

rushee is welcomed by the women of
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social clubs greeted each rushee by
singing their name while they ran through a
tunnel as they entered.
by: Callie Stephens

Organizations



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





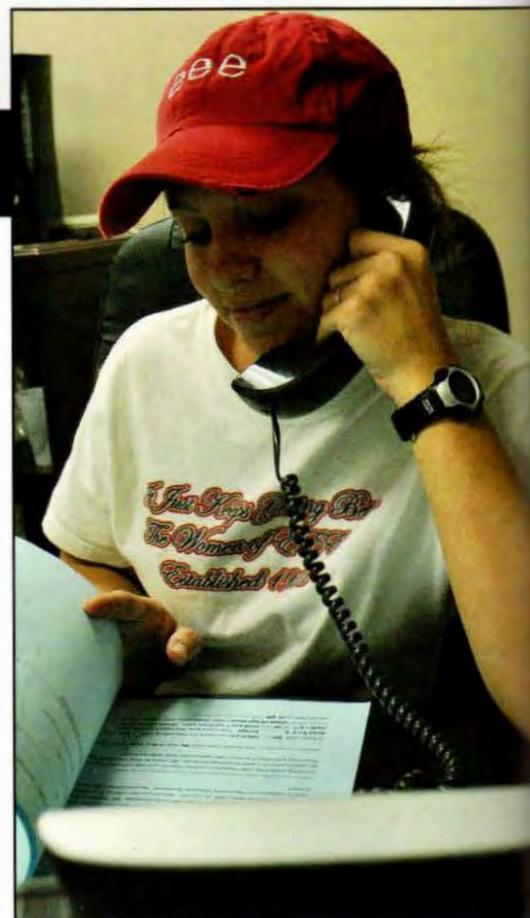
Student Senate president Stephen Johnson leads a group discussion. Members of Senate were encouraged to voice their opinions during each weekly meeting, held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.
photo by Callie Stephens



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 OcTiger Fest and Tiger Tunes performances, OSF members held a silent auction. Auctioned items included books by Ace Collins, tea with Miss OBU Bethony Whitfield, and a photo shoot with Lori Mott.
 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/ombassador 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 9 p.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 Cash 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.
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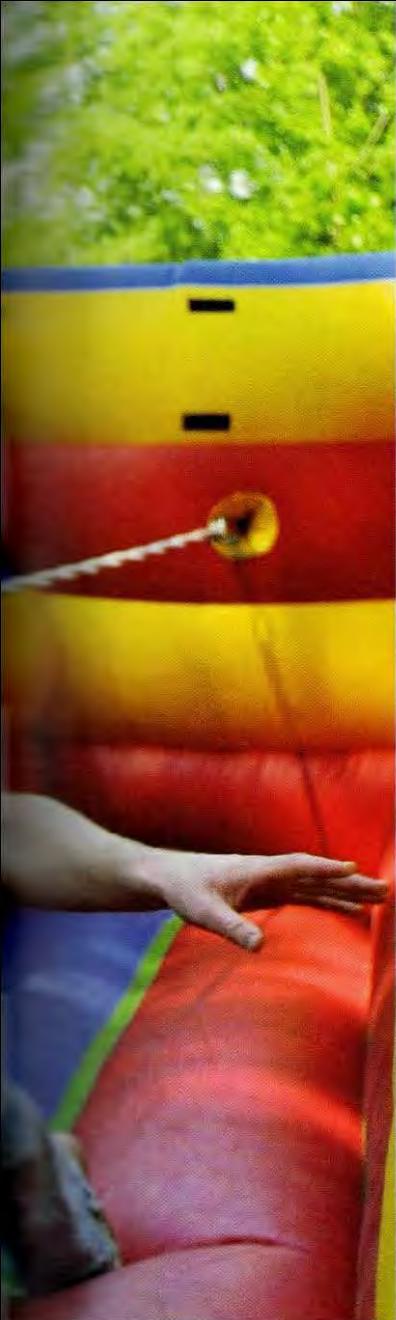
Sophomore Matt Casadio plays on an inflatable at Spring Fling. Spring Fling was hosted by CAB but it encouraged involvement from various clubs on campus.
photo by Callie Stephens



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 Caurtnie Devore create gingerbread houses out of graham 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'Conner.

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'Conner 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'Conner 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'Conner 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 an event where 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



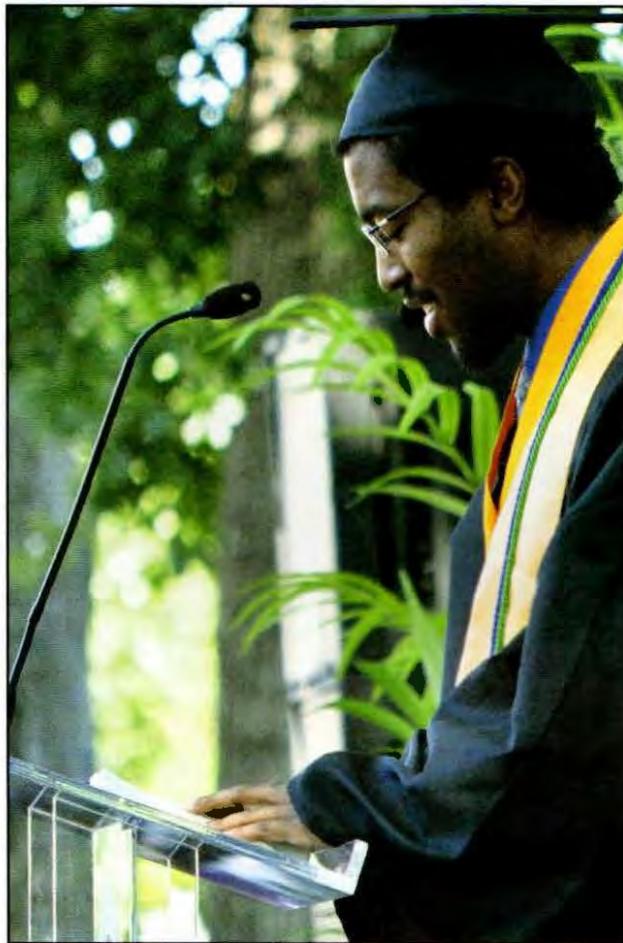


Members of Sigma Tau Delta are inducted into the club at Drs. Doug and Amy Sonheim's home. The inductees brought the club's total membership to 19.

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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 Craigin 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 cards 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 Ouachita'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 Gaode 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 Lindsey Pro 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.

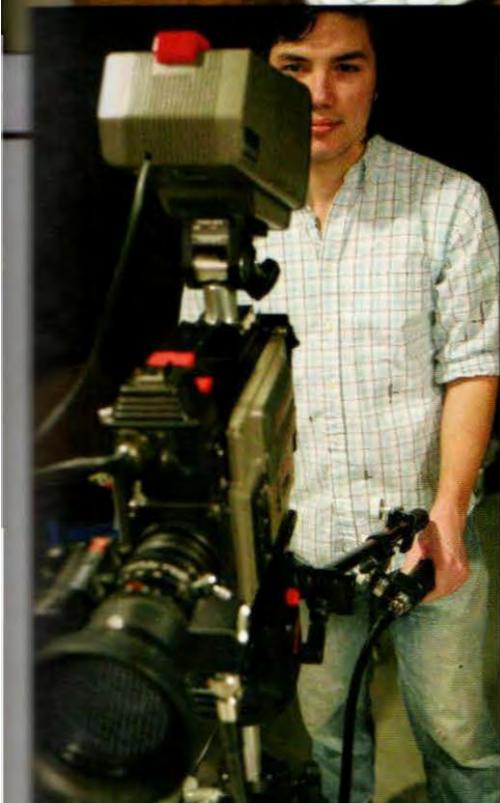


Junior assistant editor Cassie Harrell and senior editor-in-chief Megan Lindsey prepare pages of the *Ouachitanian* to be sent into competition. The *Ouachitanian* won a total of 16 awards in the spring from the Arkansas College Media Association.

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.
photo by: Sarah Henley

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

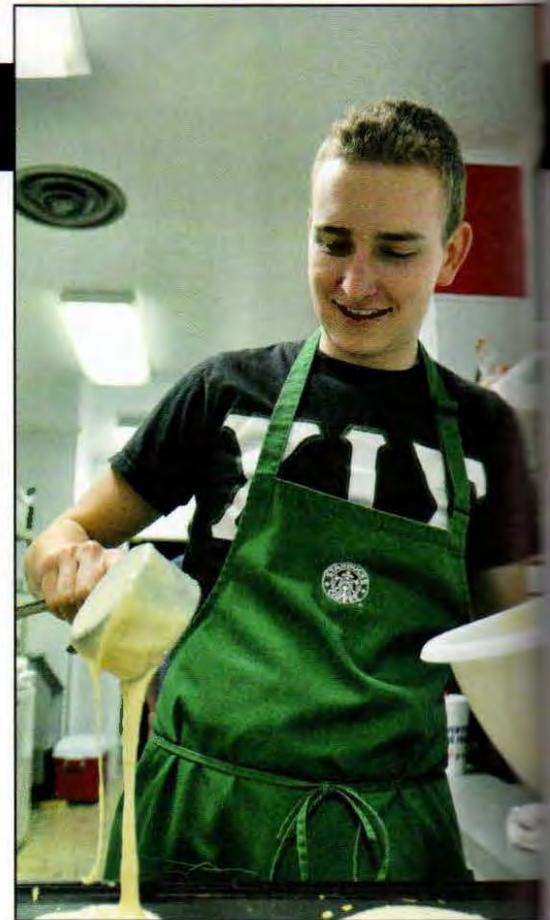


The women of Chi Delta talk to rushees during their 1970s-themed party for the first night of Rush. The first night of Rush was the only night that girls had to attend all of the social club parties.

photo by Callie Stephens

Junior Marcus Schreiner laddels up pancakes during Chi Iota Sigma Crush Rush. The Chiores 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 neckclothes, helping each other with hair," said Karis Crosby, 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 is 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 Gasser, a junior mass communications major from Cappel, 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 ballaans flew into the sky, red and white sweatshirts painted the stairs of Cone-Bottoms, maraan 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 recieved on Thrsday morning, where they were greeted at their darm room door by the members of the club they chase to be inducted into. "On bid night we choose the one that we feel like we connect with ond then we just jump right in ond get to pledging," said freshman theater and Christian studies dauble 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.

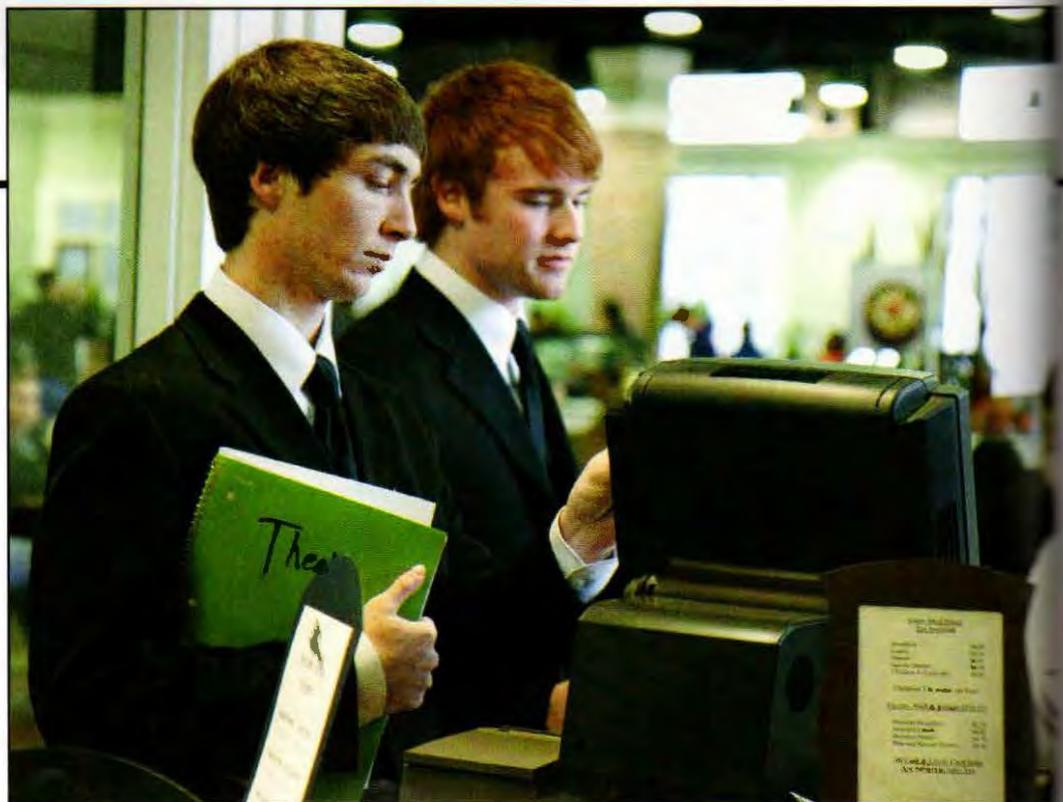
"Saturday was a great way to get to know the members after just being at rush parties. You reolly got to see their personalities and see what they were reolly like. They were interested in us, not just the club and how many pledges they got. They wanted to know what we wanted out of pledging," said freshman church music major Breonno Halder from El Doroda.

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, ond community projects completed.

"Looking back right now it was hord, but without it I would have never met my clase friends," said senior literature major Ian Whitlaw from New Orleans, Lo. 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 Blayne 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

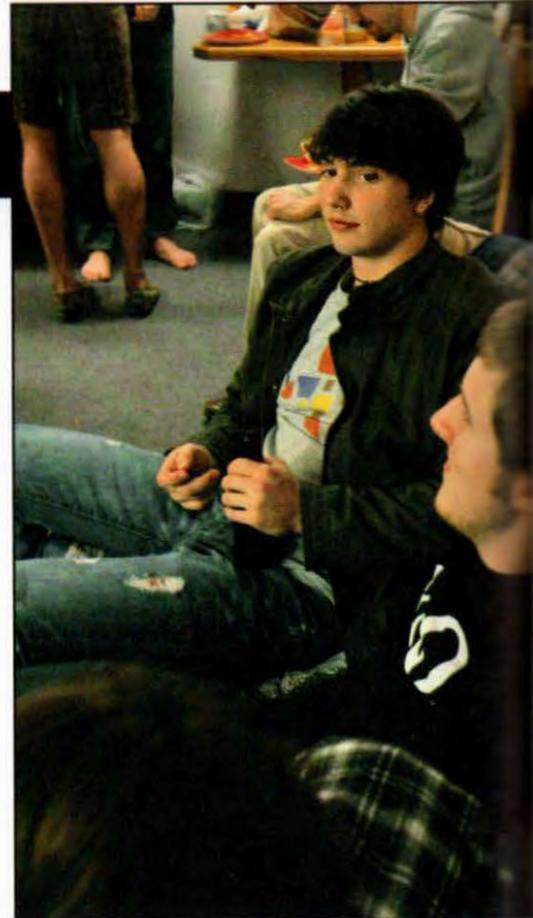
Chi Rho Phi pledges Raley Haward and Breanna Holder do their homework during study hall. Study hall was a much-needed break in the day for pledges to get their school work done.
photo by Whitney Crews



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 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 tanning and relaxing. Sophomore 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."

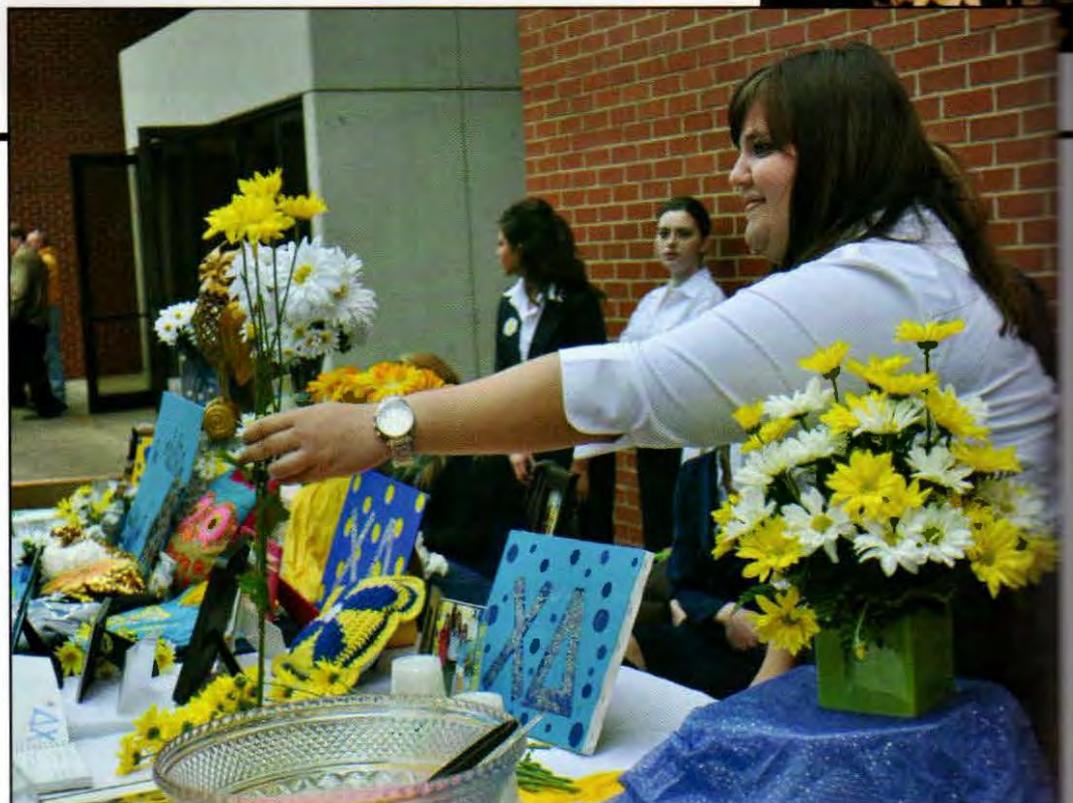
Tiger Tunes Theme:

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

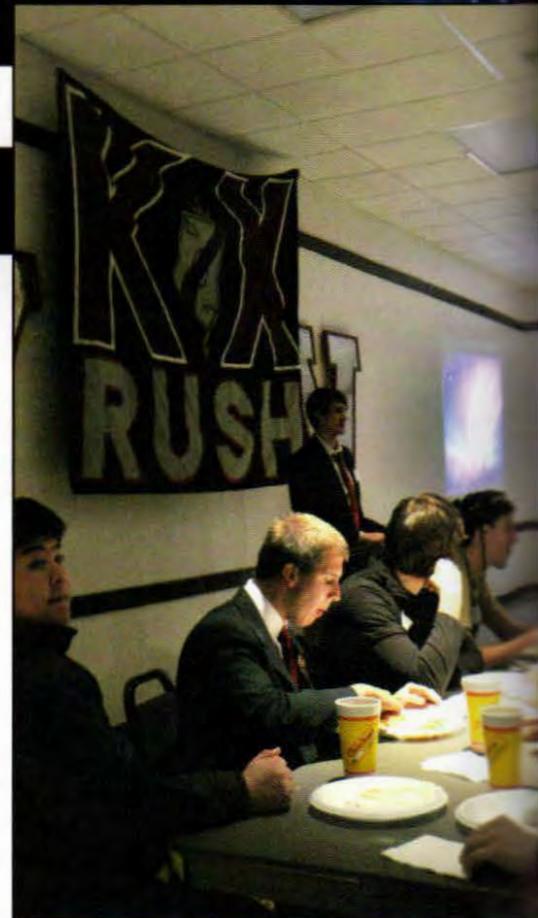
Junior Melissa Collier adds paint to her brush as she works on the Chi Delta window for the CAB Christmas Party Window Decorating Contest. The women of Chi Delta won first place in the contest.
Photo by Callie Stephens

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

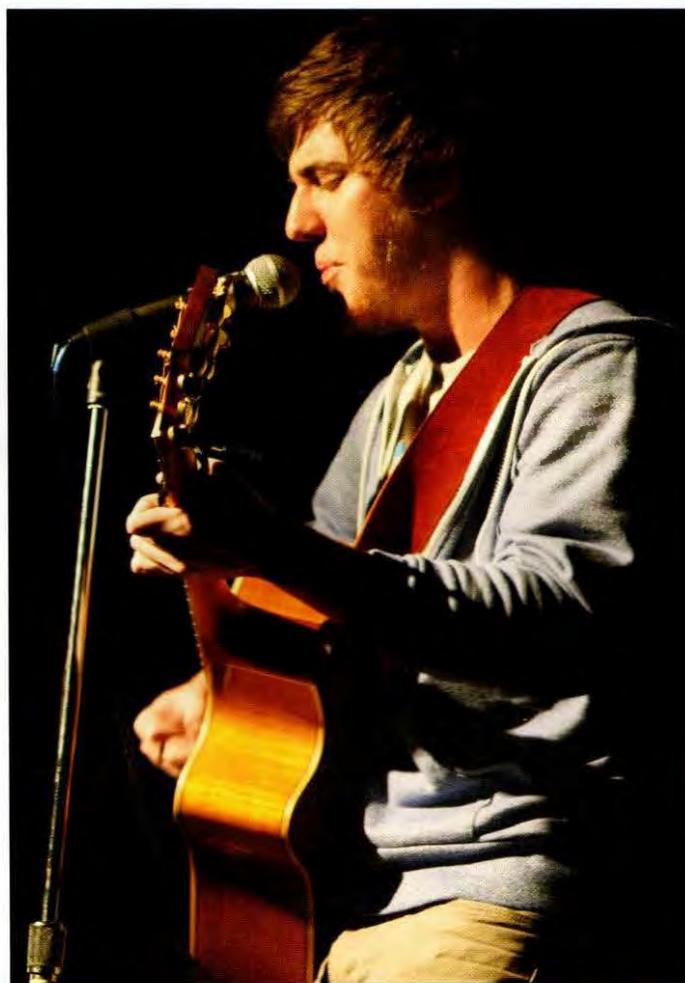


Sophomore Tanner Huffman paints the Kappa's window for the CAB Christmas Party Window Decorating contest. The Kappa's window design was inspired by the Apple iPod commercials.
photo by Callie Stephens

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 Kappachina. 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 Kappachina in both the fall and spring semesters. Kappachina 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 Tahlen, 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 conga line was part of the party that allowed other students to take part in the festivities.

photo by Callie Stephens





Sophomore Erin Flippin leads Chi Rho Phi members in a devotional at lunch during Pledge Week. Chi Rho Phi gained nine new members in the spring.
photo by Whitney Crews



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 Octiger 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 Kean and Mike South, hang out at the Chi Iota Sigma table during Octiger Fest. The Chiotes had a table set up to welcome former Chiotes back to campus.
 photo by: Callie Stephens



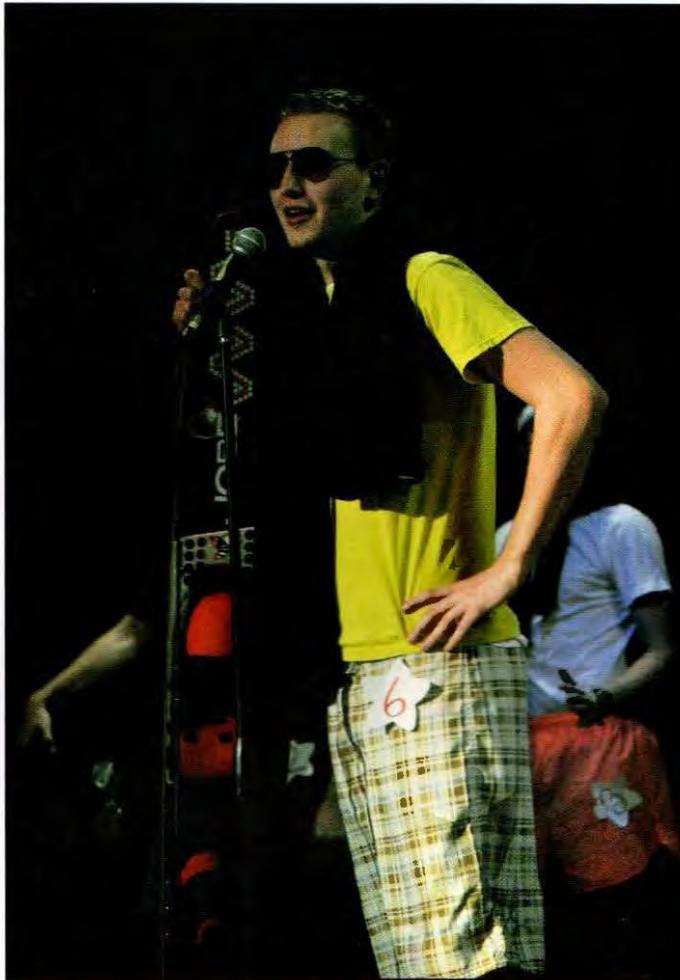
Junior Matt Cox plays Apples to Apples with girls at Chi Iota Sigma's Crush Rush night. Crush Rush was the third night of Rush for the Chiotes.
 photo by: Callie Stephens



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 Chiates 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 Rab 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 Chiates 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 Chiates 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 Chiates 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 Chiates, 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 Chiates.

"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 Toller 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 HEEEar," 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 How, 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 villoges 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." Far 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 joking 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:

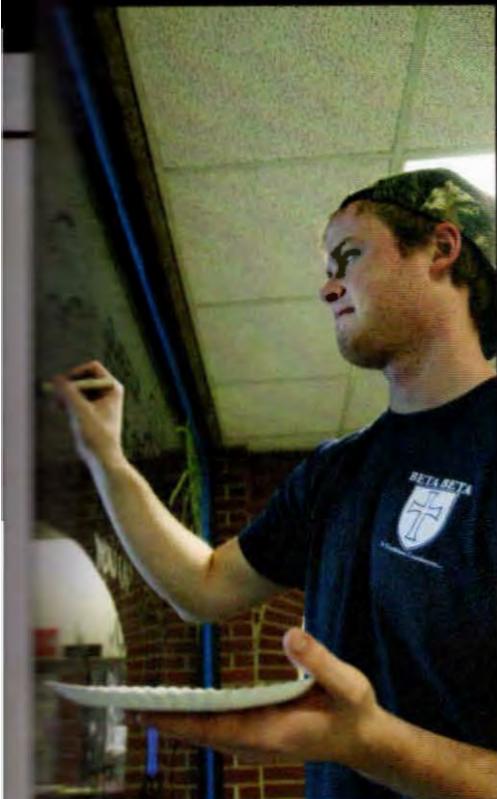
Horse Jockies

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 McKaskill 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.

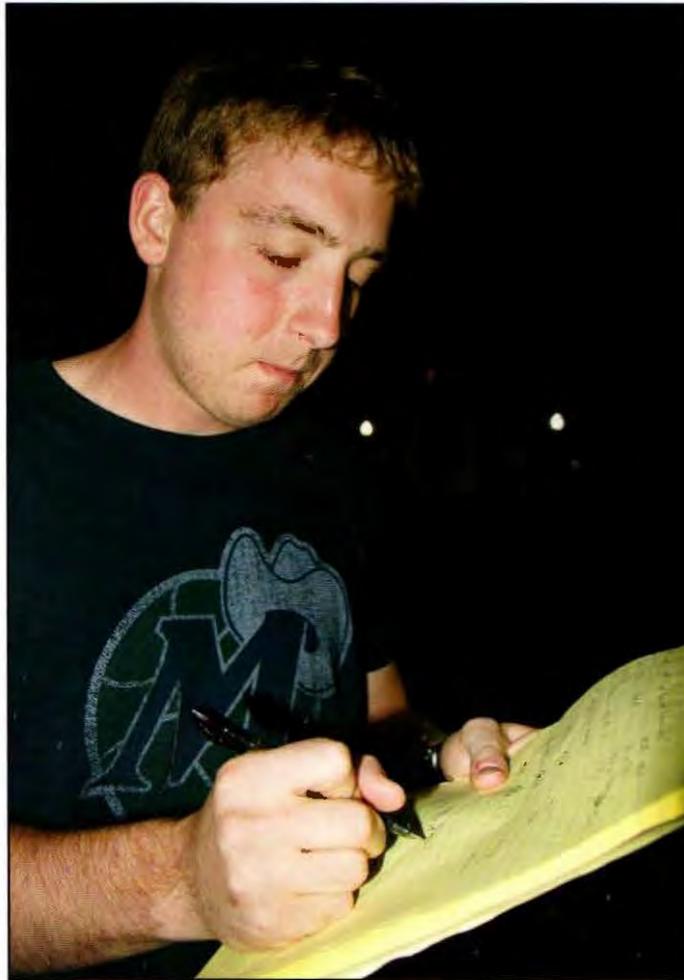
photo by: Sarah Henley

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 Cockerel 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: Bosco 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 Carrollton, 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.

Cady Mathews, 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: Collie 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 OcTiger 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 bails, singing karaoke and exchanging cookies. They had a blast, and had another great year in pink and green.

