Chris Hardman, a senior physics major from Arkadelphia. "I see us coordinating big events that have a huge impact on OBU."

Gannon Lindsey, a sophomore biology major from Camden, had mutual feelings. "Rho Sigma actually really cares about the campus of OBU and we strive to better the school along with ourselves each year," said Lindsey.

The men of Rho Sigma continued their reputation of improving campus life by supporting athletics and other school events. The Battle of the Ravine festival rallied school spirit like nothing else. The weeklong event began as the Rho Sigs guarded the Tiger in the middle of campus 24/7.

"The Battle of the Ravine was a great demonstration of brotherhood," said Andrew Myers, a business administration major from Crowley, Texas. "To have so many alumni show their support, it really motivates us to grow stronger as brothers." The climax of the Rho Sig festival was when students gathered at the Tiger and carried lit torches to a school-wide bonfire. Individual flames ignited the fire and school spirit in unison.

The Rho Sigs were represented not only on the playing field, but also in campus recreational sports. "Almost every single one of our members are involved in intramurals, and the others are there to cheer us on," Myers said.

"We are known for our athletic spirit both on and off the field. You can find us at every sport event, from football to intramurals, being loud and proud, whether it be for our own guys or for a Ouachita team," said Mark Cain, a senior kinesiology and education major from Pine Bluff.

Working exceptionally hard on their Tiger Tunes show, the men of Rho Sigma demonstrated their dedication with a crowd-pleasing performance, where they sang about the life of a monk. Their hard work was recognized when they received the award for theme and lyrics.

Cody Matthews, a senior accounting major from Houston, Texas, said, "We put a modern day twist to our monk performance and delivered a powerful message that was appreciated by all."

The results of spring Rush gained the Rho Sigs one pledge. This proved to further demonstrate how teamwork and dedication defined the Rho Sigs.

"Rho Sigma is more of a brotherhood than a fraternity and we are founded on the basis of quality rather than quantity," Hardman said. "We have all had to work together, even more so than normal, to accomplish the club goals. But that is ultimately what we are about: teamwork and dedication."

Name: Rho Sigma

Established: 1935

Colors: Red and White

Mascot: Joe Shmoe

Motto: "Rho Sigma . . . a good thing!"

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Monks

Members: 23

Members hand out lighted torches for the Battle of the Ravine bonfire. The bonfire was just one of the events hosted by the men of Rho Sigma for the Battle of the Ravine week.
photo by: Collie Stephens





During traditions night of Rush week, the men of Rho Sigma wear their signature red sports coats. During the rush party, members told rushees about the long traditions of the club.
photo by: Callie Phelps



Senior Cody Matthews sings about the hardships of being a monk during the Rho Sigma monk-themed Tiger Tunes show. The men of Rho Sigma won the theme and lyric award for the Thursday night performance.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Members of Rho Sigma listen as an alumni tells of his time as a member of the club. The men of Rho Sigma had a meet and greet with alumni during OeTiger Fest.
photo by: Callie Stephens

The women of Tri Chi take care of their soccer players in their Soccer Mom-themed show for Tiger Tunes. The ladies walked away with a congeniality award for the competition.
photo by Callie Stephens



The women of Tri Chi set up a snow cone station at Spring Fling. Members handed out snow cones to fellow students who were out enjoying the activities.
photo by Callie Stephens



Members get get ready to receive rushees during their western-themed Rush night. Rush resulted in 25 new members for the Women of Tri Chi.
photo by Callie Stephens

Senior Erin Baker works on Tri Chi's window for the CAB Christmas party. The ladies won third place for their window in the competition.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Name: Tri Chi

Established: 1989

Colors: Pink and Green

Flower: Pink Sweetheart Rose

Mascot: Teddy Bear

Motto: Togetherness in Christ

Tiger Tunes Theme:

Soccer Moms

Members: 87

Beautifully Unified

by: Kathryn Kellogg

They were the girls in the pink and green, soccer moms, friends, sisters in Christ, leaders of service, diverse, fun-loving, screaming, unified, music blaring, 80s hosting and crush dancing girls of Tri Chi.

"Tri-Chi is made up of so many different girls," said Megan Antley, a senior biology major from Hope and president of Tri Chi. "They are from different majors, different states and hometowns, different backgrounds, different involvements on campus, and yet even though each girl is unique in her own way, they all come together so beautifully to make up our club. Our club is unified so beautifully."

The women of Tri-Chi hosted 80s night for TWIRP, complete with human Tetris. "I loved doing TWIRP with our pledge class," said Tiffani Hall, a sophomore from The Colony, Texas. "Nobody wanted to leave. All of our hard work paid off!"

Silver shirts and side pony tails were soon shed for formal attire - black suits and pink shirts. In the flag plaza, Tri Chi greeted alumni with smiles and handshakes. But, those suits were later tossed aside for soccer mom costumes. Yes, it was time for Tiger Tunes. "My favorite thing this year has been being a soccer mom during Tiger Tunes with all of my favorite sisters!" exclaimed Leanne Cushman, a junior Christians Studies major from Van Buren. The women of Tri Chi won the congeniality award.

During Christmas break Tri Chi took a mission trip. "We went to Our House shelter in Little Rock and served for four days," said Antley. "It was so much fun and it was amazing to see the girls pouring their hearts into the children there, the projects we did (even when they involved cleaning up some pretty dirty areas), cooking for the residents, and serving others."

Outings were made to Eureka Springs in the fall and to Branson, Mo., in the spring. Mixers were held with all of the male clubs on campus and the female club, Chi Delta. "We spent a night playing games and hanging out with the women of Chi Delta, which we all believe just might have been the best mixer ever," Antley said.

Soon came time for Rush and 25 new pledges were inducted. Tri Chi had a fulfilling year with paint wars, movie nights, board game challenges, capture the flag, Tiger Tunes, mission trips, making over 60 Christmas shoe boxes, going on outings, inducting bears, crawfish boils, singing karaoke and exchanging cookies. They had a blast, and had another great year in pink and green.



Lydia Fincher tries out the
at CAB Spring Fling. Other inflat-
such as slides and a rock
were also featured at Spring

by Callie Stephens

People



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hat makes Ouachita special is the people who inhabit it each year. Each new year brings a personality of students who change the face of campus.

Katelyn Cash reached out to the elderly in Arkadelphia. Christian Ichter utilized his musical talents through leading worship, and Michael Krikorian pitched in on a Shakespearean movie set in New York City.

Professors like Dr. Barbara Pemberton and Dr. Johnny Wink continued to be inspirations to all, while Nancy Christner and Katie Strickland ventured to Ireland. Mark Sumrall was a disciple to the lost in India, and TJ Connell and Belford Williams displayed true character.

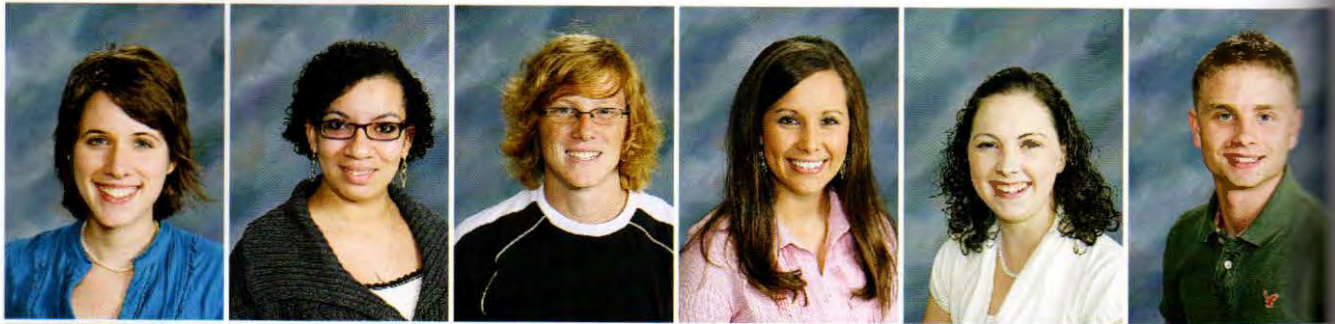
It was students like these who gave Ouachita's own community a **facelift**, while making it a year to remember for those there to witness it.

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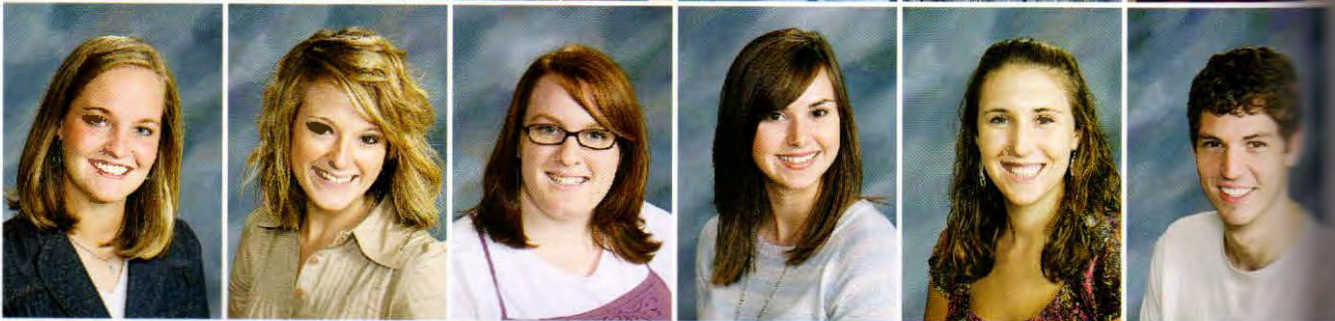
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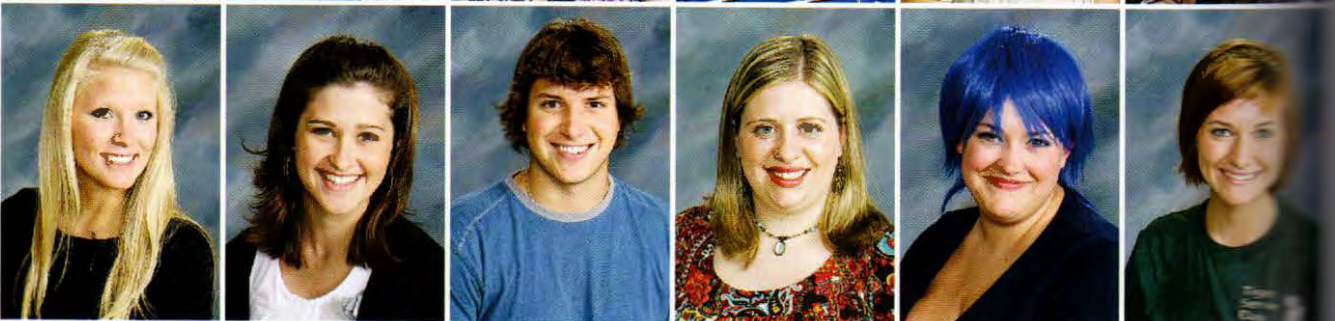
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Changing Lives

Emily Jackson

by: Brittany Vick



Imagine a bright colorful city filled with 16 million people, where you walk down a street filled with shacks next to the nicest skyscraper business buildings. A city that is filled with extreme poverty, with homeless people and many parts overrun with marks of the prostitution industry. There are taxis of every color of the rainbow, except for the normal yellow. The traffic is so bad that it is dangerous to cross the street. And street vendors line the sidewalk, selling foods such as fried grasshoppers, squid, chocolate covered croques and every variety of noodles imaginable. This is Thailand, a country where the people are 95 percent Buddhist and less than 1 percent Christian, a country desperately needing to step out of the darkness and into the light. Now imagine a 21-year-old girl who has never crossed the Mason Dixon line, much less has left the country, who finds herself after taking a huge leap of faith in the busy city of Bangkok, Thailand. This is the story of Emily Jackson, who felt God's call to leave everything she knew to go and reach out to the lost people of Thailand. Jackson went on a two-month mission trip, June 5-Aug. 1, to Bangkok, sponsored by the International Mission Board (the IBM) with the BCM ministries from Arkansas universities.



photo by: Sarah Henley

Before she went she felt unrest in her spirit. "On the outside I was doing many good things, but I felt unrest despite all my good works because I didn't have a passion for lost people," she said. Really, she didn't even know how bad her problem was until she went to Thailand and saw how many people there were who had never even heard the name of Jesus. She went with a team of seven people, whose purpose was to teach English classes every day at a university so that they could build relationships with the students in hopes that they would be able to share the truth of God with them. Jackson went because she was feeling a burden. "I didn't have a passion for the lost people and I wanted to renew that passion in my life so I decided to go on this mission trip," said Jackson. "Even though I didn't know anything about Thailand I just felt like it would be a great opportunity to serve God."

Two weeks into her trip, Jackson experienced a big shack. Without her knowledge, her two leaders had plans of leaving Thailand to go back home and they asked Jackson to step up and lead the trip when they left. "They told me that they had seen the way I had interacted with the Thai people and my ability to stay well organized as well as my ability to communicate to the Thai leaders," she said. This was unexpected to Jackson but very rewarding. "I didn't know my team members at all before I went on the trip," Jackson said. "So at first it was intimidating to lead people that I had known only for a few weeks in a country that I didn't know much about. But it taught me to depend on God for the wisdom to guide the group. It also humbled me in many ways, because I didn't know what I was doing but God continued to use me," Jackson said. Even with feelings of apprehension Jackson gained so much from an experience she never saw coming.

The climatic point didn't come until September when Jackson received a phone call from a Thai Christian saying that Cheereen had decided to accept Christ. "It was incredible to see someone who came from such a devout religion change her entire life for the one true God," said Jackson. This was what Jackson's trip was about: building relationships and planting that seed of an eternal salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in hopes of one day seeing a positive response from the relationships built. Jackson has a picture of Cheereen hanging on her wall, a relationship that I suspect will last for a long time, and now even into eternity.

The way this trip affected Jackson is only by the mighty power of God. She had never been out of the country before so this trip gave her a better worldview. But more than that, Jackson says, "God taught me to love people who had nothing in common with me except for the fact that they were made by the same creator. God completely broke my heart to see such servant-minded people and such loving spirits and big smiles on people who did not know the first thing about the God of the universe." Jackson's passion illuminates in her life after returning to the states. Her passion to seek and to help the lost has been renewed with intensity. "I just came back with a greater understanding of what my purpose is in life, which echoes Jesus' words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few,'" Jackson said. "My heart echoes the promise in Matthew that says in his name the nations will put their hope."

A Unique Blessing

Michael Krikorian

by: Jon Malcom

Being a freelance prop artisan for the Public Theater in New York City and working for world renowned set designers like John Lee Beatty may seem out of reach for some, but senior musical theatre major Michael Krikorian spent his summer doing just that.

"I worked on all the props for all the shows that I was there for," Krikorian said. Krikorian worked on shows like "Idiot Savant" and Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" that showed at the Shakespearean Central Park in New York City. "The experience alone is priceless," Krikorian said, "being able to work in New York at a theater that has the best of the best working there." During his three month stay in New York, Krikorian was able to meet many famous actors like Anne Hathaway, and Tony award winning set designers and playwrights. Krikorian was able to get the job through a friend he had worked with. "It was an incredible blessing," Krikorian said. "Technically I shouldn't have even been able to do that because I had no real prior experience, but somebody vouched for me so I got to do it."

Krikorian even found a way to let his love for Christ show even in an environment that Krikorian calls a "non-Christian atmosphere." Although it was hard for him to directly influence others, Krikorian found that he could "love people—be in the world but not of it," Krikorian said. Being basically alone in a big city helped Krikorian learn just how much his faith meant to him.

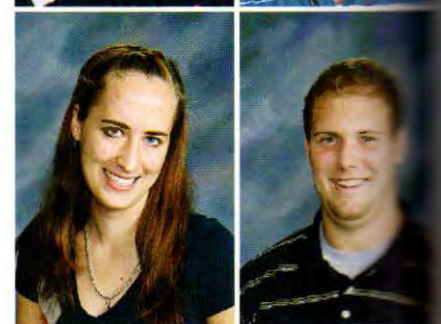
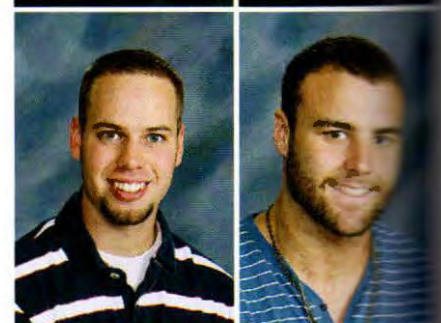
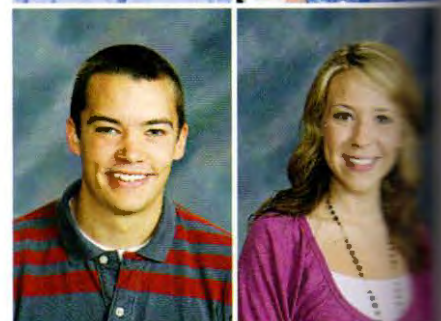
Krikorian has always tried to get as much knowledge about theater as he could. "I really broaden myself, I don't just pigeonhole myself to just acting or singing. I do a lot of electrician work and lighting work," Krikorian said. He hopes that this will help him get a job one day.

The education Krikorian has received these past years he feels has given him an edge in the theater. "Our theater faculty is really good. If we're interested in something they'll help us along with that and they care about what they do," Krikorian said. This has allowed Krikorian to gain skills in many different areas of theater, not just acting. His education has also helped him in the way he deals with people. "I think Ouachita being a liberal arts college has really helped me [have] a well-rounded view of the world," Krikorian said, "and that really is a good thing, because it helps you be able to talk to people." This varied worldview and people skills Krikorian has attained, he believes, will help him greatly in the future both in the theater and elsewhere.

Even in today's bad economy and with the inherent difficulties of an acting career, Krikorian is hopeful for the future. "It's kind of scary but I have faith that God is going to take care of me as long as I work hard and don't sit on my hands."



photo by: Adam Wheat



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-Michael Krikorian



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“It doesn't give you a bad feeling...it just makes you feel like you are a part of some crazy, detective mission in a real mystery novel.”
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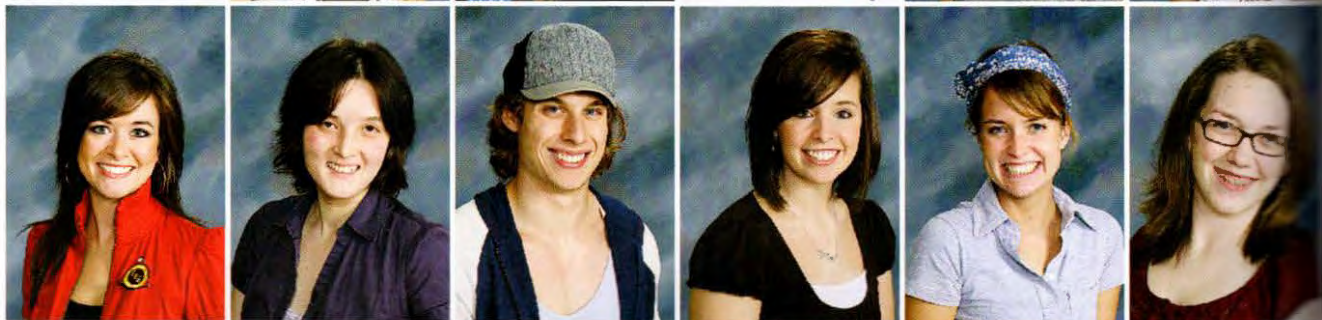
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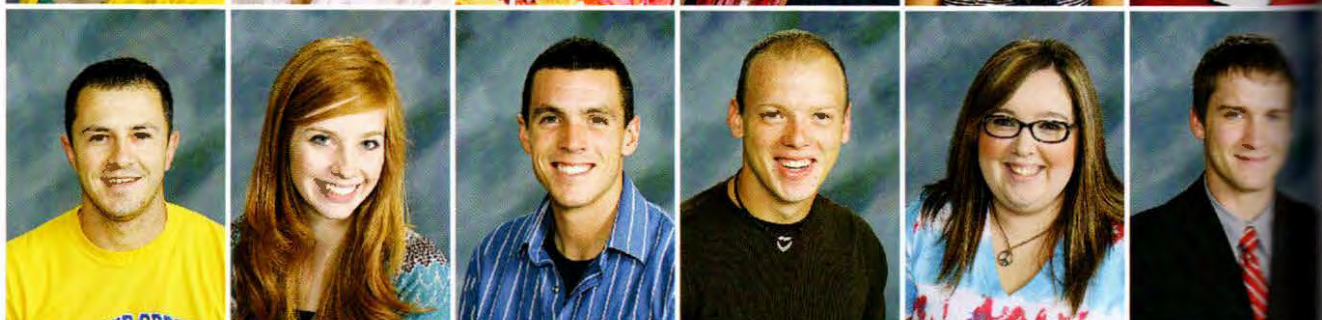
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The Luck of the Irish

Nancy Christner and Katie Strickland

by: Amy Wentz

The sweet smell of rain walking home through the fields, the occasional honk from an angry Irish man on his way to the local pub. These were just a couple things Nancy Christner and Katie Strickland experienced during their summer abroad in Ireland.

Senior Katie Strickland, from Alma, and senior Nancy Christner, from Denton, Texas, decided to spend summer of 2009 traveling abroad. "Katie mentioned that she wanted to do something new and different and that she would love to travel abroad because she had never had the opportunity. Of course I was right on board," Christner said. Christner had the opportunity to spend a semester studying abroad in Austria the previous school year. "I just fell in love with cultures, traveling, and experiencing people from other nations. So, I knew immediately after coming home that I would be more than ecstatic to go back to somewhere new," Christner said.

Christner and Strickland had the chance to experience many different cultures during their summer, outside of the Irish culture. "We ventured downtown in our village the first Sunday we were there and found Carrigaline Open Door Christian Fellowship Church. It changed our time in Ireland completely. The first Sunday we realized the church represented people from Nigeria, South Africa, England, Germany, and so many more places," Strickland said. They helped them throughout their time there with distributing "leaflets," Irish word for "telegram," to the community and telling them about the good news.

They also experienced the beauty of Scotland and Christner's "second home," Austria, as well. "Arriving in Edinburgh was like escaping into a Harry Potter book. It was so eerie and the buildings were ancient. What is so awesome is that it doesn't give you a bad feeling...it just makes you feel like you are a part of some crazy, detective mission in a real mystery novel," Christner said.

"We spent just about every moment with each other and have learned a lot about loving each other when we are tired, hoppy or just 'chill.' It was hard at times, but overall the Lord has strengthened our

relationship and we have grown so close as sisters in Christ. These memories will always stick with us," both Christner and Strickland agreed.

Whether their experience was educational or "just-for-fun," to say Christner and Strickland made memories would be an understatement. But isn't that what college is for?

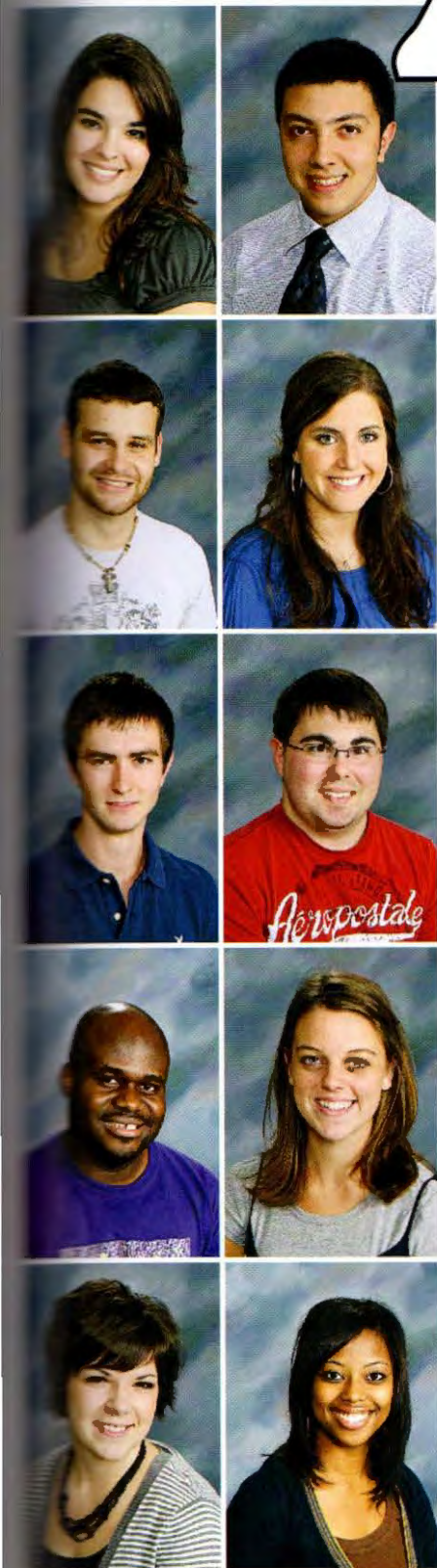


photo by: Callie Stephens

Miss OBU

Bethany Briscoe

by: Abbey Jamieson

As she nervously waited and watched her pledge sister Katie Strickland, a senior business major from Alma, win first runner up for Miss OBU, she stood in excitement for a dear friend, then soon heard her own name followed with the title. She could hardly believe this moment was happening. "The first thought that ran through my head was... 'Wait did they really just say my name?'" said Bethany Briscoe, a senior graphic design and mass communications major from Plano, Texas. She was the new reigning Miss OBU.

Not having any history in pageants as a sophomore, Briscoe decided to sign up for her first pageant, Miss OBU. After that moment, she was officially hooked. "Having the opportunity to sing on a stage was actually the drive behind me even signing up for my first pageant," said Briscoe. "All I wanted to do was sing on a stage, but it wasn't until after that first Miss OBU pageant that I realized that pageants and getting my platform on self-esteem would soon become one of my number one passions."

After her sophomore year of competing in Miss OBU, Briscoe signed up again in 2009 and won Overall Interview Award and First Runner-Up. After her first big win, she then went on to compete in the Miss Southwest Arkansas pageant and won the talent and evening gown portions, and the crown as well. Feeling ready to compete again, she went on to 2009 Miss Arkansas pageant. But before sign-ups approached for Miss OBU 2010, Briscoe was not so sure of continuing in her pageant aspirations.

"After the summer I was having doubts about even doing another pageant," said Briscoe. "I think being a senior and feeling the pressure of finding a job and making some money hit me and I wasn't sure if pageants were my thing anymore. It wasn't until I spent a day with Sarah Slocum, the current Miss Arkansas, that I realized that I didn't need to give up on doing something I loved and something I was passionate about."

Briscoe's family also played a key role over the past years in pushing her to choose her goals in the pageant world. "My family and friends were such a supporting block and foundation for me these past couple of years since I got involved in the pageant system," said Briscoe. "My parents always encouraged me to stretch and push myself with the goals I had in life." Although life seemed to be full of other obligations after sign ups, Briscoe knew that Miss OBU was something she wanted to try again. With her drive for the next pageant, friends also played the role of an encouraging support system in the busy process.

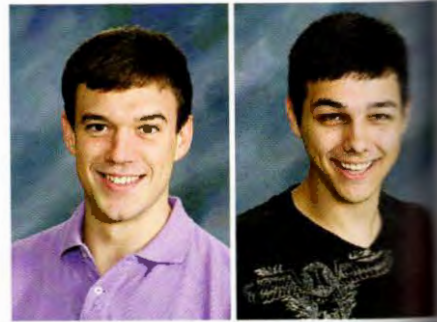
"The weeks leading up to the pageant were jammed packed with things to do and things to get done such as Rush Week and then following that, Pledge Week," said Briscoe. "I felt the pressure of not being as prepared as normal but with the help of people such as Mac Sisson and Tommy Lyons, I kicked it into full gear the week before the pageant."

Briscoe was a member of the EEE women's social club, served as a publicity chairman, pledge mistress, intramural sports, and a Tiger Tunes hostess her junior year. She was also involved in Tiger Serve Day and Student Senate. After graduation, Briscoe plans to move back to her home in Plano, Texas and pursue a career in graphic design and mass communications. After the Miss Arkansas pageant in July, she intended to start applying for jobs and hoped to be settled in at a job by August. Briscoe also can't wait to fulfill her awarded position of Miss OBU 2010.

"I think the most exciting thing is just simply representing this amazing University everywhere I go," said Briscoe. "I loved this school long before I was even a student here, and to go to Miss Arkansas and other areas around the community and represent this school with everything that it stands for is such an honor. There is something special about representing not only your school, but your home as well."

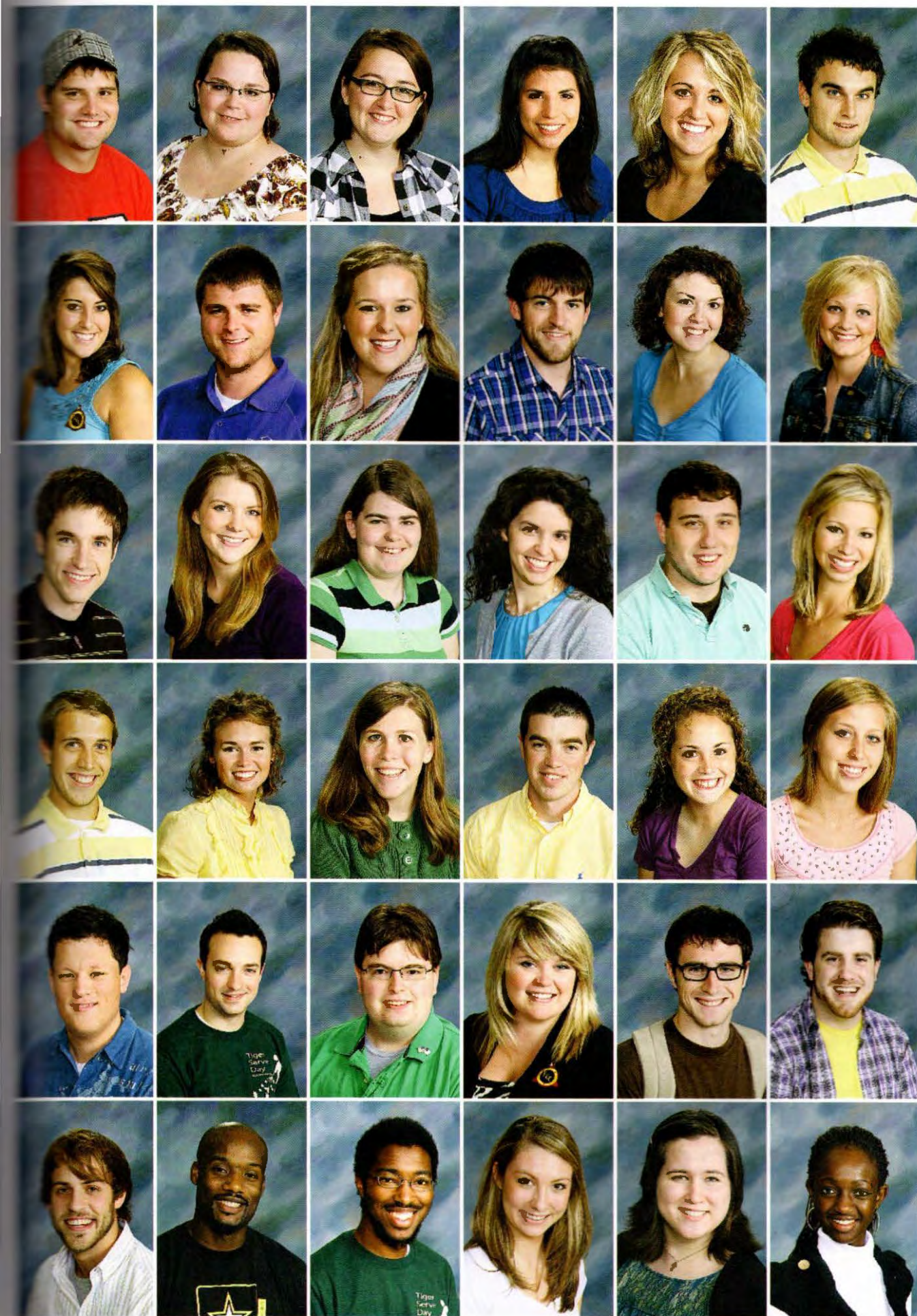


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“There is something special about representing not only your school, but your home as well.

-Bethany Briscoe



Michael Raine • Little Rock
David Reeves • Hot Springs
William Renfro • Van Buren
Kathleen Reynolds • Alexandria
Cassandra Rice • Arlington, TX
Gabrielle Sanders • Broken Arrow, OK
Heidi Sanders • Monticello
Greg Schwartz • Texarkana, TX

Rebecca Seago • Worland
Warren Seals • Ashdown
Mary Shell • Batesville
Stephen Shepard • Bismarck
Lindsay Shatzman • Fort Smith
Jacob Sligh • Camden
Allison Smith • Annana, TX
Christen Smith • Longview

Emma Smith • Paran
Karlee Smith • Spring, TX
David Spradlin • Cordova, TN
Kayla Statton • Benton
Amy Steeger • Colorado Springs, CO
Rebecca Stone • Rison
Joseph Stout • White Hall
Kathryn Strickland • Alma

Rachel Swayne • Montgomery
Jared Tohlen • Roymore, MO
John Tohlen • Grapevine, TX
Megan Tucker • Benton
Leah Turner • Carrollton, TX
Eric Varner • Vilonia
Brittany Vick • Conway
Brooke Vincent • Goddard, KS

Jillian Vire • Burleson, TX
Berman Wade • New Boston, TX
Austin Walker • Benton
Devin Waters • Frisco, TX
Jason Wells • Gurdon
Amy Wentz • White Hall
J.L. West • Bolivar, MO
Adam Wheat • Ruston, LA

Grace Whitaker • Victoria, TX
London White • Benton
Cady Willard • Collierville, TN
Belford Williams • Horn Lake
Philip Williamson • Batesville
Katelind Wingfield • Little Rock
Sarah Wood • Dallas, TX
Thokozile Zulu • Great Beno

WHO'S WHO

38 students were selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The students were chosen for Who's Who by the faculty, staff and senior class based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.



mass communications and political science double major • Student Senate • EEE Beau • Signal staff • member of the 4th floor • intramural sports • IABC member • radio announcer for OBU football and basketball • relief trip to New Orleans • Tiger Serve Day • Community Emergency Response Team • member of First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia • plans to pursue a career in public relations

RICHARD ATKINSON

HEATHER BAKER



musical theatre major • director of Rough Draft ministry team • Theta Alpha Phi (chaplain) • resident director and resident assistant • Ouachita Singers • Honor's Program • Backyard Bible Club • Big Sister program • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in theatre

math and secondary education double major • EEE women's social club (spirit leader) • Campus Ministries • ministry leader of Big Sister program • Panhellenic Council • Judicial Council • K-Group at Fellowship Church • Dean's List • Math and Computer Science Award • 2nd runner-up Homecoming royalty 2007 • TranServe • Tiger Serve Day • intramural sports • plans to pursue a career as a high school math teacher



BROOKE BELCHER

PHILLIP BRIDGES

business finance and marketing double major • Kappa Chi men's social club (vice president and Tiger Tunes director) • Tri Chi beau • Student Senate (junior and senior class vice president) • OSF Student Ambassador • CAB • IABC • Beach Reach Spring Break missions • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in real estate





MARK CAIN

kinesiology and secondary education double major • Rho Sigma men's social club (vice president and treasurer) • EEE beau • SAAC • IFC • OBU baseball • OBU football • voted Crowd Favorite in Mr. Tiger • YMCA counselor • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career as a high school coach and teacher

dietetics and nutrition major • EEE women's social club (chaplain) • co-president of Dietetics Club • Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • K-Group at Fellowship Church • OSF • Dean's List • over 160 TranServe hours • Big Sister program • plans to pursue a career in missions and nutrition education



NANCY CHRISTNER

English and political science double major • Judicial Council member • OBU Football Team (quarterback and three year letterman) • creator of OBU Disc Golf Course • Tiger Serve Day • relief trip to New Orleans • plans to pursue a career as a lawyer and English teacher



ELI CRANOR

KATELYN CASH

Christian studies and speech communications double major • Campus Ministries chaplain • Refuge speaker • Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes director 2008 • Theta Alpha Kappa • intramural sports • O.C. Bailey resident director • Eta Alpha Omega sweetheart • Tiger Traks • K-Group at Fellowship Church • Homecoming Queen 2008 • TAK • resident assistant • tutor • Tiger Serve Day • ElderServe • Manna Mistry • Big Sister program • plans to pursue a career in church mediation and international missions



RANCE COLLINS

mass communications major • student editor of the video dept. • EEE Beau • columnist for the Signal • OSF (history and traditions co-chair) • student director of Motion Picture Production class • Young Democrats • Sigma Tau Delta • WOW leader • intramural basketball • The Film Society • Carl Goodson's Honors Program • co-executive producer of student internet program "Live @ 9" • yearbook contributor • 10-minute and One Act plays • IABC • Outstanding Mass Comm. Sophomore and Senior • Dean's List • President's List • plans to pursue a career in film





KATIE CROW

speech pathology major •
 EEE women's social club •
 National Student Speech
 Language Hearing Assoc.
 (social chair) • New
 Student Retreat leader •
 European Study Tour 2009
 • Dietetics Club • member
 of Second Baptist Church
 • Dean's List • Tiger Serve
 Day • TranServe • plans to
 start a speech clinic

LAUREN ENGLISH

mass communications major •
 EEE women's social club (presi-
 dent and social chair) • IABC •
 Ouachita Sounds • OSF • Big
 Sister program • news reporter
 for "This Week at Ouachita" •
 intramural sports • Miss OBU
 2008 • 1st runner-up to Miss
 Arkansas 2008 • Alpha Chi •
 OBU Homecoming Court 2009
 • 2nd runner-up to Ouachitonia
 Beauty 2007 • President's List
 • Dean's List • founder and
 creator of "Matters of the Heart"
 • plans to pursue a career in
 broadcast journalism



business administration major
 • Campus Ministries leader
 for three years • International
 Club (historian and secretary)
 • Big Sister program • Interna-
 tional Food Festival co-director
 • intramural sports • K-Group
 at Fellowship Church • KSEG
 recipient • ESL certification
 • Tiger Serve Day • plans
 to pursue a career in human
 resources and
 international business



SAMANTHA FRANK

SAMANTHA GEORGE



speech pathology major • EEE
 women's social club (spirit leader
 and intramural director) • Ouachita
 Singers • Concert Choir • National
 Student Speech Language Hearing
 Assoc. (secretary) • youth leader and
 praise band singer for The Church at
 Rock Creek • Dean's List • Edna Linn
 scholar • resident assistant in Frances
 Crawford and O.C. Bailey • mentor
 for TRIO'S Upward Bound program •
 apartment manager for Pine Square
 apartments • Tiger Serve Day • D-
 Now group leader • Relay for Life •
 plans to pursue a master's degree in
 speech-language pathology



biblical studies and mass
 communications double
 major • co-editor of the
 Signal On-line • IABC •
 youth intern at First Baptist
 Church in Arkadelphia •
 intern youth pastor at FBCA
 • Deon's List • President's
 List • Theta Alpha Kappa •
 plans to pursue a career in
 ministry

JEFFERY HARMON



AUDREYANNA HARRELL

communication sciences and disorders major • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge class secretary) • WOW Steering Committee • Campus Ministries • Christian Focus Week leader • National Student Speech Language Hearing Assoc. (treasurer) • President Horne's Student Planning team • Alpha Chi • Crossroads • Kenya missions • mission trip to New Mexico • Dean's List • President's List • runner-up to Miss OBU • two-time intramural champion • Tiger Serve Day • plans to attend grad school to become a speech therapist

SKY HOWARD

church music major • men's discipleship leader • CAB • Refuge Band • EEE Beau • 2008 Tiger Tunes host • Miss OBU Court of Honor • New Student Retreat leader • youth/college intern for First Baptist Church in Hot Springs and First Southern Baptist Church in Bryant • Dean's List • guitar instructor • plans to pursue a career as a musician/singer-songwriter



STEPHEN JOHNSON



EMILY JACKSON

English major • Sigma Tau Delta • women's soccer team • International Club member • intramural sports • FBC Arkadelphia co-intern youth director • college international Sunday School teacher • Dean's List • President's List • Tiger Serve Day • Arms Around Arkadelphia • plans to teach English for international students



accounting and business administration double major • Kappa Chi men's social club (treasurer, historian and chaplain) • EEE Beau • Student Senate (president, internal vice president, and sophomore class president) • OSF • Freshman Family Group director • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • Beach Reach • Big Brother program • Compassion Center of Little Rock • plans to pursue a career in business

CAMI JONES

early childhood education and Spanish double major • Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team • Kappa Delta Pi • CM Tiger Tunes • Marching Band and Concert Band • Tiger Jam • WOW leader • NSR leader • Tiger Traks • intramural softball • International Food Festival • TranServe • D-Now leader • Dean's List • Habitat for Humanity • Misson Waco • plans to pursue a master's of arts in global leadership from Dallas Baptist University

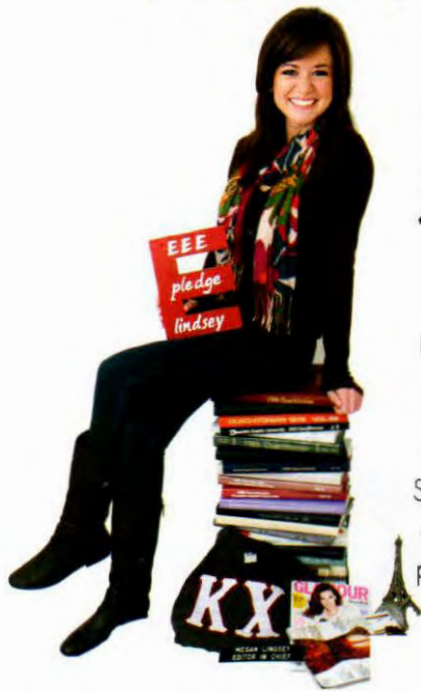


LAURA KIRBY



speech communications major • OSF (co-president) • WOW Student Planning Team • Homcoming Committee • intramural sports (Freshman 15) • Crossroads at Second Baptist Church • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career as a professional speaker

MEGAN LINDSEY



mass communications major • EEE women's social club (social chair and keeper of the beaus) • Kappa Chi little sis • Ouachitonia Beauty 2009 • Editor of the Ouachitonia • Assistant Editor of the Ouachitonia for two years • 3rd runner-up to Homcoming Queen 2009 • European Study Tour 2009 • Dean's List • IABC • writer for OBU News Bureau • Tiger Serve Day • Relay for Life • WOW leader • New Student Retreat leader • plans to get a master's degree in journalism and pursue a career in print and editorial work

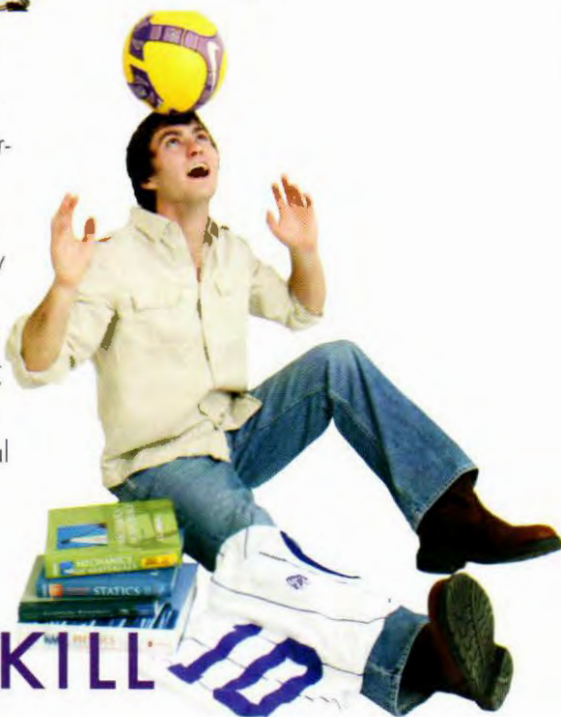
MOLLY MAGEE



mass communications and Spanish double major • Tri Chi women's social club • Alpha Chi • Theta Alpha Kappa • IABC • Student Senate (sophomore, junior and senior class secretary) • OSF • CAB • Tri Chi women's social club (spirit officer, historian and pledge class secretary) • Panhellenic Council (president and secretary) • Freshman Family Group leader • intramural sports (Freshman 15) • President's List • Homcoming Queen 2007 • plans to attend law school

physics major • men's soccer team • Tiger Serve Day leadership team • Beta Beta men's social club (chaplain) • New Orleans mission trips • D-Now leader • President's List • Alpha Chi • Sidney Rowland scholarship for physics • GSC All-American team • plans to pursue a career in geotechnical engineering

BARRY McCASKILL



biology major • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge class pres., asst. pledge mistress, social chair and head pledge mistress) • CAB (vice pres. of public relations) • intramural sports (Freshman 15) • WOW leader • Crossroads • Dean's List • President's List • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in optometry



TRINKA NEWMAN

biblical studies and graphic design double major • intramural sports • CFW ministry leader • special events coordinator for campus ministries • Pruet Sisterhood • D-Now leader • President's List • Zimbabwe, Africa mission trip • plans to pursue a career in graphic design



LAUREN NELSON



Spanish and psychology double major • Homecoming Queen 2009 • OSF (chair of student recruitment) • Campus Ministries • Student Senate • Pruet Sisterhood • Psi Chi • intramural sports (Freshman 15) • Dean's List • Camp War Eagle • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in translating or teaching Spanish

ASHLEY O'SULLIVAN

HAYLEY

NOLAN

mass communications major • OBU soccer captain • Dean's List • OBU Defensive Player of the Year 2008 • GSC Player of the Week 2009 • Camp War Eagle • referee for high school soccer matches • Tiger Serve Day • Arms Around Arkadelphia



Christian studies and sociology double major • RA in Frances Crawford Hall • cheerleader • Tri Chi women's social club (pledge class and club chaplain) • Campus Ministries (missions leader) • D-Now leader • 1st runner-up for Homecoming Queen • Beach Reach • Race for the Cure • plans to get a master's degree in social work, then pursue a career in social justice



NEAL OZMUN



athletic training and biology double major • EEE women's social club (secretary) • Iota Tau Alpha (secretary) • OBU competitive cheerleading squad • Crossroads • Second Baptist Church college ministry programs • President's List • Dean's List • cheer and gymnastics coach • Race for the Cure • Tiger Serve Day • plans to attend nursing school

BLAIR PHELPS



AUSTIN PHILLIPS

mathematics major • member of First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia and substitute pipe organist • Board of Trustee scholarship recipient • Honor Program • private tutor in college algebra, trigonometry and calculus • Arms Around Arkadelphia • Habitat for Humanity • plans to become professor of mathematics

psychology major • Tri Chi women's social club • Campus Ministries prison ministry • Eta Alpha Omega little sis • Tiger Serve Day leadership team • intramural sports • President's List • Dean's List • Elder Serve • plans to get a master's degree in counseling



GABRI SANDERS



GREG SCHWARTZ

theatre arts and mass communications double major • Kappa Chi men's social club (president, pledge master and song leader) • EEE Beau • Theta Alpha Psi • Student Senate • OSF • IABC • two Ryan nominations for Theatre Regional Festival • studio/film production • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in acting



business/marketing major • WOW steering committee member • Tiger Tunes director for the Men of Fourth Floor • EEE Beau • advertising manager for the Signal • intramural sports • IABC • Refuge Band • Tiger Serve Day • Freshman Family Group leader • plans to pursue a career in public relations and advertising

JAKE SLIGH

AUSTIN PHILLIPS

mathematics major • member of First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia and substitute pipe organist • Board of Trustees scholarship recipient • Honors Program • private tutor in college algebra, trigonometry and calculus • Arms Around Arkadelphia • Habitat for Humanity • plans to become a professor of mathematics

speech communications major • OBU soccer (captain) • Eta Alpha Omega men's social club (president, vice president, social director, secretary and treasurer) • Chi Chi Beu • Outstanding Offensive Player for soccer • Outstanding Men's Soccer Athlete of the Year 2007-2008 • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in mission ministry



JAROD TOWNSEND

MEGAN TUCKER



accounting major • EEE women's social club • Hickingbotham School of Business Advisory Board • Crossroads • Dean's List • Tiger Serve Day • Relay for Life • Race for the Cure • plans to pursue a career in accounting



GREG SCHWARTZ

theatre arts and mass communications double major • Kappa Chi men's social club (president, pledge master and song leader) • EEE Beu • Theta Alpha Psi • Student Senate • OSF • IABC • two Irene Ryan nominations for Theatre Regional Festival • studio/film production • Tiger Serve Day • plans to pursue a career in acting



J.L. WEST

mass communications major • intramural sports • Big Brother program • Freshman Family Group leader • Tiger Serve Day • America Reads • Tiger Traks • Dean's List • Honors Program • OBU video department • New Orleans rebuildng trip • plans to attend medical school and become a physician

philosophy and political science double major • Chi Iota Sigma men's social club (president) • Alpha Chi (president) • chairman of College Republicans • OSF • Theta Alpha Kappa • Campus Ministries leader • Tiger Serve Day leadership team • OBU Debate Team • Student Senate sophomore class vice pres. and senior class pres.) • President's List • Carl Goodson Honors Program • Ben Elrod Scholar • TranServe • plans to pursue a career in public service and become President of the United States in 2036



PHILLIP WILLIAMSON

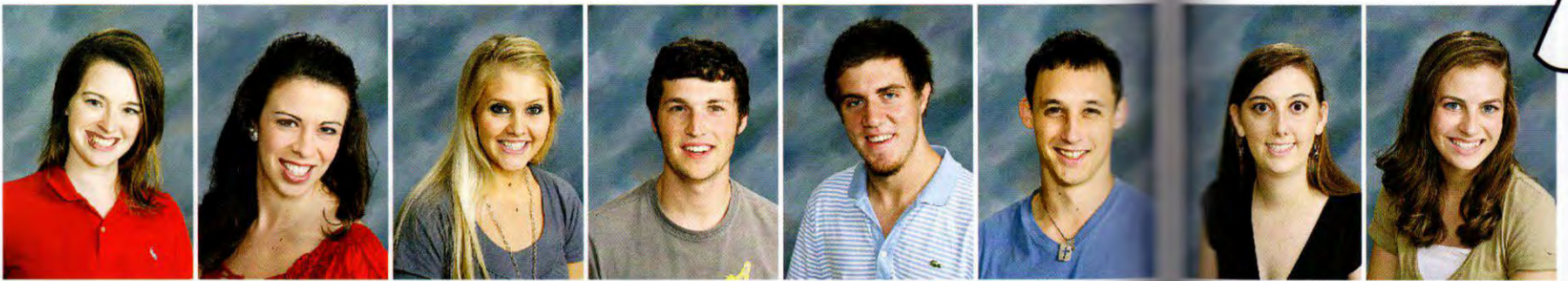
ADAM WHEAT



mass communications major • CAB (vice pres. for membership) • OSF (graphic design and PR specialist) • Theta Alpha Chi • Ouachita Art Society • Student Planning Team • opera theatre productions • One Act Plays • 10 Minute Plays (writer) • student representative for the School of Fine Arts Student/Faculty Council • Carl Goodson Scholar • sports editor for Ouachitonian 2007 • Clark County Humane Society • plans to pursue a career in ministry

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 -Belford Willams, Jr.

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 Christina Albee • Hannibal, MO
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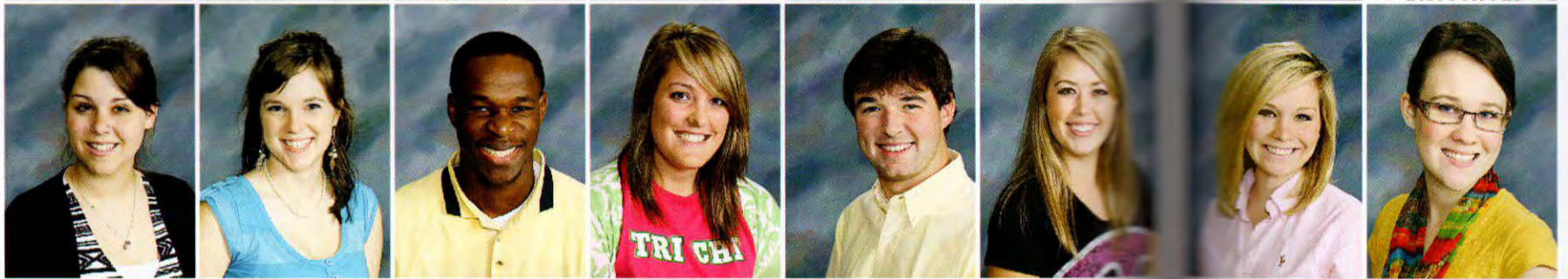
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 Caitlin Chapman • Van Buren



Stephen Chapman • Van Buren
 Bryan Church • Warren
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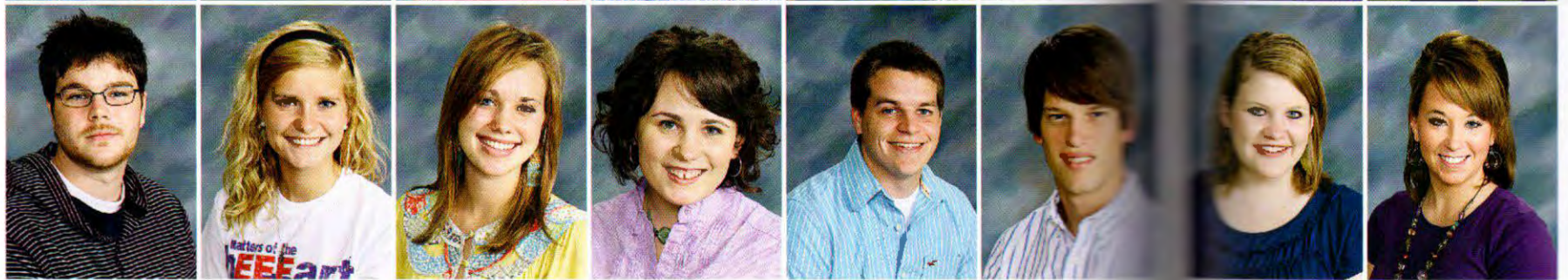
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 Angela Gillis • Keller, TX



Kristen Glover • Stuttgart
 Ryan Gorman • Plano, TX
 Christa Gorz • EL Dorado
 Megan Gosser • Coppell, TX
 Aspen Grams • Elkins
 Sarah Greeson • Hot Springs
 Natalie Gregory • Jonesboro
 Rachel Griffith • Greenwood



Joshua Groves • Bryant
 Julia Hagar • Mansfield, TX
 Sora Hanson • Tyler, TX
 Jessica Hardy • Ozark
 Drew Harper • White Hall
 Keaton Harper • Hope
 Catherine Harrell • Springhill
 Amy Harrington • Benton



True Character

Belford Williams Jr.

by: Tanner Huffman

What makes a great athlete? Some would say skill, others determination. Yet still some believe an athlete's success in any sport is mental. But can a person's greatness in a sport be measured simply by how high they can jump, how well they shoot, and how many games they win? Perhaps statistically the answer is yes. However, greatness goes for deeper than just numbers. Greatness gets down deep to what could be called "the heart of the issue" or in this case, "the heart of the player", and reveals that thing about athletes that truly matters most: character. This character is the very thing that is most admirable about Ouachita's own Belford Williams, Jr.

Being a part of a military family, Williams was well-acustomed to moving long distances and moving frequently. Due to this military background, he has lived in Mississippi, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, Utah, and even Germany. "I remember at a very young age watching basketball games on television with my father," Williams

recalled. Those memories of his father is what Williams now clings to. Belford Williams Sr. passed away the fall of his son's freshman year at the College of Eastern Utah. (Williams was red-shirted his freshman year, 03-04, and played his sophomore year, 04-05). Just the previous year, while Belford Jr. was beginning his senior year of high school basketball at Layton Christian Academy in Layton, Utah, Belford Senior was diagnosed with lung cancer. Little did anyone know, except for Belford Sr., Jennifer, his wife, would soon follow him.

Jennifer died of breast cancer the spring semester of Belford's sophomore semester at Eastern Utah, less than two years after her belated husband's death. Because the only remaining family member to care for his sister Monica was a distant aunt, Belford assumed full custody of her so she could stay in Horn Lake. Belford wanted his sister to have as normal of a life as possible. In order to do so, Belford gave up his to allow Monica to live hers.

Due to his diligence and hard work, Belford was able to provide Monica the type of high school experience he wanted her to have. Though Belford had put basketball on the backburner for the time being, he had kept all his recruitment letters from various colleges and universities he received while in high school and junior college. Amongst these were those he received from Ouachita Baptist's head coach of the time, Charlie Schaefer. Belford said, "My sister does not watch basketball. She is the only human being I know who plays



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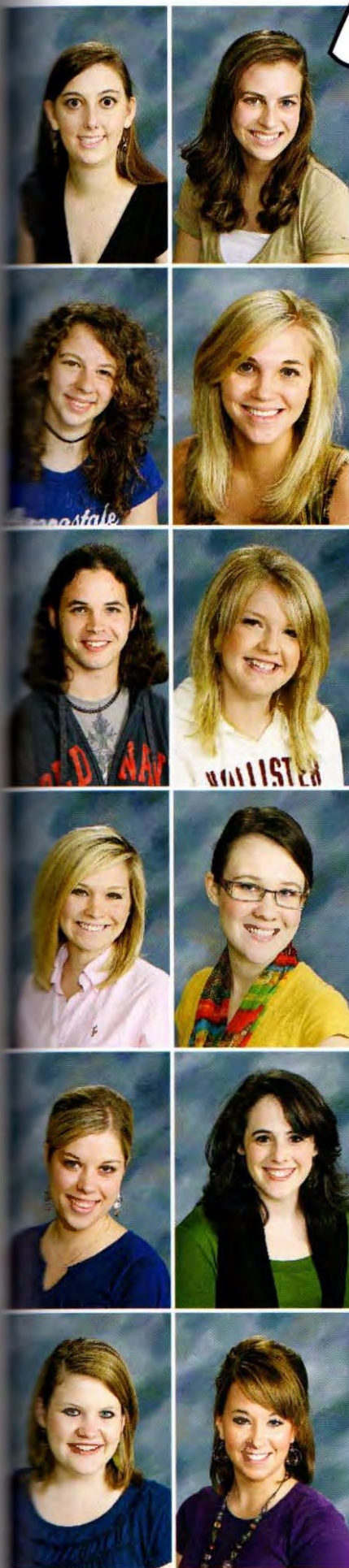
the game but does not watch it." Belford recalls teaching Monica a lot of what she knows about basketball. "Any of the moves she knows she learned either from her coaches or from me, so yes, I'll take credit for that," Belford said jokingly. Watching Monica's success in basketball gave Belford the desire to begin playing again. After Monica signed a basketball scholarship with the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, Belford was now able to focus on his own life. Because he had no reason to keep working in Horn Lake, he re-opened those old recruitment letters. After a few phone calls, meetings, and revisiting his God-given talent, Belford ended up at Ouachita Baptist, in Arkadelphia.

But what got Belford Williams through those hard years following both parent's deaths? Williams said, "Being able to learn from my mistakes and the ability to be quiet and just listen," had a lot to do with it. He went on to say, "I am comfortable enough with myself to know that I don't know everything. Being patient enough with myself to seek the right sources, I will learn."

As a forward, Williams played in 26 out of the 27 Ouachita Tigers' games the 08-09 season. During that season, he averaged four points and three rebounds per game. This season, he played every game, averaging 9.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. Williams also shot with an average of 60.7 percent this season. Williams recalled that his greatest memory of his basketball career was senior night. He said, "My sister [Monica] come down. That's what I love about sports. I love, love, love family coming to support one another." Williams continued by pointing out, "That [the family aspect] had a lot to do with me actually picking up a ball for the first time." His faith is evident in all aspects of his life. He recalled something his mother used to tell Monica and him every morning, "Rise and shine. Give God the glory."

There is something that sets Williams apart above all others. This thing is not his skill. This thing is not even (no matter how great it may be) his love for basketball. This thing is his character. His character is what has gotten him to where he is today, and is what will carry him to where he wishes to travel tomorrow.

William's favorite quote states, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, nor a lack of knowledge, but rather the lack of will." Belford Williams is not lacking this will. He has it...every single bit of it.



No Ordinary Girl

Katelyn Cash

by: Allison Cornell

Katelyn Cash was no ordinary girl. Beautiful, yes. Talented, yes. But her involvement during school went far beyond mere extracurricular activities - it reached outside of herself and into the community.

Since her freshman year, Katelyn has been involved in numerous ministries and services that benefit and serve the community. Elder Serve was one of the first ministries in which she was involved. According to Judy Duvall, Elder Serve director, she was enthusiastic about making the lives of senior adults better. "At one nursing home visit, Katelyn dressed up in a clown suit and painted her face," Duvall said. "She rehearsed some jokes and that night she went room to room entertaining people and making them laugh."

Her love for the elderly transpired to the stage when Katelyn directed the Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes show during her junior year, using the theme of Ouachita Alumni coming back for their 50-year reunion. Cash also spent significant time ministering to and serving an Arkadelphia family who was in need.

"The family consisted of a single dad who is disabled, his mom who has Alzheimer's and his elementary-aged daughter," Duvall said. "Katelyn brings this little girl to church and spends time with her during the week. She has prepared many meals for this family and has showed them God's love in tangible ways."

Katelyn was passionate about furthering the kingdom of God at home and abroad. Katelyn served as a speaker for Refuge during her senior year and she spent the summer before her senior



photo by: Sarah Henley

year in France doing mission work for the International Mission Board (IMB). "I volunteered with the IMB to research and help plan a new outreach ministry to prostitutes," Cash said. "Eventually I want to go into international church planting and church mediation."

While serving the local community and the world abroad, Katelyn was also able to form her own community with her close friends. "She makes everyone laugh," said roommate and friend, Gabrielle Sanders, a senior psychology major. "I love Ouachita and I would never trade what I've learned about community here," Cash said. "I would never trade having professors that care about me and my life. When I look back on my years here I feel really blessed and proud of my friends and where we've come in the last three years. I feel blessed to see how much we've all grown."

Katelyn's life during college echoed with a theme of love and service to the people around her. "People are naturally drawn to her because she is so much fun and full of life," Duvall said. "I feel confident that whatever Katelyn does in life it will involve serving and making the lives of others better."



“I love Ouachita and I would never trade what I’ve learned about community here.

-Katelyn Cash



Rachel Harris • Springdale
 Sarah Henley • El Dorado
 Anna Leigh Herrin • BonWier, TX
 Lori Hilburn • Monticello
 Alissa Hill • Bella Vista
 Laura Hogue • Arlington, TX
 Theodore Hone • Harare, Zimbabwe
 Whitley Happe • Montgomery, TX

Paul Huenefeld • Heber Springs
 Hannah Hurn • Hensley
 Wesley Hymer • El Dorado
 Leslyn Ichter • Conway
 Bethany Ivie • Red Oak, TX
 David Jacks • Fountain Hill
 Grace Johnson • Tyler, TX
 Daniel Karkoska • Bryan, TX

Jeffrey King • Judsonia
 Jo'Ann King • Del City, OK
 Jason Kirk • Harare, Zimbabwe
 Brandon Knight • Searcy
 Beau Landers • Allen, TX
 Lauren Lefler • Conway
 Jordan Lentz • Waterproof, LA
 Kathleen Luff • Colorado Springs, CO

Kelly Magee • Conway
 Justin Magness • Texarkana
 Matthew Marsh • Benton
 James Martin • Plano, TX
 Colman Massey • McGehee
 Wade Matheny • Denton, TX
 Leasha Moy • Spring, TX
 Cassandra McKinley • Missouri City, TX

Sarah Meyerdirk • Denton, TX
 Callie Miller • De Queen
 Hannah Moon • Heath, TX
 Whitey Moore • Sheridan
 Bethany Moss • Mesquite, TX
 Cosie Neal • Gilbert, TX
 Scott Nelson • Dallas, TX
 Christopher Nissen • Frisco, TX

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I'm not the most prepared, but I like the adaptability and surprise that brings.”

-Jesse Pruitt

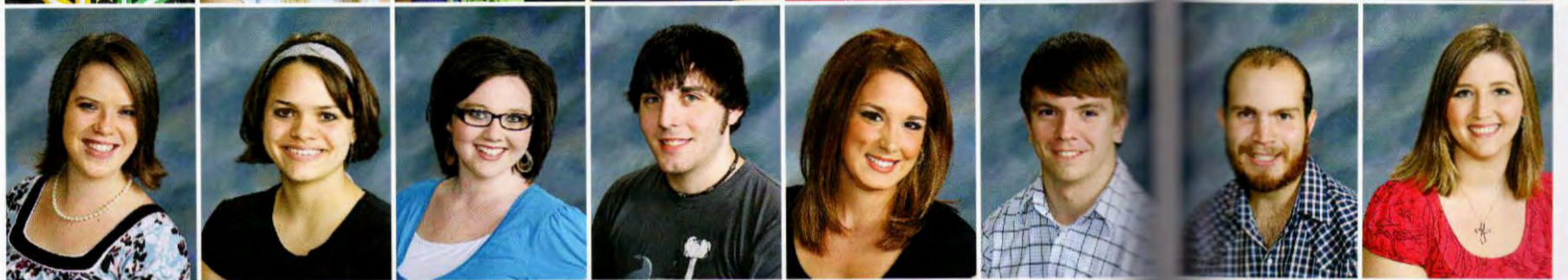
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A Call Answered

Jesse Pruitt

by: Whitney Crews

"Eh! Eh! Eh! Eh!" Any situation can suddenly cause déjà vu or bring a certain memory to recollection. For Jesse Pruitt, a simple song among friends one fall night brought back memories of his tenth visit to Mexico.

Since seventh grade, Pruitt, a sophomore Christian Studies major from Harrison, has been making trips across our country's southern border to share the gospel and try to understand a little of how missionaries live from day to day. During most of July and August, Pruitt distributed Bibles within some 16 major boroughs of Mexico City, Mexico, and worked as a counselor at a youth camp on the outskirts of the city. "I knew I wanted to do missions for a summer while at Ouachita," Pruitt said. "I had gone with my dad and my pastor just to gather information and my pastor encouraged me to go. Then everything fell together really quickly. It was literally three months of planning for a two month trip."

Even though Pruitt might seem like the seasoned traveler to Mexico, this was his first time to visit Mexico City and he revealed that he is no preparation expert. "I'm not the most prepared, but I like the adaptability and surprise that brings," Pruitt said. And his trip proved eventful.

Even though he lived with a missionary family outside the city, Pruitt and other volunteers worked with inner city distribution for three weeks. "Something that impacted me was our survival in the ghetto," Pruitt said. "There's a lot of crime and a cult that worships death there. We were passing out gospels walking down the street when a guy pulled out a knife and took a backpack and phone to scare us off [from witnessing]. But, of course, we came back."

After three weeks of working inside the city, Pruitt, with his group, traveled to a nearby camp where, for \$4, children could stay for three days and two nights learning about the gospel and having fun. While working with children and youth at the camp facilities outside the city, Pruitt contracted a bacterial throat infection that kept him constantly at a loss for strength. Hot, dehydrated and tired he continued to work with over 800 children; sharing the gospel and giving the kids a safe place to enjoy being kids. Besides the physical

challenges presented during his trip, Pruitt also faced spiritual and cultural hardships as well. Differences such as language, cultural taboos, public transit and religion were not completely new, but still posed a challenge for a two-month stay in a foreign country.

The metropolitan area of Mexico City has a population of more than 19 million people and even though most people would consider themselves very religious, Christian conversion can be misleading between cultures. "The city is so massive you can't see the other side from the highest point," Pruitt said. "There is so much need. This was definitely not a wasted trip."

"I was put in a lot of difficult situations and was definitely stretched. Going into a culture not your own definitely makes you rely on God - relying on God to provide strength and time for commitments," he stated. "Lives were changed and we were meeting a need and getting the gospel out there."



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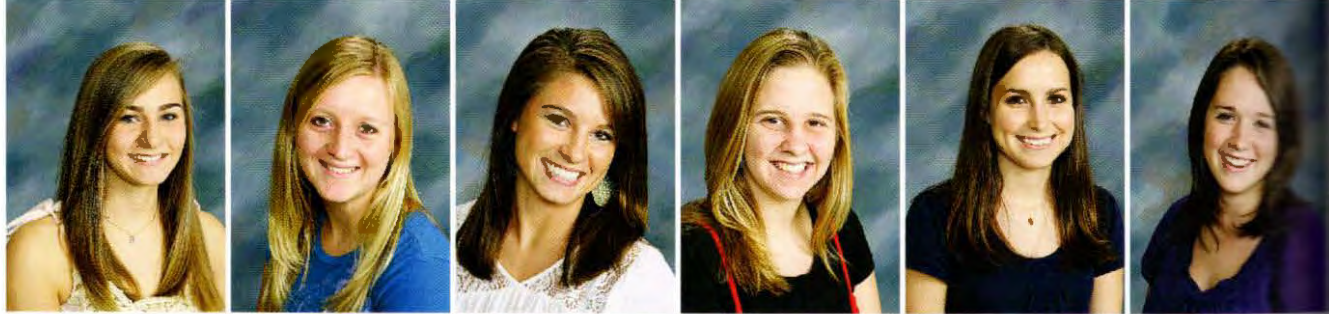
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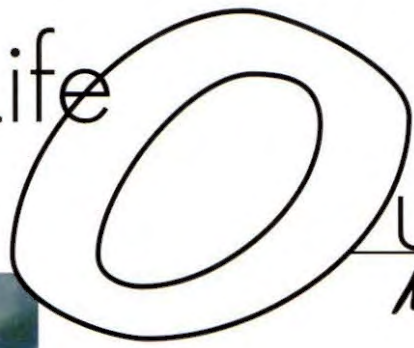
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Life



Out of the Bubble

Mark Sumrall

by: *Bethany Moss*

Imagine walking down a crowded street in 115 degree weather, car horns blasting, children from the slums running by and women with newborn babies in their arms sitting on the other side of the road. This is what Mark Sumrall saw nearly every day for most of his summer.

Sumrall, a junior Christian Studies major from Houston, Texas, spent 50 days in Ahmedabad, India, a city ravaged with religious and economic strife. "I wanted to go somewhere that would challenge me," Sumrall said on why he chose to go to India. This was Sumrall's first mission trip, let alone his first trip out of the country, and he decided to go big. He found out about the opportunity through The Task, and had help from the International Mission Board.

Sumrall saw a variety of sights, from poverty to wildlife. In the same day he would see children from the slums scraping for food, devout Muslims going to the mosques to pray or camels and donkeys trotting down the dirt road. "We would see monkeys out our room window," Sumrall said of the day-to-day wildlife. Out of the different things he saw, what stuck out most was the poverty. "You'll want to look over them," Sumrall said of the beggars on the streets.

"But then you remember that truly is a person."

Although the atmosphere was nothing less than chaotic, Sumrall was able to stay at a decent hotel with air conditioning. There was one week, however, when Sumrall and his travel partner Sam Lynch, a student at Liberty University from Atlanta, Ga., stayed at a hotel with no air conditioning, by choice. "We would wake up dehydrated and soaking in sweat," Sumrall said of the week's experience.

During these 50 days in India, Sumrall's typical day was quite an interesting one. From 10 p.m.-2 a.m. he and Lynch would walk the streets of Ahmedabad and talk to the Muslim men. Sumrall and Lynch would talk to the men about politics, society, religion and life in general. Their main target was to talk to these Muslim men about each other's religions and introduce them to the Bible. Although they did not get impressive salvation results, the Muslim men got to see what a true Christian looks like. "Not many had ever talked to a true believer," Sumrall said. "They assume all Americans are Christians. They see what's on MTV and think that's all included in the religion and acceptable."

One prominent thing that Sumrall learned from ministering in India was that the Bible can speak for itself. Because of the major communication barrier, Sumrall and Lynch had to simply give the Muslims a



photo by: Sarah Henley

Bible and trust the Holy Spirit to speak through it. "So often we get caught up in explaining [the Bible]," Sumrall said. "But the Bible is living, it's the living word of God - it can speak for itself."

Out of everything he experienced in India, Sumrall is most thankful for the opportunity to minister to the Muslim men of Ahmedabad, and learned a lot in the process. His eyes were opened to aspects of life that the majority of Americans do not think twice about. He met a former Muslim man who had converted to Christianity and felt that he would never worry because of his faith. This man, along with his family who had also converted to Christianity, was ostracized from their town. "This man and his family endure so many hardships and persecution," Sumrall said. "But when I asked if they had any regrets, they said 'absolutely not.'"

The experience showed Sumrall how little he has to work to keep up his faith and stay encouraged. "We have no excuse to fall and be discouraged," Sumrall said. "We are free in Christ in a free country - start exemplifying Christ and make an impact."



S

tar of the Show

Christina Albee

by: Shea Higerson

The half-time show at a football game is a wonderful show to watch, but when most people think "half-time show" they think about the band; the clarinets, the drum line, the trombones, but that's not all there is to enjoy. There's another talent on the field exuding preciseness, skill, athleticism, and beauty. Christina Albee doesn't play an instrument in the show, but she entertains the crowd during half-time by twirling her baton with a big smile on her face as her alter-ego "Carmelita." Christina's roommate gave her this nickname "because of this extra boost of confidence that comes with the baton, costume, hair, and make-up."

"I love that twirling pushes me to be athletic, creative, and elegant all at once. I am not aware of any other sport that integrates these qualities so well," said Christina. "I also love how when I'm twirling I really can't think about anything else." Christina has been twirling since the second grade and has been taking private lessons since the third grade. Christina tried several things before she discovered her love of twirling. She tried baseball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, and dance. "None of these things seemed to fit," she said. "I was either terrible at them or I just didn't enjoy it. Baton was something different to try."

When Christina moved to Hannibal, Mo., she started taking lessons from Janice Jackson Seamonds, who was the teacher of her two previous teachers. "While I was considering what college to attend, Janice moved from Dallas, Texas, to Canway, and I felt that was an added confirmation that I should attend Ouachita Baptist University," said Christina. Seamonds says the improvement has been fantastic since she has been able to see Christina weekly instead of only a few times a year.

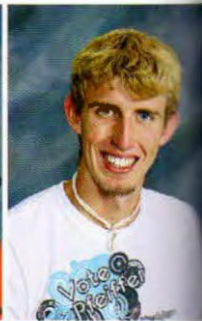
"Any serious athlete must have self discipline, make good use of their time, know their strengths and weaknesses, and understand what commitment means," said Seamonds. "Christina knows just how important having goals can be and knows the joy of achieving not only a personal goal but also the sense of accomplishment from doing your best." All of Christina's hard work has paid off tremendously. Not only has she gotten the satisfaction of doing her best, but she has received recognition and awards for her twirling.

Christina won the titles of 2009 College Miss Majorette of Arkansas and 2009 College Miss Majorette of the South in the spring - two goals she had been striving for since she was a little girl. She also won the "most talented" senior superlative in high school. Christina won second place in her very first baton contest for which she received a plaque. Some of Christina's favorite baton memories are from twirling her first parade at the age of 7 and twirling on the St. Louis Rom's field with her high school band.

Seamonds believes that Christina's experiences in twirling will "help [her] in all areas of life by contributing to her self confidence, the ability to present herself for interviews and auditions, developing her leadership skills, understanding how to relate to people and communicate, poise and grace, ability to take critique and turn that information into a helpful source for improvement, expecting the best of herself in all she does and just enjoying her talents and skills and being able to give happiness to others and help those around her through use of her talents." Christina Albee has definitely provided a lot of variety to half-time entertainment at football games. Her love for twirling is visible from the stands and she always wears a big smile on her face when she performs.



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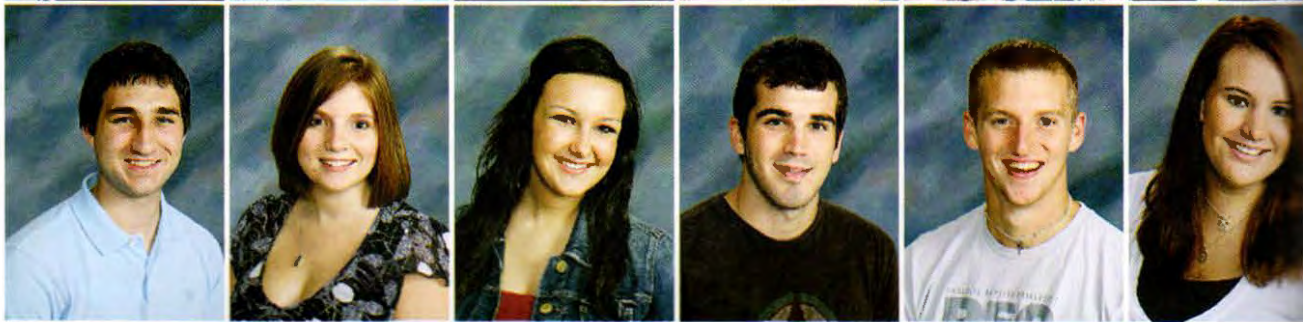
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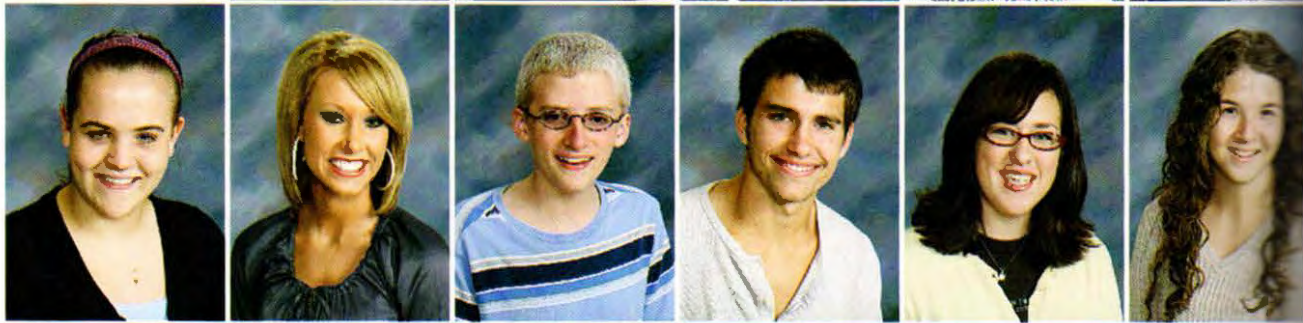
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Never Discouraged

Neil Wacaster

by: Allison Cornell

Osteogenesis Imperfecta is a genetic condition that causes the bones to not produce enough collagen. This in turn causes the bones to be more like pieces of chalk rather than regular bone, which causes them to break easily and often. One in 20,000 people have Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Let me repeat, one in 20,000. Neil Wacaster, a sophomore business major at Ouachita, is that one person.

Born in Arkansas, but a resident of Van Buren, Missouri, Neil has lived with this condition his entire life. He has broken 40 bones and had 15 surgeries in his lifetime. He is only 17 years old. In all four of his leg bones he has a metal rod to make them stronger. When putting in the metal rods, the doctors had to break his legs and then put them in, even if they weren't previously broken.

Although his condition has caused pain, disability and has been anything but comfortable, Neil has still managed to live a life just like anyone else. In fact, he has probably experienced more life in his 17 years than most. "I'm actually very blessed," Neil said. "There are some people with this condition that are 2 feet tall and break about 500 bones in their lifetime."

Neil's mom and sister also have Osteogenesis Imperfecta but not as severe as him. His family is very close and they are a big support for Neil. When he was younger, he went on a cross country trip with his family in an RV and was able to see the Grand Canyon, Disney World and other places.

"We traveled around in a travel trailer all over the country for five years," he said. "My dad fixed hail damage on cars and so we'd go to wherever the storms had gone. We did that in the summer and then during the winter we just went wherever we wanted." Neil's parents own and run a camp in a

small town in Missouri called Jellystone Park. When he is home, he is the director of student activities for the camp. Neil was homeschooled and finished high school two years early. He came to Ouachita a year and a half ago as a 16 year old. For his first year and a half, he lived with his grandparents in Hot Springs instead of on campus.

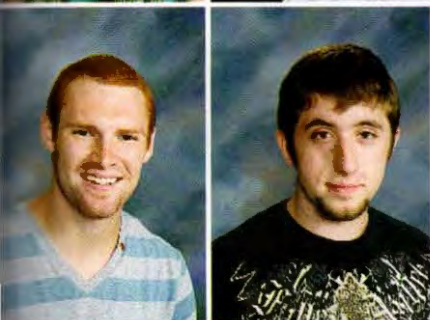
In the fall Neil made his Ouachita theater debut in the production of "Goldilocks on Trial." He hopes to have more time for the theatre when he finishes graduate school. Although he would love to be able to play sports, Neil finds other hobbies to fill his time and passion. He enjoys ping pong, chess, Scrabble and Photoshop. He even challenged me to a game of Scrabble.

Neil can walk and doesn't usually use his walker when away from campus. While here, he needs it to carry his books and to get around on the slippery floors. The walker can be inconvenient at times, but Neil doesn't seem to be affected by it. "What's really fortunate is that most days it's not a big problem," he said. "One of the things I really appreciate about Ouachita is that I haven't had any experience with someone discriminating against me or making fun of me or anything like that." Neil's experience with his condition has grown him in his faith and he knows that his joy comes from God amidst everything. "I probably should rely on my faith more," he said. "But I'm still growing. I know that when I do have a break, it's much more incentive to pray. And even though I'm still growing in my Christian walk, a lot of my joy is from the Lord."

Neil plans on becoming a business professor and enjoying getting paid to study whatever he wants. At the end of the day, Neil will accomplish anything because of his motto: "Believe it and conceive it. Do the work - you can achieve it."



photo by: Sarah Henley





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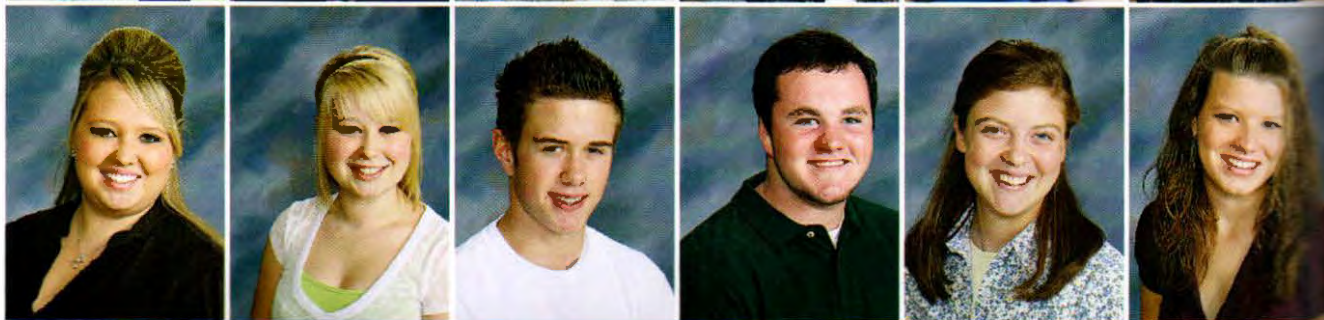
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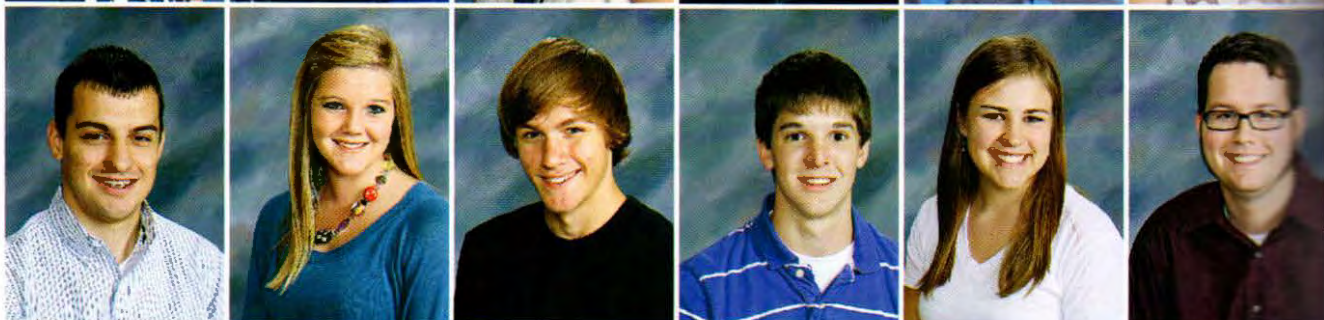
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Making the Band

Christian Ichter

by: Abbey Jamieson

"When I was in eighth grade, my grandpa gave my sister (senior Leslyn Ichter) his first guitar that was twice as big as me (I was a small 14 year-old)," said freshman Christian Ichter, a music major from Canway. "Eventually, I picked it up and started to teach myself chords. From then on, I was hooked."

Although Ichter's talents in music began to grow as he became older, his parents never pushed him to pursue music as a career choice. "They were very supportive of my decision and proud of my progress," said Ichter. "I'm glad they didn't make me take lessons as a kid, because I would have lost interest in music and quit." The summer before going into his eighth grade year, and before he even became involved with music at his church, Ichter felt the call to go into ministry.

"I started helping lead worship my eighth grade year by singing," said Ichter. "And when I become a sophomore in high school I started picking up more leadership roles in my worship band."

While leading worship as a junior in high school, Ichter was presented an opportunity to play in a Christian band that would later travel and play at various venues with numerous artists in the Christian industry. "I was the guitarist of a band (Tyler Bass Band) during my senior year of high school and had some neat opportunities to play shows," said Ichter. "Basically, those shows all worked out through good connections."

Along with leading worship with American Idol Kris Allen in Conway's New Life Church worship band, Ichter had the opportunity to open for several artists such as Switchfoot, David Crowder band, Jars Of Clay, Building 429, Natalie Grant, Shawn McDonald, Addison Road, Superchick and Jimmy Needham.

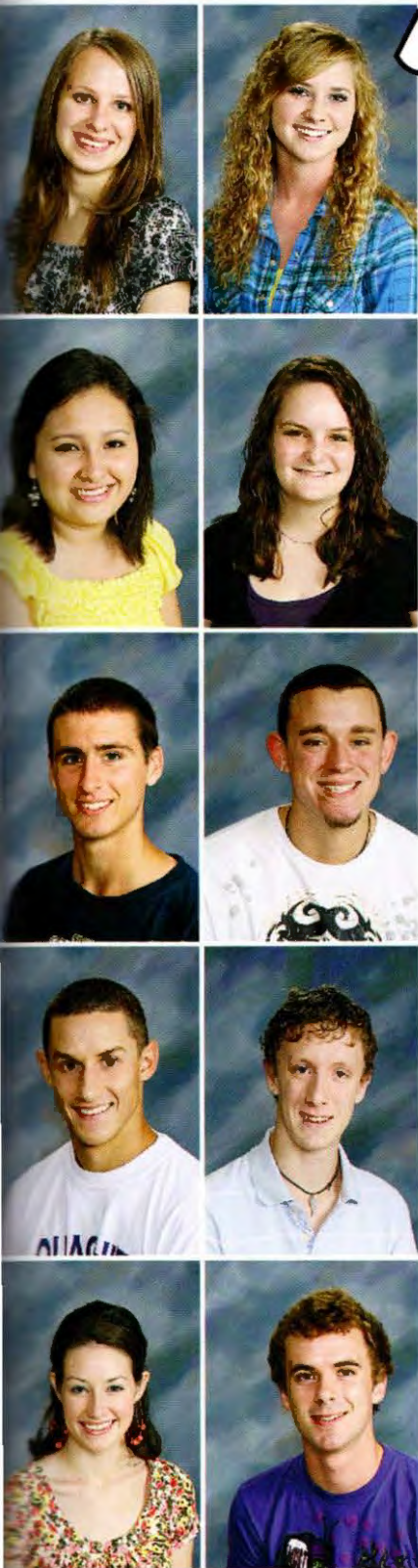
"I made some great memories on the road with some of my best friends and met some great people," said Ichter. "Missing a bunch of school to spend hours driving to someplace unfamiliar, playing music all the time... Does it get much better?"

Ichter plans to some day be a worship leader and also assist in studios, helping record music for artists. In order to prepare himself, he leads worship in Central Arkansas at New Life Church on the weekends. As his freshman year began, Ichter

also started to help out in small ways around campus by playing guitar and singing. "I have made many friends here," said Ichter. "I have learned things that are very relevant in preparing me for my career, and it has been a lot of fun."



photo by: Mallory George



An Unforgettable Day

Nelson Silva

by: Brea Conyers

Nelson Silva, a junior kinesiology and fitness major from Sao Paulo, Brazil, holds five individual school records, two pool records, and one national relay record. Before coming to OBU, Silva was swimming in Brazil, and he wasn't very happy with the results he was getting. "And then I had a friend over in Virginia who convinced me to go to the U.S., and so I said OK I should try. I don't wanna take a step back, I want to go forward, so I decided to come," said Silva. After about six months of swimming in Virginia, Silva's coach convinced him to go to college. "I was already too old to go to Division 1,"—Silva was almost 20 at the time—"and Ouachita offered me a full ride, so that's how I ended up here," said Silva.

In November, Silva got the opportunity to compete in his first international meet, the World Cup, in Sweden. He swam on Brazil's eight-man team. "I knew the eight fastest people would get qualified to go. They were analyzing whoever had the best underwater time—the best stroke rate for the short course—so they would take the best team to go to the world cup, which is in short course meters," said Silva.

There were many great swimmers there, but none bigger than the golden Michael Phelps, who would be swimming Silva's best event—the 100-meter backstroke. "I knew he was in the meet, and I thought maybe if I were to swim real good and he had a bad swim, since this wasn't his best event, the 100 backstroke, I could have a shot at beating him. But, I just wanted to go and get my best time," said Silva. He swam his heat then he saw the times. Silva's time was decent—53.37. "I was pretty happy with it," said Silva.



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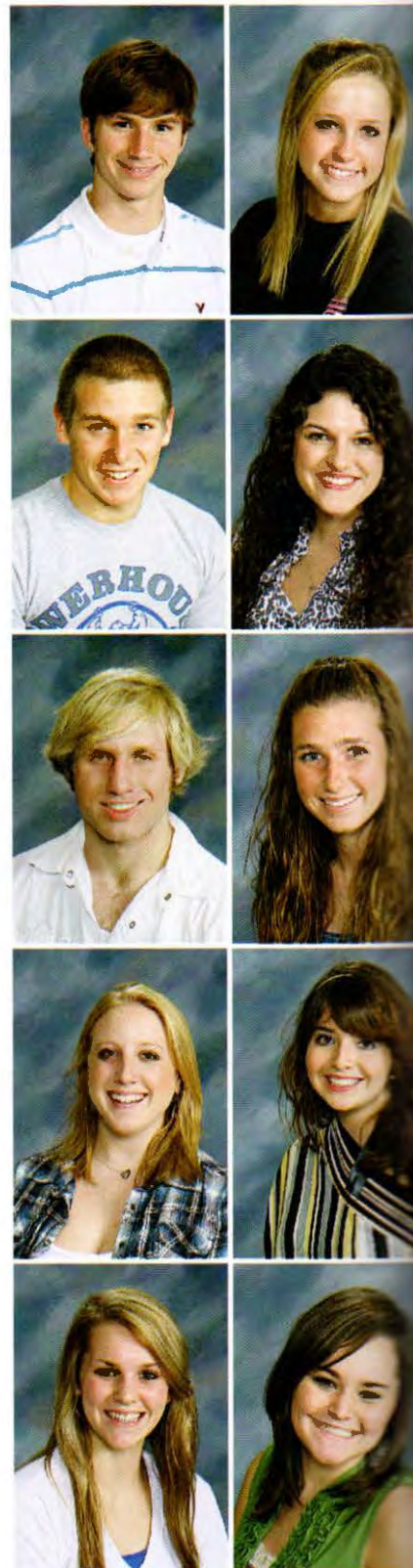
Phelps swam in the next heat. Silva watched as Phelps's first 50 meters was exactly like his. "I felt like saying, dude, just die," said Silva. Phelps sped to the wall, and Silva looked up at the times. 53.57. He beat the Olympic champion by two one-hundredths of a second.

While enjoying the fact that he beat the world's best swimmer, Silva was still modest about the experience. "Phelps, I mean he doesn't swim that much in short course meters. He only swims in long course. He's known for being a long course swimmer. But it was really exciting," said Silva. In truth, Phelps wasn't in his best shape, and he was trying many races that he had never competed in before. But, even so, Silva will never forget that day.

At Ouachita, Silva has had many races to be proud of as well. He was a part of the relay team that won a national record last year, he holds school records in the 1000, the 200-meter backstroke, the 200 fly, the 220 IM, and the 400 IM, and in November he broke two pool records.

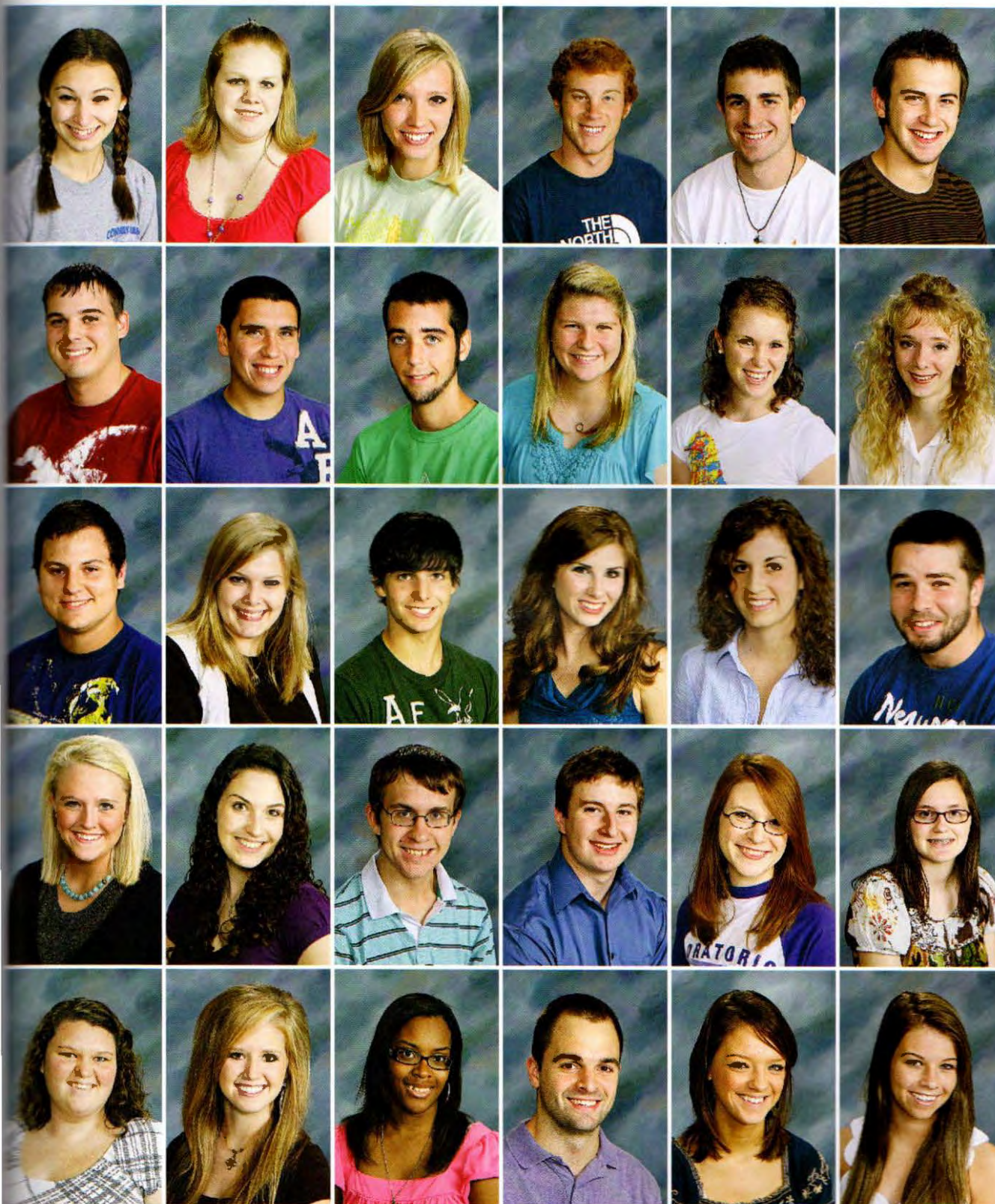
In the fast pace of college, Silva was starting to think about his future. "After this world cup thing, I kinda wanna go pro, but as I said before, I never wanna take a step back, I only want to move forward," said Silva. So, if Silva isn't able to turn pro, he says he'll start looking for a job. "If I won't be able to go pro, I'll just stop, because I just wanna get faster, I don't want to be the same," said Silva. Something else that helped him was the opportunity to swim with the University of Texas team over Christmas breaks.

"Right now swimming is fun. I've worked really hard since I was 12 years old, but I'm just now getting there. Just now, I'm withdrawing the money that I put in the bank," said Silva.



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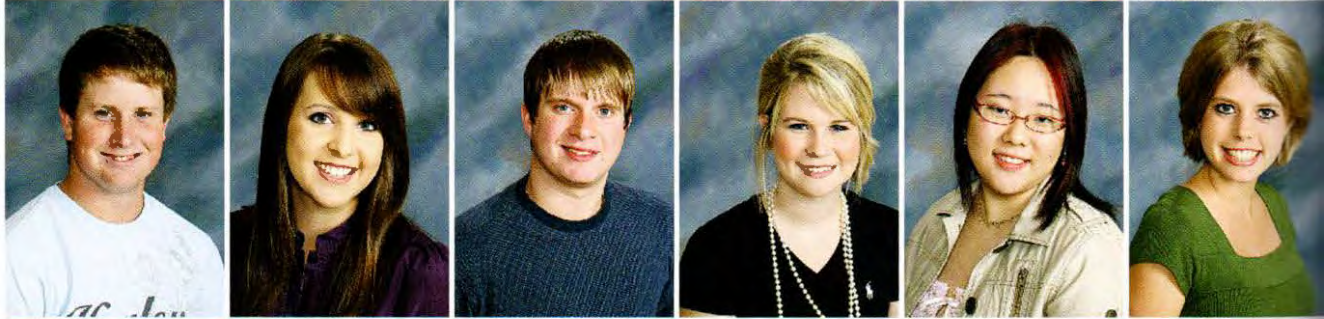
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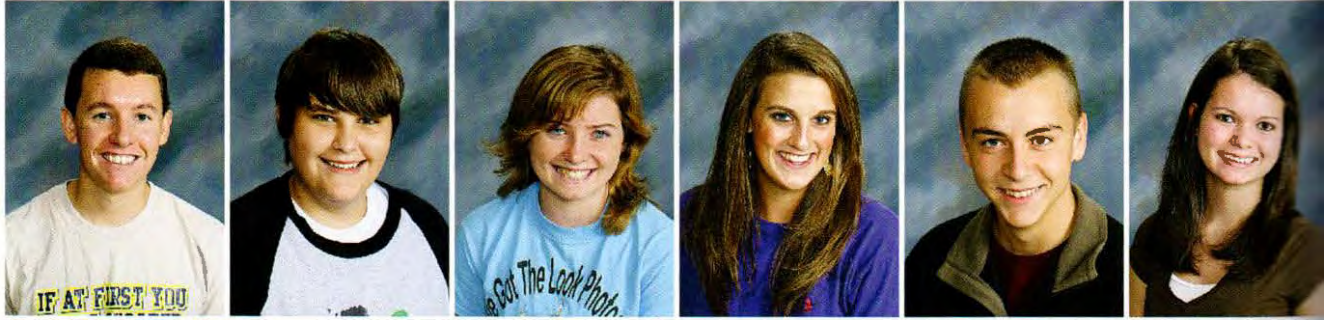
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R

eaching Out

Alyssa Eskelsen

by: Breanne Goodrum

It was a volunteer trip; one that could have risked a life. It was a trip to a third world country in the middle of the summer. The trip was filled with complications, terrifying images, and oddly enough, beauty. This was Alyssa Eskelsen's summer vacation.

Eskelsen had volunteered to go to Africa for two weeks with a group of recently graduated seniors and other volunteers. It was here where she discovered what life was really about. It was here where, although her life was at risk, a new way of life was discovered.

"I was really nervous because everyone kept telling me that it was a bad idea to go to a country ruled by a man who has been compared to Hitler. I went with a team of eight. A lot happened there. The people are beautiful and so nice, but the economy is horrible," said Eskelsen, a freshman music performance major from College Station, Texas.

The life change took place in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. This is where groups of children ran to her. She embraced a new culture and found life's simple pleasures in the authenticity of human life. The trip was focused on Christ and unlike Americans, the Africans took on an accepting glow. They were not focused on the thoughts or cares of what others would think, they were focused on what they thought.

I felt the work of God the entire time I was in Zimbabwe. There wasn't a moment when I was scared or unsure about what was going on. I just knew in my heart that a revival is coming and very soon," Eskelsen said.

The group led worship and held church services but also tried to benefit the community. Seniors provided a workshop for "True Love Waits" for high school girls in that area. The program was designed to bring awareness to sexually transmitted diseases and stop the spread of AIDS.

"The girls in the True Love Waits group had to wear skirts and tights and it was so cold that morning. It was cold, but the kids who were all in high school seemed to really enjoy the presentation. Afterwards, they invited us to their field hockey game later. That was really fun because we got to talk one on one with the kids," Eskelsen said.

To finish up the week Eskelsen and her teammates spent time with a local family, discovering the true African spirit, but also the true Christian spirit. The family's story inspired the team to continue their ministry past the short trip. The family met through God's guidance, inspiring the team to trust in God for all things.

The culture of the trip will always be a part of Eskelsen. The diversity and beauty witnessed influences her life daily. Tears shed on account of the pure joy and simplicity of life blessed the team. The faces of the needy and the reciprocation received inspire all to embark on mission trips. This is what Alyssa experienced. This is what changed her life and her idea of life.

"I will always remember this trip. It had such an astounding effect on me. To watch people in that environment, where Christianity is the minority, open their eyes and see the truth and praise The One is so humbling," Eskelsen said.



photo courtesy of Alyssa Eskelsen



Two of a Kind

The Simon Twins

by: Tanner Huffman

They're best friends and roommates. They're classmates and study buddies. They share the same advisor, major, minor, career goal and wardrobe. Twenty years ago, they even shared the same egg cell. They're the Simon twins, and they're both members of the OBU golf team.

Tanner and Tyler Simon, sophomore chemistry majors from Denton, Texas, began playing golf when they were 12 years old. They attribute their love for the game to their father, who began playing the sport when they were young boys.

"[Dad] might not be the world's greatest golfer, but he has a lot of fun with it," Tyler said. "His passion for the game rubbed off on both of us."

In high school, the Simons lettered in golf all four years, and were given the opportunity to participate in the Starburst Tournament in Waco, Texas. This tournament, known all around the world, featured many mainstream golfers, and the twins considered the experience "unmatchable."

Being twins who both golfed, they had an interesting technique when playing the game. They always viewed the game not only as a competition with other players, but also, and perhaps even more importantly, between themselves.

"We would sometimes have high-stake bets when we played in matches," Tyler said. "Things like mowing the lawn would be on the line and the loser would have to do the chore. It put a lot more pressure on the rounds. It was fun." The twins added that their competitive attitudes go much further than the greens of a golf course.

"Even when we have a test or a homework assignment we always compare our grades, and for those few weeks until the next test or assignment, the one with the higher grade has the bragging rights," Tanner said. "I don't know if all twins are as competitive as me and Tyler, but let me tell you: we definitely are!"

As for choosing a major, they owe their decision to their dad, just as they do for golf. In 2000, their father fell at work, causing a concussion and a coding (medical death). He was revived, and his body went into a coma for two weeks. After recovering, he had a similar incident a few years later, leading to his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease at the young age of 41.

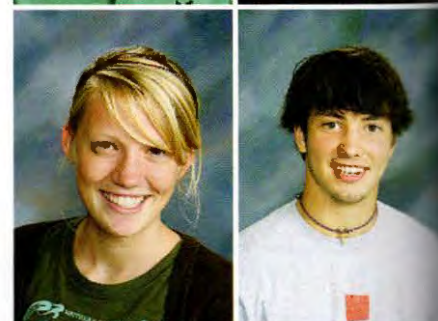
"We were devastated as a family," said Tanner. "At that moment, I knew I wanted to try and prevent any other kid from experiencing the feelings I felt, as did Tyler." As for their future, they look forward to their next, and last, two years of golf at OBU with high hopes.

In a perfect world, the Simons would find twin, golfing females, marry them, and grow old playing the game they have come to love. Until that day comes, however, they will live out their lives as they have planned: seeking jobs in the medical field and, as always, playing the game.

"Golf will always be with me and I will always enjoy being on the course," Tyler said. "And besides, isn't it required that everyone in the medical field play golf...and have bad handwriting?"

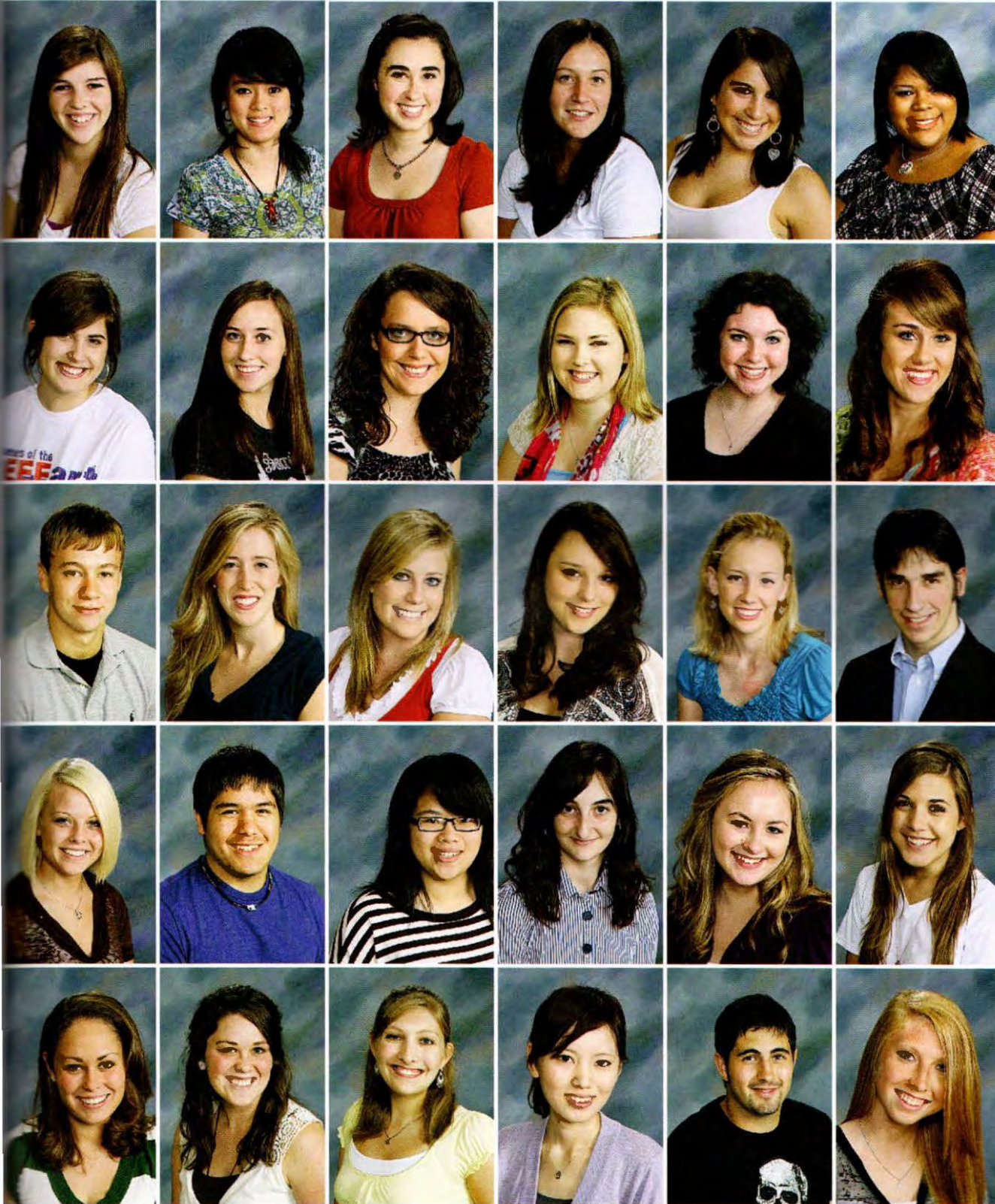


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Pushing the Limit

TJ Connell

by: Jeffery Harmon

I'll never forget the first time I saw TJ Connell. It was the first day of class in my second semester, and I was just one of the many familiar faces in the room strategically positioning myself for the perfect semester seat. There was fresh excitement in the air as we welcomed the new challenges and memories the upcoming semester would bring. I settled into my seat as class was about to start when, at the last minute, the heavy wooden door flung open. It was TJ.

He smoothly navigated his electric wheelchair to the front of the classroom, dodging the other students' puzzled stares with his unmistakable smile. His grandmother followed close behind, clutching a pen and notebook tightly. I knew at that point that there was something very special about TJ Connell.

As the professor took attendance, he stopped and, with a smile on his face, introduced the class to TJ. As he bragged on TJ's tremendous character, he was interrupted by a burst of one of TJ's guttural laughs that would become common throughout the semester. At that time I remember feeling many different emotions. Feelings of confusion struck me as I couldn't help but stare at his tiny frame surrounded by his huge electronic machine. I also

felt skeptical because he was enrolled in such a difficult class. "Is there any way that he can succeed in this class?" I thought to myself. Of all the mixed emotions, I remember feeling inspired the most. I wondered how, despite his physical condition, he could still have that big smile on his face. I needed to know more.

TJ was born 24 years ago just down the road in Hope. Due to a lack of oxygen to his brain, he was born with a spastic form of cerebral palsy that continues to affect him in every moment of every day. Because of this condition, TJ cannot walk or even speak. His communication is limited to a machine known as "The Pathfinder." With this machine, TJ is able to string sentences together through an electronic keyboard. Every activity - even the smallest of tasks - is a huge struggle for TJ, requiring constant care and attention.

Fortunately for TJ, he has been blessed with a set of grandparents who provide this care and attention. Every day they help him perform the tasks that most people don't even think about. They feed him breakfast, shove him, shower him, dress him, drive him to and from school, sit and take notes for him in class, cook and feed him dinner, and put him in bed. They do it every single day. "My husband and I just kind of tag team him," said

photo by: Collie Stephens

his grandmother cheerfully. His grandmother is an amazing figure herself. Known as "Mrs. Faye" to the Christian studies students, she can be seen sitting beside TJ, taking diligent notes in all his classes on a daily basis. There's no denying her love for her grandson. "They took me in as one of their own children," Connell said. "They taught me values and beliefs, respect, and to have fun. They push me to go farther."

Ever since TJ accepted Christ at the age of 10, he has wanted to impact people through evangelism and motivational speaking. His passion for evangelism brought him to OBU as a junior transfer student from a nearby community college. "I want to preach and teach God's Word without compromise," Connell said. This mentality of "without compromise" has been with him throughout his entire life. Being originally placed in resource classes, his teachers soon moved him to the regular classroom, where he eventually graduated with honors. He is now taking on more difficult concepts through classes such as Spiritual Formation, Revelation and Biblical Greek. "I have to go through the chapters over and over," Connell said. "I have to do that for all of my classes."

Dr. Scott Duvall, a Christian studies professor who has taught him in several classes, has been thoroughly impressed with TJ. "Most other students have not had to deal with anything that comes close to TJ's circumstances," Duvall said. "He can't speak or walk, yet he loves the Lord and enjoys serving him in so many ways. Everyone is amazed at his ability to love life, laugh hysterically, and rejoice in the Lord."

On top of applying himself academically, TJ practices his love of speaking by preaching sermons for different events. Because of his communication barrier, he not only has to do all of the normal work that goes into sermon preparation, but he also has to type it out and put it into his computer. TJ has continued to inspire people as he has received multiple opportunities to speak to others who are physically disabled. "He really impacts other handicapped people when they see what he's doing," Faye said. "They think to themselves, 'If he can do that, then I can do something like that.'"

TJ will always continue to work harder and push the limits further in everything he does. "Go farther and achieve your dreams," he said. "Nothing can stop you." It's this attitude that will continue to inspire me and continue to make me proud to call TJ my friend.





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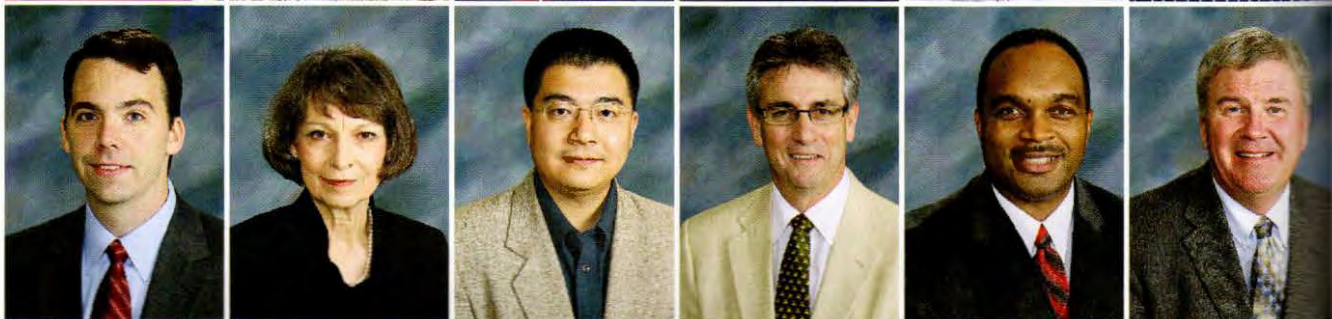
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A True *W*orld Traveler

Dr. Barbara Pemberton

by: Bethany Moss



Not many students were aware of the small, single office at the end of the dark hallway behind Berry Chapel. It was the office of Dr. Barbara Pemberton, associate professor of Christian Missions, and it was surely a sight to behold. There were loads of books, pictures, trinkets and rare artifacts from countries far away. My personal favorite was the Muslim Barbie dressed in a long black burko and a matching hijab to cover her head.

Pemberton did not attain these artifacts through online sales, family members, or a one-time trip to the Middle East. She has lived in Saudi Arabia during every Christmas break and summer season for the past eight years.

Her husband, Jim, took a job as a chemical engineer for Saudi Aramco, a fully integrated international petroleum company with the world's largest oil reserves. When they found out he would have to live in Saudi, they decided to have Barbara stay in the United States to teach world religions. That way, she could learn about Islam first hand a few months out of the year, then come back and pour that rare and valuable knowledge into her students.

Over the years, she has established many close relationships with the Muslim people. She further expanded these relationships, along with her own knowledge, last spring semester when she decided to take her sabbatical in Saudi Arabia.



"The purpose was to refresh and grow in as many aspects of my life as I could," Pemberton said. She was able to experience many things such as taking golf lessons, camping in the desert and studying at two radically different universities. She had to adhere to the strict rules of the Prince Muhammad Bin Fahd University, where men and women were completely separated. There was even a glass barrier in the classroom if a male professor had to teach a female class.

While partaking in these events, Pemberton had many interesting conversations about religions with people from an array of backgrounds. "It was a great witnessing opportunity," Pemberton said. "Everyone is curious about religions; it was a tremendous blessing to talk about Islam and other religions."

The opportunity to witness presented itself in many ways. Her driver was Hindu, she played golf with Muslims, and she participated in a Bible study with women from different Christian backgrounds.

Being able to consistently travel and learn about Islam has given Pemberton an interesting angle on teaching world religions. "My understanding of Islam is incredibly enhanced; it's not just from another book - I know these people," Pemberton said. "There is so much depth, and I have so many stories from knowing and learning about people from many different religions."

photo by: Koro Humble

In today's world, the understanding of other religions has become necessary to even understand our nightly news broadcast. Pemberton said that as Christians, it is important for us to know about other religions. "We are called to love others, so how can we love them without understanding them," Pemberton said.

If we took the time to venture out and learn about other religions, we would not only understand theirs, but also learn more about our own. Digging deep into another religion helps a person realize how different they are. It not only helps them love another group of people, but also helps appreciate their own.

Pemberton is stronger in her faith after living and learning about the Muslim people of Saudi Arabia. "We are so free in Christ compared with what other religions have to offer," Pemberton said.

Although her and Jim's life together is in Saudi Arabia, Pemberton gets full joy out of spreading her knowledge to her students here in the U.S. Ever since he moved overseas, they knew it was God's plan for her to stay in America and teach, but they still work together. Jim helps her make connections with people in Saudi Arabia, allowing her to learn and explore the religion more than she would otherwise.

Doing what she's called to do while living apart from her husband makes Pemberton's life a great example of putting God's will first in your life. Although there are some lonely nights, Pemberton lives one incredible life of knowledge, love and learning. She said, "It's an exciting part of our lives, and it is our ministry."

Mentor & friend

Mac Sisson

by: Deborah Root
Ouachitonian Adviser

When Mac Sisson died suddenly on March 8 at the age of 62, I lost a colleague, mentor and most of all, a dear friend. Mac served for almost three decades as assistant director of public relations at Ouachita. Other roles included sports information director, director of the Miss OBU Pageant and director of Tiger Tunes.

I first met Mac when I was a high school student in 1975. I was on the yearbook staff at McClellan High School in Little Rock and Mrs. Beverly Billingsley faithfully brought her staff to the Summer Journalism Workshop hosted by Ouachita, directed by Dr. Bill Downs and assisted by Mac. Two years later I would enter Ouachita as a freshman mass communications major, and thus began a 30-plus year friendship with Mac.

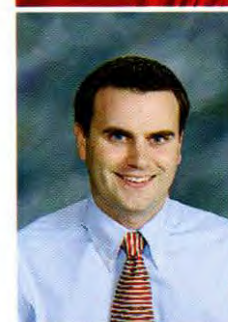
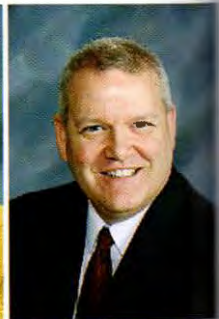
As a student I most remember his pen. He would pull it out of his blue shirt pocket and begin to edit most anything we wrote, whether it was for *The Signal* or the *Ouachitonian*. He loved to proofread. If you asked him to do so, be prepared. There were always changes to be made. What we learned from Mac was to strive for perfection, whether it was the number of quotes in a story or the use of AP style. And, yes, he would always leave little reminders that we needed to clean up our offices, and he taught us how to light the gas furnaces in Flenniken so we wouldn't freeze in the winter.

It was in my senior year when I was editor of the *Ouachitonian* that I met and fell in love with *The Signal* editor, Jeff Root. On August 7, 1982, we married at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. Our ring bearer was Mac and Donna's son, Alan. It was a beautiful wedding, but we learned not to let the ring bearer drink too much ROOTbeer before the ceremony. Thirteen years later when our daughter Abby was born, the Sisson's daughter Stephanie was Abby's first babysitter, and a few years later, Abby would be a flower girl in Stephanie's wedding.

I also spent many years with Mac in the press box for both Ouachita and Arkadelphia High School football games. In the early years, Mac taught me how to type a play-by-play on a Selectric typewriter. While he was announcing a play on the PA, I was typing in the play and tabbing over to type in the tackle. I learned how to calculate TOP (time of possession) and whole lot more about football. His sports knowledge was invaluable as I served as sports editor of *The Daily Siftings Herald*, and later took his place during a two-year stint as sports information director. I truly learned from the king of SIDs.

When Jeff and I returned to Ouachita in 1991 after graduate school, it was like reuniting the family. We worked in the mass communications and public relations areas and were once again side-by-side with Mac. And, we once again joined him in the press box, Jeff broadcasting the Ouachita and AHS games, and me spotting for Mac on the PA. My fellow spatter, Steve Patterson, and I formed the first unofficial NCAA spotters union, mainly to defend ourselves when we called out the wrong player number, and to yearly request a bathroom in the OBU press box. I always valued those Friday nights and Saturday afternoons with Mac, especially after his retirement. We would catch up on the week's events and attempt to solve all the world's problems. I'm going to miss his traditional announcement, as the clock would wind down, "Look around the place where you are seated and make sure you have all your personal possessions." It signaled it was time to go home. Our job was done until the next game.

The Friday before Mac died, he sent me an article from the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* about the notion of Facebook replacing college yearbooks. Although we never got to discuss the article, I think he knew I was ready for a fight. I'm defensive when it comes to yearbooks as an important part of a university's historical record, and I like to think Mac would agree. His influence is evident in three decades of *Ouachitonian* yearbooks, but most of all in the lives of the students who had the privilege of working with and learning from a true journalist and friend.



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...I thought to myself, 'I'm a 44-year-old man, and I better grow up and put a couple of diplomas and paintings on the walls. Well, quite obviously I had second thoughts.'

-Dr. Johnny Wink

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A Home Away from Home

The Office of Dr. Johnny Wink

by: Hannah Clayton

Even before you reach the office door, you'll encounter a myriad of photos and illustrations inundating the otherwise bland walls with color and life. The large, wooden door is covered with the same sort of eclectic mosaic. The thin, black nameplate on the door is peculiar—Dr. Thunderlizard—and the office of Dr. Thunderlizard is no less strange.

Like the walls outside of his office, the four walls inside are a pleasant and curiosity-striking attack of visual and mental stimuli. There are small, plastic dinosaurs lined up along the windowsill. On the desk, a large chunk of sturdy glass sits, adorned with stickers peeled from bananas and apples. On the shelves of his bookcase—a place where any other erudite professor piles their collection of texts—photo frames and other objects of memorabilia sit comfortably, overpowering the books. Even the ceiling of his office is adorned with a few tacked-up photos and illustrations.

This is the office of Dr. Johnny Wink (but still also affectionately known as Dr. Thunderlizard to past students and several mistaken mailmen). And although to any new visitor this office may appear to be a random disorder, to Dr. Wink, it's a carefully constructed,

photo by: Kara Humble

personal, heart-stirring collage of his life, his loves and some of his most cherished memories. "As soon as I moved to this office in '88, I thought to myself, 'I'm a 44-year-old man, and I better grow up and put a couple of diplomas and paintings on the walls. Well, quite obviously I had second thoughts,'" Dr. Wink said, smiling to himself. "I'd like to think of myself as an interior decorator, and I call it a little busy."

Wink, professor of English at Ouachita Baptist University for 36 years, has been the occupant of office #203 in Lile Hall for 21 years. But he is not always the sole occupant. Besides the hundreds of photos and memorabilia occupying the walls and shelves, several students stop in to sit in the burnt-orange velvet chair of the late Everett Slavens to talk with Dr. Wink. Upon entrance, Dr. Wink opens not only his office, but his life to students. "Any time a student or friend or whoever comes in, they're allowed to ask about a photo or something here," Wink said. Much of the time, however, Wink must inadvertently share several photos' stories within a single sitting. He'll then lead you across his office to a completely different wall with a completely different photo to explain the intricate weaving of each—the lives and colorful stories of many often connected by a single man.

"One word that you couldn't possibly use to describe this kind of office—the word is professional," Wink said. "This does not look like the working habitat of a professional. I guess what allows me to get by without people frowning upon it is because English teachers have reputations as eccentrics." Not all of Wink's décor is playful or humorous, however. Some of the things most dear to him in his office have at once beautiful and moving stories behind them. When I asked him what were the most precious items in his office, he immediately took off of his shelf a medium-size white bunny made entirely out of small conch shells. The bunny was given to him from his good friend, the late Tom Greer, a colleague of Wink's at Ouachita. "This fellow Tom Greer—I nicknamed him the 'White Rabbit' back in the 80s because he was so nervous, he had white hair, he always had a million little different projects going on and he was always late, late for a very important date," Wink said, grinning. After Greer had spent a summer in China, he brought back this white conch shell bunny to Wink. "When he died, I decided I would put it by the clock because of his being late, late for a very important date. And now, there that bunny sits."

On his office, Wink says, "It's mainly a memory. I have a very regulated schedule—almost all of the grading, making quizzes, etc. is done here. But this drudgery is no drudgery," Wink said. "This office is a place where I do my work, but since I love the work that I do, it's a place of joy. The walls are filled with people who have come into my life because of the work I've done here. It's like the walls themselves, they speak about what I do in the office—they're intimate and special to me, yet they've got so much to do with my professional life," Wink explained. "You could genuinely use the old cliché 'a home away from home.'"

It's become apparent after spending more and more time in Wink's office, while perusing through the goulash of hundreds of photos of mostly former students or family which give his walls a certain warmth and vibrant life, that his office is a rich and colorful testament of how not only Wink has played an integral and unforgettable role in countless lives, but other people touch his life equally as strong. Because of his office, Wink may seem like just a strange eccentric to some. But for one man to have so much joy and fond memories and love in one place is rare, and it's a blessing. If this special place to him truly is his home away from home, I can only imagine just how special to him his home is.



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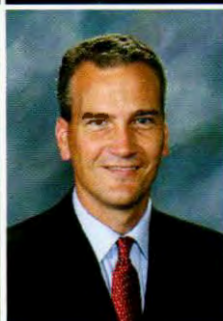
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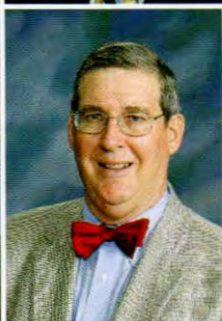
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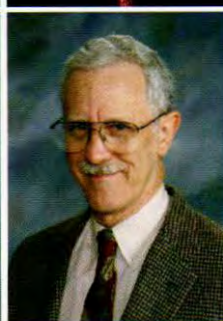
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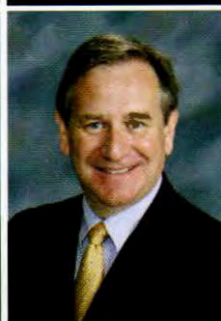
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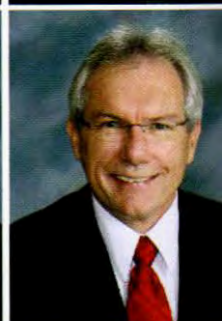
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Guest artist Jonathan Brilliant constructs his art exhibit titled "Have Sticks Will Travel" in Hammons Gallery. The exhibit was a collaborative effort of the Department of Visual Arts and the Art Department at HSU and was open for public viewing.
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Community



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ommunity was a word that described life on campus. But Arkadelphia was affected by Ouachita's involvement in projects, businesses and efforts in improving the lives of the citizens in Clark County.

More than 673 volunteers connected with the community through Tiger Serve Day. The annual Community Service Awards banquet rewarded students and community leaders for their service to others. Art exhibits like J. Brill's coffee stick sculpture were displayed for the public to enjoy.

A new sense of community was found through "group living" arrangements in plans for new dorms. Dino's Cafe provided a gathering place for both students and faculty to interact off campus, and the Clark County Strategic Plan provided a focus on the future of our community.

One thing was for certain; a **facelift** extended beyond the boundaries of campus.

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KNITTING FOR OTHERS *by: Ananda Boardman*

When you open the door of Knit Unto Others, a shop full of all things knitting, you'd never guess that the yarn you see in owner Claire Gehrki's hands is directly tying her into the lives of women in Third World Countries. To understand how Gehrki is tied to Third World women, you need to understand how she started Knit Unto Others. Gehrki taught English as an adjunct professor at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia for 18 years before she opened Knit Unto Others in August of 2007. "I've knitted a little bit all my life, but it wasn't until I decided Arkadelphia needed a yarn shop that I began to improve my skills and learn things that I had never known before," Gehrki said. Prior to opening the shop, Gehrki knew nothing about opening a shop or what running it entailed. "I knew nothing about any of that," Gehrki said. She first thought about a shop of this type when in Little Rock one afternoon with some friends. They visited a yarn shop there and Gehrki noticed an "inter-generational group of knitters making hats for Children's Hospital," Gehrki said. "It was such a friendly atmosphere that I came home telling everyone that Arkadelphia needed something like that."

Her friends and family began to tell her that if she saw the need maybe she should be the one to open it. "Doors began to open and I began to feel that yes, this is really what I was supposed to do," Gehrki said. She began to research and plot her store about when Arkadelphia launched its strategic planning to boost the downtown economy. A close friend purchased the house at 323 Main Street with the intent to make it into Gehrki's knitting store. Gehrki began to do research and look into what it was to be a retailer. "From the beginning I intended to include a lot of charitable activities along with the retail portion of the shop," Gehrki said. She found the name "Knit Unto Others" while researching charitable knitting and yarns online. It was a blog used by several women to recruit others into charitable knitting. "I emailed them and they gave me permission to use the name for my store," Gehrki said.

The shop currently has multiple charitable knitting projects, and Gehrki tries to "sponsor a new one every couple of months," Gehrki said. "I try to vary among local, statewide and even international projects. So we do a little bit from all areas of the world." Two examples are "Knitting for Noggins" which provides knit caps to Arkansas Children's Hospital for the children and their families, and "Warm Woolies," which sends sweaters, socks and other warm items of clothing to orphanages in Eastern European countries. "Knitting for Noggins," which takes place in the fall and is the most popular project, donated about 300 caps last year. Gehrki also knits toys for local foster children and several of her knitters have made woolen helmet liners for soldiers serving in colder countries like Afghanistan. The Internet is a good source for charitable project ideas and many organizations will accept knitted donations.

"I somewhat go by what appeals to me, but I try to choose the things where I feel that the need is greatest. [Also] what I feel my customers will be inspired by and want to knit," Gehrki said. Once she had a name and a building, it took about nine months—late fall of 2006 to August of 2007—to open Knit Unto Others. They have been open two full years and are starting their third. Gehrki stocks various types and gauges of yarn, including Fair Trade Yarns. "It was something I had learned about that very first visit to the shop in Little Rock," Gehrki said. Fair Trade Yarns are spun by women's cooperatives in Third World countries and the profits from the sale of the yarn provide a fair living to the women (some men) and their families. It is hand-produced and you are guaranteed that the people who produce it receive a fair wage and are treated well.

Beginning knitters should just "jump in and do it," Gehrki said. One of her favorite knitters writes in her books that you are not "defusing a bomb." Gehrki offers lessons for beginners that are free with the purchase of yarn and says it is an activity to "just relax and have fun." Karen Brown, a junior English and History double major, started knitting this semester and said that knitting is a "great study break." Brown began with scarves and has since moved on to hats, fingerless gloves and socks over a series of Thursday afternoon hours with Gehrki. "It's a fun and relaxing place to knit in," Brown said of the shop.

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MINISTRY ON MAIN STREET *by: Jeffrey Harmon*

Live music, delicious sandwiches, and an adrenalized Dr. Kevin Motl singing the Isley Brothers to the top of his lungs. These are just a few of the positive images that come to mind when thinking about Dino's Main Street Café. These memorable experiences have become common for college students from both universities in town, but very few people realize the enormous amount of faith that went into making this restaurant a hit. Owners Dino and Jackie Ochello are a couple that, through starting this small restaurant, have allowed their faith in God's provision to take control of their lives in a huge way.

Dino Ochello has always been fascinated by the restaurant business. As a kid, he remembered showing interest in how the local coffee shop brought people together. From these childhood memories, God inspired Dino to create an atmosphere of great food and fellowship. Despite this inspiration, Dino felt that he was too young to make a real impact in the restaurant industry. "I was young and single," Dino said, "I didn't think I could do it."

After graduating with a marketing degree from Mississippi State University, Dino took a job in Hot Springs as a golf pro for seven years. He then got married and held several marketing jobs for major corporations in Little Rock. "I was making good money - enough to where Jackie was able to stay at home."

Even after having such great success in the business world, Dino still felt that opening a restaurant was something he was supposed to do. This vision became a reality after sharing it with his wife. They did research and decided that Arkadelphia, a town with two universities, would be a great place to start a restaurant. "We want to build relationships with students," they emphatically stated. These relationships, more than preparing great food, are what they feel the Lord calling them to pursue.

After working out the details for the restaurant, the Ochellos experienced some difficulties with their plans, resulting in them nearly giving up on their dream. Three years passed, however, and God opened doors that rekindled their passion once again. Dino made a trip to Arkadelphia and found out that a vacant building was available downtown that was the perfect size for a restaurant. "We wanted it to have a stage so students could display their musical talents," Dino said. "We also really liked the loft feel."

After all of the necessary steps were taken, Dino's Main Street Café finally opened in 2007. Although there were obvious setbacks, the Ochellos have found great reward since starting this ministry. "The relationships we've built have been awesome," Dino said. "Students just like to come in and talk to us. We're almost like their parents away from home," Dino said with a grin. Austin Walker, a junior Christian studies major from Benton, is one of the many students who have come to love Dino's. "It's definitely cool how they're so relational. Every time you walk in there, they not only greet you with a smile but they also know your name," Walker said.

Not only has Dino's been a place for individuals, but the Ochellos have also opened their restaurant up to other groups to use - at no charge. Jimmy Darby, student minister at First Baptist Church, has used Dino's several times for various youth events. "It gives us a place to go in town where our students can see Christians living out their faith," Darby said. "Most places are just about making the buck or turning a profit, but Jackie and Dino really want to see something come about for the Kingdom."

Faith. It's something that many people claim to possess, but is seldom ever seen. Faith requires action, and is often followed by periods of uncertainty and waiting. The Ochello family has endured a lot to remain faithful to God. They've sacrificed their time, money and security to get out of their comfort zone to make a difference in the community. No matter what happens, Dino and his family will continue to live their lives in complete obedience and faithfulness to the Lord. "I'm relying on the Lord to show me what's next," Dino said. "People say you have to have this or that. I don't have that mentality. As for the future, we're just going to do what God wants."

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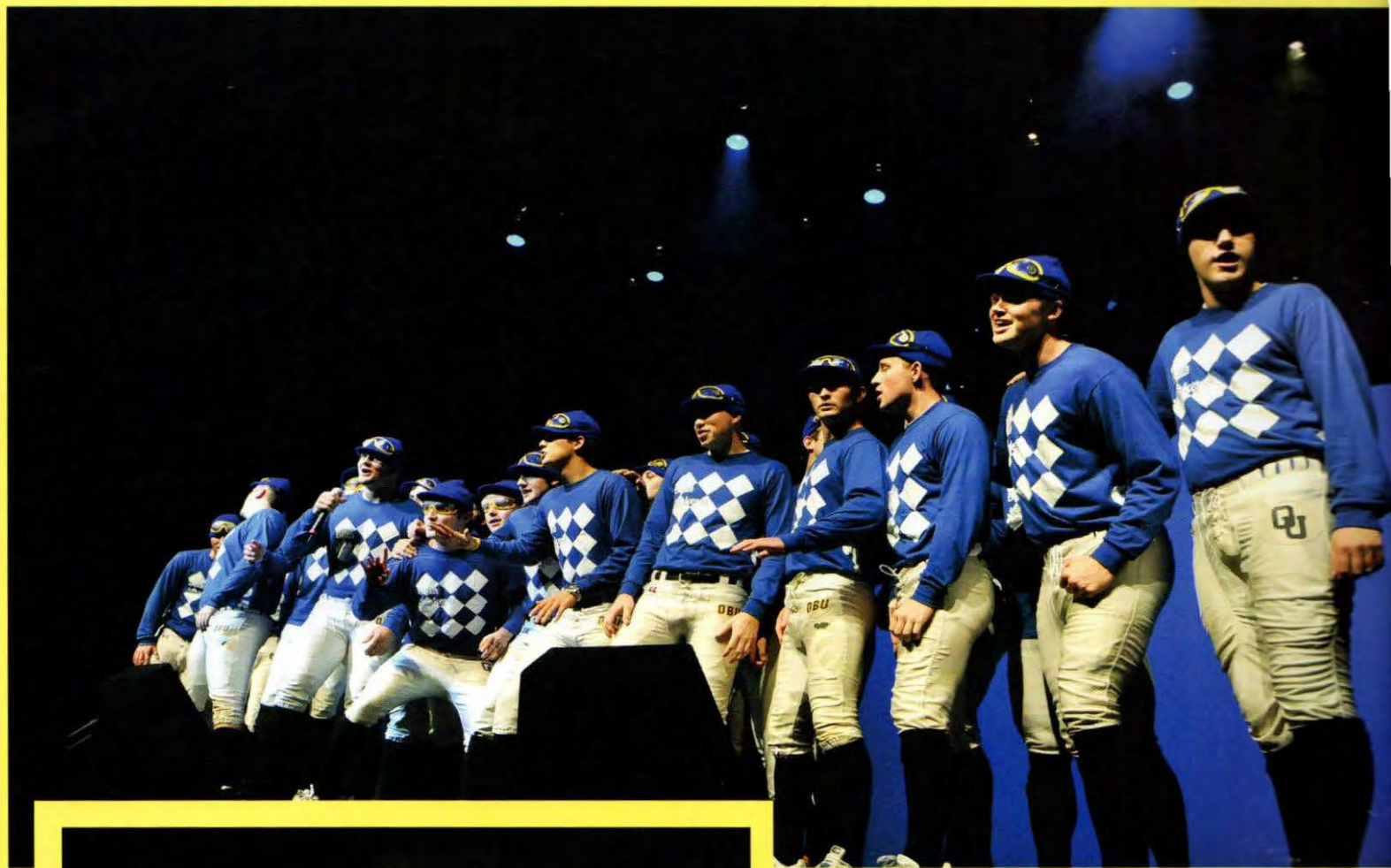
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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER by Molly Magee

Service has always been at the heart of students. As we celebrated the birth of our Savior, students during Christmas time seemed to take on an even different meaning of giving back to the community, at home and around the world.

Operation Christmas Child was a ministry through Somartian's Purse. Through the project, students loaded shoe boxes full of things for children including school supplies, hygiene products and toys. The boxes were then wrapped in Christmas paper and were delivered to needy children all over the world. As they receive the boxes, the children are presented with the gospel and are also given the chance to participate in a discipleship ministry.

Mason Hayes, a sophomore business major from Cabot, Ark., and Caitlyn Wamble, a Christian studies and missions major from Pine Bluff, Ark., hosted a collection of the boxes on campus this year with the help of Campus Ministries. They were responsible for spreading student awareness of the project and hosting a party to pack the boxes.

Students responded with 35 boxes. Some students took the time to buy the items for the boxes themselves, while others did the project with their friends. Social clubs and Freshman family groups jumped on board with a chance to serve internationally and also helped contribute to the project.

"I think it's important that we sometimes realize how blessed we are and then take that to the next level by giving to those who are less fortunate than us," said Hayes, "whether that be serving internationally or locally."

The Angel Tree project was common in many communities during the holidays. This year, more families were in need of help during this time so their children would have some presents and some necessities under the Christmas tree.

The Angel Tree project was hosted by the Junior Auxiliary of Arkadelphia. Families in the community filled out paperwork and their children were anonymously placed on a Christmas tree at Wal Mart in town for families, students, and other members of the communities to have a chance to serve them. The Christmas tree was covered in cardstock paper with a wish list of items the child needs such as shoes and jackets and a wish list of items the child wants for Christmas.

Megan Gentry, a senior English and mass communications double major from Alexander, Ark., said, "I particularly like the Angel Tree program because it's such a narrow scope. I know that I'm helping provide one specific little girl with a Christmas morning she might not otherwise have."

Gentry saw a need in lending a hand in the efforts now more than ever. "It seems like I've always known about Angel Tree, but it became more real to me this year when my professor and mentor Dr. Mary Beth Long told me that there were 500 Angels in Clark County that wouldn't have Christmas if someone didn't sponsor them."

Gentry joined with three other friends and chose a four year old girl from the Angel Tree. They went shopping together and "were all very excited to browse through Barbies and princesses," said Gentry. The experience was fun for her and her friends, but more than that, it made them look around their community and see that there are needs that need to be met.

Gentry said of needs in the community around her, "I'm living here for just a short time, but this town is so welcoming of college students. The churches are so eager to welcome students, and there are tons of small businesses and individuals that take a real interest in the thousands of students that come and go through this city. For all that Arkadelphia has done for me, it'd be a shame for me to not leave at least one small mark of service behind."



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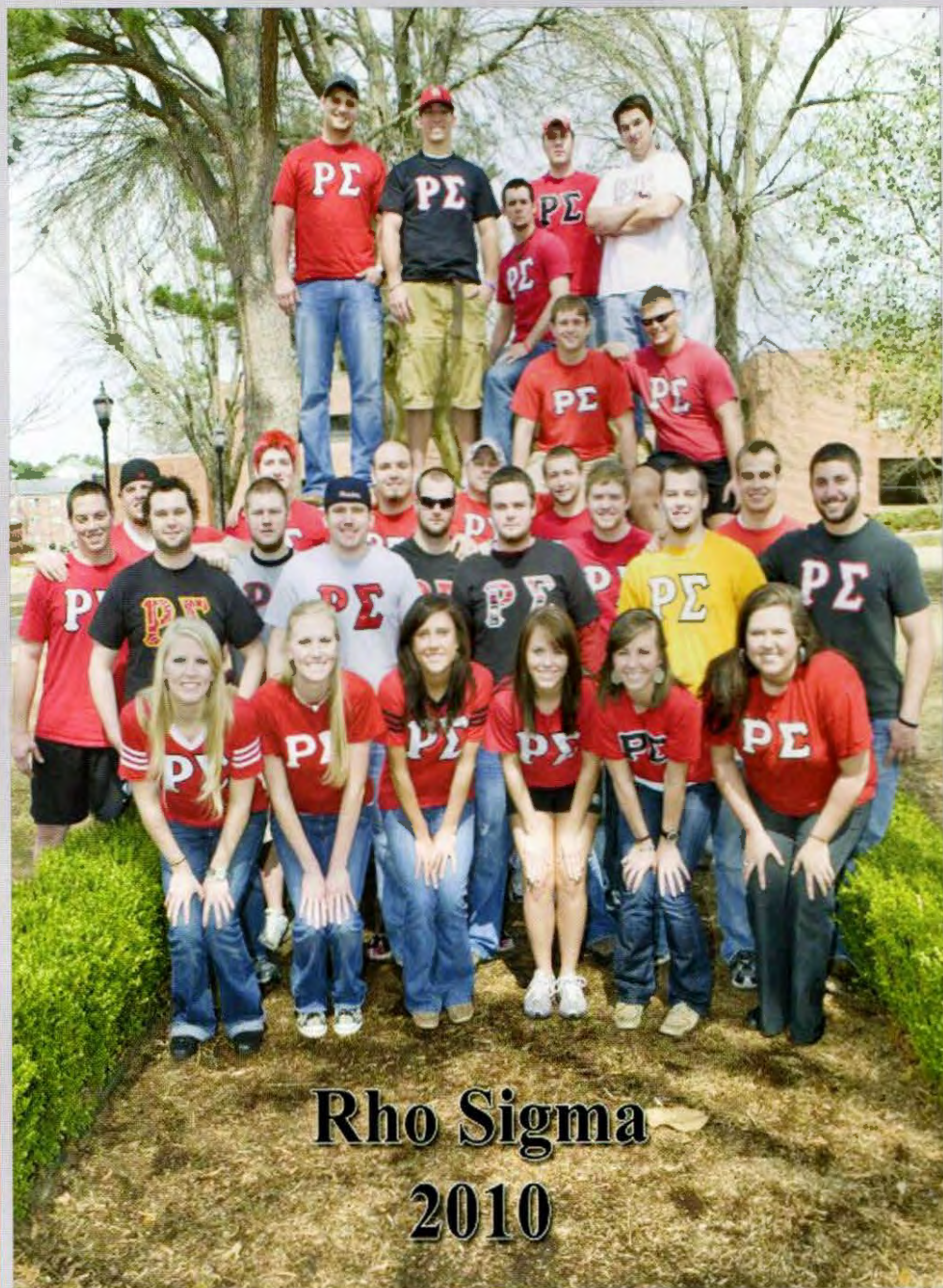
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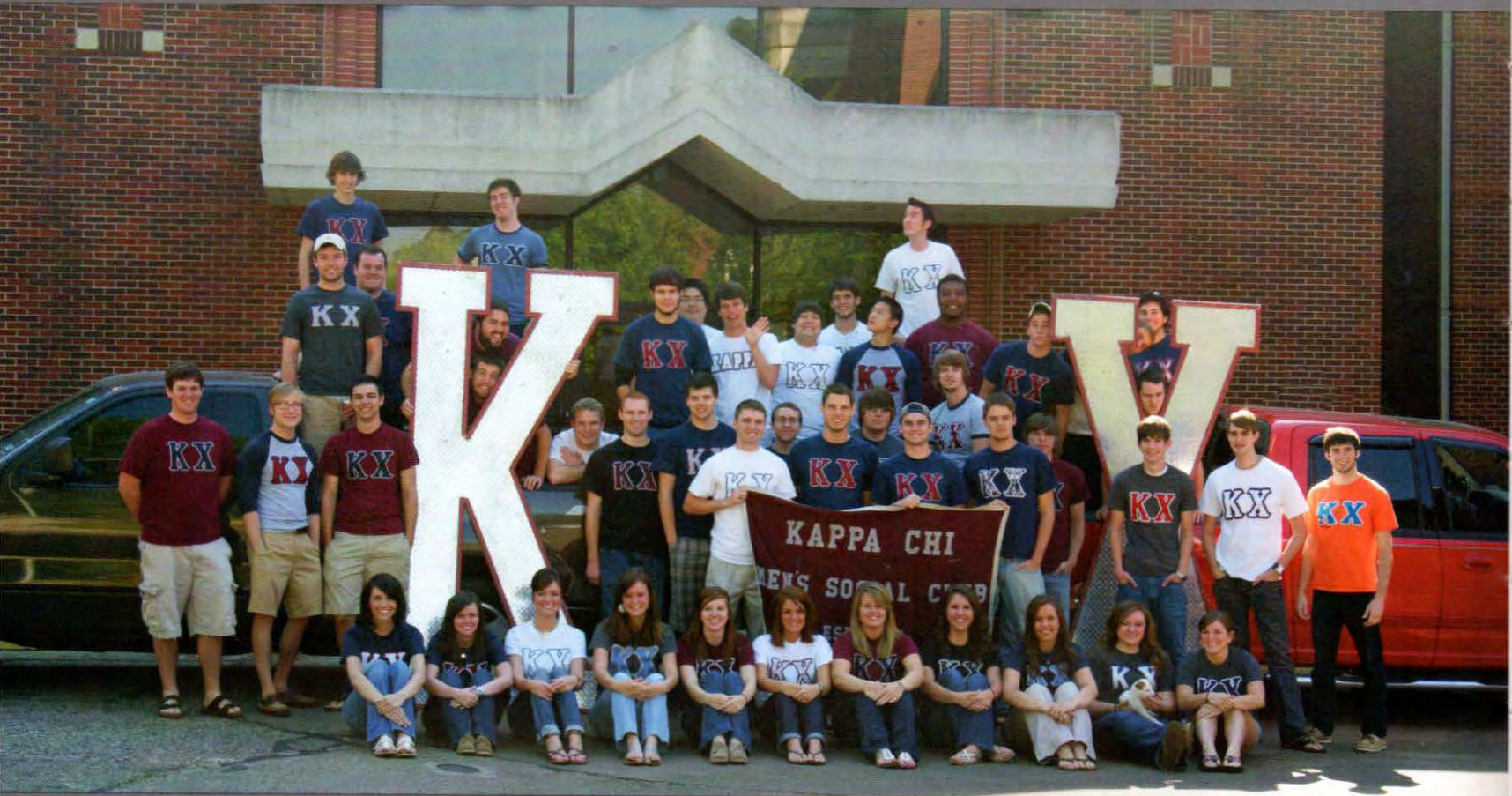


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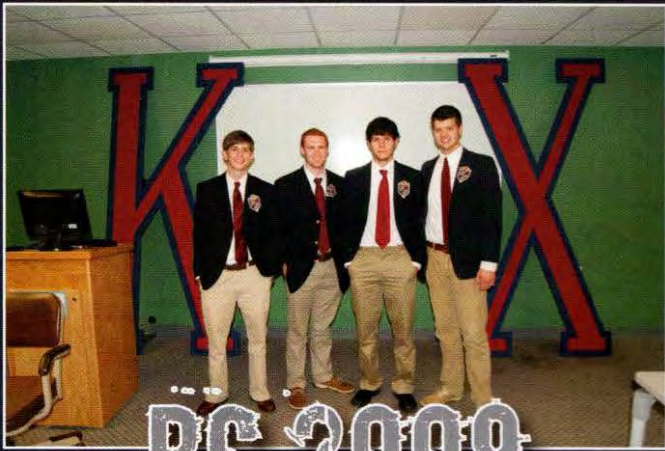


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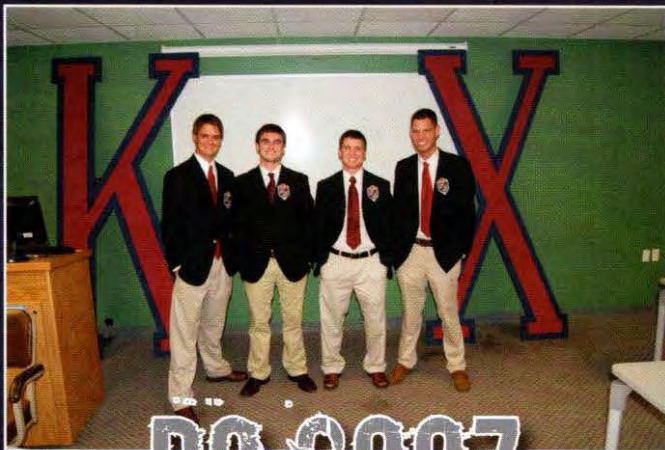
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Miss Arkansas 2010

Alyse Eady



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lyse Eady, a 2010 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, was crowned Miss Arkansas 2010 on Saturday, July 17, at Summit Arena in Hot Springs. "It was such a surreal moment. I've seen the crowning video, and it doesn't feel like it's me," Eady said in an interview with KTHV-11. "I'm still so excited about it, and I'm honored to be Miss Arkansas 2010."

Eady, who majored in mass communications and speech communication at Ouachita, works as the fundraising and event coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She is the daughter of Lewis and Lady Eady of Fort Smith; her father is a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees. "We join so many others in congratulating Alyse for being named Miss Arkansas 2010," said Ouachita President Rex Horne. "I have observed Alyse during her years here and have deep appreciation for Alyse and her fine family."

Eady, 22, competed as Miss South Central Arkansas with the platform issue of "Developing Leaders: Boys and Girls Club of America." She was awarded a \$20,000 Miss Arkansas scholarship as well as \$50,000 in additional awards, wardrobe, transportation and gifts. She also was the Coleman Dairy Overall Talent Award winner with her musical ventriloquist act, "I Want to Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart." Eady, who also reigned as the 2004 Miss Teen Arkansas, will compete in the 2011 Miss America pageant in January.

Eady was one of six contestants with Ouachita ties who competed in this year's Miss Arkansas pageant. Other contestants included Bethany Briscoe, a 2010 Ouachita graduate with a double major in graphic design and mass communications from Plano, Texas; Kristen Glover a senior chemistry major from Stuttgart; Molly Johnson, a senior biology major from Gillett; Abby Turner, a senior business administration major from Sherwood; and Bethany Whitfield, a senior history major from Bryant.

Glover, who was named 3rd runner-up, also was named the Miss Arkansas Pageant Executive Directors Crowd Favorite. She also won a Preliminary Artistic Expression in Talent Award and the Eco-Tool Green and Gorgeous Award. Briscoe, who competed as Miss Ouachita Baptist University, was a Top 10 finalist, and Johnson won the Shannon Albright Miss Congeniality Award. Whitfield, a former Miss OBU, was awarded the Miss America Community Service Award and the Brad Hudgens/Morgan Stanley Finance and Investment in Leadership Award. She also won a Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit Preliminary Award.

"We are proud of our six young ladies from Ouachita who represented us so well in the Miss Arkansas pageant," President Horne noted. "They all did extremely well." -by *Trennis Henderson*



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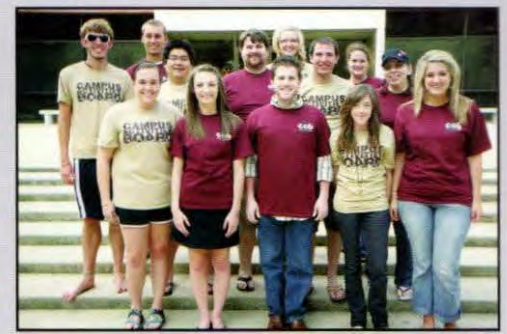
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I am well aware that everyone says this, but "I can hardly believe I'm about to start my last year of college." I never could have imagined it would go by as quickly as it has, but I'm grateful I still have one year left. I also could not have made it to where I am without the help and support of countless people. Danny Brown warned me about being photo editor for two years, rather than the normal one, claiming it wore him out and took away his passion for photography. I need everyone to cross their fingers for me in the hopes that this won't happen to me as I enter my second year as photo editor!

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Until next year, may peace be with you!

Callie Stephens



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As I sit here in the office, in the chair that I have become all too familiar with for the past four years, I can hardly believe I am writing my Editor's Letter. I find myself to be just as excited about the Ouachitonian as I was the first day I toured the mass communications building at Ouachita. This has truly been an unforgettable journey. One that I will never forget! And the Ouachitonian, along with all the great people that make it possible, has been a significant part of my time at Ouachita and why I love this place so much.

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Thank you for being so wonderful.

Brenne: Basically, you rock! Amazing writing and ad skills. I know a good yearbookie when I see them, and you are definitely one of them! I'm so glad I got a chance to work with you. Thank you for all of your hard work.

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Rance: I can't even think about the Ouachitonian office without picturing at least one of these things: late night Comm Law study sessions, EEE "artwork" (usually consisting of napkins/sticky notes), a white board covered in YOUR handwriting, or 6 Degrees of Separation (celebrity version, of course). I'd like to think you have something to do with that! I am truly blessed to have had the chance to even know someone as talented, interesting and fun as you! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for each and every uplifting and encouraging word of advice you've given me over the past four years. They will not be forgotten. I look forward to seeing what great things you'll accomplish. And I expect to be recognized when you are famous. Thanks for everything, RanceEEE.

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Adam: Thank saving me countless times. Like Rance, I can't really think about the Ouachitonian office without flashing back to 6 Degrees of Separation freshman year. You are very talented and I consider myself blessed to know you!

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Callie: I bet you are extremely glad this particular book is done, huh? I for one am not, because that means we no longer have an excuse to hang out after class! You were so wonderful to me this year. Thank you for helping me put together this book. You made this book possible with your incredible photography skills that I will forever be jealous of. You did such a fabulous job. I am so happy to call you friend.

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To my family: Ouachita has changed my life. Thank you for giving me this experience. Your love, support and encouragement mean everything to me. I love you all.

So, I hope all of you Ouachitonians enjoy the book as much as I did creating it. It has been an honor being your editor. I look forward to what Ouachita's next facelift will be...

Megan Lindsey

Freshmen walk across campus to the bonfire during Battle of the Ravine Week. The week provided many ways in which new students could learn about Ouachita traditions.
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It was place that was welcoming to all who entered. A place where the chimes of Berry Chapel still rang through the trees and where reminders of those who came before us were evident.

Although it remained a place that was true to the values upon which it was founded, Ouachita experienced changes never seen before. Lives were changed inside the classrooms, in the halls of the dorms, on the athletic fields and in the community.

It was a **facelift** to remember, and one that helped define the Ouachita of today and of the years to follow.



The Tiger mascot waves the Ouachita flag during the homecoming game. Flags were seen around campus on game days, as well as in the hands of fans as they cheered in the stands.

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Tiger Tunes hosts and hostesses take a bow after their final number. Tunes continued the tradition of bringing Ouachitans together.
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