

# TOPmost

To the casual passer-by Arkadelphia may have seemed like a run-of-the-mill small town. It had a population of 10,179 and approximately 300 businesses. What made this town so special? So special that it was included in a book of the 50 best places to raise a family in the United States?

Arkadelphia had a friendly, hospitable atmosphere—something that was hard to come by in big cities and many smaller towns. People waved when you passed them on the street. Many citizens didn't worry about locking their doors when they went to the grocery store. This was what made Arkadelphia special.

There were six large industries and one in the making to provide citizens jobs. Many students took advantage of this situation and secured off-campus jobs.

Things like the Festival of the Two Rivers—a two-day event featuring a 5K run and an art show—provided students with recreational diversions from the routine of classes and homework.

Students discovered that, not only was Arkadelphia a great place to raise a family, but it was also a good place to go to school and just to have plain old fun.



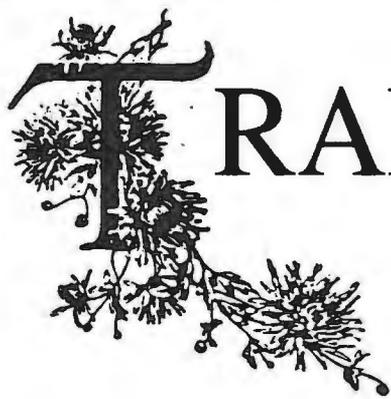
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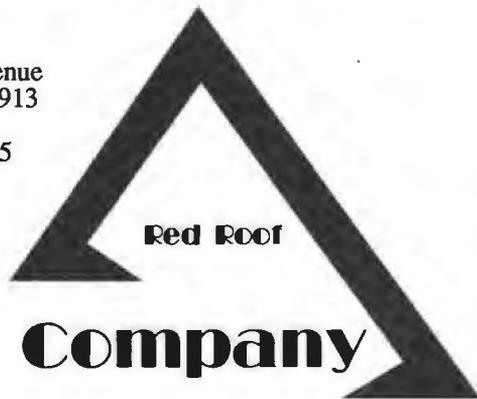
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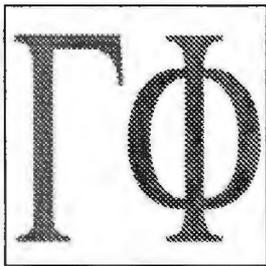
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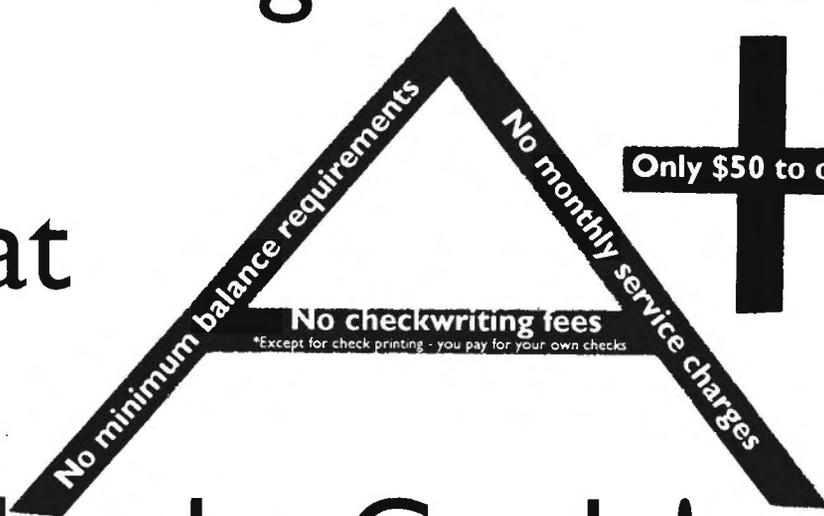
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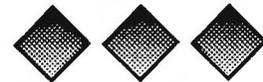
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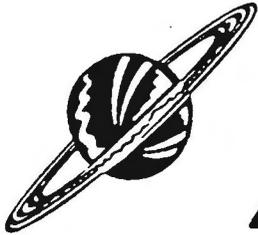
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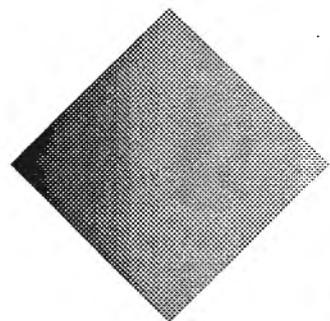
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