

Pledge Week-1974

ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations were present at Ouachita when it **BEGAN**. Although some have changed and disappeared over the years, many have **LASTED**. Other have changed names and still others were started more recently.

Clubs proved to be a vital part to the university life as **CAB** and **OSF** sponsored events for the entire campus to enjoy whether it was the friendly **TRAKS** competition, the free movie night or a crazy Christmas sweater contest.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB and **ROMS** gave students a place to fit in and an outlet for finding others with common interest. **SOCIAL CLUBS** used TWIRP, Induction Week, Battle of the Ravine and Tiger Tunes to pass down long honored **TRADITIONS** within clubs.

From the **CLUBS** that passed down traditions to the clubs that helped keep campus life as lively as it was years ago, organizations were still active because **YESTERDAY'S** students cared about who Ouachita would be **TODAY**.



United Front With the Battle of the Ravine events in full swing students from every club and organization gather together for a torch-lit march to the bonfire. The men of Rho Sig sponsored the long-held tradition.
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EXPERIENCING EXCITEMENT WHILE FINDING A PLACE TO BELONG

BY: SHEA HIGGERSON

Rush week for many was one of the most exciting weeks of the spring semester. Approximately 100 women and 45 men participated in rush events. Men's rush began Sunday, January 18, and lasted through Wednesday, January 21. Women's rush began Wednesday, January 21, and lasted through Friday, January 23. Rush week gave the rushees the opportunity to experience all of the excitement of being part of a social club.

Social clubs hosted parties during rush week, which allowed them to entertain rushees, answer important questions about social clubs, and get to know the rushees better. "I really enjoyed hanging out with the clubs and getting to know the personalities of each," said Austin

King, a freshman political science major from Arkadelphia. "It was also a really good way to meet upper-classmen."

Rush was a fun-filled week, even for those students who did not want to pledge. Most importantly, rush week allowed non-club members to decide if pledging was right for them, and if so, which club was the best fit. "I loved getting to talk with girls and getting to pray with them that God would lead them to the club where they could make the biggest impact," said Brittney Selvidge, president of Panhellenic. "I really feel like God is in charge of everything, even small things like rush."

All of the parties and events that happened during rush would not have been



Women's rush participants listen intently as the women of Chi Delta perform and explain exactly what Chi Delta has become to them. Women's rush not only let the rushees catch a glimpse into what clubs were like, but also allowed existing members to show how much they love their club.

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possible without Panhellenic and the Intra-collegiate Council. Panhellenic was in charge of planning women's rush and the IFC was in charge of planning men's rush. "Rush is a confusing time, so it was really important for us to be a resource to rushees," Selvidge said. Rushees were able to go to Panhellenic or IFC with any problems or questions, or if they just needed someone to pray with them. Rushees had the option not to pledge, but rush was a wonderful experience no matter what decision was made.

"Rush was very neat, and exciting, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Emily Watson, a freshman accounting major from Corning. "Going into the week I was getting a

little nervous, because I didn't know what to expect. The first night all of my girl friends met in my room to walk to our meeting together. I had a total blast that night. I don't think a smile ever left my face. Everyone was excited to see us walk in to each party, each being completely unique in their own way. I knew after all the parties were over the first night that a social club was definitely for me, and I found exactly where I fit in best."

Rush can be somewhat stressful for those students who choose to participate. All the social clubs have their own unique characteristics and strengths. The members of the social clubs tried to be inviting throughout the week and made sure that all rushees had

a wonderful experience. One of the important issues was keeping rushees comfortable in situations where they were learning multiple new names and faces.

At the end of the week, decisions had to be made. Some students chose to join social clubs and some students chose to remain independent or wait another year to pledge. Overall, Panhellenic and IFC provided opportunities for rushees to make decisions in a non-threatening and friendly environment and gave social clubs opportunities to promote their club. "Even though rush is crazy for club members and rushees, it was a great success as every club got wonderful new members," Selvidge said.



Sophomore Chelsea Cunningham explains to rushees what Chi Rho Phi means to her. Women's rush provided girls with a chance to decide the best place for them.

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Juniors Haley Barron and Matt Dillard talk with rushee Robert Peace about the benefits of being in a social club. Men's rush was informal and often involved mingling and refreshments.

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LEARNING ABOUT TRADITION AND DEVOTION

BY: MEGAN LINDSEY

The spring semester brought excitement, reunions with friends, and a new start to schoolwork and classes. But there was something else that seemed to hang in the air. Suddenly students saw groups of their classmates walking around in the same color-coordinated outfits. Guys were wearing ties and slacks instead of jeans and t-shirts. Girls were carrying the same handmade folder along with bags full of mysterious items. Then they realized it. Rush was over. It was pledge week.

An entire week was set aside to pass down traditions and club secrets while helping the new members grow together and form friendships. Pledges were seen eating meals together as well as walking to class and to their dorms. "Everything during pledge week should be created to bring the pledge class close together, because they are the future of the club," said Bryant Renfro, a junior business major and Rho Sigma pledge master from Van Buren.

One of the challenges of the week was keeping homework and studying at the top of the priority list. Study hall was held in different classrooms on campus to give the pledges uninterrupted time to catch up on homework while still being with their pledge brothers and sisters. "As one of the pledge mistresses of Chi Delta, we acted as a support system for the pledge class," said junior Andrea Newton, a biology major from Hamptom. "We had meetings with the girls to see how they were getting along with their work and held two hour study halls with them every day."

Pledges made banners representing their club that were displayed on campus. They attended Tiger basketball games, Refuge, and Noonday together. With all of their spare time spent together, pledge week was successful in bringing the new members of social clubs closer. "The girls in the pledge class formed a special bond where they learned to work together and to love one another," said senior Tiffany Murphree, a political science major and EEE pledge mistress from Bryant.

While many pledges stepped into pledge week full of nerves, they stepped out of it with confidence, friends, and a true sense of accomplishment. "You have to go through adversity to discover what being and having a brother is all about," said freshman Kappa Chi pledge Daniel Smith, a Christian studies major from Lonoke.



The Chi Delta daisies display their pledge class banner. The task of the week gave inductees opportunities to show devotion to their club.
photo by: Danny Brown



Rho Sigma pledges cheer at the game against Henderson. Inductees were involved in a variety of campus activities during the week.
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Pledges gather in front of Berry Chapel to attend Noonday. Pledge week emphasized spending time together.
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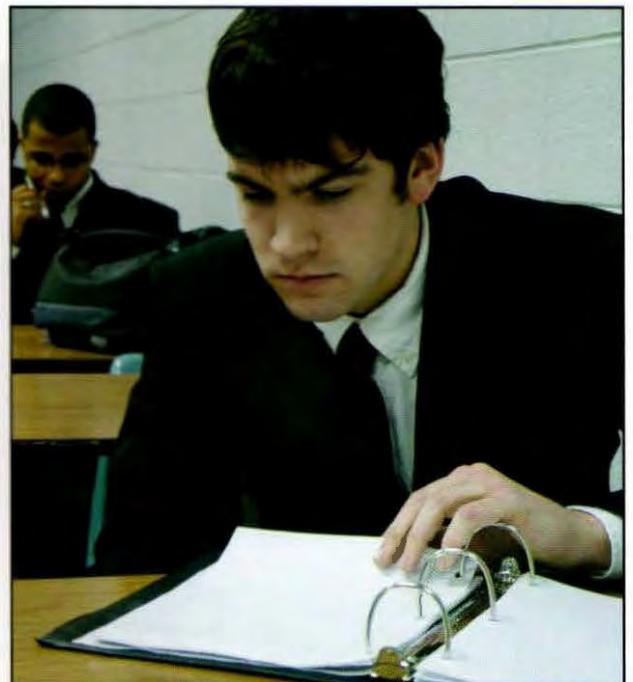


Tri Chi pledges Katelyn Parker and Jenna Cummings sing a song in the cafeteria. Pledge week often put pledges in the center of attention.
photo by: Danny Brown



EEE pledge Melissa Elliot uses part of her study hall to write thank you notes to EEE members. During pledge week students not only became closer to their pledge class, but they also formed new relationships with members of their club.

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Beta Beta pledges Dexter Barksdale and Tyler George spend time catching up on work in study hall. Many students who pledged considered study hall a break from their daily activities.

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GROWING THROUGH SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

BY: ERIN FAULKNER

Having been a part of Ouachita since 1925, the women of EEE and its members served the community and strove to represent the university in a positive way. "I love the EEEs the most because it is a place of unique community. We have 101 girls from different backgrounds, with various majors and interests that comprise an organization that is both fun and service oriented," said Hayden Tucker, president of the social club. "I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful girls that I might not have known otherwise," said Tucker.

Throughout the year, the women of EEE participated in school-sponsored events to show spirit, and in off campus activities to help out charitable causes. During Homecoming week, the EEEs held a Homecoming tea for the current members as well as EEE alumni. "Homecoming was an excellent opportunity to meet the EEE alumni and hear them share fun memories and traditions," said Meg Gosser, a sophomore from Coppell, Texas.

Winning third place in Tiger Tunes, the EEEs entertained their audience with their take on the day in the life of a carhop. "Being one of the Tiger Tunes directors, I really enjoyed the fact that I gained a lot of respect from my sisters, and also became closer to the girls in the club," said Amy Wentz, a junior from White Hall. "Putting together all of the music was really fun for both me and Katie Strickland," said Wentz.

The EEEs served the community by participating in Tiger Serve Day, Relay for Life and other smaller service activities. The women raised over \$500 for Relay for Life in the spring semester through a competition within the club and a car wash.

After coming back from Christmas break, the EEEs selected 28 new pledge members. "Being a pledge has been a great experience. I have loved getting to spend time with not only 27 pledge sisters but with the club as a whole. It has really gotten me more involved at OBU. The EEEs try their best to support every group and sports team on campus. Pledging gave me the opportunity to find friends that I will have for the rest of my life," said Pledge Class President Brooke Basinger.

The women of EEE remained a sisterhood of different backgrounds and broad minded personalities. As always, the women of EEE continued to be a club that lived up to their motto, "It just keeps getting better."



Sophomore Whitney Moore carefully paints the club's Christmas window in the student center. The window featured Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the club's mascot. photo by: Danny Brown



Sophomore Lynley Vire cheers on the Tigers at the Homecoming game. The red suit was a trademark of the women at events such as Homecoming and formal rush. photo by: Danny Brown



Freshmen Kelsey Bates and Holly Williams wait on their pledge sisters outside of Berry Chapel. During induction week the women were required to always be with a pledge sister. photo by: Danny Brown



EEE members sing about the life of an EEE. The second night of rush was a 50s inspired event with old fashioned Coke bottles, poodle skirts and music from "Grease." photo by: Danny Brown



Sophomore Amy Berry provides extra height for junior Katie Strickland as they paint a wall at Tiger Serve Day. The women had multiple Tiger Serve Day teams helping the community in both the spring and fall semesters.

photo by: Audra Hinson



The EEE carhops sing "Eat it or Beat it" to their rude customers during Tiger Tunes. The women received third place overall in the Tiger Tunes competition.

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ENRICHING HISTORY DAY BY DAY

BY: CASSIE HARRELL

"To be a Red Shirt, to me, is to be different from everyone else on campus," said Cliff Hobbs, a sophomore sociology major from Keller, Texas. The men of Rho Sigma, commonly known as the Red Shirts, stood out in many aspects of campus life.

In late October, the club came together to perform for Tiger Tunes. The men of Rho Sigma donned their best firefighter costume and took to the stage of JPAC.

"It was really stressful. I was one of the co-directors and being part of a group with little to no musical ability made for an interesting time during practice," said Hobbs. "In the end, it was definitely worth it."

Early November brought on the anticipated football game between Ouachita and Henderson. "One of the main traditions of Rho Sigma during the fall semester is the Battle of the Ravine festival. [The week's] activities end with an all night bell ring, which continues until kickoff against the Reddies," said Clay Fitzhugh, a sophomore biology major from Stamps.

Sports were a huge deal for the Red Shirts, but their academics were not forgotten. "Most people stereotype us as a group of athletes. A large portion of our membership is composed of athletes, but we also have members who are scholars. While some are on the field in jerseys, others play on the academic field," said Fitzhugh.

In the spring, the club captured its first intramural championship title in 15 years. The Red Shirts became the men's lower division basketball champions.

Also during the spring semester, the club gained seven new pledges. "Their loyalty to each other, lack of vanity, and the diverse yet bonded character of the club were probably some of my favorite aspects," said K.C. Knobloch, a junior business major from Monticello, when asked about his reason for joining Rho Sigma.

The club took pride in community service. One project the men did was painting foursquare courts on the concrete of local elementary schools for the kids.

"Red Shirts are always looking for ways to improve themselves, the club, and the university they represent," said Fitzhugh. "Rho Sigma has a rich history, and that history is something that has been a mainstay at Ouachita for 74 years. That same history continues to this day, and it will continue for years to come."



Members of Rho Sigma ring the bell during Battle of the Ravine. During the week, the bell broke and members had to ring it by hand.
photo by: Danny Brown



Freshman Andrew Myers, a Rho Sigma pledge, returns his tray during lunch. The pledges were easily spotted by their red ties.
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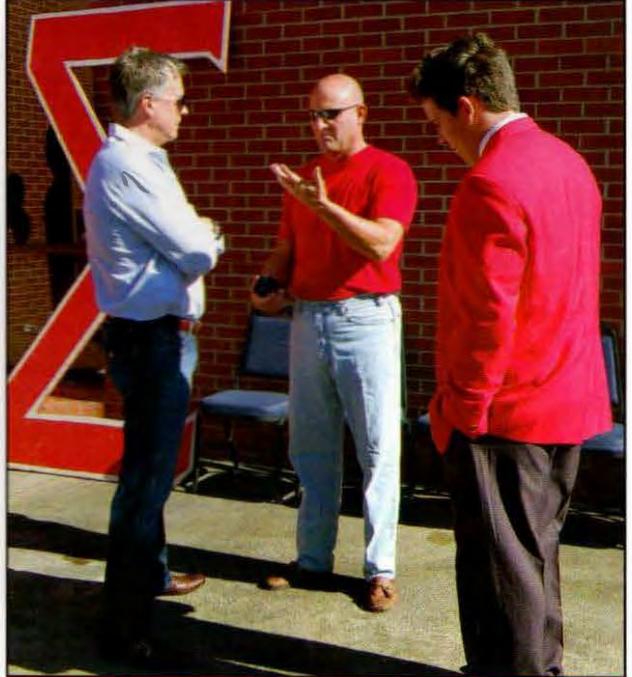
Senior Grant Jackson sings Karaoke during a Battle of the Ravine event. The club held competitions in the middle of campus during the week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Rho Sig members paint up to support their team in the championship game. They defeated the Betas for the championship title.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior Chris Hardman performs as a firefighter during Tiger Tunes. The men of Rho Sigma were there to put out fires as members of the Rho Sigma Fire Department.
photo by: Dainy Brown



Junior Josh Rovelli visits with two Rho Sigma alumni during OcTiger Fest. The Rho Sigmas, along with other organizations, participated in the new Homecoming event.
photo by: Audra Hinson

SHOWING OTHERS HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME BY: MEG GOSSER

It was never hard to spot the men of Beta Beta. From Tiger Tunes to the intramural fields, the Betas knew how to have a good time.

Cody Walker, a senior from Mountain Home and president of the Betas, said, "Our club strives to be seen and enjoys nothing more than hanging out and having a good time, whether it be playing club football games, hosting mind blowing serenades while mesmerizing Ouachita women with our dazzling vocal skills, or simply heckling opposing baseball teams to the point of their own destruction."

David Jacks, social chair for the Betas and a sophomore from Monticello, took on the responsibility of planning mixers with other clubs. "Our mixer with the Chi Deltas was really fun," Jacks said. "We played flamingo football. That is full contact football except the guys have both of their legs taped together."

Not only did the Beta Betas get involved on campus but they also reached out to the community. "We always have a group for Tiger Serve Day," Jacks said. "We try to do at least one or two community service projects every year. This last year we went to Goza and painted their hallways, picked up the trash around the school, and we painted an elderly woman's house."

Homecoming was a great way to continue tradition and keep the alumni involved. The men hosted an alumni drop-in for all past and present Beta members.

During Tiger Tunes, the Betas carried out tradition by giving the crowd an unforgettable performance. "Taking on the daunting duty of saving innocent lives each day as a dedicated lifeguard in Tiger Tunes," was Walker's favorite memory.

A big accomplishment for the Betas was winning the Most Congenial Award for their outstanding character during Tunes. "The Betas work very hard on being respectful to OSF and their rules regarding Tunes and Tunes practices," said Timothy Rountree, a senior from Mesquite, Texas. "We probably worked harder on not getting in trouble than we did on the show."

This group of 42 members and nine pledges might not have been the biggest group on campus, but they, as Jacks said, "are a classy group of guys."



Junior Tim Sowder visits with alumni Jonathan Hayes during the Homecoming drop-in. The event was part of OcTigerfest.
photo by: Audra Hinson



Senior Jeff Humble smiles while talking to a rushee. Beta rush parties were relaxed and informal events.
photo by: Danny Brown



Freshman Chris Chandler studies during study hall. All pledges had to attend study hall during pledge week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Sophomore Nick Tinnesz washes a car for a club car wash. The car wash was held by PC 09 as a fundraiser.
photo by: Danny Brown



Timothy Rountree and Andrew Curtis sing about being Beta lifeguards. The club provided comic relief for the audience during Tiger Tunes.
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Tunes Winners

Gene Whisenhunt, Jim Wright, and Jim Byrum preformed with the Beta men in the 1981 winning show, "Udder Nonsense."

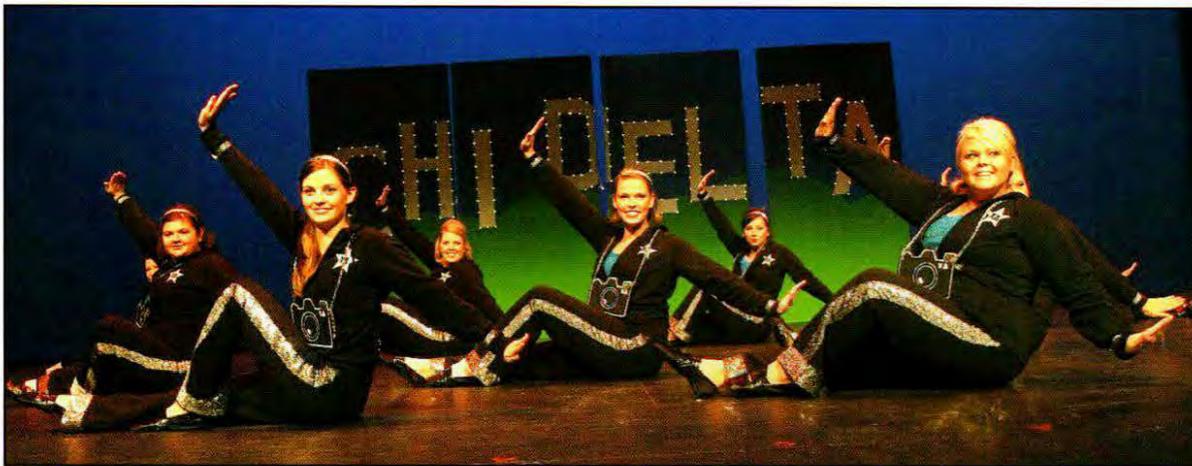
DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN A SISTERHOOD

BY: MEGAN LINDSEY

Friendship has always been a word that the women of Chi Delta have connected with and grown in. Since the social club was formed on a cold December day in 1970, the members have strived to keep the friendships that have defined the club. "Chi Delta is a place for girls to stand out and be accepted. We are a loving group of Christian girls that pass no judgment," junior biology major Andrea Newton said. "We stand out because we take part in everything that our campus has to offer, which is impressive because of our small number. This club has become a home for many girls and we are a close-knit family."

Throughout the year, Chi Delta participated in intramurals and showed support at

the Battle of the Ravine and other campus-hosted events. They hosted their annual Back to School Bash that was open to the entire campus and also hosted the Harvest Moon event for TWIRP. Along with mixers held with the male social clubs, Chi Delta threw a party called Owl-O-Ween in honor of their club's mascot, the owl, and a Winter Formal. The women of Chi Delta dedicated their time to helping the abused women and children of the Courage House of Arkadelphia, part of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV). With funds raised by the public, the club donated two large laundry baskets full of supplies for the needy people of the Courage House.



Chi Deltas celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Tiger Tunes as Paparazzi. The Chi Deltas were one of the social clubs to participate in the first Tiger Tunes show 30 years ago.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Lyndsay Romano and sophomore Jennifer Neely look at a song list for karaoke night during the Battle of the Ravine. The Women of Chi Delta, along with ROMS, sponsored the event.
photo by: Laura Cox



Along with most of the social clubs, the women of Chi Delta participated in Tiger Times with the theme of paparazzi and placed 3rd with their performance. The story of the show was about paparazzi following Brittney Spears, played by senior Bethany Loveless. Senior Genevieve Horton directed the show, along with seniors Lyndsay Romano and Marci Storm. On April 21, the Chi Delta hosted their annual Daisy Ball at Dino's Diner located on Main Street in downtown Arkadelphia. The club traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, for their fall outing and went to Six Flags, the zoo and shared a group dinner together. During the spring semester, Chi Delta canoed the Caddo River in Glenwood.

Chi Delta welcomed 16 new pledges into the club, a number that nearly doubled their club in size. "Since Chi Delta is a smaller club, we all know each member very well," said sophomore pledge Melissa Collier, a Christian studies major from Longview, Texas. "We are a close-knit group, and though we all fit into Chi Delta, we all have different strengths, weaknesses, views, and interests, which makes our club whole. Each member contributes to the diversity of our club." Chi Delta's last meeting of the year was followed by a picnic hosted by the new pledge class for those who would be graduating in the spring. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided along with a slideshow highlighting the seniors' memories.

The seniors were also given gifts by their Chi Delta families, and shared advice and stories with the remaining members they were leaving behind.

The women of Chi Delta proved that the relationships that were developed within the club were the most important and special part of sharing the sisterhood. "I didn't have a very big pledge class to start with, and then after all but two of my other pledge sisters moved away, I was left with a pledge class of three," Newton said. "Doesn't that sound miserable? Well, it wasn't for me. I actually wouldn't have had it any other way. I have been able to create undeniable bonds with the two girls that have helped me truly define the word sister."



Members of Chi Delta sing at their second night of rush. This was the first year for the Chi Deltas to have their '70s-themed rush night. photo by: Danny Brown

SMALL, BUT UNIFIED, STRONG SISTERHOOD

BY: AUDRA HINSON

As the university began redevelopment through a building project the women of Pi Kappa Zeta began a rebuilding process as well. With three members and a hand full of beaus, the women began the fall semester looking to be as active as ever and to find new members to join them in their journey.

In the fall the women hosted the Faculty Night of Horrors. The event, which took place on Halloween, was a time where students and faculty were able to sit down and share their scary poetry, stories and even a musical performance. Although it was the first year for the event, it was successful and the women set their hopes on making it a new Zeta tradition.

Normally the women hosted Pi Kappa Zeta Play Date as a TWIRP week event, but due to scheduling conflicts the night was rescheduled to later in the semester. The game night involved board games, card games and a Connect Four tournament.

At Christmas time the ladies got into the spirit of the holidays with the rest of campus as they participated in the CAB window painting contest in Evans Student Center. The women painted a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle-inspired screen.

In the spring the women gained one pledge, junior Mitsuko Humble, after Rush week events. Also in the spring the women held the Tiger Zeta Bake Sale. The fundraiser was their most successful event.

Throughout the year the women went on several trips to Little Rock and Hot Springs. The women enjoyed spending time together playing karaoke, playing games and watching movies. One special event was Dazzlin' Date a Zeta Night. On that night the women took a trip to Purple Cow in Little Rock and then went to the Chenal 9 for a movie with their date of choice.

Because of the size of their club the Zetas were able to spend much of their time with their beaus. The women, along with their beaus and a few others, volunteered for Tiger Serve Day together.



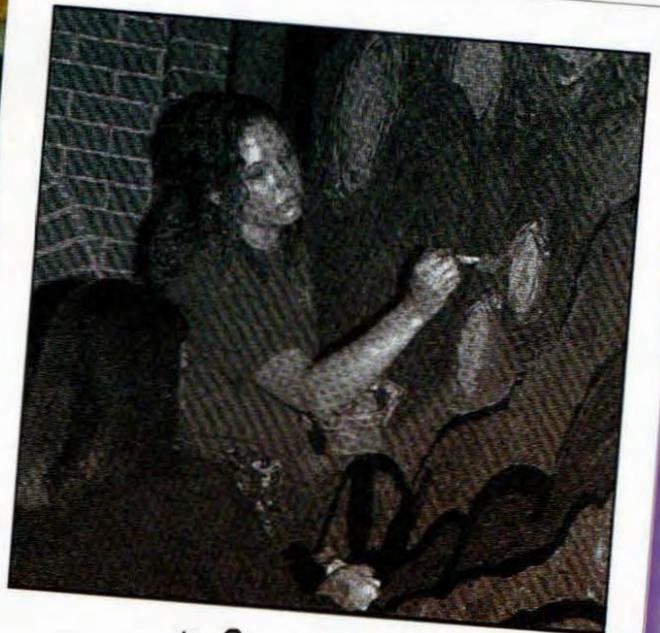
Pi Kappa Zeta Big Bros play Twister during the Pi Kappa Zeta Play Date. Play Date was the annual TWIRP week event that was moved to a later date.
photo by: Lurelee Doleshal



Members of Pi Kappa Zeta eat dinner while on an outing. The organization took several smaller outings together to create a true sisterhood.
photo by: Daniel Santoy



The women of Pi Kappa Zeta work with their big bros on their mural for CAB's annual window decorating contest in the student center. The club's window was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle-themed window.
photo by: Lurelee Doleshal



Windows

Pi Kappa Zeta members from 2003 participated in the Christmas window painting contest as well.

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE ON STAGE AND IN COMMUNITY

BY: MEGAN LINDSEY

"I think this particular group of guys is exceptional," said junior Megan Antley, a Kappa Chi little sister and biology major from Fulton. "Each unique in their personalities, they shine on campus in their own way."

Throughout the years, the men of Kappa Chi have remained true to this description by continuing to exhibit their unified brotherhood on and off campus.

With the addition of a new pledge class, the club brought in even more diversity. "I feel that the club was extremely involved on campus," said Kappa President Jon Neal, a senior mass communications major from Laveen, Ariz. "We had members involved in everything from OSF to choir to athletics. That

showed our dedication to Ouachita."

During the fall semester, Kappa Chi took their outing to Dallas, Texas, on Halloween weekend where they had a Halloween-themed dance and a full day at Six Flags.

The spring outing was spent traveling Harrison, Ark., and making memories floating the Buffalo River.

The club hosted its annual KappaChino at both the fall and spring semesters. KappaChino allowed students to share their creative skills and talents with their peers in a relaxed coffee house atmosphere.

In the spring semester, the club put on Kappa Chi Late Night, which was Kappa's very own rendition of popular late night



Senior Clark Johnson sings a solo to open the Kappa Chi Tiger Tunes show. The men were awarded first place overall at the culmination of the Saturday evening performance.

photo by: Danny Brown

shows. Late night was organized by the pledge class and hosted by junior Greg Schwartz.

"Being a part of Kappa Chi is not only fun and a great way to meet people, but it is also the perfect way to get involved and become active in campus life," said freshman Justin King, a Kappa Chi pledge and political science major from Arkadelphia.

Along with their traditional club events, the club made it to almost every championship in the regionals, participated in Tiger Serve Day, Tiger Traks, club mixers with the women's social clubs, and a beloved event of every social club - Tiger Tunes.

For the third consecutive year, the men of

Kappa Chi captured the title of first place at the 30th anniversary of Tiger Tunes.

The men took to the stage of JPAC each night singing tunes about the rigorous life of coal miners. The men stole the show with what they called the "Kappa light show," a display of the lights on their hard hats synchronized to the beats of the music.

"I was really excited and more proud than ever to be a part of Kappa," said junior Phillip Bridges, a business major from Clarksville and assistant director of the Kappa's Tunes show. "It was great to see everyone's hard work pay off."

Kappa Chi continued to truly and literally speak for themselves. "We aimed for excellence

in everything we did as a brotherhood, and we did this through the support of every member of Kappa," said junior Greg Schwartz, a theatre major from Texarkana, Texas. "We were a club unique in campus involvement, student entertainment, and the bettering of each individual member who was a part of the club." Acting as a symbol of unity, brotherhood and friendship, Kappa Chi made a unique and talented impression.

"If I ever saw a Kappa, I got the warmest smiles and greetings, and I never felt like they thought of it as something they had to do," said Antley. "I couldn't have been happier to wear the letters of any other men's social club."



Senior Will Darr and junior Matt Deel sport their "Kappa wear" during OcTiger Fest. "Kappa wear" consisted of a navy blazer, white button-up shirt, maroon tie and Kappa patch.
photo by: Audra Hinson



Freshman Tanner Huffman sings a song for KappaChino. Former American Idol contestant Sean Michel made a special appearance at the event.
photo by: Mallory George

THE LADIES IN PINK AND GREEN

FOCUS ON SERVICE BY: SHEA HIGGERSON

"Pink goes great with green," according to Galinda from the musical "Wicked." Tri Chi proved this statement true through various campus activities and service projects. From Rush week and mixers to car washes and food drives, the ladies in pink and green enjoyed another very exciting and fun-filled year.

Tri Chi sponsored TWIRP 80s night and sailed away on the U.S.S Tri Chi for Tiger Tunes. The club also participated in intramural sports. The ladies stayed busy with a sisterhood retreat, a spring outing to Dallas, Texas, crush dances, and mixers.

The club focused on philanthropies, which included Tiger Serve Day and Relay for Life, among other projects. A group also packed supplies for missionaries in the region of the Pacific Rim, where a group of students would be in the summer. Tri Chi Serve Day wrapped up the philanthropies through various service projects.

"In serving others, I truly feel like we learn more about ourselves," said Amber Lee, a junior biology, Spanish, and athletic training major from Hopkinsville, Ky. "Sometimes putting others before ourselves changes us more than we anticipated in the beginning. These service projects allow us to work together toward a common goal of reaching and serving God's people. We can only expect to grow closer as a sisterhood and a family of God."

Rush and pledge weeks were exciting for Tri Chi. The members spent time praying over rushees and entertaining them with themed rush parties. On bid day, Tri Chi welcomed 24 pledges. "It is exciting to know that these girls are the future of Tri Chi and that this is a club that will hold on to the basic principles for which it was founded, while continually changing to serve each other and OBU," said Tri Chi President Kenley Singleton, a senior chemistry major from Paragould.

"I pledged Tri Chi because during the rush parties that was the most love I've ever felt from a group of girls," said Tiffani Hall, a freshman history major from The Colony, Texas.

The women of Tri Chi strived to not only be sisters in Tri Chi, but sisters in Christ.



Sophomores Leanne Cushman and Megan Beal perform a TWIRP skit. 80s night was hosted by the Tri Chis.
photo by: Danny Brown



Freshmen Dayton Lavender and Tiffani Hall help make snow cones for spring flingers. Spring Fling was just another place for Tri Chi to interact with the rest of campus.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Katherine Frazier touches up a window painting. The club participated in the annual CAB Christmas window painting competition.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior Molly Magee and sophomore Lauren Smith admire their club composite picture. The picture was on display for the Homecoming drop-in.
photo by: Danny Brown



Sophomore Katie Luff allows a freshman boy to fix her hair for a game during 80s night. The 80s themed night was part of TWIRP week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior Mallory Bussey performs with the Tri Chis during Tiger Tunes. The women won the musicality award at the Thursday evening performance of the show.
photo by: Danny Brown

HAVING A ROOT BEER AND A BLAST TOGETHER

BY: CASSIE HARRELL

The men of Eta Alpha Omega stood out on campus by trying to honor Christ in everything they did as a club and as individuals. "Our letters stand for Honor the Alpha and Omega and we strive to do that with all of our actions," said Ryan Gorman, a sophomore kinesiology and leisure studies major from Plano, Texas.

The Etas were able to involve themselves on campus by hosting special events, such as their very own "Who's Line" show. The show was an improv show for students to enjoy. Another way in which the men were involved was through the serenades they held at the girls' dorms. During these serenades, the men would sing the anticipated "Men in Tights" song. And of course, they were dressed as the men in tights.

The club, along with the women of Chi Rho Phi, participated in Tiger Tunes. Together, the two clubs performed as toys from a toy box. They were everything from Barbies to monkeys in a barrel.

The event the Etas were most famous for was their annual "Muggin' at the Gazebo," which was held after the final Tiger Tunes show on Saturday night. "Muggin' is just a great time drinking root beer, hanging out after Tiger Tunes, and rocking out to some great music," said Gorman. "It is a great place to come relax after a crazy week of everything with Tunes and Homecoming."

The club participated in bonding experiences that allowed them to become closer. "Throughout the course of the year we are involved in service opportunities, mixers, outings, Tiger Tunes, camping out, grilling out, and many other activities," said David Armstrong, a junior kinesiology and leisure studies major from Uzbekistan.

The Etas welcomed six new pledges during the spring semester. "Our pledges were guided through an intense Bible study diving deep into scripture, pulling out what it means to live as a man of God," said Gorman. "Our activities during pledge week are done with a purpose to emphasize the teachings."

All in all, the club was able to live up to Armstrong's description as "a diverse group of brothers united by a common goal, a commitment to lifting up the name of Jesus as we engage life in the college setting, through serving in the name of Christ and sharpening one another in our faith."



Senior Matt Clarkson talks with sophomore Daniel Karkoska at a Rush party. Karkoska was one of the men who decided to join the club after Rush Week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior John Dicus mixes paint for the Eta Christmas window. The Etas were one of the many clubs that participated in the CAB Christmas Window Contest.
photo by: Danny Brown



Freshmen Jeremy Prine and Jesse Pruett sing together at a serenade. The men were both members of the new pledge class.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior Trey Baldwin sings about the life of a Lego. The men dressed as Legos, toy soldiers and monkeys in a barrel for their Tiger Tunes show.
photo by: Danny Brown



Men walk together to one of the women's dorms. The men held serenades throughout the year entertaining the women's dorms. *photo by: Danny Brown*



Students look on as two students participate in a root beer chugging competition. The competition was part of the annual Muggin' in the Gazebo. *photo by: Jared Tohlen*

CHI IOTA SIGMA

A TIME OF REFOCUSING ON PAST AND PRESENT CLUB GOALS

BY: CASSIE HARRELL

To sophomore Tyler King, a Christian studies major from Judsonia, being part of the Chi Iota Sigma men's social club meant "fun experiences, from Tiger Tunes to Tiger Serve Day to every Monday (meeting day), any time we get together it is so much fun!"

In October, the men of Chi Iota Sigma displayed for all of campus how much fun they like to have when they participated in Tiger Tunes. The men were British palace guards for their show.

Perhaps the most exciting moment for the club was receiving the People's Choice Award for the best show on Saturday evening. The men captured the audience's attention with their sense of humor, costumes, and even

a break out dance performance by senior Daniel Santoy, who showed off his skills for the Queen.

Also during the fall semester, the club went to Branson for an outing. This was a time for the members to relax and have fun, all while enjoying the time they were able to spend together as a club.

A general theme for the men of Chi Iota Sigma during the spring semester was "refocus."

After going through the traditional Rust Week activities, the men of Chi Iota Sigma were disappointed to find that they had received no new club members. This "forced us to step back and take a hard look at where



Chi Iota Sigma members sing about being a British palace guard. The men added comic relief to the show with their storyline about a guard in love with the Queen.
photo by: Danny Brown

we were as a club," said Phillip Williamson, a senior Christian studies major from Batesville and club president. "Our letters stand for Compassion, Integrity, and Self-Discipline. We want to be known as the guys who love Christ and love good, clean fun."

The realization that the club needed to do a great deal of refocusing caused the members to join together and think about what they could do to get the club back to its original purpose, which was to grow as Christ did in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God, and in honor with man.

"Our spiritual growth retreat in the spring was a major part of our efforts to refocus," said Williamson. Also in the spring, the men

participated in Tiger Serve Day to spend quality time bonding through serving others in the community.

The men held a weekend Chiote Reunion to meet with alumni face to face in March. The men looked through photo albums and learned more about the history of their club.

The club made an effort to continue helping the woman they served, their little sisses, throughout the duration of the year. In the spring they invited three ladies to join them in becoming little sisses. They also took all of their little sisses out one evening for dinner.

In return for their dedication to their little sisses their little sisses thought highly of the men. "The best thing about the Chiotes are

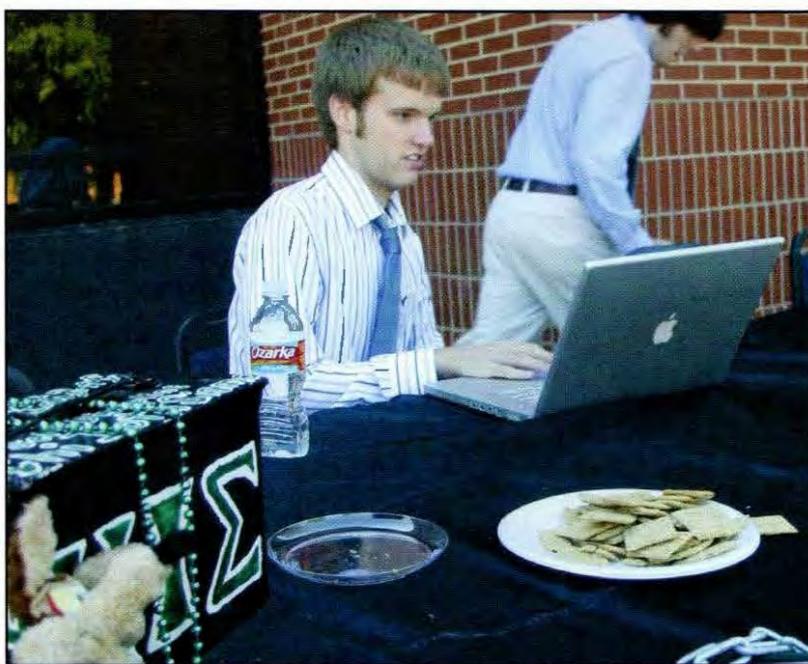
the great guys that they are. They practice what they believe and show the true qualities of brotherhood and sisterhood. They are always there no matter what you need. They are a truly amazing group of guys," said Becca Watts, a sophomore mass communications major from Smackover.

Throughout the year the men participated in mixers with women's social clubs and held serenades at the women's dorms.

Throughout their time of refocusing the men stayed upbeat. King said, "We are the smallest club on campus not very people know us, but the Chiotes are a great group of Christian guys that are enjoying what God has blessed us with," said King.



Members relax as they listen to announcements at a meeting. The men met every Monday for meetings and Wednesday for Bible study in Mabee 124.
photo by: Daniel Santoy



Sophomore Jordan Gathright works on a slideshow for the Chi Iota Sigma table at OcTiger Fest. OcTiger Fest was a new Homecoming event that gave alumni the opportunity to see what was happening on campus.
photo by: Audra Hinson

CHI RHO PHI

DEVELOPING PLANS FOR A GROWING ORGANIZATION

BY: SHEA HIGGERSON

The women of Chi Rho Phi enjoyed a very exciting year serving the Arkadelphia community and the campus, as well as having tons of fun in their first year doing Tiger Tunes. The members had much to be thankful for as they welcomed in their largest pledge class ever. With new pledges and a genuine love for Christ, the women of Chi Rho Phi saw exciting changes, new opportunities and a very bright future ahead.

The women of Chi Rho Phi enjoyed an '80s mixer with the Etas and a game night with the Kappas. They also participated in Tiger Serve Day, showing the love of Christ and a love of serving others.

One of the most exciting activities for

Chi Rho Phi was participating in the 30th Anniversary of Tiger Tunes with the men of Eta Alpha Omega. Together, they brought back old memories of playing with Barbie, toy soldiers, and a Barrel of Monkeys.

Also exciting for Chi Rho Phi was their jump from 11 members to 20 members after pledge week. "It's changed everything from the way we do meetings to how many cars we have to bring on our outings," said Sarah Horton, president of Chi Rho Phi. "It's changed the way we interact with each other and the way we act as a single unit. Each new personality has contributed to change in this club. And that's a good thing."

Chi Rho Phi also held several fund-raises



The pledges of Chi Rho Phi meet with their chaplain for a devotional in Berry Chapel. Chi Rho Phi received nine pledges making it the largest pledge class in the club's history.
photo by: Jessica Bowling

including car washes, selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and a Pizza Hut fund-raiser. The new pledges thought of a very creative fundraiser, which was very successful and brought excitement to the members. They decided to sell "hugs and kisses" that were given on Valentine's Day to friends or significant others.

"Honestly, I feel like God is filling Chi Rho Phi with passion through these pledges," said Beth Anne Shrader, Chi Rho Phi's chaplain. "He's taught us all so much in this semester alone, and I feel like He's just getting started. I'm pumped to see what He has in store for the coming semesters. I know God's going to continue to move in us and I believe whole-

heartedly that He's got huge plans to use us on campus and in the community."

The members and pledges of Chi Rho Phi continuously served whole-heartedly and showed their passion for God, unity, and of course, Chi Rho Phi. The club saw several major changes and experienced great excitement. They expect amazing things in the future and welcome all these new changes with open arms.

"I joined Chi Rho Phi because of the opportunity to make lifelong friendships," said Charlene Heimsch, a sophomore business administration major from Stuttgart. "I knew that if I joined Chi Rho Phi, God would do amazing things in my life, and that has proven

true."

The women of Chi Rho Phi strived to live by their motto, which was made famous by Elisabeth Elliot. "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." Most importantly, they strived to become more like Christ in everything that they did and to become women that are "different" because of the presence of Christ in their lives.

"Chi Rho Phi has faced several issues this semester that challenged our unity and our faith, and having to work through them together has brought us so much closer to each other and to the Lord," Horton said.



The Barrel of Monkeys sing and dance about how fun a day in life of a toy is. The women of Chi Rho Phi and the men of Eta Alpha Omega joined together to make a toy-themed Tiger Tunes show.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Big Bro Matt Landers holds the limbo pole during TWIRP. The Women of Chi Rho Phi held their traditional luau night during TWIRP week.
photo by: Danny Brown

CHANGING TO BETTER SERVE OTHERS

BY: KORRIE BROWNING

"Dr. Joey Dodson shooting ping-pong balls out of his mouth at Fall Retreat would definitely have to be my favorite memory this year," said Terese Cox.

These antics have become signature events at all Campus Ministries functions. From the jokes at Noonday to the Journeyman speakers at Refuge, students have come to expect the unexpected. Director James Taylor and Assistant Director Terese Cox dynamically changed the organization with their bold ideas and goals.

Matt Morrison, a senior Christian studies major from Plano, Texas, was the lead speaker for Refuge. "I feel like we've really integrated the message and worship this year," Morrison said. For the first time, there was a prayer team that met before every Refuge service to pray over the entire sanctuary.

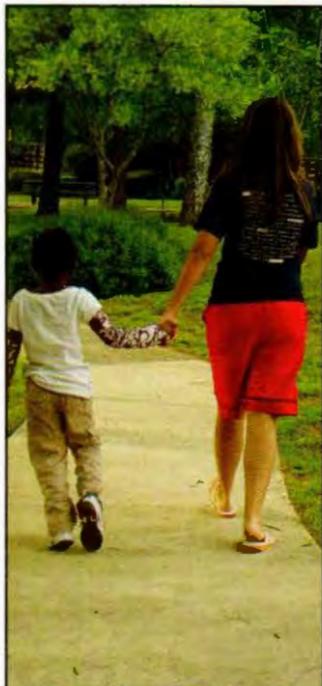
There were many changes outside of Refuge. Noonday grew under the leadership of Jeff Garner, a senior Christian studies major from Arlington, Texas. Jason Kirk, a freshman physics major from Zimbabwe, also helped with the team. "There's a lot of variety in Noonday now, it's not just about speakers. We mix it up so it will appeal and reach everybody," Kirk said.

Other ministries grew with new faces as well. Backyard Bible Club, Big Brother and Big Sister, Rough Draft, Christian Focus Week and Beach Reach all benefitted from the expanded ministry opportunities.

The spring break team went to Panama City Beach, Fla. "It was really exciting this year to see how God moved in the group when over half of them had never been before," said Sam Bushey, a senior accounting and marketing from Stuttgart.

New freshman family group leaders added to the growing ministries on campus. There were 13 groups in all, many having first-time "parents." Hannah Hurn, a sophomore Spanish and middle school education major from Little Rock, was one of them. "I've seen cohesiveness among the groups with tons of new connections forming. It really drew the families closer together," Hurn said.

The Campus Ministries office had always been a place of close friends and refreshing attitude, but the new persona it took on was unrivaled. "I just wanted to get to know students on campus and especially the ministry leaders," Cox said.



Freshman Candace Eudy walks with her little sister. About 80 students participated in the Big Brother Big Sister program through CM.
photo by: Amy Lynn Wentz



Leah Jones talks to Sandra Kleinert about mission opportunities in east Asia. In October, CM hosted a ministries fair.
photo by: Audra Hinson



Sophomore Wade Matheny looks through T-shirts at the T-shirt swap. CM held the swap as a fund-raiser for Beach Reach.
photo by: Justin James



Sophomores Amy Berry and Jeremy Briggs fix their plates during Barn Bash. CM sponsored Barn Bash during TWIRP week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Abby Martin serves a pancake breakfast to people on spring break in Panama. The Beach Reach team consisted of 49 students and five adults.
photo by: Jake Sligh



Senior Jessica Gibson and sophomore Chelsea Cunningham lead worship for Chapel during Christian Focus Week. The women were members of the group Covenant.
photo by: Justin James

A PLACE WHERE UNITY CAN BE FOUND AMONGST DIVERSITY

BY: ELISA MODESTO

With all the talk about the bubble, there was one place on campus that provided a safe haven for those trying to escape, International Club. IC, as it was called, was represented by many different countries and offered a place to find unity in diversity.

On campus there were around 50 international students and 50 missionary kids who represented a total of 50 countries. With all the diversity within the club, there were many efforts to create unity and a family-like atmosphere. According to the president, Willy Rasilim, a junior accounting and finance major from Jakarta, Indonesia, the goal of the International Club was to “create a family for all internationals and create a medium for

them to feel like home.”

There were many outings and activities that were planned to help bring unity. Over fall break, the club took a trip to Memphis, Tenn. On the trip they got to see Elvis’ home and they also visited the Civil War museum. This gave the international students a chance to see some American history where it happened and a chance to bond with each other. Other activities included trips to Little Rock, a weekend camping trip and a club bake sale.

The biggest event for International Club was the International Food Fest. The International Food Fest was a way for the Arkadelphia community to meet some of the



Freshman Yasuhiro Wada and senior Les Black, wearing traditional Japanese outfits, serve Japanese cuisine while senior Luiz dos Santos serves a Brazilian dessert. There were at least 15 countries represented at the International Food Festival.

photo by: Danny Brown

international students and to have a little taste of their culture. Students started planning in the fall semester for the one night event in February. There were over 80 volunteers who helped to make International Food Fest a huge success, with a higher turnout than ever before with around 500 guests in attendance.

Another important part of IC was the support that came from the Daniel and Betty Grant Center for International Education (IE). "The IE Staff supports the OBU international students on a daily basis through providing professional support regarding all of the rules set by the US Department of Homeland Security that surround their time frame of visit to the US," said Tricia Wempe,

assistant director of International Education. "In addition, through the IC the IE Staff is there to be an advocate and supporter of the international community as a whole that is represented here at OBU." IE had an integral part in the planning and execution of International Food Fest. According to Wempe, they have a large hand in the funding for the event and they work with IC leaders for about six months prior to the annual event.

This diversity on campus gave American students the opportunity to be informed about international affairs. "It has given me a chance to get to know people, build relationships and it got me involved in cultural affairs and a chance to learn other languages," said Hanna

Rose, a freshman Spanish and psychology double major from Houston, Texas.

The club meetings provided an educational and caring environment. "IC is a place to come together and build relationships with people who are new to our country and culture," said Rose. "It gives us a chance to minister and have fun with them."

International Club was a place where students could come and feel at home while creating lifelong friendships. "I have made friends with many people and learned not only about American culture, but also other cultures," said Elisee Habimama, a freshman computer science major from Kigali, Rwanda. "It is a community inside a community."



During an International Club meeting the board shares information about upcoming events on campus. The board worked hard to plan out events such as the International Food Festival and a camping trip.
photo by: Elisa Modesto



Junior Willy Raslim paints a window mural for the CAB window decorating contest. Members of campus clubs worked throughout the week leading up to the CAB Christmas Party.
photo by: Danny Brown

CREATING A BETTER CAMPUS LIFE FOR STUDENTS

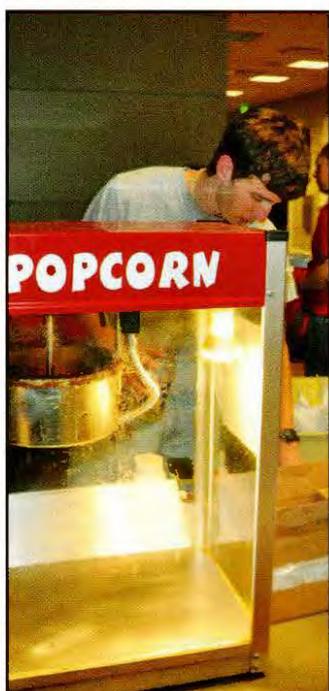
BY: SHEA HIGGERSON

The Campus Activities Board made a significant effort to get students more involved with campus life. Attending college in a small town made it very important for CAB to hold several exciting activities to keep students satisfied and give them something fun to do without spending a lot of money. CAB faced the challenge of providing inexpensive entertainment while also attempting to host activities that would interest all students on campus.

CAB created several new activities including coffeehouses, an indie skate party, and a Spring Fling king and queen competition. The Indie Skate Party was a huge success. "Only 20 percent of Ouachita's population is involved in social clubs so that leaves 80 percent of our students with nothing to do during pledge week," said Lauren Nelson, a junior biology major from Russellville. "We had a great turnout this year with about 150 in attendance." CAB Coffeehouse featured OBU musicians and gave students a relaxing environment to hang out with friends. The Spring Fling king and queen competition required teams to compete against each other in laser tag, trike races, speed pitching, word puzzles, and a pie eating contest. Other popular activities were the Phil Wickham concert and the Leeland concert, as well as movie nights, with "The Dark Knight" being the most popular movie shown.

CAB consisted of five teams, which included membership and recruitment, public relations, special events, music and movies. Through this, CAB was able to focus on expanding activities and gaining more student interest. "We wanted to find a way to offer as many activities as possible and reach as many students as possible to make their time here at OBU positive and enjoyable," said Madison O'Connor, a sophomore political science and sociology double major from Boulder, Colo.

Members of CAB offered plenty of activities and were able to bring in new ones to start new traditions. CAB was successful in doing what it was created to do. "As Campus Activities Board, our one job is to plan activities for the whole campus and that is a huge responsibility," Nelson said. "We focused on planning things that we would enjoy, our friends would enjoy, and the person that lives at the other end of the hall would enjoy."



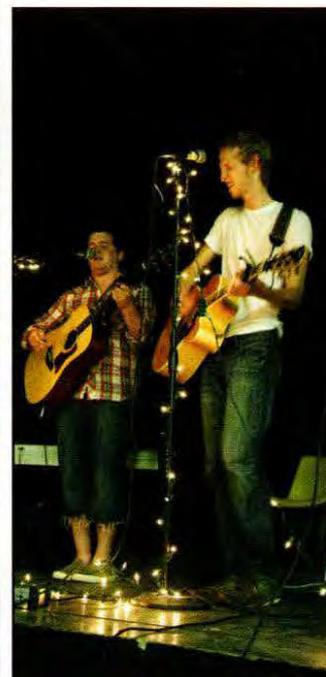
Freshman Steven Harvel prepares popcorn for a CAB sponsored movie. CAB brought seven movies to campus.
photo by: Daniel Santoy



Freshman Nolan West tries his hand at roller skating. CAB sponsored an independent skate night during pledge week.
photo by: Danny Brown



Freshmen Kendall Calvert and William Caudle participate in the tacky sweater contest. The contest was part of the annual CAB Christmas party.
photo by: Danny Brown



Junior Evan Park and sophomore Nathan Courtright perform for the CAB coffee house. Students were able to display their talents during the coffee house.
photo by: Danny Brown



Seniors Cody Willard, Jeffery Harmon and Wes Hymer participate in a tricycle race. The race was part of Spring Fling sponsored by CAB.
photo by: Danny Brown



Seniors William Hunsucker, Molly Throgmorton and sophomore Madison O'Connor prepare for Saturday's Spring Fling events. The day included frisbee golf competition, concerts and a chili cook-off.
photo by: Danny Brown

CREATING A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR MULTICULTURAL STUDENTS

BY: AUDRA HINSON

"ROMS seeks to provide a home away from home for its members. We attempt to foster growth academically, socially, spiritually, and relationally. We do this by meeting the needs of our members and showing the love of Christ in all that we do," said president of ROMS, Kendra Pruitt, a junior business administration major from Newport.

ROMS, or Reaching Out to Multicultural Students, was one of the few clubs on campus that was open to anyone no matter classification, major, ethnicity, age or cultural background. The club met every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and spent a significant amount of time planning events for themselves and the community. On average the club had 20 active

members attending meetings and participating in events. Even more students simply attended the events hosted by the club.

In the fall semester, the club collaborated with the women of Chi Delta to host a Karaoke night during Battle of the Ravine. On other nights throughout the year the club hosted open mic nights, poetry reading events and mixers. The club also offered academic tutoring, prayer support, spiritual guidance and bonding activities for its members.

During both the fall and spring semesters the club formed teams to participate in Tiger Serve Day, along with many other student groups. The day gave the club a chance to bond while serving the community. Nicole



ROMS executive officers prepare for a meeting in McClellan 100. The club held meetings every week to keep their members informed and to come up with creative ways to reach out to more of the student body.
photo by: Jessica Bowling

Scott, a senior mass communications major from Prescott, said, "ROMS is a service-based club for multicultural students on campus to have a niche or common ground or be able to relate to each other based on different cultures."

Twice the club held "Reaching Out" revivals at two local churches. The revivals were organized, planned and promoted by the club and each featured a different guest pastor. Pruitt said, "It required much planning and promoting, but it was a total success." The revivals were open to residents of the Philadelphia community, Henderson students and Ouachita students.

For Black History Month in February the

club sponsored a host of events. One evening there was Black History Jeopardy, another a discussion panel. There were luncheons with guest speakers who spoke on issues in the black community. Everyday the club highlighted a different African American inventor by posting information in the cafeteria. The club volunteered at Happyland Daycare in order to get their name out into the public and to be active in the community. At the day care the group read books to the children. One of the "Reaching Out" revivals was also part of the month's events.

"I believe ROMS is significant to our campus community because it allows students who struggle finding their niche to get involved

and have a family. I am certain that several students stay at Ouachita because of the friends they've made and the experiences they've had through ROMS," said Pruitt. Although it may not have been the largest club on campus, the club proved to be an important part of the lives of its members.

The club was able to meet their goals through activities that allowed the club's members grow closer together while sharing the love of Christ with others. "Although we are definitely a small part of the OBU community, I believe we play a vital role not only for minorities, but for anyone who seeks an organization striving to make a difference," said Pruitt.



Members set up a table at OcTiger Fest during Homecoming Weekend. The table gave the members an opportunity to share the progress their club made with alumni and current students.
photo by: Audra Hinson



ROMS members sing together at Karaoke Night. ROMS, along with Chi Delta, sponsored the night during the Battle of the Ravine Week.
photo by: Laura Cox

STUDENTS RAISING MONEY TO BETTER SERVE OTHER STUDENTS

BY: RANCE COLLINS

The Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF) continued to stay true to its motto "students helping students" through its traditional activities of Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, and also through an expanded organization that ultimately assisted in reaching more students than previously possible.

The revamped structure of the organization included the additional positions of two co-presidents, and two co-chairs each for three new committees. Those committees covered fund-raising, student recruitment, and history and traditions and worked in conjunction with the special events committee.

Paige Cate, director of special events for OSF, felt positive about the changes. "After

OSF revamped we were definitely more effective than in years past," said Cate. "The new structure for OSF provided several outlets of service for the four different committees."

The new structure led to many exciting opportunities for members to reach out and get involved in the Ouachita community.

"We give campus tours to prospective students and Gold Tigers [alumni of 50 years], and we also attend college fairs," said Kolby Harper, who served as the co-chair of the fund-raising committee. "Our main goal is to just be a great service to Ouachita."

Despite the changes, OSF kept its motto as its foundation. OSF was established with the idea of raising money for student scholarships.



OSF member Sarah Monroe places items on the table at the OSF Rummage Sale as other students browse items. The organization hosted the sale as another fund-raiser for scholarship money.
photo by: Callie Phelps

specifically for juniors and seniors.

Jessica Bruchan, the assistant director of special events, said, "The overall main goal is to raise funds to help students be able to stay in Ouachita."

Approximately \$68,000 was awarded to current students. Of that sum, \$47,000 was raised through OSF's largest fund-raiser, which is the long-standing tradition of Tiger Tunes.

Tiger Tunes turned 30 in the fall, and OSF took advantage of the anniversary by orchestrating a nostalgic "history" booth in the lobby at each performance. In addition, the fund-raising committee helped put together a silent auction and a "People's Choice Award," which helped up the stakes when it came to

raising scholarships.

Other fund-raising activities throughout the year included the end-of-the-year rummage sale and the phonathon, where OSF members called on alumni to ask for contributions to scholarship funds.

OSF also awarded \$5,000 to incoming freshmen through the Tiger Network Scholarships. Through this, OSF was able to expand their reach to future students.

OSF also helped plan and put together events like Soirée Chic, where the organization collaborated directly with Becky Horne to put on a fashion show specifically aimed at college-aged girls with college-sized incomes. OSF also headed up the Christmas card drive

for prospective students and hosted the annual donor and Gold Tiger banquets.

Bruchan sees OSF as an organization for expression. "It is my niche, a place where I am accepted without any pressure and I get to serve," Bruchan said. "I love to help and inform students and keep people plugged into Ouachita."

Haper felt OSF allowed her the opportunity to be a "steward" of Ouachita. "I can do so much to reach the needs of my peers," said Harper.

"I have been given a unique chance to be a leader in some of OBU's biggest events," said Cate. "I can't imagine my 'Ouachita Experience' without OSF!"



Senior Paige Cate gives instructions for the egg toss during Tiger Traks. Cate served as the director of special events for OSF.
photo by: Callie Phelps



Junior Phillip Bridges and sophomore Kristen Glover prepare information for Tiger Traks at an OSF meeting. OSF met on Sunday evenings in Mabee 124.
photo by: Callie Phelps

MUSIC CLUBS

DOING
MORE THAN
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BY: AUDRA HINSON

“We become very close because we spend so much time together through service and in rehearsals as well as in social situations,” said Lauren Lewis, a music performance major from McKinney, Texas. Lewis was a member of two music fraternities, Kappa Kappa Psi and Pi Kappa Lambda and experienced many of the same things that other music fraternity members did. Sigma Alpha Iota, Tau Beta Sigma, and Theta Alpha Phi were some of the other music clubs on campus.

Kappa Kappa Psi came together to serve the university band and promote excellence in music. The club provided water and refreshments for all marching band rehearsals. Also in the fall, the club hosted water balloon

throws, game nights and cookouts for the band. Kappa Kappa Psi gave back to the community each week as they volunteered to clean the Arkadelphia High School stadium after games and competitions.

Another club that worked closely with the band and KKY was Tau Beta Sigma. The club aimed at growing closer to one another while serving the band and its members. In the fall they hosted master classes for junior high and high school students. In February, they worked with KKY to host an area workshop. Throughout the year the club helped set up and tear down rehearsal and performance areas.

Tau Beta Sigma also served in the



Sophomore Jacob Watson takes a swing during the Phi Mu Alpha Piano Bashing Contest. The contest was sponsored annually by the club to raise money.

photo by: Danny Brown

community. The group helped at the Arkadelphia High School concession stands during football season. Leah Jones, a sophomore instrumental music education major from Burkburnett, Texas, said, "What makes us different is that we're a club exclusively for band members and that we are a national club with chapters across the United States. Most importantly, we focus on service just as much as sisterhood."

Sigma Alpha Iota was exclusively for women who shared a passion for music and a desire to support musicians. Senior Rebecca Seago, a choral music education major from Worland, Wyo., said, "In the four years that I have been a part of it, I have gotten to know so

many amazing women that share a passion for music and we have become friends as we meet and work together to promote music through all the activities we do."

SAI members started the year by hosting their annual music major/minor mixer. At the end of the fall semester, they teamed up with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia men's fraternity to go caroling in the local nursing homes. In the spring the women hosted a music teacher appreciation dinner for the music faculty. The women got together for the first time in several years to participate in Tiger Serve Day as a club. SAI also helped with many guest artist and faculty recital receptions.

Another active arts club was Theta Alpha

Phi Theater Honor Society. The club's goal was to further the art of theater by exposing people to different types of performance. The club worked to better themselves through their craft. Members reached their goals by sponsoring the Ten Minute Play Festival. The festival was the club's most successful event and allowed anyone in the student body to get involved in theater.

"We might be the most eclectic group on campus, and we're proud of that. I like our sense of love and community," said senior Cori Kidder, a musical theater major from Colt. "We support one another through the tough times when we are in class all day and then at rehearsal till all hours of the night."



Freshman Kimberley Gibson, a member of Tau Beta Sigma, prepares for a Disc Golf Tournament. In the fall the society sponsored the event in conjunction with Spring Fling.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Chris Straw jots down names of students who visit the Phi Mu Alpha table during registration. Club tables at registration were a good way for clubs to promote to incoming freshmen.
photo by: Danny Brown

WORKING FOR A COMMON GOAL OF SUCCESS

BY: LAURA COX

Academic clubs not only provided students with opportunities to learn and inform others in their field of study, but also provided students the opportunity to get to know other students with similar interests and passions.

The Dietetics Club worked to implement a university nutrition standard. Committed to presenting students with advice on living a healthy lifestyle, the club gave students opportunities to serve the community, traveled to conferences, and got a small taste of what a career in dietetics looked like. Junior Nancy Christener, a dietetics and nutrition major from Denton, Texas, especially enjoyed the spring potato fund-raiser for the club's annual national conference. "It was a great time of bonding for our club! This organization has definitely been an influential component in my relationships with other nutrition majors. We come together for fund-raisers, activities, tough classes and we work together," said Christener.

The American Chemical Society provided a similar learning community for chemistry majors. ACS served as an organization in which science majors could network with one another and benefit the campus and surrounding community through demonstrations and presentations that focused on the fun and importance of chemistry. The club also went to the National ACS meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, in March. Senior Kenley Singleton, a biology and chemistry double major from Paragould, was one of several members who presented research at the National ACS meeting. "It was a great way to gain experience in relaying my research information to other students, professors and professionals, as well as to network," said Singleton.

Business students came together through Students In Free Enterprise, a club with the purpose of creating economic opportunity by giving the community the resources needed to be successful in the business world. SIFE placed first in the SIFE USA Regional Competition in Dallas and received a \$1,500 prize. The team was awarded an invitation to compete at the SIFE National Exposition in Philadelphia, Pa.

The International Association of Business Communicators helped with in the Bronze Quill Awards in Little Rock and hosted guest speakers. IABC provided mass communication students with the skills and connections necessary to succeed in the business world. In addition, IABC allowed mass communication students to form connections with business students who were also given the opportunity to join.

Whether baking potatoes, presenting research, winning competitions, or hosting guest speakers, students were given unique opportunities to learn and form relationships in academic clubs.



SIFE members were able to spend their free time in Philadelphia touring the city. SIFE was able to advance to the National Exposition after winning the regional competition.
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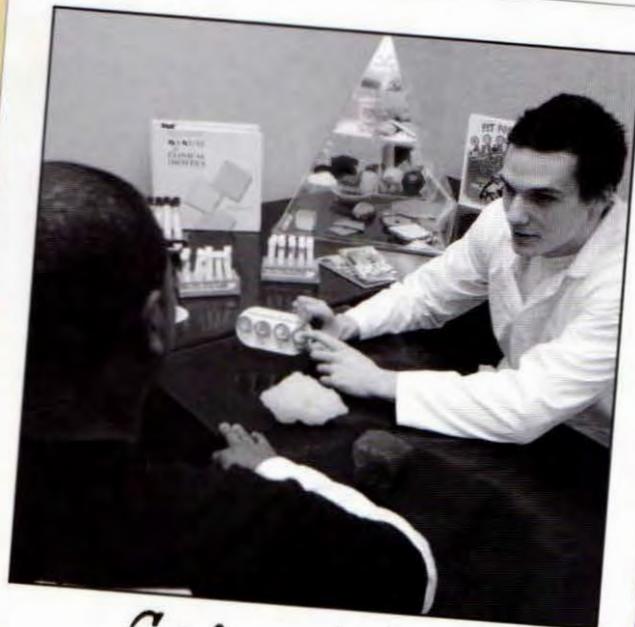


Sarah Stark, a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, looks through a copy of "Scope." The annual literary magazine was published by the members of the club.
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Senior Sara Jane Love, a member of the American Chemical Society, gives a presentation at Scholars' Day much like the one she gave at the ACS conference. ACS members were able to apply skills they learned at conferences in their academic career.

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Giving Advice

In 2007, Dietetics Club members helped fellow students learn about healthy eating habits. The club still works toward the same goal today.

STUDENT SENATE

PROVIDING AN OUTLET FOR STUDENTS' VOICES TO BE HEARD

BY: MEGAN LINDSEY

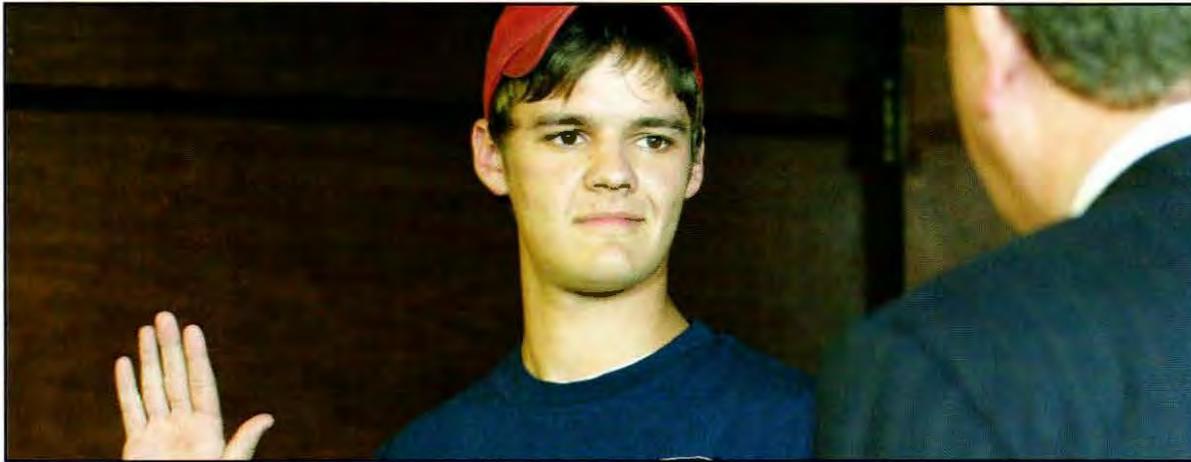
There are few opportunities to have your voice be heard above the roaring crowd of a student body. Some think it a rare thing to truly voice your opinion and not only know that it will be taken seriously, but feel confident in the fact that it will be dealt with and addressed quickly and decisively. Student Senate provided an outlet for students to do just that in a structured and safe environment.

Senate did behind the scenes tasks that many students and faculty did not know about, which was a duty of the organization. It was the Senate's job to take students' concerns and affect change on campus if needed. "Senate serves as the intermediary between the student body and administration," said Student Senate

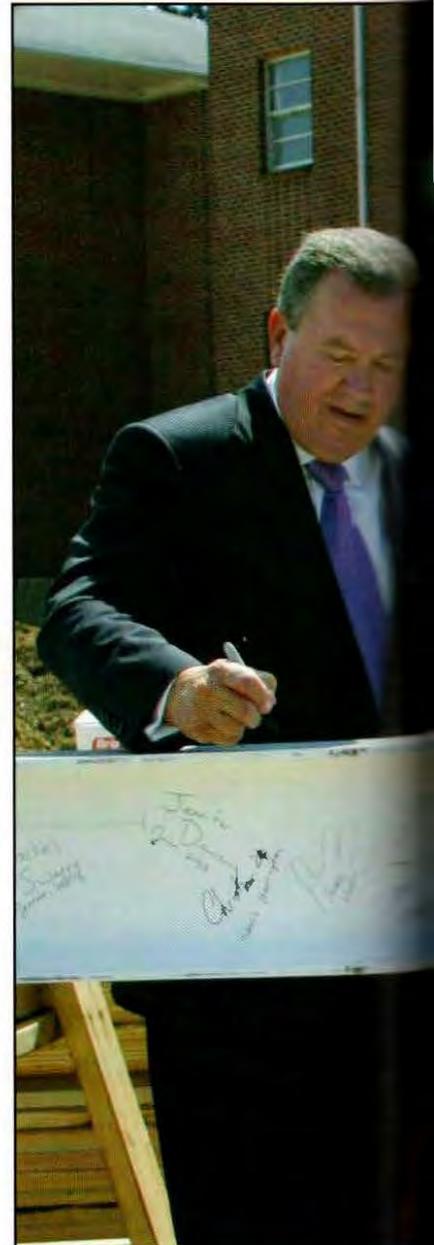
President Becca Woodall, a senior Christian studies major from Bryant. "It's a great way to help improve the university."

Members of the student-run organization valued the interaction between themselves and their fellow peers. "I really enjoyed the relationship between the students and the administration," said Internal Vice President Stephen Johnson, a junior business major from Brazil. "They spoke very frankly to the Senators and were very open to our input and suggestions."

One of the main events that Student Senate hosted was Homecoming, a yearly tradition where the members awoke at 5 a.m. the morning of the game to decorate the campus



Junior Steven Johnson is sworn in as the new senate president. Elections were held during the spring semester.
photo by: Danny Brown



Senior Jonathan McCrary speaks at a town hall meeting. The meeting was open to all students as a question and answer session.
photo by: Danny Brown

with balloons and banners for the visitors and club drop-ins.

Another main event was the Academic Awards Banquet that took place at the culmination of the spring semester to recognize students who had excelled in their department of study throughout the year.

Senate also hosted a Town Hall Meeting in the spring in which all students were invited to come and express their opinions concerning student life.

Along with funding many activities held on campus, three children in the community were provided Christmas presents by Student Senate. As a new member to Senate, Hannah Pfeiffer, a freshman early childhood education

major from Benton, considered her choice to run as freshman class secretary a wise one. "I loved being involved and feeling like I had a voice in what happened around campus," she said. "I felt much more informed being on Senate."

The proposed and approved new open-dorm policy and changes to housing and apartments policies were examples of important issues Senate deliberated. They met with Director of Dining Services Jon Fitzgerald to discuss changes in the school cafeteria and with Vice President of Administrative Services Brett Powell about the construction of the new dorms and the proposed tobacco-free campus policy.

They also held a meeting with Sodexo about replacing the Tiger Grill in the student center and discussed changes being made to the OBU Mission Statement with Dr. Randall Wight. Since every few years the constitution must be updated, Senate worked for hours to adjust and revamp it.

Living up to its reputation and purpose, Student Senate made a direct impact on the campus, but most importantly on the very thing that makes it come alive – the students. "I loved serving with 40 other students that I may have never gotten to know otherwise," Woodall said. "The people on Senate genuinely care about student life and making an effort to change things for the better."



Senate President Becca Woodall and other officials sign a steel construction beam as part of a groundbreaking ceremony for the new housing complex. Program participants included President Rex Horne; general contractor Gus Vratsinas, president of VCC, Inc.; Gary Clements, president of Clements and Associates Architecture, Inc.; Mike Vinson, chairman of the board of trustees; Woodall and Brett Powell, vice president for administrative services.

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PUBLICATIONS

EXPERIENCING CHANGE TO BETTER SERVE STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

BY: AMY LYNN WENTZ

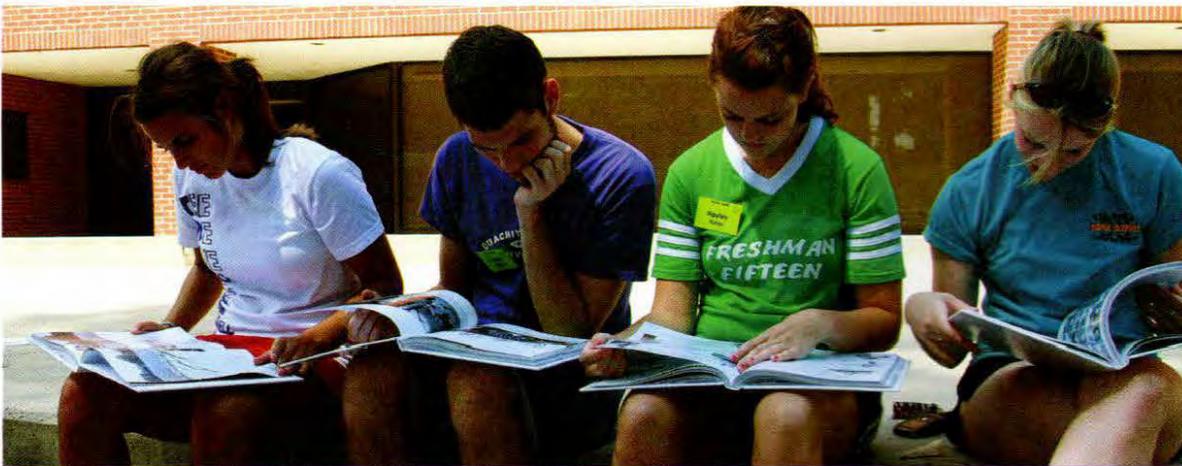
Convergence was a key term not tossed around lightly for the publications staffs. An online version of the school newspaper, The Signal, was created. The idea of an online version of the newspaper had been entertained for quite some time. Mr. Mitch Bettis, assistant professor of mass communications, helped set up a solid plan for the Web site this past summer.

Bettis put together a staff at the beginning of the fall semester. "We had our first live debut of the site on September 22 after we got all the kinks worked out and after I learned how to use the new programs that run the site," said Holland Powell, co-editor of the online Signal

and a junior mass communications major from Nashville.

The online Signal staff consistently worked with the other publication staffs in order to continually improve the Web site. After being public for only a month, the online Signal worked with the video staff and broadcast a live Web cast of the Saturday night performance of Tiger Tunes. "We had lots of comments about the Web cast from several states in the U.S., as well as from countries such as China," Powell said. "Alumni were especially grateful for being able to see the show from so far away."

The online Signal was constantly updating and changing. It was easily accessible and



Juniors Trinka Newman, Philip Bridges, Haley Nolan and sophomore Korrie Browning flip through the 2008 Ouachitonian. The books were distributed on Monday, Aug. 25, the earliest the yearbooks had been distributed.
photo by: Danny Brown



Juniors Richard Atkinson and Brady King analyze the Tiger basketball game. Atkinson served as the play-by-play announcer for the basketball program, as King assisted as a color commentary analyst.
photo by: Danny Brown

perfect for students on the go to get information with the click of a button. It featured photo slideshows of the many events that happened on campus.

The online Signal used stories from the print edition of The Signal as well as other stories from students and faculty. The Signal newspaper experienced a "facelift" this year. The design was more traditional and clean. It had a new section, "Extra, Extras," which hosted a top five list each week and also featured reviews. "I came up with this section in the hope that more people would pick up the paper each week, knowing they could expect something fun, and perhaps look through

the rest of the paper as a result," said Chloe O'Connor, editor-in-chief of The Signal and a senior mass communications and graphic design double major from Boulder, Colo.

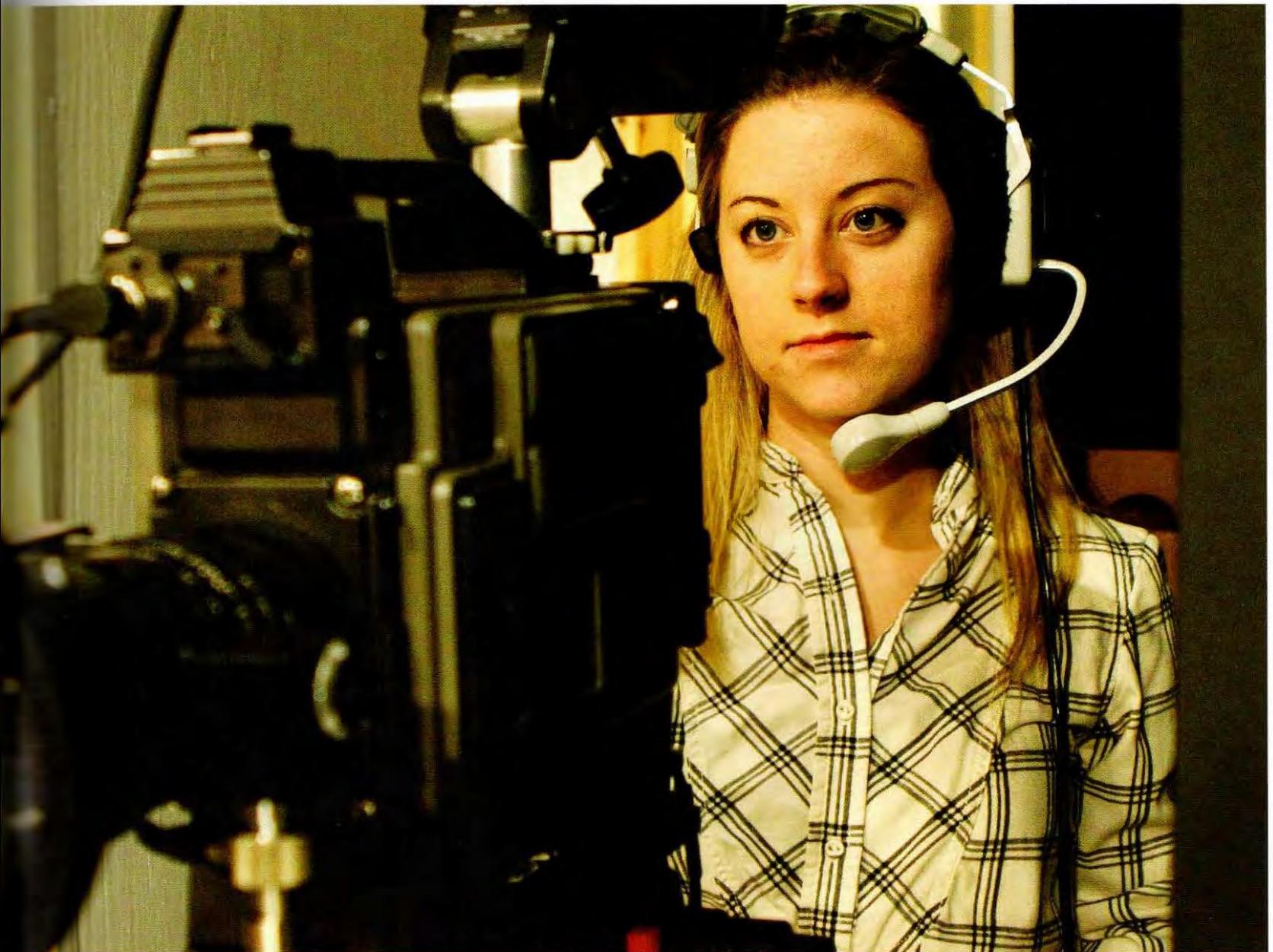
The video department also spent the fall semester producing both the Ouachita Show, which showcased feature stories from around campus, and The Billy Elmore Show, which focused on the Arkadelphia football program.

The photo lab worked very hard to get as many pictures as possible at events. Not only were these pictures featured on the Web site, but they were also used in The Signal, the yearbook and for publications in news

releases.

This 100th edition of the Ouachitonian was the first edition of the book to be in all color. This put more pressure on the yearbook staff as well as the photo lab staff because of the extra work involved in the detail of color photography. "It will be the first to be in color so that means our photos cannot be sub-par," said Danny Brown a senior mass communications major from Mesquite, Texas.

The publication staffs each experienced changes that allowed them to understand new technologies and better serve students and the community.



Sophomore Meg Gosser runs a camera for the Ouachita Show. The Ouachita Show was a monthly show that featured news and events that occurred on campus over the last month.
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